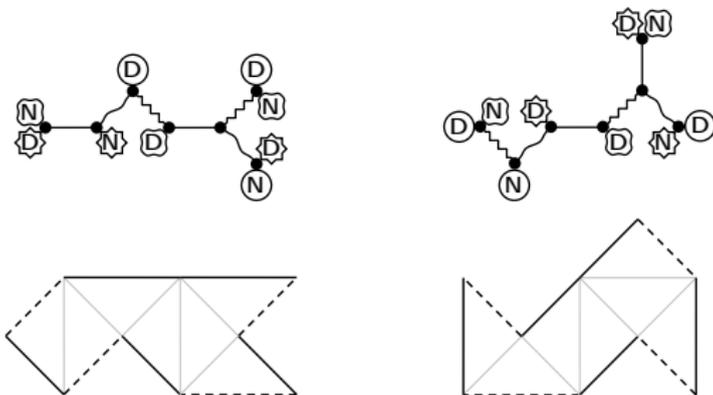


# On Inaudible Properties of Broken Drums

Isospectrality with Mixed Dirichlet-Neumann Boundary Conditions

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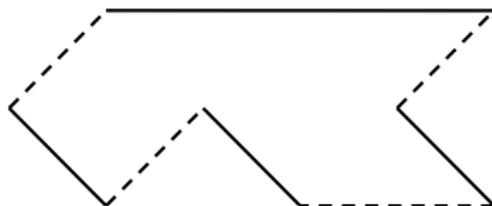
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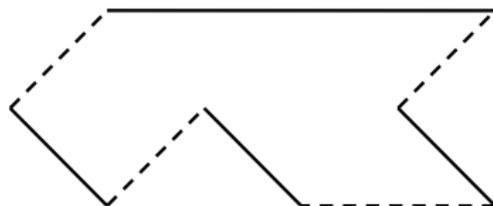
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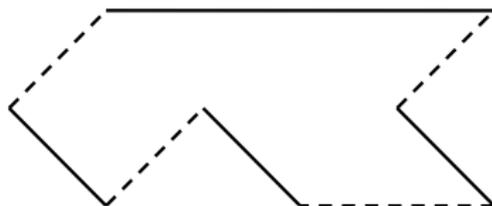
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### Global Assumption

These mixed boundary conditions give rise to an extension of  $\Delta|_{C_0^\infty(M^\circ)}$  that is self-adjoint and has discrete spectrum

$$0 \leq \lambda_0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq \dots$$

In particular,  $L^2(M)$  is the Hilbert direct sum of its eigenspaces.



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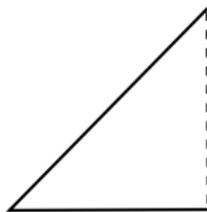
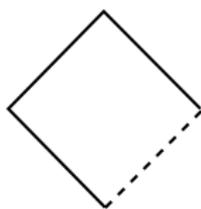
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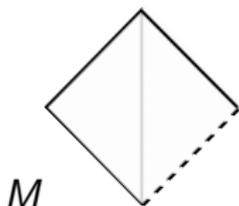


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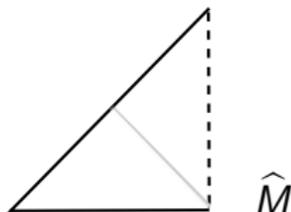
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Transplantation method: Cut eigenfunctions on  $M$  into pieces  $\varphi_j$  and superpose these restrictions linearly on the blocks of  $\hat{M}$

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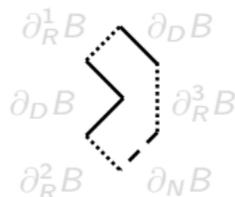
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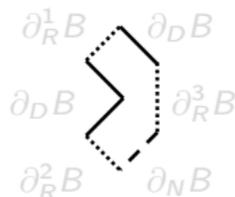
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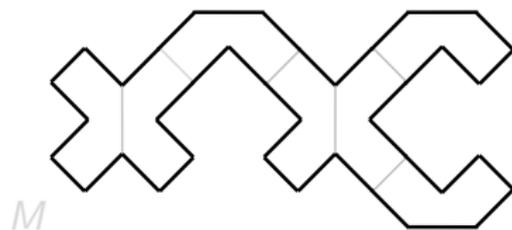
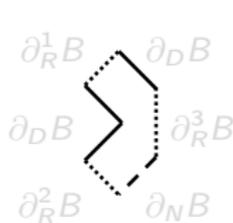
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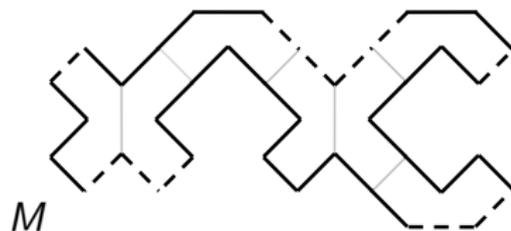
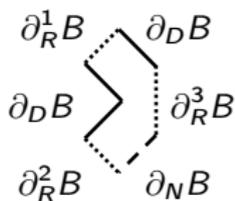
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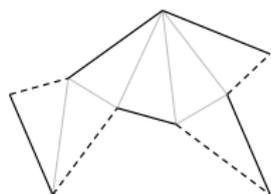
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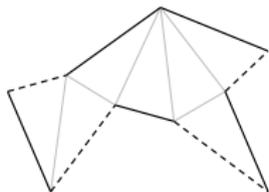


