

PPAD

(Polynomial Parity Argument for Directed graphs)

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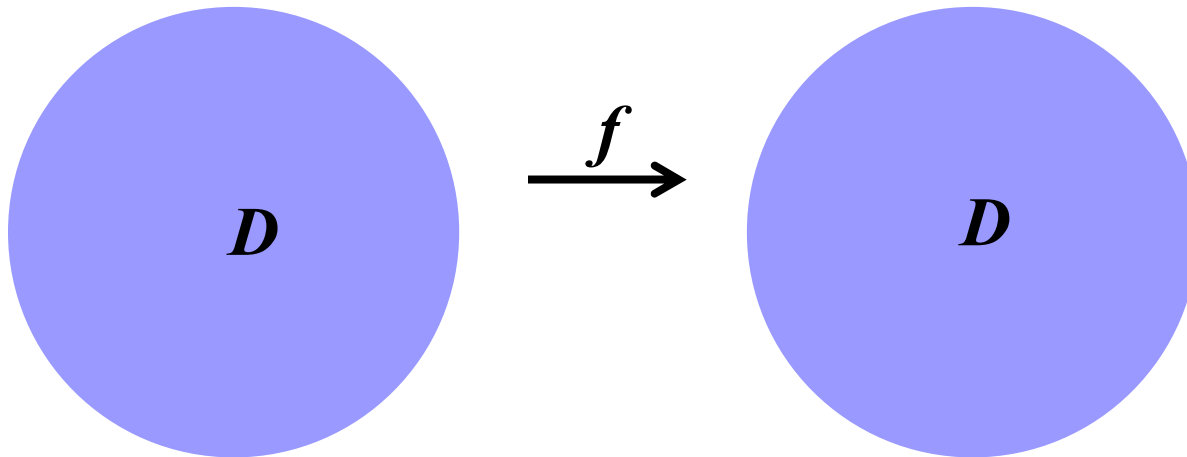
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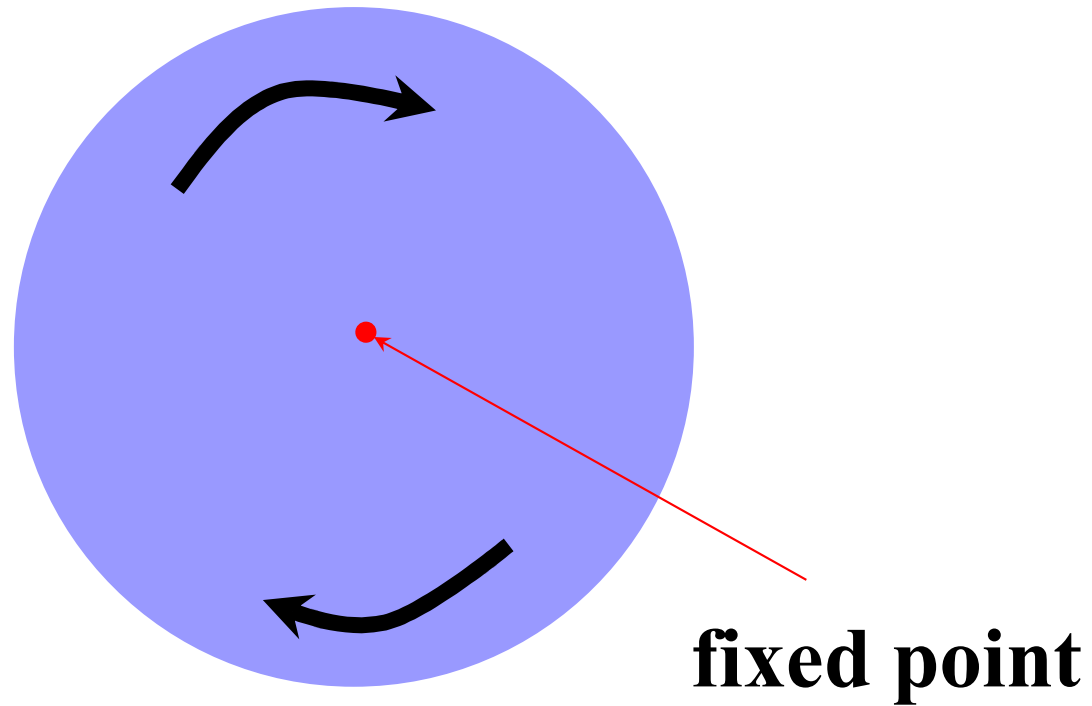
[Brouwer 1910]: Let $f: D \rightarrow D$ be a continuous function from a convex and compact subset D of the Euclidean space to itself.

Then there exists an $x \in D$ s.t. $x = f(x)$.

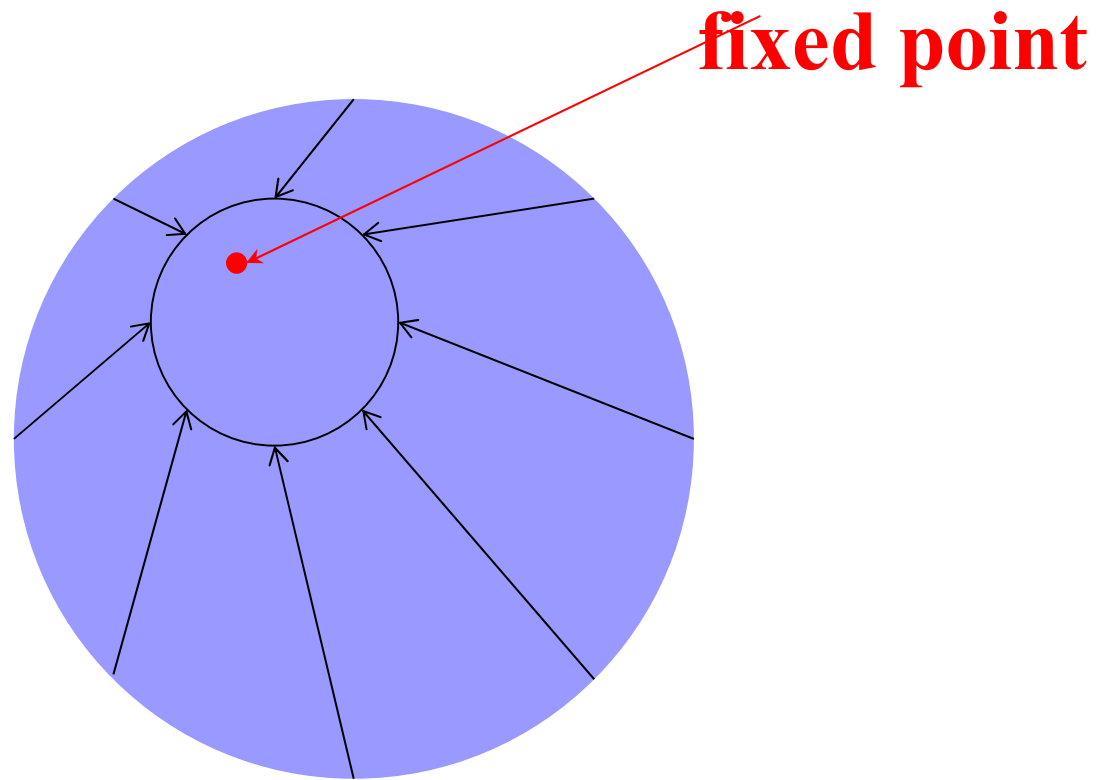
A few examples, when D is the 2-dimensional disk.



