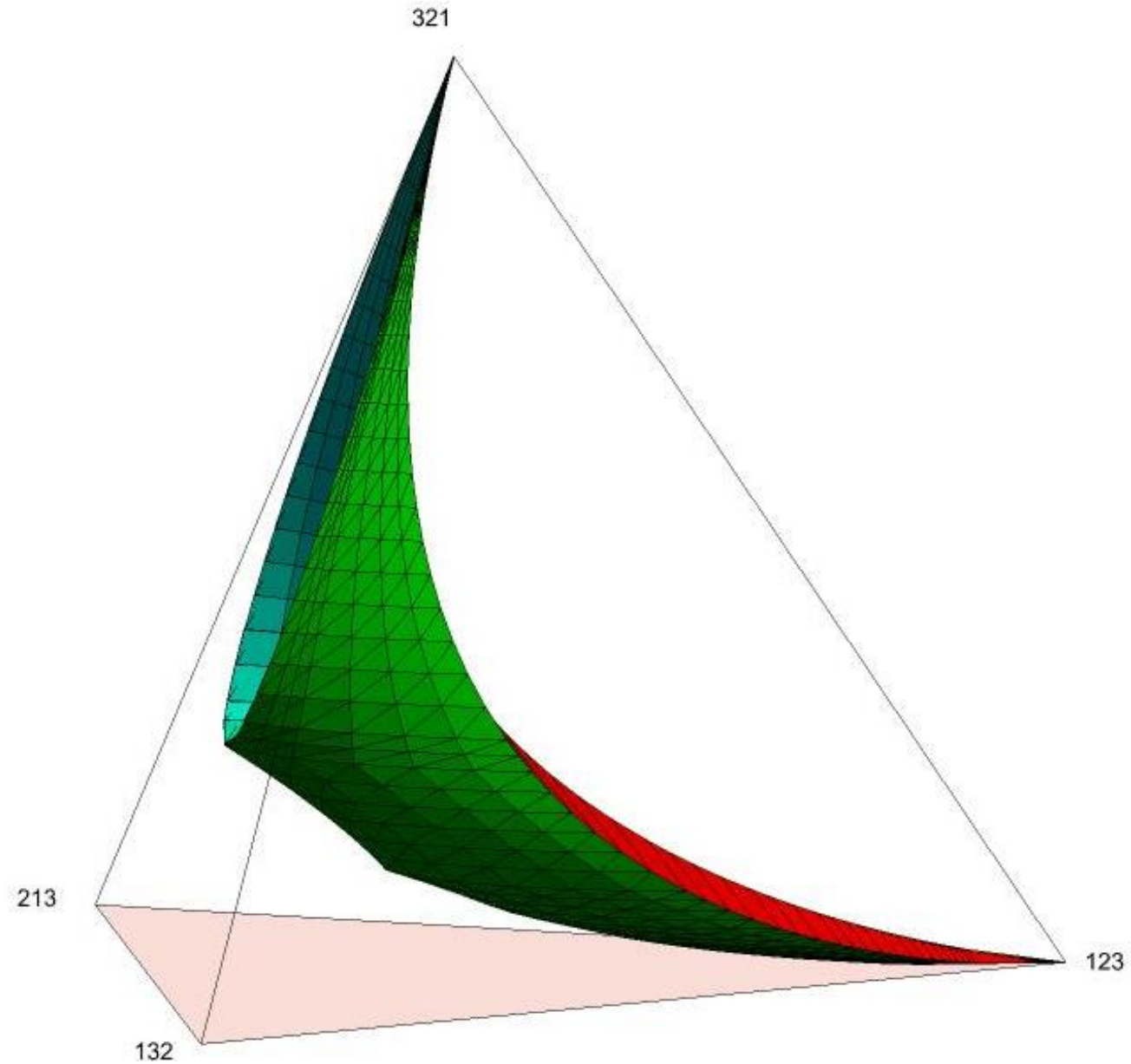


Joint Packing Densities
and the
Great Limit Shape
(layered version)

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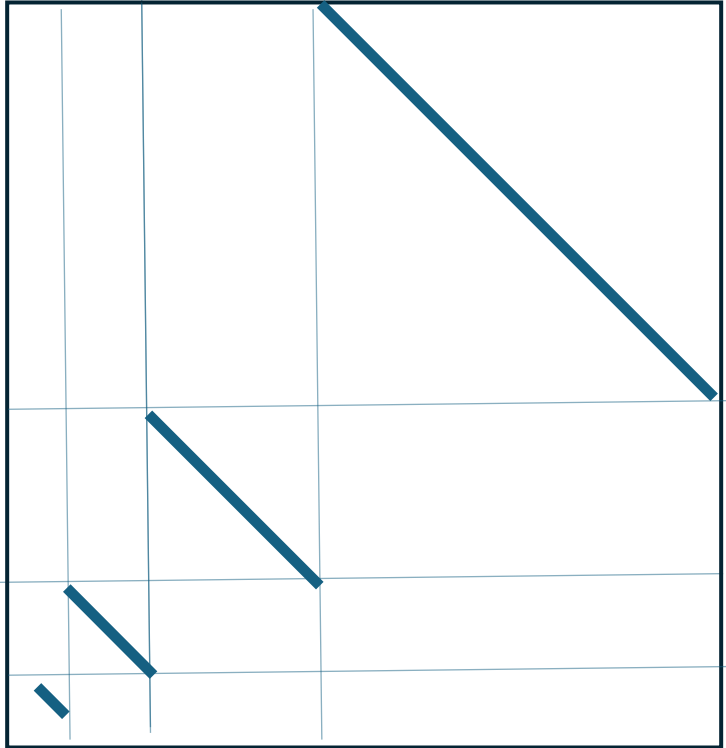
Packing Density

If $\sigma \in S_k$ (the “pattern”) and $\pi \in S_n$, then the *packing density of σ in π* is

$$\delta_\sigma(\pi) = \frac{\text{the number of occurrences of } \sigma \text{ in } \pi}{\binom{n}{k}}.$$

What values can occur? We care about the limit as $|\pi| \rightarrow \infty$.

Packing Density -- Example



$$\delta_{132}(\pi) = 2\sqrt{3} - 3 \approx 0.464 \dots$$

Joint Packing Densities

The *joint packing density* of two patterns, say 123 and 321, is a pair of numbers:

$$(\delta_{123}(\pi), \delta_{321}(\pi)).$$

What values can occur for this pair?

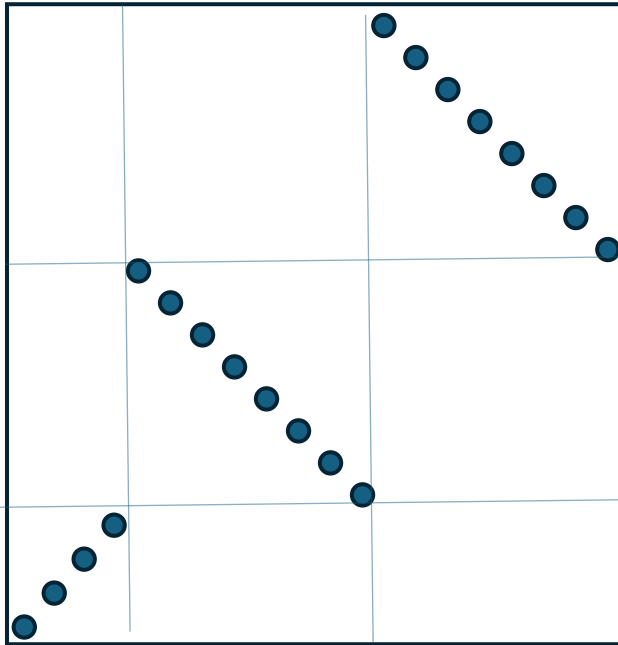
We know that (in the limit as $|\pi| \rightarrow \infty$) these densities satisfy

$$\delta_{123} + \delta_{321} \geq 1/4.$$

Either coordinate can be zero, but the coordinates can't both be close to 0.

Joint Packing Densities

Example: $\pi \in S_{20}$



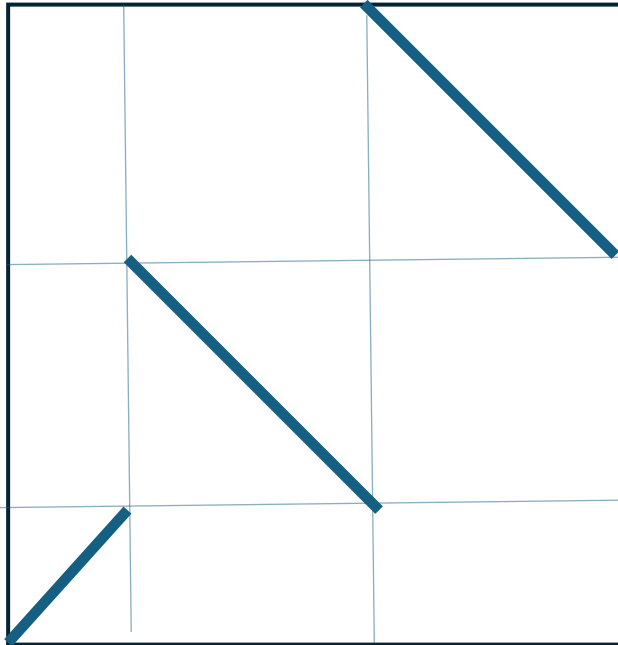
$$\delta_{123} = \frac{356}{1140} \approx 0.312$$

$$\delta_{321} = \frac{112}{1140} \approx 0.098$$

$$(\delta_{123}(\pi), \delta_{321}(\pi)) = (0.312, 0.098).$$

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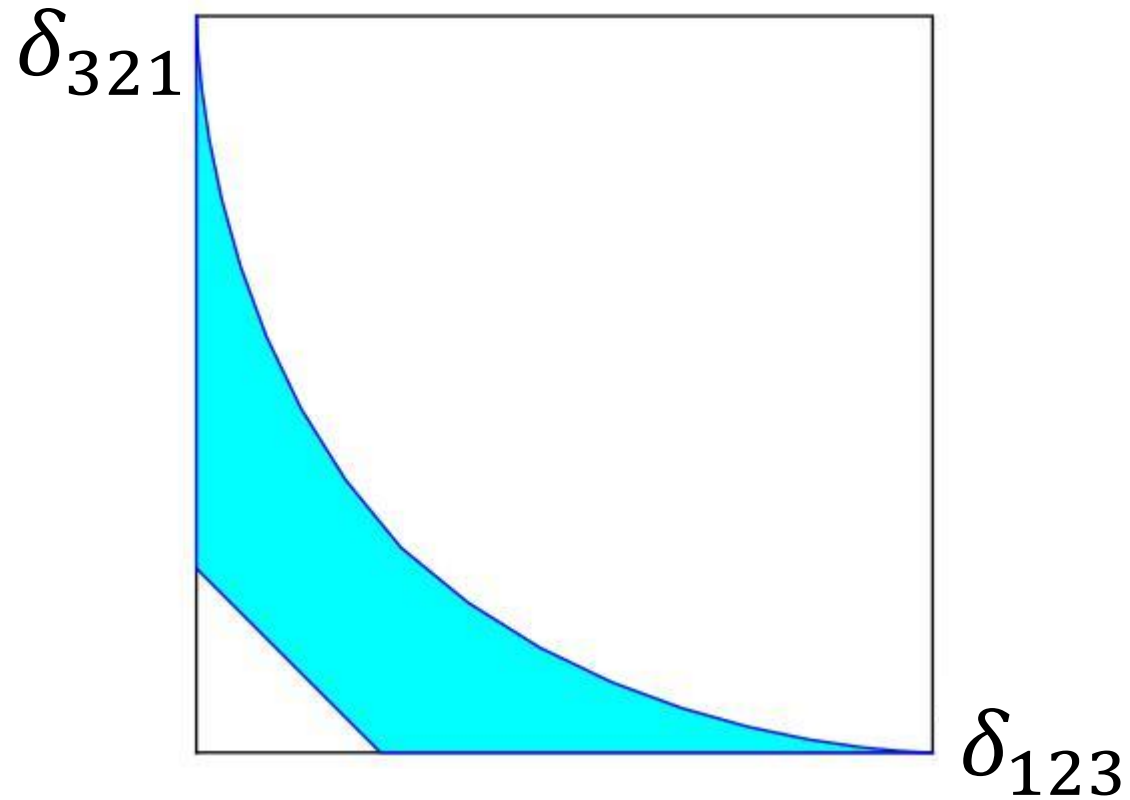
$$\delta_{123} = \frac{37}{125}$$

$$\delta_{321} = \frac{16}{125}$$

$$(\delta_{123}, \delta_{321}) = (0.296, 0.128).$$

WHICH PAIRS CAN
ARISE IN THIS WAY?

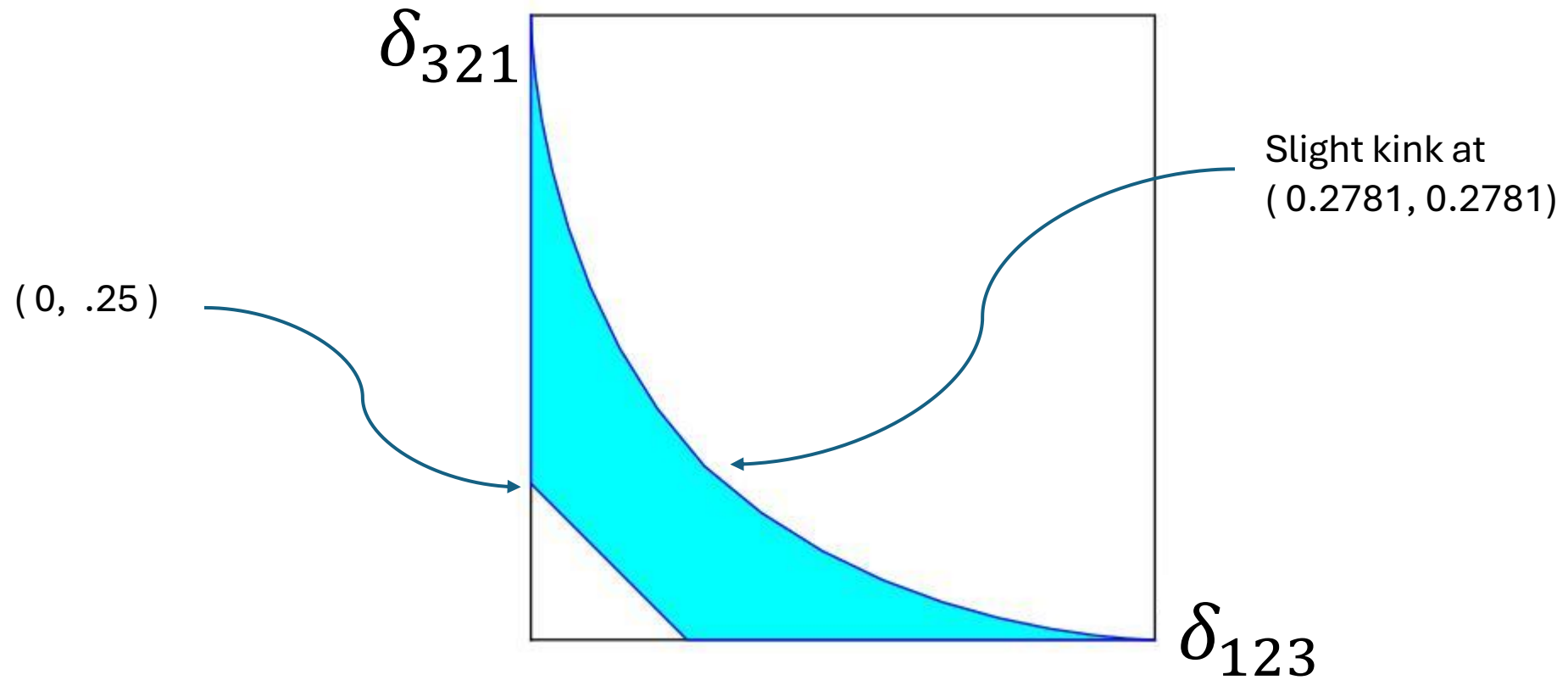
Joint Packing Density for δ_{123} and δ_{321}



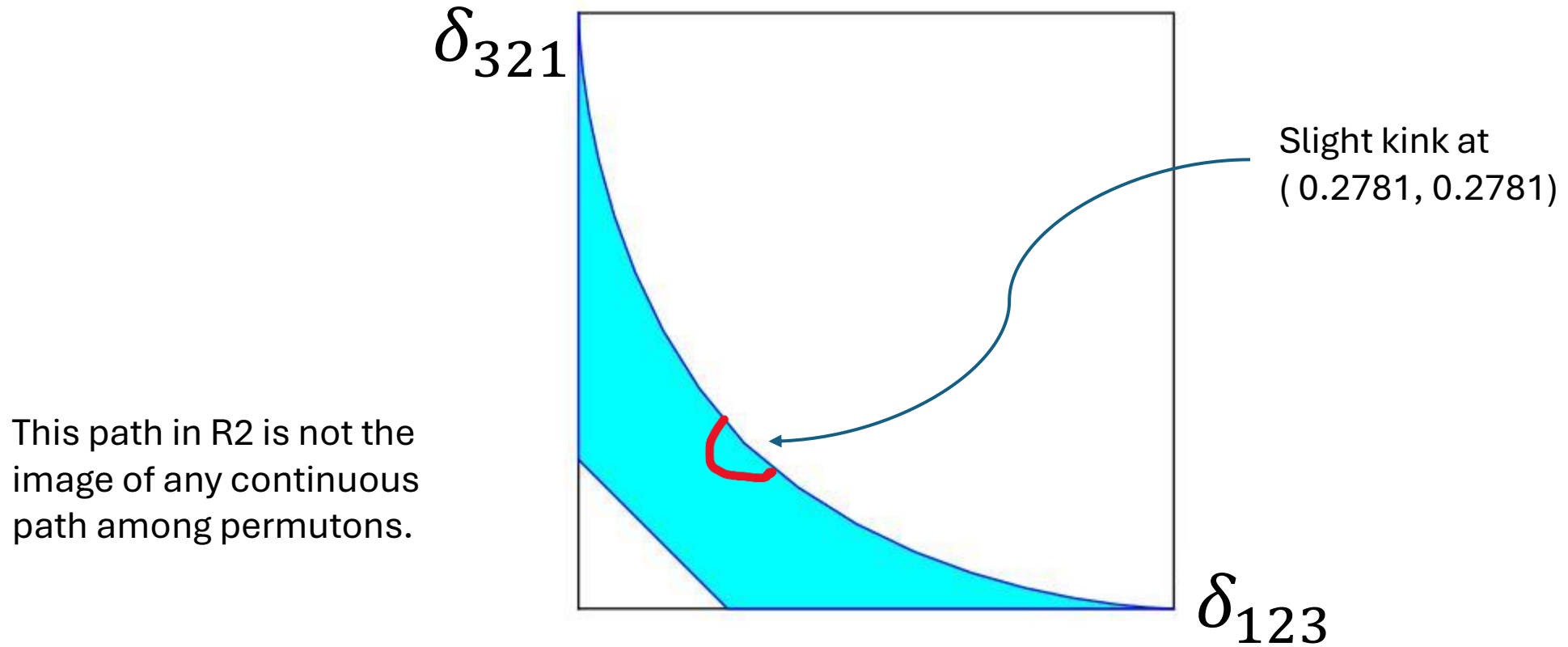
Possible limiting
values of the pair
(σ_{123} , σ_{321})

This diagram
and proof of its
correctness are
due to Sergi
Elizalde and his
collaborators.