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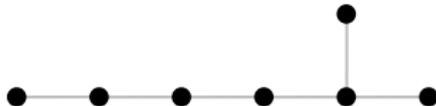
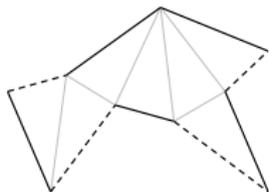


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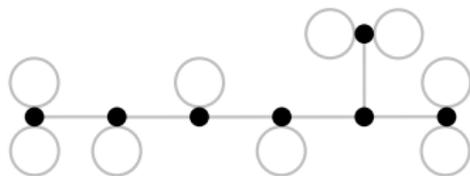
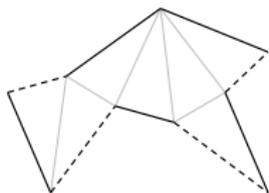


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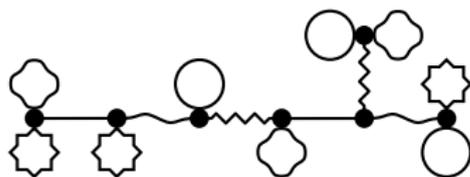
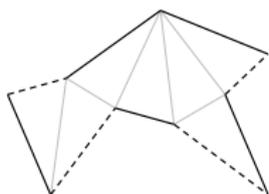


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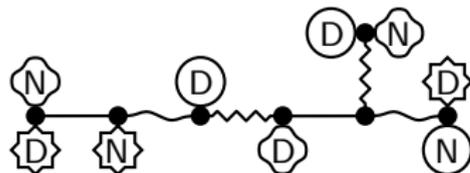
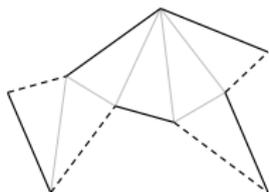


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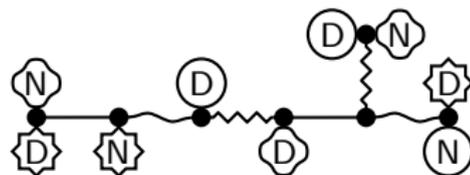
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### Reflection Principle and Unique Continuation Theorem

If  $\varphi$  is a solution of the Zaremba problem given by  $(A^c)_{c=1}^C$ , then  $\sum_I A_{kl}^c \varphi_l$  is the smooth extension of its restriction  $\varphi_k$  across the  $c$ -face.



