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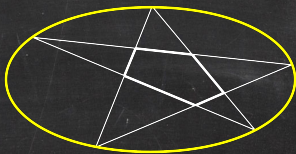
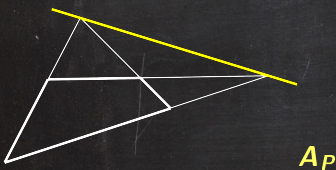
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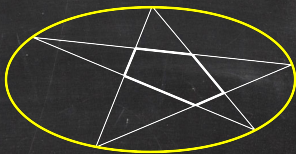
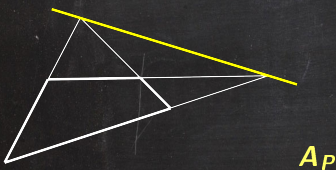
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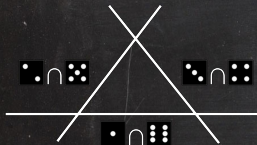
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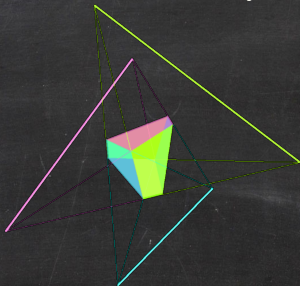
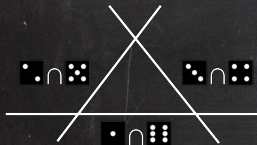
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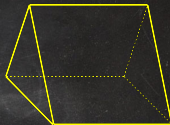
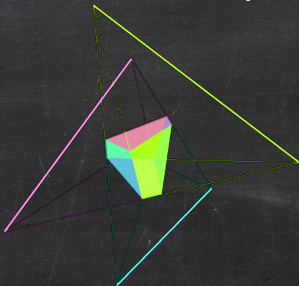
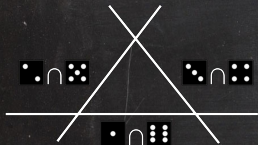
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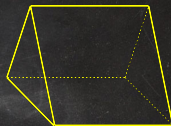
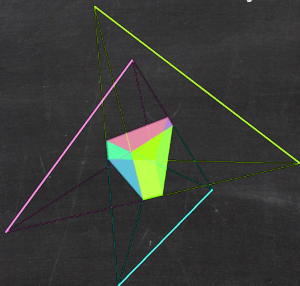
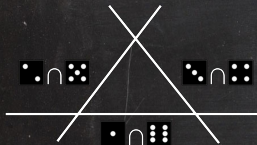
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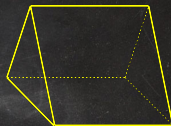
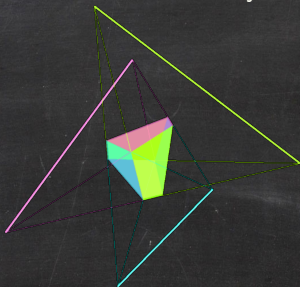
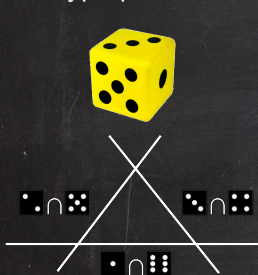
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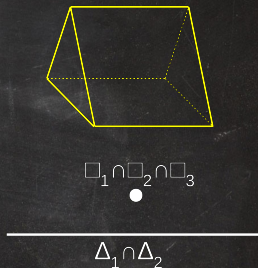
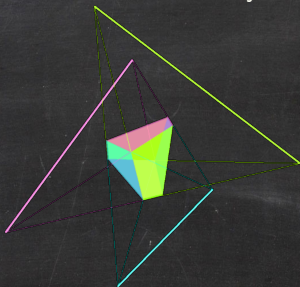
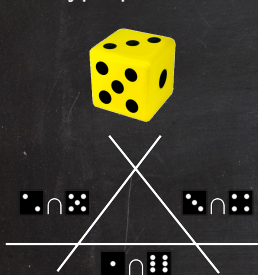

