

# Computational Group Cohomology

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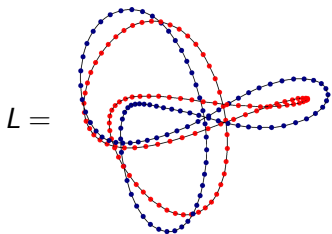
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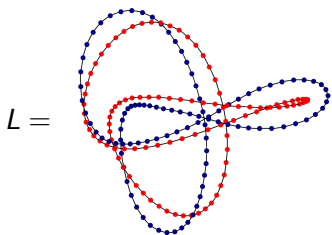
## Outline

- Lecture 1: CW spaces and their (co)homology
- Lecture 2: Algorithms for classifying spaces of groups
- Lecture 3: Homotopy 2-types
- Lecture 4: Steenrod algebra
- **Lecture 5: Curvature and classifying spaces of groups**



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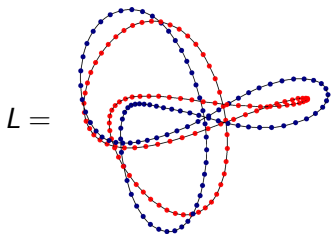
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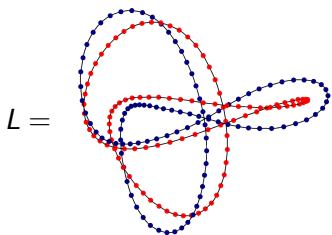
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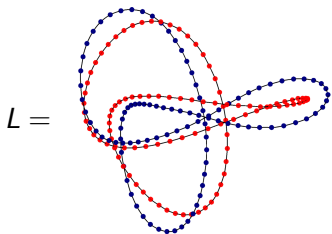


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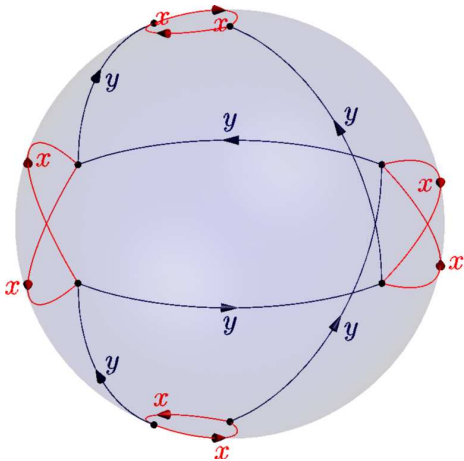
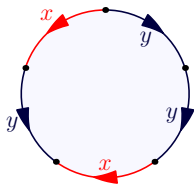
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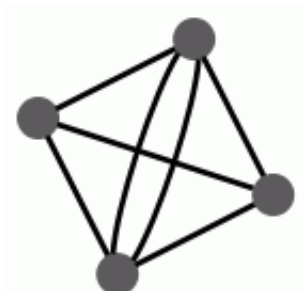
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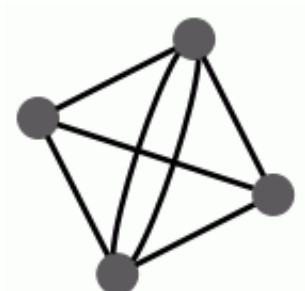
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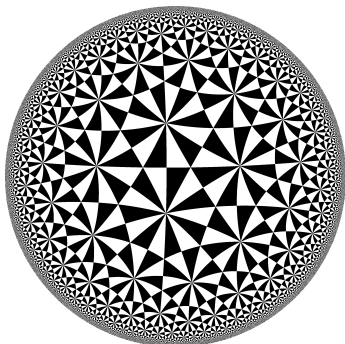
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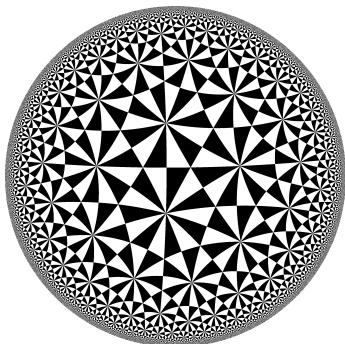
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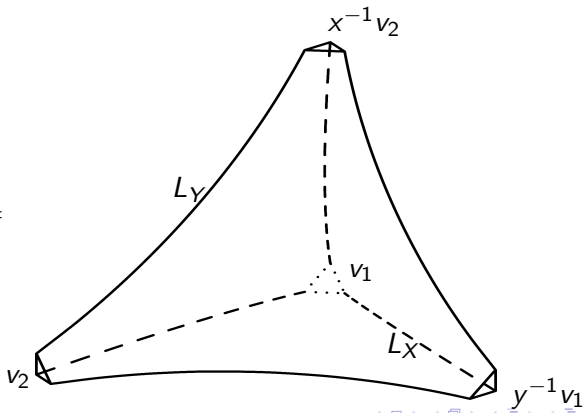
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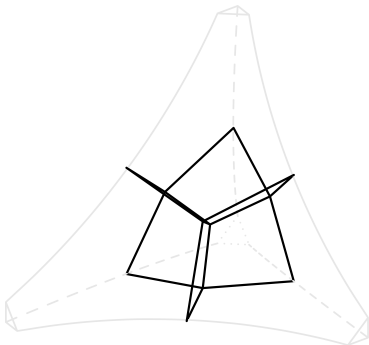
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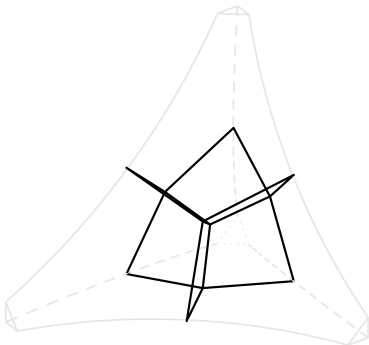
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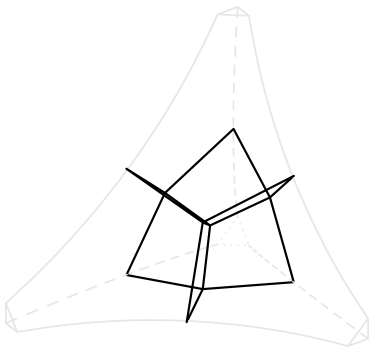


