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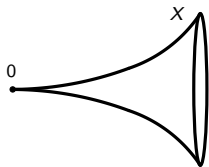
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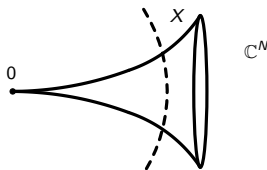
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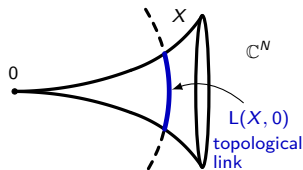
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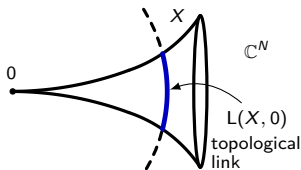
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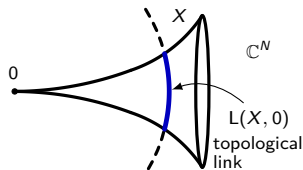
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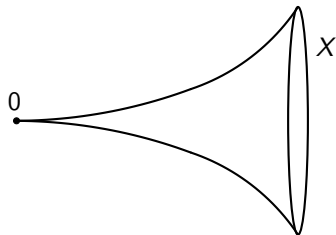


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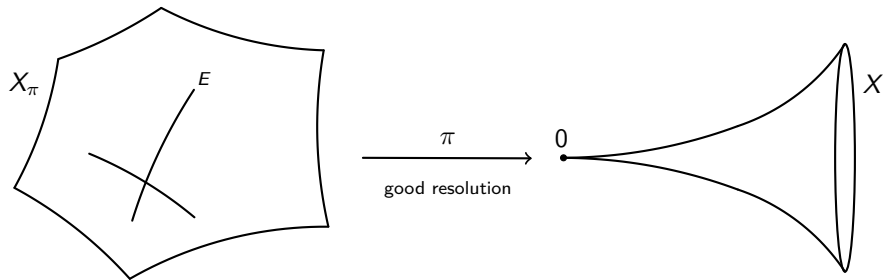
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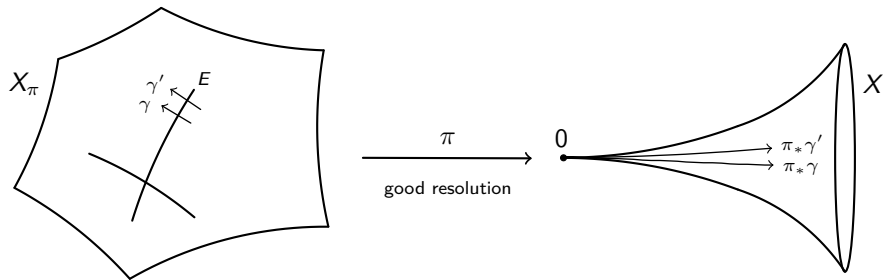
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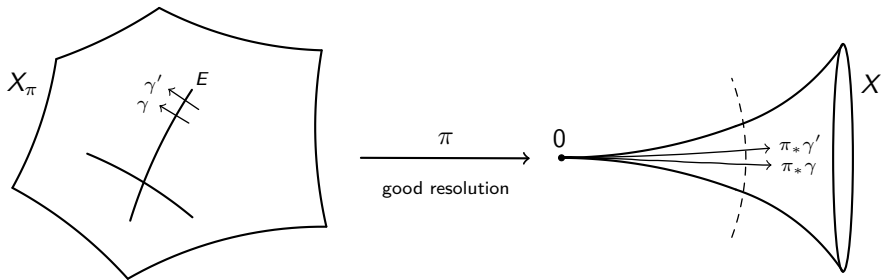
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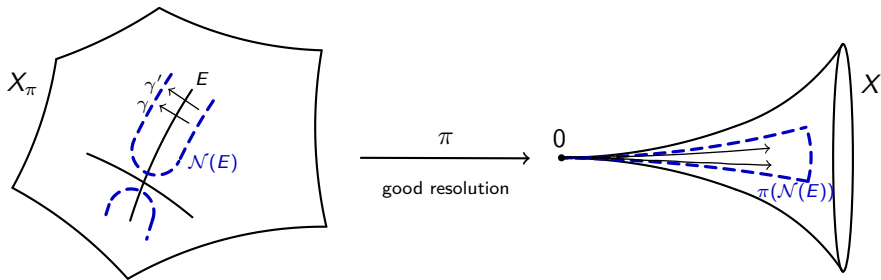
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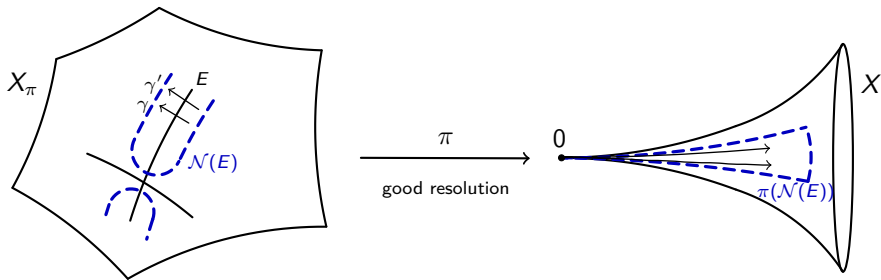
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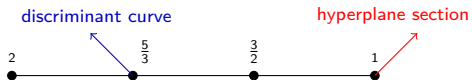
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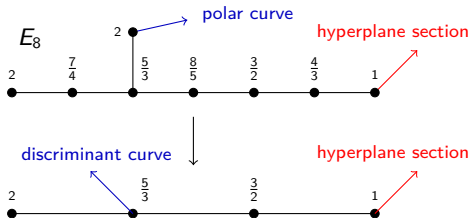