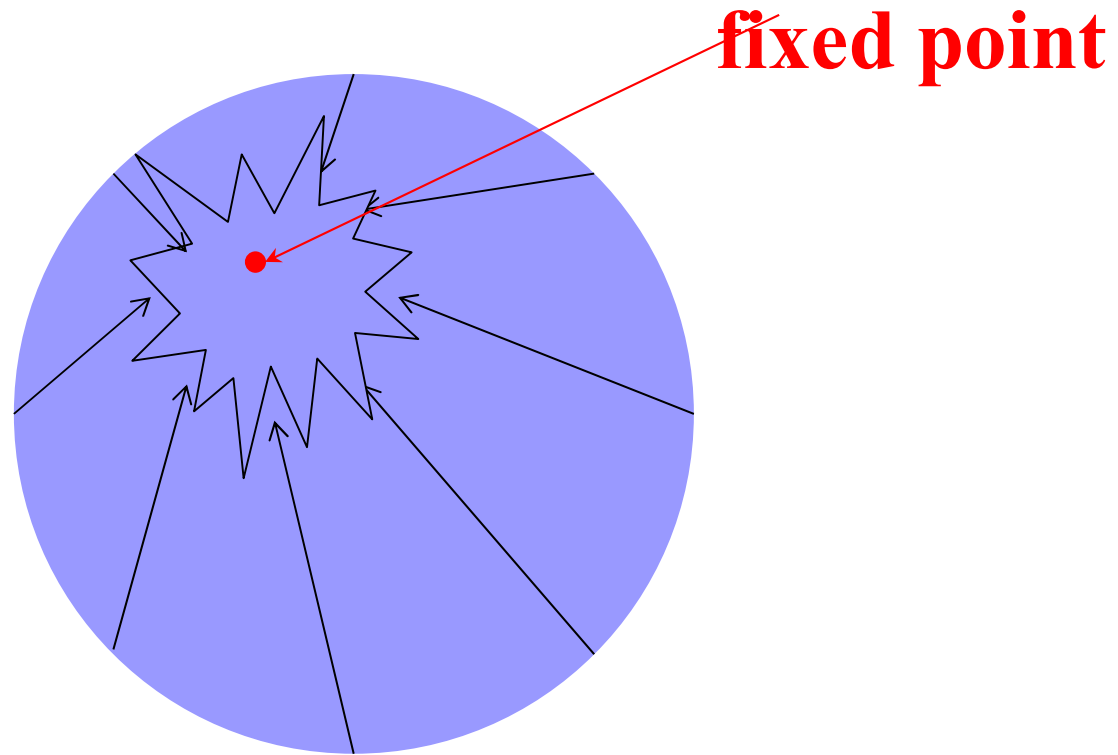
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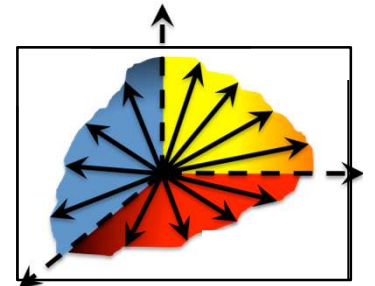
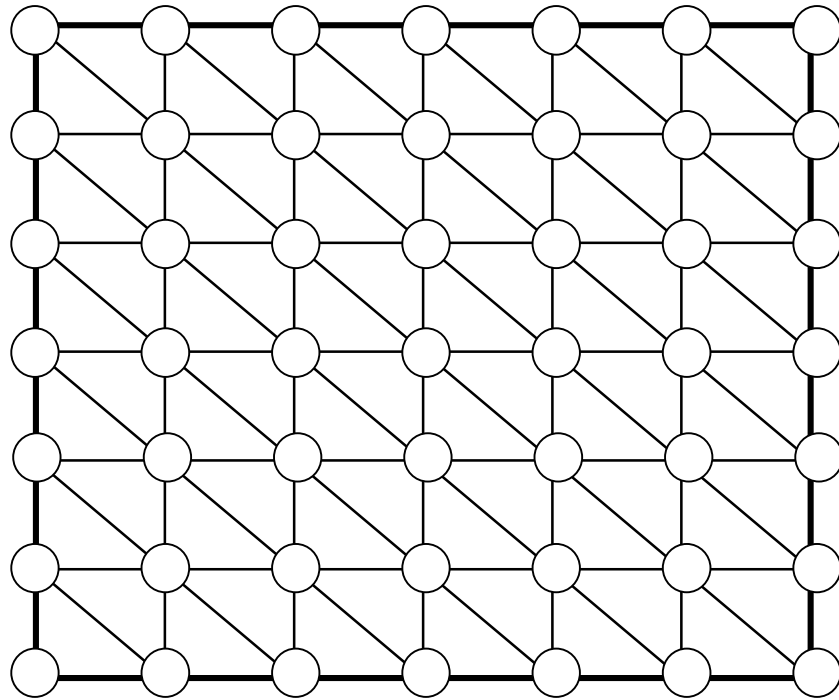


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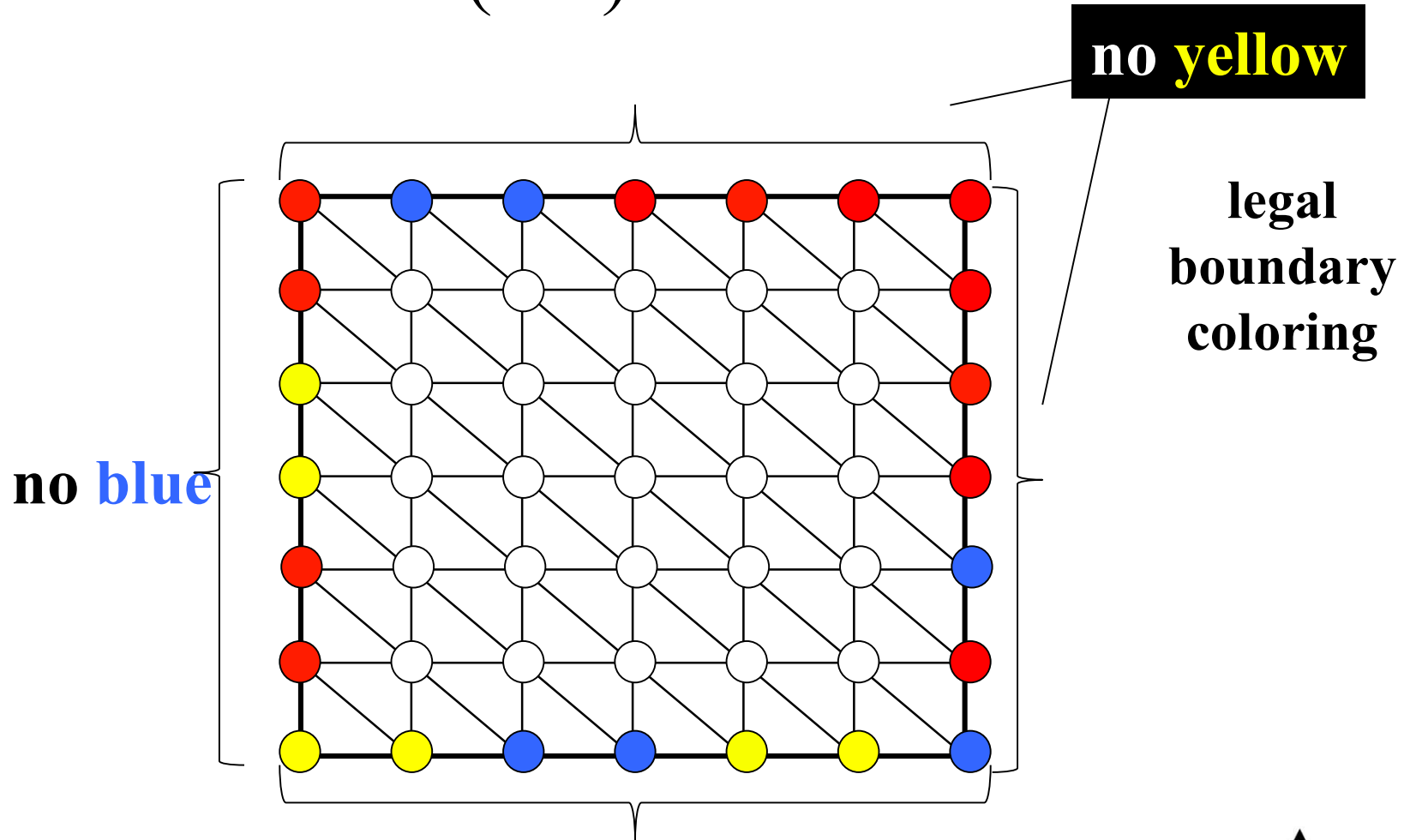


