
Tropical geometries and multifields

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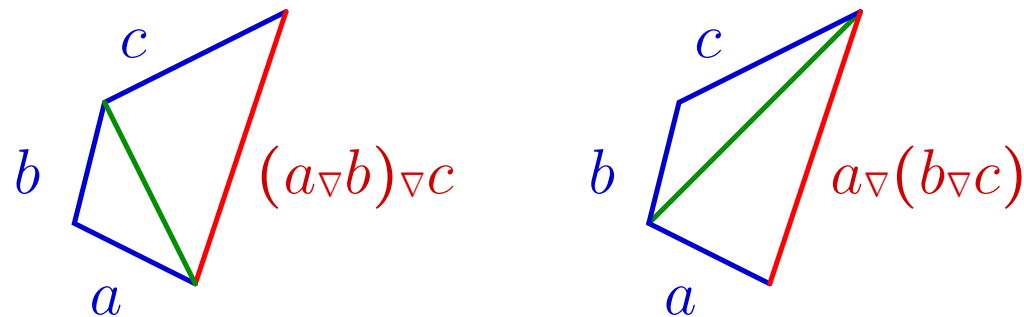
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and a multiplication $X \times X \rightarrow X : (a, b) \mapsto a \cdot b$ is called a **multifield**, if

- $(a, b) \mapsto a \tau b$ is commutative, associative;
