

Tutorial 4: Convergence to Gaussian objects

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Outline

1. Random tangent fields
2. Tangential collapse
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6. Central limit theorems

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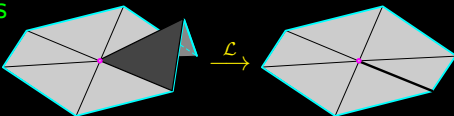
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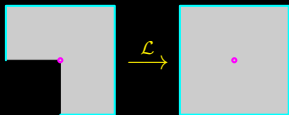
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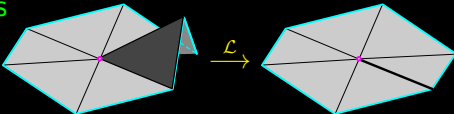
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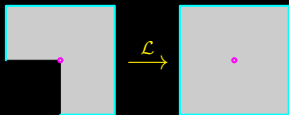
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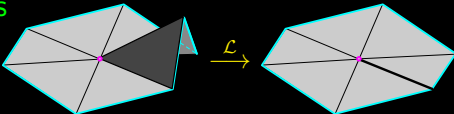
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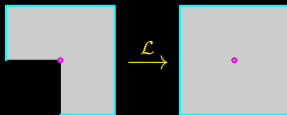
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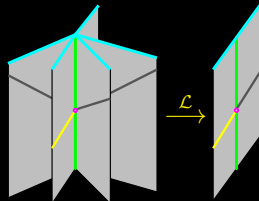
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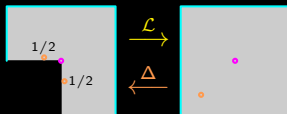
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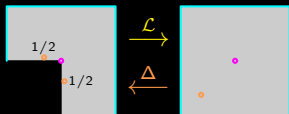
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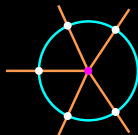
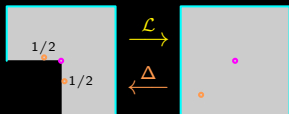
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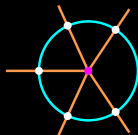
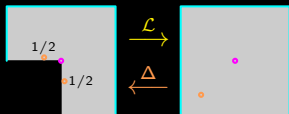
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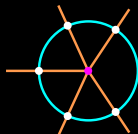
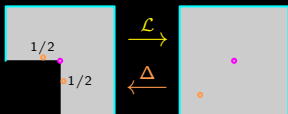
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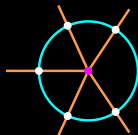
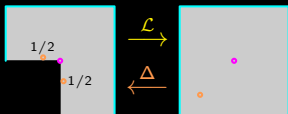
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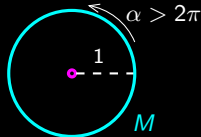
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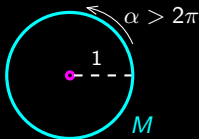
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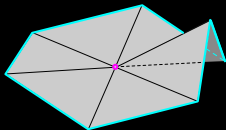
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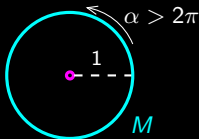
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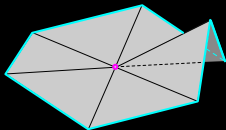
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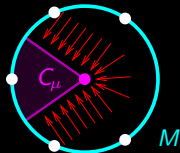
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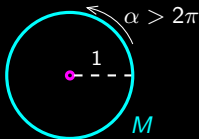
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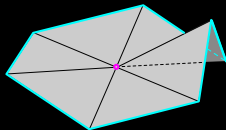
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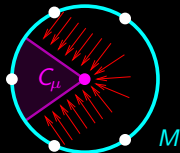
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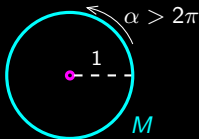
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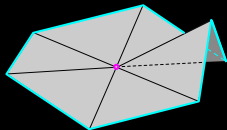
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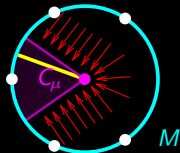
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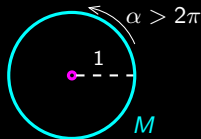
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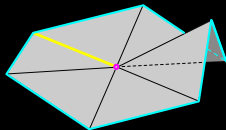
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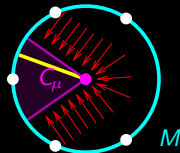
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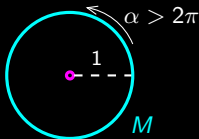
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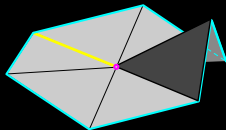
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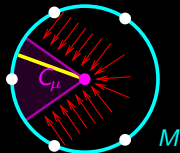
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