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The Great Limit Shape

Which vectors

$$v = (\delta_{123}, \delta_{132}, \delta_{213}, \delta_{231}, \delta_{312}, \delta_{321}) \in R^6$$

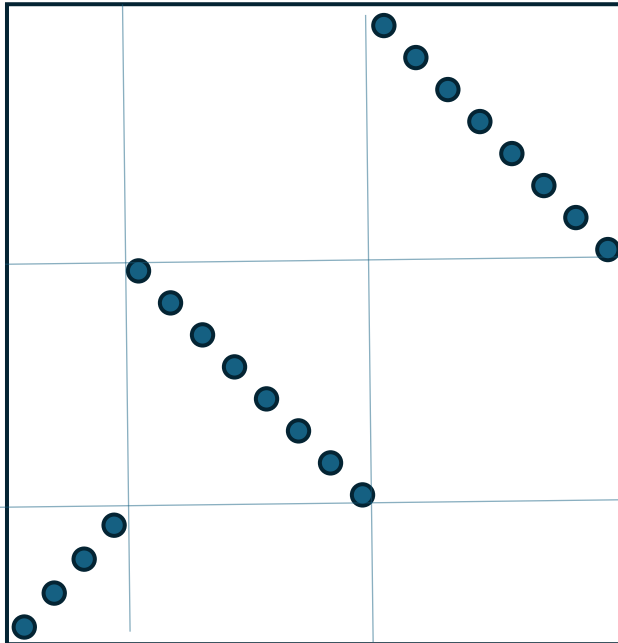
can occur as a limit of vectors

$$(\delta_{123}(\pi_i), \delta_{132}(\pi_i), \delta_{213}(\pi_i), \delta_{231}(\pi_i), \delta_{312}(\pi_i), \delta_{321}(\pi_i))$$

for a sequence of permutations $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \dots$ of increasing size?

Packing Vector

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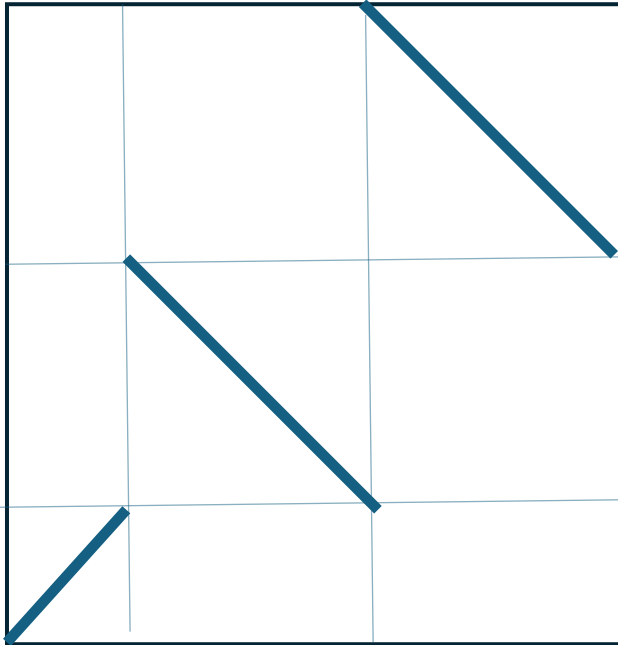
Pattern	123	132	213	231	312	321
Number of occurrences	356	448	224	0	0	112
Fraction of occurrences	.312	.393	.197	0	0	.098

total
1140

Packing Vector: (.312, .393, .197, 0, 0, .098)

Packing Vector --- Permuton

Example:



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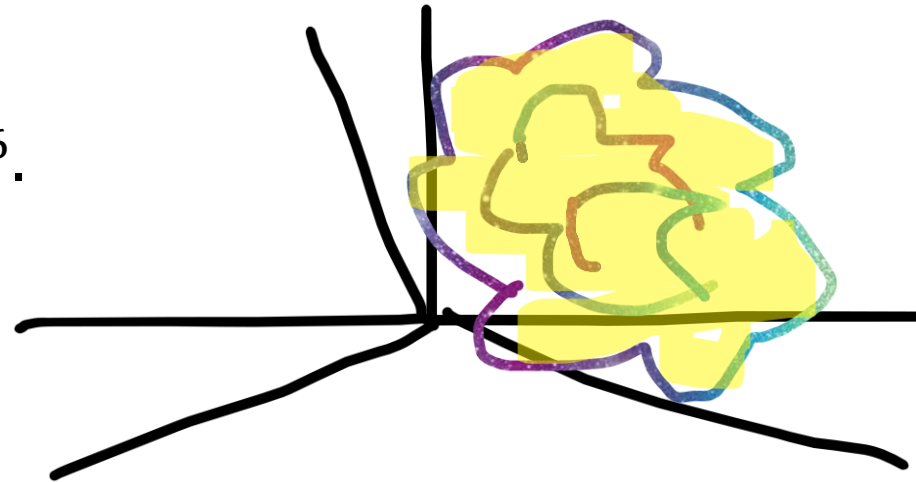
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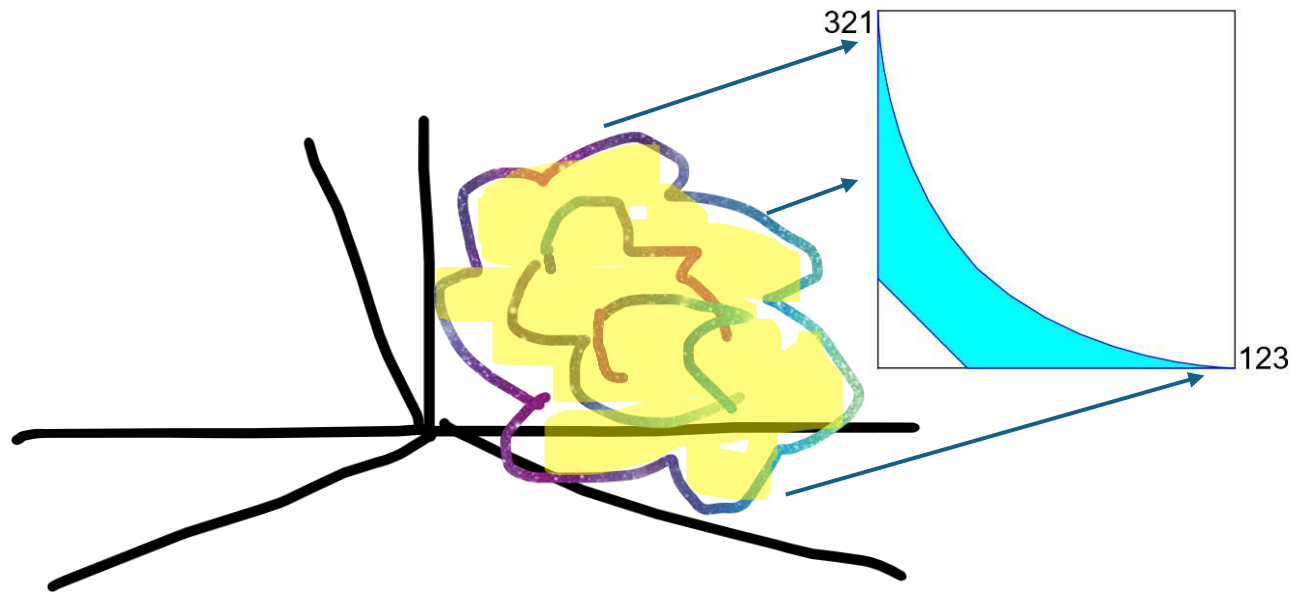
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The Great Limit Shape

We can understand the Great Limit Set in terms of its PROJECTIONS and CROSS SECTIONS.

The solution we saw to the $(\delta_{123}, \delta_{321})$ problem is an example of a projection of the 5-d set onto a 2-d plane.



The Layered Version

Today we will deal with the special case of LAYERED PERMUTATIONS.

A LAYERED PERMUTATION is one that contains no 231 or 312 patterns.

In dealing with layered permutations, we will omit those components of the packing vector, which becomes

$$v = (\delta_{123}, \delta_{132}, \delta_{213}, \delta_{321}) \in R^4.$$

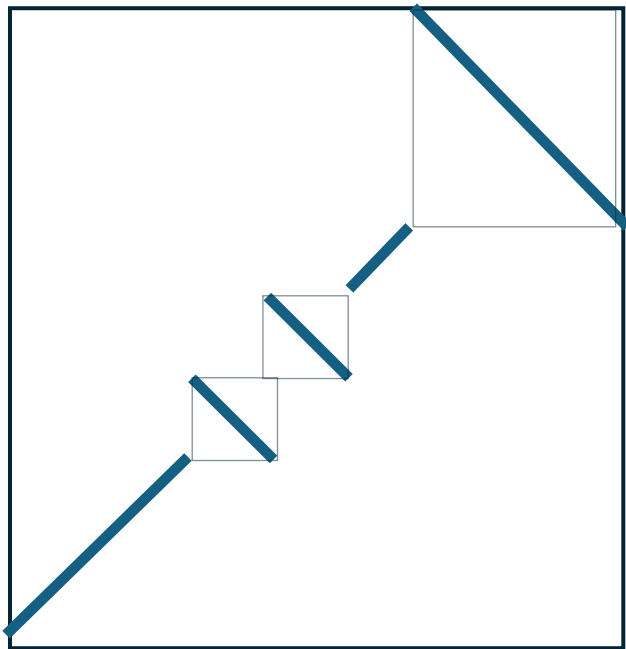
Which of these vectors can be limits of packing vectors of layered permutations?

The answer is a compact subset of R^4 , contained in the 3-d standard simplex.

Layered Permutons

$\langle x_1, x_2, x_3 \rangle$ = sizes of DOWN boxes, in

decreasing order. In this case, $\left\langle \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{9} \right\rangle$.



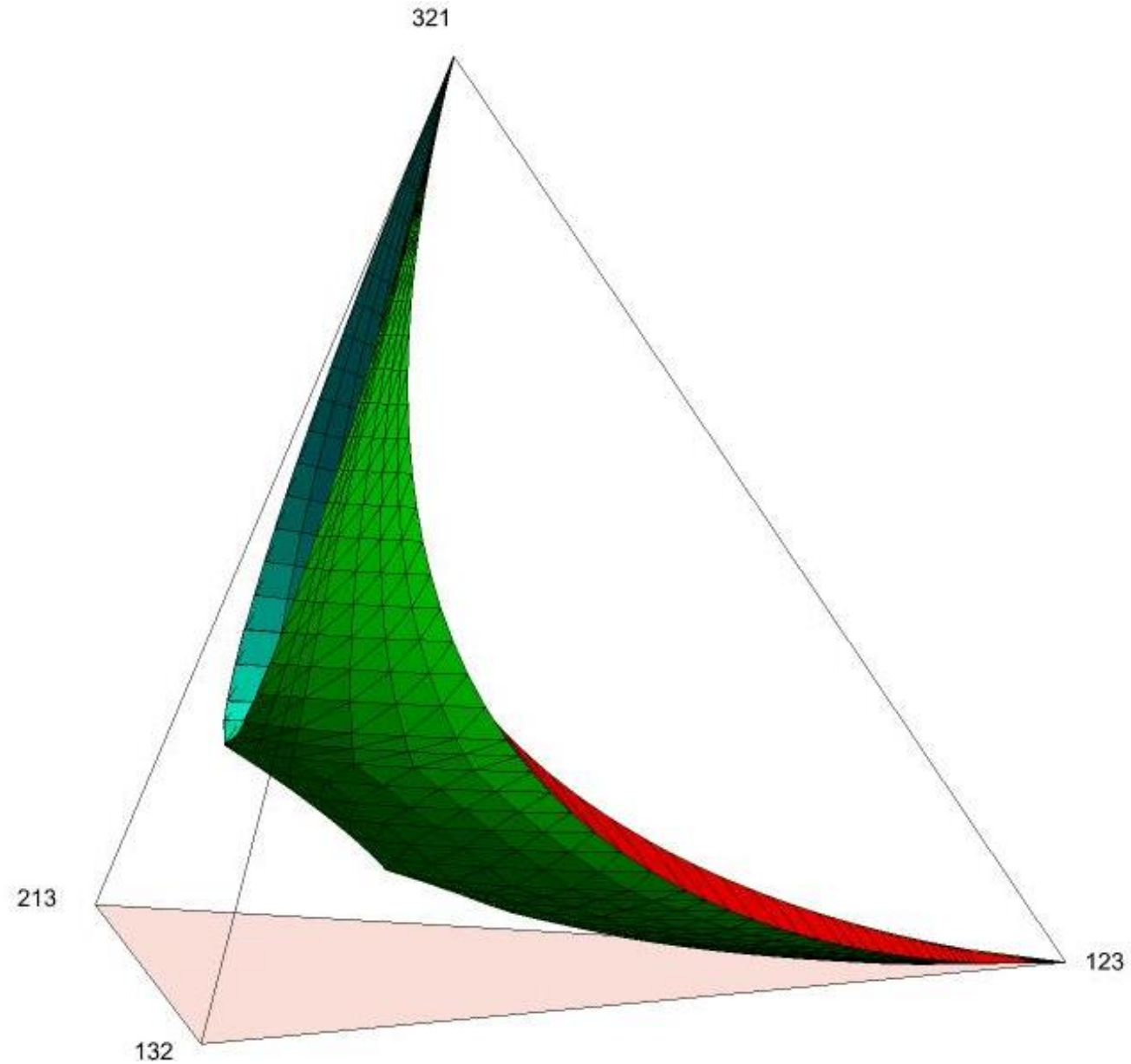
For δ_{123} and δ_{321} , only the x 's matter---NOT their order, or anything about the UP boxes.

$$\delta_{123} = 1 - 3 \sum x_i^2 + 2 \sum x_i^3$$

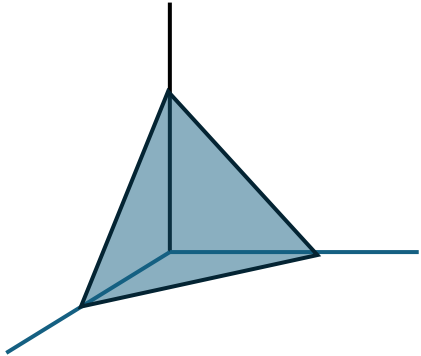
$$\delta_{321} = \sum x_i^3$$

For δ_{132} and δ_{213} , order and placement matter.

Great Limit Shape (layered version)

