



# Tubes

A *lower set*  $L$  is a subset of a poset  $P$  such that if  $y \preceq x \in L$ , then  $y \in L$ . The *boundary* of an element  $x$  is  $\partial x := \{y \in P \mid y \prec x\}$ .

## Definition

Let  $\mathfrak{b}_x := \{y \in P \mid \partial y = \partial x\}$  be the *bundle* of the element  $x$ .

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A *lower set* is *filled* if, whenever it contains the boundary  $\partial x$  of an element  $x$ , it also intersects the bundle  $\mathfrak{b}_x$  of that element. A *tube* is a filled, connected lower set.

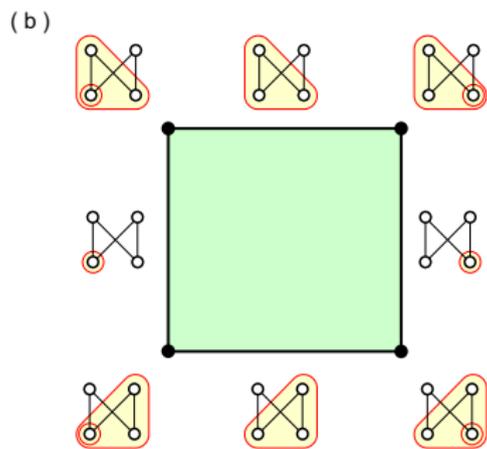
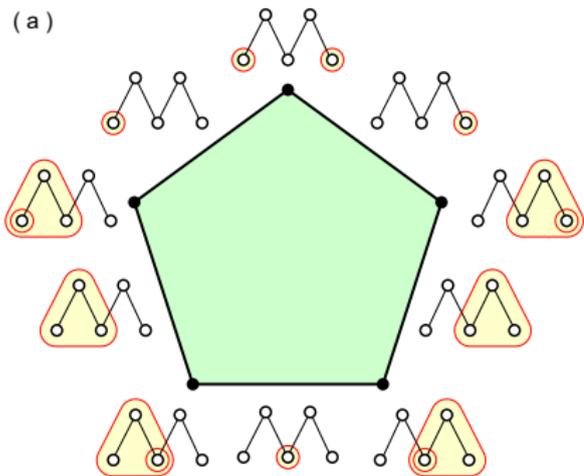


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## Theorem

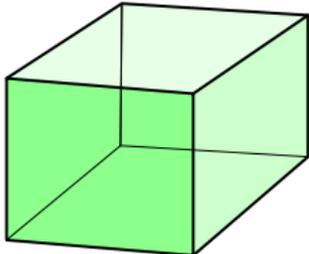
*Let  $P$  be a poset with  $n$  elements partitioned into  $b$  bundles. If  $\pi(P)$  is the set of tubings of  $P$  ordered by reverse containment, the poset associahedron  $\mathcal{KP}$  is a convex polytope of dimension  $n - b$  whose face poset is isomorphic to  $\pi(P)$ .*

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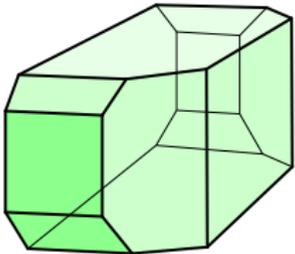




