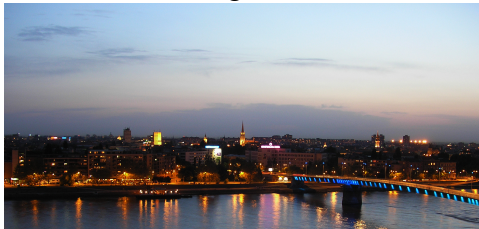


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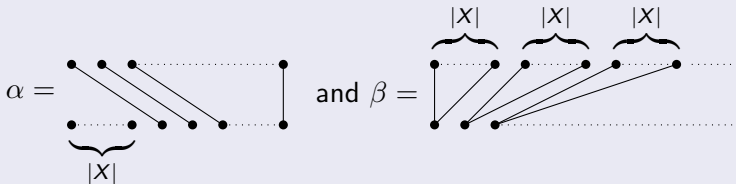
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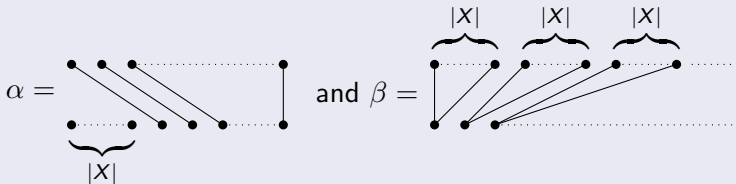
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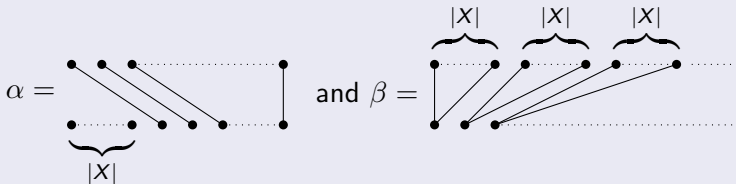
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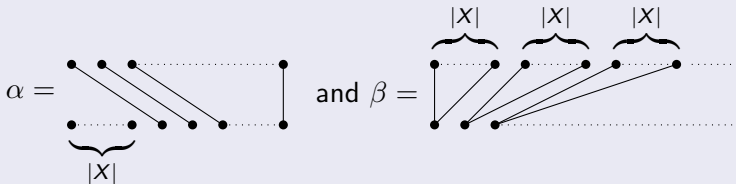
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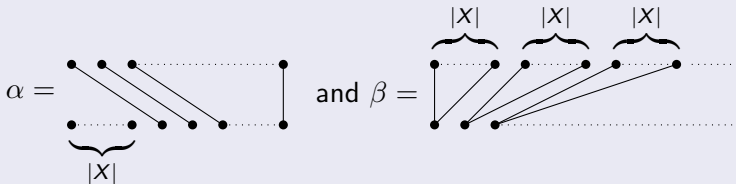
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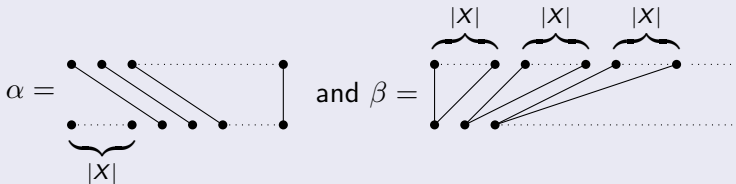
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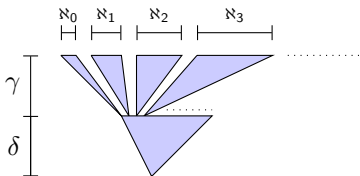
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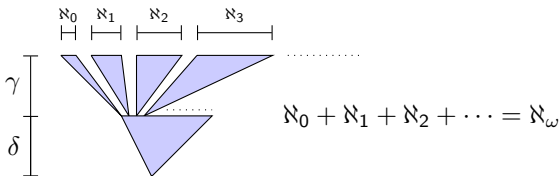


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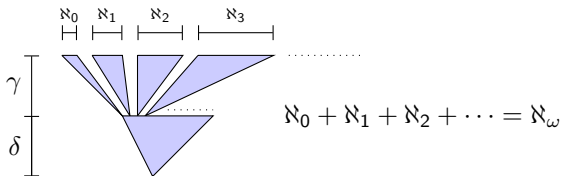


