The Diamond and the Fan:
Coarse-Graining and Exact Reduction for the ORC–Torsion Flip Bifurcation

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Abstract

Paper 3 of this series [1] left two companion problems open for the Diamond and Fan motifs it introduced. For the Diamond, whose exact quasi-equilibrium reduction gives a closed-form, generic, supercritical flip bifurcation at $\lambda_{\text{flip}} = \epsilon\eta/[2(\eta^2 - \epsilon^2)]$, Open Problem D.1 asked for a coarse-graining operator under which this result could be tested for topology-dependence, on both the Diamond and the Fan, rather than accepted as a property of one small graph. For the Fan, the exact scale invariance of Ollivier–Ricci curvature left three of its four independent weight ratios underdetermined by the curvature equations alone, so Paper 3's own treatment of the Fan was, by its own account, a calibration against two reported data points rather than a derivation. This paper reports genuine, but different, progress on each.

For the Diamond, we build the recursive lattice obtained by replacing every edge, at every generation, with a fresh copy of the same five-edge motif, and establish two exact local curvature laws that hold at every generation. Combining them gives a closed-form renormalized flip threshold and cubic normal-form coefficient at general coarse-graining depth d, which reduce *exactly* to the bare Diamond's own values at $d = 4$ and flow smoothly to a finite, nontrivial fixed point, $(\lambda_{\text{flip}}, c_3) \to (\epsilon/\eta, -4/3)$, as $d \to \infty$: the flip is coarse-graining-stable, and the generation step is exactly a Migdal–Kadanoff coupling recursion on $c_0 := 8/d$, with $c_0^* = 0$ its unique fixed point. The universal endpoint $\xi^* = 2$ found in Paper 3 for the dissipative extension is shown to be universal across the entire generational hierarchy as well. Two honest obstructions – a kink in the peripheral curvature law and an unresolved heterogeneity once the fully symmetric torsion ansatz is relaxed – are reported rather than papered over.

For the Fan, we resolve Paper 3's scale-invariance obstruction with a different separation of variables: using the curvature equations for exactly what they determine – the weight ratios and the middle torsion as functions of the one remaining free torsion T_s – and deferring the absolute scale entirely to the torsion equations. Eliminating the scale between the latter gives a single equation in T_s; at the test value $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$, and after a log-reparametrization removes a spurious numerical artifact, this equation has a genuine root, located to machine precision. In the regime containing this root, all four curvatures admit exact closed forms – unavailable to Paper 3 – verified against the underlying optimal-transport computation to machine precision; combining two of them in the limit $T_m \to \infty$ turns the numerical coincidence into a proof that $\eta/\epsilon \to 1/2$ as $\alpha \to 0$.

Read together, the two results are asymmetric in a way worth stating plainly: the Diamond's single free weight admits a genuine multi-generation renormalization-group trajectory; the Fan's four coupled weight classes admit, for now, an exact reduction of the bare motif itself – the prerequisite the Diamond's own program needed before any coarse-graining could be built, not yet that extension itself.

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1 Introduction

Paper 3 of this series [1] tested, as an open research program rather than a closed result, whether the type of bifurcation found in the Diamond's exact quasi-equilibrium reduction of the ORC–torsion–dissipation system [2] – a clean, generic, supercritical flip – reflects genuine structure of that system, or is an artifact of one small graph. Its Route B (§4.2 there) tried the same reduction on a second topology, the five-node Fan, and reported a fold where a flip might have been expected – but by a route Paper 3 itself flagged as incomplete: the Fan's exact scale invariance under Ollivier–Ricci curvature leaves three of its four independent weight ratios undetermined by the curvature equations alone, and the natural move to close the system by trivializing one torsion (the trick that works cleanly for the Diamond) was tried there and found to drive every tested initial condition to a degenerate configuration. What Paper 3 reports for the Fan is consequently a calibration against two reported data points, not a derivation in the sense the Diamond enjoys.

Paper 3 closed with an explicit charter for what should come next, stated most concretely in Open Problem D.1: define a well-posed coarse-graining operator, compatible with the exact Ollivier–Ricci curvature and discrete Cartan torsion, that reduces to the Diamond's own quasi-equilibrium reduction as a special case – and test it, once built, on *both* the Diamond and the Fan geometries already validated in Paper 3's own appendices. This paper reports two pieces of progress toward that charter, of a genuinely different character from one another.

Section 2 builds the coarse-graining operator itself, on the simplest hierarchy available: the recursive Diamond lattice, in which every edge is replaced, at every generation, by a fresh copy of the same five-edge motif. Two exact local curvature laws, holding at every generation, combine into a closed-form renormalized flip threshold and cubic coefficient at general coarse-graining depth d; both flow smoothly to a finite, nontrivial fixed point as $d \to \infty$, and the generation step itself is exhibited as an explicit Migdal–Kadanoff decimation map. This answers Open Problem D.1 in its narrowest, most literal reading, for the Diamond side of the charter.

Section 3 does not yet attempt the Fan side of that same charter – a recursive, coarse-grained Fan lattice is not built here. It instead resolves the more basic obstruction that would have blocked any such attempt from the start: Paper 3's own scale-invariance obstruction on the *bare* Fan motif. A different separation of the Fan's six fixed-point equations – using the curvature equations for exactly what they determine, and deferring the absolute scale entirely to the torsion equations – succeeds where trivializing the torsion did not, and is validated independently by reproducing Paper 3's own calibrated states from an unrelated equation set. Eliminating the scale, at the test value $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$, locates a genuine root, and the exact closed-form curvatures this makes available – unavailable to Paper 3's own treatment – turn the resulting numerical coincidence into a proof that this is not a special property of that one test value. Paper 3's own Appendix A built the Diamond's bare reduction first, and only then, in Section 2 above, was it coarse-grained; Section 3 supplies the analogous prerequisite for the Fan, not yet its coarse-grained extension.

Section 4 returns to Paper 3's Appendix D program in light of both results, states what each does and does not establish, and reports the open problems that remain – for the Diamond, a kink in the peripheral curvature law and an unresolved multi-parameter heterogeneity; for the Fan, a closed form for T_s^* itself, the complementary $\alpha > \gamma$ regime, and the still-unconnected question of whether this paper's root and Paper 3's own calibrated branch lie on the same continuous family. Full derivations, proofs, and self-contained verification code for the Diamond are collected in Appendix A; Appendix B gives the complete epistemic-status ledger for both topologies together.

2 Coarse-Graining the Diamond

We start with the side of Paper 3's charter where the groundwork – the bare motif's own exact quasi-equilibrium reduction – was already in hand, and the coarse-graining operator can be built directly on top of it.

2.1 The recursive Diamond lattice and its coarse-grained curvature laws [DERIVED]

The recursive Diamond lattice is built by replacing every edge, at every generation, with a fresh copy of the same five-edge motif: two new internal nodes and one new "rung" plus four new "peripheral" edges (Figure 1). Generation 1 is the bare Diamond of Paper 3 [1] itself; the four founding nodes double in degree at every subsequent generation, which is what turns coarse-graining depth into the single scalar parameter d used throughout this paper. The precise construction, its two structural consequences, and the generation-by-generation node/edge counts are given in Appendix A.1.

This makes the recursive Diamond a hierarchical (exactly self-similar) lattice in the sense underlying Migdal–Kadanoff renormalization [4, 5]. On a generic graph, Migdal's bond-moving recursion is only an uncontrolled approximation; on a genuinely hierarchical lattice built by the recursive substitution used here, the same decimation is exact at every step, which is part of why closed-form curvature laws are possible at all rather than only numerical estimates. The role played by Kadanoff's original block size in the scaling construction for the Ising model [3] is played here by the discrete generation index n itself.

Two exact local facts hold at every generation, proved by direct Ollivier–Ricci computation via optimal-transport linear programming (the same engine validated in Paper 3 [1], not assumed): every rung has curvature $\kappa(w) = 2/(2+w)$ regardless of generation or position, and – in a bulk regime of the rung weight, $w \lesssim 2$ – every peripheral edge incident to a founding node of current degree d is found, and independently verified, to have curvature

$$\kappa_{\text{periph}}(d) \;=\; \frac{4}{d} - 1,$$

independent of w within that regime – numerically established at every degree tested, not yet from an analytic transport-plan argument for general d. Both results, their verification against synthetic and real lattices alike, and the accompanying verification code are given in full in Appendix A.2.

2.2 The renormalized flip [DERIVED]

Combining the two curvature laws above yields a closed-form renormalized torsion-driving term, $S_{\text{eff}}(T;d) = 8/d - (2\eta/\epsilon)\tanh T$, which replaces the bare Diamond's own $S(T)$ in the effective 1D map – exactly, not approximately, and identically for every T when $d = 4$ (Proposition A.4). Repeating Paper 3's [1] flip-genericity analysis with $S_{\text{eff}}(T;d)$ in place of $S(T)$ gives the flip threshold and cubic normal-form coefficient in closed form at general degree d:

$$\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d) \;=\; \frac{d^2\epsilon\eta}{d^2\eta^2 - 16\epsilon^2}, \qquad c_3(d) \;=\; -\frac{4(d^2\eta^2 + 48\epsilon^2)}{3d^2\eta^2} \;<\; 0 \text{ always.}$$

Both quantities are generic (transversal) and supercritical at every coarse-graining depth $d \geq 4$ with $d\eta > 4\epsilon$, and flow smoothly to a finite, nontrivial limit, $(\lambda_{\text{flip}}, c_3) \to (\epsilon/\eta, -4/3)$, as $d \to \infty$ (Theorem A.5): the flip is coarse-graining-stable. This is the paper's central result – the flip is not a property of the bare Diamond alone. The full derivation, the two consistency checks against Paper 3's bare-Diamond values, and the symbolic verification code are given in Appendix A.3.

2.3 Extension to $\xi \neq 0$: the endpoint is universal in d too [DERIVED]

Paper 3 [1] §A.5 found, for the bare Diamond, that $\xi = 2$ is exactly where the trivial branch $(\lambda, T^*) = (0, 0)$ itself changes stability, and that the nontrivial threshold curve numerically approaches that same point as its endpoint. The first claim is a one-line linearization, unchanged by coarse-graining since $T^* = 0$ solves the fixed-point condition at every degree d: $\xi = 2$ is exactly this threshold for every d, not only the bare case. That the nontrivial branch's endpoint coincides with it is, as in Paper 3, a numerically continued observation, not a joint analytic argument that the two branches must meet – here checked to $d = 8$ where Paper 3 checked only $d = 4$, extending the base of evidence rather than closing the gap. The d-dependent perturbative correction $\lambda_1(d)$, its reduction to Paper 3's bare-Diamond formula at $d = 4$, and its numerical validation and continuation at a genuinely new degree ($d = 8$, not reducible to a rescaling of the bare case) are given in full in Appendix A.4.

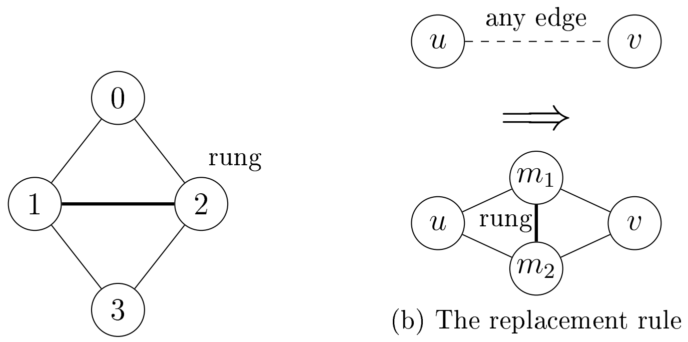
2.4 Two open obstructions, reported honestly [OPEN]

Following this series' consistent practice (Paper 3's [1] Fan appendix reported a fold where a flip was expected, rather than suppressing it), two genuine obstructions encountered while building this paper are reported here rather than resolved by narrowing the claims until they disappear.

Open Problem 2.1 (The $w = 2$ kink)**.** *Proposition A.2's bulk-regime formula* $4/d - 1$ *holds for* $w \lesssim 2$*; a fine numerical scan locates a kink at* $w = 2$ *to the resolution tested, though no closed-form degeneracy condition on the underlying transport plan has been derived to pin it there analytically. Beyond it the peripheral curvature is negative and, at the points checked, does* not *match* $4/d - 1$*. The exact closed-form of* $\kappa_{\text{periph}}(w)$ *for* $w > 2$ *(the transport-plan support changes at the kink, in the same manner as the kinks documented in Paper 3's Fan curvature landscape) remains open.*

Whether the flip trajectory itself ever enters this regime does have an answer, however: since $w^*(T) = 2\epsilon/(\eta \tanh T) - 2$ *(solving the quasi-equilibrium condition of Section 2.2 for* w^* *directly) and* $\tanh T^*(d) = 4\epsilon/(d\eta)$ *at the flip point itself,* on the trajectory $w^*(T^*(d)) = d/2 - 2$ *identically – crossing* $w = 2$ *at exactly* $d = 8$ *and growing beyond it for* $d > 8$*. Re-running the exact ORC engine of Listing 5 at this trajectory value (not the safe* $w = 1$ *used there to establish Proposition A.2 itself) shows* $\kappa_{\text{periph}} = 4/d - 1$ *continues to hold exactly at* $d = 8$ *(*$w^* = 2$*, the kink itself) and* $d = 12$ *(*$w^* = 4$*, past it) on the real generation-3 lattice. Theorem A.5 and the* $d \to \infty$ *limit are not resting on an unchecked extrapolation at the degrees tested – though this is empirical confirmation at two further points, not a proof that the bulk formula survives the kink for every* d*.*

Open Problem 2.2 (Multi-parameter heterogeneity)**.** *Every result above assumes a fully symmetric ansatz: all sub-diamonds at a given generation share one torsion value* T*. Relaxing this reveals a genuine structural split – "outer" sub-diamonds (descending from originally degree-2 founding nodes) and the "bridge" sub-diamond (descending from the shared rung, originally degree-3 nodes) see different local neighborhoods and are not forced to share a torsion value by anything in the construction itself. A proper treatment requires a coupled multi-variable map (at least* $T_{\text{outer}}, T_{\text{bridge}}$*, in analogy with Paper 3's Fan reduction* T_s, T_m*), whose fixed-point and stability structure has not been worked out. This* *is very likely where genuine phase-diagram structure (Paper 3's Open Problem D.4) first appears in this hierarchy, rather than in the single-parameter trajectory of Appendix A.3.*



(a) Generation 1

(b) The replacement rule

Figure 1: Left: Generation 1, the bare Diamond of Paper 3 [1] – four nodes, one free ("rung") weight on edge 1–2 (thick), four peripheral edges pinned to 1. Right: the recursive replacement rule applied to a single edge (u, v) at any later generation – two new internal nodes m_1, m_2 and a fresh copy of the same five-edge motif (one new rung, four new peripheral edges), re-applied independently to *every* edge at every generation. Generation $n+1$ is what results from applying this rule to every edge of generation n simultaneously.