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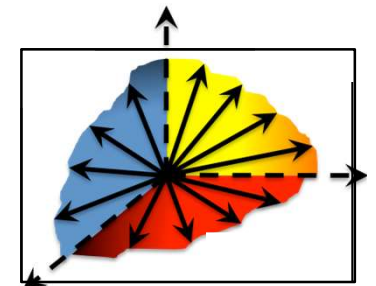
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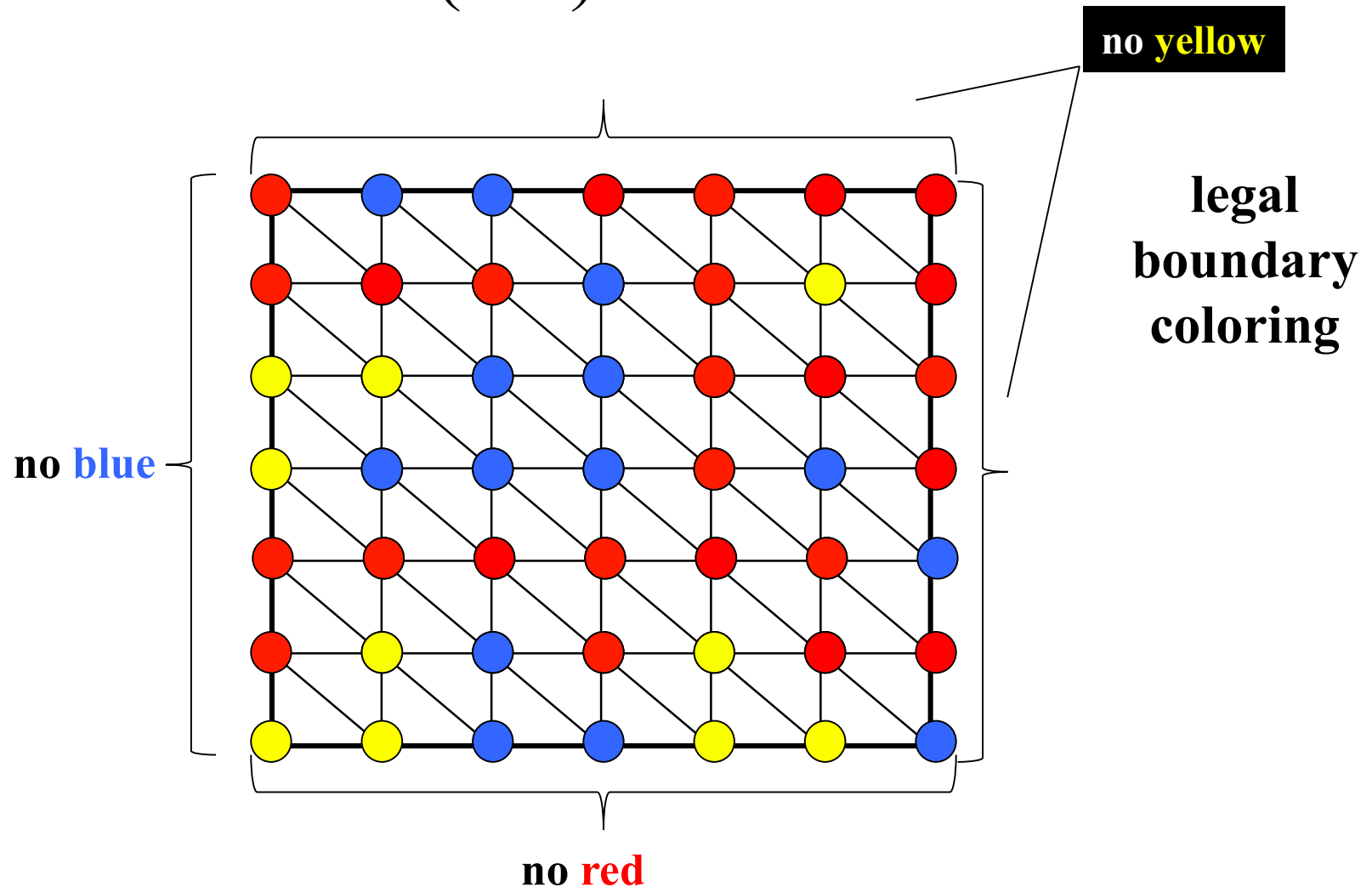
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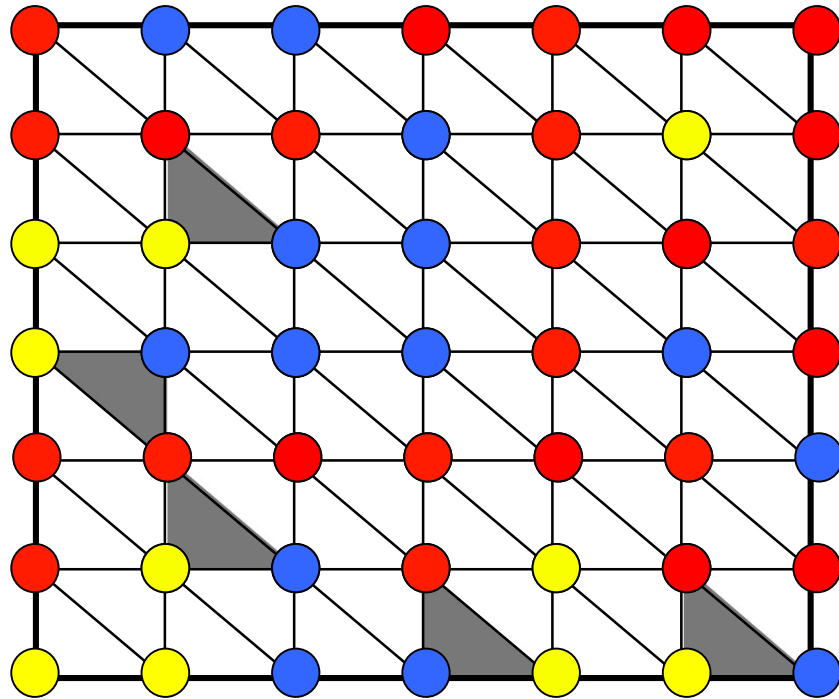


