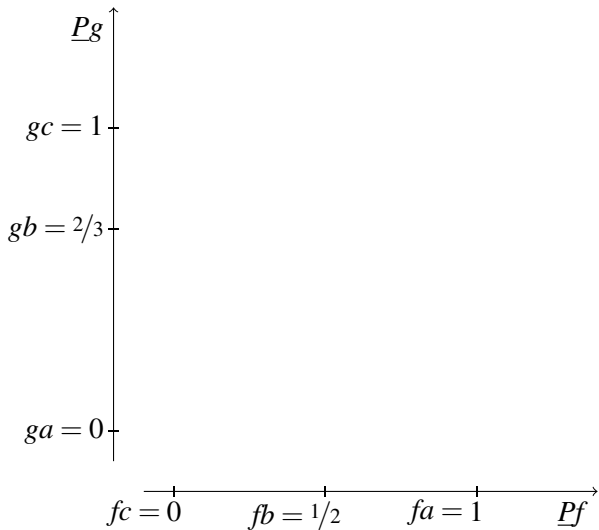


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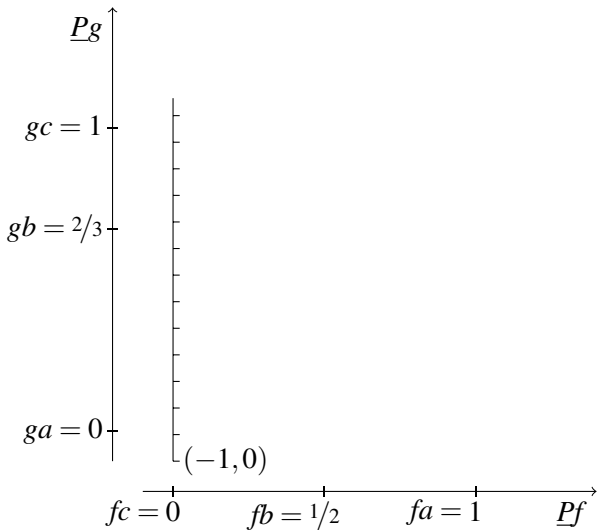
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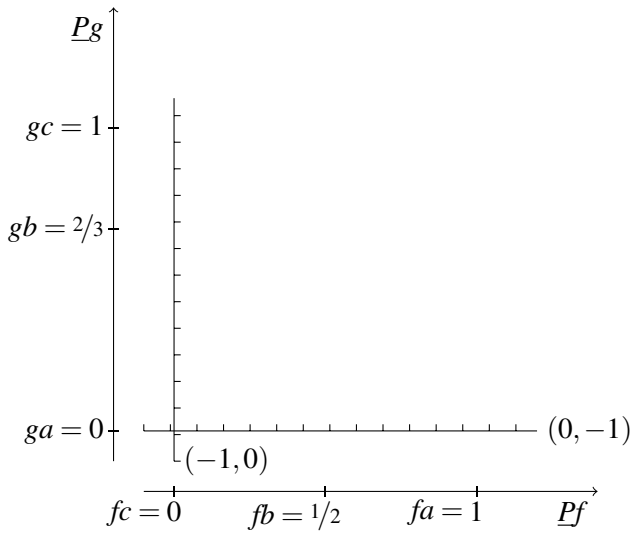
$\underline{P}$  on  $\mathcal{K}$  is coherent iff  $\sum_{h \in \mathcal{K}} \lambda_h \cdot \underline{P}h \leq \max \sum_{h \in \mathcal{K}} \lambda_h \cdot h$   
for all  $\lambda$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathcal{K}}$  with at most one strictly negative component

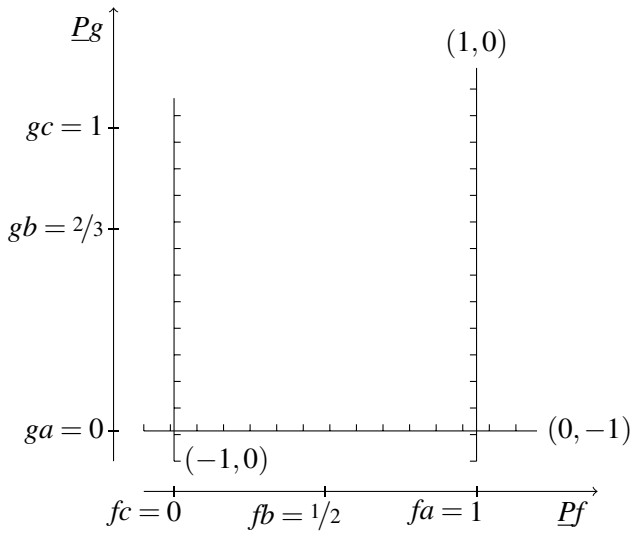


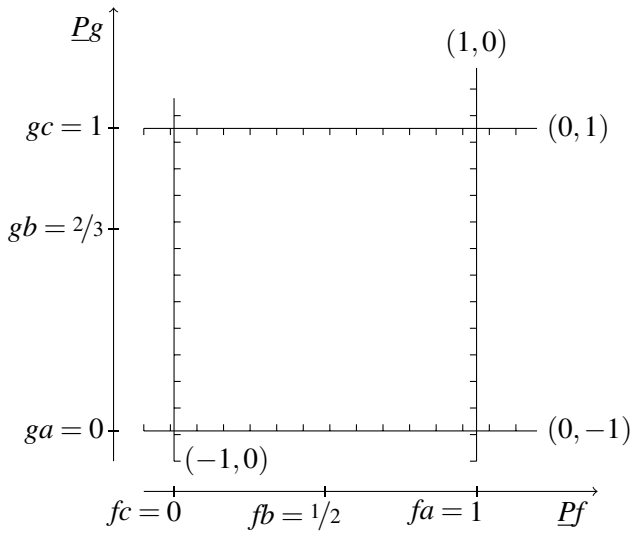
$$\lambda_f \cdot \underline{P}_f + \lambda_g \cdot \underline{P}_g \leq \max\{\lambda_f, \lambda_f \cdot 1/2 + \lambda_g \cdot 2/3, \lambda_g\}$$

