

# Schramm-Loewner evolutions and imaginary geometry

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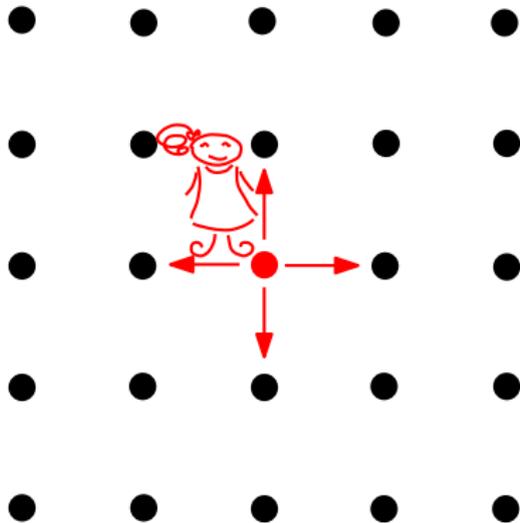
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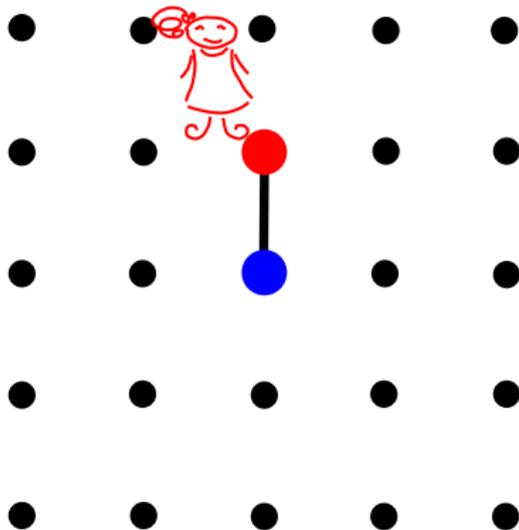
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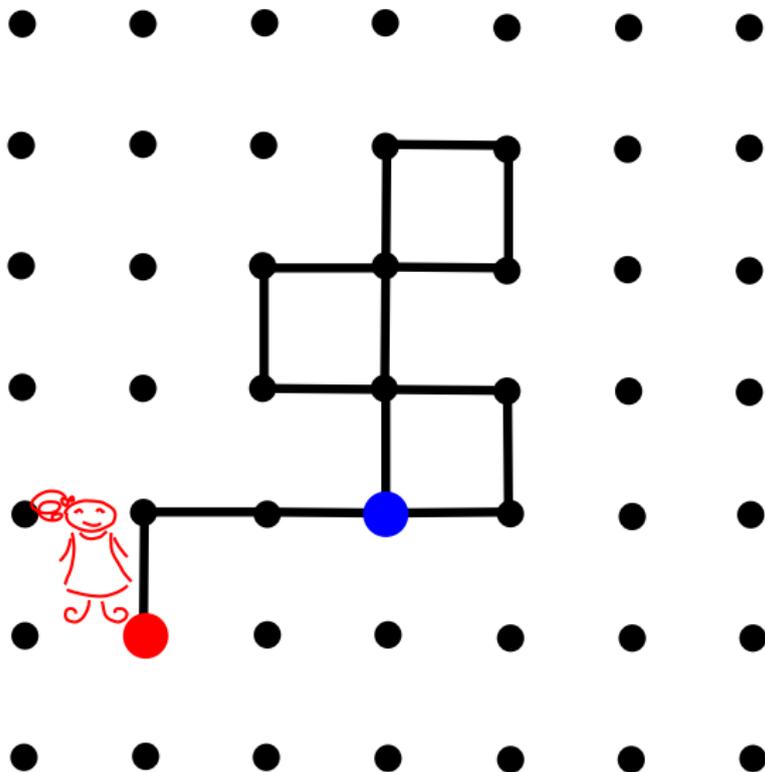
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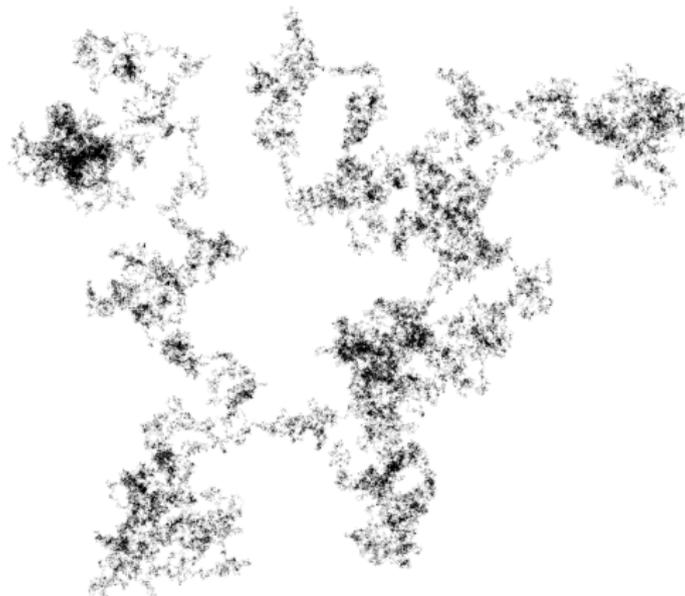
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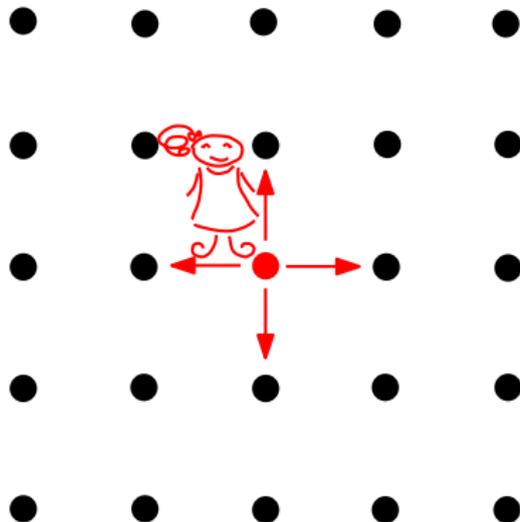


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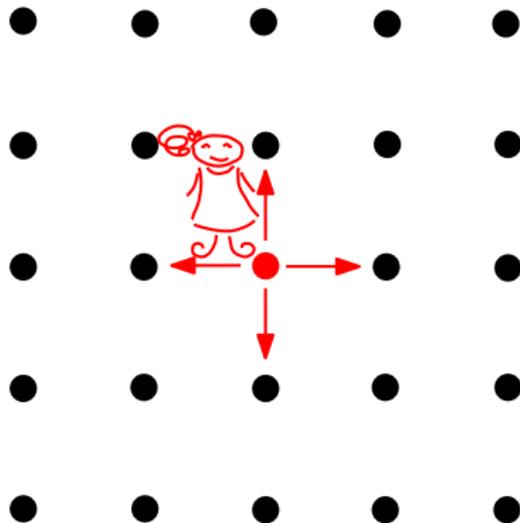


Donsker's theorem: Simple random walk converges to Brownian motion.

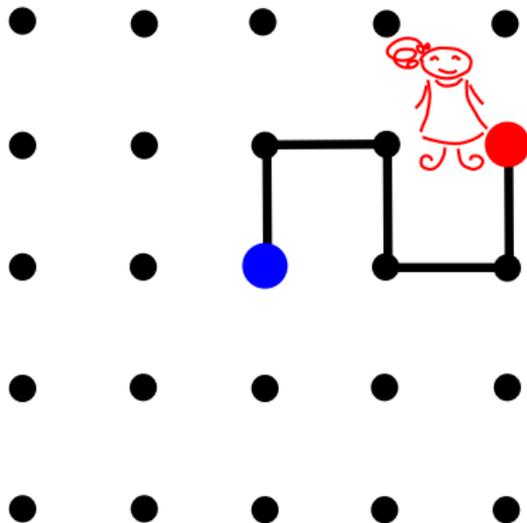
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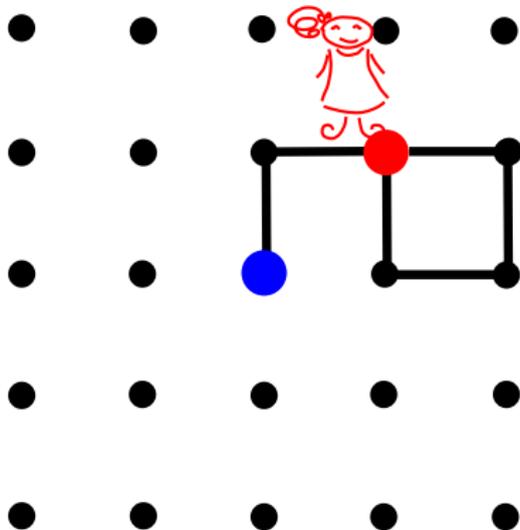
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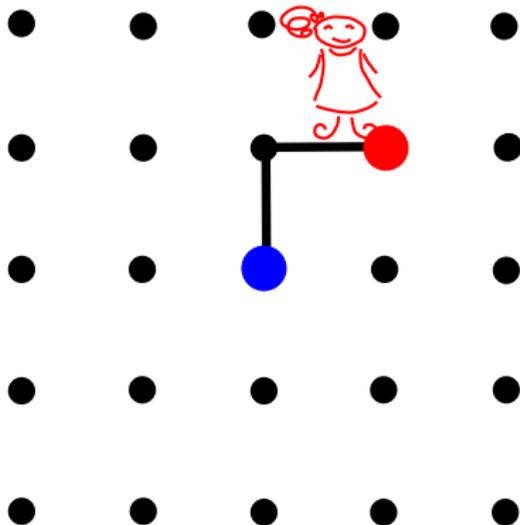
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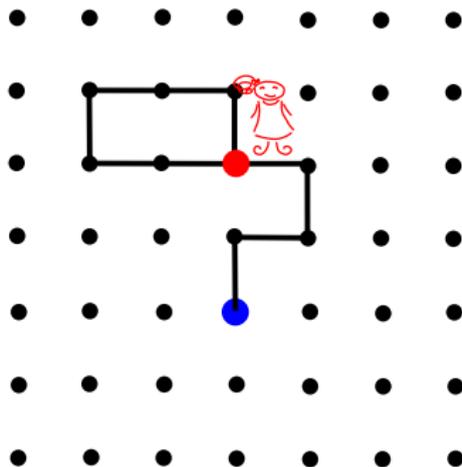
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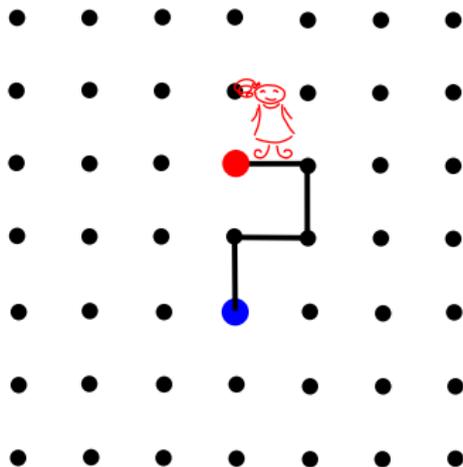
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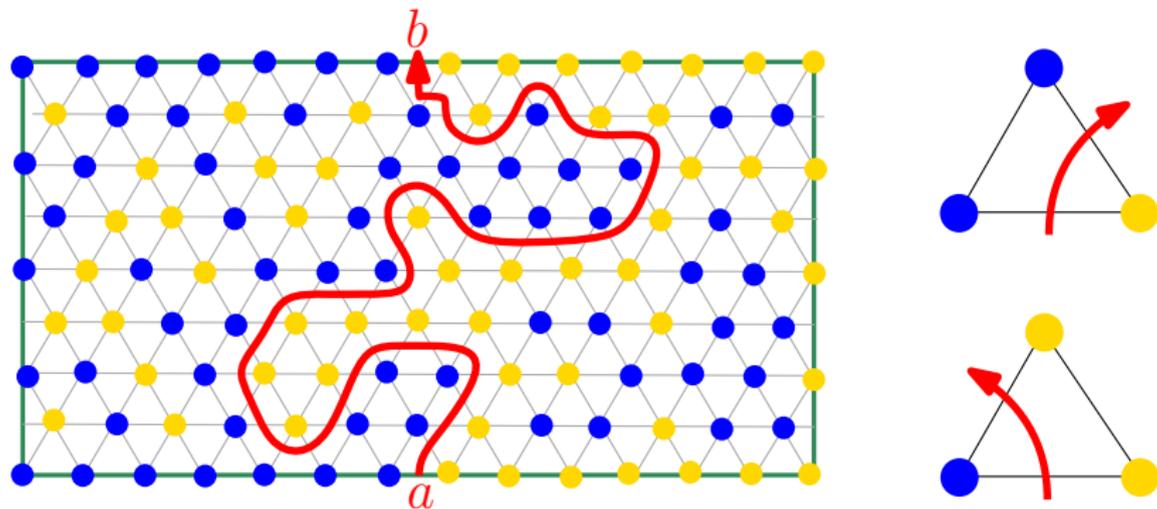
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- Lawler-Schramm-Werner'04: Loop-erased random walk  $\Rightarrow$   $SLE_2$ .