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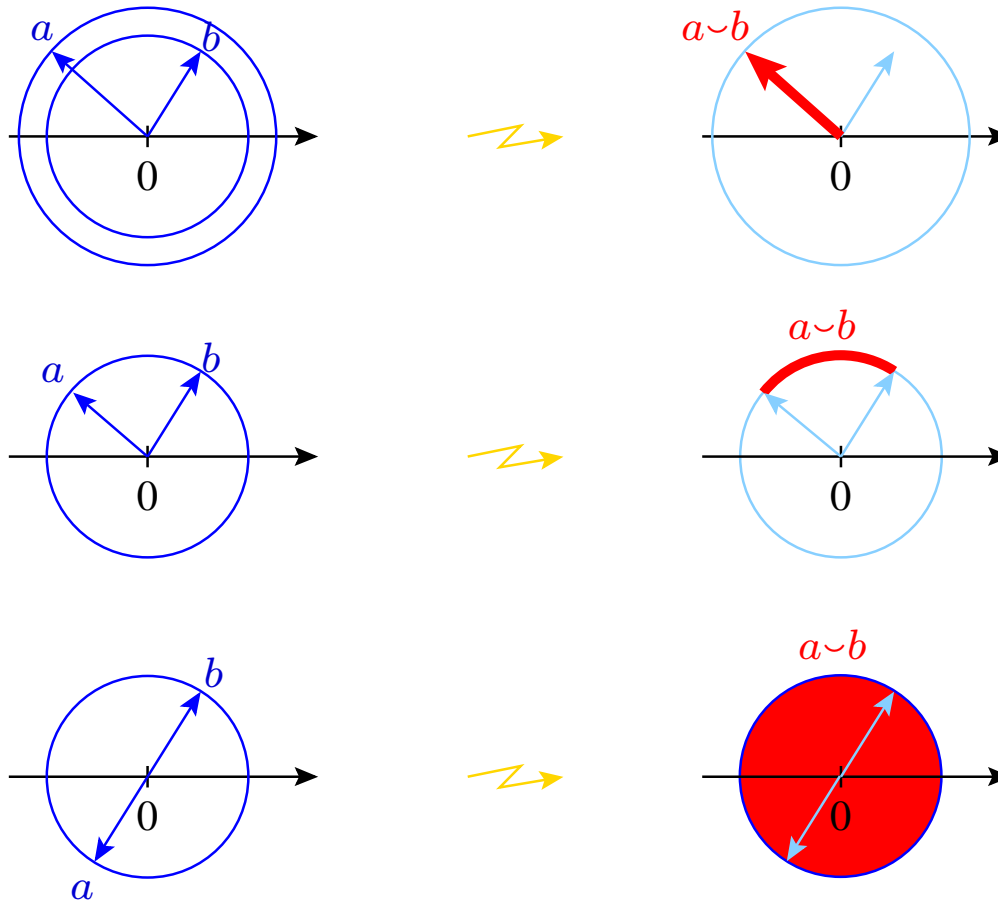
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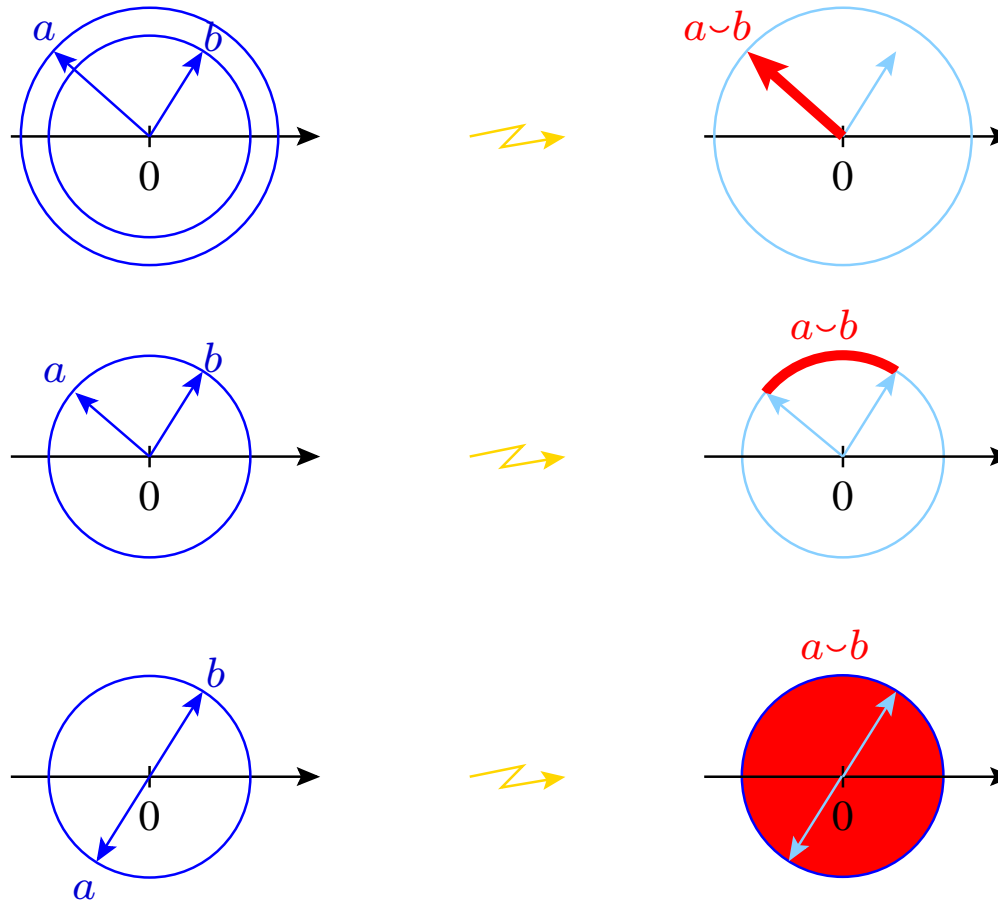
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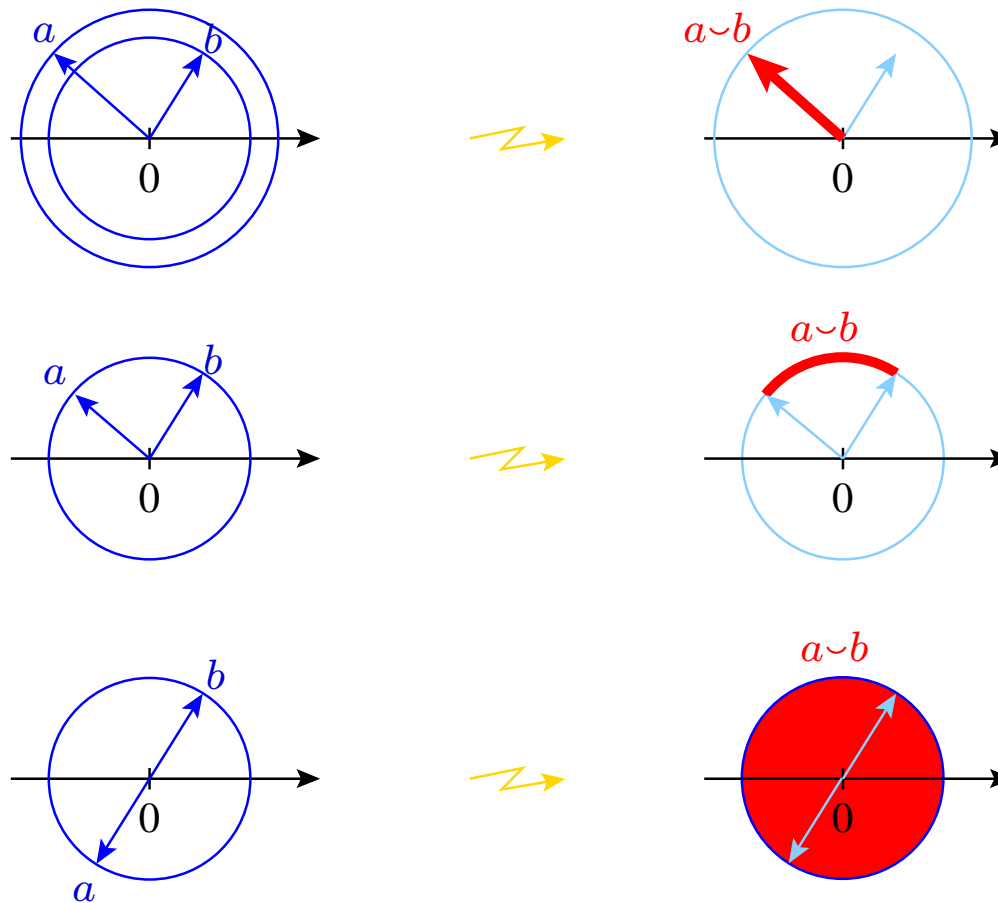


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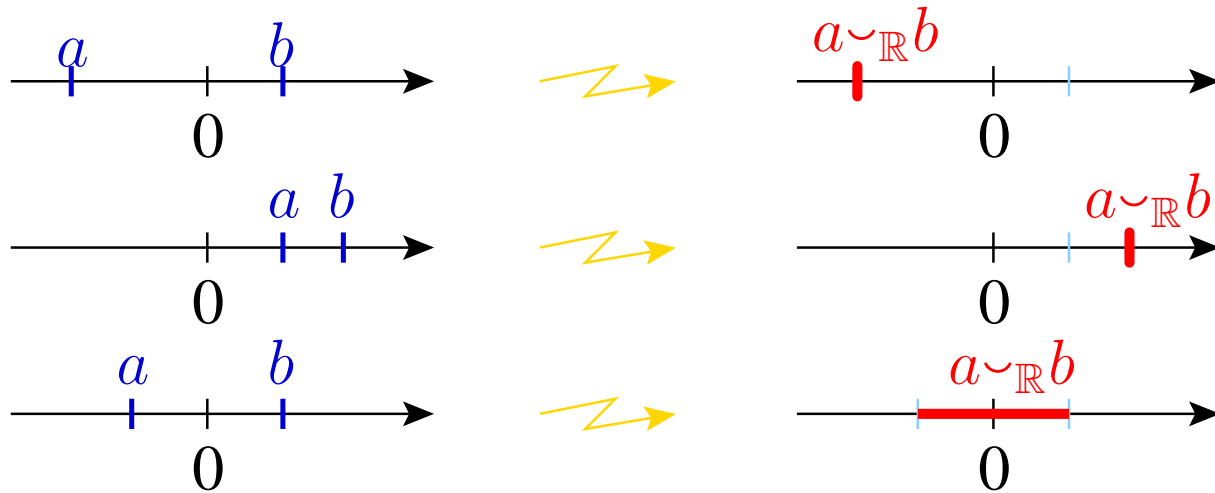
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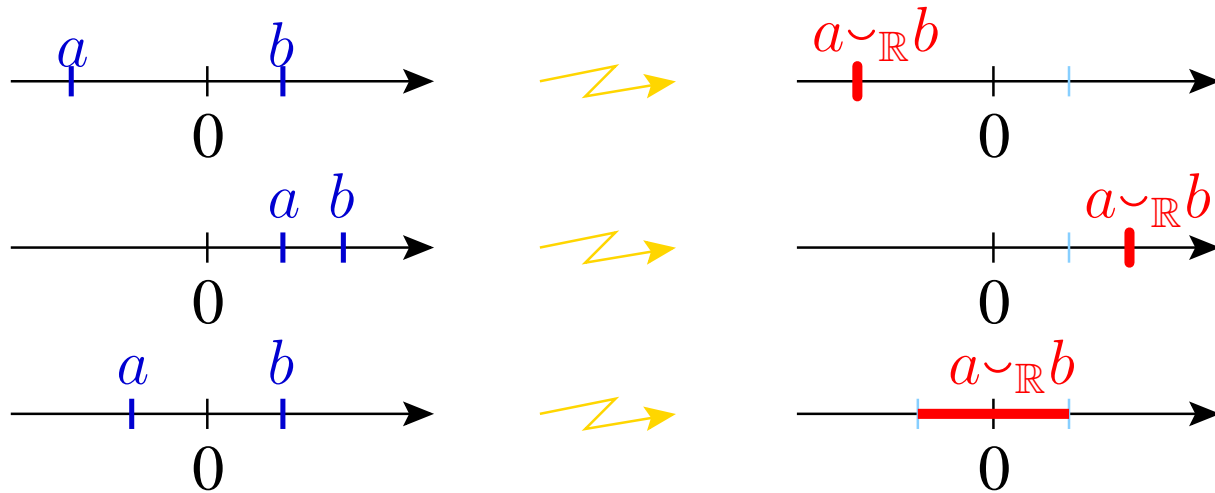