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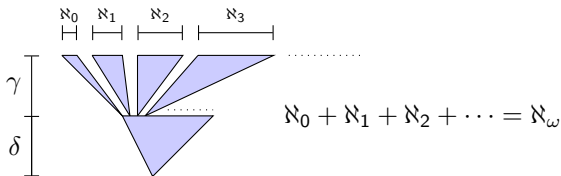
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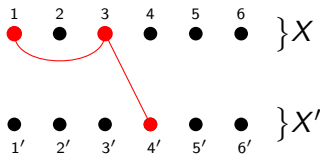
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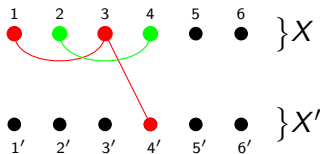
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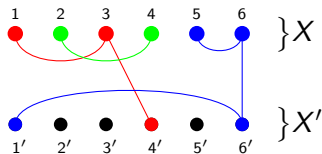
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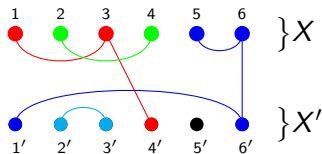


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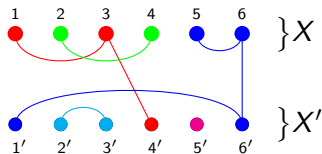
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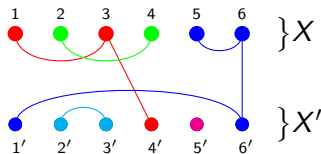
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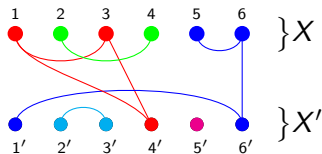
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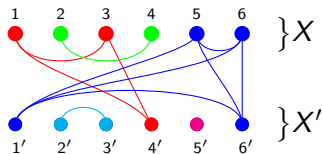
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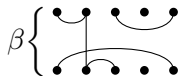
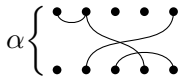
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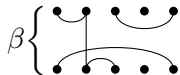
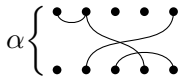




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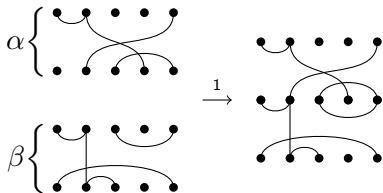
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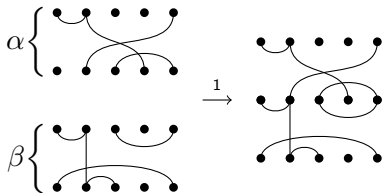
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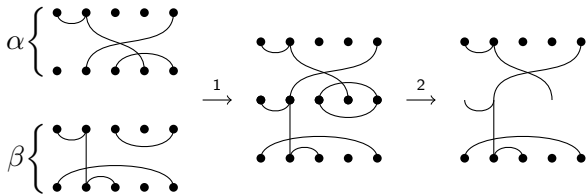
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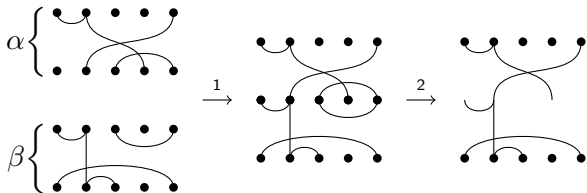
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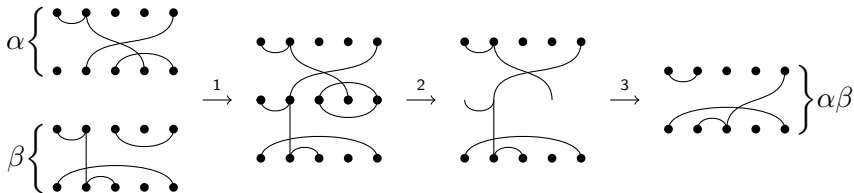
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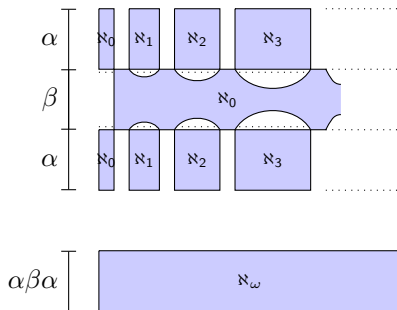
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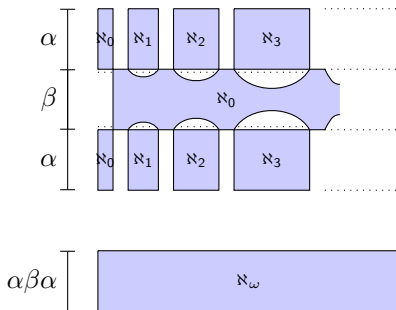
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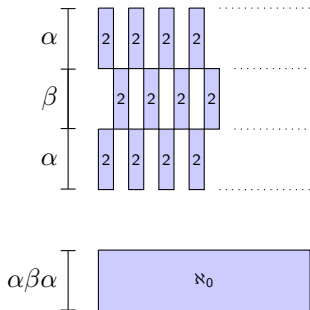


