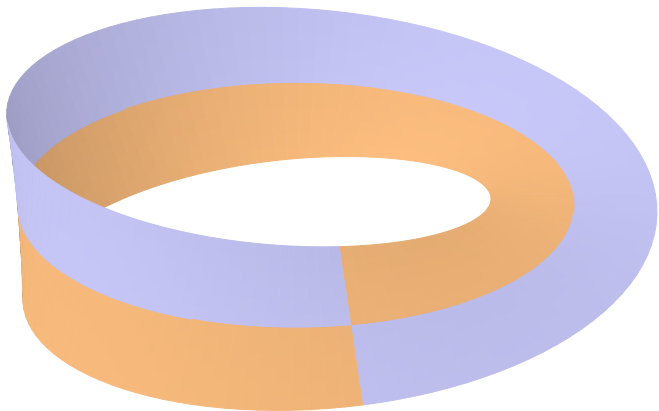


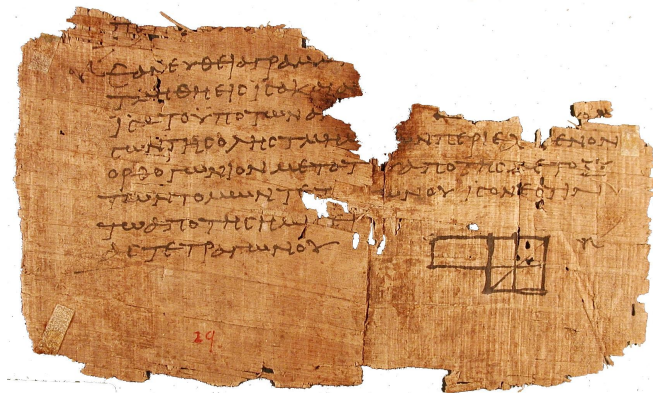
Geometry: from past to future...



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Introduction to geometry

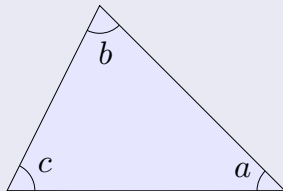
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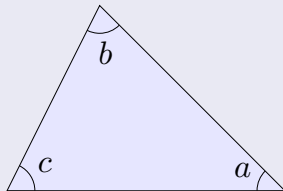


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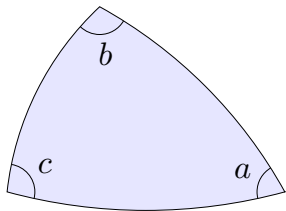


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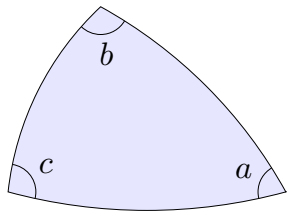
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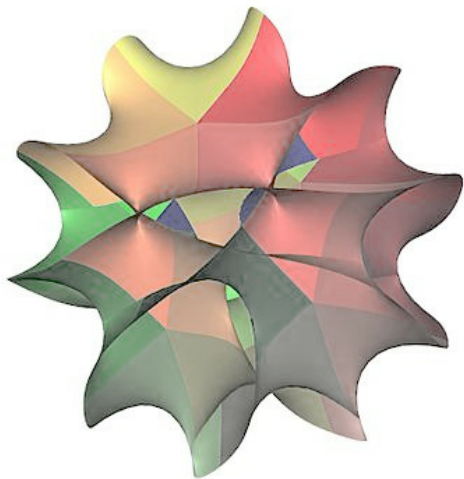


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Two dimensional cross section of a quintic 3-fold

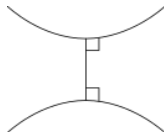
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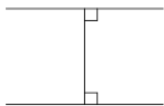
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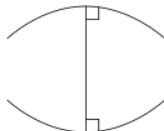
The hyperbolic plane is a kind of geometry where a different version of the infamous 5'th postulate by Euclid holds.



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Euclidean analogue of Circle Limit III



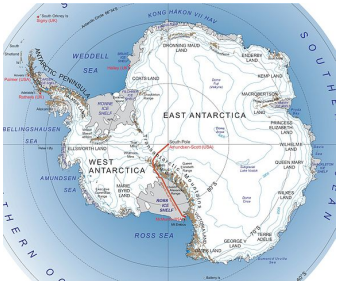
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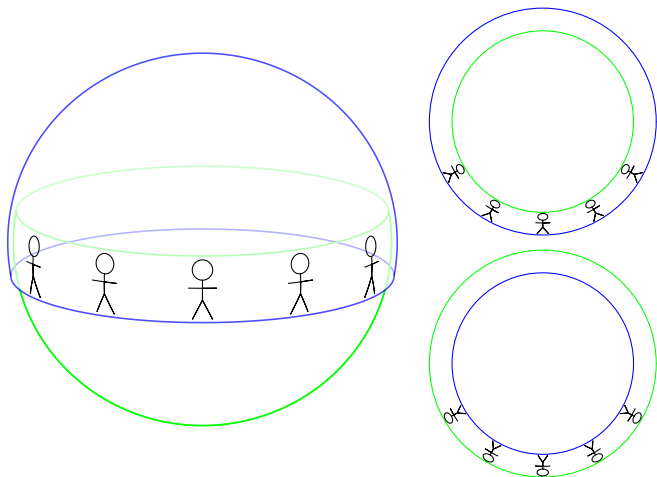
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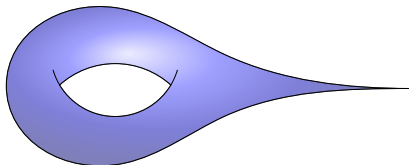
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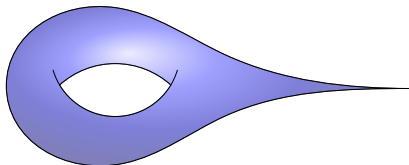


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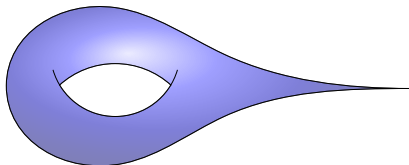
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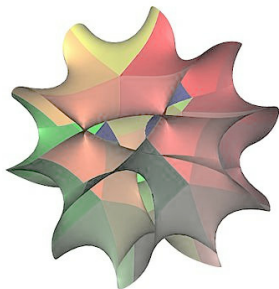
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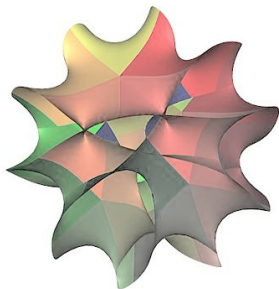
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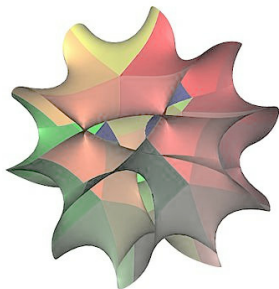


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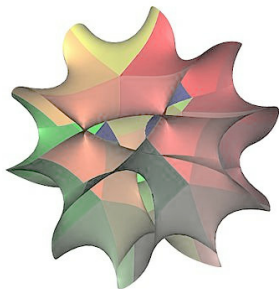


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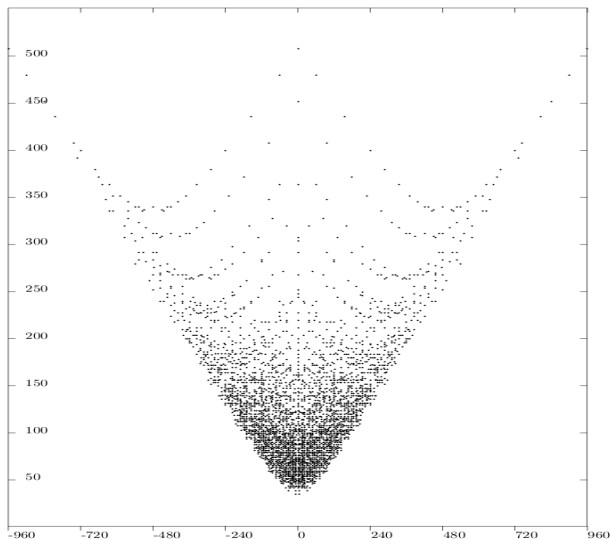
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Mirror symmetry



Philip Candelas, Xenia de la Ossa and Sheldon Katz (1994)

Applications of mirror symmetry

- ▶ Originally enumerative applications. E.g. rational curves on the quintic threefold (P. Candelas, X. C. de la Ossa, P. S. Green, and L. Parkes, 1991 - Morrison, 1992).
- ▶ “Homological mirror symmetry” (Maxim Kontsevich, 1994).

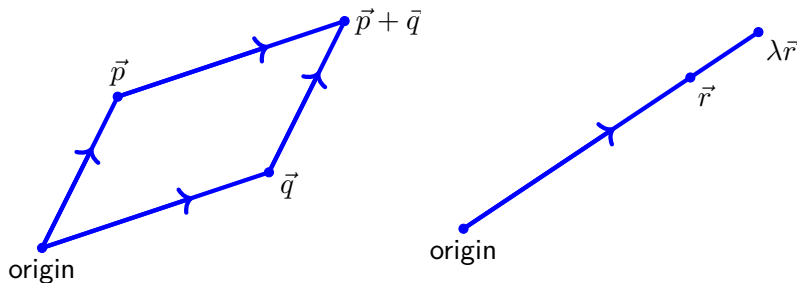


The plan

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Vector spaces

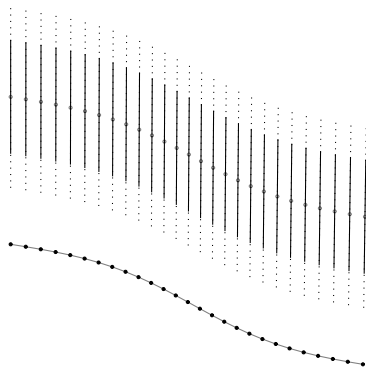
A vector space is a space equipped with **addition** and **scaling**.



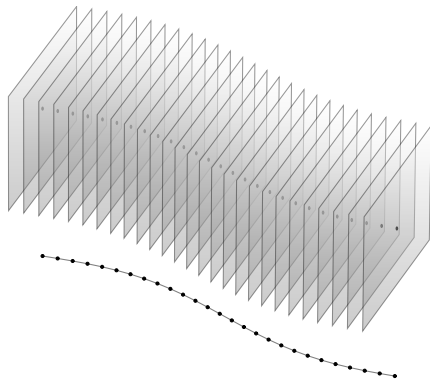
Examples: a line, or a plane (with a marked origin)

Vector bundles

Informally a vector bundle is a collection of vector spaces parametrized by a space.



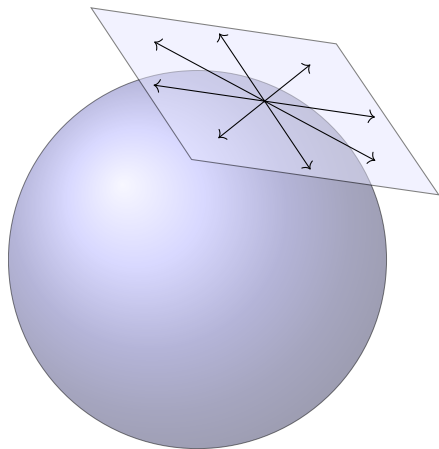
A vector bundle of **rank 1**
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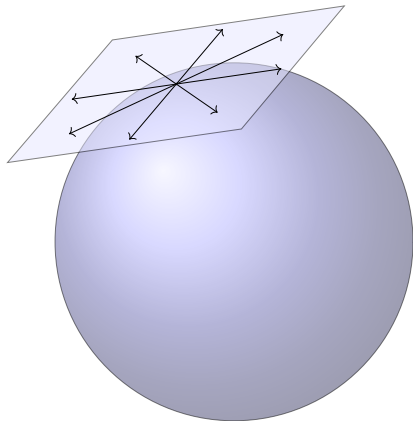
A **tangent space** is a local approximation of a space at a point by a vector space.



An element of the tangent space is called a **tangent vector**.

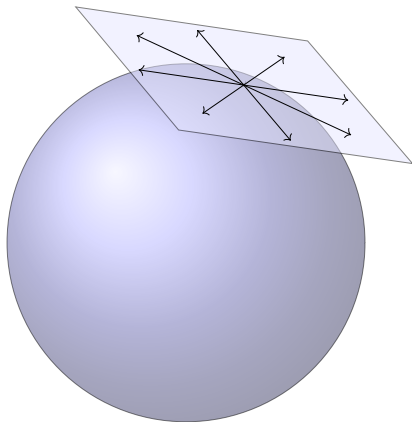
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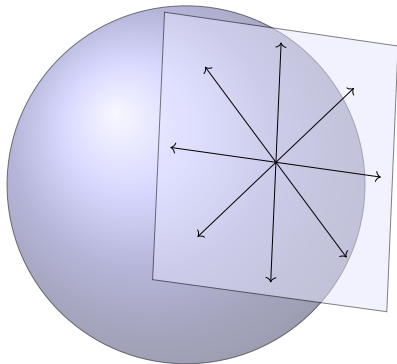
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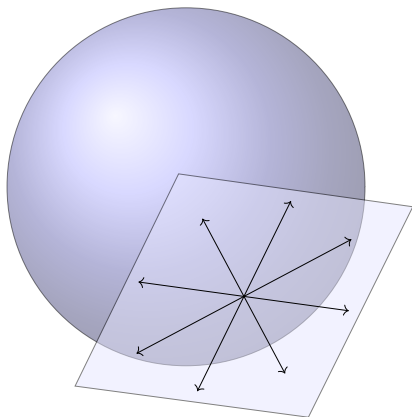
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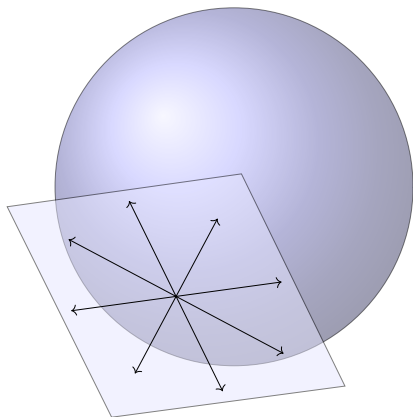
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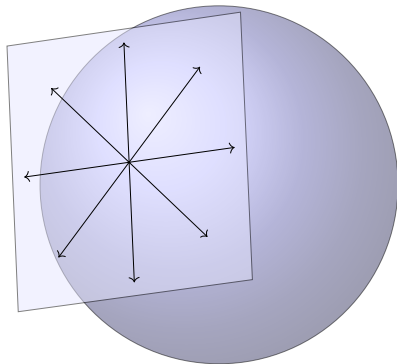
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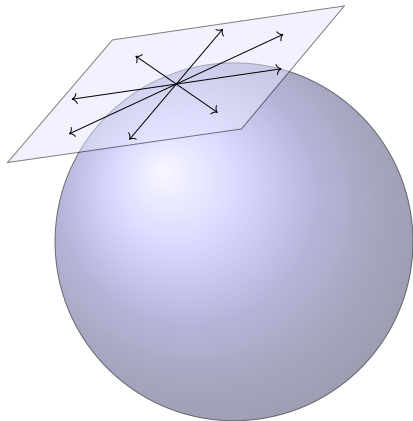
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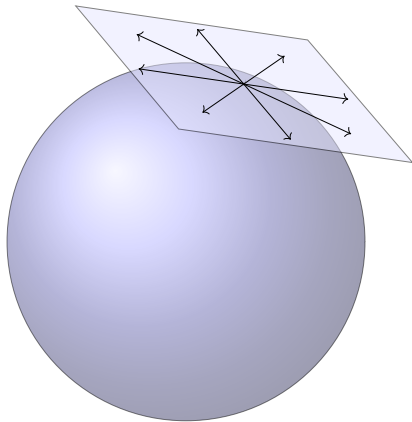
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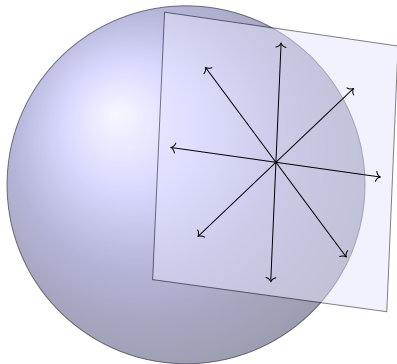
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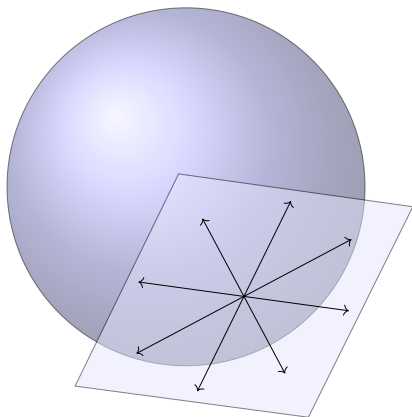
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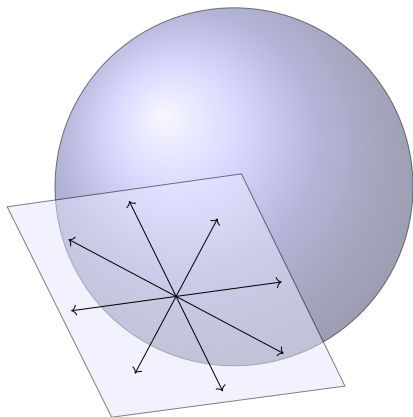
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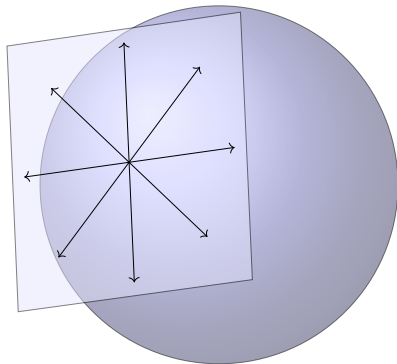
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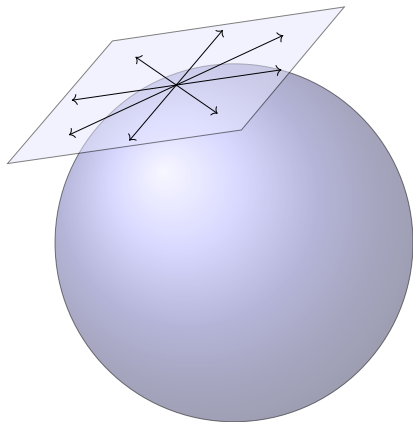
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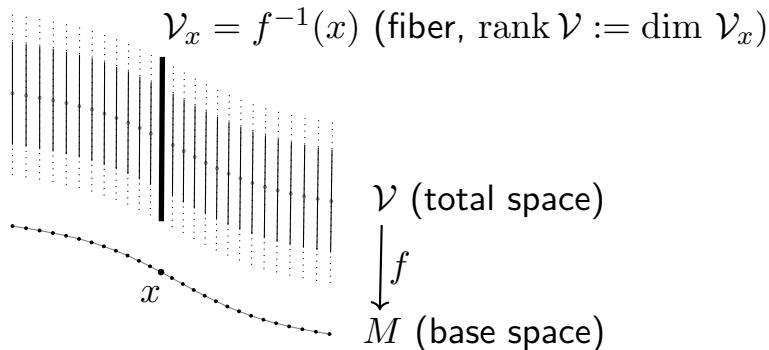
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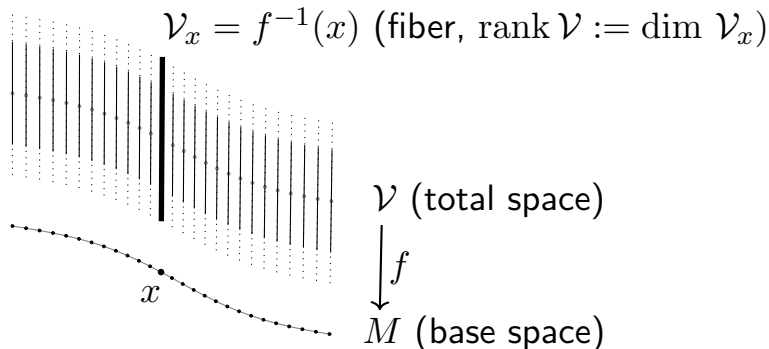


The disjoint union of all the tangent spaces is called the **tangent bundle**. It is an example of a **vector bundle**.