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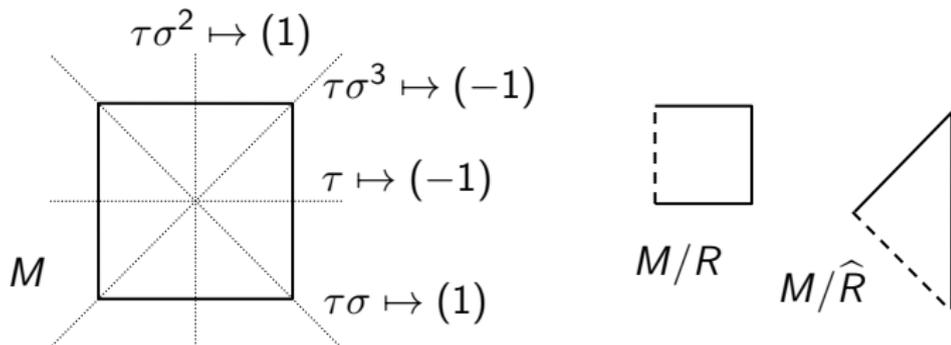
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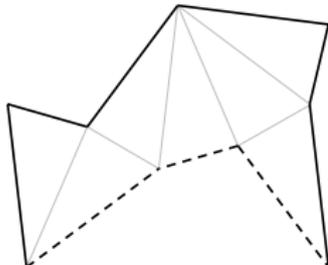
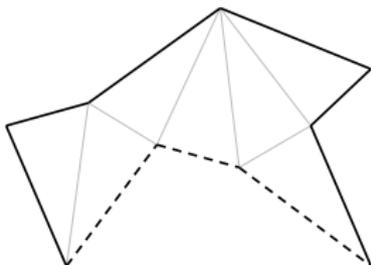
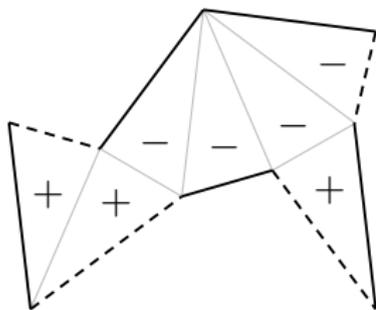
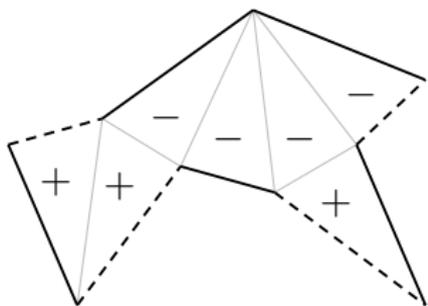
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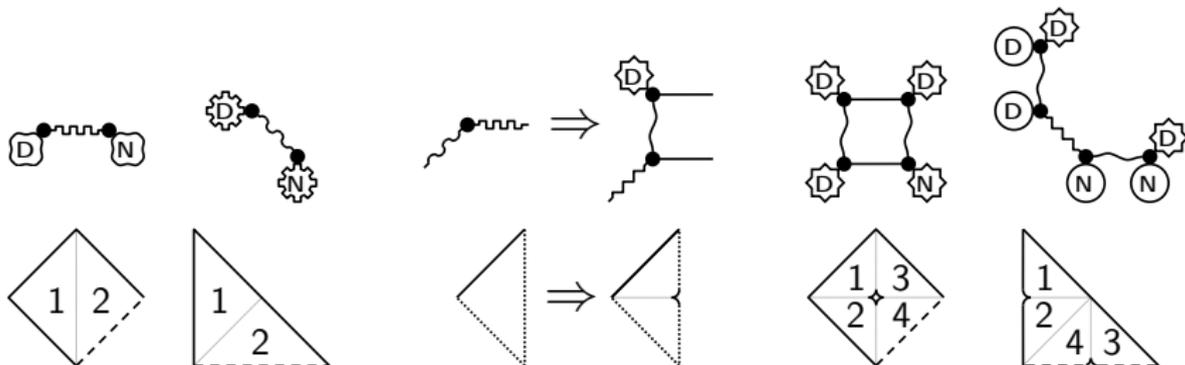
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and the pair can be recovered from the triple up to isomorphism.