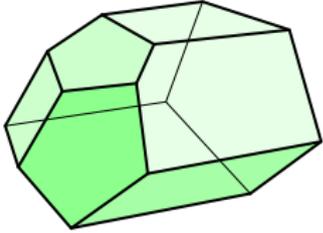
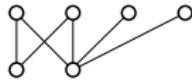
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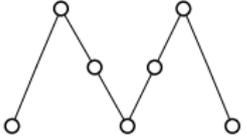
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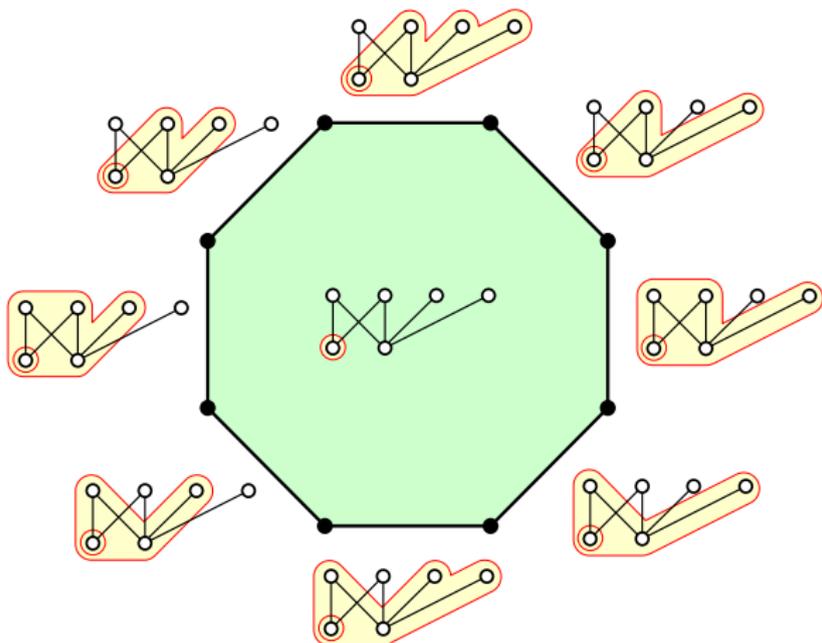
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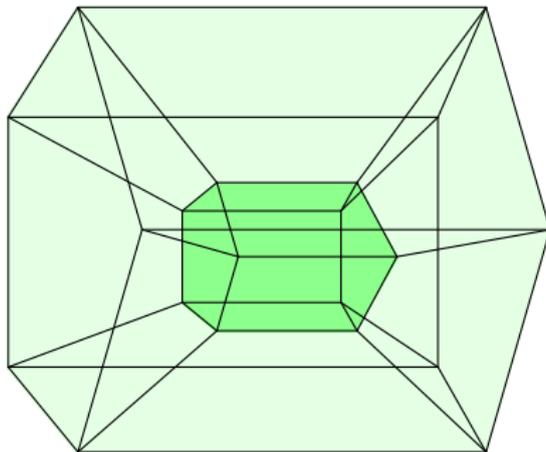