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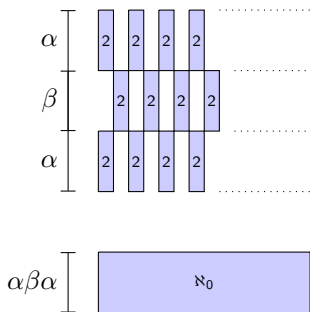
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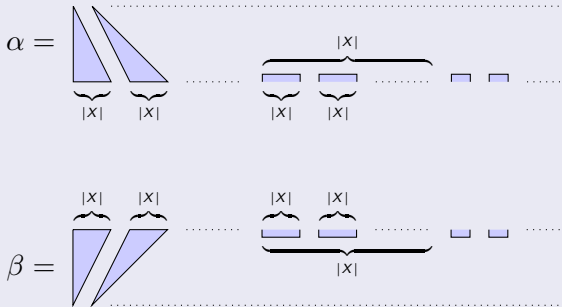


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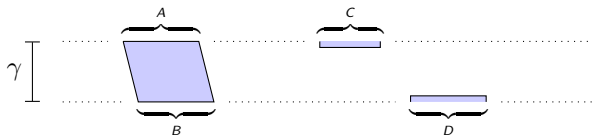


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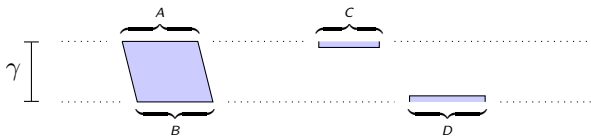
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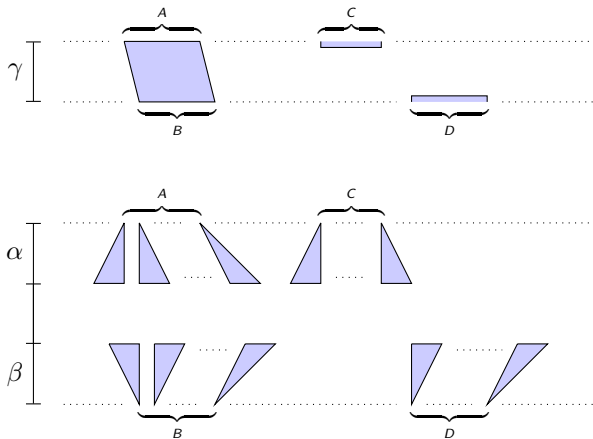
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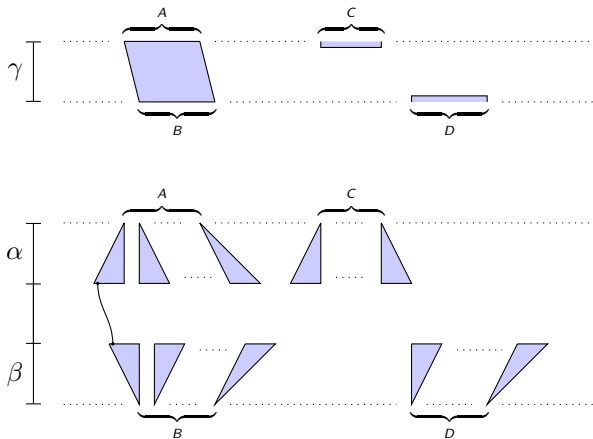
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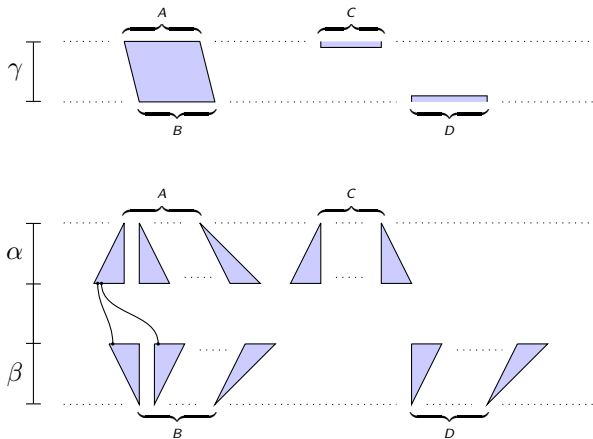
