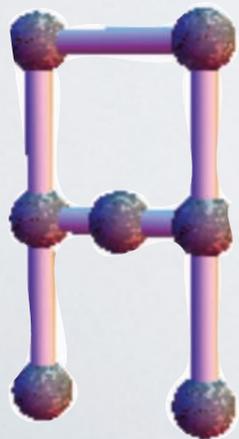
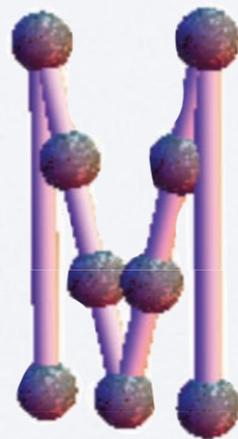


# MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURES IN GRAPH THEORY II

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These 67 slides were not delivered on the 16th and are still in a rough state or partly recycled from a previous talk. It had become clear that there would be no time for them in 20 minutes.

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slides I

# 1 GEOMETRY

Differential Geometry,  
Algebraic Geometry, Integral Geom.

# 2 TOPOLOGY

Homotopy, Dimension,  
Graph Topology, Fixed points

# 3 ANALYSIS

Category, Calculus

# 4 ALGEBRA

Cohomology, Hodge theory Matrix Tree

# 5 DYNAMICS

Discrete PDE's, Integrable Systems

# 6 SPECTRAL PROBLEMS

Zeta function

not delivered

slides II

# ANALYSIS

# LJUSTERNIIK SCHNIRELMANN



Ljusternik 1899 - 1981



Schnirelmann 1905-1938

# LJUSTERNIK SCHNIRELMANN THEORY

A prototype theory which has a couple of implementations in the discrete. The version done together with Josellis is by far closest to the continuum and natural since all notions are parallel and the results are the same than in the continuum except for minor modifications.

Essentially the only difference is that graphs can be too small to make an embedded graph contractible. The equator circle in an octahedron  $G$  is not contractible in  $G$ . But we can expand  $G$  first and then contract so that the circle deforms to a point.

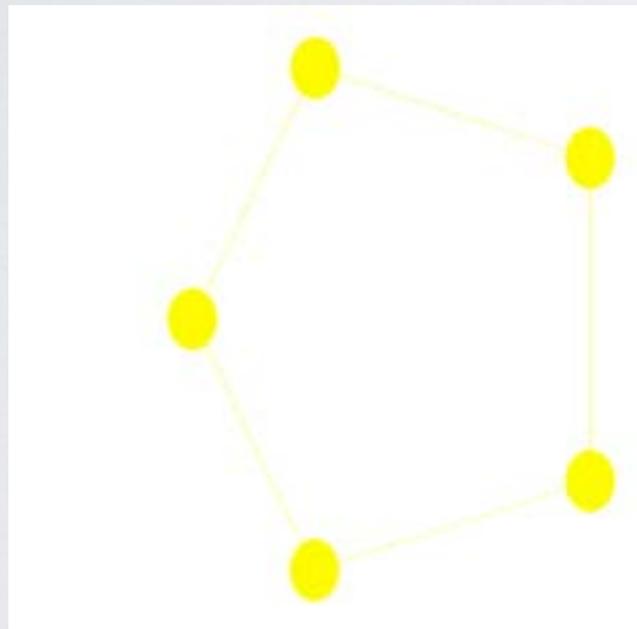
# HOMOTOPY

Two graphs are homotopic, if they can be transformed into each other by homotopy steps.

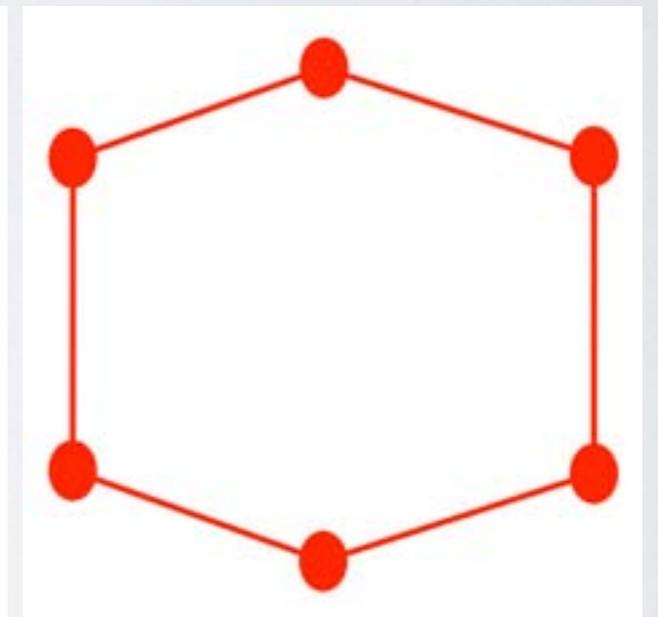
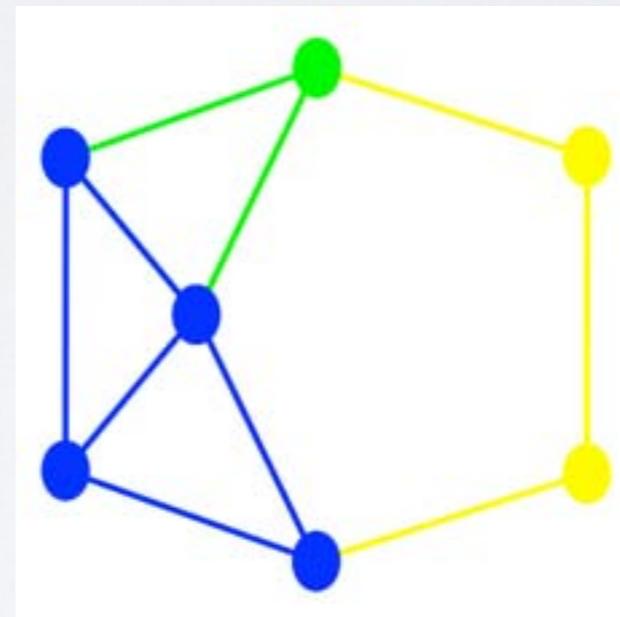
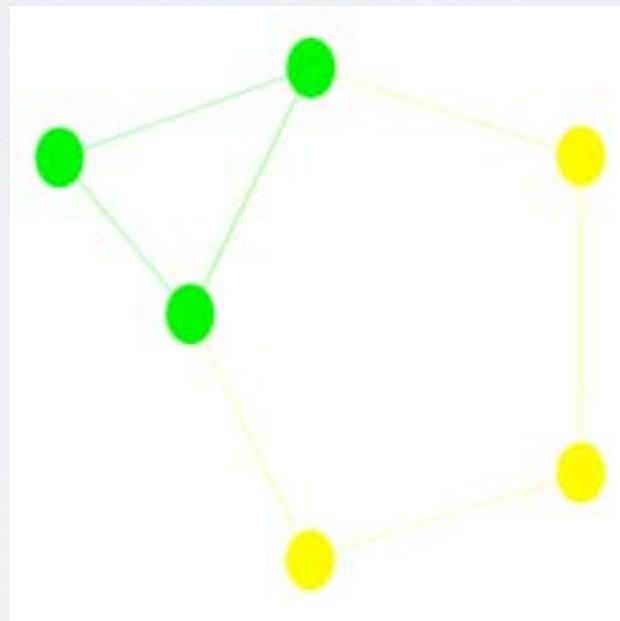
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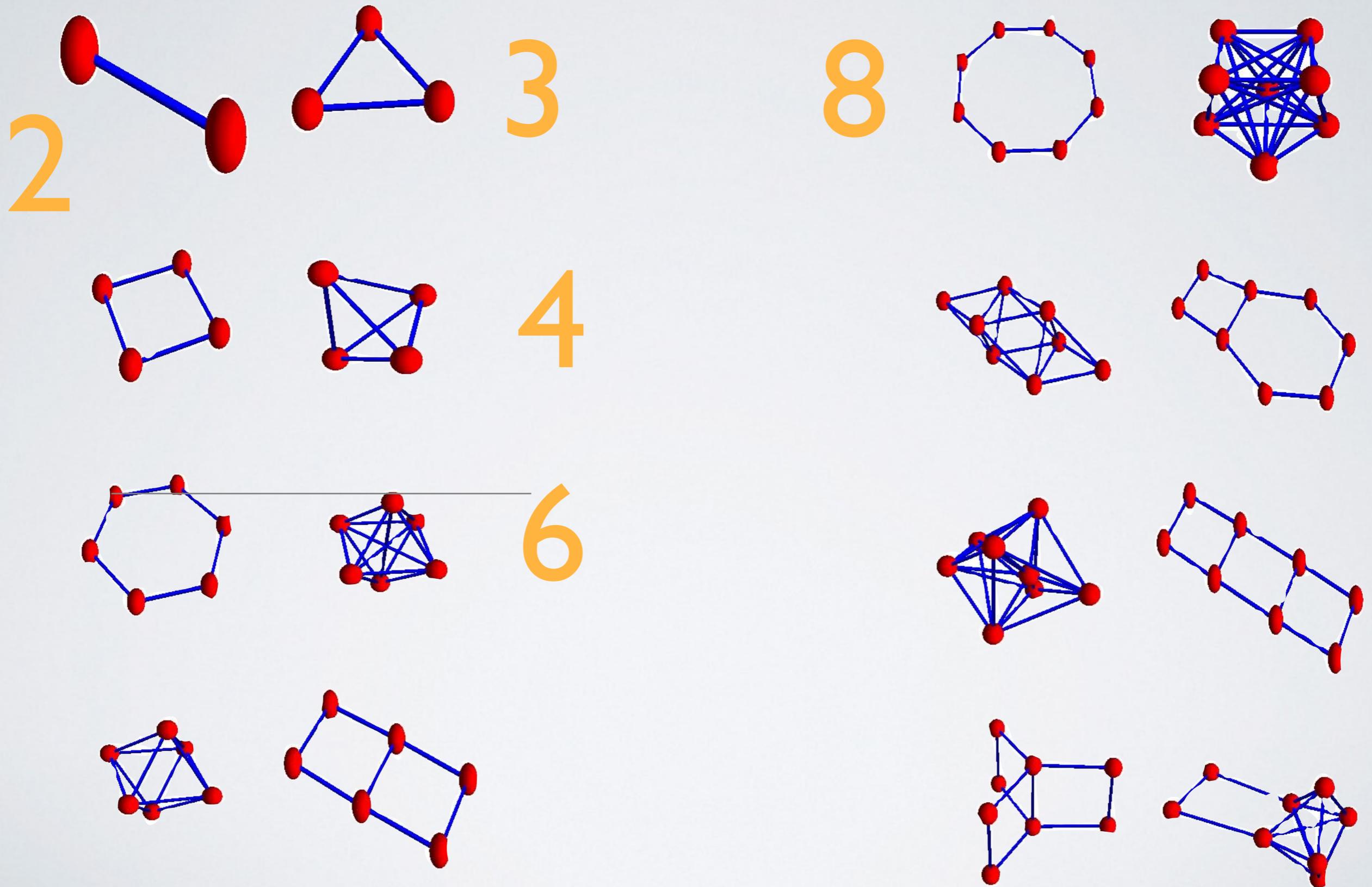


$C_5$



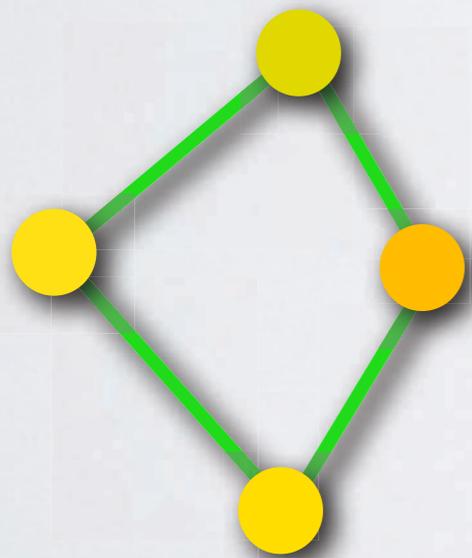
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# HOMOTOPY CLASSES

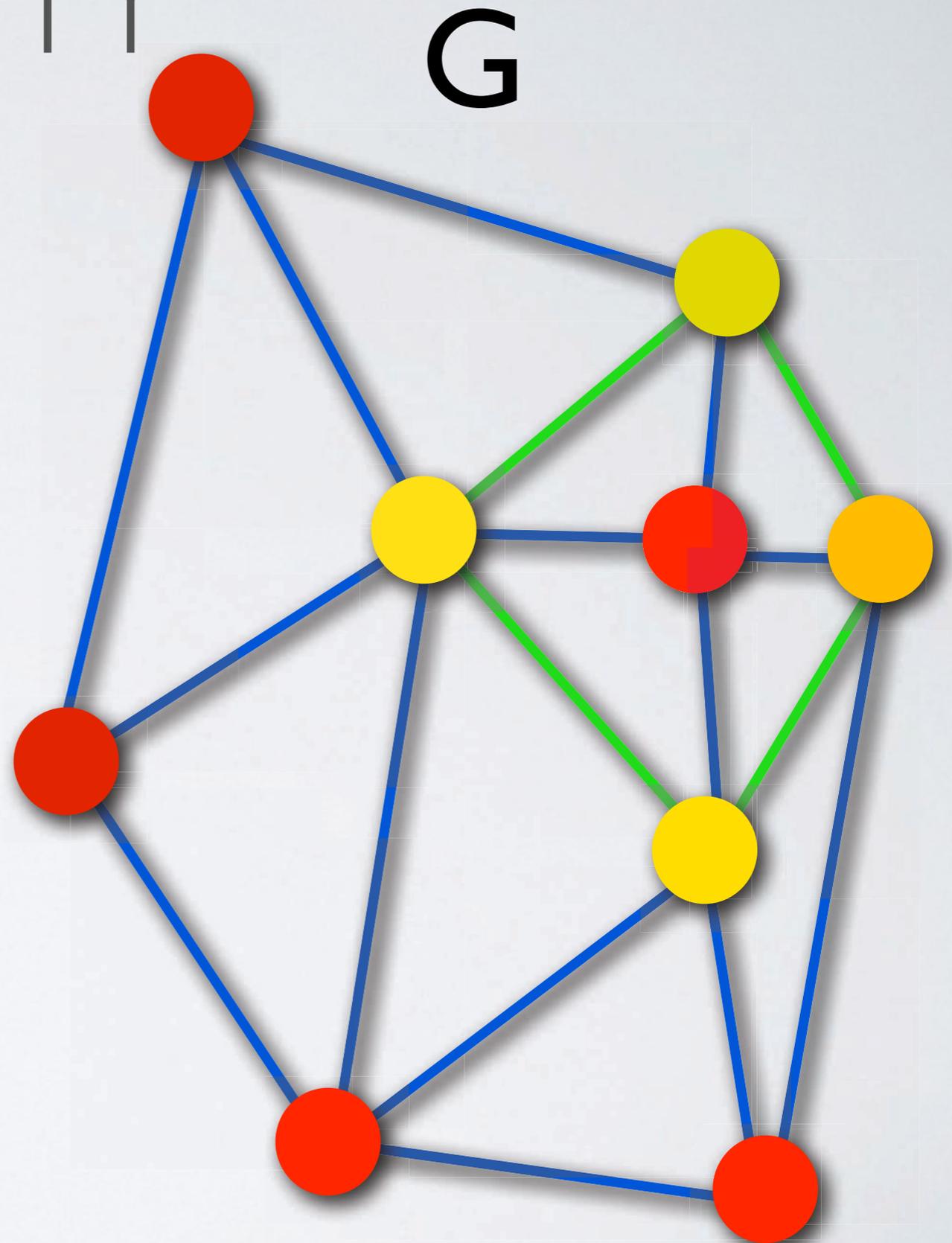


# CONTRACTIBILITY WITHIN G

Contraction of G which shrinks H to a point if H is contractible in itself.



is contractible in G  
but not in itself.



# LJUSTERNIK SCHNIRELMANN

work with Frank Josellis

$\text{tcat}(G)$  = min # in  $G$  contractible sets

$\text{crit}(G)$  = min # of critical points

$\text{cup}(G)$  = cup length

$$\text{cup} \leq \text{cat} \leq \text{cri}$$

Algebra

Topology

Analysis

$\text{cat}$  and  $\text{cri}$  are homotopy invariant versions of  $\text{tcat}$  and  $\text{crit}$ .

# CALCULUS

Calculus on graphs is surprisingly simple. Stokes theorem is almost tautological in arbitrary dimensions.

Surprising is also that this has already been done by Poincare. Poincare defined grad, curl, div etc in arbitrary dimensions as concrete matrices and used this to define cohomology.