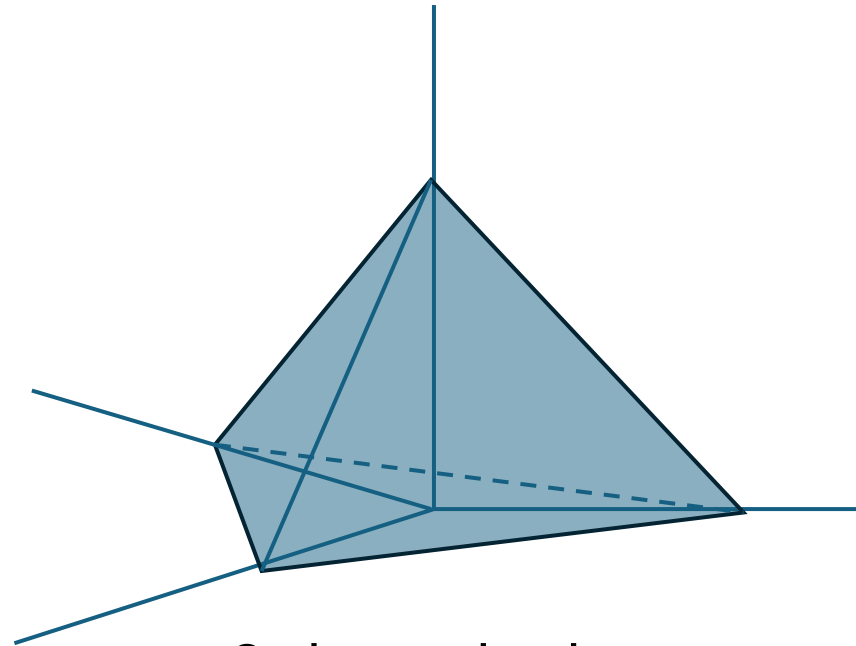


The coordinate system



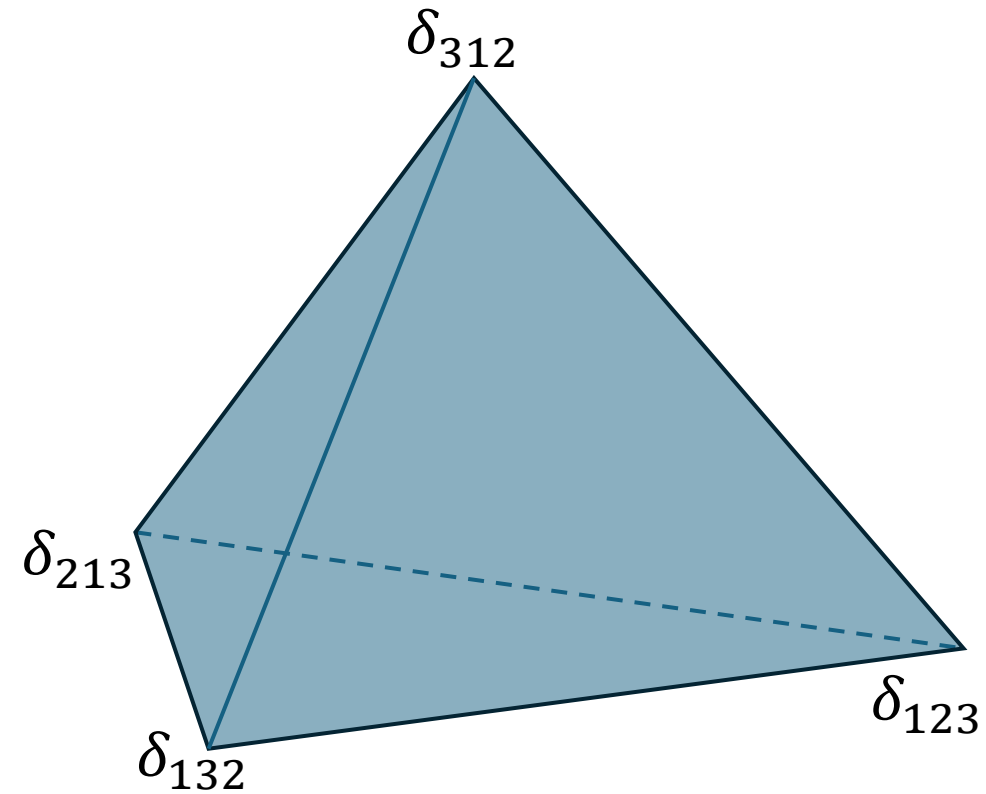
2-d standard simplex in R^3

= triangle



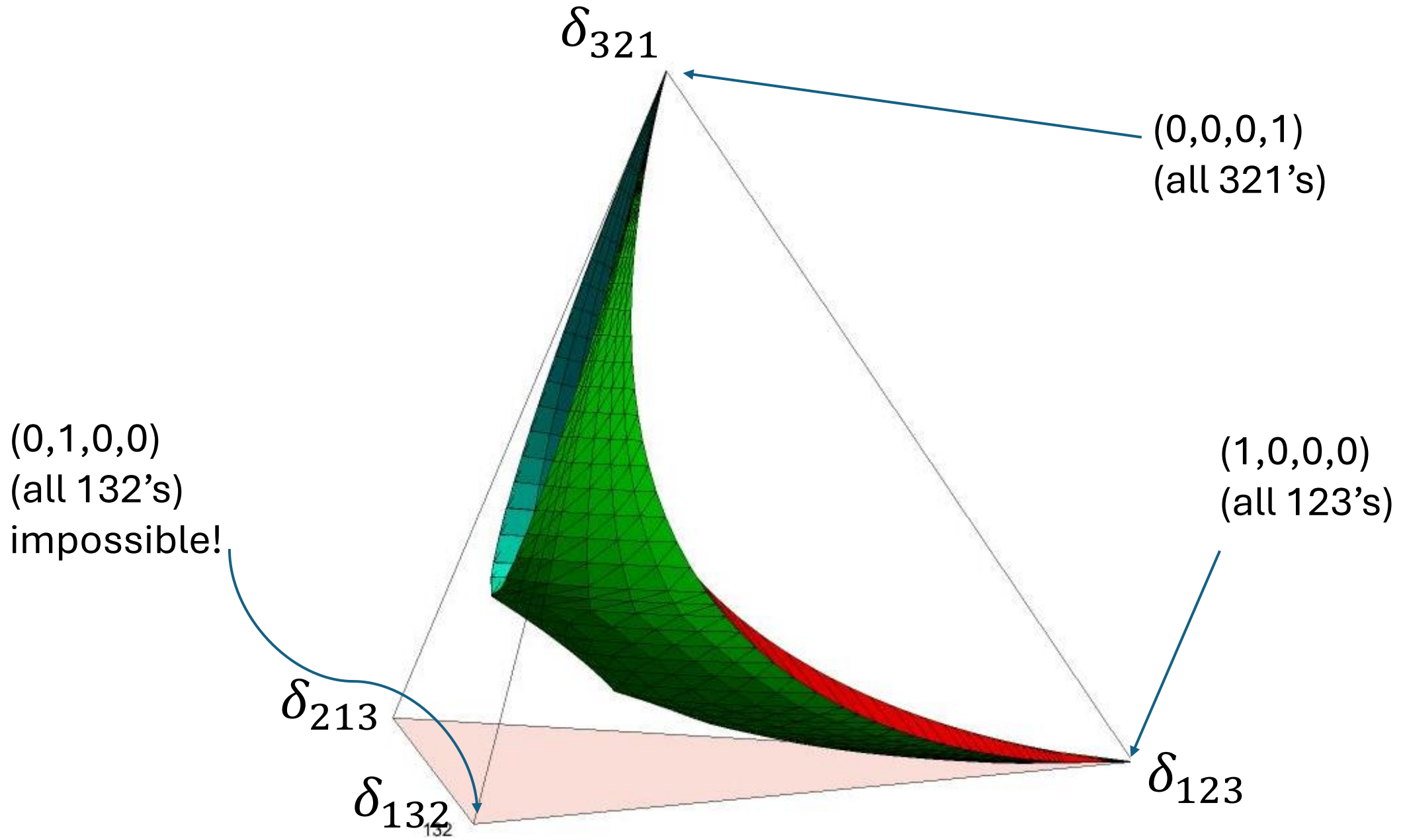
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Free-standing tetrahedron
= home of the limiting shape

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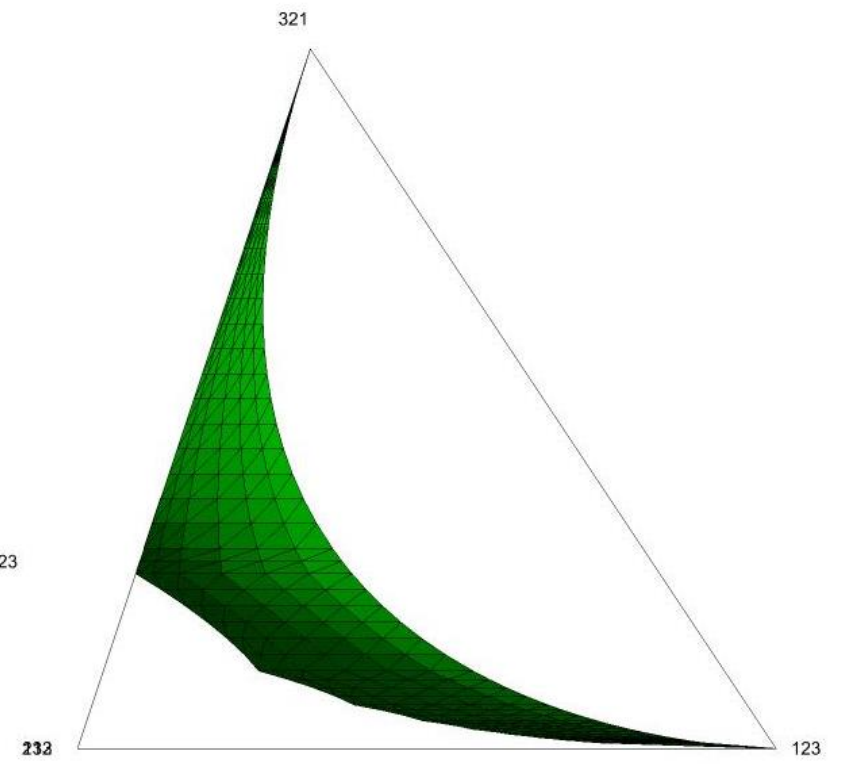
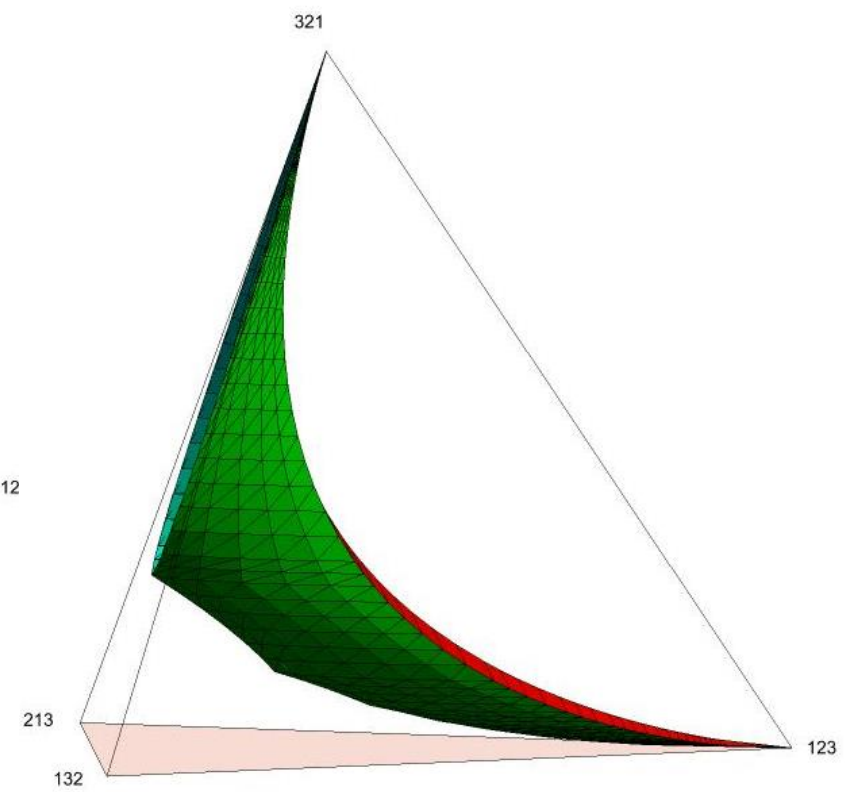
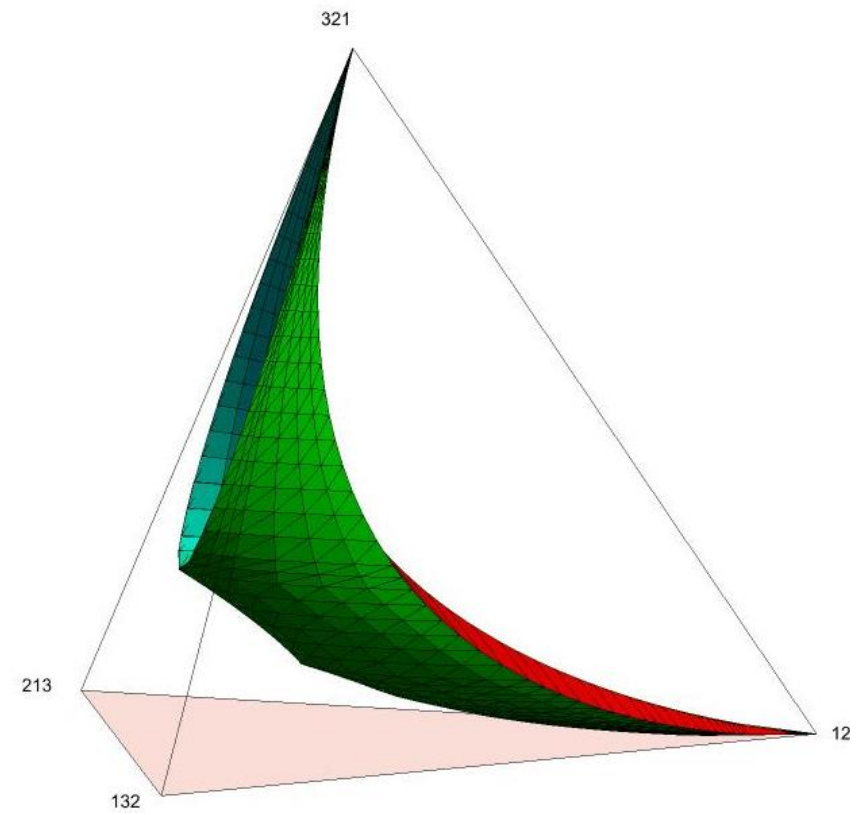
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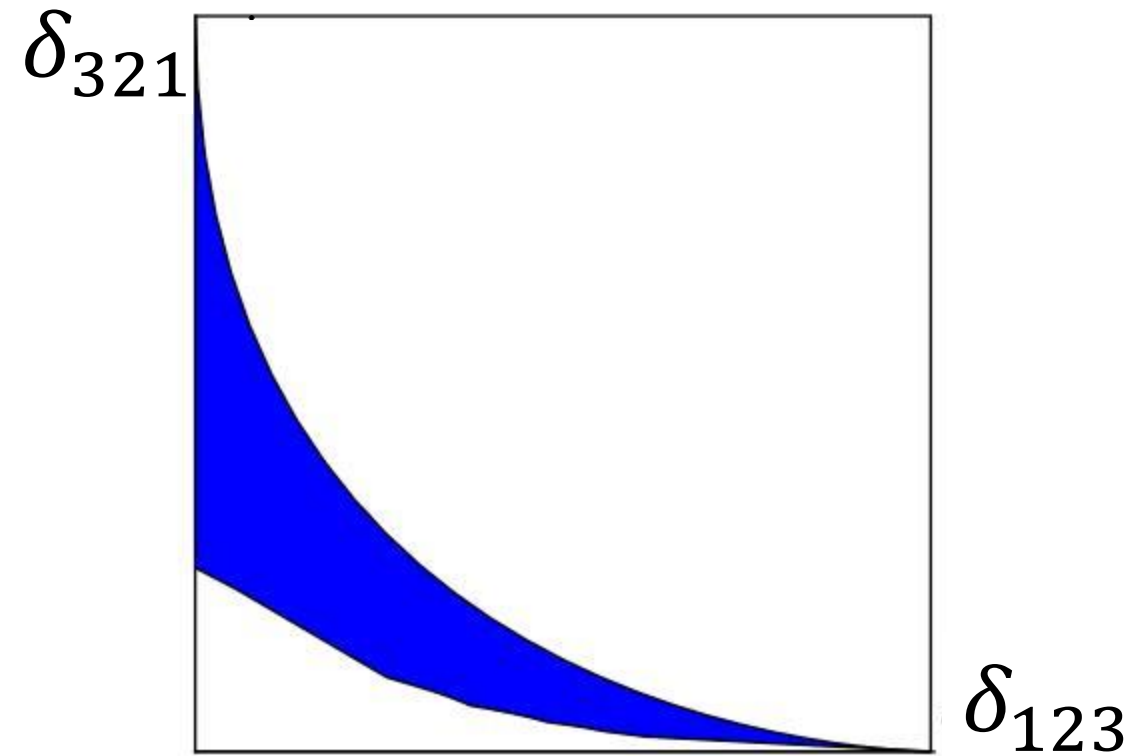
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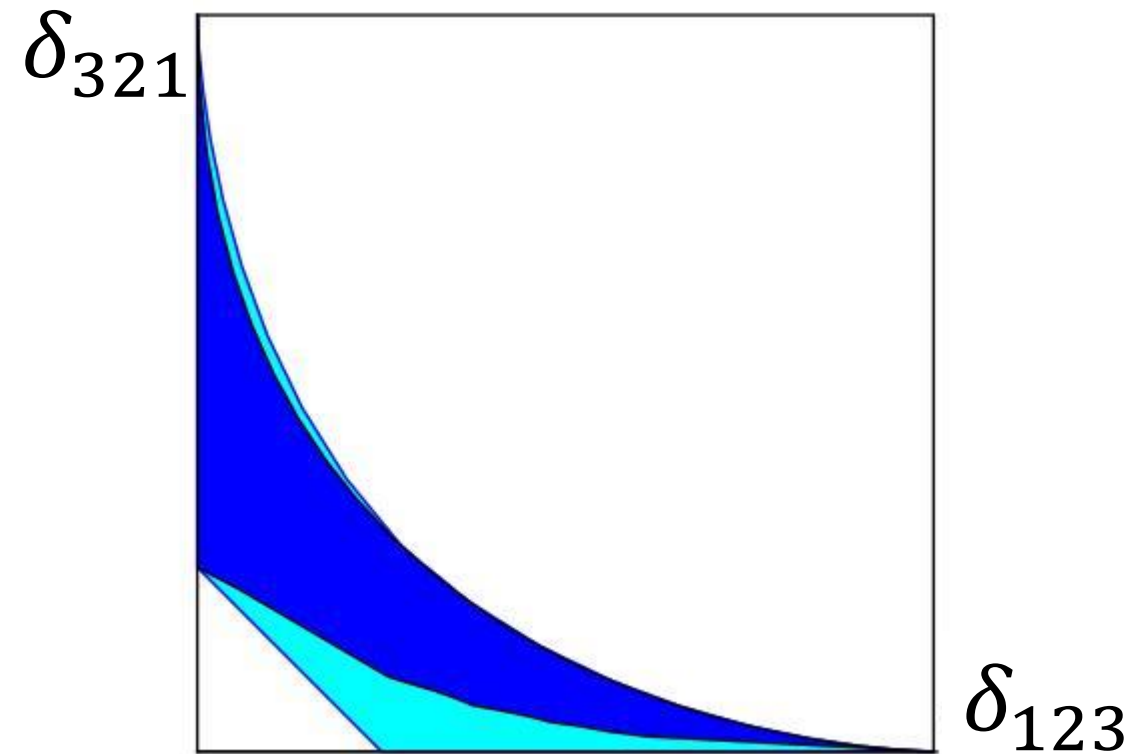
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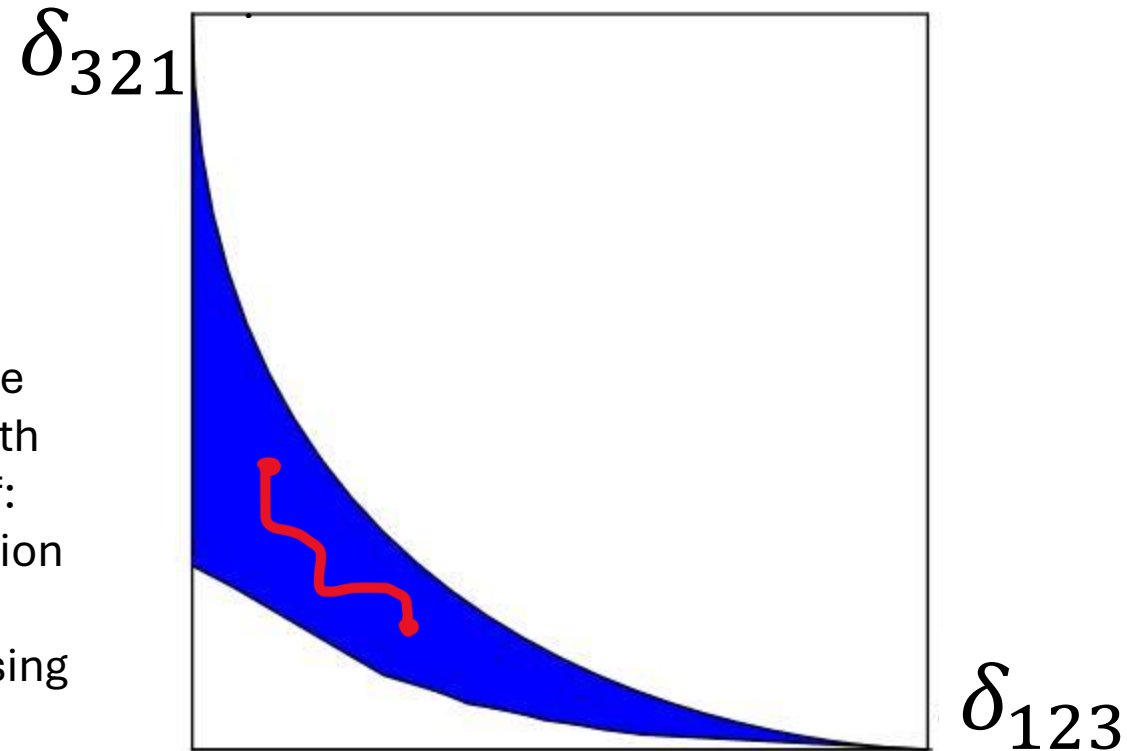
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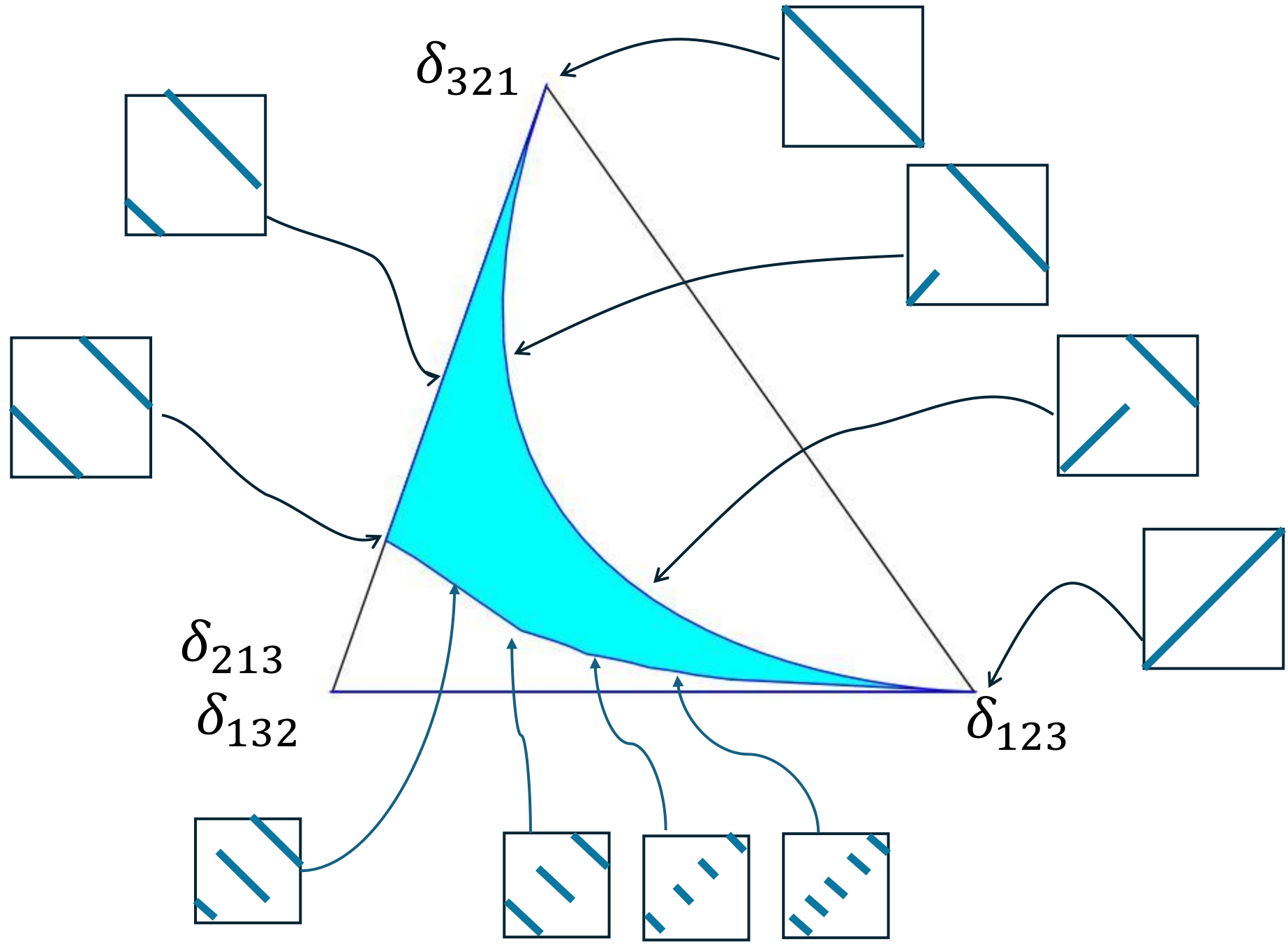
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Every path in this set is the image of a continuous path among permutations. Proof: Each point in the blue region corresponds to a unique permutation whose decreasing layers have sizes $w, wz, \dots, wz, (1-nw)z$ for w, z in $[0,1]$.