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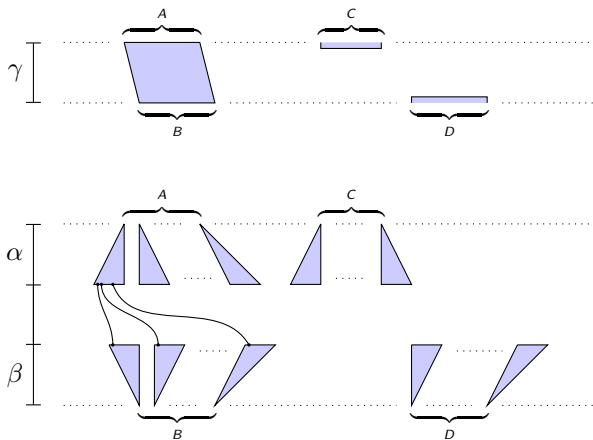
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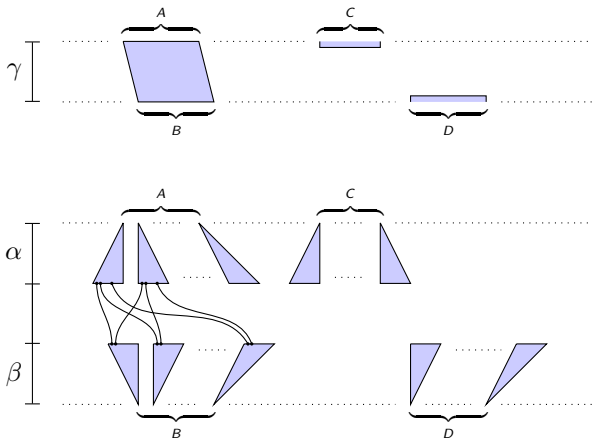
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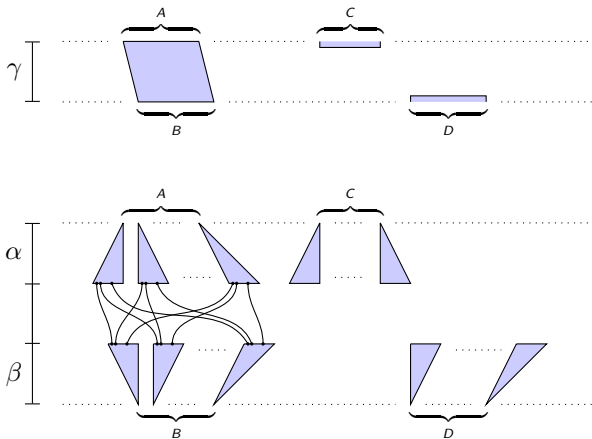
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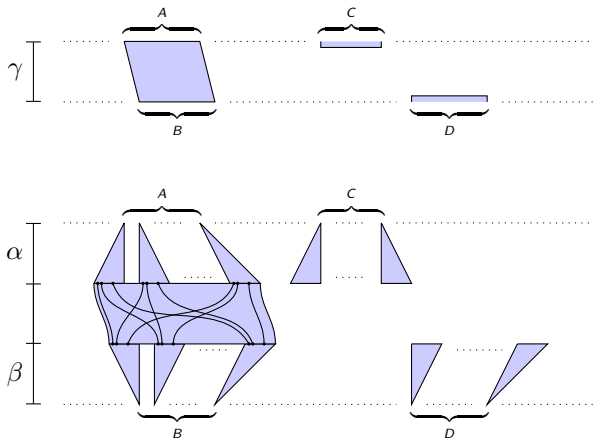
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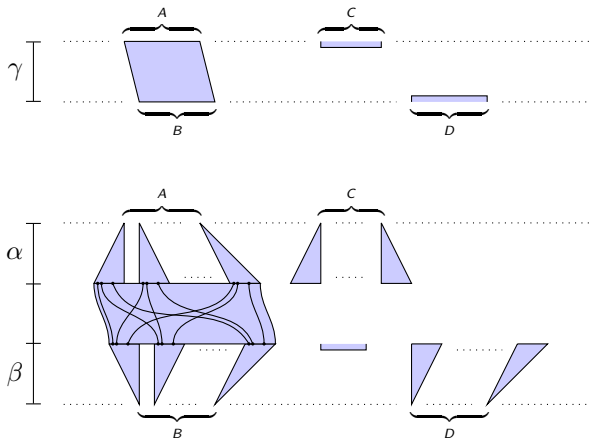
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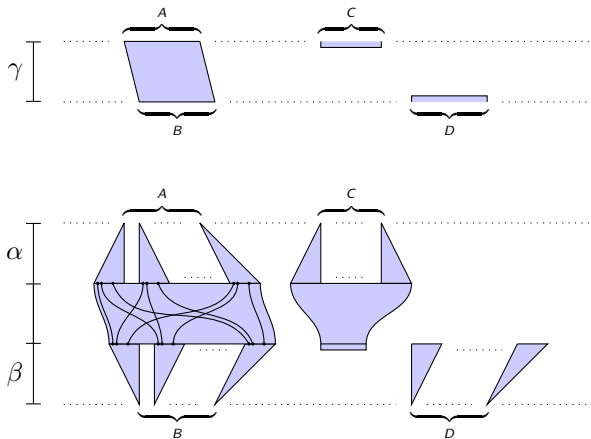
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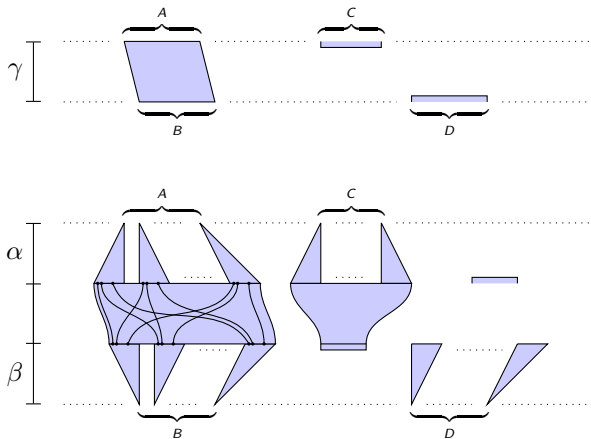
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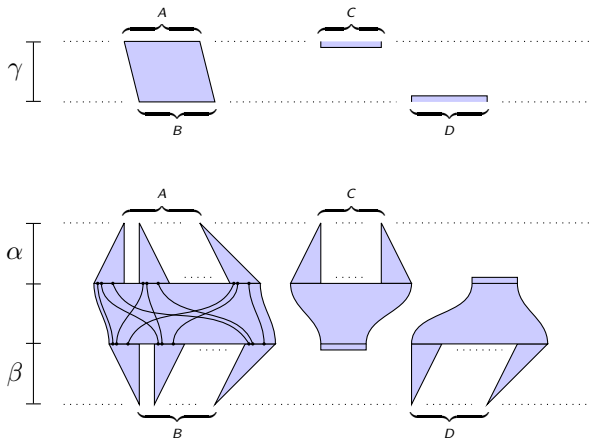
