

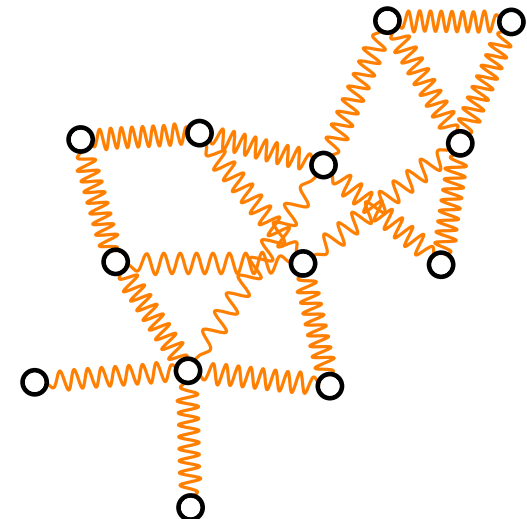
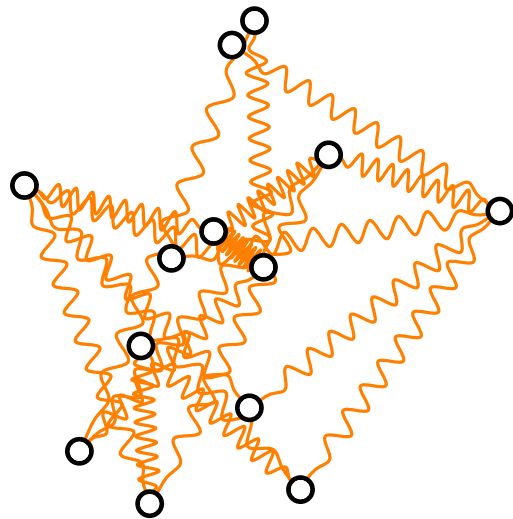
Visualization of Graphs

Lecture 2: Force-Directed Drawing Algorithms

Part I: Spring Embedders

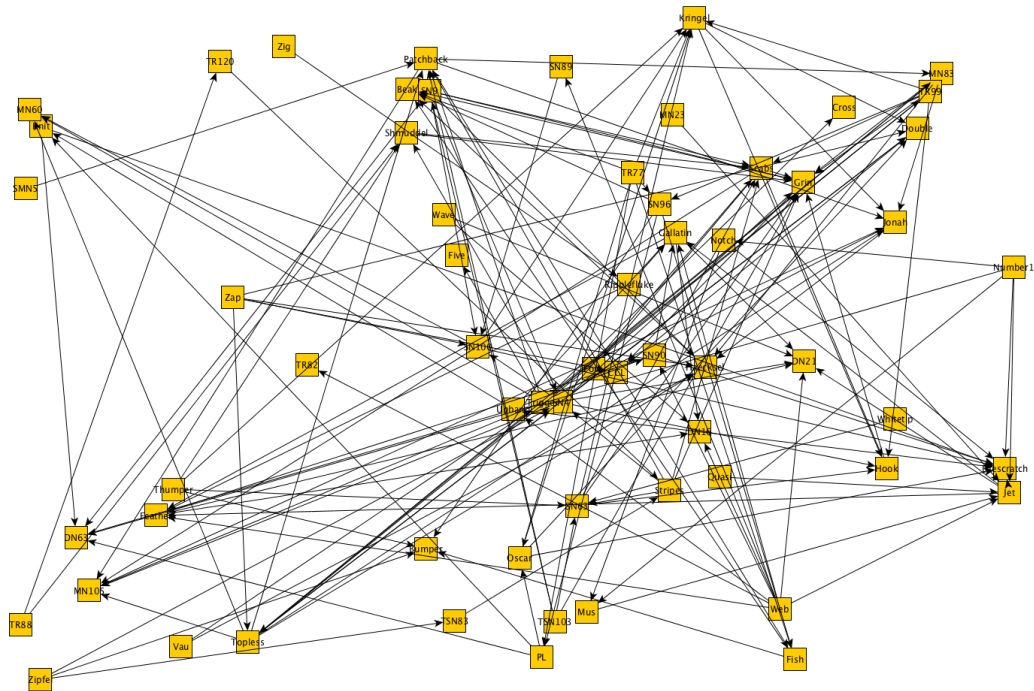
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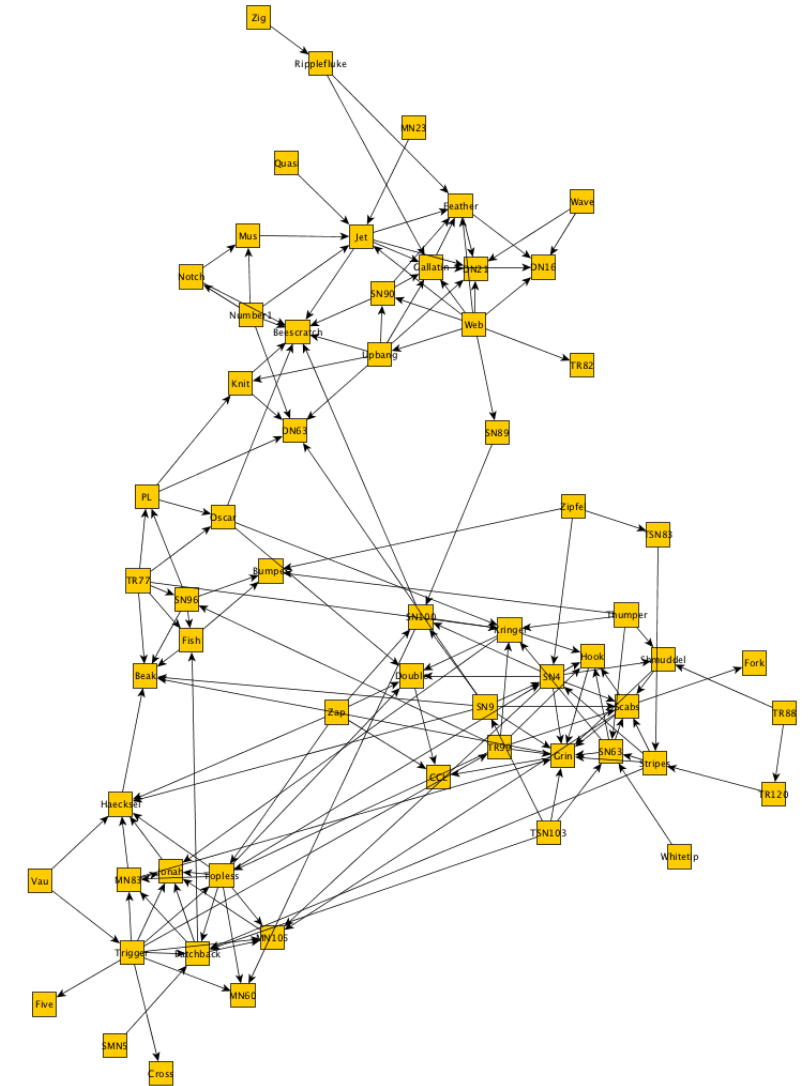
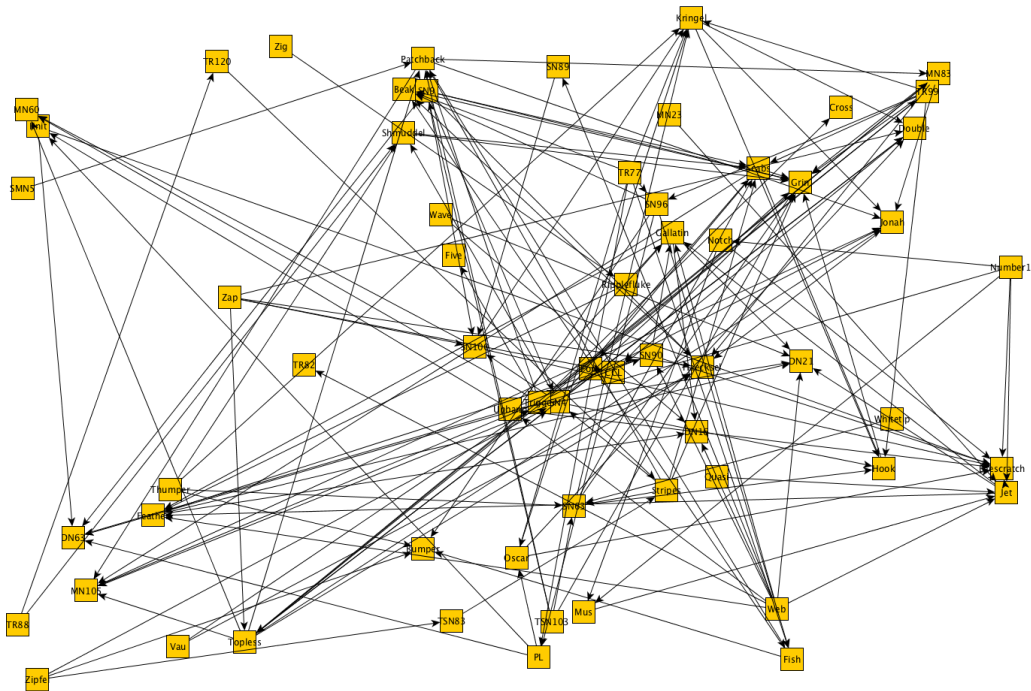
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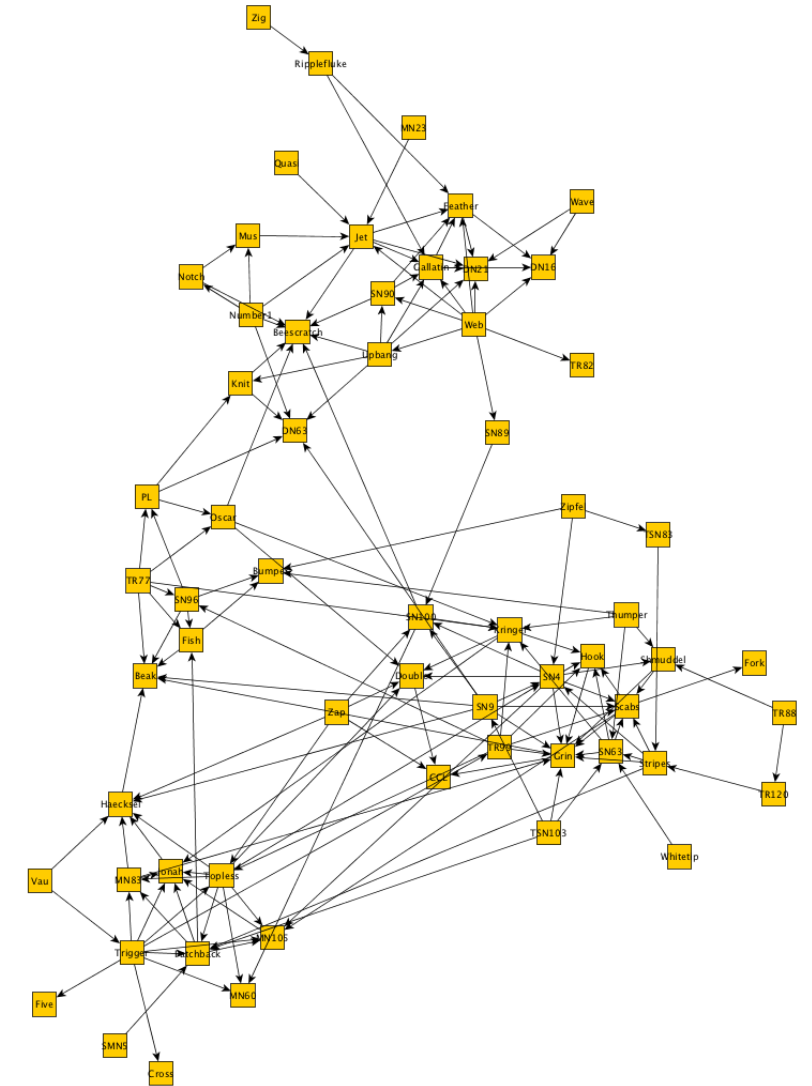


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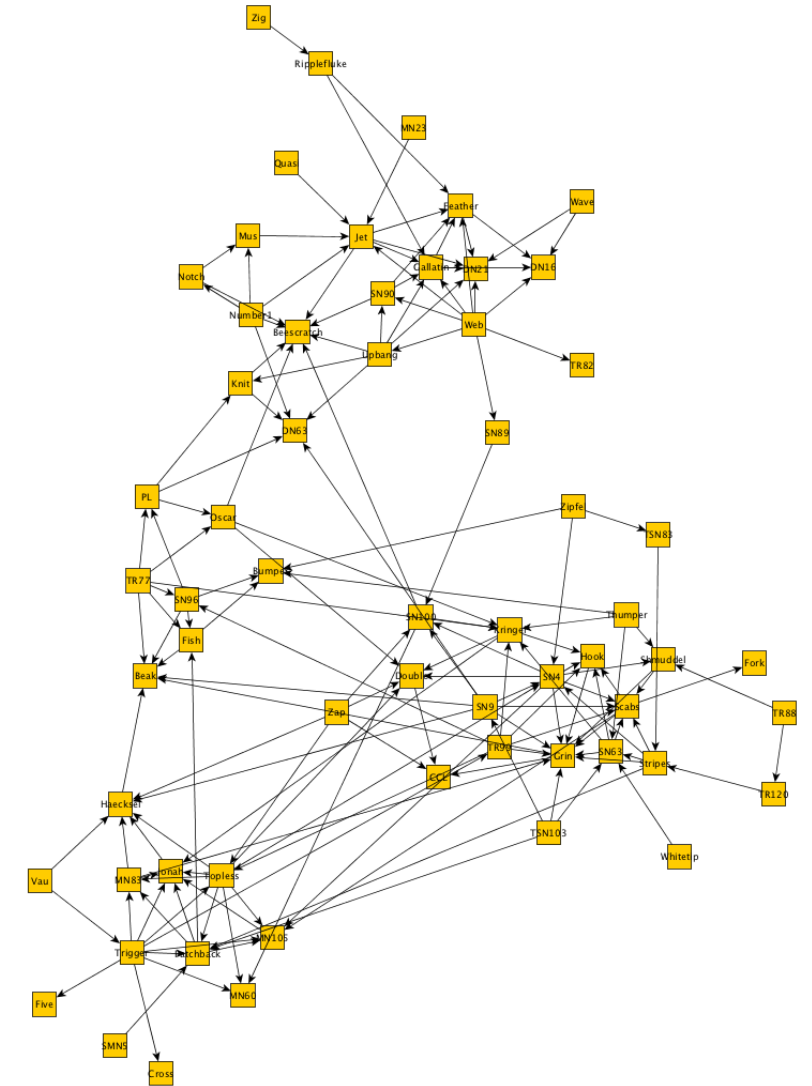
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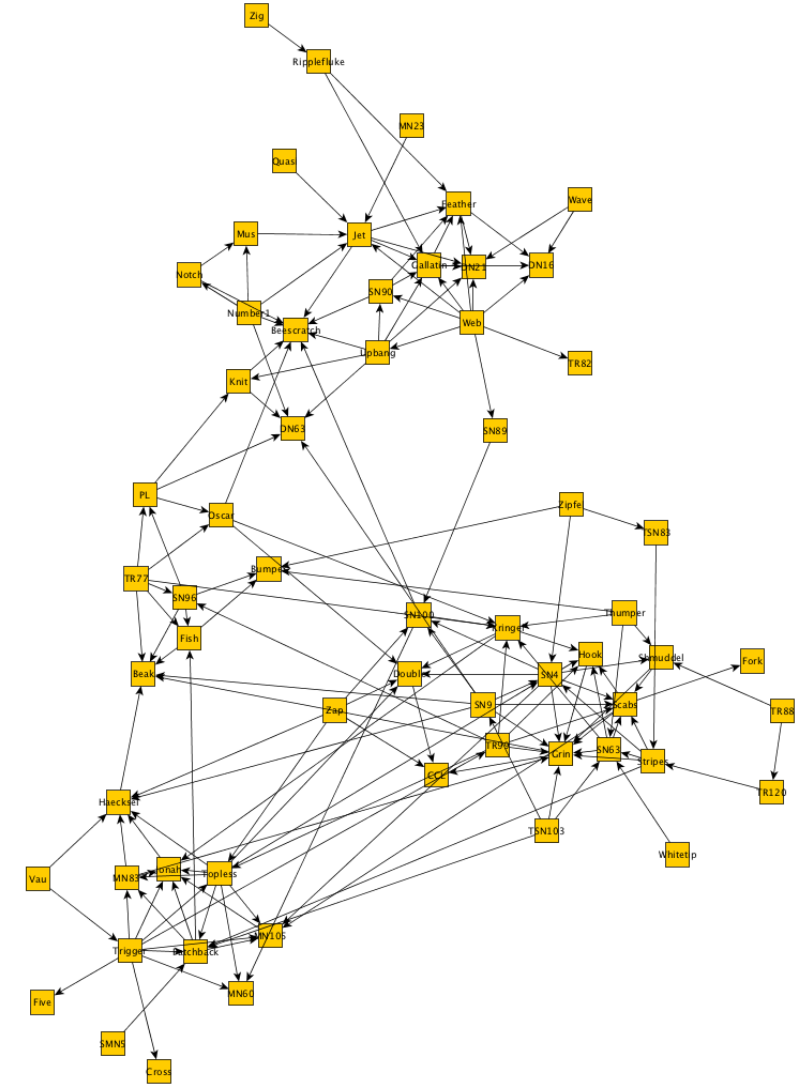
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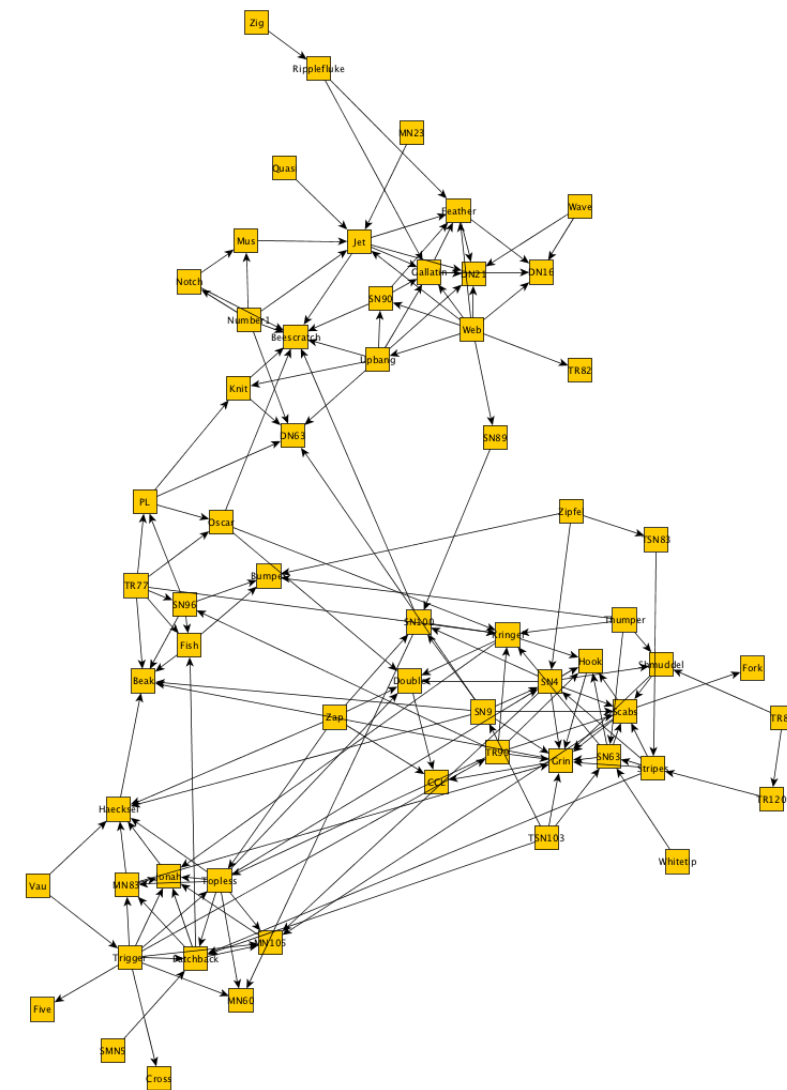
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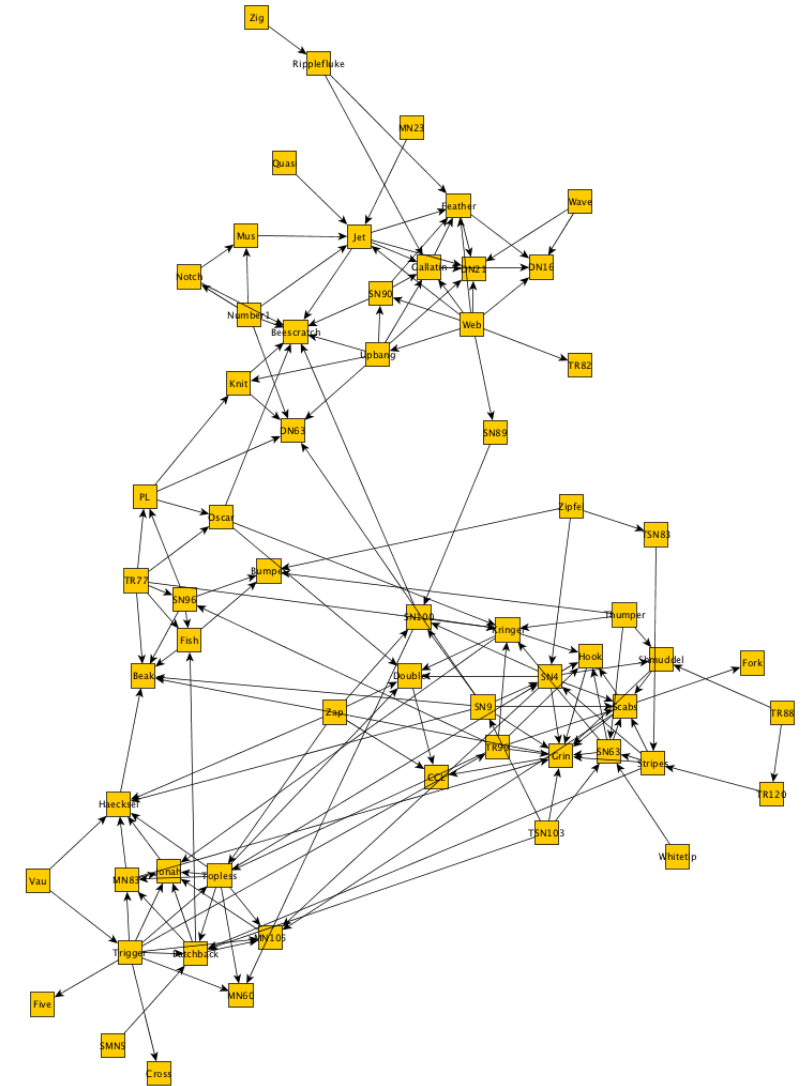
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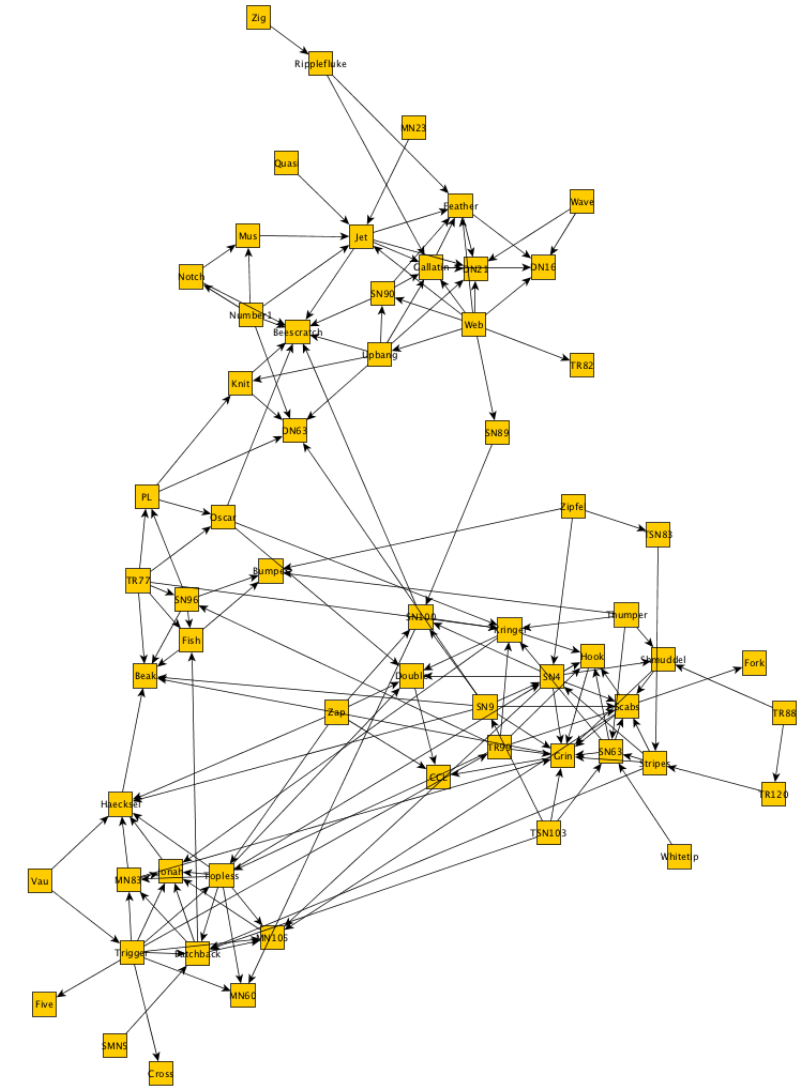
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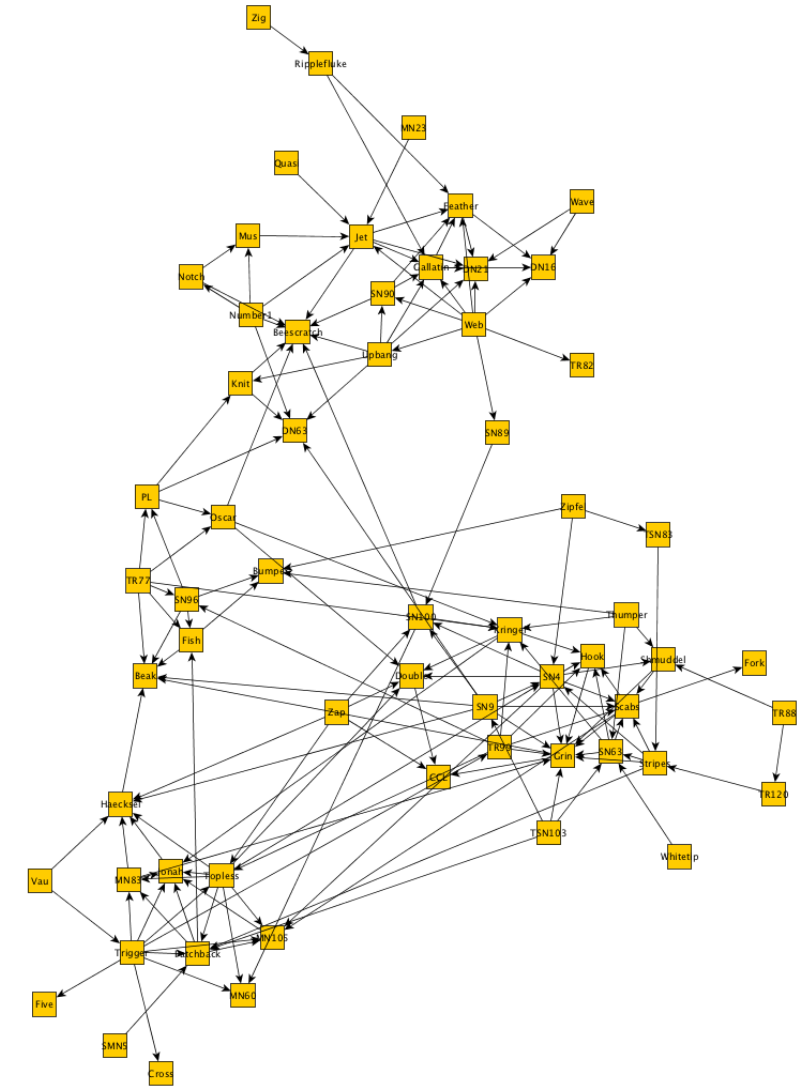
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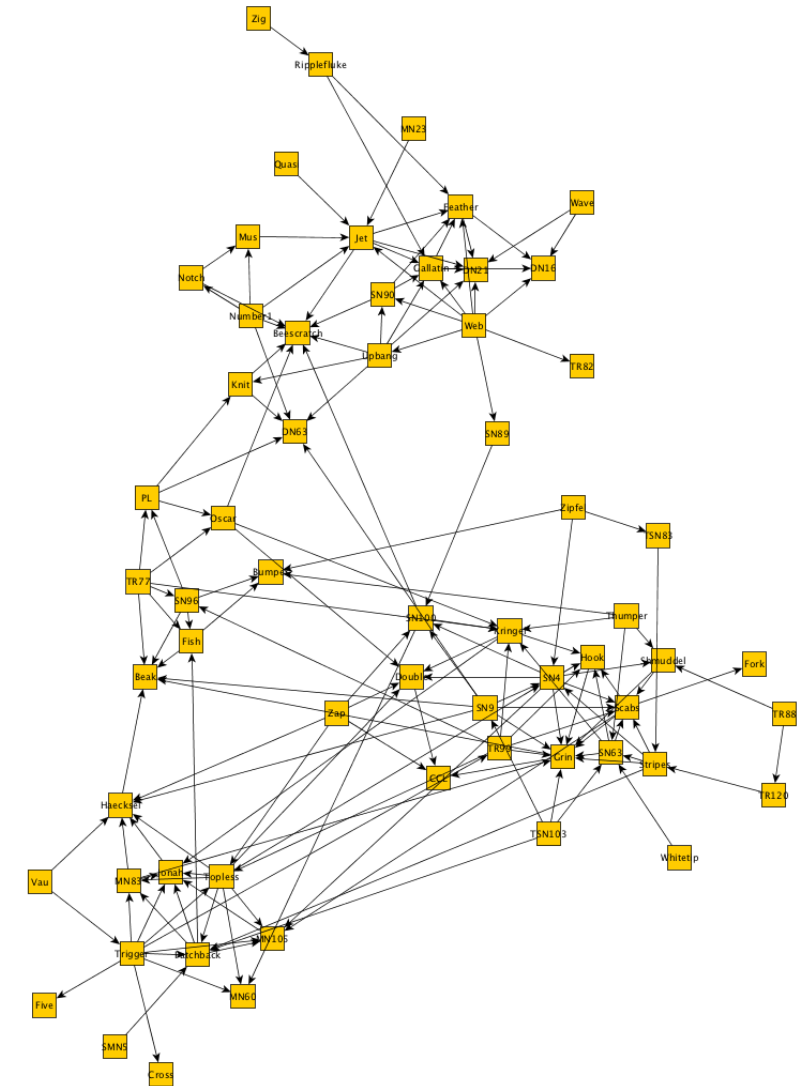
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Optimization criteria partially contradict each other.



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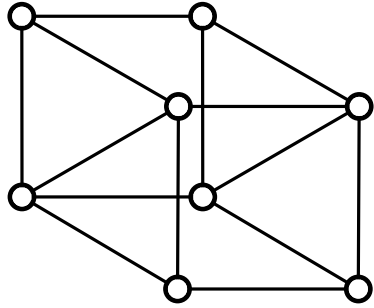
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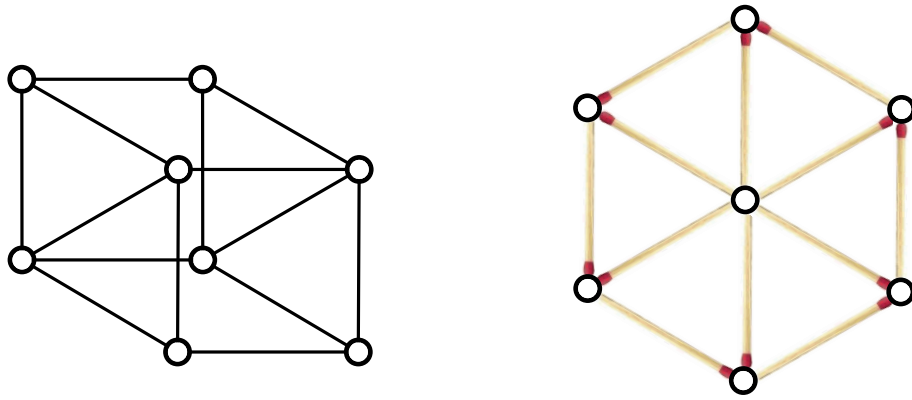
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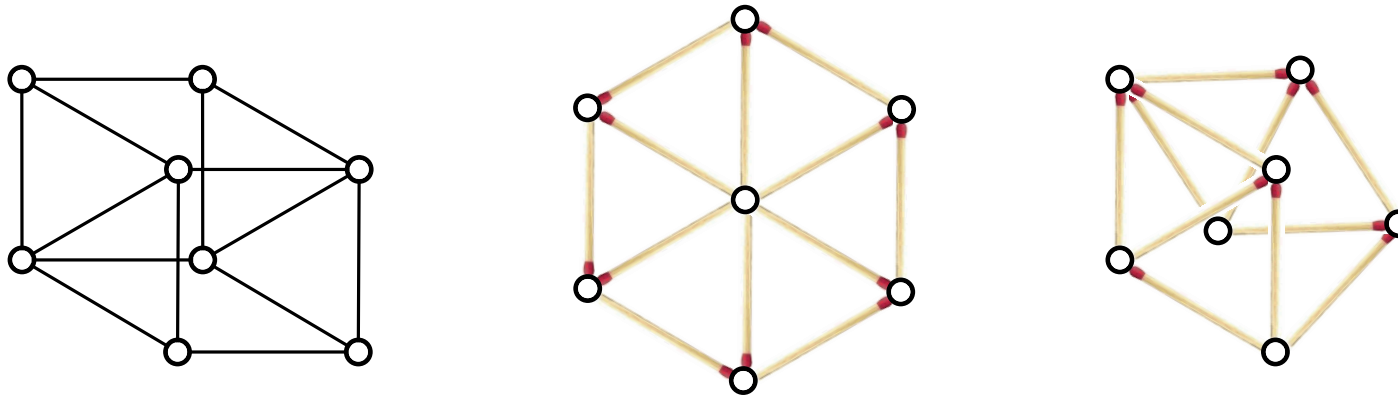
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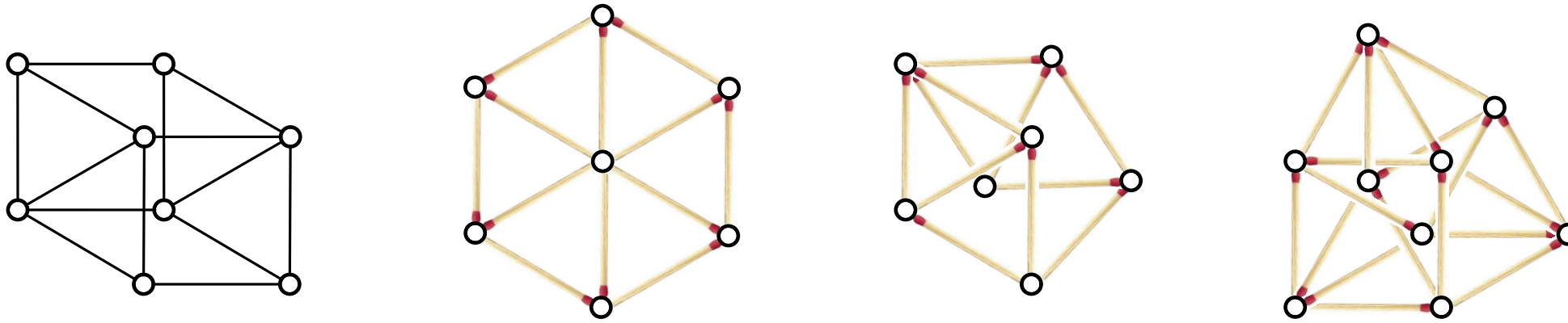
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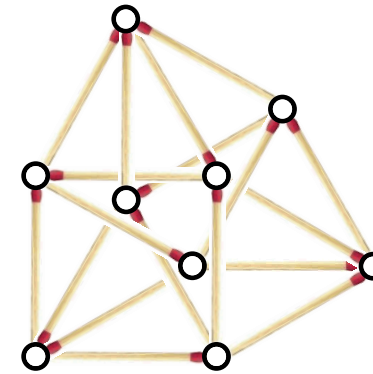
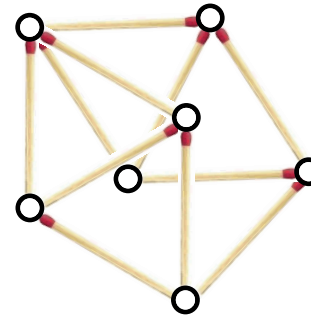
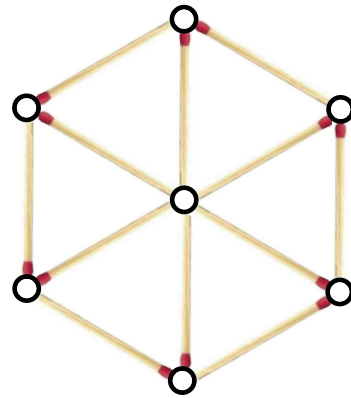
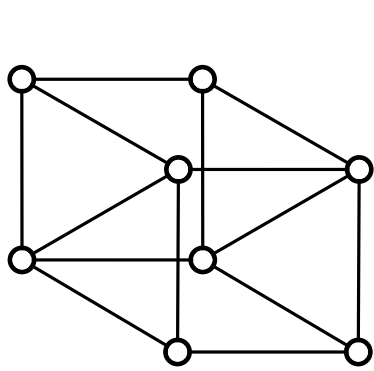
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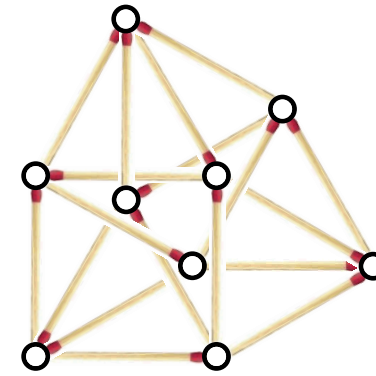
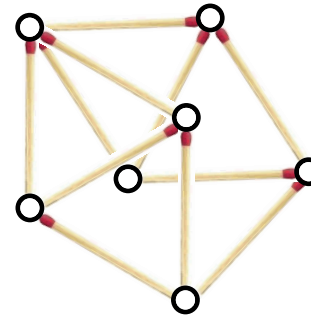
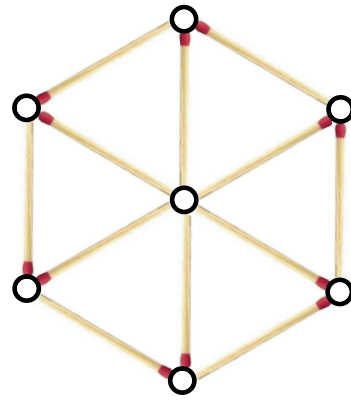
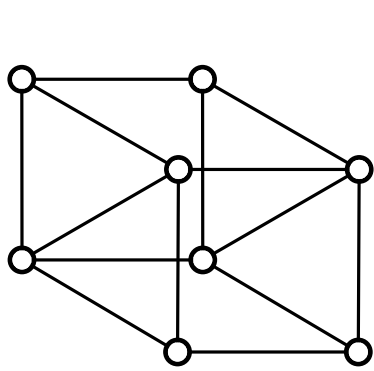


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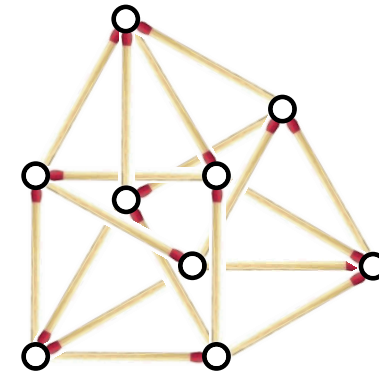
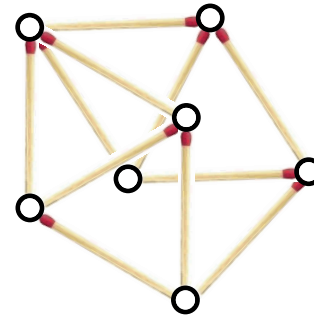
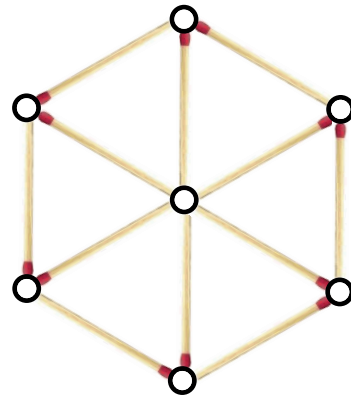
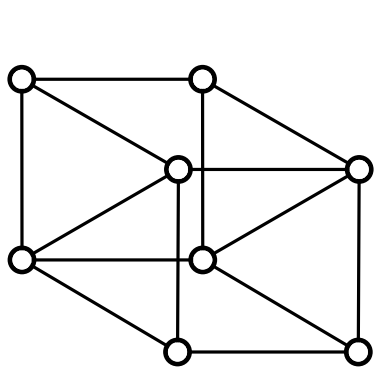
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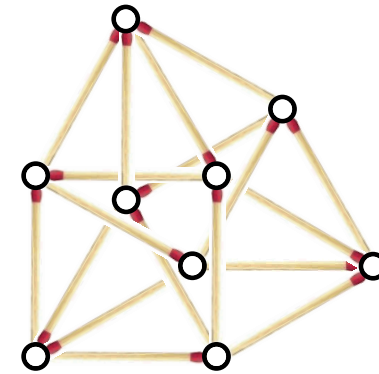
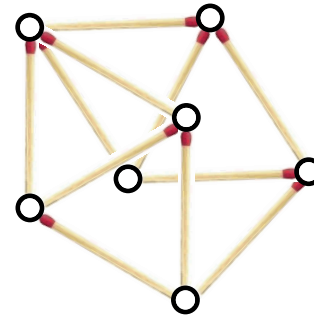
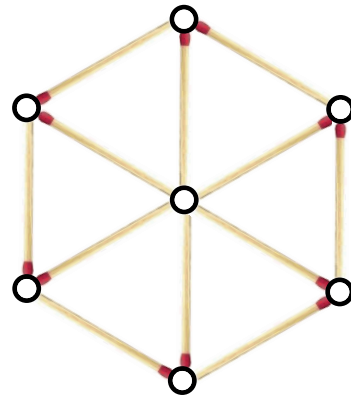
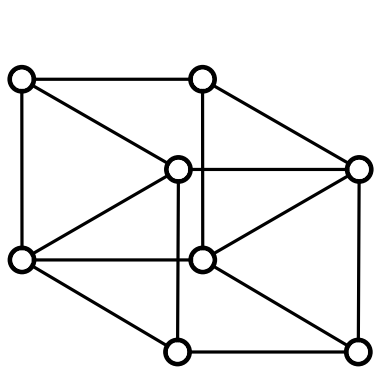
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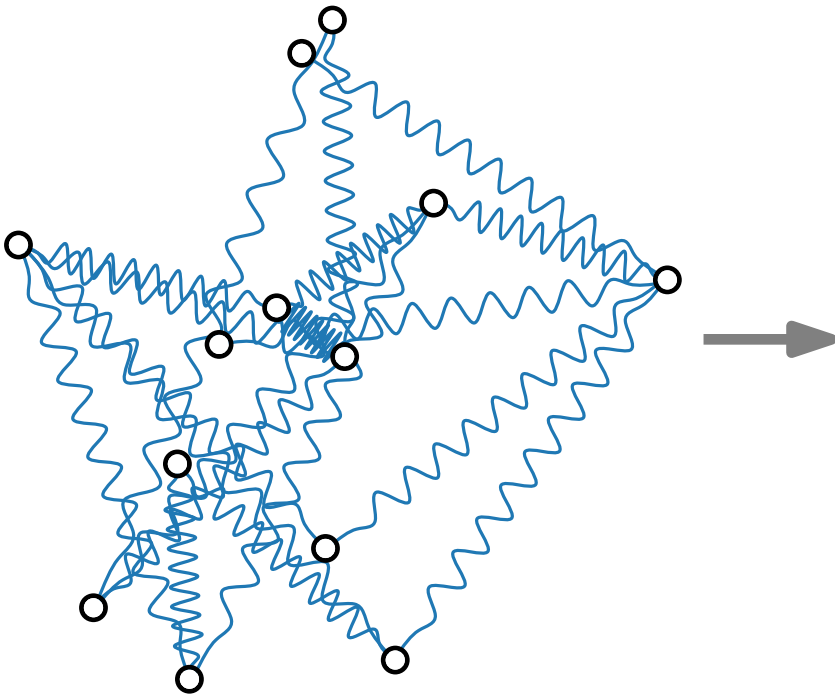
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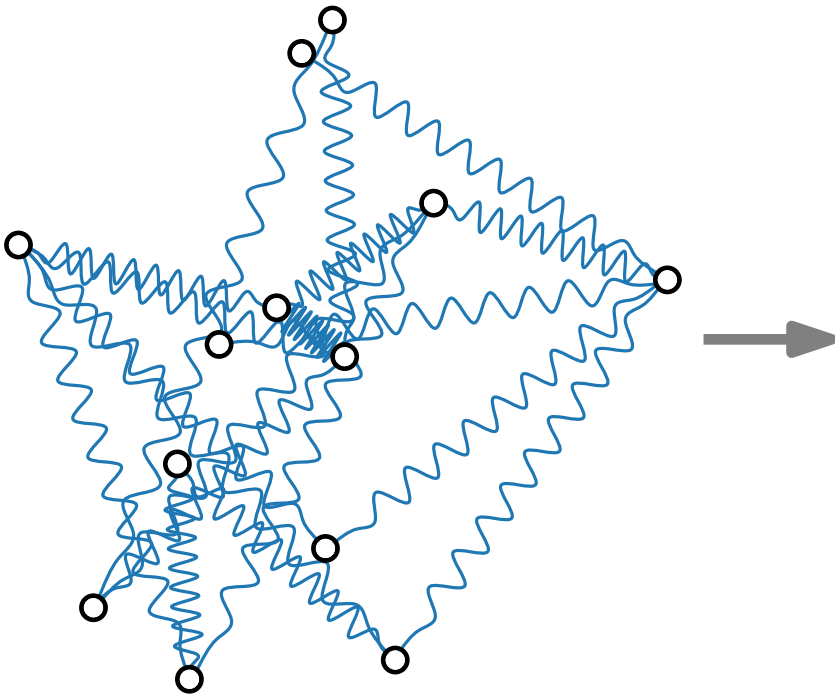


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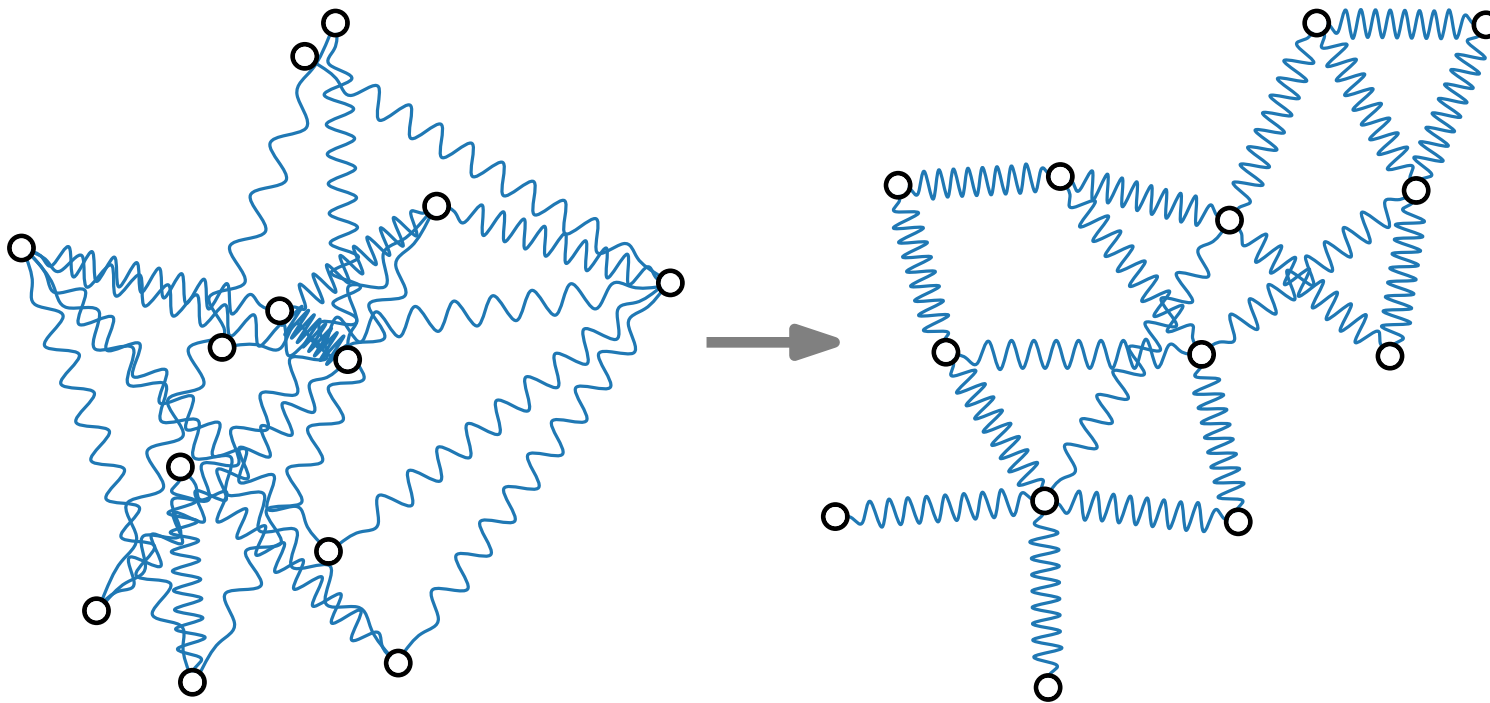


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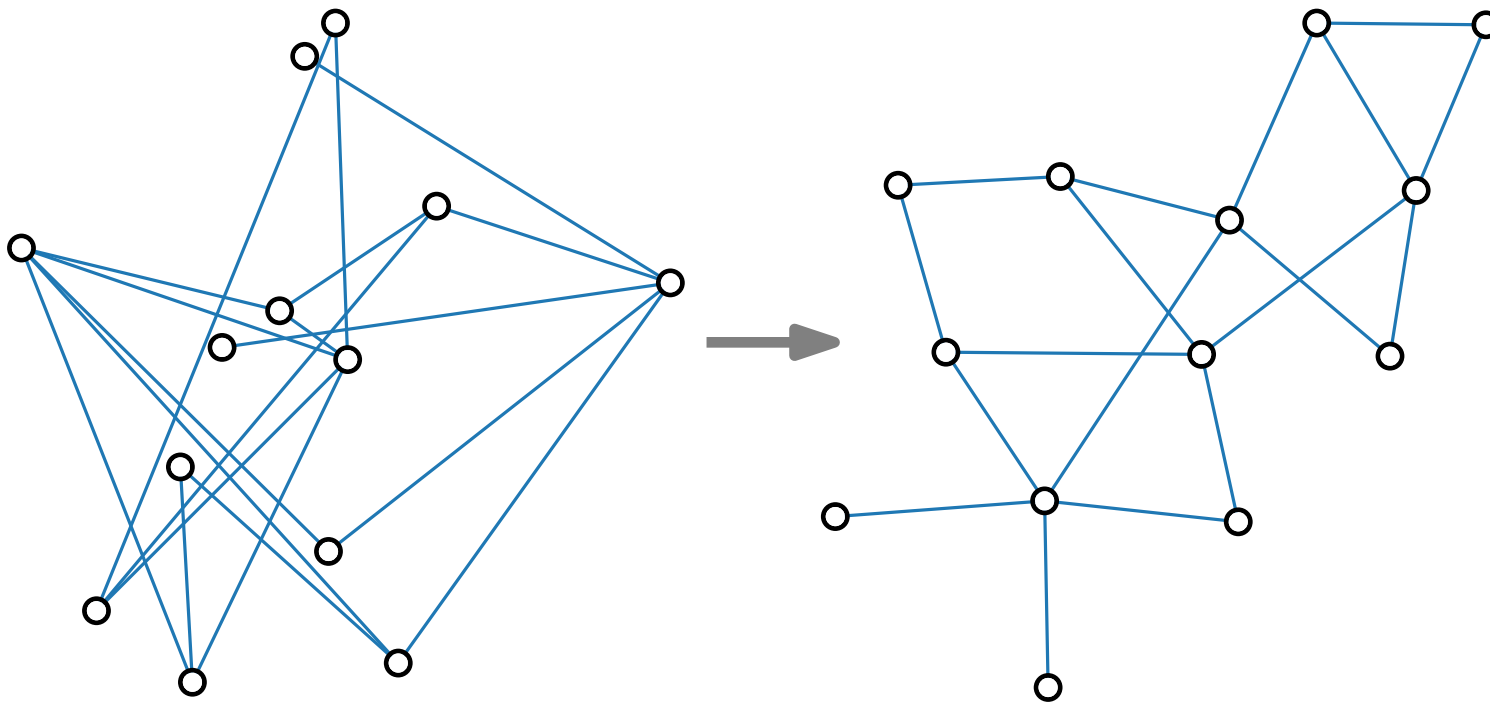


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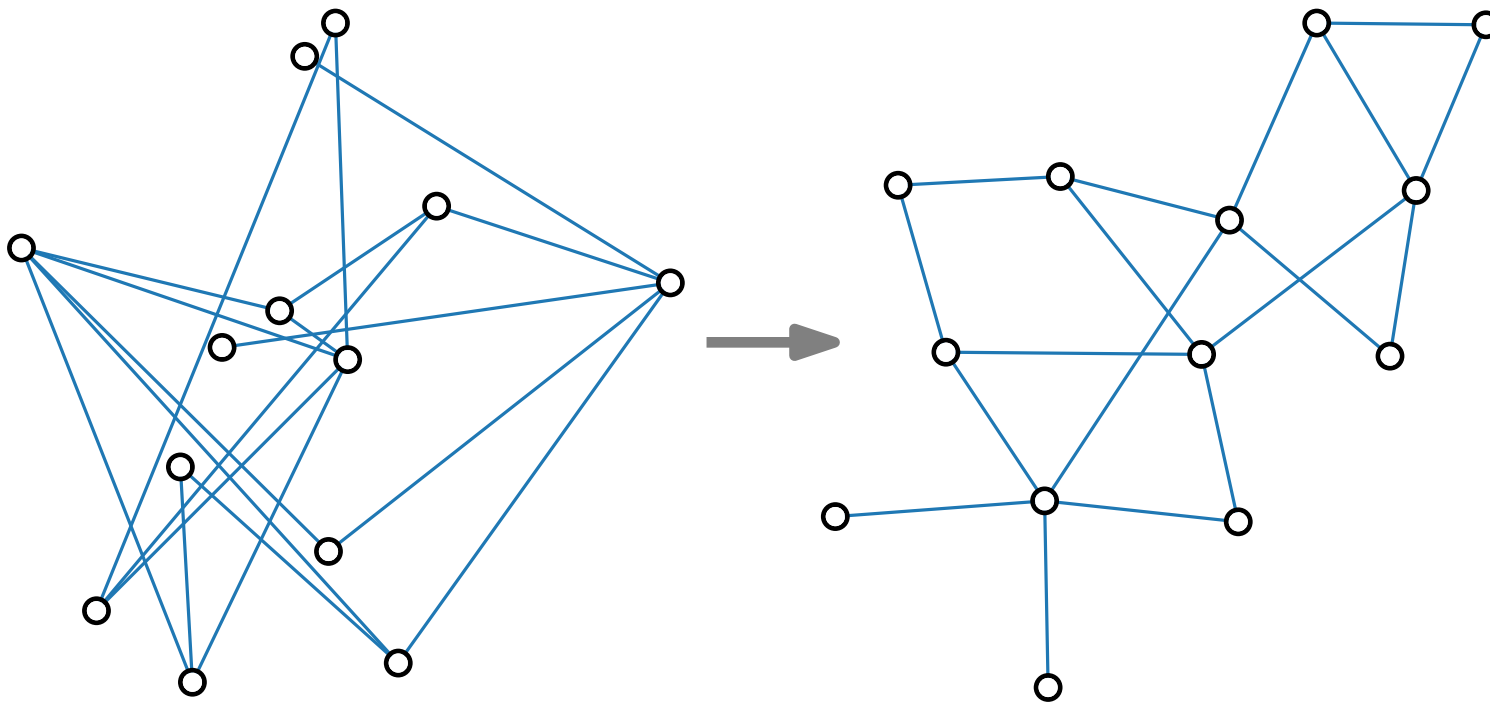
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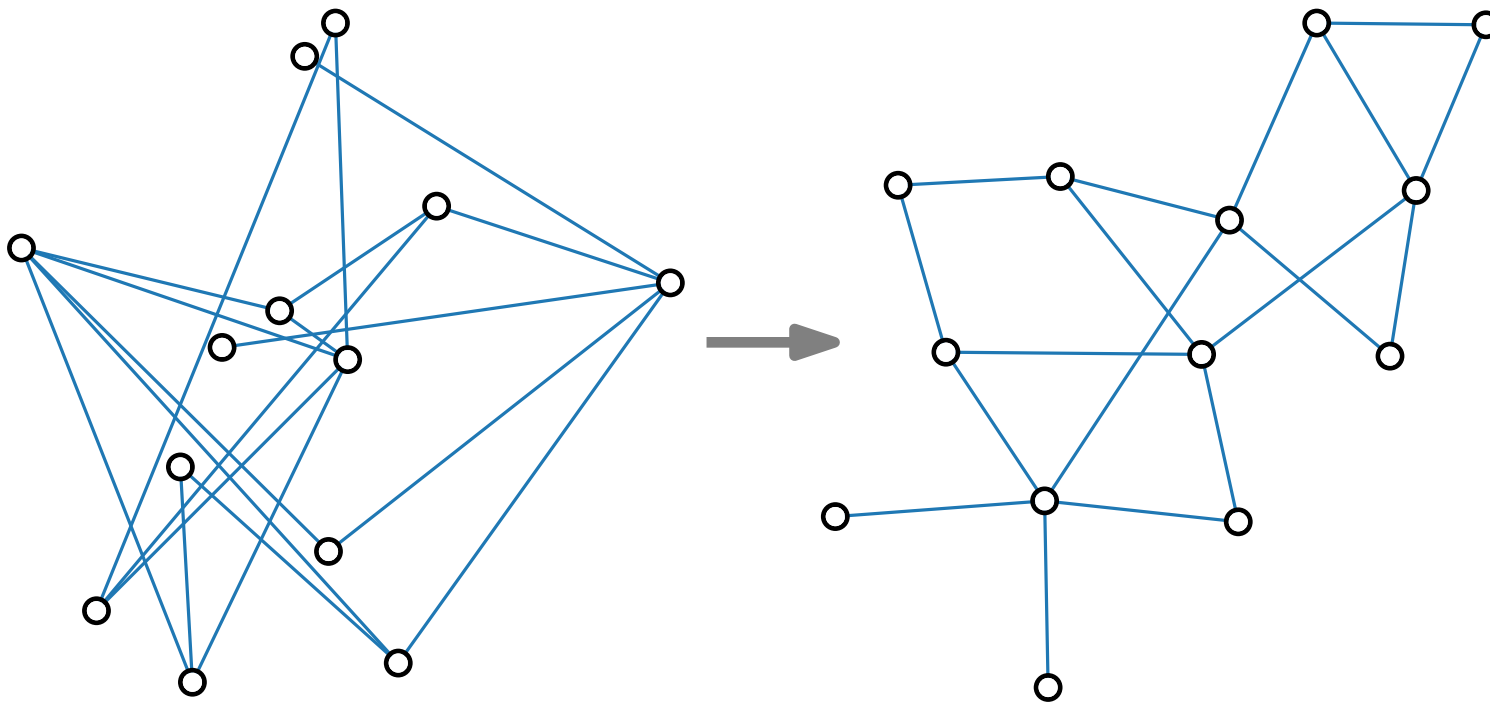
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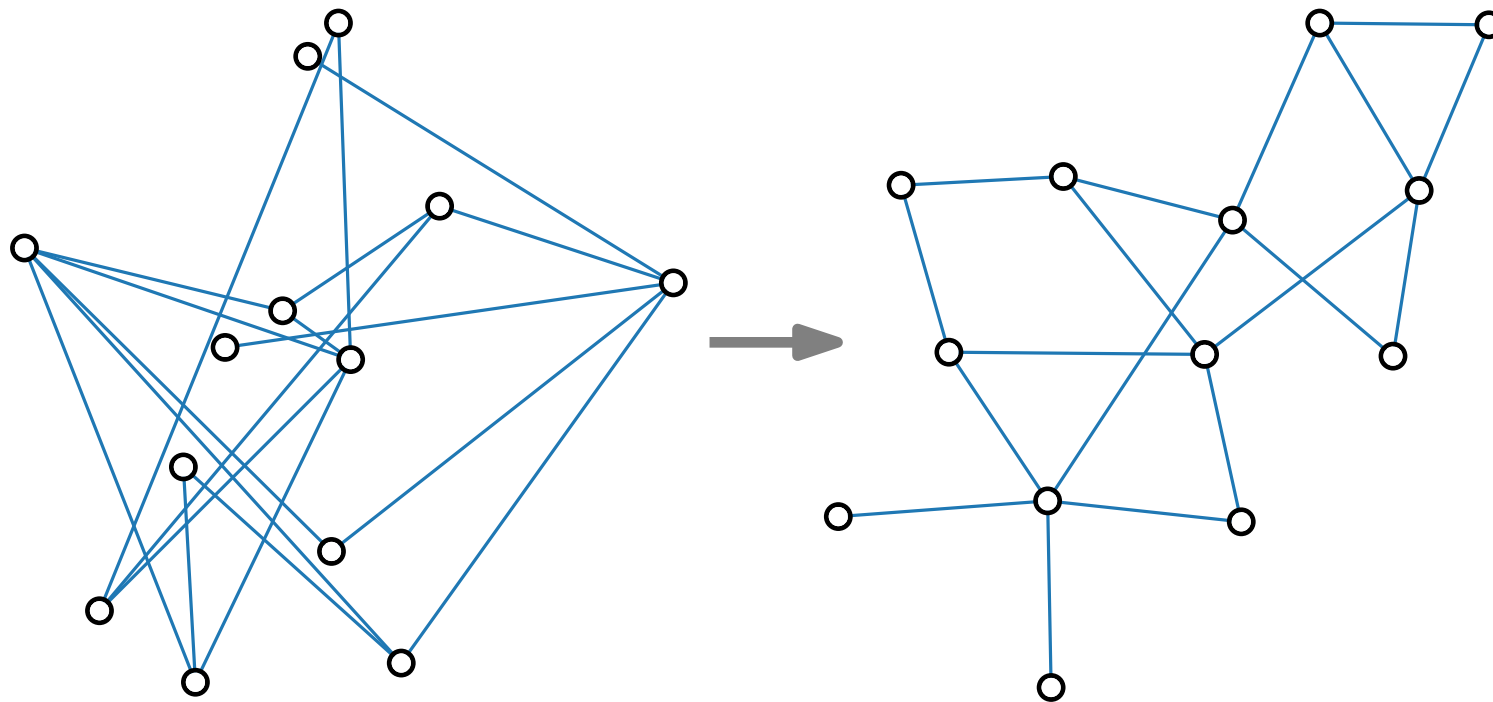