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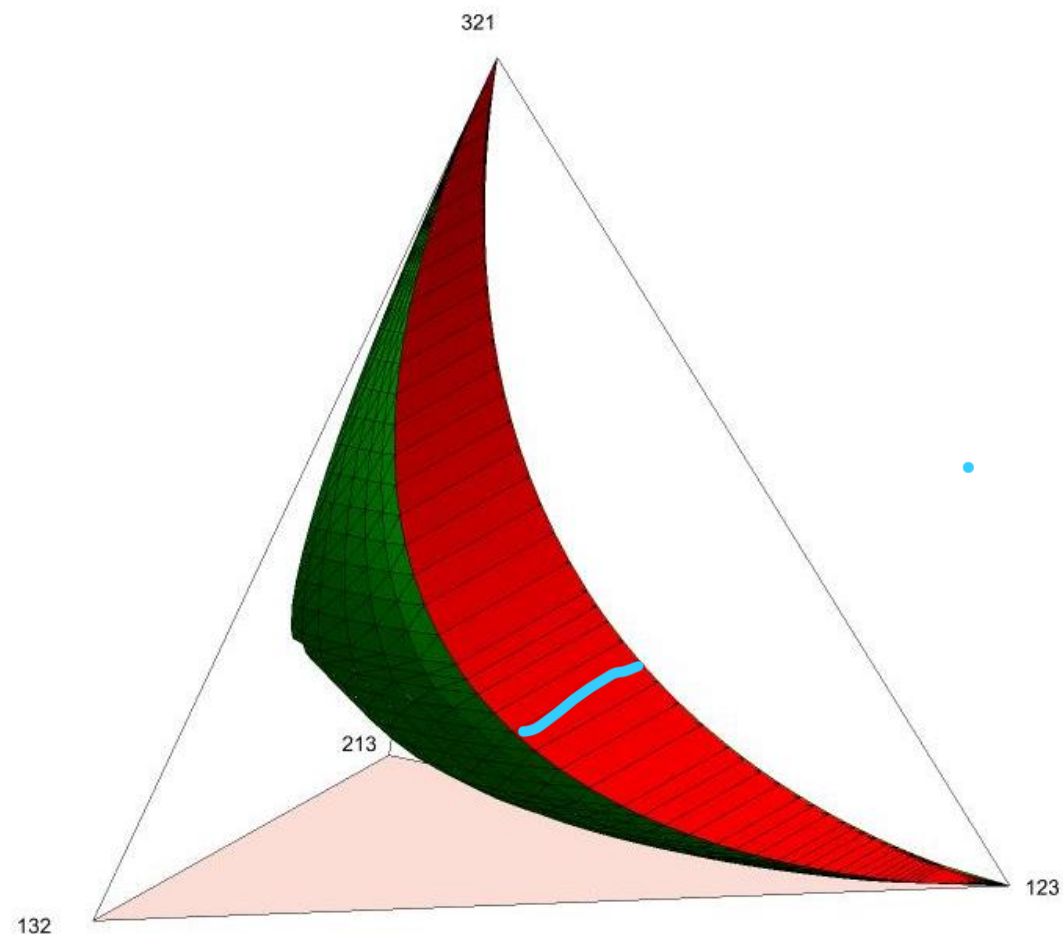
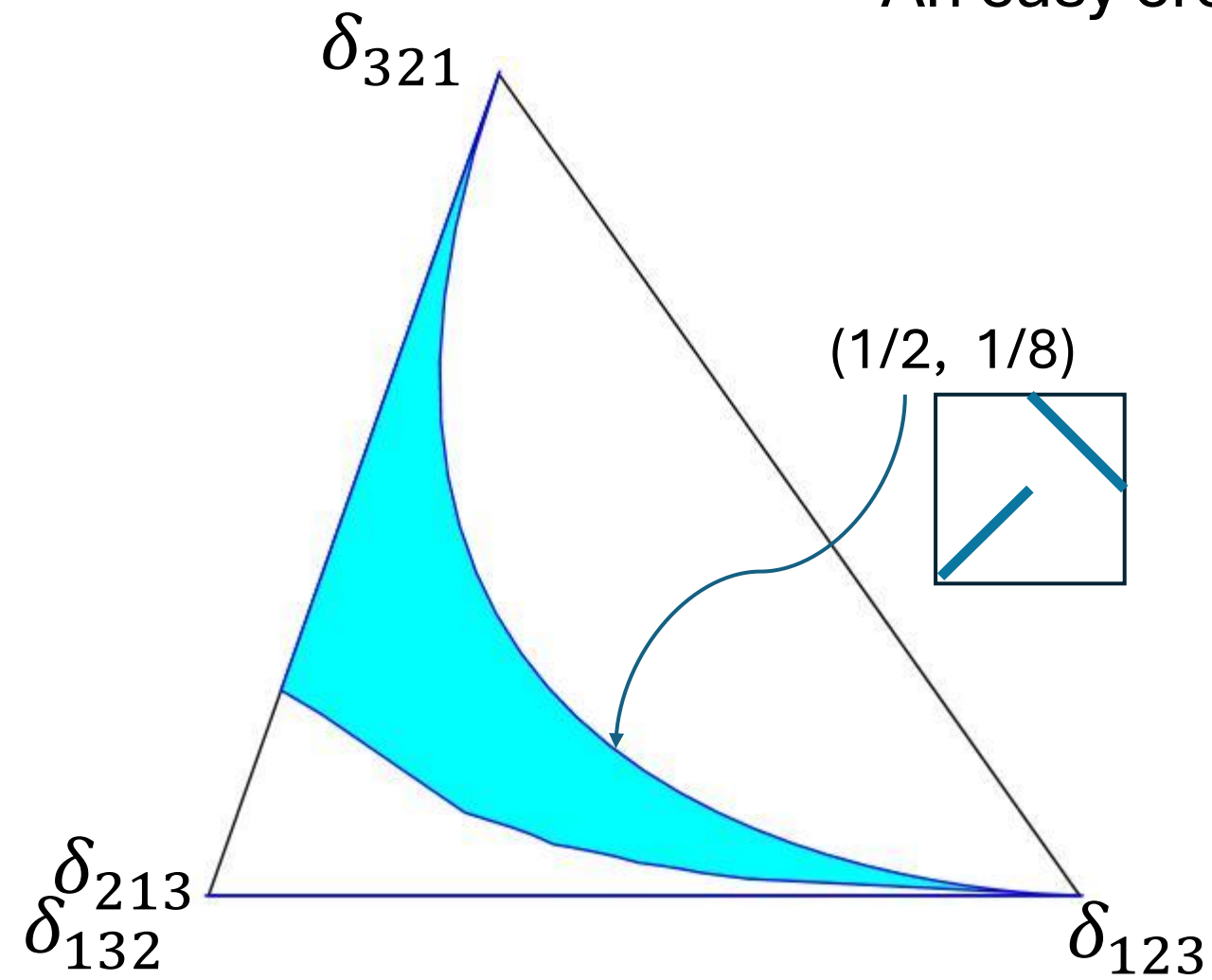
The Cross Sections

If we knew --- for every point in the main diagram --- what are the possible values of $(\delta_{132}, \delta_{213})$, then we would know the entire shape.

Because $\delta_{213} = 1 - \delta_{123} - \delta_{321} - \delta_{132}$, and both δ_{123} and δ_{321} are given by the point we have chosen, we just need to know the possible values of δ_{132} .

Start with points on the boundary of the main diagram.

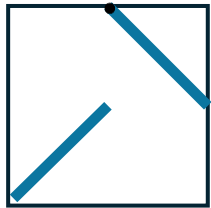
An easy cross section



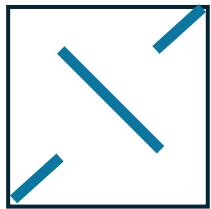
The cross section at $(1/2, 1/8)$

Suppose $\delta_{123} = 1/2$ and $\delta_{321} = 1/8$. Those values define a point on the upper boundary of the main diagram. They leave $3/8$ for δ_{132} and δ_{213} .

Fact: δ_{132} can take any value in $[0, 3/8]$.



has packing vector $(1/2, 3/8, 0, 1/8)$.



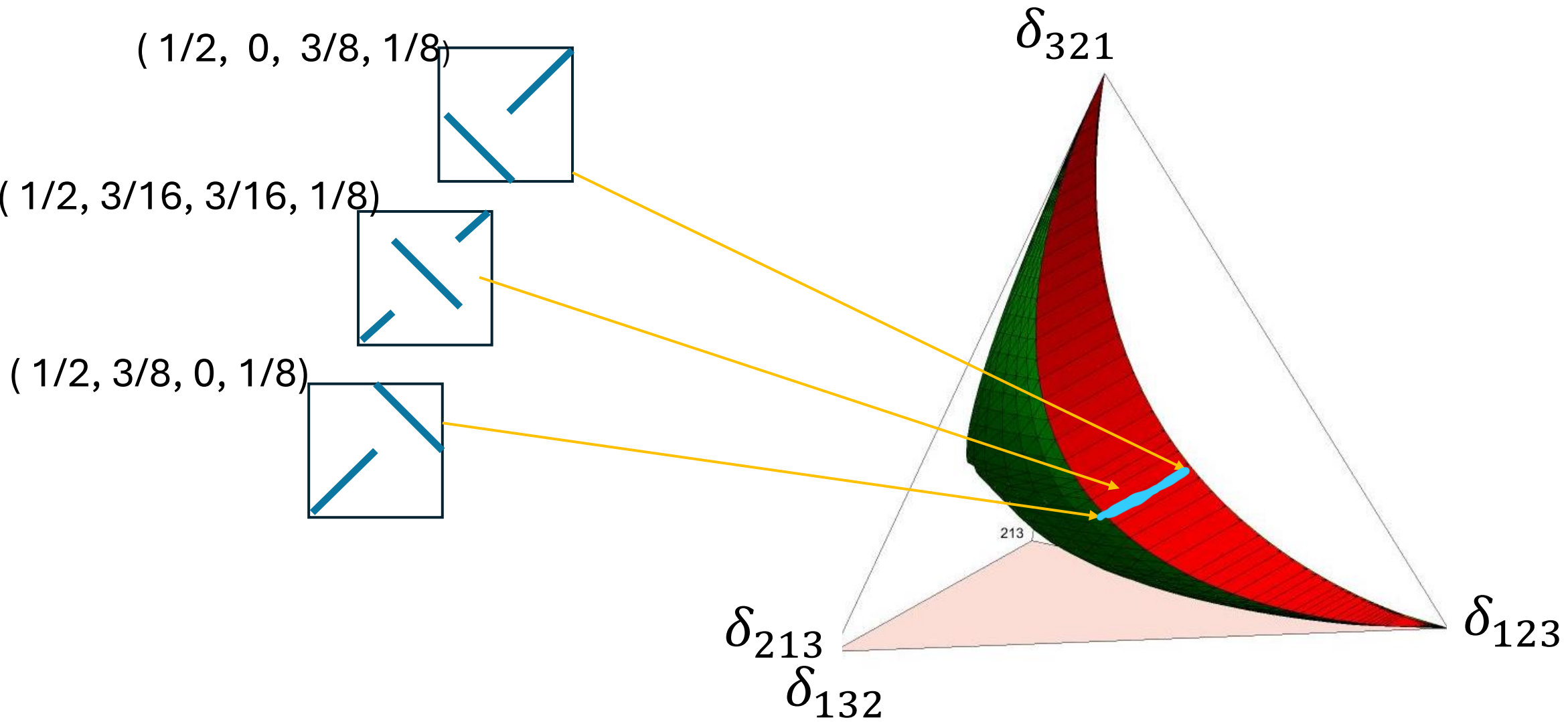
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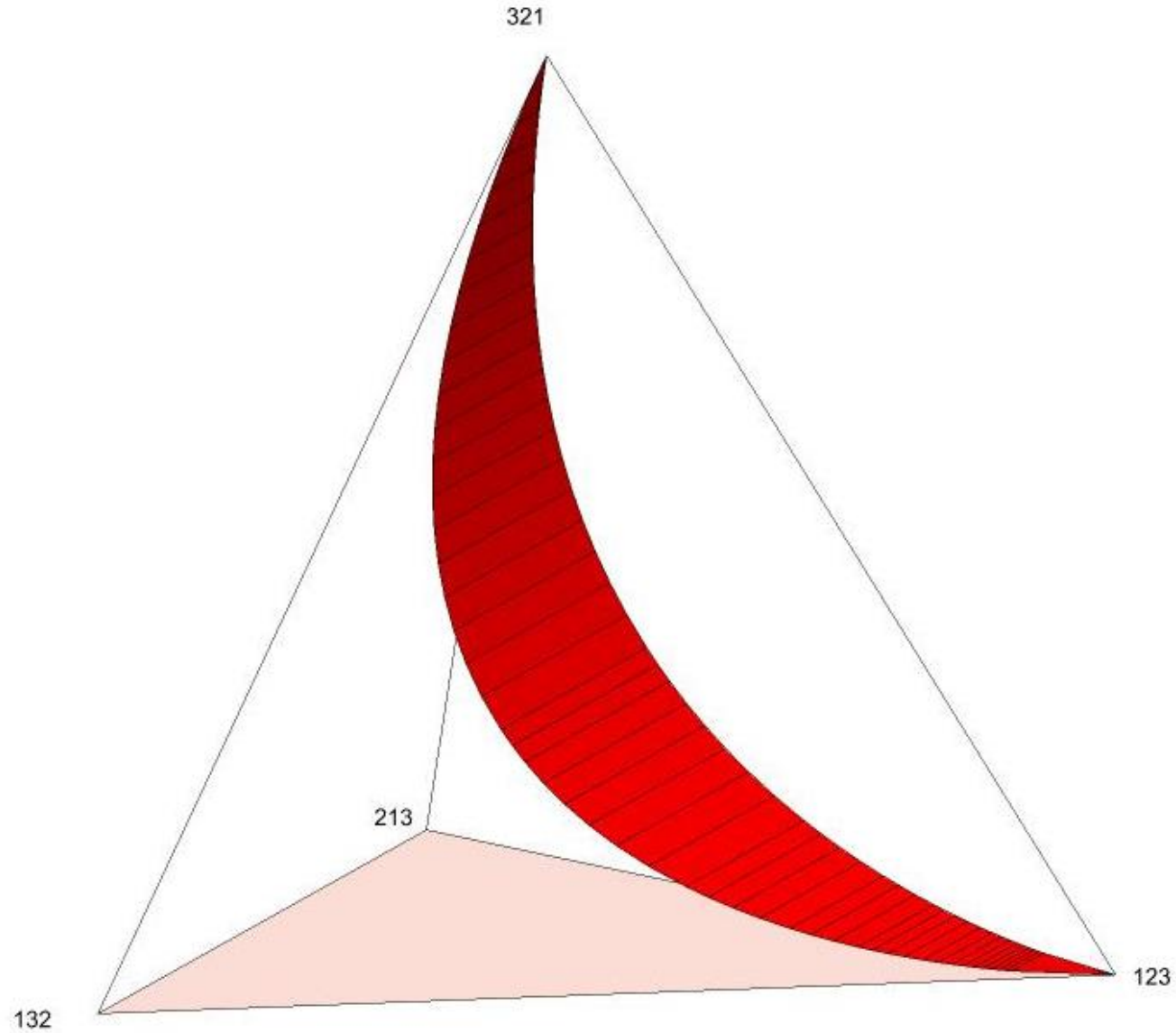
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The “up” bits give us slack to adjust δ_{132} to any value we like.