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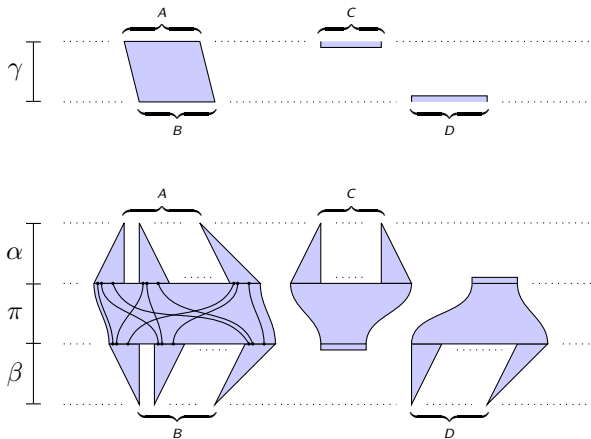
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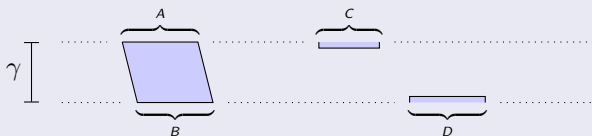
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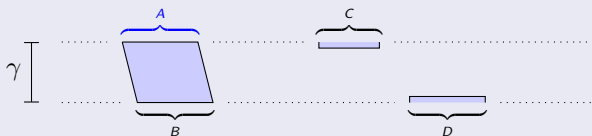
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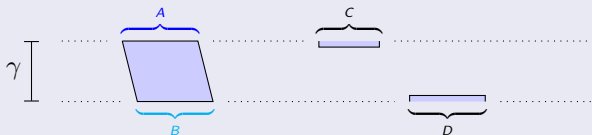
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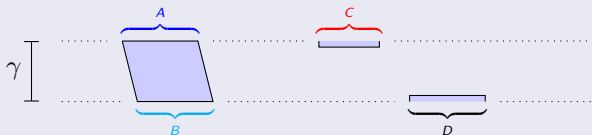
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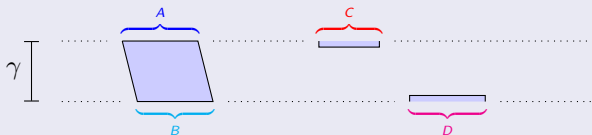
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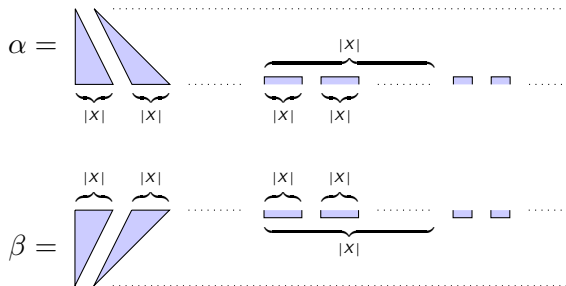