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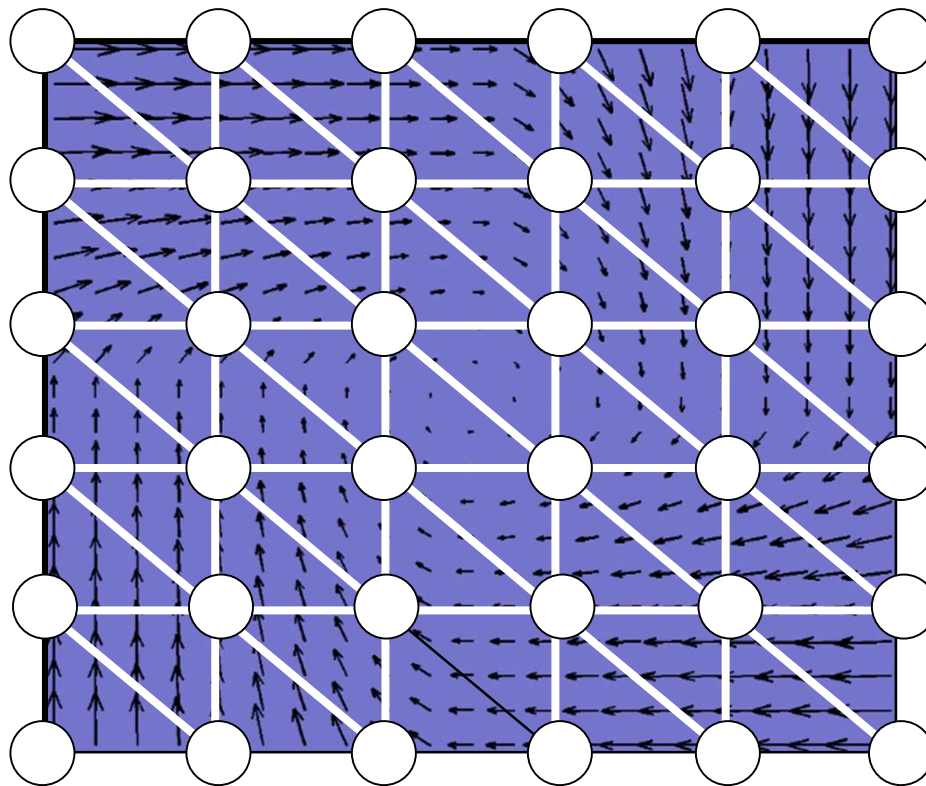
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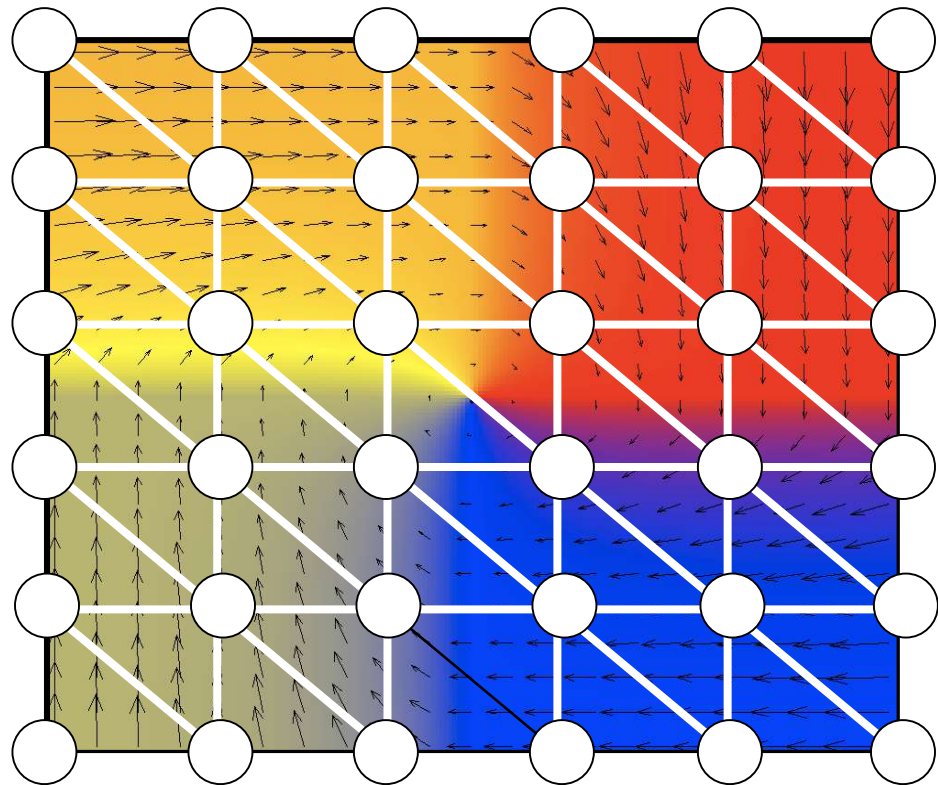
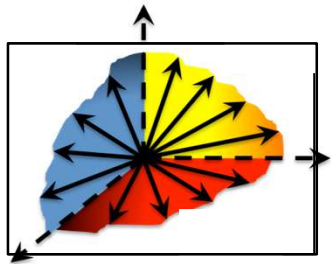
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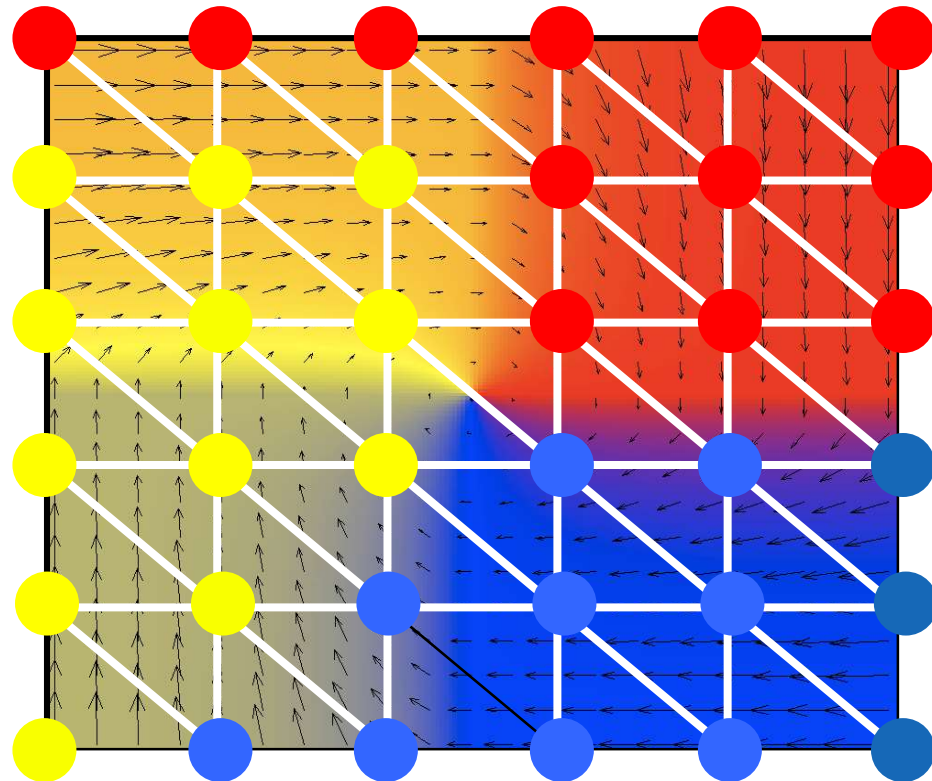
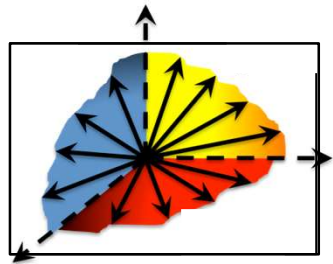
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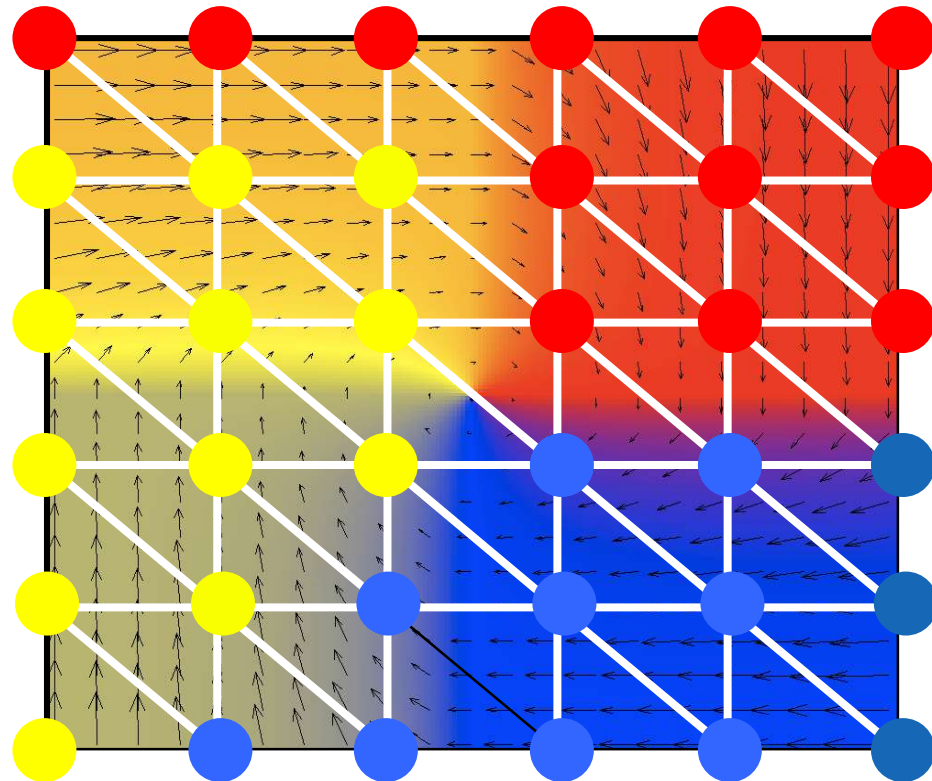
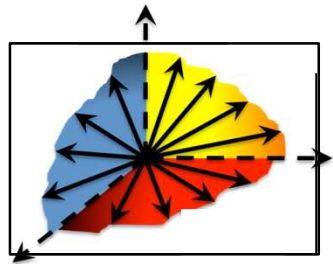
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Apply Sperner.