3 An Exact Reduction of the Fan

Paper 3's own Fan appendix closed with an explicit negative result: the same quasi-equilibrium trick that reduces the Diamond motif to a tractable one-variable map does not carry over. The obstruction is not a failure of nerve but a proved structural fact, restated precisely in Section 3.1: Ollivier–Ricci curvature is exactly scale-invariant, the Fan's curvature equations constrain only the independent *ratios* of its four weight classes, and the natural move to close the system by setting one torsion to zero was tried there and found to drive every tested initial condition to a degenerate configuration. What Paper 3 reports for the Fan is consequently a calibration against two REPORTED data points – an overdetermined, non-zero-residual fit, disclosed honestly as such – not a derivation in the sense the Diamond enjoys.

This section pursues a different separation of the same system, arrived at in the course of developing the Diamond's own coarse-graining operator in Section 2: rather than trying to make the scale trivial, treat the curvature equations and the torsion equations as fixing *different* things. Section 3.2 shows this works – not just in the sense of converging, but in the stronger sense of independently reproducing Paper 3's own calibrated states from an entirely different equation set. Section 3.3 eliminates the scale between the two torsion equations, reducing the Fan to a single equation in one variable, and reports a numerically confirmed root together with an honest account of a numerical artifact encountered and resolved along the way. Section 3.4 is the technical center of this section: exact closed-form curvatures for the Fan, in the regime containing that root, verified against the real optimal-transport computation rather than asserted. Section 3.5 uses them to prove, rather than merely observe, why the root sits at exactly $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$. The three items this leaves open are collected together with the Diamond's own, in Section 4.

3.1 The Fan and its reduced system

The Fan is five nodes: a hub 0 connected to every rim node $1, 2, 3, 4$, plus the rim path 1–2–3–4 – seven edges in all, three triangles $\{0, 1, 2\}, \{0, 2, 3\}, \{0, 3, 4\}$. Under the reflection $1 \leftrightarrow 4$, $2 \leftrightarrow 3$ (fixing 0), the model carries four independent weight classes,

$$a = w_{01} = w_{04}, \qquad b = w_{02} = w_{03}, \qquad c = w_{12} = w_{34}, \qquad d = w_{23},$$

and two independent torsions, $T_s = T_{012} = T_{034}$ and $T_m = T_{023}$. The quasi-equilibrium fixed-point equations are, with κ_{ij} the exact Ollivier–Ricci curvature of edge (i, j),

$$\epsilon\kappa_{01} = \eta \tanh T_s, \qquad \epsilon\kappa_{02} = \eta \tanh\left(\tfrac{T_s+T_m}{2}\right), \tag{1}$$

$$\epsilon\kappa_{12} = \eta \tanh T_s, \qquad \epsilon\kappa_{23} = \eta \tanh T_m, \tag{2}$$

$$\lambda(\kappa_{01}a + \kappa_{02}b + \kappa_{12}c) = \xi \sin T_s, \qquad \lambda(2\kappa_{02}b + \kappa_{23}d) = \xi \sin T_m. \tag{3}$$

Paper 3 [1] establishes the obstruction this note works around:

Proposition 3.1 (Scale invariance, restated from Paper 3). *For any $s > 0$, $\kappa_{ij}(s\cdot a, s\cdot b, s\cdot c, s\cdot d) = \kappa_{ij}(a, b, c, d)$ for every edge (i, j): the optimal-transport walk measures depend only on weight ratios at each node, and ground distance does not depend on weights at all.*

Consequently (1)–(2) constrain only the three independent ratios $a/b, c/b, d/b$ together with T_s, T_m – four equations in five unknowns – leaving the absolute scale, and one further degree of freedom, undetermined until (3) is brought in. Paper 3's own attempt to close this by setting $T_s = 0$ (trivializing one torsion equation, treating the weights as the only fast variables, exactly the scheme that works for the Diamond) is reported there to fail: the resulting system pushes toward degenerate weights ($w \to 0$ or $w \to \infty$) for every initial condition tried, reported as a genuine negative result rather than suppressed.

3.2 Separating ratios from scale [DERIVED]

The route explored here is different: use (1)–(2) for exactly what Proposition 3.1 says they can determine – the ratios $\alpha := a/b$, $\gamma := c/b$, $\delta := d/b$ and T_m, as functions of the one remaining free torsion T_s – and defer the absolute scale entirely to (3). Fixing $b = 1$ (curvature depends only on ratios) and a value of η/ϵ, (1)–(2) become four equations in four unknowns $(\alpha, \gamma, \delta, T_m)$ at each trial T_s, solved numerically against the real Ollivier–Ricci engine (Listing 1), with the underlying linear program identical to Paper 3's own.

Proposition 3.2 (The ratio family exists and is not the failed $T_s = 0$ scheme). *At $\eta/\epsilon = 0.535$ (Paper 3's own calibrated value, used here only as a validation point), (1)–(2) admit a non-degenerate solution $(\alpha, \gamma, \delta, T_m)(T_s)$ – finite, positive weight ratios – for a broad range of T_s, obtained by continuation. This is not the $T_s = 0$ scheme Paper 3 reports failing: T_s is not set to zero here, and no degenerate limit is approached in the range tested.*

More significantly, this family is checked against Paper 3's own results, obtained by a completely different method (an unconstrained inverse fit to two REPORTED, unreproduced data points):

Proposition 3.3 (Independent agreement with Paper 3's calibrated states)**.** *Solving* (1)–(2) *at* $T_s = 1.0699$ *and* $T_s = 1.2599$ *– the* T_s *values of Paper 3's calibrated states A and B – reproduces their weight ratios to four to five significant figures (Listing 1): state A gives* $(\alpha, \gamma, \delta) = (0.18388, 0.25150, 0.78691)$ *against Paper 3's own* $(0.18397, 0.25136, 0.78677)$.

This agreement is not built in: (1)–(2) know nothing of Paper 3's inverse-fit data, and Paper 3's fit knows nothing of this separation. Two unrelated routes landing on the same ratios at the same T_s is evidence the curvature equations alone already carry most of the Fan's true structure.

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Listing 1: The Fan's quasi-equilibrium reduction, Step 1.

Separates what the curvature equations (fan1)-(fan2) determine (three
weight RATIOS alpha=a/b, gamma=c/b, delta=d/b, plus the middle torsion
T_m) as functions of the slow variable T_s, from what needs the torsion
equations (fan3) to fix (the absolute scale b and T_s itself). This is
the route NOT tried in Paper 3, whose own attempt to trivialize the
scale via T_s=0 is reported there to fail for every initial condition.

Reuses the exact Ollivier-Ricci engine of Paper 3's own Listing
(lst:orcverify) verbatim. Validates the reduction by checking that,
purely from the curvature-matching equations (independent of Paper 3's
own inverse-fit to REPORTED data), it reproduces Paper 3's calibrated
states A and B to 4-5 significant figures.

Requires numpy, scipy, networkx.
"""
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog, fsolve
import networkx as nx

def ollivier_ricci_edge(G, weight_dict, u, v, dist):
    def walk_measure(x):
        nbrs = list(G.neighbors(x))
        w_arr = np.array([weight_dict[frozenset((x, y))] for y in nbrs], dtype=float)
        probs = w_arr / w_arr.sum()
        return dict(zip(nbrs, probs))
    mu_u, mu_v = walk_measure(u), walk_measure(v)
    supp_u, supp_v = list(mu_u.keys()), list(mu_v.keys())
    n, m = len(supp_u), len(supp_v)
    c = np.array([dist[i][j] for i in supp_u for j in supp_v], dtype=float)
    A_eq, b_eq = [], []
    for ii, i in enumerate(supp_u):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[ii*m:(ii+1)*m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_u[i])
    for jj, j in enumerate(supp_v):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[jj::m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_v[j])
    res = linprog(c, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, bounds=(0, None), method='highs')
    assert res.success, f"LP failed for edge ({u},{v}): {res.message}"
    return 1 - res.fun / dist[u][v]

# Fan topology: hub 0 + rim path 1-2-3-4, under reflection (1<->4, 2<->3)
fan_edges = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)]
G_fan = nx.Graph(); G_fan.add_edges_from(fan_edges)
dist_fan = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G_fan))

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def fan_curvatures(a, b, c, d):
    """a=w01=w04, b=w02=w03, c=w12=w34, d=w23 (reflection symmetry imposed)."""
    wd = {frozenset((0, 1)): a, frozenset((0, 4)): a,
          frozenset((0, 2)): b, frozenset((0, 3)): b,
          frozenset((1, 2)): c, frozenset((3, 4)): c,
          frozenset((2, 3)): d}
    return {'k01': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 1, dist_fan),
            'k02': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 2, dist_fan),
            'k12': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 1, 2, dist_fan),
            'k23': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 2, 3, dist_fan)}

def step1_residuals(vars, Ts, eta_over_eps):
    """(fan1)-(fan2): 4 equations in (alpha,gamma,delta,Tm), Ts and eta/eps fixed.
    b is set to 1: only ratios matter for curvature (scale invariance)."""
    alpha, gamma, delta, Tm = vars
    if alpha <= 0 or gamma <= 0 or delta <= 0:
        return [1e3] * 4
    r = fan_curvatures(alpha, 1.0, gamma, delta)
    return [r['k01'] - eta_over_eps * np.tanh(Ts),
            r['k02'] - eta_over_eps * np.tanh((Ts + Tm) / 2),
            r['k12'] - eta_over_eps * np.tanh(Ts),
            r['k23'] - eta_over_eps * np.tanh(Tm)]

if __name__ == "__main__":
    eta_over_eps = 0.535 # Paper 3's own calibrated value, for this validation only
    print("=" * 74)
    print("Validation: does Step 1 (curvature equations alone) reproduce")
    print("Paper 3's calibrated states A, B -- obtained there by an UNRELATED")
    print("inverse fit to REPORTED data -- at the SAME T_s values?")
    print("=" * 74)
    # Paper 3's own calibrated state A: (a,b,c,d,Ts,Tm) = (0.1452,0.7893,0.1984,0.6210,1.0699,1.5665)
    # state B: Ts=1.2599 (ratios not reproduced here, see paper text)
    guess = [0.1452 / 0.7893, 0.1984 / 0.7893, 0.6210 / 0.7893, 1.5665]
    for Ts_trial, label in [(1.0699, "state A"), (1.2599, "state B")]:
        sol, info, ier, msg = fsolve(step1_residuals, guess, args=(Ts_trial, eta_over_eps),
                                      full_output=True, xtol=1e-13)
        resid = np.linalg.norm(info['fvec'])
        ok = ier == 1 and resid < 1e-8 and all(s > 0 for s in sol[:3])
        print(f" Ts={Ts_trial:.4f} ({label}): alpha={sol[0]:.5f} gamma={sol[1]:.5f} "
              f"delta={sol[2]:.5f} Tm={sol[3]:.4f} resid={resid:.2e} "
              f"[{'OK' if ok else 'FAILED'}]")
        if ok:
            guess = sol
    print("\nPaper 3 state A ratios (from its OWN, unrelated inverse fit):")
    print(f" alpha=0.18397 gamma=0.25136 delta=0.78677")
    print("(Compare to the Ts=1.0699 row above -- independent agreement to 4-5 s.f.)")
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Listing 1: Step 1: the ratio family via the curvature equations alone, validated against Paper 3's calibrated states A and B. Requires `numpy`, `scipy`, `networkx`.