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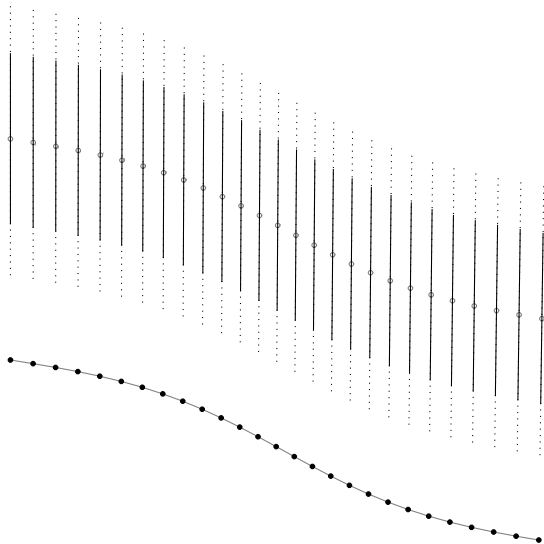


A vector bundle is said to be (globally) trivial if it is of the form

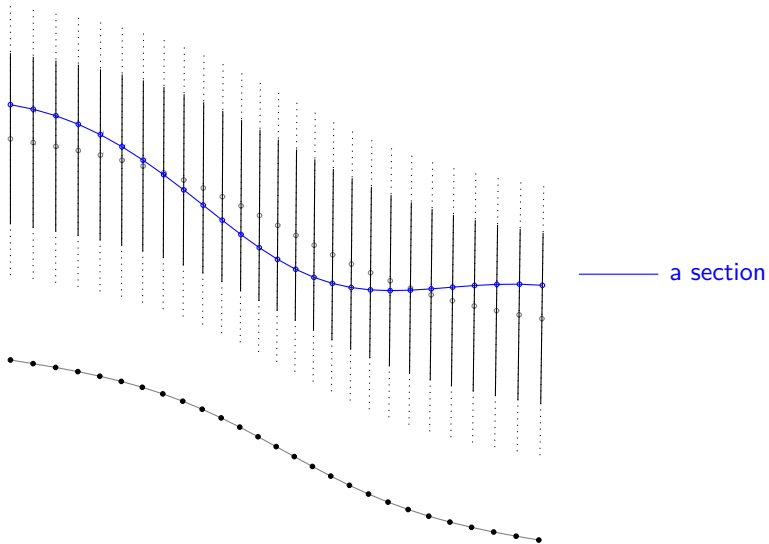
$$\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^r \times M \xrightarrow{\text{projection}} M$$

Do non-trivial vector bundles exist? If so, how to recognize them?

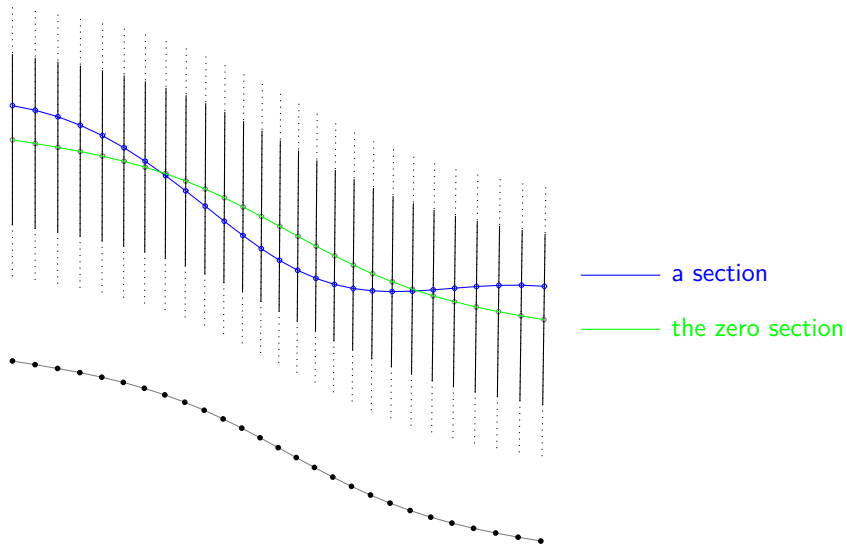
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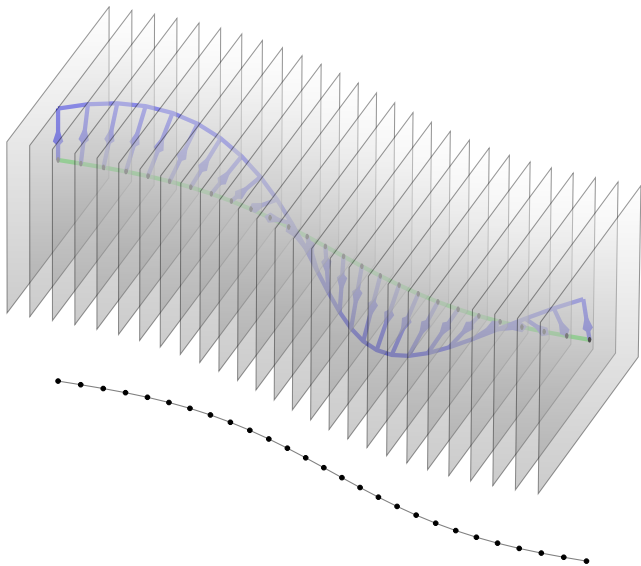
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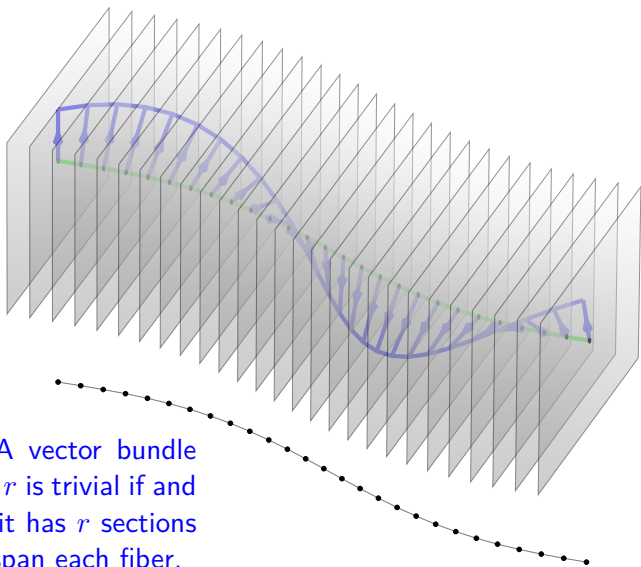
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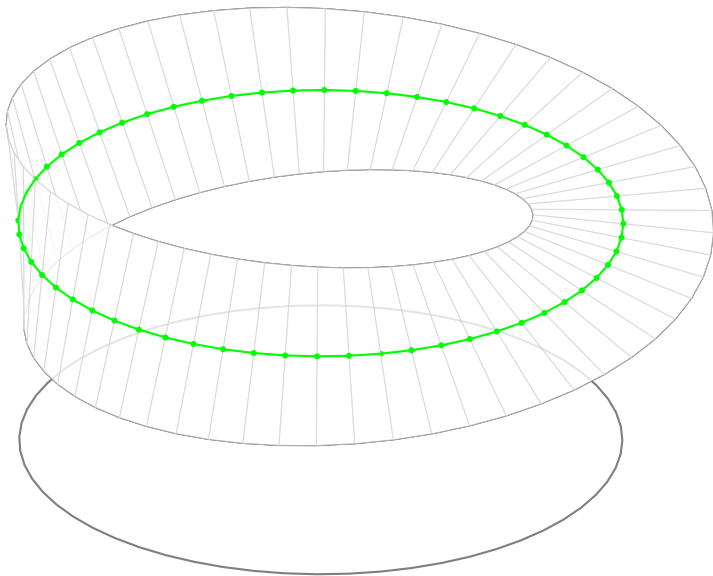


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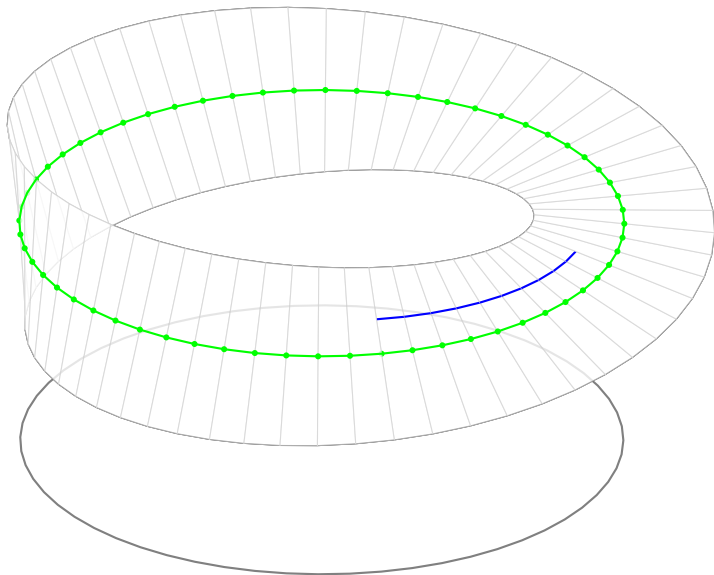


Fact: A vector bundle of rank r is trivial if and only if it has r sections which span each fiber.

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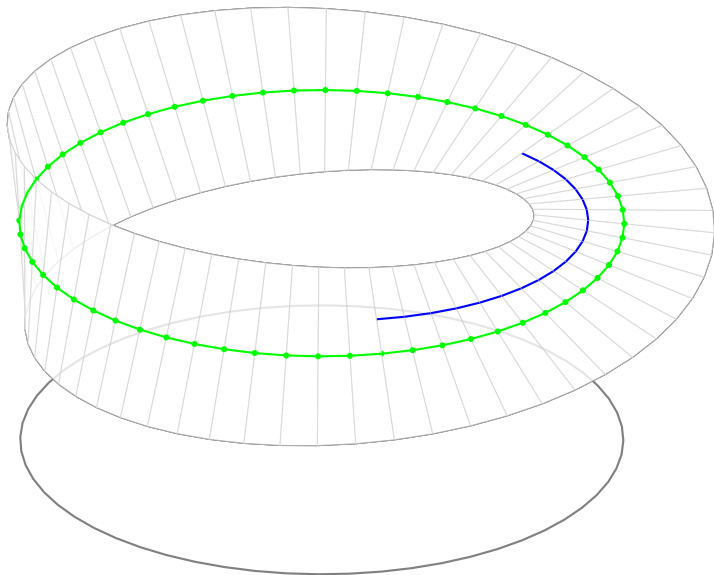


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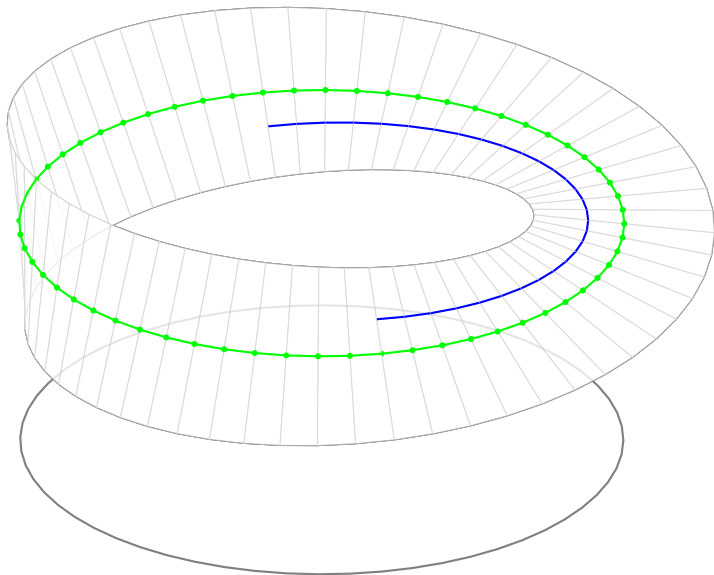
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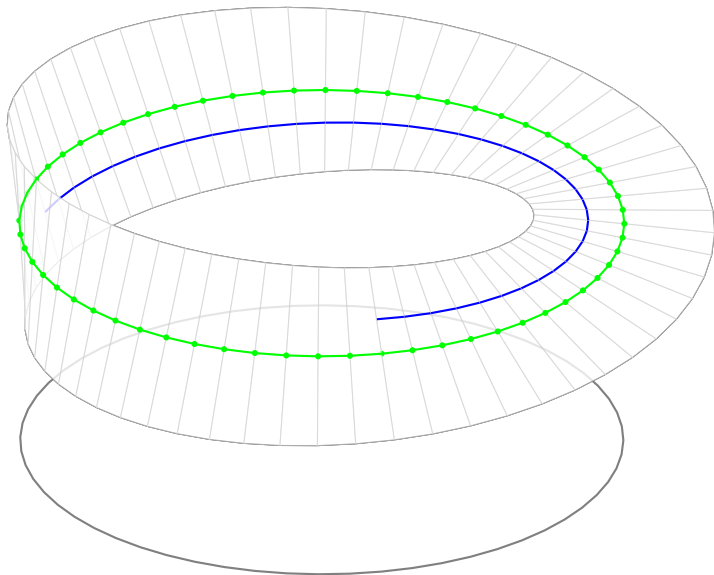
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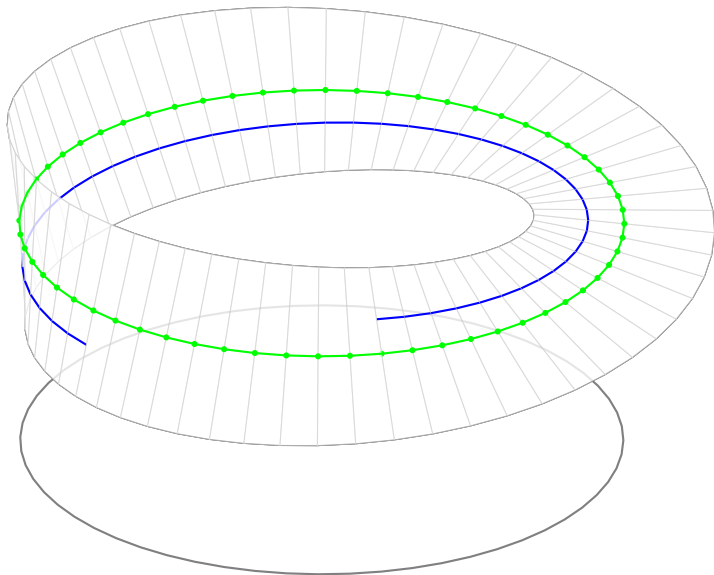
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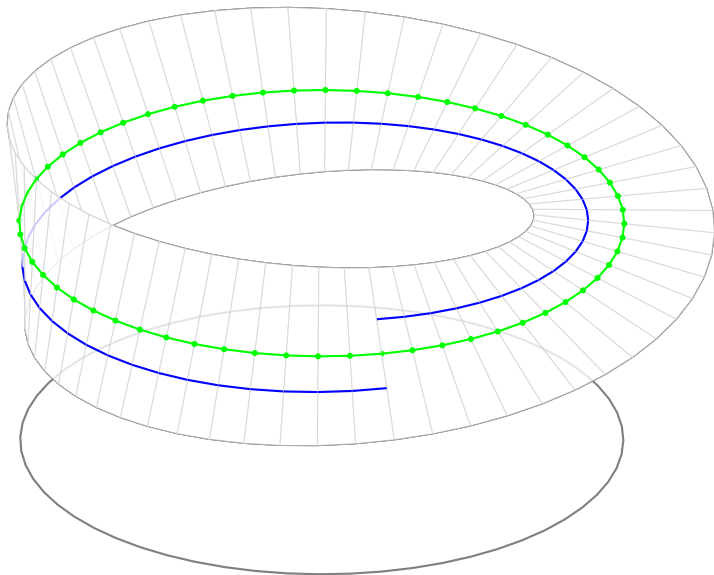
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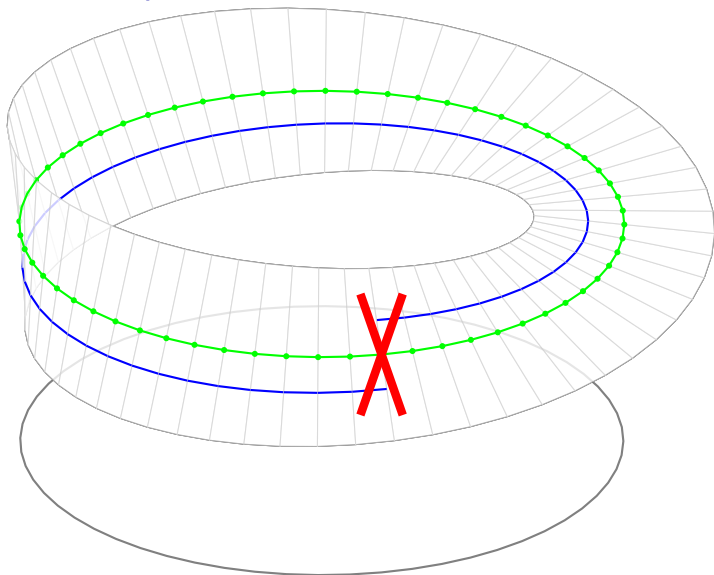
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Oops...

The tangent bundle is often non-trivial

- ▶ The sections of the tangent bundle are called **vector fields**.
- ▶ **In other words:** A vector field is a choice of tangent vector in every point which varies “smoothly” with the point.



The hairy ball theorem

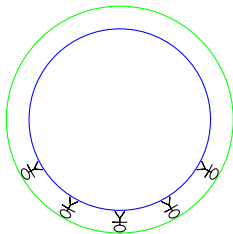
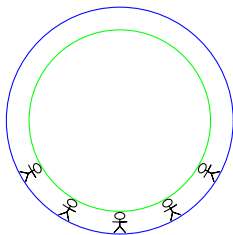
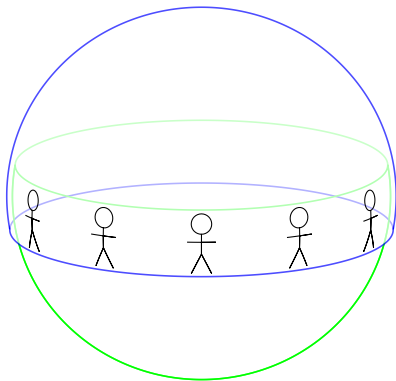
- ▶ The **hairy ball theorem** states that there is no vector field on a sphere that is (everywhere) non-zero.
- ▶ Informally: “You cannot comb the hair on a coconut”.



