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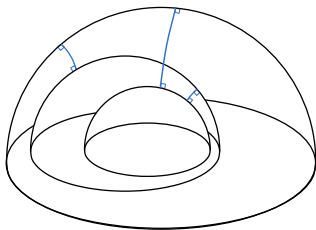
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# On a conjecture of Lorentzen and Ruscheweyh

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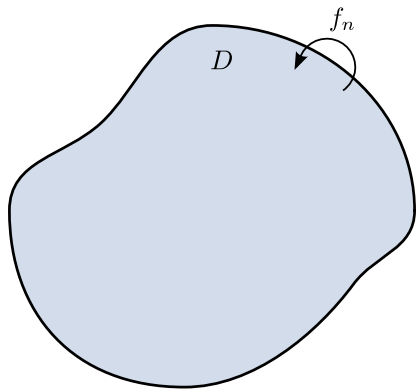
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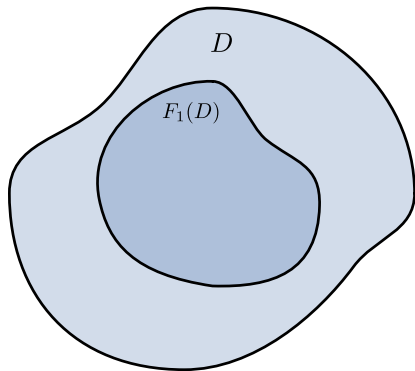
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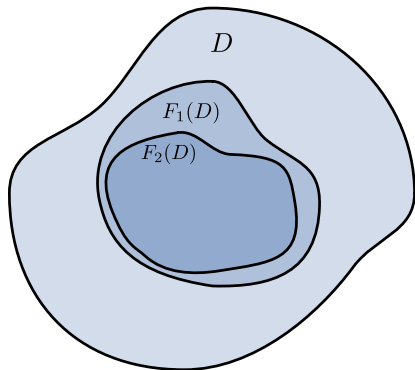
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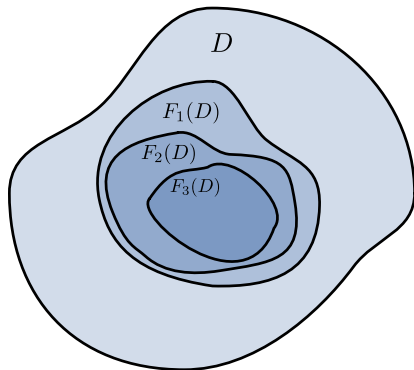
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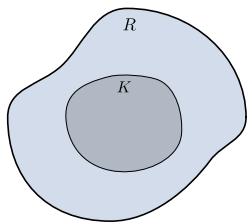
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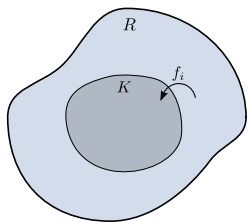
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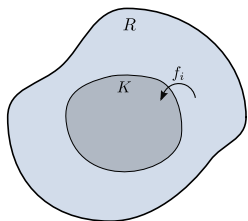
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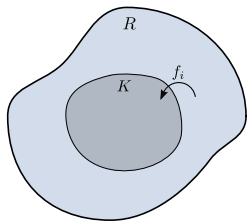
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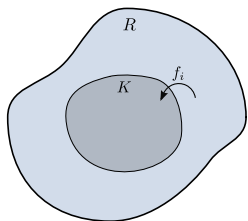