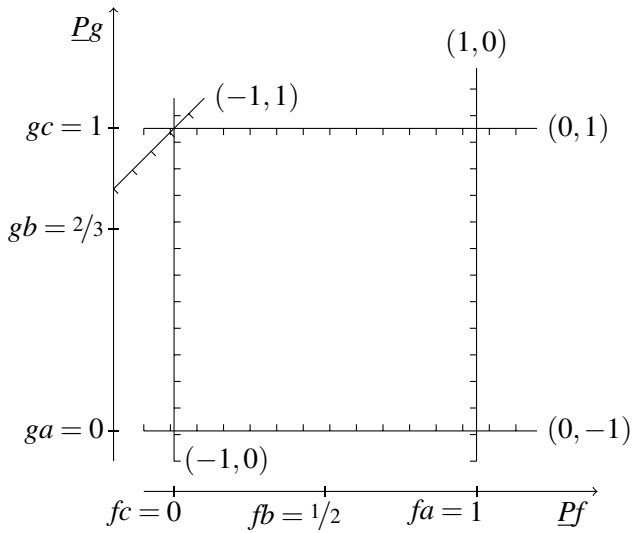


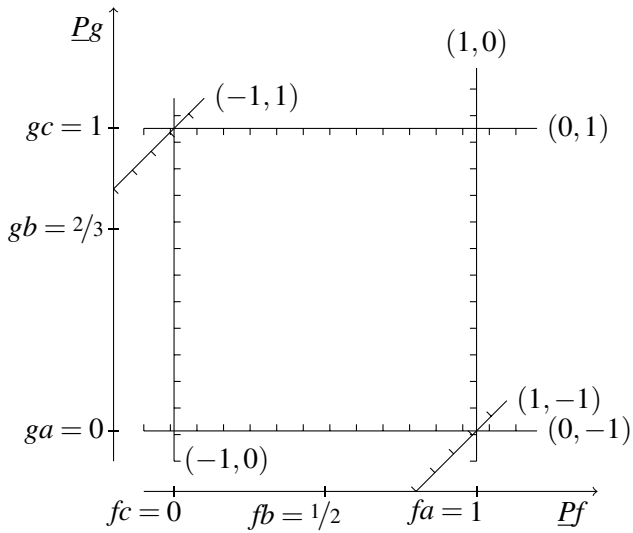
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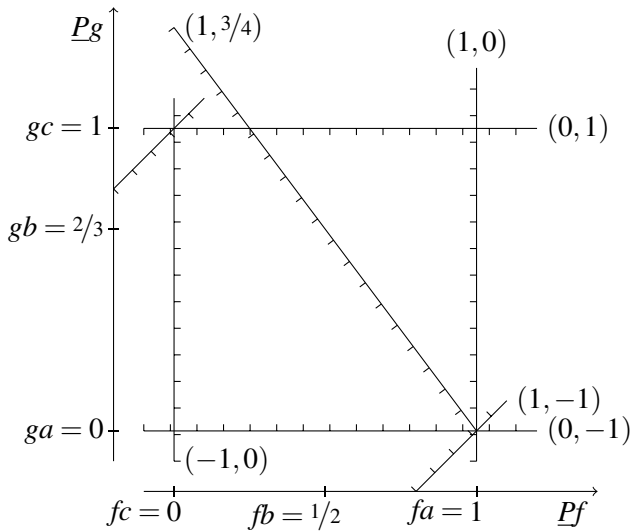


