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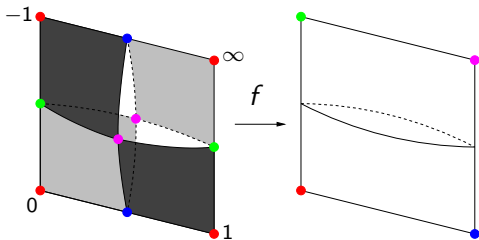
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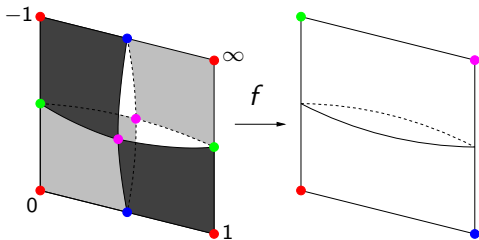


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Critical points: $\bullet \ \color{green}\bullet \ \color{magenta}\bullet \ \color{blue}\bullet \xrightarrow{f} \{-1, 1, \infty\} \xrightarrow{f} \{0\} \xleftarrow{f}$.

Rational in suitable coordinates.

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In general let $\mathcal{C} \supset \text{post}(f)$ be (any) Jordan curve. Then
mesh $S^2 \setminus f^{-n}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Independent of the chosen curve \mathcal{C} .

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Corresponding to result by Cannon-Thurston.

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H_1 isotopy rel. $G^{-1} \text{post}(G)$.

H_n lift of H_0 by G^n , then

$$\max_{x \in S^2} \text{diam } H_n(x, \cdot) \leq C\Lambda^{-n},$$

in suitable metric ($\Lambda > 1$).

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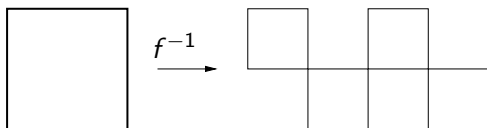
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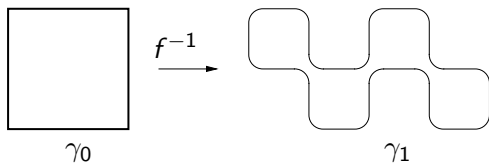


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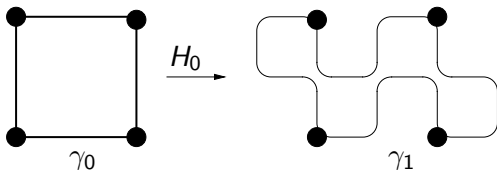


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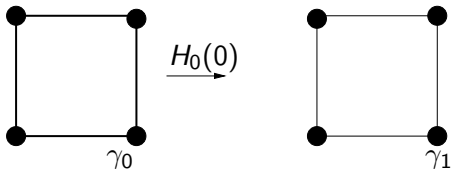


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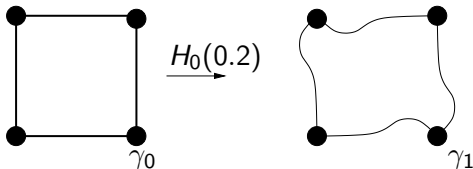


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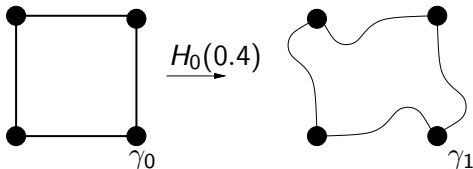


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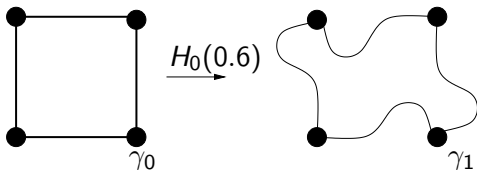


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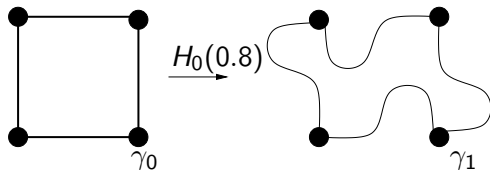


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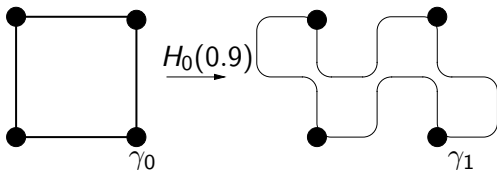


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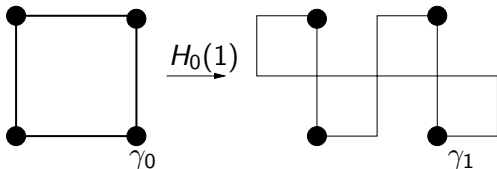