# Dualisation



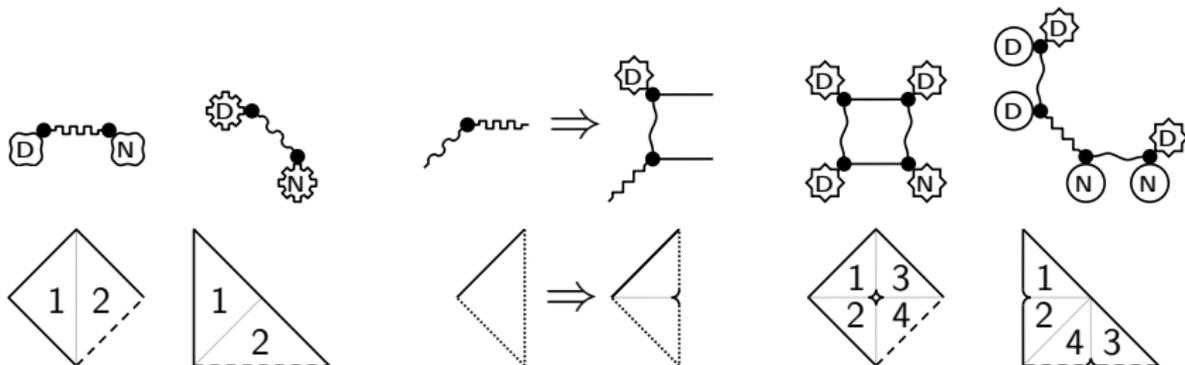
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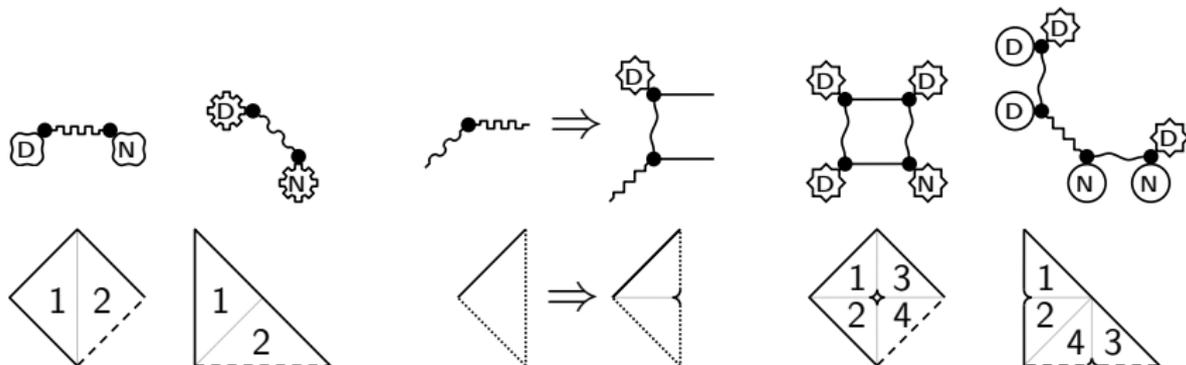
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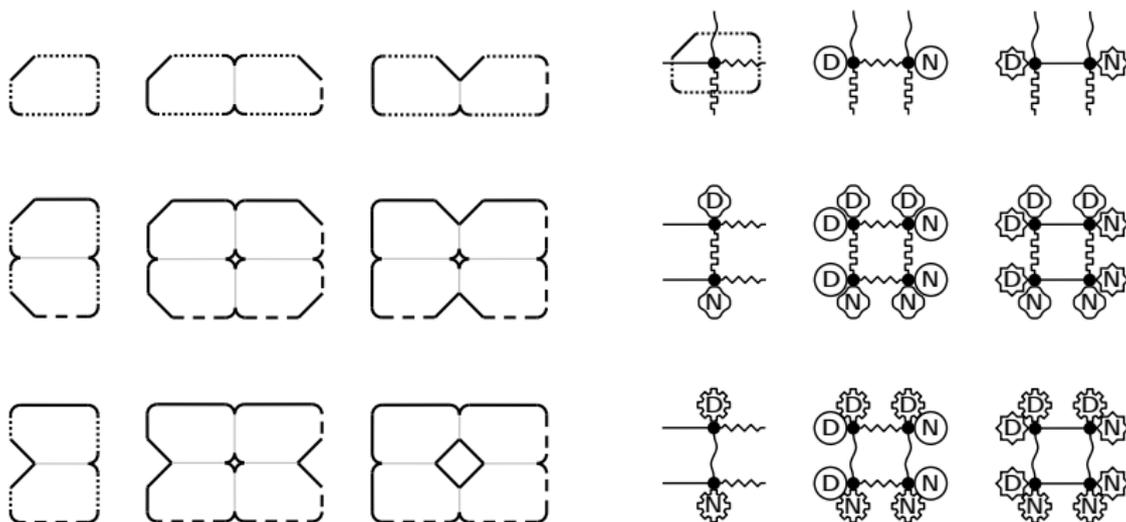
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# Pairwise Transplantable Tuples



Levitin, Parnovski, Polterovich (2006)



## The Algorithm

1. **Graph generation:** Ordered walk on the graph
2. **Graph hashing:** Trace condition (2009) or

P. Doyle (2010)

Transplantability is

*“a non-commutative version of strong isospectrality”.*

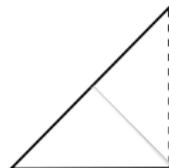
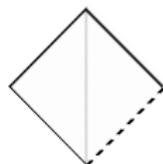
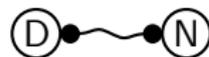
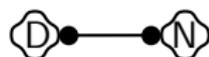
$$P(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_C) = \det \left( \sum_{c=1}^C z_c A^c \right)$$

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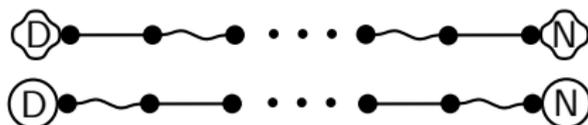
$$= \sum_{1 \leq c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \leq C} \text{Tr} \left( \prod_{j=1}^k A^{c_j} \right) \text{Tr} \left( \prod_{j=1}^k Z_{c_j} \right)$$

3. **Graph sorting:** Merge sort

## Pairs with 2 Edge Colours



Levitin, Parnovski, Polterovich (2006)