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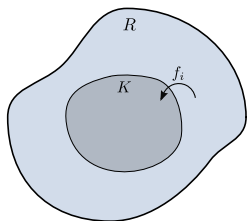
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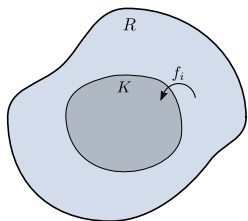


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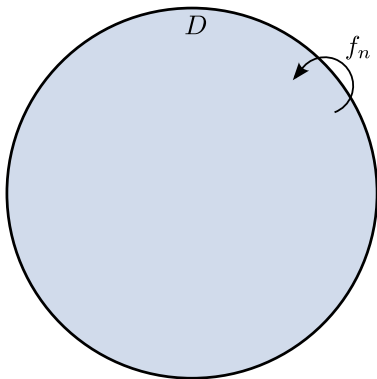
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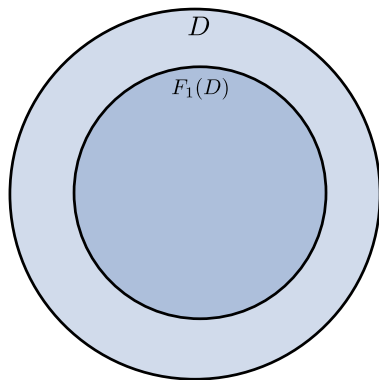
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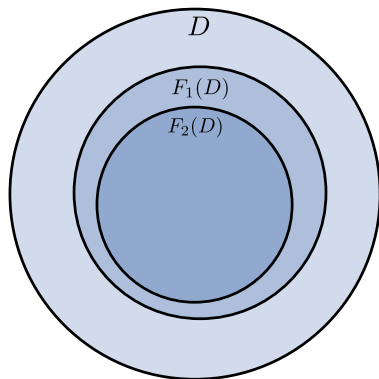
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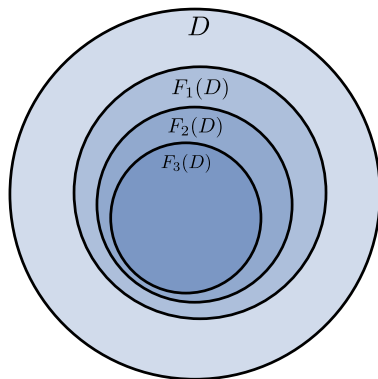
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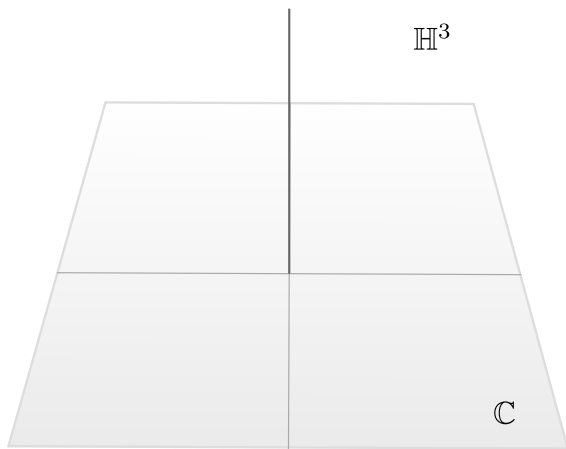


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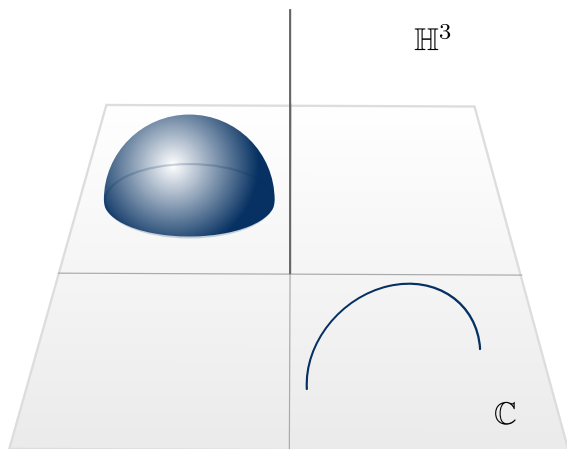
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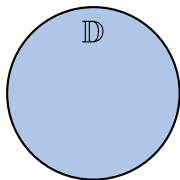
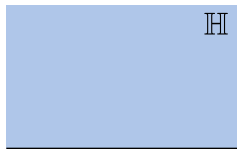
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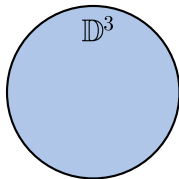
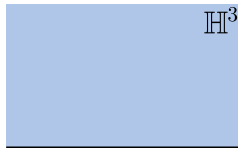