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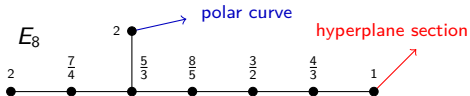
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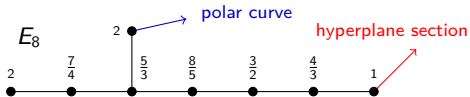


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Let  $\pi: X_\pi \rightarrow X$  be a good resolution of  $(X, 0)$ . Then all the inner rates of  $(X, 0)$  are completely determined by:

- the topology of  $(X, 0)$ , i.e. the weighted dual graph  $\Gamma_\pi$ ;
- the **arrows** of a **generic** hyperplane section;
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This is a consequence of an explicit formula that we will see later.

Analogous to the study of weight functions on curves (Baker–Nicaise 2016).

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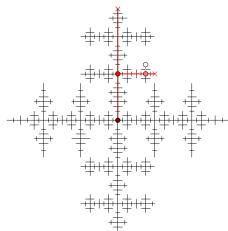
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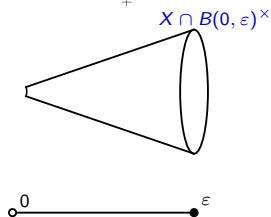
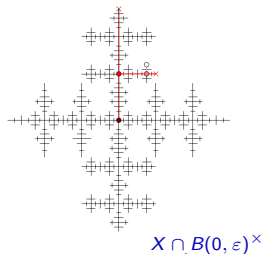
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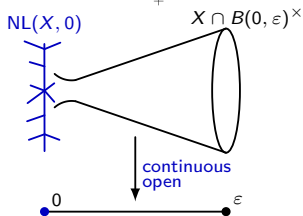
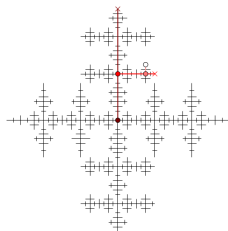
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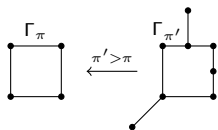
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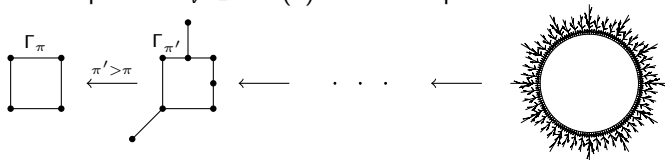
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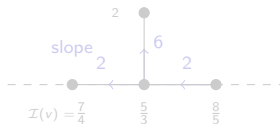
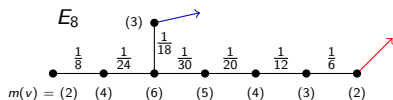
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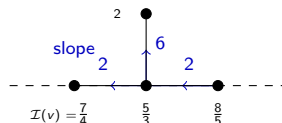
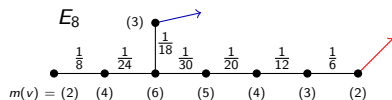
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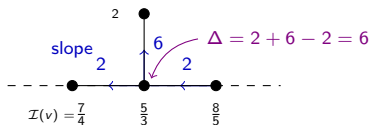
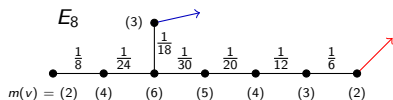
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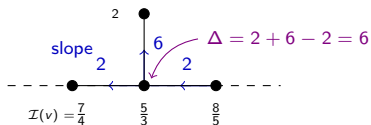
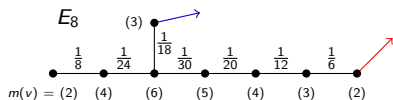
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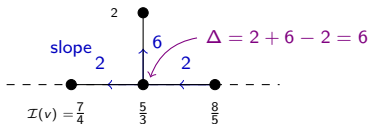
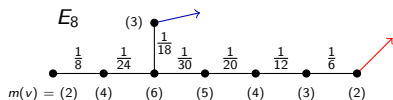
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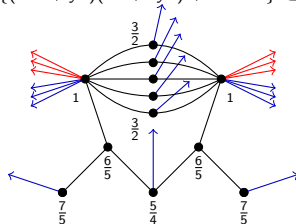
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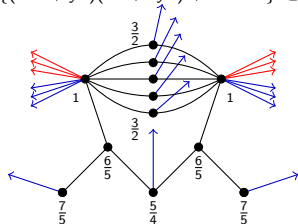
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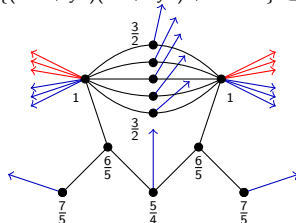
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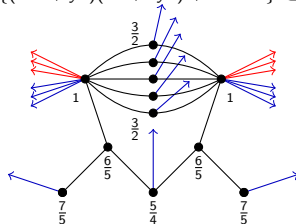
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