In general



# Pairs with 3 Edge Colours

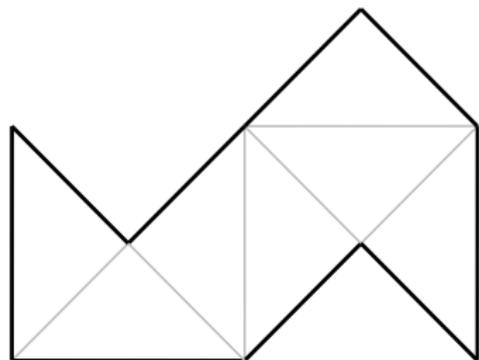
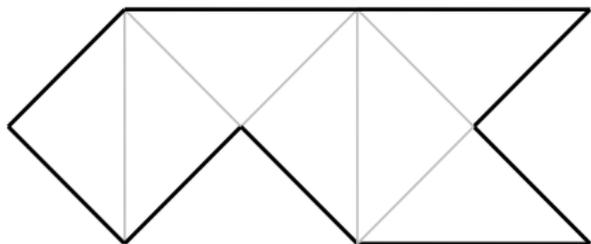
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	Graphs	(Treelike)	Pairs	(Treelike)	Classes	(Treelike)
2	40	(30)	9	(6)	3	(2)
3	128	(96)	0	(0)	0	(0)
4	737	(472)	118	(64)	28	(18)
5	3 848	(2 304)	0	(0)	0	(0)
6	24 360	(12 792)	957	(294)	176	(56)
7	156 480	(73 216)	112	(112)	32	(32)
8	1 076 984	(439 968)	13 349	(2 112)	2 343	(375)
9	7 625 040	(2 715 648)	0	(0)	0	(0)
10	55 931 952	(17 203 136)	?	?	?	?
11	420 522 592	(111 132 672)	?	?	?	?
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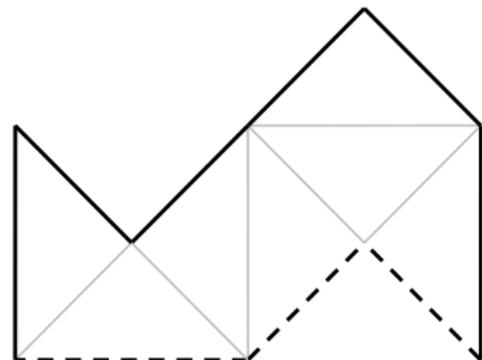
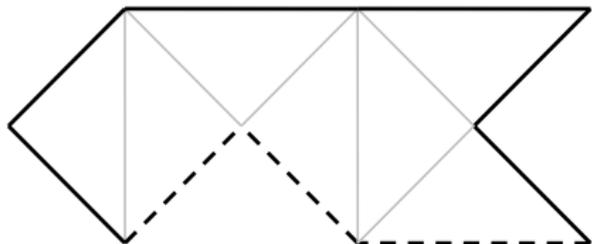
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9	28 665	1 326	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	142 449	4 262	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	681 467	13 566	34	9	70	19	0	0
12	3 535 172	44 772	2 362	440	42	10	0	0
13	18 329 101	148 580	26	9	26	9	26	9
14	99 531 092	502 101	345	77	798	163	42	7
15	546 618 491	1 710 855	51	13	159	33	15	4
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# Broken Gordon-Webb-Wolpert Drums



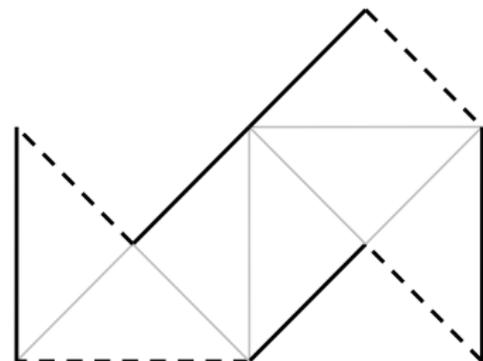
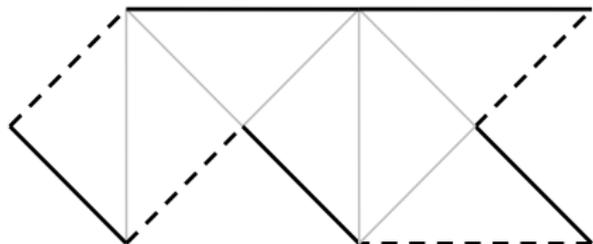
Gordon, Webb, Wolpert (1992)