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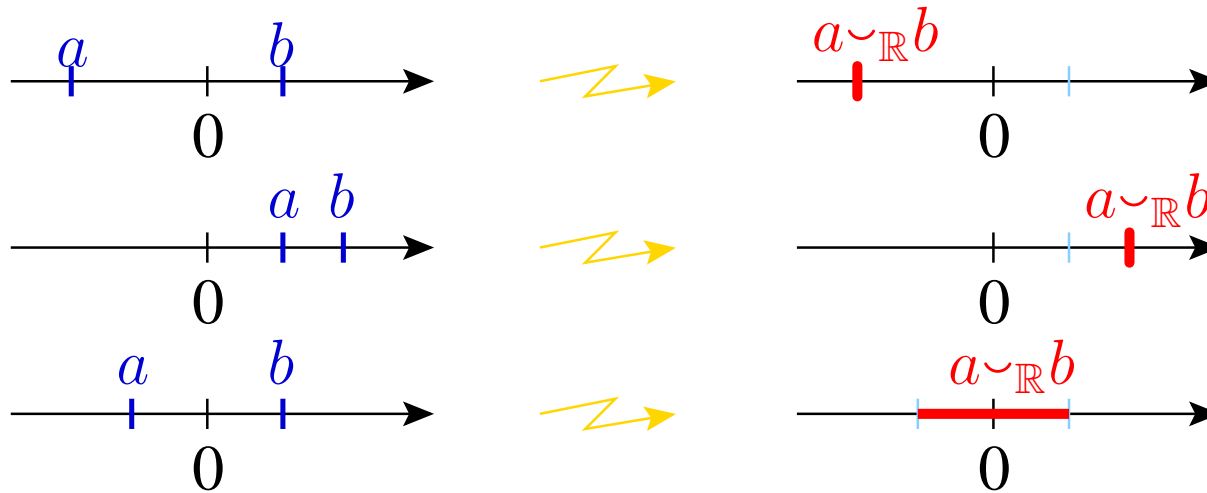


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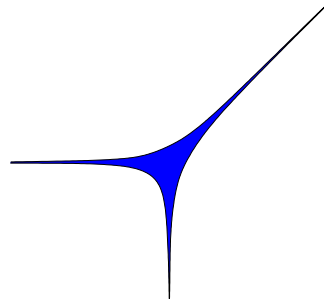
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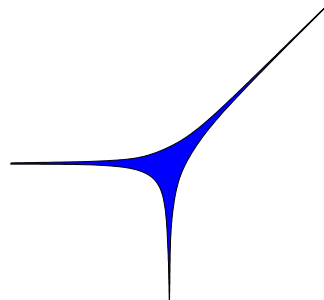


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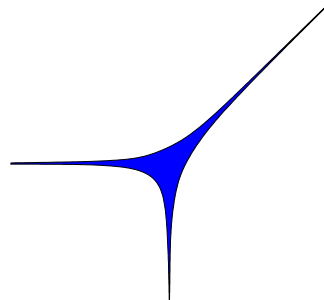