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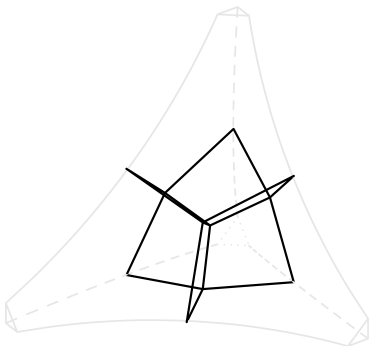
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## Theorem (Gromov et al.)

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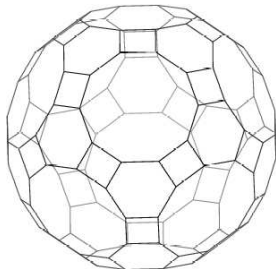
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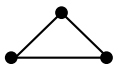
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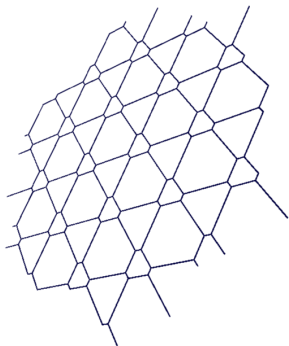
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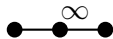
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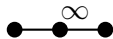
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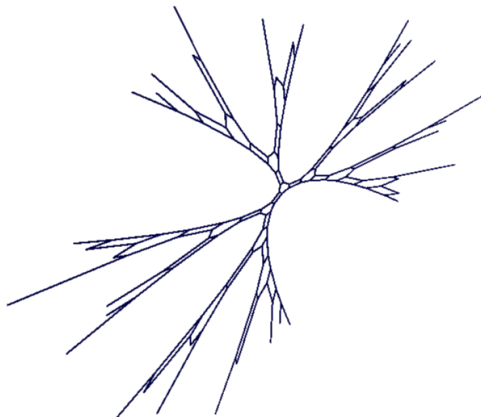
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### Theorem (De Concini & Salvetti, '00)

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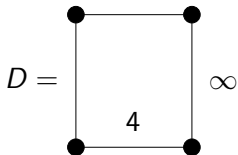
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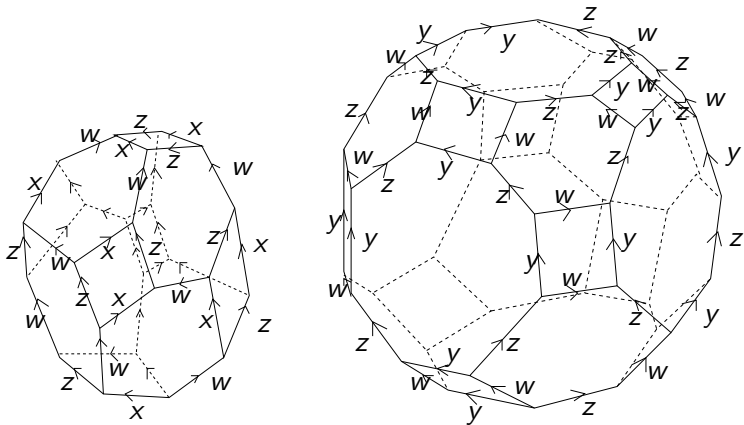
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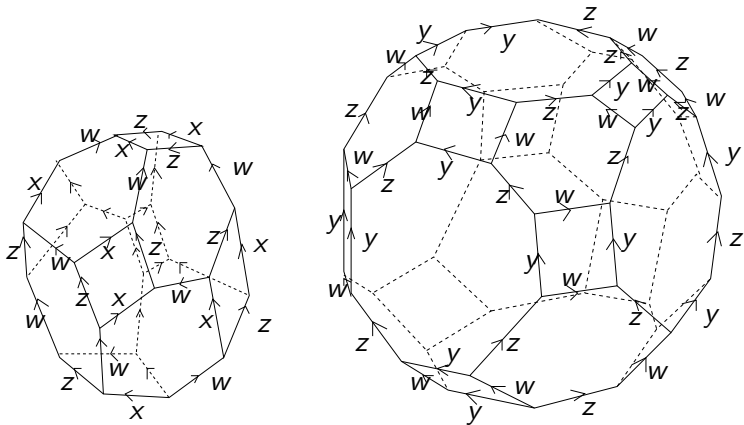
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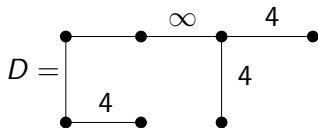
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