

Topological types of 3-dimensional small covers

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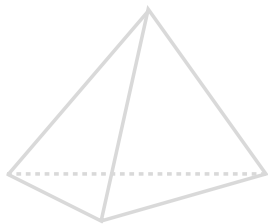
$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto (g_1 x_1, \dots, g_n x_n)$$

where $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $(g_1, \dots, g_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}_2)^n$.

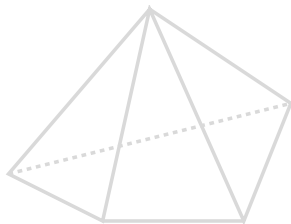
The orbit space is $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}^n$ (i.e., the positive cone in \mathbb{R}^n).

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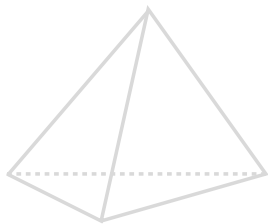
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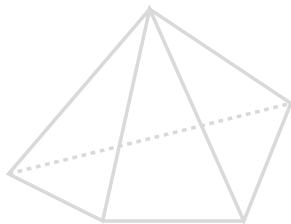
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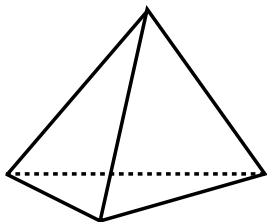
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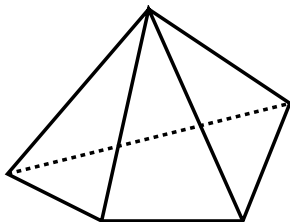
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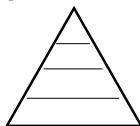
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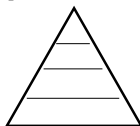
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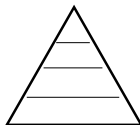
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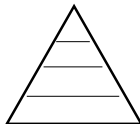
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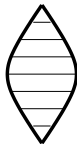


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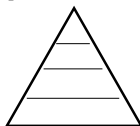
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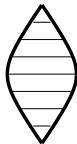


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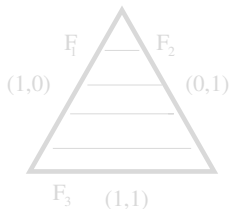
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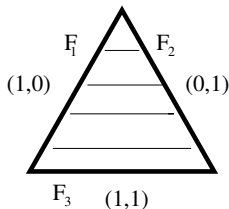
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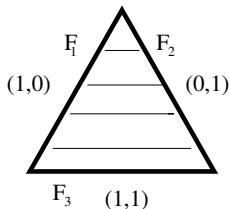
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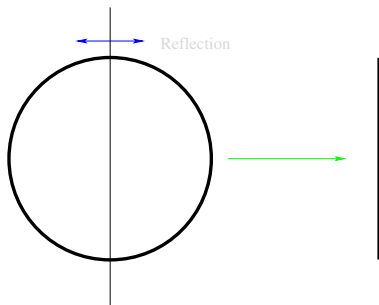
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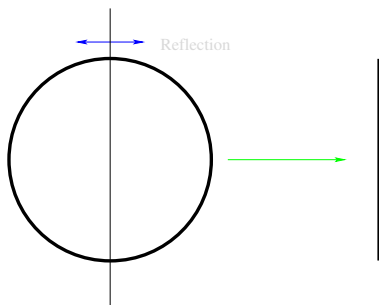
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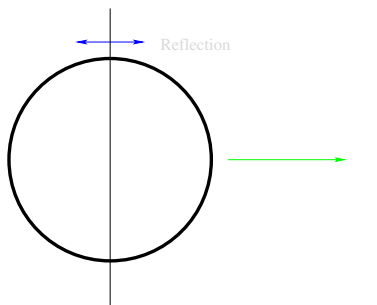
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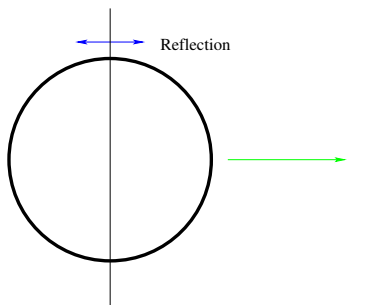
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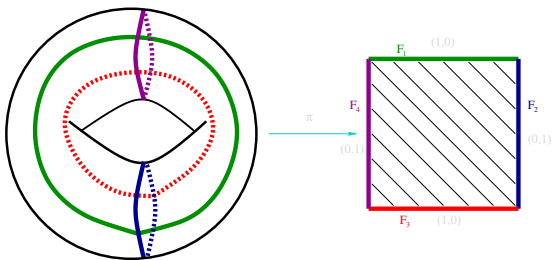
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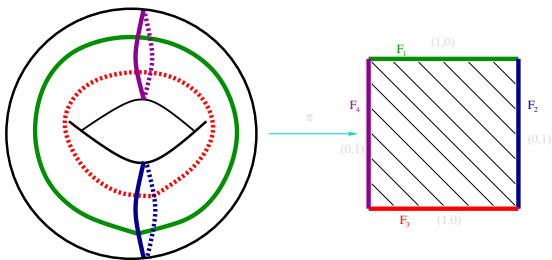