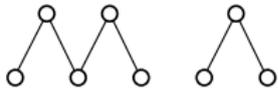
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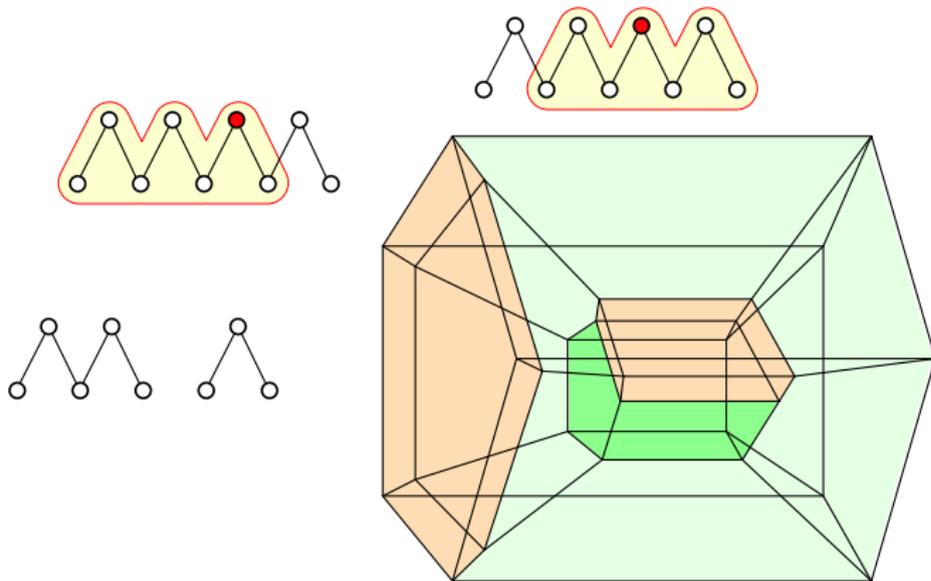
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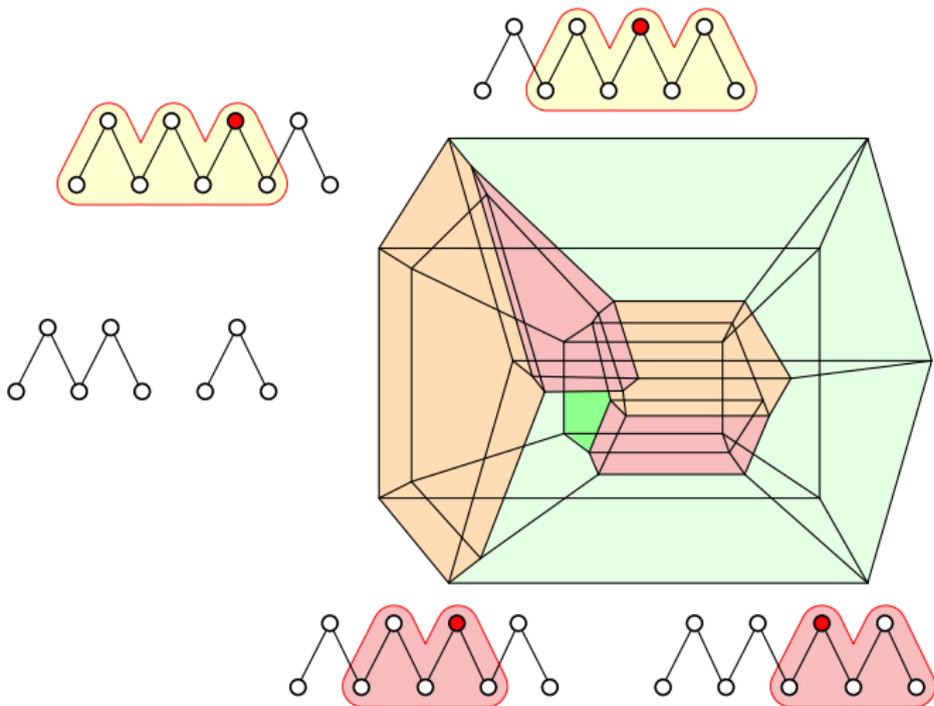
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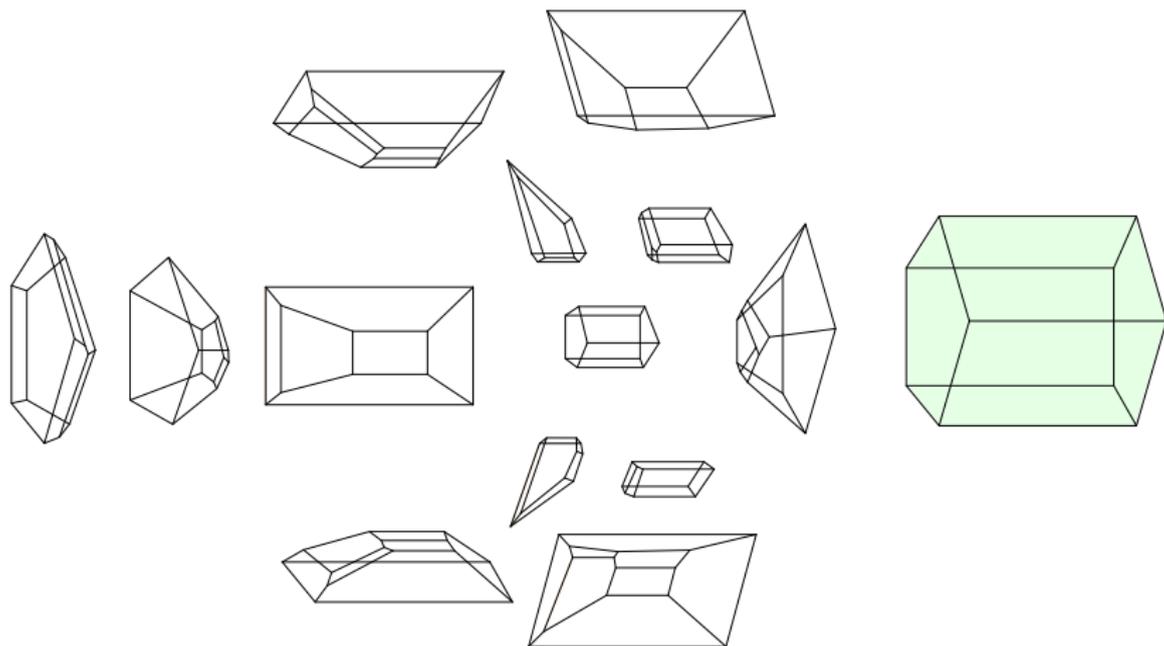