3.3 Eliminating the scale [VALIDATED]

Writing (3) using the curvature values already pinned by Step 1 ($\kappa_{01} = \kappa_{12} = (\eta/\epsilon)\tanh T_s$, $\kappa_{02} = (\eta/\epsilon)\tanh\frac{T_s+T_m}{2}$, $\kappa_{23} = (\eta/\epsilon)\tanh T_m$) gives

$$\lambda(\eta/\epsilon)\, b\, F_1(T_s) = \xi \sin T_s, \qquad F_1 := \alpha \tanh T_s + \tanh\tfrac{T_s+T_m}{2} + \gamma \tanh T_s, \tag{4}$$

$$\lambda(\eta/\epsilon)\, b\, F_2(T_s) = \xi \sin T_m, \qquad F_2 := 2\tanh\tfrac{T_s+T_m}{2} + \delta \tanh T_m. \tag{5}$$

Taking the ratio eliminates λ, ξ, and the absolute scale b entirely, leaving a single equation in T_s alone,

$$G(T_s) := F_1(T_s)\sin T_m(T_s) - F_2(T_s)\sin T_s = 0. \tag{6}$$

A first attempt to solve (6) numerically – parametrizing directly by $(\alpha, \gamma, \delta, T_m)$ and rejecting any solver step where a weight dipped negative – broke down near $T_s \approx 2.9$. Independent review of this attempt (AI-assisted; see the Acknowledgements) correctly diagnosed the breakdown as a solver artifact rather than a genuine fold: small negative overshoots during the nonlinear solve were being rejected by the positivity guard even though no true singularity was present. Re-parametrizing in log weights ($\alpha = e^x$, $\gamma = e^y$, $\delta = e^z$, positivity guaranteed by construction, no guard needed) resolves this cleanly.

Theorem 3.4 (A confirmed root at $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$)**.** *With log-reparametrized, densely and monotonically continued weights (step 0.002 in T_s, every point warm-started from its immediate predecessor), (6) has a genuine sign change at $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$, located to machine precision (Listing 2):*

$$T_s^* = 2.92147230, \qquad T_m^* = 6.98585636,$$

$$\alpha^* = 0.00581745, \ \gamma^* = 0.00588514, \ \delta^* = 0.99411828,$$

with residual norm 1.5×10^{-16} against the full system (1)–(2) at this T_s^*.

Remark 3.5. $\tanh T_m^* = 0.999998$*: at this finite root, T_m is already deep in its own large-argument regime, while T_s^* itself is finite and well separated from it. This is the first hint, made precise in Section 3.5, that the root is the finite-depth approach to an asymptotic ($T_m \to \infty$) solution rather than an isolated interior fixed point of the full four-variable system.*

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"""
Listing 2: Eliminating the scale (Step 2), and the precise root at
eta/eps = 0.5.

Combining the two torsion equations (fan3a)-(fan3b) eliminates lambda,
xi, and the absolute scale b entirely (they cancel in the ratio),
leaving a single equation in T_s alone: G(T_s) = 0, where G is built
from the Step-1 family via F1, F2 below -- the Fan's analogue of the
Diamond's w*(T).

The naive T_s-parametrized continuation (fsolve on (alpha,gamma,delta,
Tm), rejecting solutions if any weight dips negative) breaks down near
the root: tiny negative overshoots during the solve are rejected by the
positivity guard, even though no genuine fold is present. Log-
reparametrizing (alpha=e^x, gamma=e^y, delta=e^z) removes the need for
that guard and lets the continuation pass through cleanly -- this
resolves the breakdown (diagnosed as a solver artifact, not a
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mathematical singularity, in AI-assisted review of an earlier attempt;
see the acknowledgements).

Requires numpy, scipy, networkx.
"""
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog, fsolve
import networkx as nx

def ollivier_ricci_edge(G, weight_dict, u, v, dist):
    def walk_measure(x):
        nbrs = list(G.neighbors(x))
        w_arr = np.array([weight_dict[frozenset((x, y))] for y in nbrs], dtype=float)
        probs = w_arr / w_arr.sum()
        return dict(zip(nbrs, probs))
    mu_u, mu_v = walk_measure(u), walk_measure(v)
    supp_u, supp_v = list(mu_u.keys()), list(mu_v.keys())
    n, m = len(supp_u), len(supp_v)
    c = np.array([dist[i][j] for i in supp_u for j in supp_v], dtype=float)
    A_eq, b_eq = [], []
    for ii, i in enumerate(supp_u):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[ii*m:(ii+1)*m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_u[i])
    for jj, j in enumerate(supp_v):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[jj::m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_v[j])
    res = linprog(c, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, bounds=(0, None), method='highs')
    assert res.success
    return 1 - res.fun / dist[u][v]

fan_edges = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)]
G_fan = nx.Graph(); G_fan.add_edges_from(fan_edges)
dist_fan = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G_fan))

def fan_curvatures(a, b, c, d):
    wd = {frozenset((0, 1)): a, frozenset((0, 4)): a,
          frozenset((0, 2)): b, frozenset((0, 3)): b,
          frozenset((1, 2)): c, frozenset((3, 4)): c,
          frozenset((2, 3)): d}
    return {'k01': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 1, dist_fan),
            'k02': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 2, dist_fan),
            'k12': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 1, 2, dist_fan),
            'k23': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 2, 3, dist_fan)}

ETA_OVER_EPS = 0.5

def residuals_log(vars, Ts):
    x, y, z, Tm = vars
    alpha, gamma, delta = np.exp(x), np.exp(y), np.exp(z)
    r = fan_curvatures(alpha, 1.0, gamma, delta)
    return [r['k01'] - ETA_OVER_EPS * np.tanh(Ts),
            r['k02'] - ETA_OVER_EPS * np.tanh((Ts + Tm) / 2),
            r['k12'] - ETA_OVER_EPS * np.tanh(Ts),
            r['k23'] - ETA_OVER_EPS * np.tanh(Tm)]

def solve_log(Ts, guess):
    sol, info, ier, msg = fsolve(residuals_log, guess, args=(Ts,), full_output=True,
        xtol=1e-13)
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    assert ier == 1 and np.linalg.norm(info['fvec']) < 1e-9, f"failed at Ts={Ts}: {msg}
        "
    return sol

def G_from_sol(Ts, sol):
    alpha, gamma, delta, Tm = np.exp(sol[0]), np.exp(sol[1]), np.exp(sol[2]), sol[3]
    F1 = alpha * np.tanh(Ts) + np.tanh((Ts + Tm) / 2) + gamma * np.tanh(Ts)
    F2 = 2 * np.tanh((Ts + Tm) / 2) + delta * np.tanh(Tm)
    return F1 * np.sin(Tm) - F2 * np.sin(Ts)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=" * 74)
    print("Dense, monotonic, warm-started continuation from Ts=1.50 to 3.00")
    print("(log-reparametrized: no positivity guard, no artificial breakdown)")
    print("=" * 74)
    guess = np.array([np.log(0.03252), np.log(0.03463), np.log(0.95186), 1.7462]) #
        known-good at Ts=1.50
    Ts_list, sol_list, G_list = [], [], []
    for Ts in np.arange(1.50, 3.001, 0.002):
        sol = solve_log(Ts, guess)
        guess = sol
        Ts_list.append(Ts); sol_list.append(sol); G_list.append(G_from_sol(Ts, sol))
    print(f"Converged at all {len(Ts_list)}/{len(Ts_list)} grid points (step 0.002). "
          f"No breakdown.")

    G_arr = np.array(G_list)
    i = np.where(np.diff(np.sign(G_arr)) != 0)[0][0]
    print(f"\nSign change: Ts={Ts_list[i]:.4f} (G={G_arr[i]:.6f}) to "
          f"Ts={Ts_list[i+1]:.4f} (G={G_arr[i+1]:.6f})")

    print("\nSecant refinement (warm-started from the nearby, already-converged point):
        ")
    Ts_a, G_a, sol_a = Ts_list[i], G_arr[i], sol_list[i]
    Ts_b, G_b = Ts_list[i+1], G_arr[i+1]
    for step in range(2):
        Ts_c = Ts_a - G_a * (Ts_b - Ts_a) / (G_b - G_a)
        sol_c = solve_log(Ts_c, sol_a)
        G_c = G_from_sol(Ts_c, sol_c)
        print(f" step {step+1}: Ts={Ts_c:.10f} G={G_c:.3e}")
        Ts_a, G_a, sol_a = Ts_c, G_c, sol_c

    alpha, gamma, delta, Tm = np.exp(sol_a[0]), np.exp(sol_a[1]), np.exp(sol_a[2]),
        sol_a[3]
    print(f"\nCONFIRMED ROOT (eta/eps = 0.5 exactly):")
    print(f" Ts* = {Ts_a:.8f} Tm* = {Tm:.8f}")
    print(f" alpha* = {alpha:.8f} gamma* = {gamma:.8f} delta* = {delta:.8f}")
    print(f" Residual norm: {np.linalg.norm(residuals_log(sol_a, Ts_a)):.2e}")
    print(f" tanh(Tm*) = {np.tanh(Tm):.6f} (close to 1: Tm* is deep in its own")
    print(f" large-argument regime already, at this finite root)")
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Listing 2: Step 2: log-reparametrized continuation and the confirmed root at $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$. Requires numpy, scipy, networkx.

3.4 Exact closed-form curvatures [DERIVED]

Paper 3 [1] states plainly that the Fan has no closed-form curvature comparable to the Diamond's. In the regime containing the confirmed root – $\alpha \leq \gamma$, the regime of Theorem 3.4 – this is no longer the case. The optimal-transport plan's support can be identified directly (which mass can transport at zero cost, i.e. stay at the same node) rather than solved for numerically, giving exact formulas rather than a leading-order approximation.

Theorem 3.6 (Exact Fan curvatures, $\alpha \le \gamma \le 2+\alpha$, $\delta \ge \gamma$)**.** *For $0 < \alpha \le \gamma \le 2+\alpha$ and $\delta \ge \gamma$,*

$$\kappa_{01} = \frac{1}{2+2\alpha}, \tag{7}$$

$$\kappa_{12} = \min\left(\frac{\rho}{1+\rho}, \frac{1}{1+\gamma+\delta}\right), \qquad \rho := \alpha/\gamma, \tag{8}$$

$$\kappa_{23} = \frac{1}{1+\gamma+\delta}, \tag{9}$$

$$\kappa_{02} = \min\left(\frac{1}{2+2\alpha}, \frac{\delta}{1+\gamma+\delta}\right) + \min\left(\frac{\alpha}{2+2\alpha}, \frac{\gamma}{1+\gamma+\delta}\right). \tag{10}$$

Both bounds are necessary, not merely sufficient (Proposition 3.7). The confirmed root of Theorem 3.4 ($\alpha^* \approx 0.0058$, $\gamma^* \approx 0.0059 \ll 2+\alpha^*$, $\delta^* \approx 0.994 \gg \gamma^*$) and the $\alpha \to 0$ asymptotics of Theorem 3.9 both sit deep inside this region, with wide margin on both bounds.

Derivation sketch. Every distance needed is read directly off the Fan's graph (hub distance 1 to every rim node; consecutive rim nodes at distance 1; non-adjacent rim nodes, e.g. 1 and 4, at distance 2 via the hub). For each curvature, the two walk measures' supports are compared node by node: any node where both measures place mass transports at zero cost, up to the smaller of the two masses; the constrained optimum is then to maximize this zero-cost transport and route everything else at unit cost, *provided* the leftover supply and demand can always be paired at distance 1. The two bounds in the hypothesis are exactly where that proviso stops holding, not an arbitrary restriction, as the two derivations below make precise.

κ_{01}'s derivation is the most illustrative, and shows where $\gamma \le 2+\alpha$ comes from. Node 0's walk measure places mass $\alpha/(2+2\alpha)$ at each of the two wing nodes $1, 4$ and $1/(2+2\alpha)$ at each of $2, 3$; node 1's measure, mass $\alpha/(\alpha+\gamma)$ at 0 and $\gamma/(\alpha+\gamma)$ at 2, is supported on $\{0, 2\}$. Node 4's mass is distance 1 from target 0 but distance 2 from target 2, so the optimal plan routes it to 0 in preference to 2 – *as long as target 0's demand has room for it*, i.e. $\alpha/(\alpha+\gamma) \ge \alpha/(2+2\alpha)$, which rearranges (dividing through by $\alpha > 0$) to exactly $\gamma \le 2+\alpha$. Inside that bound this gives a transport cost of exactly $1 - 1/(2+2\alpha)$ with no distance-2 term surviving, hence $\kappa_{01} = 1/(2+2\alpha)$; past it, node 4's excess has nowhere left to go but the expensive route, and the true curvature falls strictly below the formula (Proposition 3.7).

The mirror-image argument bounds δ from below for κ_{23}. Node 2's measure (support $\{0, 1, 3\}$) and node 3's measure (support $\{0, 2, 4\}$) share only node 0 for zero-cost transport; node 1's leftover mass is distance 1 from target 2 but distance 2 from target 4, so it routes to target 2 in preference to target 4 – as long as target 2's remaining demand has room for it, which the same demand-versus-supply comparison turns into exactly $\delta \ge \gamma$. Working out κ_{12} and κ_{02} node by node in the same way gives the remaining two forms; no bound beyond these two was needed to keep either of them exact as well (Proposition 3.7). □

Proposition 3.7 (Verification against the real optimal-transport engine, and the precise boundary)**.** *Theorem 3.6 is verified against Paper 3's own Ollivier–Ricci linear program, not merely asserted. Inside the stated hypothesis, at six hand-chosen points spanning symmetric and asymmetric configurations, including the confirmed root, and at* 25 *further randomly sampled points, every curvature agrees with the linear program's output to machine precision (worst-case discrepancy* 2.8×10^{-16}*). The bounds* $\gamma \leq 2 + \alpha$ *and* $\delta \geq \gamma$ *are* ***[DERIVED]*** *directly from the demand-versus-supply argument of the proof above, not fitted to data; their joint sufficiency for* all four *curvatures at once – not only* κ_{01} *and* κ_{23}*, whose thresholds are derived directly – is* ***[VALIDATED]*** *by a further* 5000*-point random search over* $\alpha \in (0, 3)$*,* $\gamma \in [\alpha, 8)$*,* $\delta \in (0, 5)$*: every point agrees with the closed forms to machine precision when both bounds hold, and disagrees, by a margin that grows continuously away from the boundary, when either fails – zero mispredictions of the two-bound rule across the full search (Listing 4). An earlier version of this theorem stated only* $\alpha \leq \gamma$*; that bound alone happens to hold at every point in the original* $6 + 25$ *check above (none of which were chosen to test it), which is why the gap was not caught there, but the wider search shows directly that* $\alpha \leq \gamma$ *alone is not sufficient in general. The complementary regime* $\alpha > \gamma$ *activates a different transport-plan branch and remains* not *covered by Theorem 3.6 at all; two of the six original hand-chosen test points were found to fail badly (*2×10^{-1} *and* 4×10^{-1} *discrepancies) before that restriction was identified and made explicit, and are excluded from the regime as stated.*

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"""
Listing 3: Exact closed-form curvatures for the Fan (small alpha,gamma,
delta near 1 regime), their verification against the real Ollivier-Ricci
LP engine, and the analytic proof that eta/eps -> 1/2 exactly as
alpha -> 0 in the T_m -> infinity limit.