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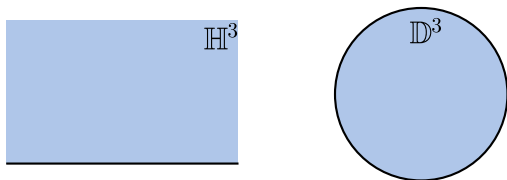
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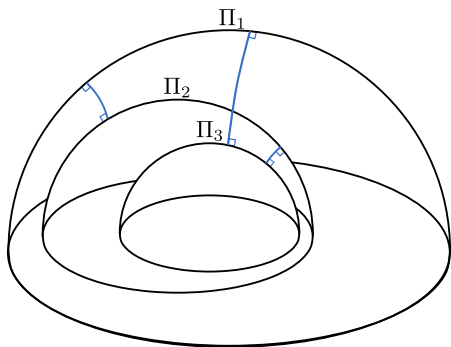


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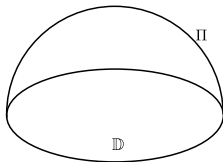
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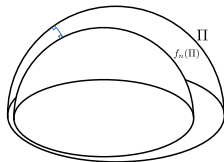
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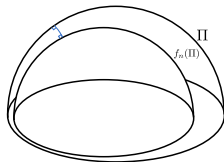


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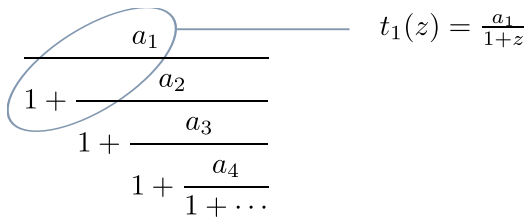
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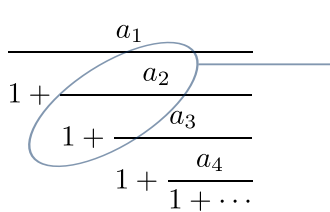
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The diagram illustrates the connection between a continued fraction and a function  $t_1(z)$ . On the left, a continued fraction is shown with terms  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  and an ellipsis. A blue oval highlights the top part of the fraction, and a line points from this oval to the equation  $t_1(z) = \frac{a_1}{1+z}$  on the right.