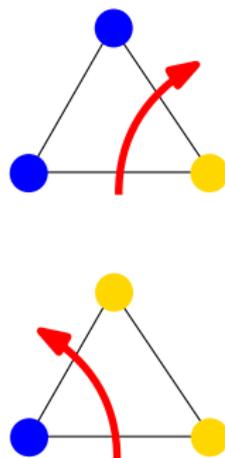
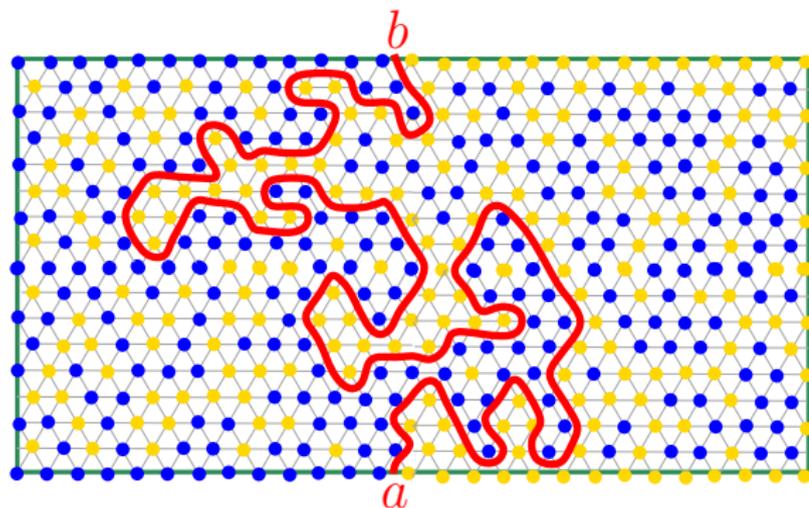
Illustration by P. Nolin

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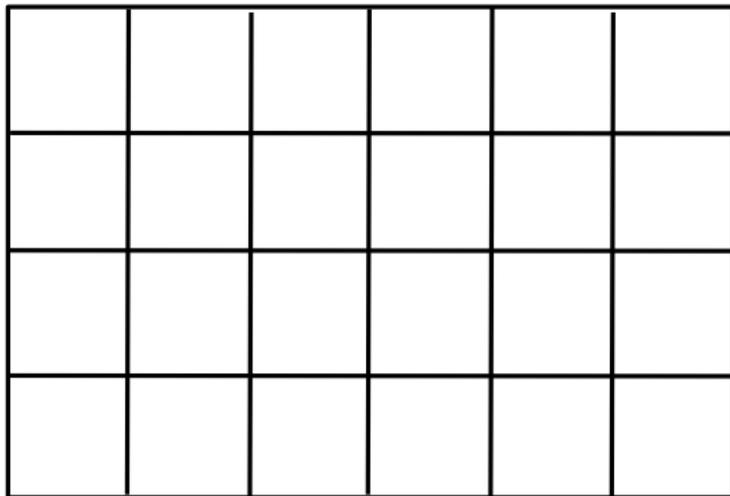
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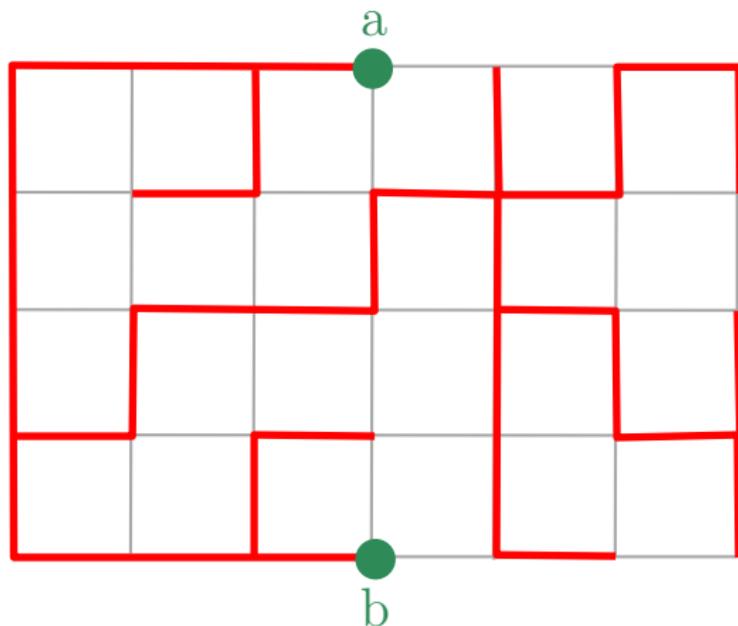
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$\mathbb{Z}^2$  restricted to a box

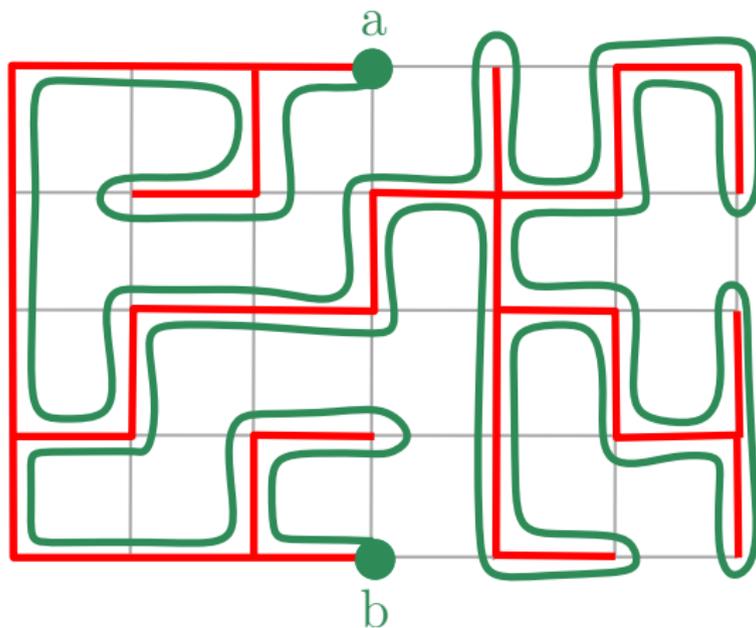


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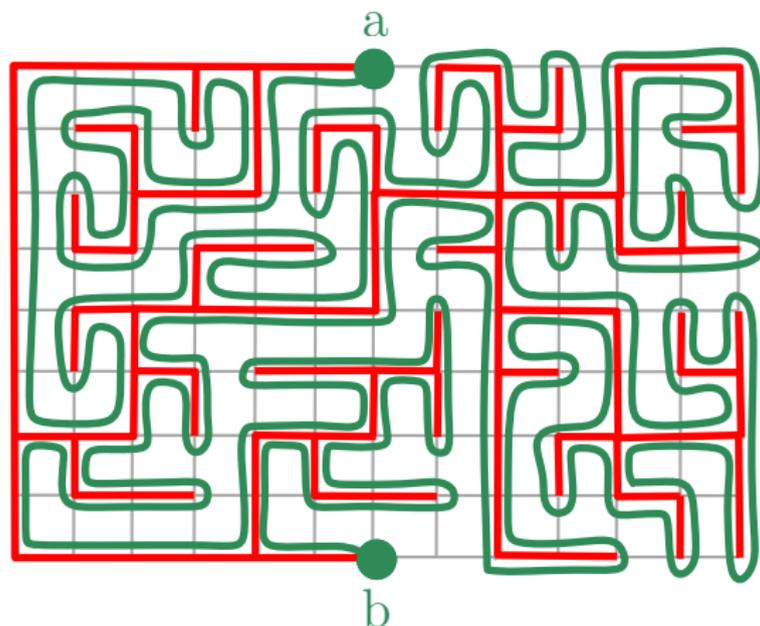
UST with wired  $ab$  boundary arc

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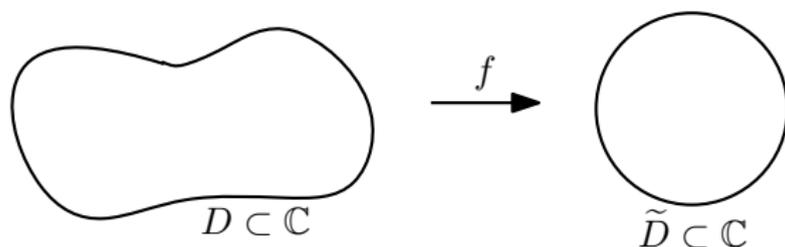
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# Conformal maps



## Definition (Conformal map)

$f$  is conformal if  $f$  is bijective and  $f'$  exists.

$$f(z) = f_1(z_1, z_2) + if_2(z_1, z_2), \quad z = z_1 + iz_2$$

## Lemma (Cauchy-Riemann equations)

If  $f$  is conformal then

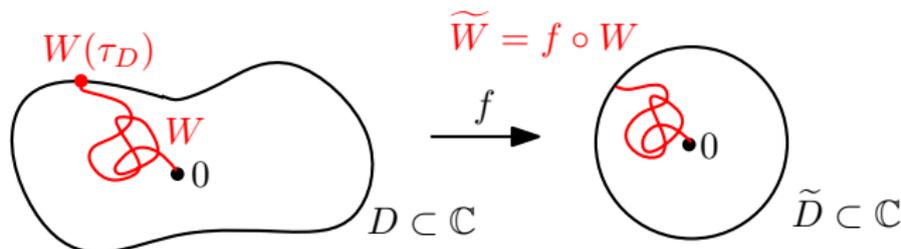
$$\partial_1 f_1 = \partial_2 f_2, \quad \partial_2 f_1 = -\partial_1 f_2.$$

# Conformal invariance of planar Brownian motion

## Theorem

- Let  $W$  be a planar Brownian motion started from 0.
- Define  $\tau_D := \inf\{t \geq 0 : W(t) \notin D\}$  for  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  a domain s.t.  $0 \in D$ .
- Let  $f : D \rightarrow \tilde{D}$  be a conformal map fixing the origin.
- Then  $\tilde{W} := f \circ W|_{[0, \tau_D]}$  has the law of a planar Brownian motion run until first leaving  $\tilde{D}$ , modulo time reparametrization.<sup>a</sup>

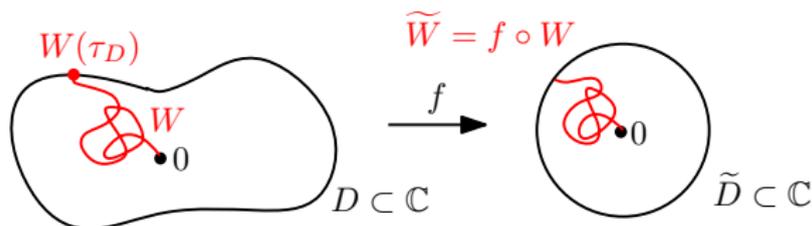
<sup>a</sup>We identify  $w_1 : I_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $w_2 : I_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  (with  $I_1, I_2 \subset \mathbb{R}$  intervals) if there is an increasing bijection  $\phi : I_1 \rightarrow I_2$  such that  $w_1 = w_2 \circ \phi$ .