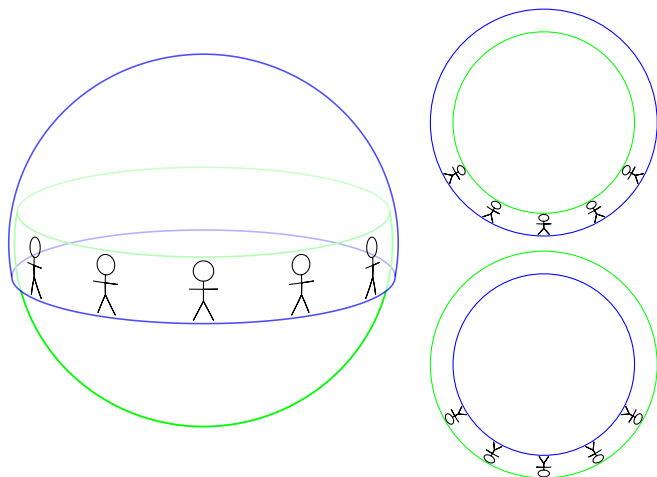
- ▶ In other words: the tangent bundle of a sphere is non-trivial.

Proof of the hairy ball theorem

Choose the “convenient atlas”.

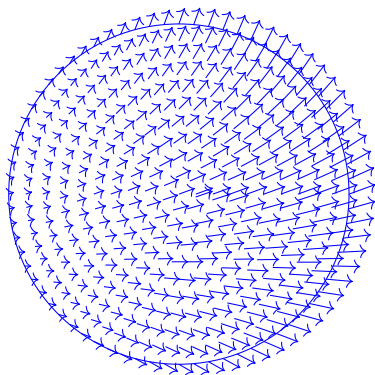


Proof of the hairy ball theorem (by contradiction)



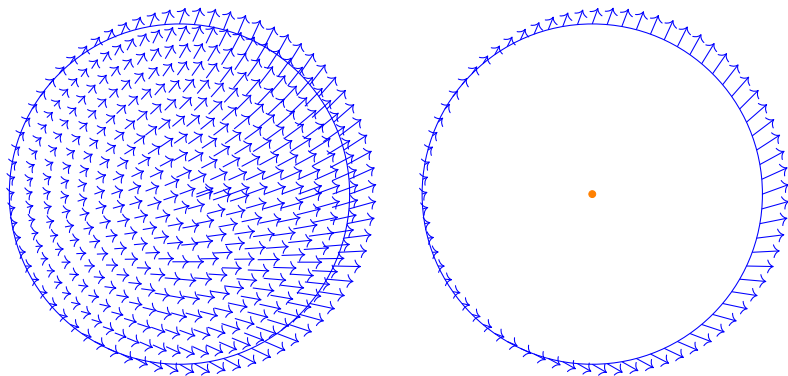
A non-zero vector field on the sphere may be described by non-zero vector fields on the **northern** and **southern hemisphere** (disks) which agree on the **equator**.

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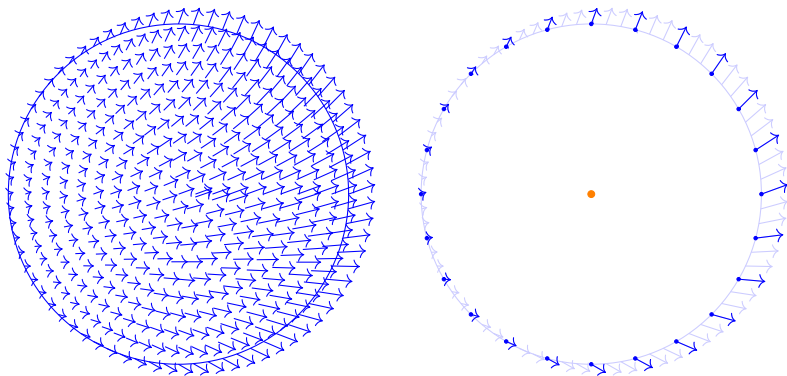
(an example of a non-zero northern vector field)

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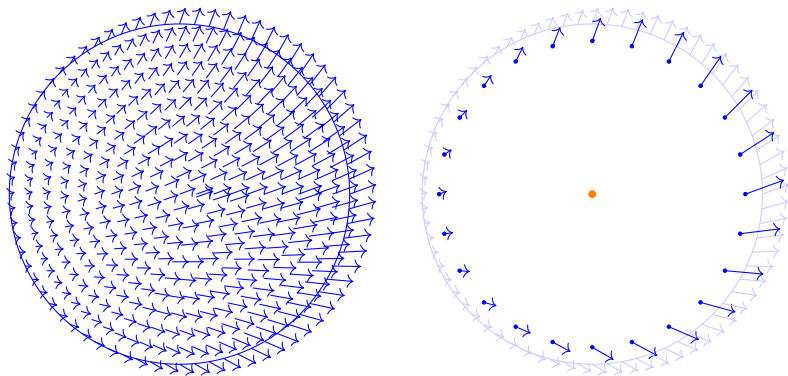
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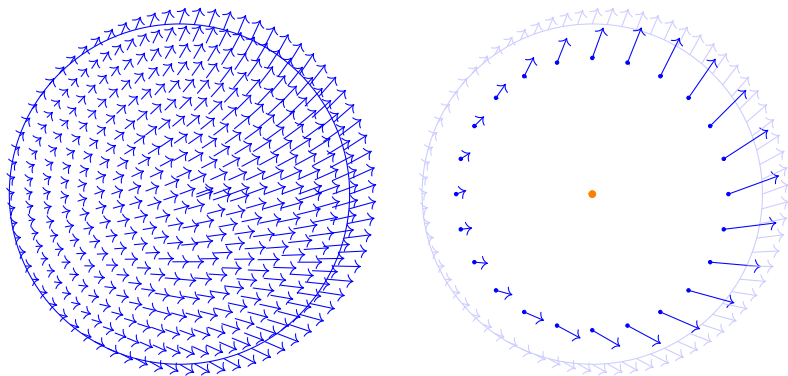
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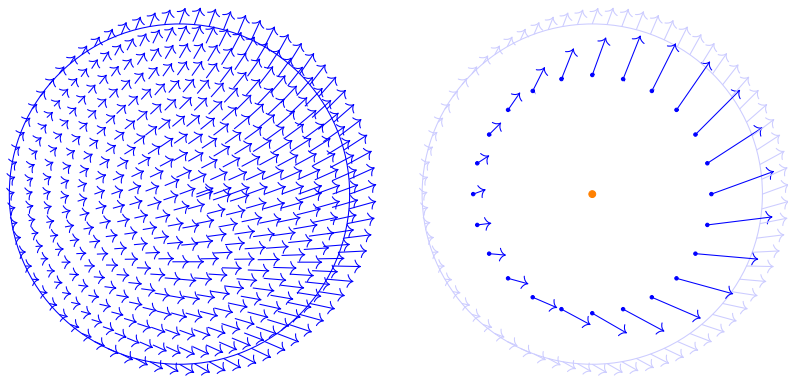
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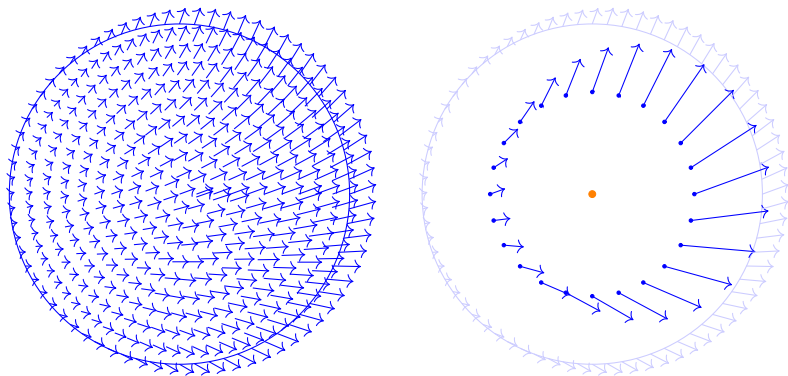
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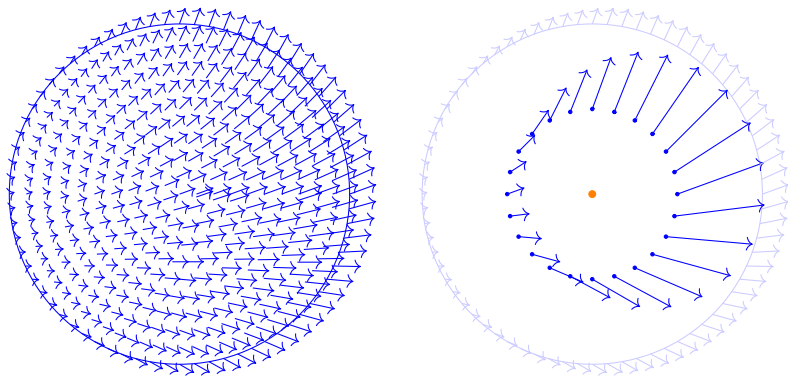
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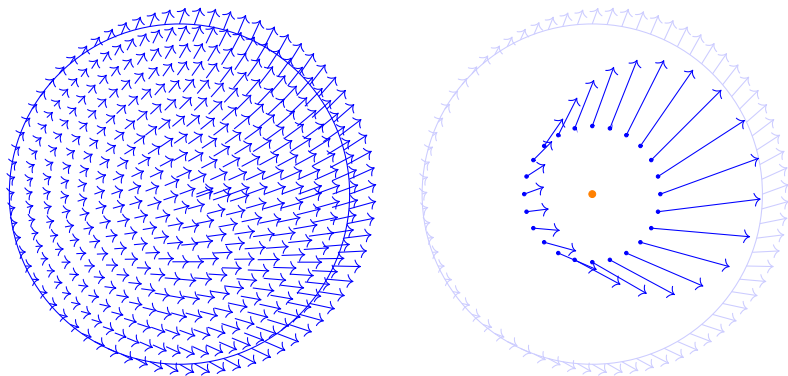
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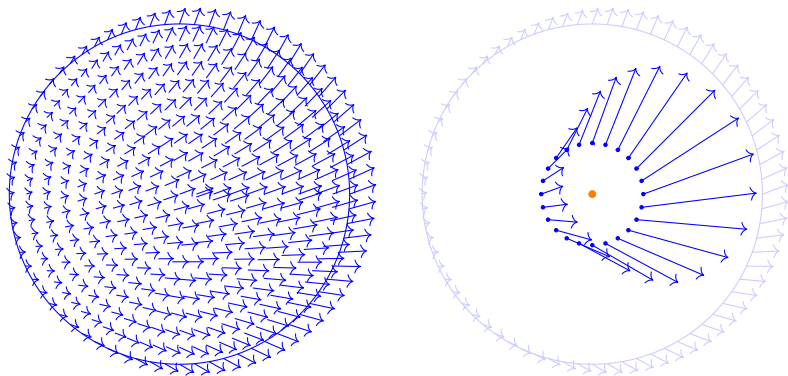
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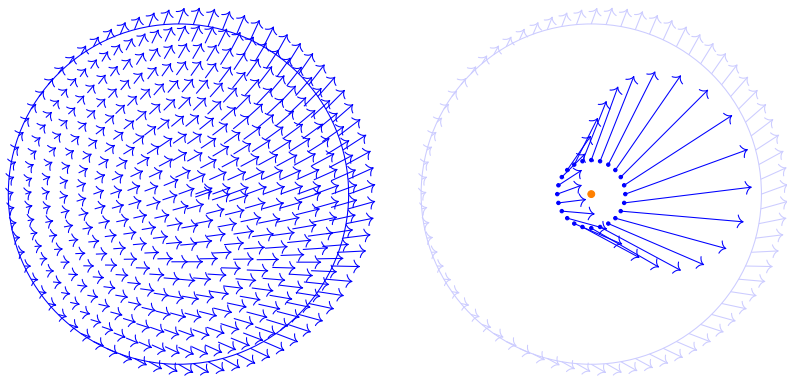
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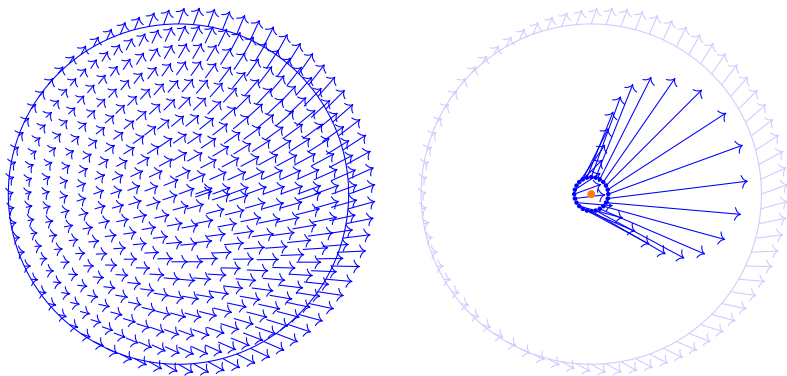
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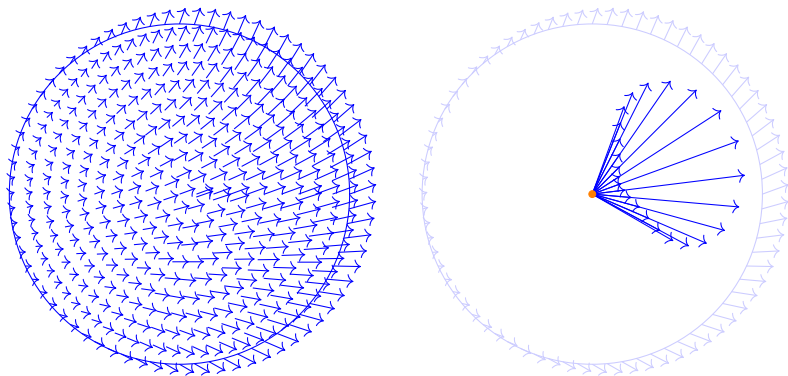
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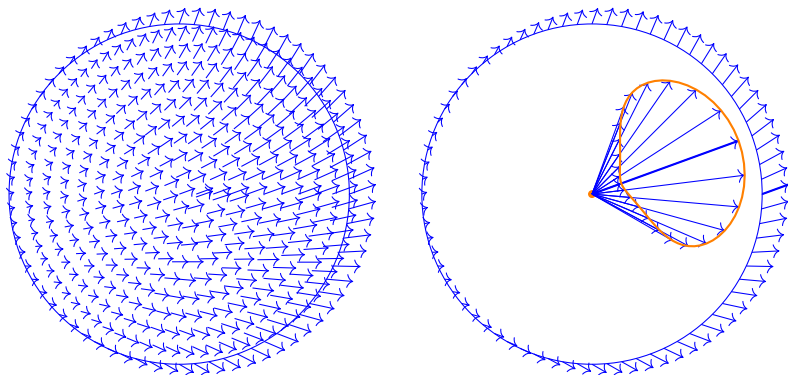
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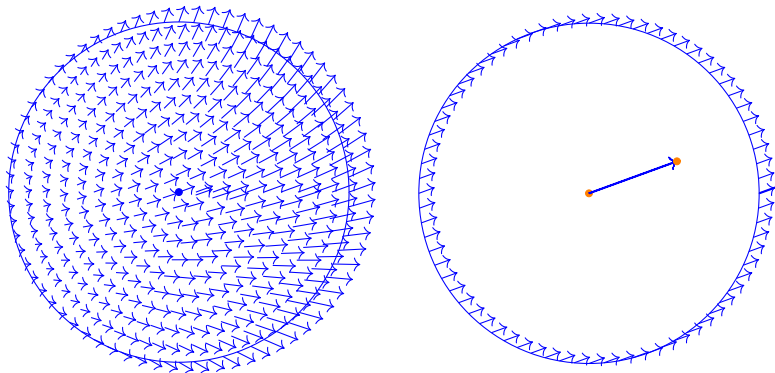
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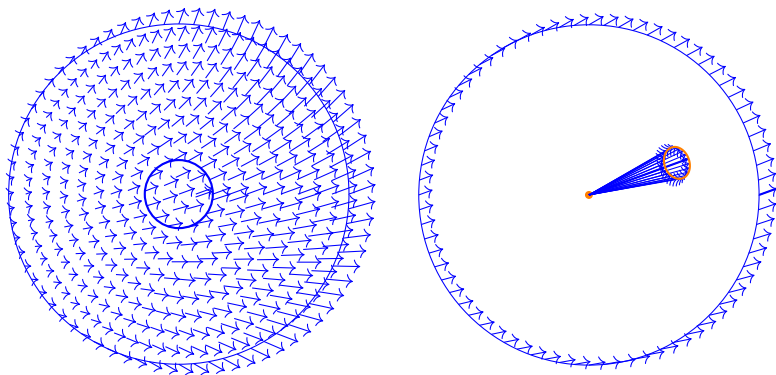
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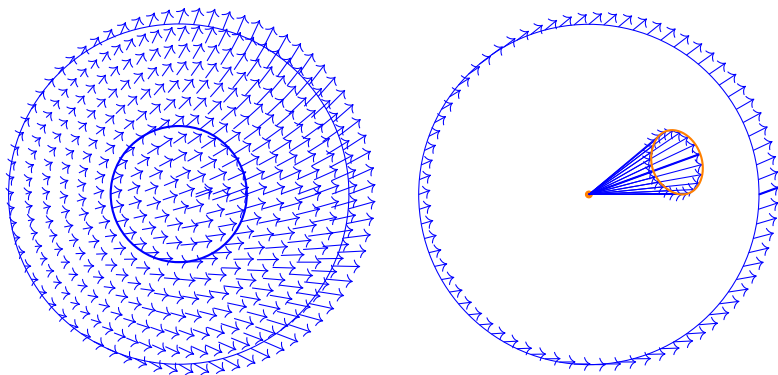
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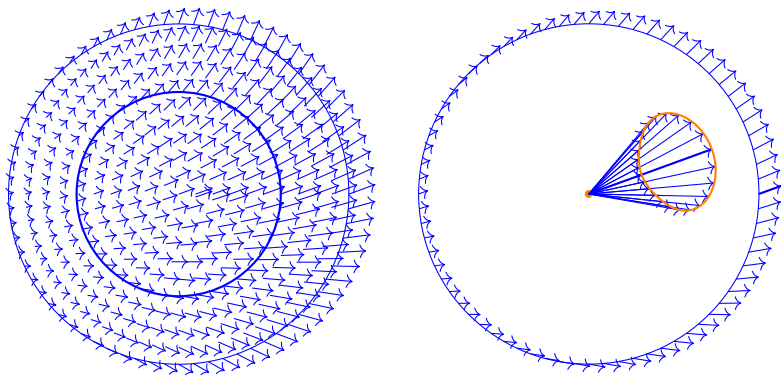
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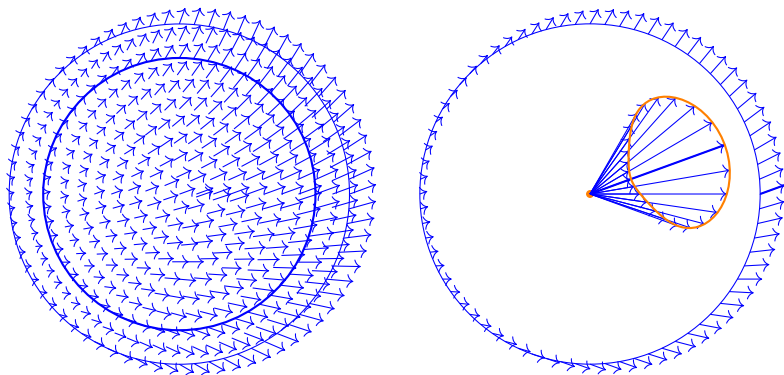
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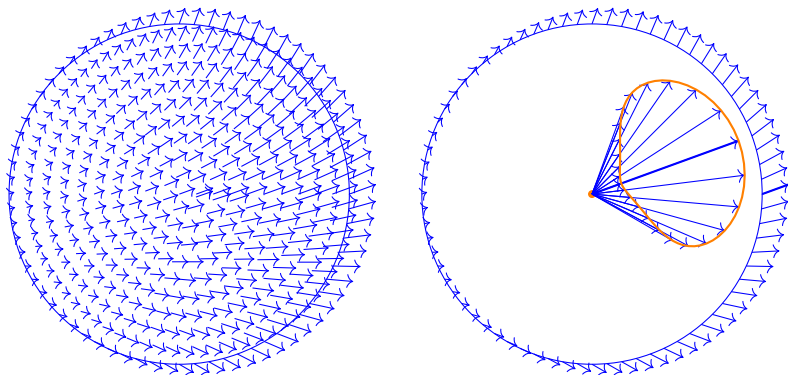
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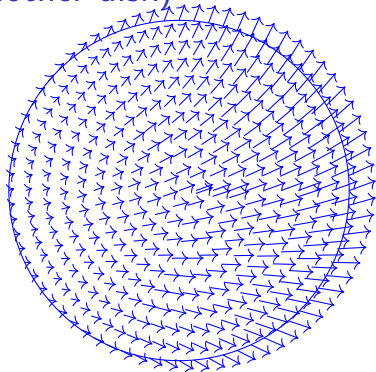
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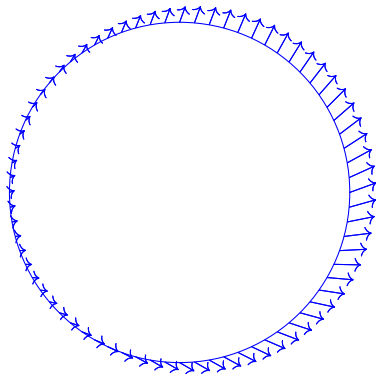
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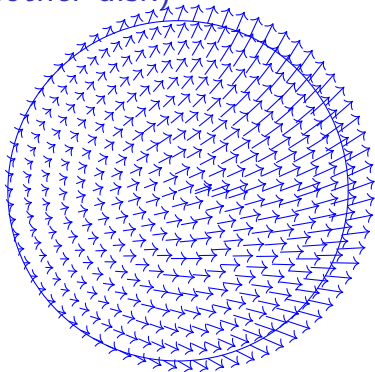
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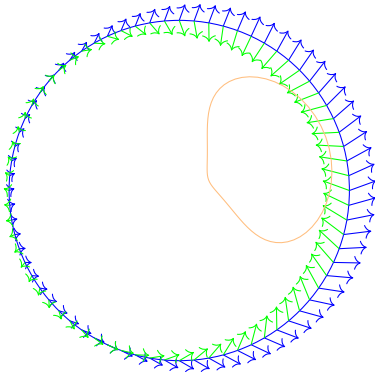
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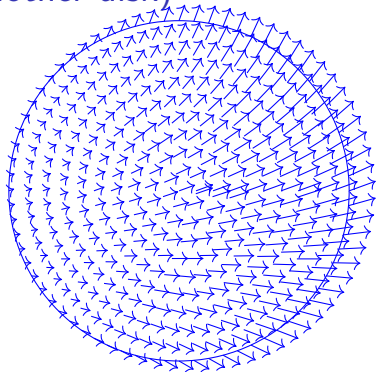


