

Non-integer multigraded algebra

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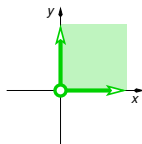
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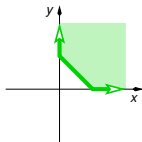
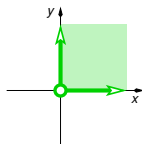
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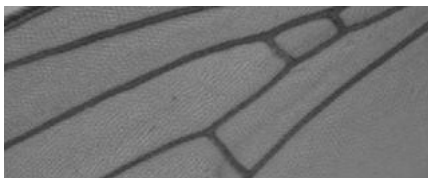
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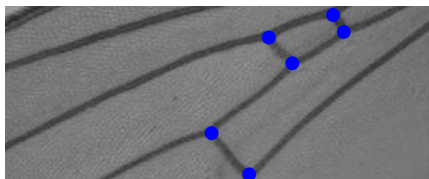
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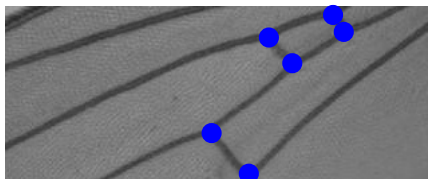
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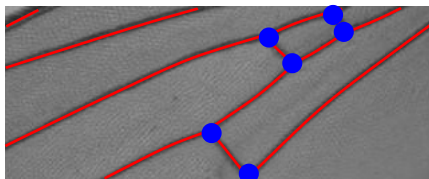
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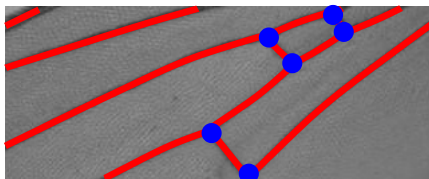
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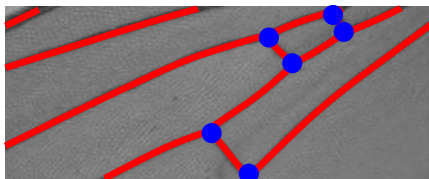
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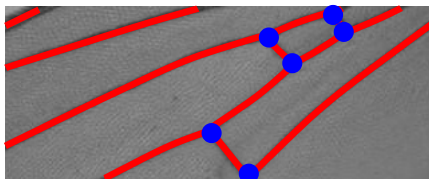
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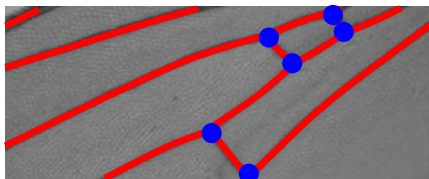
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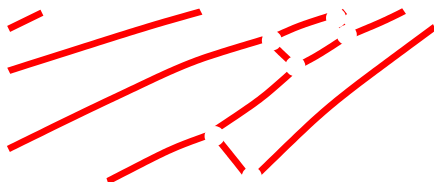
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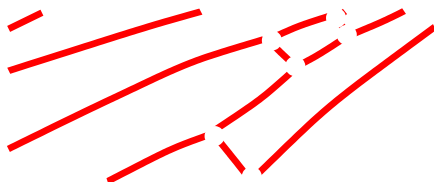
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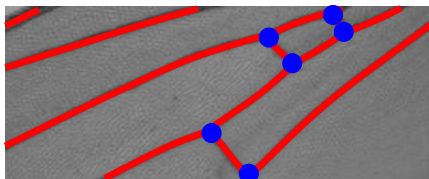
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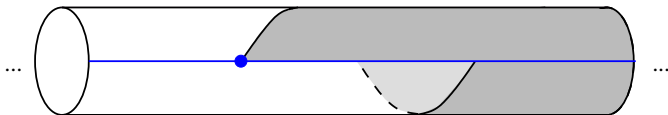
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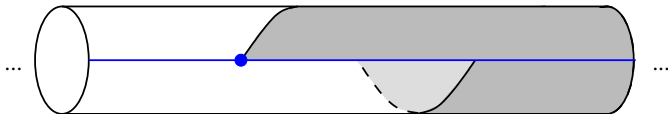