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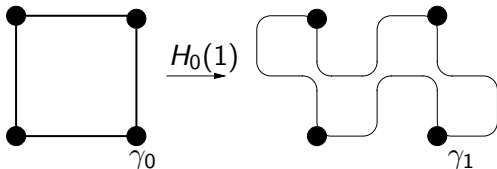


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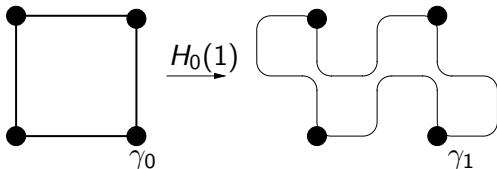
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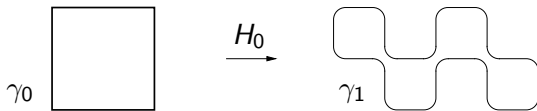
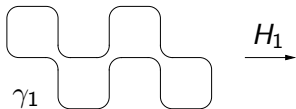
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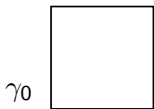
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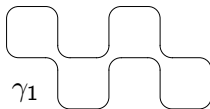
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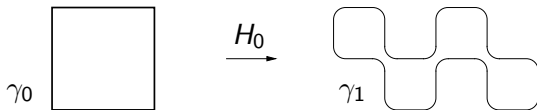
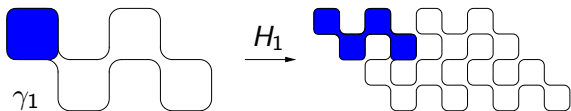
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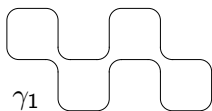


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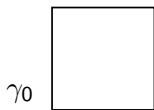
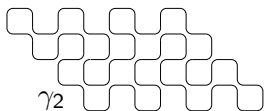
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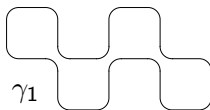
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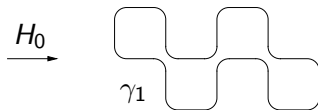
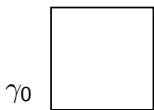
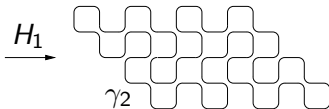
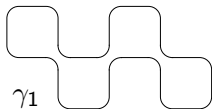
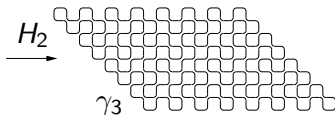
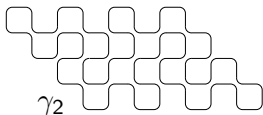


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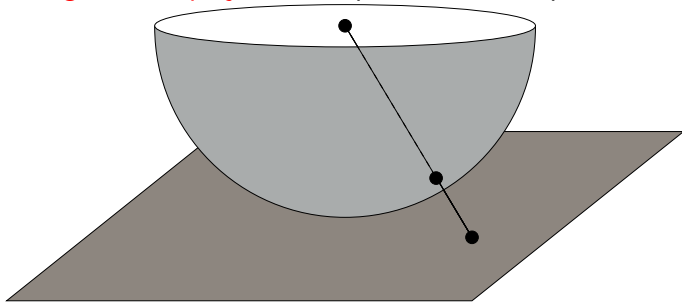
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The **gnomonic projection** maps \mathbb{C} to a hemisphere.



Action of polynomial on \mathbb{C} , becomes action on hemisphere.

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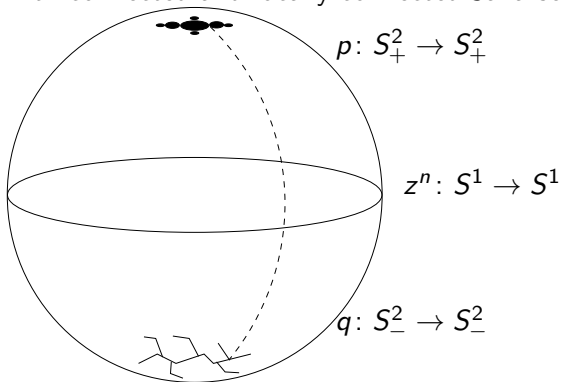
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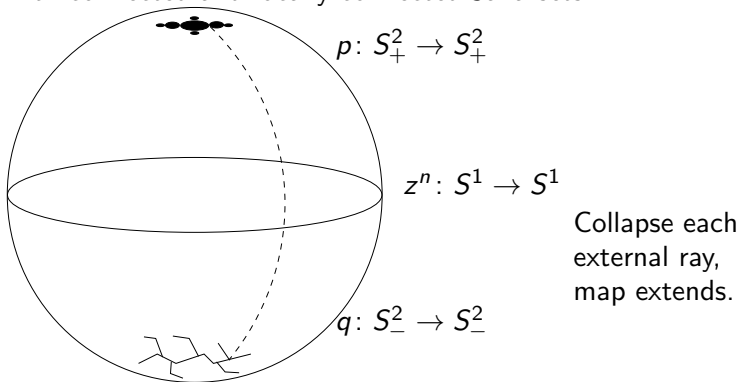
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$$p \amalg q|_{\mathcal{K}_p} = p \quad p \amalg q|_{\mathcal{K}_q} = q,$$

well defined. This is the **mating** of p, q .