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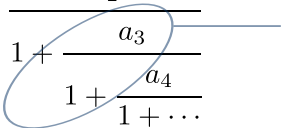
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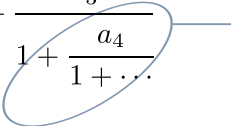
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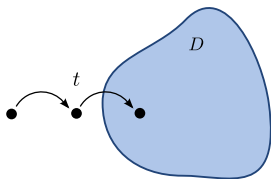
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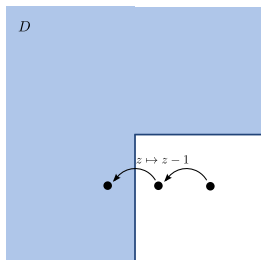
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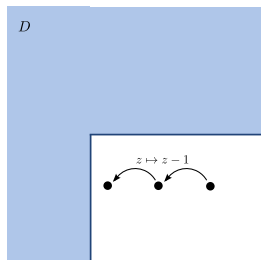
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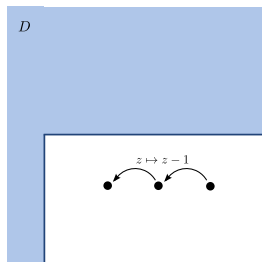
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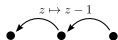
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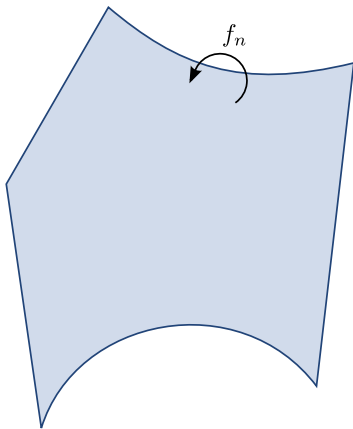
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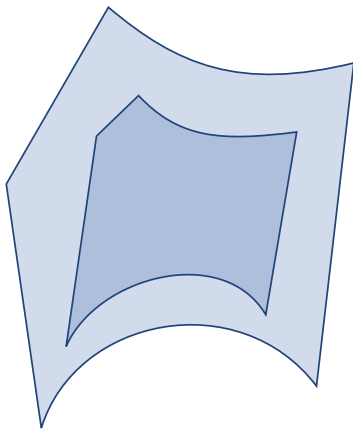
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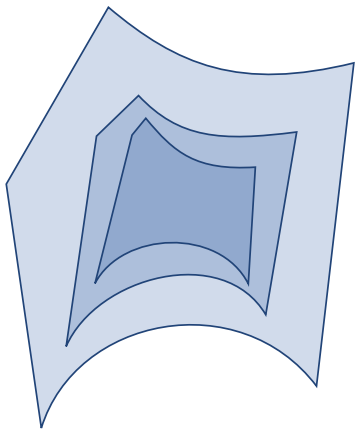
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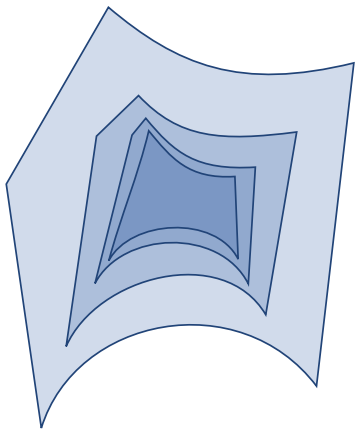
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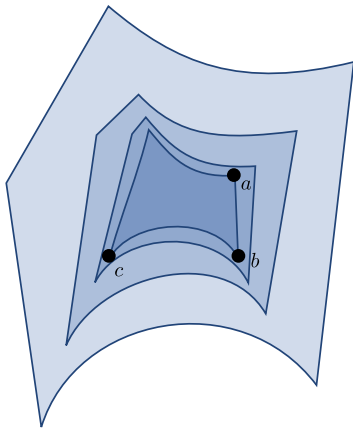