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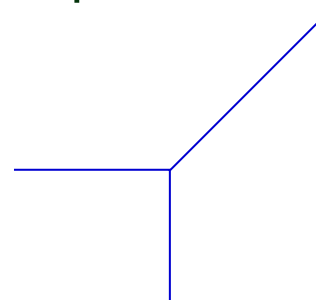
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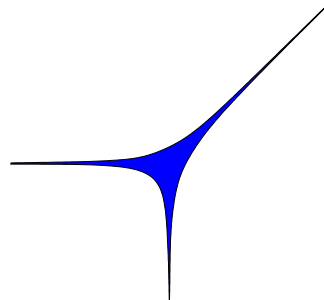
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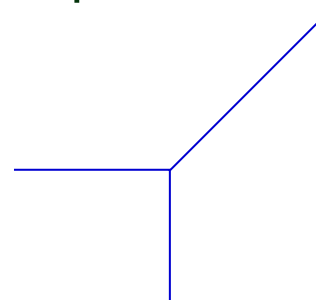
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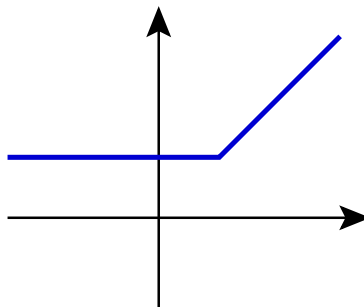