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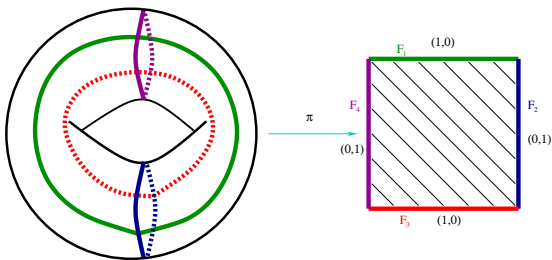


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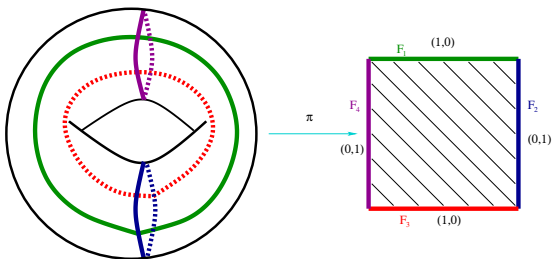


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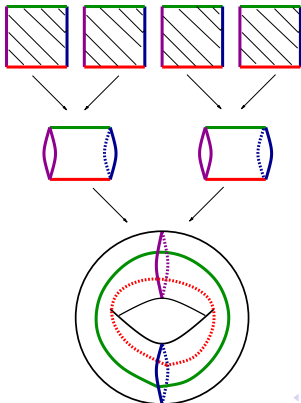
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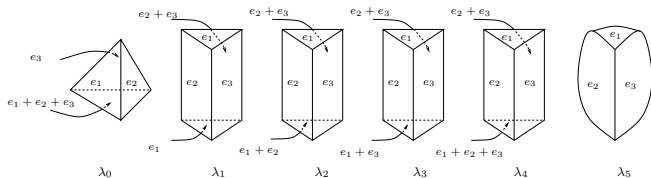
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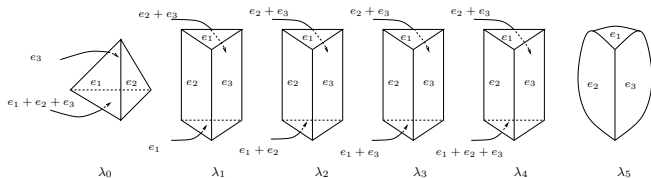
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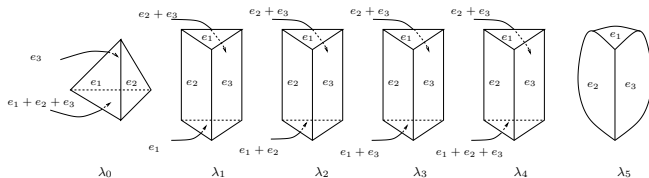
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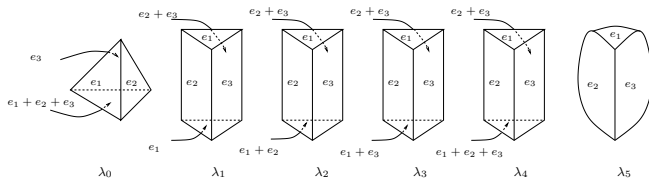
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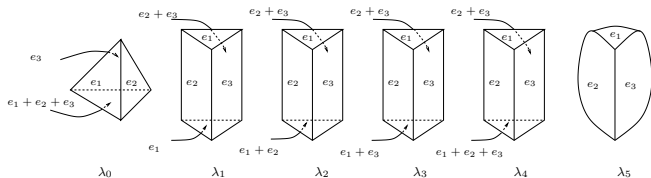