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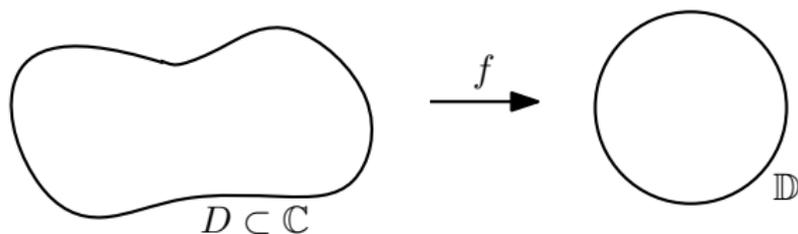
Write  $\tilde{W}(t) = \tilde{W}_1(t) + i\tilde{W}_2(t)$ .

Exercise: Show that Itô's formula and the Cauchy-Riemann equations give

- $\tilde{W}_1, \tilde{W}_2$  are local martingales.
- $\langle \tilde{W}_1 \rangle_t = \langle \tilde{W}_2 \rangle_t$  and this function is a.s. strictly increasing in  $t$ .
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These properties characterize a planar Brownian motion modulo time change (see e.g. Revuz-Yor).

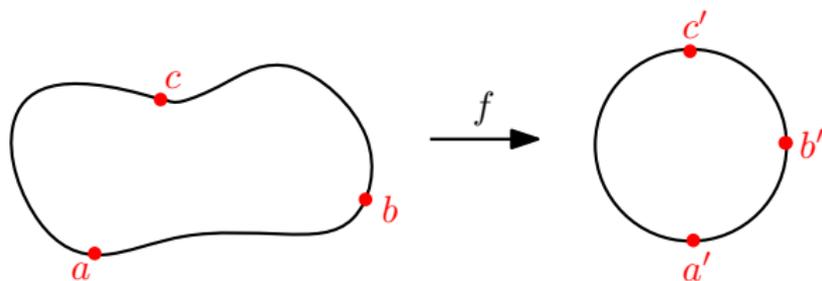
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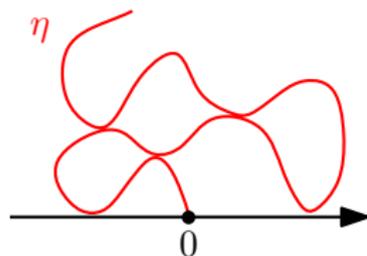
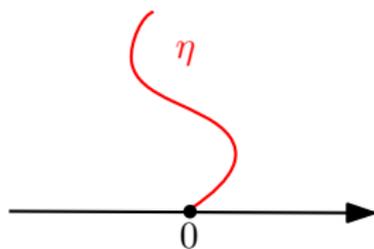
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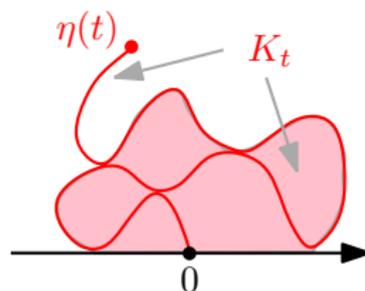
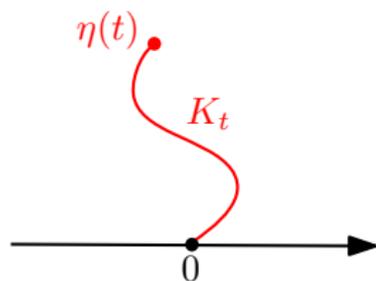
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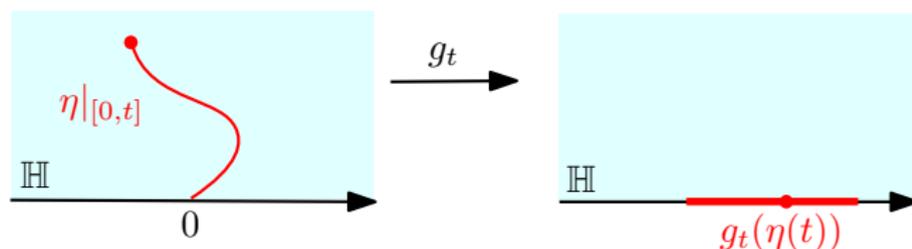
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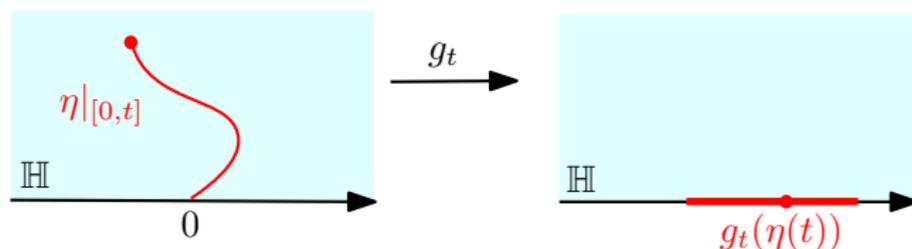
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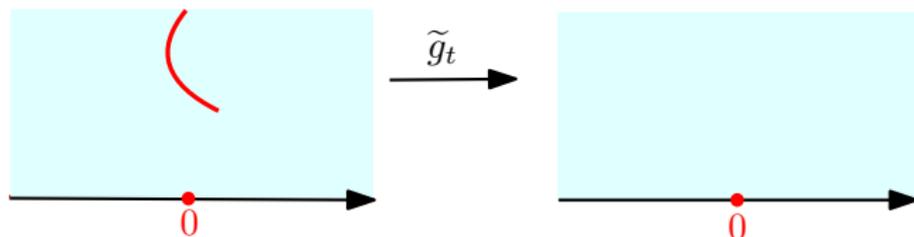
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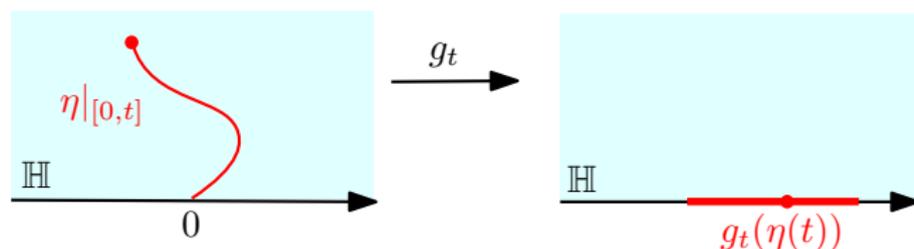
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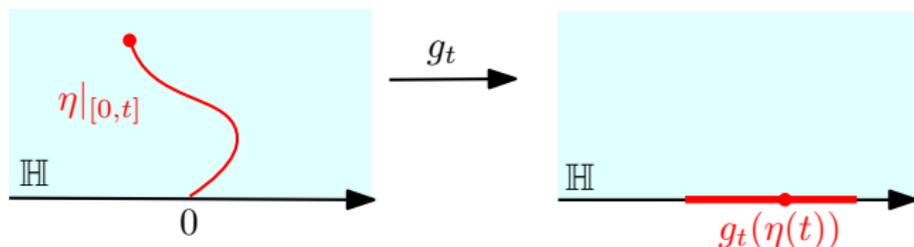
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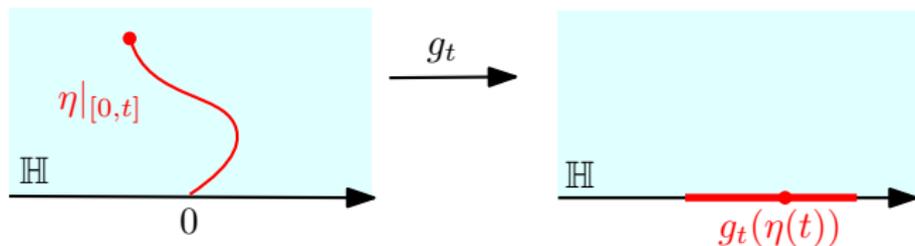
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- Remark: Any compact  $\mathbb{H}$ -hull  $K$  (i.e., a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{H}$  s.t.  $\mathbb{H} \setminus K$  is open and simply connected) can be associated with a mapping out function  $g : \mathbb{H} \setminus K \rightarrow \mathbb{H}$ .



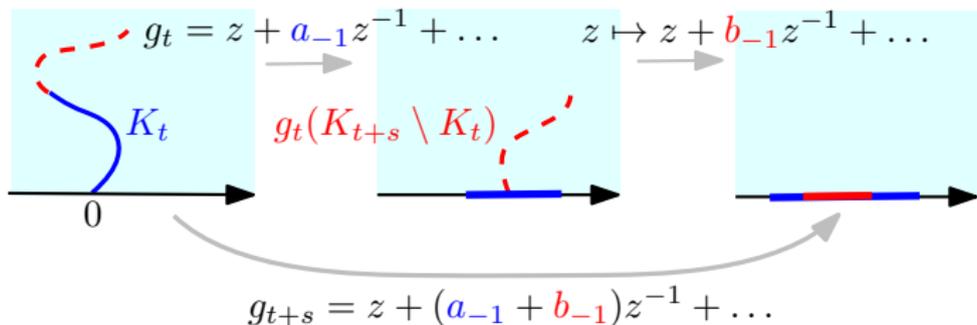
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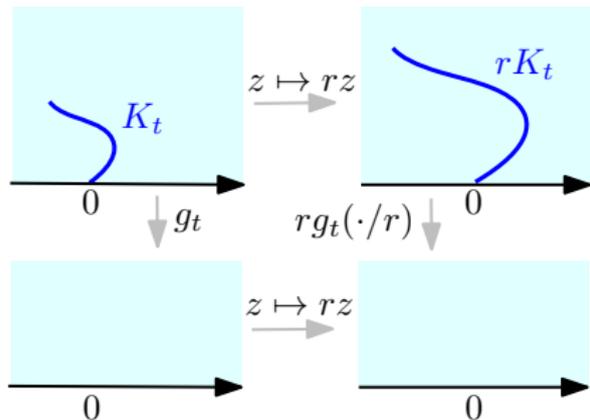
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Observe that  $\tilde{g}_t(z) := rg_t(z/r)$  is the mapping out function of  $rK_t$  and that

$$\tilde{g}_t(z) = z + r^2 \text{hcap}(K_t)z^{-1} + \dots$$

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Convention: Parametrize  $\eta$  such that  $\text{hcap}(K_t) = 2t$ .

# Driving function and Loewner equation

$\eta$  simple curve in  $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$  parametrized by half-plane capacity.