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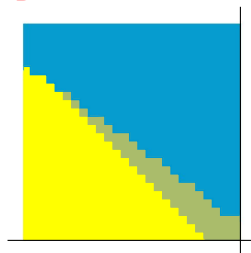
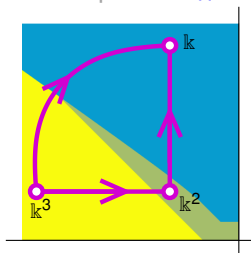
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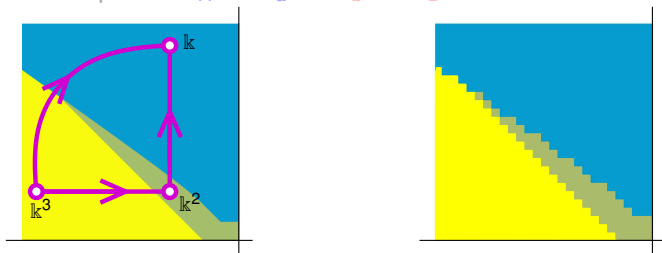
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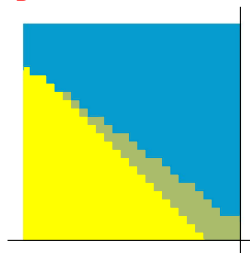
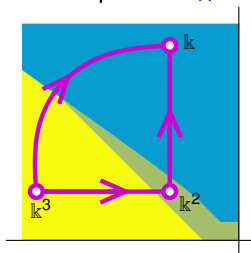
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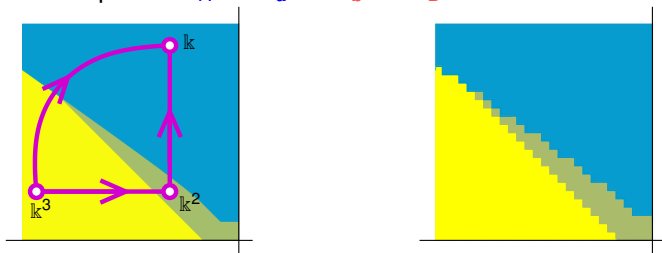
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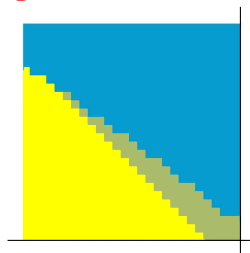
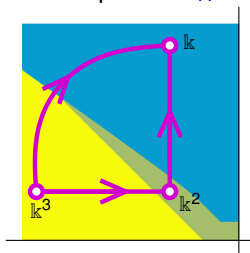
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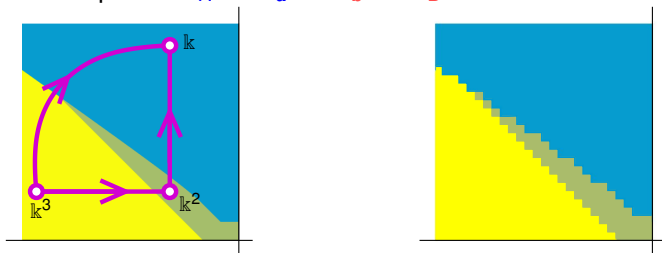
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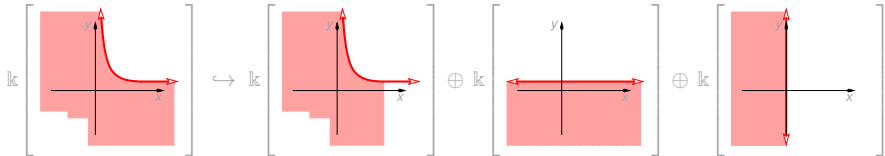