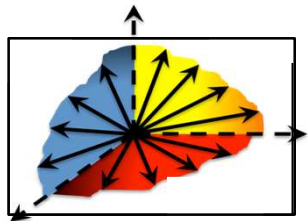
2D-Brouwer on the Square

d be l_∞ norm

Suppose $f: [0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]^2$, continuous (by the Heine-Cantor theorem)

$$\forall \epsilon, \exists \delta(\epsilon) > 0, s. t.$$

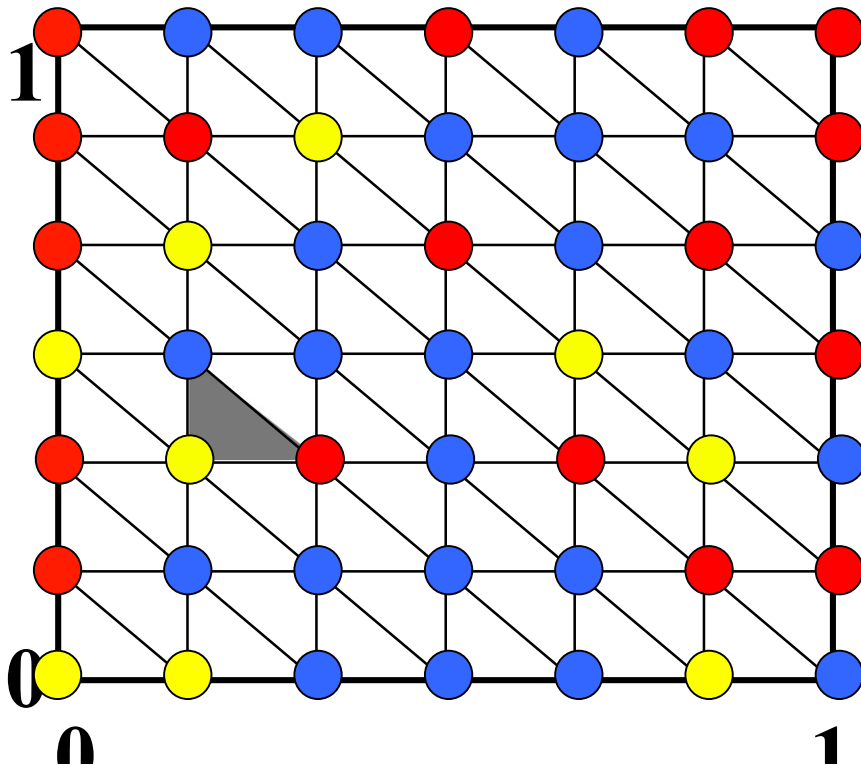
$$d(x, y) < \delta(\epsilon) \Rightarrow d(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon$$



Choose small enough grid size so that..