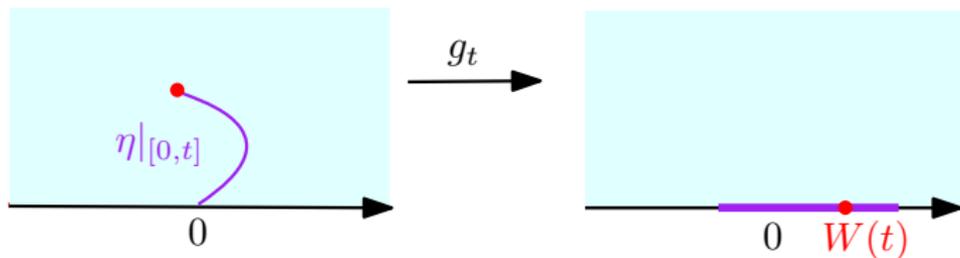
## Definition (Driving function)

$$W(t) := g_t(\eta(t))$$

## Proposition (Loewner equation)

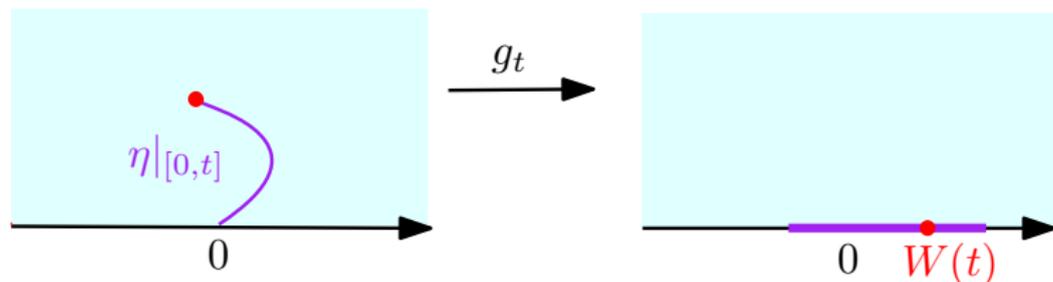
If  $\tau_z = \inf\{t \geq 0 : z \in K_t\}$  then

$$\dot{g}_t(z) = \frac{2}{g_t(z) - W(t)} \text{ for } t \in [0, \tau_z), \quad g_0(z) = z \in \mathbb{H}.$$



# Schramm's idea

- Key idea: study  $W$  instead of  $\eta$ .
- If  $\eta$  describes the conjectural scaling limit of certain discrete models, then  $W$  must be a multiple of a Brownian motion!



## Definition of $\text{SLE}_\kappa$ in $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$

- $\kappa \geq 0$  and  $(B(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is a standard Brownian motion.
- Solve Loewner equation with driving function  $W = \sqrt{\kappa}B$

$$\dot{g}_t(z) = \frac{2}{g_t(z) - W(t)}, \quad \tau_z = \sup\{t \geq 0 : g_t(z) \text{ well-defined}\}.$$

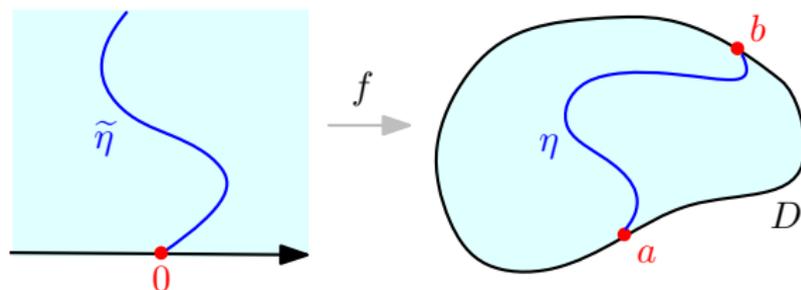
- Define  $K_t := \{z \in \mathbb{H} : \tau_z \leq t\}$ .
- Let  $\eta$  be the curve generating  $(K_t)_{t \geq 0}$ .
  - $K_t = \mathbb{H} \setminus \{\text{unbounded component of } \mathbb{H} \setminus \eta([0, t])\}$ ,
  - $\eta$  is well-defined: Rohde-Schramm'05, Lawler-Schramm-Werner'04.

### Definition (The Schramm-Loewner evolution in $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$ )

$\eta$  is an  $\text{SLE}_\kappa$  in  $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$ .

$$(B(t))_{t \geq 0} \rightarrow (g_t)_{t \geq 0} \rightarrow (K_t)_{t \geq 0} \rightarrow (\eta(t))_{t \geq 0}$$

# Definition of $SLE_{\kappa}$ in $(D, a, b)$



## Definition (The Schramm-Loewner evolution)

- Let  $\tilde{\eta}$  be an  $SLE_{\kappa}$  in  $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$ .
- Then  $\eta := f(\tilde{\eta})$  is an  $SLE_{\kappa}$  in  $(D, a, b)$ .
  
- Note that  $f$  is not unique since  $f \circ \phi_r$  also sends  $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$  to  $(D, a, b)$  if  $\phi_r(z) := rz$  for  $r > 0$ .
- $SLE_{\kappa}$  in  $(D, a, b)$  is still well-defined by scale invariance in law of  $SLE_{\kappa}$  in  $(\mathbb{H}, 0, \infty)$  (next slide).

## Exercise (Scale invariance of $SLE_\kappa$ )

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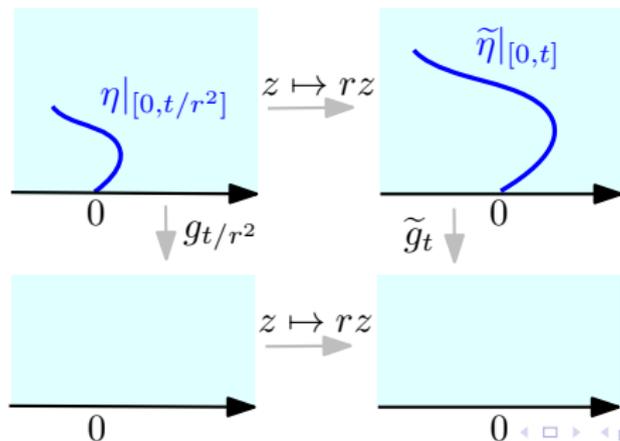
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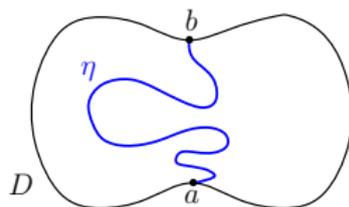
Hint: Let  $\tilde{\eta}(t) = r\eta(t/r^2)$  and argue that mapping out fcn  $\tilde{g}_t$  of  $\tilde{\eta}$  satisfy

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# Conformal invariance and domain Markov property

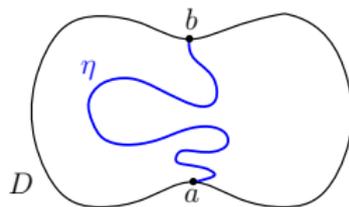
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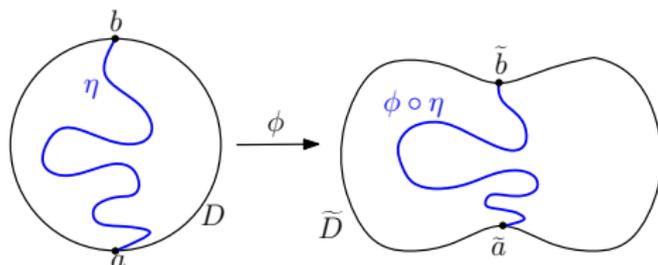
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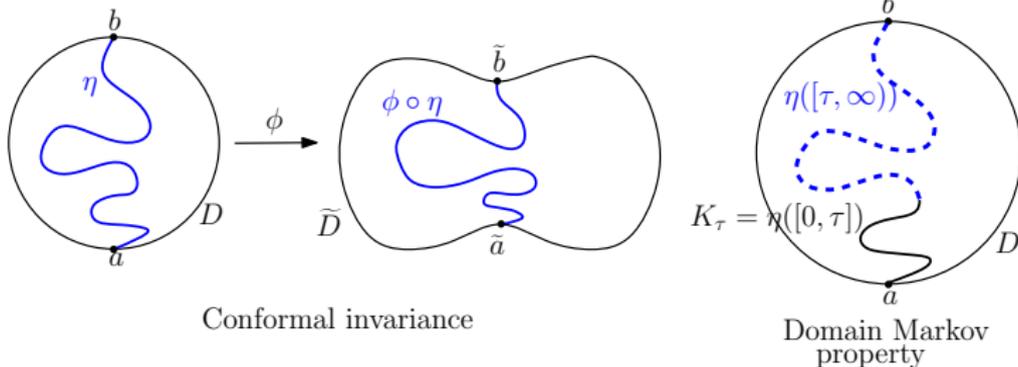