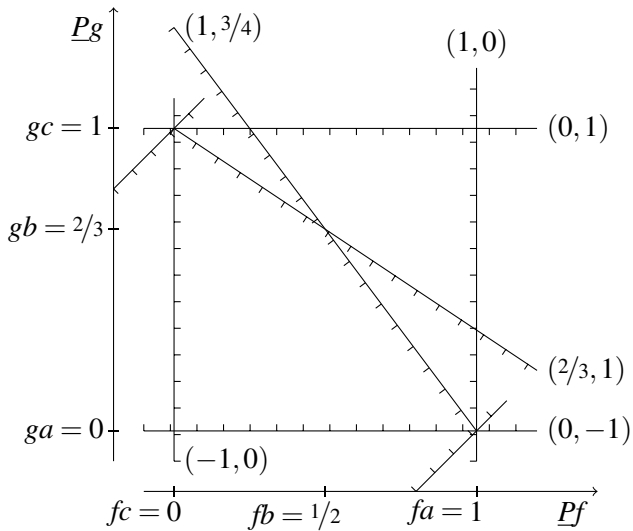




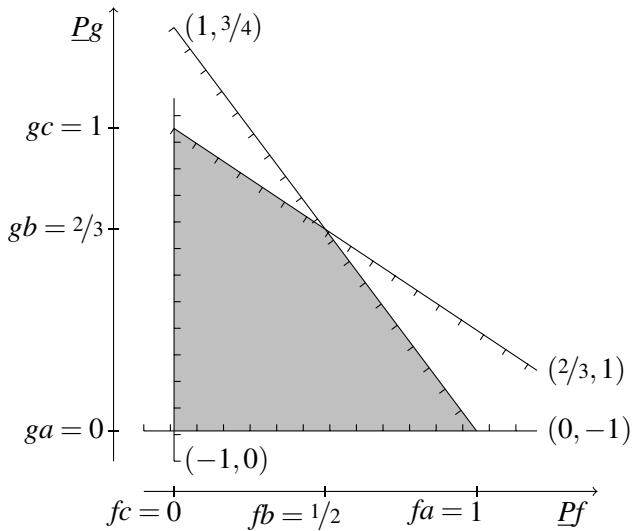


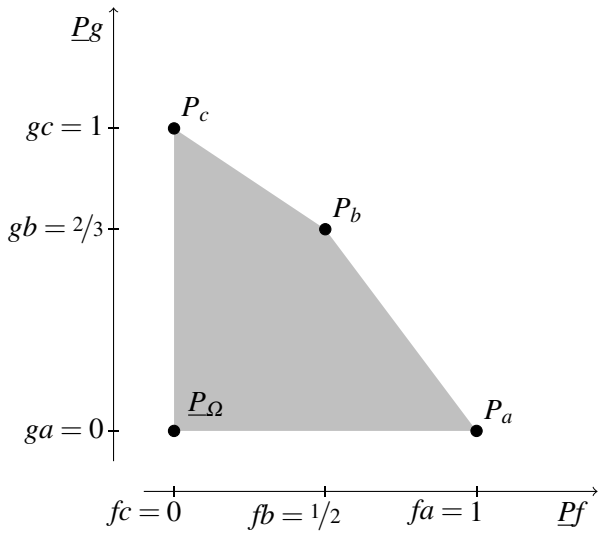


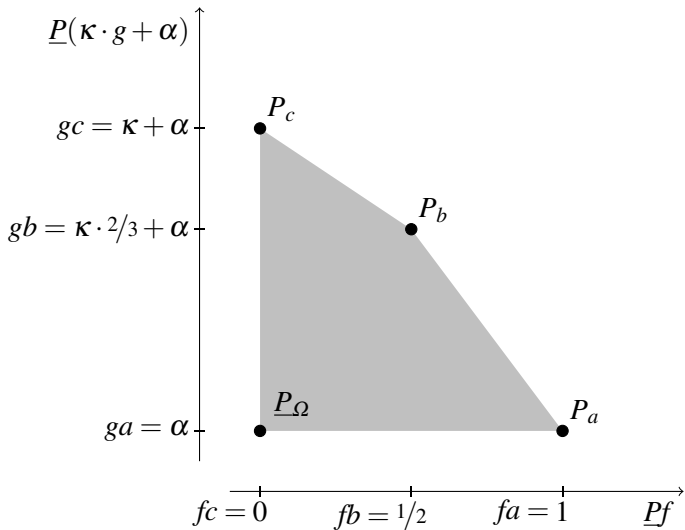




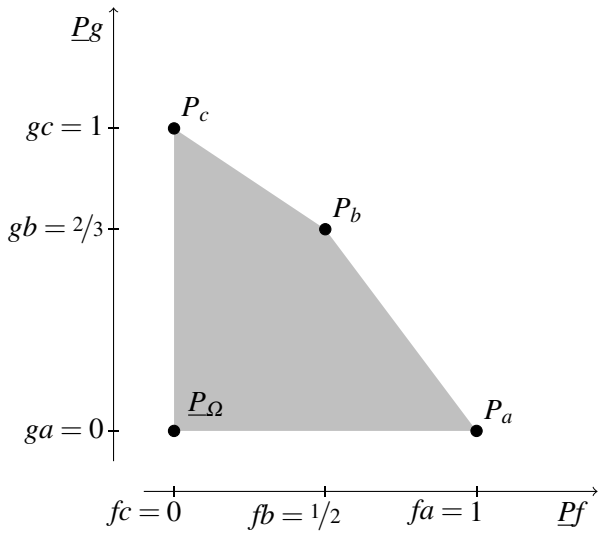


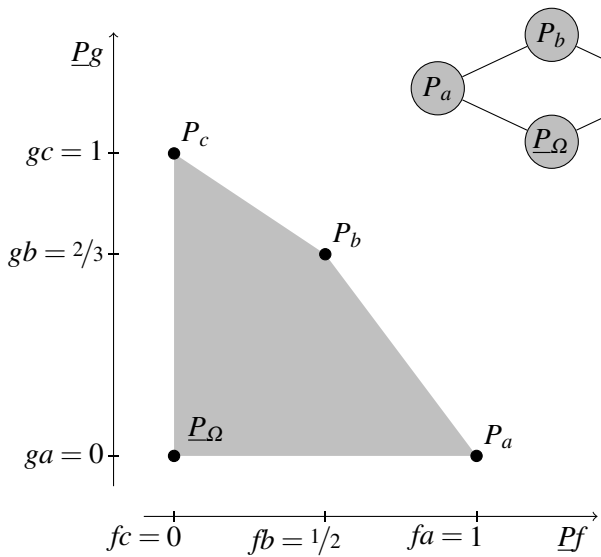


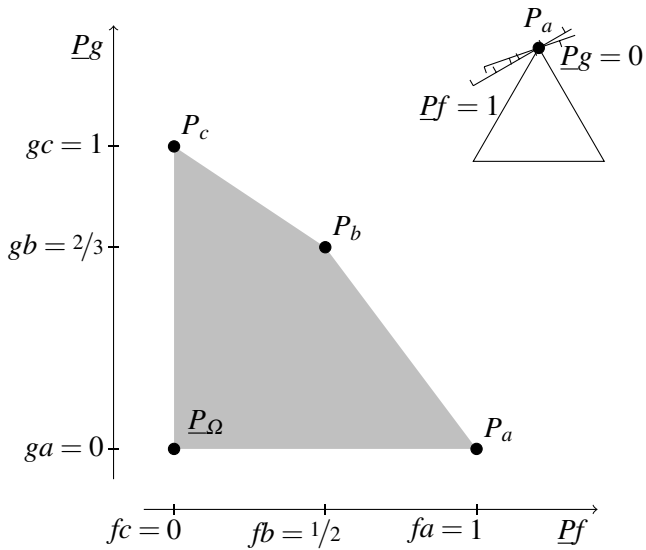


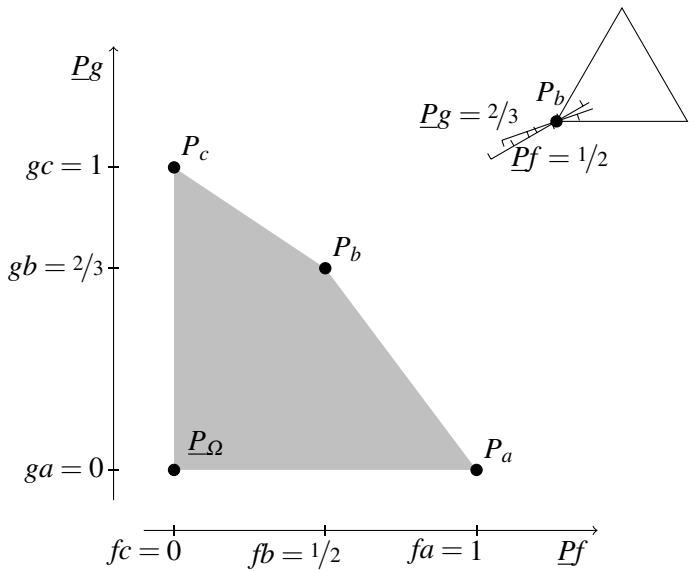


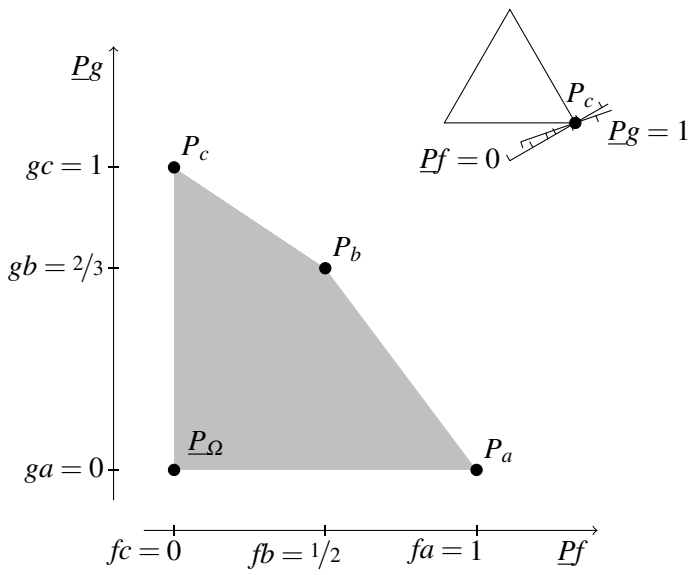
$$\underline{P}(\kappa \cdot g + \alpha) = \kappa \cdot \underline{P}_g + \alpha \text{ for all } \kappa \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \text{ and } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