Claim: If z a corner of a trichromatic triangle, then choosing $\delta = \min\{\delta(\epsilon), \epsilon\}$

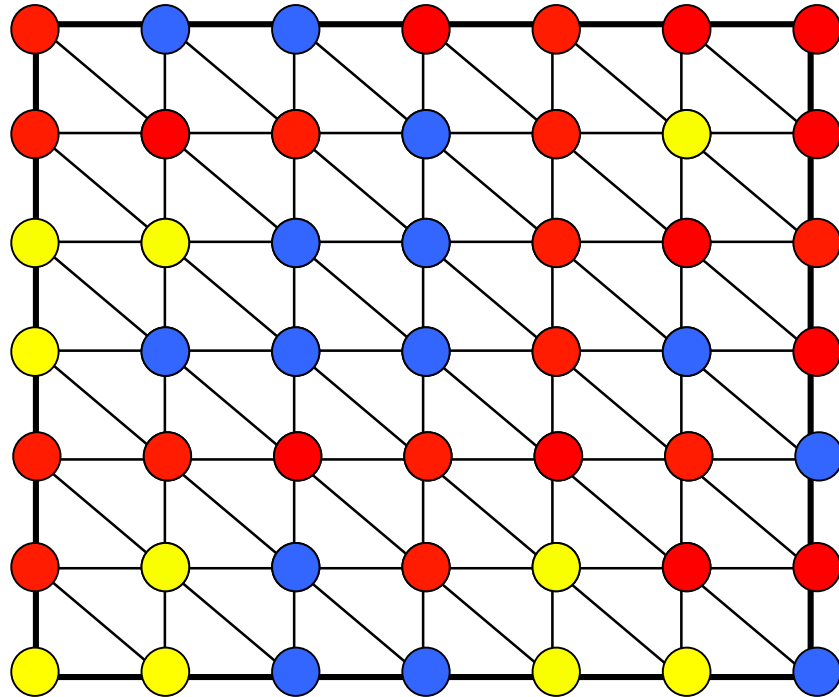
$$|f(z) - z|_\infty < c\delta, \quad c > 0$$



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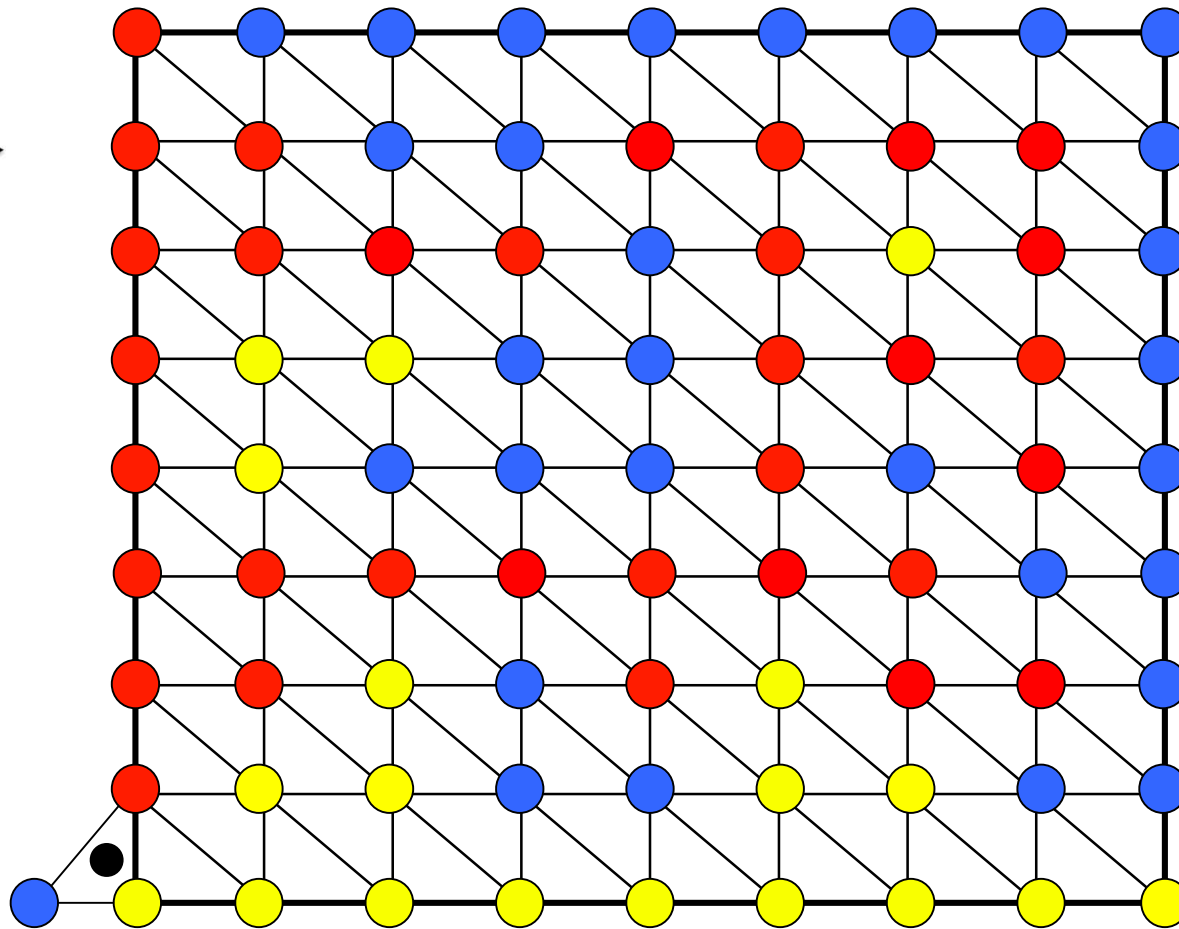
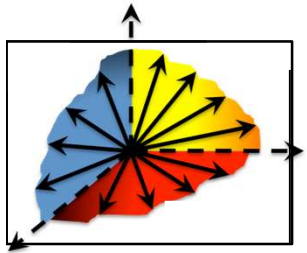
- **Existence Theorems: Brouwer, Sperner**
- **(Constructive) proof of Sperner → PPAD.**

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For convenience introduce an outer boundary, that does not create new tri-chromatic triangles.

Also introduce an artificial tri-chromatic triangle.

Next define a directed walk starting from the artificial tri-chromatic triangle.

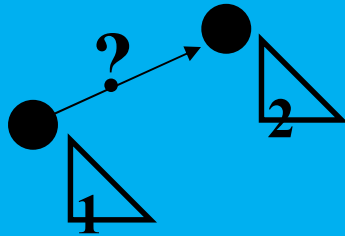
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Space of Triangles

Transition Rule:

If \exists red - yellow door cross it with red on your left hand.