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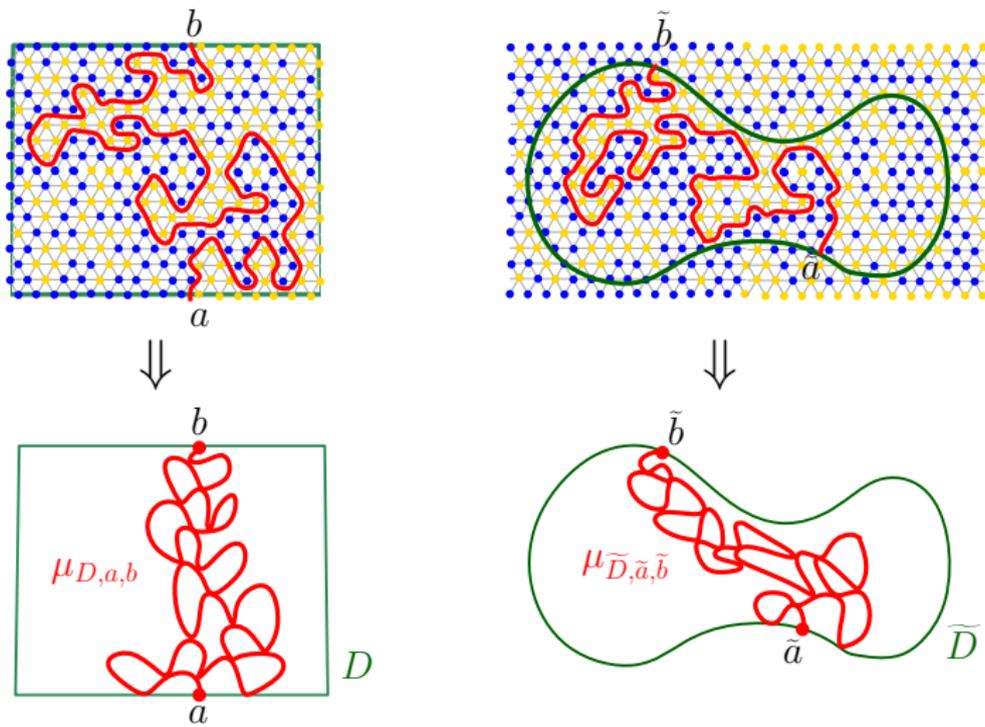
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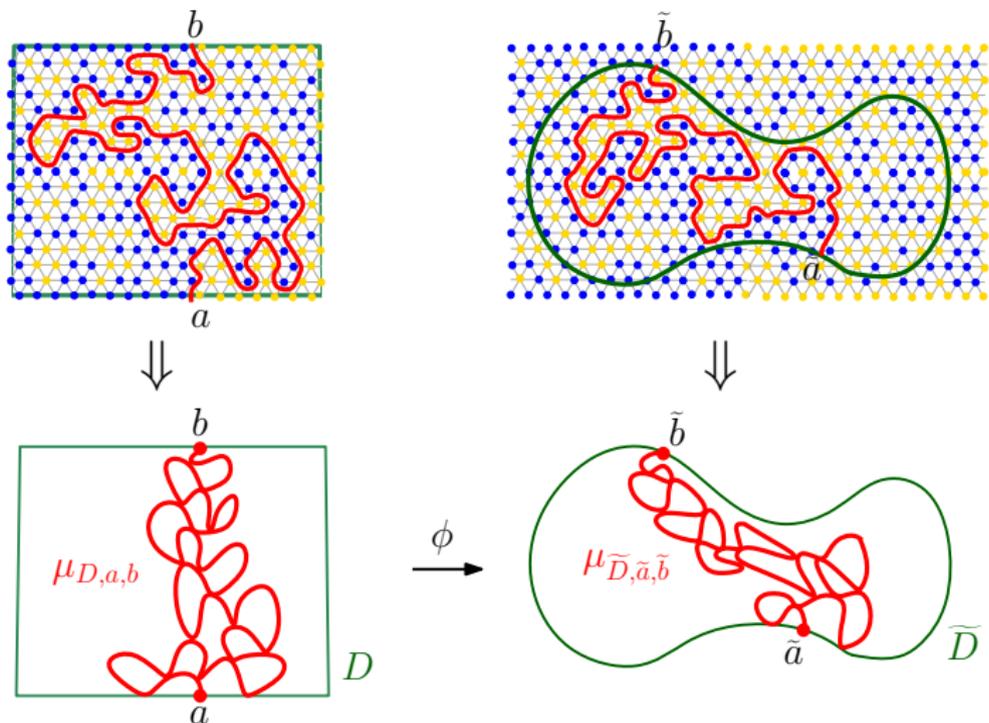
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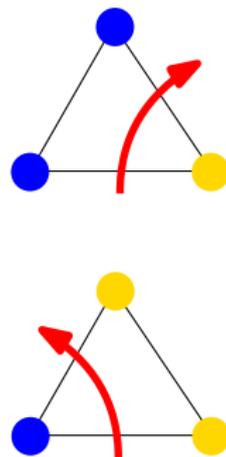
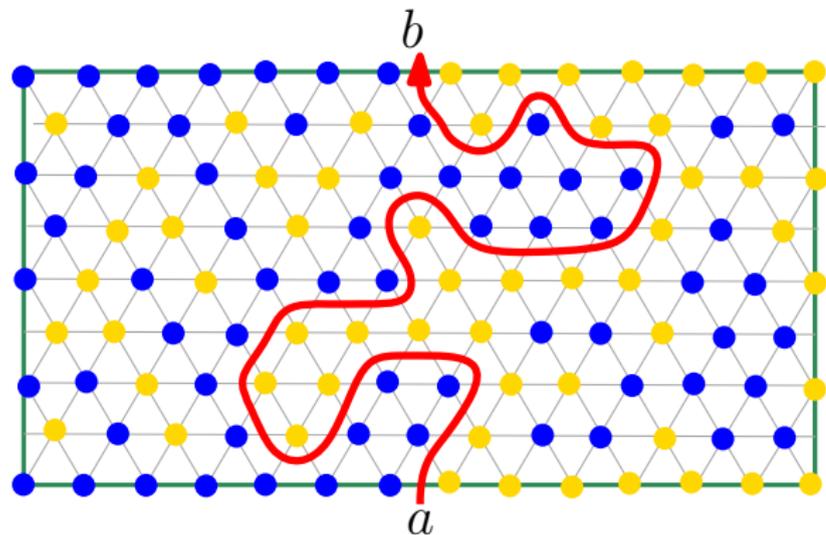
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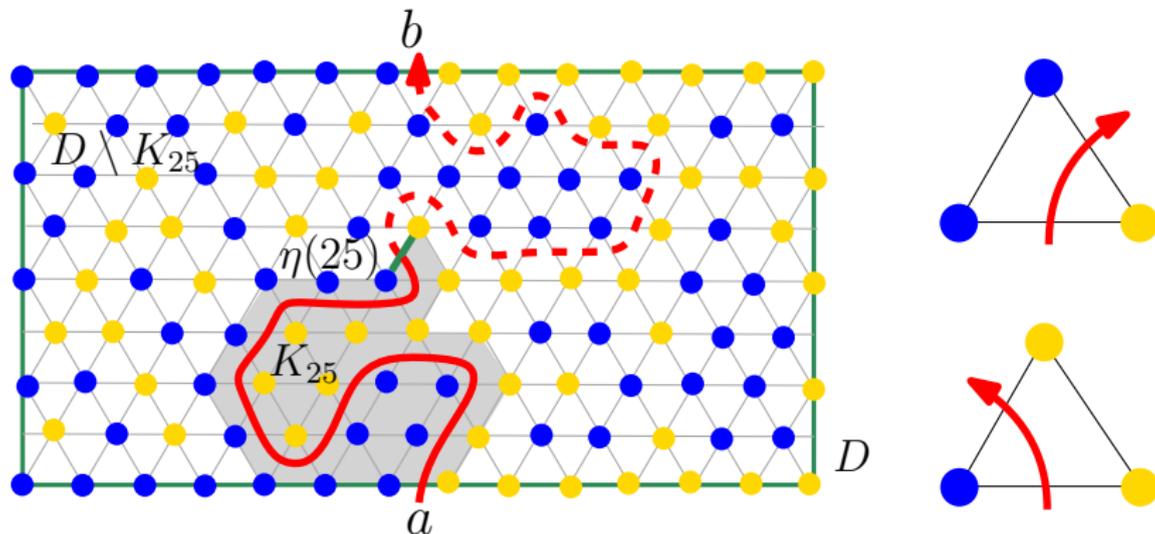
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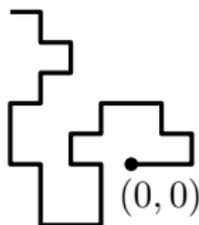
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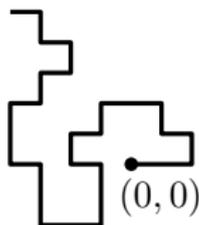
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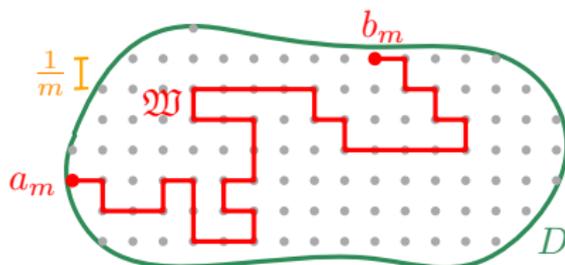
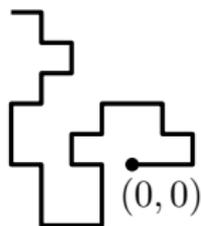


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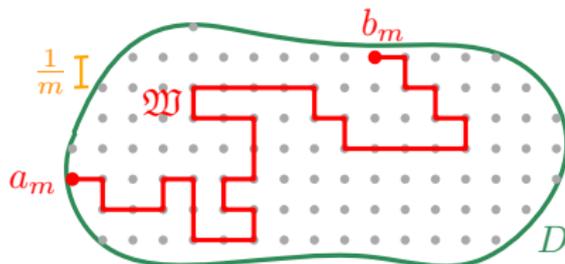
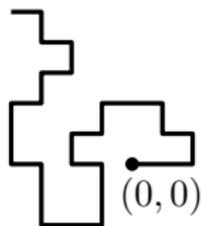
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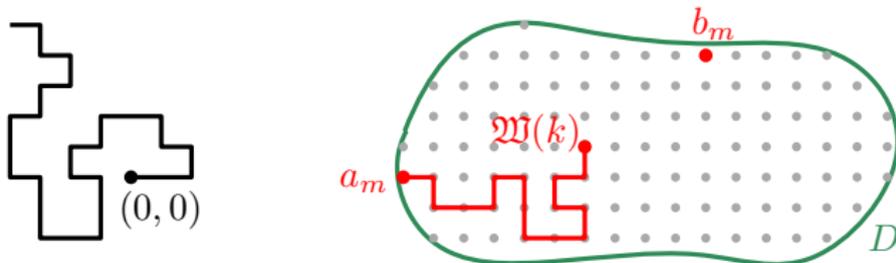
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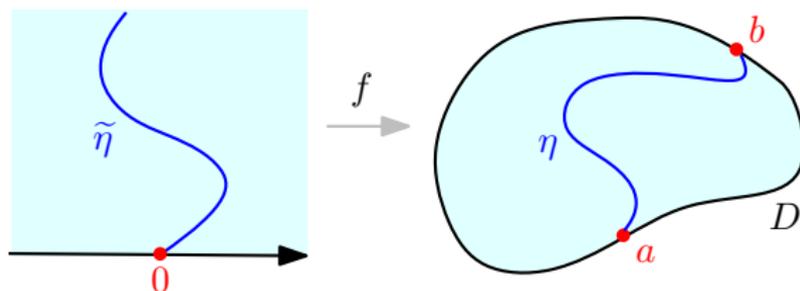
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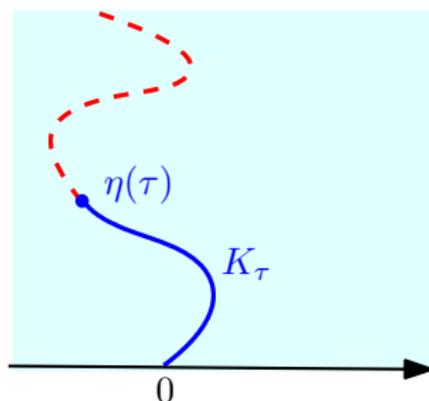
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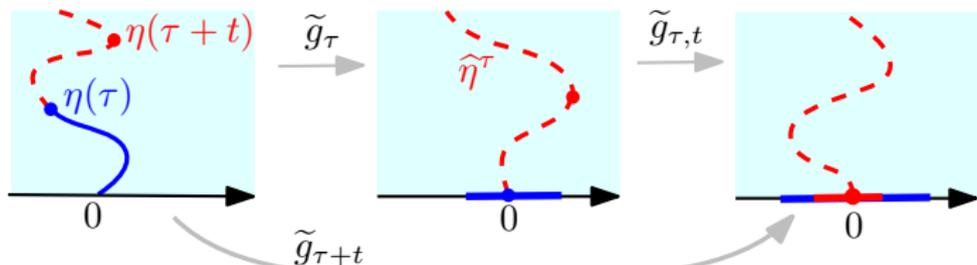
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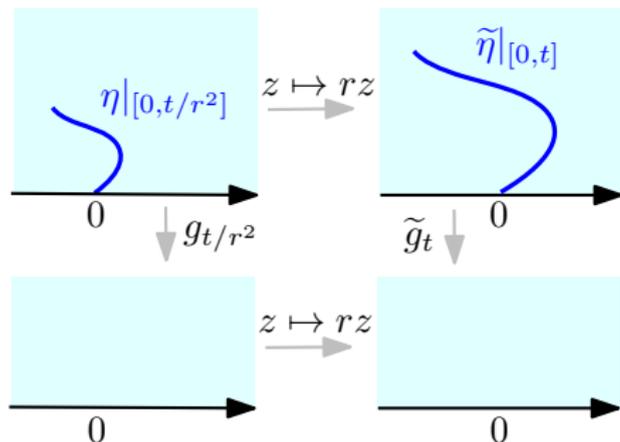


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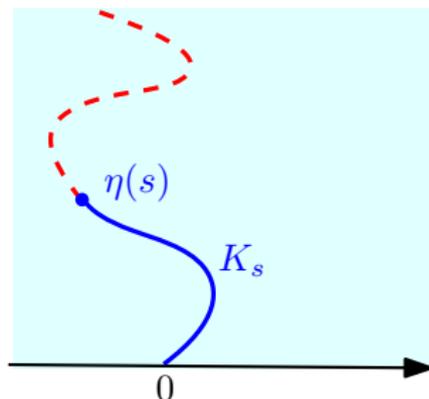