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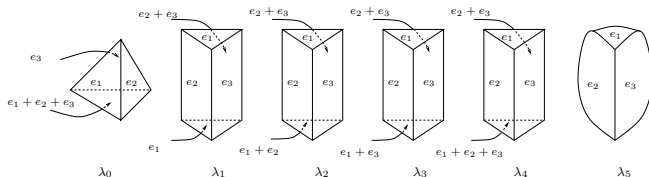
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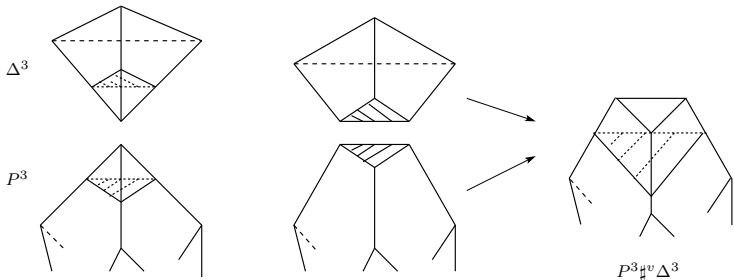
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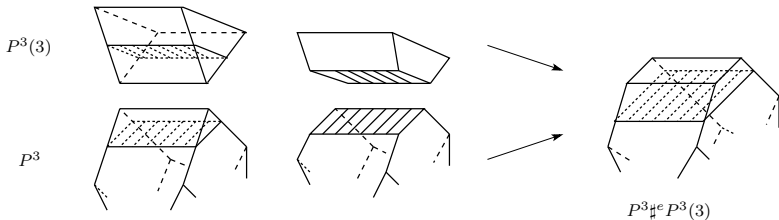
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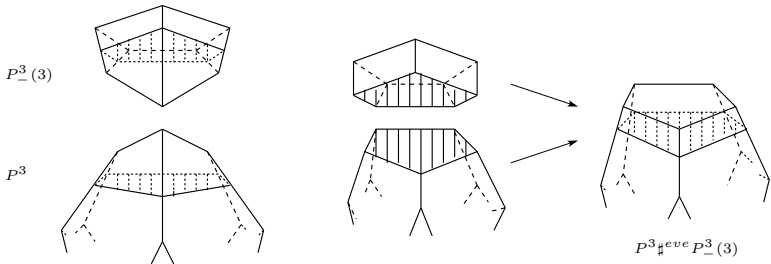
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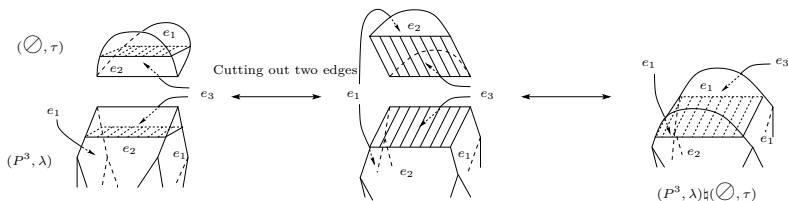
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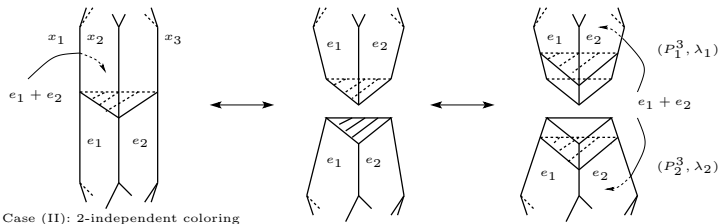


Note that two neighboring facets marked by e_2 and e_3 are needed to be **big**.

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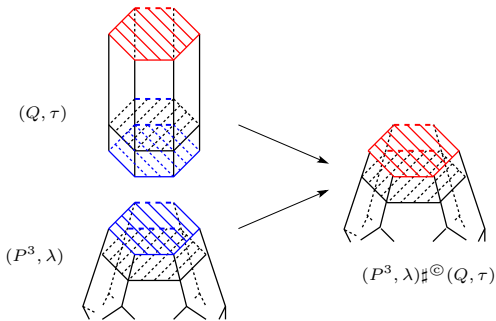
Case (II): 2-independent coloring