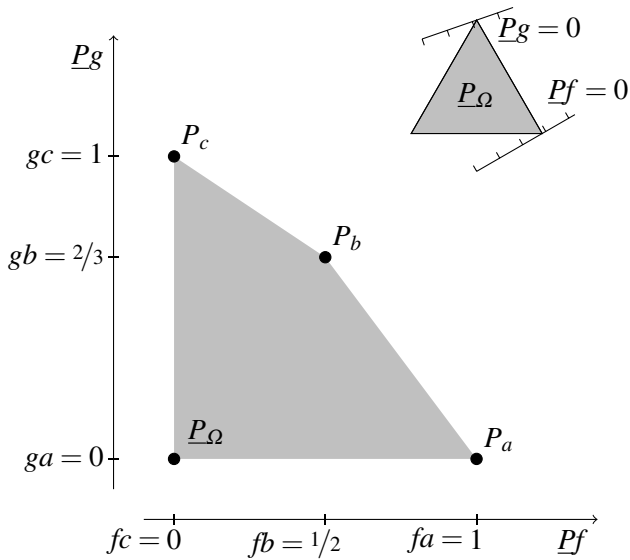


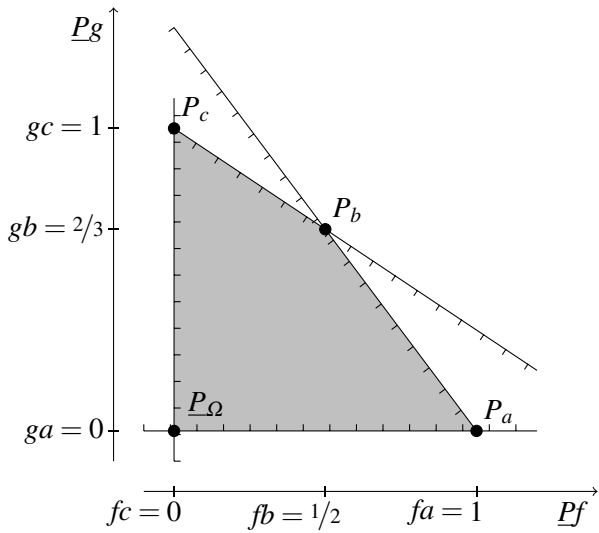


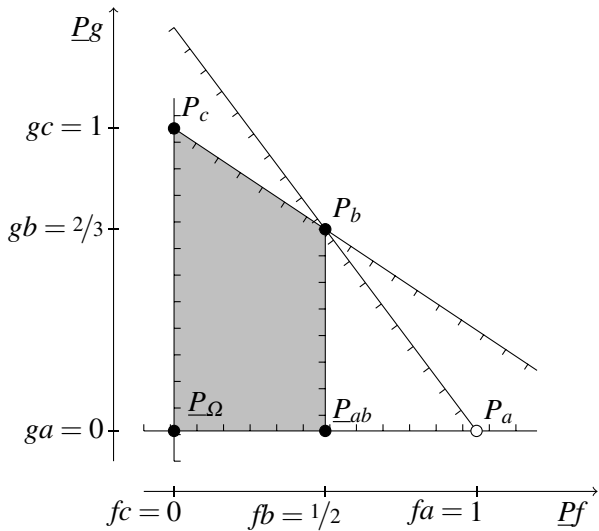




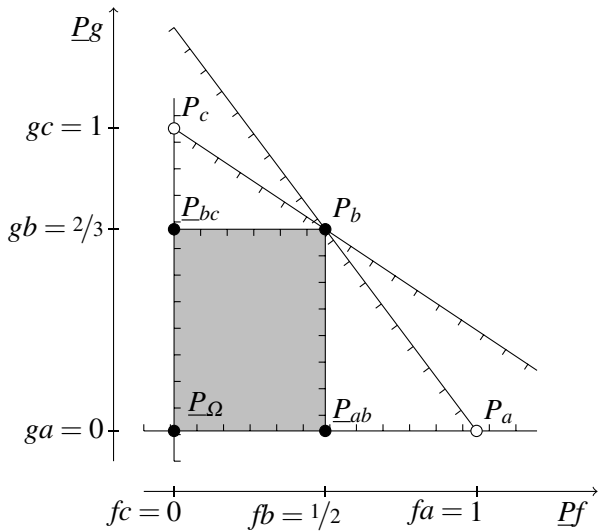




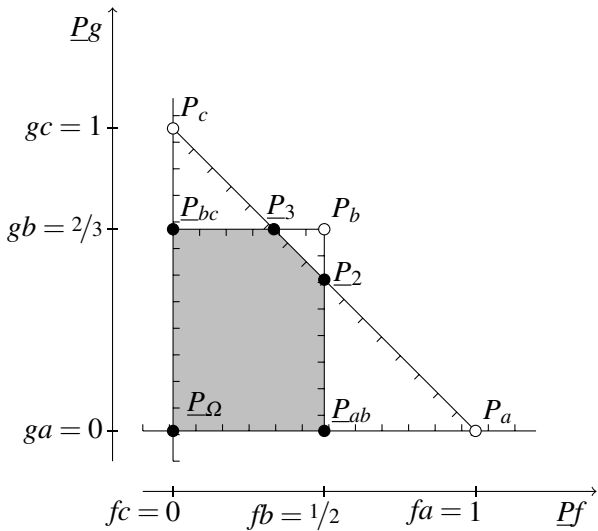




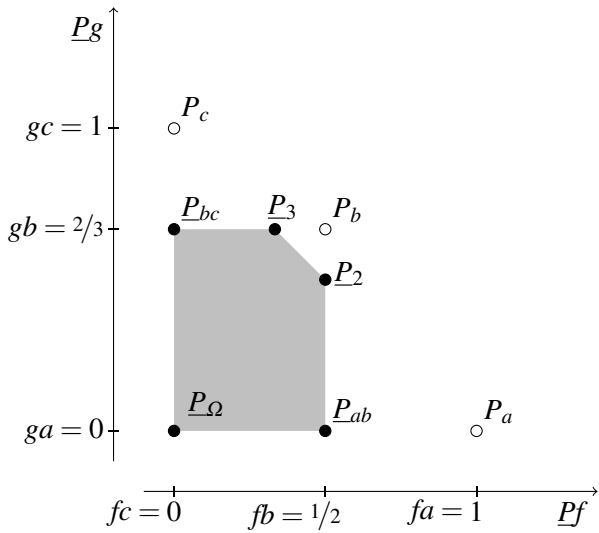
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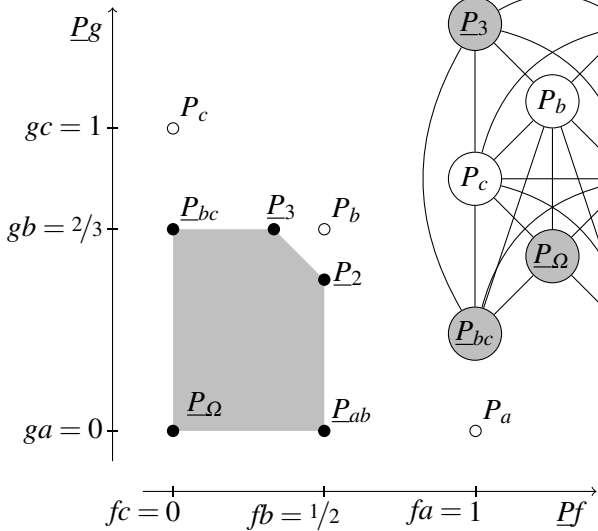