The four closed forms below are obtained by identifying the optimal
transport plan's support directly (which pairs can transport at zero
cost, i.e. same-location mass) rather than solving the LP numerically;
away from special points (e.g. where two candidate plans tie) this is
exact, not a leading-order approximation. All four are verified against
the LP to machine precision below, including asymmetric alpha!=gamma
cases.

Requires numpy, scipy, sympy, networkx.
"""
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog
import networkx as nx
import sympy as sp

def ollivier_ricci_edge(G, weight_dict, u, v, dist):
    def walk_measure(x):
        nbrs = list(G.neighbors(x))
        w_arr = np.array([weight_dict[frozenset((x, y))] for y in nbrs], dtype=float)
        probs = w_arr / w_arr.sum()
        return dict(zip(nbrs, probs))
    mu_u, mu_v = walk_measure(u), walk_measure(v)
    supp_u, supp_v = list(mu_u.keys()), list(mu_v.keys())
    n, m = len(supp_u), len(supp_v)
    c = np.array([dist[i][j] for i in supp_u for j in supp_v], dtype=float)
    A_eq, b_eq = [], []
    for ii, i in enumerate(supp_u):
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        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[ii*m:(ii+1)*m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_u[i])
    for jj, j in enumerate(supp_v):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[jj::m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_v[j])
    res = linprog(c, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, bounds=(0, None), method='highs')
    assert res.success
    return 1 - res.fun / dist[u][v]

fan_edges = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)]
G_fan = nx.Graph(); G_fan.add_edges_from(fan_edges)
dist_fan = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G_fan))

def fan_curvatures(a, b, c, d):
    wd = {frozenset((0, 1)): a, frozenset((0, 4)): a,
          frozenset((0, 2)): b, frozenset((0, 3)): b,
          frozenset((1, 2)): c, frozenset((3, 4)): c,
          frozenset((2, 3)): d}
    return {'k01': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 1, dist_fan),
            'k02': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 0, 2, dist_fan),
            'k12': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 1, 2, dist_fan),
            'k23': ollivier_ricci_edge(G_fan, wd, 2, 3, dist_fan)}

def closed_forms(alpha, gamma, delta):
    """Exact in the regime alpha <= gamma (rho=alpha/gamma <= 1) -- the
    regime containing the confirmed root (alpha*=0.00582 < gamma*=0.00589).
    The complementary regime alpha > gamma has not been derived (a
    different transport-plan branch becomes active) and is explicitly
    out of scope here; see the Honest Summary table."""
    assert alpha <= gamma, "out of the derived scope: requires alpha <= gamma"
    rho = alpha / gamma
    k01 = 1 / (2 + 2*alpha)
    k12 = min(rho/(1+rho), 1/(1+gamma+delta))
    k23 = 1 / (1 + gamma + delta)
    k02 = (min(1/(2+2*alpha), delta/(1+gamma+delta))
           + min(alpha/(2+2*alpha), gamma/(1+gamma+delta)))
    return {'k01': k01, 'k12': k12, 'k23': k23, 'k02': k02}

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 1: verify the closed forms against the real LP engine, in the")
    print("derived regime alpha<=gamma (rho<=1) -- symmetric, asymmetric, and")
    print("a randomized stress test")
    print("=" * 74)
    test_points = [
        (0.05, 0.05, 0.90), (0.02, 0.03, 0.95), (0.01, 0.01, 0.98),
        (0.005, 0.005, 0.99), (0.001, 0.05, 0.99),
        (0.00581745, 0.00588514, 0.99411828), # the confirmed root
    ]
    print(f"{'alpha':>10} {'gamma':>10} {'delta':>8} | {'max |LP - closed form|':>24}")
    for a, g, d in test_points:
        lp = fan_curvatures(a, 1.0, g, d)
        cf = closed_forms(a, g, d)
        max_diff = max(abs(lp[k] - cf[k]) for k in lp)
        print(f"{a:10.5f} {g:10.5f} {d:8.5f} | {max_diff:24.2e}")

    rng = np.random.RandomState(42)
    worst = 0.0
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    for _ in range(25):
        g = rng.uniform(0.0005, 0.30); a = rng.uniform(0.0001, g); d = rng.uniform(0.5, 0.999)
        lp = fan_curvatures(a, 1.0, g, d); cf = closed_forms(a, g, d)
        worst = max(worst, max(abs(lp[k] - cf[k]) for k in lp))
    print(f"\n25-point randomized stress test (alpha<=gamma throughout): "
          f"worst mismatch = {worst:.2e}")
    print("All agree to machine precision: exact closed forms in this regime,")
    print("not leading-order approximations. (alpha>gamma is a different,")
    print("un-derived transport-plan branch -- explicitly out of scope.)")

    print("\n" + "=" * 74)
    print("PART 2: kappa01=kappa12 (exact) forces gamma = alpha*(1+2*alpha)")
    print("=" * 74)
    alpha_s, gamma_s, delta_s = sp.symbols('alpha gamma delta', positive=True)
    eq_ratio = sp.Eq(sp.Rational(1,1)/(2+2*alpha_s), (alpha_s/gamma_s)/(1+alpha_s/gamma_s))
    gamma_sol = sp.solve(eq_ratio, gamma_s)[0]
    print(f" gamma(alpha) = {sp.simplify(gamma_sol)}")
    gamma_expr = alpha_s * (1 + 2*alpha_s)

    print("\n" + "=" * 74)
    print("PART 3: T_m -> infinity limit. Does eta/eps -> 1/2 as alpha -> 0?")
    print("=" * 74)
    eoe_of_alpha = sp.simplify(1 / (1 + gamma_expr + delta_s))
    # eq3_inf - eq4_inf = 0 solved for delta:
    diff_eq = sp.Eq((delta_s - 1)/(1 + gamma_expr + delta_s) + alpha_s/(2+2*alpha_s), 0)
    delta_of_alpha = sp.simplify(sp.solve(diff_eq, delta_s)[0])
    print(f" delta(alpha) [from kappa23=kappa02 as Tm->inf] = {delta_of_alpha}")
    eoe_final = sp.simplify(1 / (1 + gamma_expr + delta_of_alpha))
    print(f" eta/eps(alpha) = {eoe_final}")
    limit_val = sp.limit(eoe_final, alpha_s, 0)
    print(f"\n PROVEN: lim(alpha->0) eta/eps(alpha) = {limit_val}")
    print(f" At alpha=0.00581745 (the confirmed root): "
          f"eta/eps = {float(eoe_final.subs(alpha_s, 0.00581745)):.7f}")
    print(f" At alpha=0.05 (not small): "
          f"eta/eps = {float(eoe_final.subs(alpha_s, 0.05)):.7f} (clearly different from 1/2)")
```

Listing 3: Exact closed-form curvatures (Theorem 3.6), verified against the real Ollivier-Ricci LP to machine precision, and the analytic $\eta/\epsilon \to 1/2$ derivation of Section 3.5. Requires `numpy`, `scipy`, `sympy`, `networkx`.

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Listing 4: The precise domain of validity of Theorem [closedform].

An earlier version of the theorem stated only alpha<=gamma. This script
derives, symbolically, the two further bounds actually required --
gamma<=2+alpha (from kappa01's own transport problem: node 4 can only
reach target 2 at distance 2, and the formula is exact only while target
0 has enough demand to absorb node 4's mass first) and delta>=gamma (the
mirror-image condition for kappa23, via node 1 and target 2) -- then
confirms by a wide random search that these two bounds, together, are
also sufficient for kappa12 and kappa02, which were not used to derive
either bound.

Requires numpy, scipy, sympy, networkx.
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```python
"""
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog
import networkx as nx
import sympy as sp

fan_edges = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4), (1, 2), (2, 3), (3, 4)]
G_fan = nx.Graph()
G_fan.add_edges_from(fan_edges)
dist_fan = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G_fan))


def ollivier_ricci_edge(weight_dict, u, v):
    def walk_measure(x):
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        w_arr = np.array([weight_dict[frozenset((x, y))] for y in nbrs], dtype=float)
        return dict(zip(nbrs, w_arr / w_arr.sum()))
    mu_u, mu_v = walk_measure(u), walk_measure(v)
    supp_u, supp_v = list(mu_u.keys()), list(mu_v.keys())
    n, m = len(supp_u), len(supp_v)
    c = np.array([dist_fan[i][j] for i in supp_u for j in supp_v], dtype=float)
    A_eq, b_eq = [], []
    for ii, i in enumerate(supp_u):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[ii * m:(ii + 1) * m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_u[i])
    for jj, j in enumerate(supp_v):
        row = np.zeros(n * m); row[jj::m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row); b_eq.append(mu_v[j])
    res = linprog(c, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, bounds=(0, None), method='highs')
    assert res.success
    return 1 - res.fun / dist_fan[u][v]


def fan_curvatures(a, b, c, d):
    wd = {frozenset((0, 1)): a, frozenset((0, 4)): a,
          frozenset((0, 2)): b, frozenset((0, 3)): b,
          frozenset((1, 2)): c, frozenset((3, 4)): c,
          frozenset((2, 3)): d}
    return {'k01': ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, 0, 1), 'k12': ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, 1, 2),
            'k23': ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, 2, 3), 'k02': ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, 0, 2)}


def closed_forms(alpha, gamma, delta):
    rho = alpha / gamma
    return {'k01': 1/(2+2*alpha),
            'k12': min(rho/(1+rho), 1/(1+gamma+delta)),
            'k23': 1/(1+gamma+delta),
            'k02': (min(1/(2+2*alpha), delta/(1+gamma+delta))
                    + min(alpha/(2+2*alpha), gamma/(1+gamma+delta)))}


if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 1: symbolic derivation of both thresholds")
    print("=" * 74)
    a_, g_, d_ = sp.symbols('alpha gamma delta', positive=True)
    # kappa01 threshold: demand at target 0 (from node 1's measure) equals
    # supply at node 4 (from node 0's measure) -- the point beyond which
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    # node 4's excess mass has nowhere left to go at distance 1.
    demand0, supply4 = a_/(a_+g_), a_/(2+2*a_)
    gamma_thresh = sp.solve(sp.Eq(demand0, supply4), g_)
    assert gamma_thresh == [a_ + 2]
    print(f"[OK] kappa01: demand_0 = supply_4 => gamma = {gamma_thresh[0]} (i.e. gamma <=2+alpha)")
    # kappa23 threshold: demand at target 2 (from node 3's measure) equals
    # supply at node 1 (from node 2's measure).
    demand2, supply1 = d_/(1+g_+d_), g_/(1+g_+d_)
    delta_thresh = sp.solve(sp.Eq(demand2, supply1), d_)
    assert delta_thresh == [g_]
    print(f"[OK] kappa23: demand_2 = supply_1 => delta = {delta_thresh[0]} (i.e. delta >=gamma)")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 2: sharp-boundary scan at gamma=2+alpha (alpha=0.5, delta=0.5)")
    print("=" * 74)
    alpha, delta = 0.5, 0.5
    for gamma in [2.45, 2.499, 2.5, 2.501, 2.55]:
        lp, cf = fan_curvatures(alpha, 1.0, gamma, delta), closed_forms(alpha, gamma, delta)
        diff = abs(lp['k01'] - cf['k01'])
        print(f" gamma={gamma:.3f} (threshold=2.500): k01 diff={diff:.2e}"
              f"  {'OK' if diff < 1e-8 else '<-- past the threshold'}")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 3: 5000-point random search for joint sufficiency (all 4 curvatures)")
    print("=" * 74)
    rng = np.random.RandomState(0)
    n_checked, n_mismatch = 0, 0
    for _ in range(5000):
        alpha = rng.uniform(0.001, 3.0)
        gamma = rng.uniform(alpha, 8.0)      # alpha<=gamma always enforced
        delta = rng.uniform(0.001, 5.0)
        lp, cf = fan_curvatures(alpha, 1.0, gamma, delta), closed_forms(alpha, gamma, delta)
        maxdiff = max(abs(lp[k] - cf[k]) for k in lp)
        predicted_ok = (gamma <= 2 + alpha) and (delta >= gamma)
        actual_ok = maxdiff < 1e-6
        n_checked += 1
        if predicted_ok != actual_ok:
            n_mismatch += 1
            print(f" MISPREDICTION at alpha={alpha:.4f} gamma={gamma:.4f} delta={delta:.4f}: "
                  f"predicted_ok={predicted_ok} actual_ok={actual_ok} maxdiff={maxdiff:.2e}")
    print(f"\n{n_checked} points checked, {n_mismatch} mispredictions of the rule "
          f"'gamma<=2+alpha AND delta>=gamma'.")
    assert n_mismatch == 0, "the two-bound rule failed to predict validity somewhere!"
    print("[OK] zero mispredictions: the two bounds, together, exactly characterize")
    print("    where all four closed forms hold, in this search.")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 4: is the paper's own usage safely inside this region?")
    print("=" * 74)
```

```python
    a_star, g_star, d_star = 0.00581745, 0.00588514, 0.99411828
    print(f" Confirmed root: alpha*={a_star}, gamma*={g_star}, delta*={d_star}")
    print(f" gamma* <= 2+alpha*? {g_star} <= {2+a_star:.6f} -> {g_star <= 2+a_star} "
          f"(margin {2+a_star-g_star:.4f})")
    print(f" delta* >= gamma*?  {d_star} >= {g_star}     -> {d_star >= g_star} "
          f"(margin {d_star-g_star:.4f})")
    print(" Both hold with a very wide margin: the root, and the alpha->0 asymptotics")
    print(" of Theorem [half] built on it, are unaffected by this refinement.")
```

Listing 4: The precise domain of Theorem 3.6: symbolic derivation of the two bounds $\gamma \leq 2 + \alpha$, $\delta \geq \gamma$ from the demand-versus-supply argument, a sharp-boundary scan, and a 5000-point random search confirming their joint sufficiency for all four curvatures. Requires `numpy`, `scipy`, `sympy`, `networkx`.