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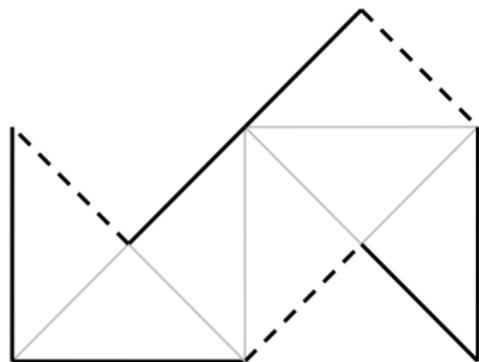
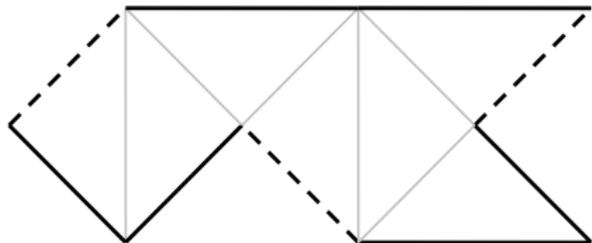
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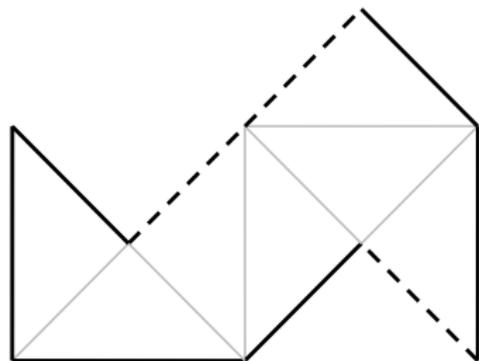
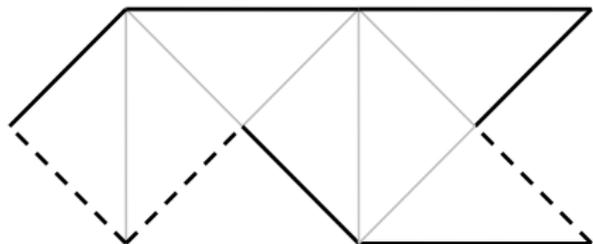
Conjectured by Driscoll, Gottlieb (2003)

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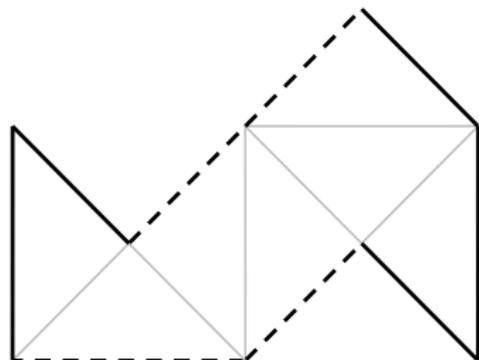
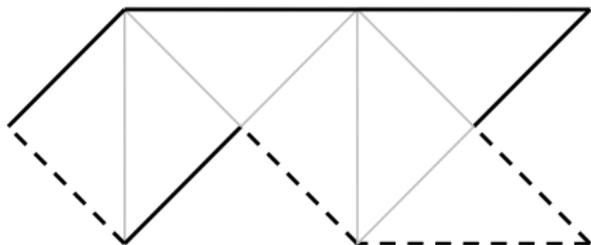
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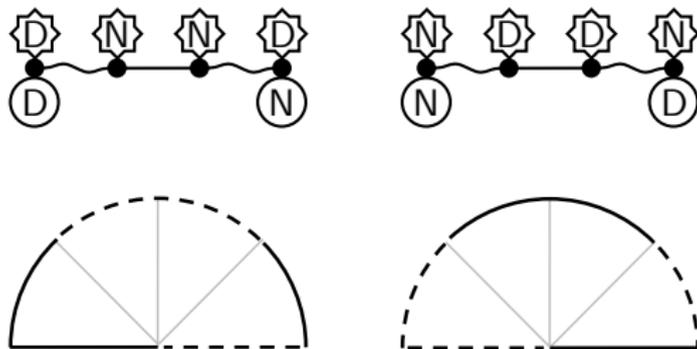
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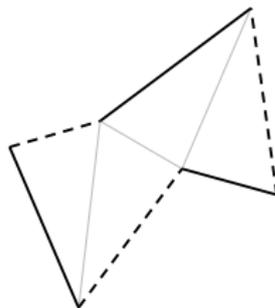
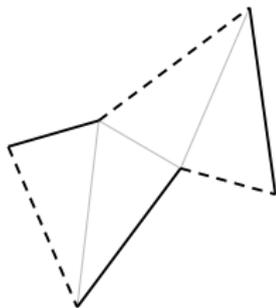
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Jakobson et al. (2006)