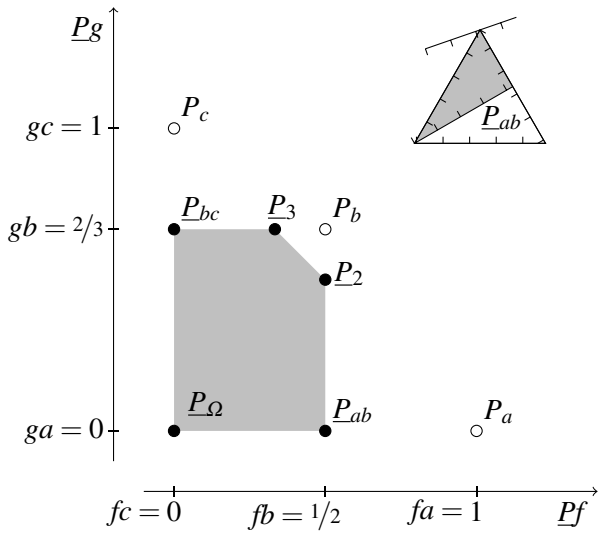
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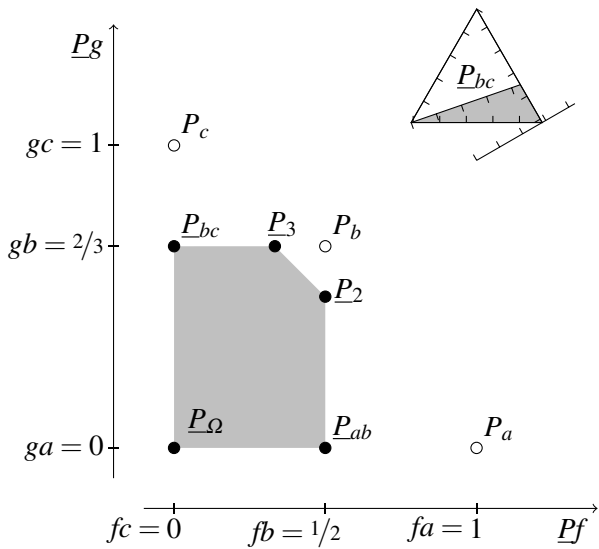