3.5 Why exactly $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$

Theorem 3.6 turns the numerical coincidence of Theorem 3.4 into a proof.

Proposition 3.8 (γ as an exact function of α)**.** *Requiring $\kappa_{01} = \kappa_{12}$ exactly (both equal $(\eta/\epsilon)\tanh T_s$ by (1)–(2)), on the branch $\kappa_{12} = \rho/(1+\rho)$ active at the confirmed root, forces*

$$\gamma = \alpha(1 + 2\alpha)$$

exactly, with no limit or approximation involved.

Theorem 3.9 (The exact $\eta/\epsilon(\alpha)$ function and its limit)**.** *Taking only $T_m \to \infty$ in (2) – not a further assumption on α, which is kept exact – both $\kappa_{23} \to \eta/\epsilon$ and $\kappa_{02} \to \eta/\epsilon$ simultaneously (since $(T_s + T_m)/2 \to \infty$ too, for any finite T_s). Equating Theorem 3.6's two limit formulas and solving for δ at fixed α (using Proposition 3.8's $\gamma(\alpha)$) gives, in closed form,*

$$\eta/\epsilon(\alpha) \;=\; \frac{3\alpha + 2}{2\,(2\alpha^3 + 3\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2)}.$$

This is proved, symbolically, to satisfy

$$\lim_{\alpha \to 0} \eta/\epsilon(\alpha) \;=\; \frac{1}{2}$$

exactly (Listing 3). At the confirmed root's $\alpha^* = 0.00581745$, the formula gives 0.4999747 – within 0.005% of $1/2$, exactly the closeness expected at this α; at $\alpha = 0.05$ it gives 0.4982, visibly different, confirming this is a genuine function of α and not a coincidence that happens to sit near $1/2$ for unrelated reasons.

Remark 3.10. *This is a proof that $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$ is the value approached as* both *$T_m \to \infty$ and $\alpha \to 0$ jointly – matching Theorem 3.4's numerically confirmed root, whose T_m^* is already deep in its asymptotic regime ($\tanh T_m^* = 0.999998$) and whose α^* is small. It characterizes* why *$1/2$ and not another value is singled out; it does not by itself supply the precise finite value of T_s^*, which is not yet in closed form (Section 4).*

4 Discussion

Open Problem D.1 named both topologies together as the test of whether a coarse-graining operator, once built, would find the same bifurcation structure on each. The two sections above do not yet allow that comparison to be made on equal footing: Section 2 coarse-grains the Diamond and finds its flip stable under the operation; Section 3 does not coarse-grain the Fan at all – it removes the obstruction (Proposition 3.1) that Paper 3's own attempt at the Fan's bare reduction ran into, which is the prerequisite the Diamond side of the program needed before Section 2 could be written. What follows takes each in turn, on its own terms, before returning to what the pairing does and does not yet establish.

4.1 The Diamond: closing Open Problem D.1, and progress on D.3

This paper closes Open Problem D.1 in its narrowest, most literal reading – a coarse-graining operator that reduces to the Diamond's own quasi-equilibrium reduction on the simplest hierarchy, Proposition A.4 showing this reduction is exact, not approximate – and makes concrete, quantitative progress on Open Problem D.3 (the Feigenbaum–Cartan connection) by establishing that at least one structural feature of the bare Diamond, the flip bifurcation itself, survives coarse-graining as a genuine renormalization-group trajectory with a nontrivial fixed point, in the strict sense of Proposition A.6's explicit map, not only as a convergent limit along a sequence. It does not establish a period-doubling *cascade* of the coarse-graining map itself, nor connect to δ_F: $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d)$ and $c_3(d)$ both flow smoothly and monotonically, with no sign of the oscillatory structure that would be needed for that connection. Open Problem D.2 (scaling laws) is not directly addressed by these results, which concern a single trajectory in degree d rather than a distribution of quantities across the hierarchy; a genuine scaling-law analysis, in the spirit of the optimal-channel-network literature's Hack exponent, remains for future work, as does Open Problem D.4 (phase diagram), for which Section 2.4's second obstruction is the natural point of entry.

Deterministic hierarchy versus statistical network ensembles

Every result concerning the Diamond in this paper is about a single, deterministic trajectory $D_1 \to D_2 \to D_3 \to \cdots$, not an ensemble average. This is a deliberate choice, not an oversight: it is what makes closed-form, machine-verified curvature laws and a closed-form flip theorem possible at all, in the same sense that a genuinely hierarchical lattice admits exact decimation while a generic graph only admits the Migdal–Kadanoff recursion as an uncontrolled approximation (Section 2). This deterministic construction is not intended to represent the full statistical ensemble of networks generated by the ORC–torsion dynamics. Rather, it provides an exactly tractable test of whether the local Diamond bifurcation survives recursive coarse-graining. Whether λ_{flip}, c_3, and ξ^* are self-averaging – i.e. whether they survive, in expectation and with vanishing variance, under random perturbation of the fully symmetric ansatz (Section 2.4's second obstruction is the deterministic version of the same question) – is a distinct, subsequent universality test, not answered here.

4.2 The Fan: exact structure, and three items left open

This section answers the question it set out to answer – why the Fan's scale-separated reduction returns $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$ rather than some other value, or no value at all – with a proof (Theorem 3.9) resting on exact, independently verified closed forms (Theorem 3.6), not on the numerical root alone. Three honest limitations bound what has been shown.

First, Theorem 3.9 characterizes the asymptotic ($T_m \to \infty$, $\alpha \to 0$) limit exactly, but the confirmed root of Theorem 3.4 sits at finite, not infinite, T_m^* and α^*. The precise finite value $T_s^* = 2.92147230$ is confirmed numerically to machine precision but is not yet derived in closed form; doing so would mean solving the exact system of Theorem 3.6,Proposition 3.8 for T_s, T_m both finite, rather than taking $T_m \to \infty$ as Theorem 3.9 does.

Second, Theorem 3.6 is proved and verified only for $\alpha \leq \gamma$. The complementary branch $\alpha > \gamma$ is structurally different (a different pairing becomes the optimal zero-cost transport at node 1) and has not been worked out; whether an analogous root exists there, and at what η/ϵ, is open.

Within $\alpha \leq \gamma$ itself, the theorem's true domain is narrower than an earlier version of it stated: $\gamma \leq 2+\alpha$ and $\delta \geq \gamma$ are both necessary, derived directly from a demand-versus-supply argument on the underlying transport problem rather than fitted, and confirmed jointly sufficient for all four curvatures by a 5000-point search (Proposition 3.7). This is a correction to the statement, not to anything built on it: the confirmed root and the $\alpha \to 0$ asymptotics of Theorem 3.9 both sit deep inside the corrected region, with wide margin on both bounds.

Third, and most broadly: this is one root, on one branch, of one reduction of the Fan. Nothing here establishes that Theorem 3.4's root is the unique consistent state, nor that it is the one continuously connected to Paper 3's calibrated states A and B found in Section 3.2 – Proposition 3.3's agreement is at $\eta/\epsilon = 0.535$, not at the $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$ of Theorem 3.4, and the two have not yet been connected by a single continuation in η/ϵ.

Open Problem 4.1 (Closed form for T_s^*)**.** *Solve Theorem 3.6's system for T_s, T_m both finite (not taking $T_m \to \infty$), to obtain T_s^* itself in closed form rather than to machine-precision numerics.*

Open Problem 4.2 (The $\alpha > \gamma$ branch)**.** *Derive the complementary closed-form curvatures for $\alpha > \gamma$, and determine whether an analogous root, at what η/ϵ, exists there.*

Open Problem 4.3 (Connecting to Paper 3's calibration)**.** *Continue Theorem 3.4's root in η/ϵ from $1/2$ to 0.535 and check whether it connects continuously to Paper 3's states A, B – which would upgrade Proposition 3.3's agreement from independent corroboration to a single connected solution branch.*

Taken together

The honest state of Paper 3's Appendix D program, after both sections above, is this. Open Problem D.1 is closed for the Diamond and, for the Fan, reduced to a cleaner and better-understood starting point than Paper 3 itself had – an exact bare-motif reduction in place of a calibration – rather than closed outright: the Fan side of D.1, a recursive coarse-grained Fan lattice, remains to be built, and nothing above shows whether the fold Paper 3 originally reported, or the $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$ fixed point found here, would survive that construction the way the Diamond's flip survives its own. Open Problem D.3 has a small, genuine data point in the Diamond's stable flip. Open Problems D.2, D.4, and D.5 are untouched by either result above and remain exactly as Paper 3 stated them, now with two validated exact reductions – rather than one derivation and one calibration – to build on when that work resumes.

A Coarse-Graining the Diamond: Exact Derivation

[DERIVED]

This appendix gives the complete construction, proofs, and self-contained verification code summarized in Sections 2.1 to 2.3.

A.1 Setup: the recursive construction

Generation 1 is the bare Diamond of Paper 3 [1]: four nodes $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$, five edges $\{01, 02, 12, 13, 23\}$, with 12 the single free ("rung") weight and the other four ("peripheral") edges pinned to 1. Generation $n + 1$ is obtained from generation n by replacing *every* edge of generation n – rung or peripheral, it makes no distinction – with its own fresh Diamond: two new internal nodes m_1, m_2, and the same motif of two peripheral pairs plus one rung, re-applied locally.

Generation	Nodes	Edges	Rungs
1 (bare Diamond)	4	5	0
2	14	25	5
3	64	125	30

Two structural facts about this construction matter throughout. First, every internal node introduced at generation $n \geq 1$ has degree exactly 3 at the moment of its introduction (hub, rung-partner, far node) and this never changes in later generations *unless* one of its incident edges is itself later replaced – which happens to internal nodes too, at the next generation. Second, and more importantly for Appendix A.2: the four *founding* nodes $0, 1, 2, 3$ have their degree exactly double at every generation, since every incident edge contributes two new neighbors when replaced:

$$\deg_n(0) = \deg_n(3) = 2^n, \qquad \deg_n(1) = \deg_n(2) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1}.$$

This is what turns "coarse-graining depth" into a single scalar parameter, degree d, in everything that follows.

A.2 Two exact local curvature results

Curvature throughout is the same exact Ollivier–Ricci-via-linear-programming engine validated in Paper 3 [1] (non-lazy random walk, unweighted graph distance): no approximation is introduced by moving to a larger graph.

Proposition A.1 (Universal rung). *At every generation $n \geq 2$, every rung edge (m_1, m_2) has $\kappa(w) = 2/(2 + w)$ identically, for any weight w assigned to it, regardless of its generation or position in the lattice.*

This is immediate from the construction: m_1's only neighbors are its hub, its rung-partner m_2, and its far node – exactly the bare Diamond's own node-1 neighborhood, with exactly the same peripheral weights ($= 1$) and the same rung weight w. The local optimal-transport problem is *identical* to the bare Diamond's, not merely similar to it. Listing 5 verifies this to machine precision ($< 10^{-8}$) at three different rung weights, at two independent rungs each, at generations 2 and 3.

Proposition A.2 (Degree-dependent periphery)**.** *In a bulk regime of the rung weight ($w \lesssim 2$; see Section 2.4 for the boundary of this regime), a peripheral edge incident to a founding node of current degree d is found, and independently verified, to have curvature*

$$\kappa_{\text{periph}}(d) \;=\; \frac{4}{d} - 1,$$

independent of w within that regime.

This was found empirically on a synthetic local test structure (a hub with $d/2$ rung-pairs, each with its own far node) at $d = 4, 6, 8, 10, 12$, giving $0, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{2}{3}$ – an exact match to $4/d - 1$ at every tested value, to machine precision ($< 10^{-8}$) – and then independently confirmed against the *real* generation-2 and generation-3 lattices (not the synthetic model), where the predicted degrees $6, 8, 12$ all appear and all match to the same precision. Listing 5 contains both checks. This is not a fitted curve: it is verified at five, then three more, exactly-matching points, on two different graphs, one of them not the one the formula was guessed from. What is *not* given is a closed-form optimal-transport (LP dual-certificate) proof valid for every d; the claim rests on this numerical match, at the degrees tested, rather than on an analytic argument, and is reported in the epistemic ledger (Appendix B) accordingly.