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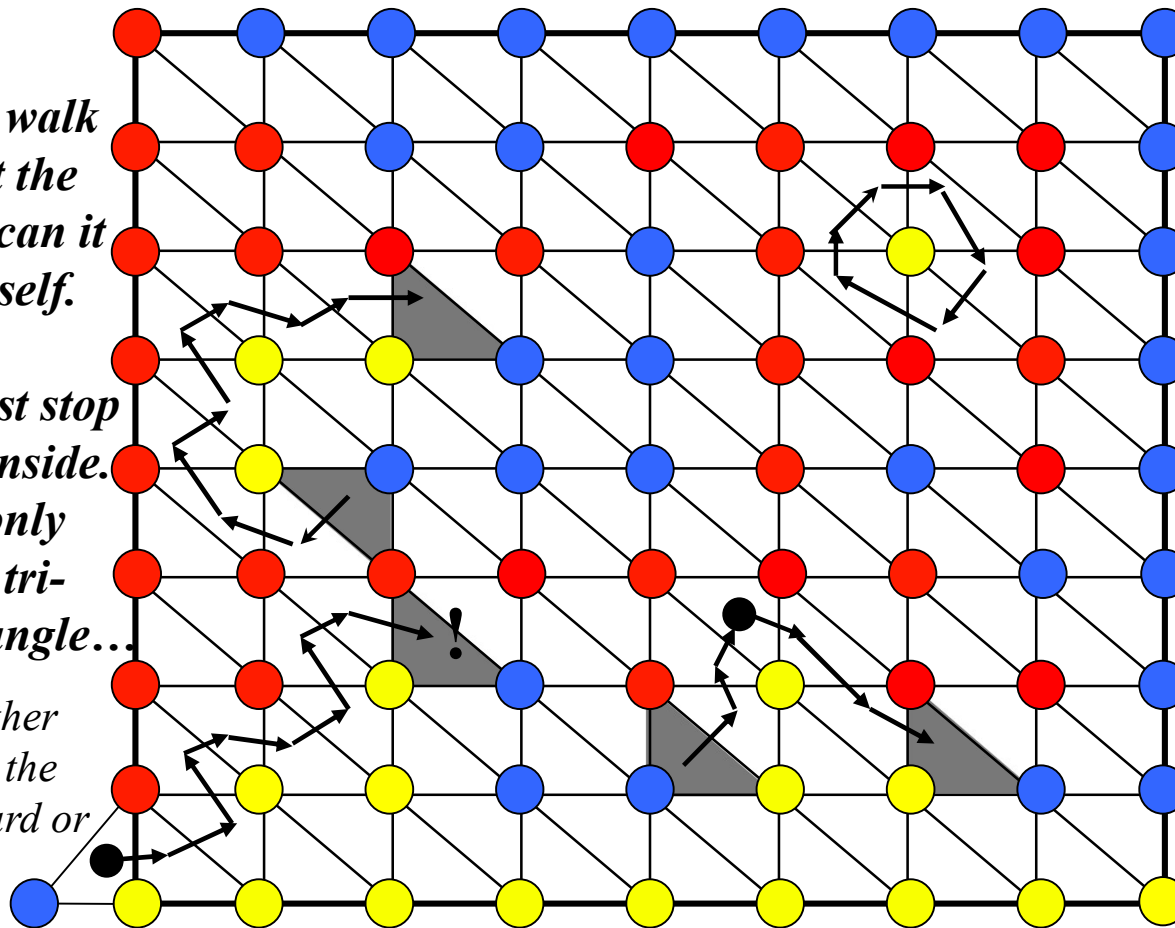
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Claim: The walk cannot exit the square, nor can it loop into itself.

Hence, it must stop somewhere inside.

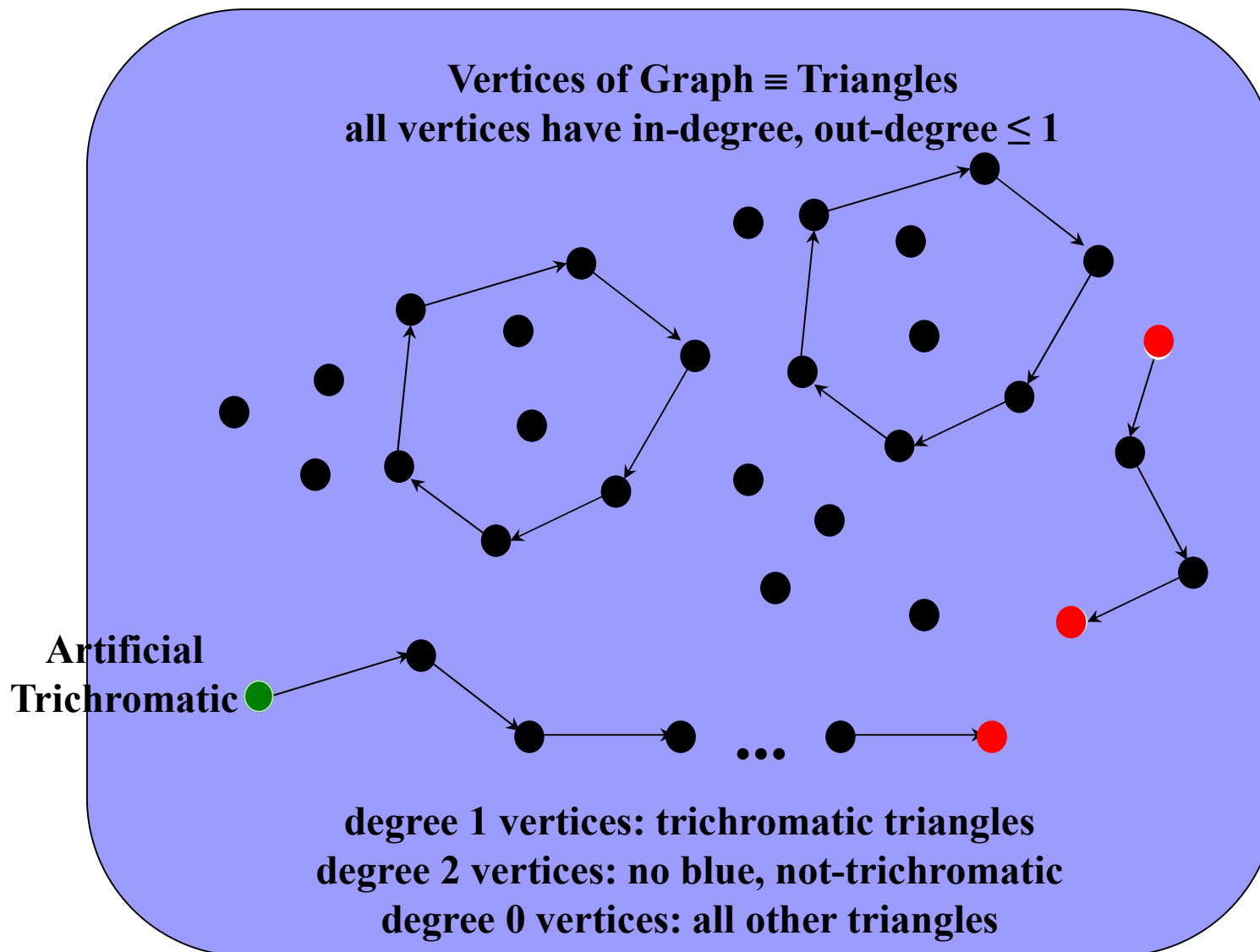
This can only happen at tri-chromatic triangle...

Starting from other triangles we do the same going forward or backward.

