

# Think Globally, Act Locally

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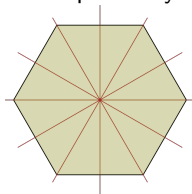
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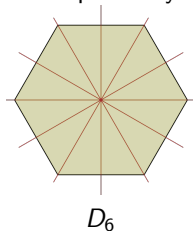
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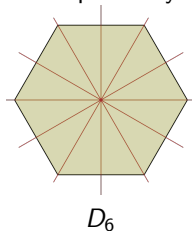
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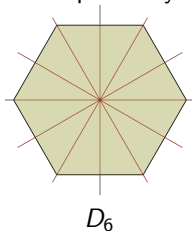
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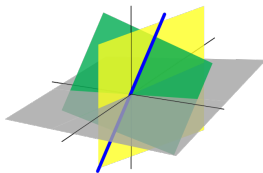
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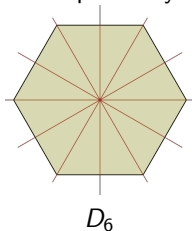
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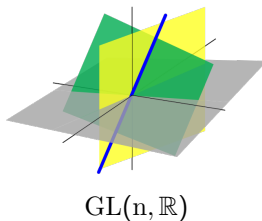


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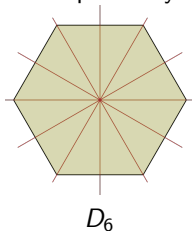


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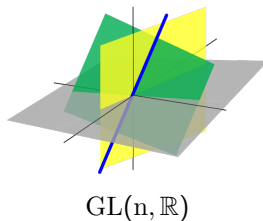


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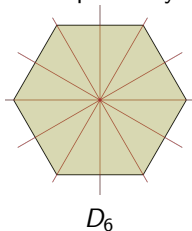
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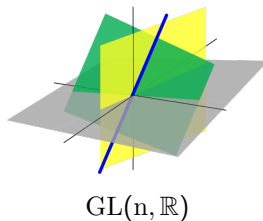
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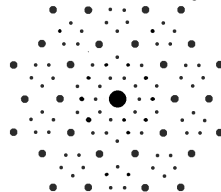
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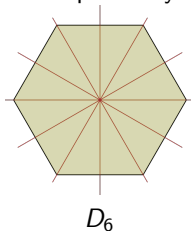


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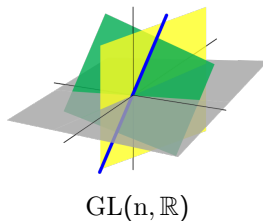


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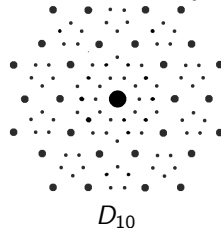
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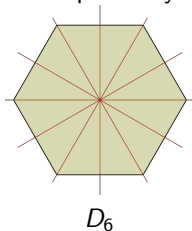


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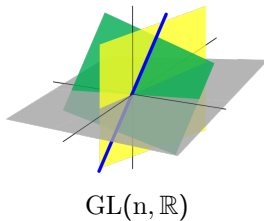


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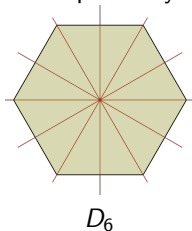
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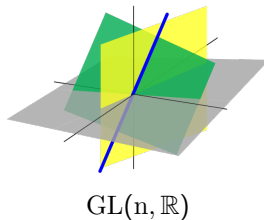
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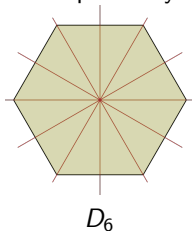


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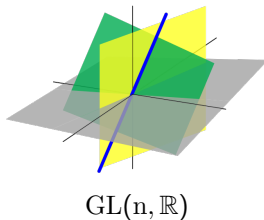
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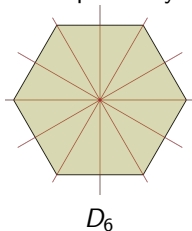


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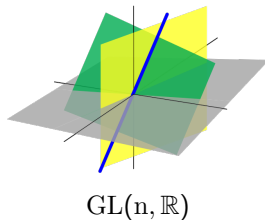
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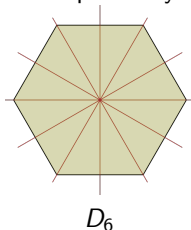