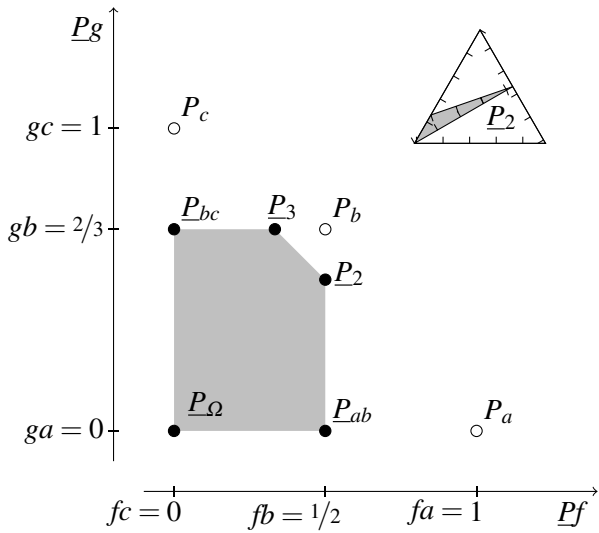
add  $I_b$  to  $\mathcal{H}$

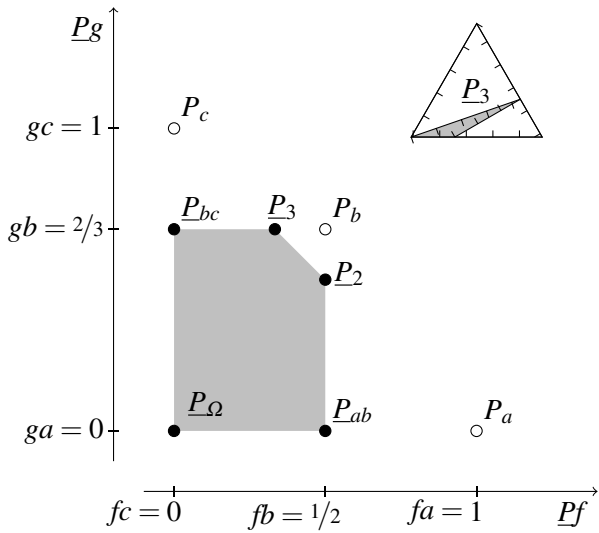


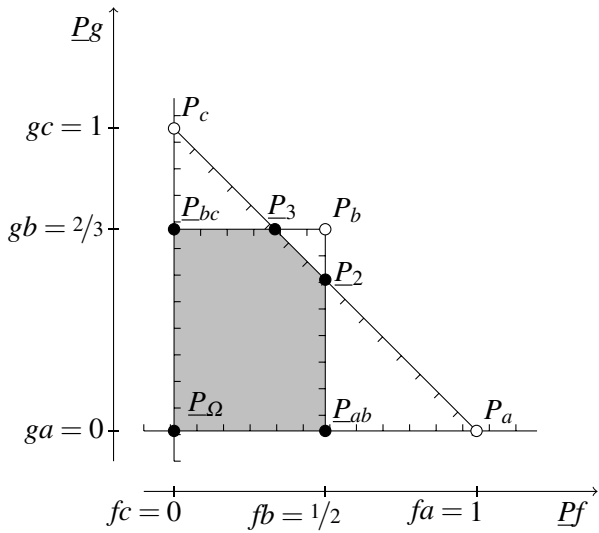




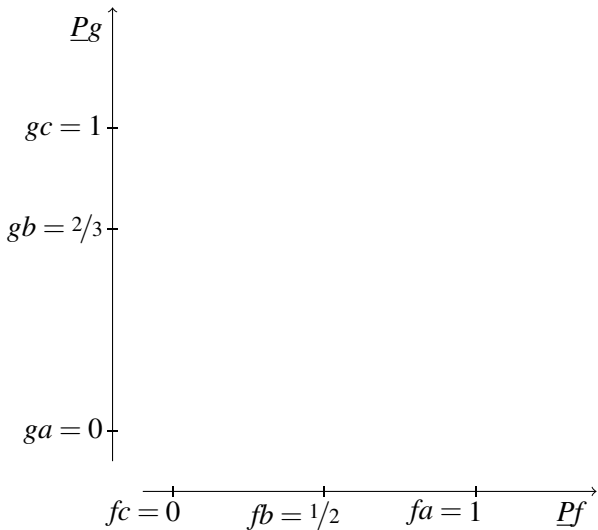




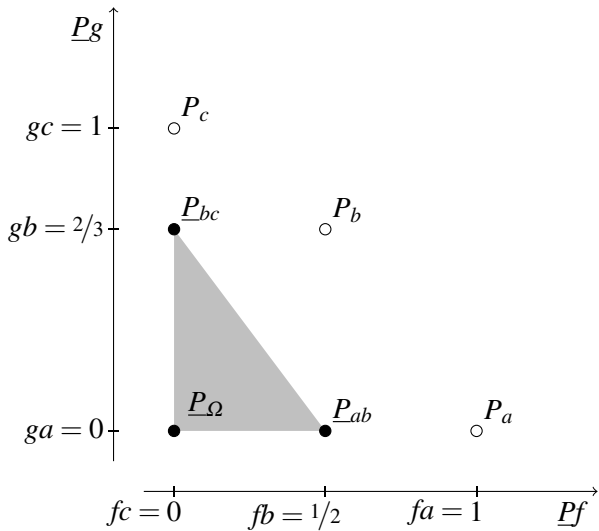




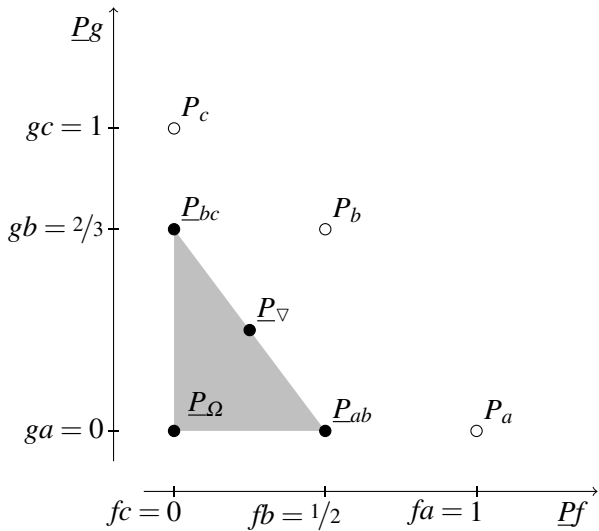
$\underline{P}$  on a lattice  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $n$ -monotone iff  $\underline{P}$  is monotone and
 
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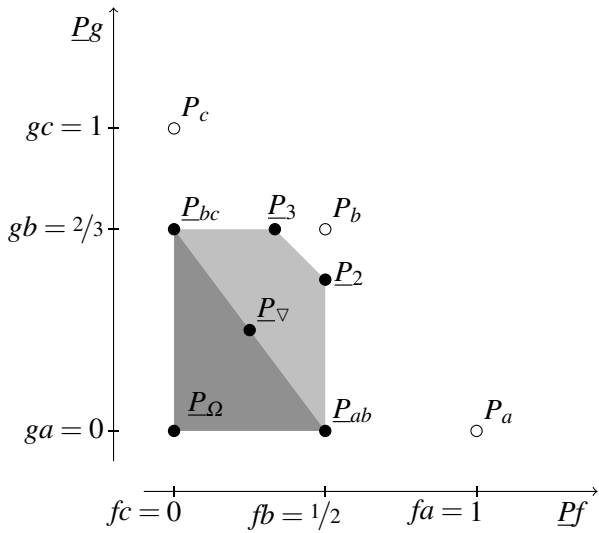
$\mathcal{H}$  lattice based on  $\{f, g, I_a, I_b, I_c\}$ , then project back on  $\mathbb{R}\{f, g, I_a, I_b, I_c\}$

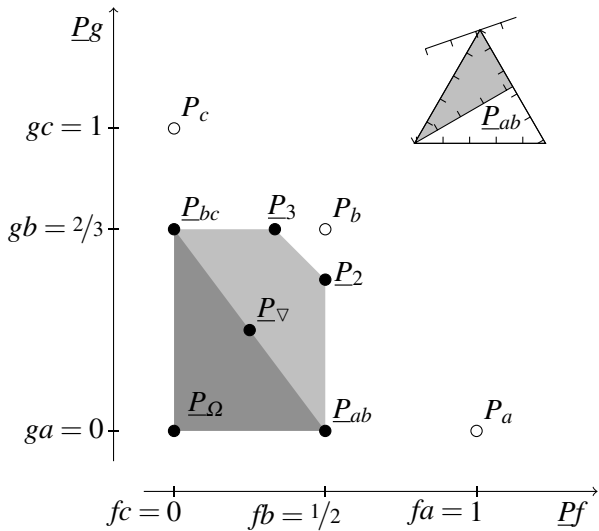


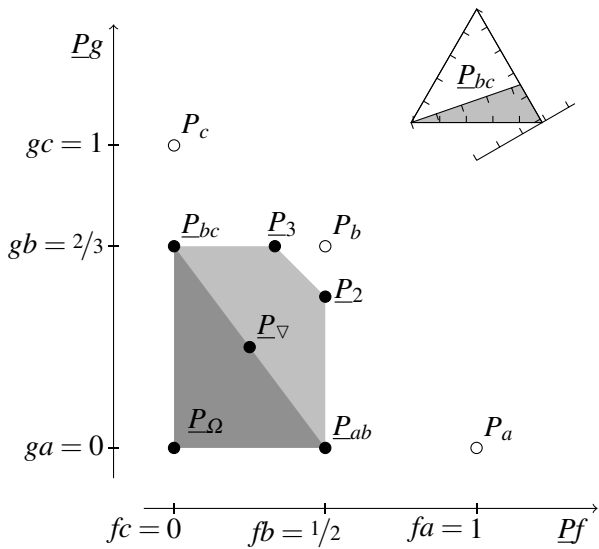
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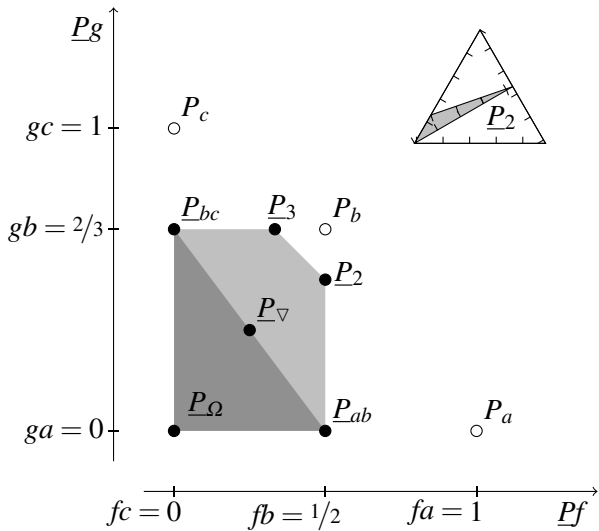


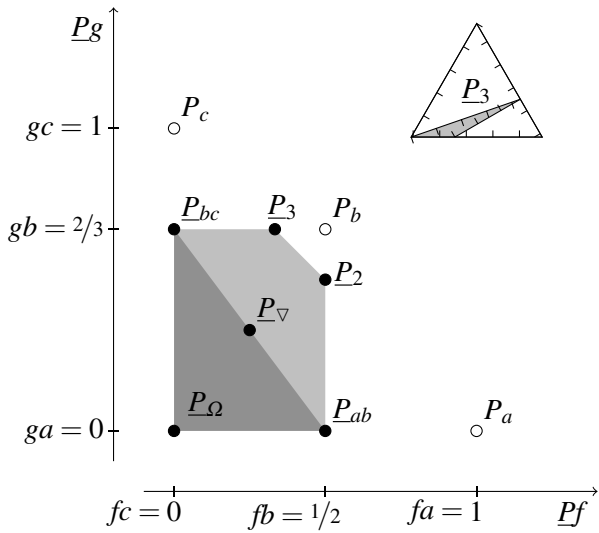
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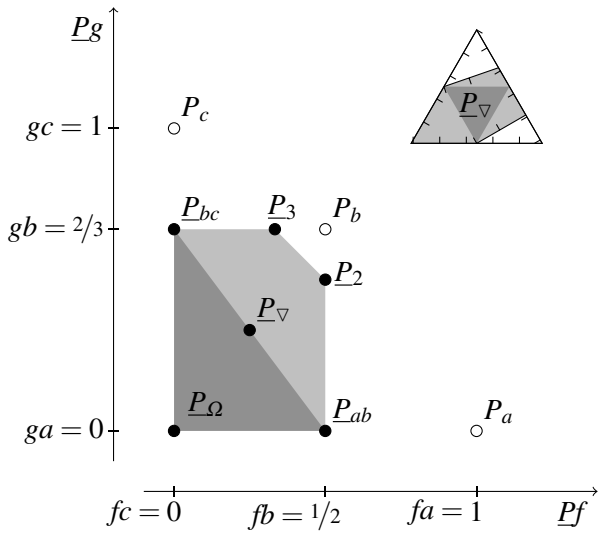