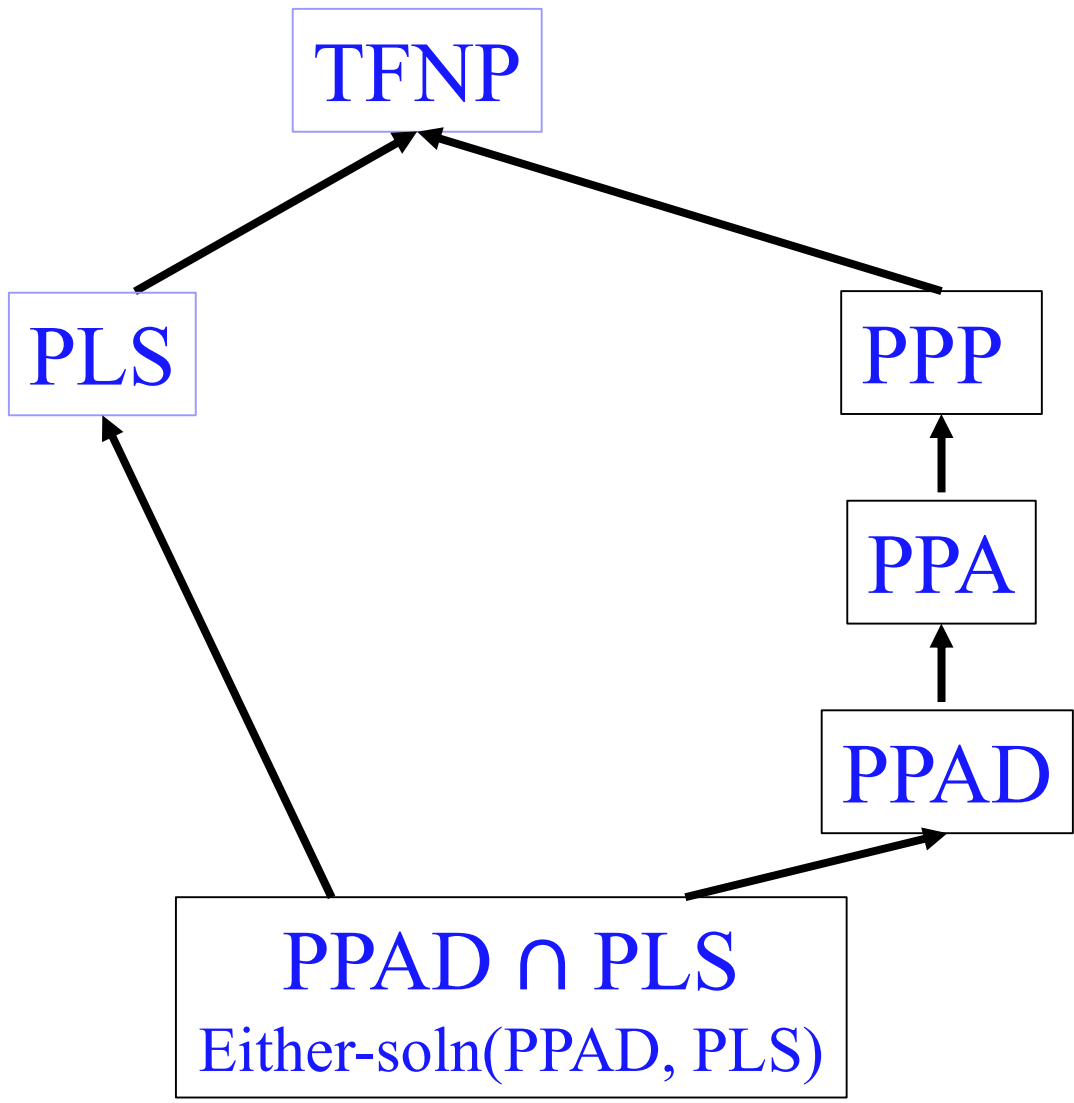


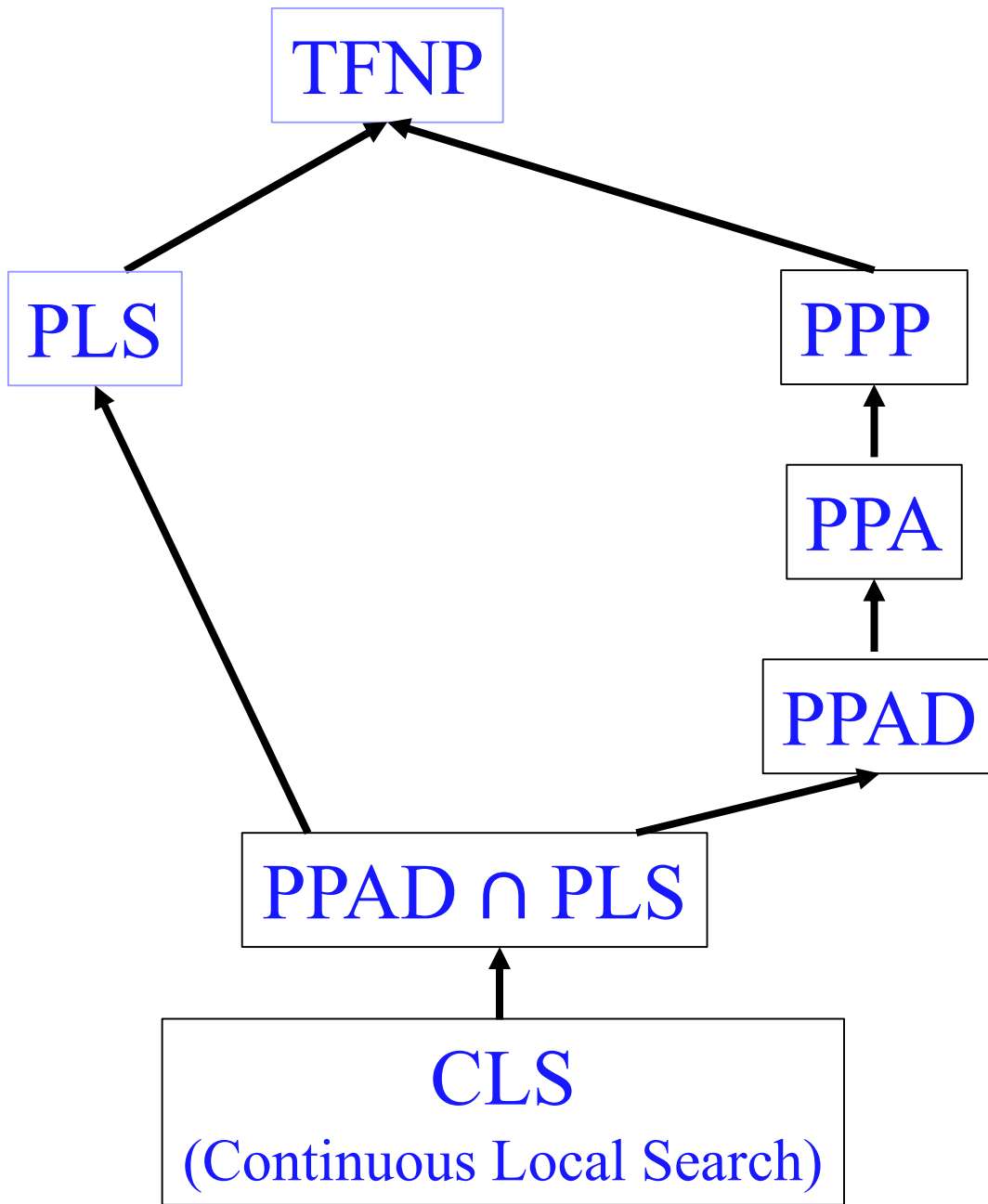
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Proof Structure: A directed parity argument



Proof: \exists at least one trichromatic (artificial one) $\rightarrow \exists$ another trichromatic





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(Continuous Local Search)