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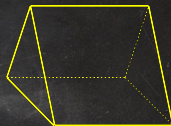
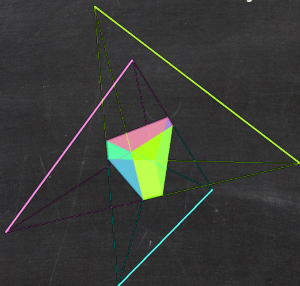
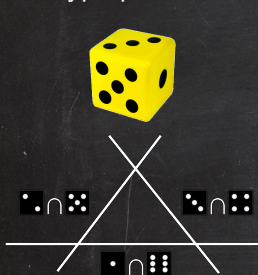


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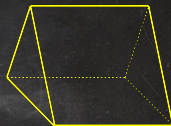
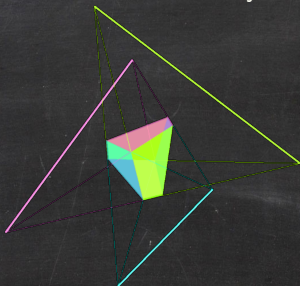
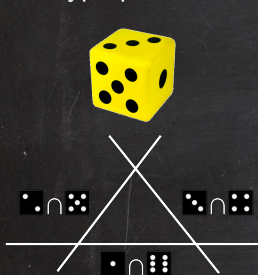
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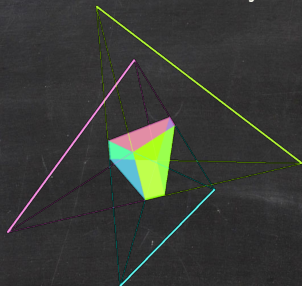
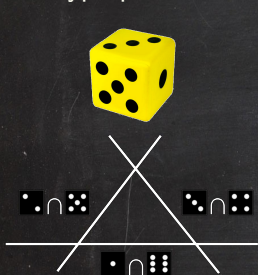
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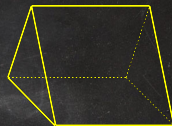
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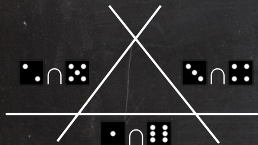
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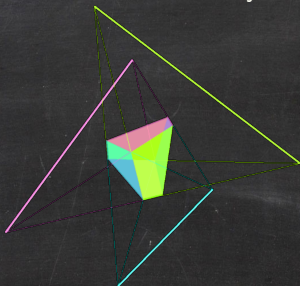
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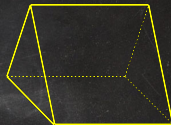
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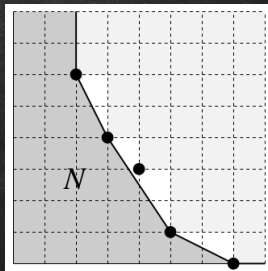
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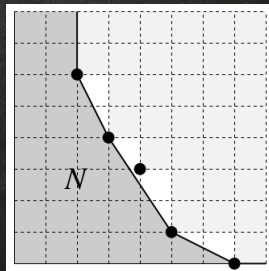