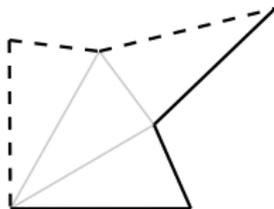
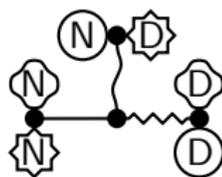
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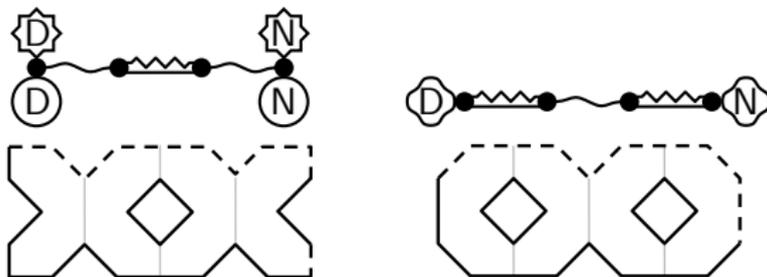
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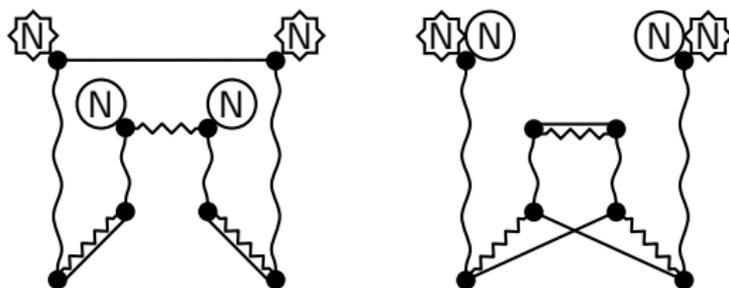


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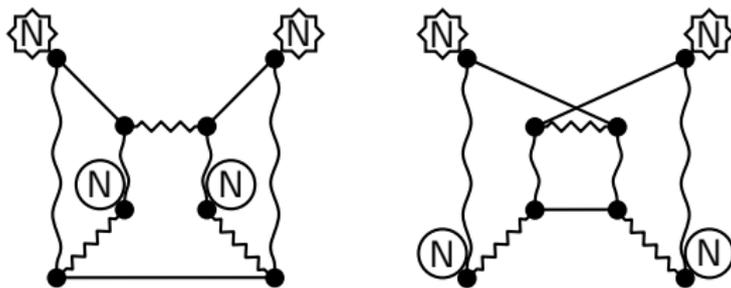
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Bérard, Webb (1995)

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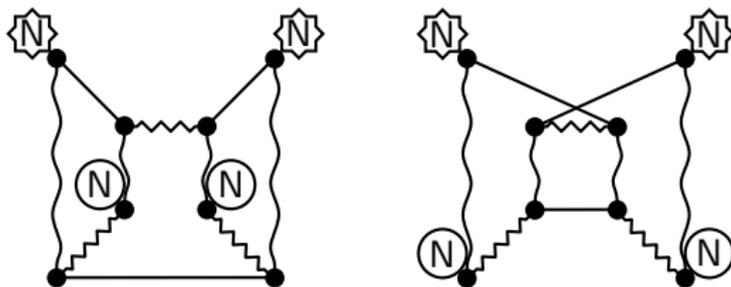
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New pair obtained by braiding

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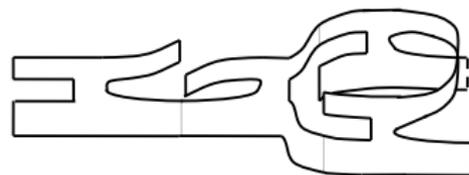
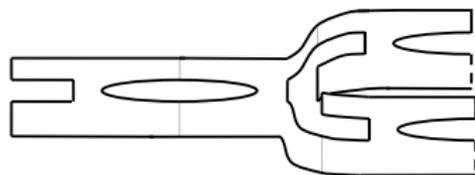
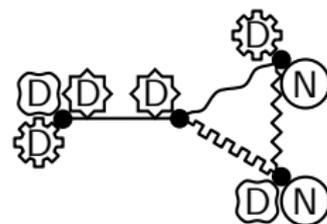
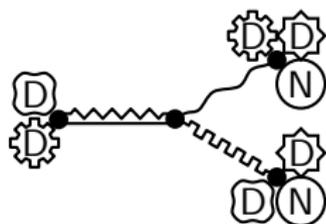


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There is no such pair of connected Dirichlet graphs.