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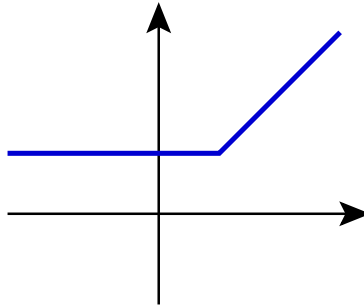
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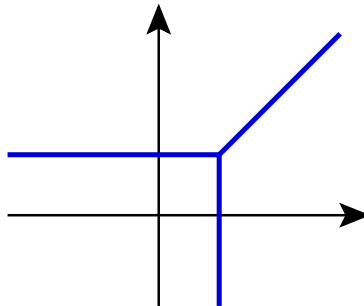
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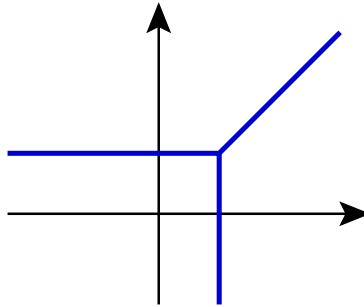
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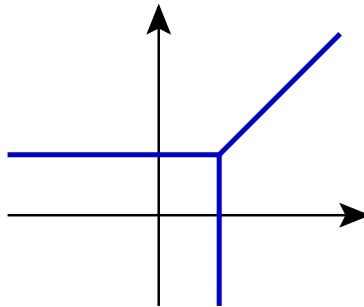