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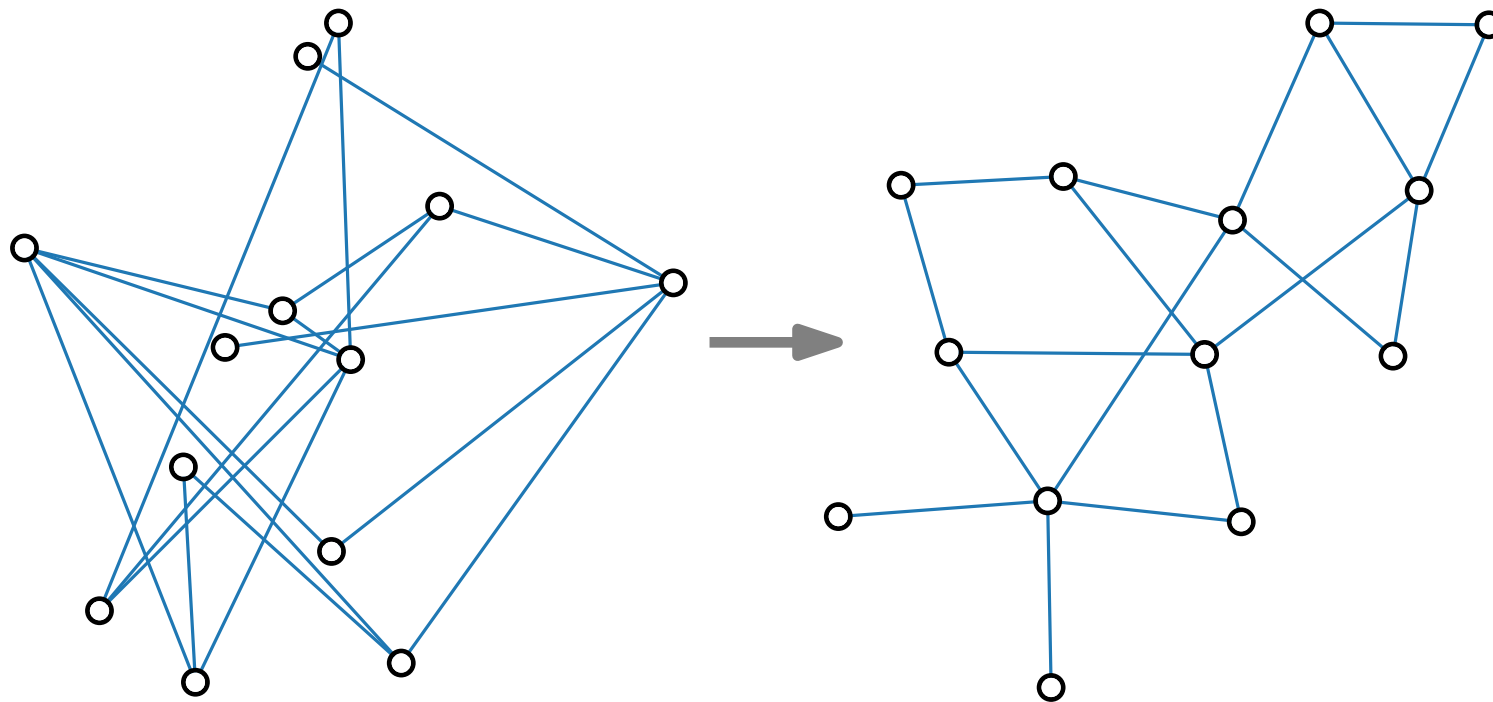
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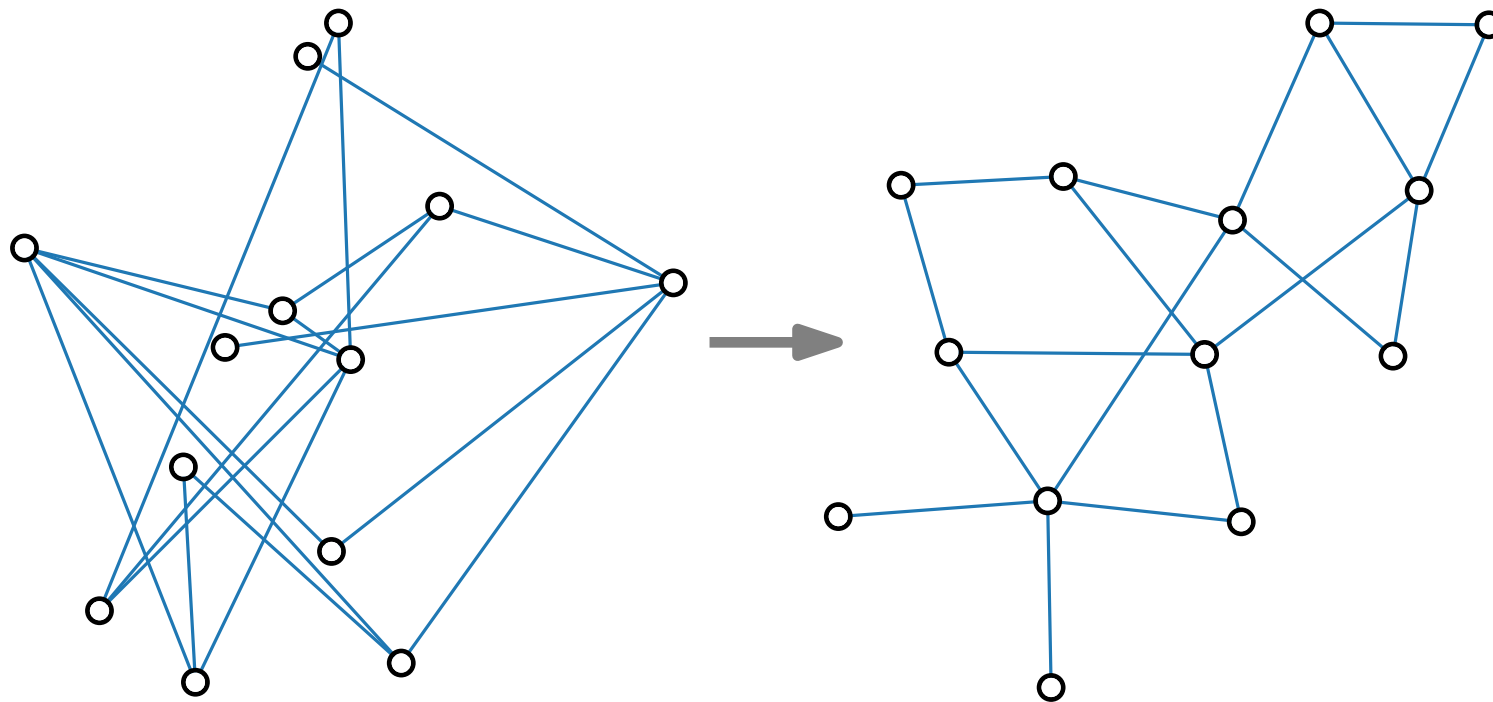
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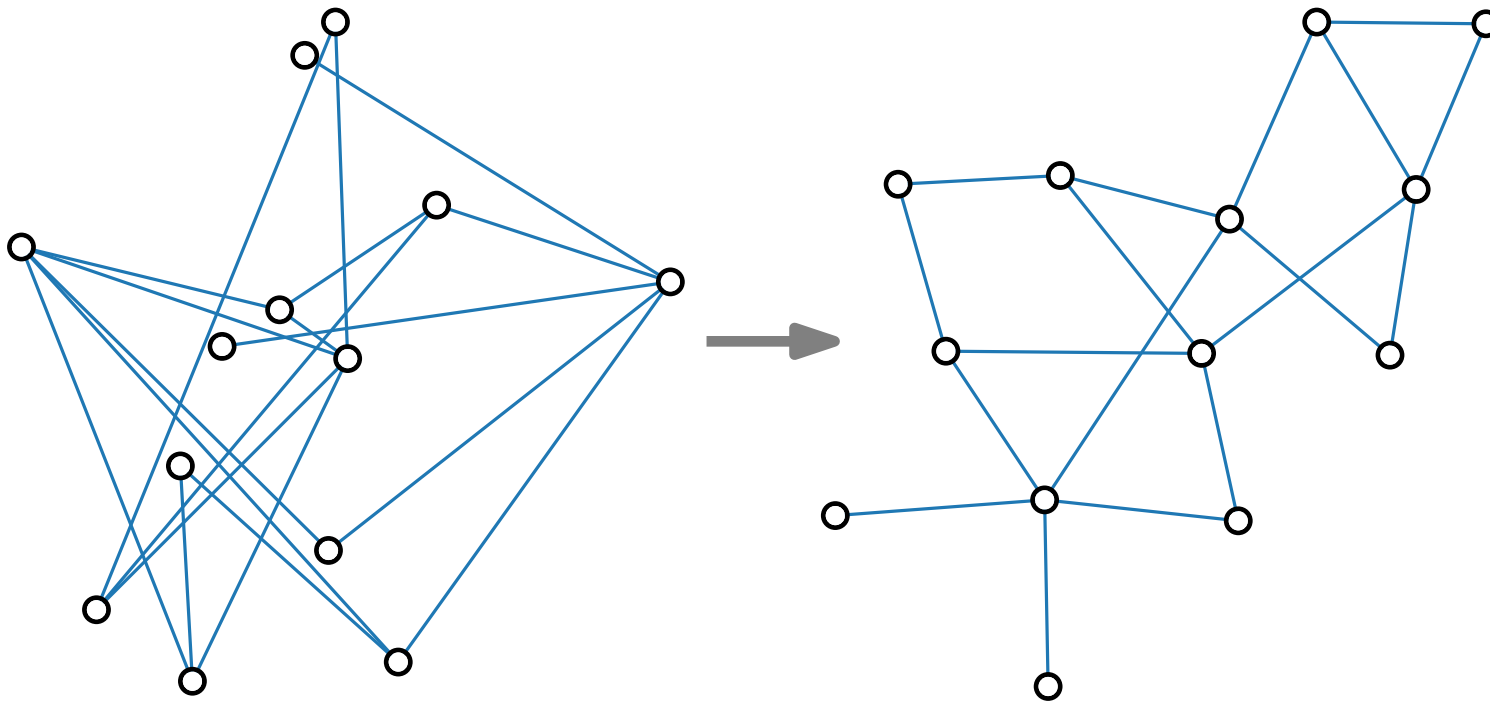
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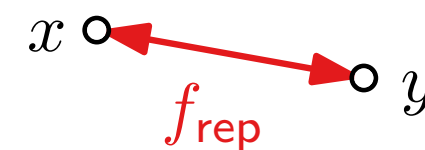
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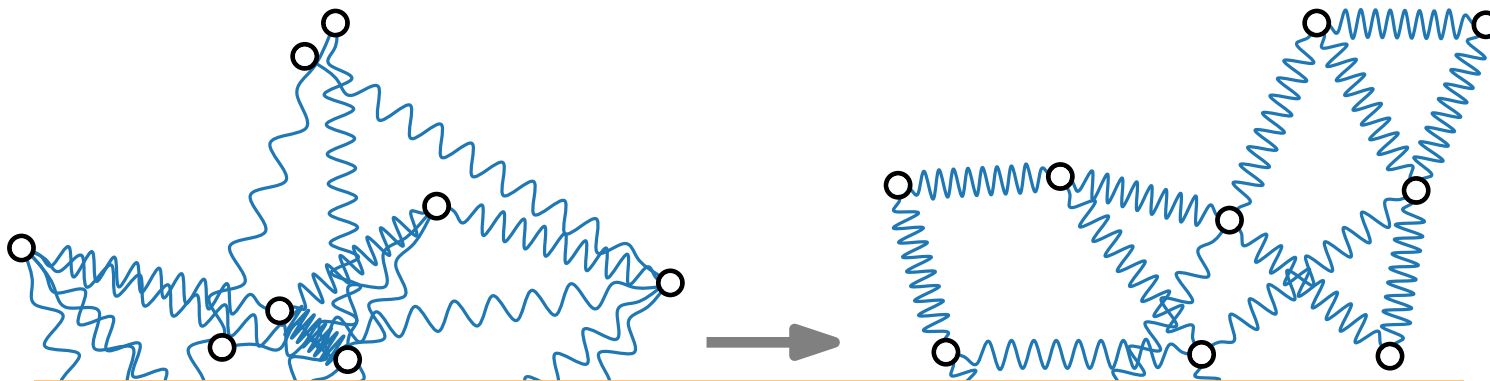


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So-called **spring-embedder** algorithms that work according to this or similar principles are among the most frequently used graph-drawing methods in practice.

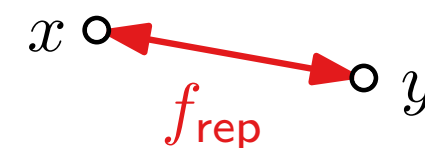
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The diagram shows the signature of the ForceDirected algorithm. The parameters are graph G, p = (p_v)_{v in V}, epsilon > 0, and K in N. Annotations include: 'initial layout; may be randomly chosen positions' pointing to p; 'max # iterations' pointing to K; 'threshold' pointing to epsilon; and 'end layout' pointing to the returned value p. The entire function signature is enclosed in a green dashed box.

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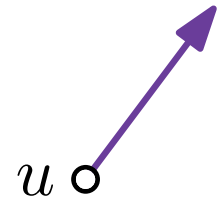
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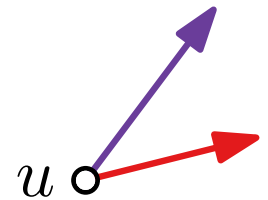
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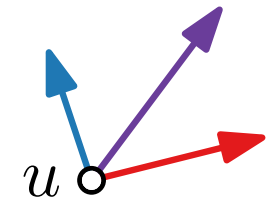
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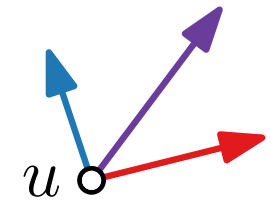
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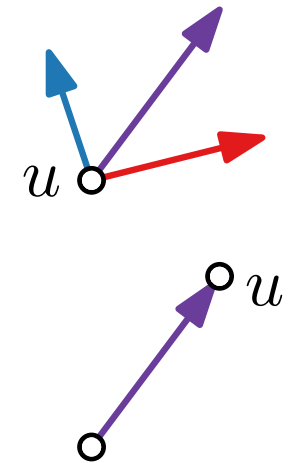
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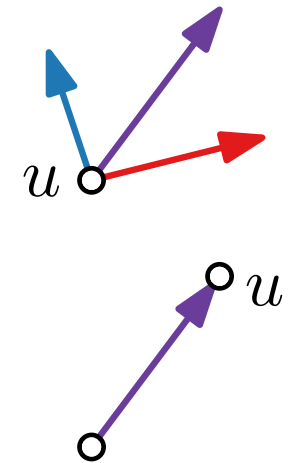
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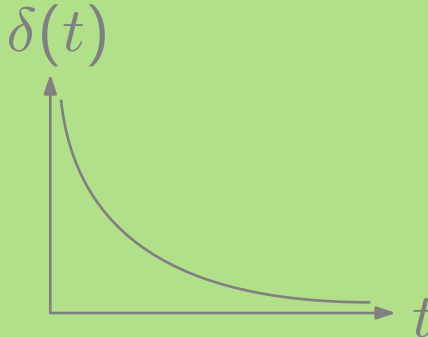
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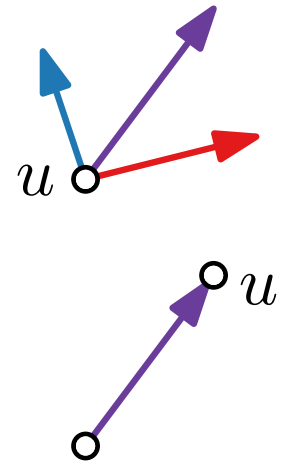
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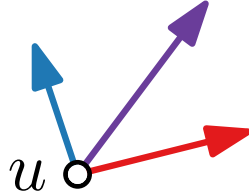
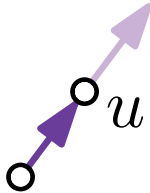
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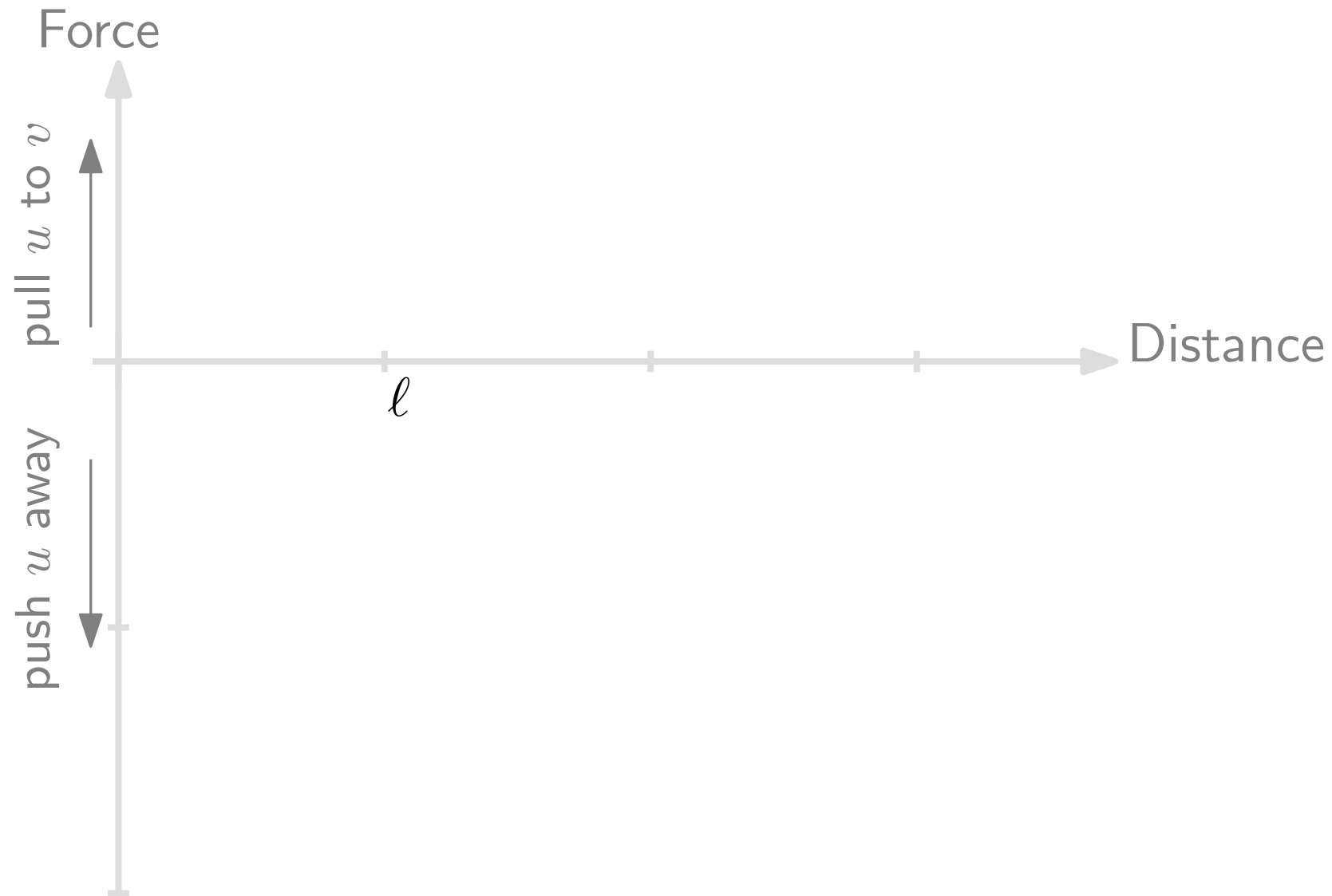
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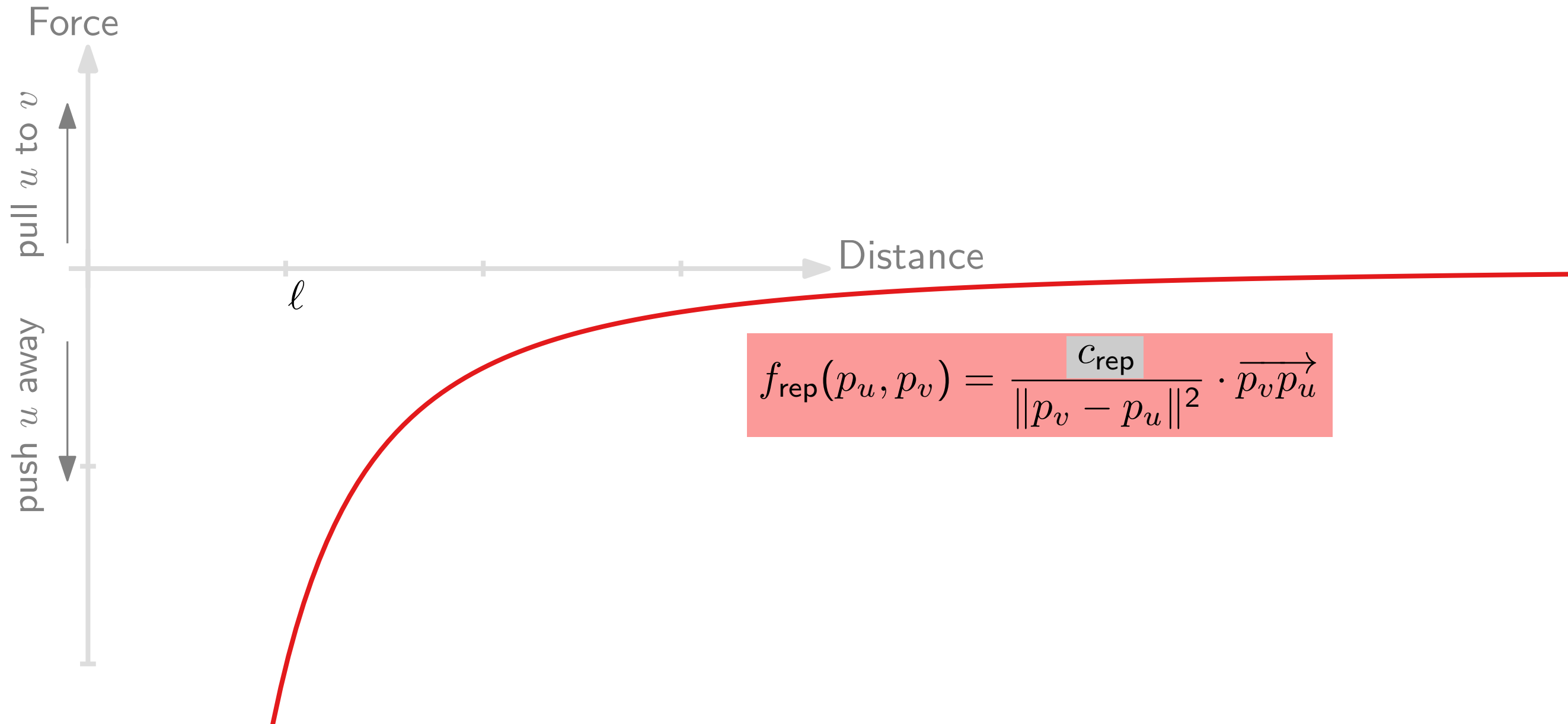
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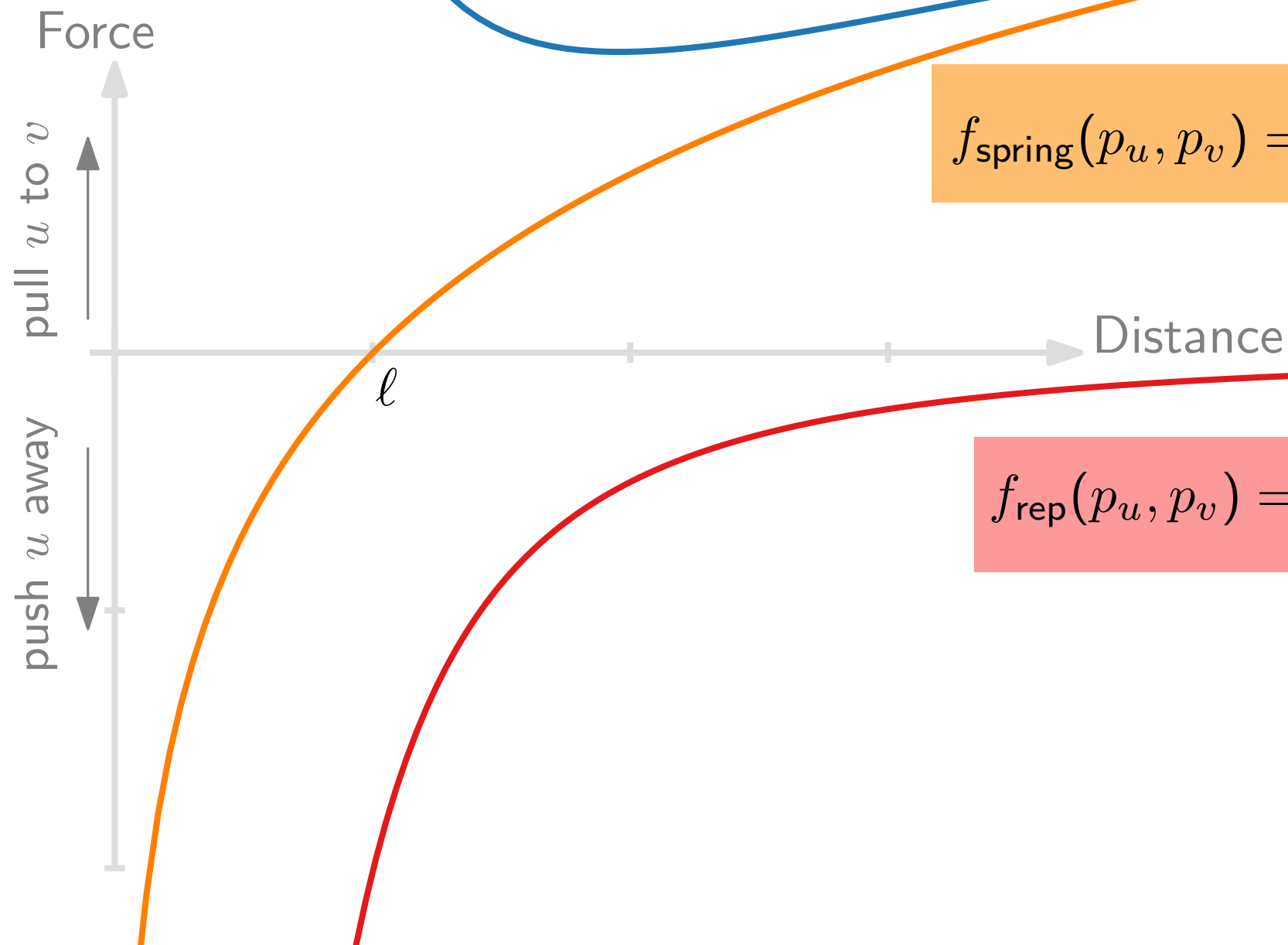
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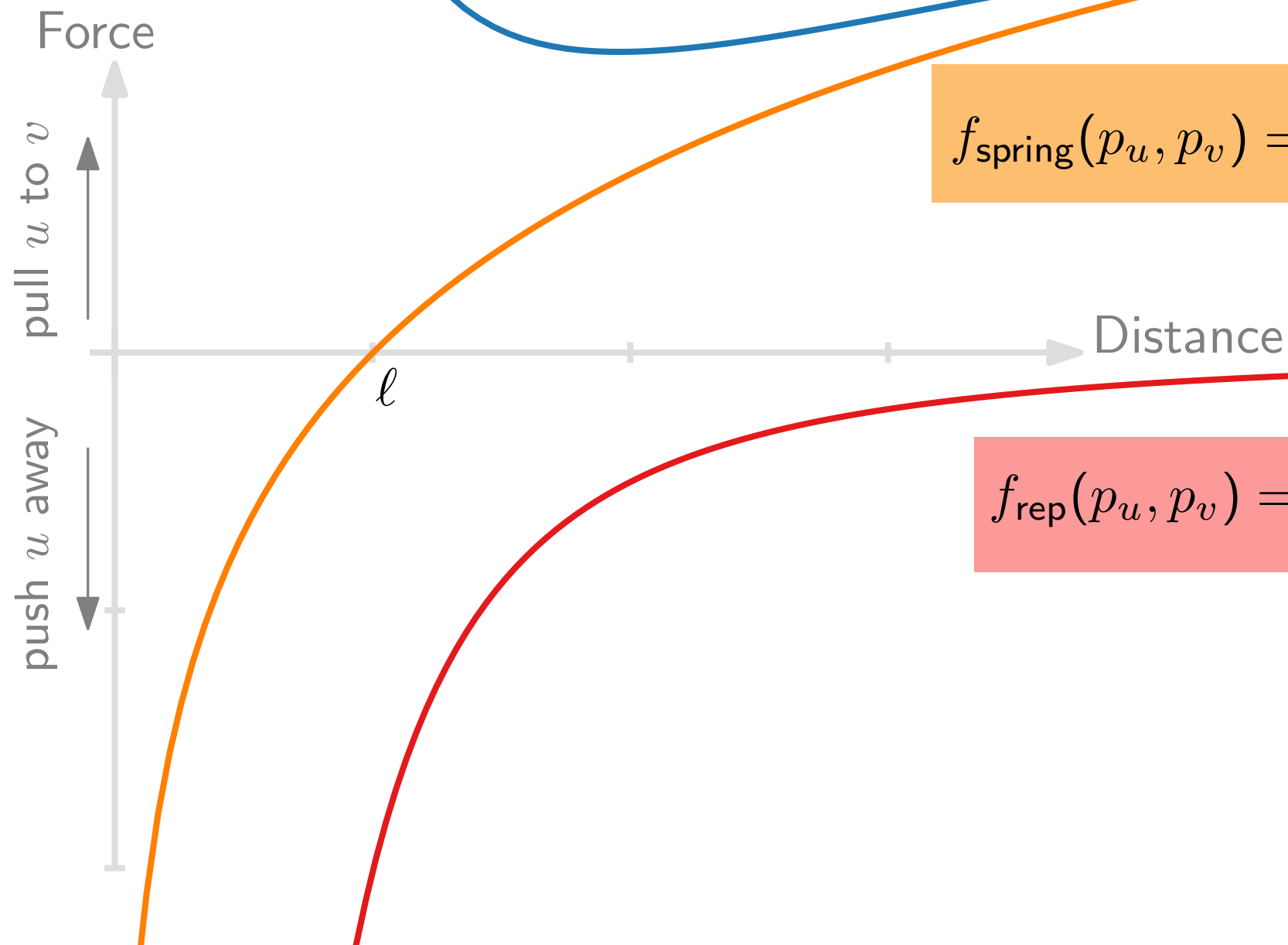


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Variant by Fruchterman & Reingold

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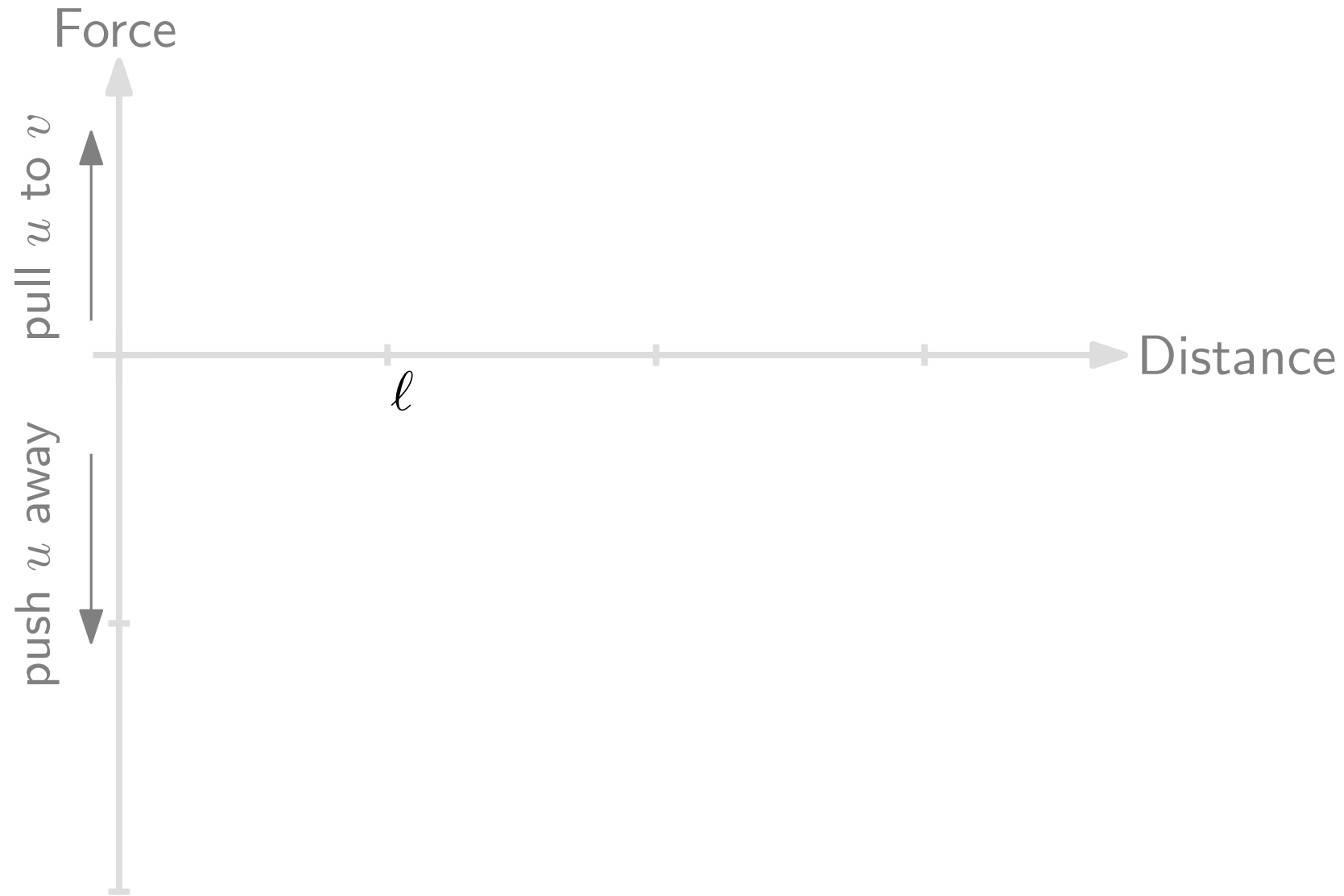
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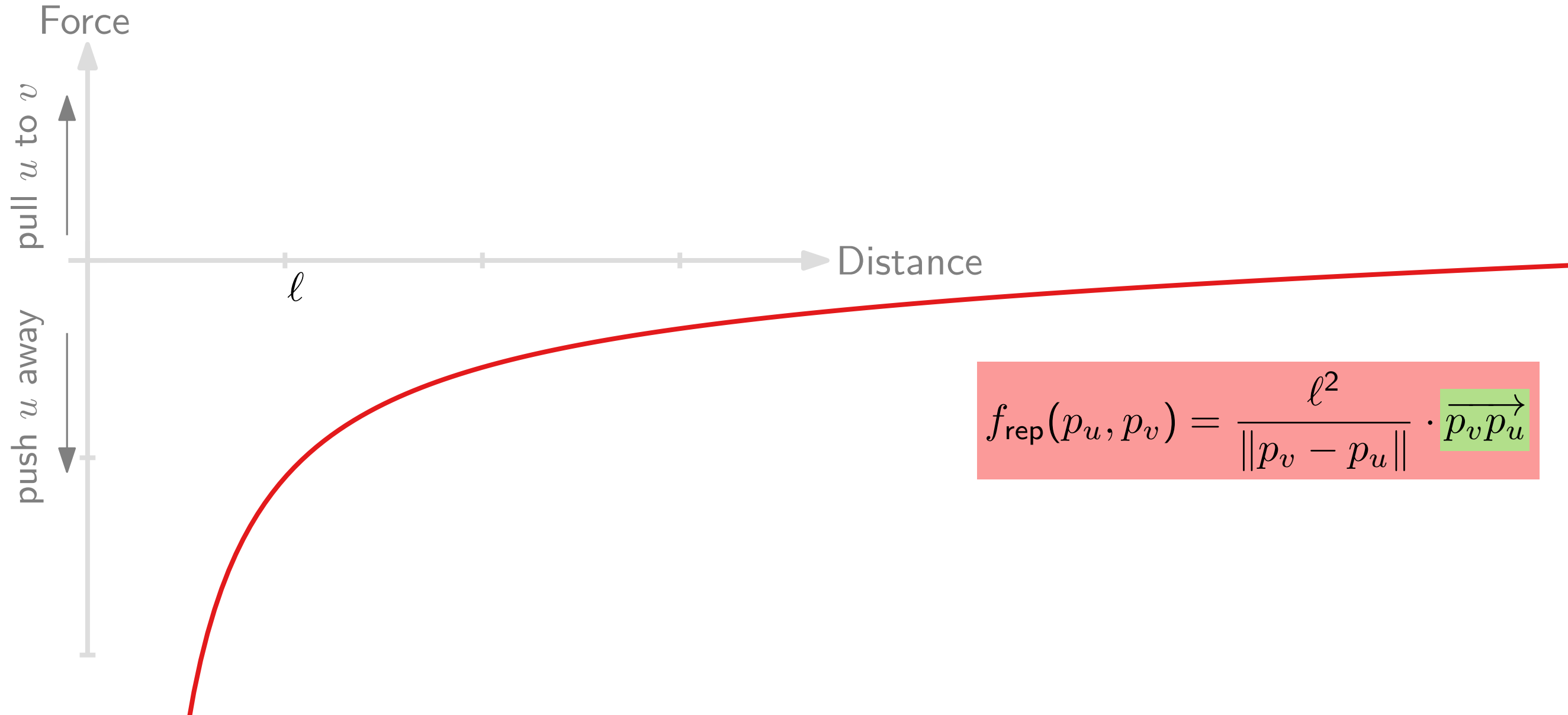
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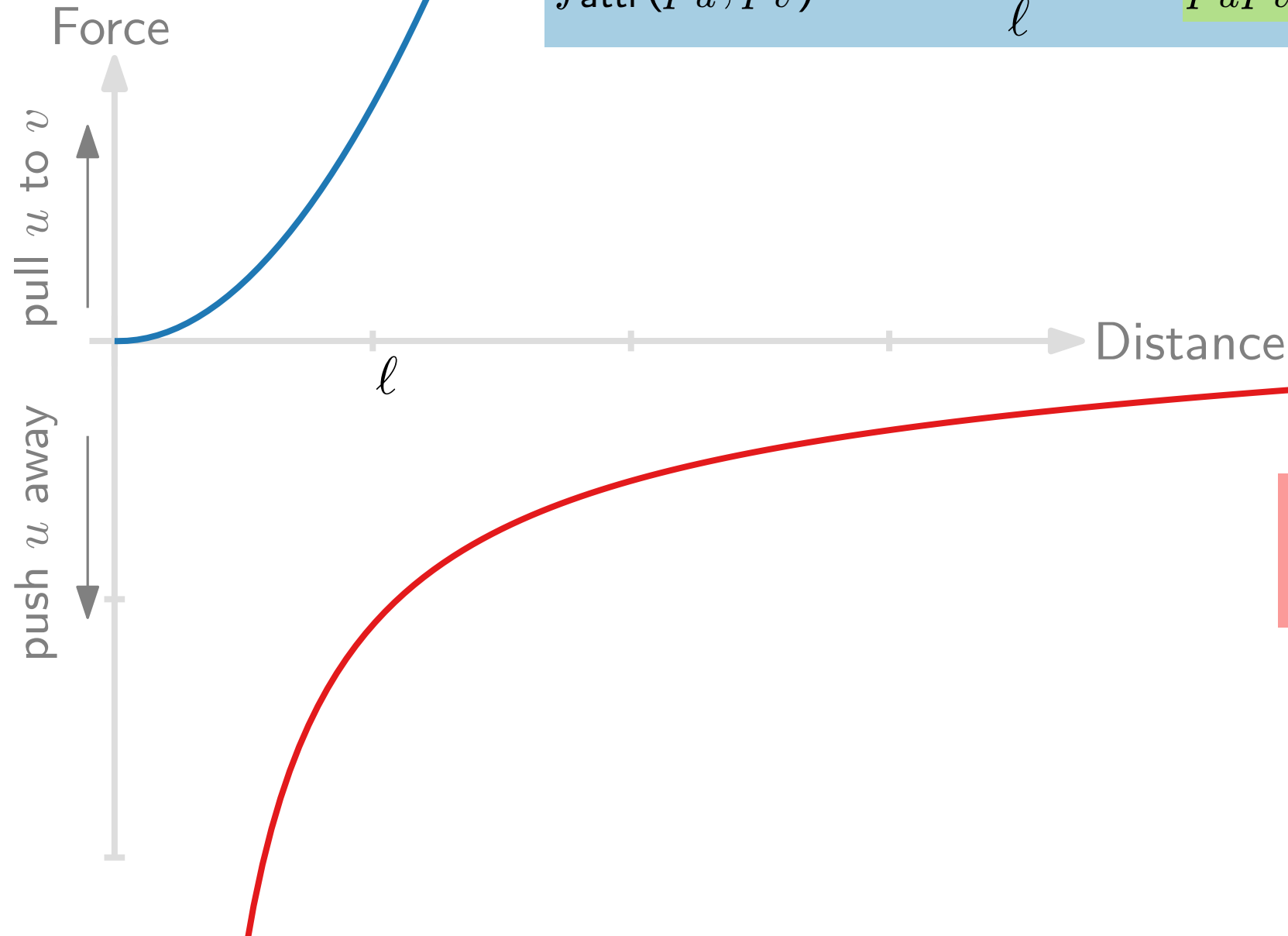
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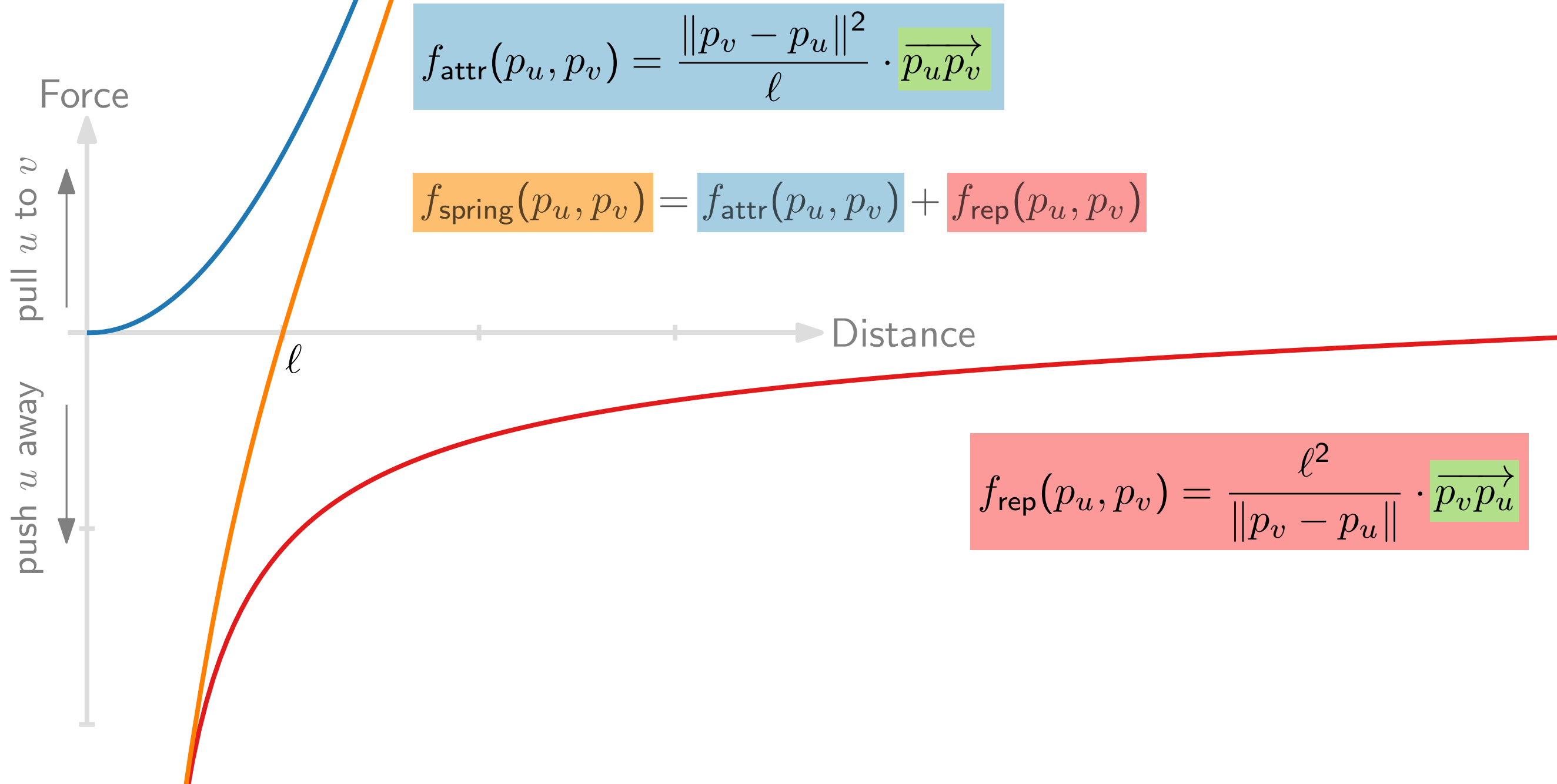
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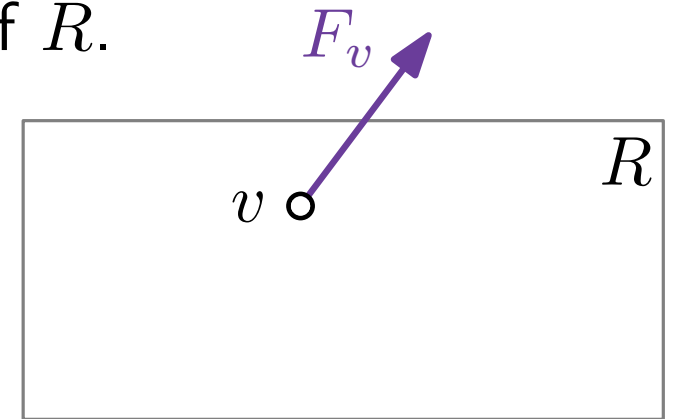
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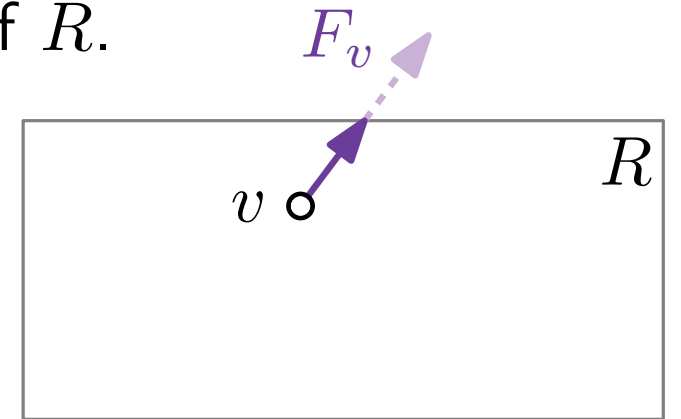
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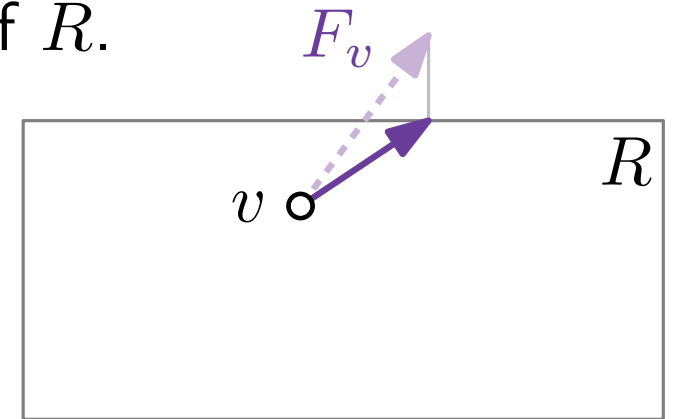
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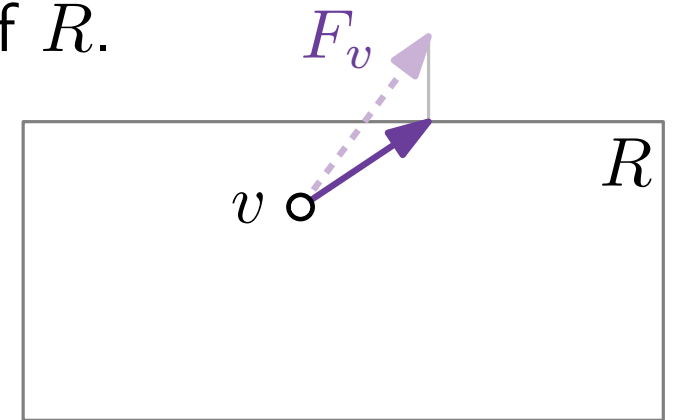
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And many more...

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- other energy models
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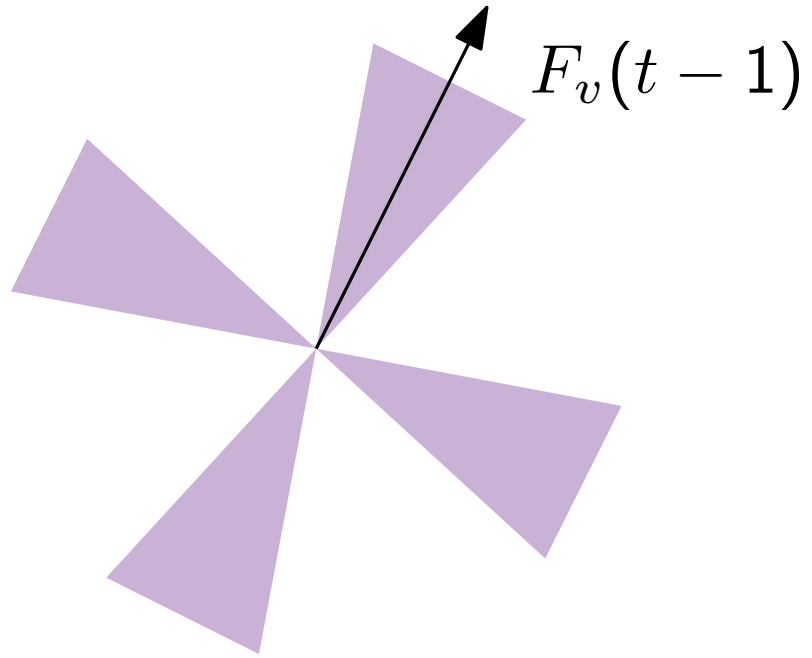
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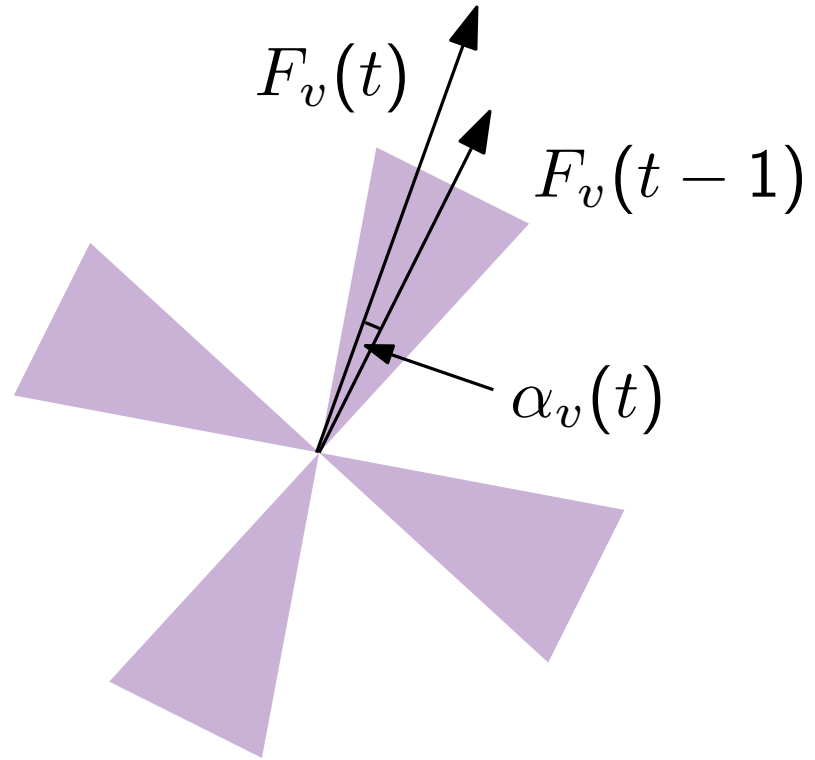

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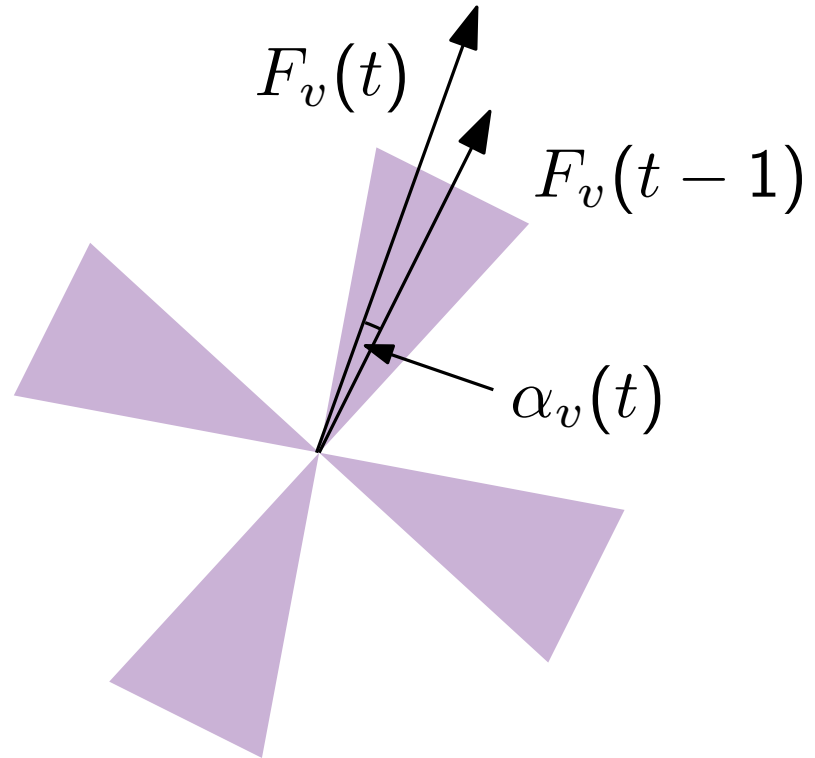
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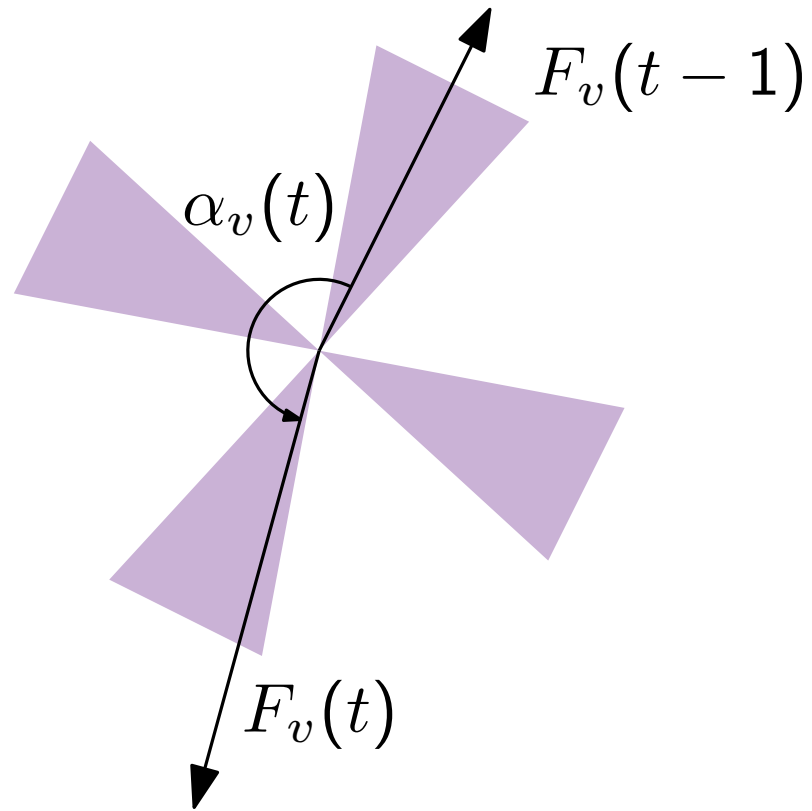


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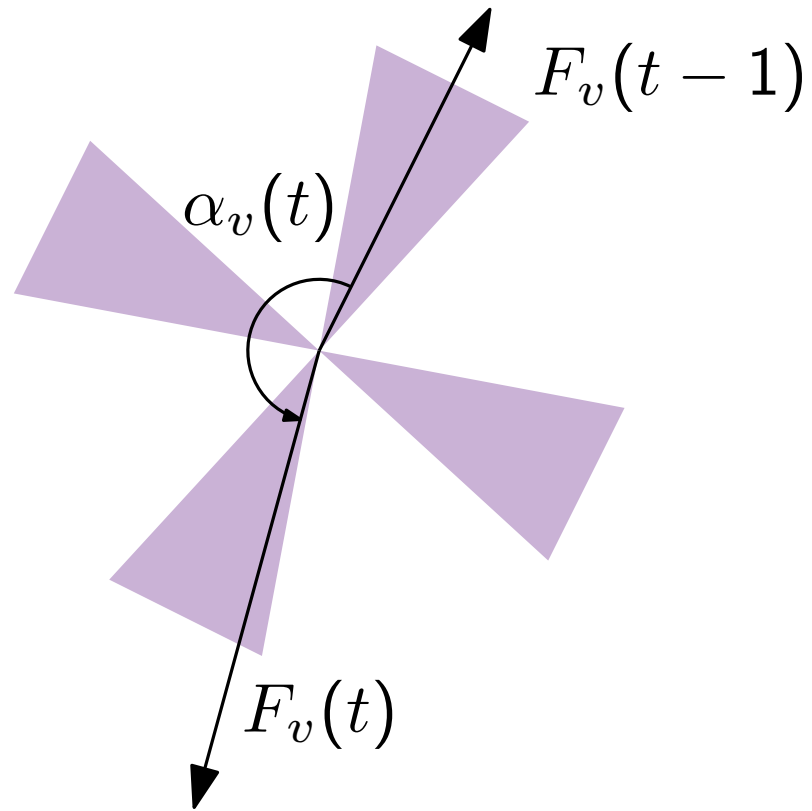