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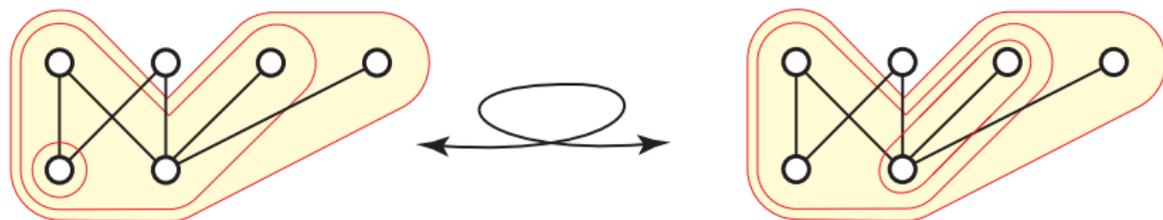




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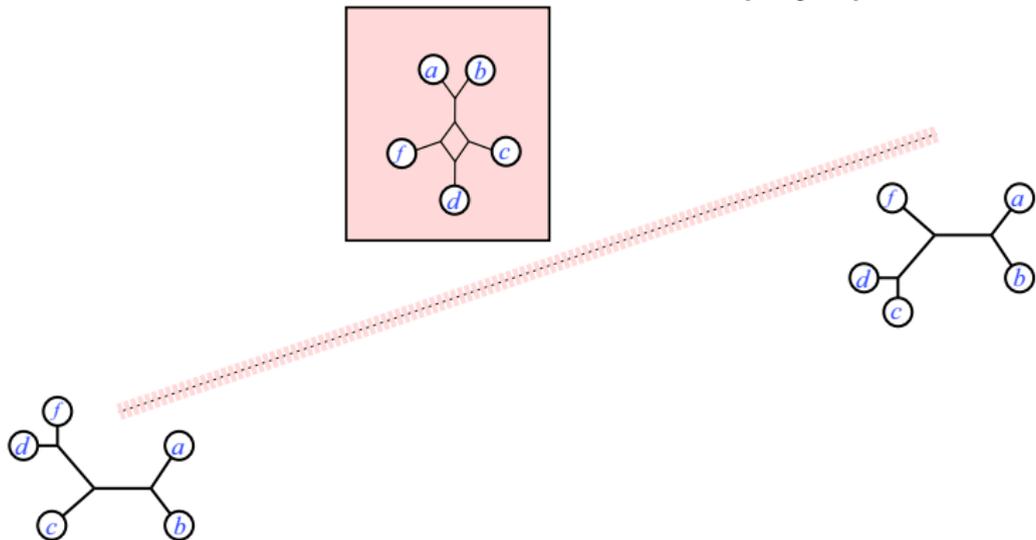
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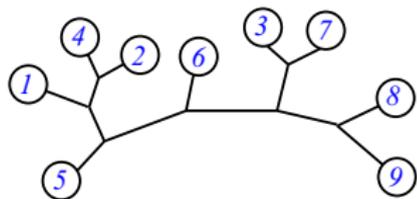
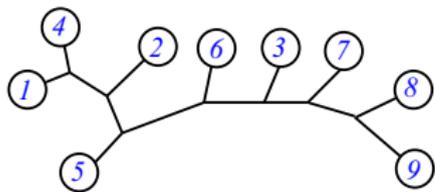
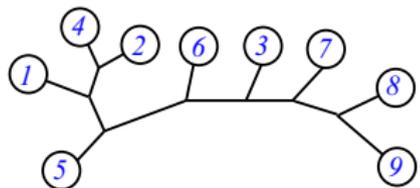
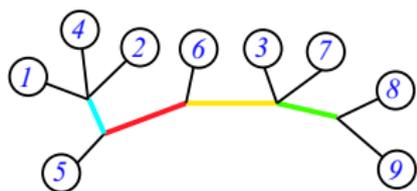
**Figure:** Each edge of a poset associahedron can be interpreted as a flip, where one tube is removed and another uniquely determined tube takes its place.

## Back to BME

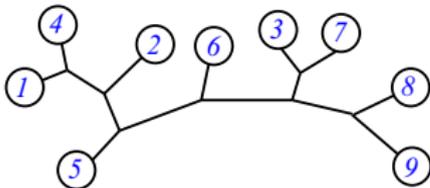
Question 1. Which split networks correspond to flips and faces in the Balanced Minimal Evolution polytope?



A1. any set of compatible splits.