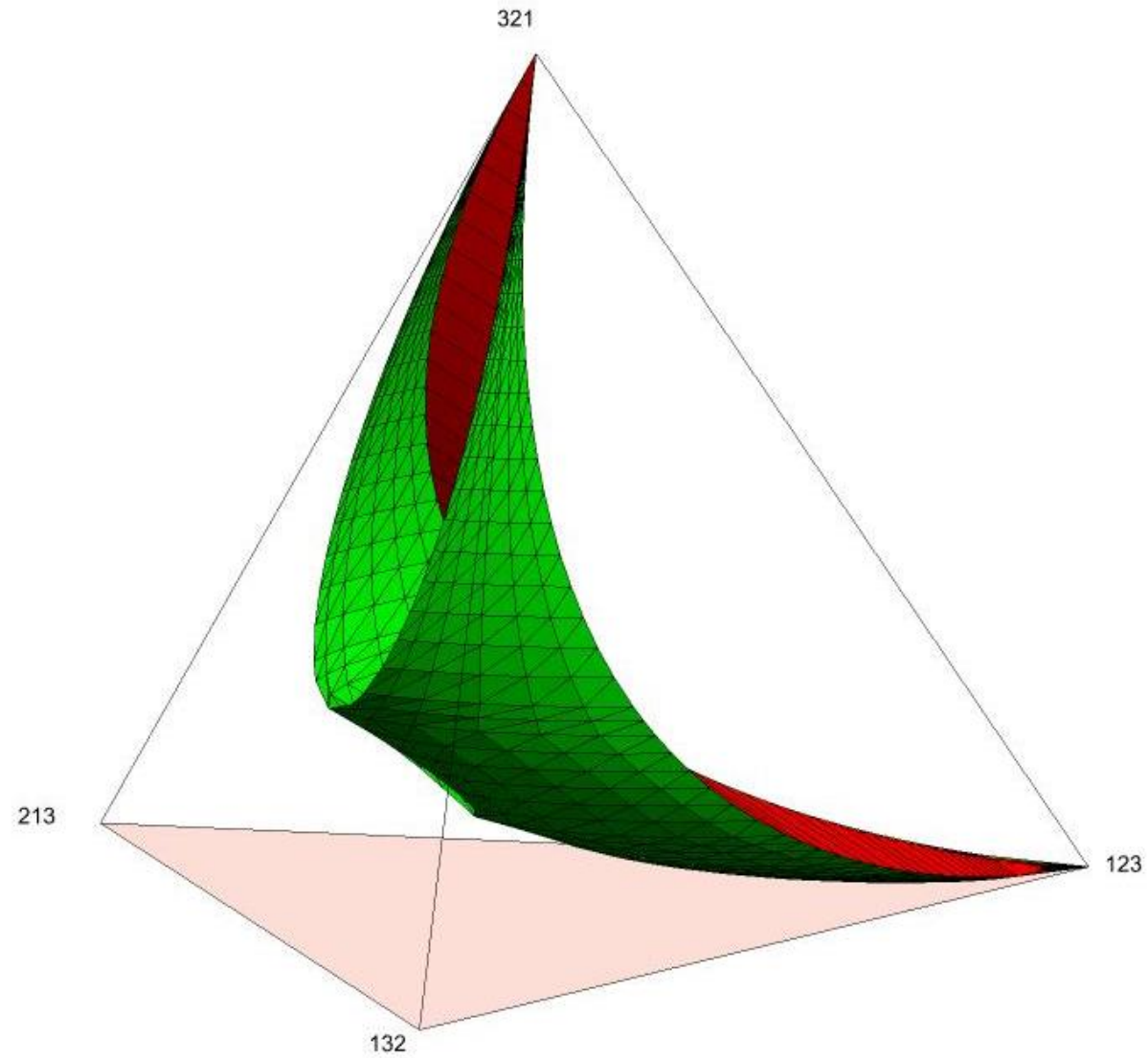
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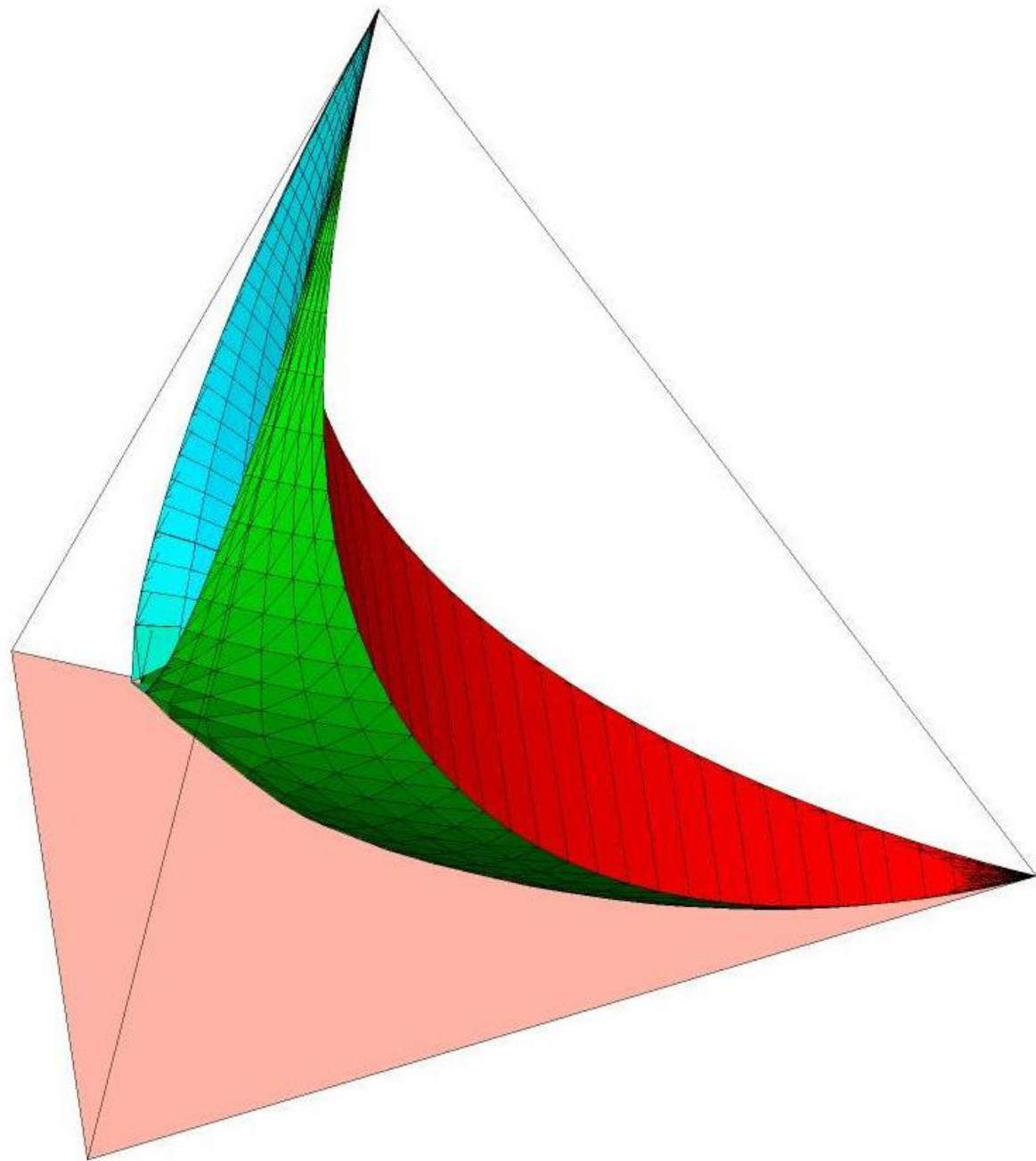


The top surface: Just the easy cross sections

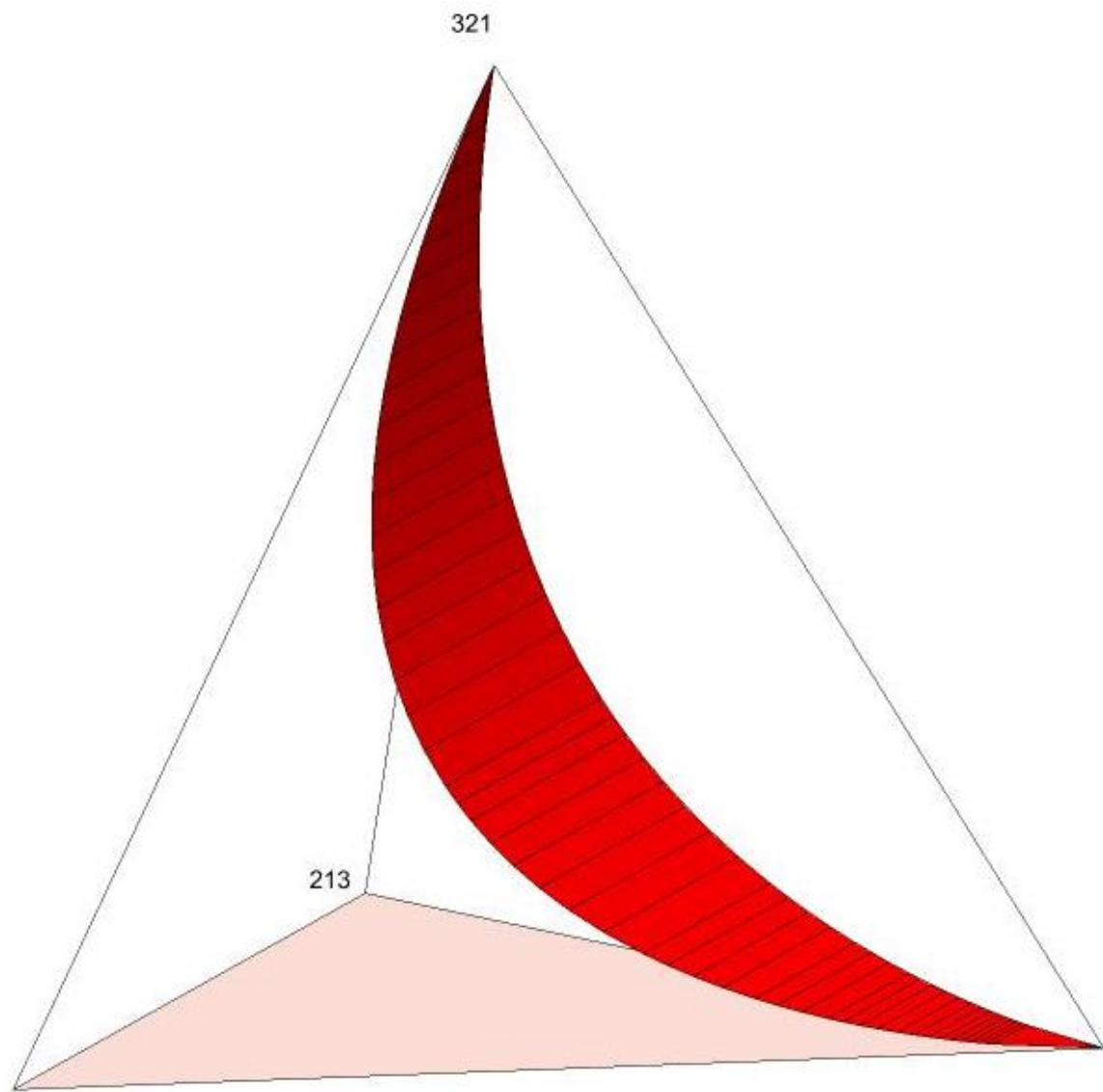


Top and Sides



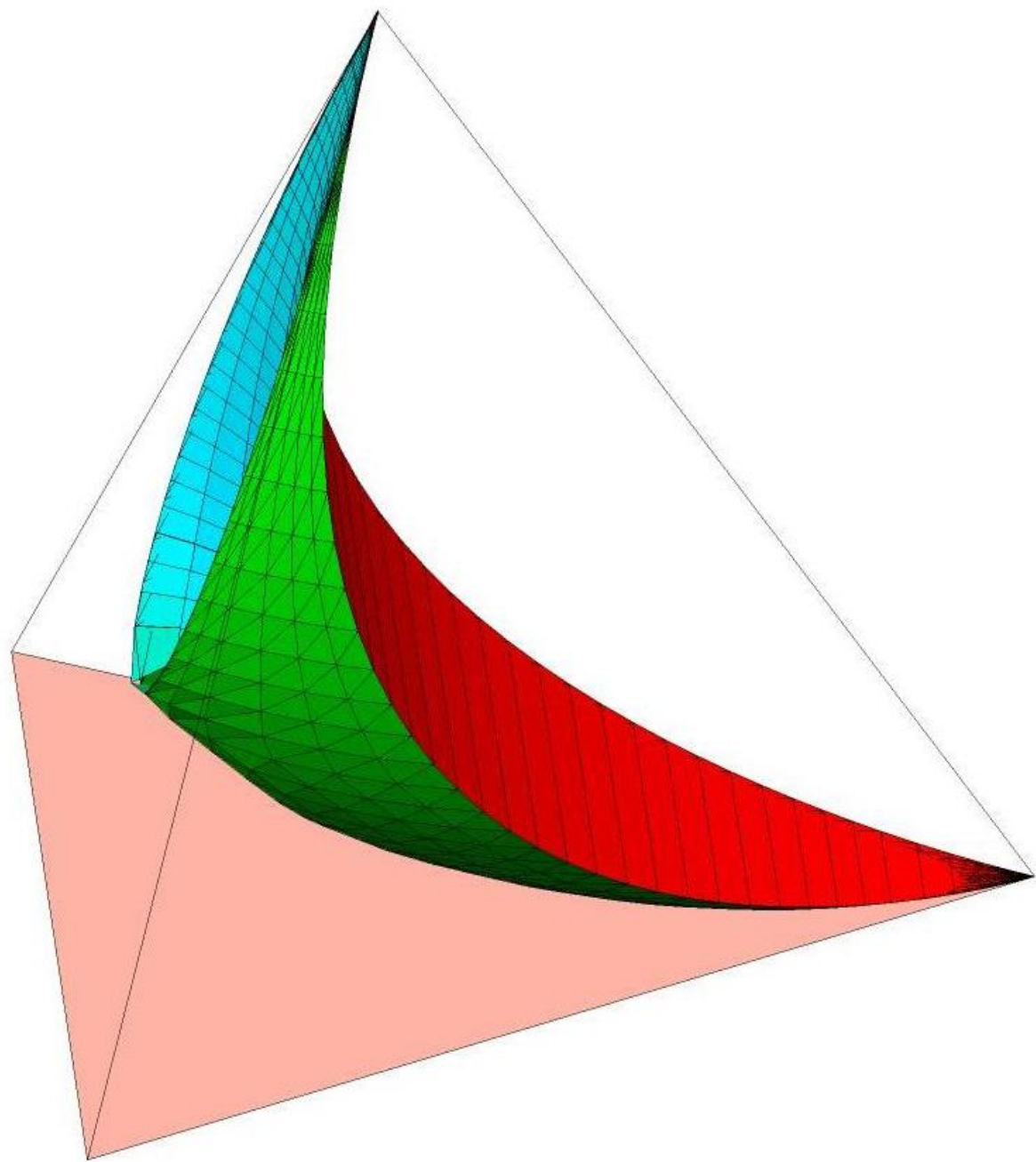


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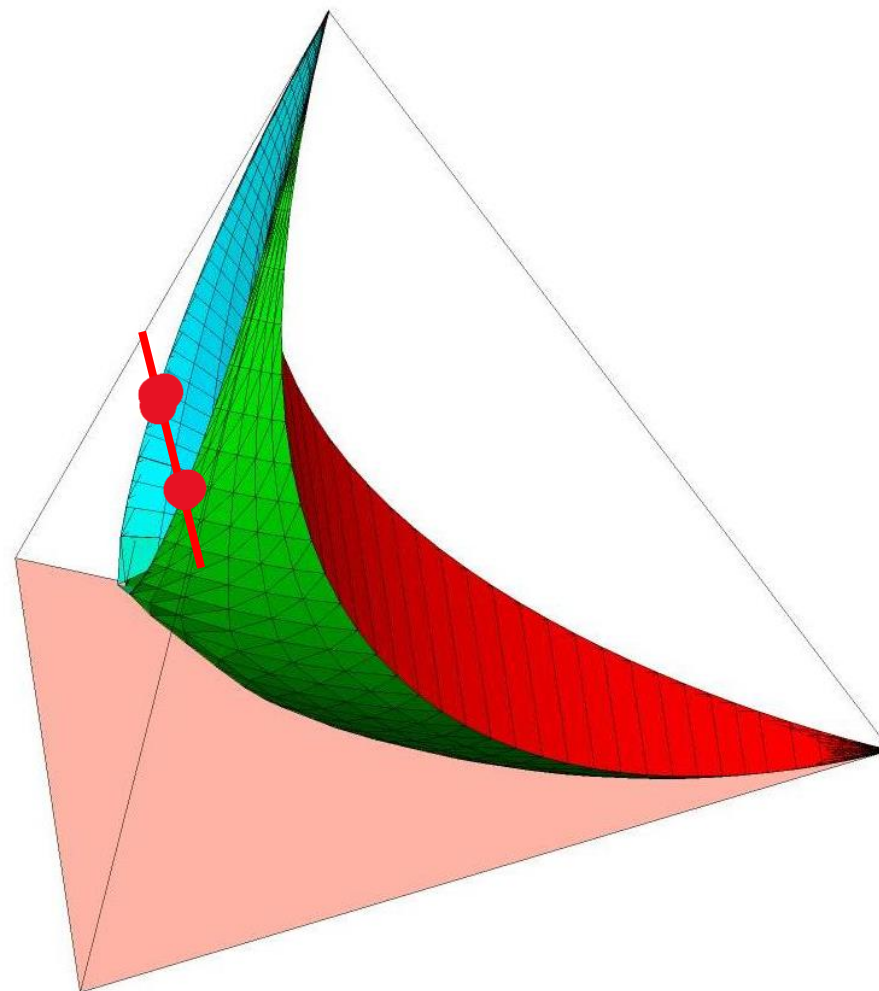
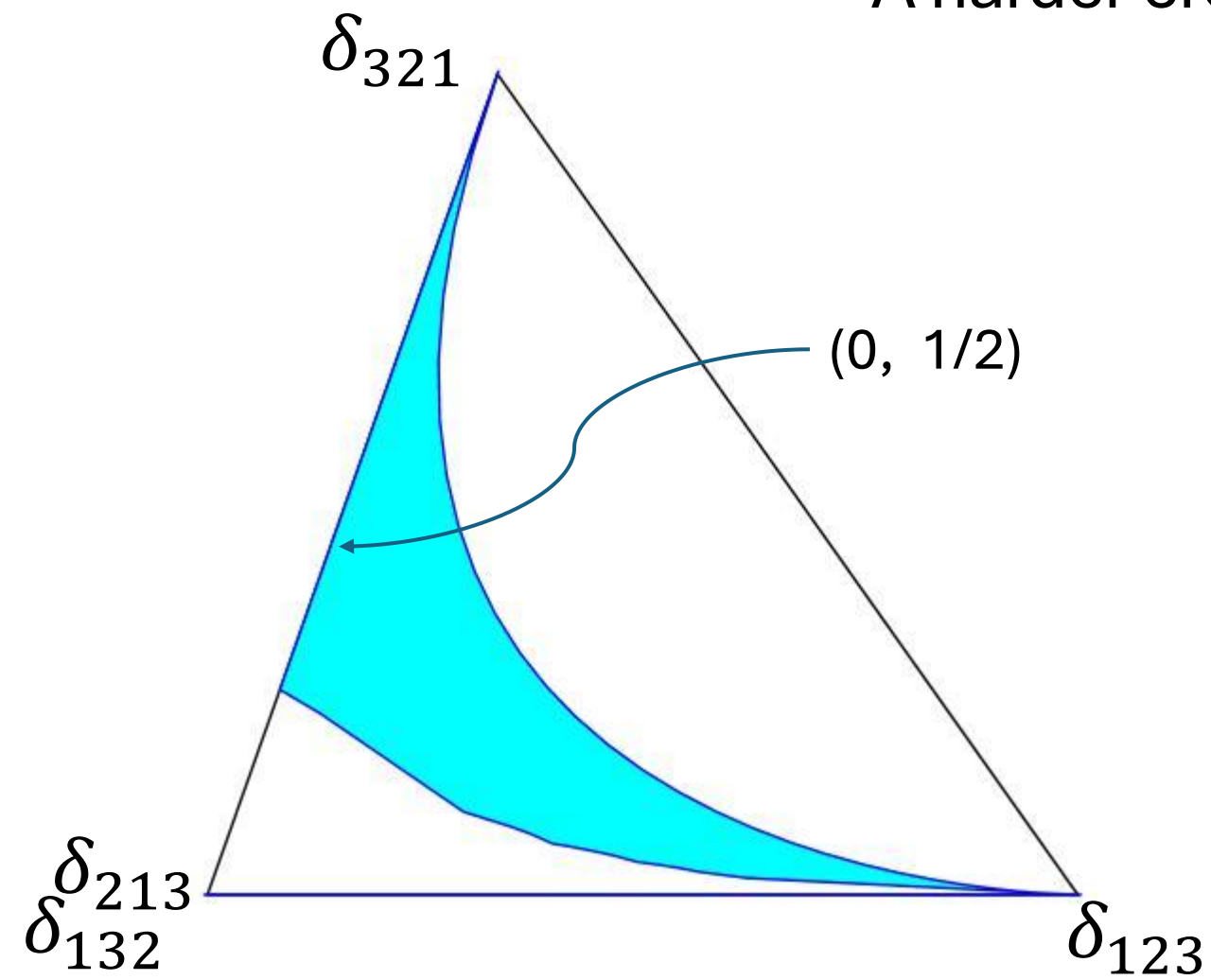