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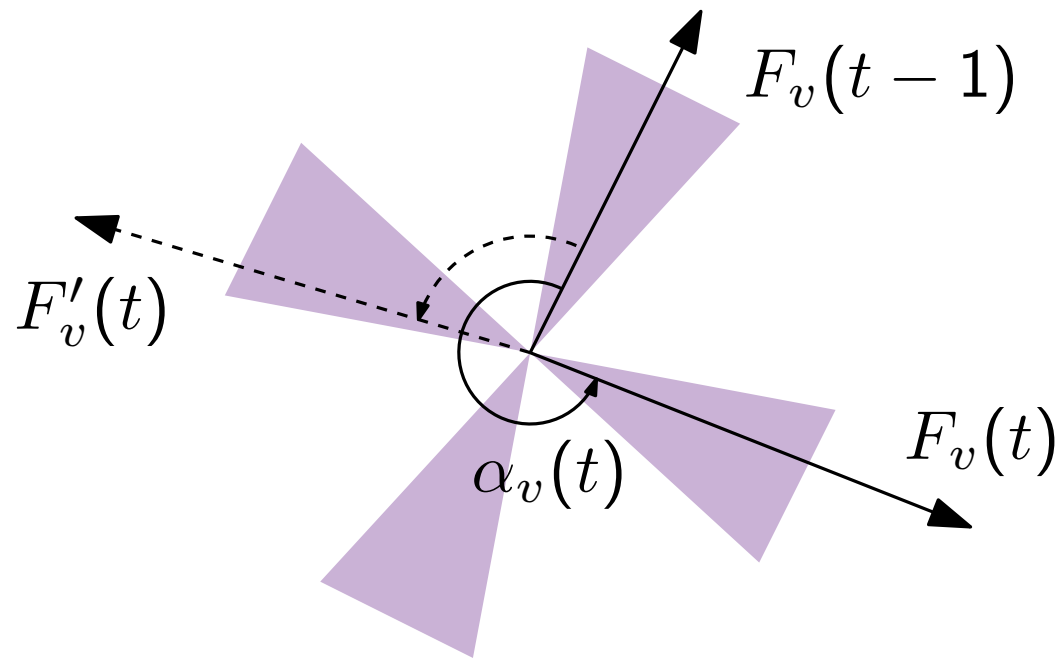
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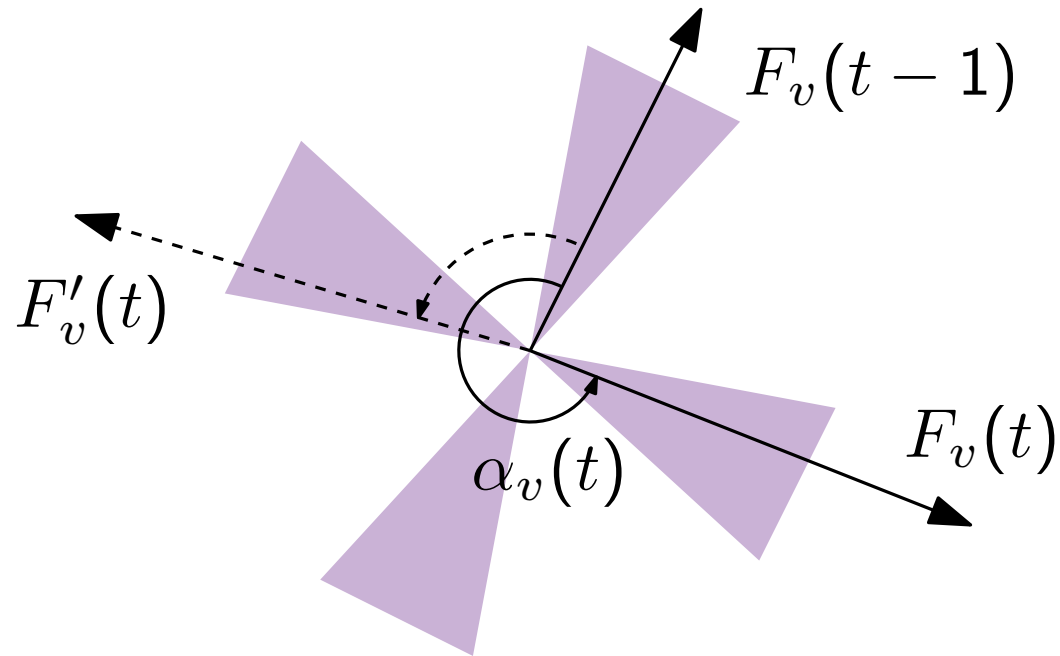
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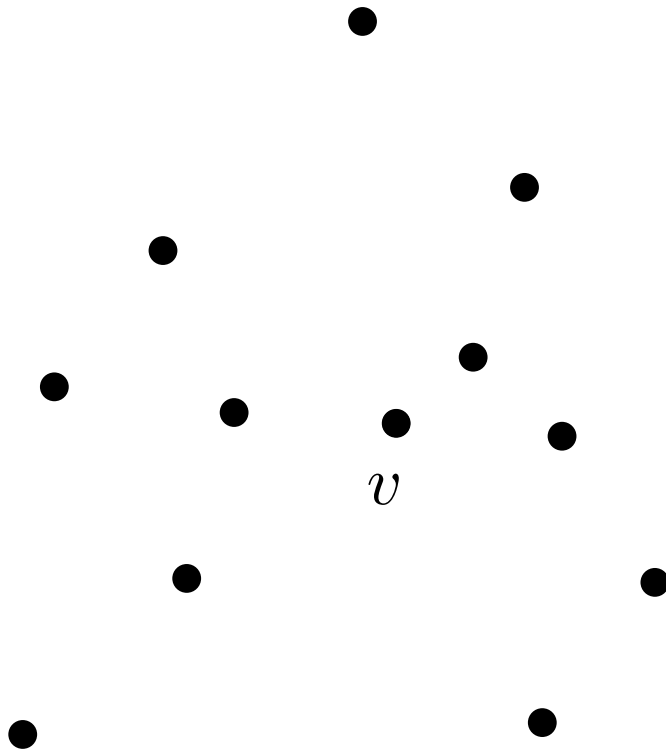
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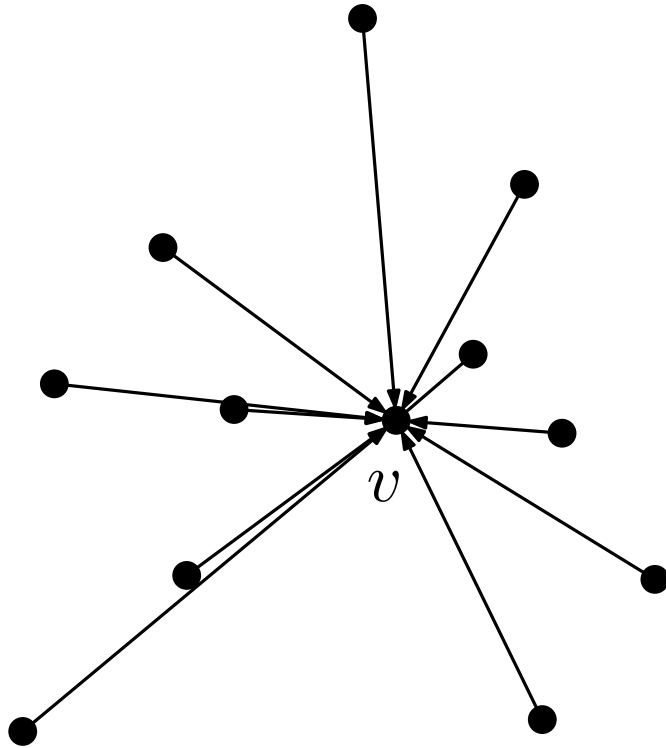
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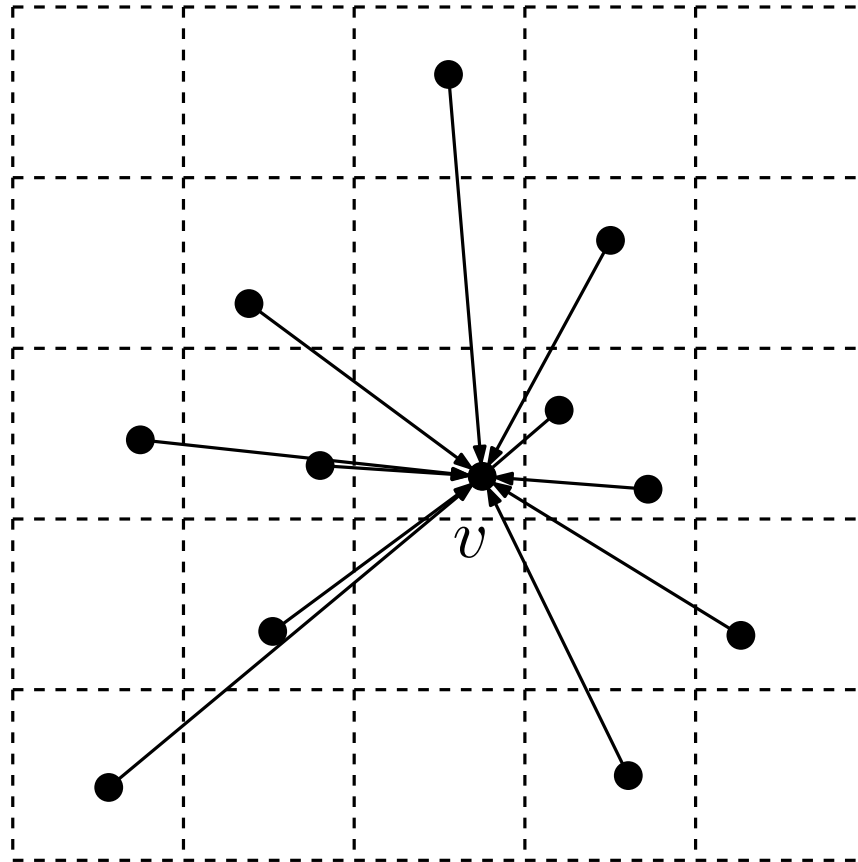
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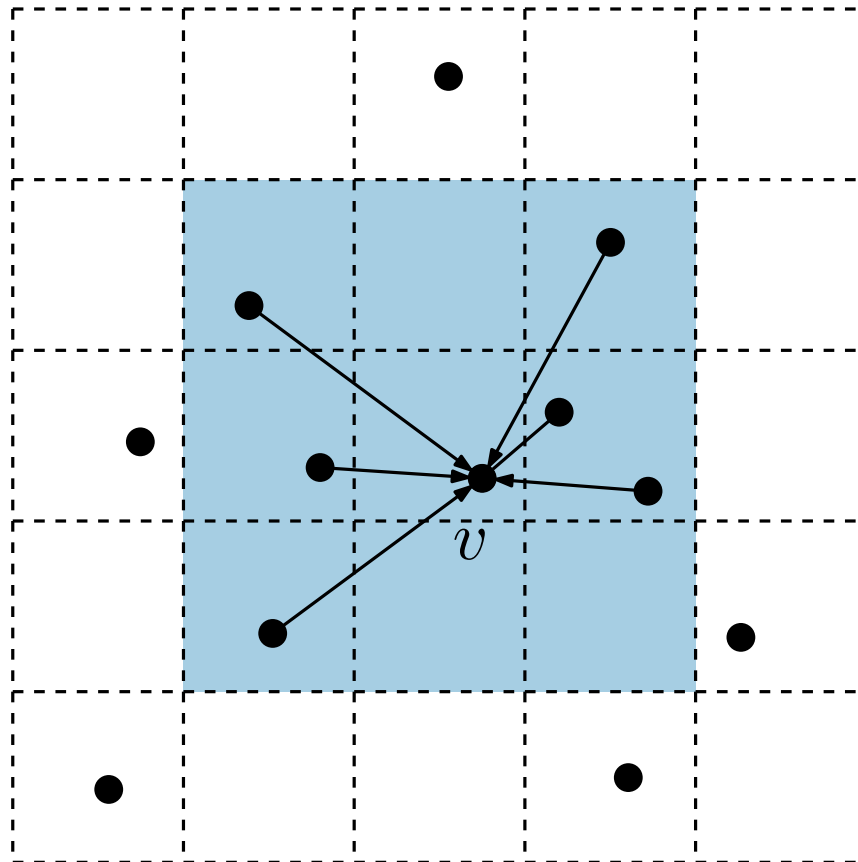
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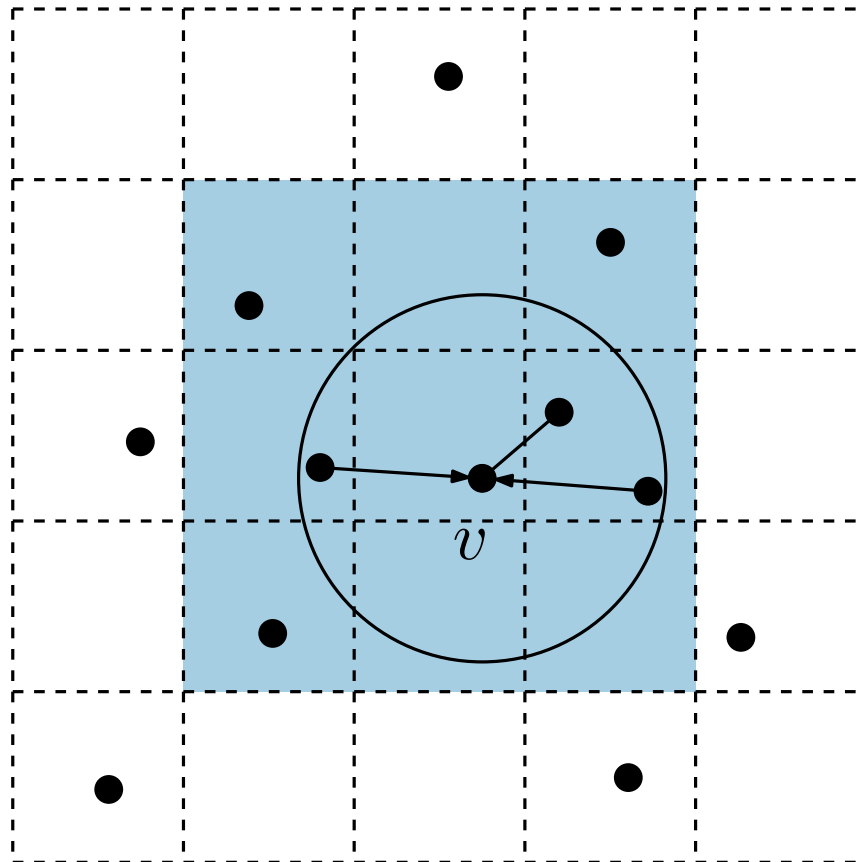
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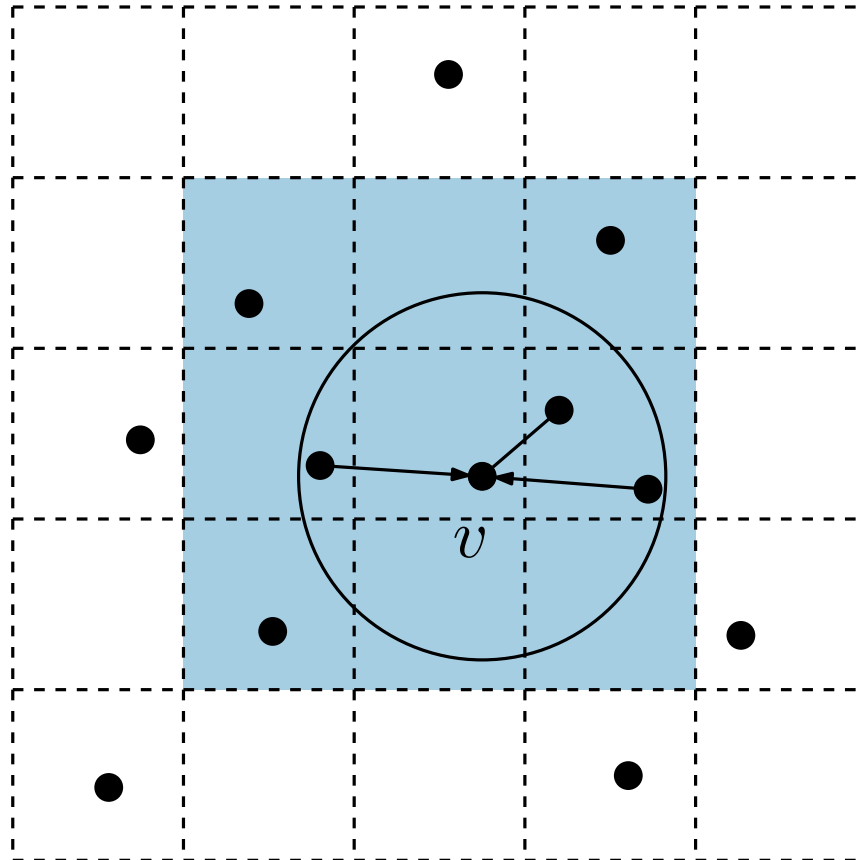
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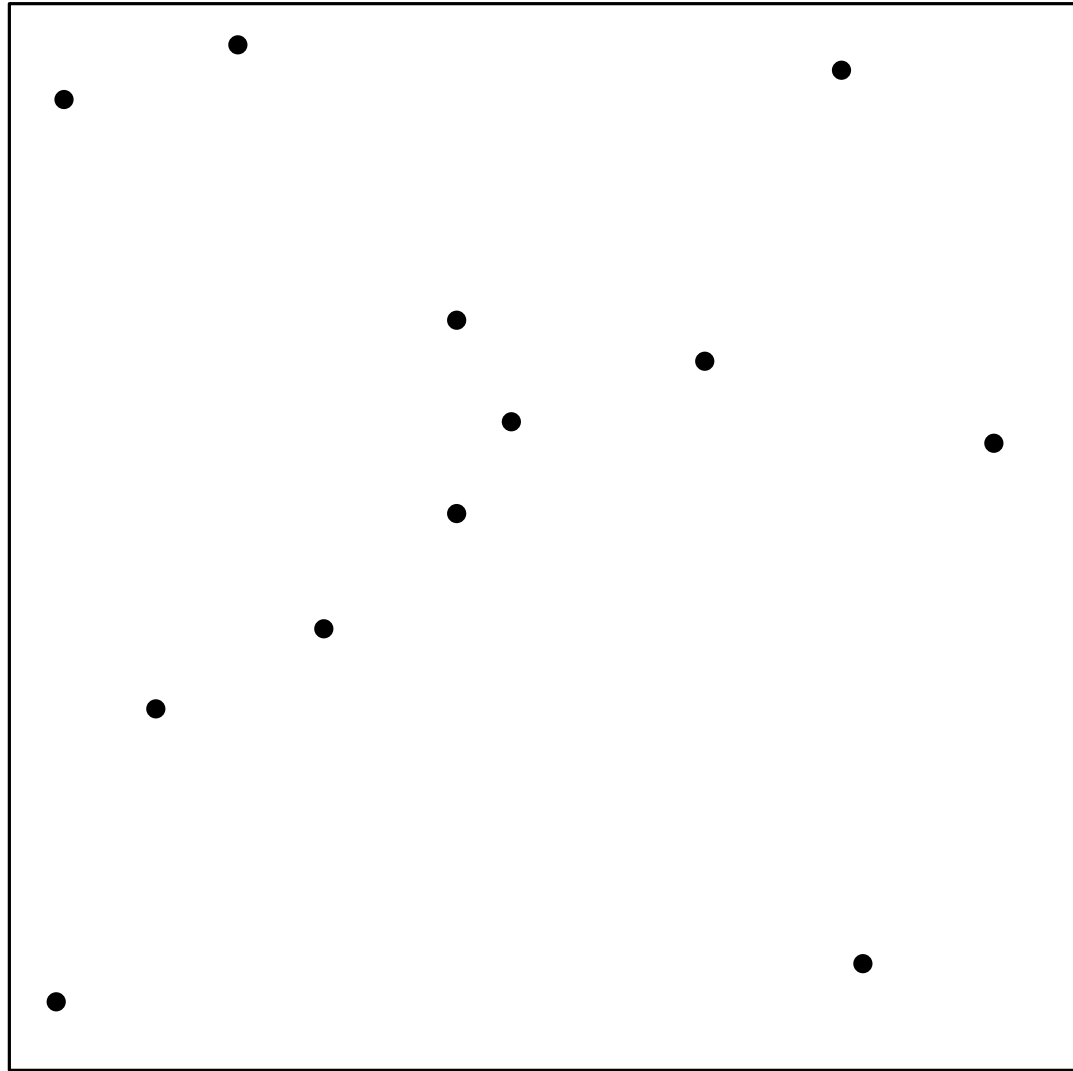
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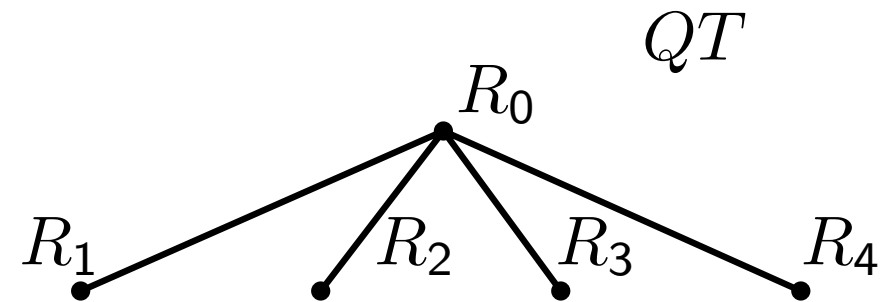
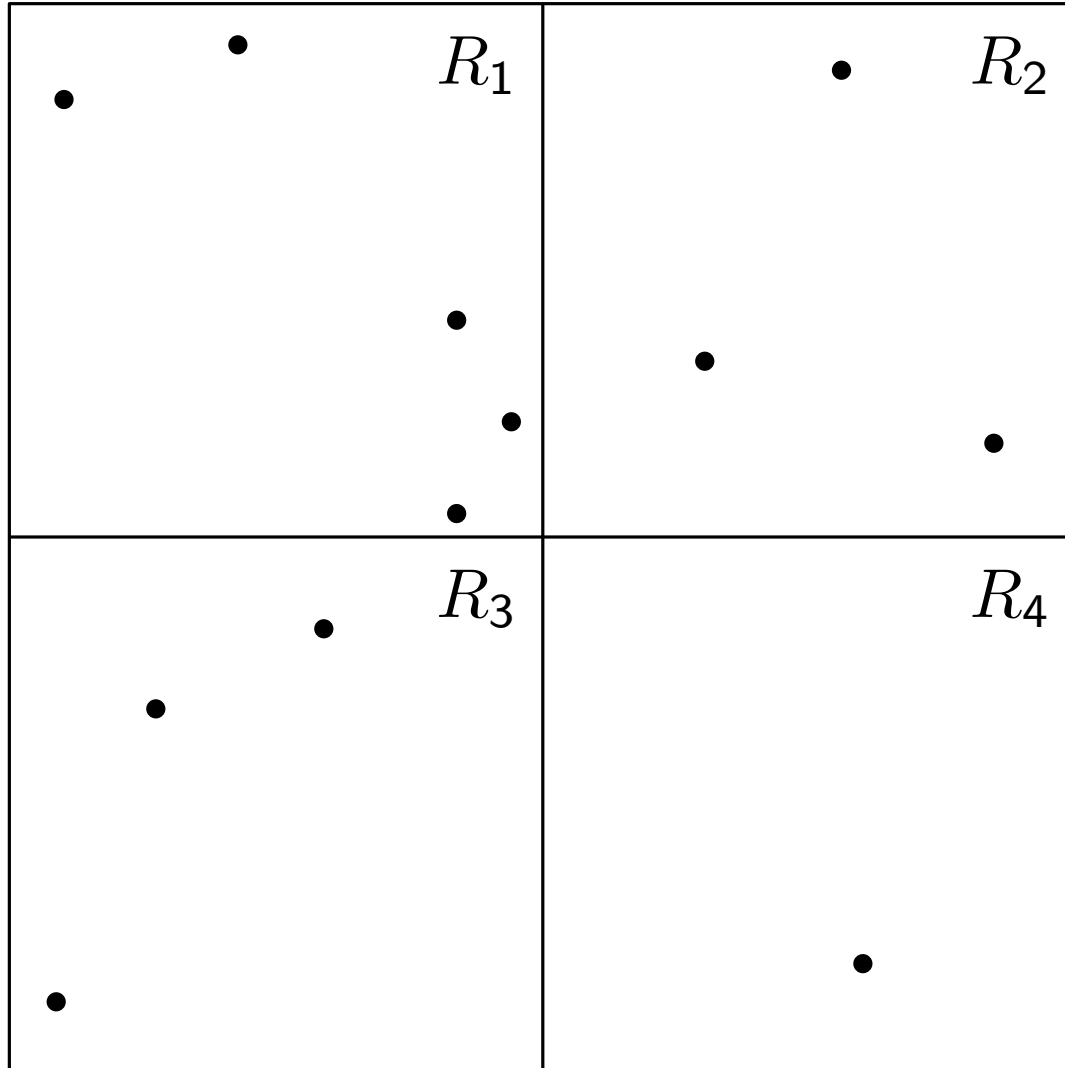
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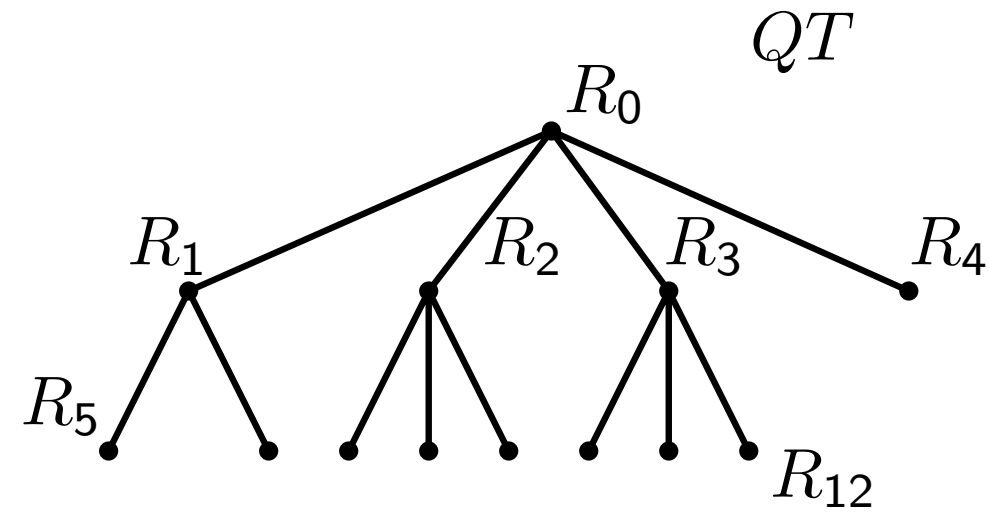
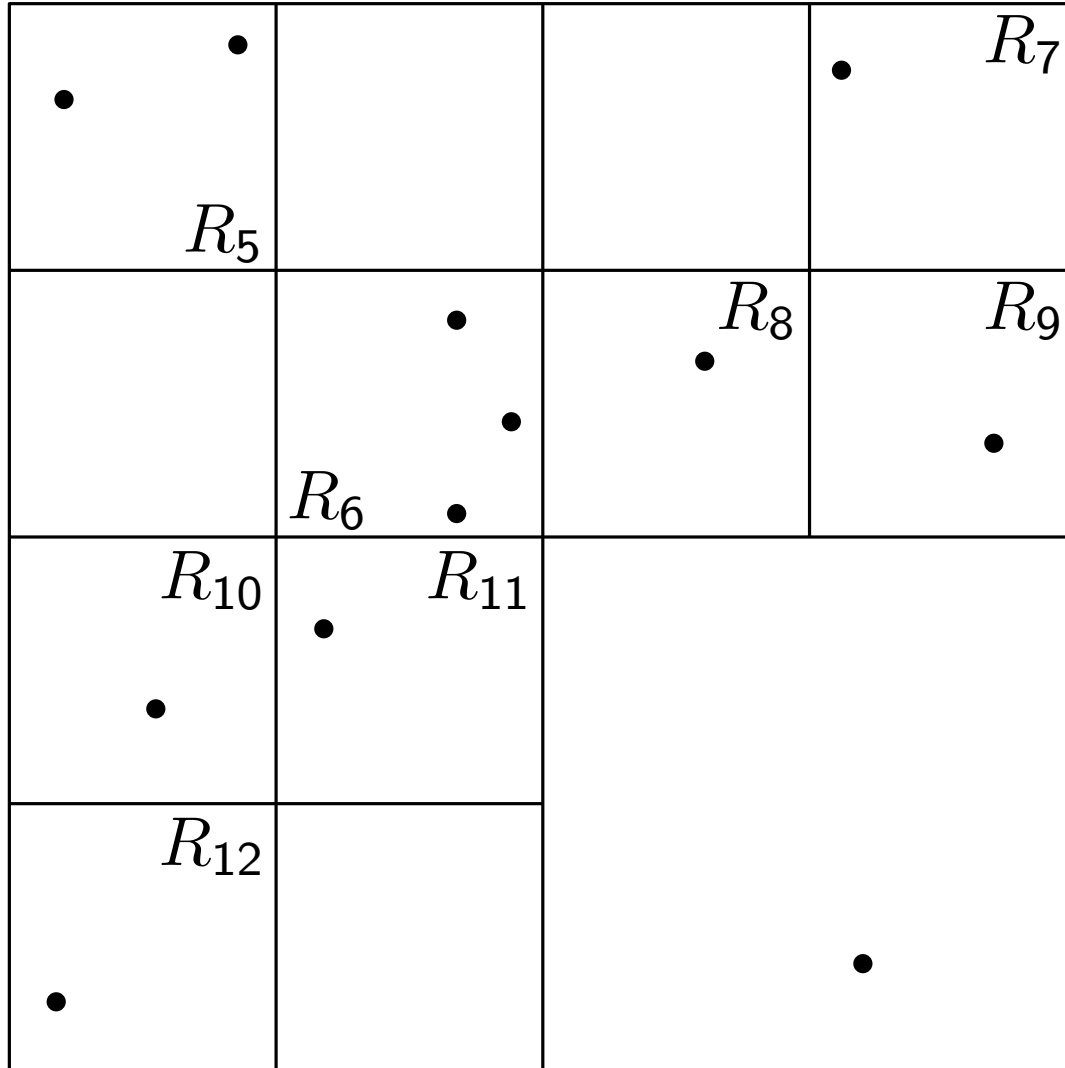
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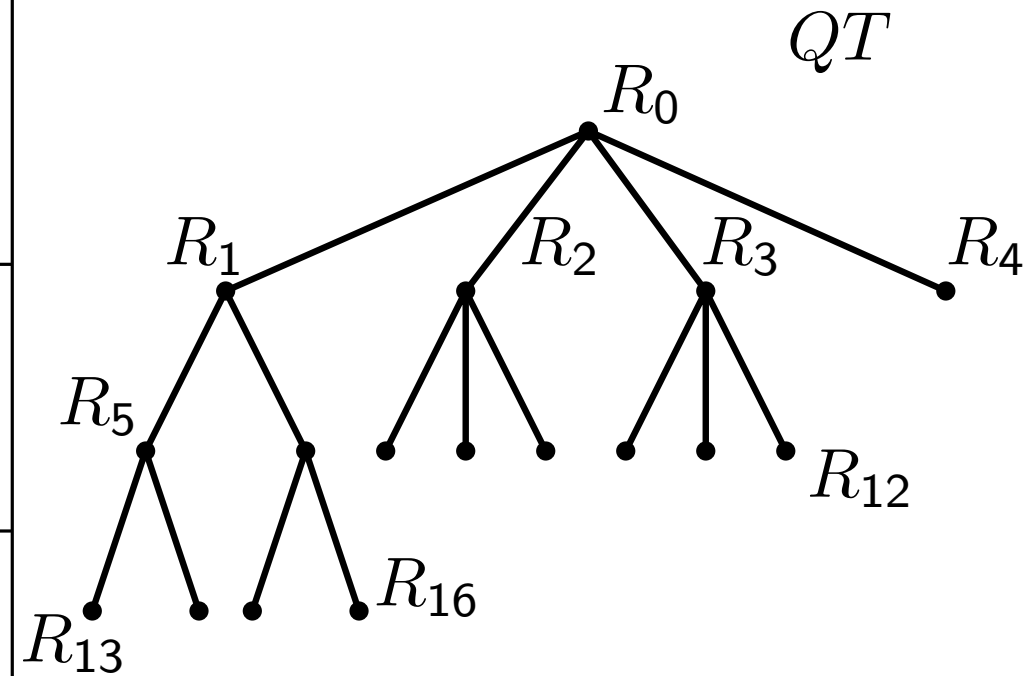
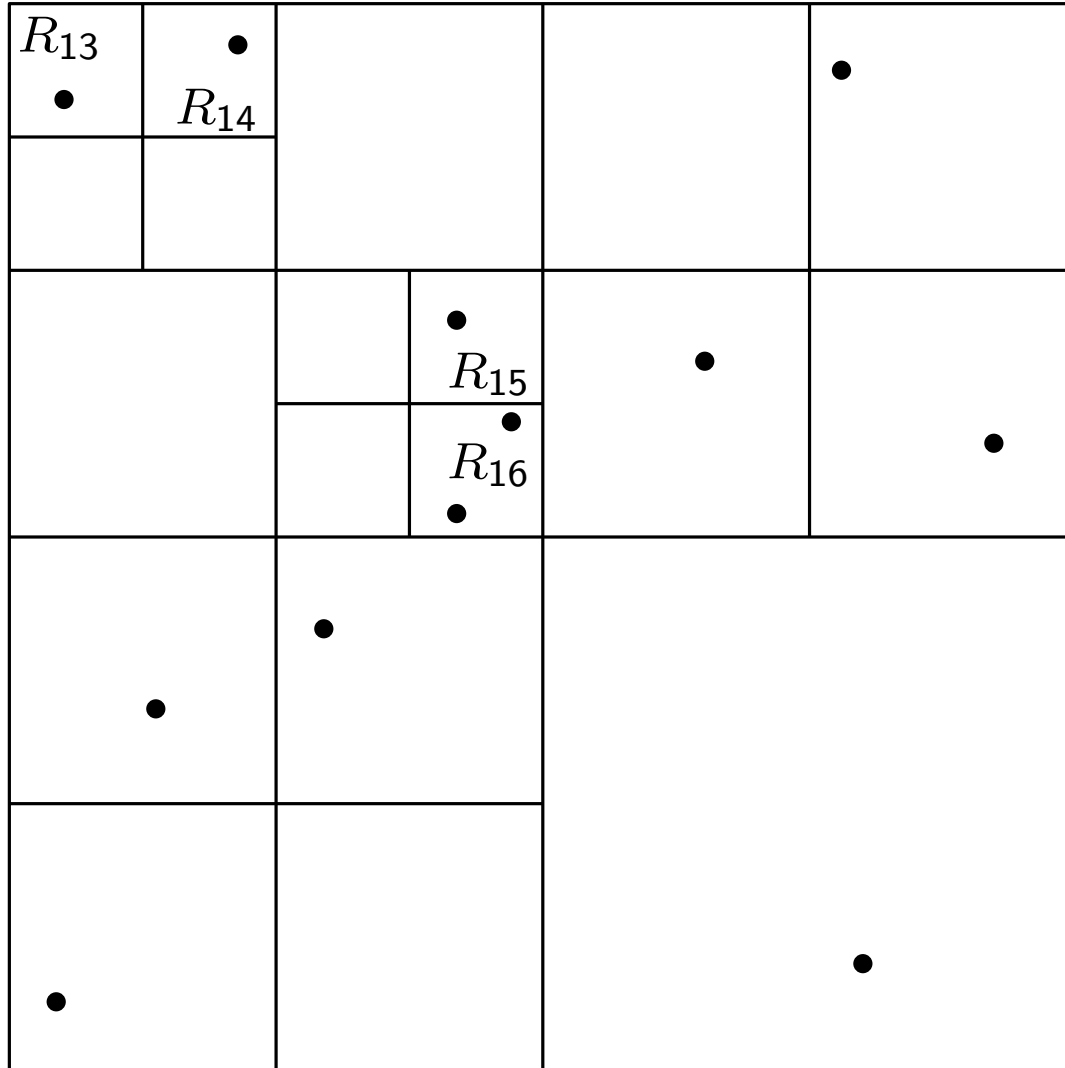
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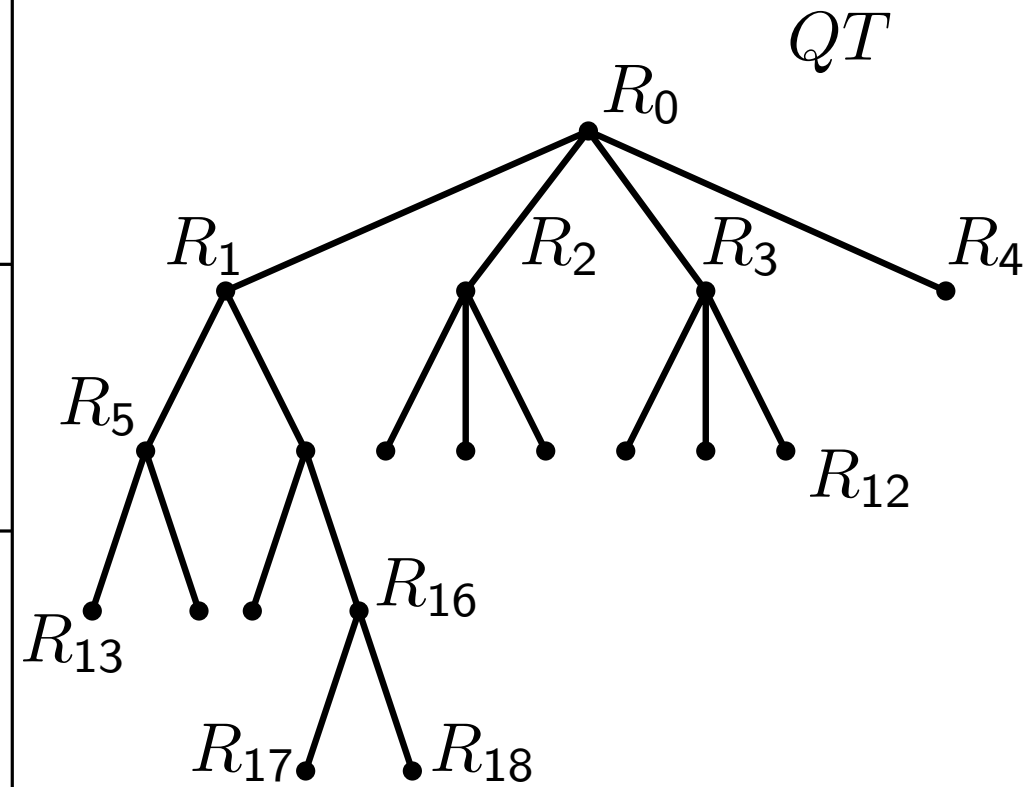
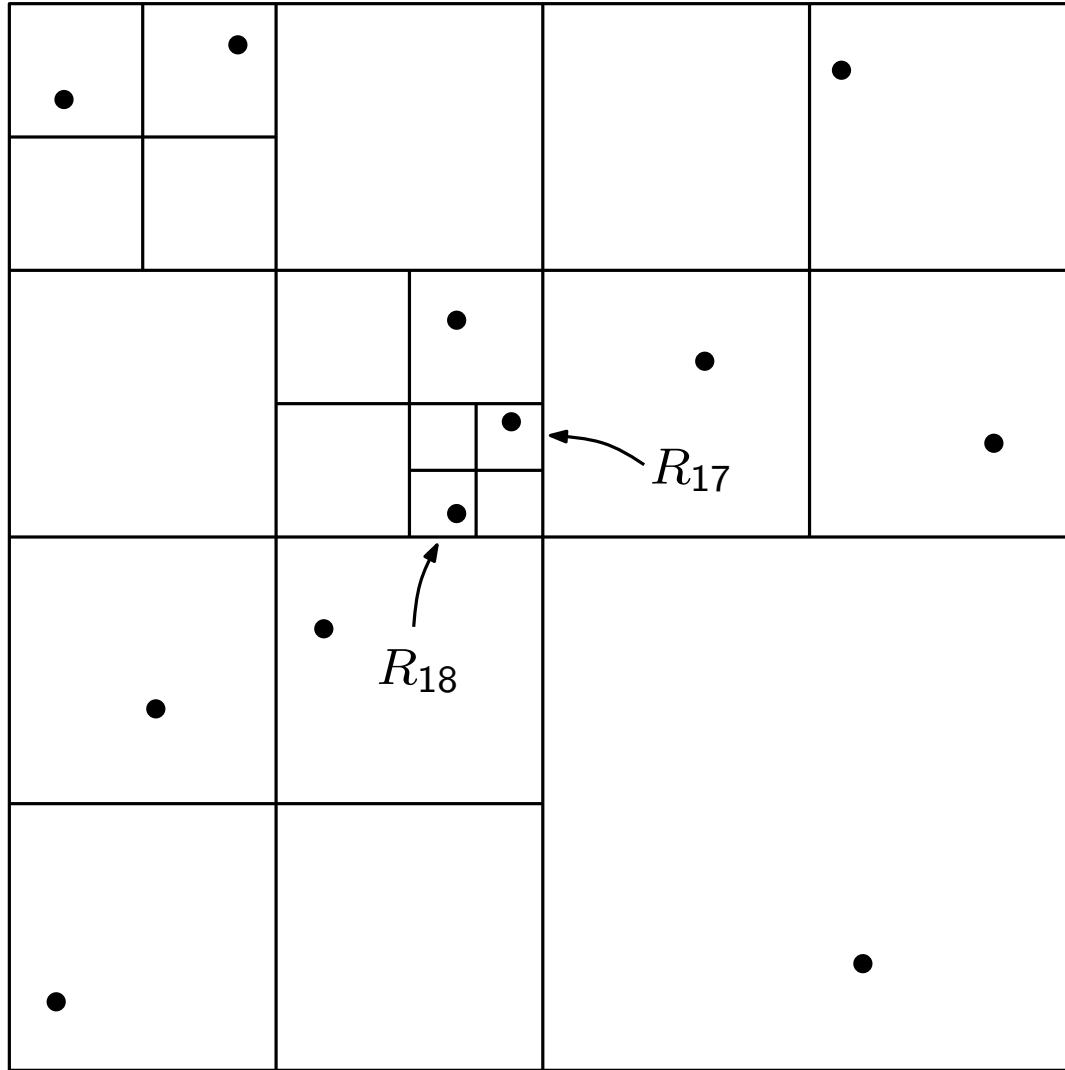
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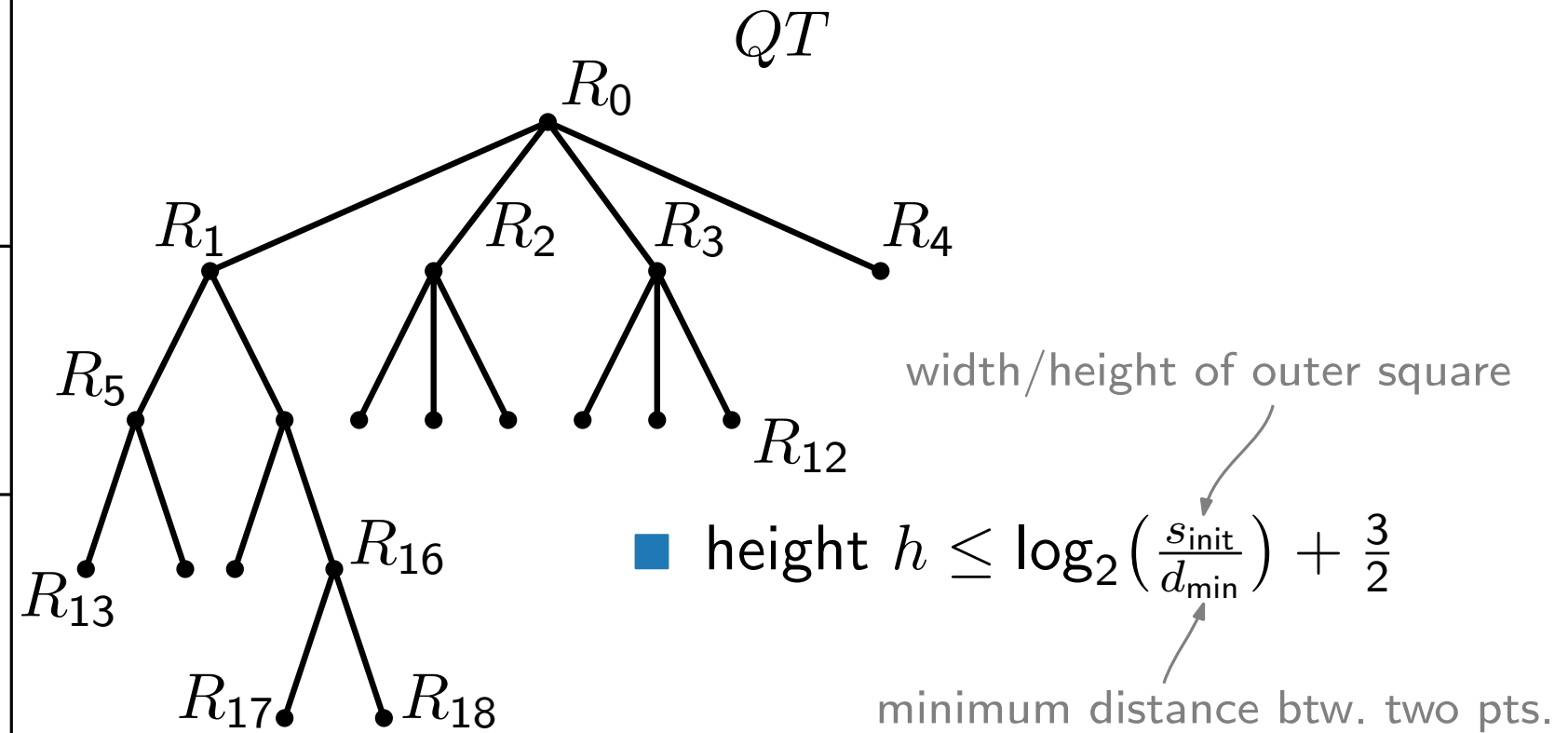
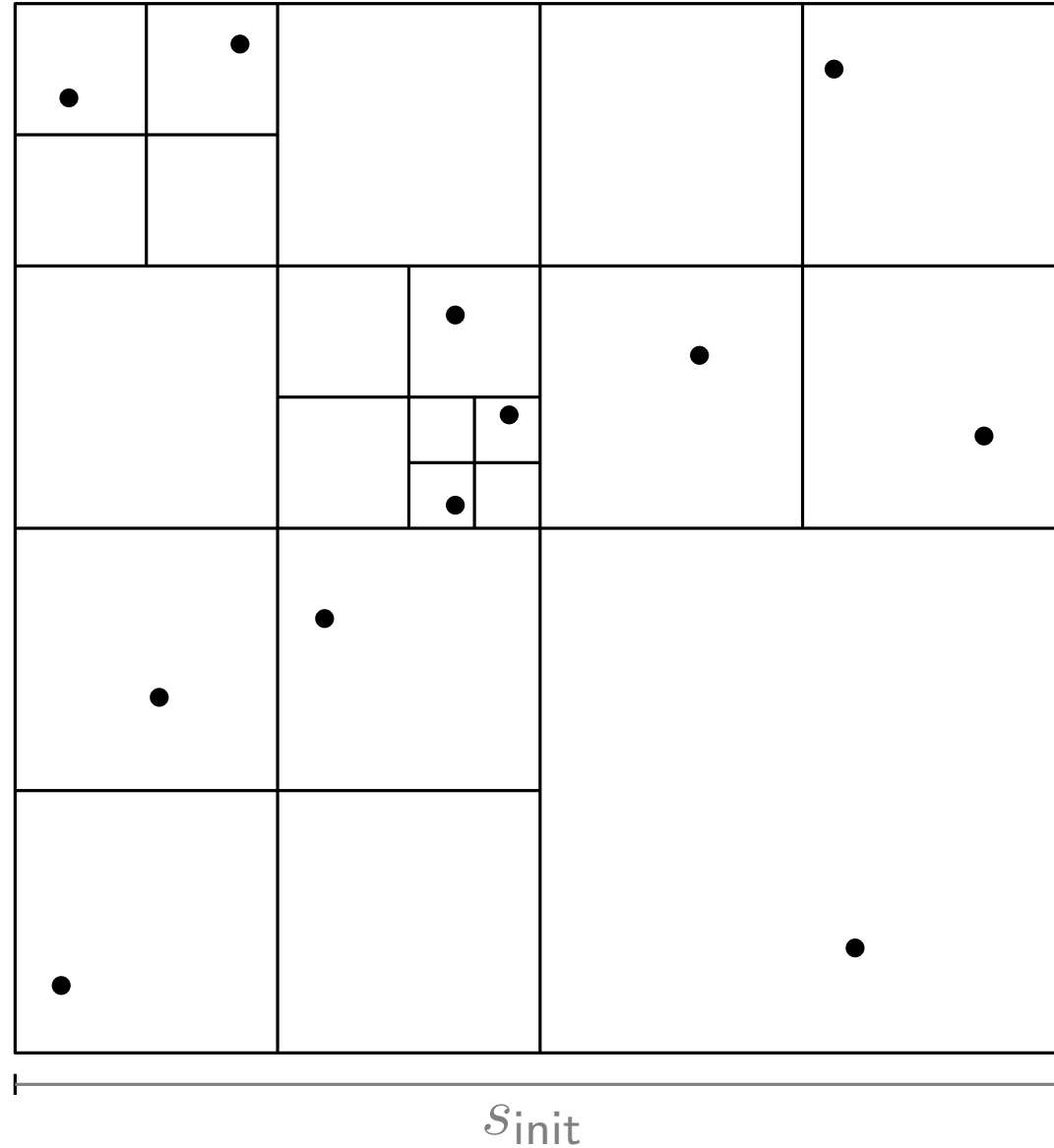
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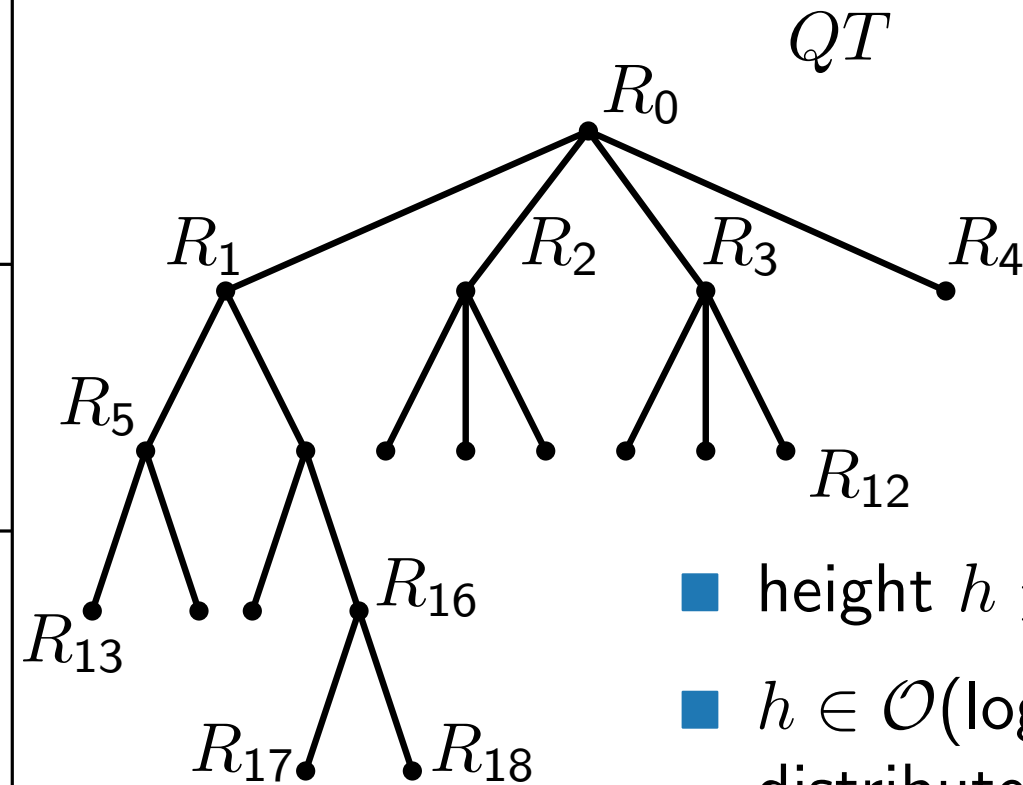
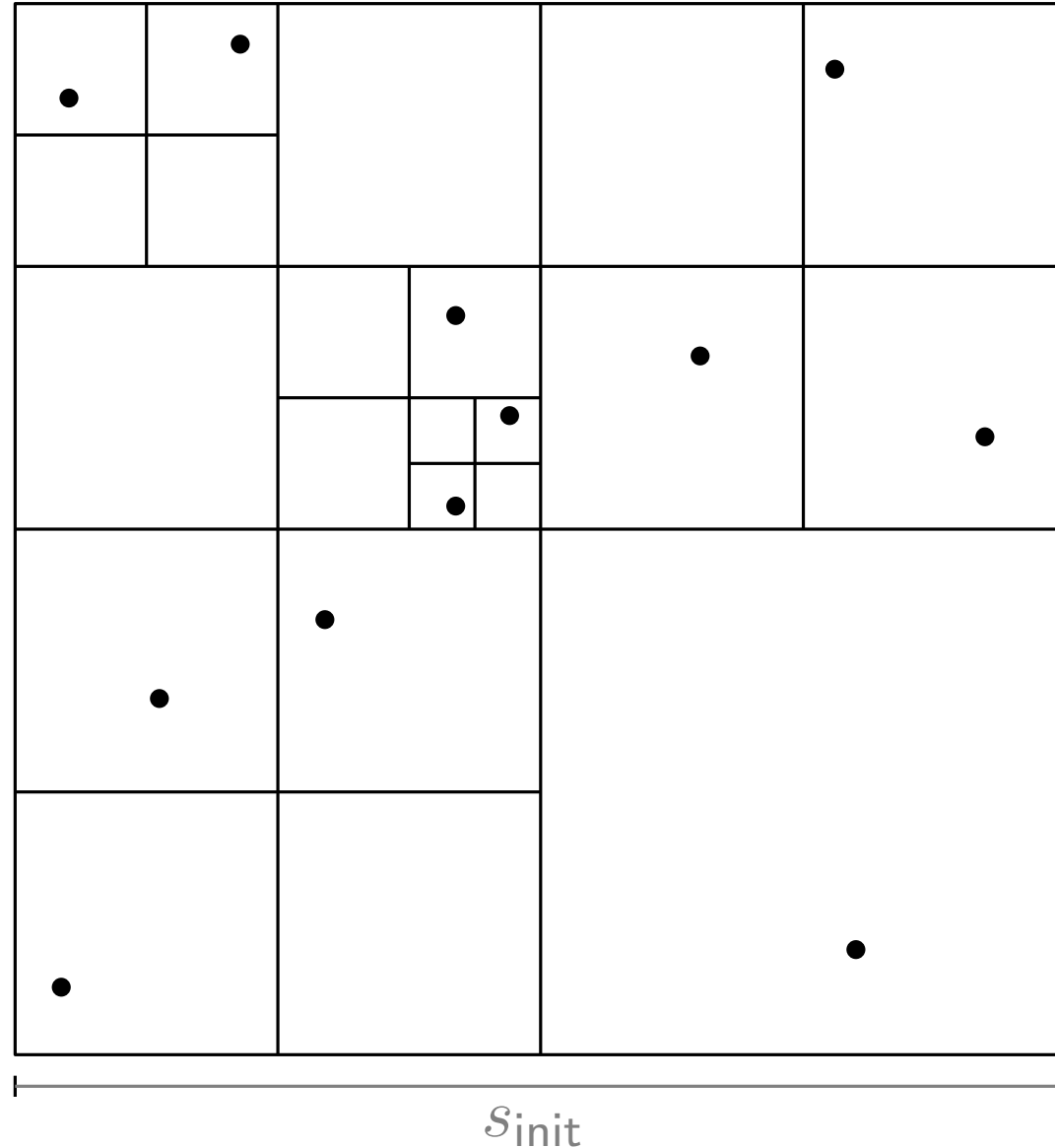
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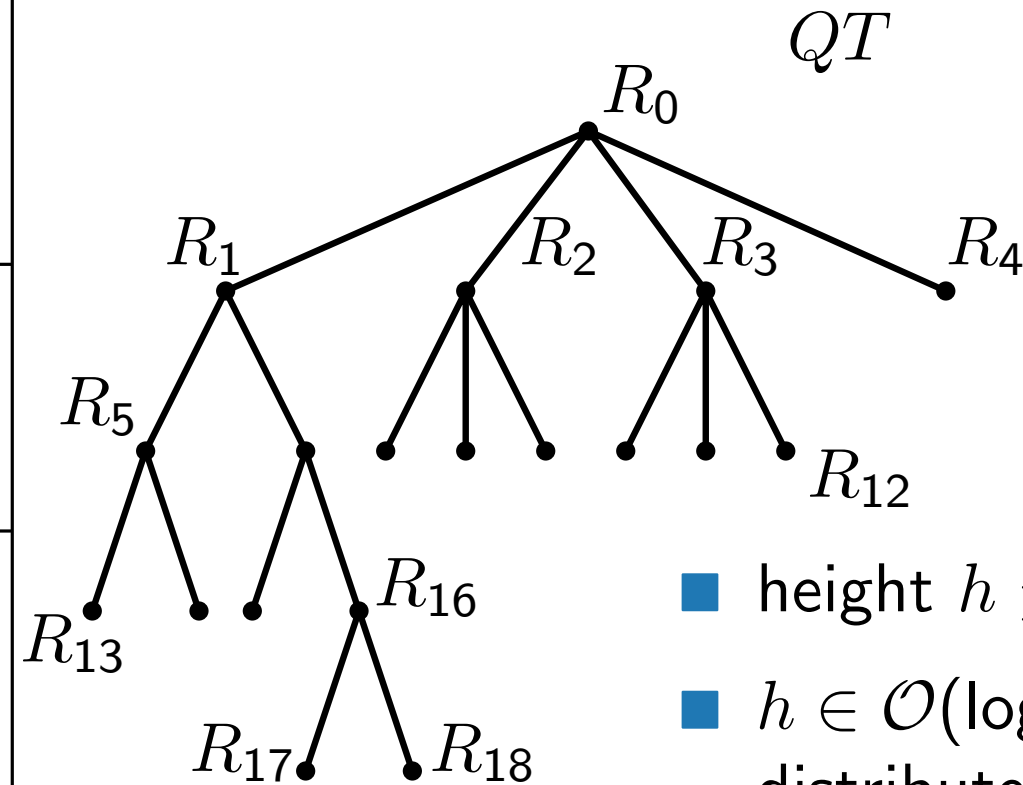
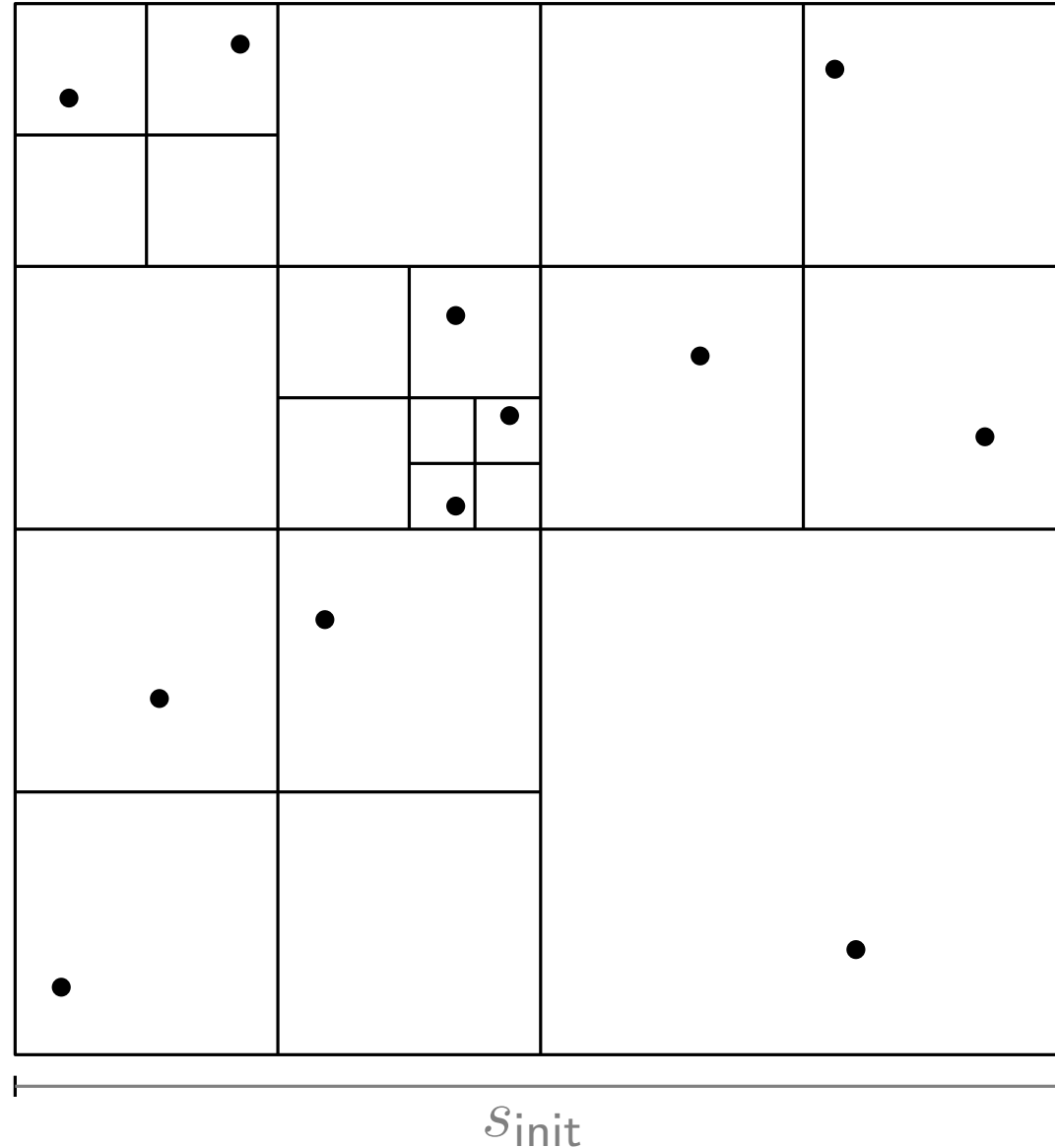
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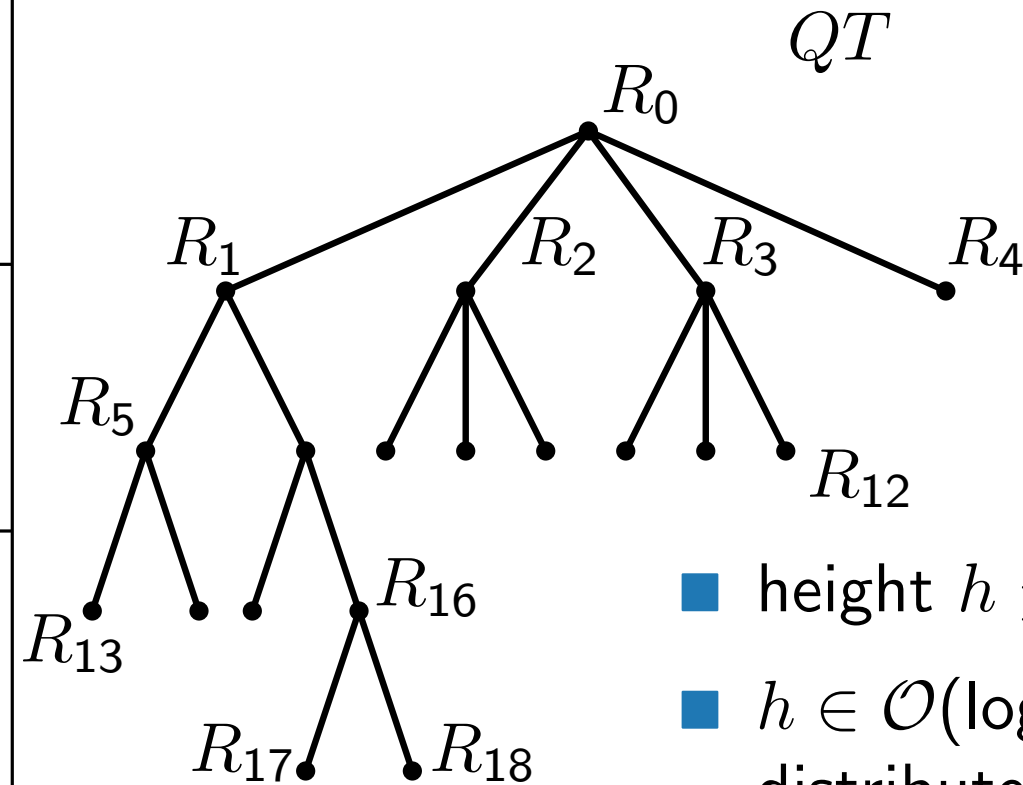
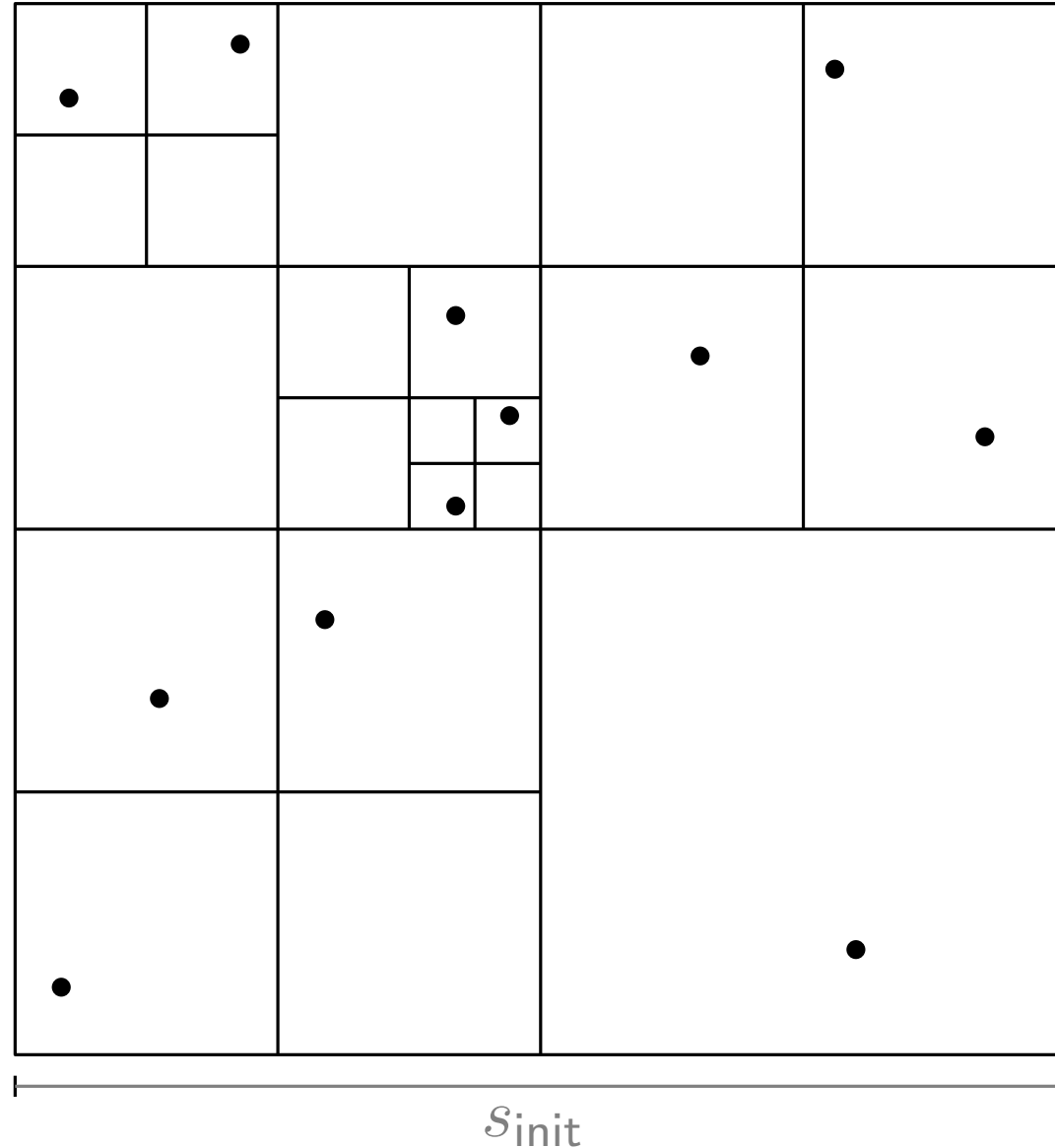
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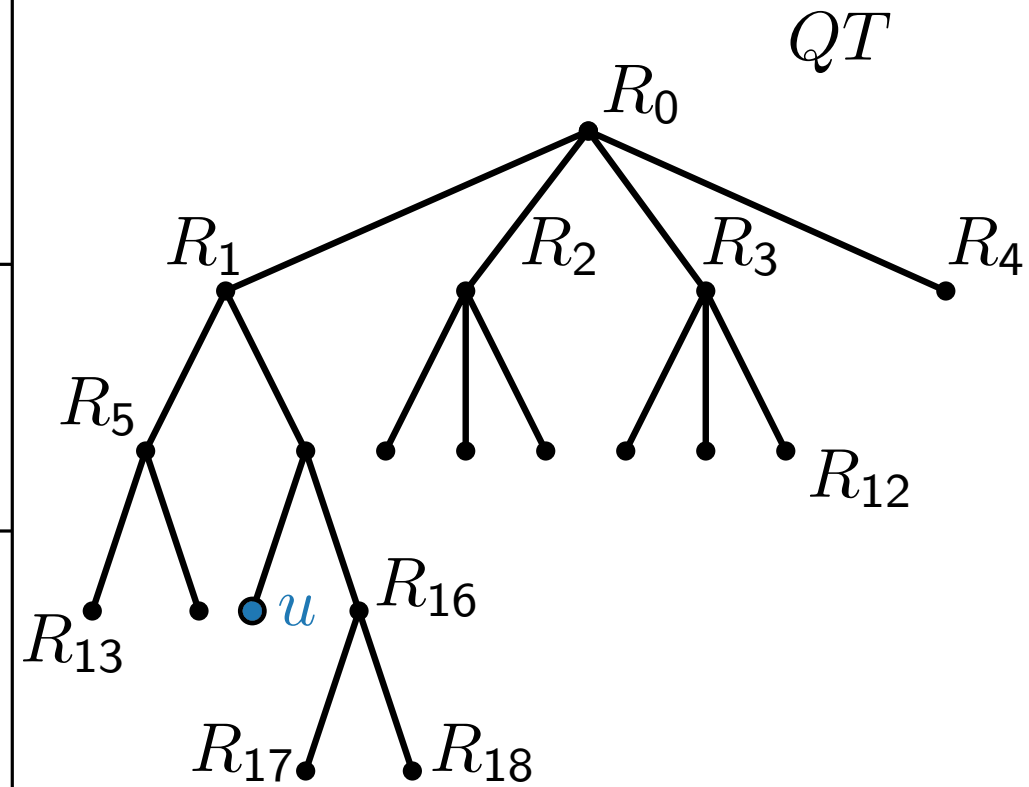
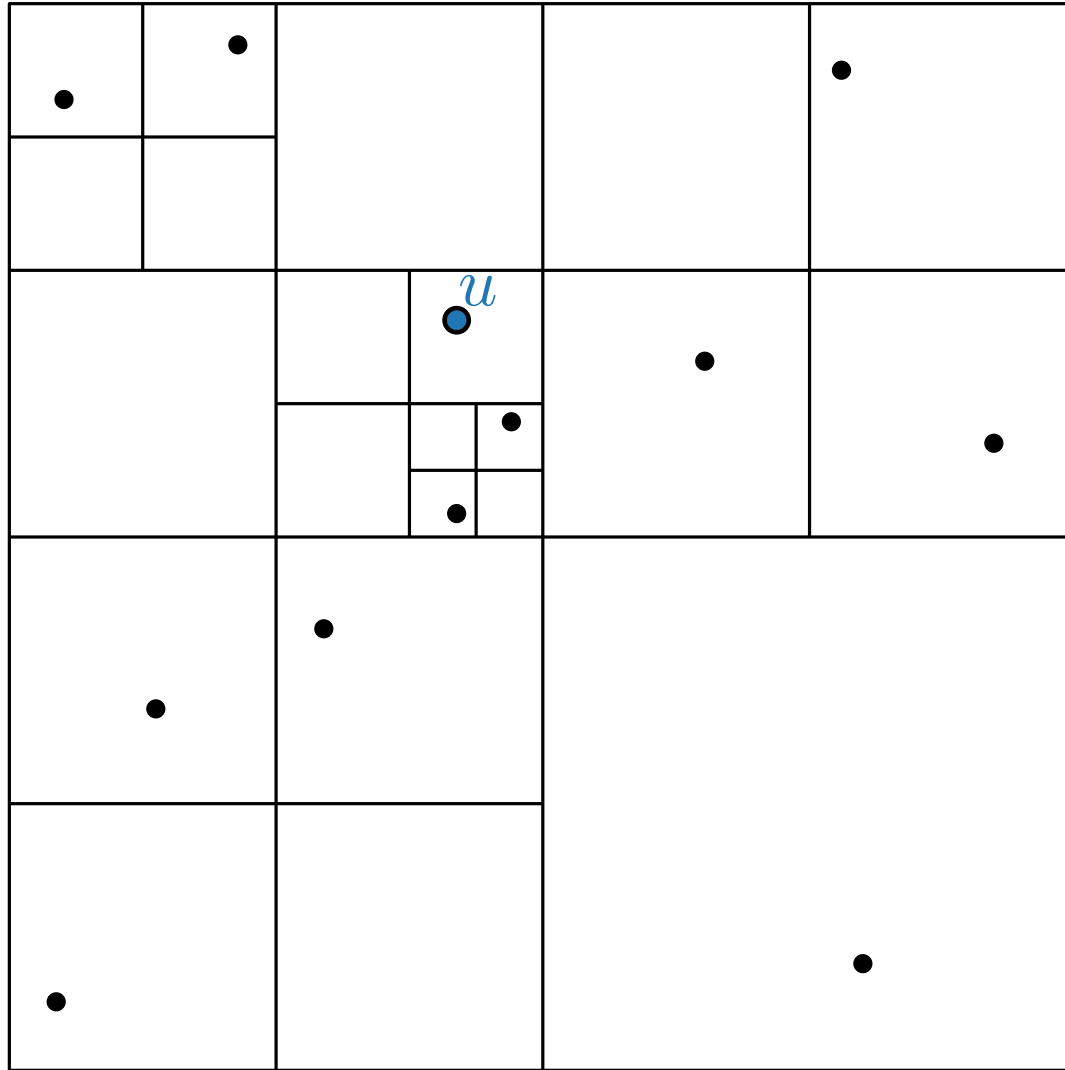
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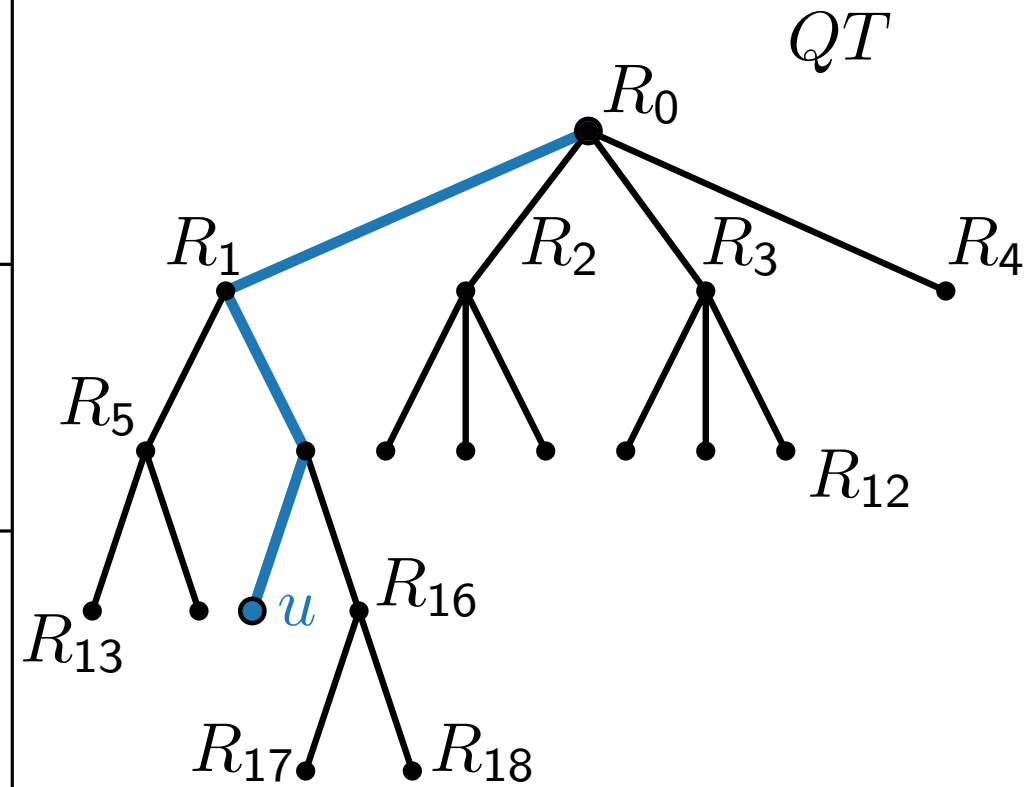
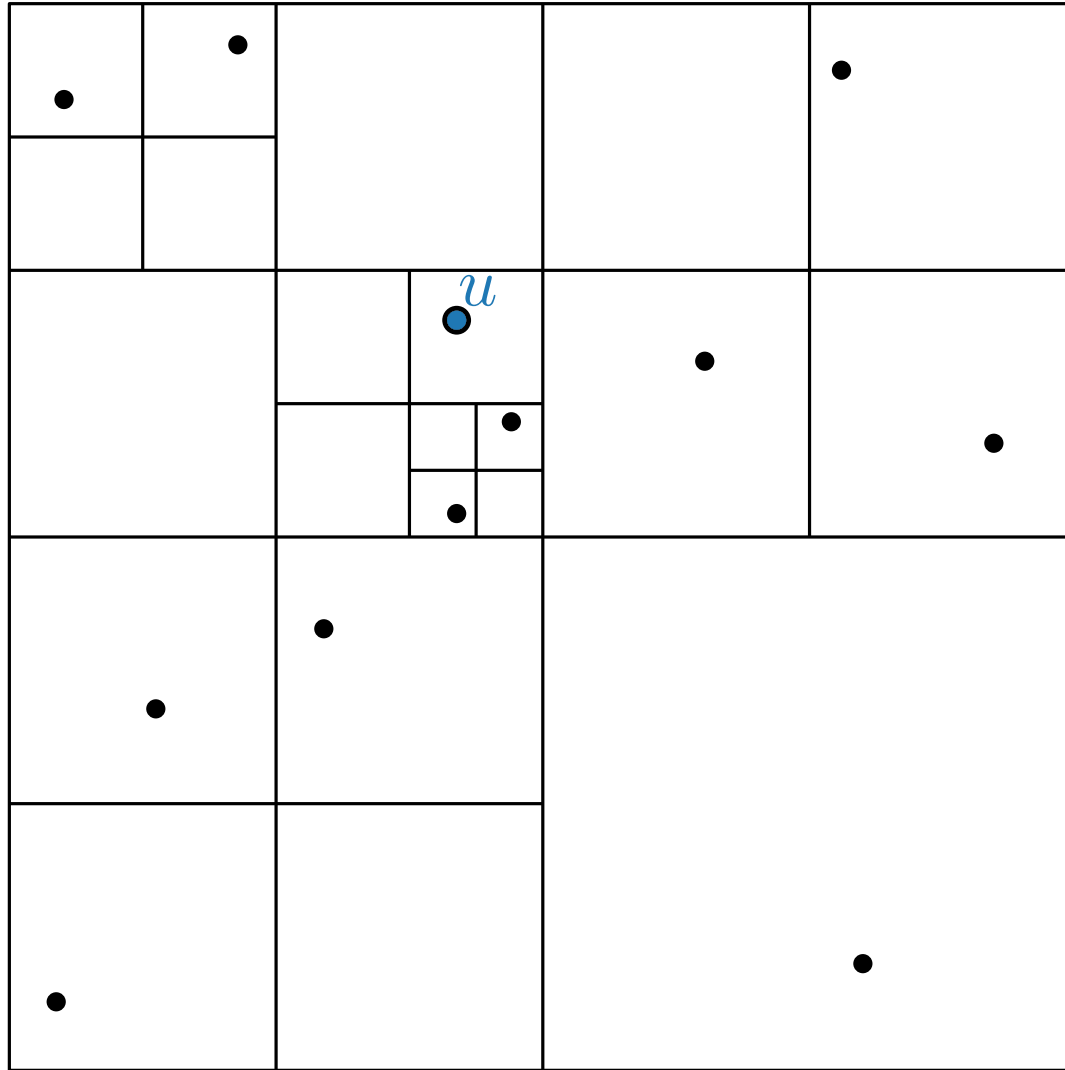
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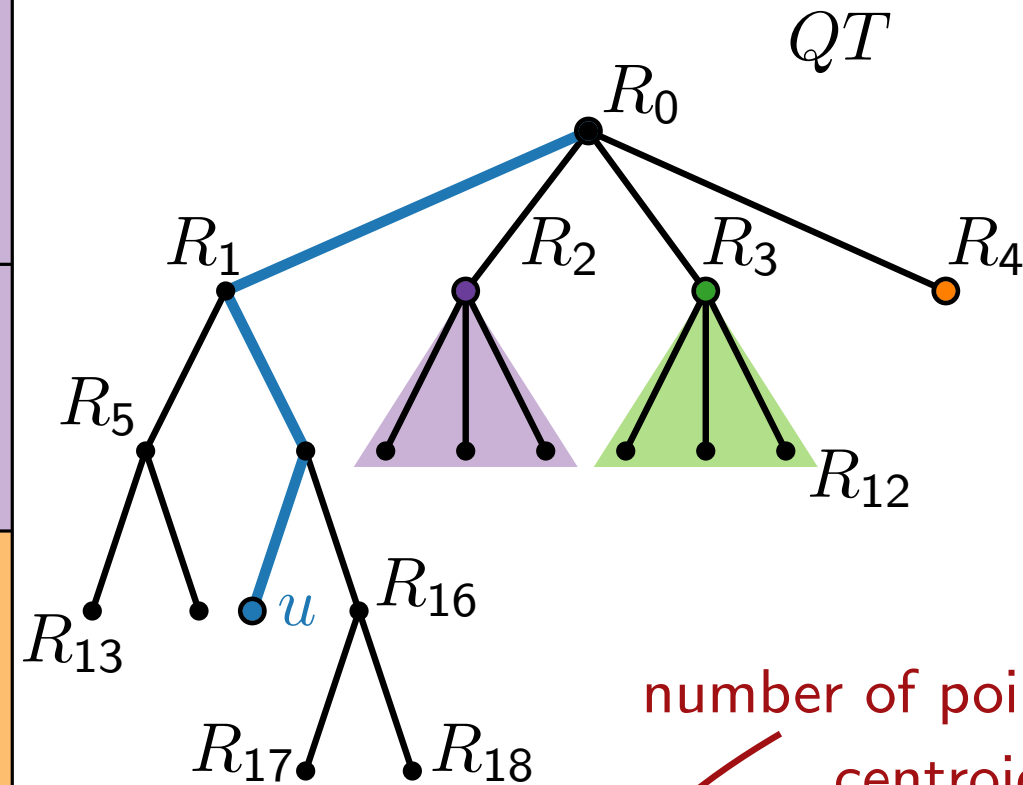
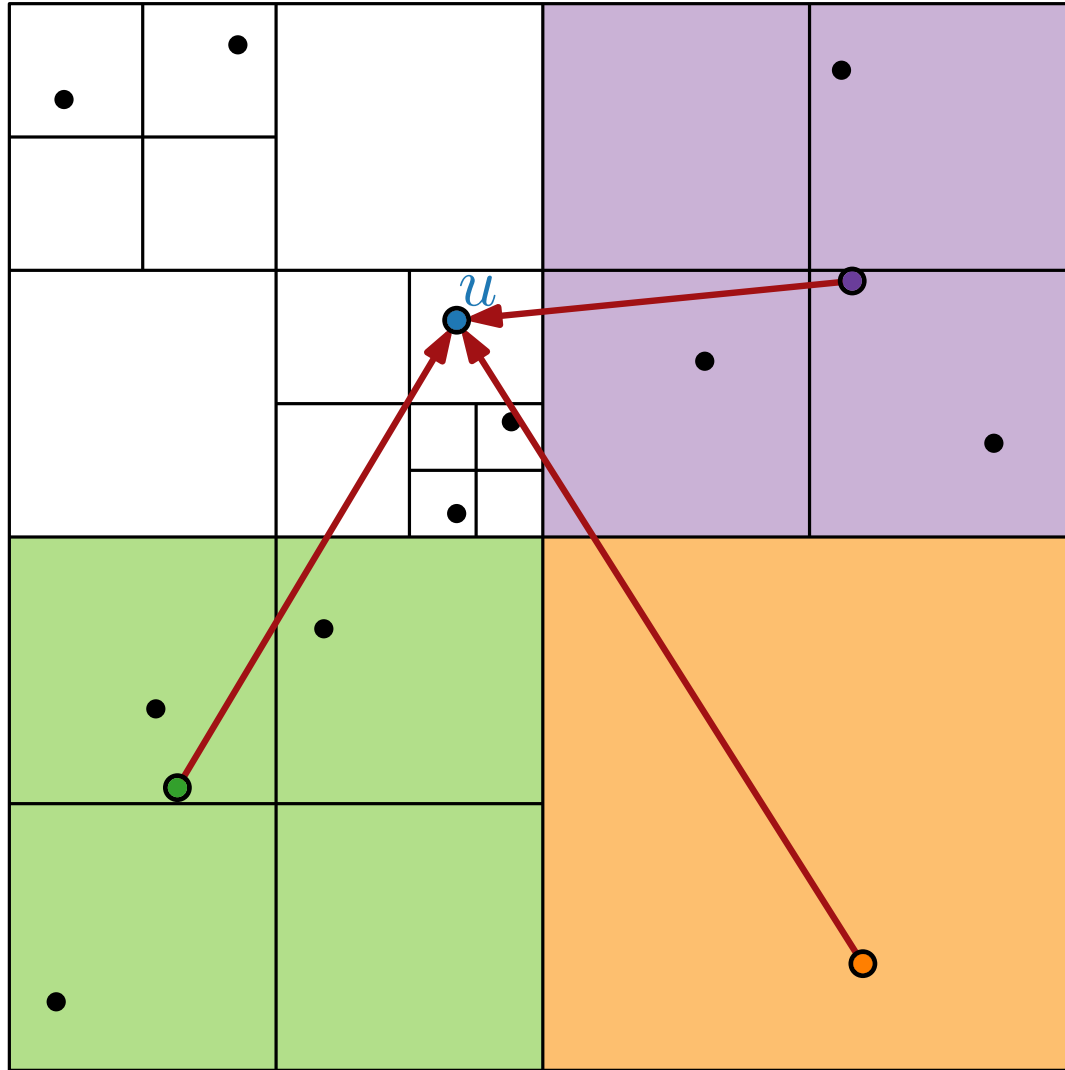
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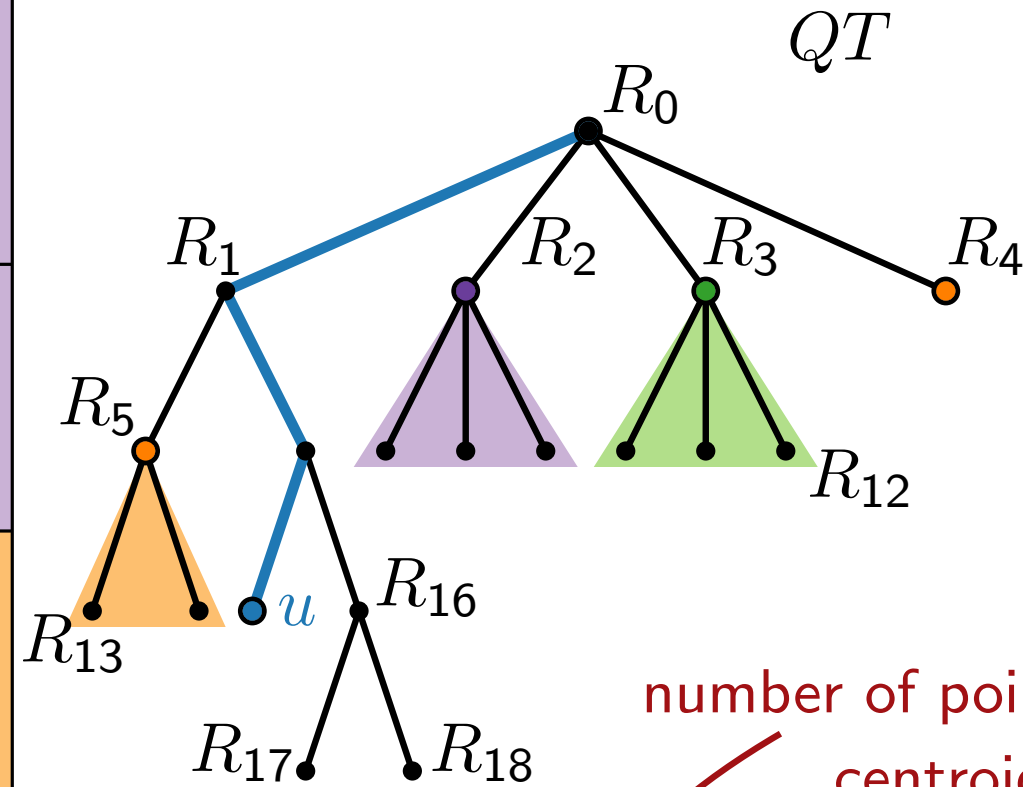
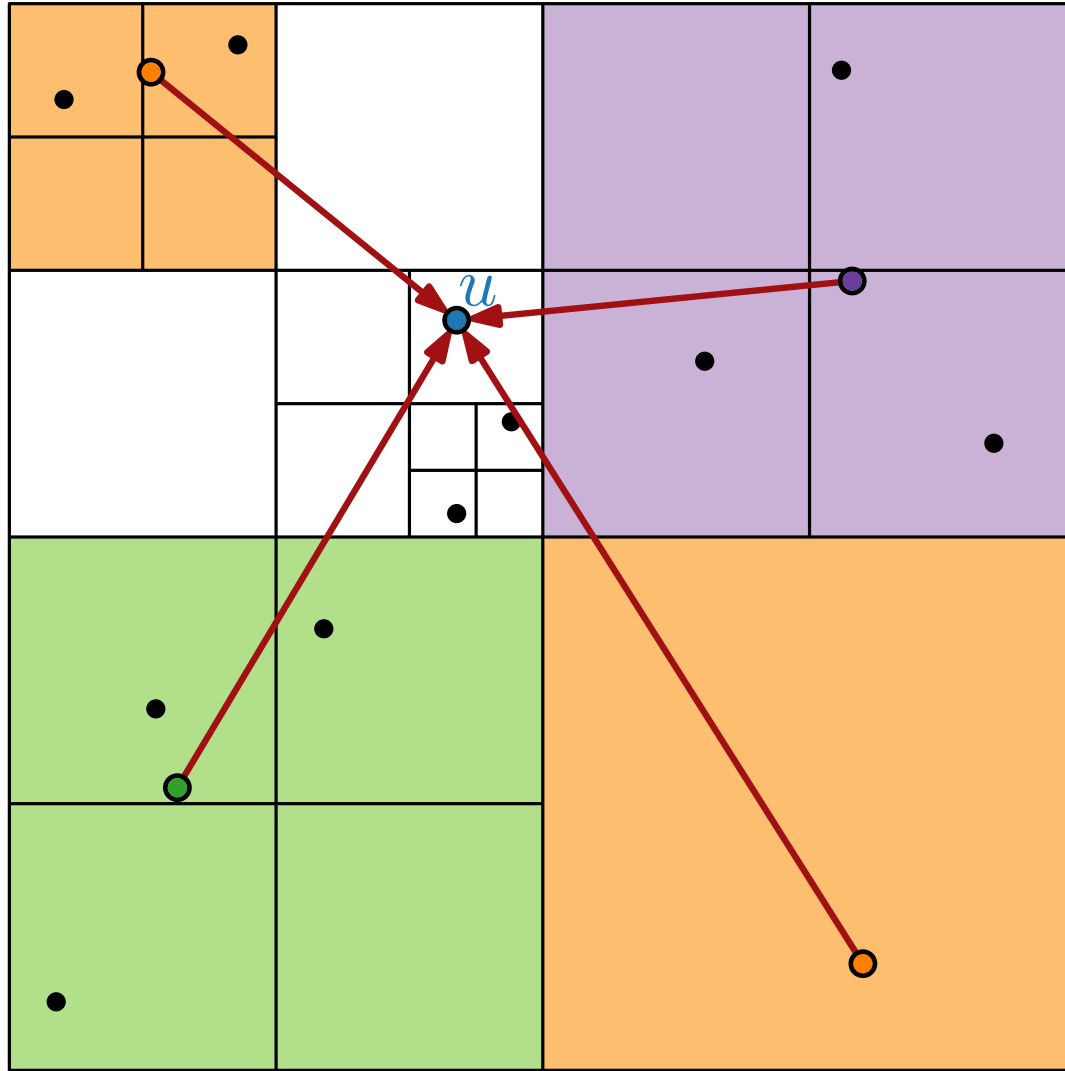
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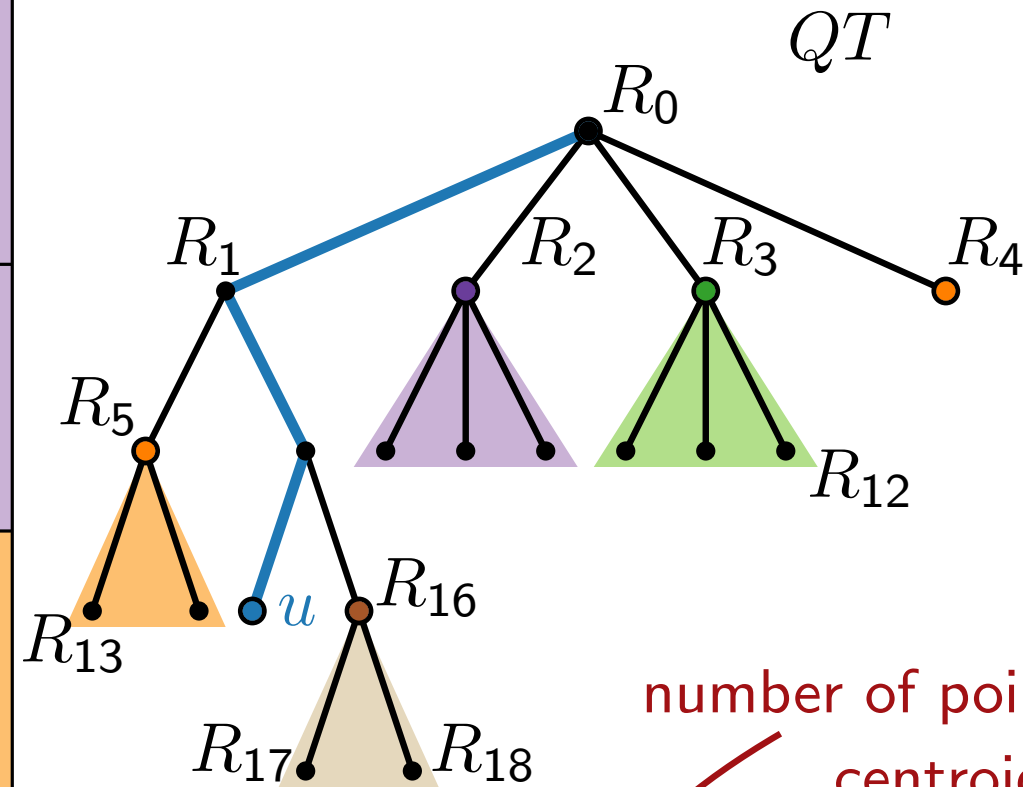
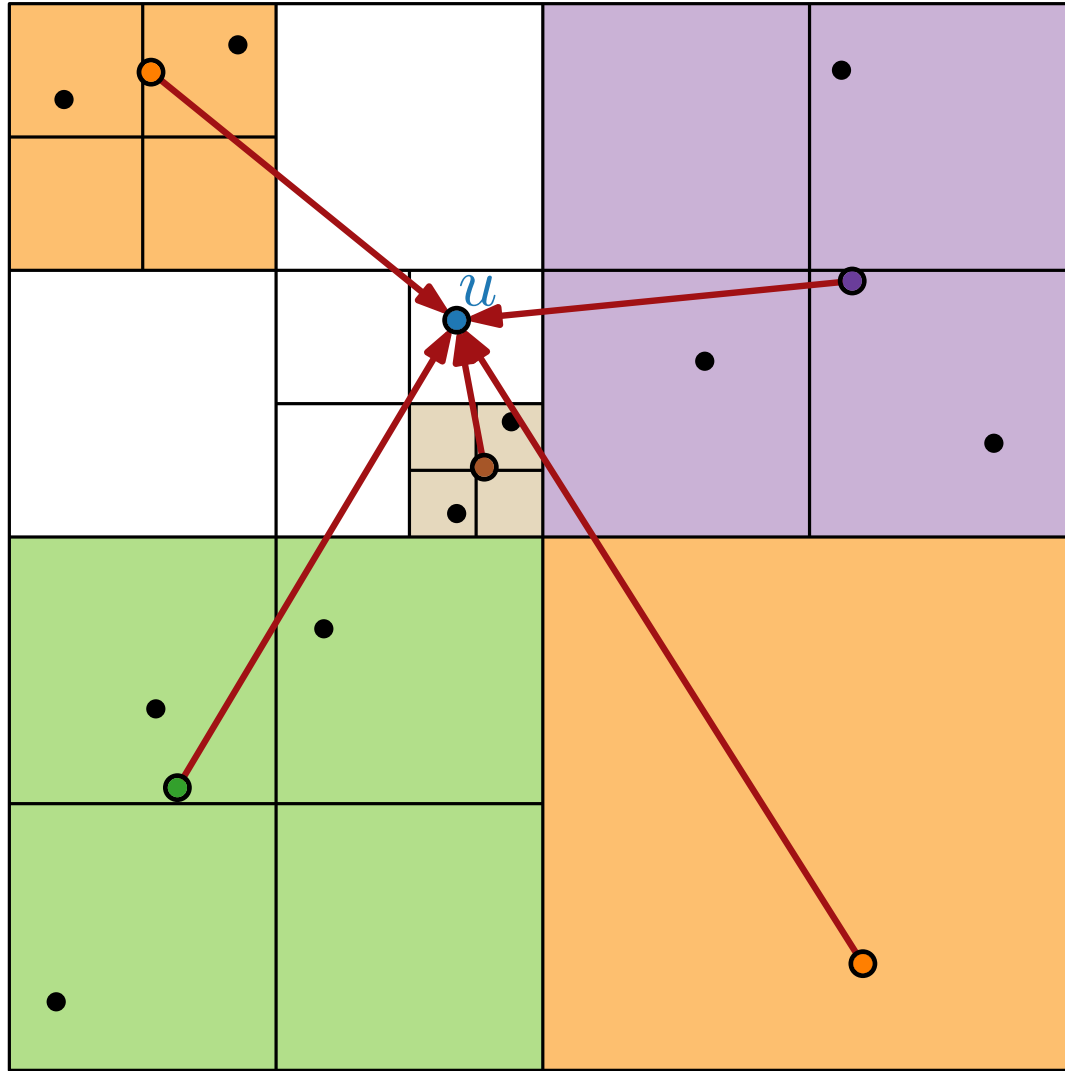
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number of points in the subtree R_i
centroid of R_i (pre-computed)