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It is possible to “generate” \sim from finite data.

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Parametrization of γ_1 .

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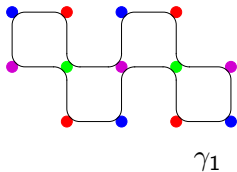
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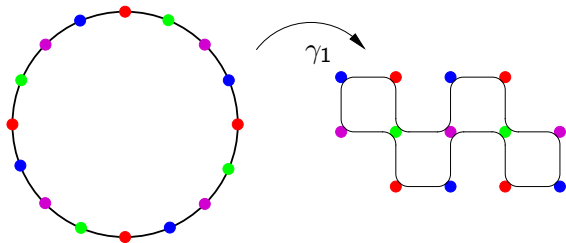


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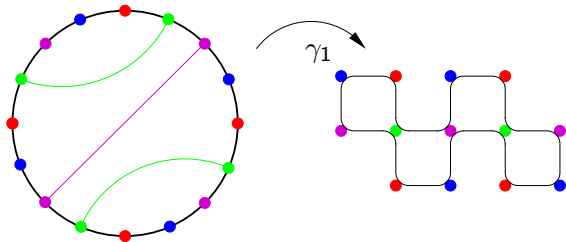


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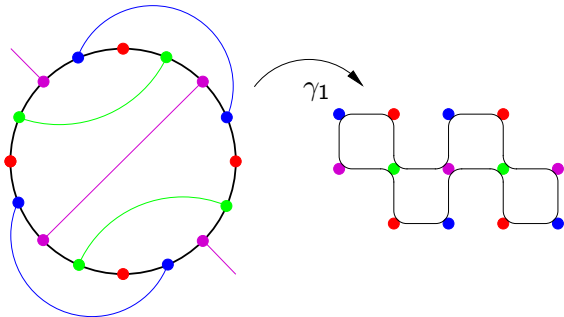


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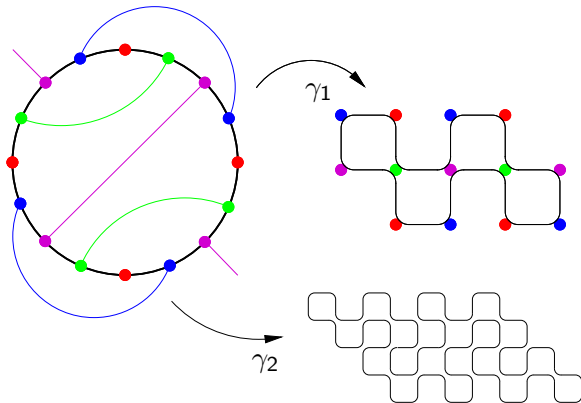


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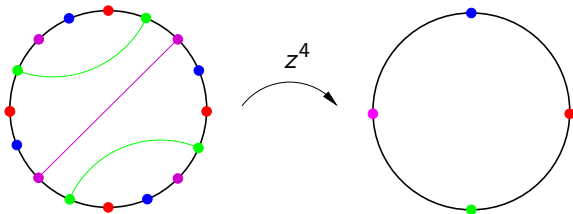
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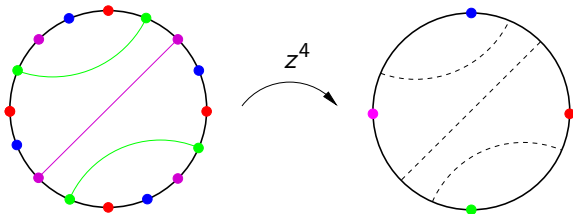
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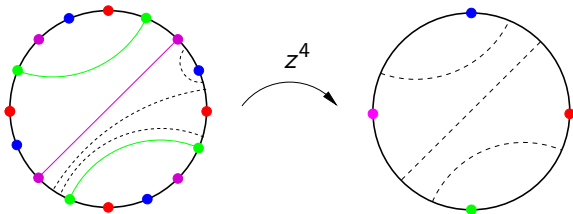
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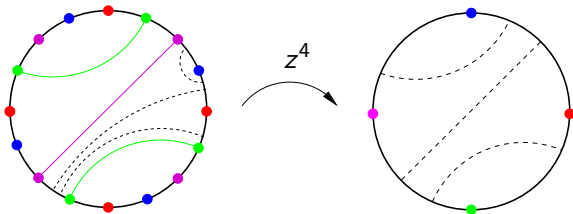
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