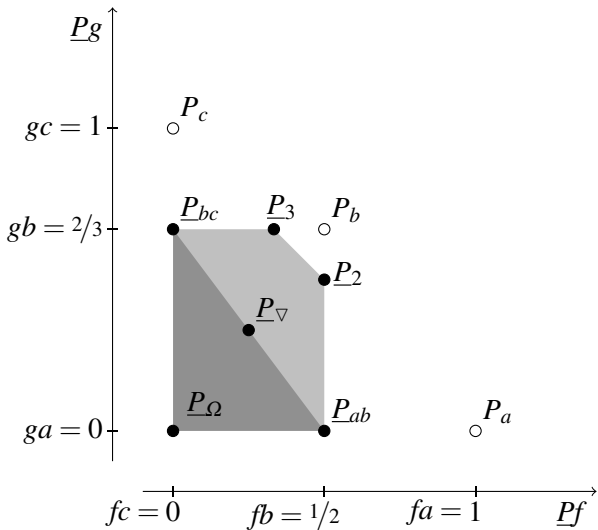






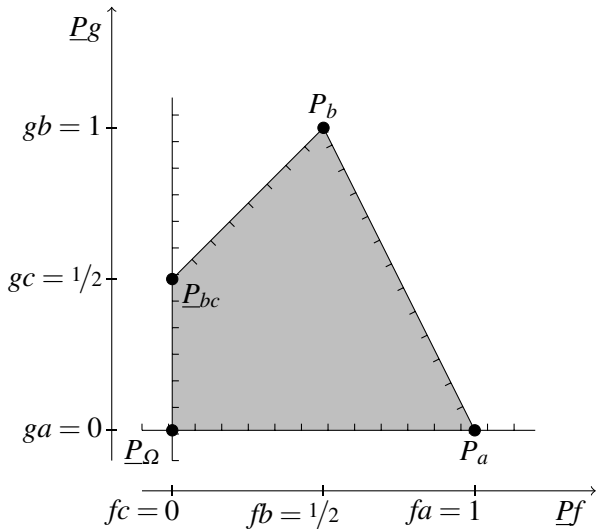


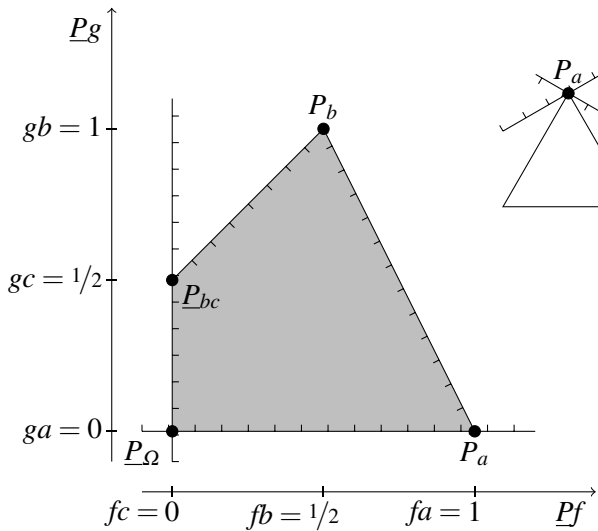


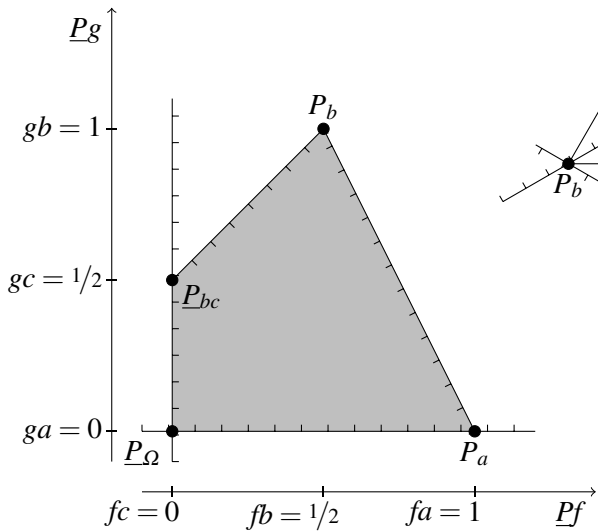


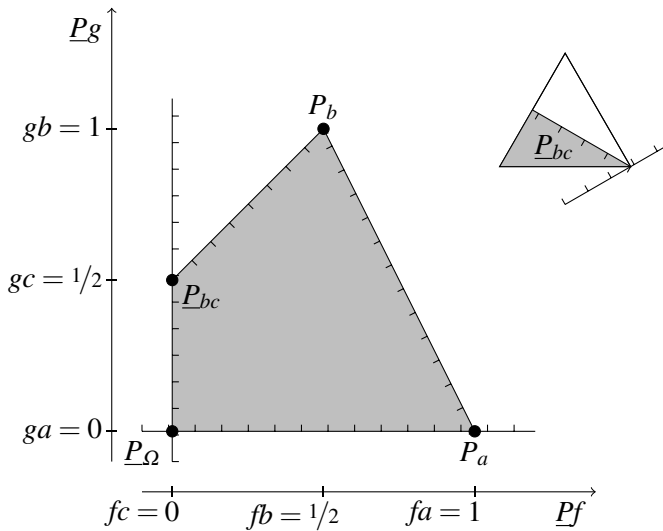
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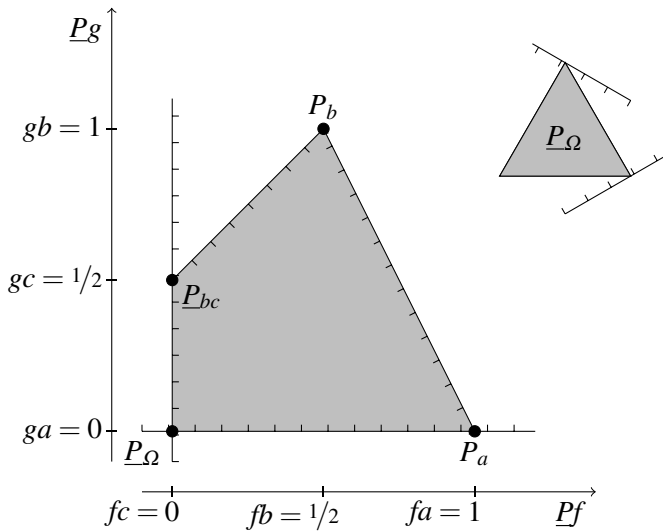
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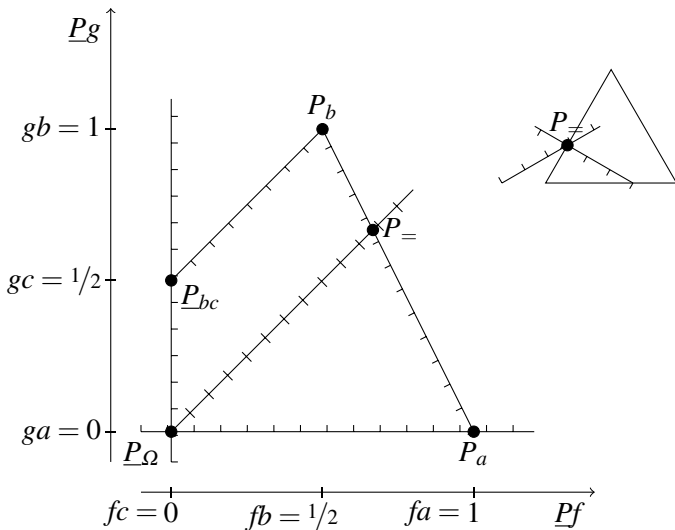