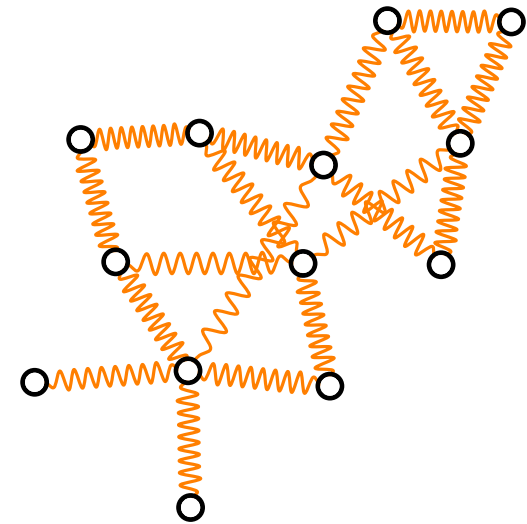
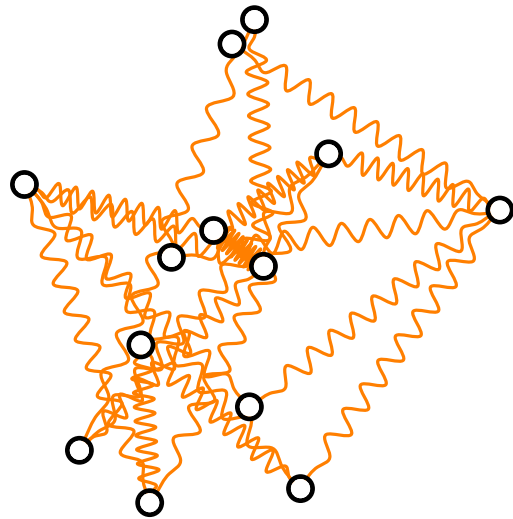
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for each child R_i of a vertex on path from root to u .

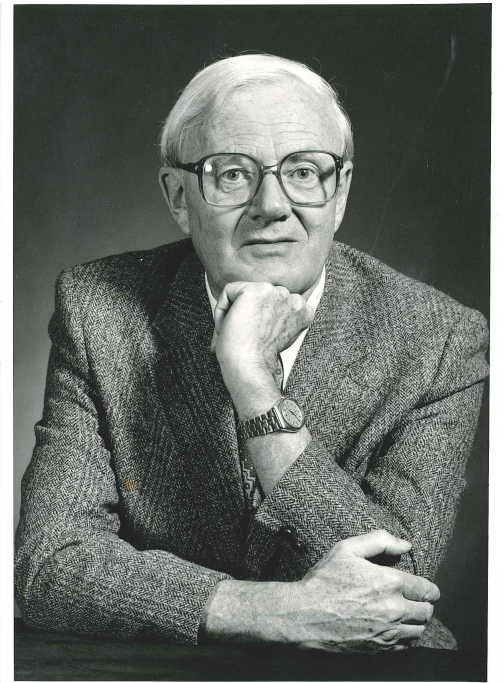
Visualization of Graphs

Lecture 2: Force-Directed Drawing Algorithms

Part II: Tutte Embeddings



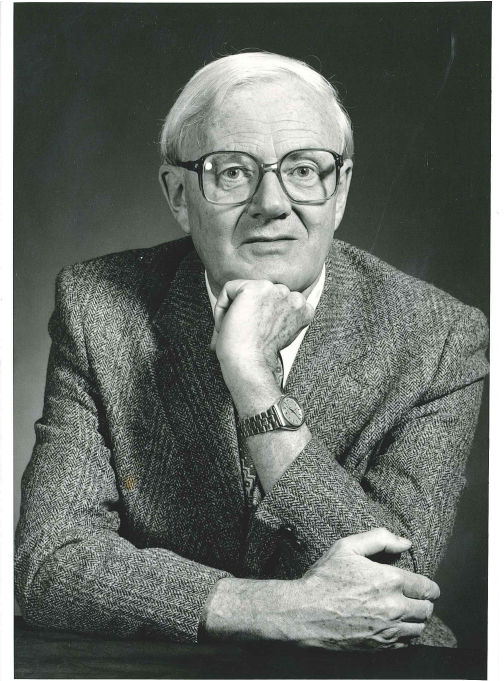
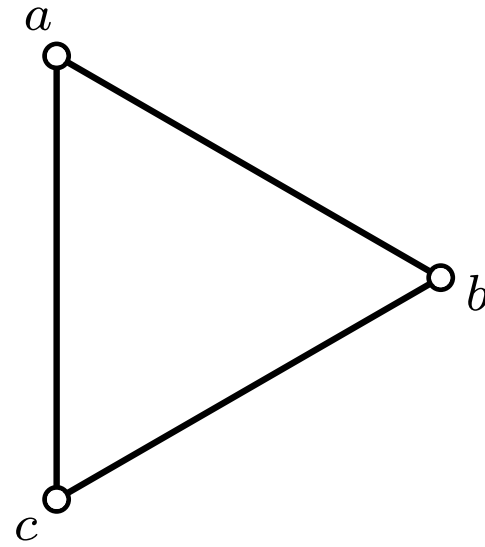
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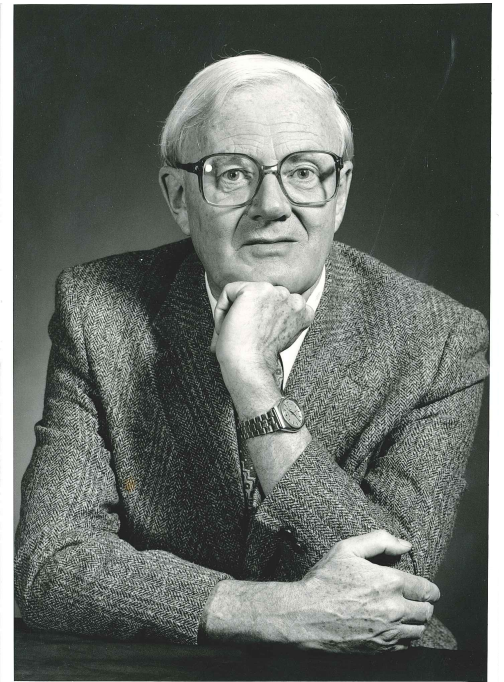
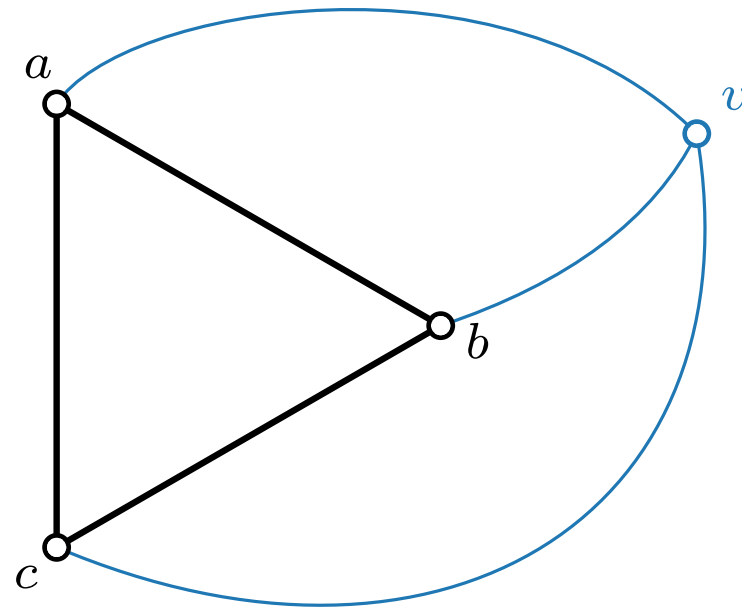
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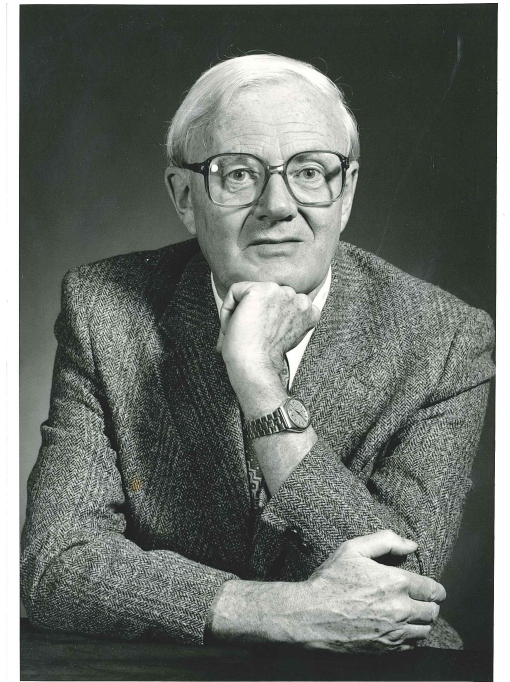
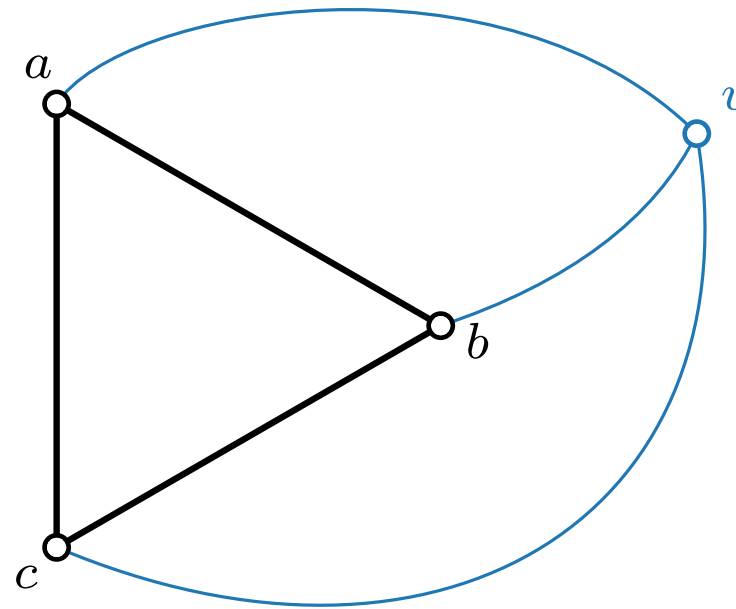


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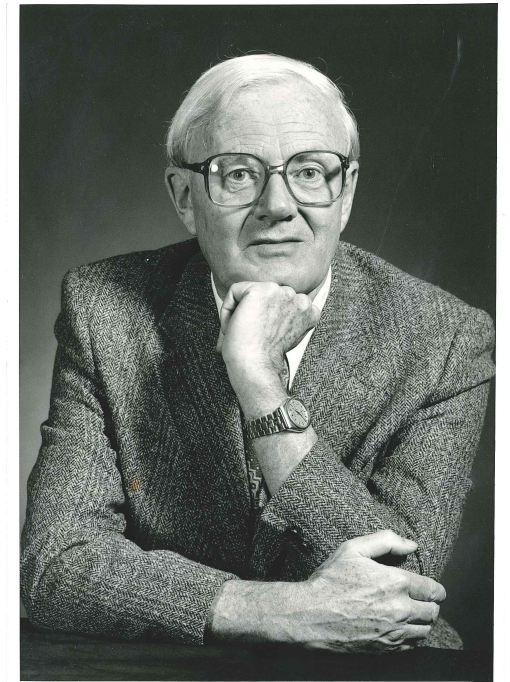
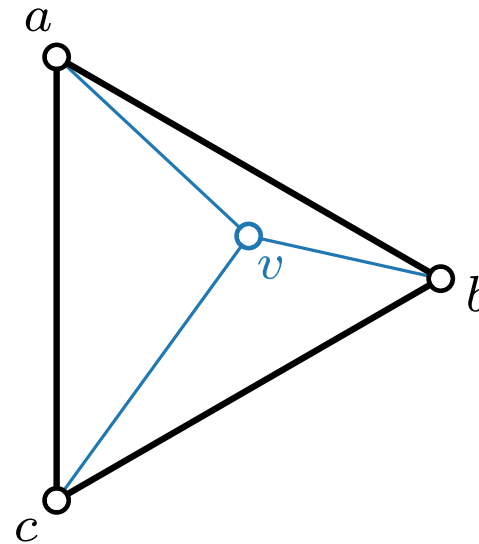


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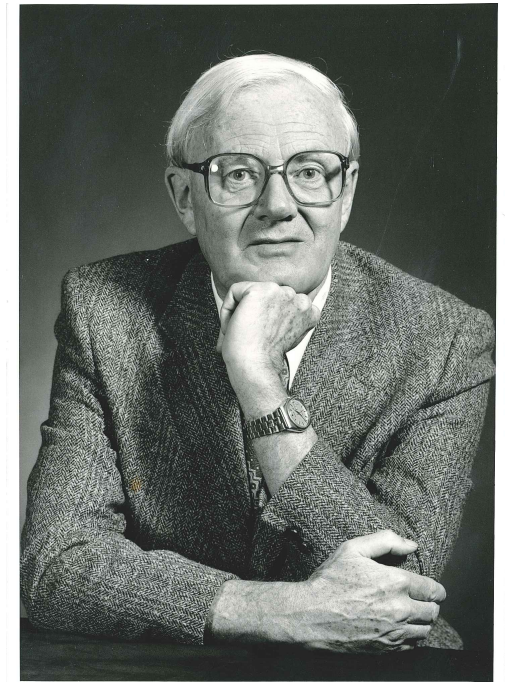
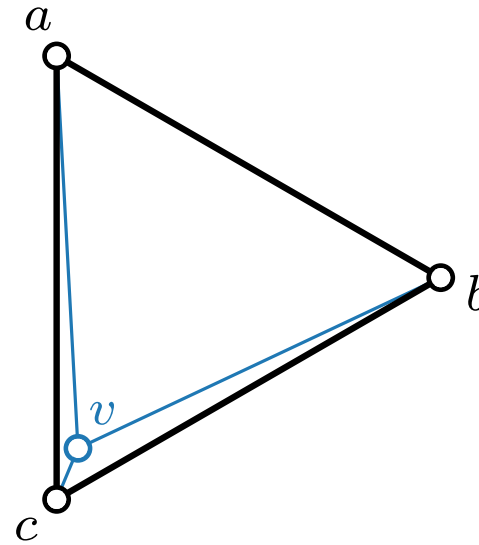


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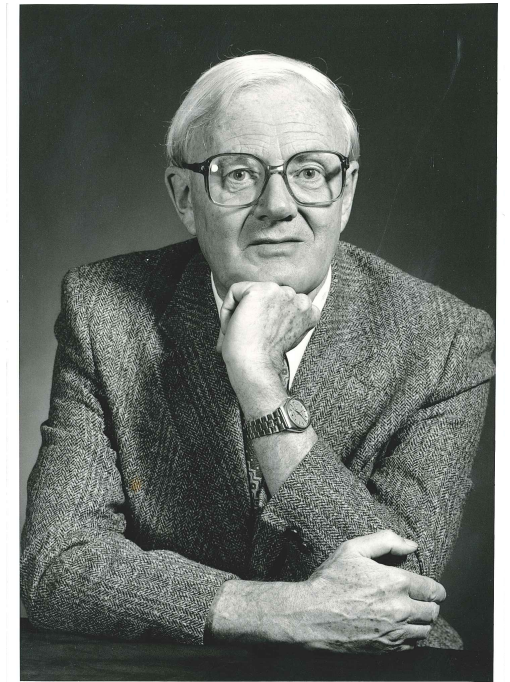
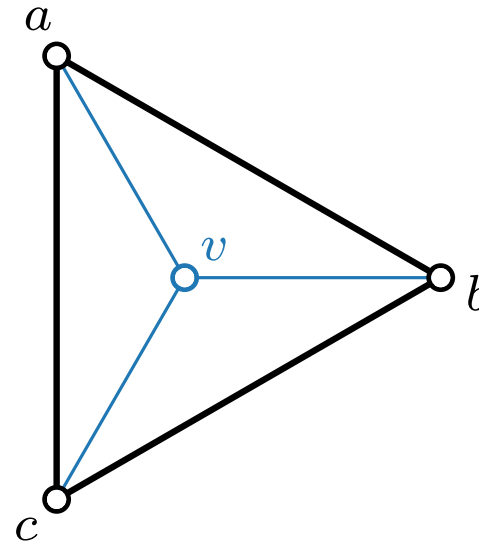


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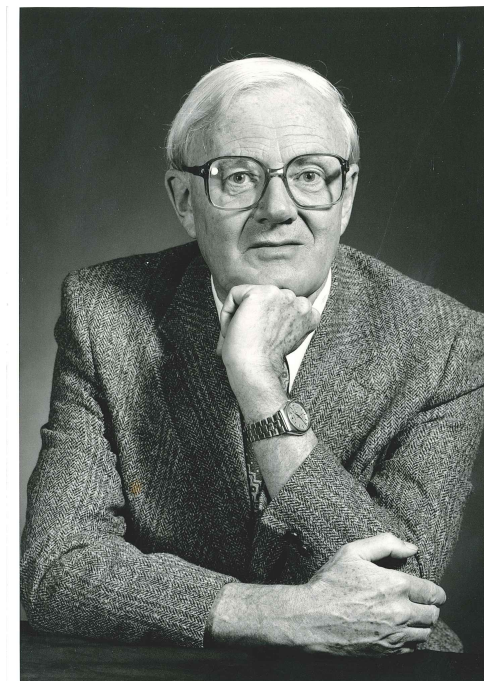
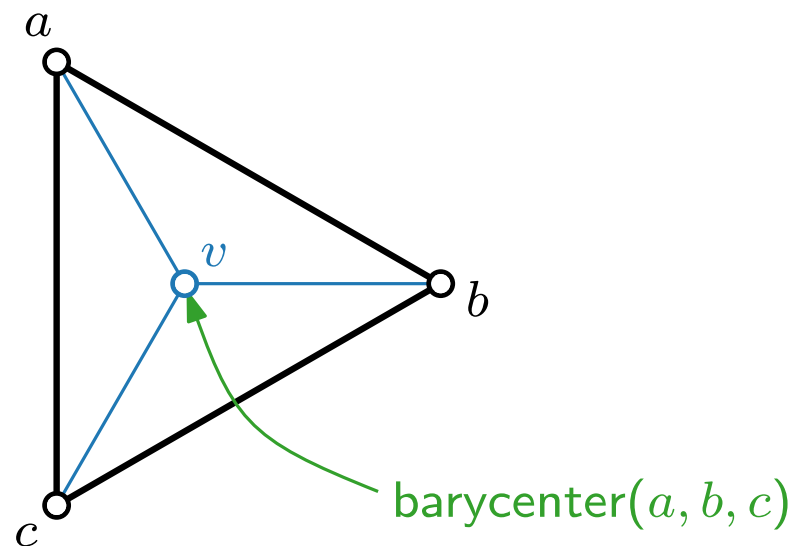


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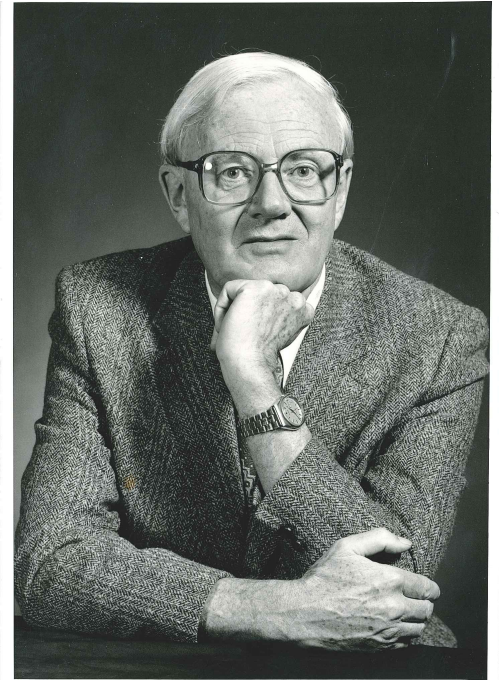
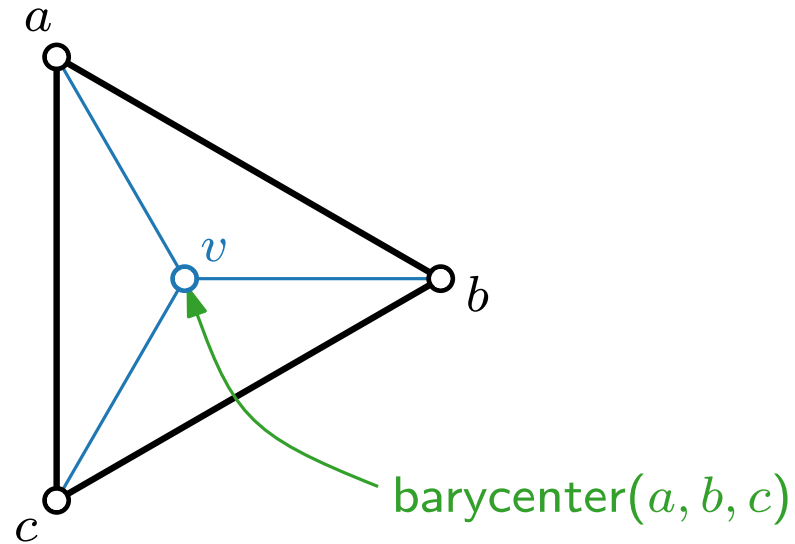
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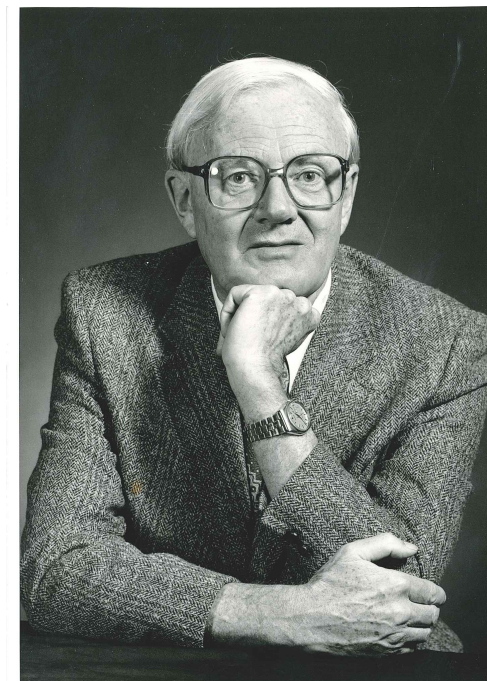
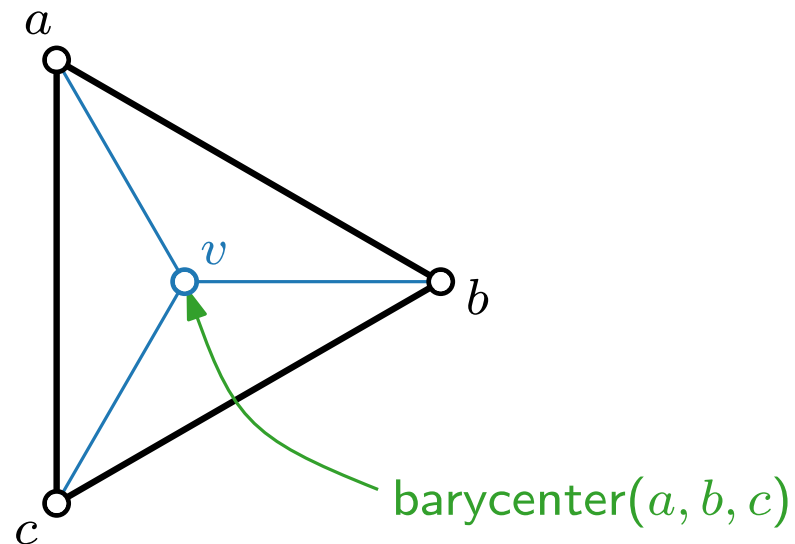
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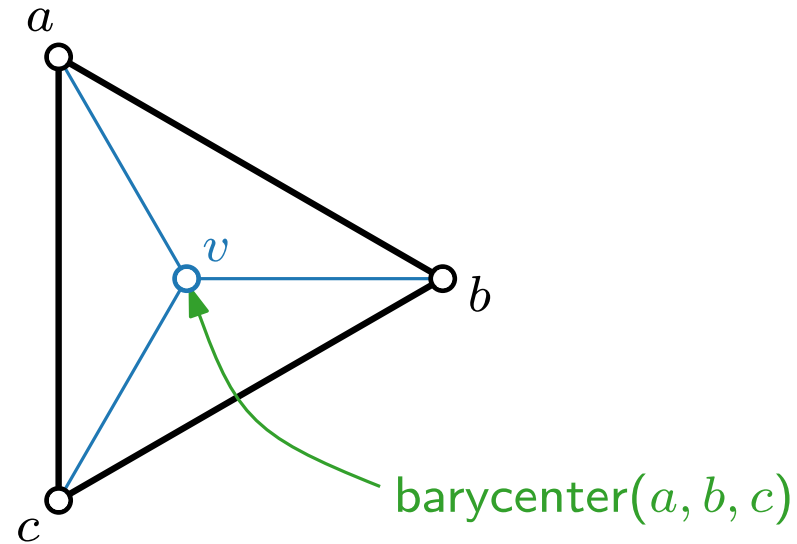


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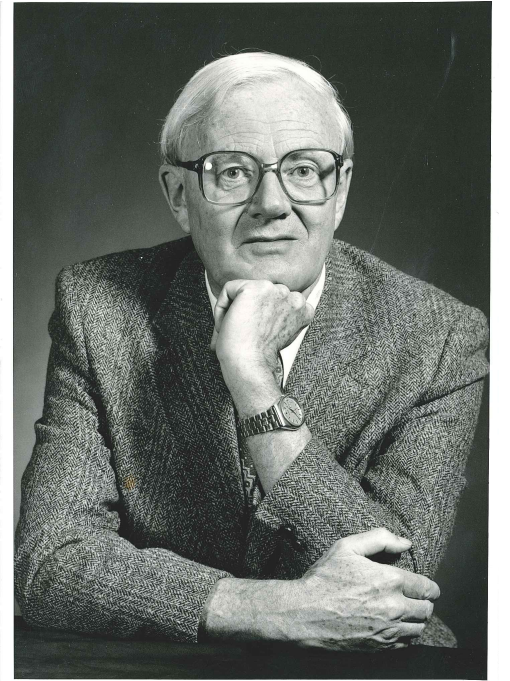
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Repeatedly place every vertex at barycenter of neighbors.