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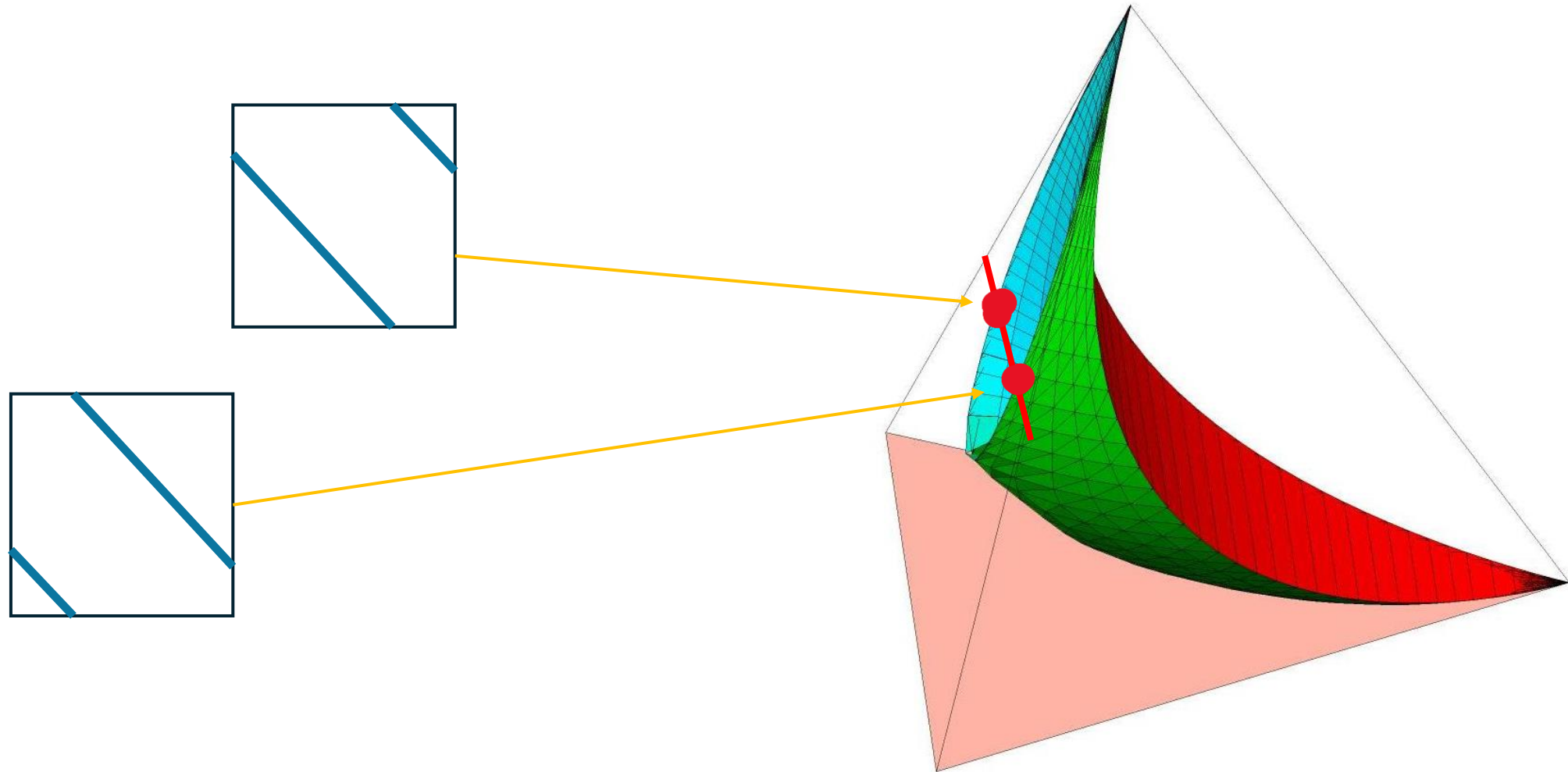
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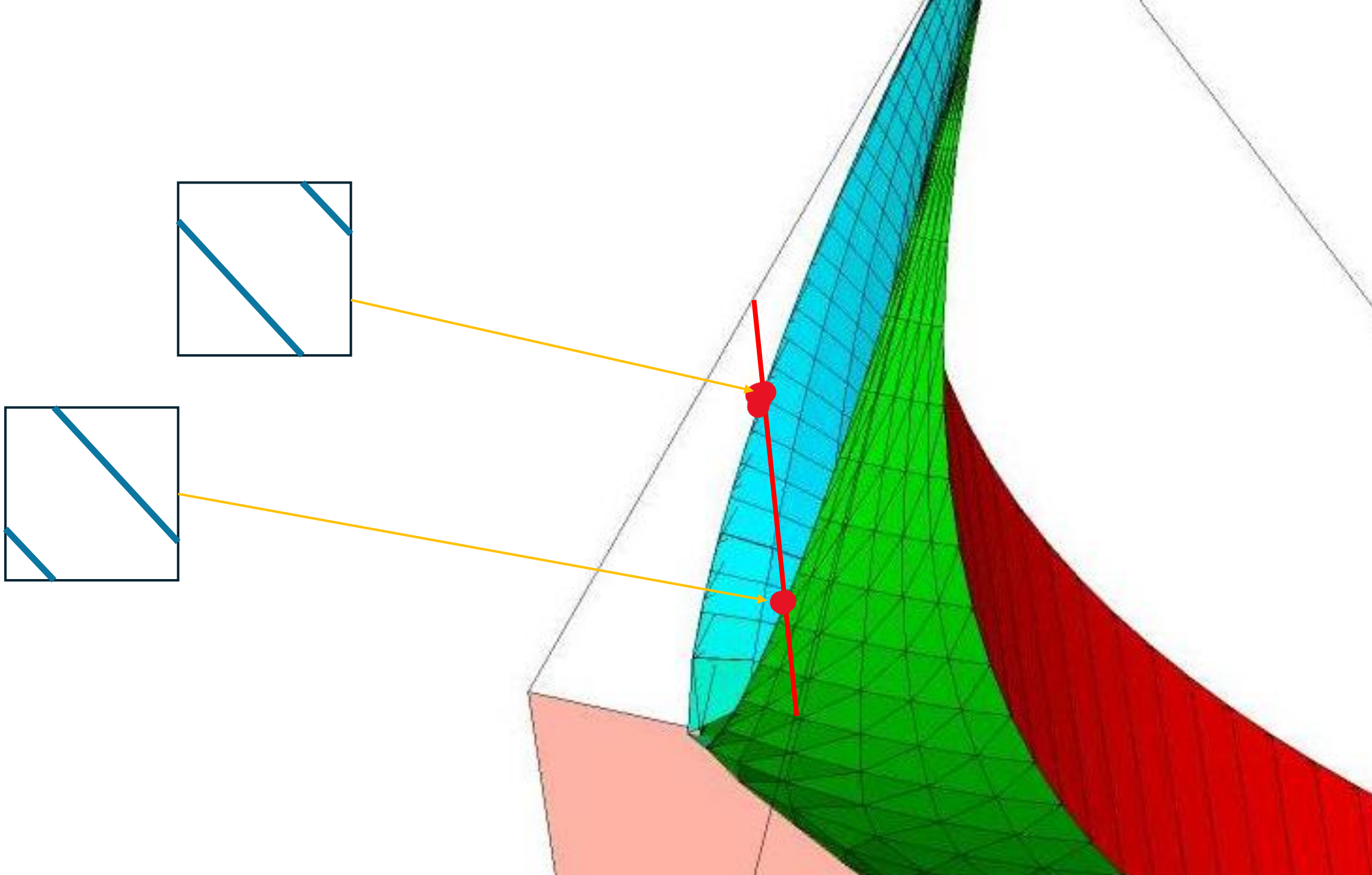


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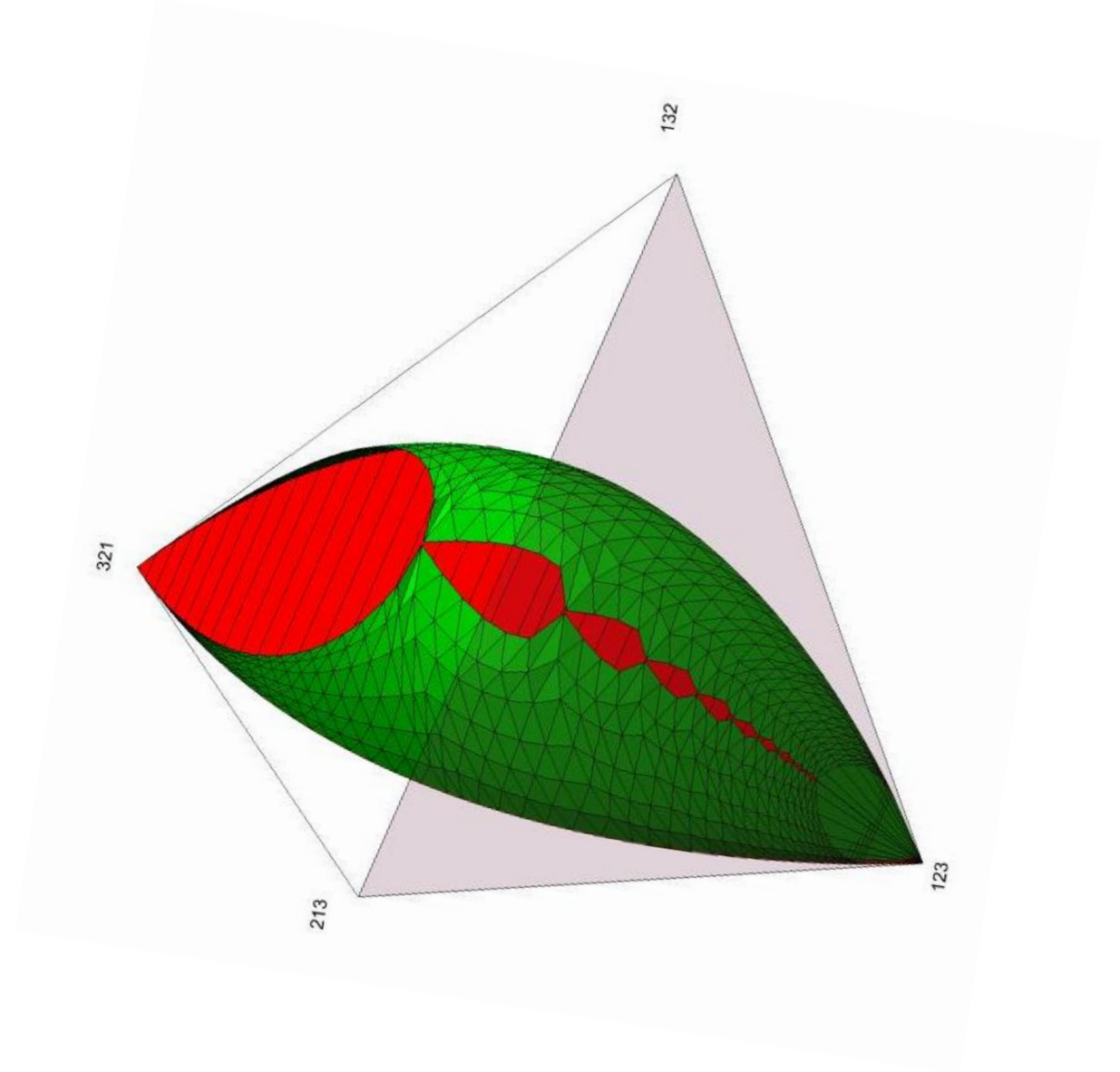
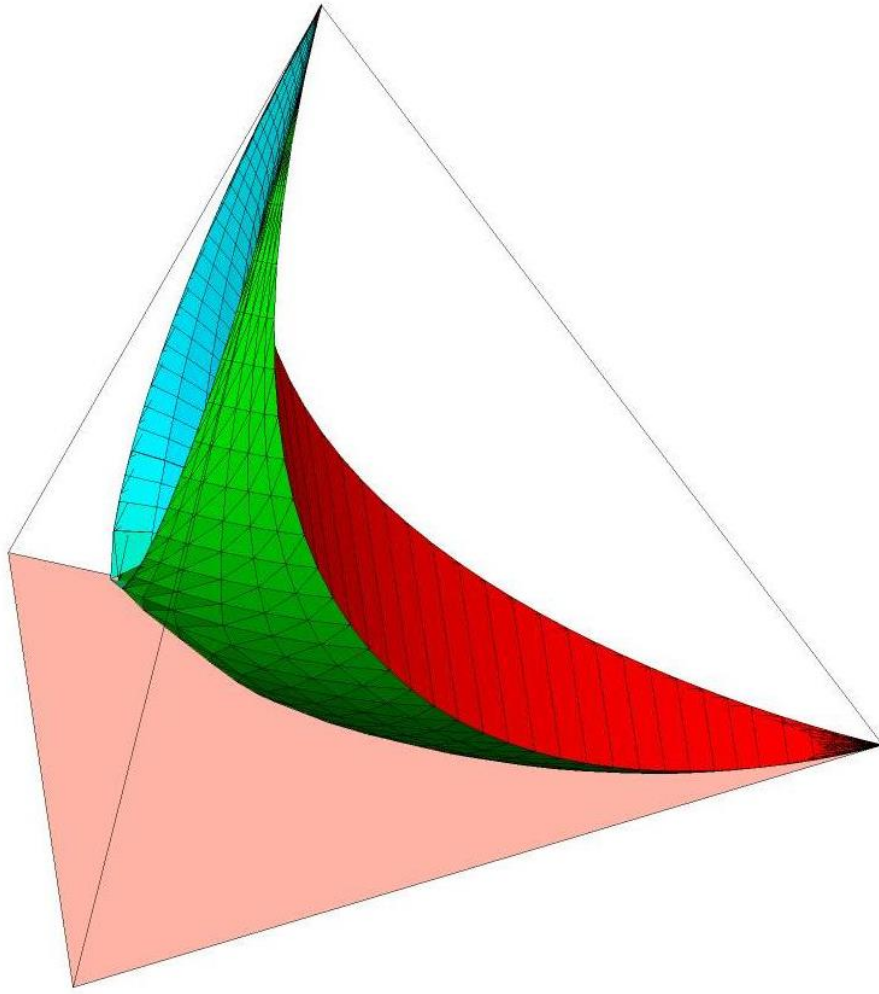


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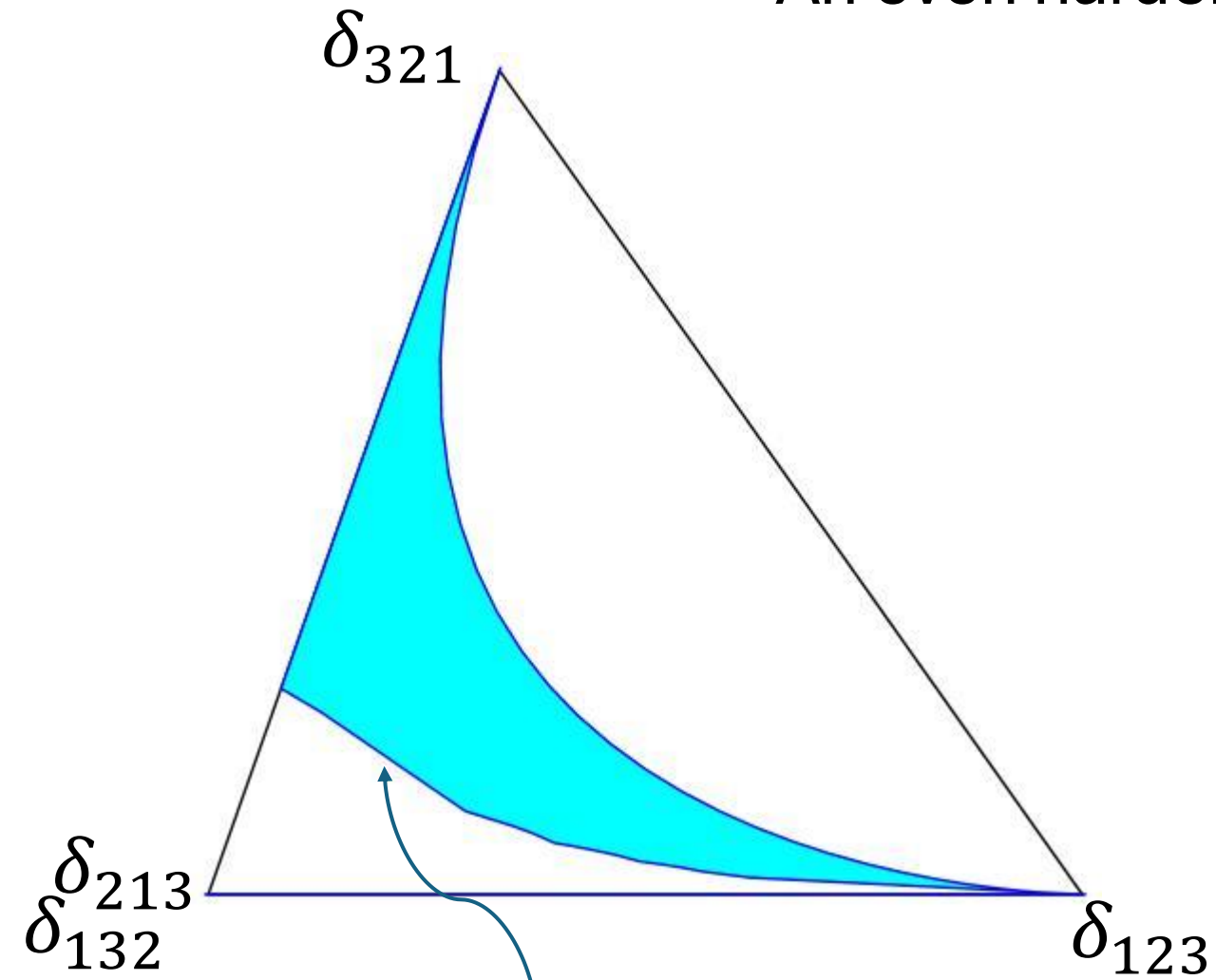