# STOKES-GAUSS



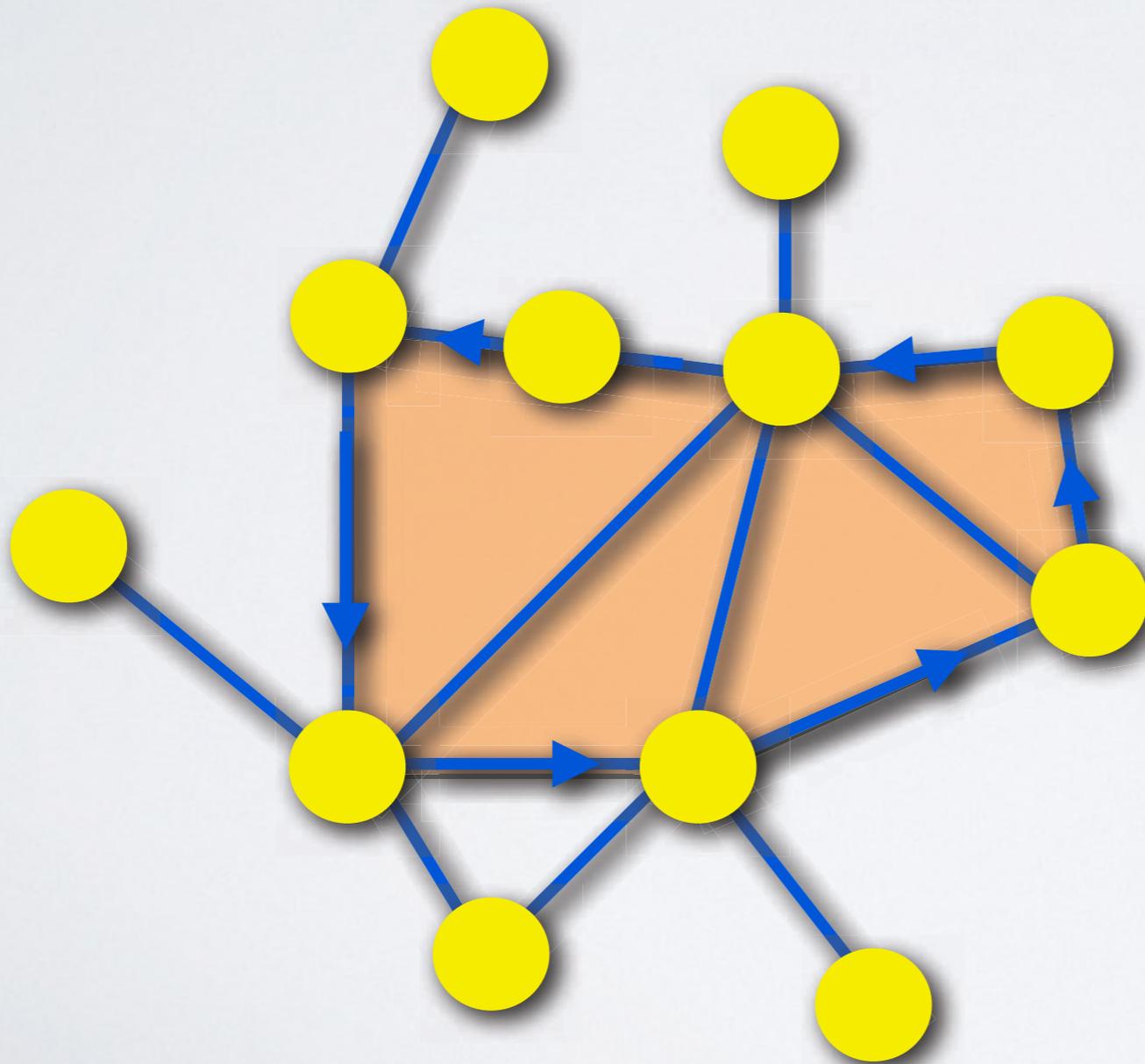
Stokes



Gauss

# GREEN STOKES GAUSS

$$\sum_{x \in G} df(x) = \sum_{x \in \delta G} f(x)$$



$d_0$  grad

$d_1$  curl

$d_0^*$  div

$$\Delta = \text{div grad}$$

# STOKES



$$\int_S \text{curl}(F) \, dS = \int_C F \, dr$$

# MORSE REEB



# MORSE THEORY

Morse theory also has several implementations in the discrete. Our approach does not need additional structure on the graph.

We have seen that Poincare Hopf works with Morse ideas. What is needed for Morse theory is that functions are so nice that adding a point only changes one entry by 1 in the Betti vector.

Then the Morse inequalities etc hold as in the continuum.

# MORSE REEB

MORSE

$$\sum (-1)^k c_k = \chi$$

$$b_k \leq c_k$$

Algebra

Analysis

REEB

2 critical points  $\rightarrow$  sphere

Analysis

Topology

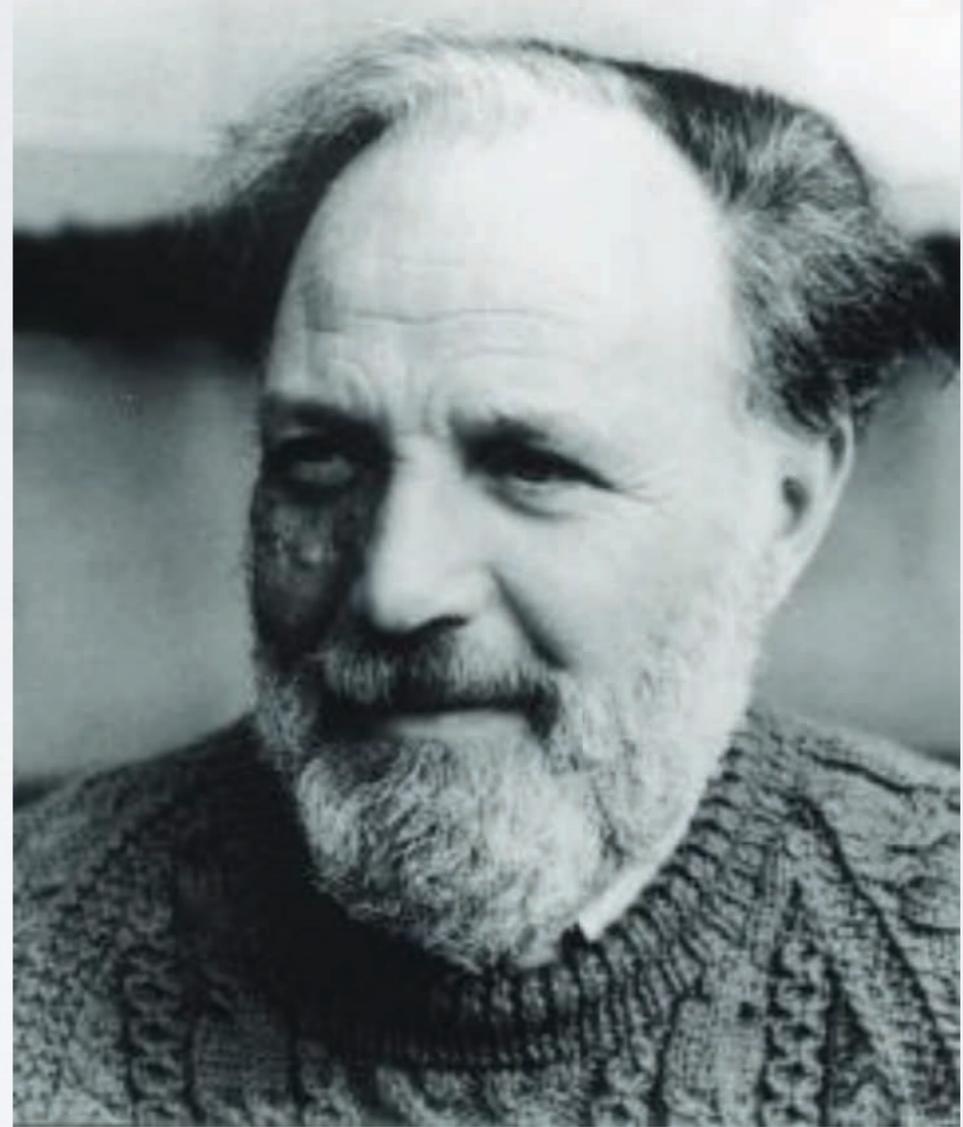
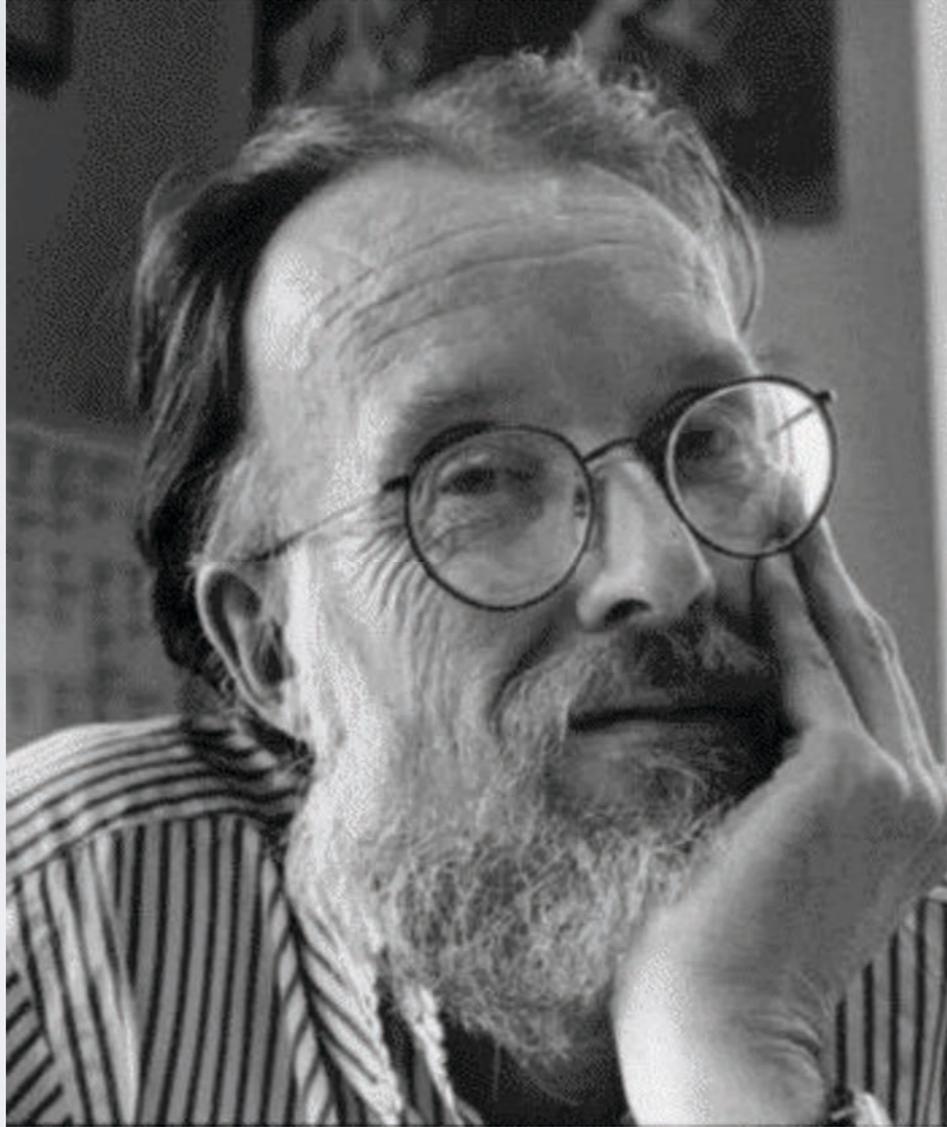
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# ALGEBRA

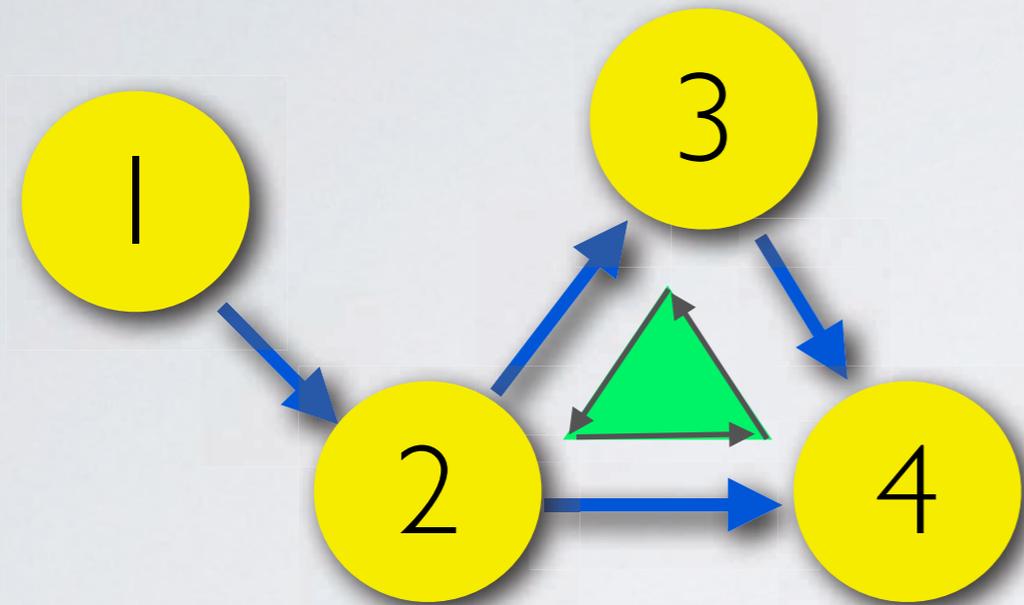
# ALGEBRA

Some of the following slides are from my ILAS talk which had obviously more focus on linear algebra. I recycle here some slides.

# MCKEAN SINGER



# DIRAC OPERATOR



$$D = d + d^*$$

$$v_0 = 4$$

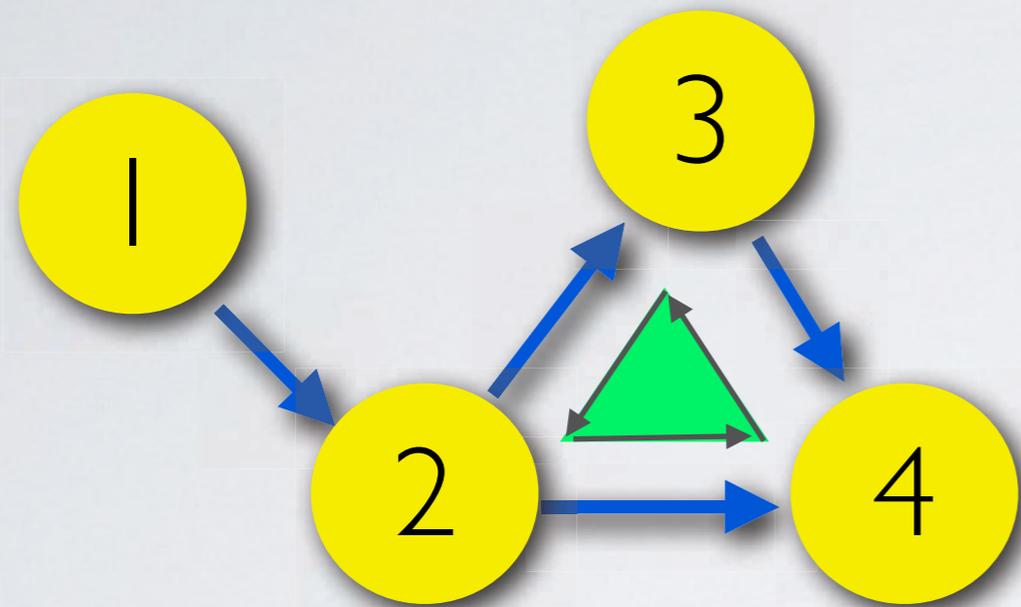
$$v_1 = 4$$

$$v_2 = 1$$

$$\chi(G) = 1$$

0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1
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# LAPLACE-BELTRAMI MATRIX

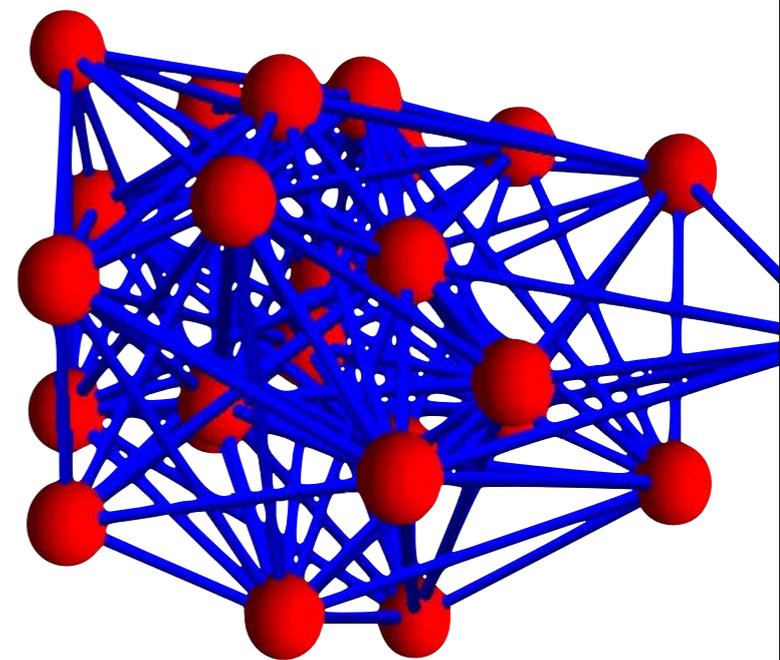
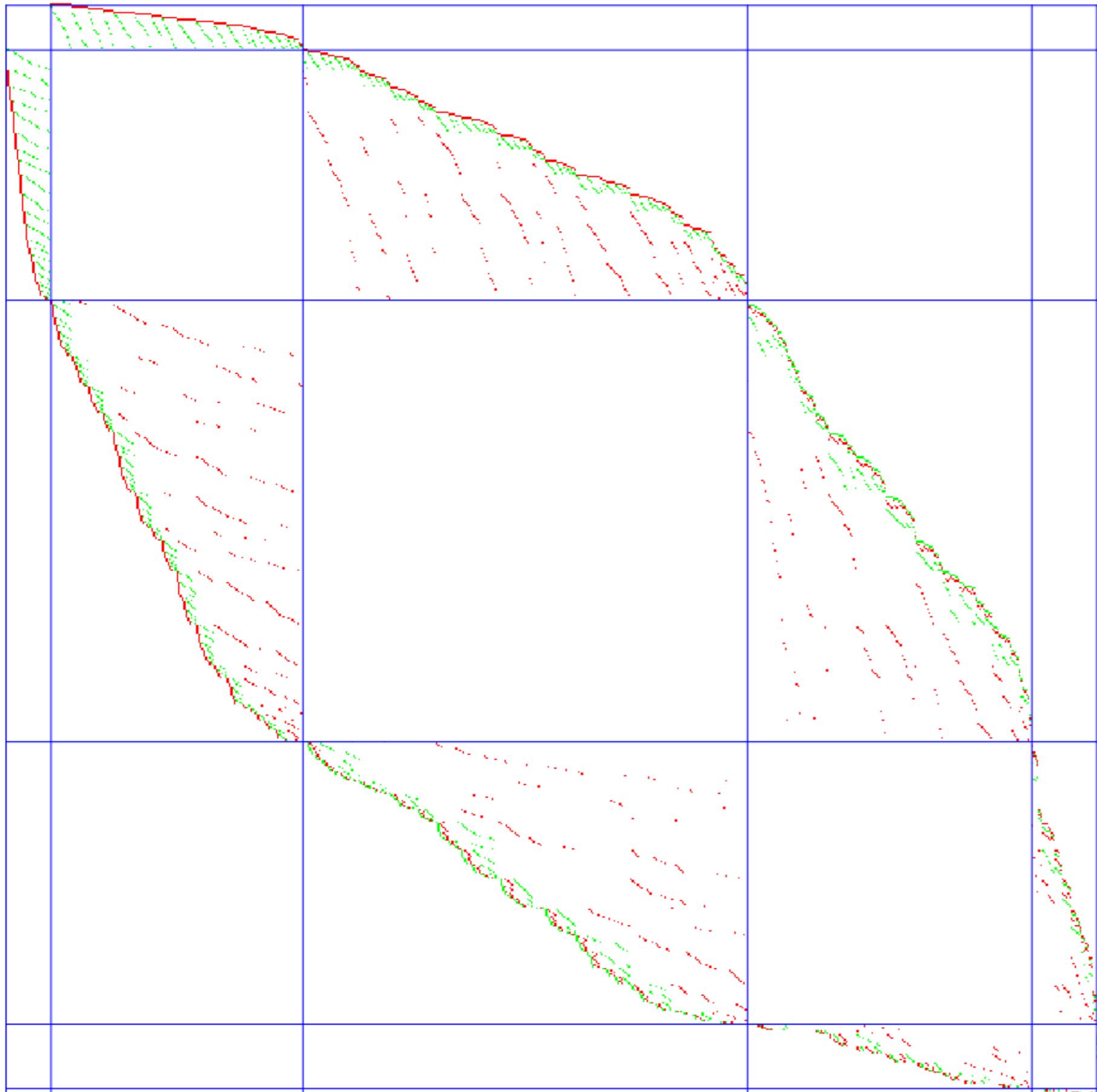


$$L = (d + d)^2 =$$

1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
-1	3	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-1	2	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	-1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	2	-1	-1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	-1	3	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	-1	0	3	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3

is block diagonal.