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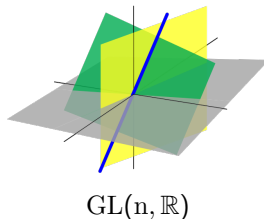
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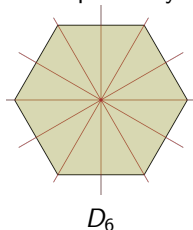
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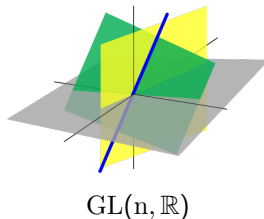
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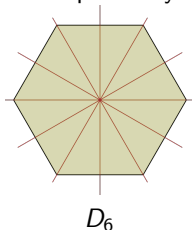
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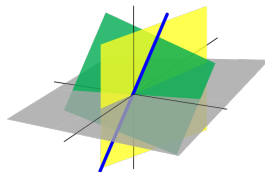
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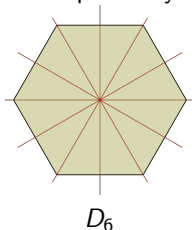
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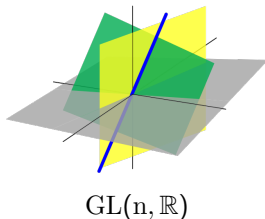
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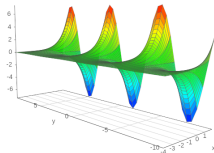
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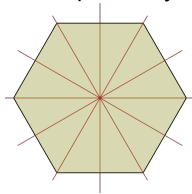
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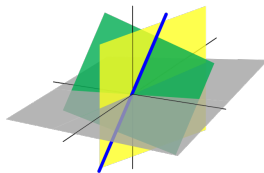
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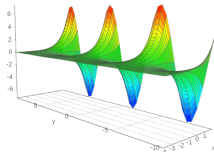
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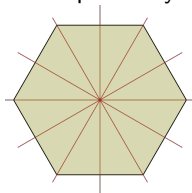
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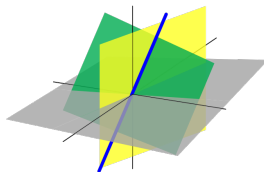
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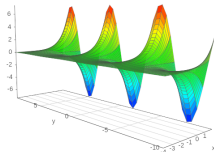
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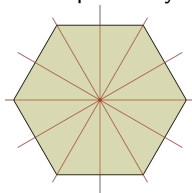


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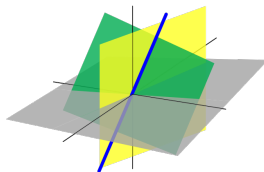
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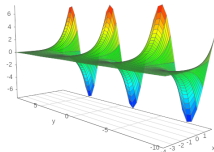
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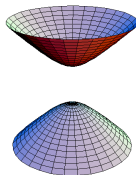
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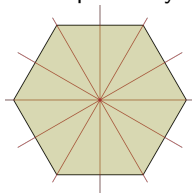
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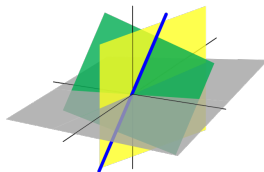
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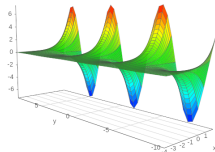
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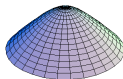
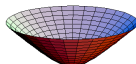
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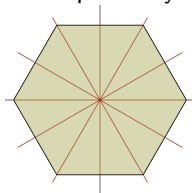
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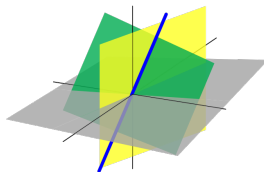
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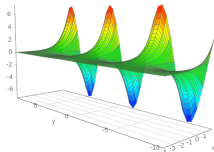
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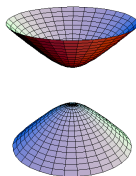
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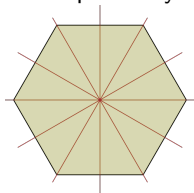


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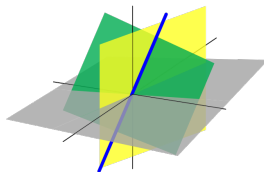
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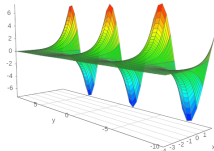
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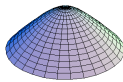
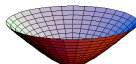
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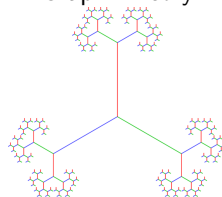
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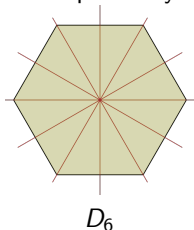

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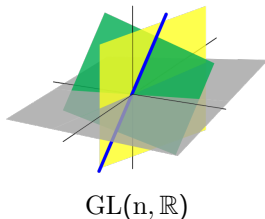


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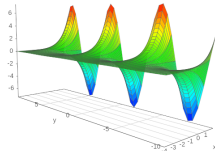
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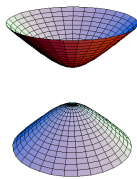
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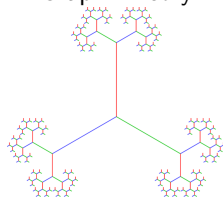
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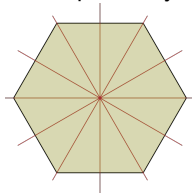
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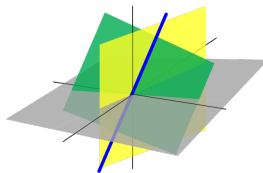
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Linear Algebra