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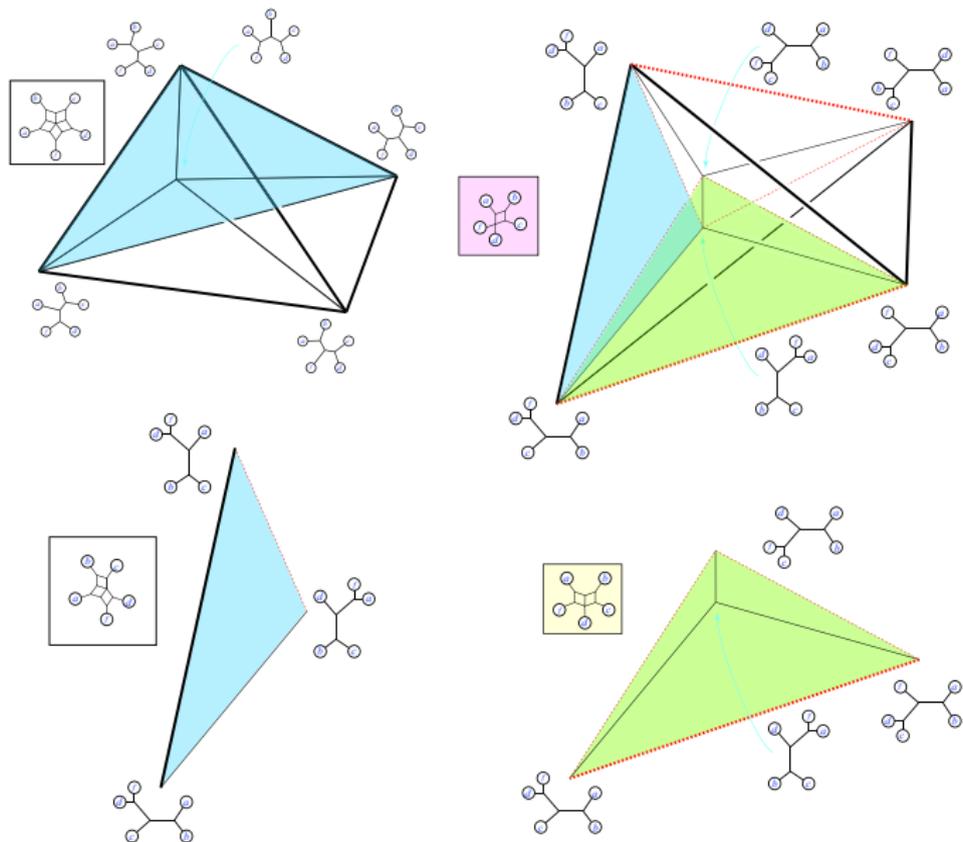






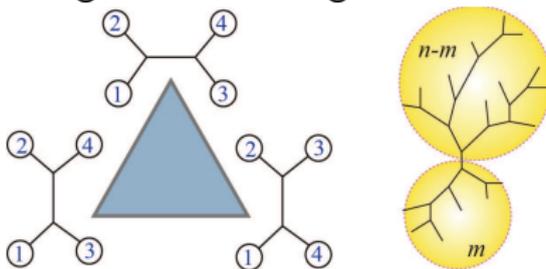


# A1: Four split networks.

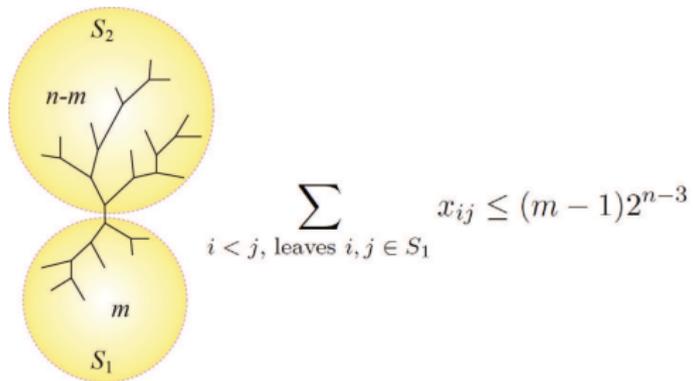


## Q2: Split faces; split facets.

Question 2. If we use branch and bound to optimize on the region bounded by split faces of the BME polytope, are we guaranteed to get a valid tree?



# Splitohedron.



Theorem: the Splitohedron is a bounded polytope that is a relaxation of the BME polytope.