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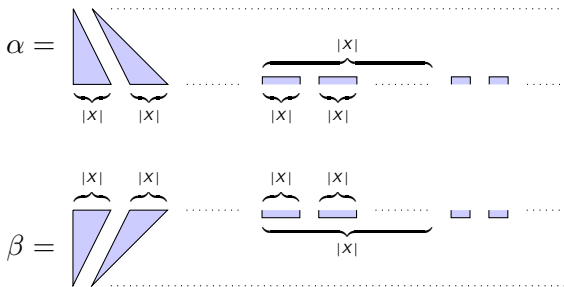
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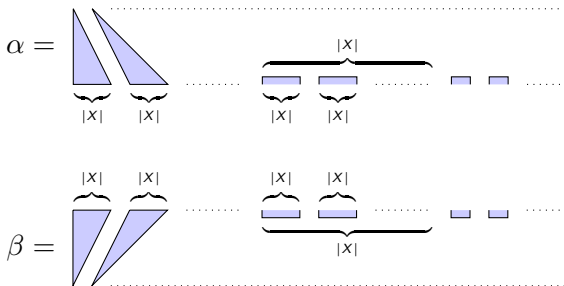


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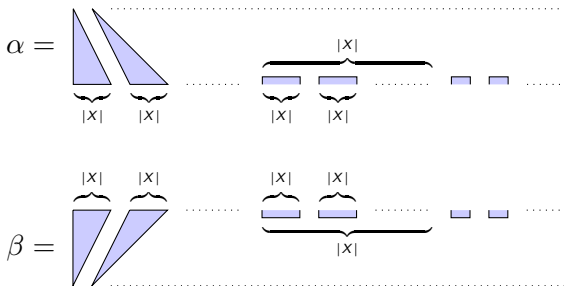