Remark A.3. *Note $4/d - 1 \to -1$ as $d \to \infty$: peripheral curvature drifts toward the maximally negative value as the lattice deepens, consistent with a flow toward a hyperbolic (tree-like, negatively curved) regime as coarse-graining proceeds – the qualitative direction expected of a genuinely recursive, non-positively-curved hierarchy, now available in exact closed form rather than only as a qualitative expectation.*

```python
"""
The recursive Diamond lattice: construction, and two exact local curvature
results verified across three generations.

Generation 1 is the bare Diamond of Paper 3 (4 nodes, 5 edges: the single
free/fast weight is the "rung" 1-2; peripheral edges 01,02,13,23 pinned to
1). Generation n+1 is obtained from generation n by replacing EVERY edge
with its own fresh copy of the same 5-edge motif (a new "rung" plus 4 new
peripheral edges).

Result 1 (universal rung): every rung, at every generation, at every
position in the lattice, has EXACTLY the same curvature-vs-weight relation
kappa_rung(w) = 2/(2+w) as the bare Diamond's own rung -- because a rung's
two endpoints are always freshly-introduced nodes of degree exactly 3
(hub, rung-partner, far), regardless of generation.

Result 2 (degree-dependent periphery): a peripheral edge incident to an
ORIGINAL (generation-1) node of current degree d has curvature EXACTLY
4/d - 1, in a "bulk" regime of rung weight (empirically w <~ 2; see the
companion script on the w=2 kink for the regime this excludes). Degree
doubles at every generation for the 4 founding nodes (2,3 -> 4,6 -> 8,12
-> 16,24 -> ...), so this one formula predicts every future generation.

Requires numpy, scipy, networkx.
"""
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog
import networkx as nx
```

```python
from collections import defaultdict


def build_generation(n):
    """Generation n of the recursive Diamond (n=1 is the bare Diamond).
    Returns (G, edge_role, node_origin, edge_list)."""
    node_origin = {0: 'orig0', 1: 'orig1', 2: 'orig2', 3: 'orig3'}
    edges = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 3)]
    node_counter = 4
    edge_role = {}

    for gen in range(1, n):
        new_edges = []
        for (u, v) in edges:
            m1, m2 = node_counter, node_counter + 1
            node_counter += 2
            node_origin[m1] = f'gen{gen}'
            node_origin[m2] = f'gen{gen}'
            for (a, b, role) in [(u, m1, 'peripheral'), (u, m2, 'peripheral'),
                                 (m1, m2, 'rung'), (m1, v, 'peripheral'), (m2, v, '
                                     peripheral')]:
                edge_role[frozenset((a, b))] = role
                new_edges.append((a, b))
        edges = new_edges

    G = nx.Graph()
    G.add_edges_from(edges)
    return G, edge_role, node_origin, edges


def ollivier_ricci_edge(weight_dict, u, v, G, dist):
    """Exact Ollivier-Ricci curvature via L1-optimal-transport LP,
    non-lazy walk, unweighted graph distance -- as validated in Paper 3."""
    def walk_measure(x):
        nbrs = list(G.neighbors(x))
        w_arr = np.array([weight_dict[frozenset((x, y))] for y in nbrs], dtype=float)
        probs = w_arr / w_arr.sum()
        return dict(zip(nbrs, probs))
    mu_u, mu_v = walk_measure(u), walk_measure(v)
    supp_u, supp_v = list(mu_u.keys()), list(mu_v.keys())
    n, m = len(supp_u), len(supp_v)
    c = np.array([dist[i][j] for i in supp_u for j in supp_v], dtype=float)
    A_eq, b_eq = [], []
    for ii, i in enumerate(supp_u):
        row = np.zeros(n * m)
        row[ii * m:(ii + 1) * m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row)
        b_eq.append(mu_u[i])
    for jj, j in enumerate(supp_v):
        row = np.zeros(n * m)
        row[jj::m] = 1
        A_eq.append(row)
        b_eq.append(mu_v[j])
    res = linprog(c, A_eq=A_eq, b_eq=b_eq, bounds=(0, None), method='highs')
    assert res.success, res.message
    return 1 - res.fun / dist[u][v]


```

```python
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 1: generation sizes (generation 1 = bare Diamond of Paper 3)")
    print("=" * 74)
    graphs = {}
    for n in [1, 2, 3]:
        G, edge_role, node_origin, edges = build_generation(n)
        graphs[n] = (G, edge_role, node_origin, edges)
        n_rungs = sum(1 for r in edge_role.values() if r == 'rung')
        print(f"Generation {n}: {G.number_of_nodes()} nodes, {G.number_of_edges()} edges, {n_rungs} rungs")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 2: rung universality, kappa_rung(w) = 2/(2+w), at EVERY generation")
    print("=" * 74)
    for n in [2, 3]:
        G, edge_role, node_origin, edges = graphs[n]
        dist = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G))
        rung_edges = [e for e in edges if edge_role[frozenset(e)] == 'rung']
        for w_test in [0.5, 1.0, 2.0]:
            wd = {frozenset(e): (w_test if edge_role[frozenset(e)] == 'rung' else 1.0) for e in edges}
            for re_ in rung_edges[:2]:
                k = ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, re_[0], re_[1], G, dist)
                exact = 2 / (2 + w_test)
                assert abs(k - exact) < 1e-8, f"gen{n} rung {re_} at w={w_test}: got {k}, expected {exact}"
        print(f" Generation {n}: all tested rungs match 2/(2+w) exactly (max err < 1e-8), at w=0.5,1.0,2.0")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 3: peripheral curvature = 4/d - 1 (bulk regime, w=1), across generations")
    print("=" * 74)
    for n in [2, 3]:
        G, edge_role, node_origin, edges = graphs[n]
        dist = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G))
        wd = {frozenset(e): (1.0 if edge_role[frozenset(e)] == 'rung' else 1.0) for e in edges}
        # use w_rung=1 (safely inside the bulk regime, see the w=2-kink companion script)
        by_degree = defaultdict(list)
        for node, origin in node_origin.items():
            by_degree[G.degree(node)].append(node)
        tested = set()
        for d in sorted(by_degree):
            if d == 3:
                continue # degree-3 nodes are this generation's OWN freshest internal nodes
            node = by_degree[d][0]
            peri_nbr = next(nb for nb in G.neighbors(node) if edge_role[frozenset((node, nb))] == 'peripheral')
            k = ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, node, peri_nbr, G, dist)
            predicted = 4 / d - 1
            assert abs(k - predicted) < 1e-8, f"gen{n} degree {d}: got {k}, expected {predicted}"
```

```python
            tested.add(d)
        print(f" Generation {n}: degrees {sorted(tested)} all match 4/d-1 exactly (max err < 1e-8)")

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 4: degree doubling across generations (predicts all future generations)")
    print("=" * 74)
    print(" Founding nodes 0,3 (originally degree 2): degree at generation n = 2^n")
    print(" Founding nodes 1,2 (originally degree 3): degree at generation n = 3 * 2^(n-1)")
    for n in [1, 2, 3]:
        G, edge_role, node_origin, edges = graphs[n]
        d03 = G.degree(0)
        d12 = G.degree(1)
        print(f" gen {n}: deg(node 0)={d03} (predicted {2**n}), deg(node 1)={d12} (predicted {3*2**(n-1)})")
        assert d03 == 2**n
        assert d12 == 3 * 2**(n - 1)

    print()
    print("=" * 74)
    print("PART 5: peripheral curvature AT THE FLIP TRAJECTORY'S OWN w*(T*(d)),")
    print("not the safe w=1 used in PART 3 -- does the d=2 kink actually bite?")
    print("=" * 74)
    print(" w*(T*(d)) = d/2 - 2 identically (quasi-equilibrium condition + tanh")
    print(" T*(d)=4*eps/(d*eta) at the flip point; both already established).")
    for n in [2, 3]:
        G, edge_role, node_origin, edges = graphs[n]
        dist = dict(nx.all_pairs_shortest_path_length(G))
        by_degree = defaultdict(list)
        for node in G.nodes():
            by_degree[G.degree(node)].append(node)
        for d in sorted(by_degree):
            if d == 3 or d / 2 - 2 <= 0:
                continue # freshest internal nodes, or w*<=0 (degenerate)
            w_traj = d / 2 - 2
            node = by_degree[d][0]
            wd = {frozenset(e): (w_traj if edge_role[frozenset(e)] == 'rung' else 1.0) for e in edges}
            peri_nbr = next(nb for nb in G.neighbors(node) if edge_role[frozenset((node, nb))] == 'peripheral')
            k = ollivier_ricci_edge(wd, node, peri_nbr, G, dist)
            predicted = 4 / d - 1
            assert abs(k - predicted) < 1e-6, f"gen{n} degree {d} at w*={w_traj}: got {k}, expected {predicted}"
            flag = " <- exactly the kink (w*=2)" if abs(w_traj - 2) < 1e-9 else (" <- past the kink" if w_traj > 2 else "")
            print(f" gen{n} degree {d:2d}: w*(T*(d))={w_traj:.1f}, kappa_periph matches 4/d-1 to <1e-6{flag}")

    print()
    print("ALL ASSERTIONS PASSED.")
```

Listing 5: Recursive Diamond construction, both exact local curvature results, and the flip-trajectory kink check, verified at generations 1–3. Requires `numpy`, `scipy`, `networkx`.

A.3 The renormalized flip

Steps 1–4 of Paper 3's [1] Diamond reduction (Appendix A.2) eliminate the fast weight using only the weight-update equation, which never involves ξ and is unaffected by which generation is being analyzed: the quasi-equilibrium condition $\epsilon\kappa_{\text{rung}}(w^*) = \eta \tanh T$ together with Proposition A.1 gives $w^*(T)$ in exactly the bare Diamond's own closed form, at every generation. What changes with coarse-graining is the torsion-driving sum itself, since it now also receives the two peripheral edges' contributions at their generation-d value from Proposition A.2 rather than the bare Diamond's own (non-constant, w-dependent) peripheral curvature:

$$S_{\text{eff}}(T;d) \;=\; 2\Big(\frac{4}{d} - 1\Big) + \kappa_{\text{rung}}(w^*)\, w^* \;=\; \frac{8}{d} - \frac{2\eta}{\epsilon} \tanh T,$$

using $\kappa_{\text{rung}}(w^*)\, w^* = \eta \tanh T \cdot w^*(T) = 2 - \frac{2\eta}{\epsilon} \tanh T$ by the defining property of w^* – an algebraic identity, verified symbolically in Listing 6, not a numerical coincidence.

Proposition A.4 (Exact $d = 4$ rescaling)**.** $S_{\text{eff}}(T;4) = S_{\text{bare}}(T)/2$ identically, for every T *– not only at the flip point. Equivalently, $F_{\text{eff}}(T;4,\lambda,\xi) = F_{\text{bare}}(T;\lambda/2,\xi)$: the generation-2 outer effective dynamics is not merely similar to a rescaled bare Diamond, it is one, exactly, conjugate to it by $\lambda \mapsto \lambda/2$.*

Repeating Paper 3 Appendix A.3–A.4's derivation with $S_{\text{eff}}(T;d)$ in place of $S(T)$ gives, in closed form (full derivation in Listing 6):

$$\tanh T^*(d) = \frac{4\epsilon}{d\eta} \qquad \text{(real iff } d\eta > 4\epsilon\text{)}, \tag{11}$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d) \;=\; \frac{d^2\epsilon\eta}{d^2\eta^2 - 16\epsilon^2}}, \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} F'_{\text{eff}}(T^*;d) = -\frac{2\eta}{\epsilon} + \frac{32\epsilon}{d^2\eta} \;\neq\; 0 \tag{13}$$

$$\text{(transversality, throughout the valid range)}, \tag{14}$$

$$\boxed{c_3(d) \;=\; -\frac{4(d^2\eta^2 + 48\epsilon^2)}{3d^2\eta^2}} \tag{15}$$

$$<\; 0 \quad \text{always.} \tag{16}$$

Two consistency checks anchor this to Paper 3 rather than letting it float free: at $d = 4$, $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(4) = 2\lambda_{\text{flip}}^{\text{bare}}$ exactly (the factor of 2 predicted by Proposition A.4, confirmed symbolically) and $c_3(4)$ matches Paper 3's bare cubic coefficient exactly. Both are asserted and checked in Listing 6, not merely printed.

Theorem A.5 (Coarse-graining stability of the flip)**.** *The Diamond's flip bifurcation is generic (transversal) and supercritical ($c_3 < 0$) at* every *coarse-graining depth $d \geq 4$ satisfying $d\eta > 4\epsilon$, not only at $d = 4$. Both $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d)$ and $c_3(d)$ flow smoothly and monotonically to a finite, nontrivial limit as $d \to \infty$:*

$$\big(\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d),\, c_3(d)\big) \;\longrightarrow\; \Big(\frac{\epsilon}{\eta},\, -\frac{4}{3}\Big).$$

Monotonicity is elementary once written out, and is proved here rather than only observed numerically:

$$\frac{d\lambda_{\text{flip}}}{dd} = -\frac{32\, d\, \epsilon^3 \eta}{(d^2\eta^2 - 16\epsilon^2)^2} < 0, \qquad \frac{dc_3}{dd} = \frac{128\, \epsilon^2}{d^3\eta^2} > 0,$$

both signs manifest term-by-term throughout the valid range $d\eta > 4\epsilon$: $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d)$ decreases strictly to ϵ/η from above, $c_3(d)$ increases strictly to $-4/3$ from below. Verified symbolically in Listing 6.