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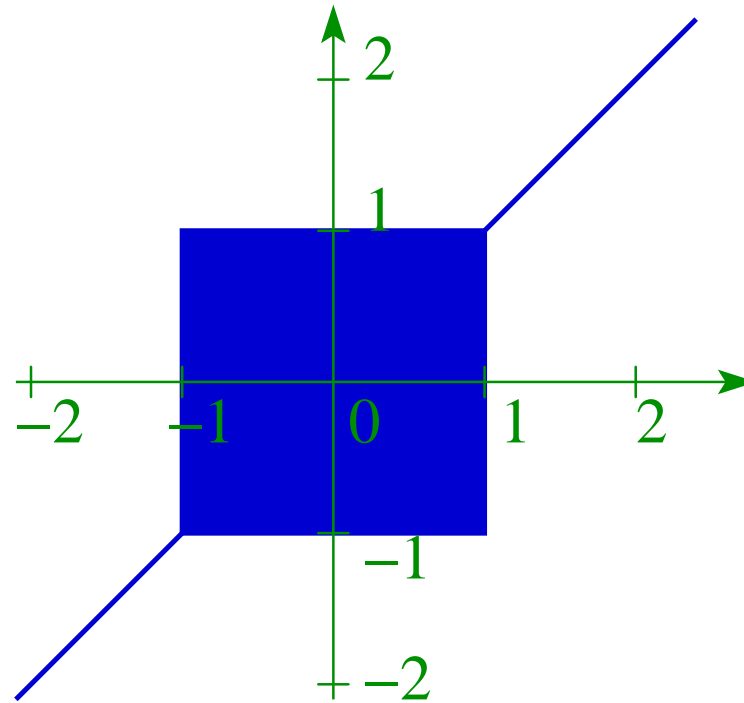
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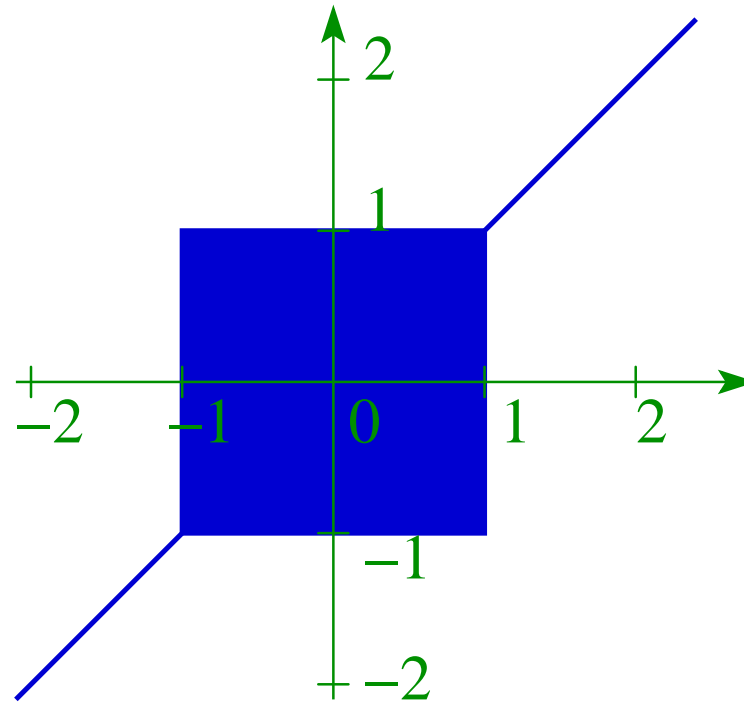
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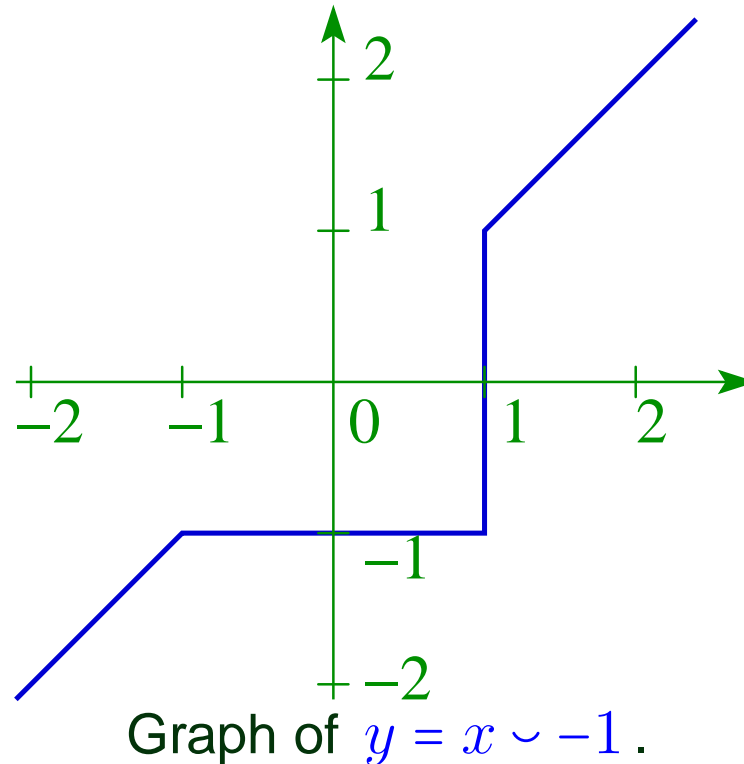
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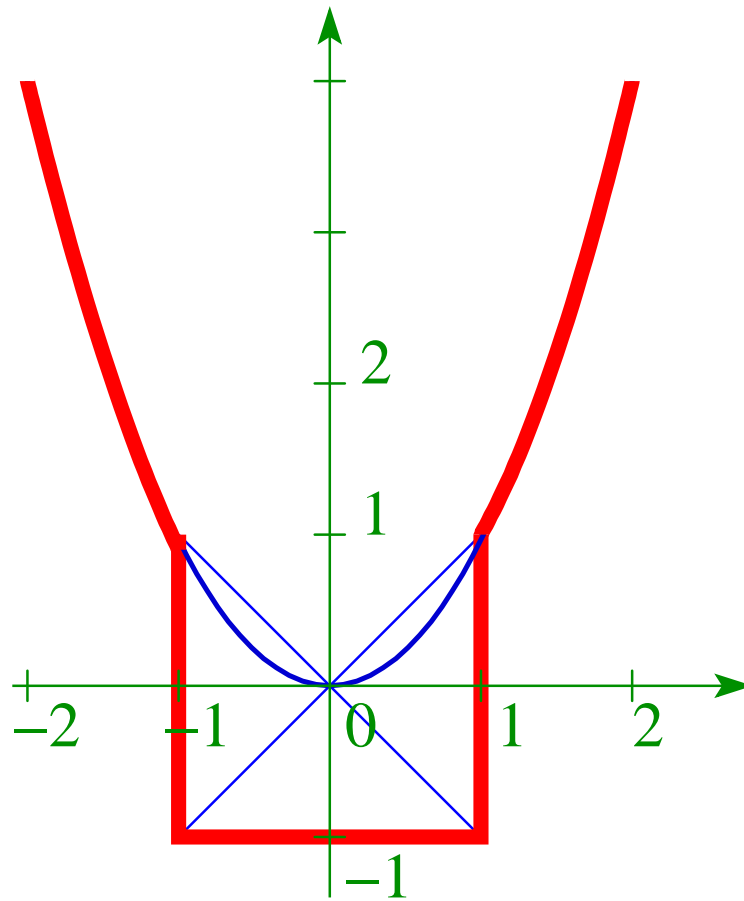