$$(P^3, \lambda) = (P_1^3, \lambda_1) \#^{\Delta} (P_2^3, \lambda_2)$$

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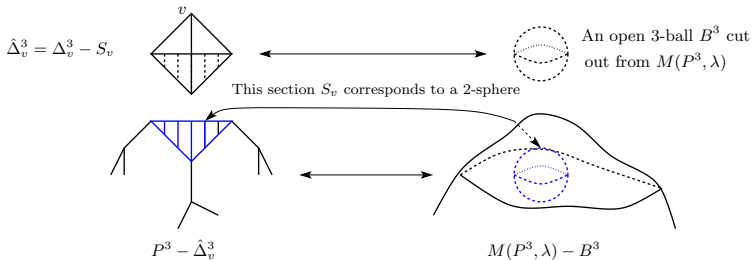
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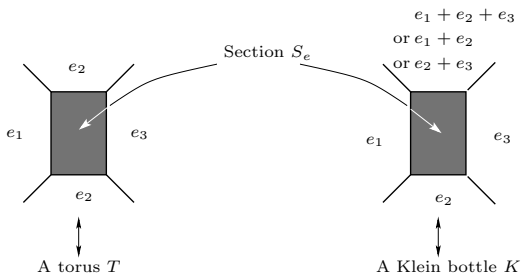
Section corresponding to operation $\#^v$

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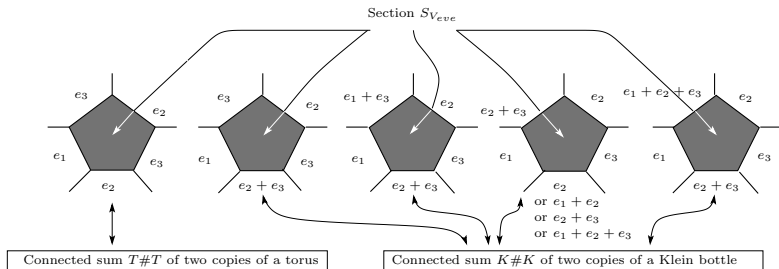
Sections corresponding to operations $\#^e$ and $\#$

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Sections corresponding to operation $\#^{eve}$

Cutting out a V_{eve} gives a 5-polygon section $S_{V_{eve}}$, which corresponds to a $T\#T$ or a $K\#K$



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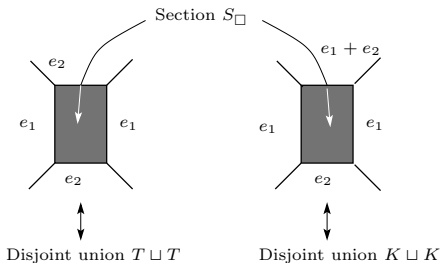
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Sections corresponding to operations $\#\triangle$ and $\#\circledast$

Cutting out a 2-independent triangular facet gives a triangular section S_{\triangle} , which corresponds to a disjoint union $\mathbb{R}P^2 \sqcup \mathbb{R}P^2$

Sections corresponding to operation $\#^{\odot}$

Cutting out a 2-independent 4-polygon facet gives a 5-polygon section S_{\square} , which corresponds to a $T \sqcup T$ or a $K \sqcup K$



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Cutting out a 2-independent 5-polygon facet gives a 5-polygon section $S_{\mathbb{X}}$, which corresponds to a disjoint union $(\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2) \sqcup (\mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2 \# \mathbb{R}P^2)$

Compatibility of six operations with disjoint union

Let $[M(P_1^3, \lambda_1)]$ and $[M(P_2^3, \lambda_2)]$ be two classes in $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$. Then

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$$[M(P^3, \lambda)] \#^e M(P^3(3), \tau) = [M(P^3, \lambda)] + [M(P^3(3), \tau)]$$

$$[M(P^3, \lambda)] \#^{eve} M(P_-^3(3), \tau) = [M(P^3, \lambda)] + [M(P_-^3(3), \tau)]$$

$$[M(P^3, \lambda)] \# M(\emptyset, \tau) = [M(P^3, \lambda)]$$

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$$[M(P_1^3, \lambda_1)] \#^\Delta [M(P_2^3, \lambda_2)]$$

$$= \begin{cases} [M(P_1^3, \lambda_1)] + [M(P_2^3, \lambda_2)] \\ \text{or } [M(P_1^3, \lambda_1)] + [M(P_2^3, \lambda_2)] + [M(P^3(3), \lambda_1 \#^\Delta \lambda_2)]. \end{cases}$$