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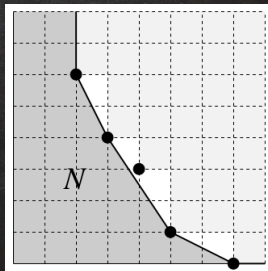
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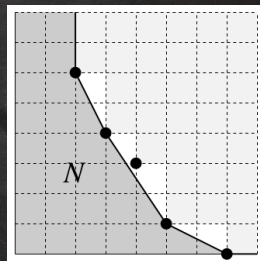
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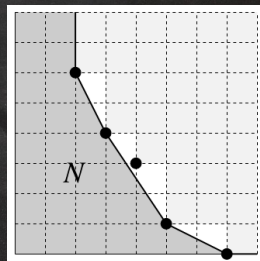
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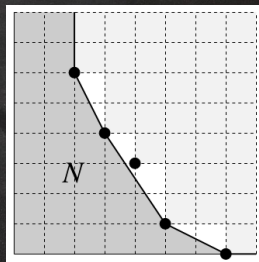
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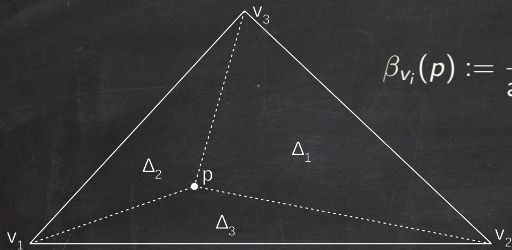
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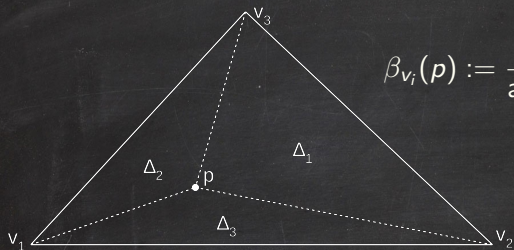
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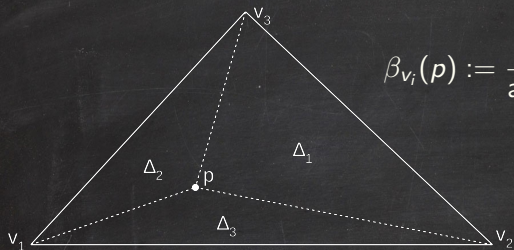
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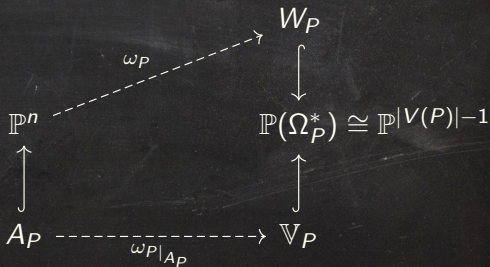
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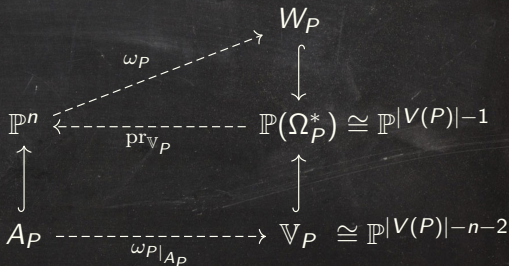
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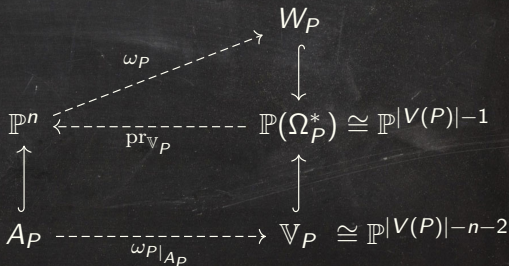
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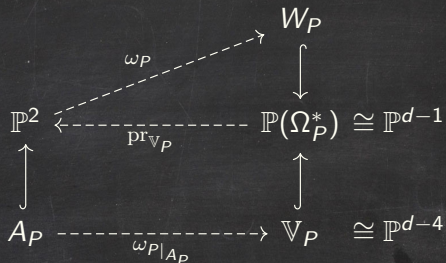
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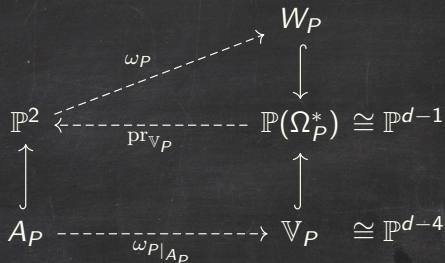