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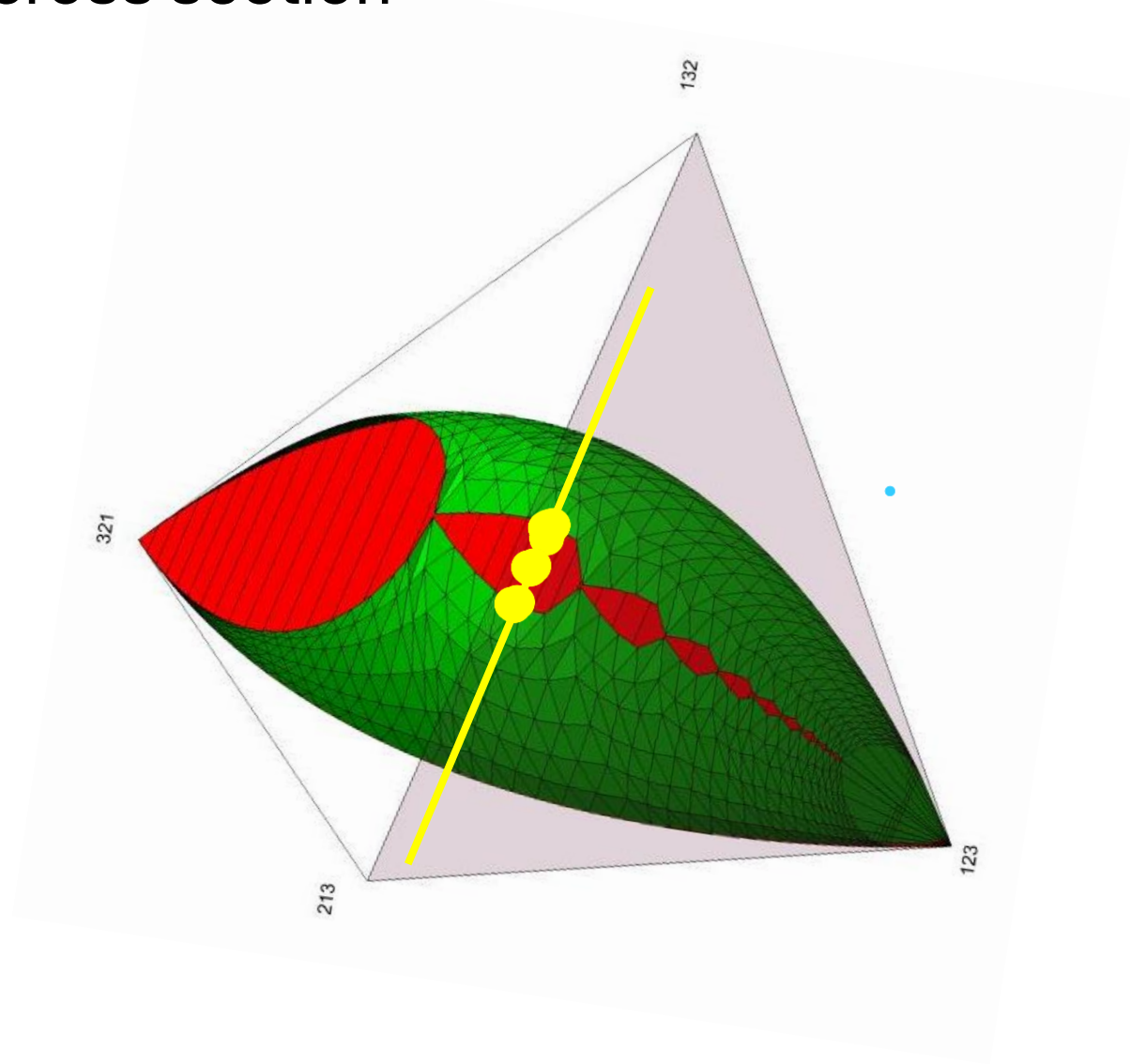


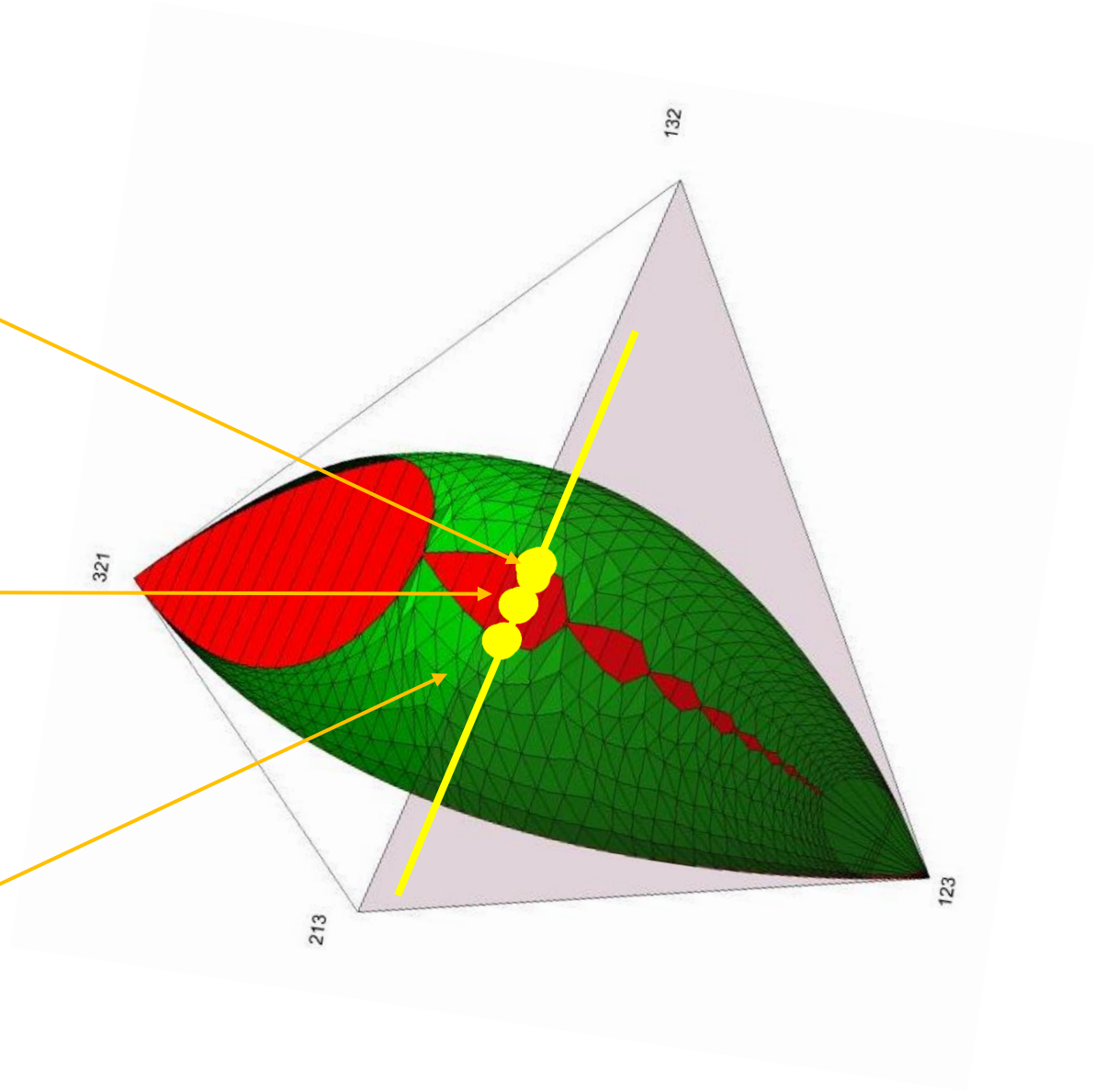
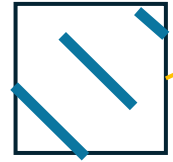
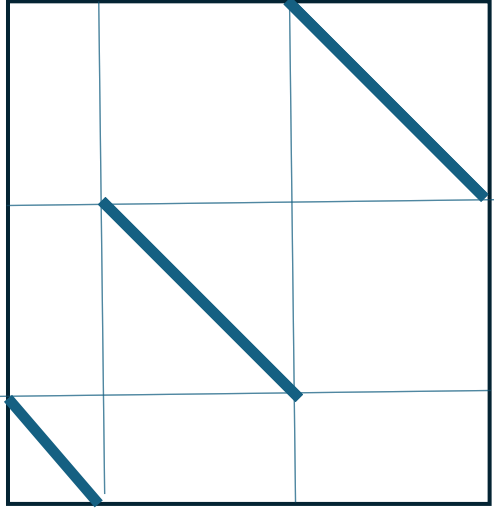
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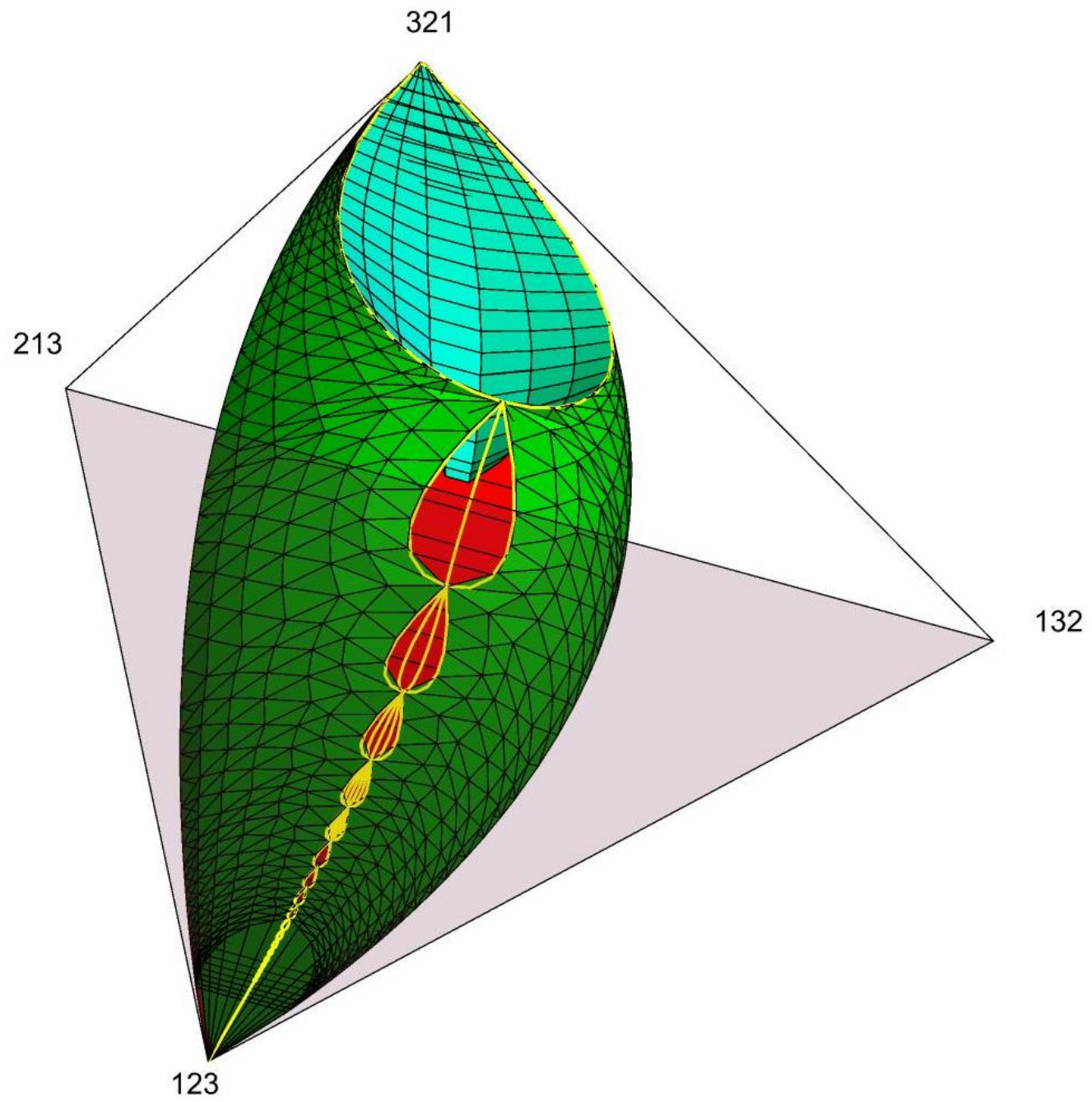