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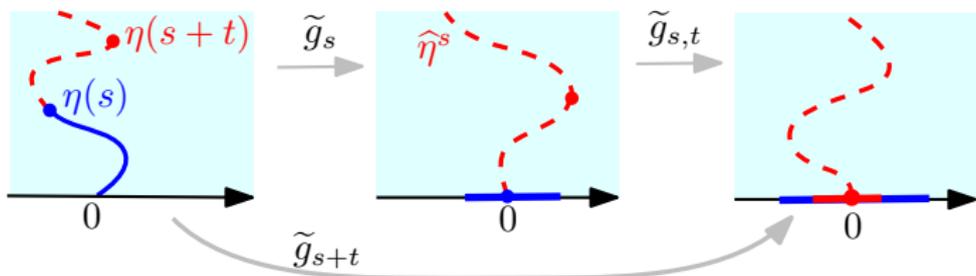
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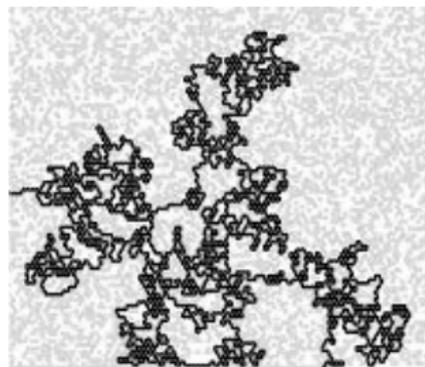
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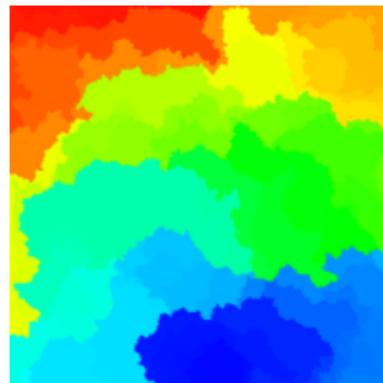
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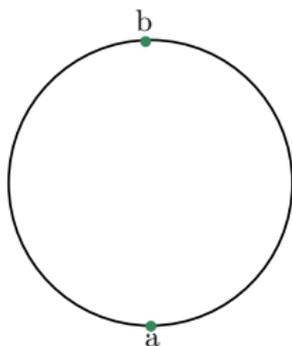
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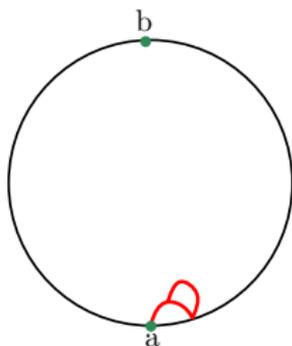
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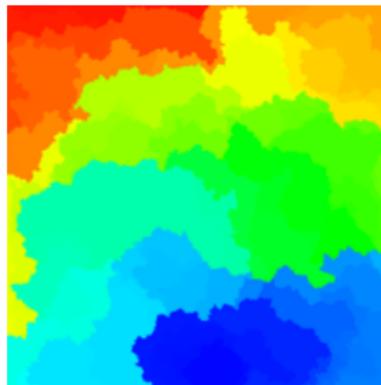
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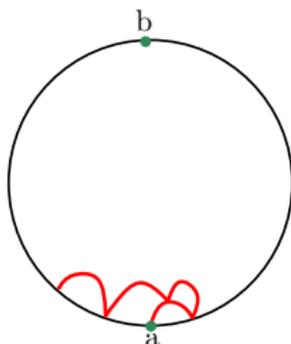
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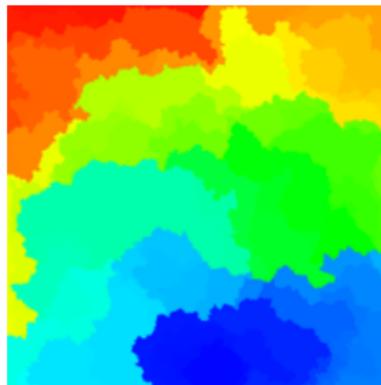
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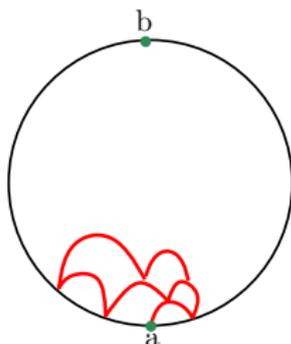
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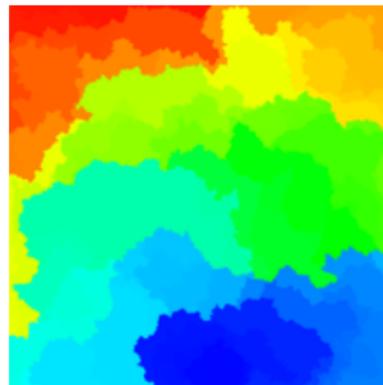
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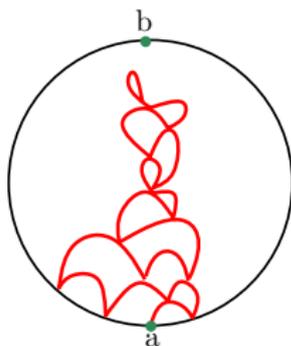
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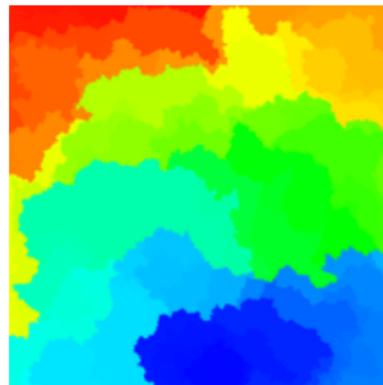
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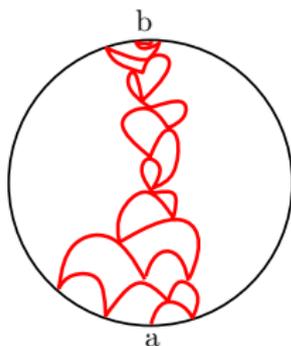
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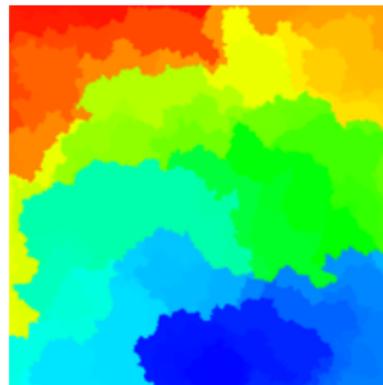
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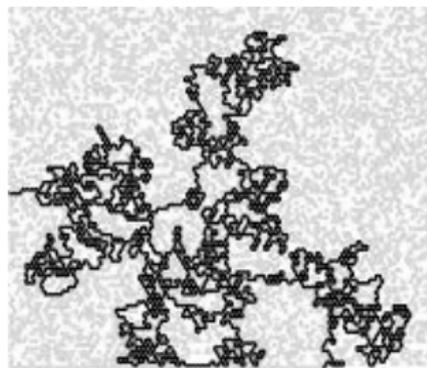
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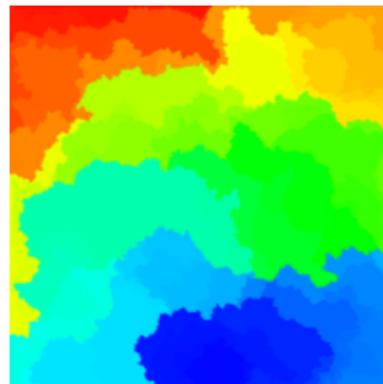
- $\kappa \in [0, 4]$ : The curve is simple.
- $\kappa \in (4, 8)$ : The curve is self-intersecting and has zero Lebesgue measure.
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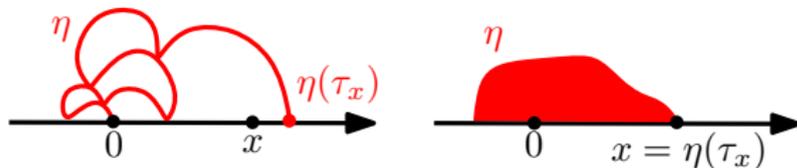
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We will deduce the lemma from the following result, where