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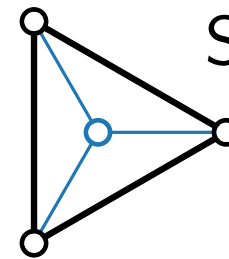
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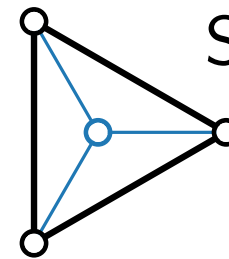
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ForceDirected(graph  $G$ ,  $p = (p_v)_{v \in V}$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ )
 $t \leftarrow 1$ 
while  $t \leq K$  and  $\max_{v \in V(G)} \|F_v(t-1)\| > \varepsilon$  do
    foreach  $u \in V(G)$  do
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$\text{barycenter}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i / k$

Global minimum: $p_u = (0, 0) \forall u \in V(G)$ ☹️



Solution: fix coordinates of outer face! 😊

$\overrightarrow{p_u p_v}$ = unit vector pointing from u to v

$\|p_u - p_v\|$ = Euclidean distance between u and v

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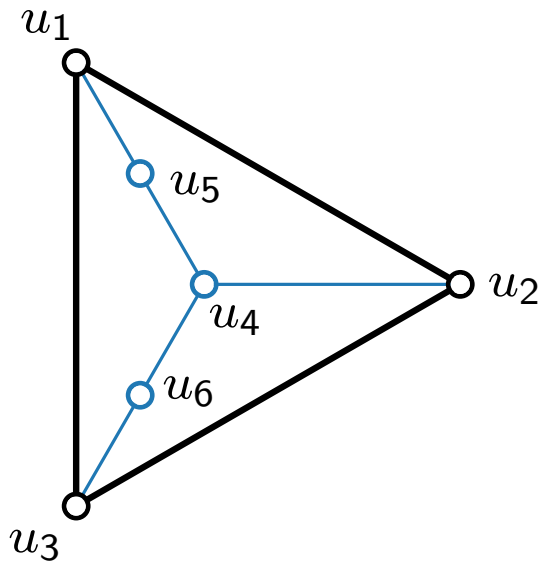
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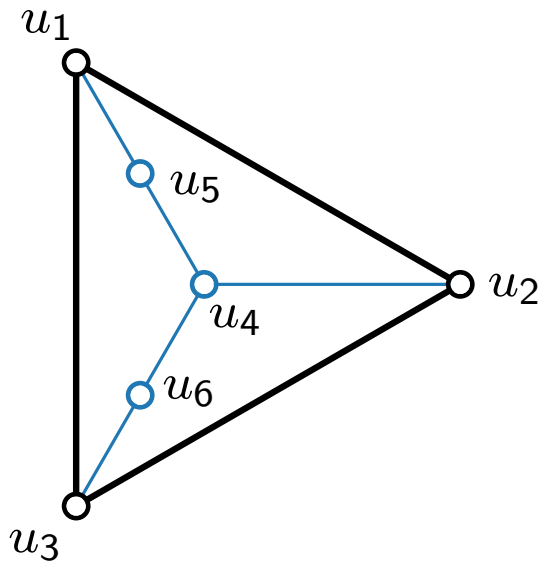
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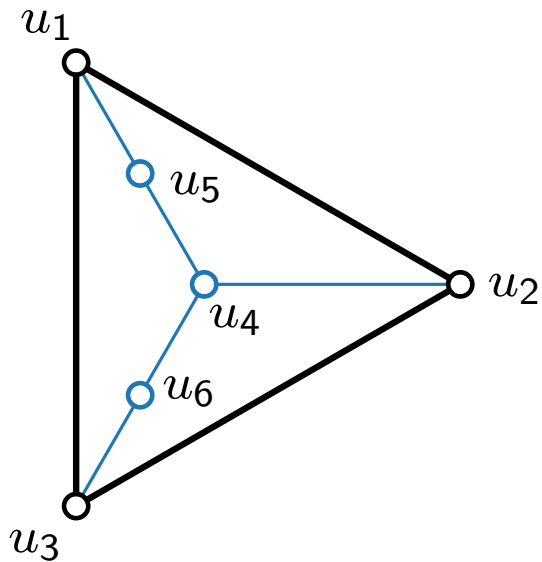
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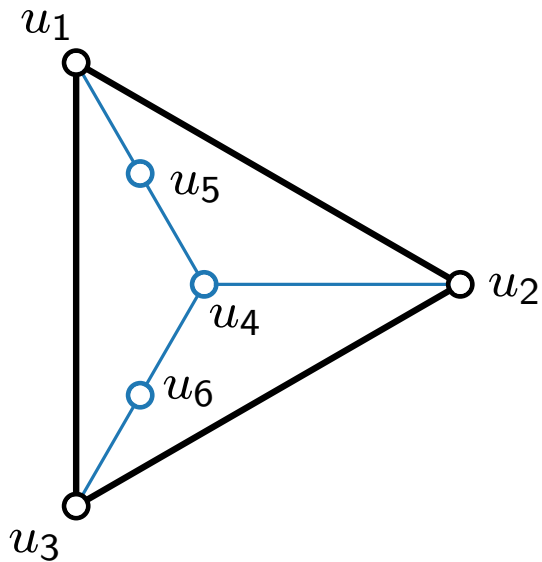
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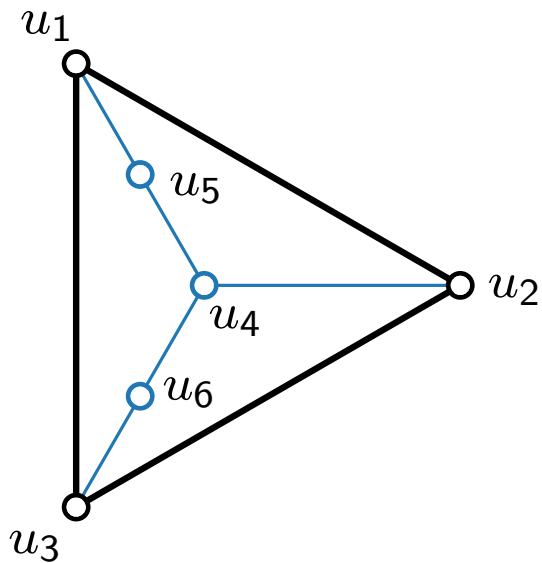


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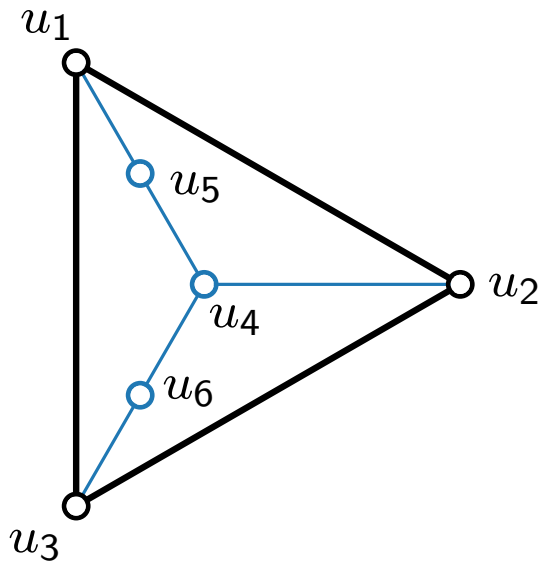
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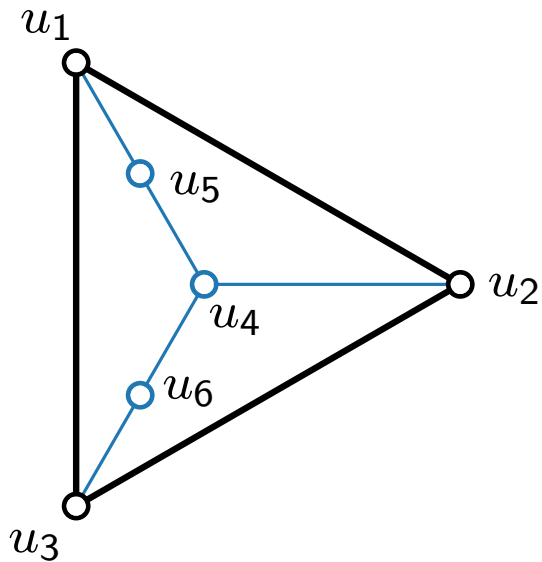
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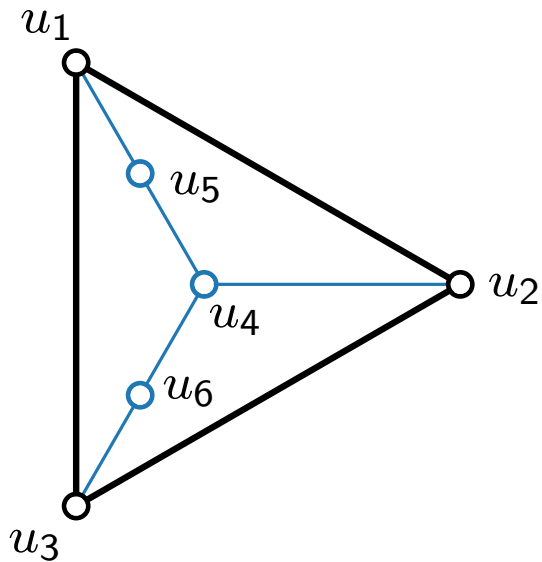
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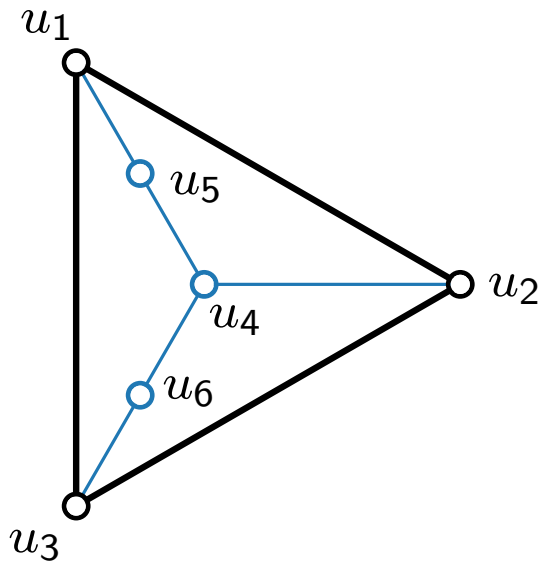
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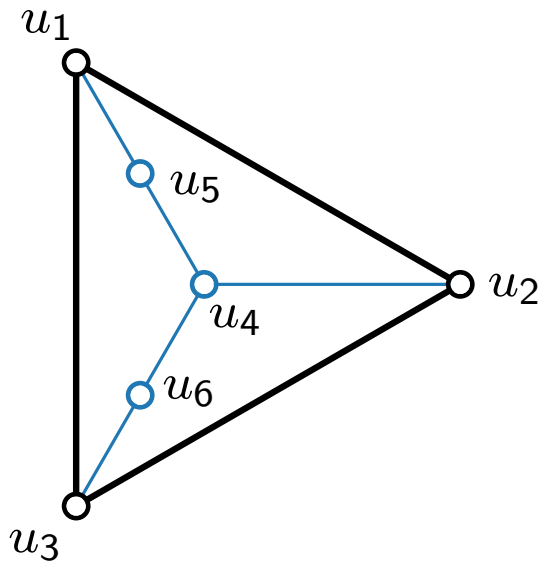
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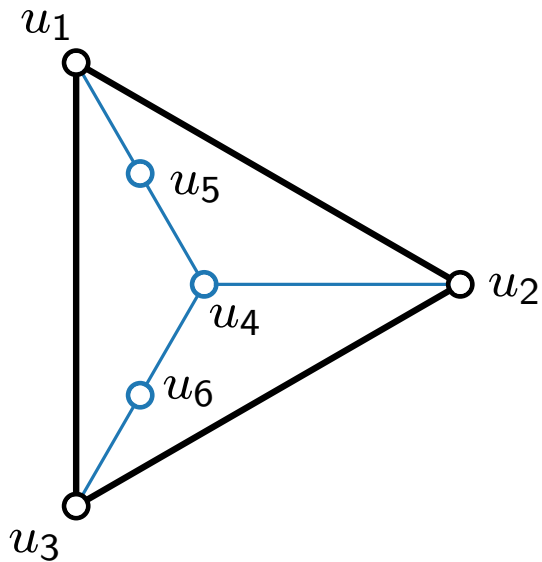
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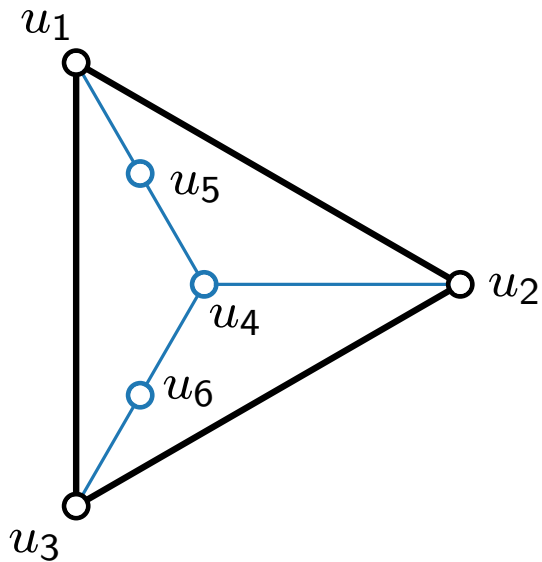
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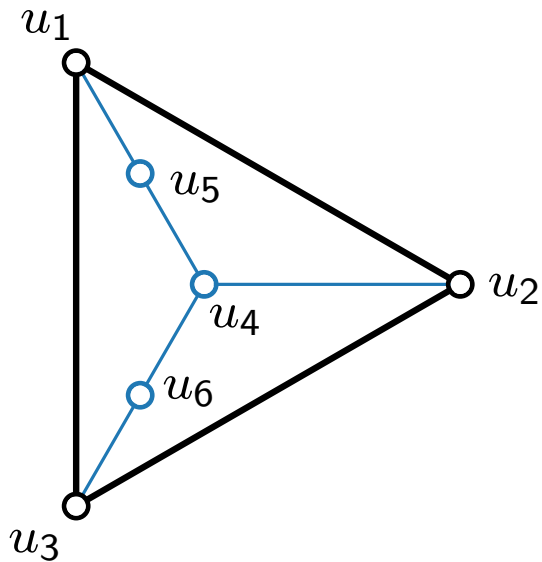
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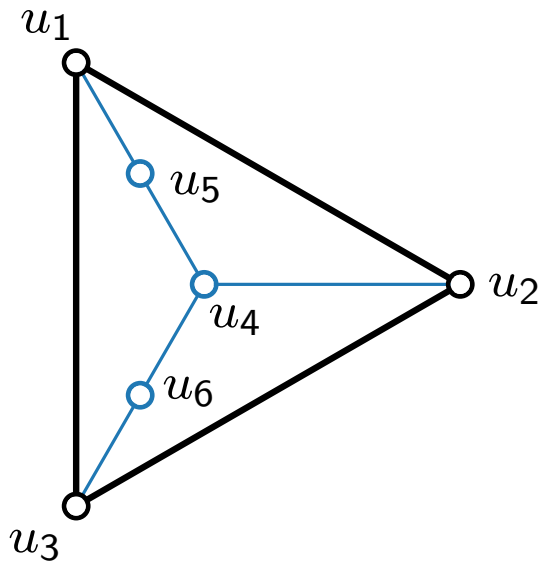
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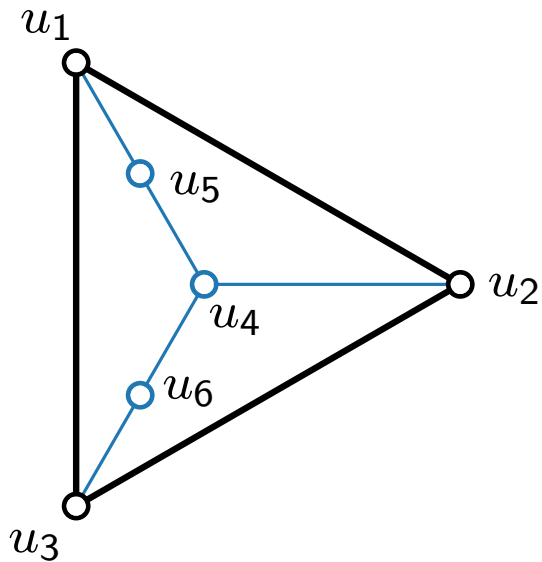
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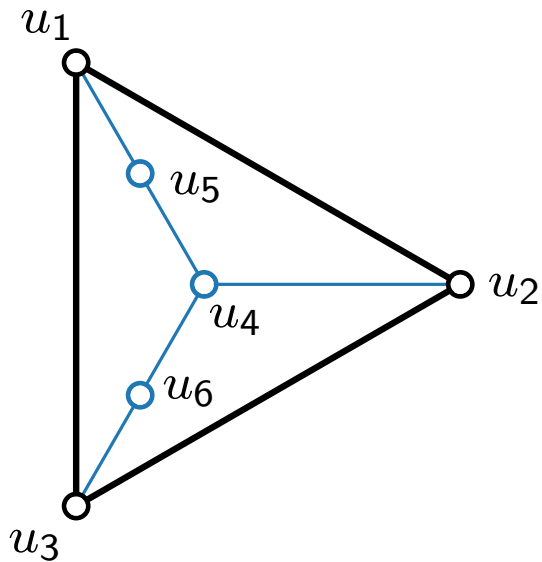
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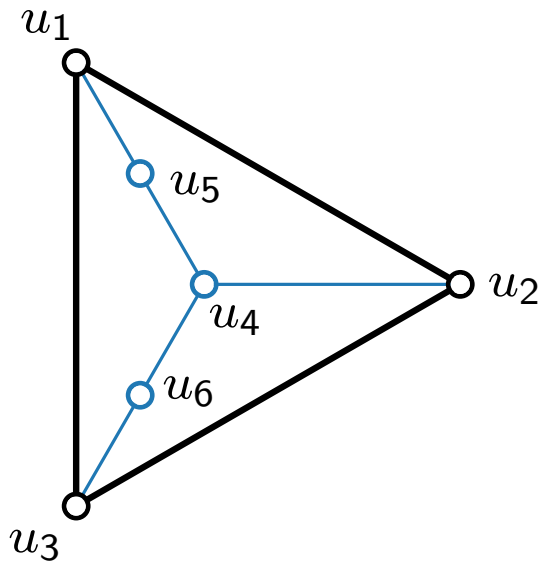
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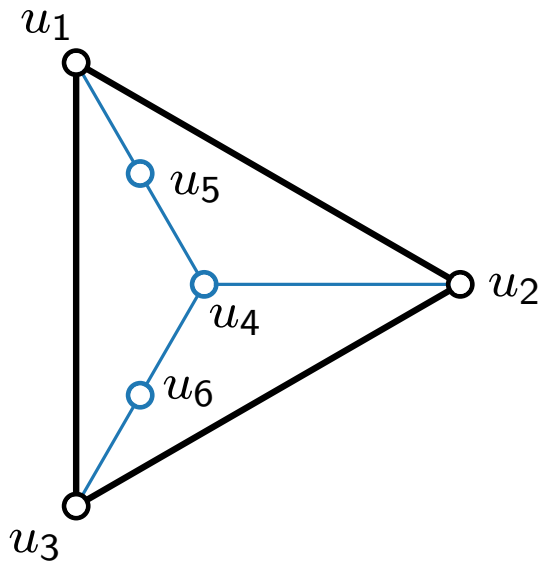
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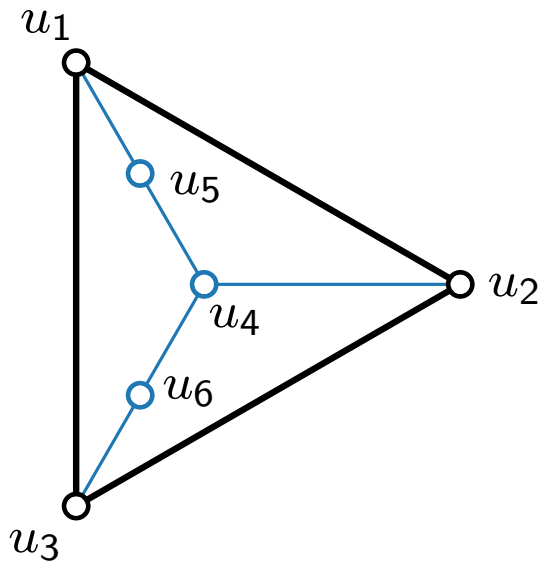
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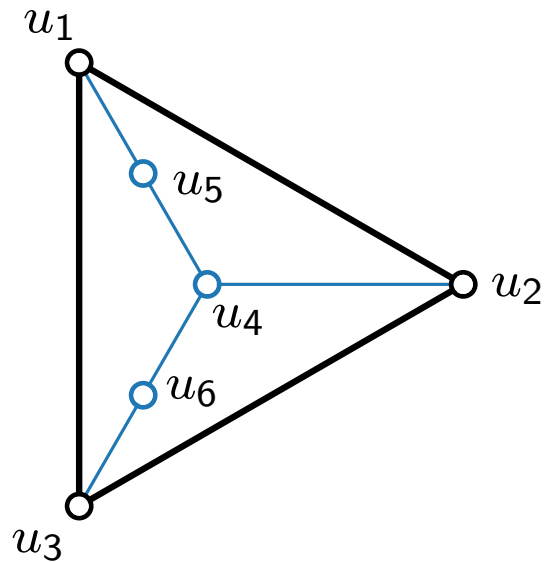
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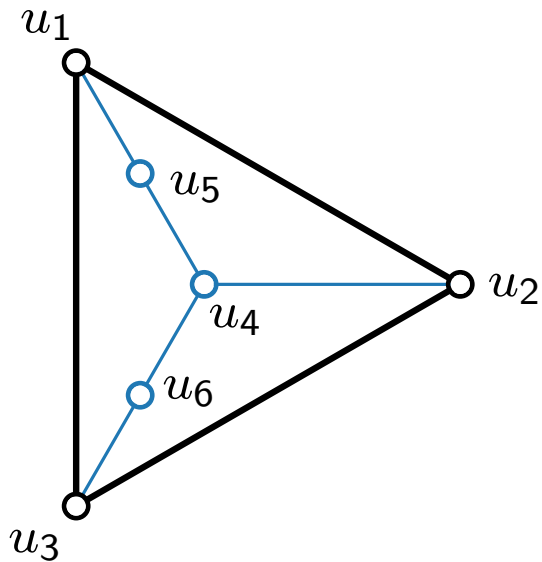
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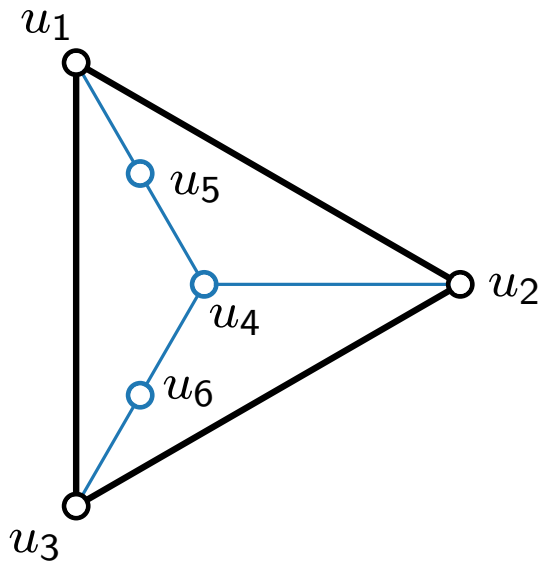
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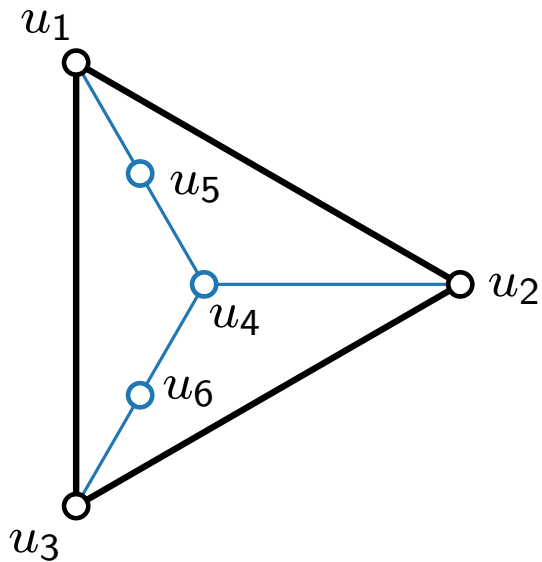
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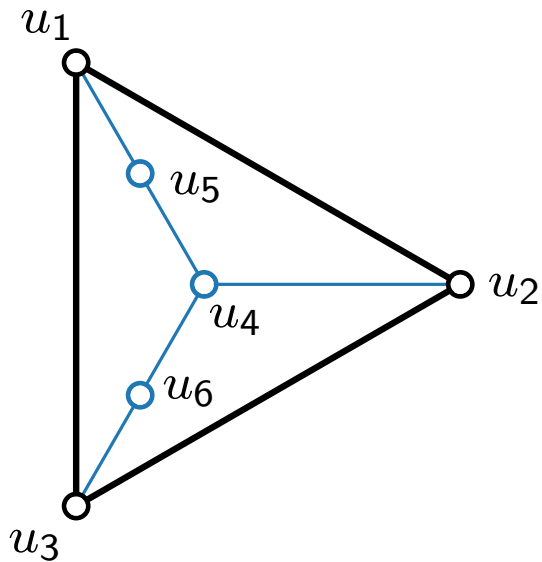
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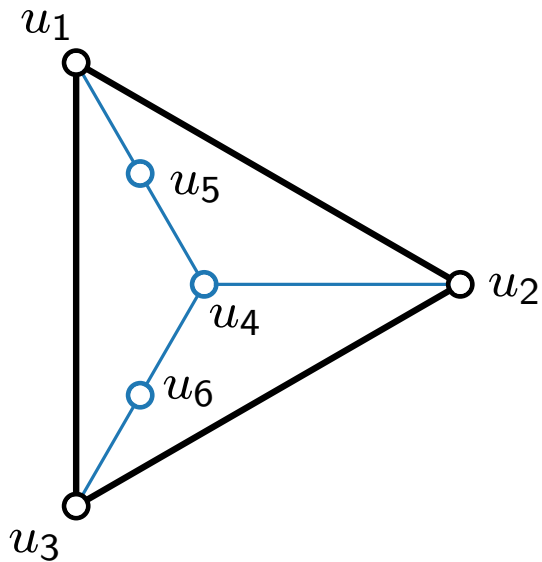
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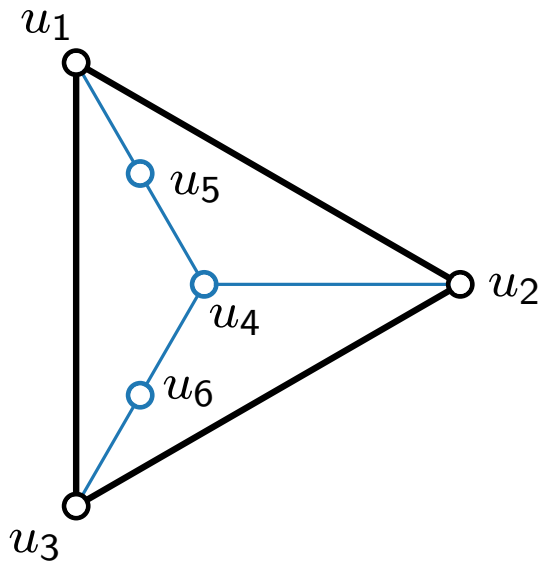
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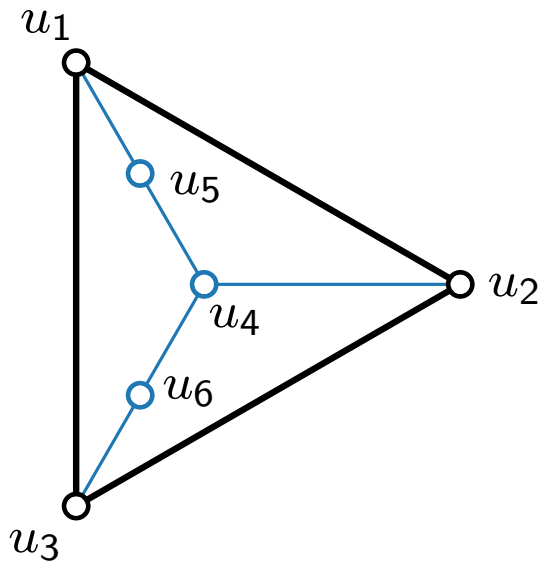
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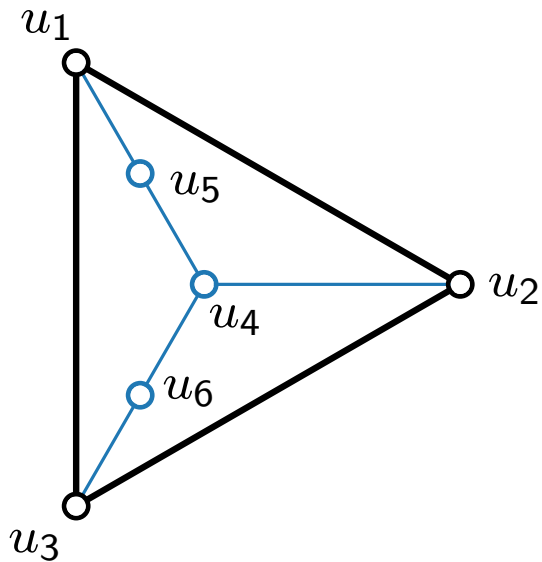
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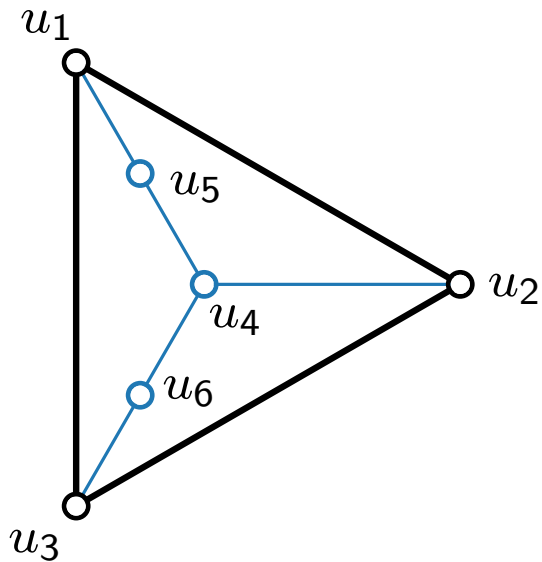
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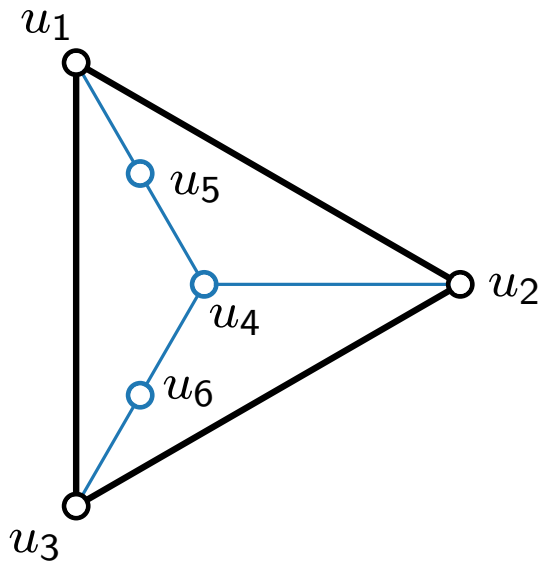
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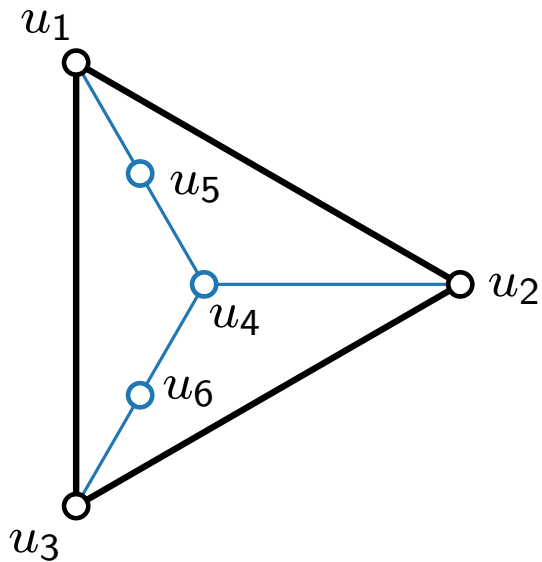
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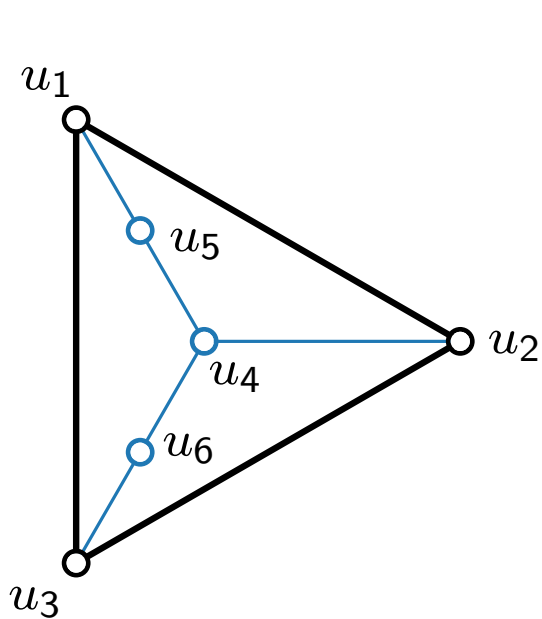
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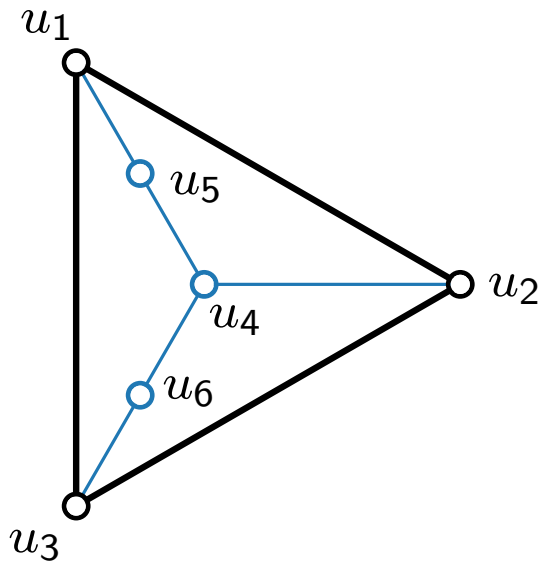
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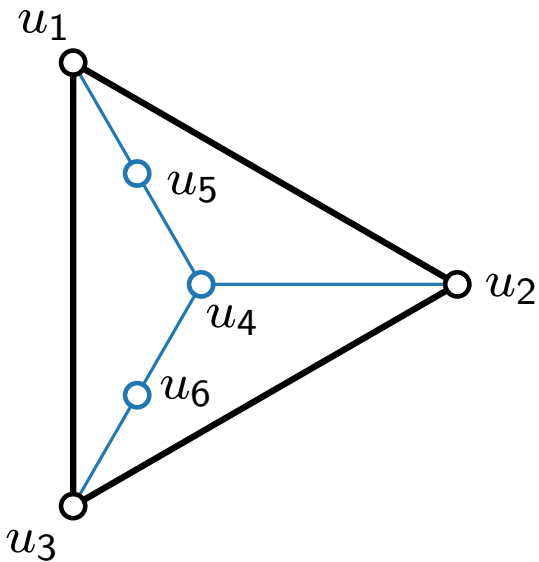
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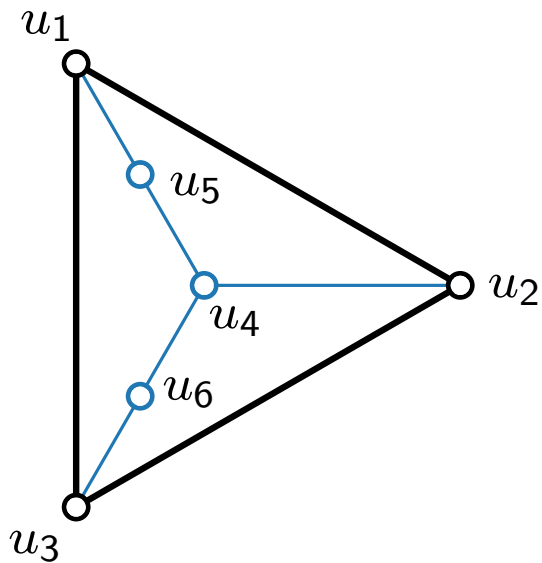
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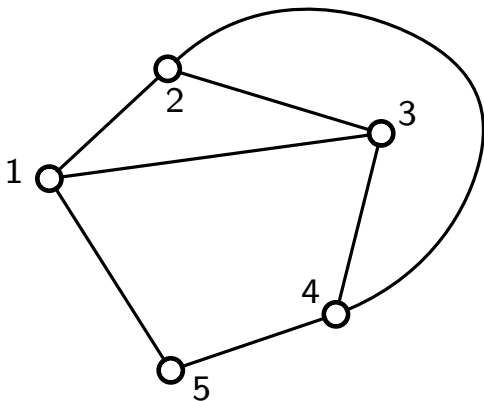
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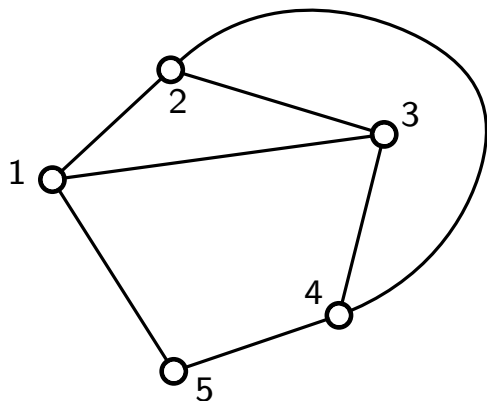


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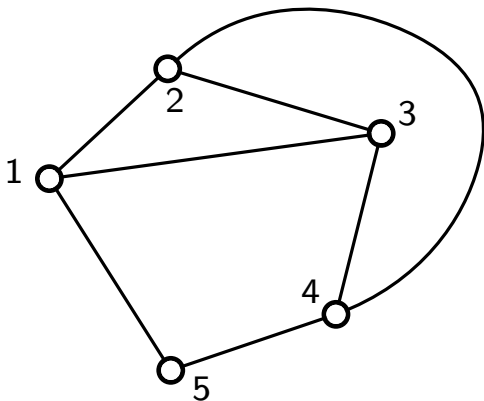


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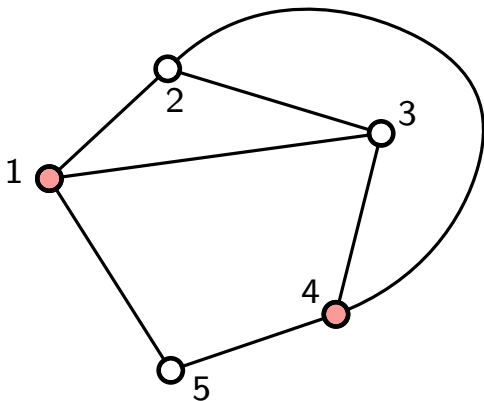


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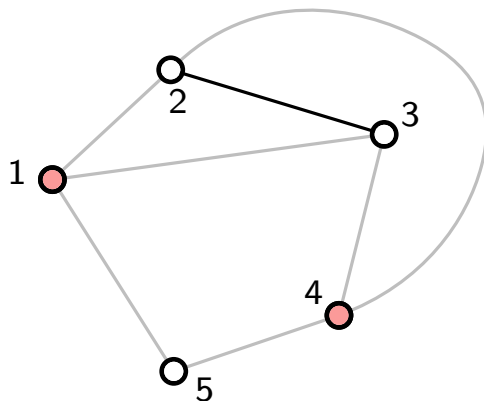


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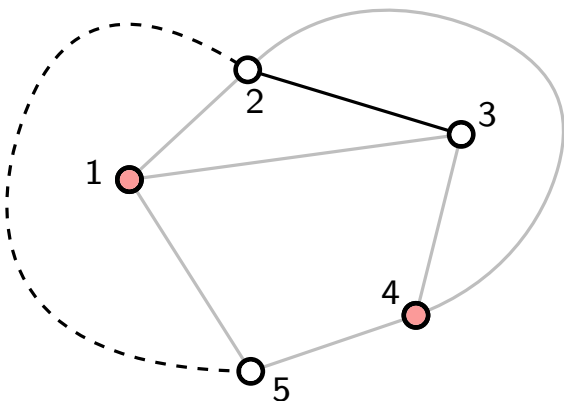


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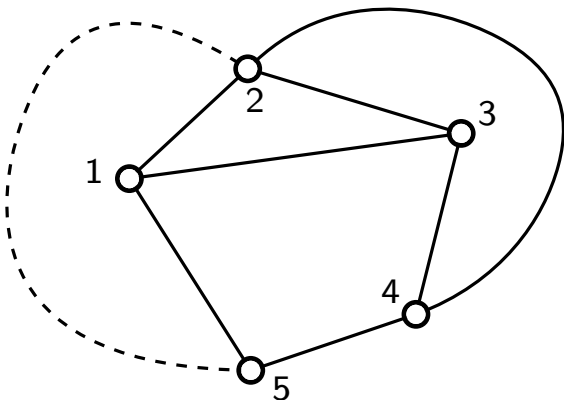


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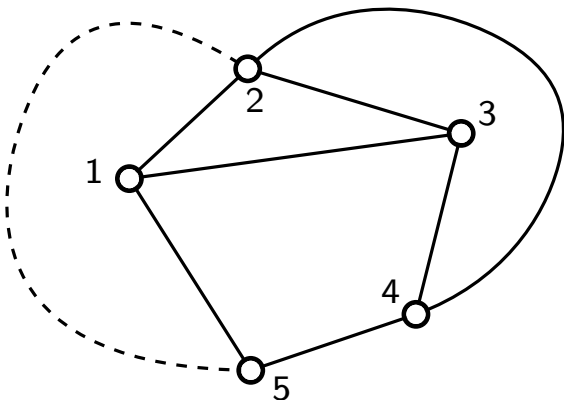


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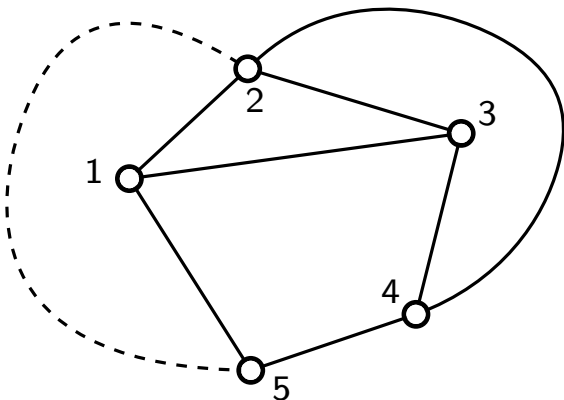


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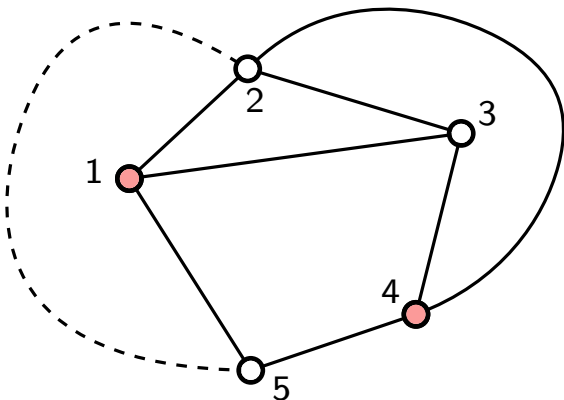


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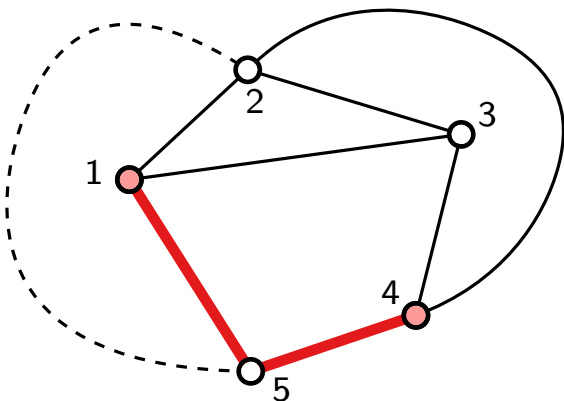


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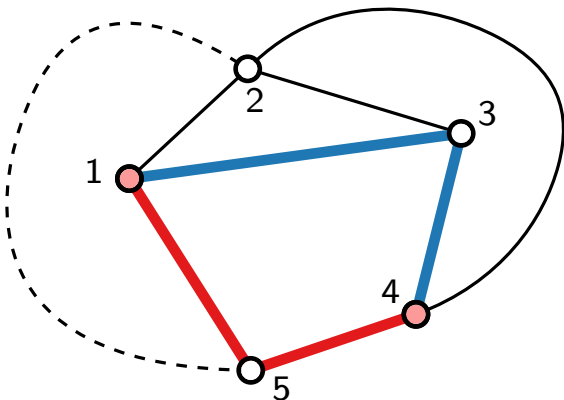


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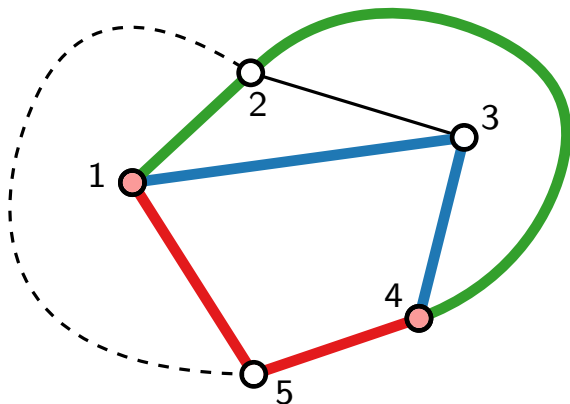


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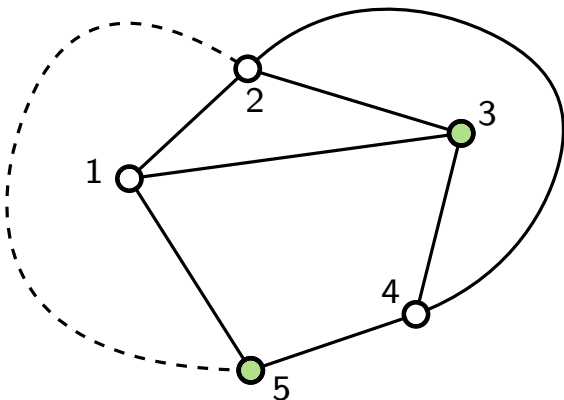


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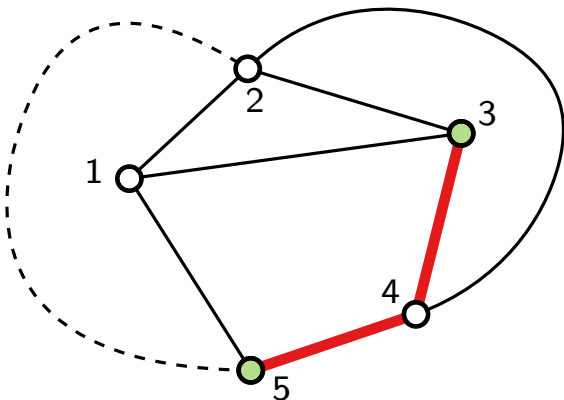


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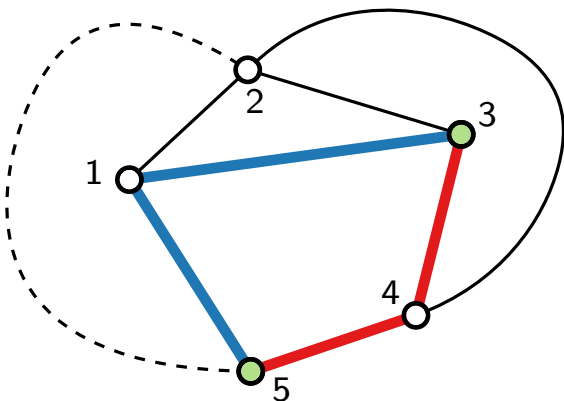


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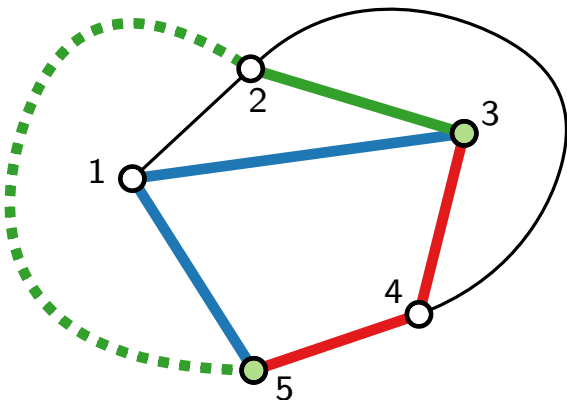