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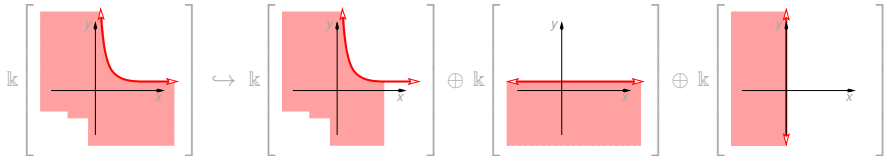
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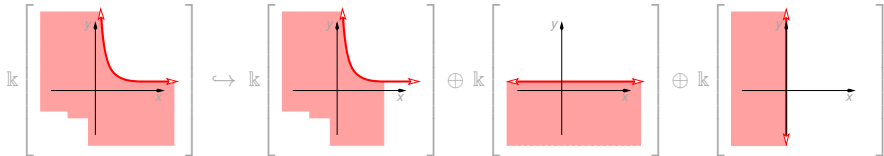
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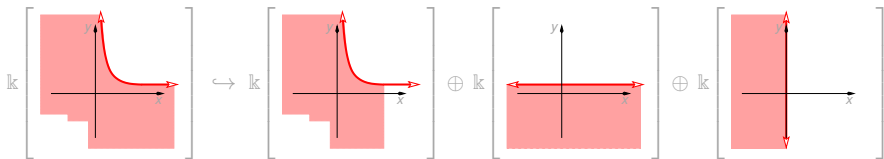
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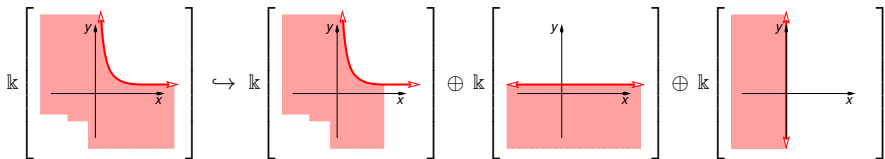
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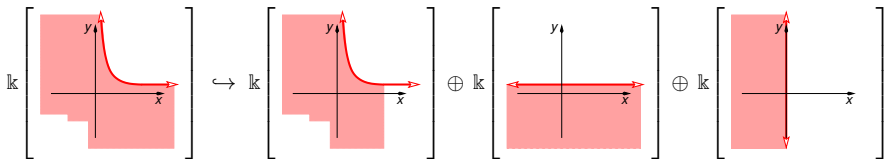
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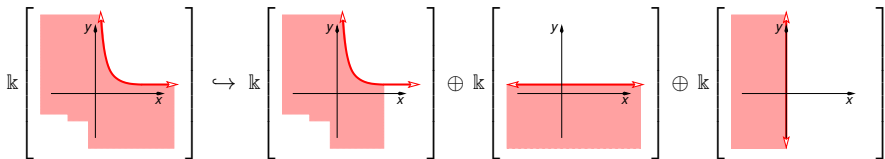
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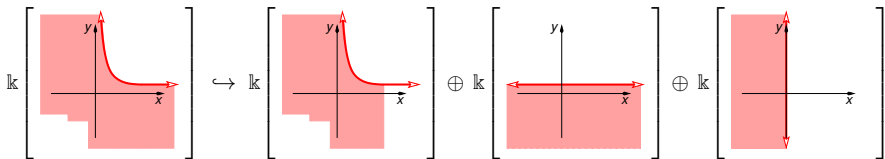
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- $\bar{\sigma} = Q_+ \setminus \sigma$ is an ideal of the monoid Q_+ (so $\bar{\sigma} + Q_+ \subseteq \bar{\sigma}$).