# RANDOM 25 VERTEX GRAPH



# COHOMOLOGY



$$H^k(G) = \ker(d_k) / \text{im}(d_{k-1})$$

k'th cohomology group

$$b_k(G) = \dim(H^k(G)) \text{ Betti number}$$

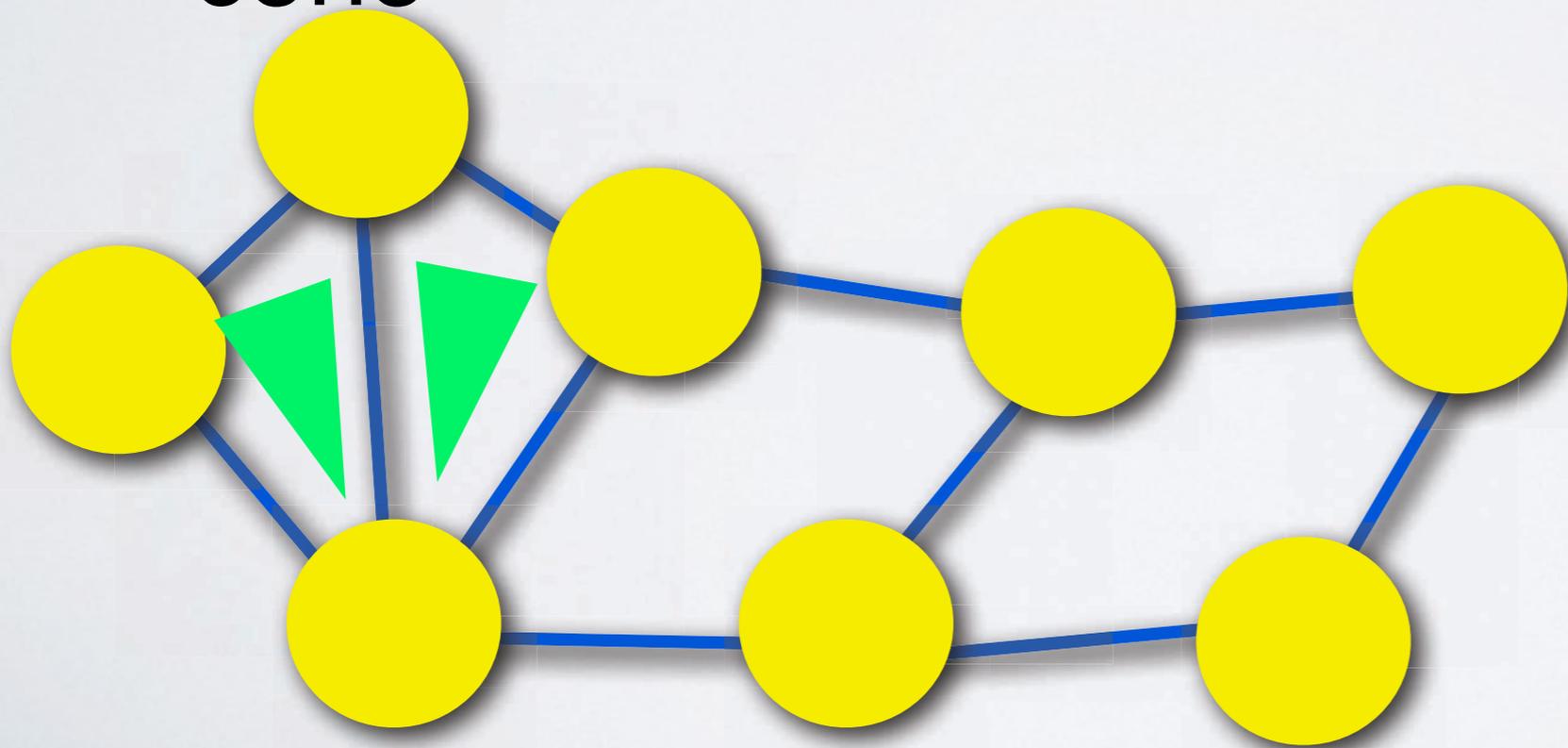
$$b_0 - b_1 + b_2 \dots = \chi(G)$$

cohomological Euler characteristic

# EULER CHARACTERISTIC

$$\chi_{\text{simp}}(G) = v_0 - v_1 + v_2 - \dots = 8 - 11 + 2$$

$$\chi_{\text{coho}}(G) = b_0 - b_1 + b_2 - \dots = 1 - 2$$

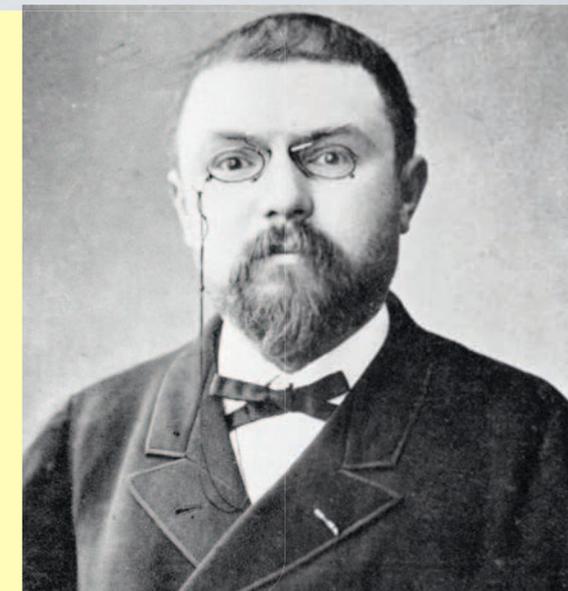


Example: no  
tetrahedra, then  
 $v - e + f = 1 - g$

# EULER-POINCARÉ



$$\chi_{\text{simp}}(G) = \chi_{\text{coho}}(G)$$



Proof.  $C_m$  space of  $m$  forms

$Z_m = \ker(d_m)$  space of  $m$  cocycles

$R_m = \text{ran}(d_m)$  space of  $m$  coboundaries

$Z_m = v_m - r_m$  rank-nullity theorem

$b_m = z_m - r_{m-1}$  definition of cohomology

$$\sum_m (-1)^m (v_m - b_m) = \sum_m (-1)^m (r_m - r_{m-1}) = 0$$

QED

# HODGE THEOREM

$$H^m(G) \cong \text{Ker}(L_m)$$

Proof:

$Lf = 0$  is equivalent to  $df = d^*f = 0$

$$\langle f, Lf \rangle = \langle d^*f, d^*f \rangle + \langle df, df \rangle$$

$$\text{im}(d) + \text{im}(d^*) + \text{ker}(L) = R^n$$

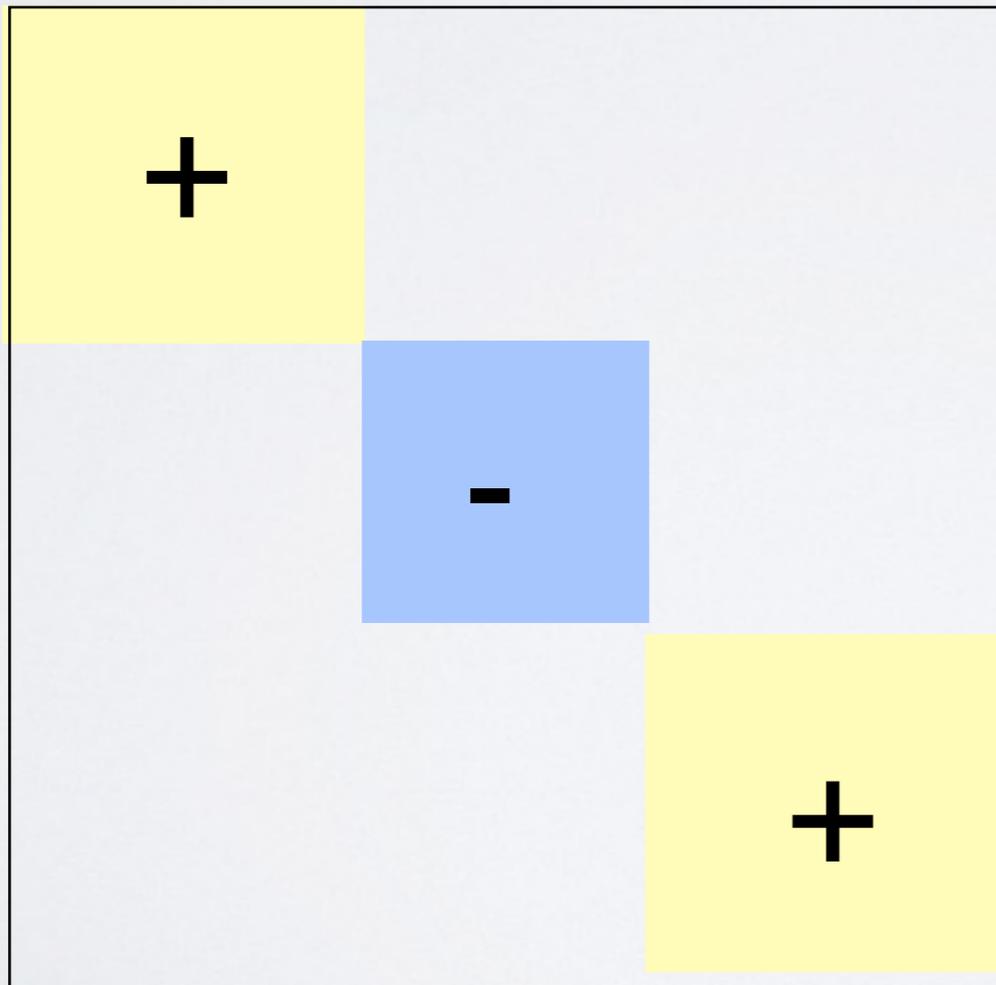
$\langle dg, d^*h \rangle = 0$ . Also  $\text{ker}(L)$  and  $\text{im}(L)$  are perp.

$dg=0$  implies  $g=d f+h$

can match cohomology class  $[g]$  - harmonic form

# SUPER TRACE

$$\text{str}(A) = \text{tr}(P A)$$



Example:  
 $\text{str}(1) = \text{tr}(P)$   
 $= \chi(G)$

# MCKEAN SINGER

$$\text{str}(\exp(-t L)) = \chi(G)$$

Proof. Each Boson  $f$  matches a Fermion  $Df$

$$Lf = \lambda f$$

$$L Df = D Lf = D \lambda f = \lambda Df$$

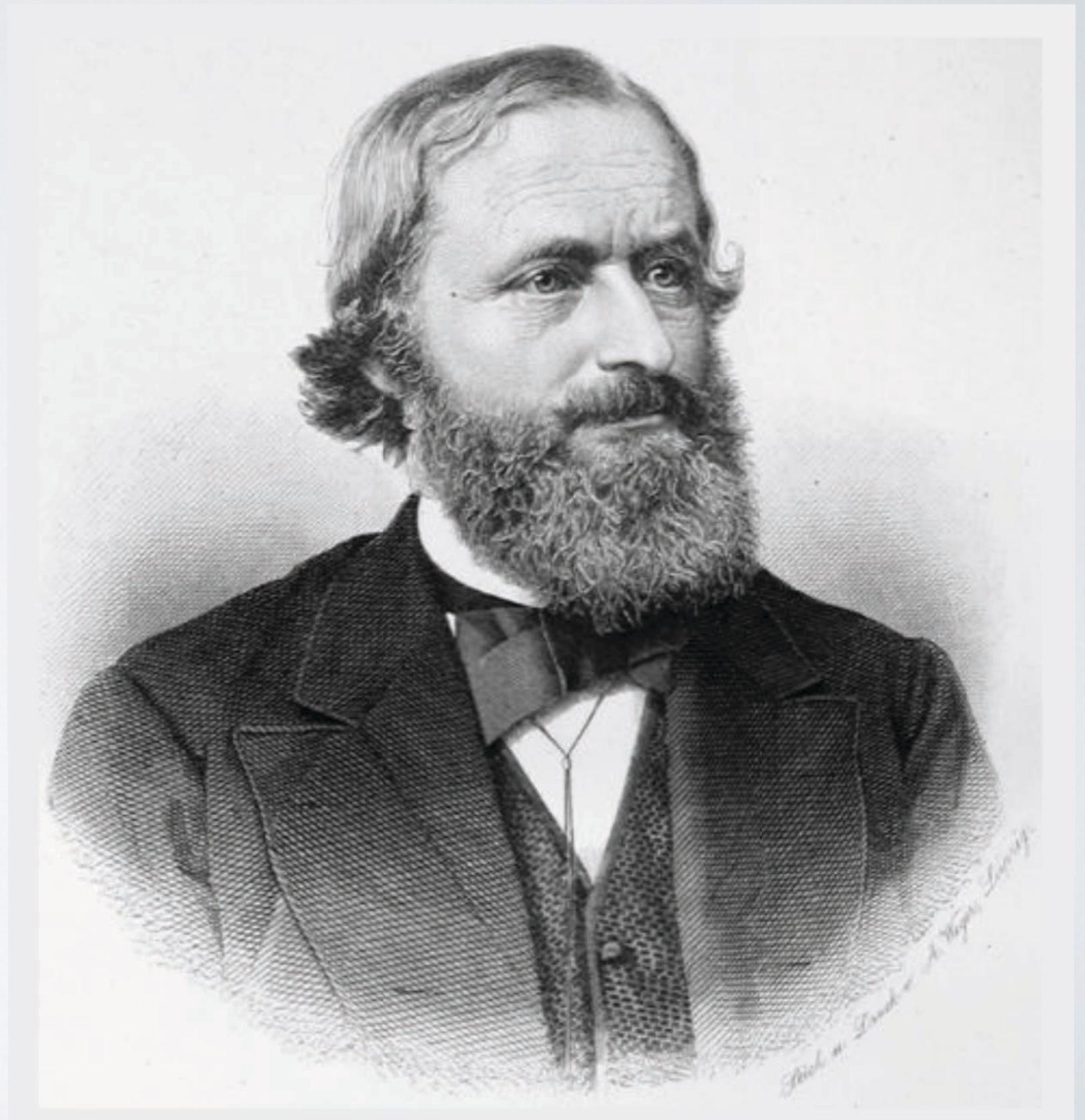
$$\text{str}(L) = 0 \text{ for } n > 0$$