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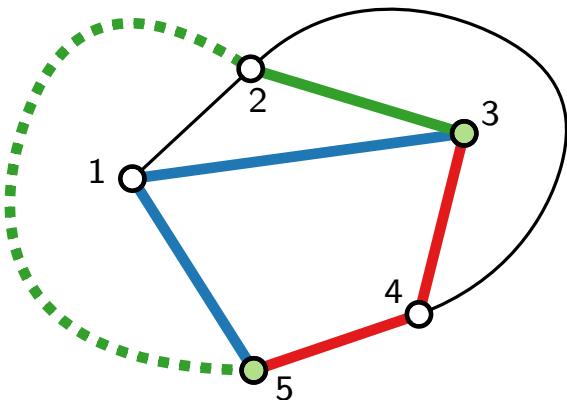
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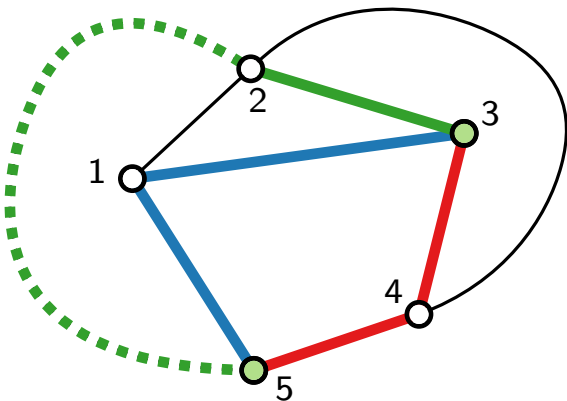
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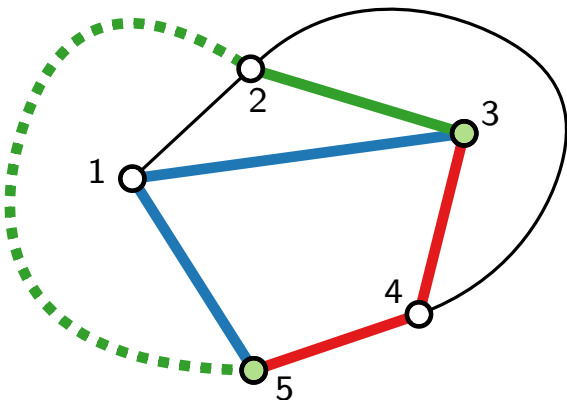
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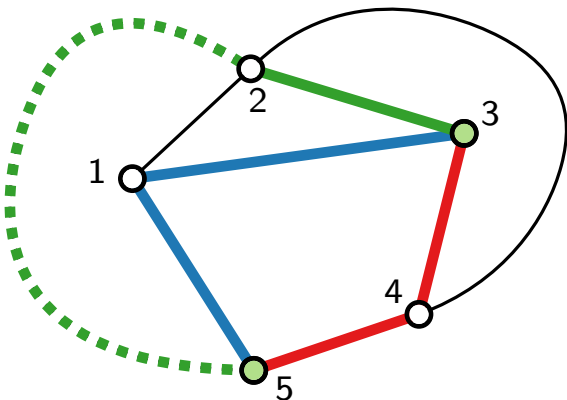
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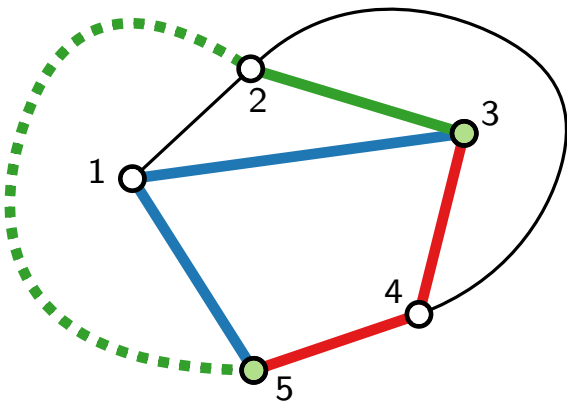
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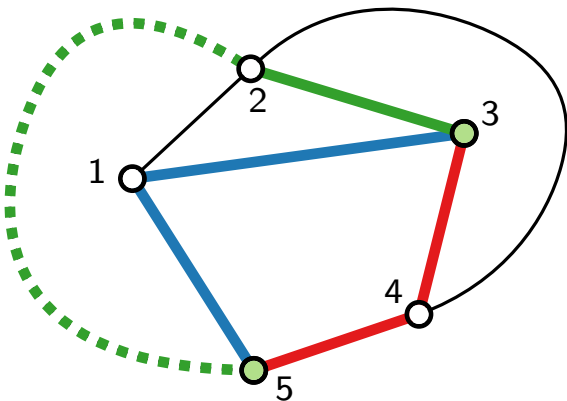
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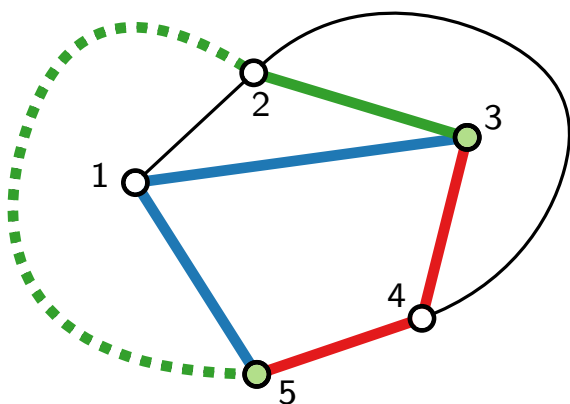
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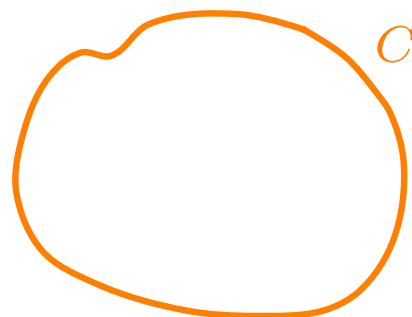
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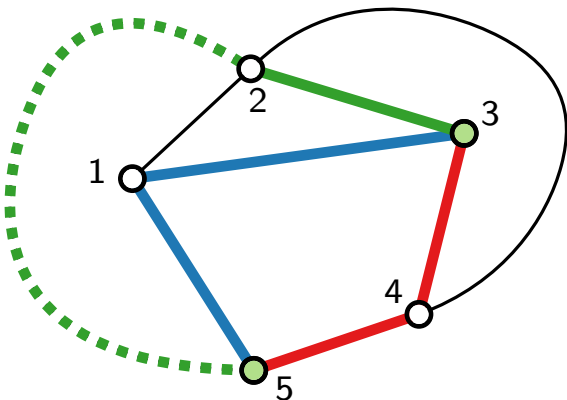
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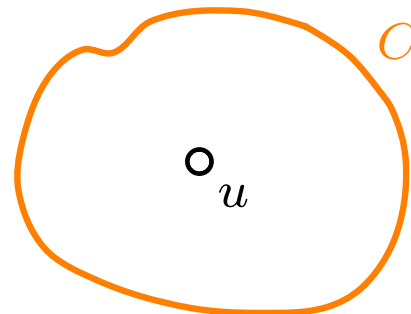
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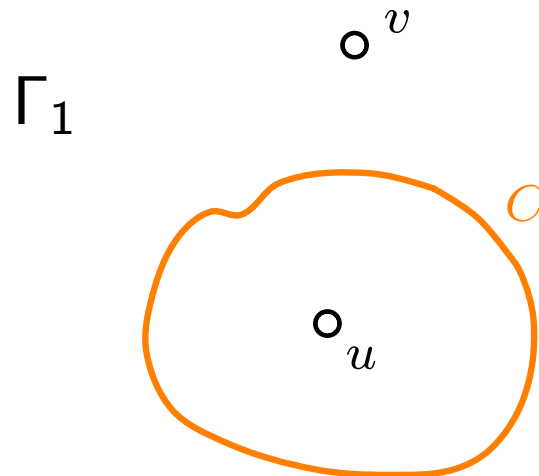
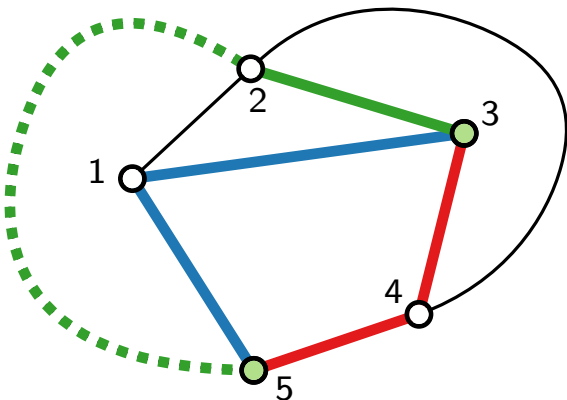
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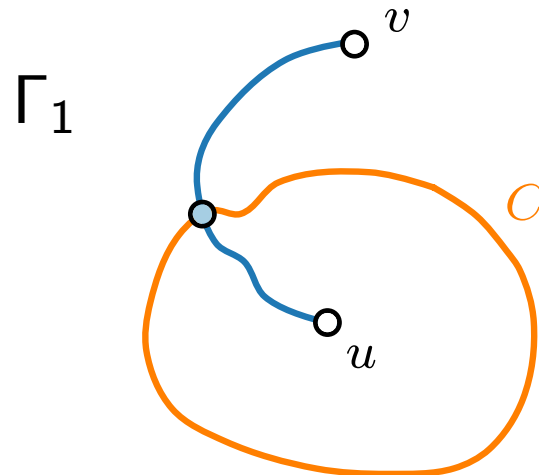
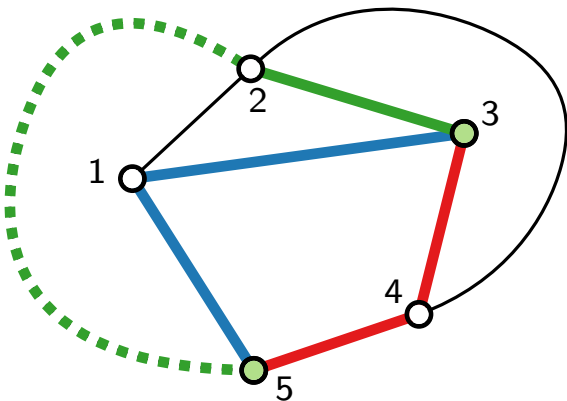
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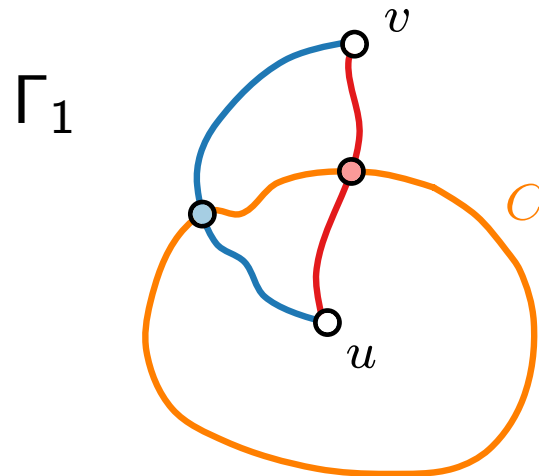
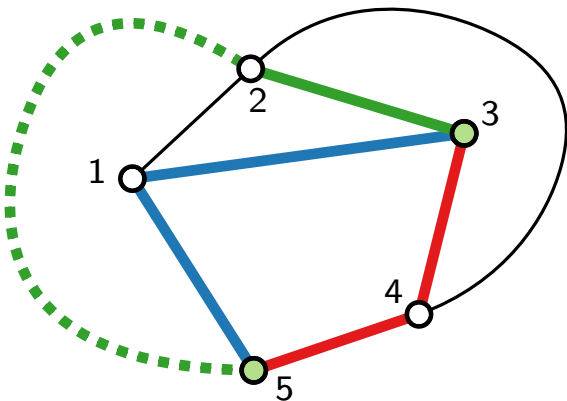
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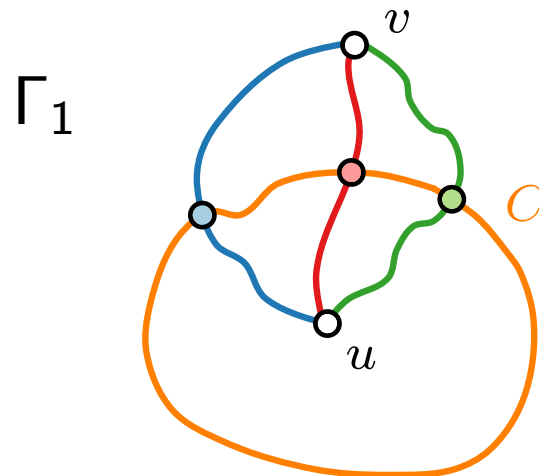
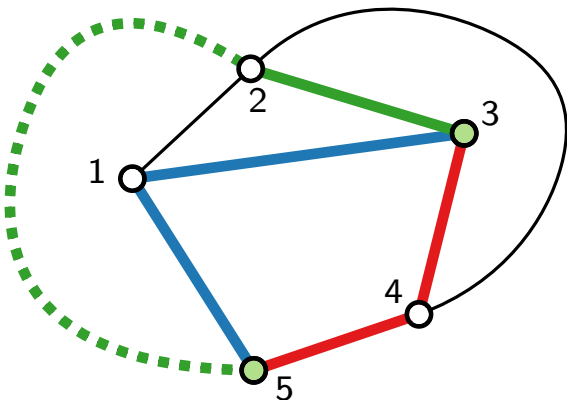
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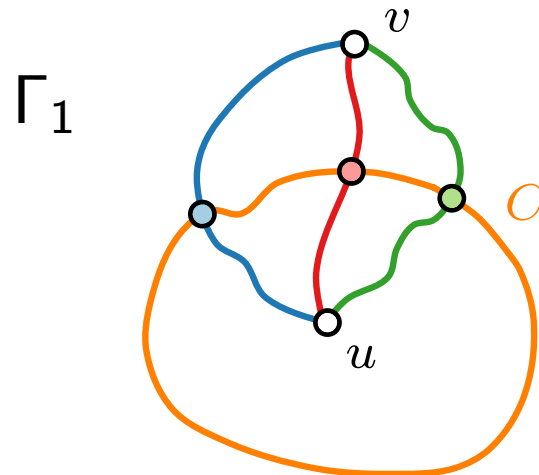
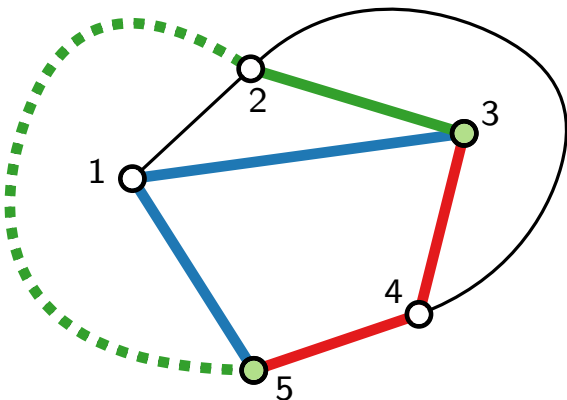
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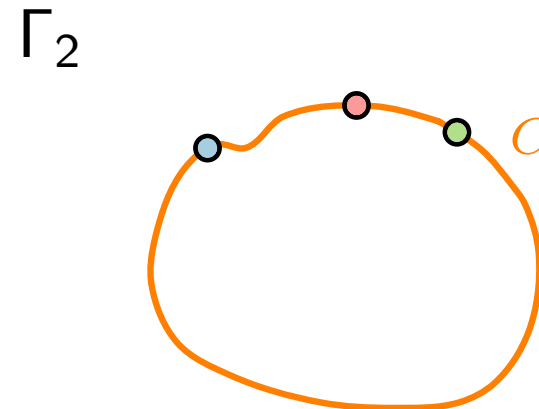
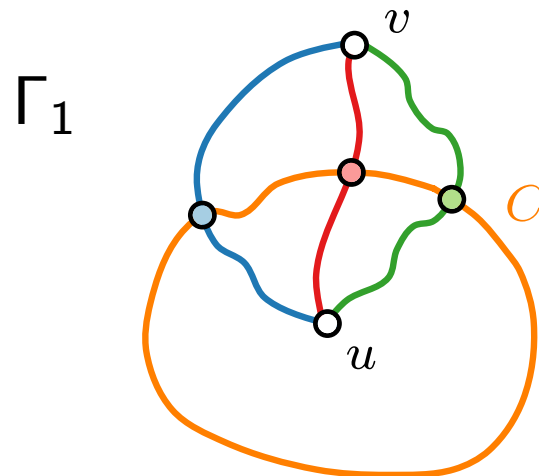
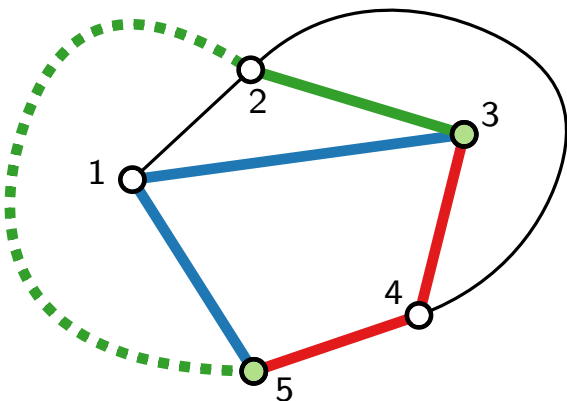
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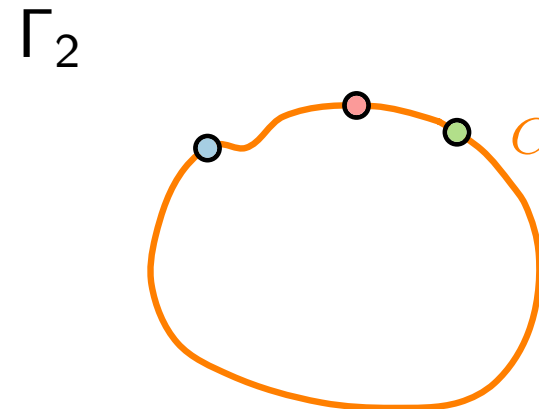
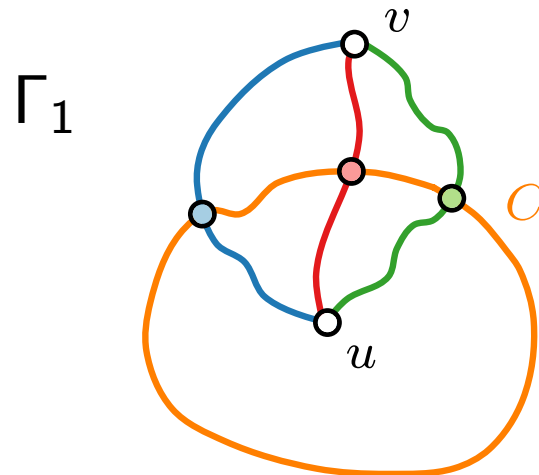
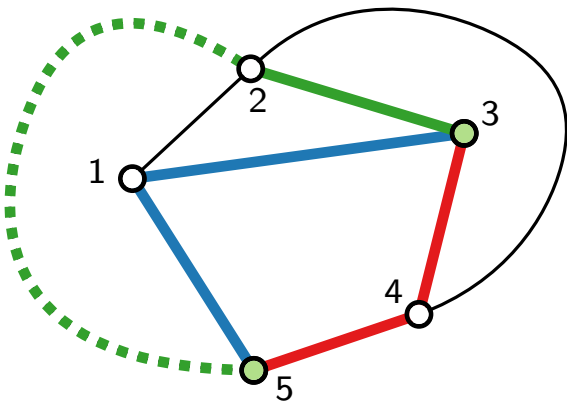
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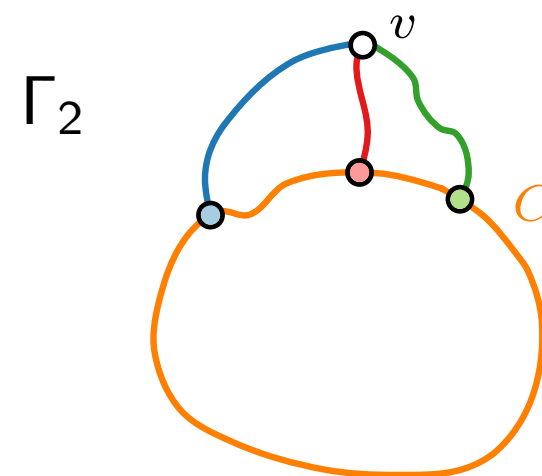
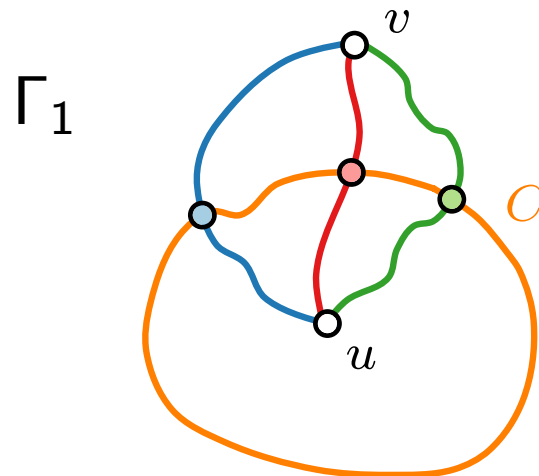
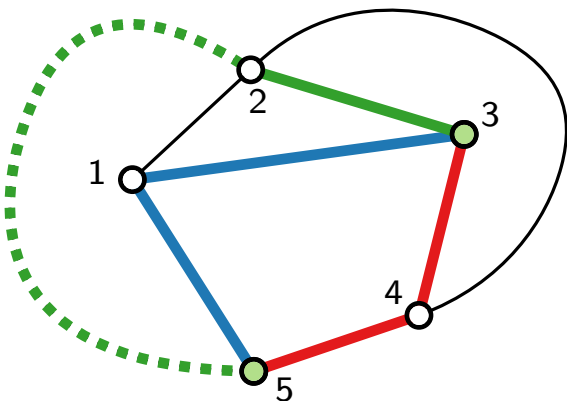
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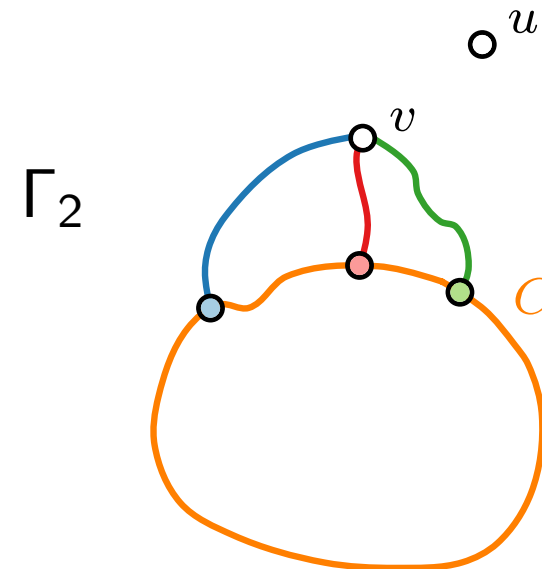
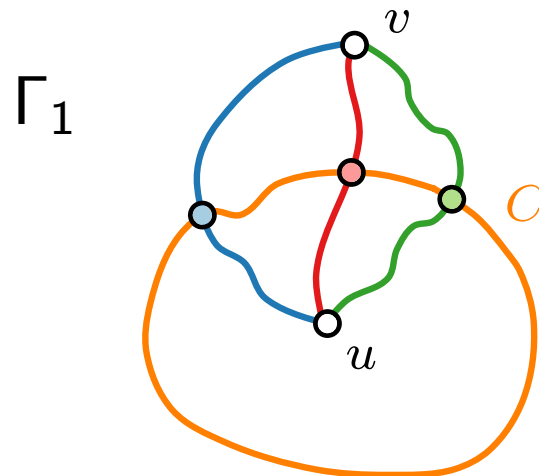
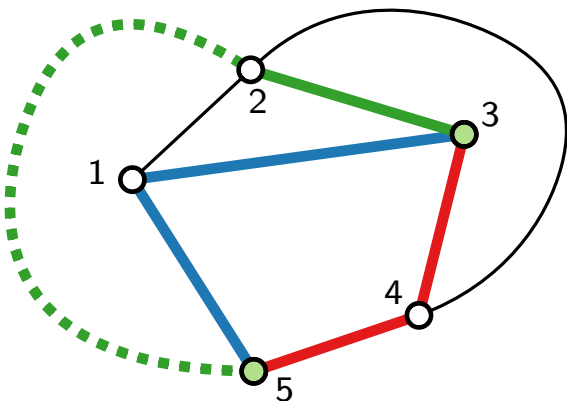
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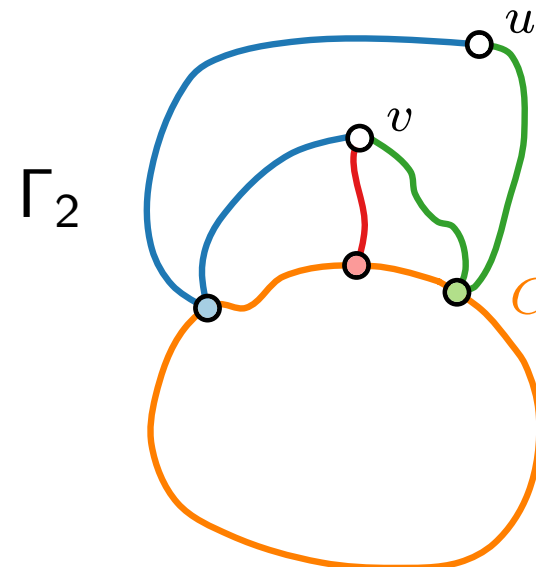
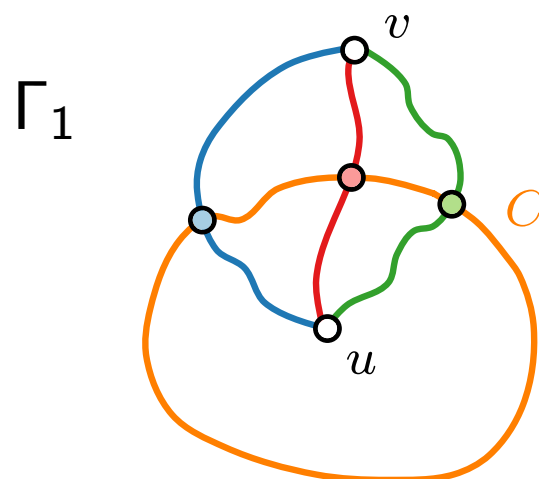
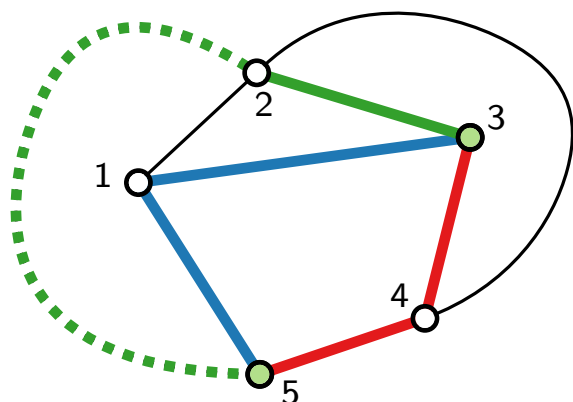
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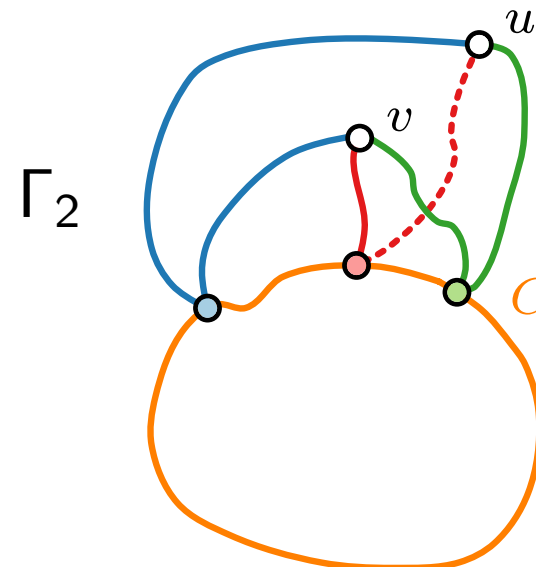
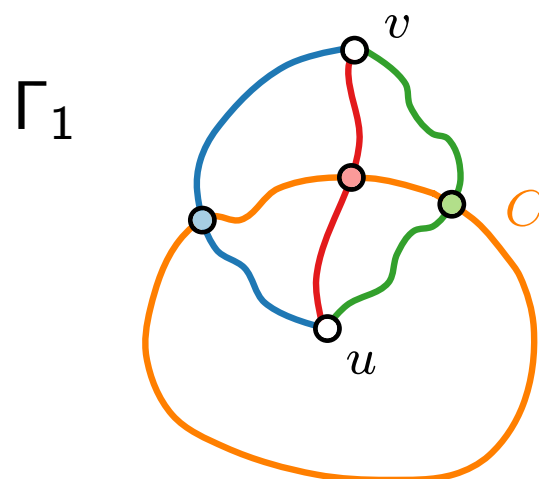
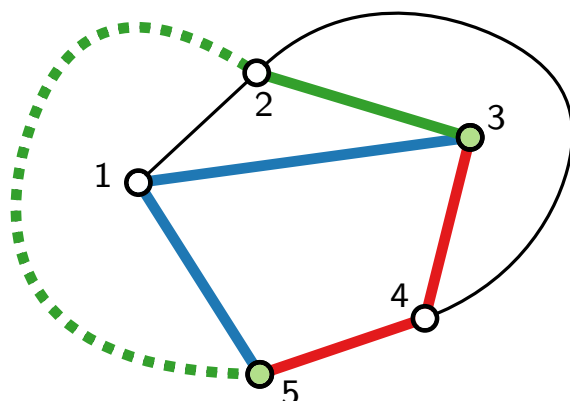
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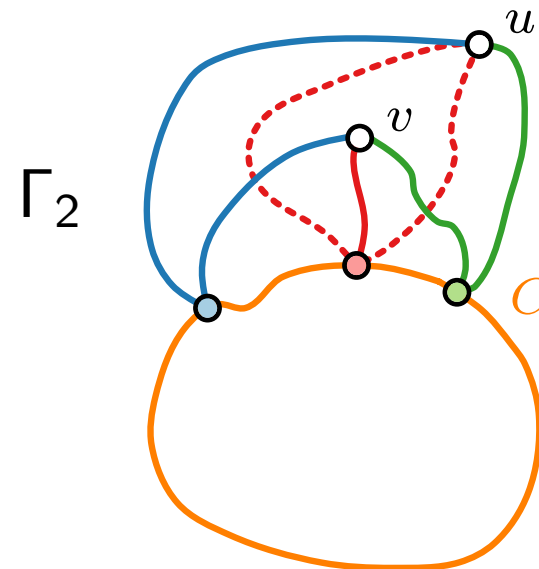
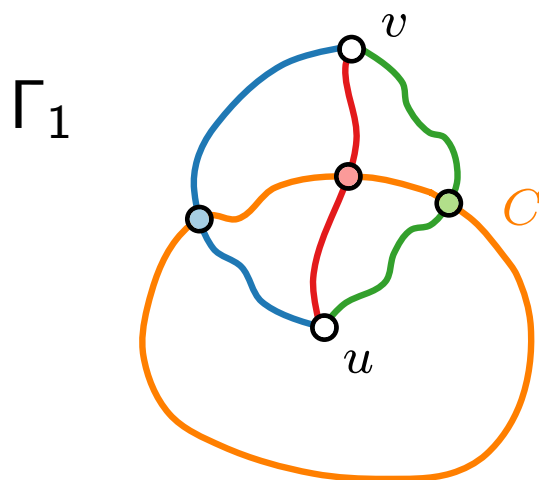
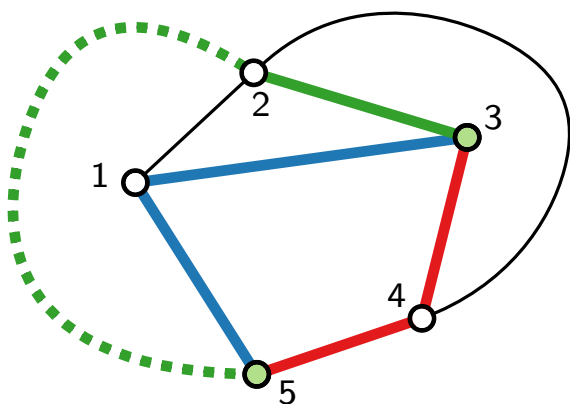
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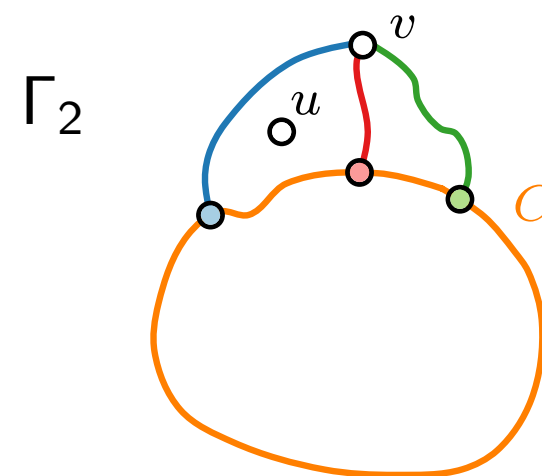
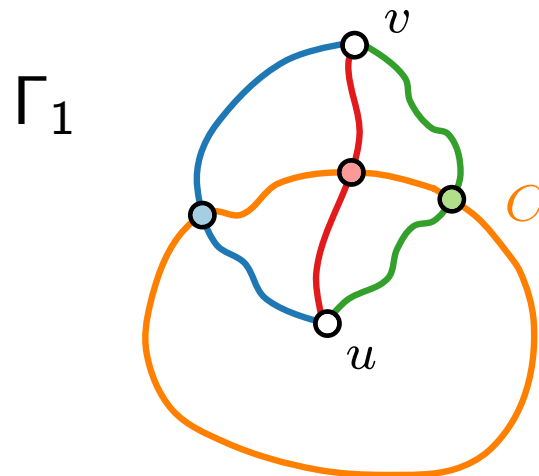
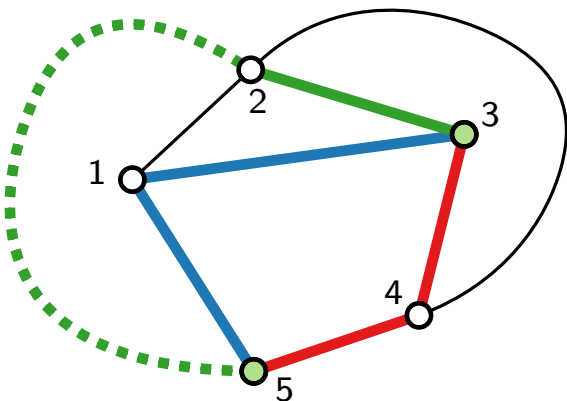
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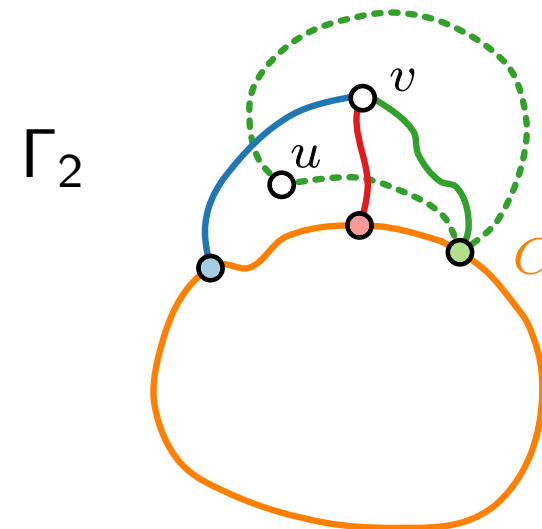
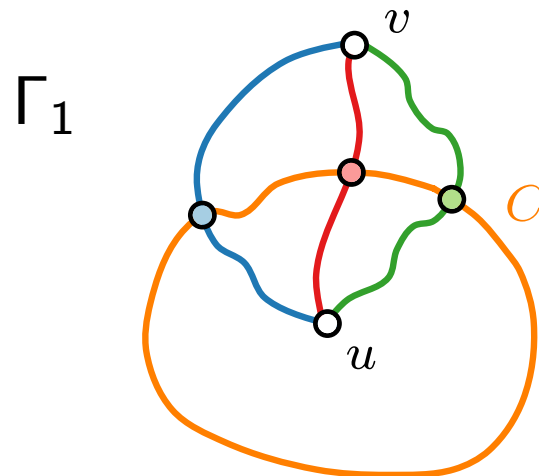
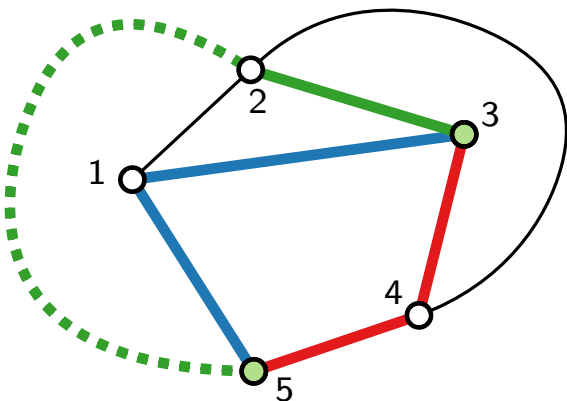
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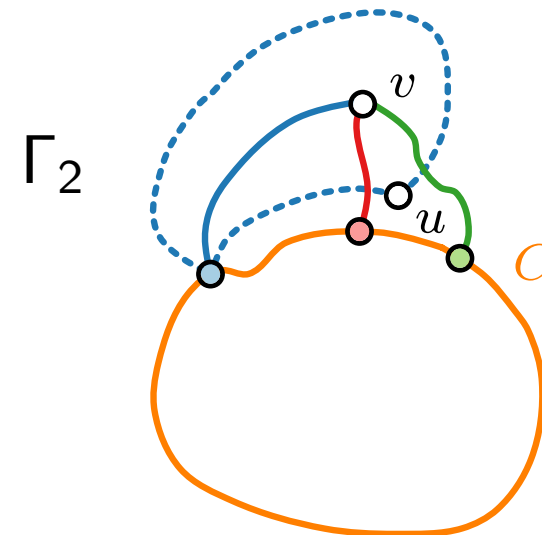
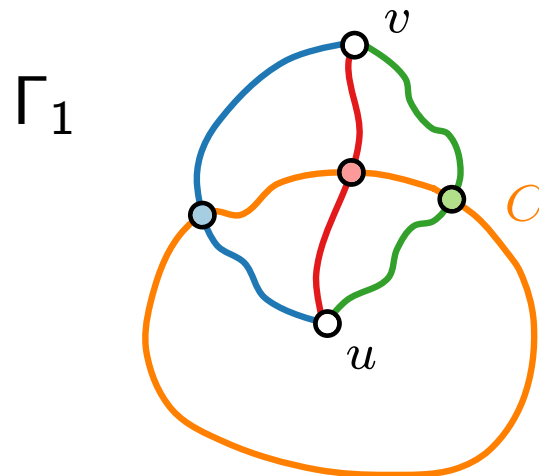
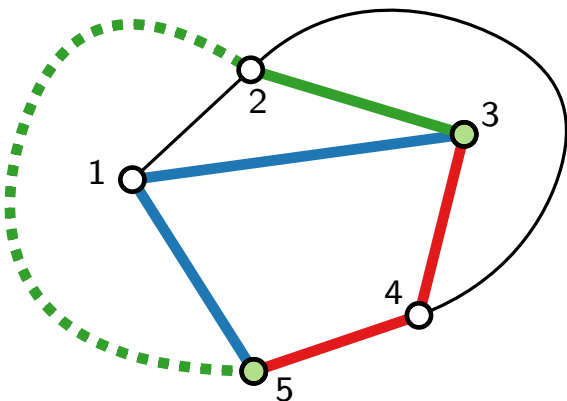
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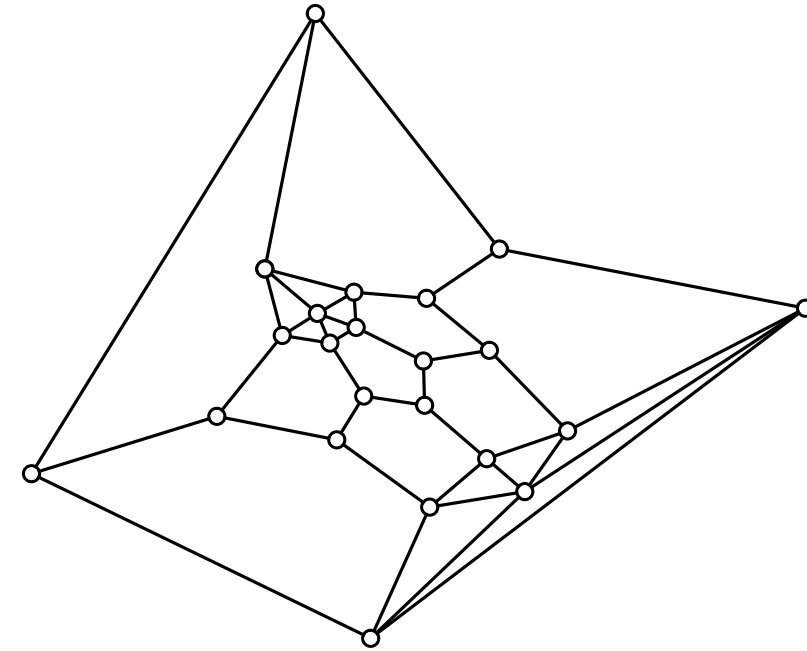


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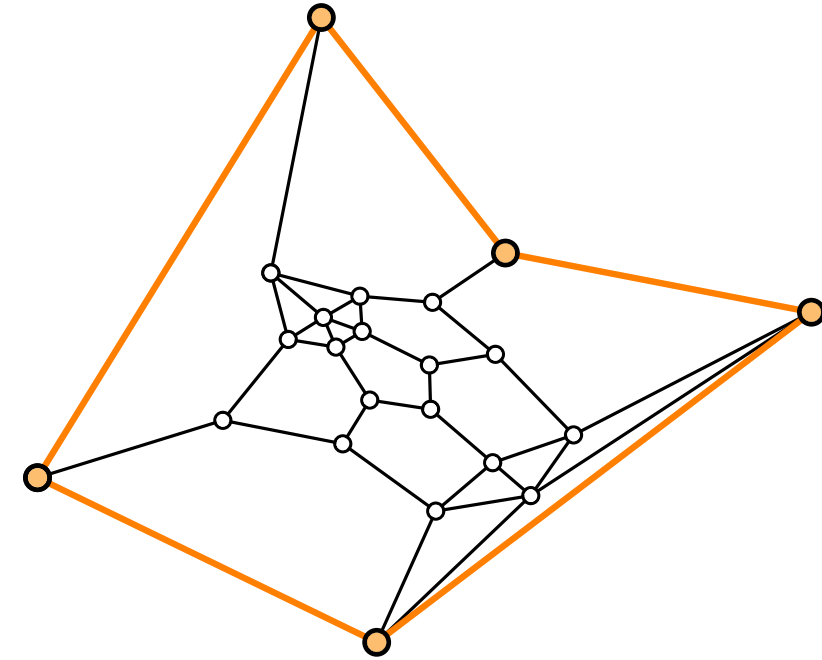


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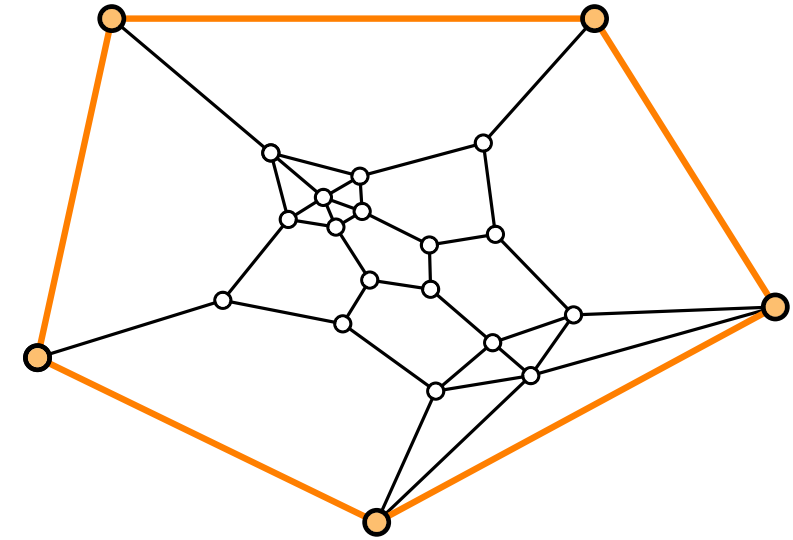


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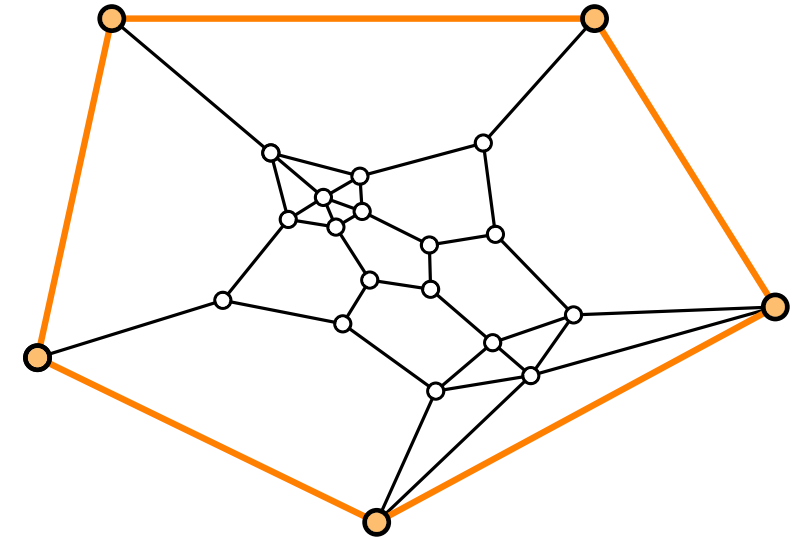
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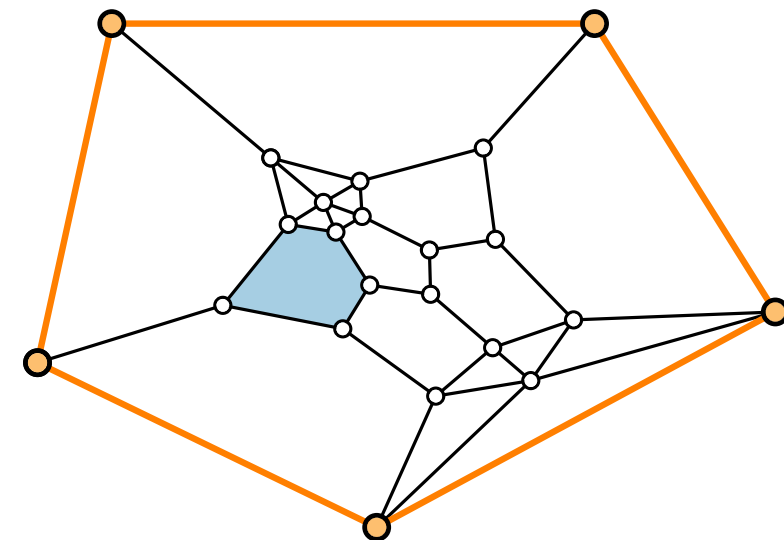
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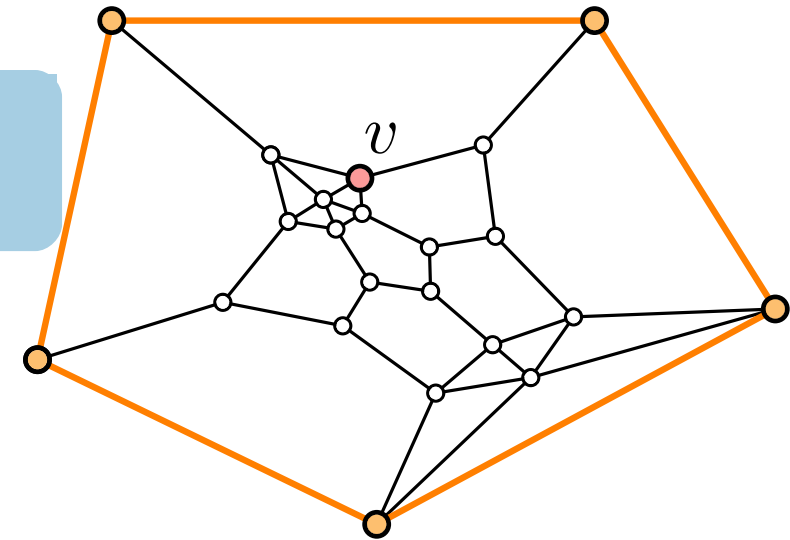
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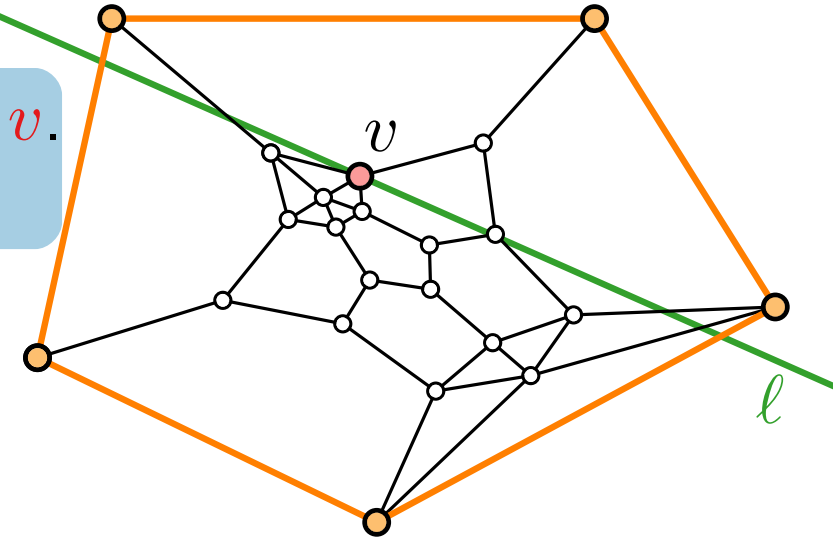
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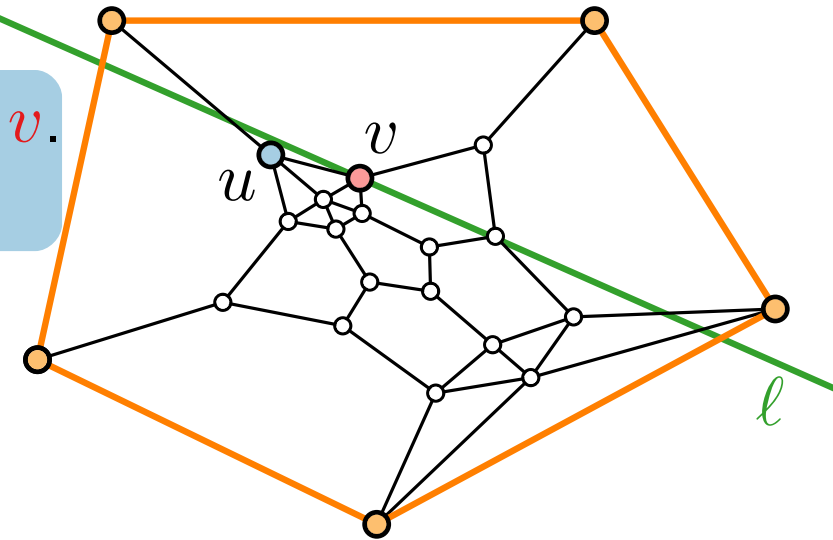
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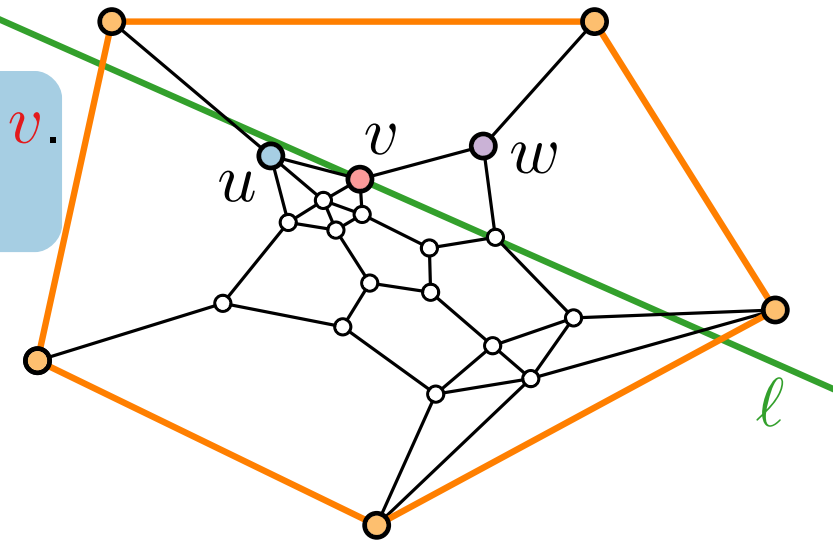
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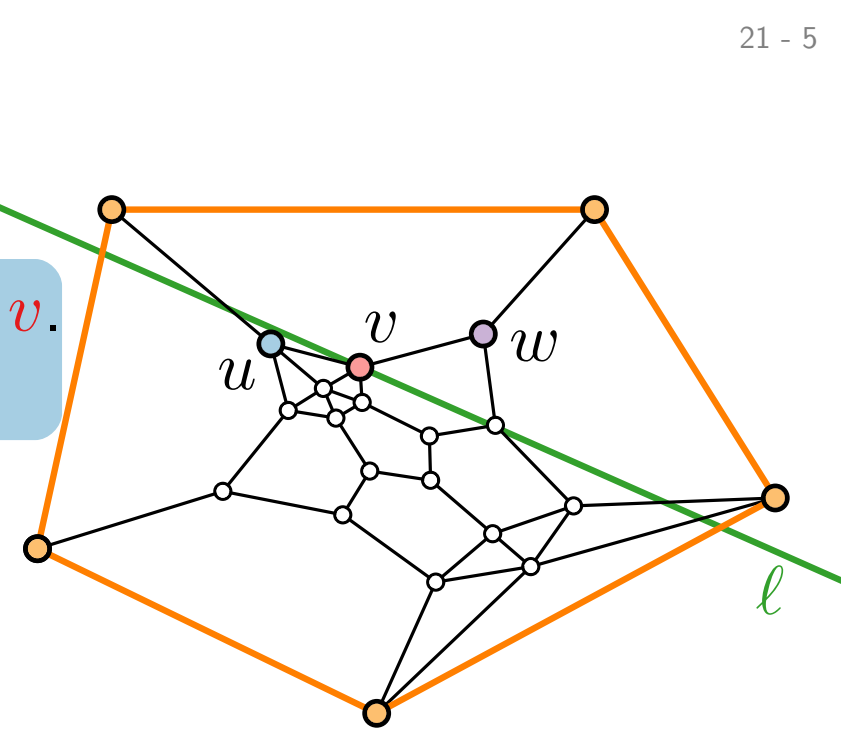
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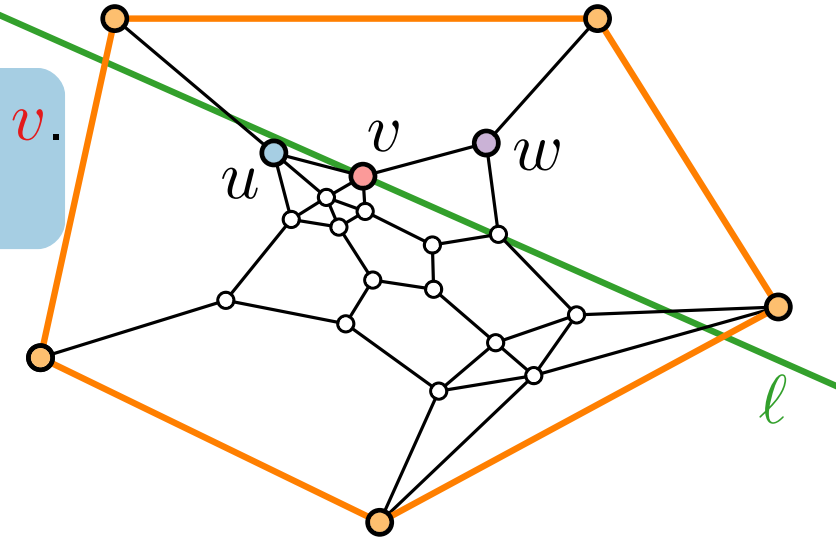


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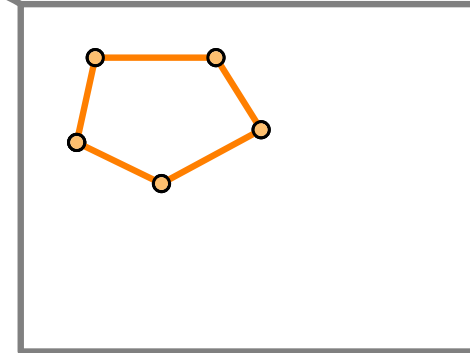
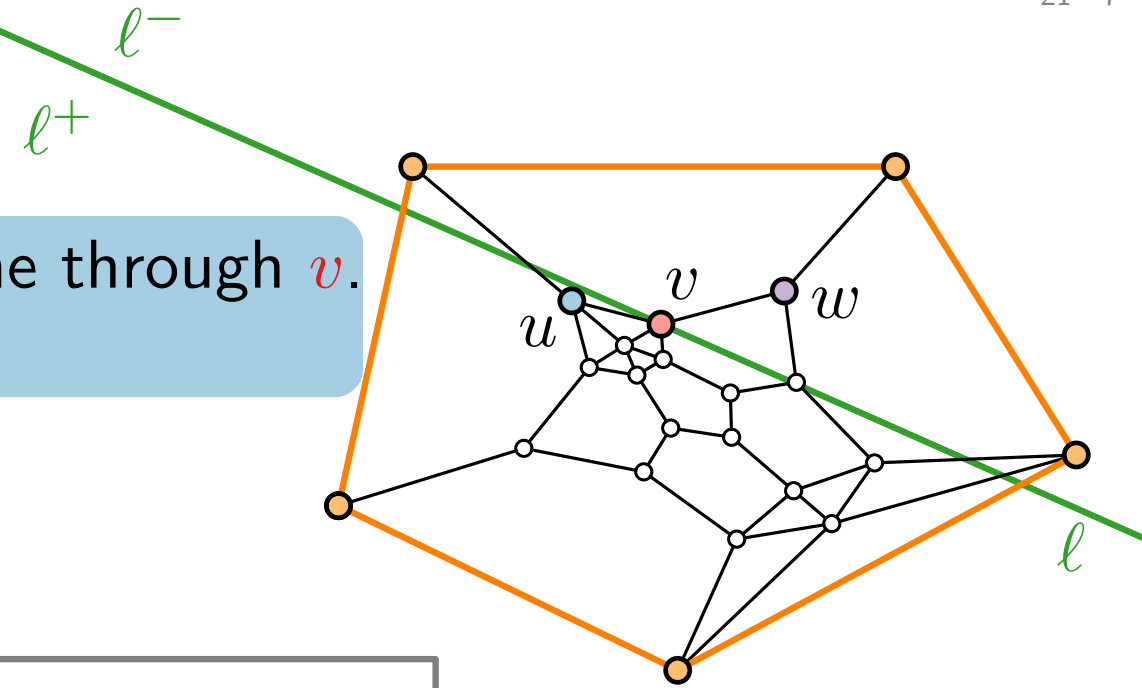


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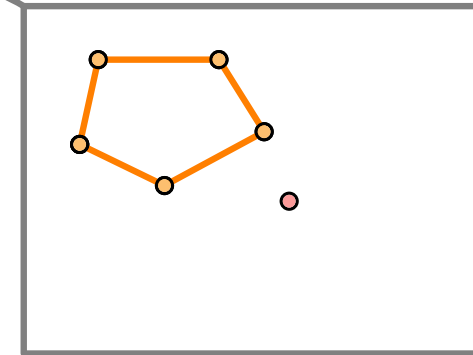
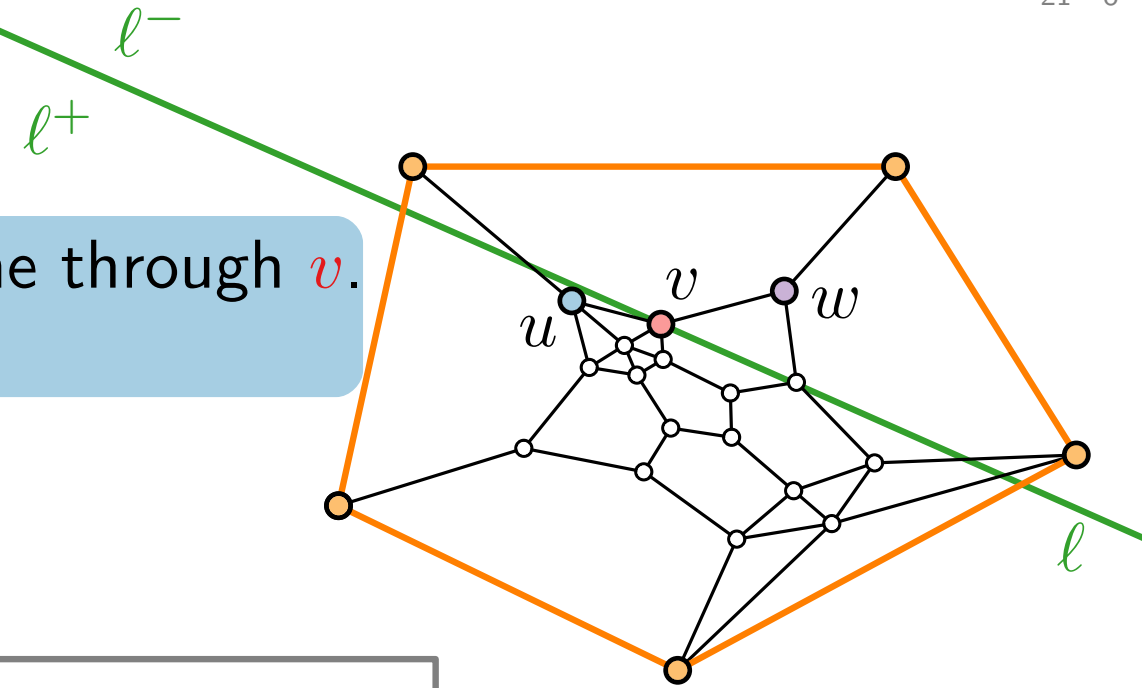


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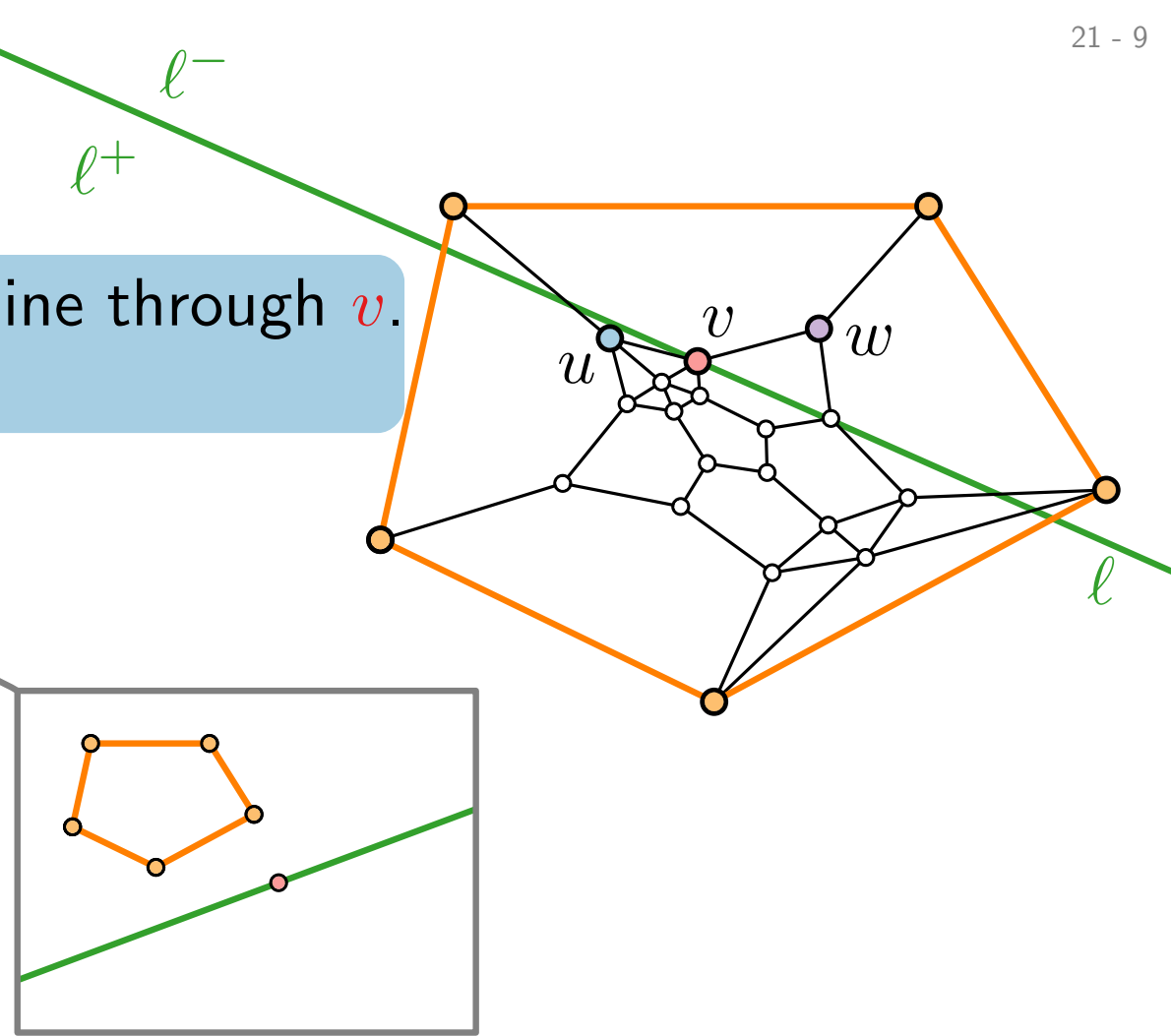


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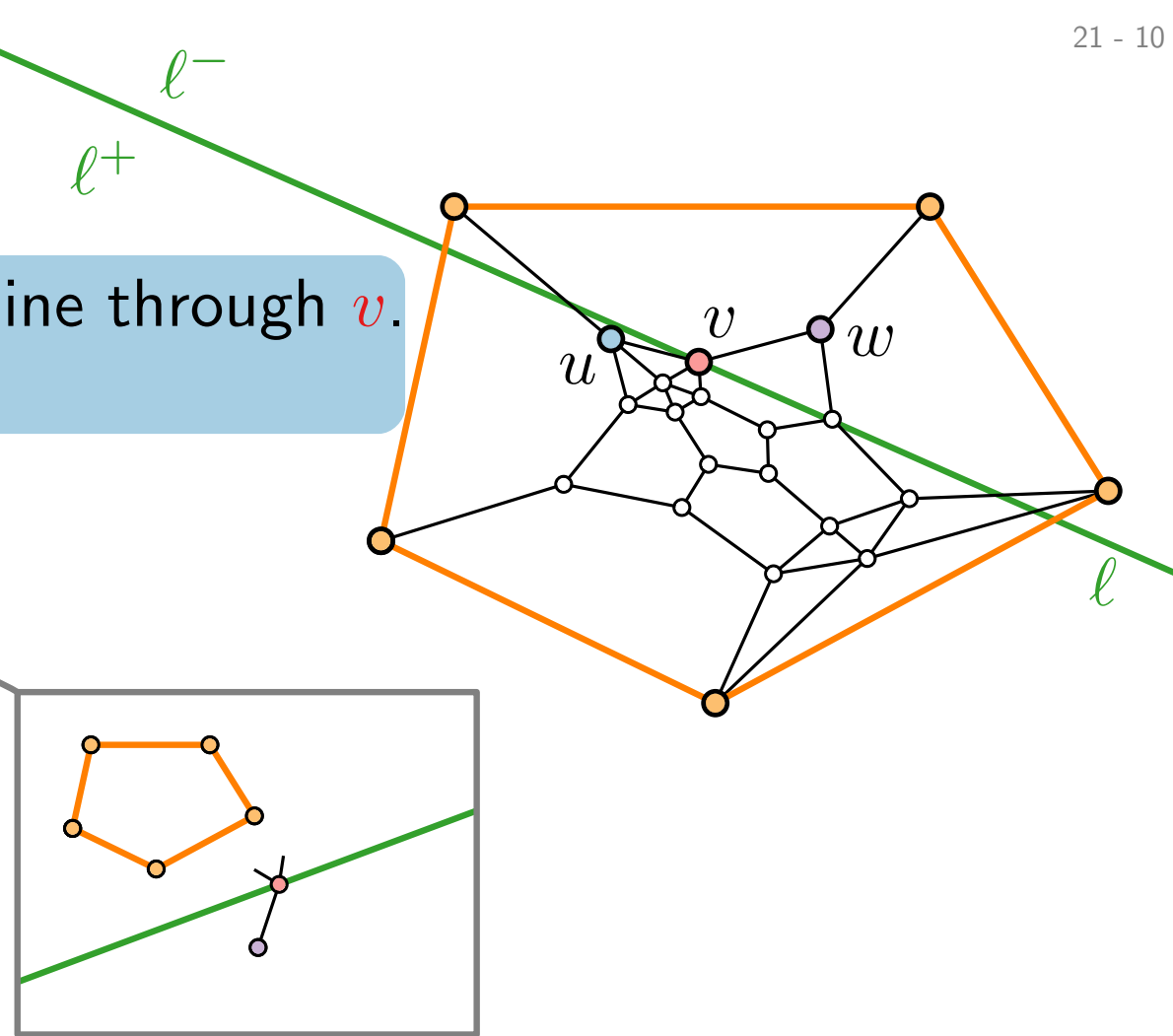


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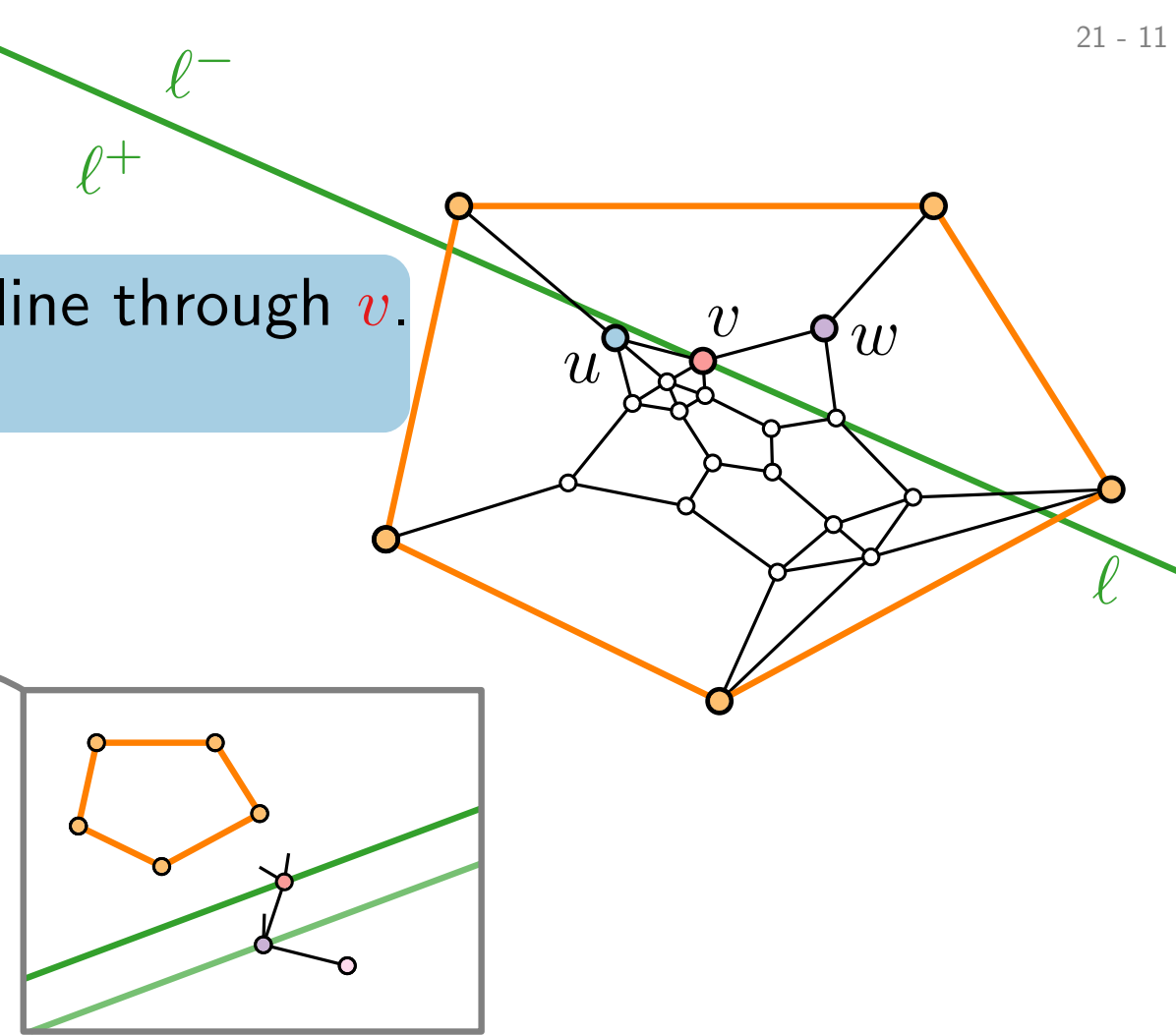


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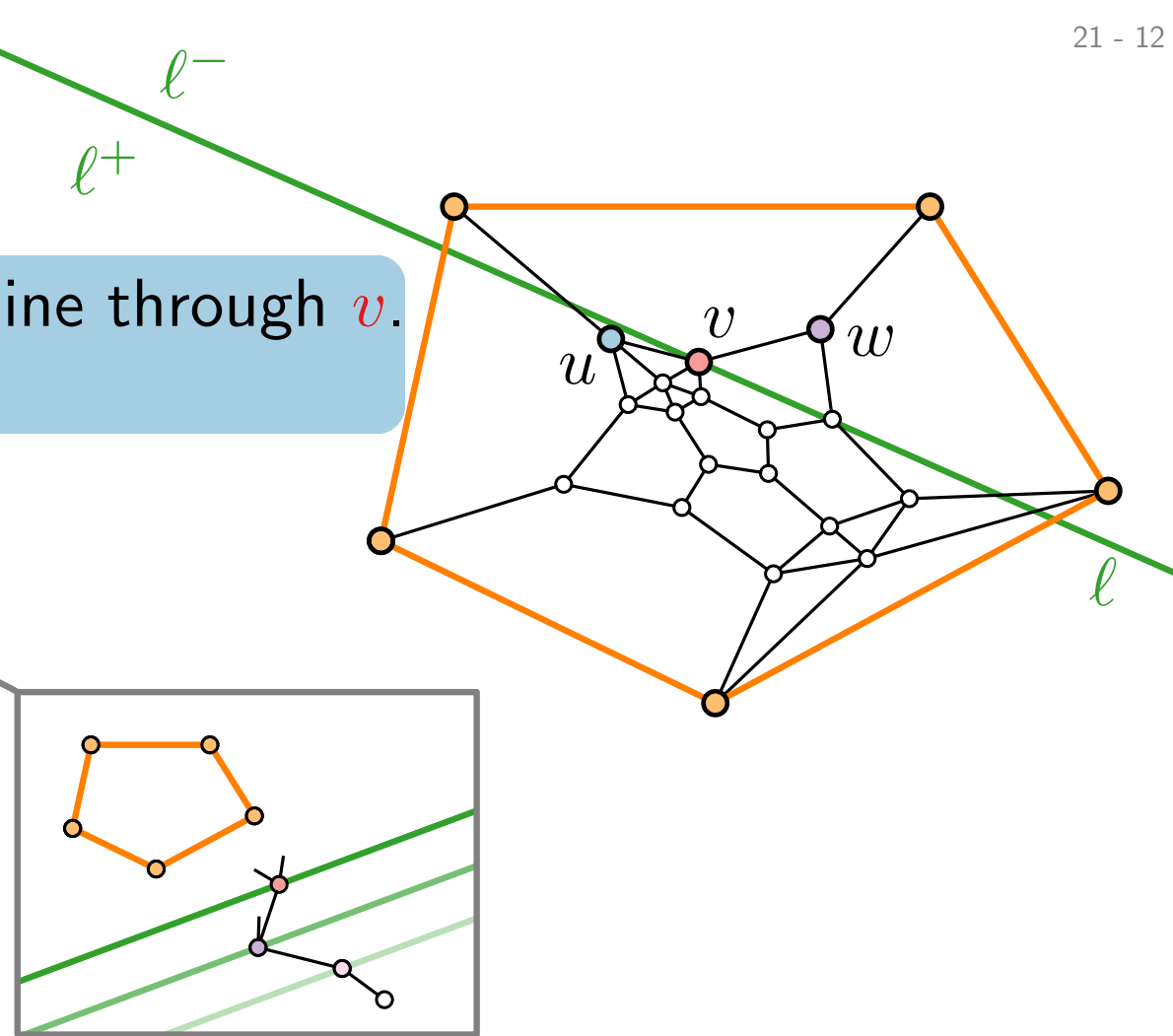


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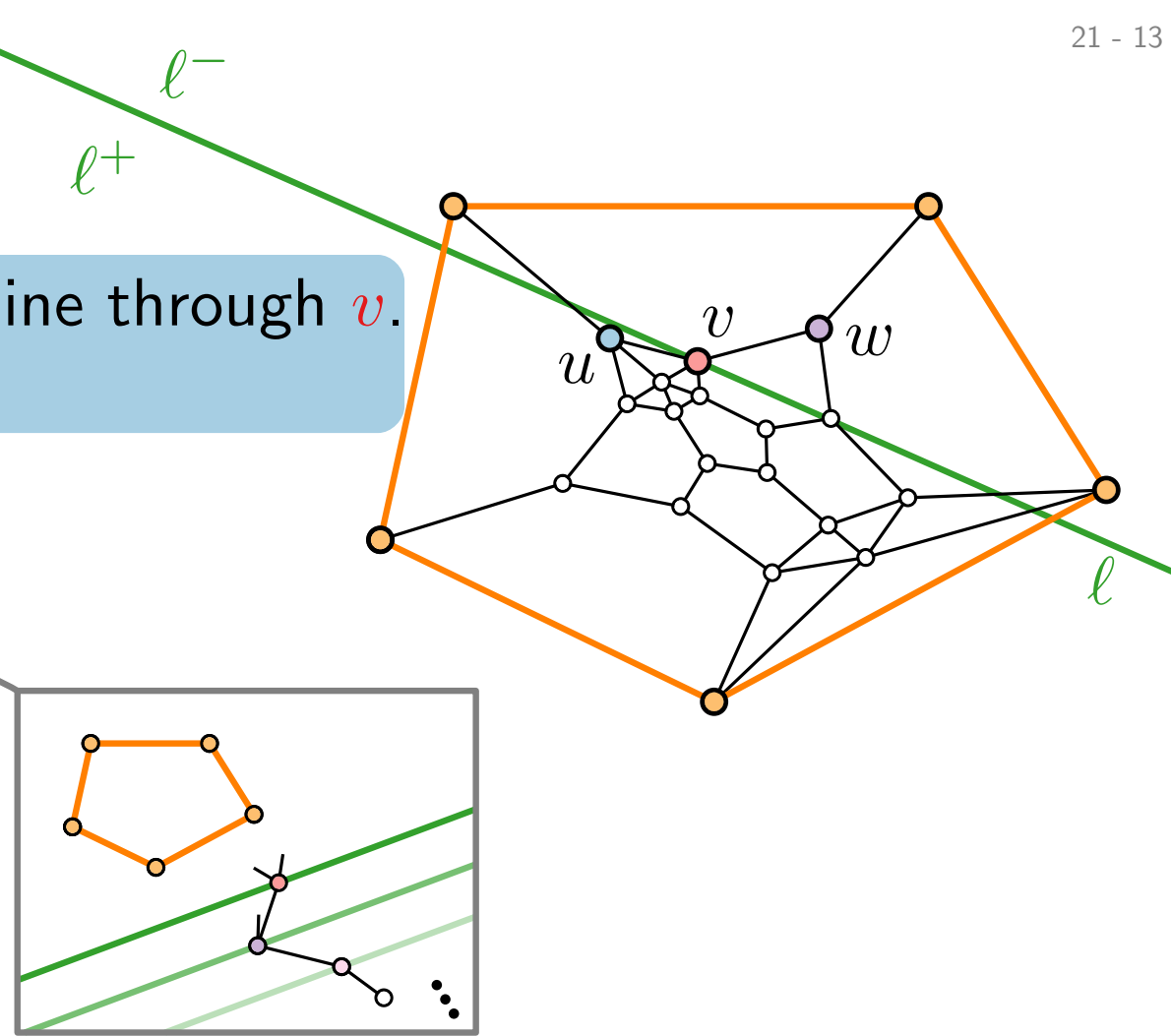