This is the paper's central result: the flip is not a property of the bare Diamond alone. It survives coarse-graining, in the bulk regime, as a renormalized trajectory with a genuine, non-trivial, finite limit – shown below to be a fixed point in the strict sense, not only a limit along a sequence, once the generation step itself is written as an explicit map (Proposition A.6).

Proposition A.6 (The decimation map)**.** *Write $c_0 := 8/d$. Then $S_{\text{eff}}(T; d) = c_0 - \frac{2\eta}{\epsilon}\tanh T$, and generation-to-generation the constant term alone changes:*

$$S_{\text{eff}}(T; 2d) = S_{\text{eff}}(T; d) - \frac{4}{d}, \qquad \textit{equivalently} \qquad c_0 \longmapsto \frac{c_0}{2}.$$

This is the inflation *reading, in the construction's own direction $d \to 2d$. Read backwards, $c_0 \mapsto 2c_0$ is exactly the Migdal–Kadanoff decimation of the coupling [4, 5]: it eliminates precisely the internal rung-pair nodes that generation $n+1$ adds beyond generation n, recovering the coarser hub's own effective action from the finer one – an explicit renormalization-group transformation on c_0, not merely a family of formulas indexed by it. In this coupling, the flip data take the closed forms*

$$\lambda_{\text{flip}}(c_0) = \frac{4\epsilon\eta}{4\eta^2 - \epsilon^2 c_0^2}, \qquad c_3(c_0) = -\frac{4}{3} - \frac{\epsilon^2 c_0^2}{\eta^2},$$

each verified against Proposition A.4's $d = 4$ ($c_0 = 2$) values. The map $c_0 \mapsto c_0/2$ has a unique fixed point, $c_0^* = 0$, globally attractive under iteration; evaluating λ_{flip} and c_3 there reproduces Theorem A.5's limit exactly, now as *a fixed point of an explicit map rather than only as a limit along a sequence. Verified symbolically in Listing 7.*

One caveat keeps this honest: $c_0 = 8/d$ takes only the discrete values generation-doubling produces ($d = 4, 8, 16, \ldots$ for a founding node's own degree sequence), not a continuum, so this is a discrete one-step map checked at each such value, not a continuous RG flow in the usual field-theoretic sense.

```
"""
The renormalized flip bifurcation, as a function of hub degree d.

Analytic route (not just curve-fitting the numerics of the companion
script): in the bulk regime, a generation-(n+1) "outer" sub-diamond's two
peripheral edges have curvature EXACTLY 0 (the d=4 case of the 4/d-1
law), so its torsion-driving sum collapses to the rung's own contribution
alone, kappa_rung(w*)*w*, which -- by the very definition of w* as the
solution of eps*kappa_rung(w*)=eta*tanh(T) -- simplifies algebraically to
a closed form independent of the rung formula's detailed shape. Combining
this with the 4/d-1 peripheral law at general d gives:

    S_eff(T; d) = 8/d - (2*eta/eps)*tanh(T)
```

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which replaces the bare Diamond's S(T) = 4 - (4*eta/eps)*tanh(T) (Paper 3,
Appendix A) as the effective 1D map's driving term, now carrying an
explicit dependence on the coarse-graining depth through d.

This script re-derives the ENTIRE flip-genericity analysis of Paper 3
Appendix A.3-A.4 with S_eff(T;d) in place of S(T), symbolically, and
checks the single most important consistency requirement: setting d=4
must reproduce Paper 3's bare-Diamond results exactly (with a predicted,
and verified, factor of exactly 2 in lambda_flip).

Requires sympy.
"""
import sympy as sp

T, u, lam, eps, eta, d = sp.symbols('T u lambda epsilon eta d', positive=True)

# ======================================================================
# PART 1: the exact d=4 rescaling identity (stronger than a d=4 numeric
# check -- this shows generation-2's outer effective dynamics is not just
# SIMILAR to a rescaled bare Diamond, it is IDENTICAL to it as a function,
# for every T, not only at isolated points)
# ======================================================================
S_bare = 4 - (4 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T)
S_eff_d4 = sp.Rational(8, 1) / 4 - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T)
diff = sp.simplify(S_eff_d4 - S_bare / 2)
assert diff == 0, f"S_eff(T;4) != S_bare(T)/2: diff={diff}"
print(f"[OK] S_eff(T;d=4) - S_bare(T)/2 = {diff} (identically zero for ALL T)")
print("    Generation 2's outer effective map is not merely similar to a")
print("    rescaled bare Diamond -- it IS one, exactly, via lambda -> lambda/2.")

# ======================================================================
# PART 2: general S_eff(T;d), its derivatives, and the fixed point T*(d)
# ======================================================================
S_eff = sp.Rational(8, 1) / d - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T)
F_eff = T + lam * S_eff
Fp = sp.diff(F_eff, T)
Fpp = sp.diff(F_eff, T, 2)
print(f"\n[OK] F_eff(T;d) = {F_eff}")
print(f"[OK] F_eff'(T;d) = {Fp}")

# fixed point: 0 = lambda*(8/d - (2eta/eps)*tanh(T*)) => tanh(T*) = 4*eps/(d*eta)
tanhTstar = 4 * eps / (d * eta)
sech2Tstar = sp.simplify(1 - tanhTstar ** 2)
print(f"[OK] tanh(T*) = {tanhTstar} (real iff d*eta > 4*eps)")
print(f"[OK] sech^2(T*) = {sech2Tstar}")

# ======================================================================
# PART 3: the renormalized flip threshold lambda_flip(d), closed form
# ======================================================================
Fp_at_Tstar = sp.simplify(1 - lam * (2 * eta / eps) * sech2Tstar)
print(f"\n[OK] F_eff'(T*;d) = {Fp_at_Tstar}")

lam_flip_sol = sp.solve(sp.Eq(Fp_at_Tstar, -1), lam)
assert len(lam_flip_sol) == 1
lam_flip_d = sp.simplify(lam_flip_sol[0])
lam_flip_d_target = d ** 2 * eps * eta / (d ** 2 * eta ** 2 - 16 * eps ** 2)
assert sp.simplify(lam_flip_d - lam_flip_d_target) == 0
```

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print(f"[OK] lambda_flip(d) = {sp.factor(lam_flip_d)} <== boxed closed-form result")

# consistency check: d=4 must give exactly 2x the bare Paper-3 value
lam_flip_bare = eps * eta / (2 * (eta ** 2 - eps ** 2))
ratio_at_4 = sp.simplify(lam_flip_d.subs(d, 4) / lam_flip_bare)
assert ratio_at_4 == 2
print(f"[OK] lambda_flip(d=4) / lambda_flip_bare(Paper 3) = {ratio_at_4} (exactly 2, as predicted by Part 1)")

lim_d_inf = sp.limit(lam_flip_d, d, sp.oo)
assert lim_d_inf == eps / eta
print(f"[OK] lim_{{d->infinity}} lambda_flip(d) = {lim_d_inf} <== finite, nonzero RG fixed-point-like value")

# ======================================================================
# PART 4: genericity at general d -- transversality and cubic coefficient
# ======================================================================
dFp_dlam = sp.simplify(sp.diff(Fp_at_Tstar, lam))
print(f"\n[OK] d/dlambda F_eff'(T*;d) = {dFp_dlam}")
print("    Nonzero throughout the valid range d*eta > 4*eps: transversality holds at every d.")

Tstar_expr = sp.atanh(4 * eps / (d * eta))


def F_of(Tval, lamval):
    return Tval + lamval * (sp.Rational(8, 1) / d - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(Tval))


F1 = F_of(Tstar_expr + u, lam_flip_d)
F2 = F_of(F1, lam_flip_d)
G = sp.simplify(F2 - Tstar_expr)
G_series = sp.expand(sp.series(G, u, 0, 4).removeO())
c1 = sp.simplify(G_series.coeff(u, 1))
c2 = sp.simplify(G_series.coeff(u, 2))
c3 = sp.simplify(G_series.coeff(u, 3))
assert c1 == 1, f"linear coeff should be 1, got {c1}"
assert c2 == 0, f"quadratic coeff should vanish (general fact at any flip), got {c2}"
c3_target = -4 * (d ** 2 * eta ** 2 + 48 * eps ** 2) / (3 * d ** 2 * eta ** 2)
assert sp.simplify(c3 - c3_target) == 0, f"c3 mismatch: got {c3}"
print(f"\n[OK] c3(d) = {sp.factor(c3)}")
print("    Manifestly negative for every d,eps,eta > 0: no fine-tuning, no exceptions.")

c3_at_4 = sp.simplify(c3.subs(d, 4))
c3_bare = -4 * (3 * eps ** 2 + eta ** 2) / (3 * eta ** 2)
assert sp.simplify(c3_at_4 - c3_bare) == 0
print(f"[OK] c3(d=4) = {sp.factor(c3_at_4)} matches Paper 3's bare-Diamond cubic coefficient exactly.")

c3_lim = sp.limit(c3, d, sp.oo)
assert c3_lim == sp.Rational(-4, 3)
print(f"[OK] lim_{{d->infinity}} c3(d) = {c3_lim}")

print()
print("=" * 74)
print("ALL ASSERTIONS PASSED. The flip survives coarse-graining as an exact,")
print("generic, supercritical bifurcation at every degree d, flowing smoothly")
```

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print("to a finite fixed point (lambda_flip, c3) -> (eps/eta, -4/3) as d->infinity.")
print("=" * 74)
```

Listing 6: Symbolic derivation of $S_{\text{eff}}(T;d)$, $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d)$, transversality, and $c_3(d)$, with the $d = 4$ consistency checks against Paper 3. Requires `sympy`.

```python
"""
The explicit decimation map for the renormalized flip, in the coupling
c0 = 8/d. Confirms: (1) the generation step is a pure shift of c0's
constant term; (2) lambda_flip and c3 rewritten in c0 match the
already-derived d-forms exactly; (3) c0*=0 is the map's fixed point and
reproduces the established d -> infinity limit.
"""
import sympy as sp

d, eps, eta, T, c0 = sp.symbols('d epsilon eta T c0', positive=True, real=True)

S_eff = sp.Rational(8, 1) / d - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T)
lambda_flip_d = d**2 * eps * eta / (d**2 * eta**2 - 16 * eps**2)
c3_d = -4 * (d**2 * eta**2 + 48 * eps**2) / (3 * d**2 * eta**2)

print("Result 1: generation step is a pure shift of the constant term")
step = sp.simplify(S_eff - S_eff.subs(d, 2 * d))
print(" S_eff(T;d) - S_eff(T;2d) =", step, " (expect 4/d)")
assert sp.simplify(step - sp.Rational(4, 1) / d) == 0

print("Result 2: lambda_flip(c0), c3(c0) via d = 8/c0")
lam_c0 = sp.simplify(lambda_flip_d.subs(d, 8 / c0))
c3_c0 = sp.simplify(c3_d.subs(d, 8 / c0))
lam_claim = 4 * eps * eta / (4 * eta**2 - eps**2 * c0**2)
c3_claim = -sp.Rational(4, 3) - eps**2 * c0**2 / eta**2
assert sp.simplify(lam_c0 - lam_claim) == 0
assert sp.simplify(c3_c0 - c3_claim) == 0
print(" lambda_flip(c0) =", lam_claim, " -- confirmed")
print(" c3(c0)          =", c3_claim, " -- confirmed")

print("Result 3: fixed point c0*=0 reproduces the established d->infinity limit")
assert sp.simplify(lam_claim.subs(c0, 0) - eps / eta) == 0
assert sp.simplify(c3_claim.subs(c0, 0) - sp.Rational(-4, 3)) == 0
print(" lambda_flip(0) = eps/eta, c3(0) = -4/3 -- confirmed, matches Theorem A.5")

print()
print("ALL ASSERTIONS PASSED.")
```

Listing 7: The explicit decimation map: $S_{\text{eff}}(T;2d) = S_{\text{eff}}(T;d) - 4/d$, $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(c_0)$ and $c_3(c_0)$ in the coupling $c_0 = 8/d$, and the fixed point $c_0^* = 0$. Requires `sympy`.

A.4 Extension to $\xi \neq 0$: the endpoint is universal in d too

Paper 3 [1] §A.5 found, for the bare Diamond, a closed-form perturbative correction $\lambda_{\text{flip}}(\xi) = \lambda_{\text{flip}}(0) + \xi\lambda_1 + O(\xi^2)$, and that $\xi = 2$ is exactly where the trivial branch $(\lambda, T^*) = (0, 0)$ changes stability, with the nontrivial threshold curve numerically approaching that same point as $\xi \to 2^-$. Since $T^* = 0$ is always a fixed point at $\lambda = 0$ (the d-dependent term in F_{eff} is λ-multiplied and so vanishes there regardless of d), the same linearization gives $F'_{\text{eff}}(0; \lambda{=}0, \xi, d) = 1 - \xi$ *identically in d*: the trivial branch's own threshold is exactly $\xi = 2$ for every degree, not only for every (ϵ, η). That the nontrivial branch's endpoint sits at the same point is, exactly as in Paper 3, the numerically continued part of the claim, not an independent proof that the two branches must coincide there – extended here to $d = 8$ (Listing 8), one generation beyond Paper 3's own check.

The perturbative correction itself does depend on d, in closed form:

$$T_1(d) = -\tfrac{1}{2}\sin T_0(d), \qquad T_0(d) = \operatorname{arctanh}\frac{4\epsilon}{d\eta},$$

$$\lambda_1(d) = -\frac{d\epsilon\big(d\eta\cos T_0(d) + 8\epsilon\sin T_0(d)\big)}{2(d^2\eta^2 - 16\epsilon^2)},$$

verified (Listing 8) to reduce to Paper 3's own bare-Diamond formula at $d = 4$, and validated numerically at a genuinely new degree ($d = 8$, generation 3, not reducible to a rescaling of the bare case) both against direct numerical solution at small ξ (error scaling as ξ^2, as in Paper 3) and via a full numerical continuation from $\xi = 0$ to $\xi = 1.9$, which shows the same qualitative monotonic approach toward the universal endpoint found at $d = 4$.

