

Splines, lattice points, and (arithmetic) matroids

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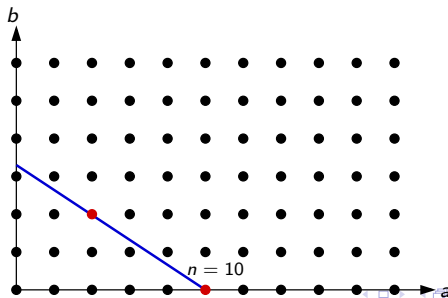
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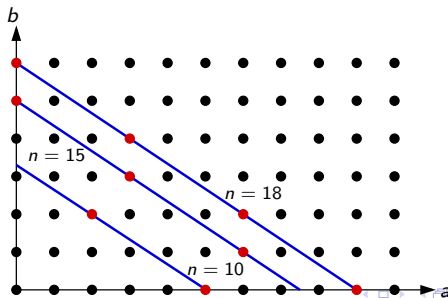
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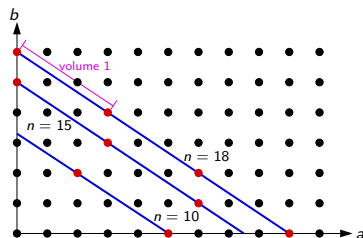
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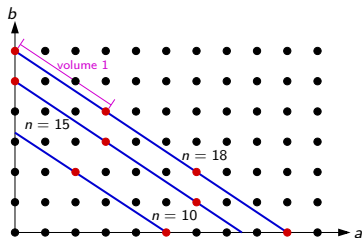


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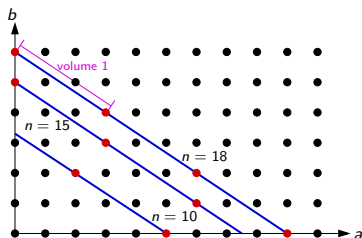
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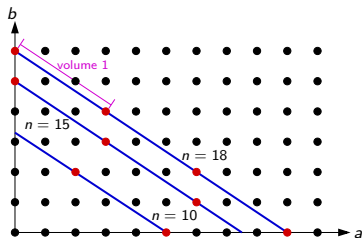
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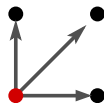
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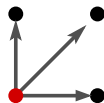
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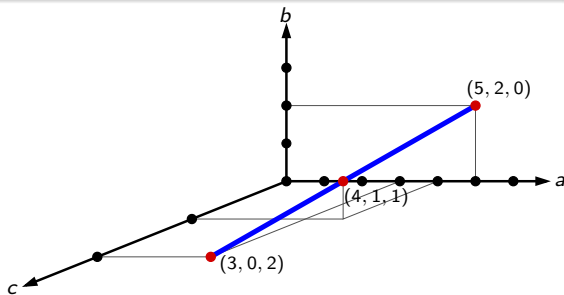
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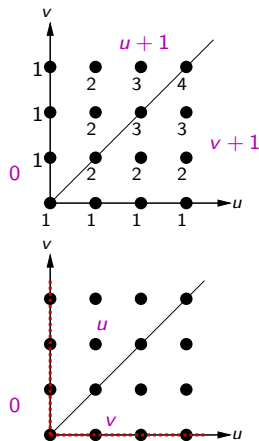
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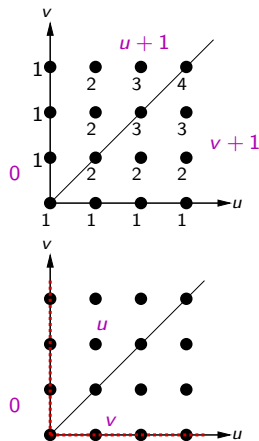
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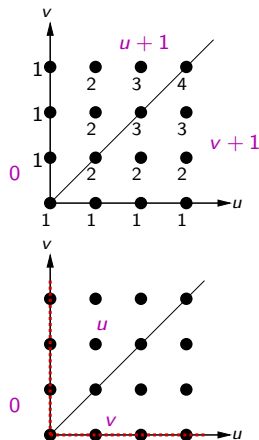
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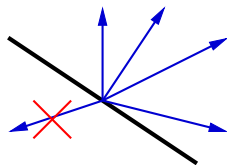
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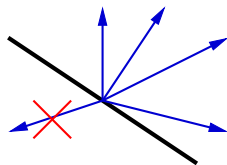


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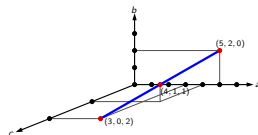
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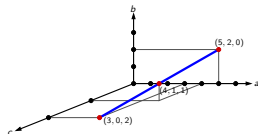


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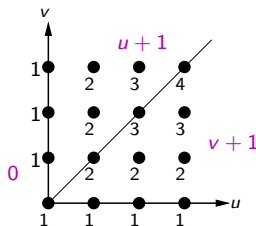


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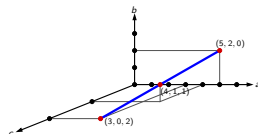


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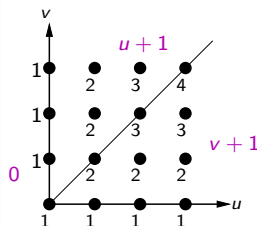


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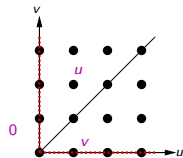
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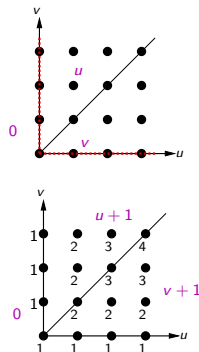
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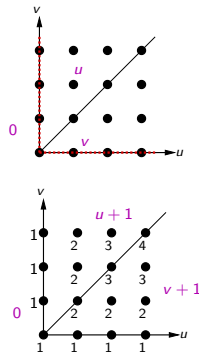
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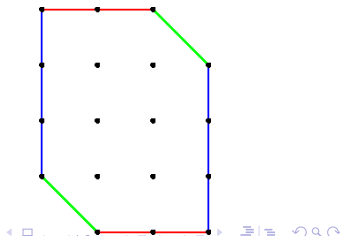
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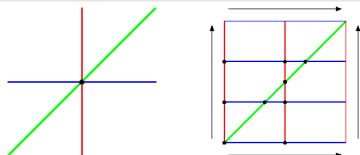
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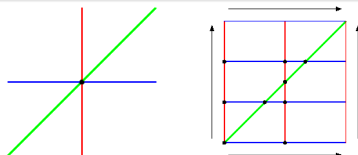
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- Unimodular case: $\psi_X : \mathbb{R}[[s_1, \dots, s_d]] \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ projection map
- General case: $\tilde{\psi}_X : \bigoplus_{\phi \in \mathcal{V}(X)} e_\phi \mathbb{R}[[s_1, \dots, s_d]] \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{P}}(X)$
- Let $f = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{V}(X)} e_\phi f_\phi \in \bigoplus_{\phi \in \mathcal{V}(X)} e_\phi \mathbb{R}[[s_1, \dots, s_d]]$
($f_\phi \in \mathbb{R}[[s_1, \dots, s_d]]$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{V}(X)$)
- $\tilde{\psi}_X(f) := \sum_{\phi} e_\phi \psi_X(f_\phi)$
- $\tilde{f}_z := \tilde{\psi}_X(e^{-p_z} \text{Todd}(X))$