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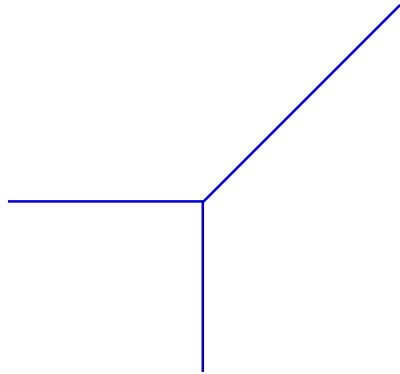
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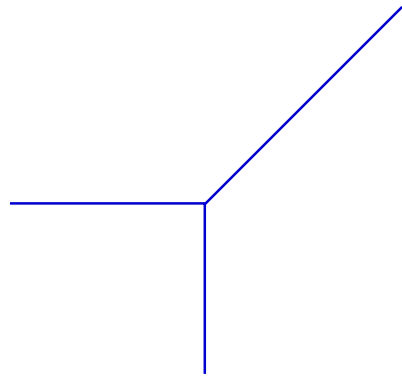
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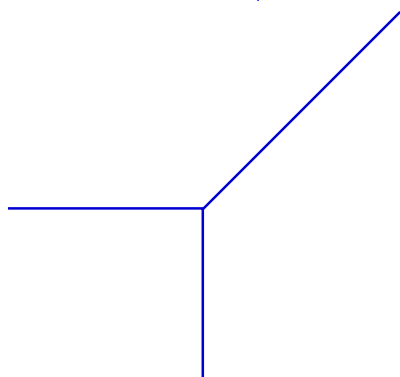


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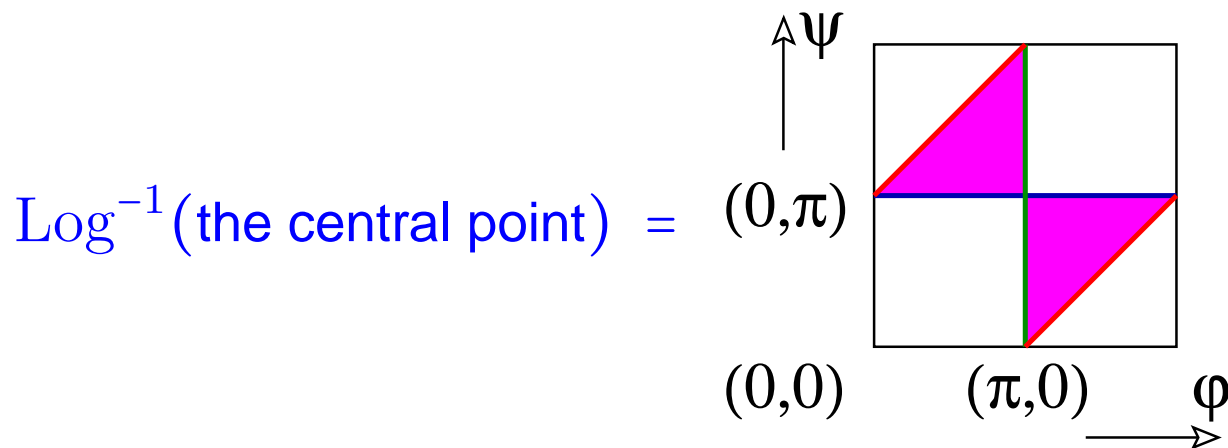