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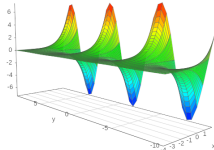
$$\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$$

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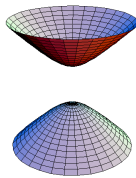
Differential Equations

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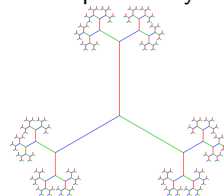
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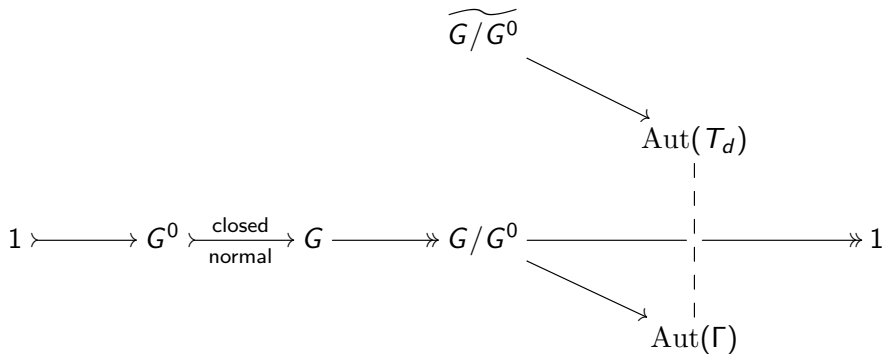
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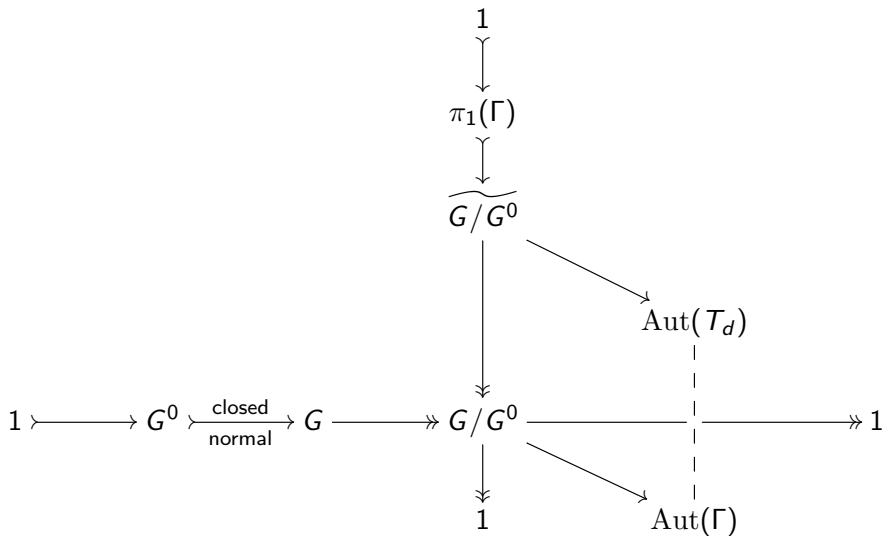
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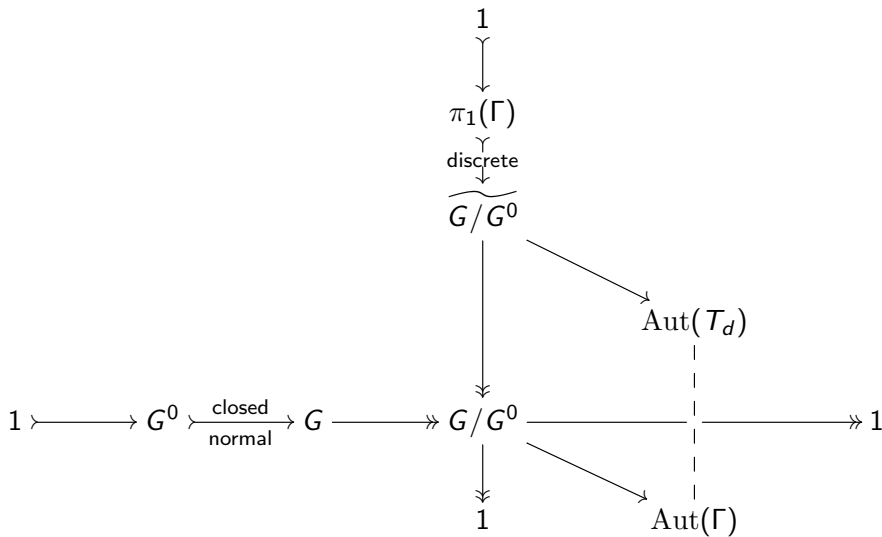
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