

# Expansion by regions

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There are, however, two *general* strategies, *expansion by subgraphs* and *expansion by regions*, which provide a result in this form for any given Feynman integral, where coefficients are expressed either in graph-theoretical language, or in the language of polytopes associated with a given integral.

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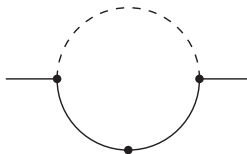
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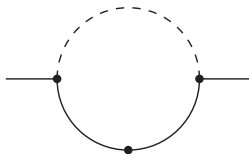
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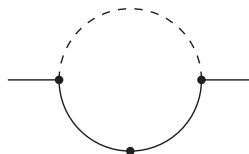


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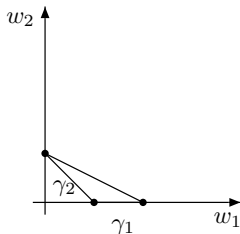
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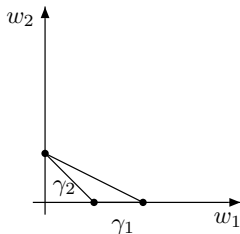
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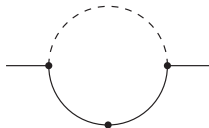
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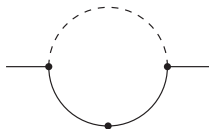
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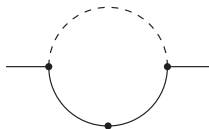
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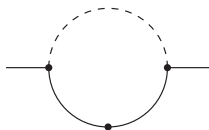
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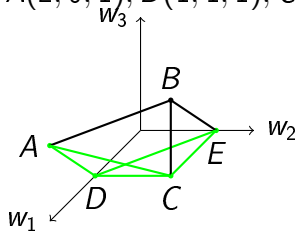
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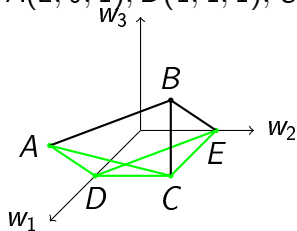
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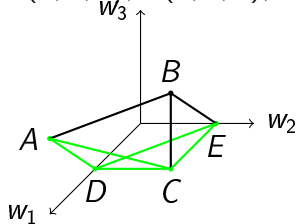


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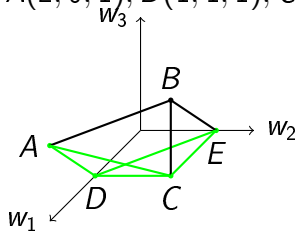
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