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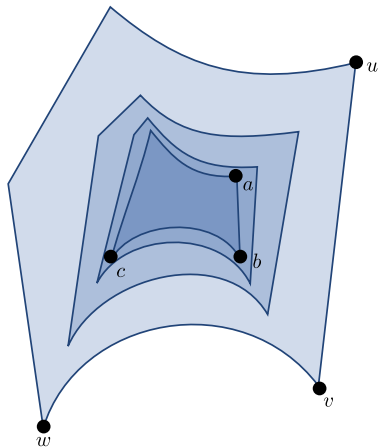
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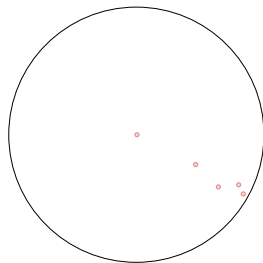
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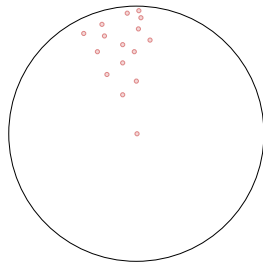
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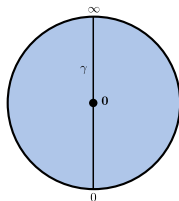
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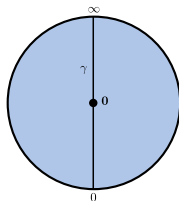
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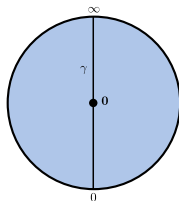
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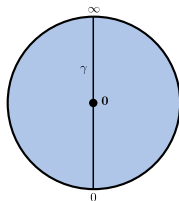
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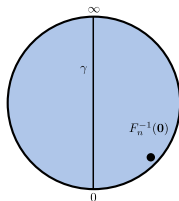
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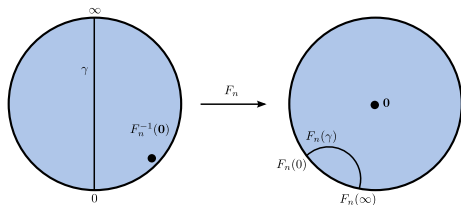
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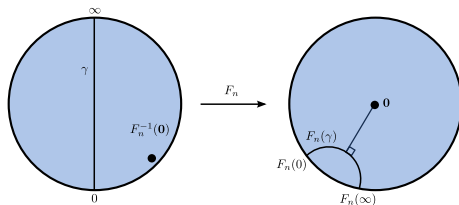
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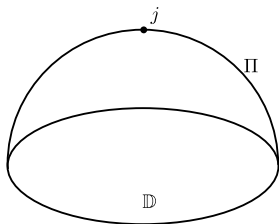
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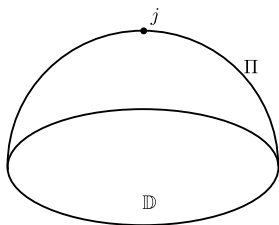