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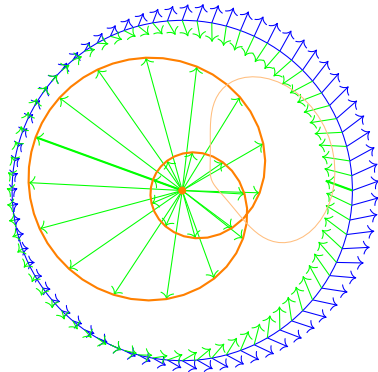


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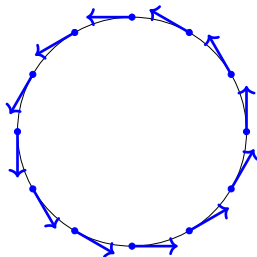


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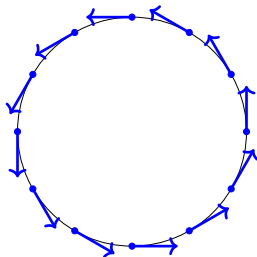
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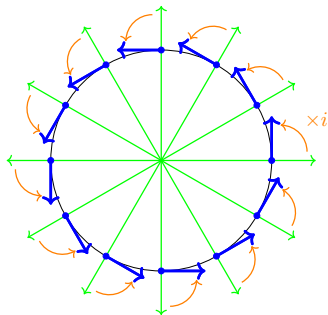
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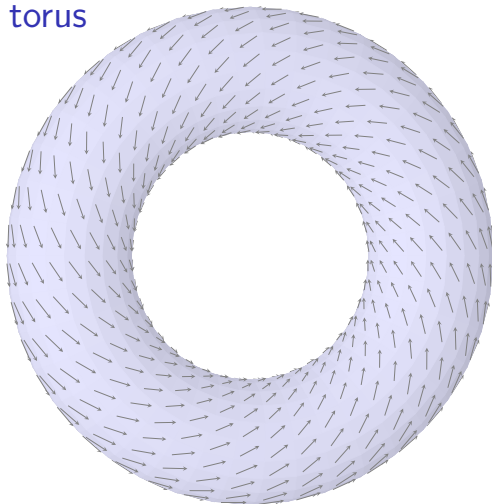
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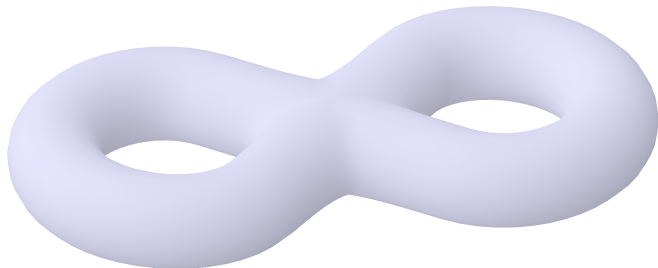
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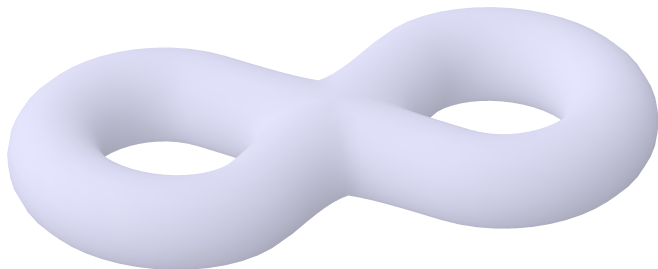
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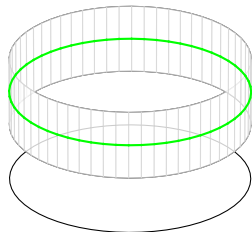
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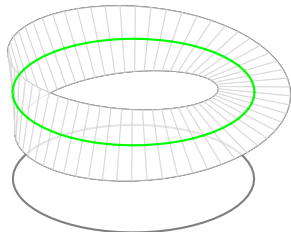
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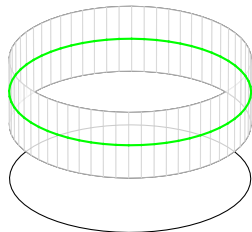
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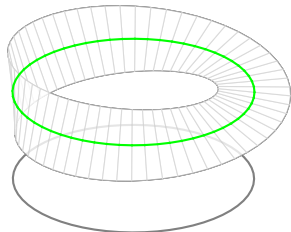
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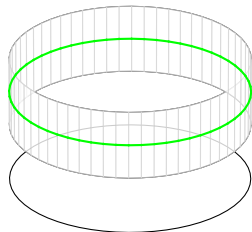
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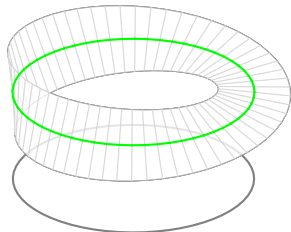
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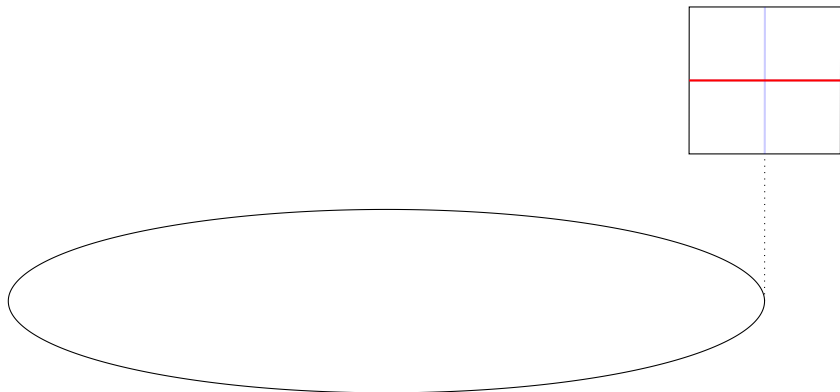
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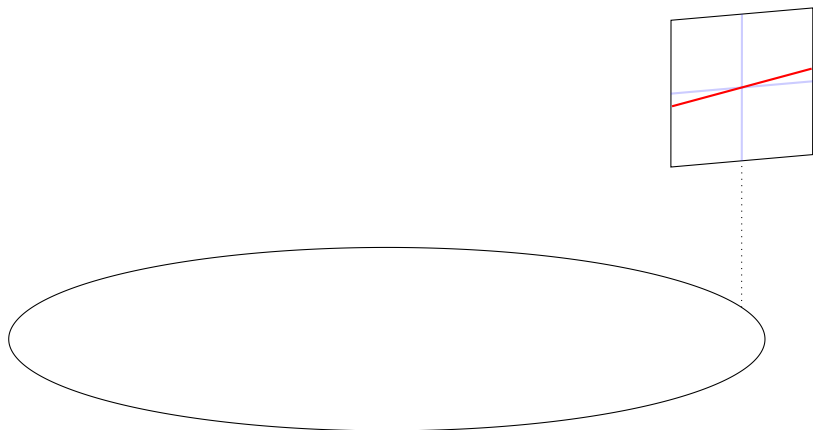
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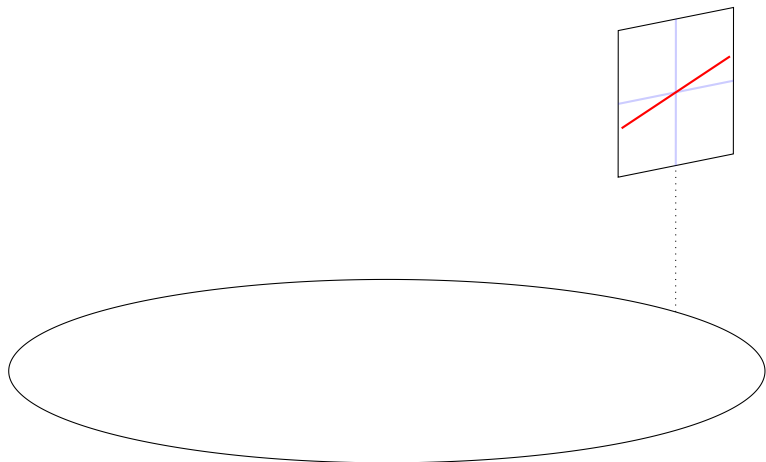
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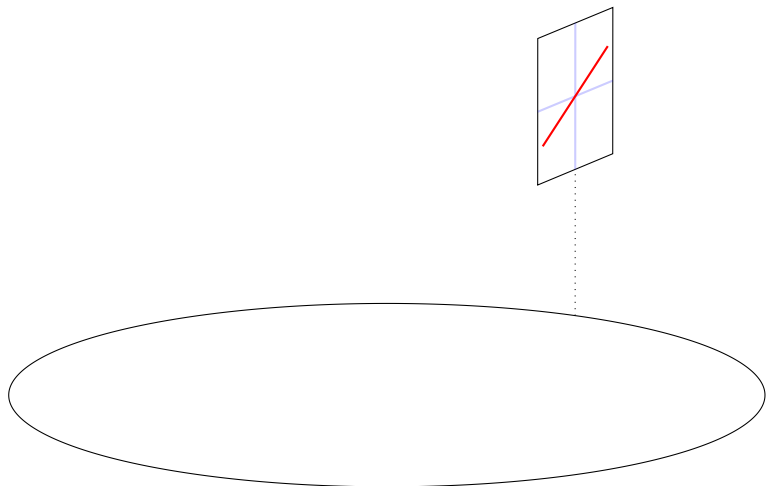
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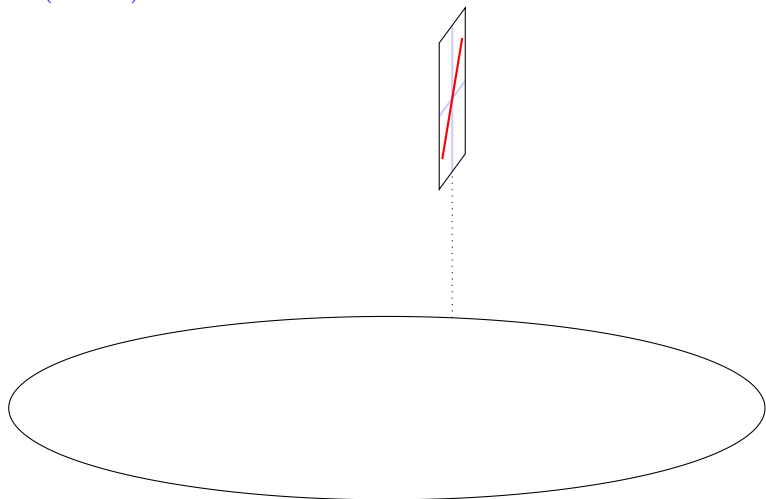
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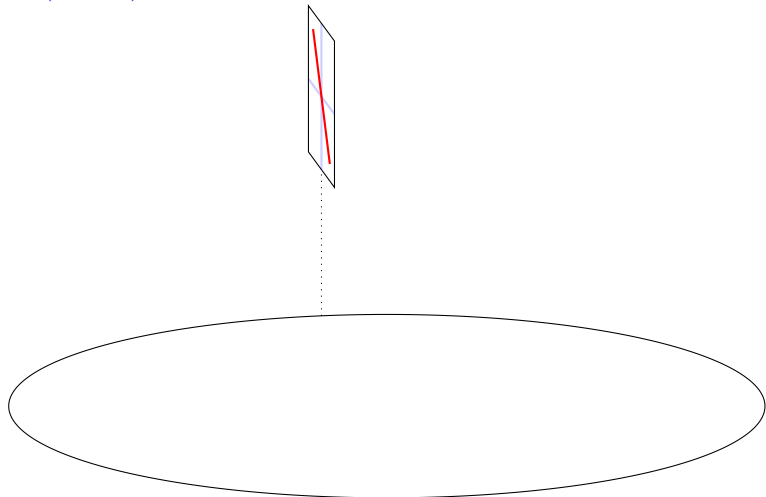
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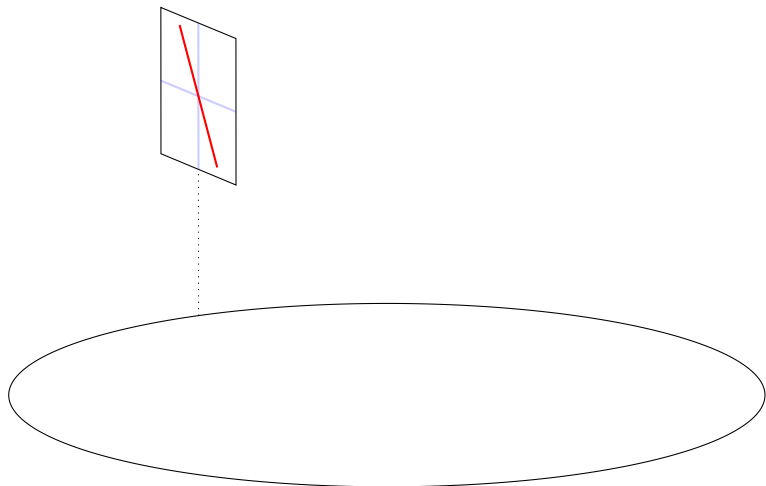
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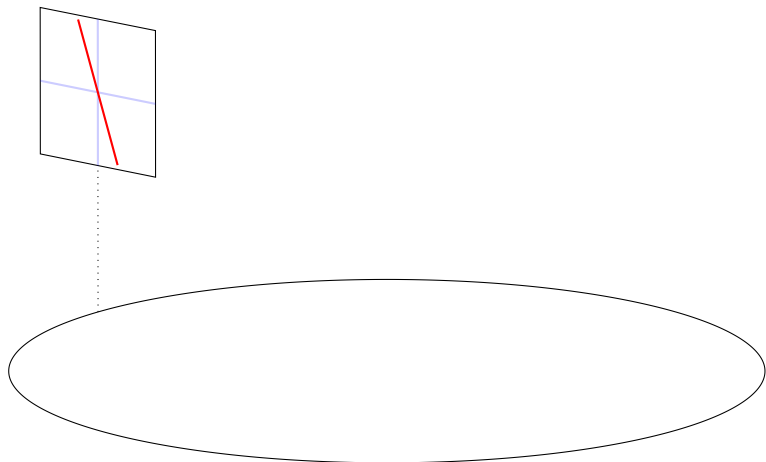
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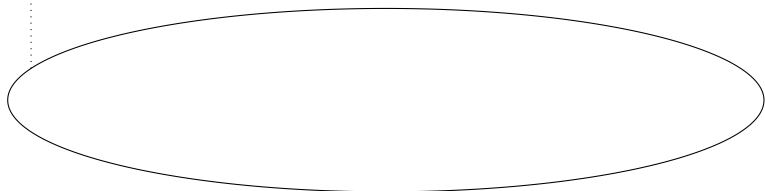
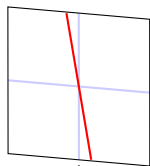
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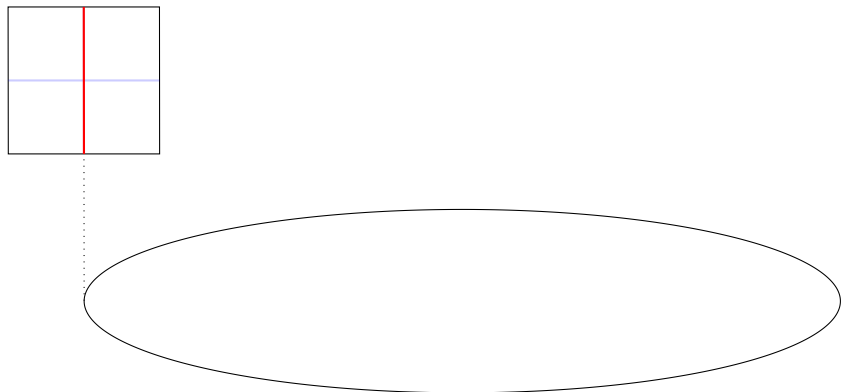
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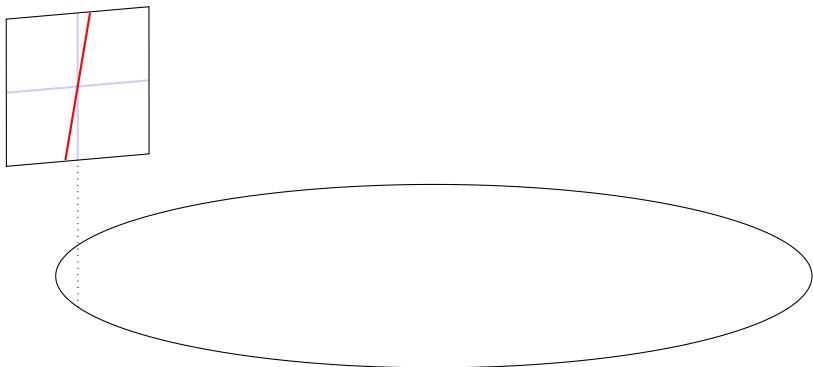
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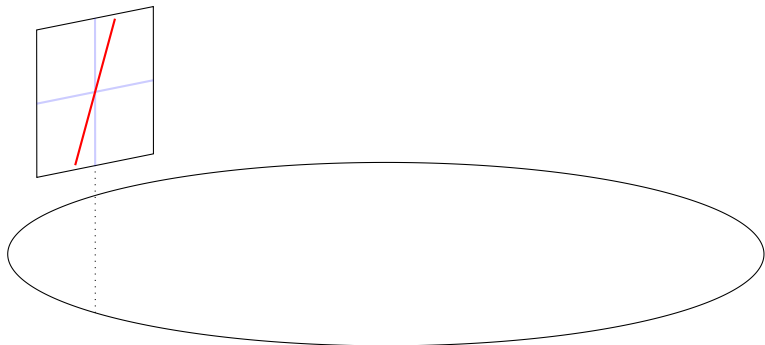
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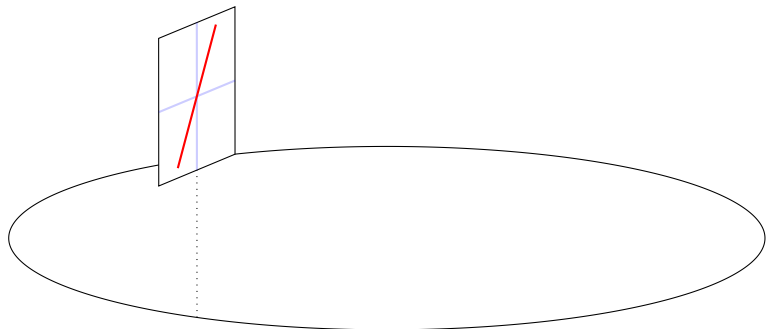
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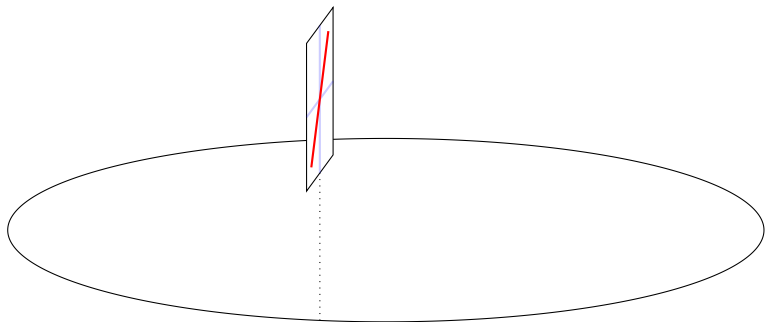
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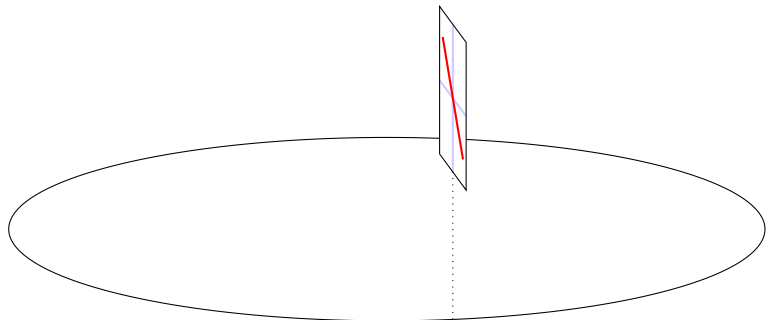
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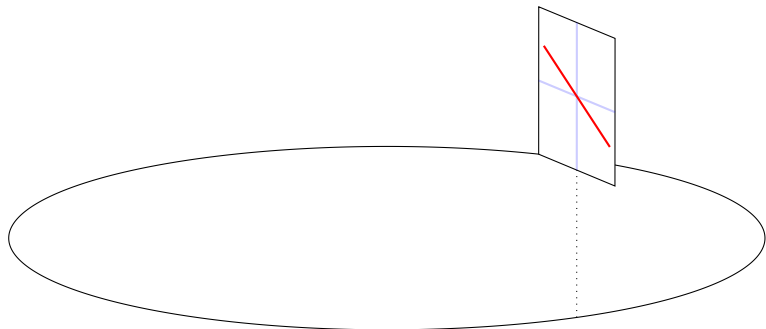
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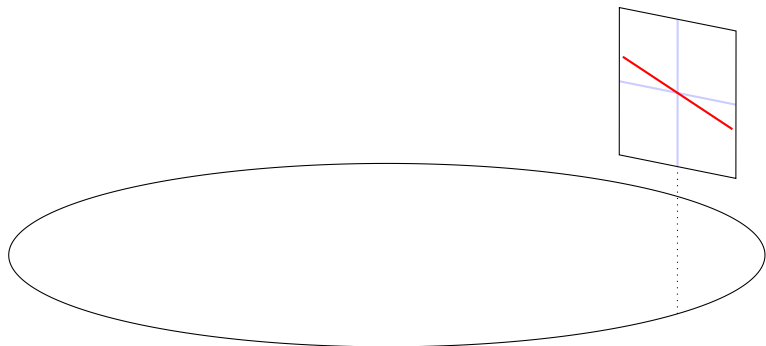
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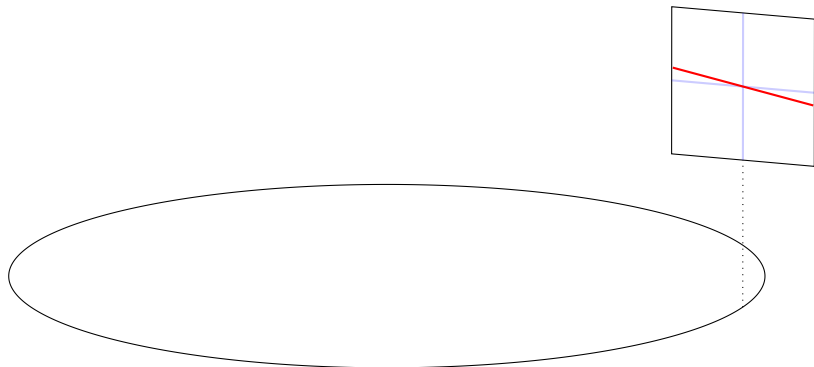
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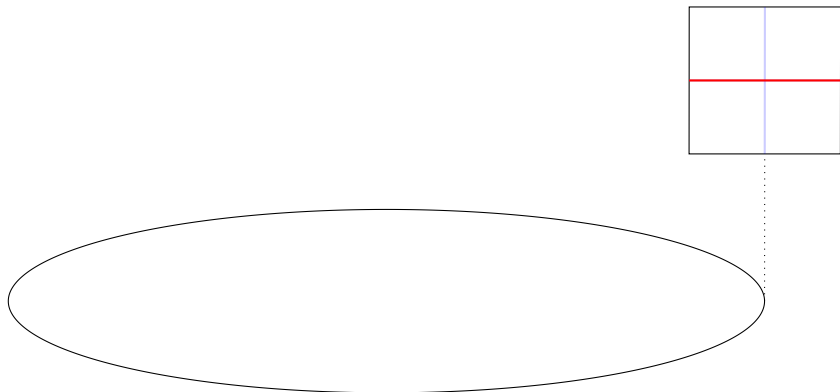
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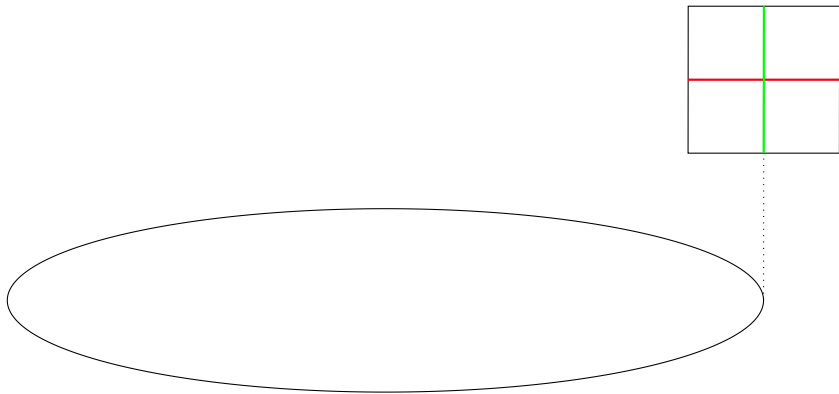