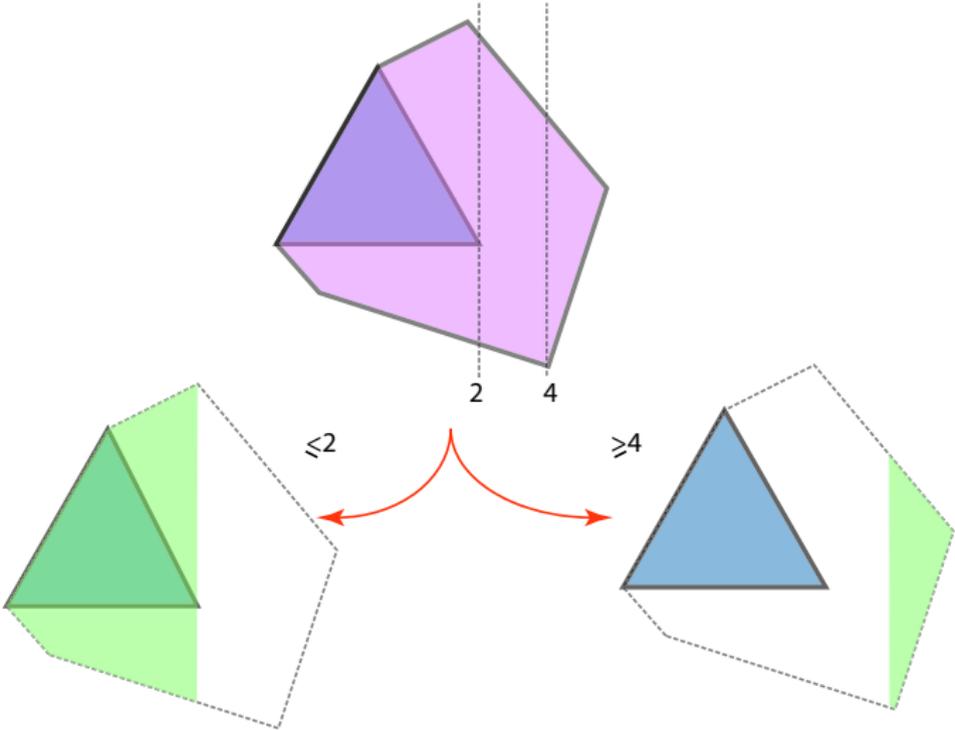
Proof: The split-faces include the cherries where the inequality is  $x_{ij} \leq 2^{n-3}$ , and the caterpillar facets have the inequality  $x_{ij} \geq 1$ , thus the resulting intersection of halfspaces is a bounded polytope since it is inside the hypercube  $[1, 2^{n-3}]^{\binom{n}{2}}$ .







BnB.



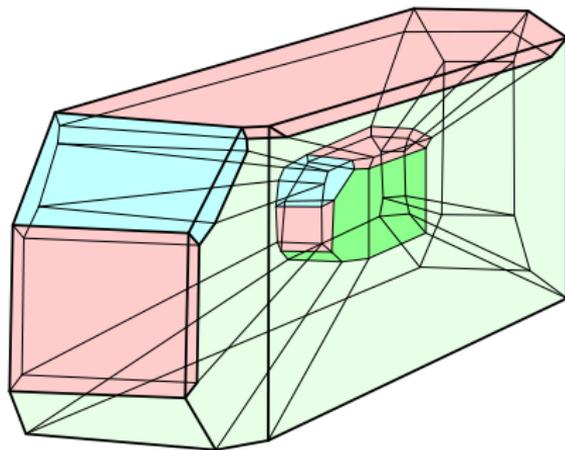
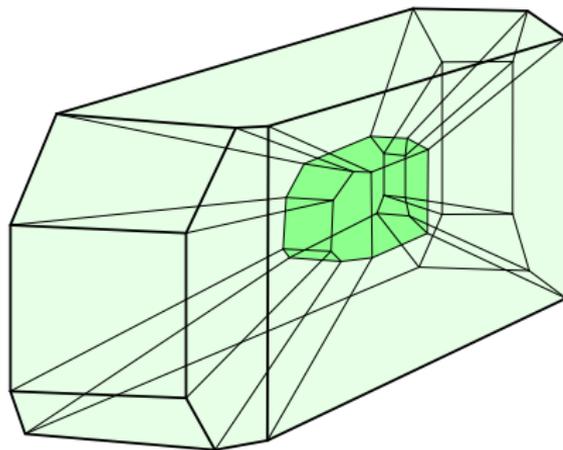
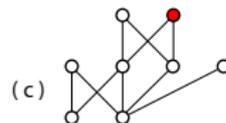
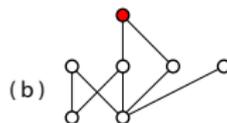
## A2: So far so good!

- We tested up to  $n = 10$ , with and without noise.
- Results are completely accurate...
- We need to find a way to break it! MatLab code available: [http:](http://www.math.uakron.edu/~sf34/class_home/research.htm)

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Thanks!