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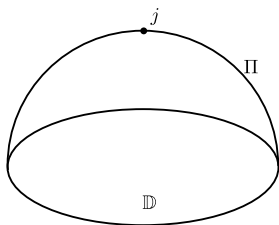
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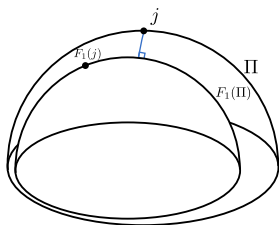
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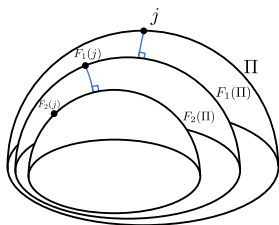
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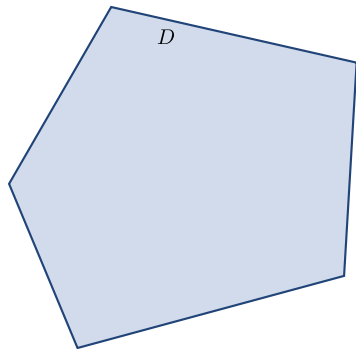
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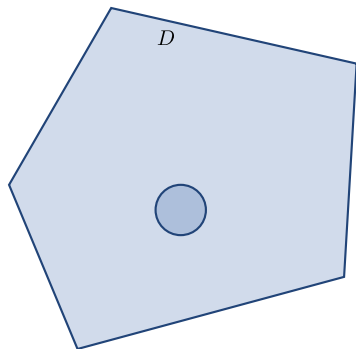
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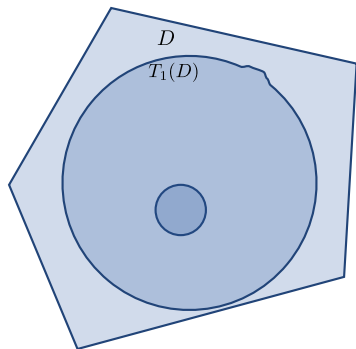
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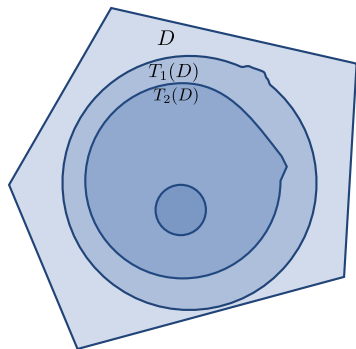
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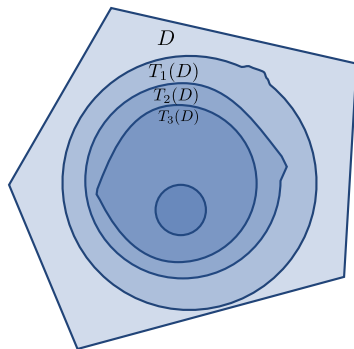
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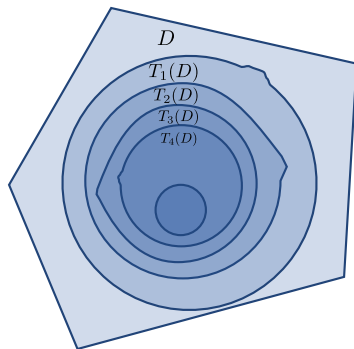
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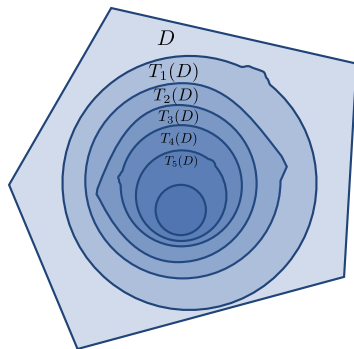
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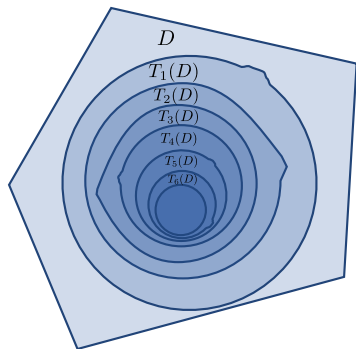
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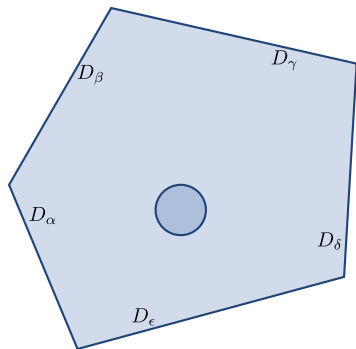