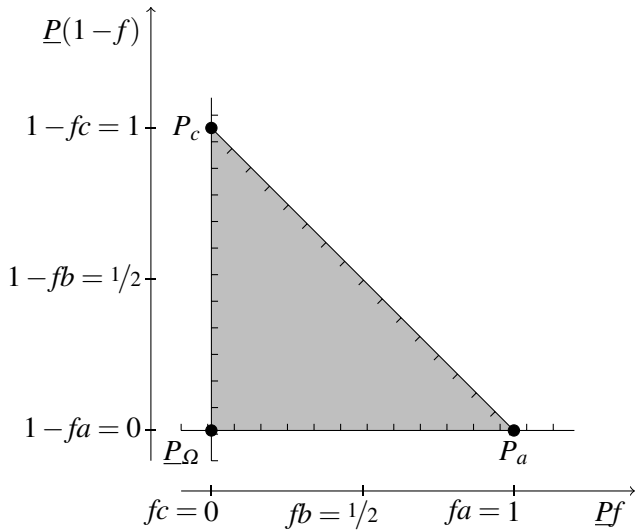


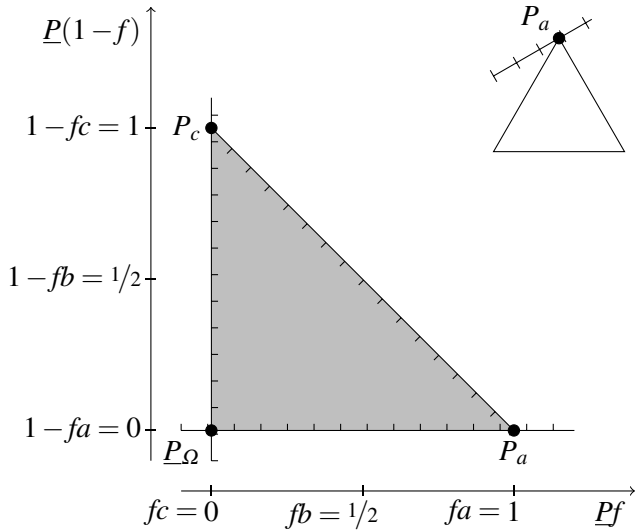


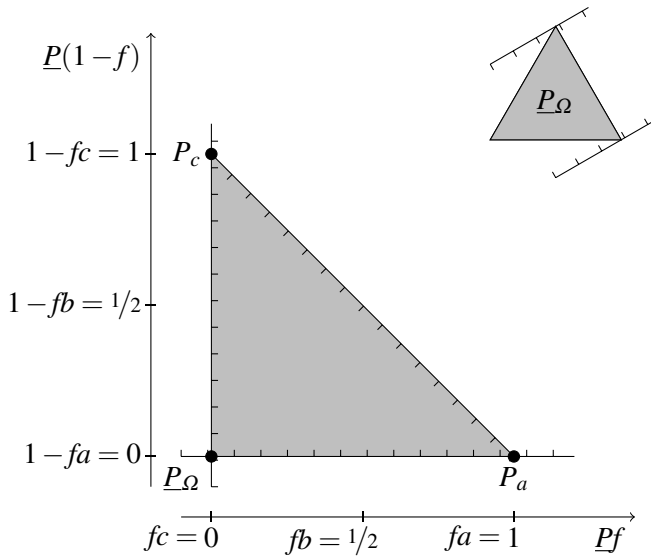


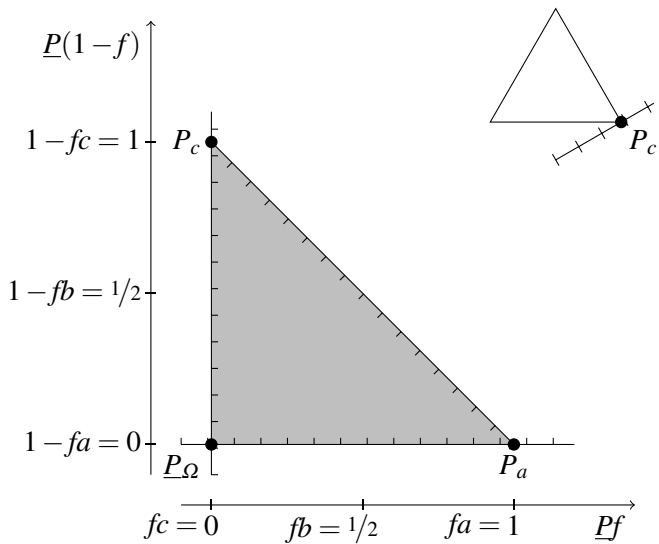
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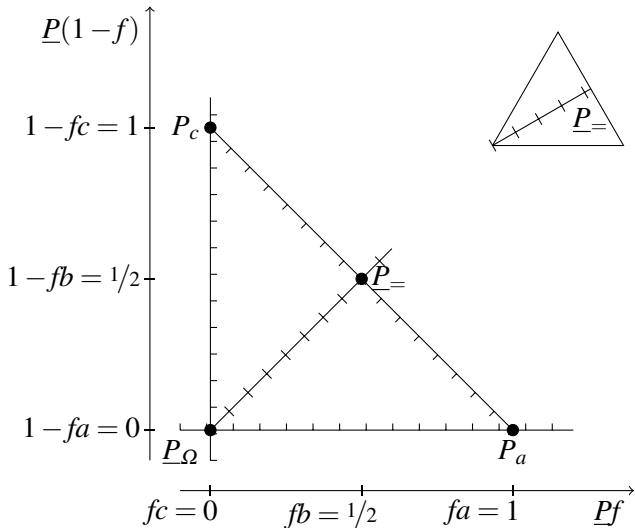
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