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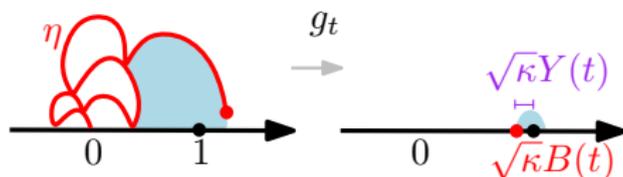
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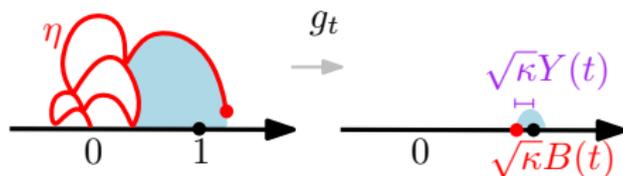
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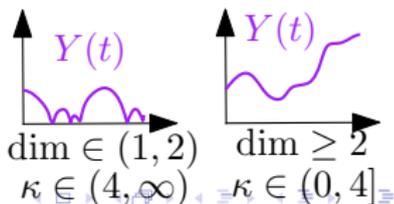
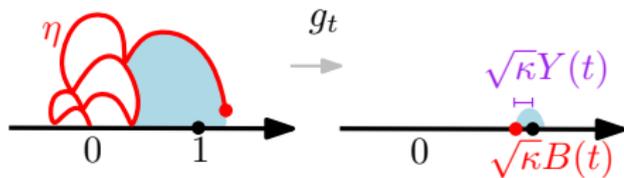
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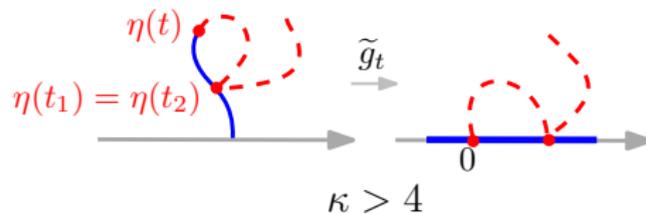
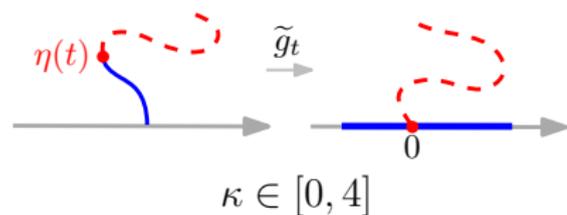
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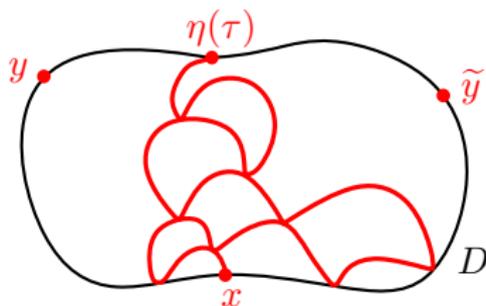
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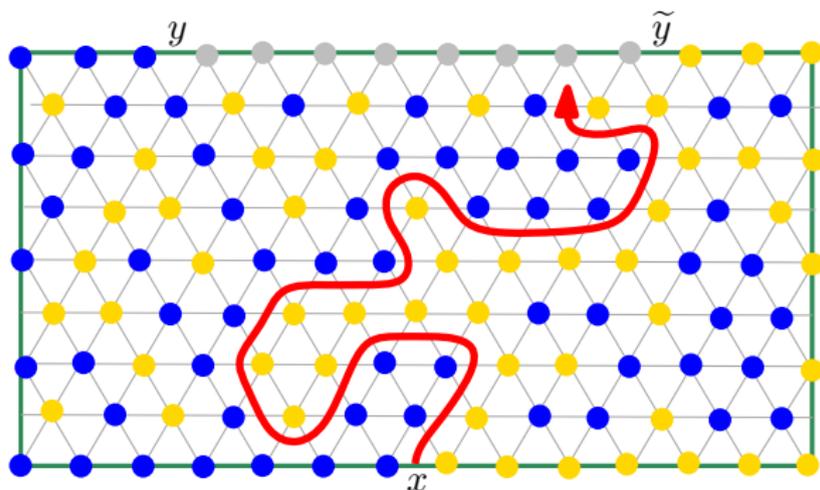
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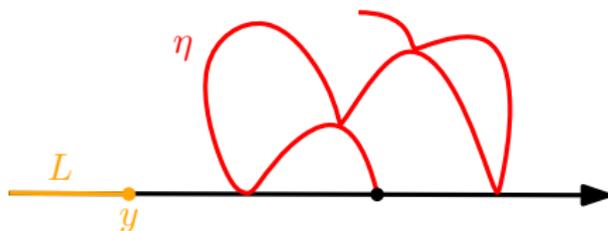
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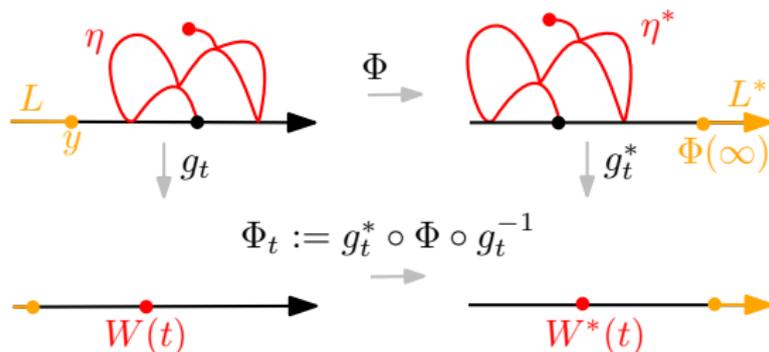
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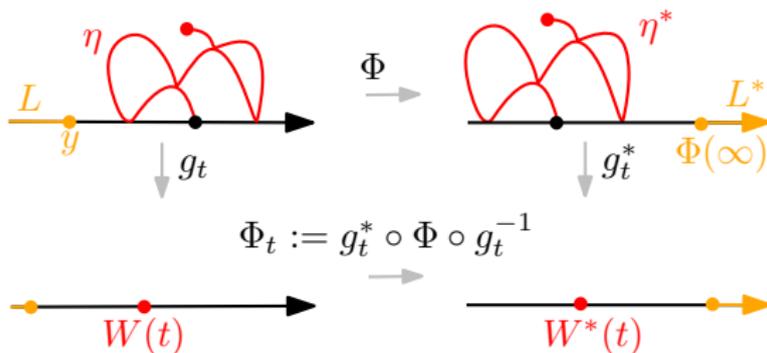
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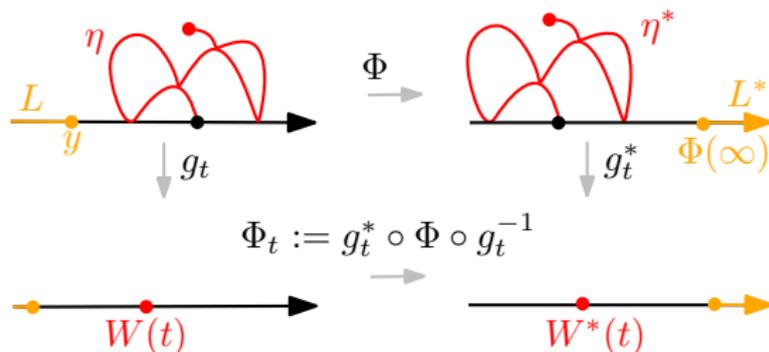
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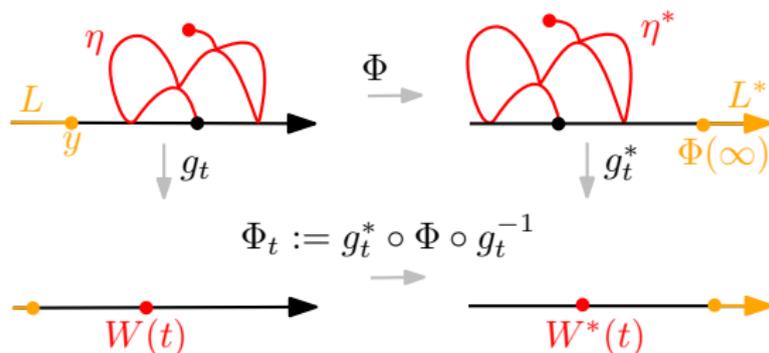
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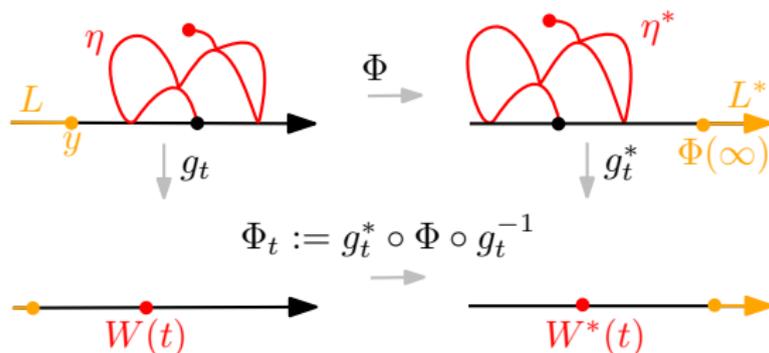
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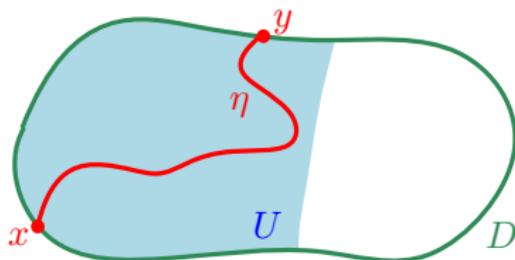
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## Definition

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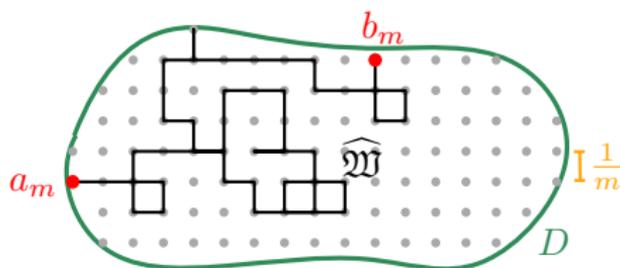


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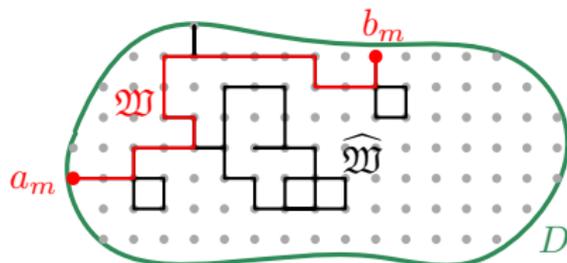
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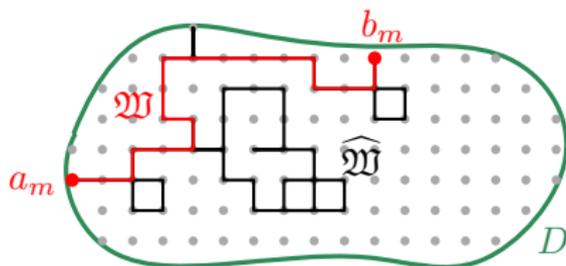
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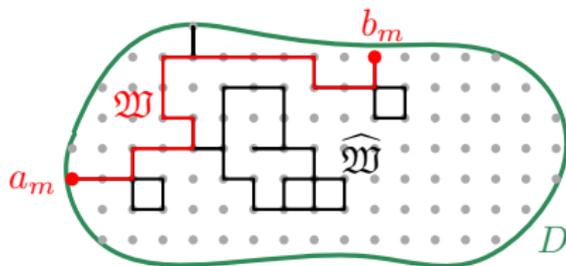
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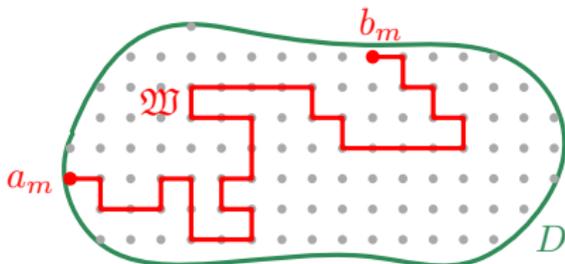
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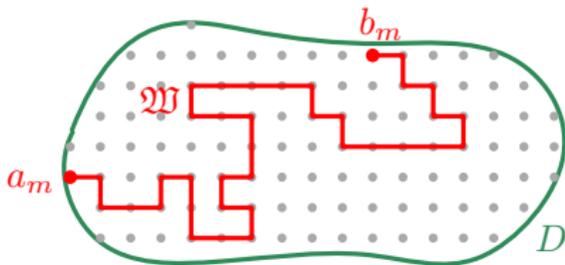
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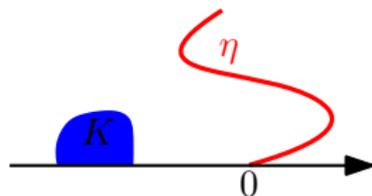
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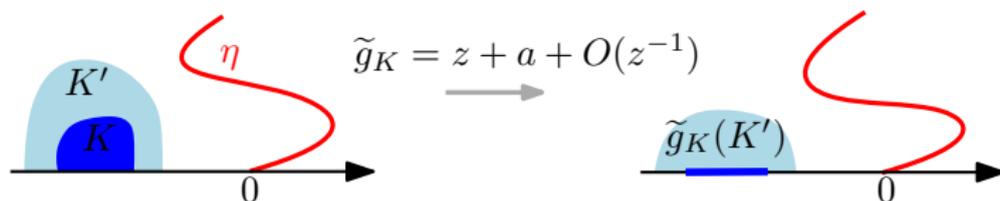
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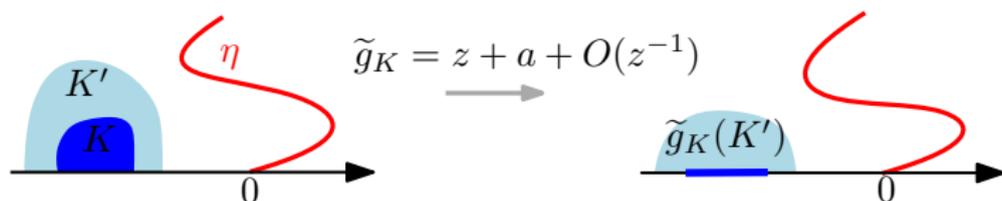
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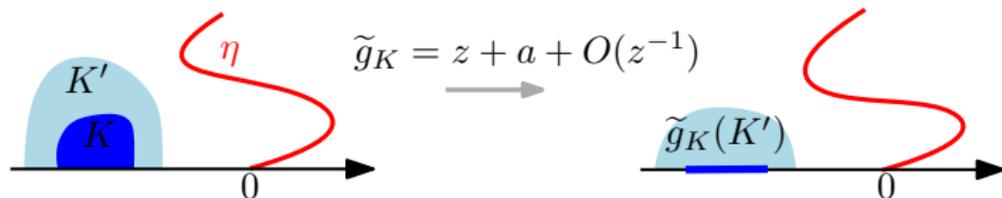
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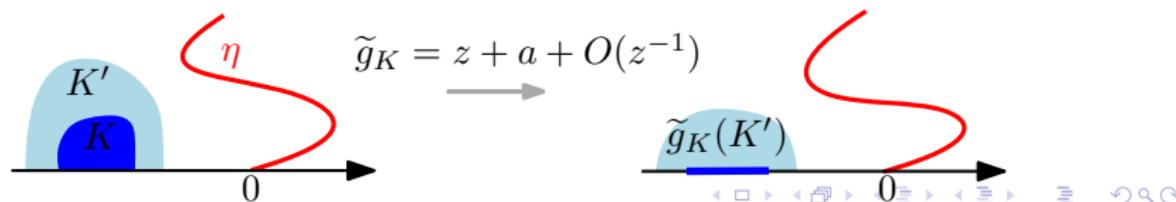
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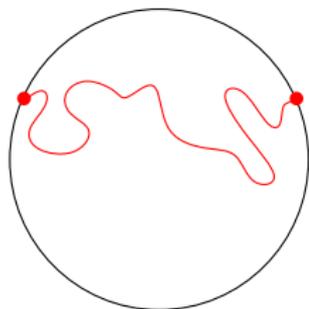
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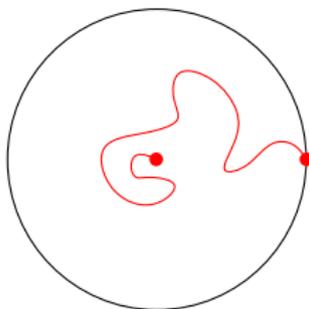
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# Chordal, radial, and whole-plane SLE