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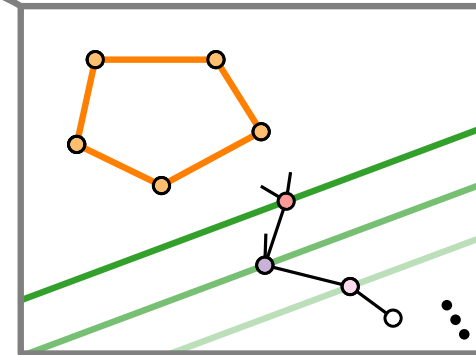
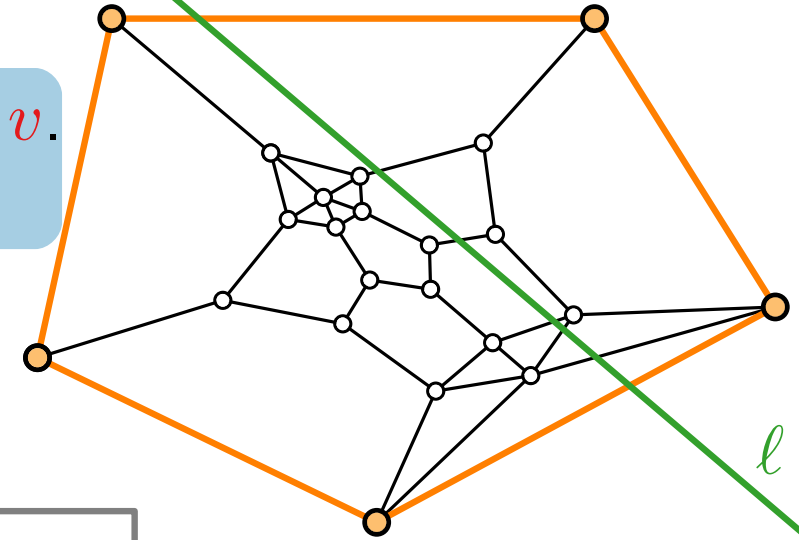
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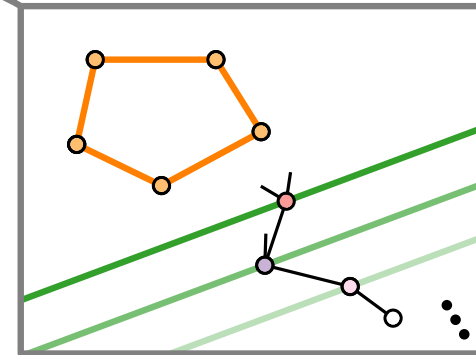
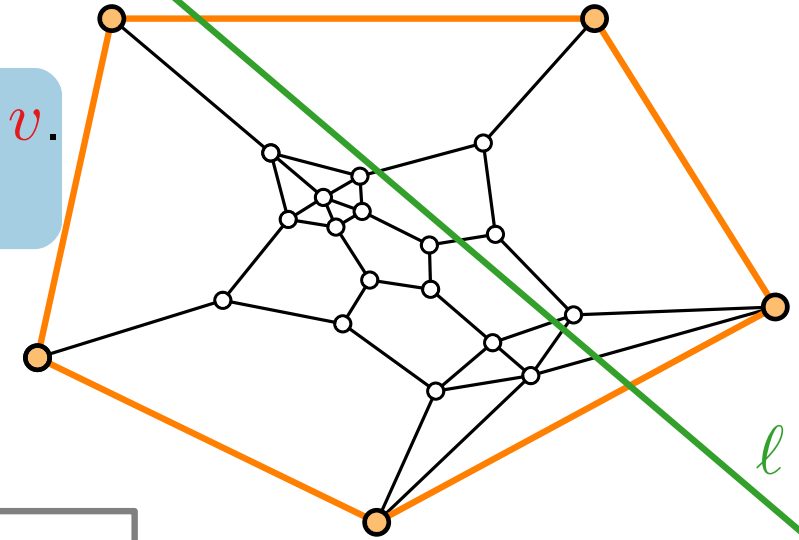
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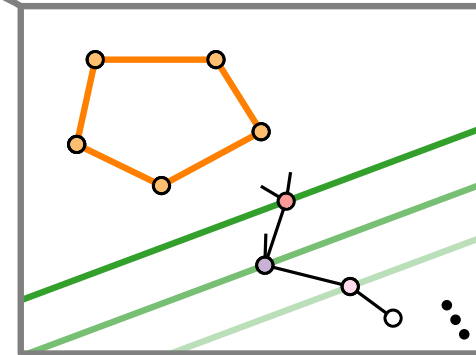
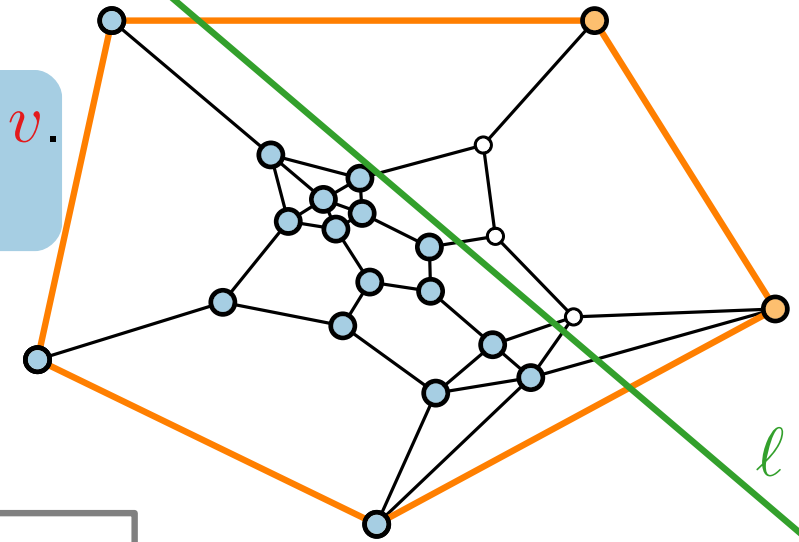
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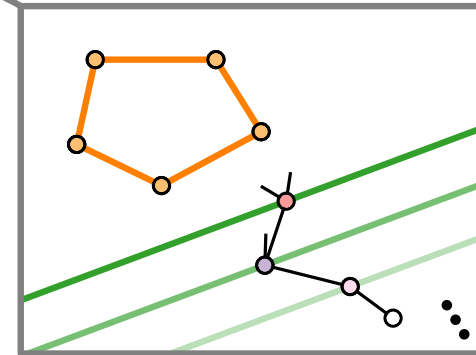
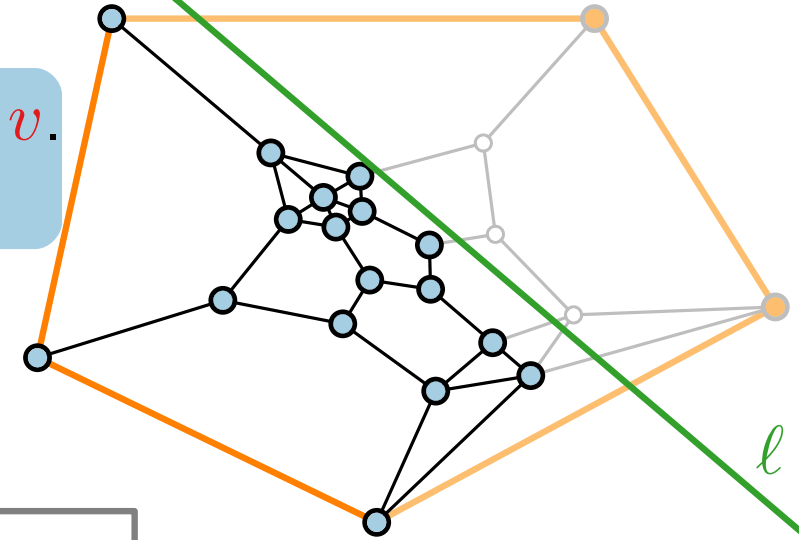
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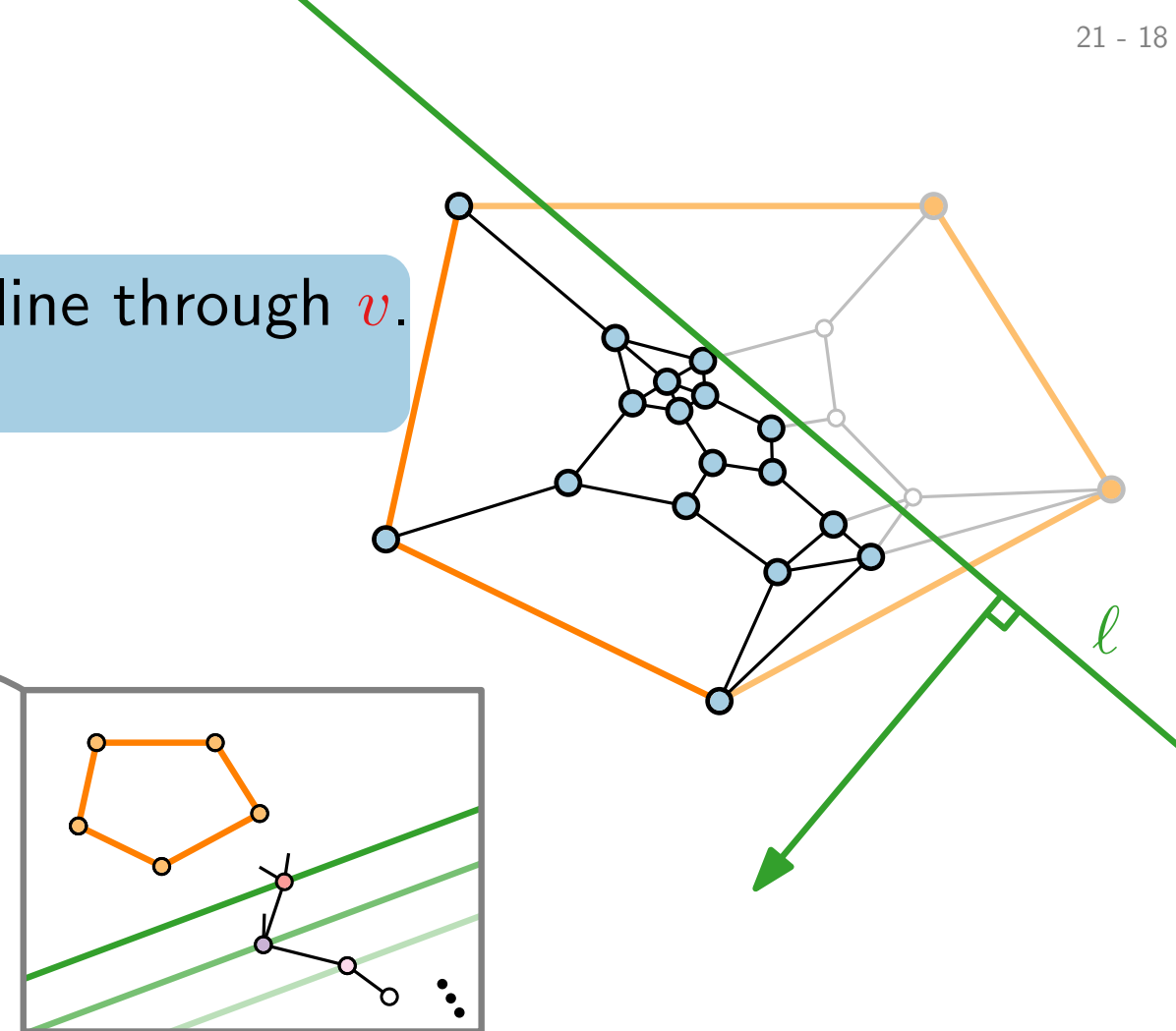
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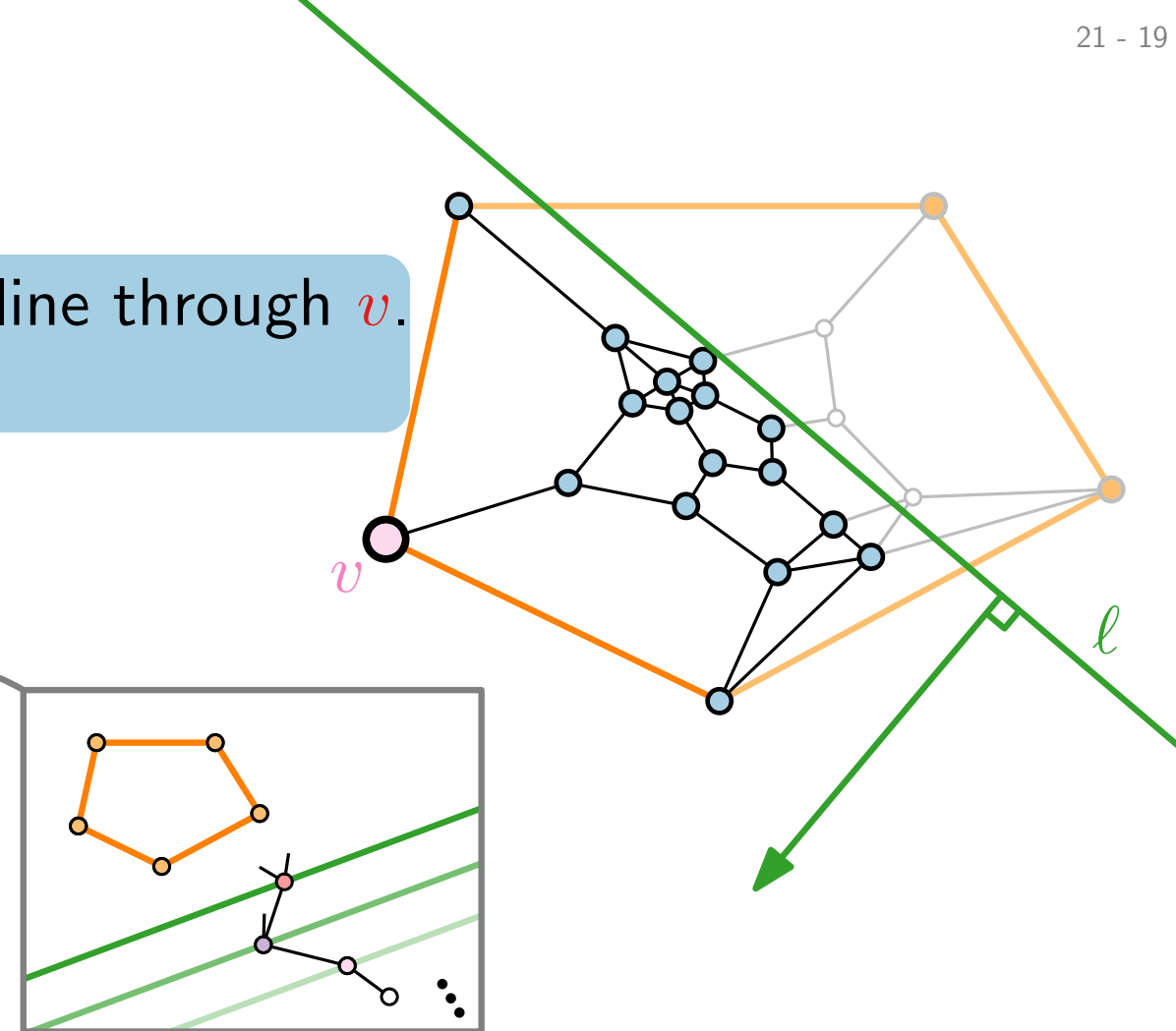
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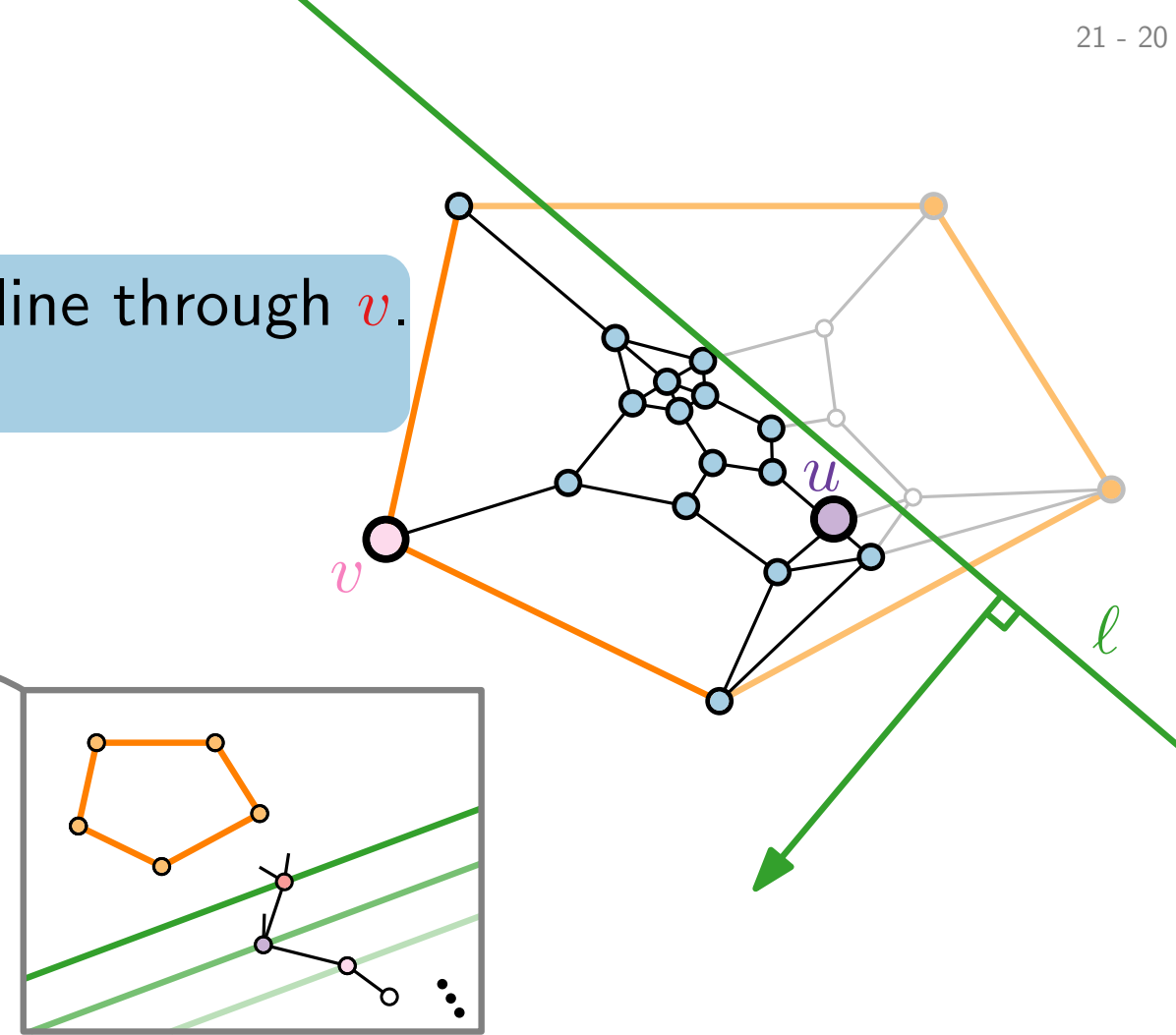
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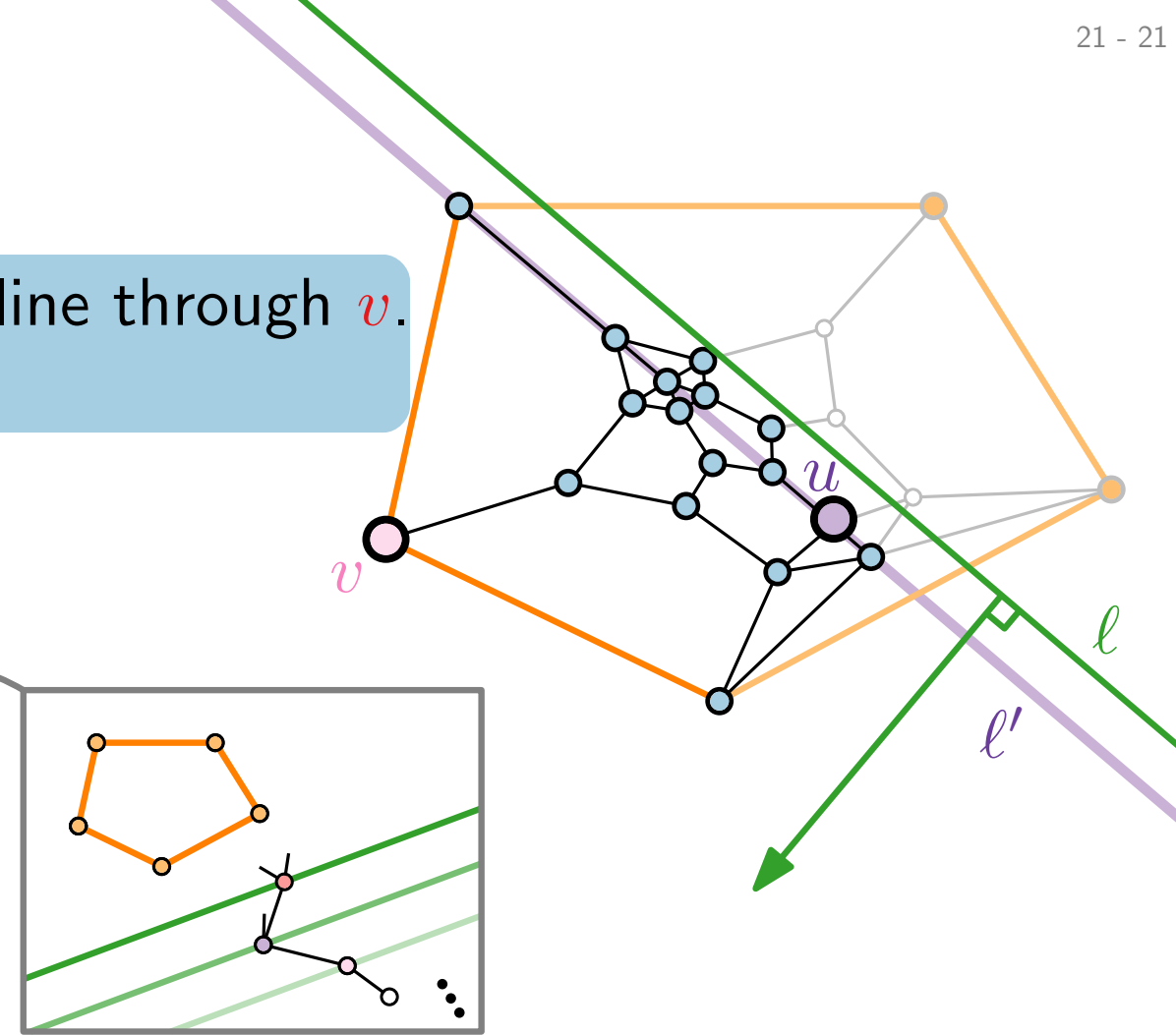
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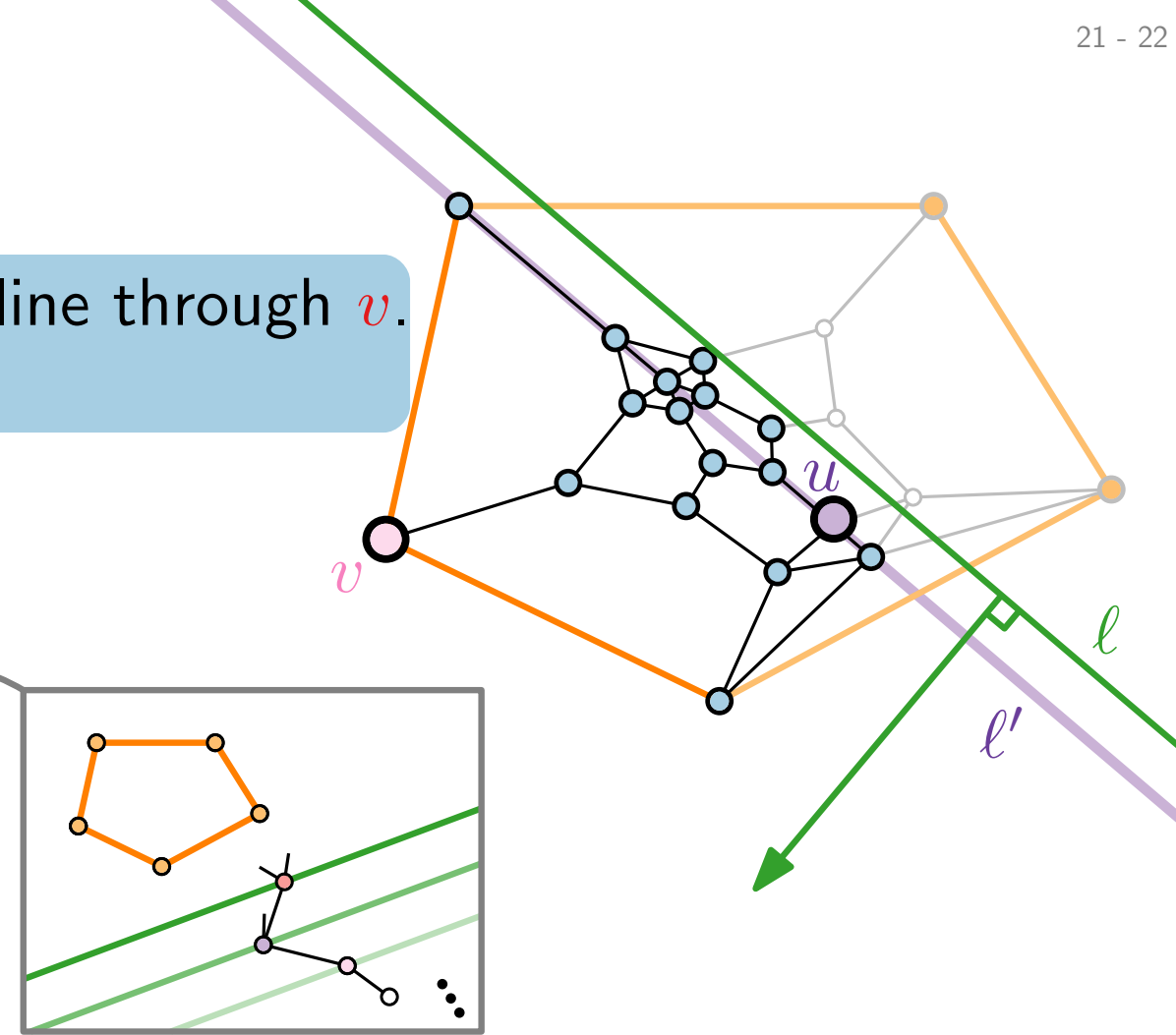
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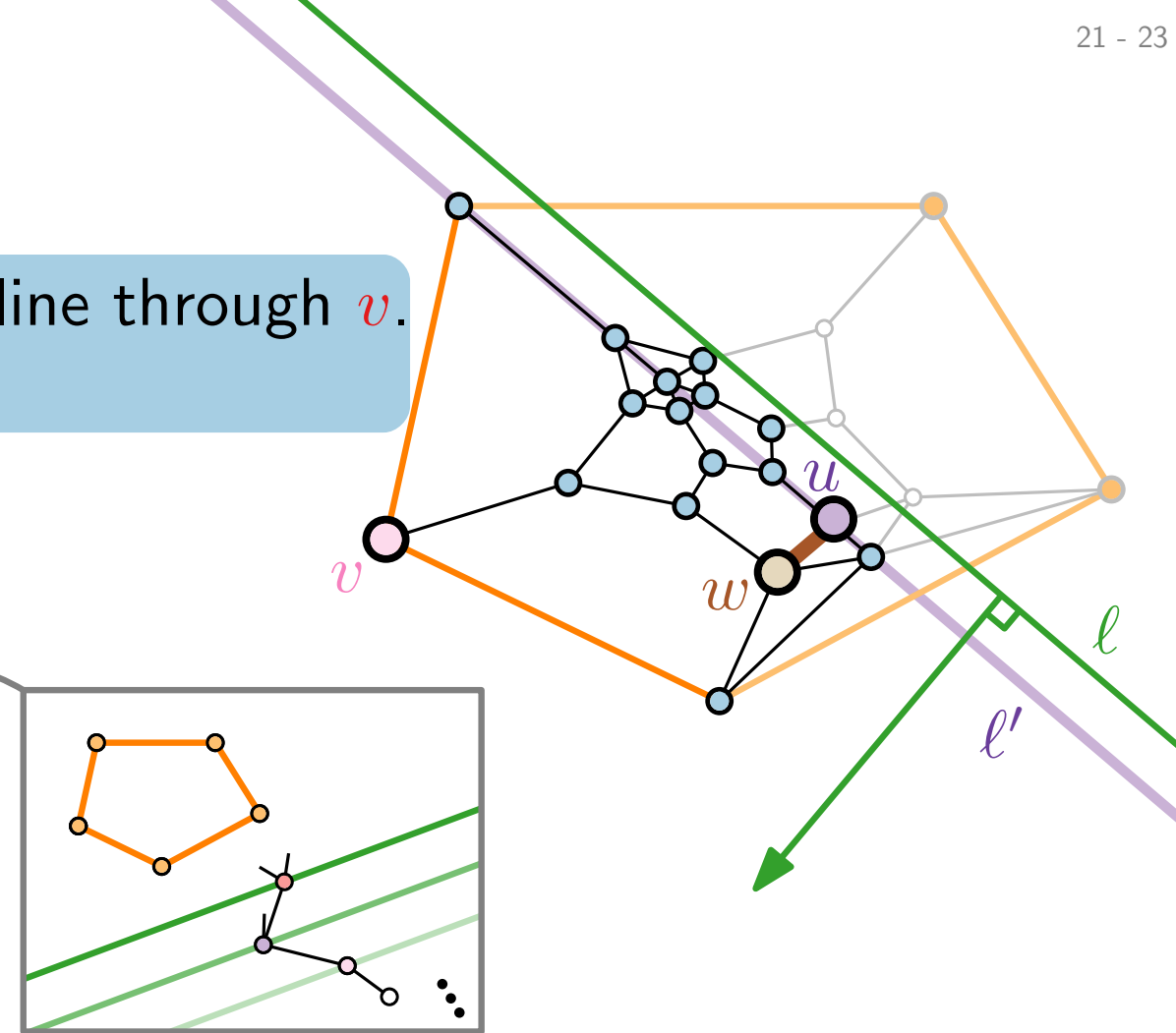
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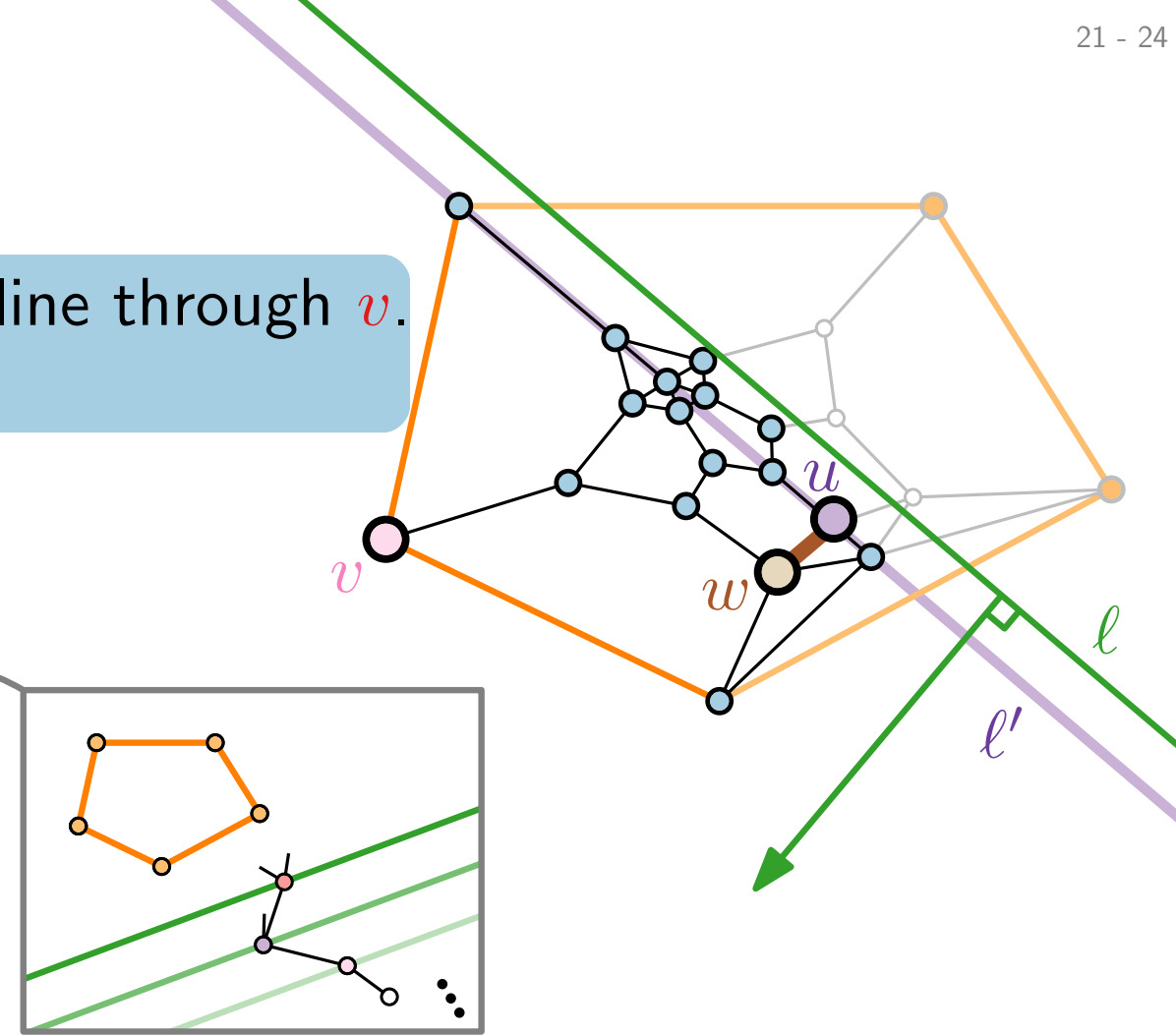
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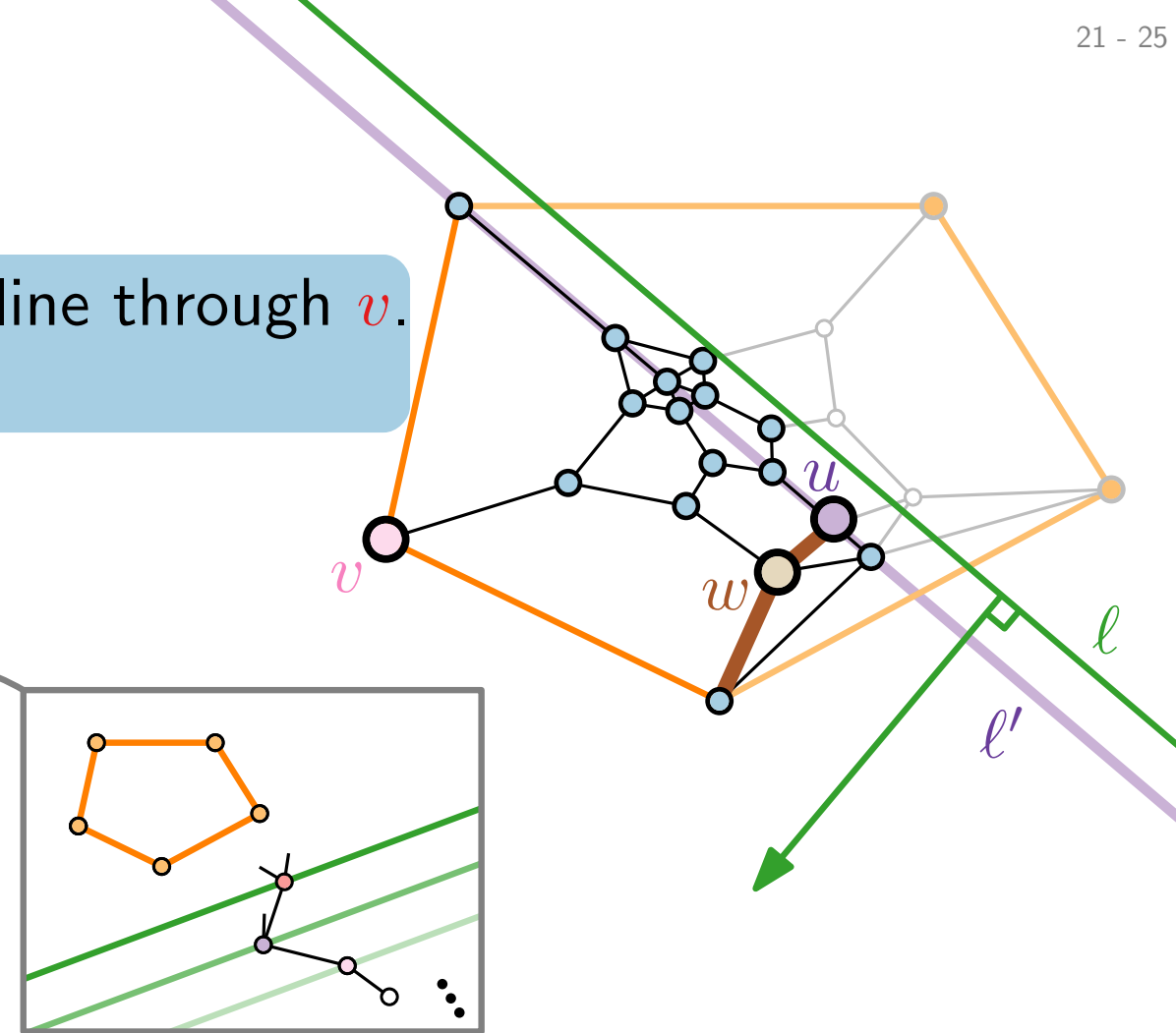
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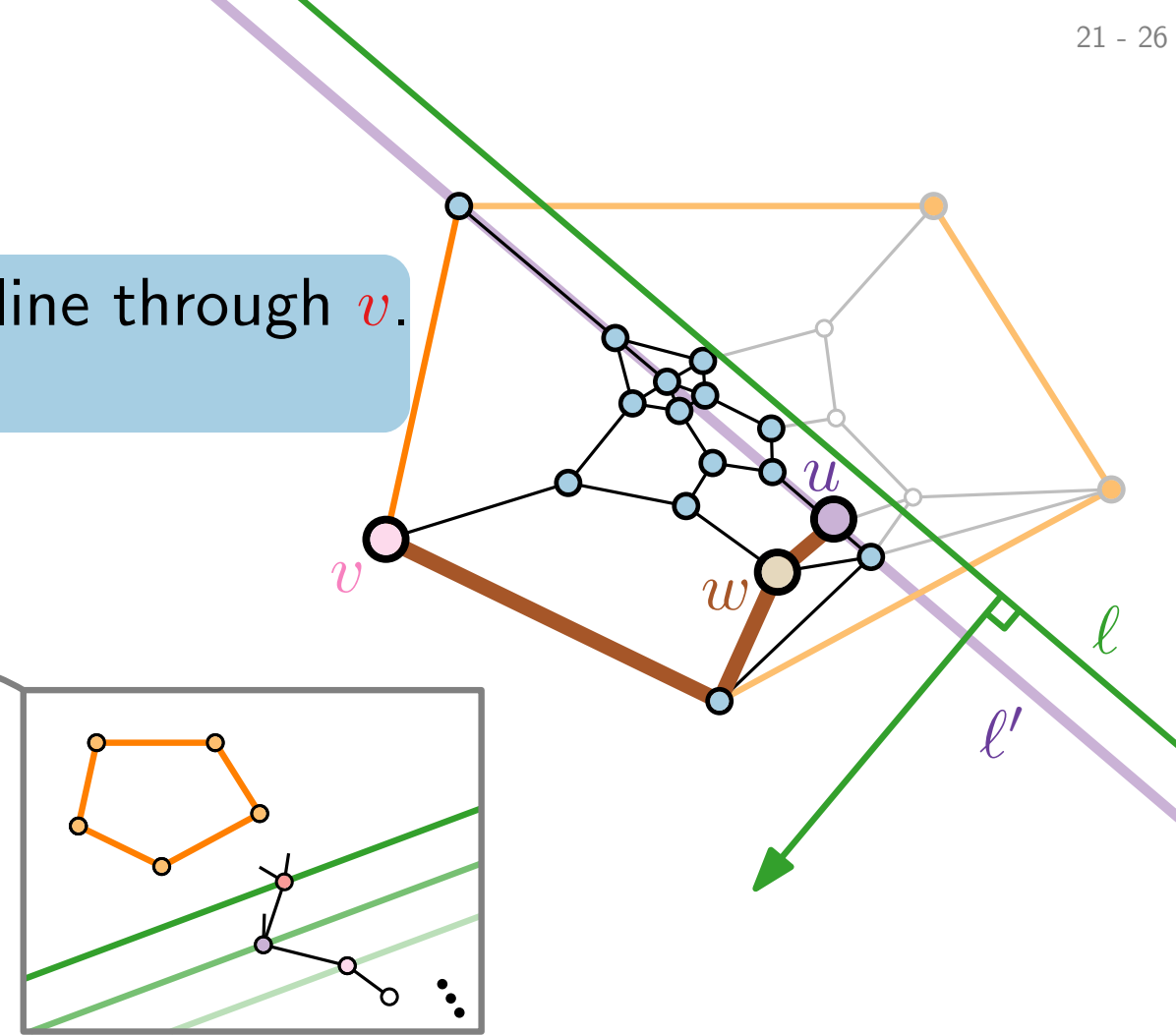
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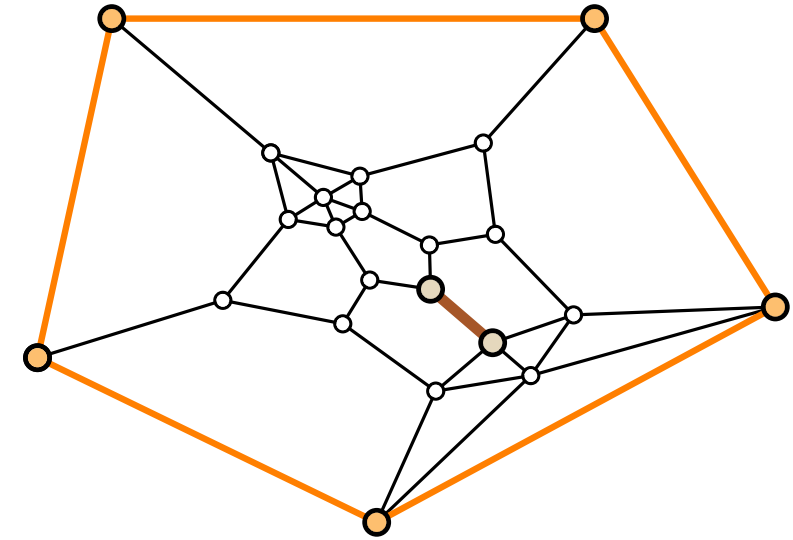
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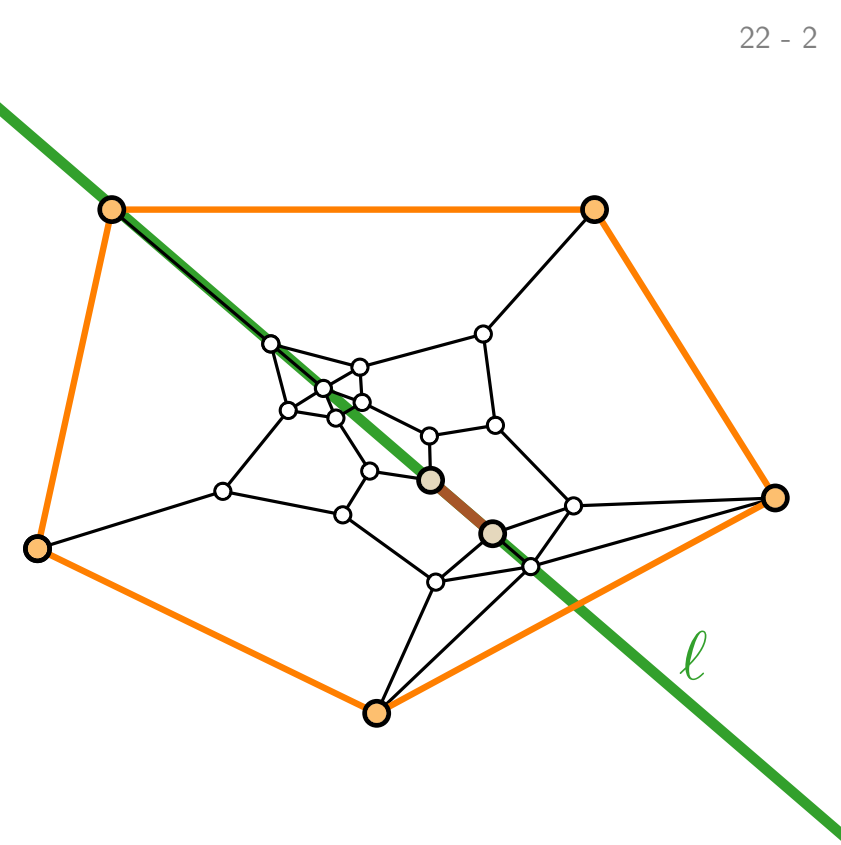
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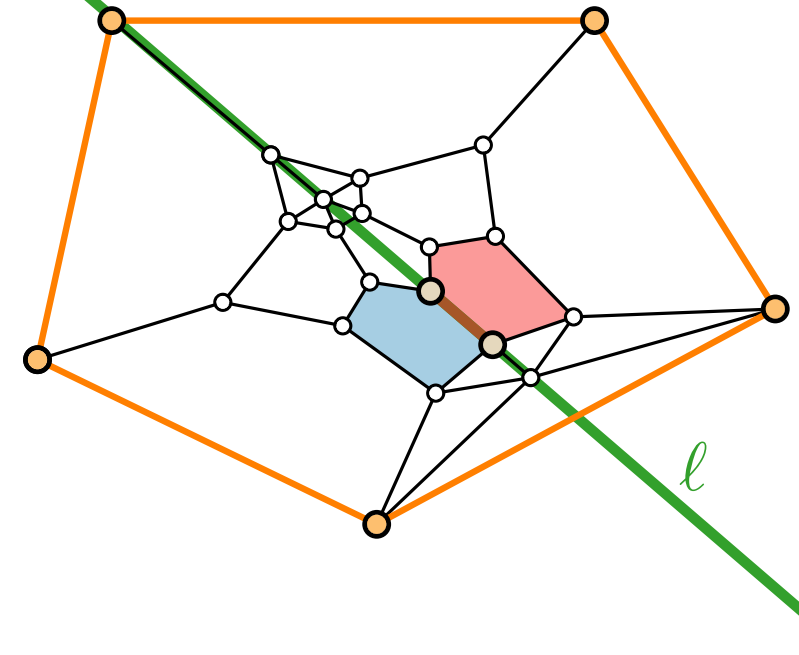
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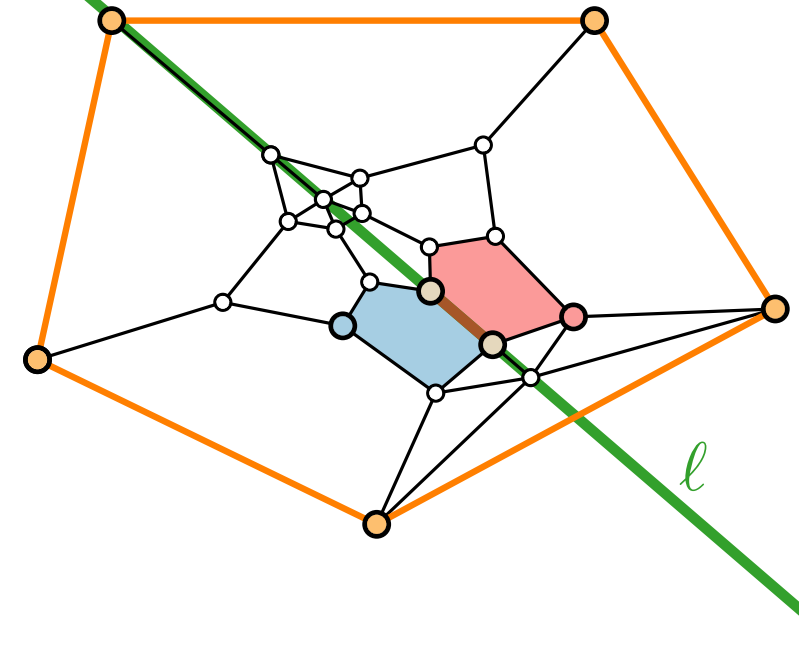
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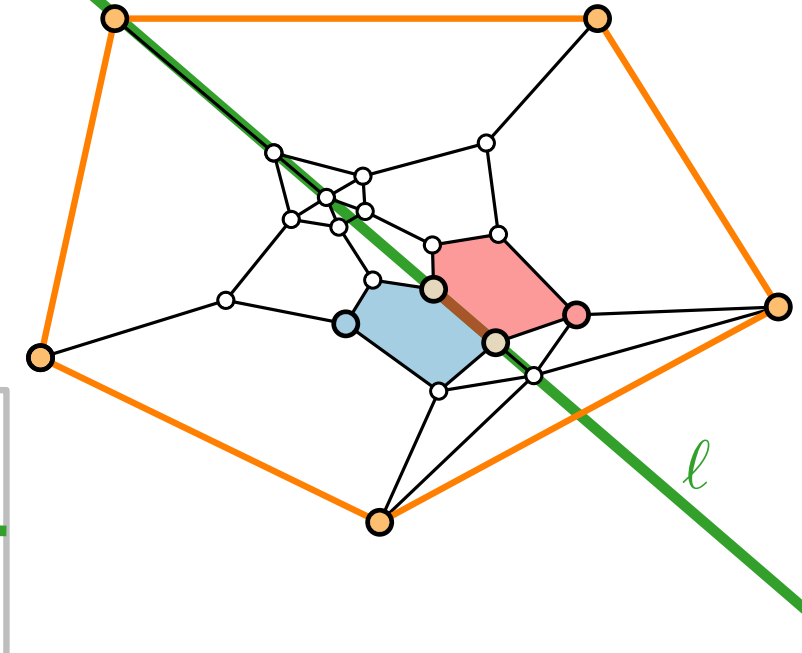
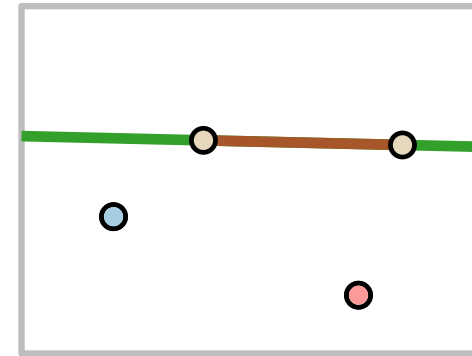
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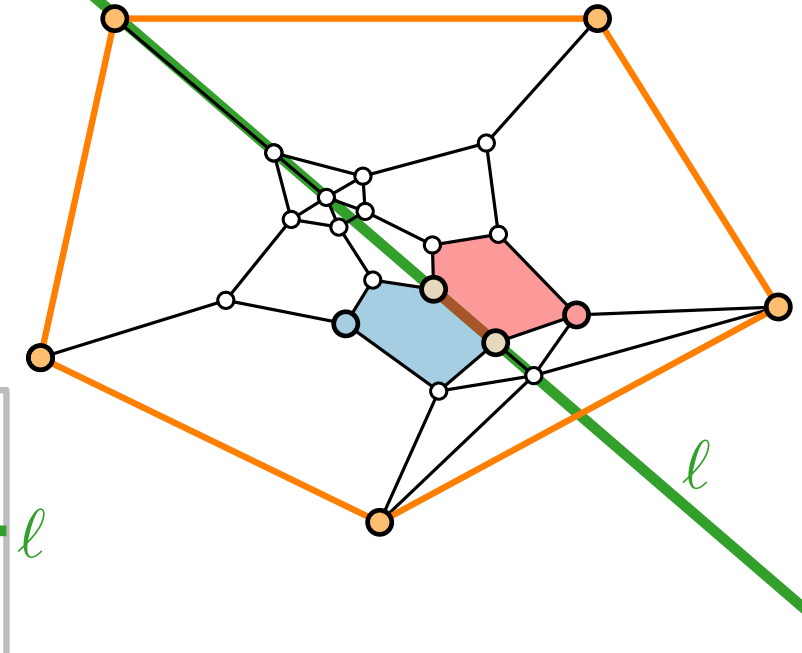
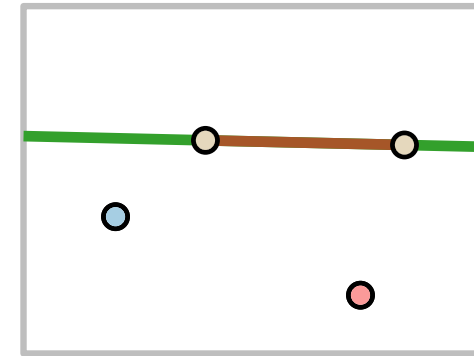
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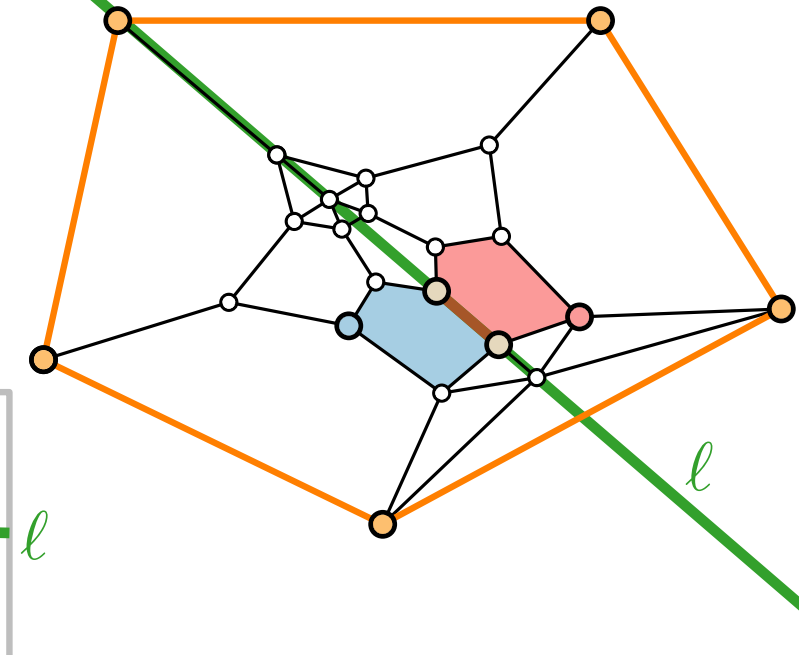
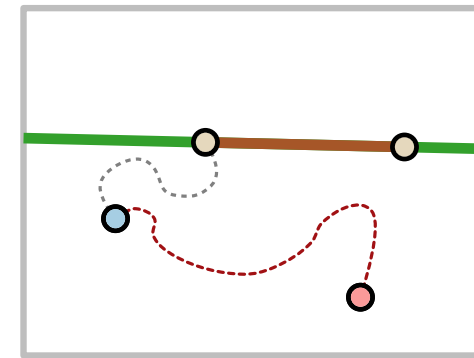
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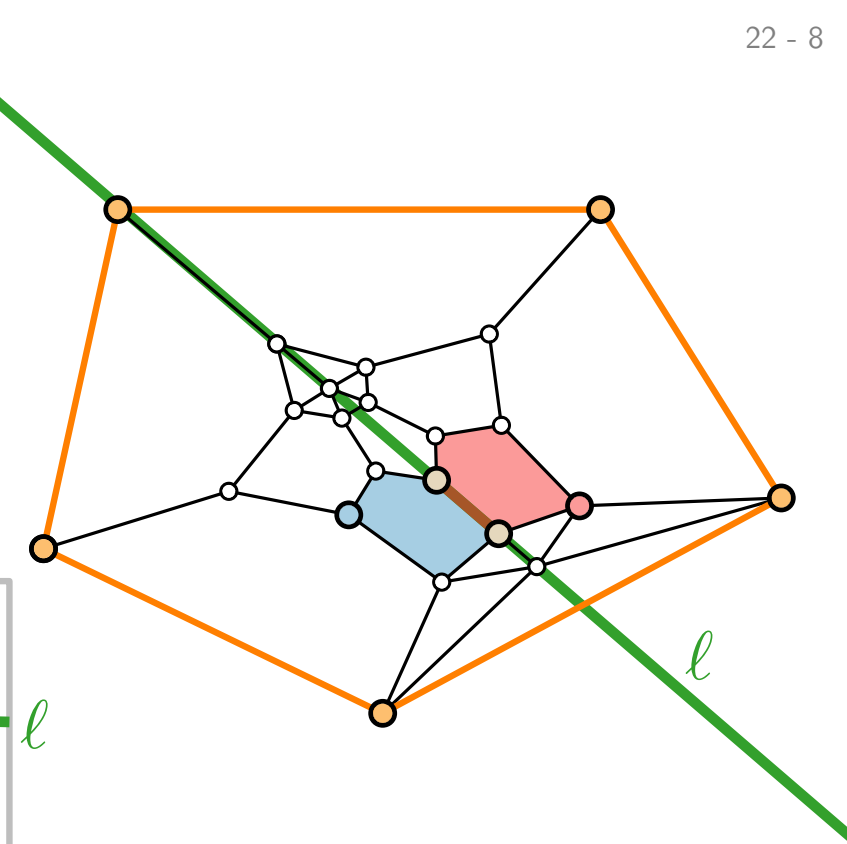
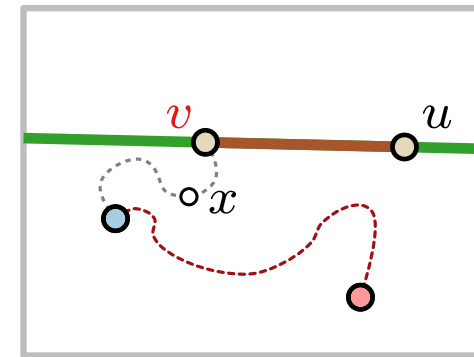


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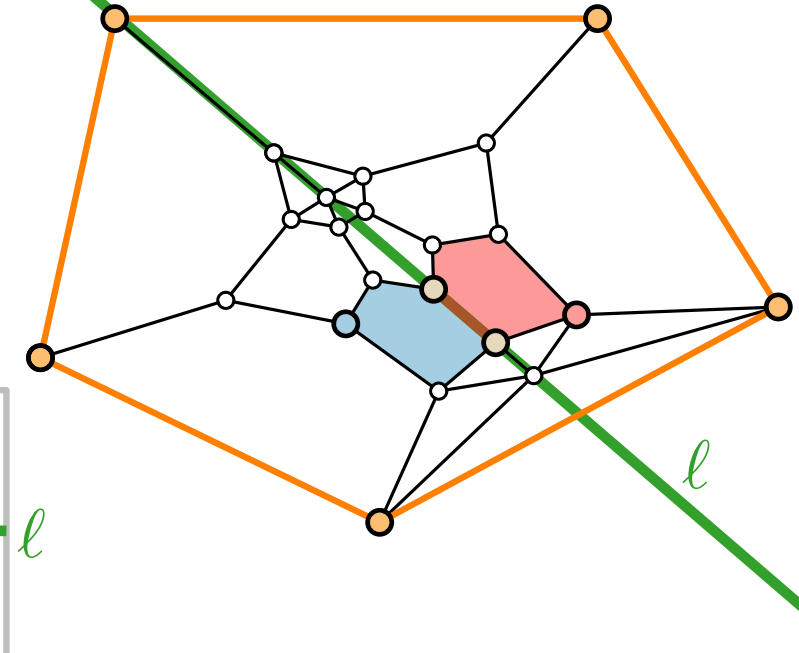
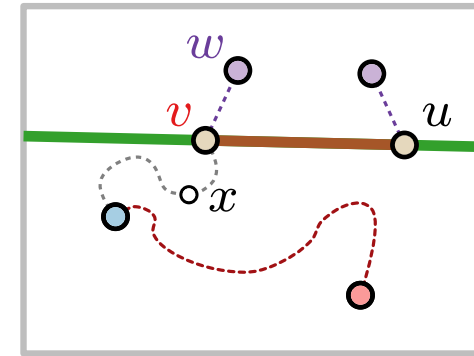


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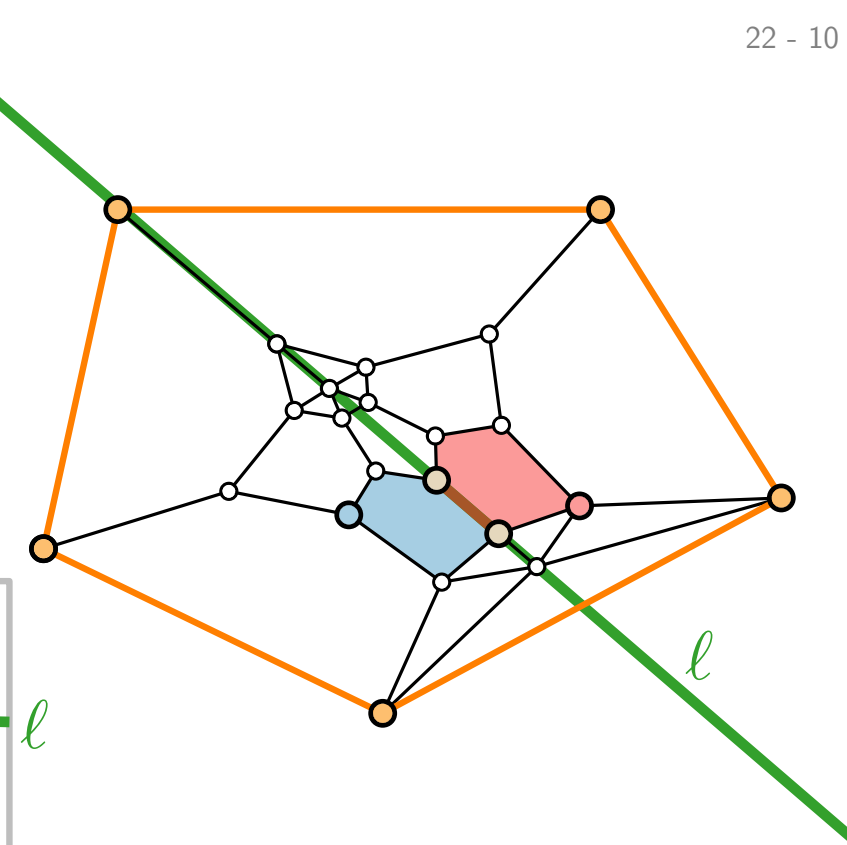
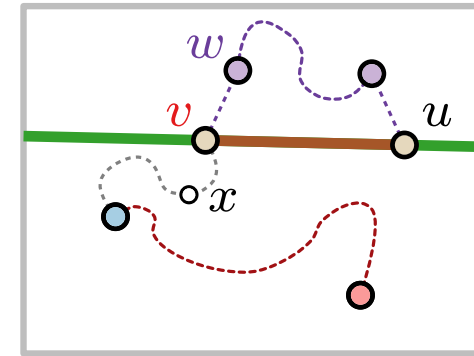


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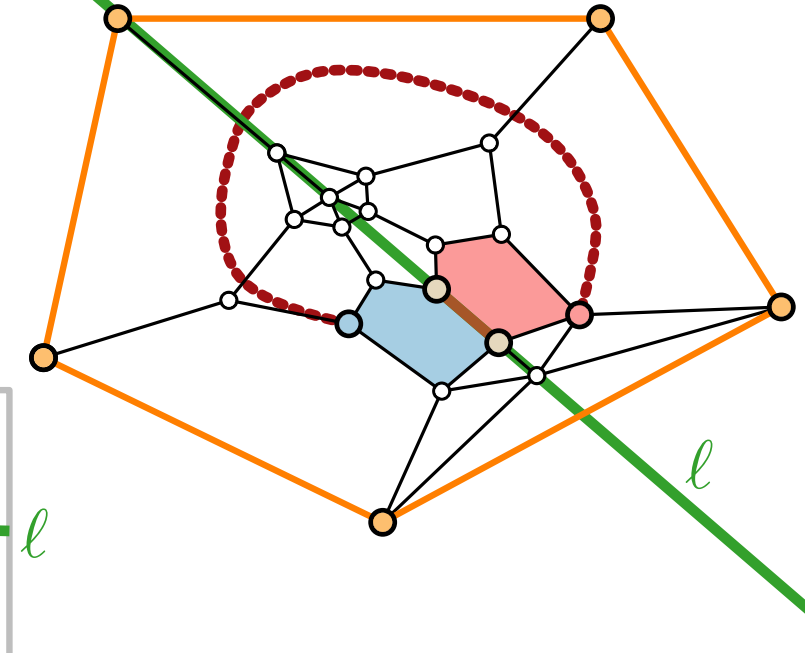
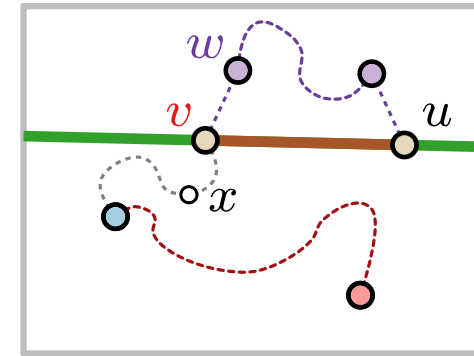