$$\text{str}(\exp(-t L)) = \text{str}(1) = \chi(G)$$

# COMBINATORICS

# GUSTAV KIRCHHOFF

1824-1887

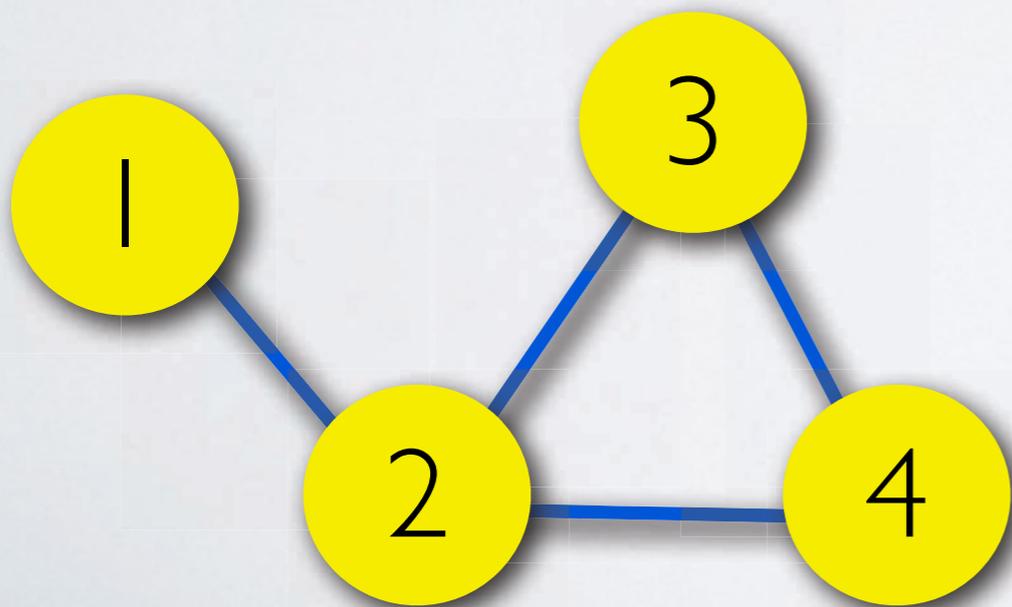


# MATRIX TREE THEOREM

$$L = B - A =$$

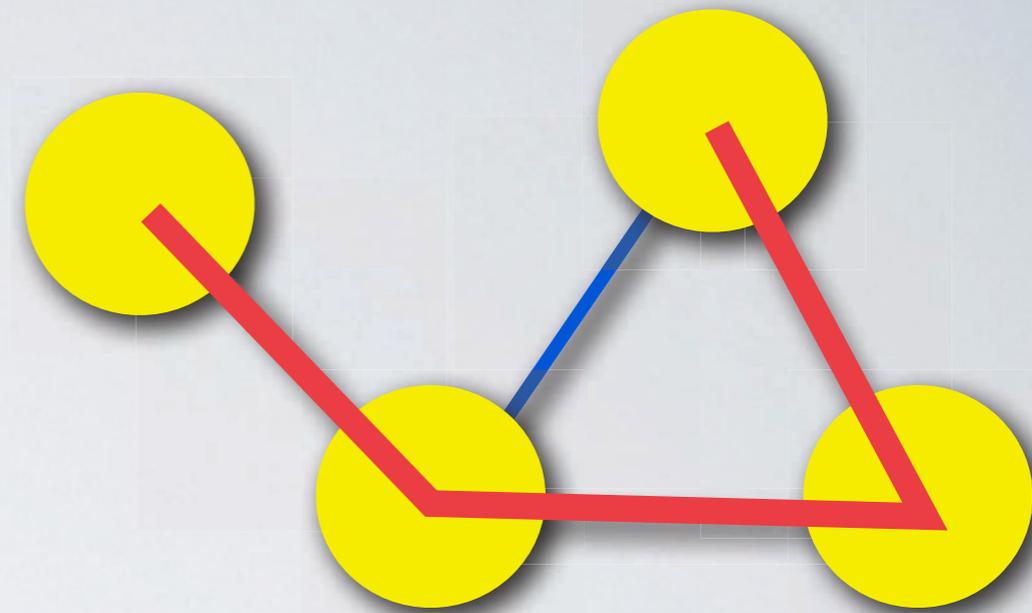
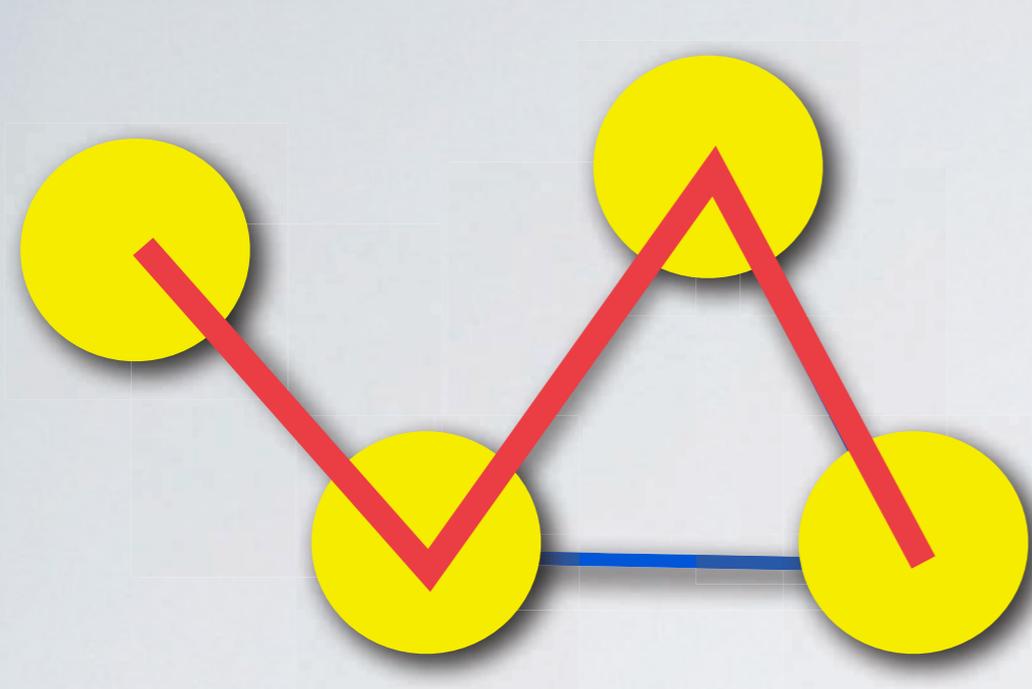
**B** = Degree matrix

**L** =



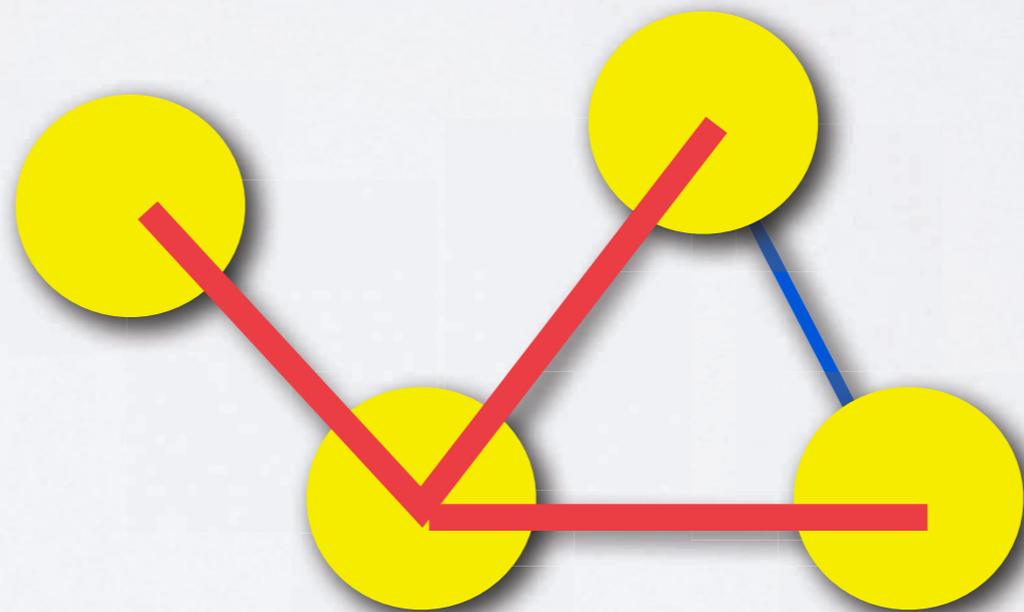
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0	-1	-1	2

Eigenvalues: 4,3,1,0



$$\det(E+L)/4=12/4 = 3$$

$$E_{ij} = 1/n$$



# FOREST THEOREM

Chebotarev-Shamis

$\det(L+1)$  is the  
number of rooted  
spanning forests

We have a completely new proof, using a new identity in linear algebra:

# CAUCHY-BINET

F,G arbitrary  $n \times m$  matrices.

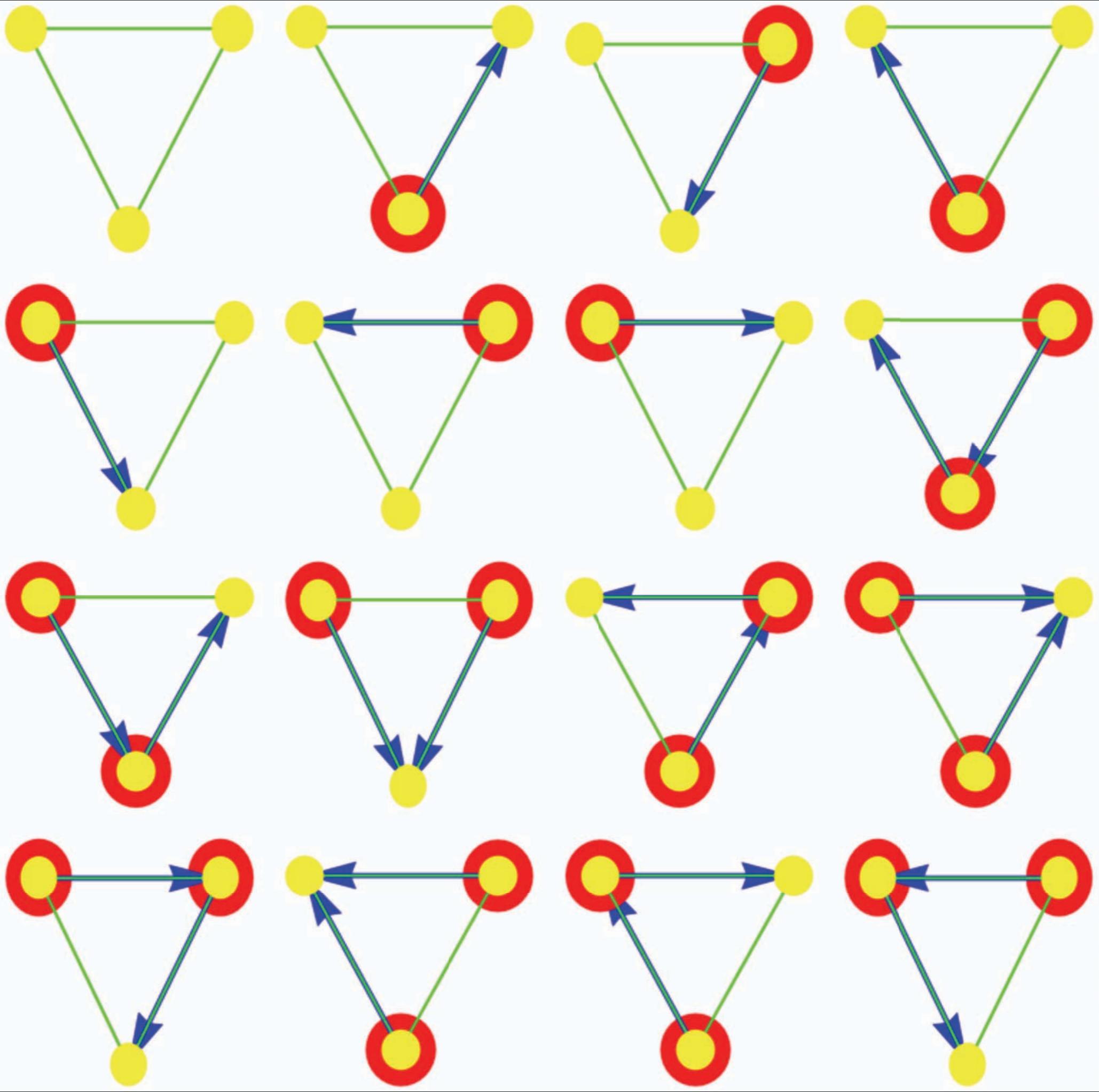
$$\det(1 + x F^T G) = \sum_P x^{|P|} \det(F^T) \det(G)$$

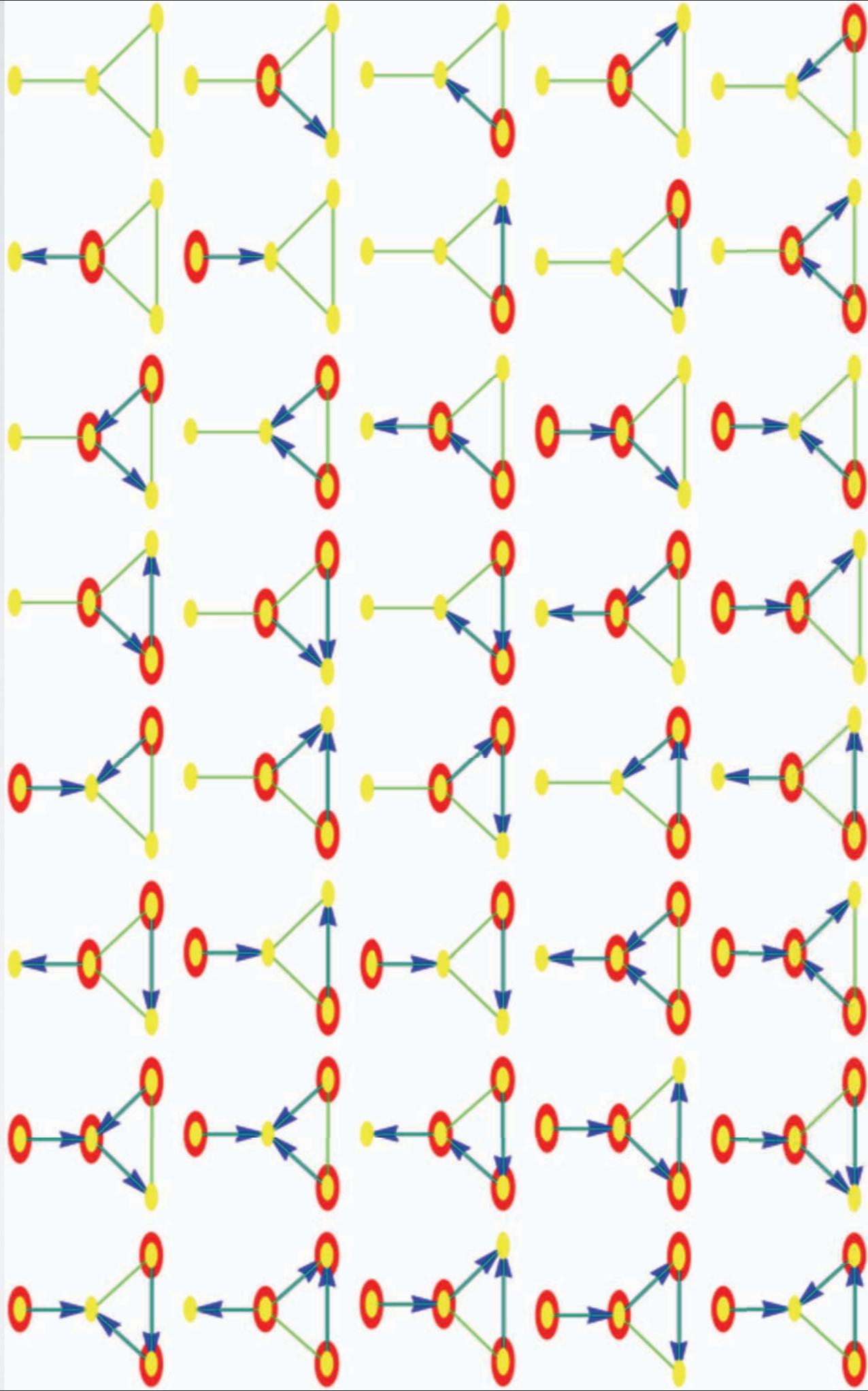
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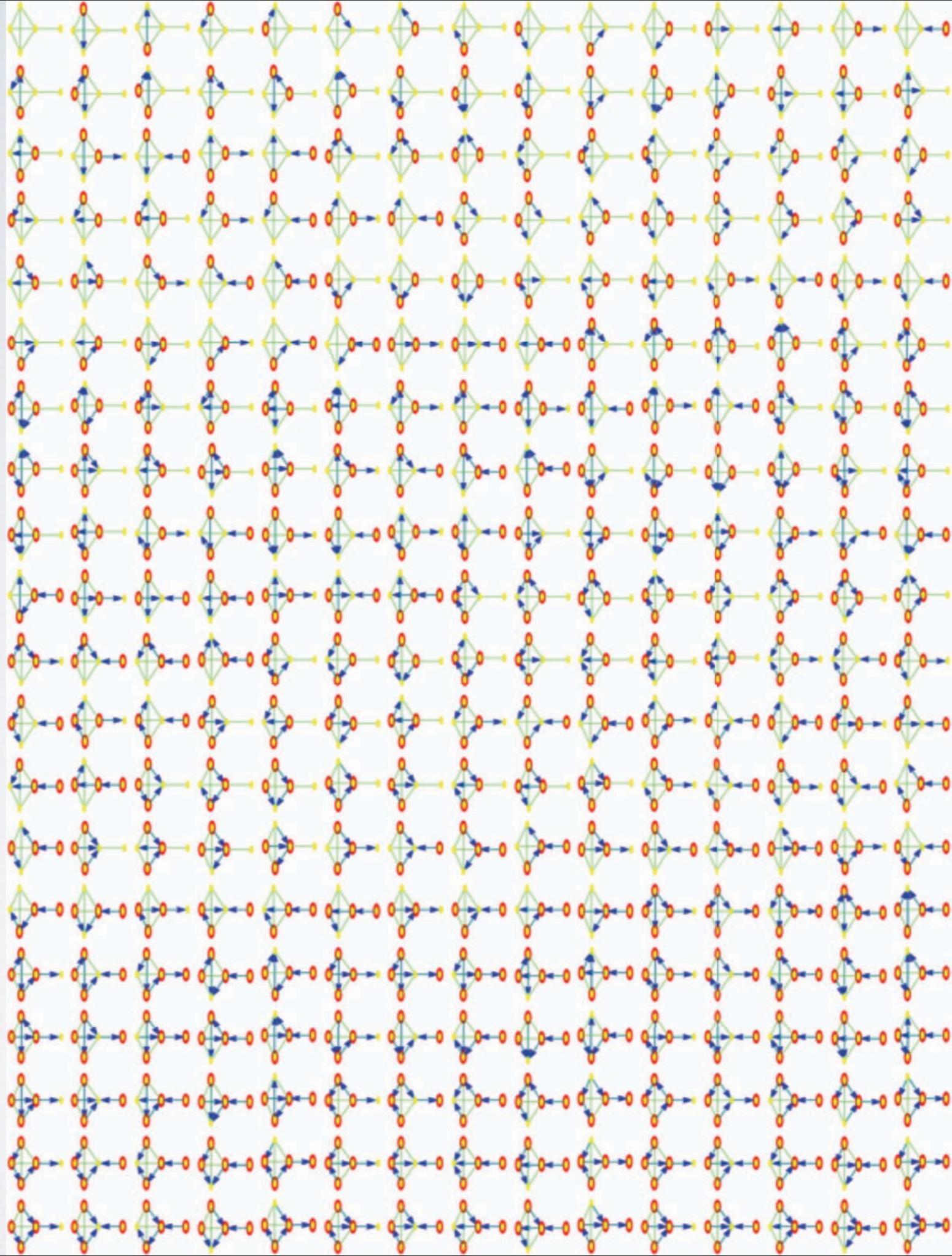


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# EXAMPLES OF FORESTS







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# DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Also some of the Dynamics stuff had been mentioned in the ILAS talk. Linear differential equations are of course tightly mingled with linear algebra.