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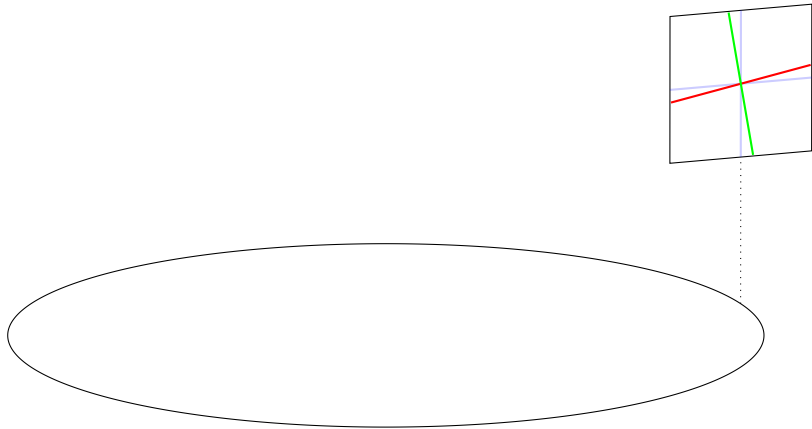
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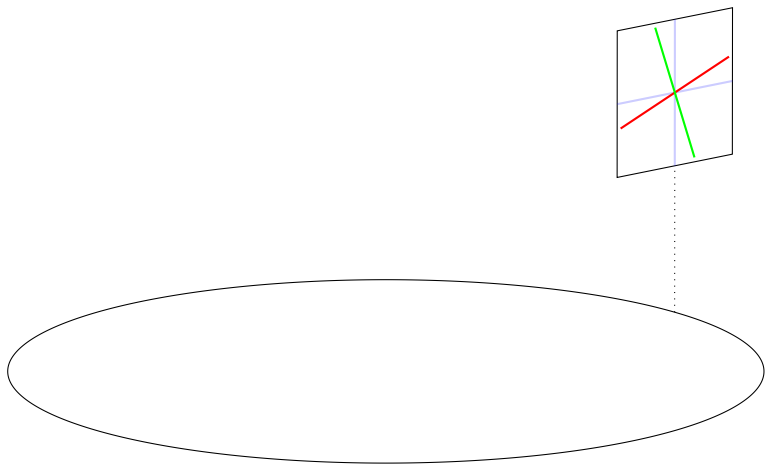
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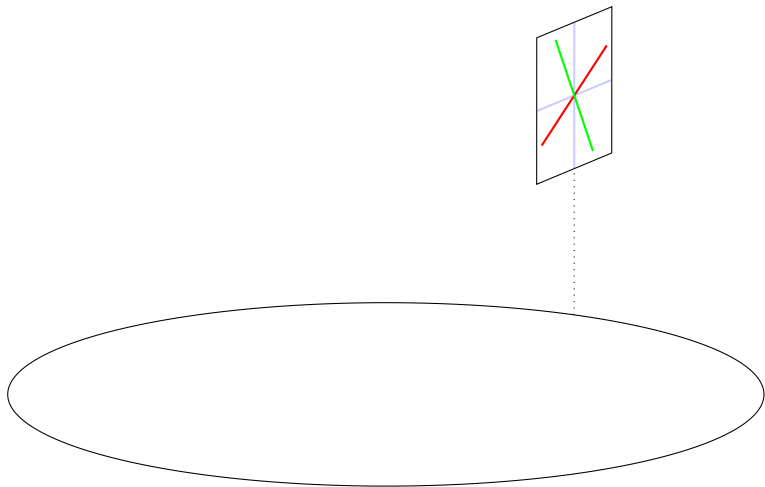
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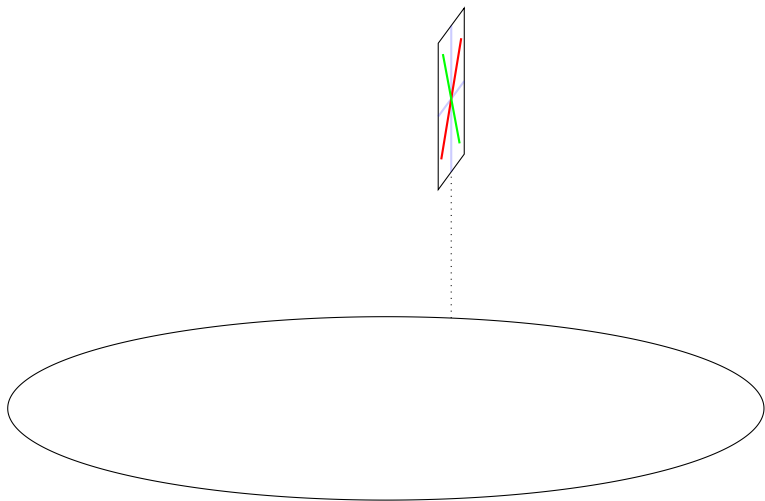
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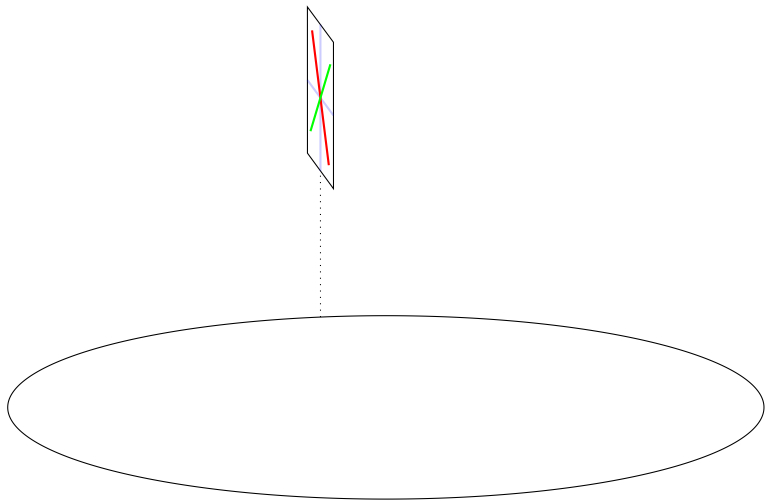
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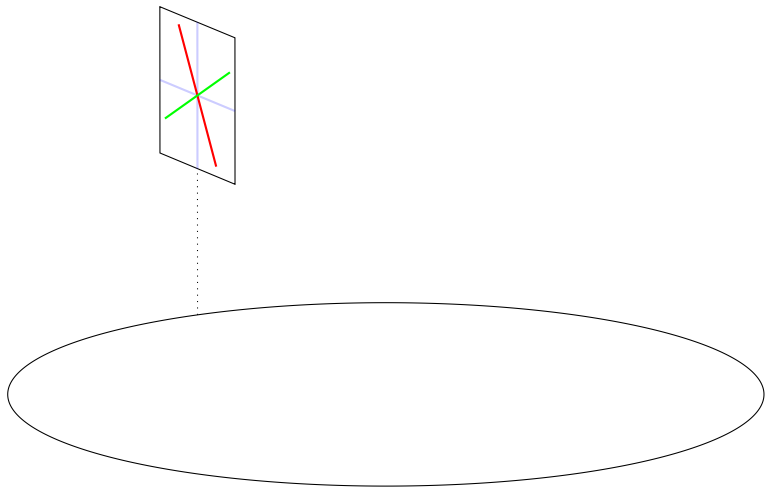
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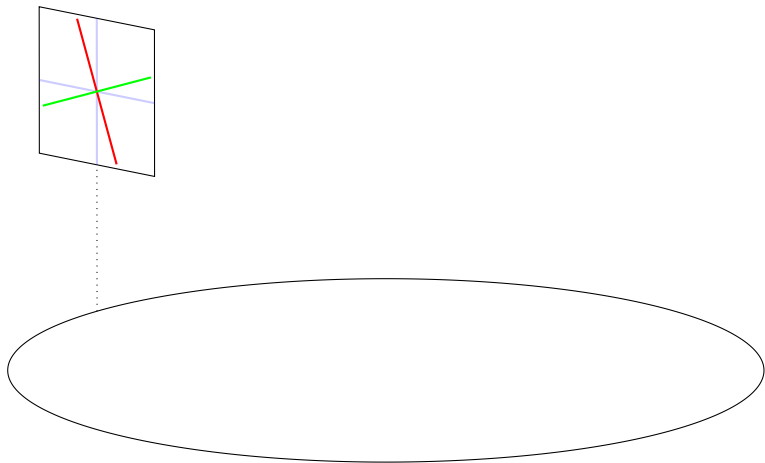
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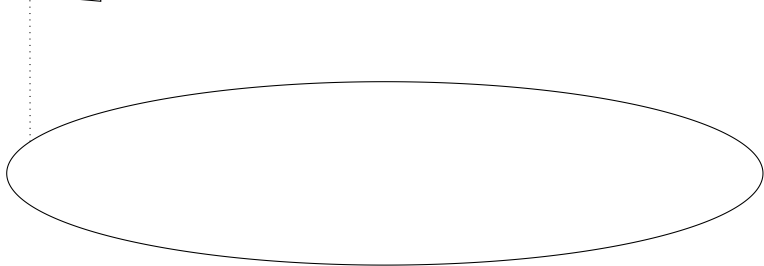
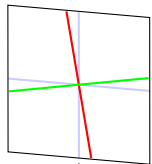
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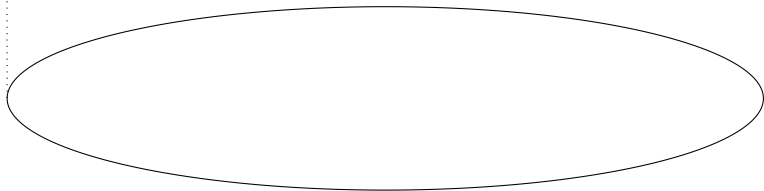
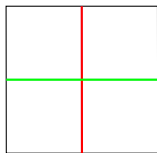
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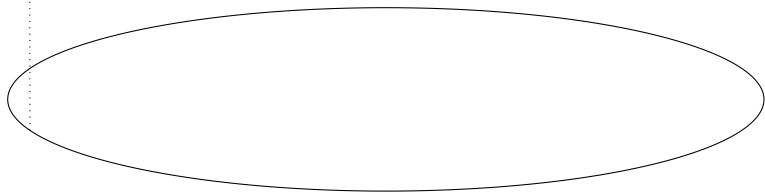
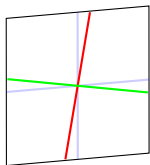
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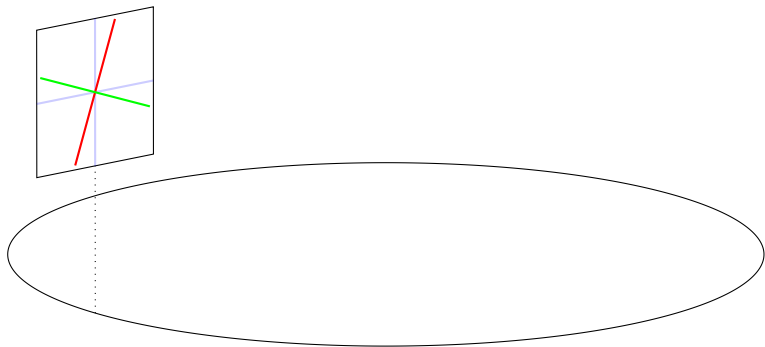
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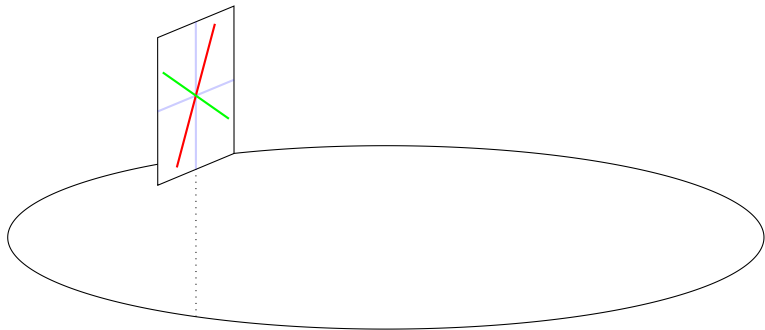
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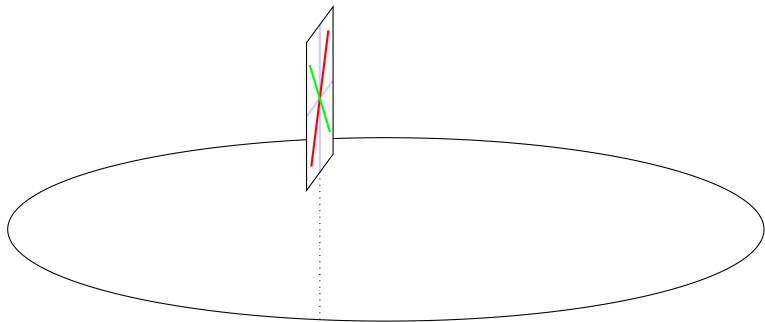
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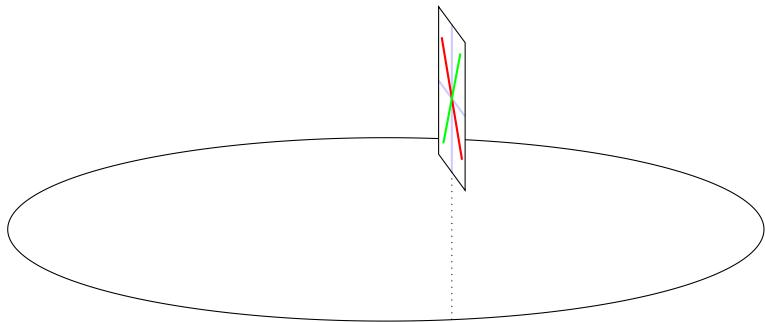
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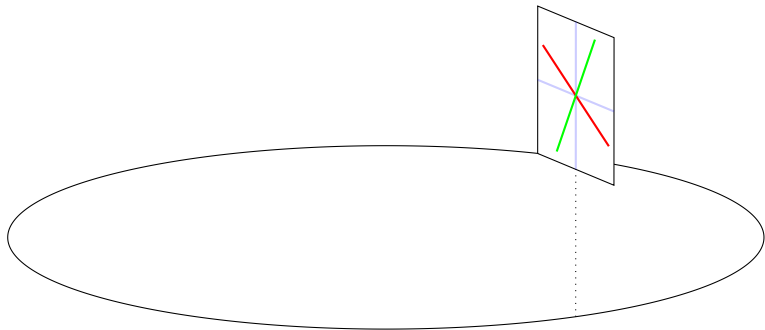
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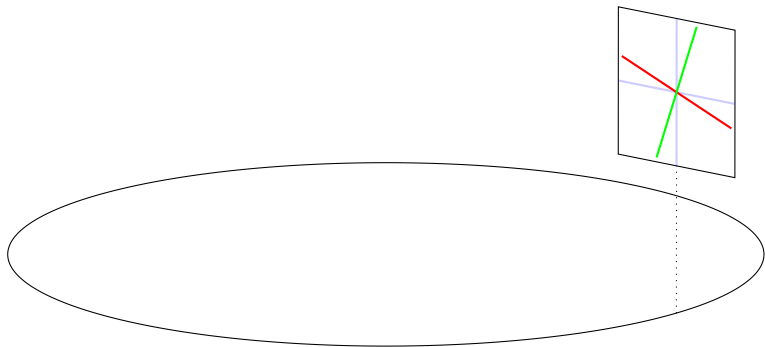
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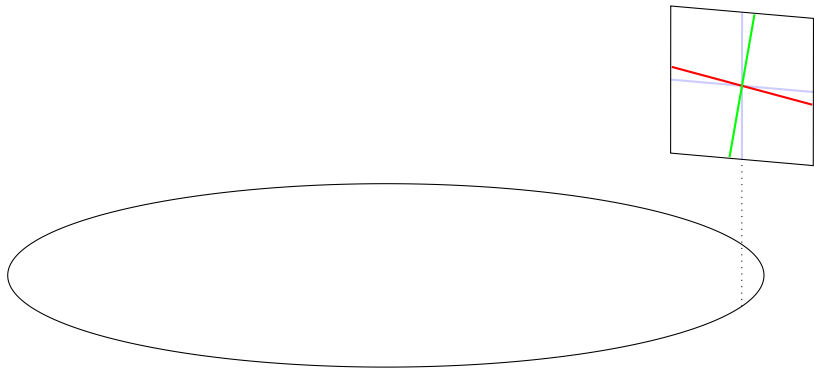
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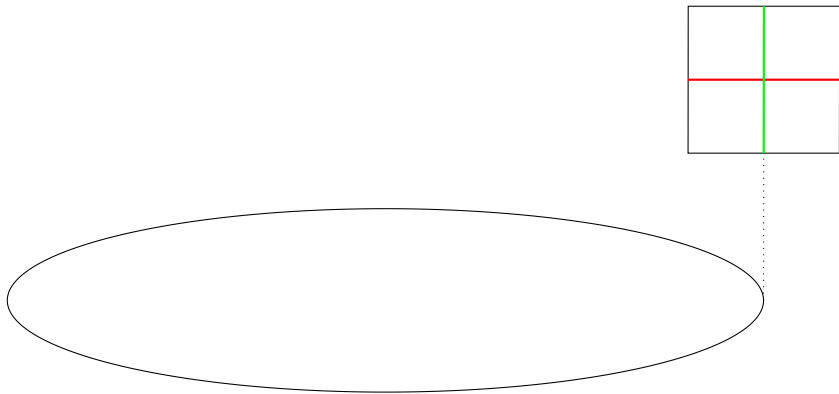
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- ▶ Understanding vector bundles on higher dimensional spheres is fun. See Allen Hatcher, “Vector bundles and K-theory”, Section 1.2.
- ▶ **Example:** The list of **indecomposable** vector bundles on S^2 looks as follows