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Thm [-]. Fix a polyhedral partially ordered group Q . Any tame Q -module M has a **primary decomposition**: $M \hookrightarrow \bigoplus_{\text{faces } \tau} M_\tau$ with M_τ coprimary.

Remark. $\Leftrightarrow 0 = \bigcap_{\tau} \ker(M \rightarrow M_\tau)$ with $\ker(M \rightarrow M_\tau)$ primary in M

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Thm [-]. Canonical for monomial quotients M , but redundant!

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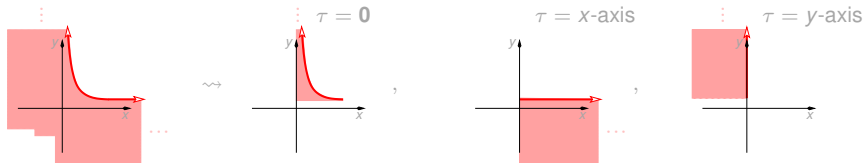
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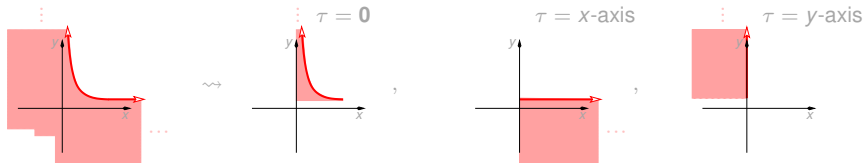
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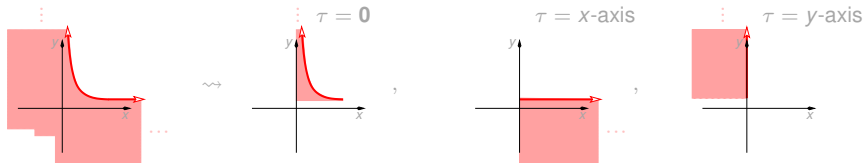
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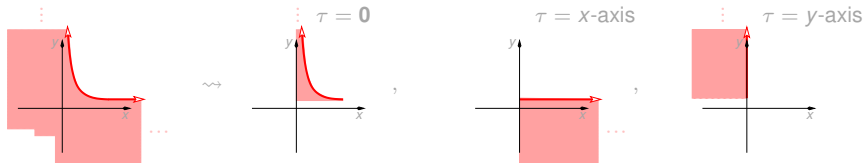
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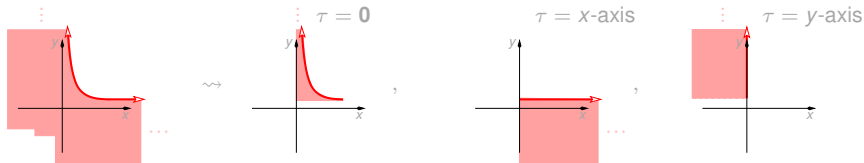
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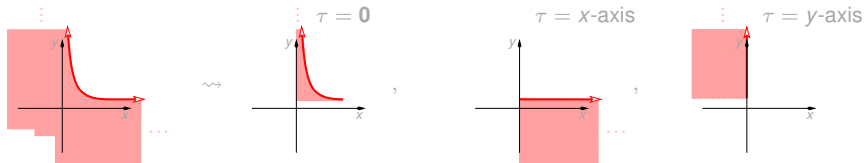
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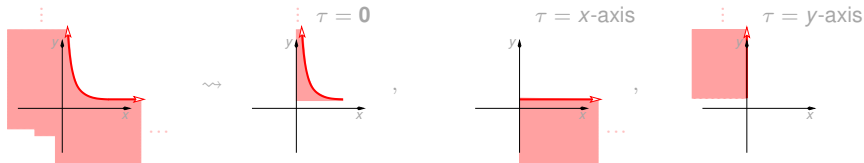
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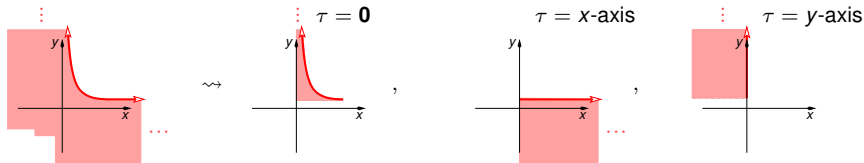
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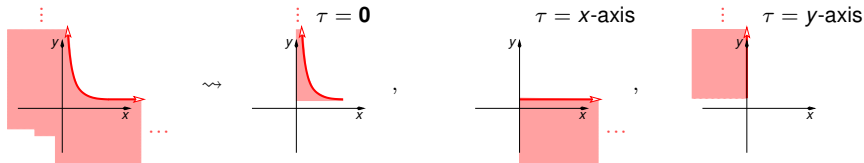
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