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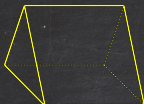


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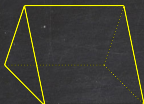
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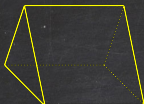
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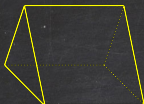
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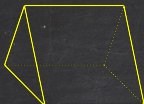
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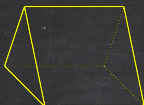
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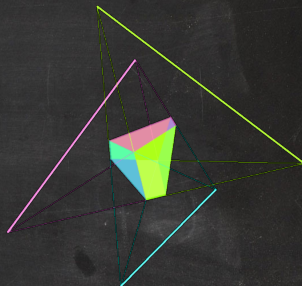
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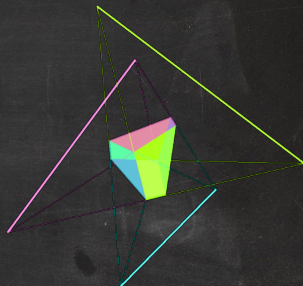
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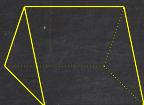


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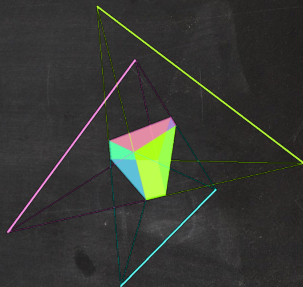
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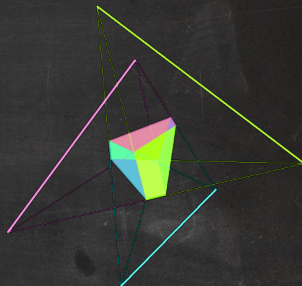
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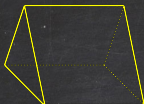
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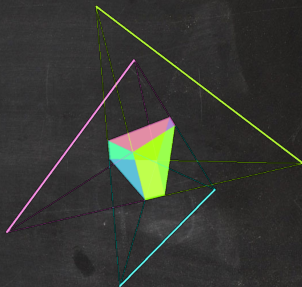
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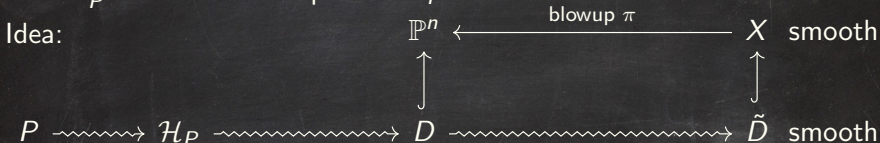
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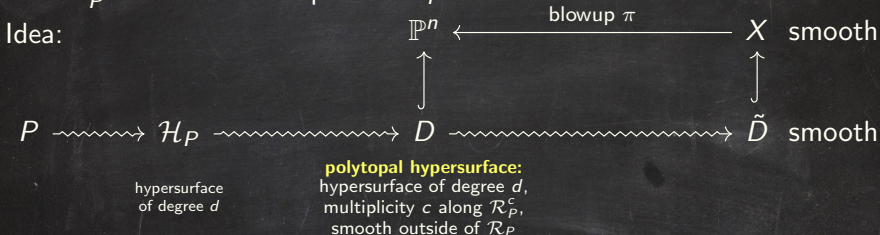