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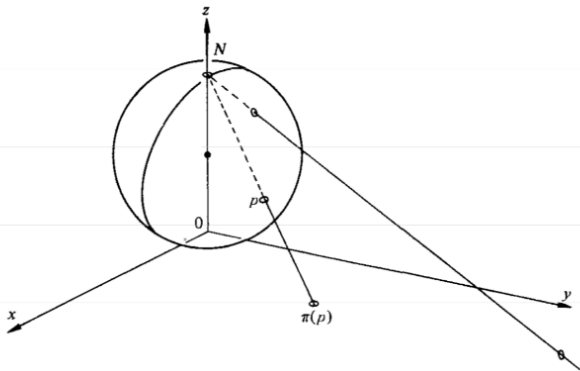
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- ▶ In rank $k \geq 3$ things collapse drastically and we only have

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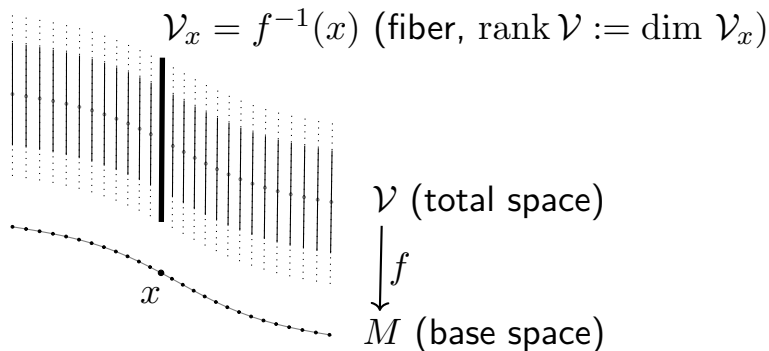
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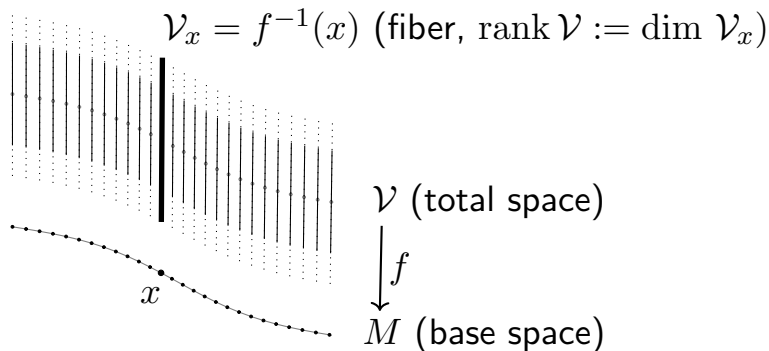
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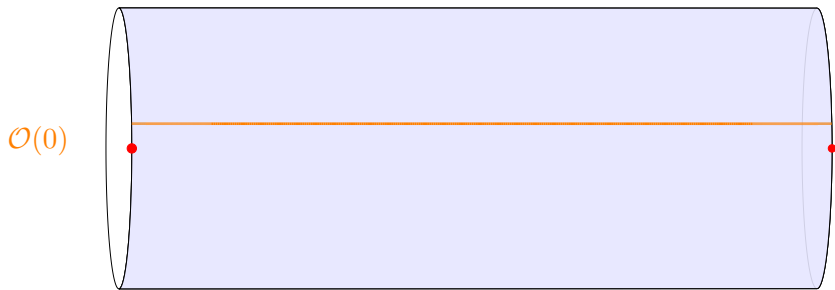
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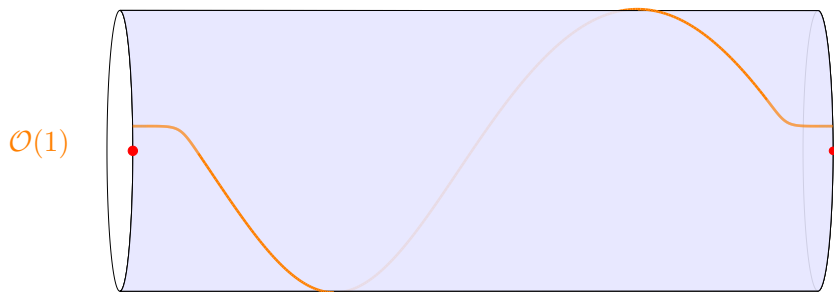
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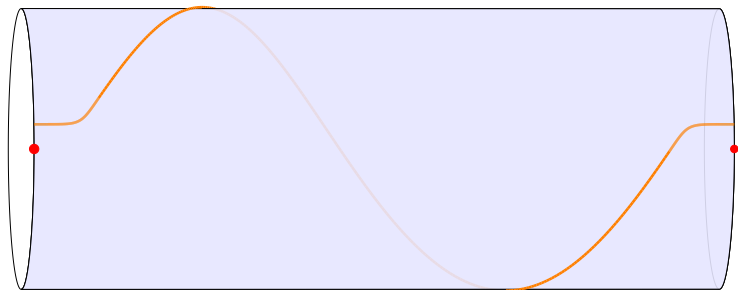


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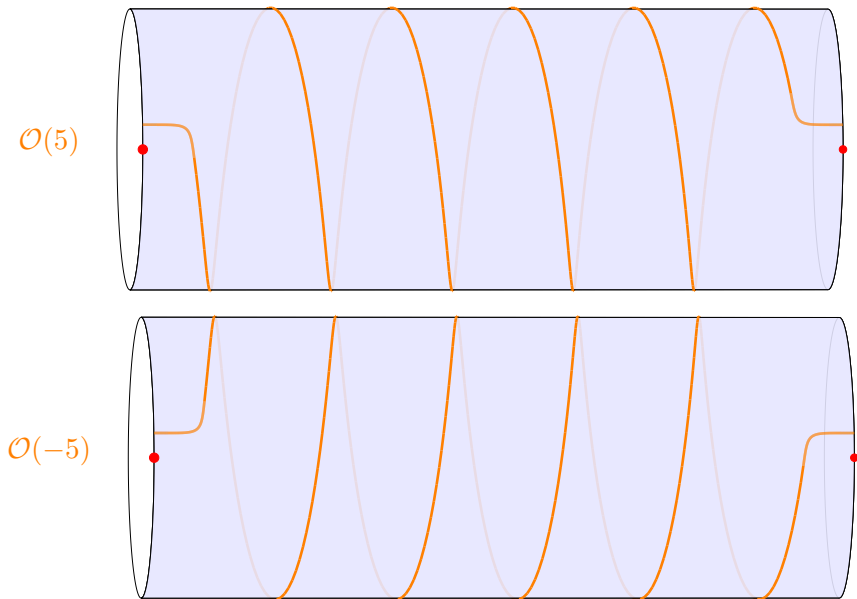
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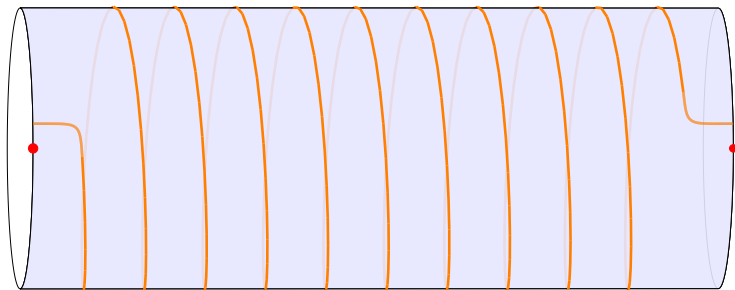


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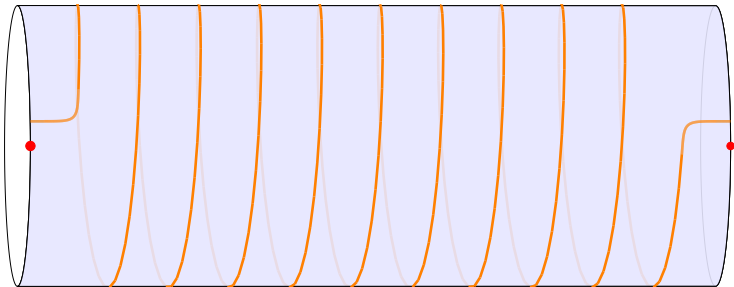


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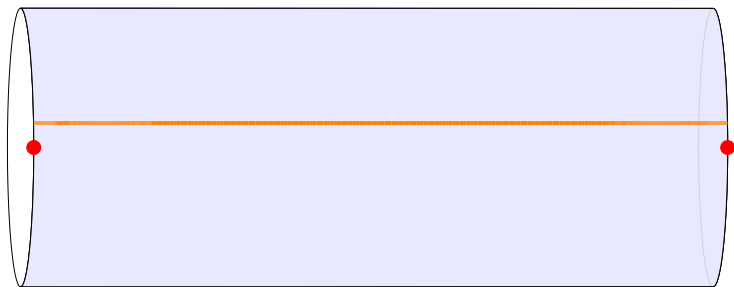


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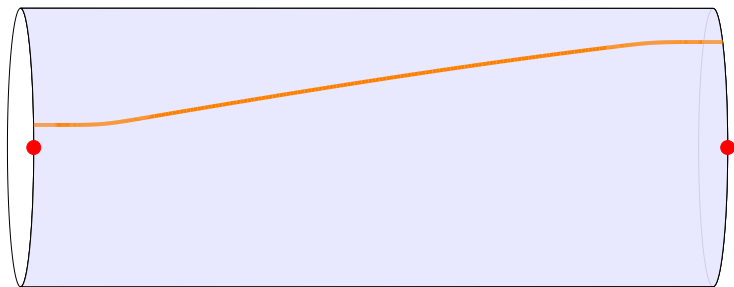


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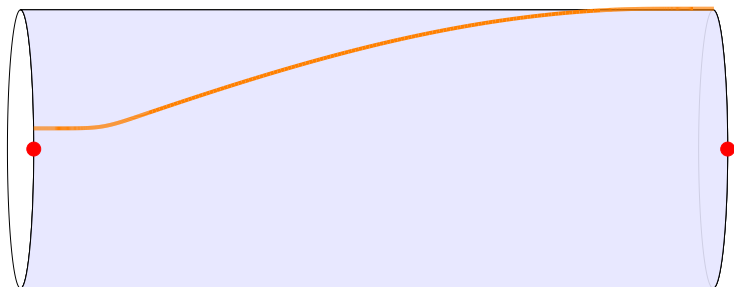
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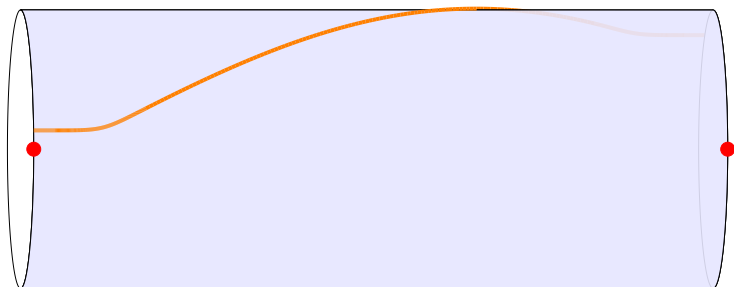
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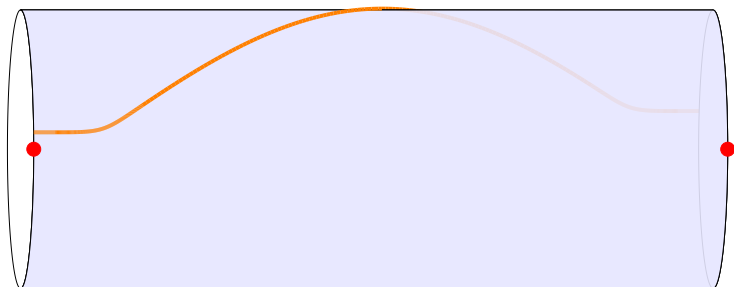
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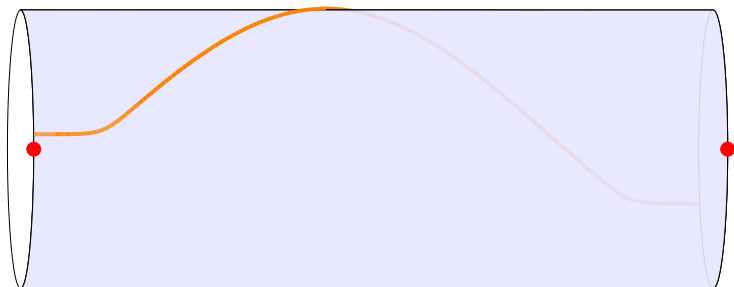
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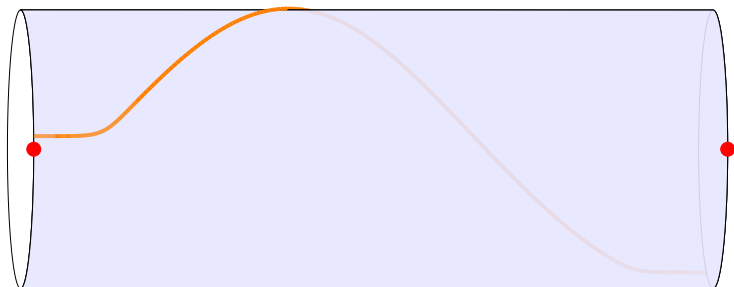
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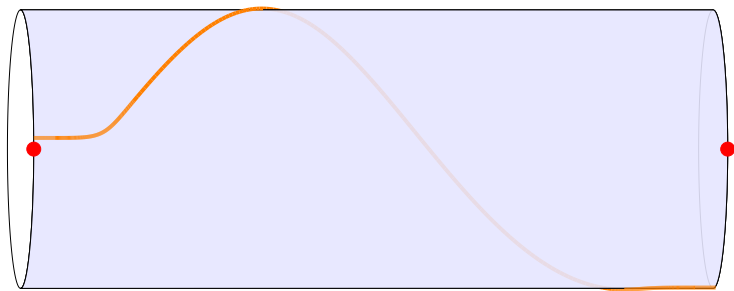
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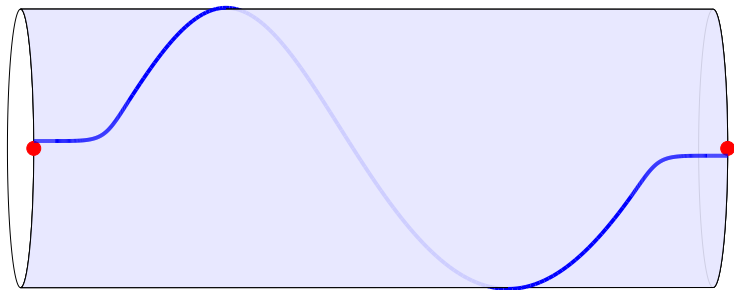
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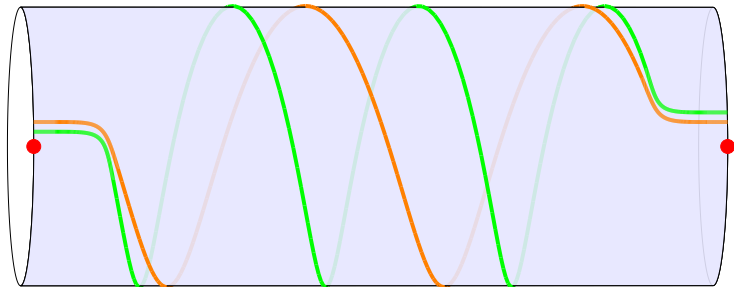
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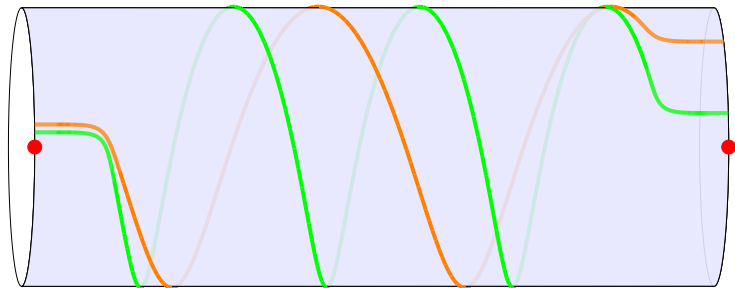