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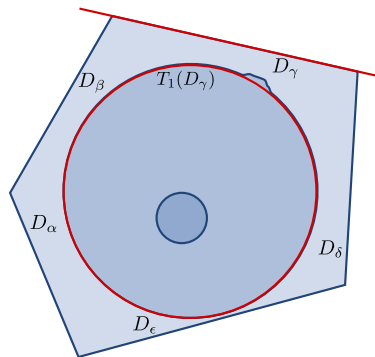
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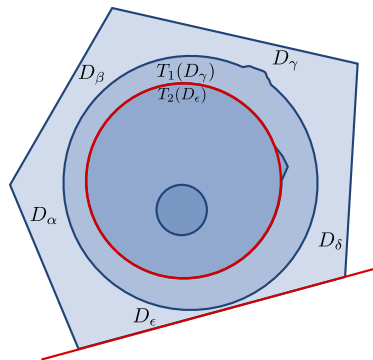
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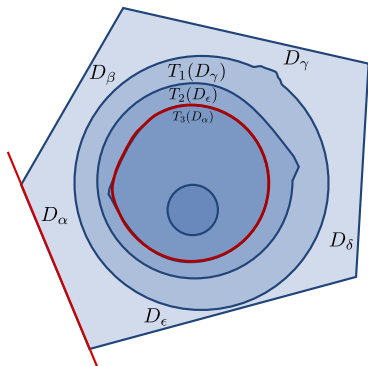
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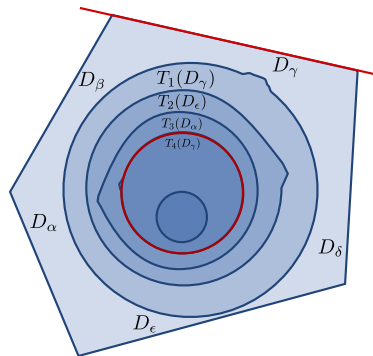
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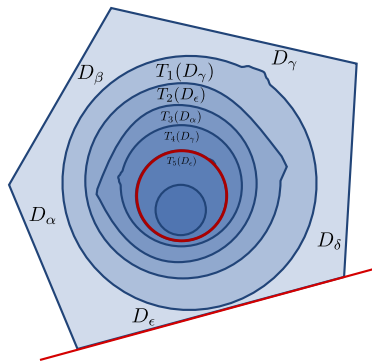
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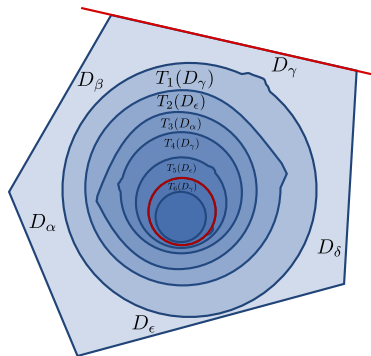
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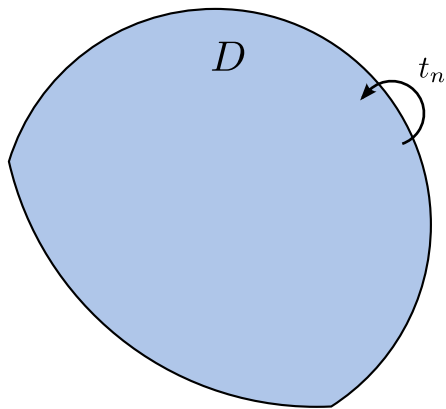
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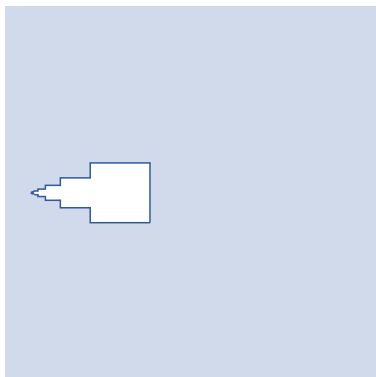
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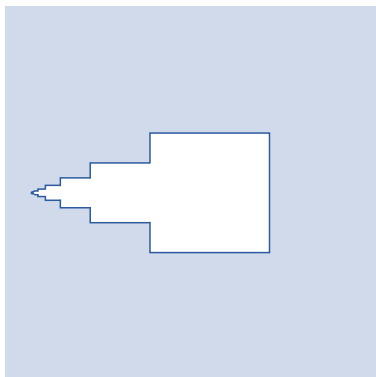
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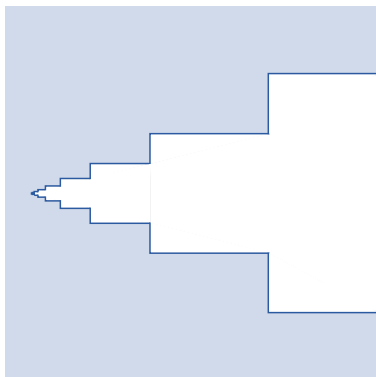
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## OPEN PROBLEMS

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Thank you for your attention.