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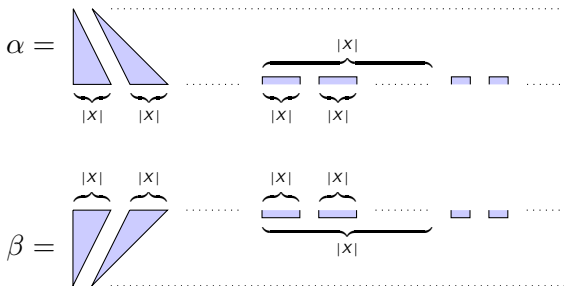


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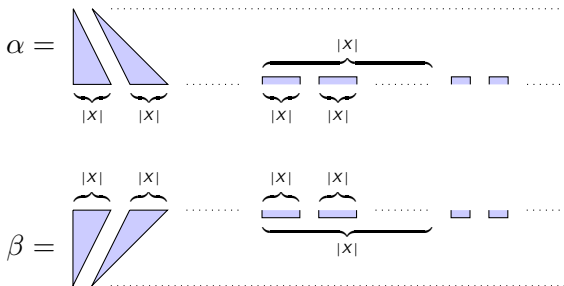


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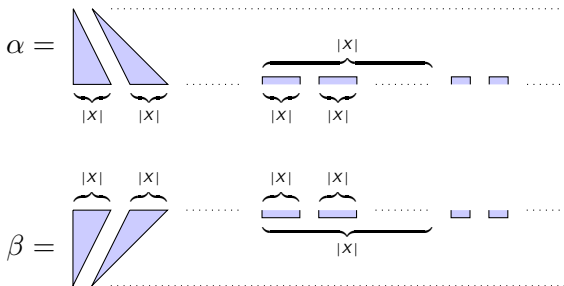


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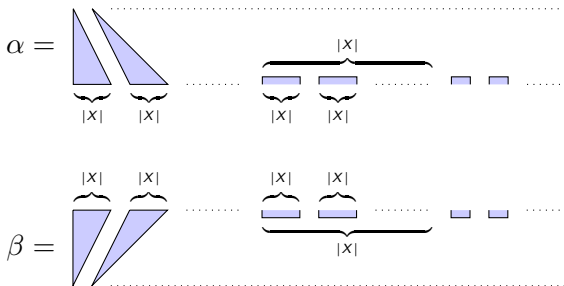


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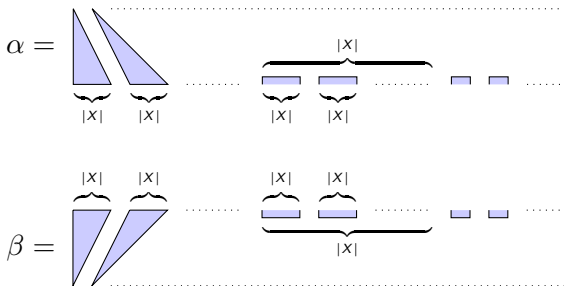