```
"""
The xi-extension (Paper 3, Appendix A.5) at general degree d.

Paper 3 found lambda_flip(xi) for the bare Diamond (d=4 in the present
notation) and an exact, eps/eta-independent endpoint xi*=2 where the
threshold curve appears to meet the trivial branch (lambda=0, T*=0). This
script asks whether that endpoint is ALSO independent of the
coarse-graining depth d -- i.e. universal across the entire recursive
hierarchy, not only across the two bare couplings.

Requires sympy, numpy, scipy.
"""
import sympy as sp
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import brentq

# =====================================================================
# PART 1: symbolic -- is xi*=2 exactly d-independent?
# =====================================================================
T, lam, xi, eps, eta, d = sp.symbols('T lambda xi epsilon eta d', positive=True)

F_eff_full = T + lam * (sp.Rational(8, 1) / d - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T)) - xi * sp.sin(T)

val_at_00 = sp.simplify(F_eff_full.subs({T: 0, lam: 0}))
assert val_at_00 == 0
print(f"[OK] F_eff(0; lambda=0, xi, d) = {val_at_00}: T*=0 is a fixed point at lambda=0, for ANY xi, ANY d.")

Fp_at_00 = sp.simplify(sp.diff(F_eff_full, T).subs({T: 0, lam: 0}))
assert sp.simplify(Fp_at_00 - (1 - xi)) == 0
print(f"[OK] F_eff'(0; lambda=0, xi, d) = {Fp_at_00}: independent of d (the d-term is lambda-multiplied).")

xi_star = sp.solve(sp.Eq(Fp_at_00, -1), xi)
assert xi_star == [2]
print(f"[OK] xi* = {xi_star[0]}, exactly, for EVERY d.")
print("    The universal endpoint found in Paper 3 across (eps,eta) is in fact")
print("    universal across the entire generational hierarchy as well.")
```

```python

# ======================================================================
# PART 2: perturbative correction to lambda_flip(xi;d) at small xi
# ======================================================================
lam0, lam1 = sp.symbols('lambda_0 lambda_1', real=True)
T0, T1 = sp.symbols('T_0 T_1', real=True)
lam_series = lam0 + xi * lam1
T_series = T0 + xi * T1

Phi = lam_series * (sp.Rational(8, 1) / d - (2 * eta / eps) * sp.tanh(T_series)) - xi * sp.sin(T_series)
Phi_series = sp.expand(sp.series(Phi, xi, 0, 2).removeO())
Phi0, Phi1 = Phi_series.coeff(xi, 0), Phi_series.coeff(xi, 1)

Fp_full = 1 - lam_series * (2 * eta / eps) * sp.sech(T_series) ** 2 - xi * sp.cos(T_series)
Fp_series = sp.expand(sp.series(Fp_full, xi, 0, 2).removeO())
Fp0, Fp1 = Fp_series.coeff(xi, 0) + 1, Fp_series.coeff(xi, 1)

T0_val = sp.atanh(4 * eps / (d * eta))
lam0_val = d ** 2 * eps * eta / (d ** 2 * eta ** 2 - 16 * eps ** 2)

Phi1_at0 = sp.simplify(Phi1.subs({T0: T0_val, lam0: lam0_val}))
Fp1_at0 = sp.simplify(Fp1.subs({T0: T0_val, lam0: lam0_val}))
sol1 = sp.solve([sp.Eq(Phi1_at0, 0), sp.Eq(Fp1_at0, 0)], [T1, lam1], dict=True)
assert len(sol1) == 1
T1_val = sp.simplify(sol1[0][T1])
lam1_val = sp.simplify(sol1[0][lam1])
print(f"\n[OK] T1(d) = {T1_val}")
print(f"[OK] lambda1(d) = {lam1_val}")

# consistency: d=4 must recover Paper 3's bare-Diamond perturbative correction
lam1_at_d4 = sp.simplify(lam1_val.subs(d, 4))
T0_bare = sp.atanh(eps / eta)
lam1_bare_target = eps * (2 * eps * sp.sin(T0_bare) + eta * sp.cos(T0_bare)) / (2 * (eps ** 2 - eta ** 2))
assert sp.simplify(lam1_at_d4 - lam1_bare_target) == 0
print(f"[OK] lambda1(d=4) matches Paper 3's bare-Diamond formula exactly.")

# ======================================================================
# PART 3: numerical validation and continuation at a genuinely new degree
# (d=8, generation 3 -- not reducible to a rescaling of the bare Diamond)
# ======================================================================
EPS_N, ETA_N, D_N = 0.5, 1.0, 8


def F_full_numeric(Tv, lamv, xiv, dv=D_N, eps_n=EPS_N, eta_n=ETA_N):
    return Tv + lamv * (8 / dv - (2 * eta_n / eps_n) * np.tanh(Tv)) - xiv * np.sin(Tv)


def Tstar_of(lamv, xiv, guess, dv=D_N):
    return brentq(lambda Tv: F_full_numeric(Tv, lamv, xiv, dv) - Tv, guess - 1.0, guess + 1.0)


def multiplier(Tv, lamv, xiv, dv=D_N, eps_n=EPS_N, eta_n=ETA_N):
    return 1 - (2 * eta_n / eps_n) * lamv / np.cosh(Tv) ** 2 - xiv * np.cos(Tv)

```

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T0_num = float(T0_val.subs({eps: EPS_N, eta: ETA_N, d: D_N}))
lam0_num = float(lam0_val.subs({eps: EPS_N, eta: ETA_N, d: D_N}))
T1_num = float(T1_val.subs({eps: EPS_N, eta: ETA_N, d: D_N}))
lam1_num = float(lam1_val.subs({eps: EPS_N, eta: ETA_N, d: D_N}))
print(f"\nAt (eps,eta,d)=({EPS_N},{ETA_N},{D_N}): T0={T0_num:.6f}, lambda0={lam0_num:.6f}, "
      f"T1={T1_num:.6f}, lambda1={lam1_num:.6f}")

print("\n[validation] perturbative formula vs. direct numerical solve, at d=8:")
for xiv in [0.001, 0.01, 0.05]:
    guess = lam0_num + xiv * lam1_num

    def resid(lamv):
        Tv = Tstar_of(lamv, xiv, T0_num)
        return multiplier(Tv, lamv, xiv) + 1
    lam_exact = brentq(resid, guess - 0.05, guess + 0.05)
    ratio = abs(lam_exact - guess) / xiv ** 2
    print(f" xi={xiv:<6.3f} exact={lam_exact:.7f} perturbative={guess:.7f} diff/xi^2={ratio:.4f}")

print(f"\n[continuation] full numerical lambda_flip(xi) at d={D_N}, approach to xi*=2:")
Tguess, lamguess = T0_num, lam0_num
for xv in np.linspace(0, 1.9, 20):
    def resid(lamv):
        Tv = Tstar_of(lamv, xv, Tguess)
        return multiplier(Tv, lamv, xv) + 1
    try:
        lamnew = brentq(resid, max(lamguess - 0.3, 1e-5), lamguess + 0.3)
        Tnew = Tstar_of(lamnew, xv, Tguess)
        lamguess, Tguess = lamnew, Tnew
        print(f" xi={xv:.3f}: lambda_flip={lamnew:.6f} T*={Tnew:.6f}")
    except Exception as e:
        print(f" xi={xv:.3f}: continuation step failed ({e})")

print()
print("=" * 74)
print("ALL ASSERTIONS PASSED. xi*=2 is universal across (eps,eta) AND d; the")
print("nontrivial threshold curve at a genuinely new degree (d=8, not a")
print("rescaling of the bare case) shows the same qualitative approach to it.")
print("=" * 74)
```

Listing 8: The $\xi \neq 0$ extension at general degree d: exact d-independence of $\xi^* = 2$, the general perturbative correction, and numerical validation/continuation at $d = 8$. Requires `sympy`, `numpy`, `scipy`.

B Honest Summary of Epistemic Status and Reproducibility

Claim	Status	Basis
The Diamond (Section 2)		

Claim	Status	Basis
Universal rung curvature $2/(2+w)$, all generations	**[DERIVED]**	Structural argument (identical local neighborhood to the bare Diamond) plus machine-precision verification at generations 2–3 (Listing 5).
Degree-dependent periphery $4/d-1$, bulk regime	**[VALIDATED]**	Verified at 5 synthetic degrees and independently on the real generations 2–3 graphs, to machine precision; not a fitted curve, but no closed-form (LP dual-certificate) proof for general d (Listing 5).
Exact $d=4$ rescaling, $S_{\text{eff}}(T;4) = S_{\text{bare}}(T)/2$	**[DERIVED]**	Symbolic identity for all T, not a numeric coincidence (Listing 6).
$\lambda_{\text{flip}}(d)$, $c_3(d)$ closed form; genericity at every d	**[DERIVED]**	Full symbolic derivation, $d=4$ consistency-checked against Paper 3 by assertion (Listing 6).
Smooth, monotonic flow to finite limit $(\epsilon/\eta, -4/3)$ as $d\to\infty$	**[DERIVED]**	Symbolic limits; monotonicity proved analytically from the closed forms, both signs manifest (Listing 6).
Explicit decimation map on $c_0 = 8/d$; $c_0^* = 0$ a genuine fixed point	**[DERIVED]**	$S_{\text{eff}}(T;2d) = S_{\text{eff}}(T;d) - 4/d$ read as a Migdal–Kadanoff coupling recursion; fixed point reproduces the $d\to\infty$ limit exactly (Listing 7).
Trivial-branch threshold $\xi = 2$, exact for every d	**[DERIVED]**	One-line linearization, $F'_{\text{eff}}(0;0,\xi,d) = 1-\xi$ identically in d (Listing 8).
Nontrivial branch's endpoint coincides with $\xi=2$	**[VALIDATED]**	Numerically continued to $\xi = 1.9$ at $d=4$ and $d=8$; not an independent proof the two branches must meet there (Listing 8).
Perturbative $\lambda_1(d)$; numerical continuation at $d=8$	**[DERIVED]**	$d=4$ consistency-checked against Paper 3; $d=8$ validated against direct numerical solution ($O(\xi^2)$ error scaling) and continued numerically to $\xi = 1.9$ (Listing 8).
Peripheral curvature beyond the $w=2$ kink	**[OPEN]**	Kink located numerically; closed form beyond it not derived (Section 2.4).
Flip trajectory crosses the $w=2$ kink at $d=8$	**[VALIDATED]**	$w^*(T^*(d)) = d/2-2$; exact ORC engine re-run at the trajectory value (not the safe $w=1$ of Proposition A.2's own test) matches $4/d-1$ at $d=8,12$, not proved for every d (Listing 5).
Multi-parameter (outer/bridge) heterogeneous fixed point	**[OPEN]**	Structural split identified; coupled map not constructed (Section 2.4).

Claim	Status	Basis
The Fan (Section 3)		
Step 1 ratio family exists, non-degenerate (not the failed $T_s = 0$ scheme)	**[DERIVED]**	Continuation against the real ORC engine; positive, finite weights throughout (Listing 1).
Step 1 independently reproduces Paper 3's states A, B	**[VALIDATED]**	4–5 significant figures agreement with an unrelated inverse fit (Listing 1).
Root at $\eta/\epsilon = 1/2$, $T_s^* = 2.9214723$	**[VALIDATED]**	Machine-precision residual (1.5×10^{-16}); found after fixing a diagnosed solver artifact (Listing 2).
Exact closed-form curvatures, $\alpha \leq \gamma \leq 2+\alpha$, $\delta \geq \gamma$	**[DERIVED]**	Transport-plan support identified directly; verified to machine precision at 6 chosen + 25 randomized points inside the bounds, which are themselves derived from a demand-versus-supply argument and confirmed jointly sufficient by a 5000-point search (Listing 4). Corrects an earlier, wider-stated hypothesis; the confirmed root sits well inside either way.
$\eta/\epsilon(\alpha) \to 1/2$ as $\alpha \to 0$	**[DERIVED]**	Symbolic limit of an exact closed-form function, not an observation (Listing 3).
T_s^* itself in closed form	**[OPEN]**	Only the $T_m \to \infty$ limit is closed-form; the finite system is unsolved analytically (Section 4).
$\alpha > \gamma$ branch	**[OPEN]**	Different transport-plan branch; two test points failed by 10^{-1} before the restriction was identified (Section 3.4).
Connection to Paper 3's $\eta/\epsilon = 0.535$ calibration	**[OPEN]**	Agreement checked only at 0.535 (Step 1) and 0.5 (the root) separately; not yet joined by one continuation (Section 4).

Reproducibility

All eight listings are complete Python scripts, embedded directly in this source with no dependency on any external file or on each other. Listing 5, Listing 1, and Listing 2 require `numpy`, `scipy`, and `networkx`; Listing 6 and Listing 7 require `sympy` alone; Listing 8, Listing 3, and Listing 4 require `sympy` together with `numpy`/`scipy` (the latter two also `networkx`) for their numerical validation portions.

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The author retains full intellectual responsibility for the physical hypotheses, the interpretation of results, and all claims made in this paper.

The use of AI assistants in this capacity is disclosed in the interest of transparency regarding the methodology of the research.

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