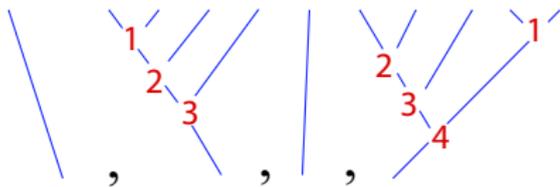
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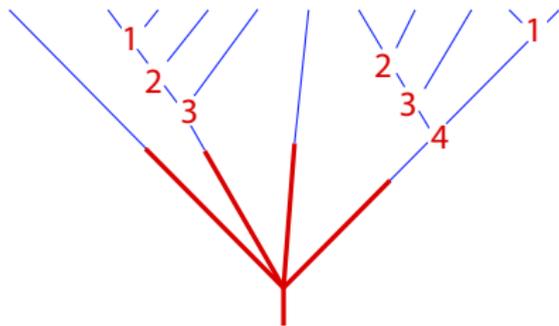
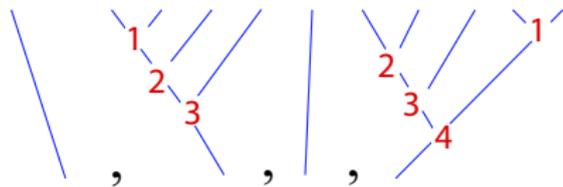
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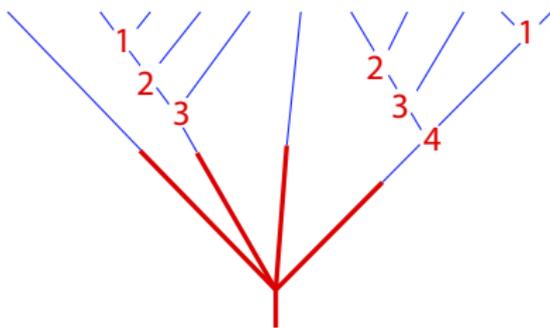
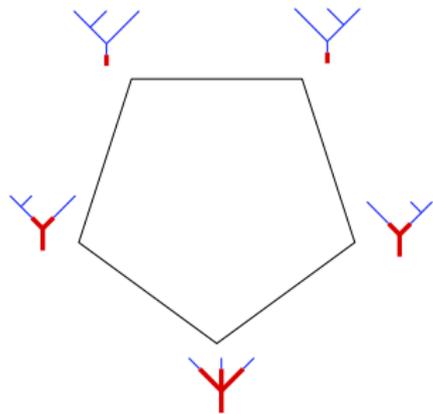
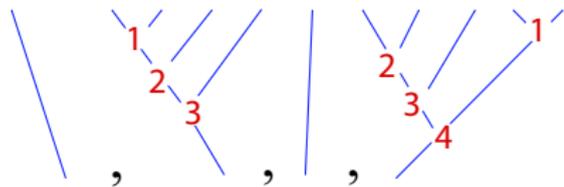
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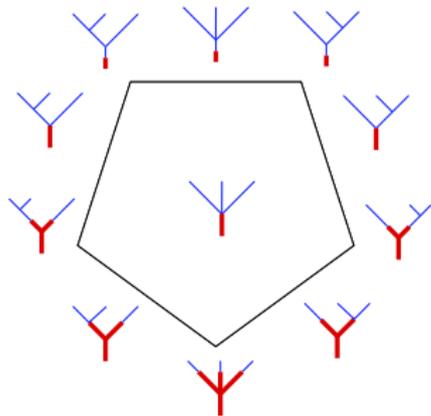
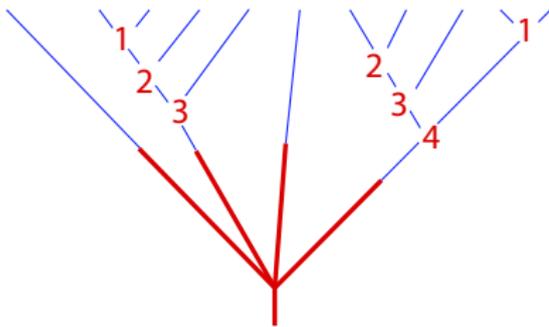
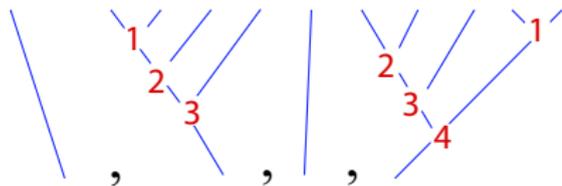