# PDE ANALOGUES ON GRAPHS



$$Lu=j$$

**Poisson**



$$u' = -Lu$$

**Heat**



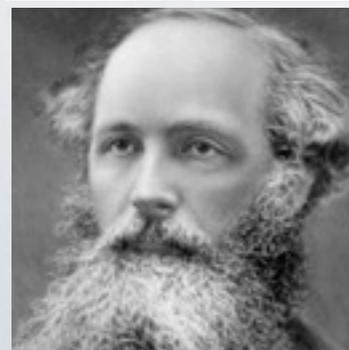
$$u' = iLu$$

**Schrödinger**



$$u'' = -Lu$$

**Wave**



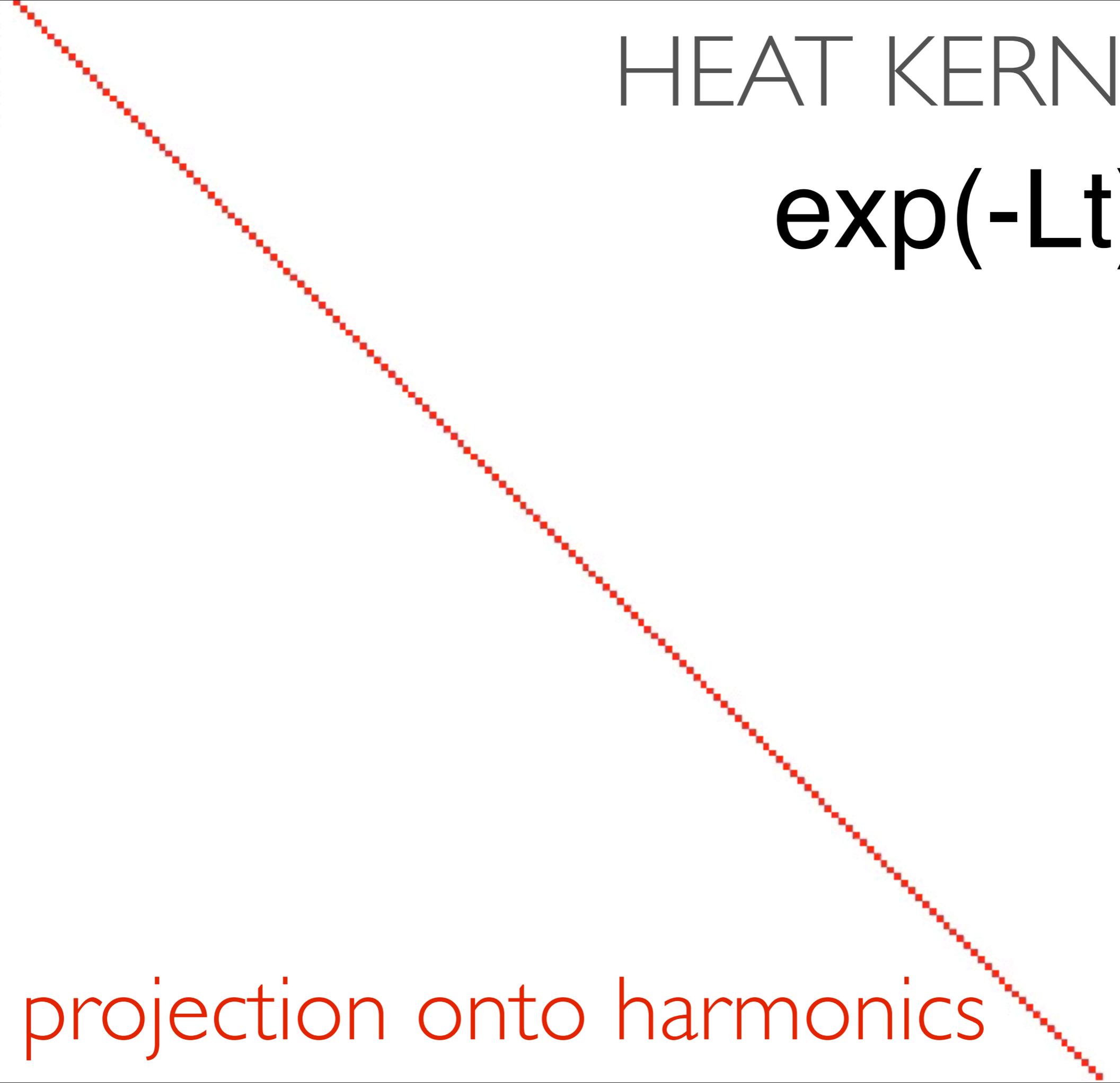
$$dF=0, d^*F=j$$

**Maxwell**

HEAT KERNEL

$$\exp(-Lt)$$

projection onto harmonics



# WAVE EQUATION SOLUTION

$$u'' = -L u$$

$$u'' = -D^2 u$$

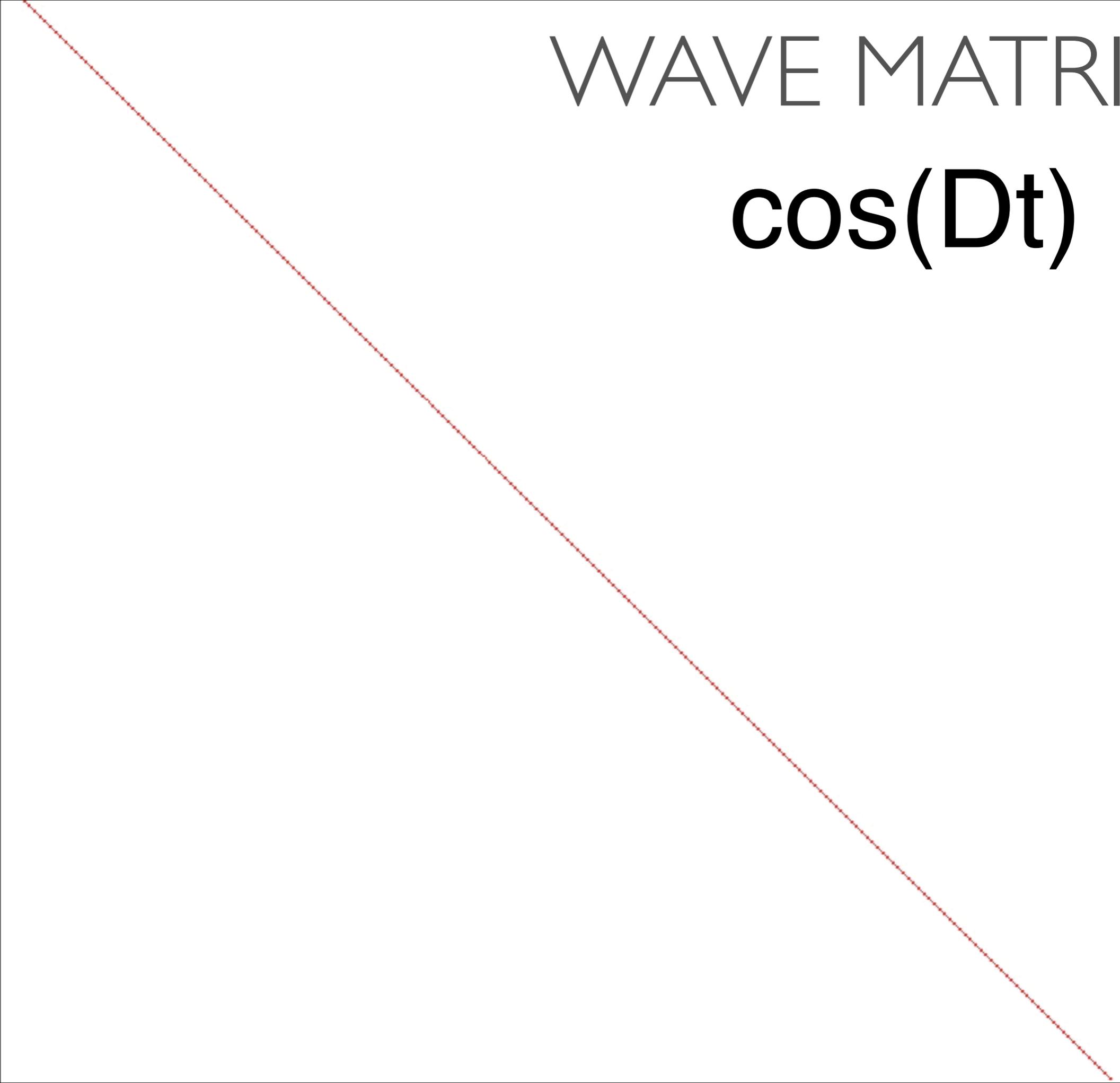
$$(\partial + i D)(\partial - i D) u = 0$$