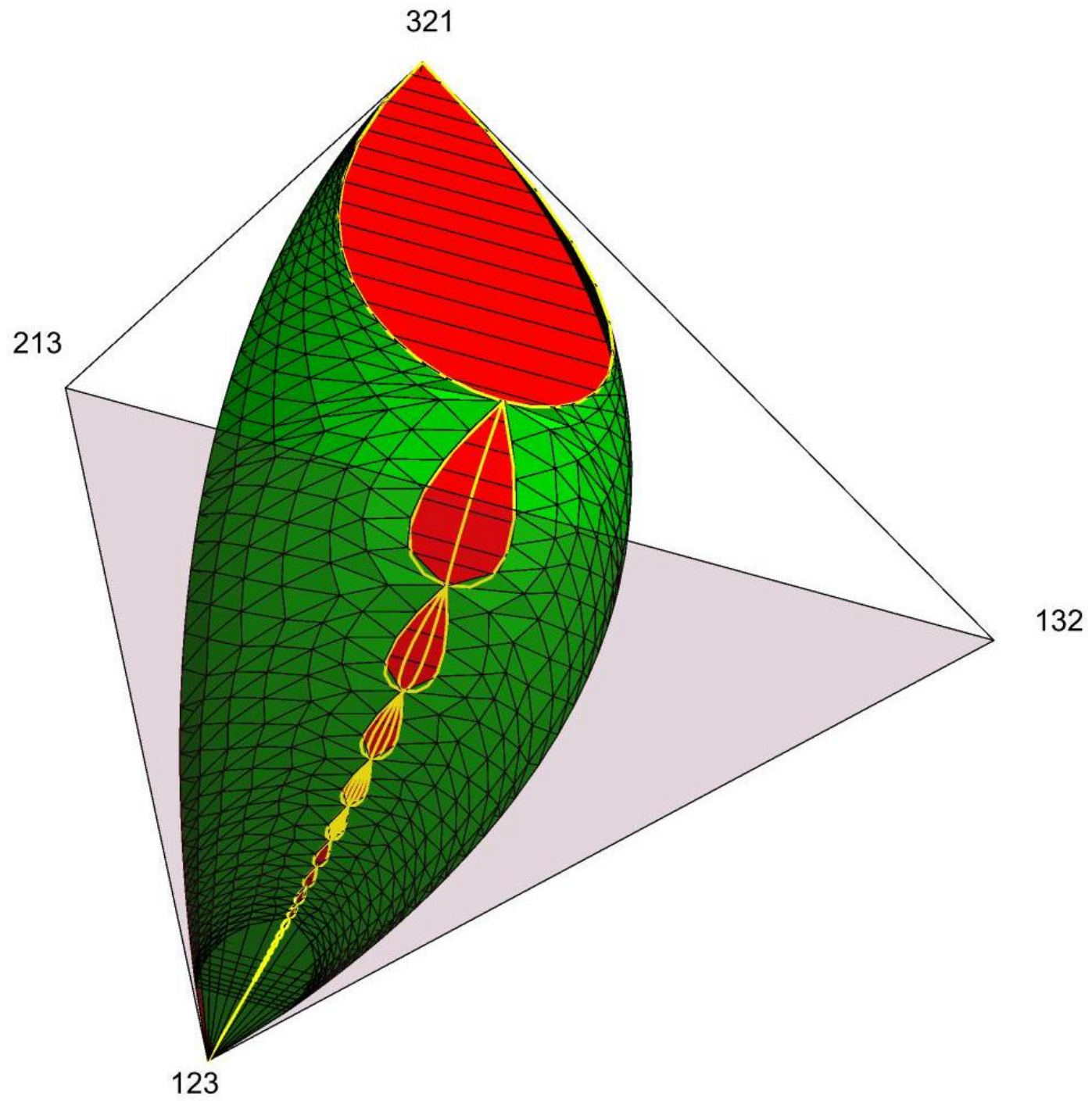
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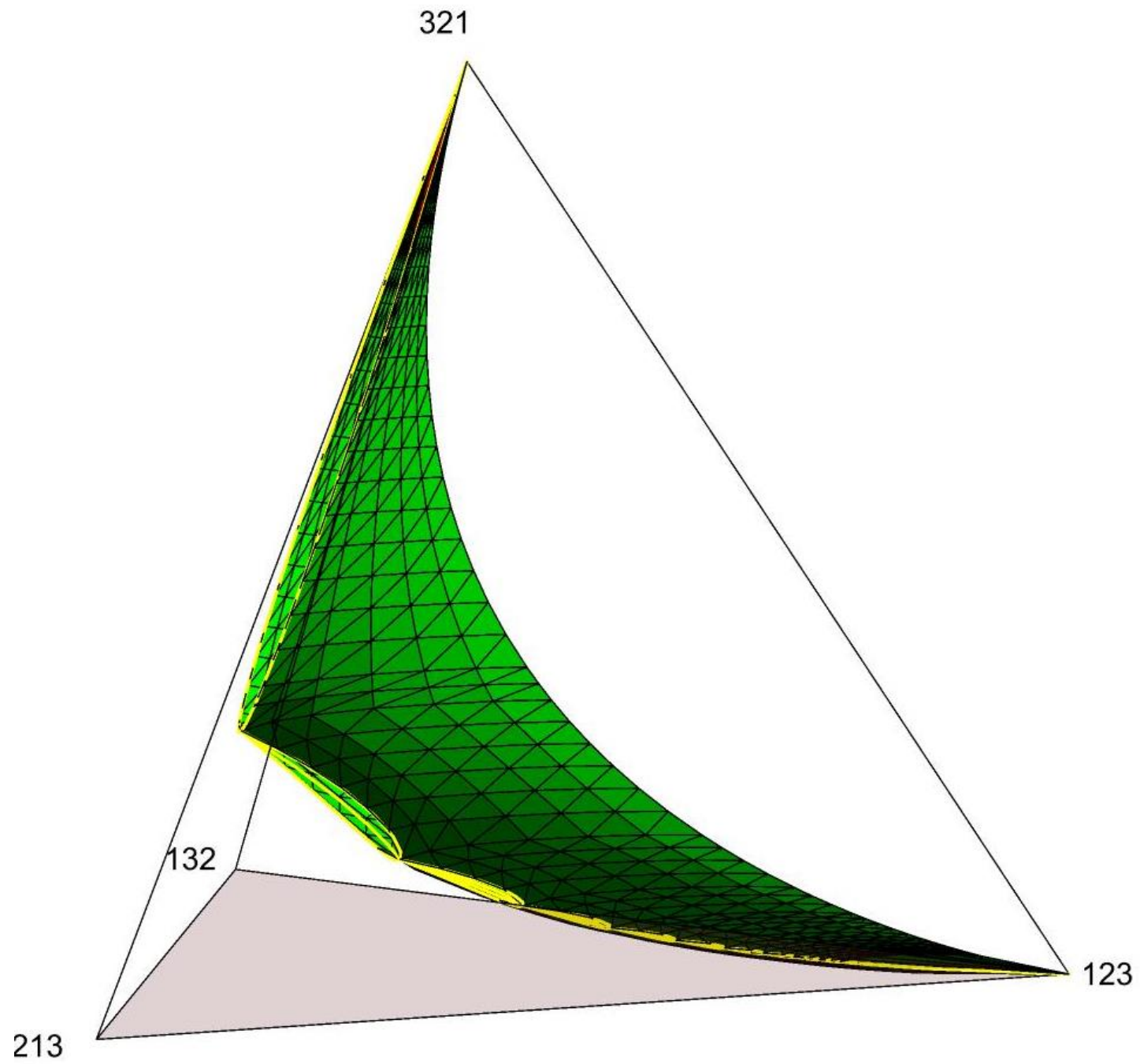
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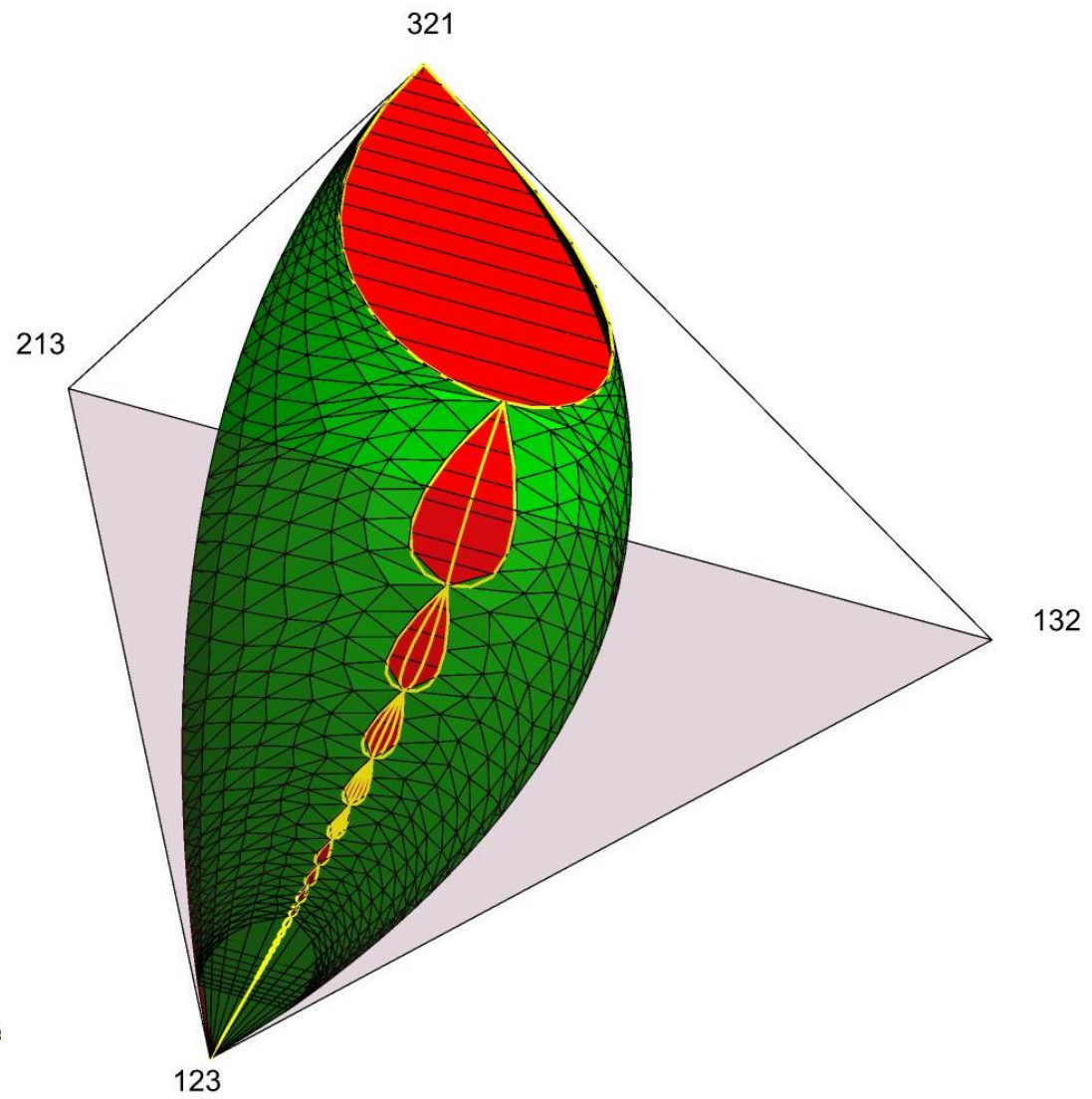
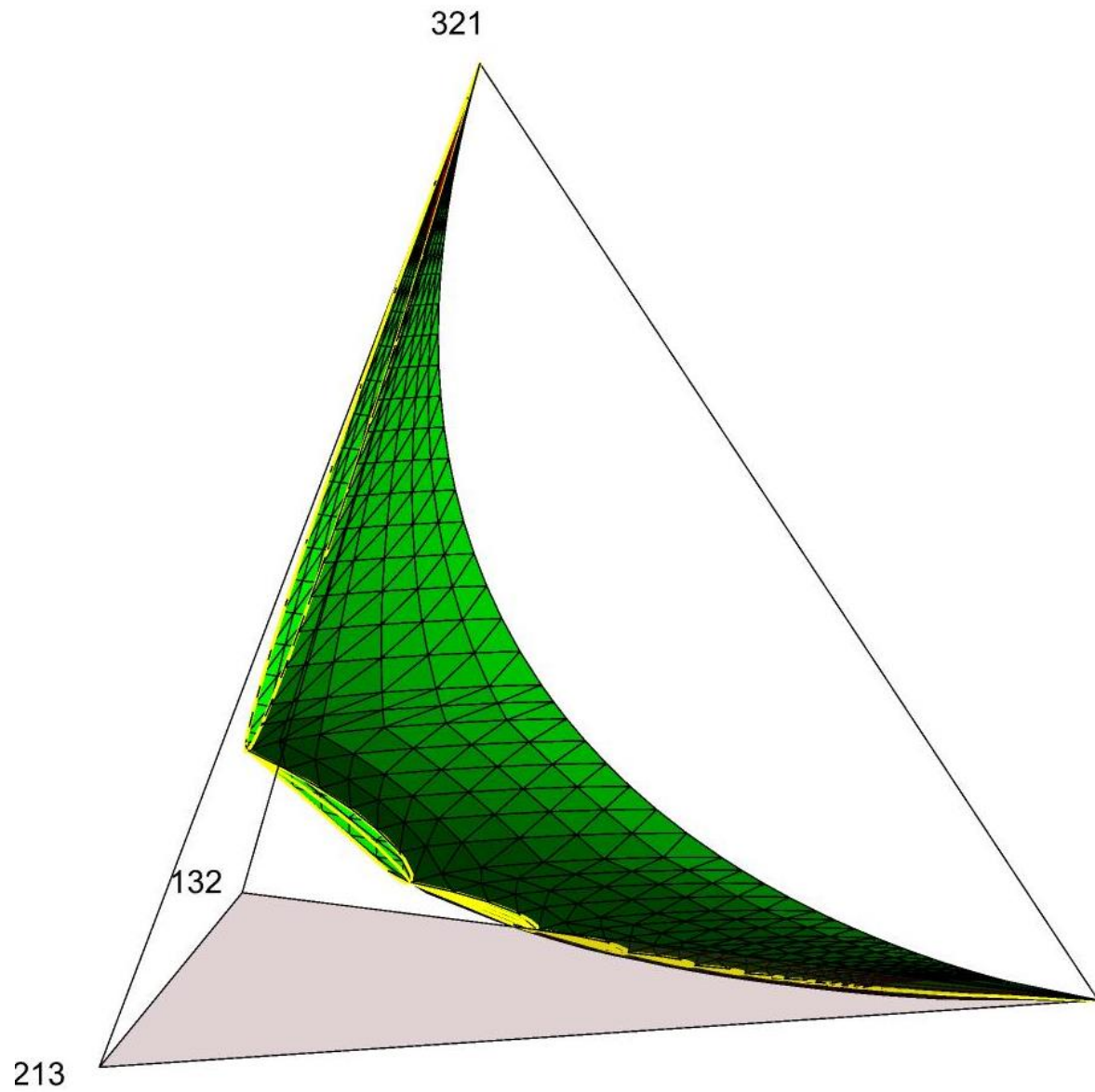


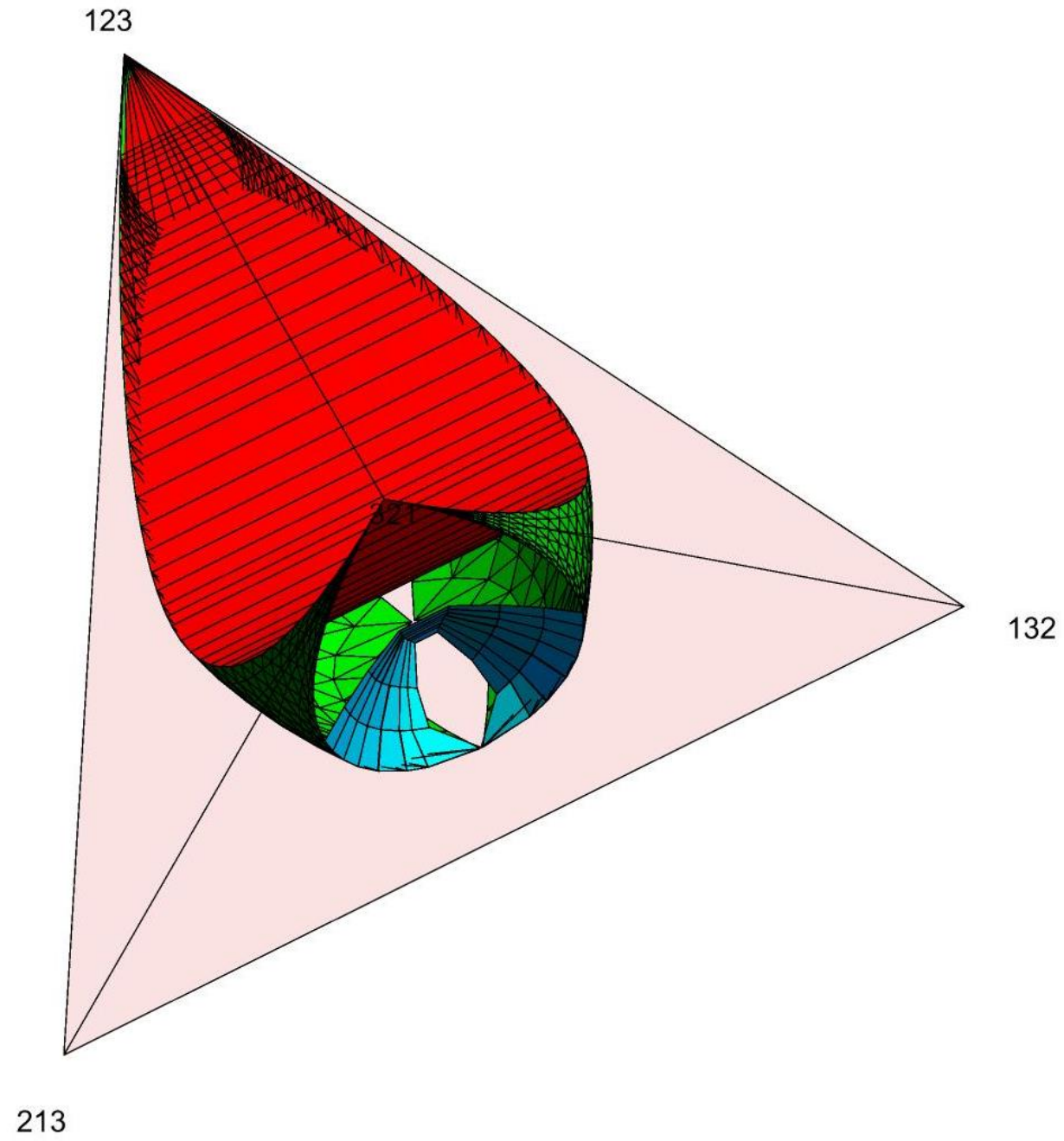












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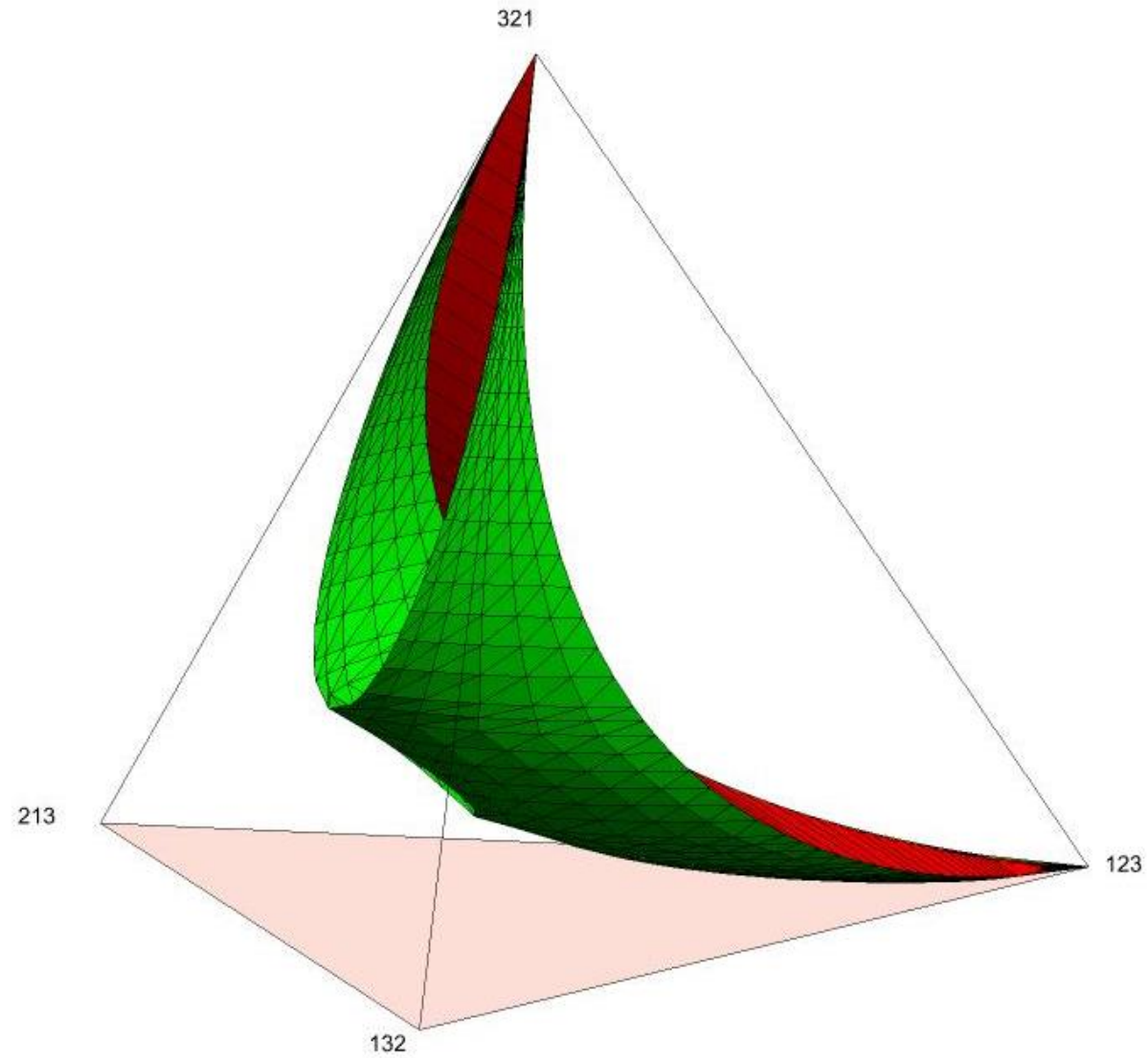
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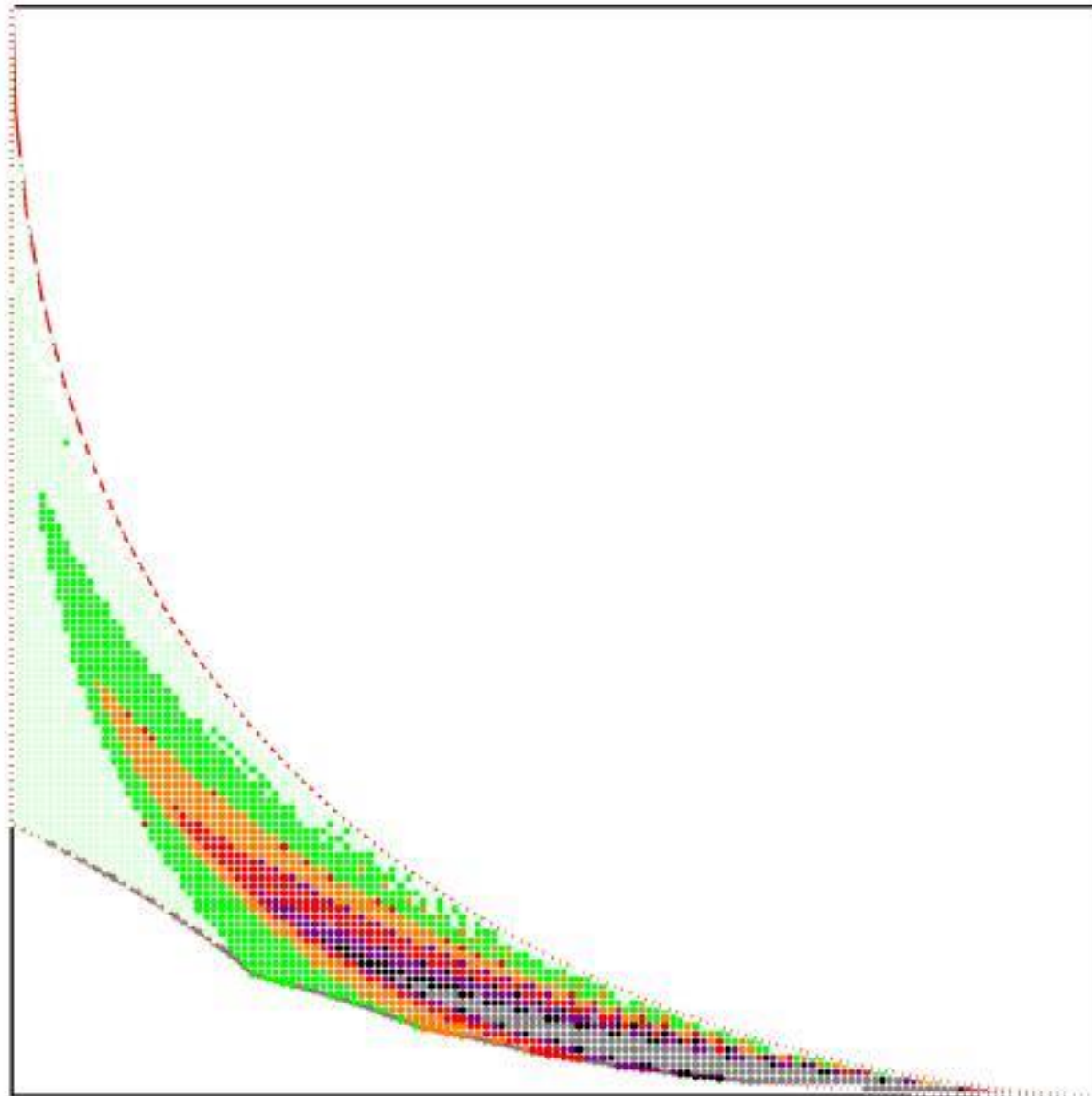
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How many blocks at each point of the side?



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