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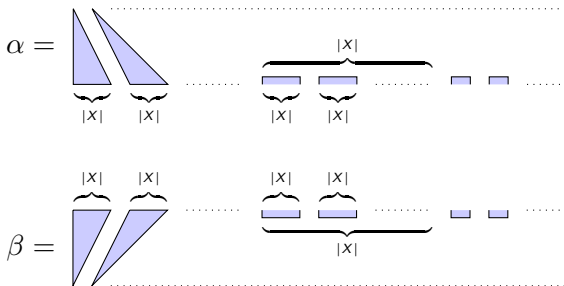
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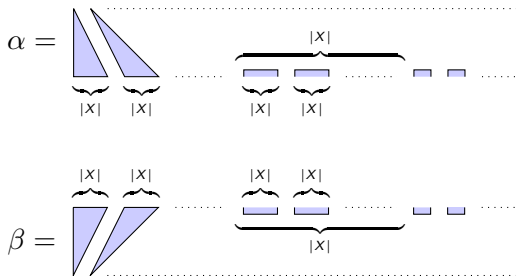
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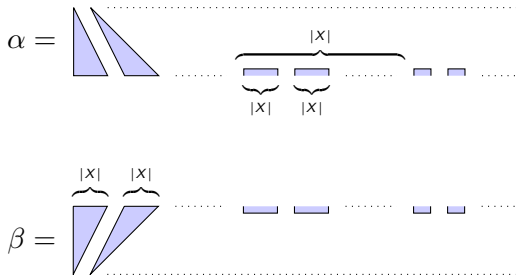


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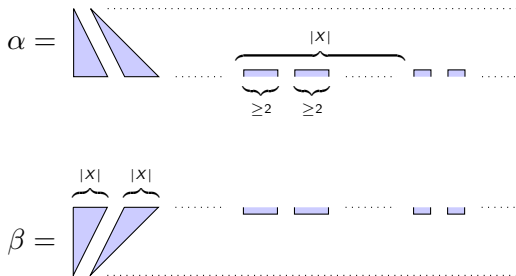


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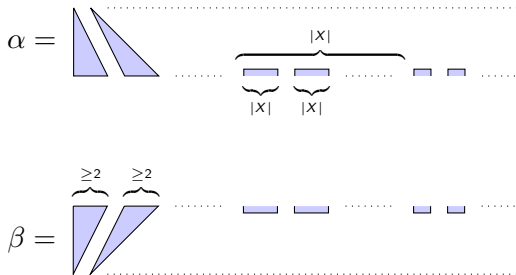


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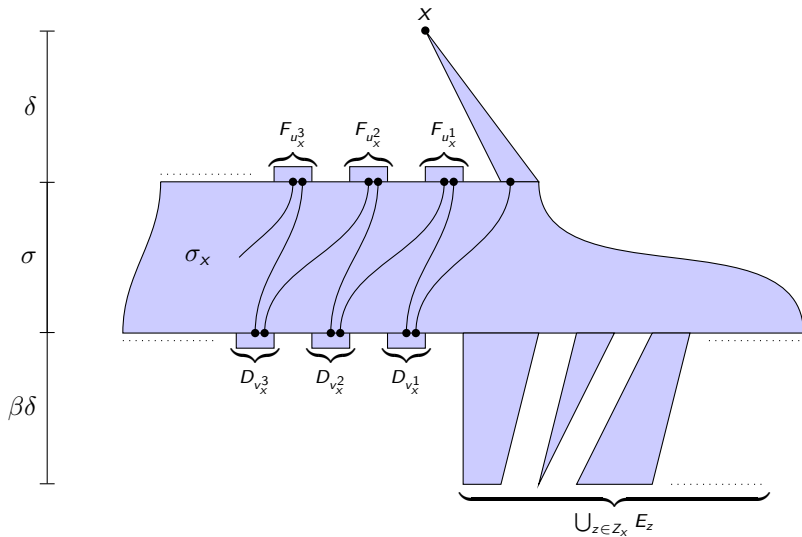
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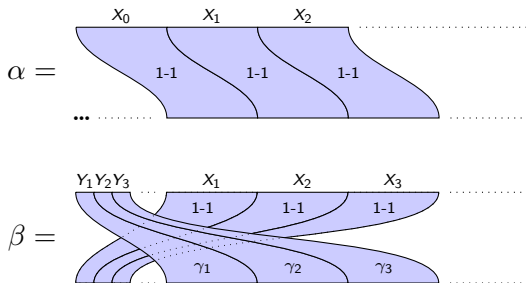
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## 2. Partition monoids.

### Corollary 2

If  $\mathcal{P}_X = \langle U \rangle$ , then  $\mathcal{P}_X = U \cup U^2 \cup \dots \cup U^n$  for some  $n$ .

**Proof:** Follows from general results of Maltcev, Mitchell and Ruškuc, and:

- $\mathcal{P}_X$  is “strongly distorted” (Corollary 1).



Thank You !!