$$u(t) = \cos(Dt)u(0) + \sin(Dt)D^{-1}u'(0)$$

d'Alembert type solution

WAVE MATRIX

**$\cos(Dt)$**

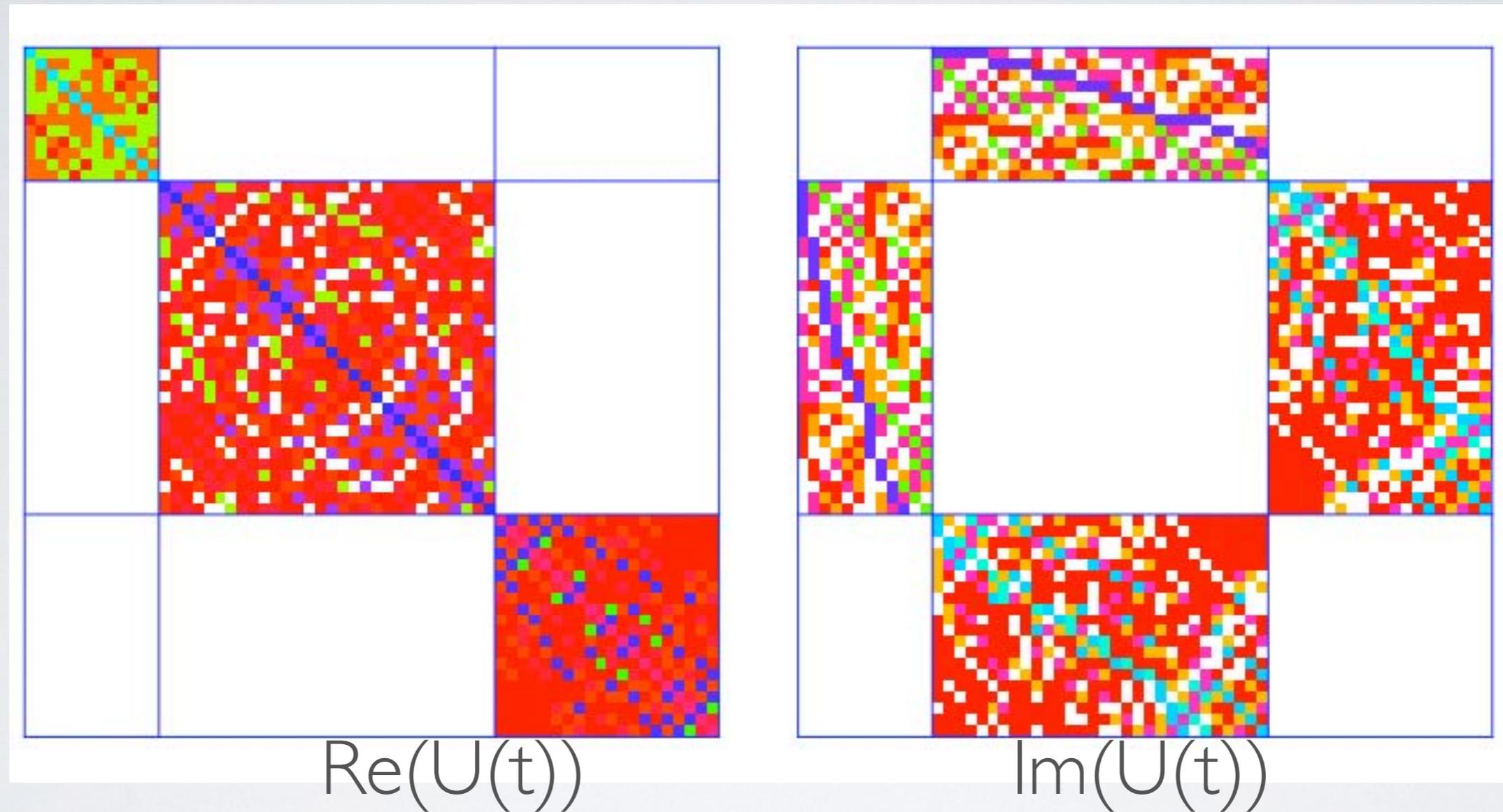


# PETER LAX



1926-

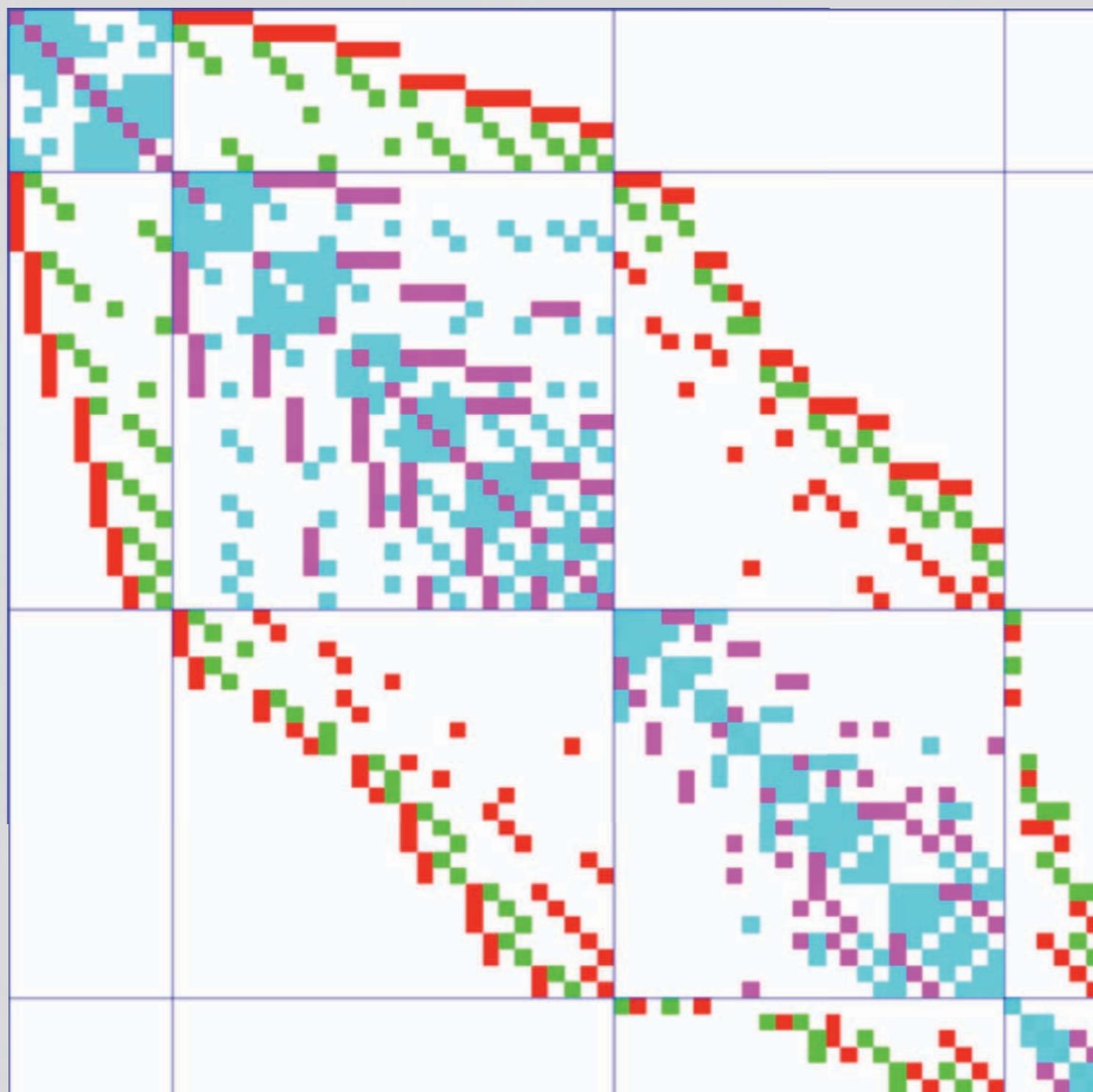
# ISOSPECTRAL EVOLUTIONS



$$D' = [B, D] \quad , \quad B = d - d^*$$

$$D(t) = d^* + d + b$$

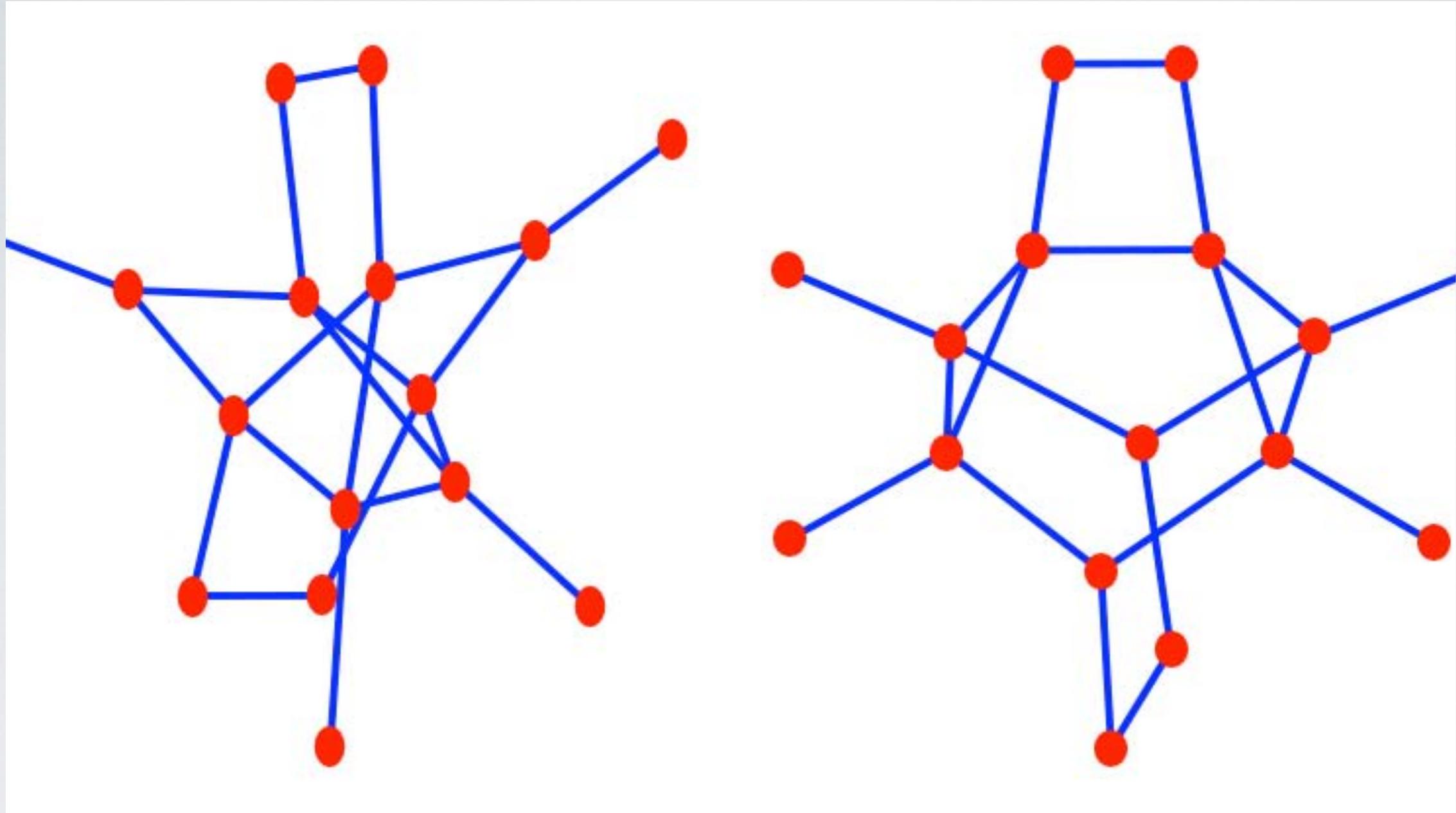
isospectral deformation



$$D(t) = U(t)^* D(0) U(t)$$

# SPECTRAL PROBLEMS

# ISOSPECTRAL GRAPHS



H-H Graphs are Dirac Isospectral!

proof:  $L_0, L_2$ , McKean Singer:  $L_1$

# ZETA FUNCTION

Having been mentioned last spring, this research has made progress in the summer.

# ZETA FUNCTION

Let  $A$  be an operator for which the spectrum is discrete and satisfies  $\sigma(A) = -\sigma(A)$ . Define

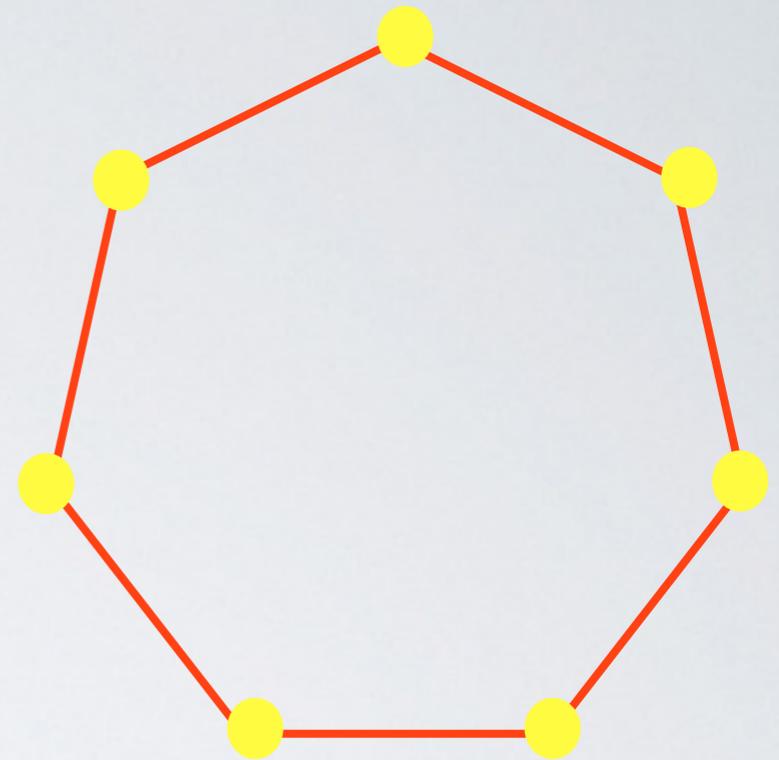
$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{\lambda > 0} \lambda^{-s}$$

where  $\lambda$  runs over the set  $\sigma(A)$  of eigenvalues of  $A$ .

# CIRCLE CASE

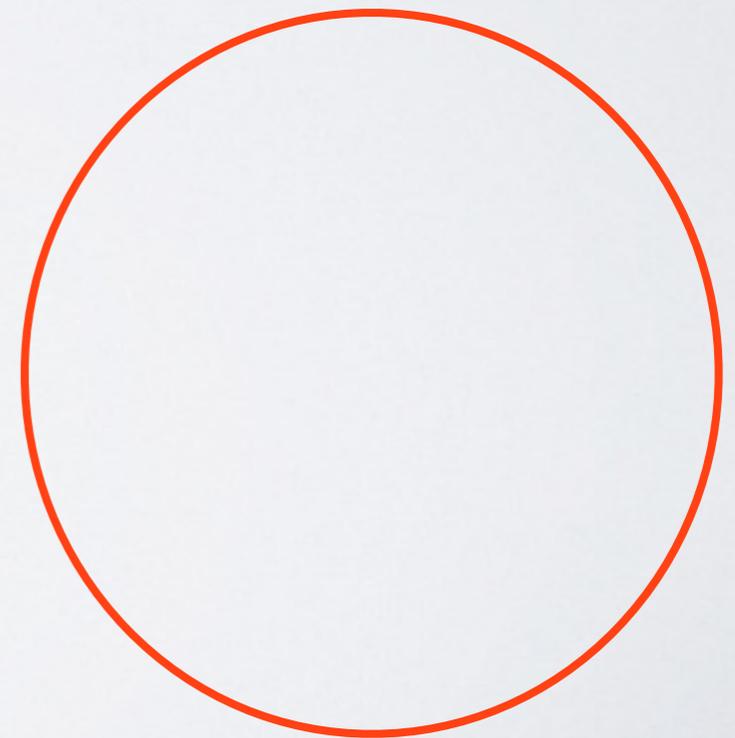
$A = \text{Dirac matrix of graph } C_n$

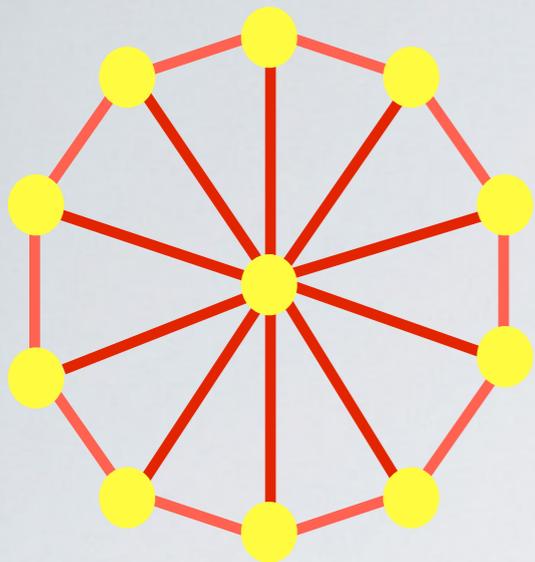
$$\zeta_n(s) = \sum_{k=1}^n \sin^{-s}(\pi k/n)$$



$A = i\partial/\partial x$

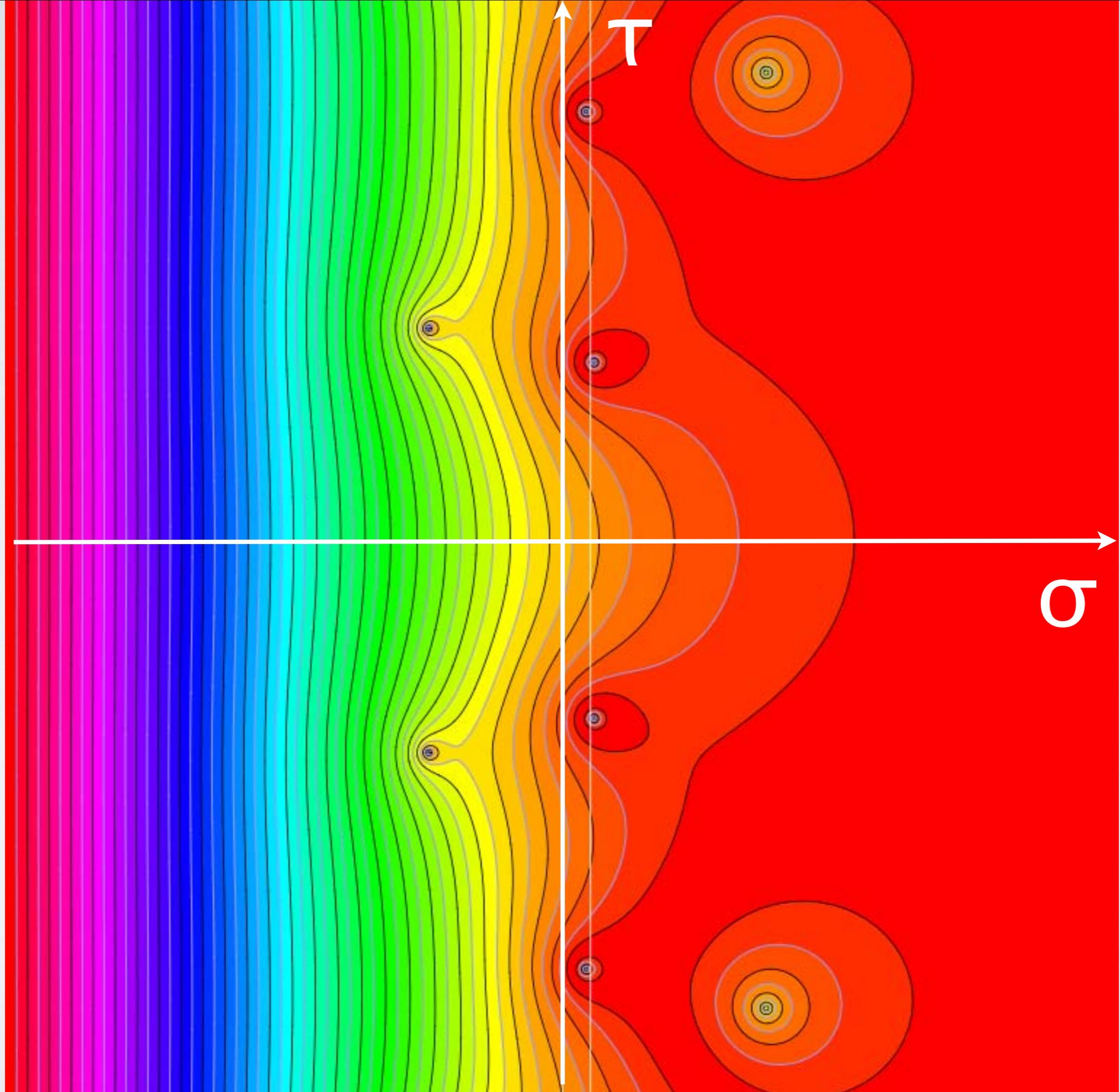
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$W_{10}$

$A =$   
Dirac  
operator  
of the  
graph





# Theorem: (Baby Riemann)

The roots of the Laplace Zeta function  $\zeta_n(2s)$  converge to the line  $\sigma=1/2$ .

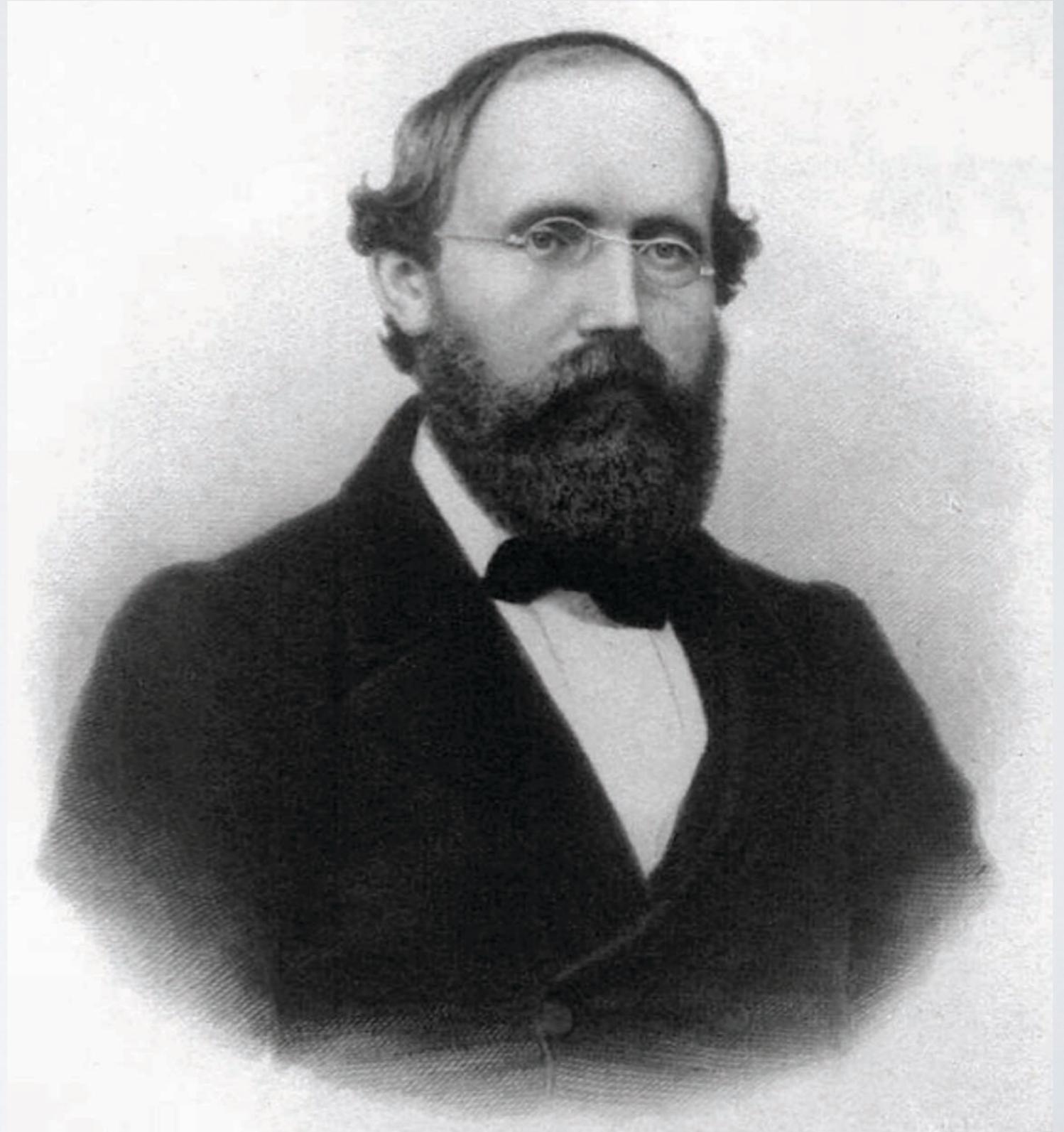
Proof: three parts. Exclude roots of  $\zeta_n(s)$