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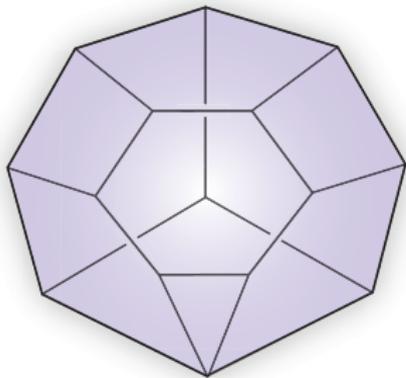
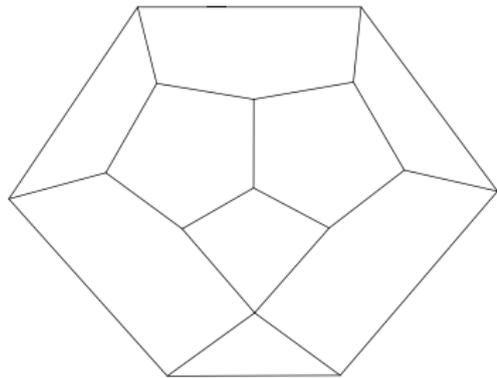
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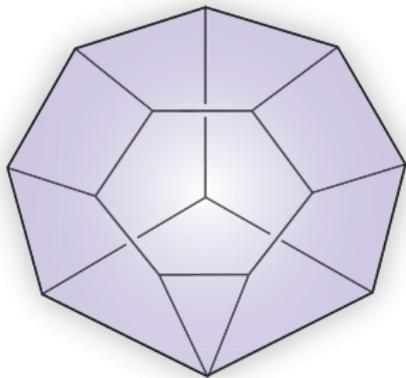
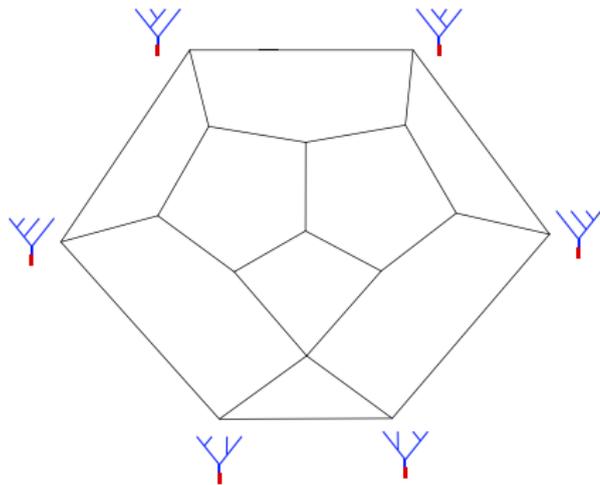
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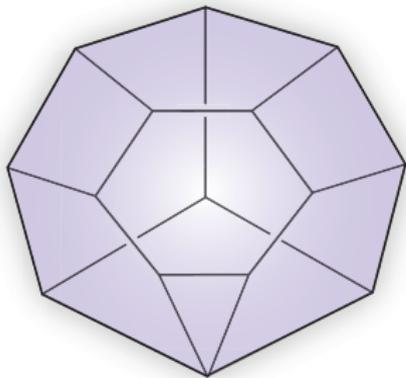
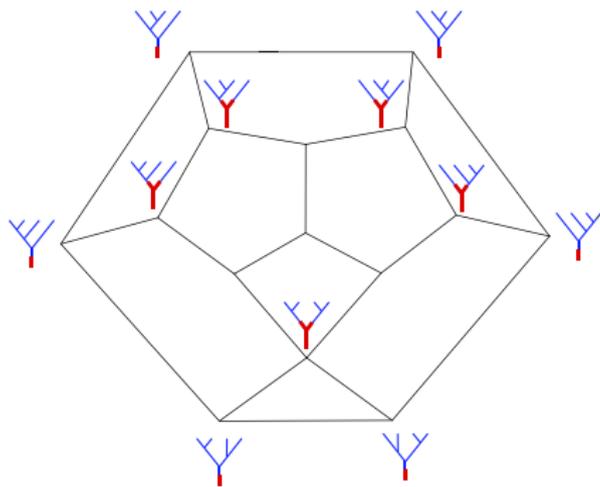
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1,2,6,15,...Invert transform of the factorials.