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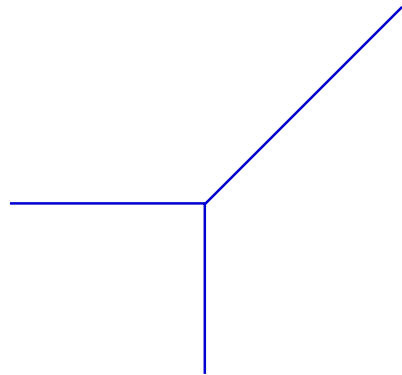
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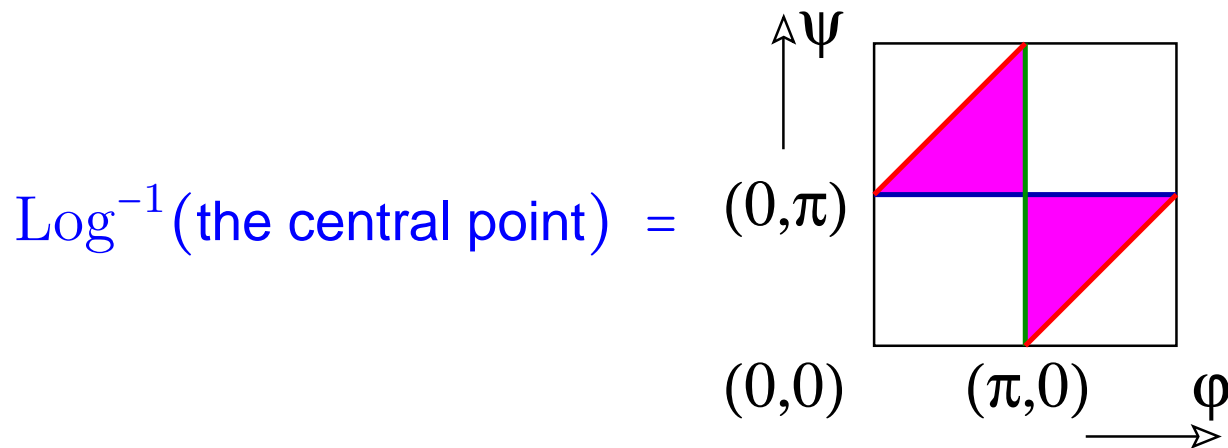
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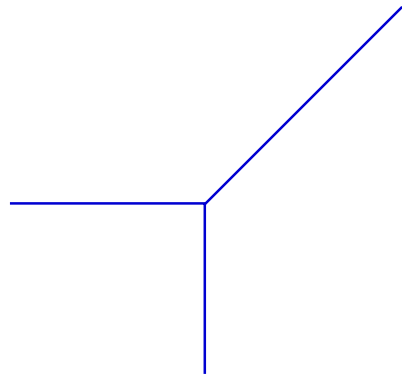


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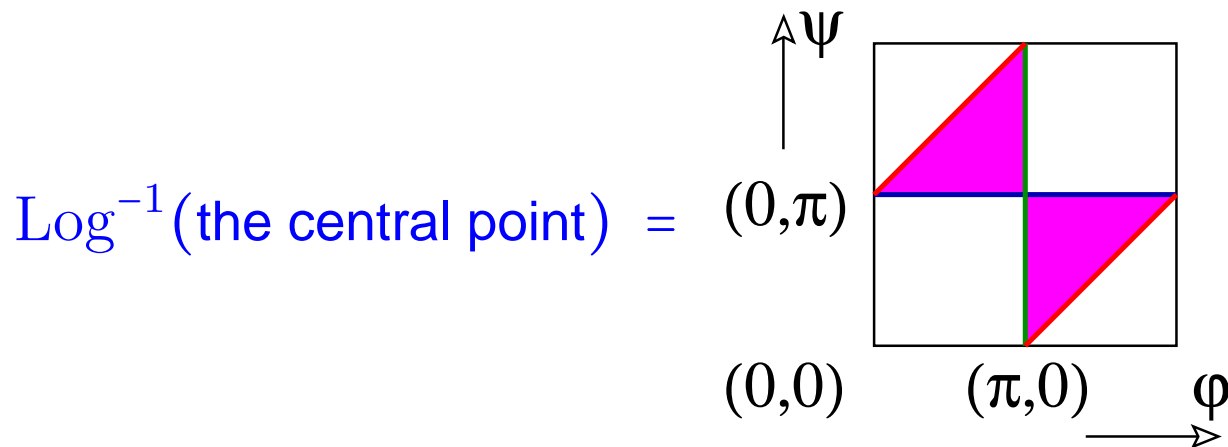
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