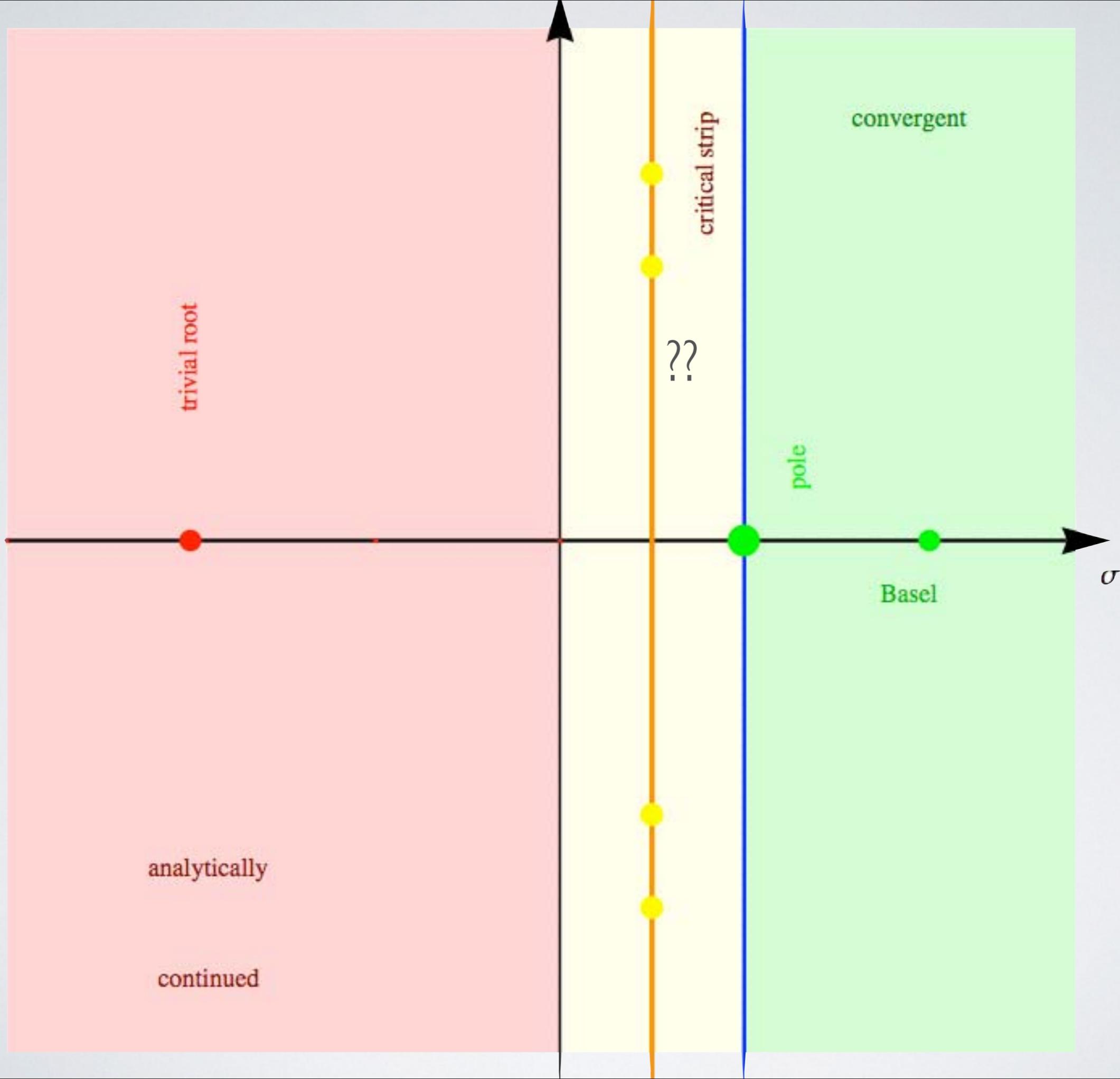
- $\sigma > 1$ : Approximate with  $\zeta(s)$
- $0 < \sigma < 1$ : “Central limit”
- $\sigma < 0$ : Riemann sum

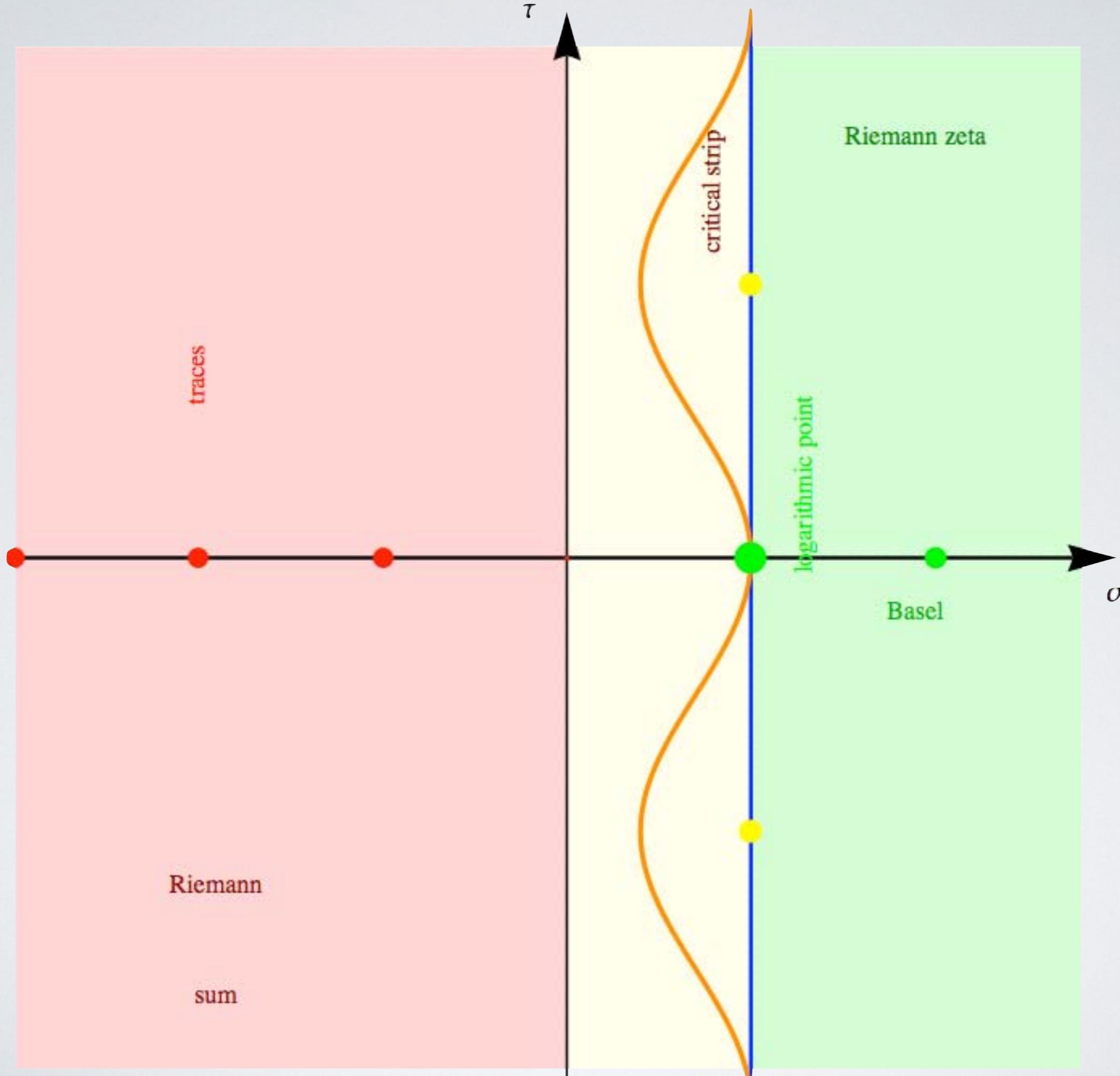
There is no relation with the actual Riemann hypothesis!

# BERNHARD RIEMANN

1826-1866

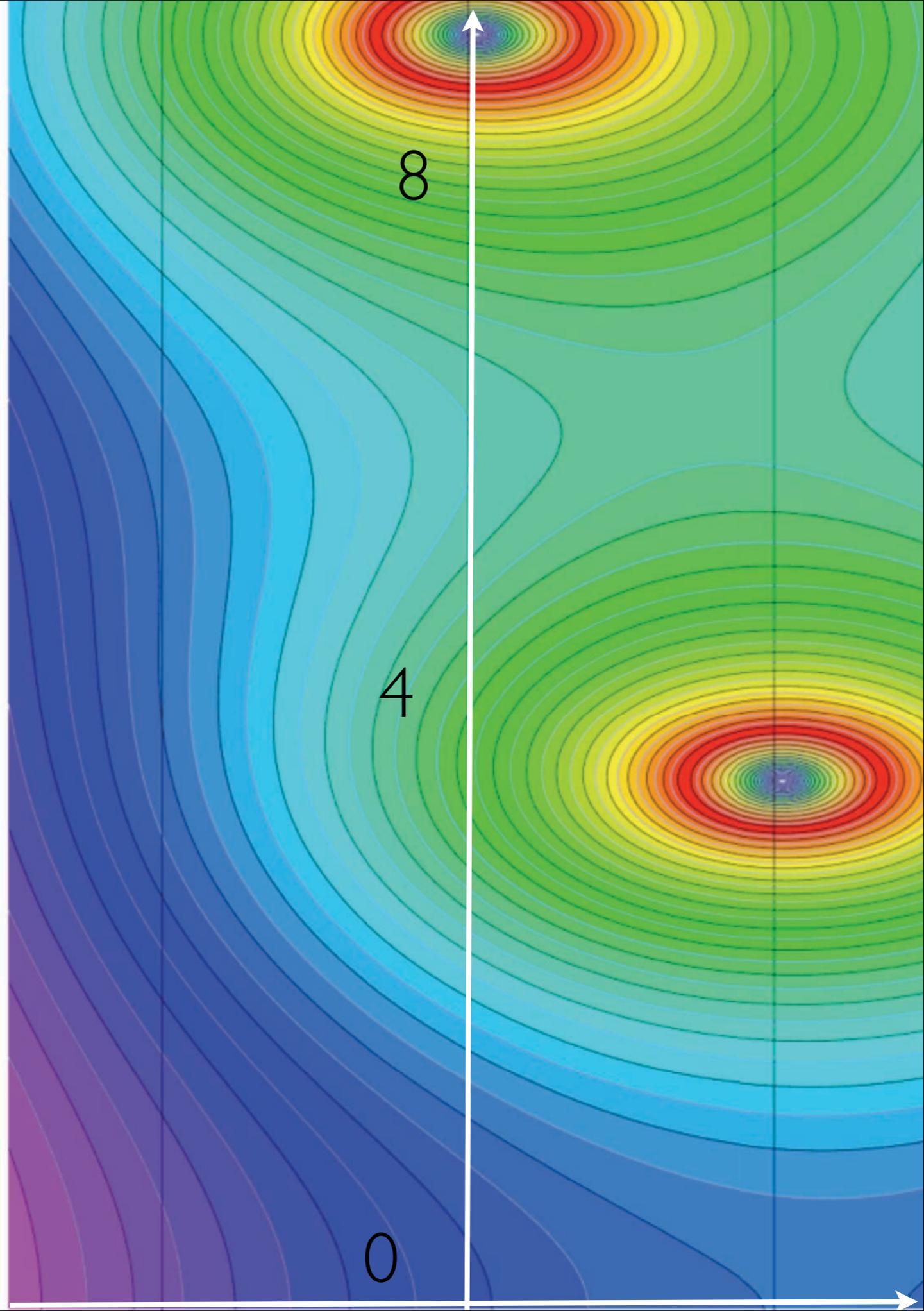
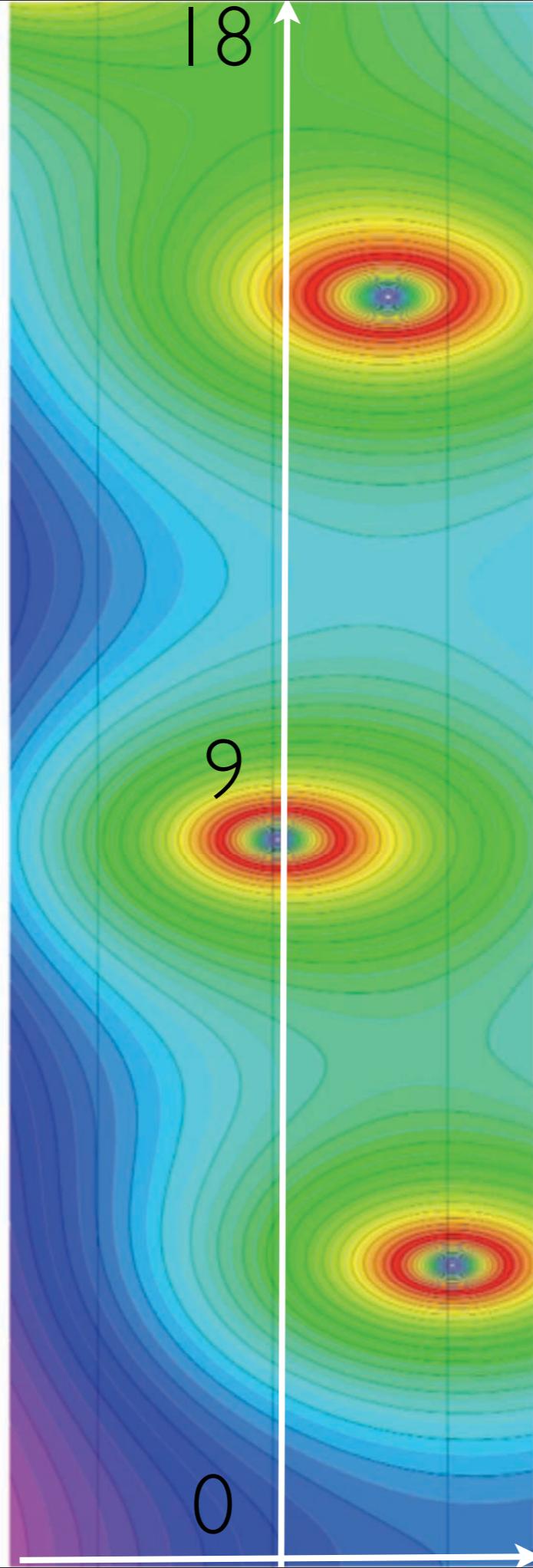


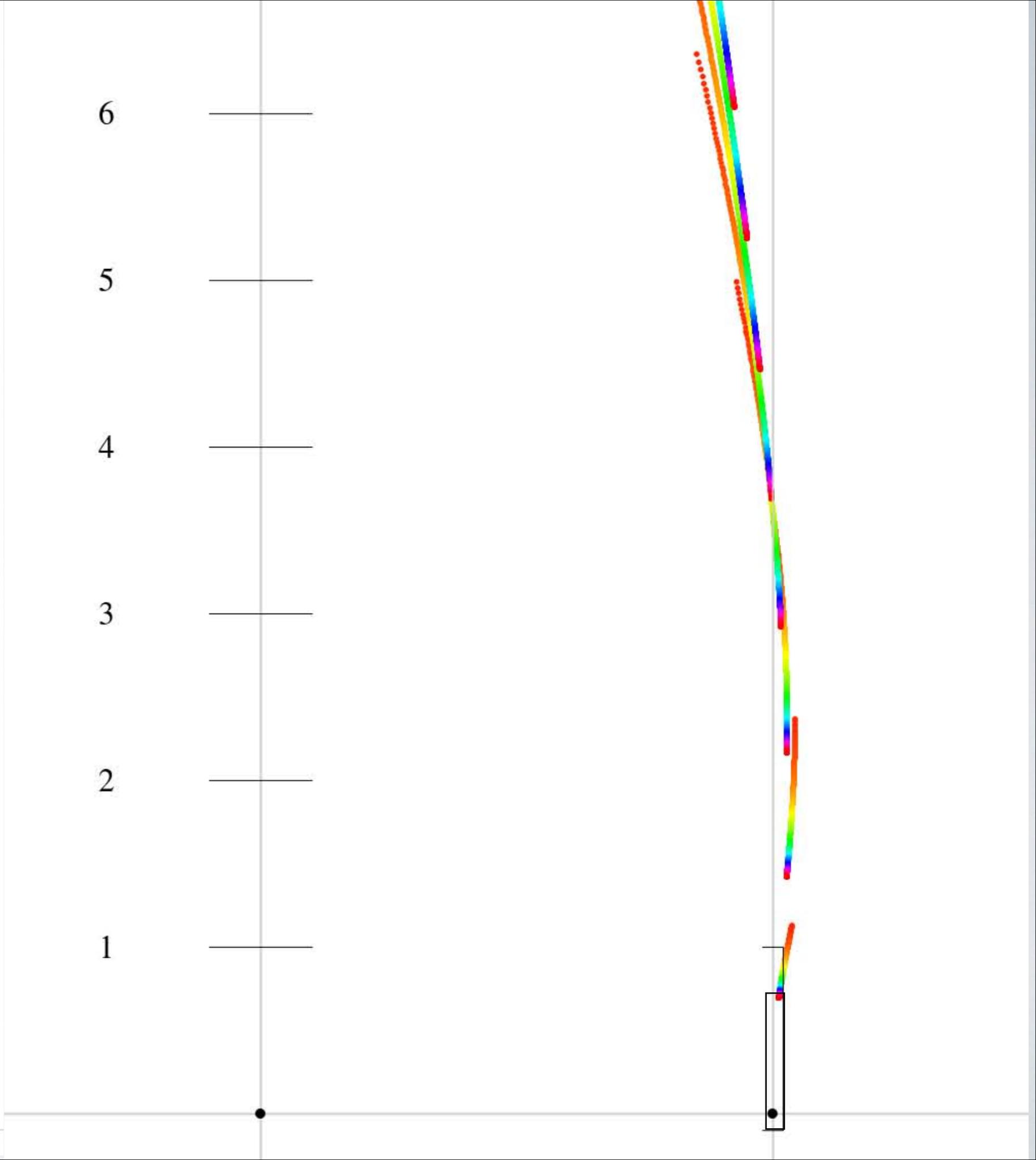
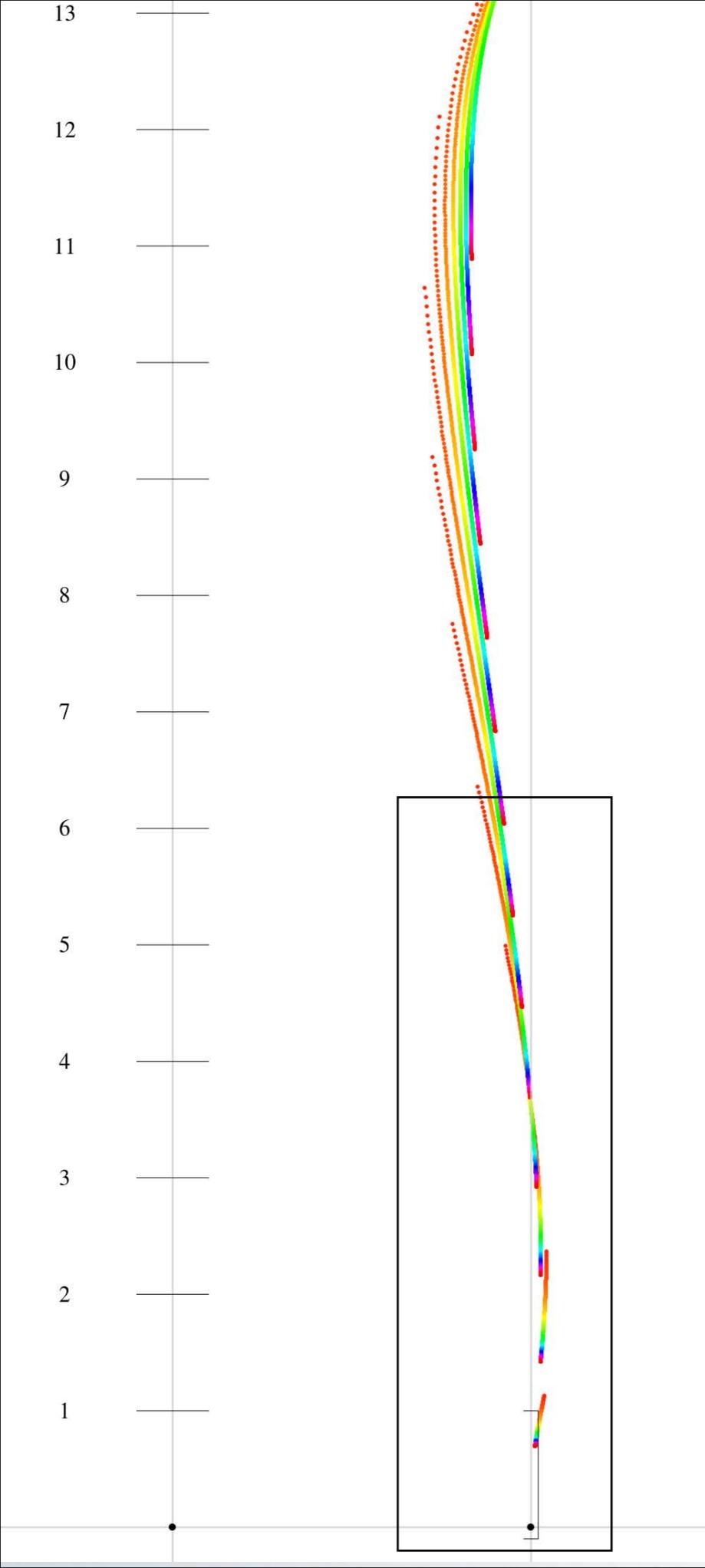