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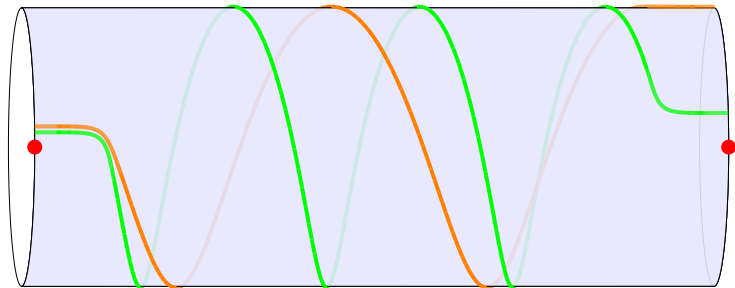


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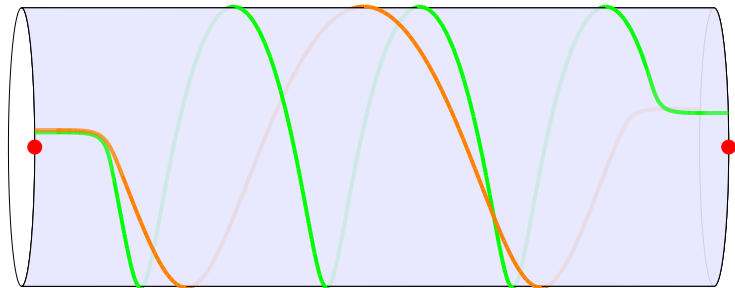
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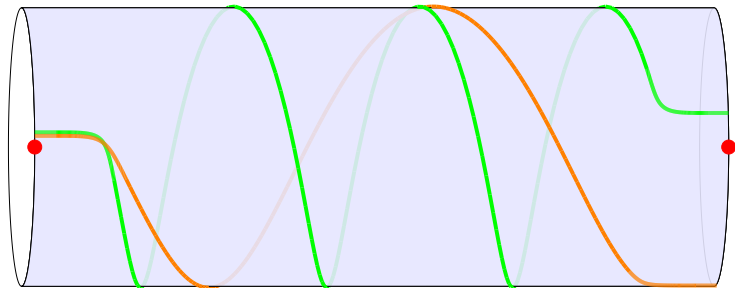
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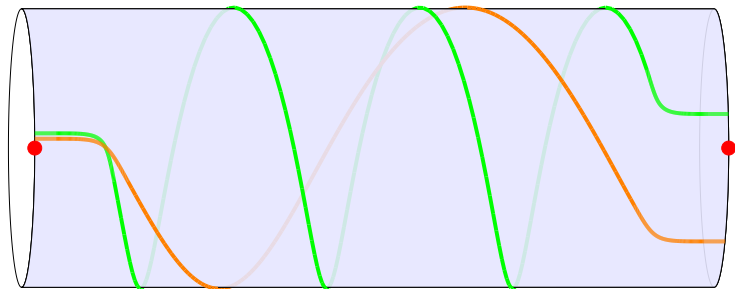
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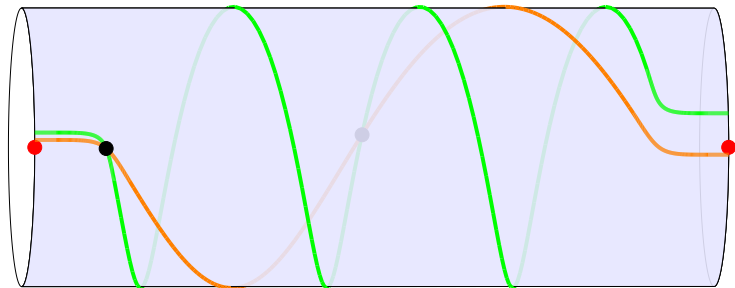
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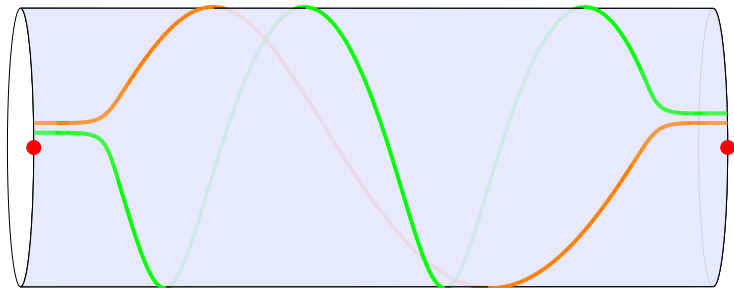
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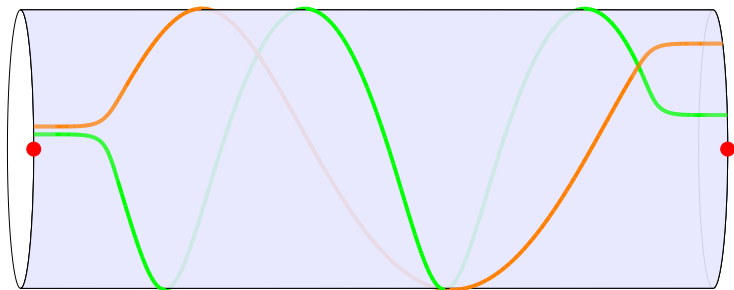


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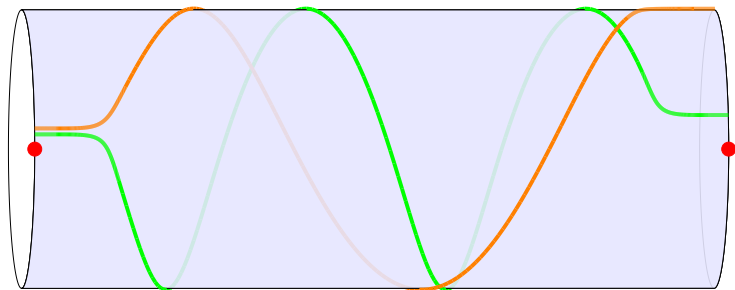


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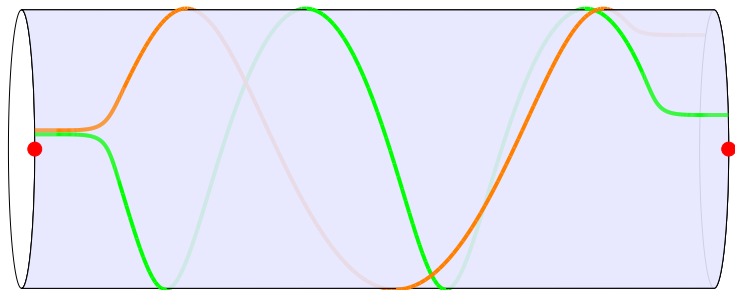
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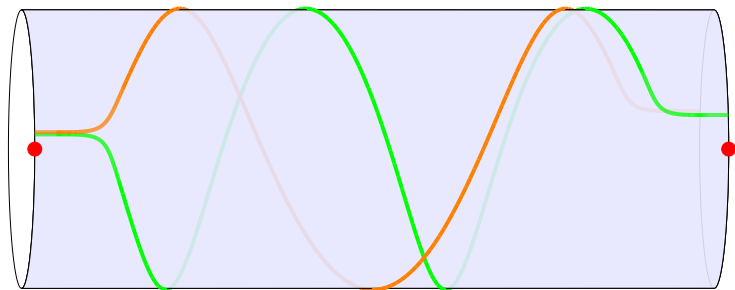
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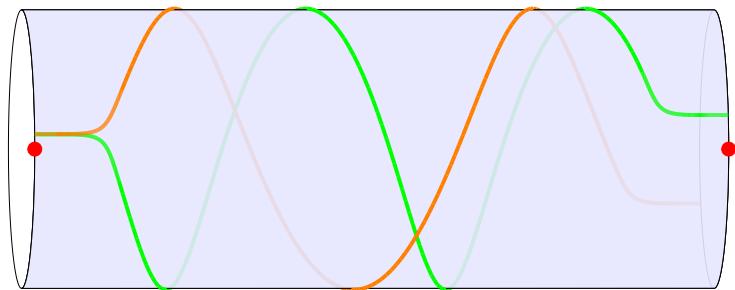
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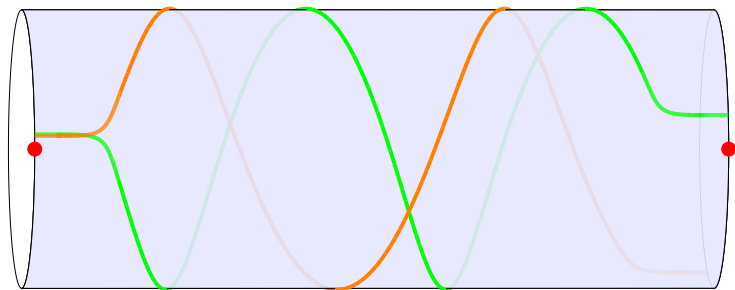
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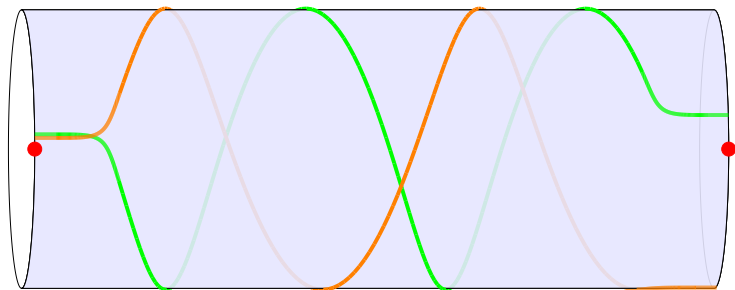
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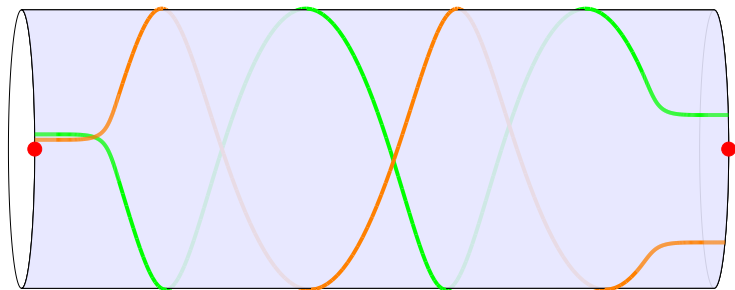
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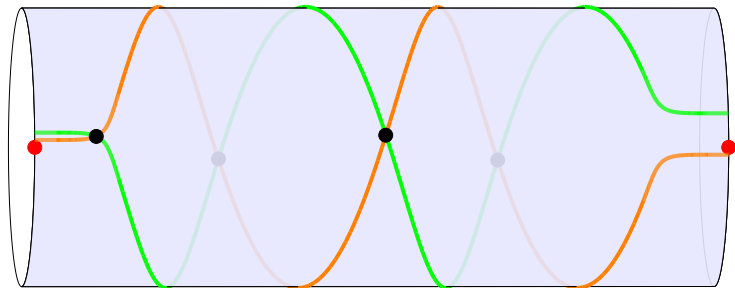
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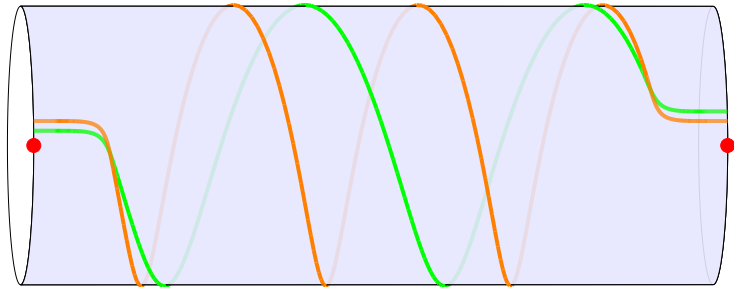
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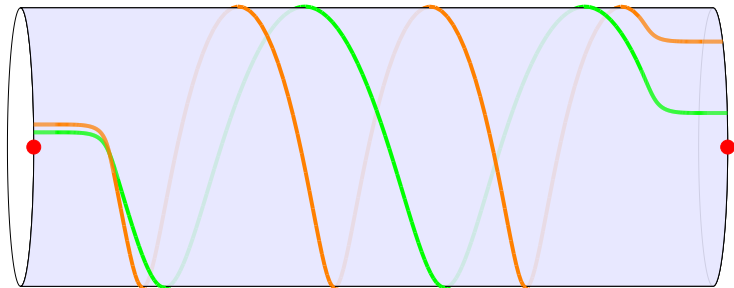


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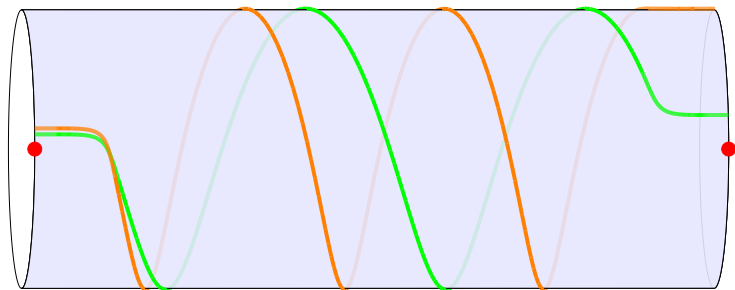


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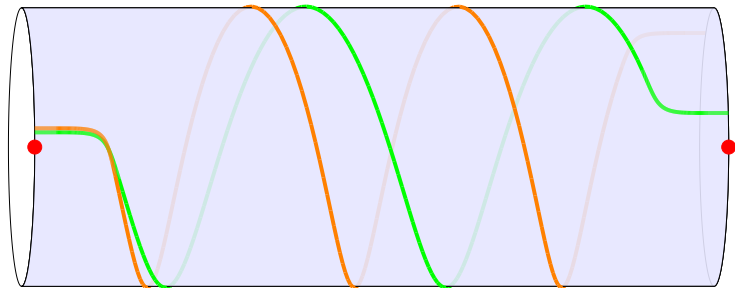
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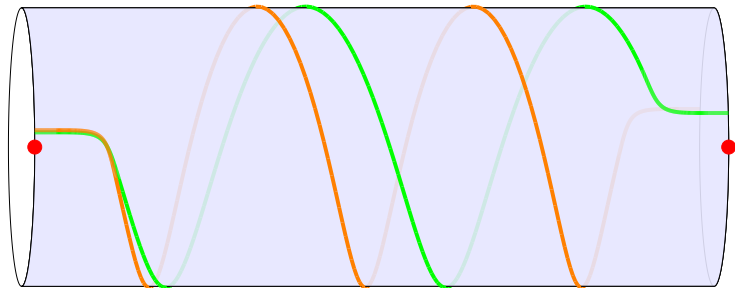
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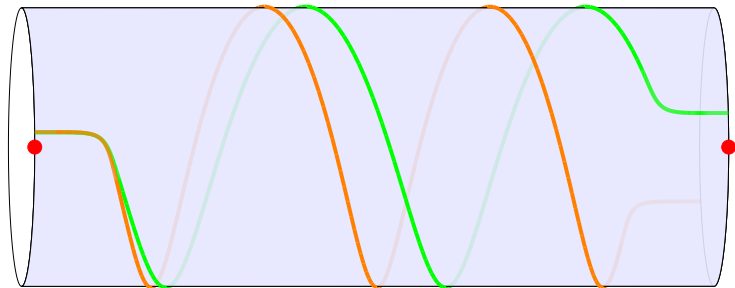
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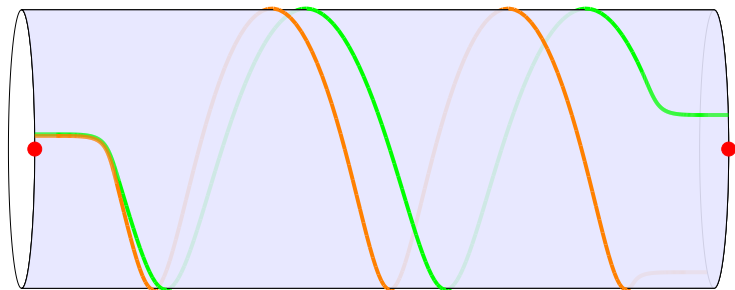
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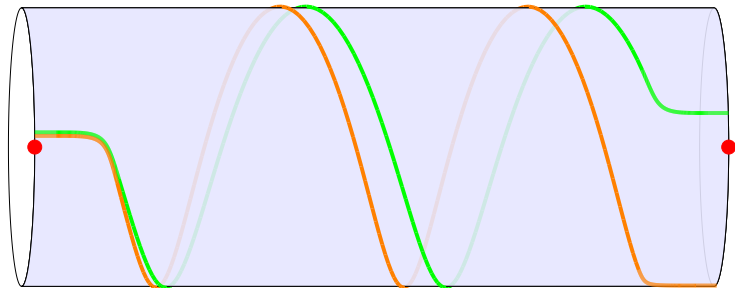
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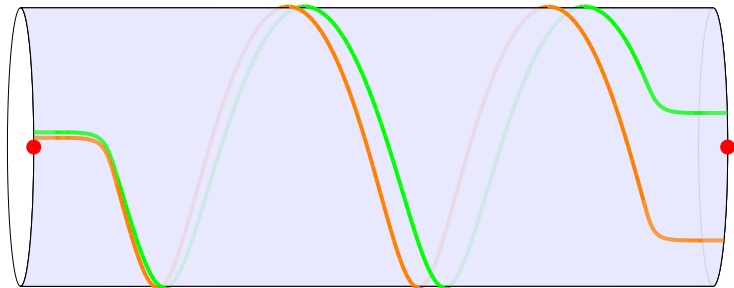
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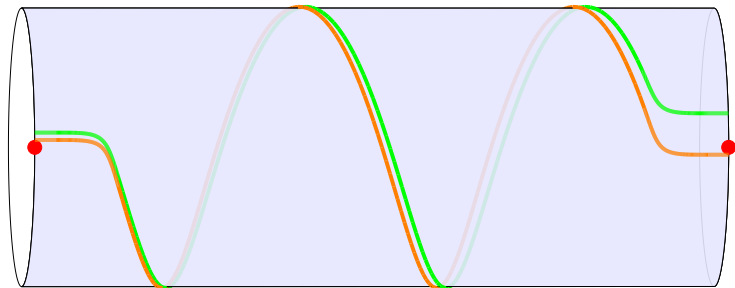
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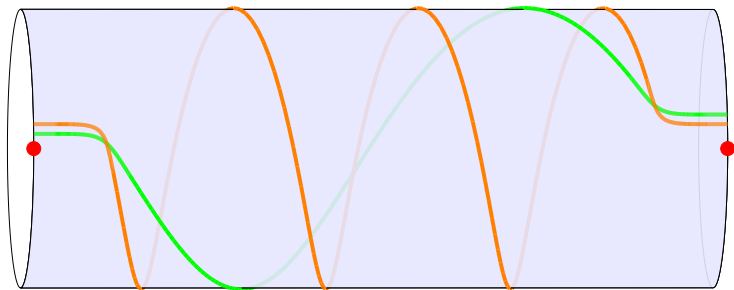
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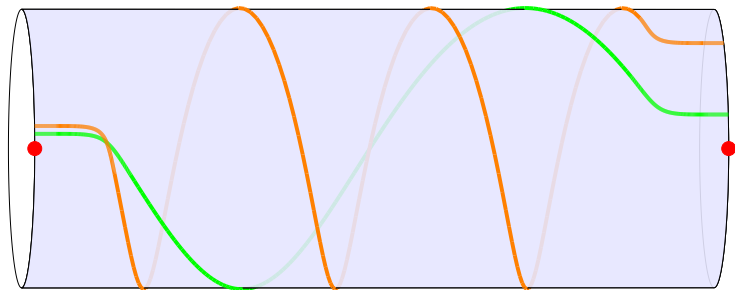