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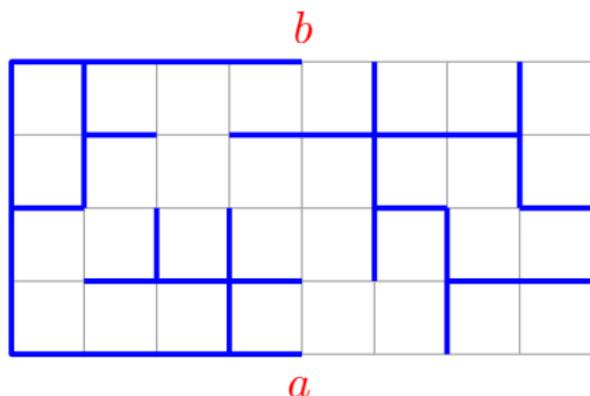
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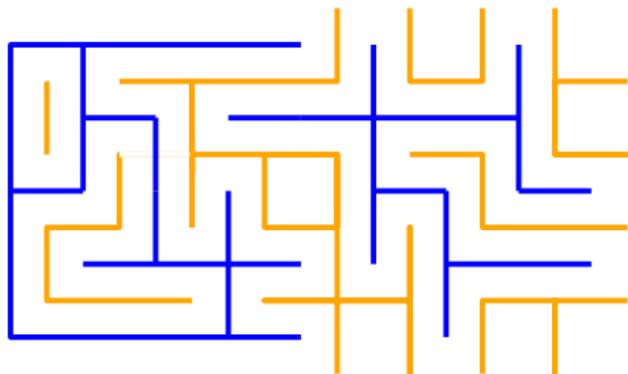
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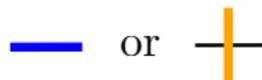
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For each edge

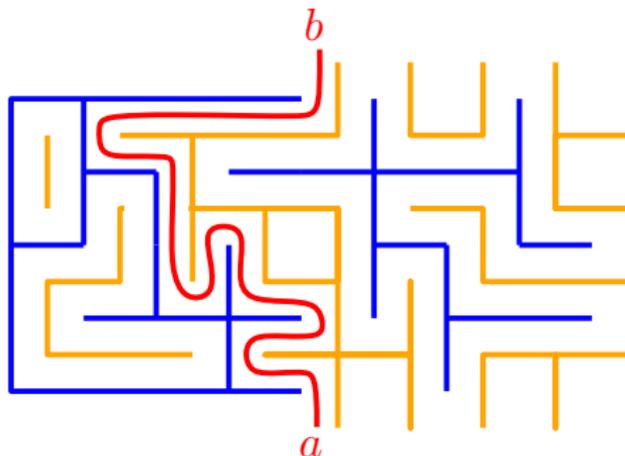


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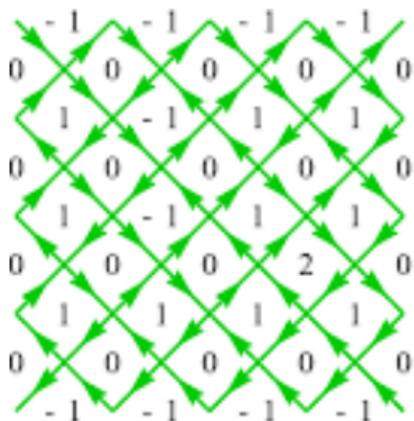
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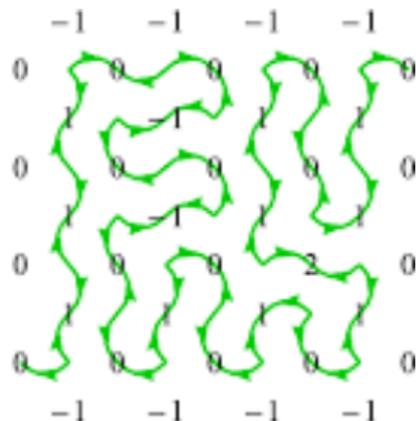


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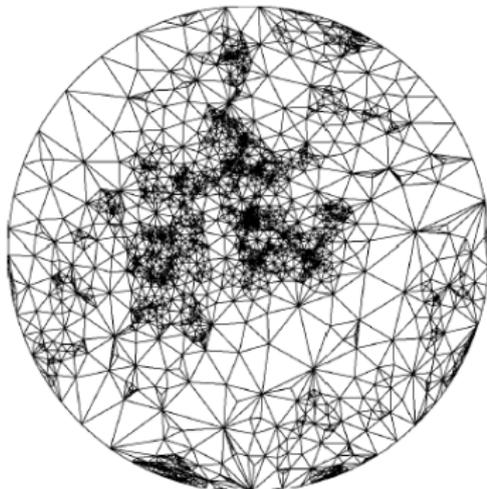
(a) 6-vertex configuration



(b) Peano curve

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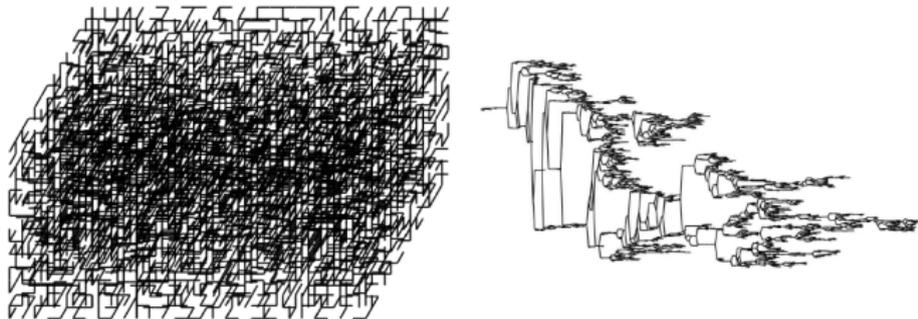
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Random planar map; figure due to Gwynne-Miller-Sheffield

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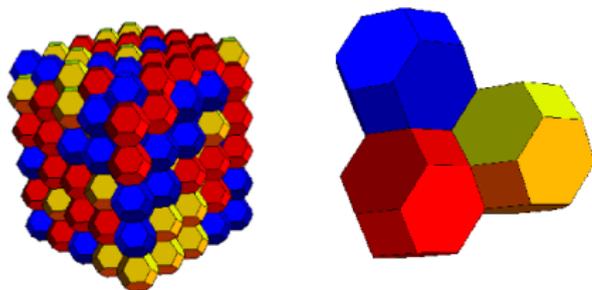
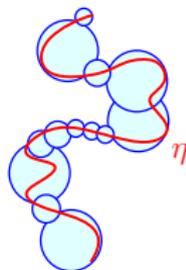
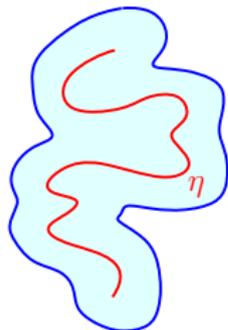


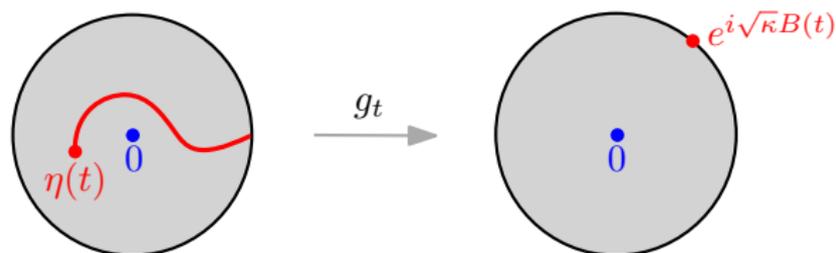
Figure by Sheffield-Yadin

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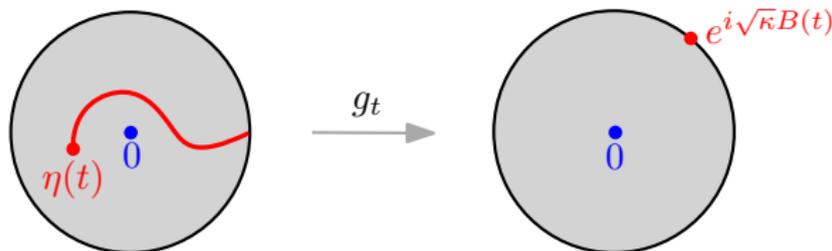
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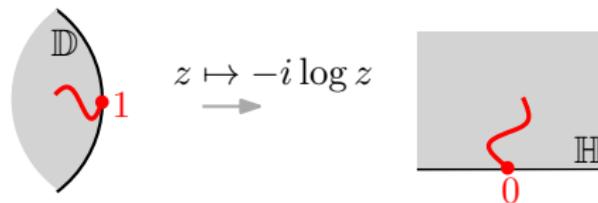
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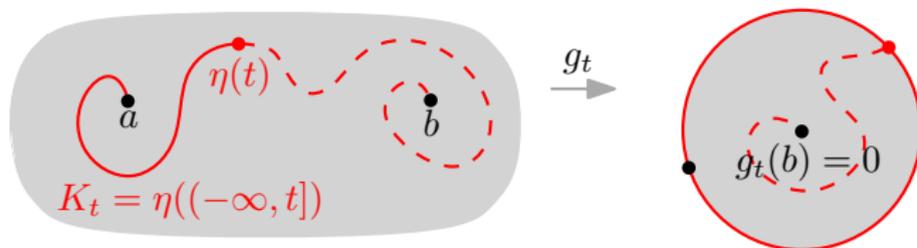


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Conditioned on  $\eta|_{(-\infty, t]}$ , the remainder  $\eta|_{(t, \infty)}$  of the curve has the law of radial SLE $_{\kappa}$  in  $(\mathbb{C} \setminus K_t, \eta(t), b)$ .