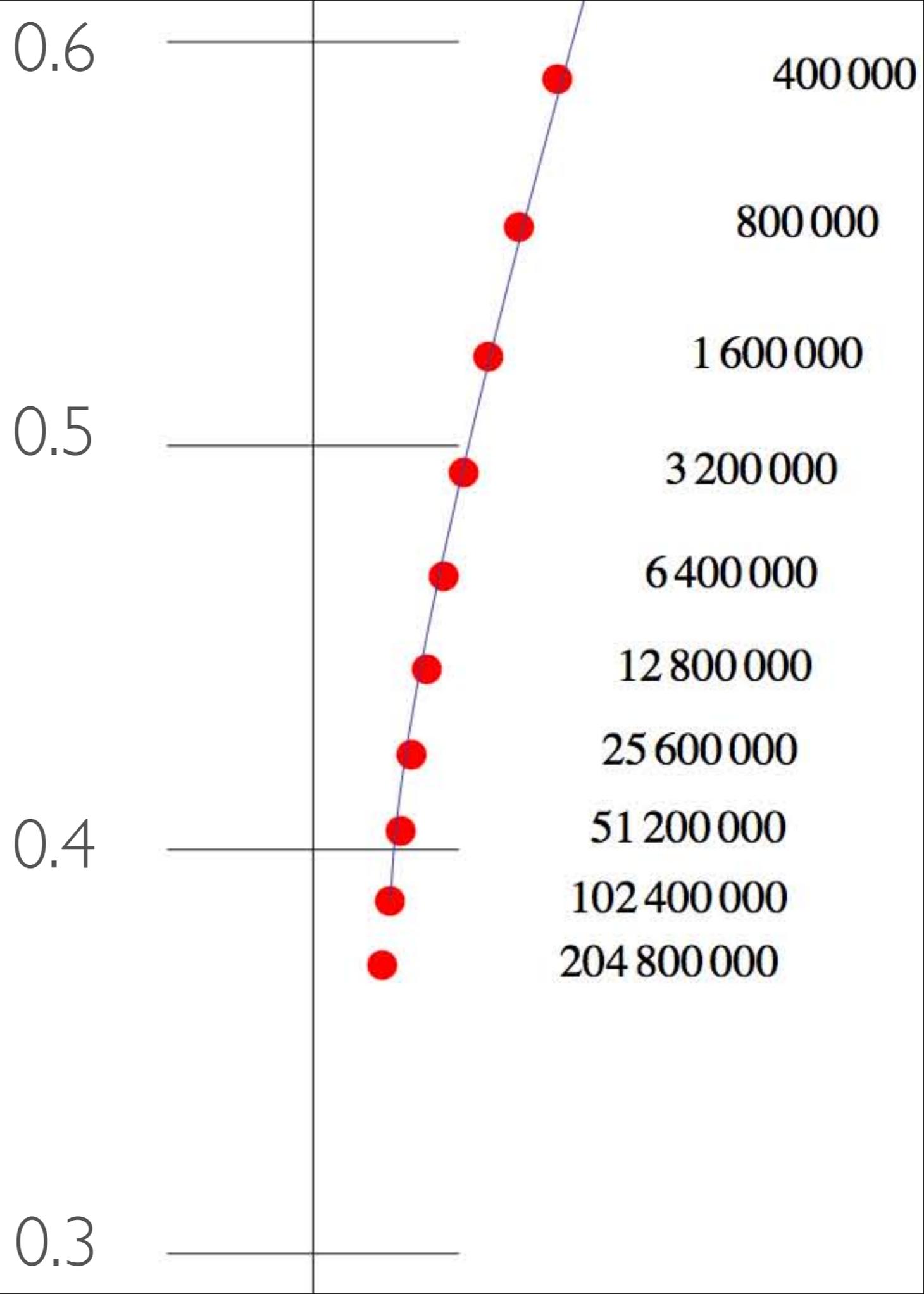
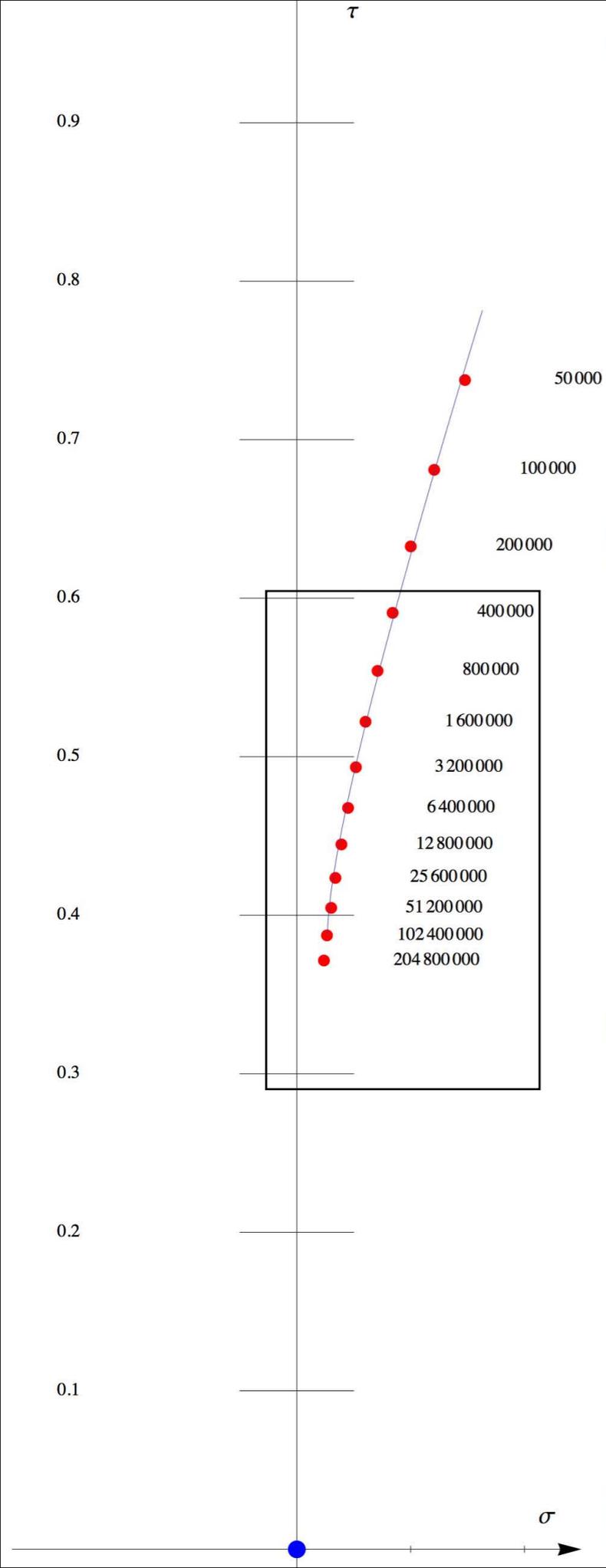


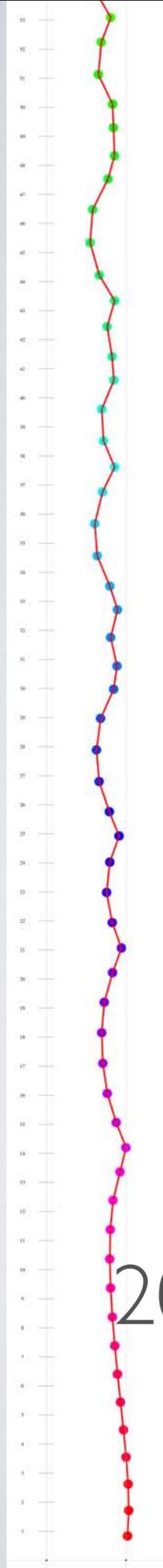
$\zeta(C_n)$

$n=10$   
to  
5000

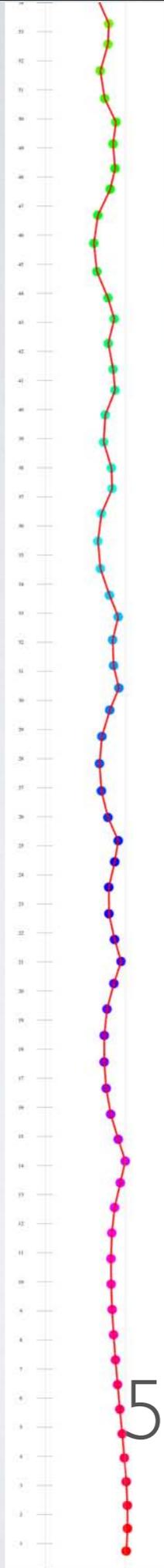




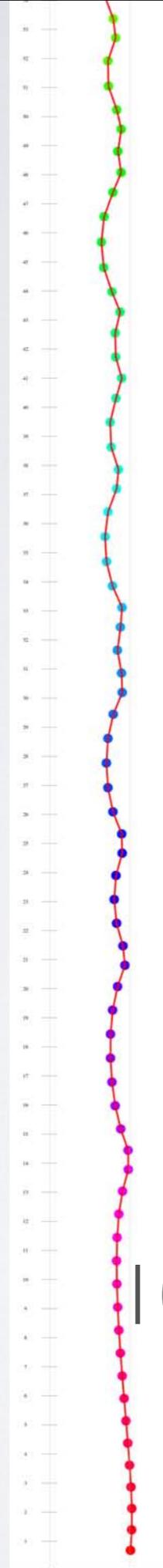




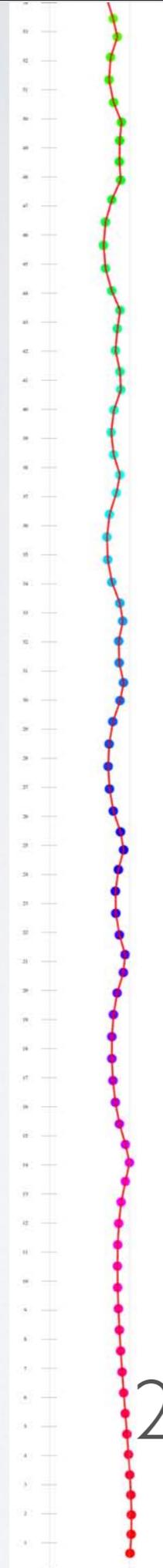
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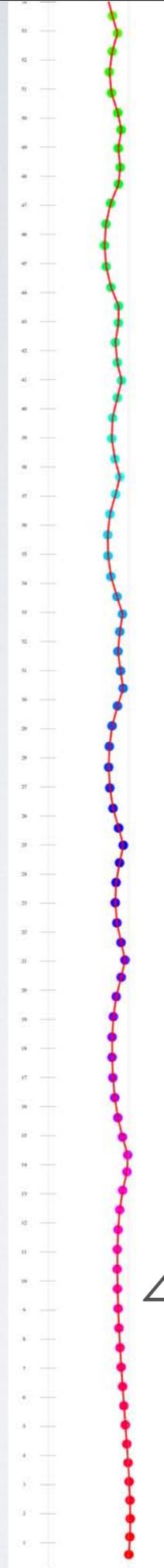
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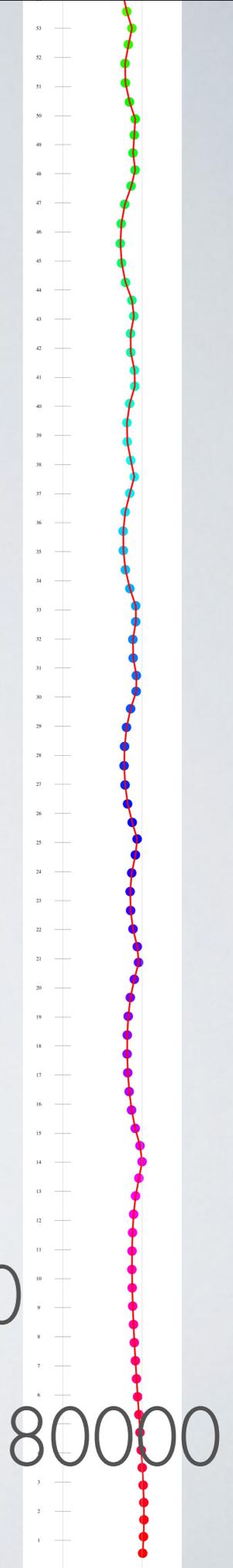
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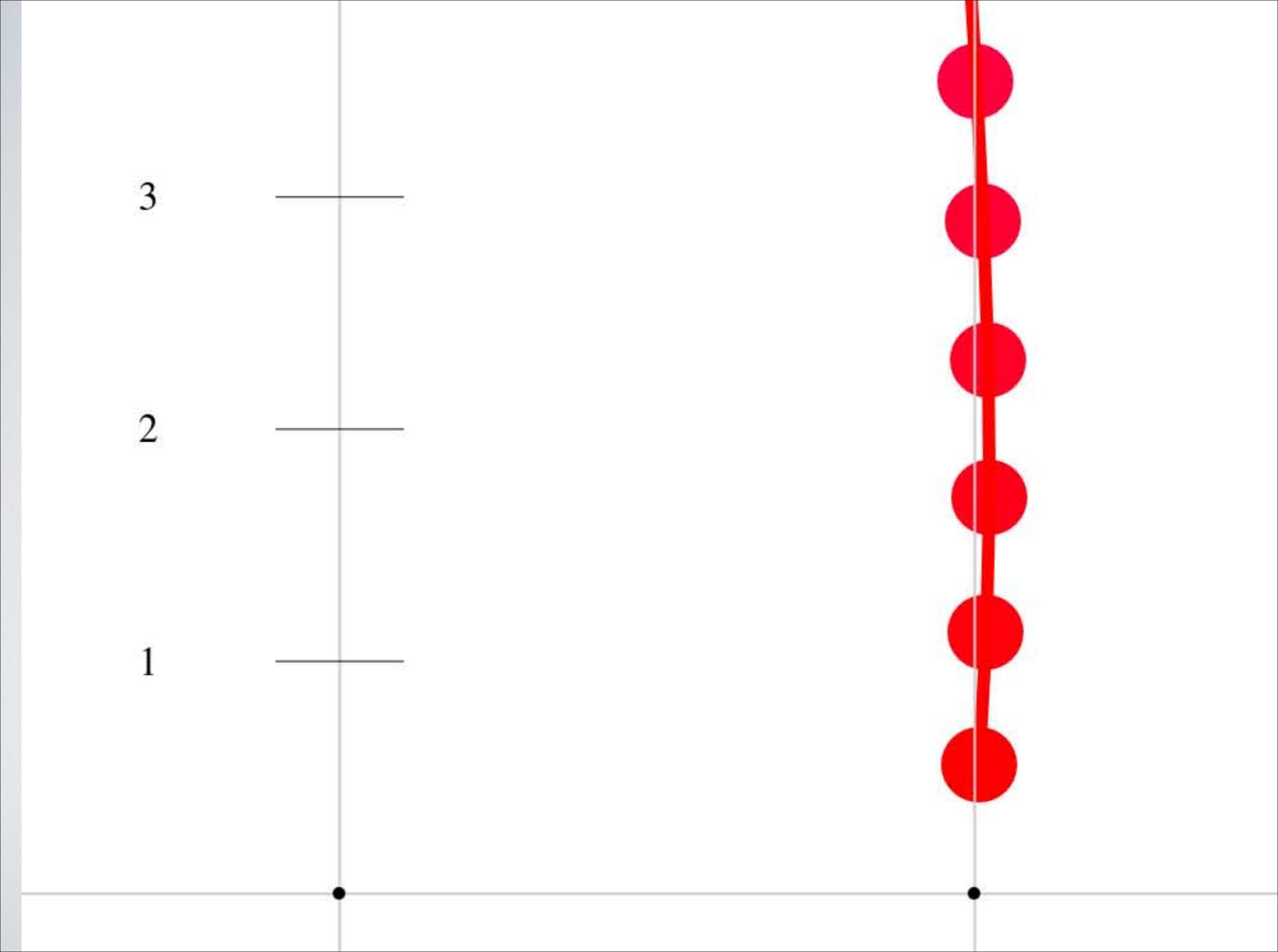


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