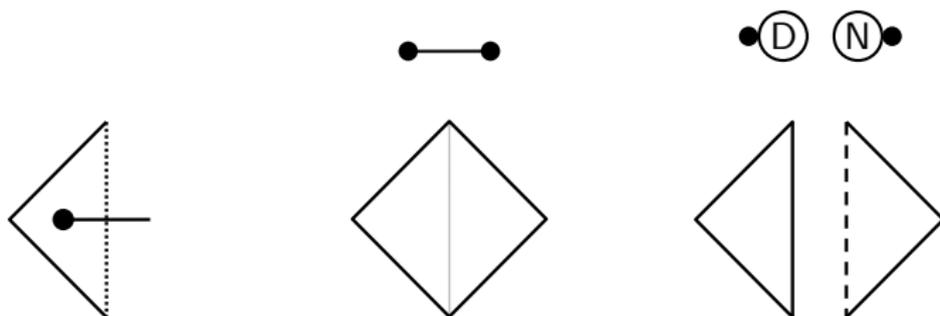
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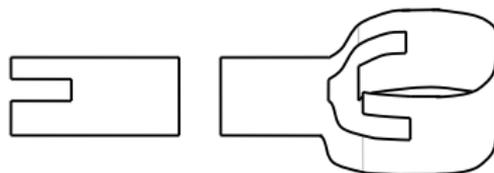
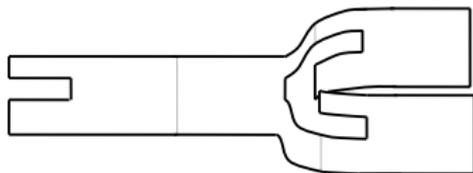
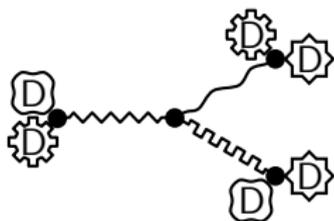
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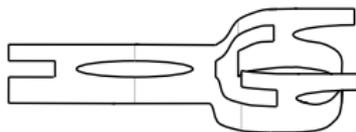
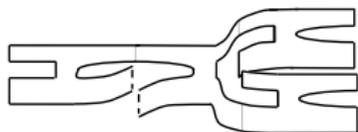
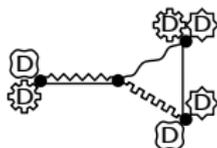
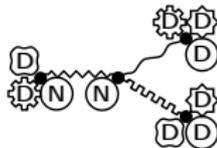
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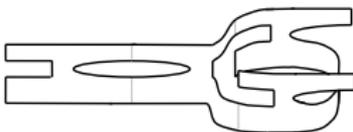
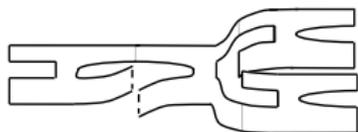
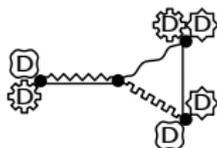
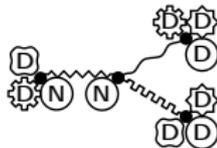
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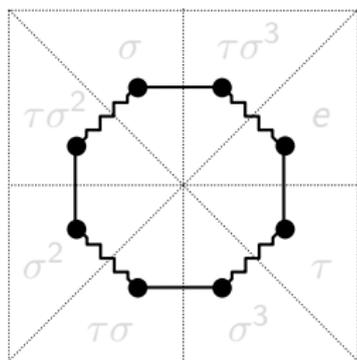
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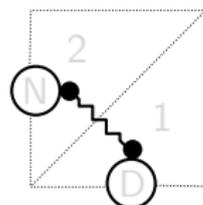
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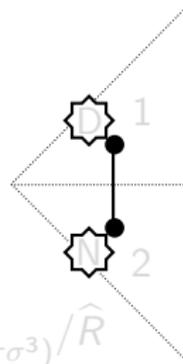
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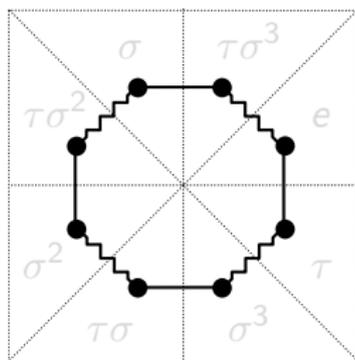
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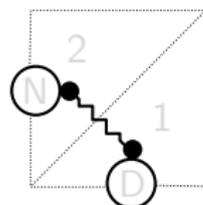
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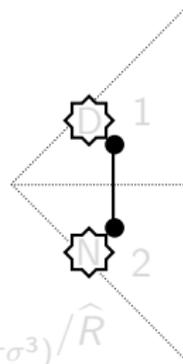
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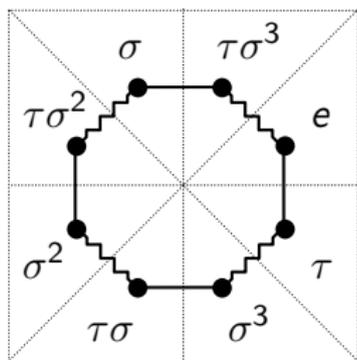
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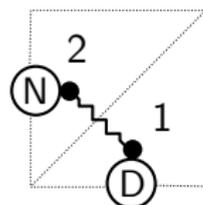
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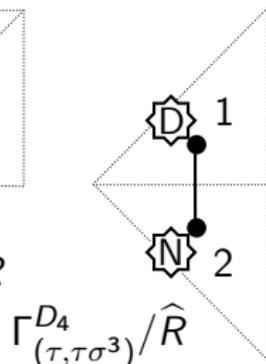
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