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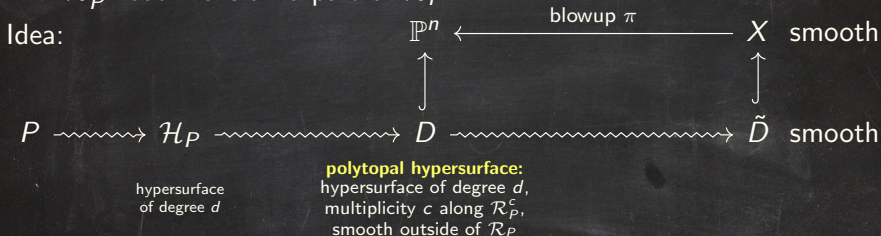
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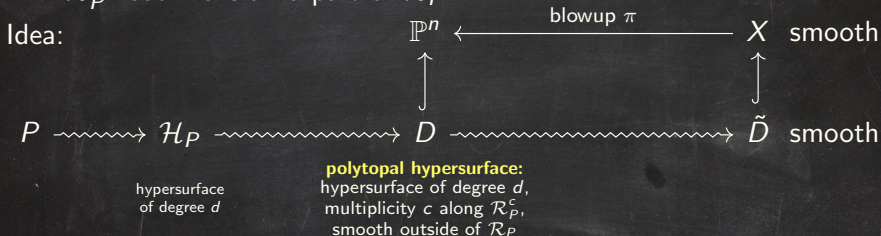
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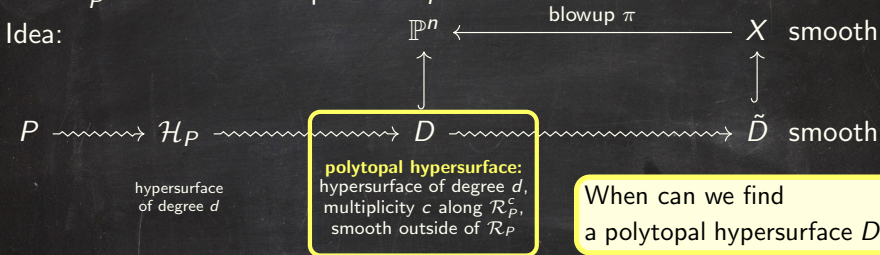
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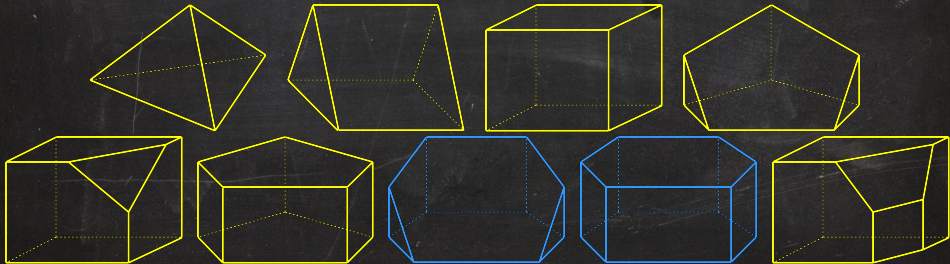
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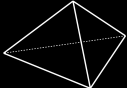
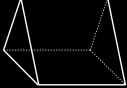

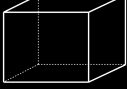





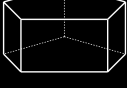



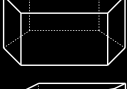

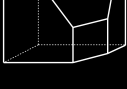

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	44433		(1, 0, 0)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^2 \subset \mathbb{P}^5$ (3, 0)	line	23	minimal K3 (8, 5)
	444444		(0, 0, 0)	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1 \subset \mathbb{P}^7$ (6, 1)	twisted cubic curve	26	minimal K3 (12, 7)
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	5554443		(1, 6, 0)	$W_P \subset \mathbb{P}^9$ (15, 9)	del Pezzo surface in $\mathbb{P}^5$ (5, 1)	7	non-minimal K3 (19, 12)
	5544444		(0, 5, 0)	Fano 3-fold in $\mathbb{P}^9$ (14, 8)	rational scroll in $\mathbb{P}^5$ (4, 0)	12	non-minimal K3 (18, 11)
	6644433		(3, 6, 1)	$W_P \subset \mathbb{P}^9$ (17, 11)	rational elliptic surface in $\mathbb{P}^5$ (7, 3)	4	minimal elliptic (22, 15)
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