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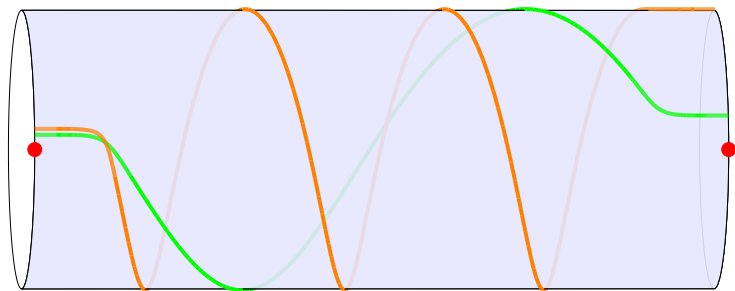


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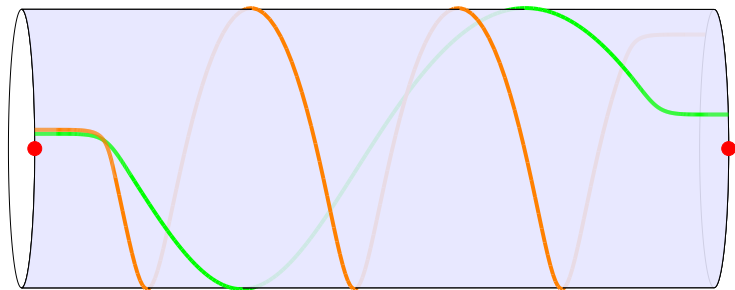
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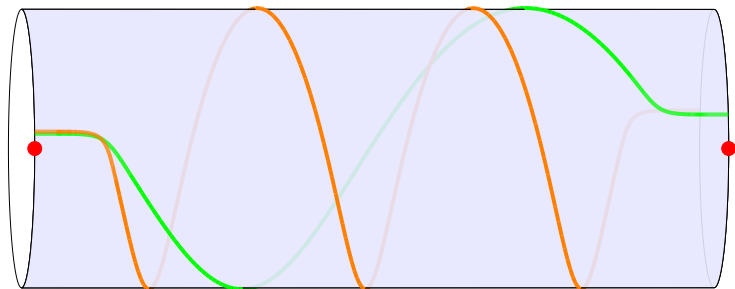
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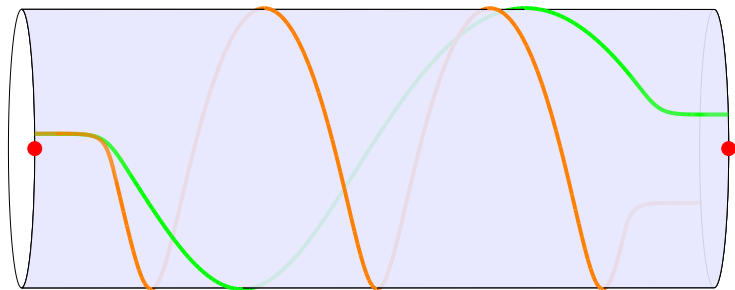
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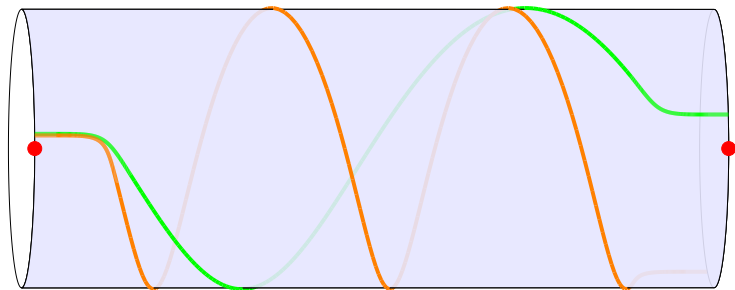
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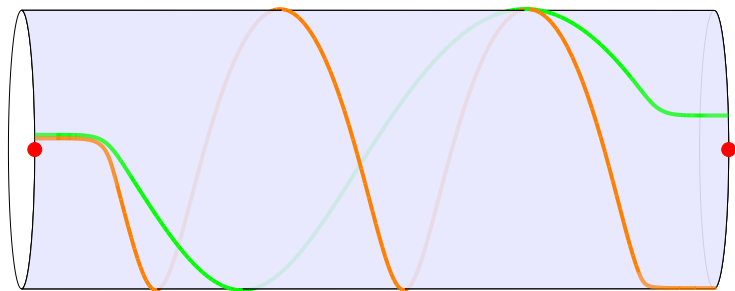
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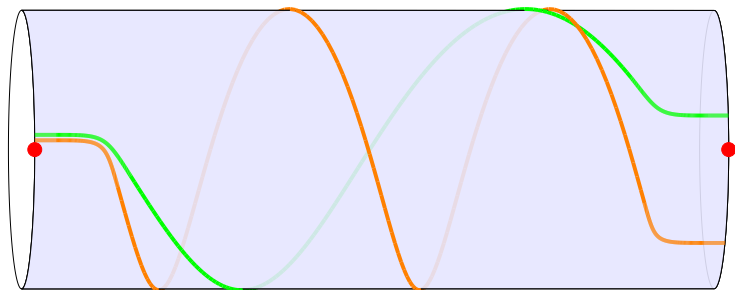
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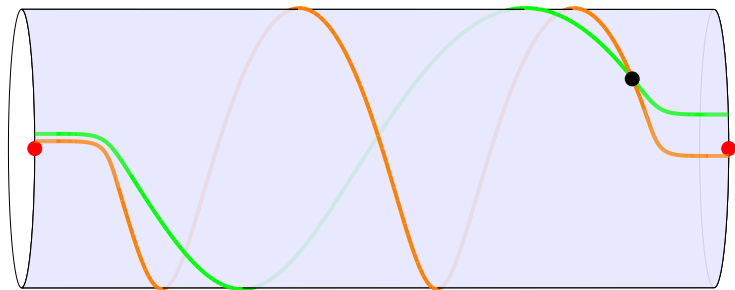
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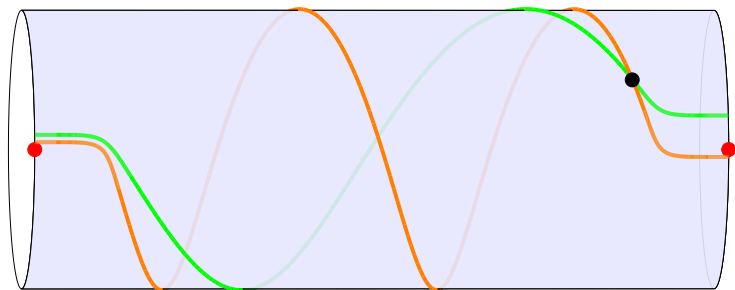
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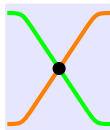
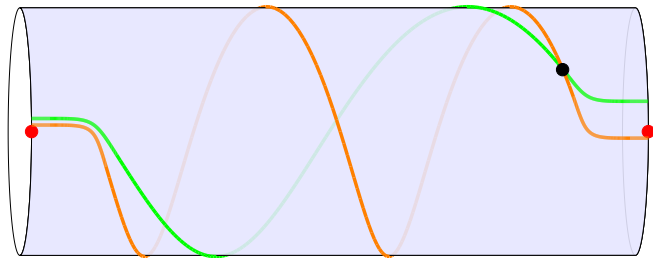
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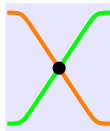
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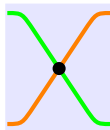
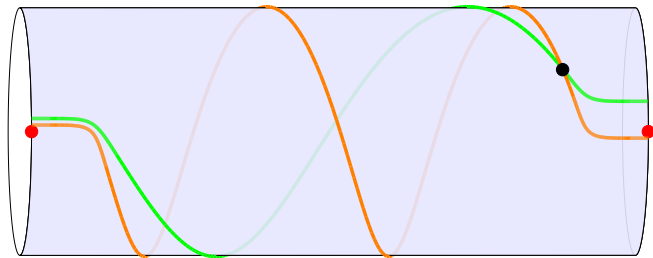


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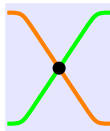


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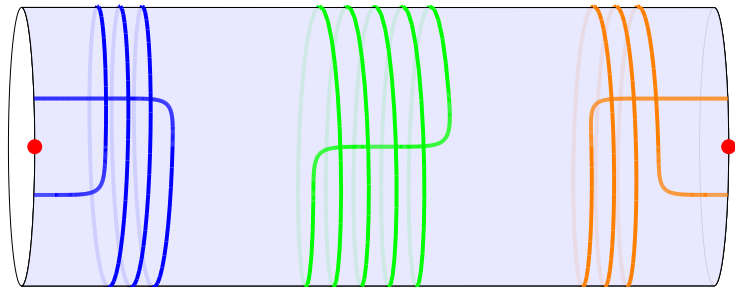
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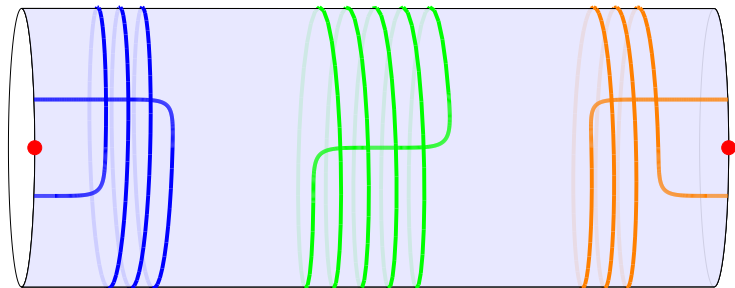
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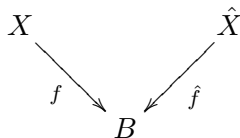
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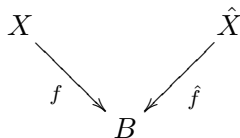
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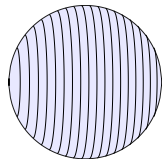
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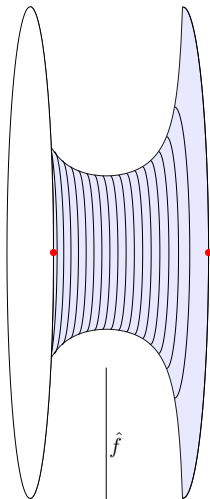
- ▶ Line bundles on X correspond to (Lagrangian) sections of \hat{f} .

Example: the 2-sphere



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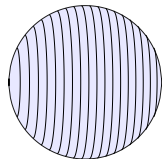
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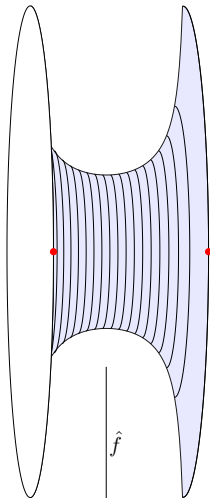
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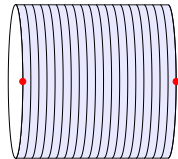
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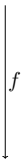
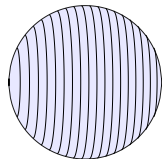


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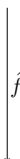
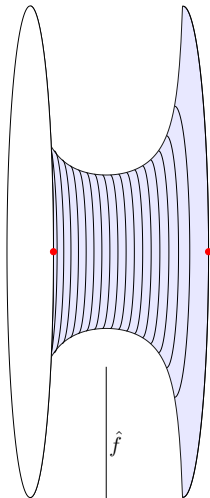
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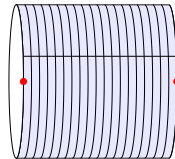
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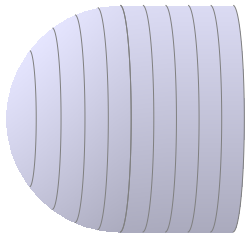


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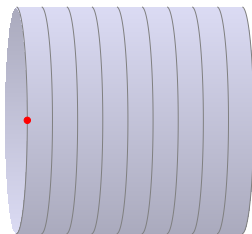
(section for $\mathcal{O}(0)$)

Other examples: the plane

- ▶ The mirror of the plane $\mathbb{R}^2 \cong \mathbb{C} \cong S^2 - \{\text{point}\}$ is a cylinder with **one stop** on the boundary.
- ▶ SYZ view

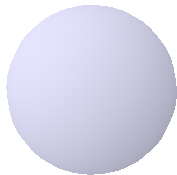


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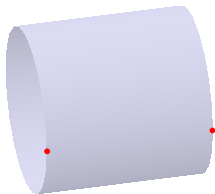


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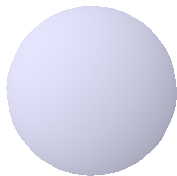


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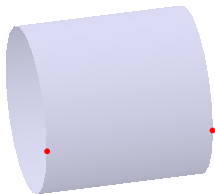


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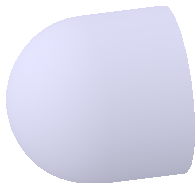
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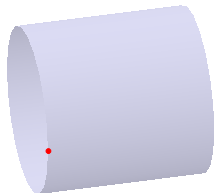
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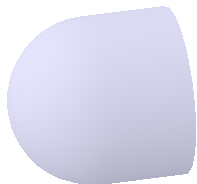


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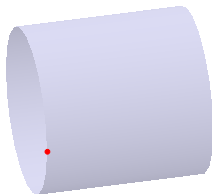


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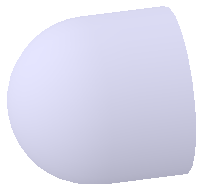


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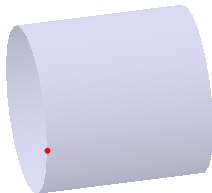


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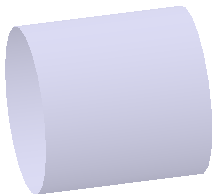
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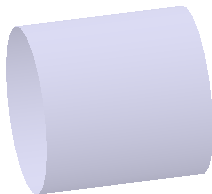
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The cylinder ($S^2 - \{2 \text{ points}\}$)



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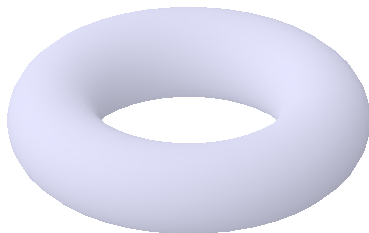
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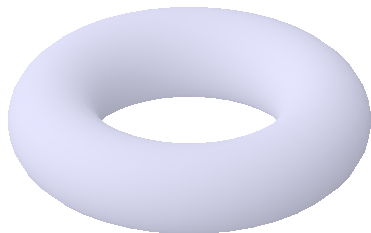
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A torus

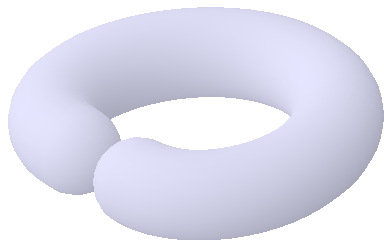


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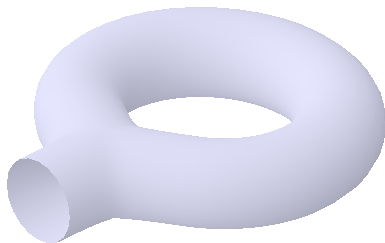
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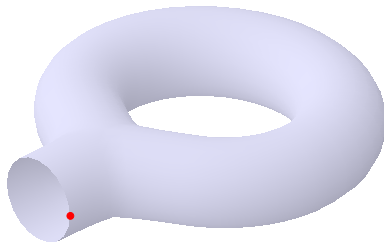
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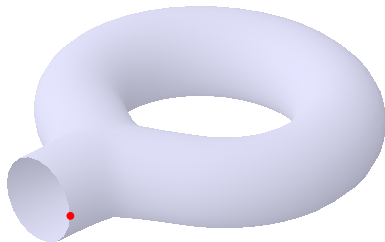
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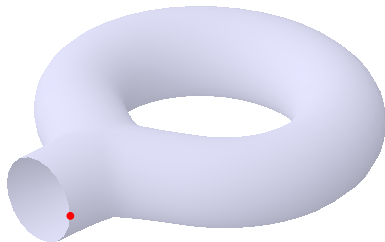
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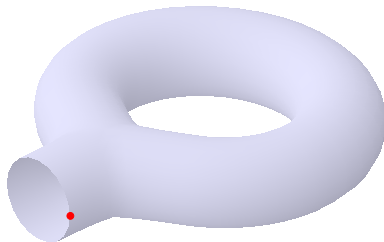
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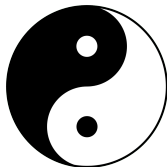
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Thank you



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