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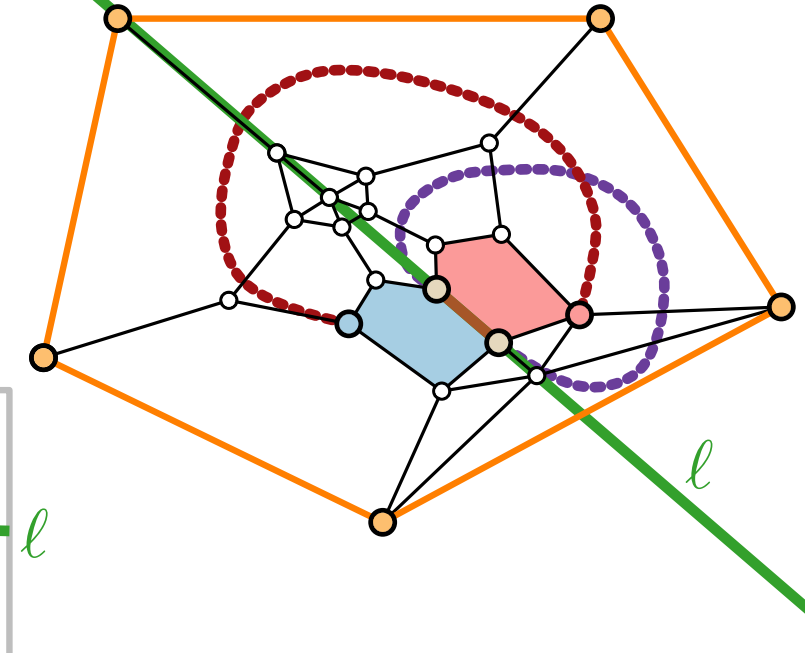
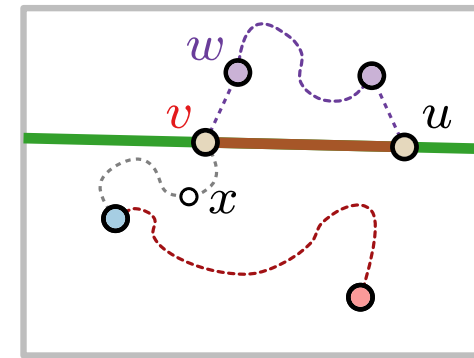


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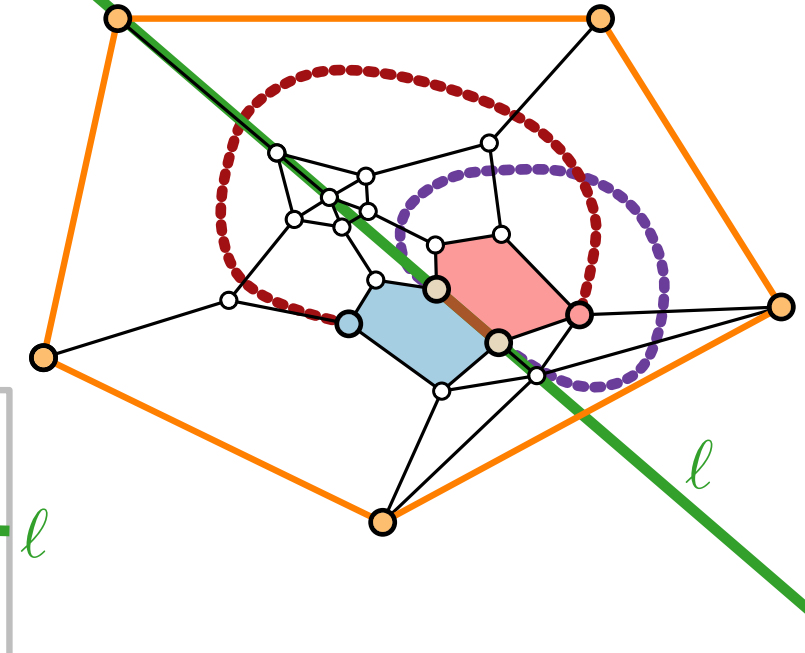
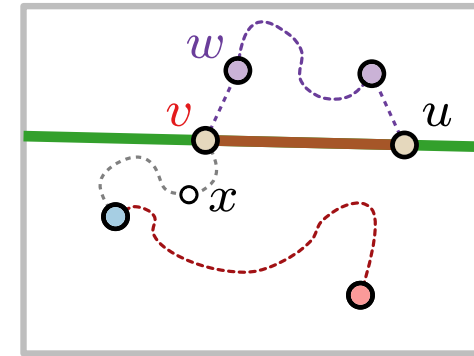
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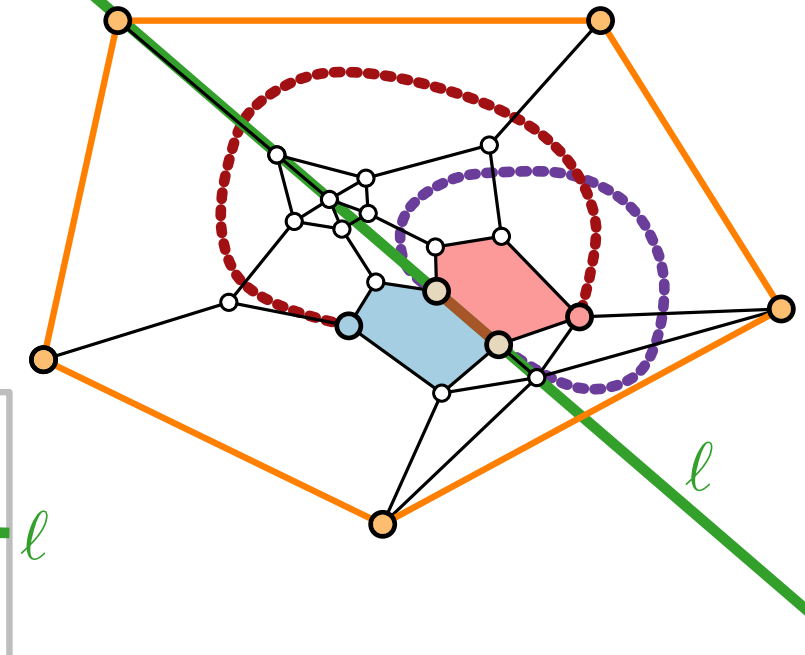
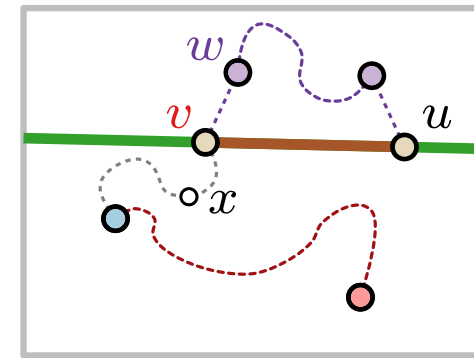
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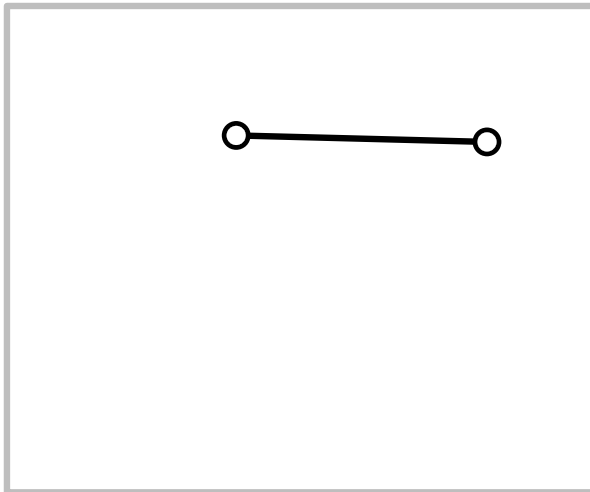
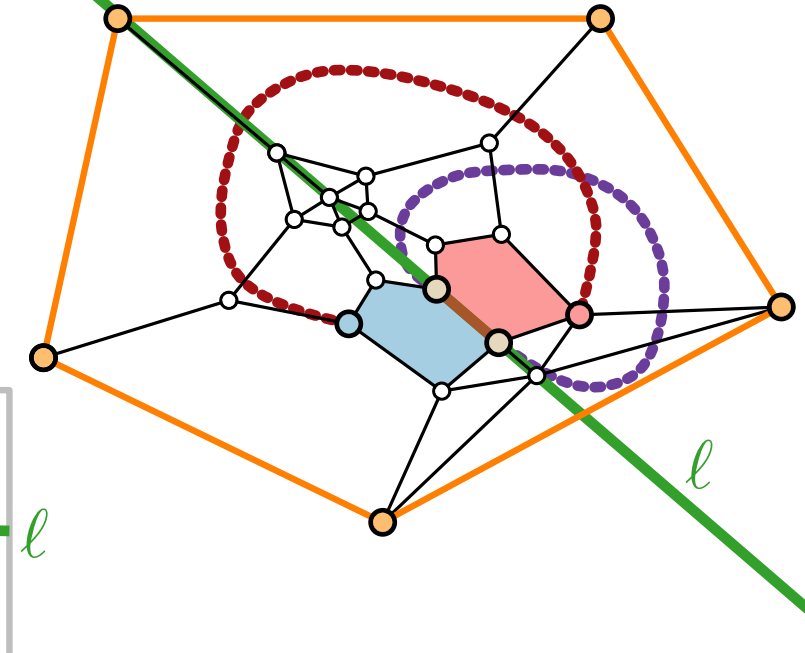
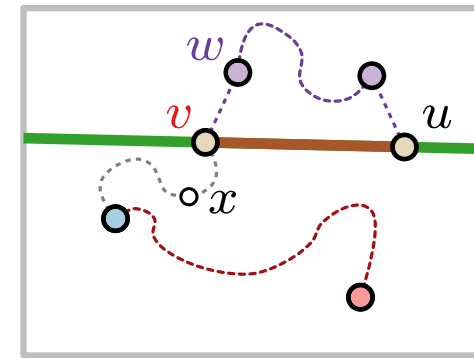
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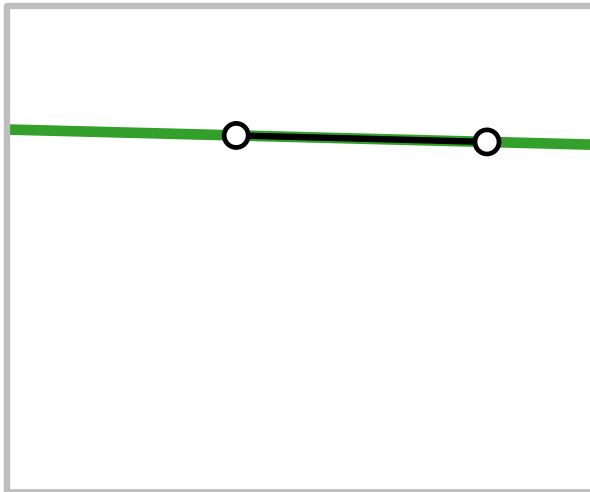
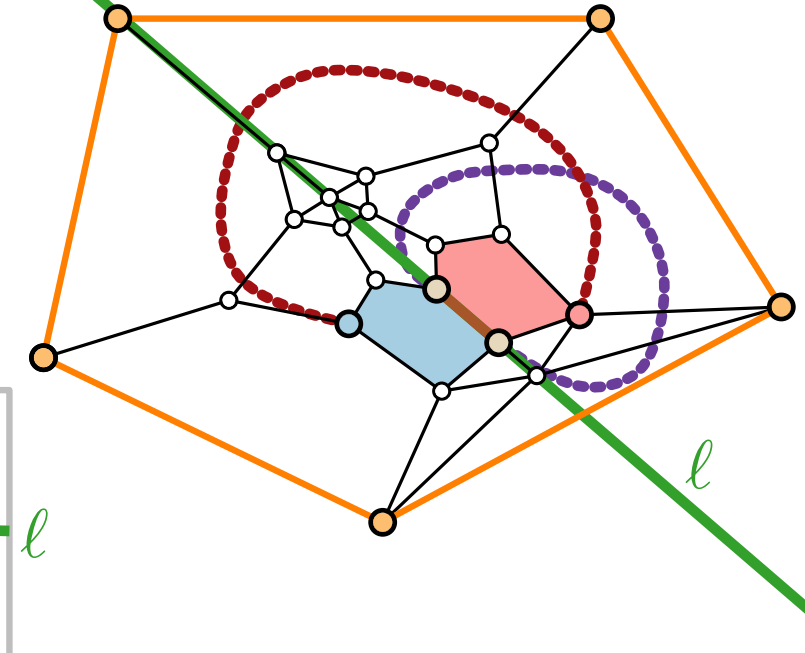
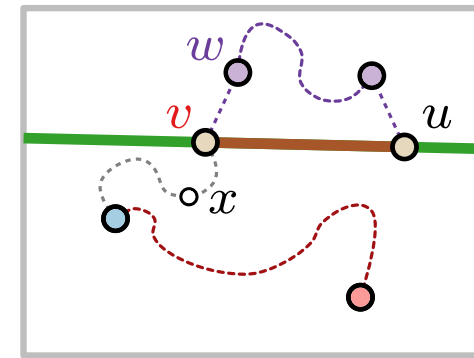
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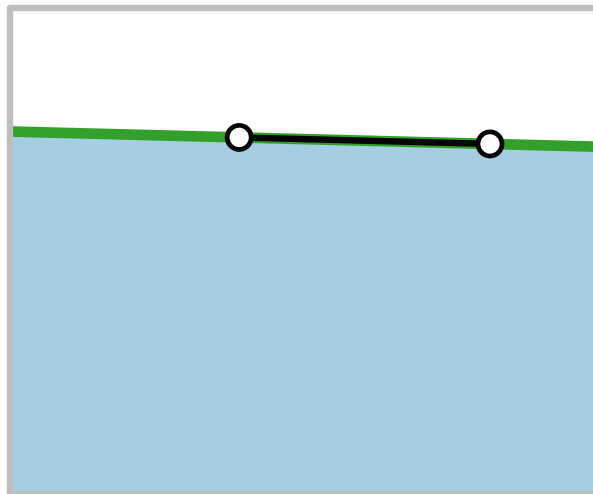
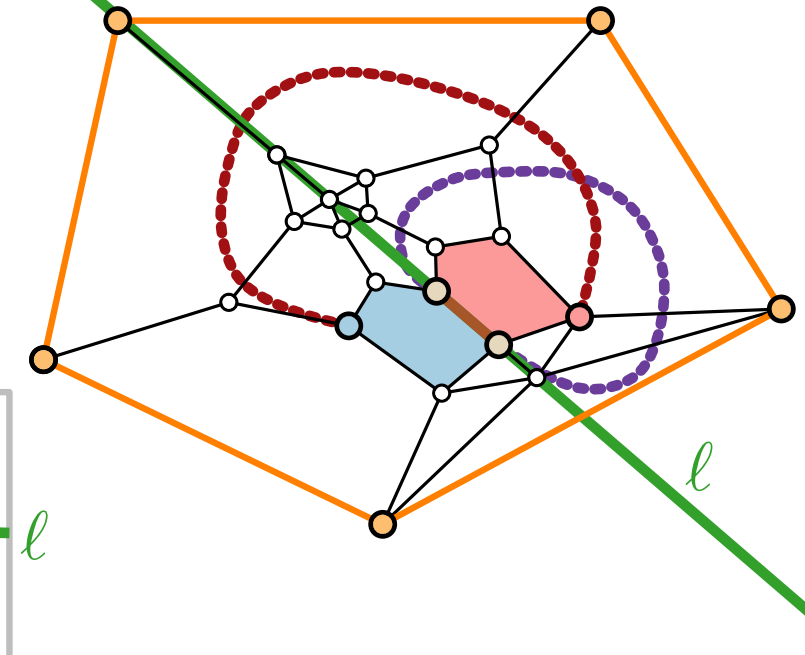
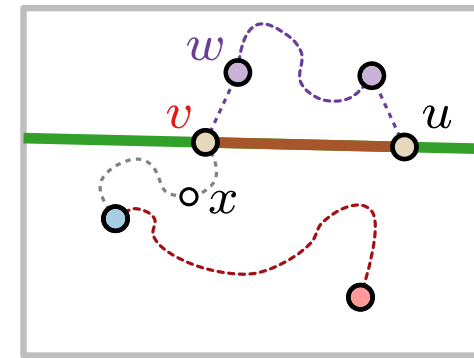
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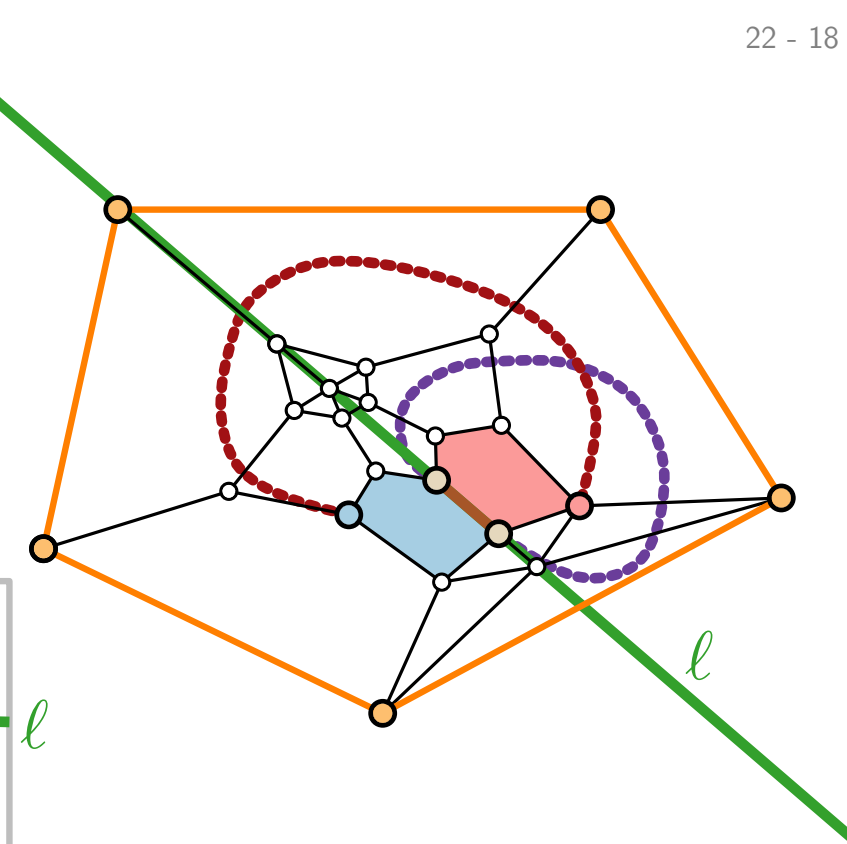
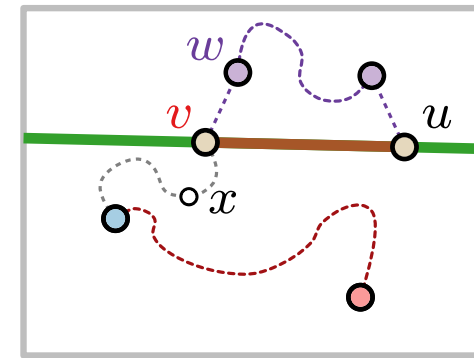
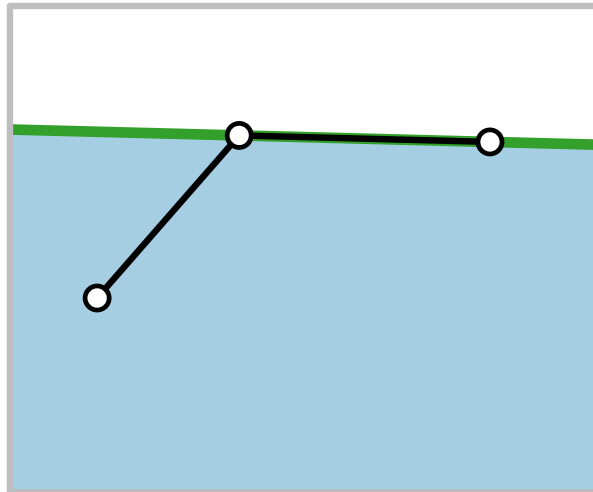
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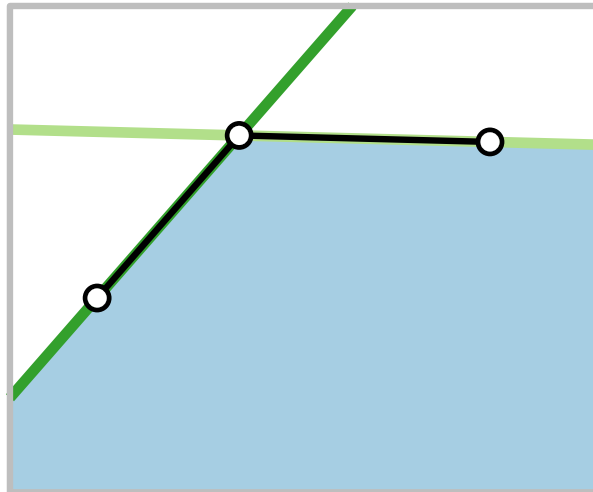
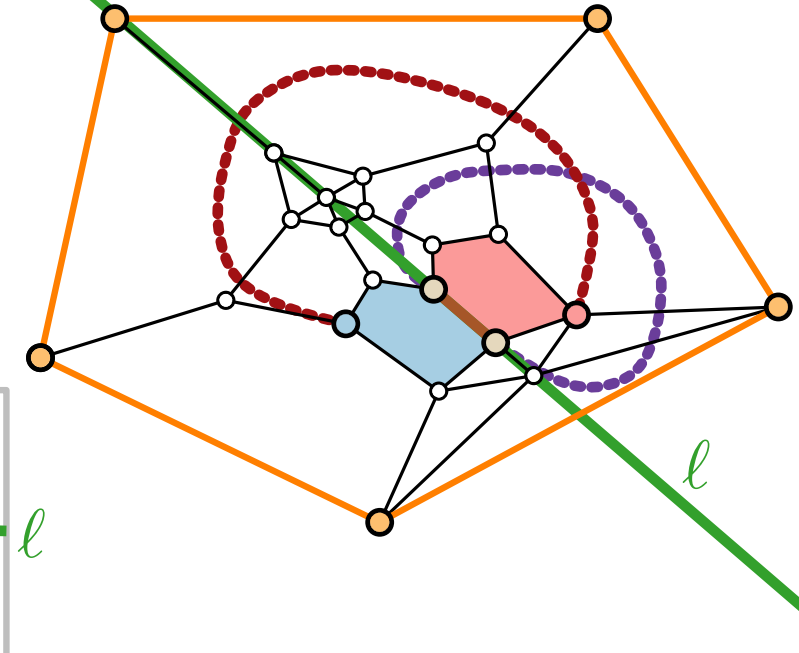
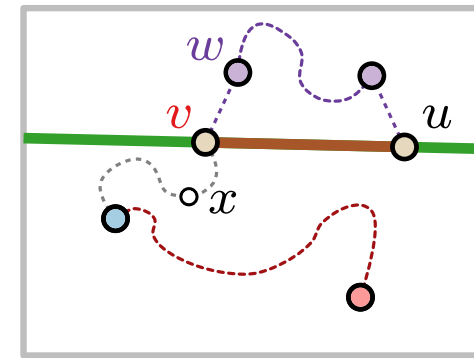
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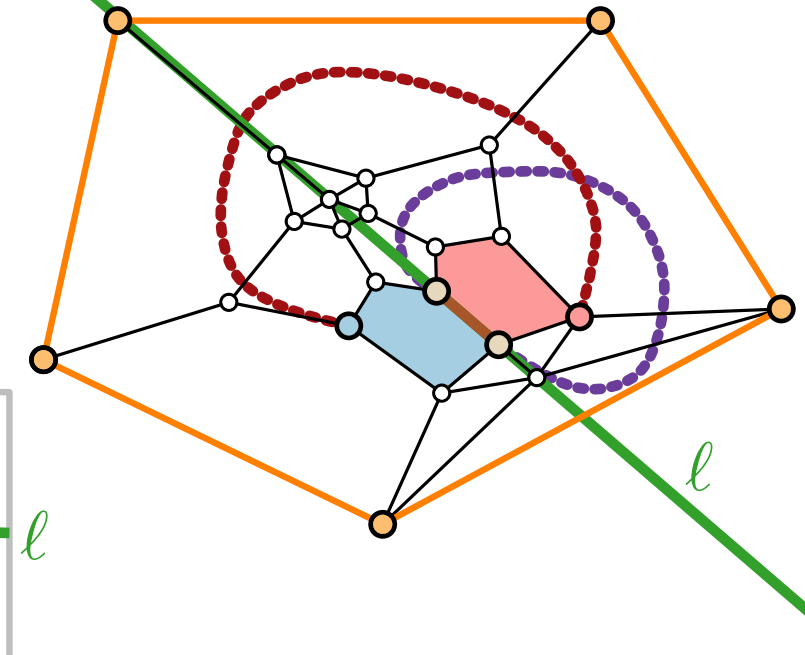
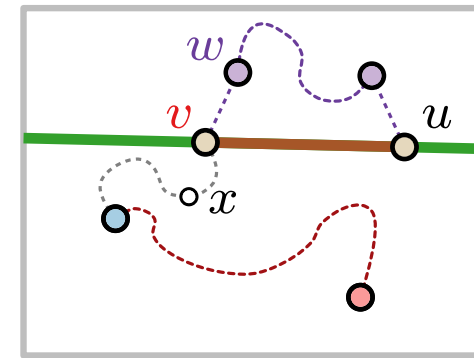
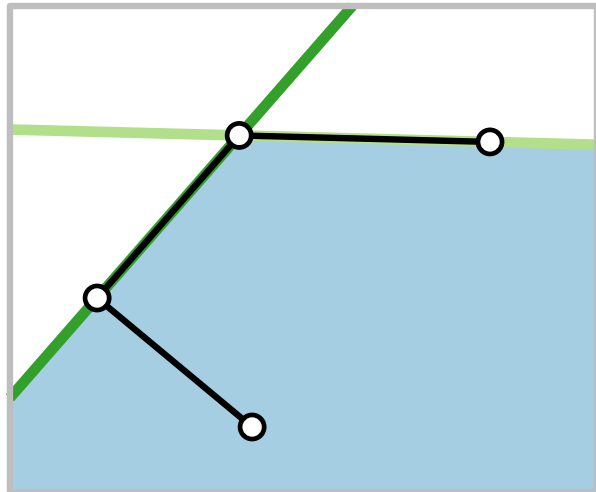
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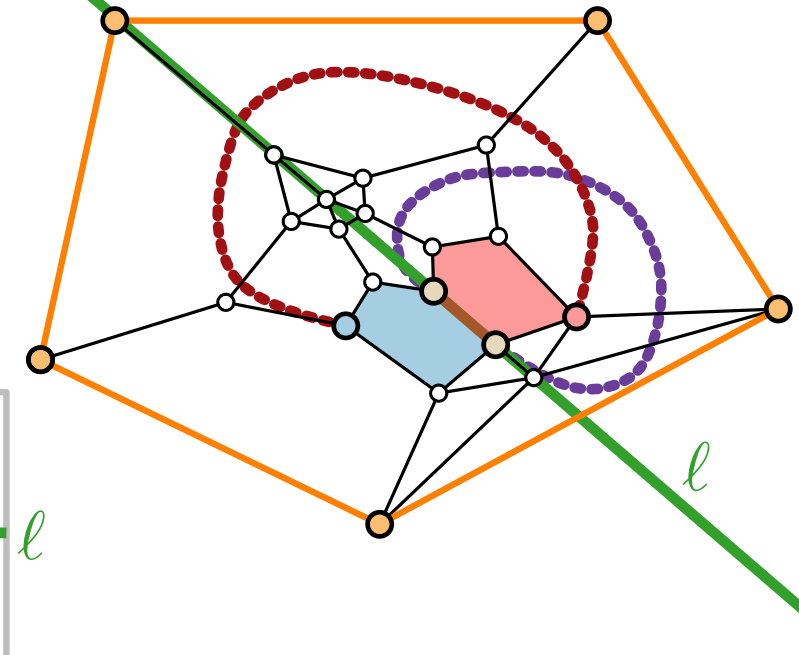
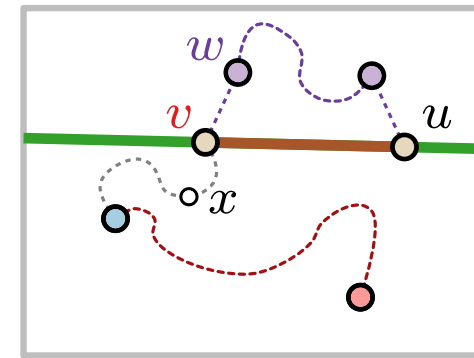
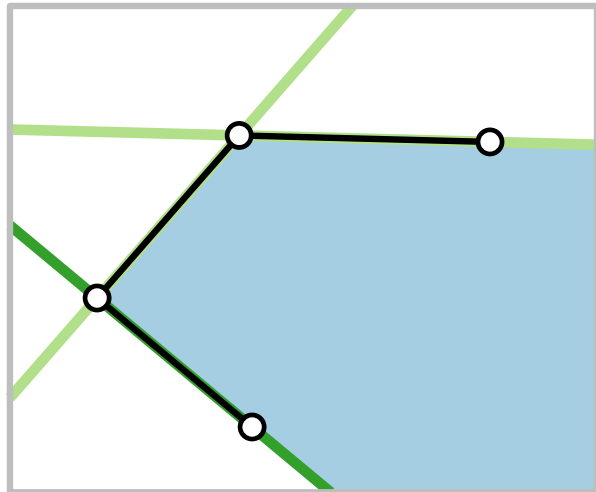
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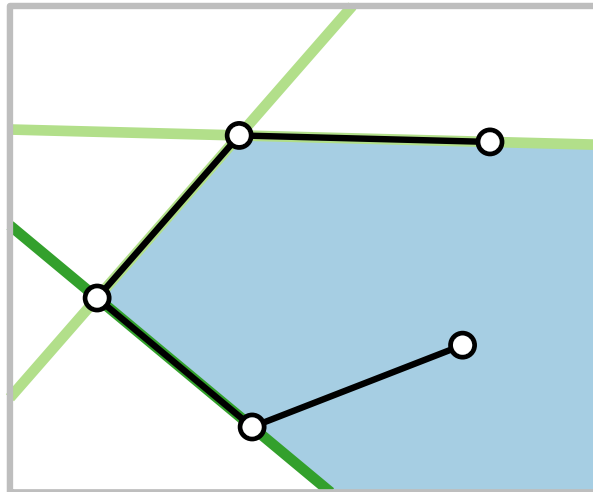
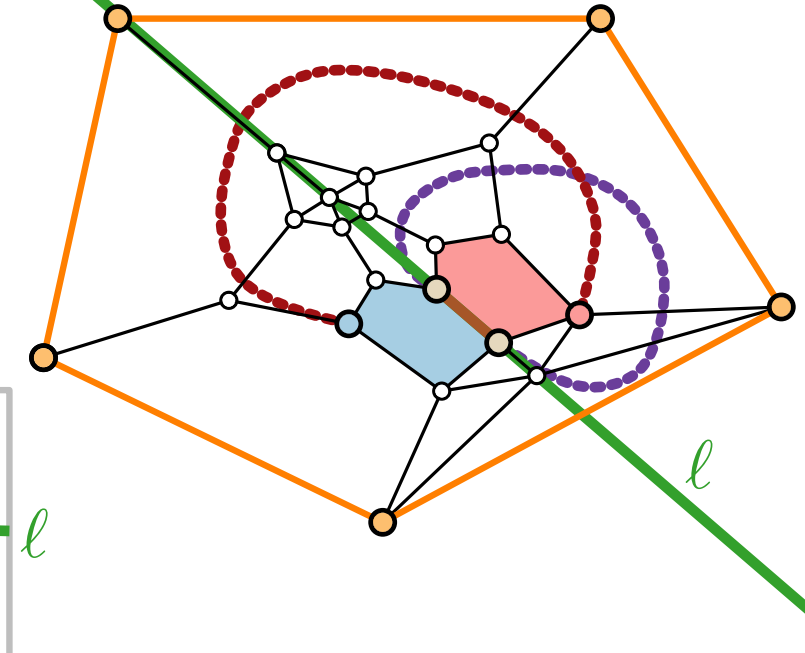
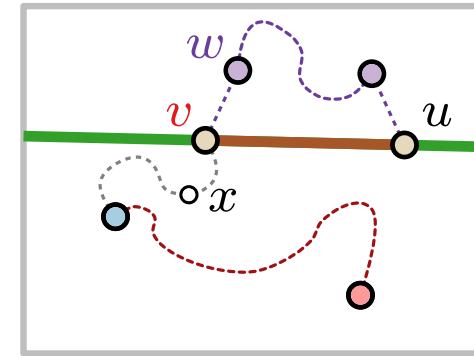
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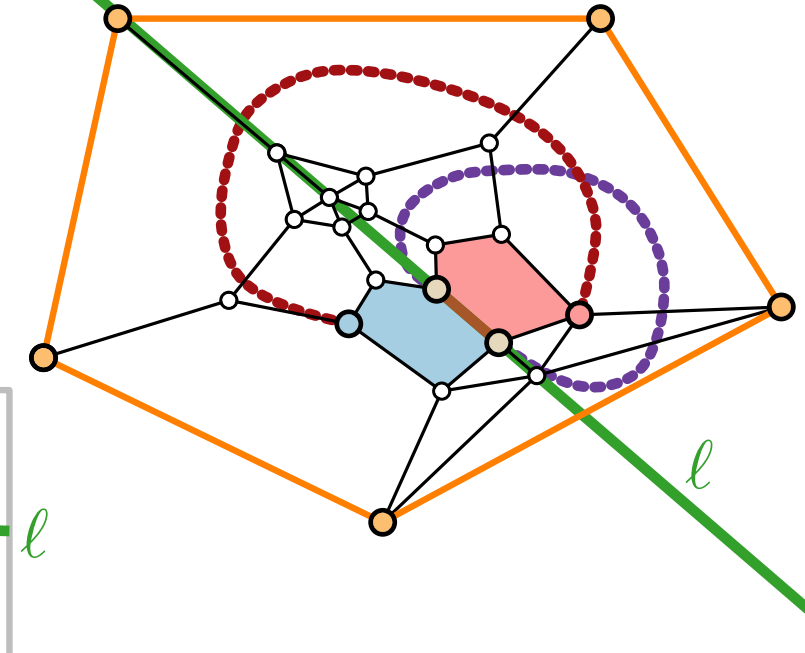
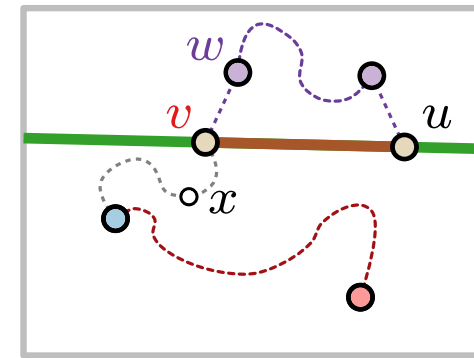
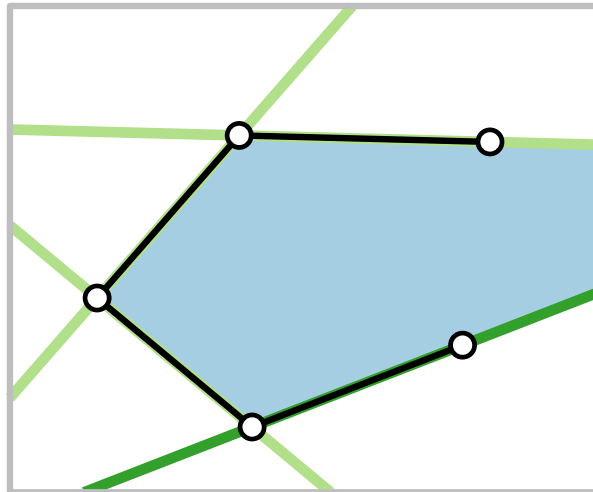
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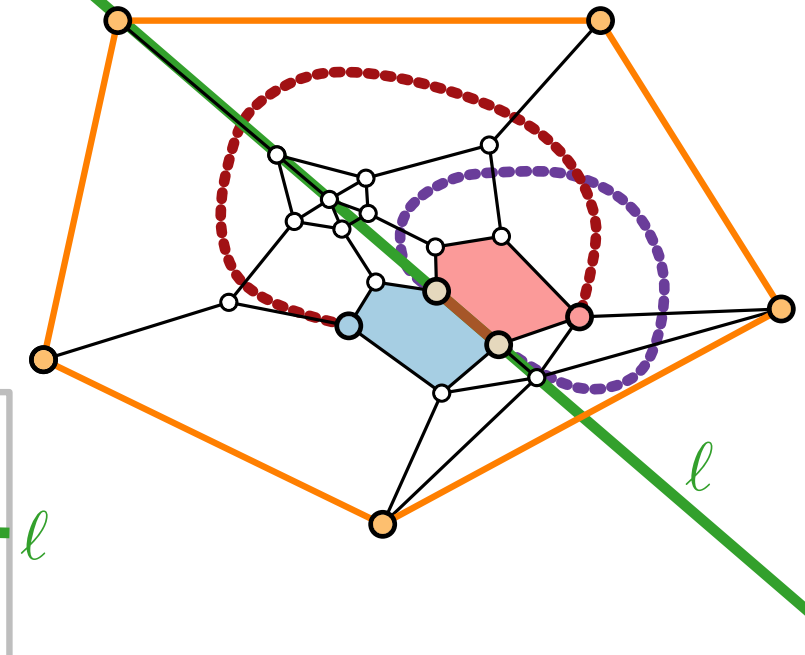
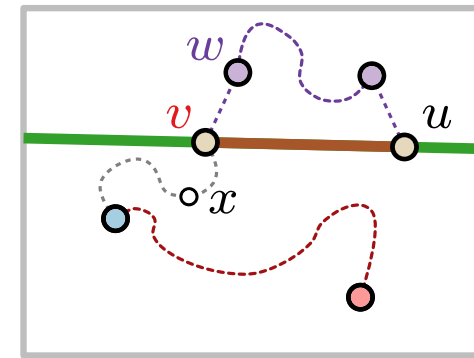
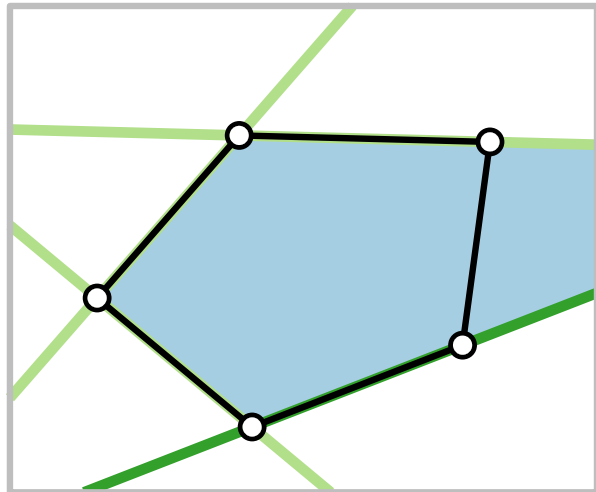
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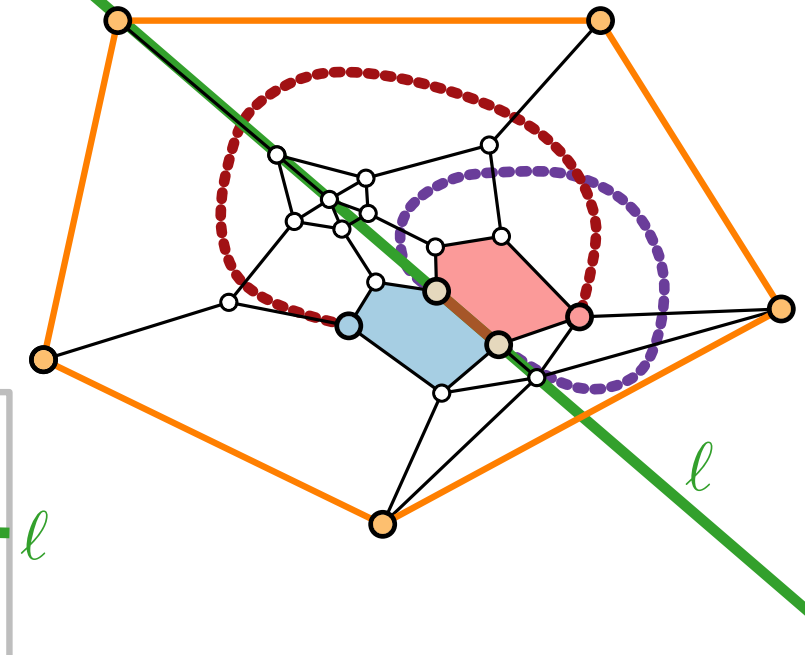
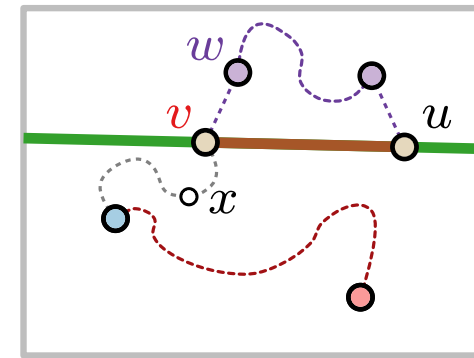
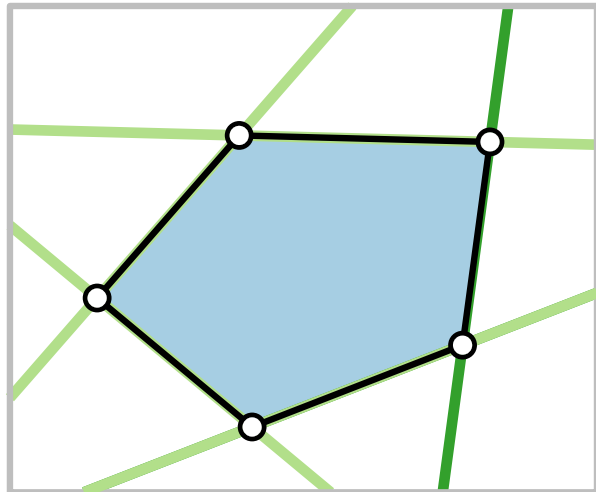
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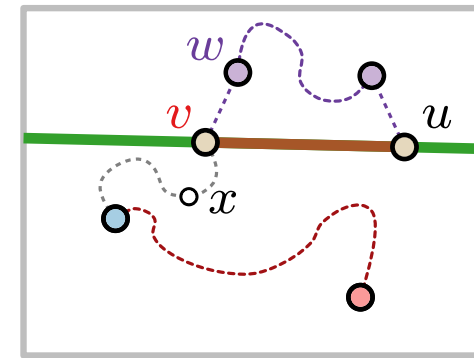
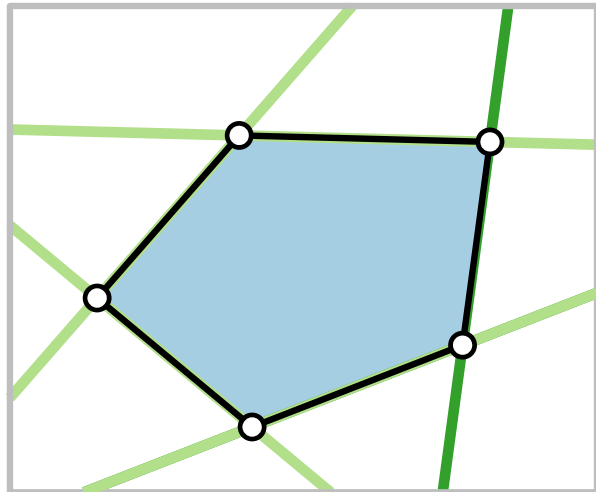
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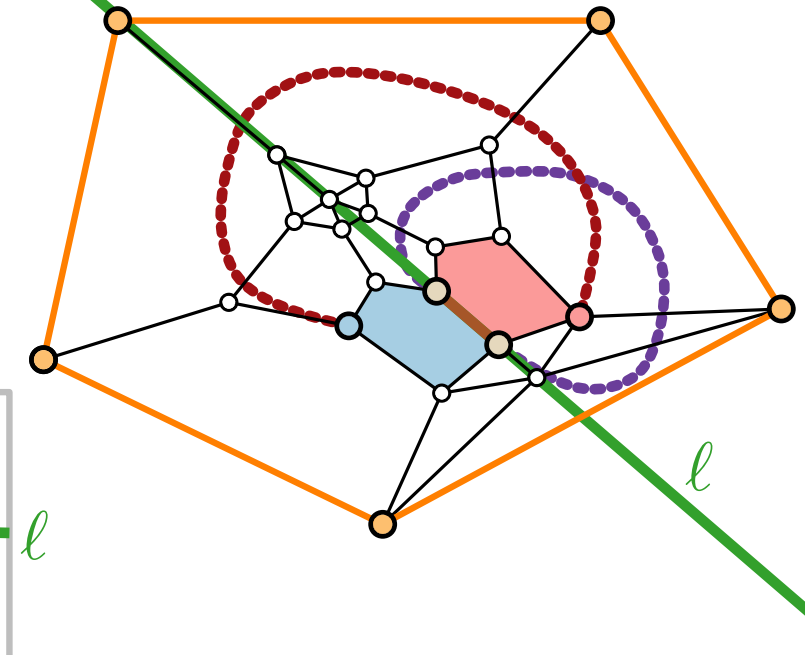
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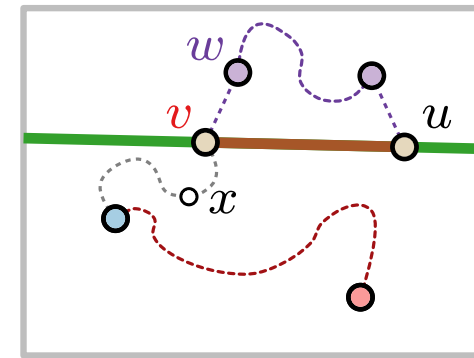
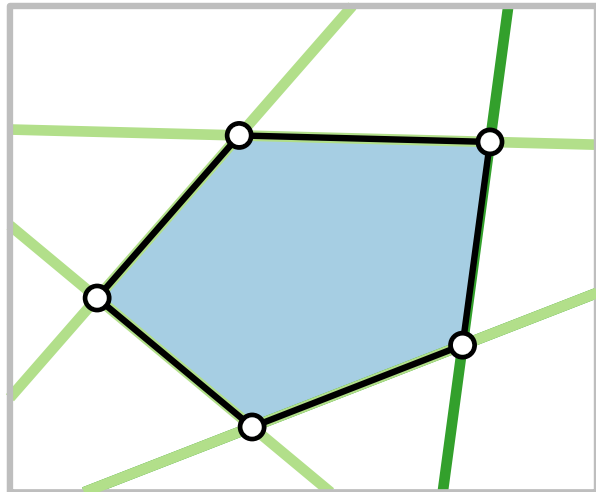
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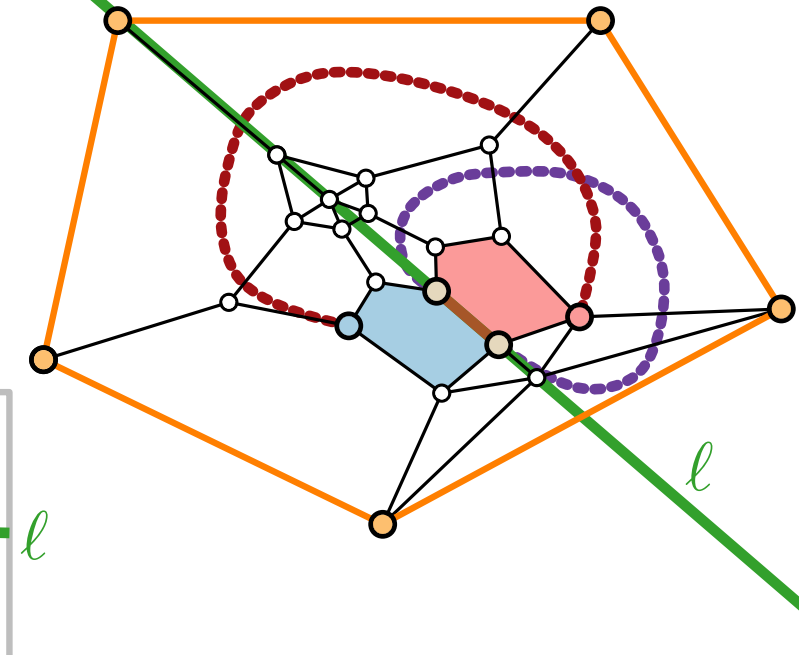
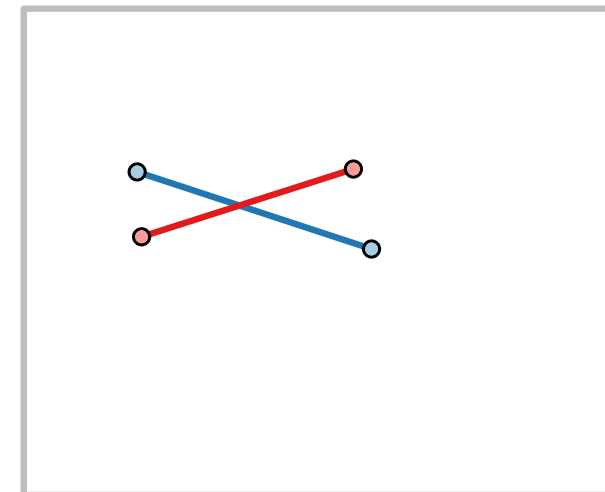
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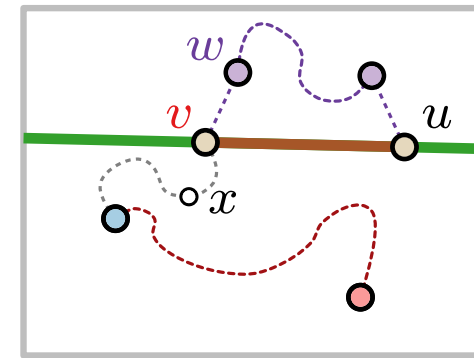
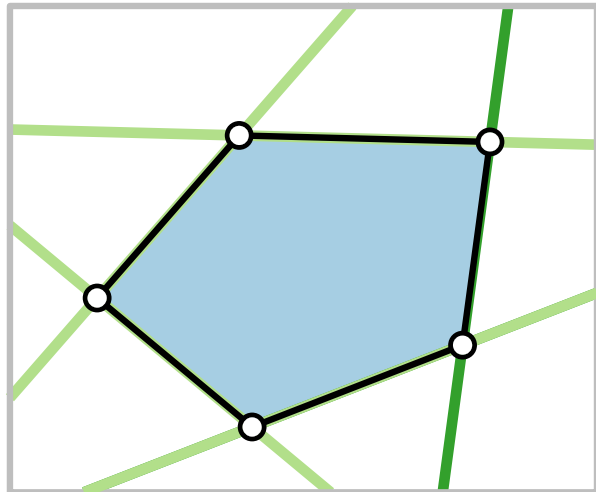
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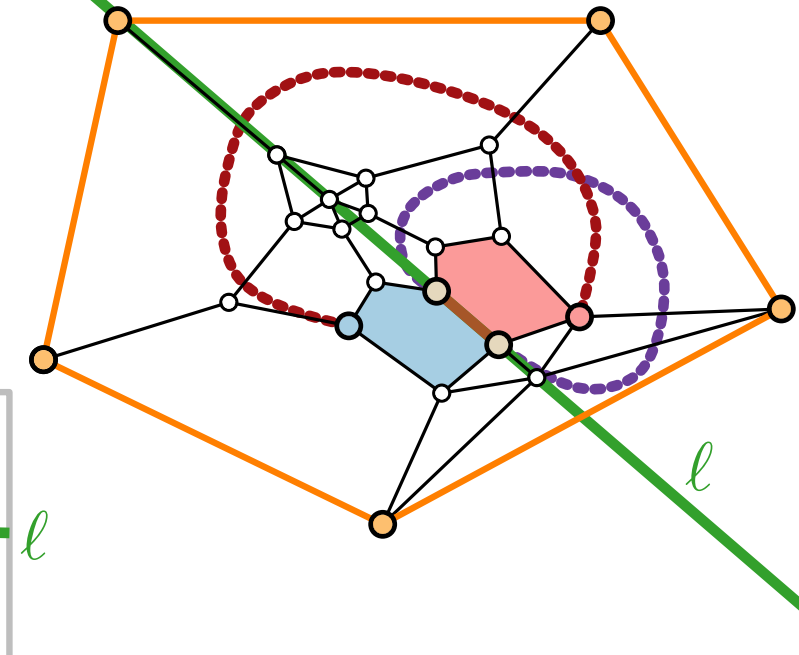
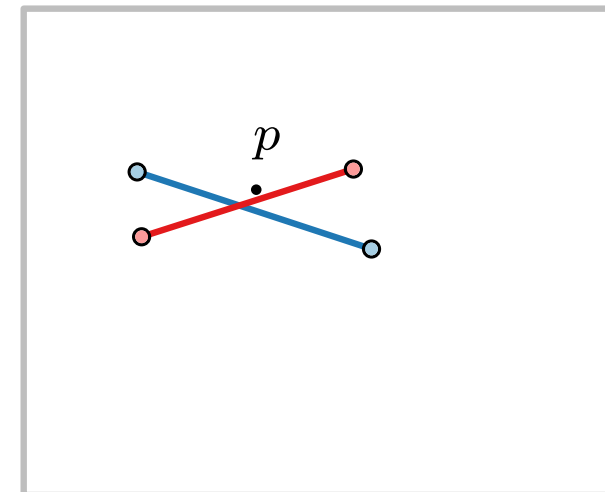
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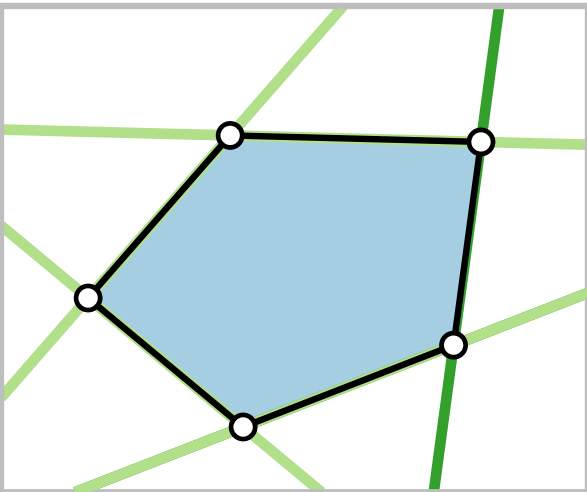
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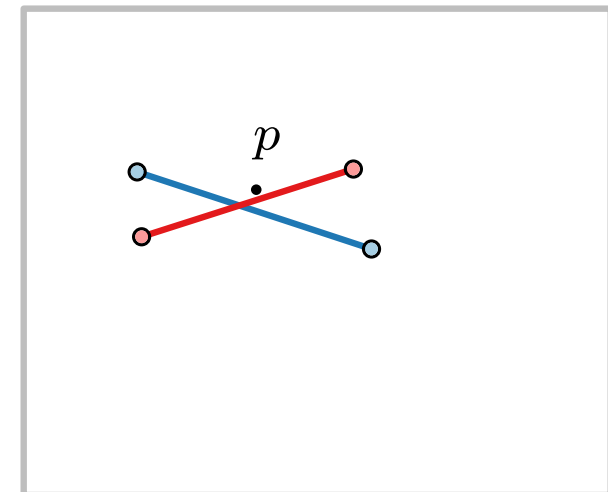
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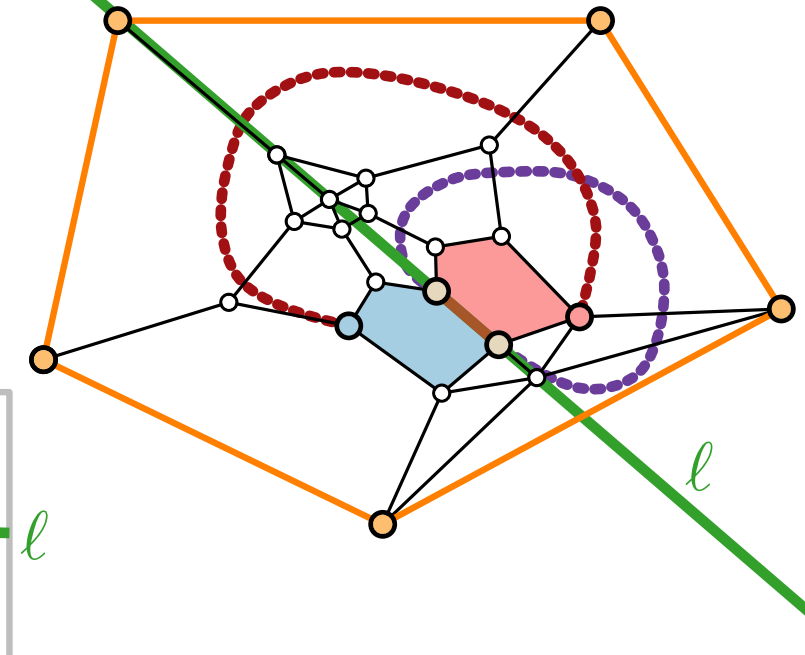
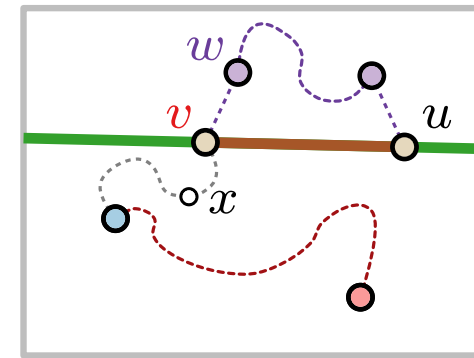
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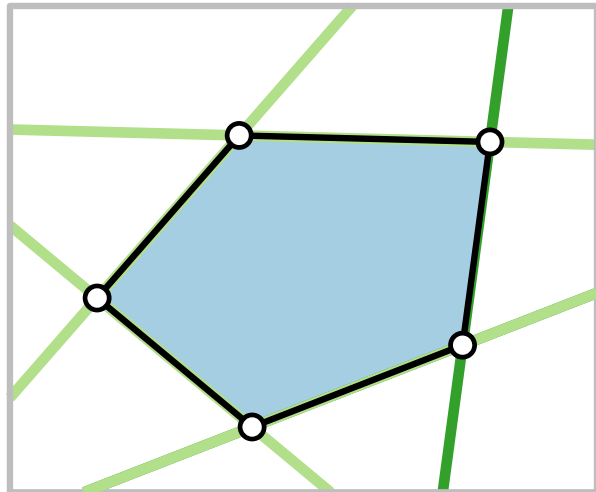
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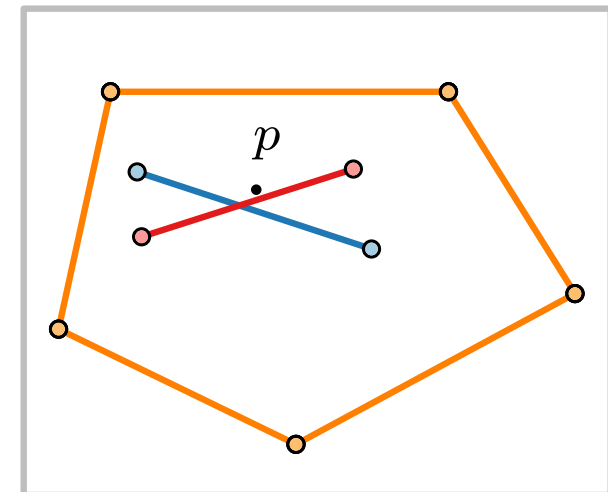
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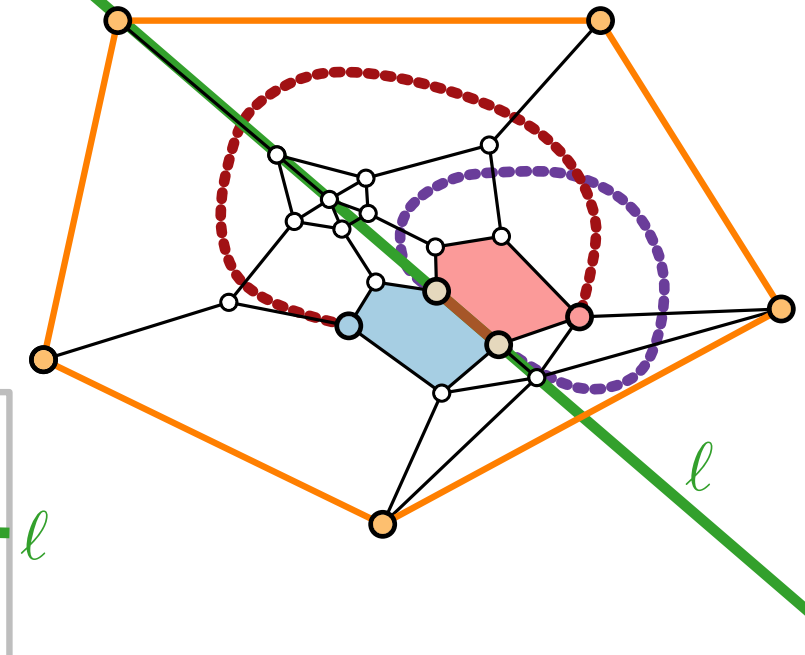
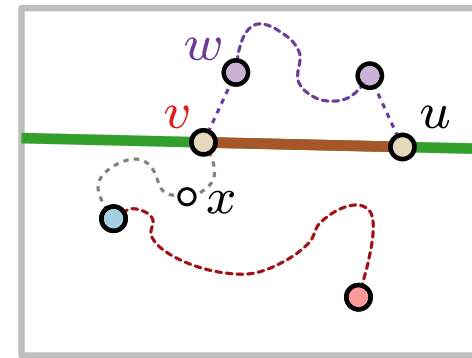
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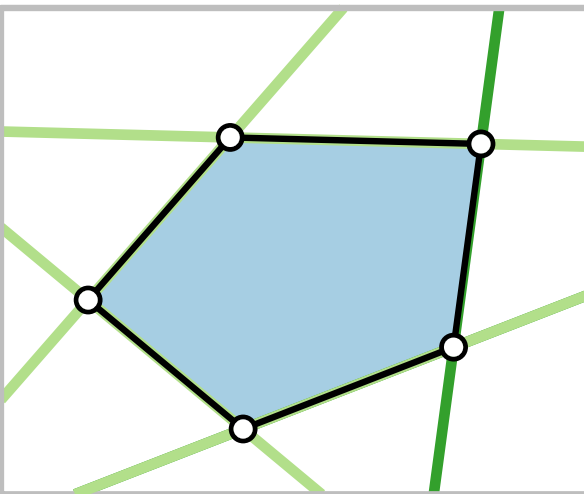
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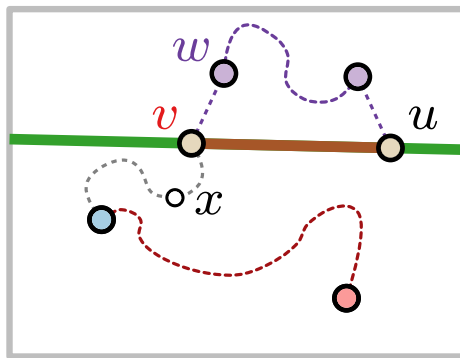
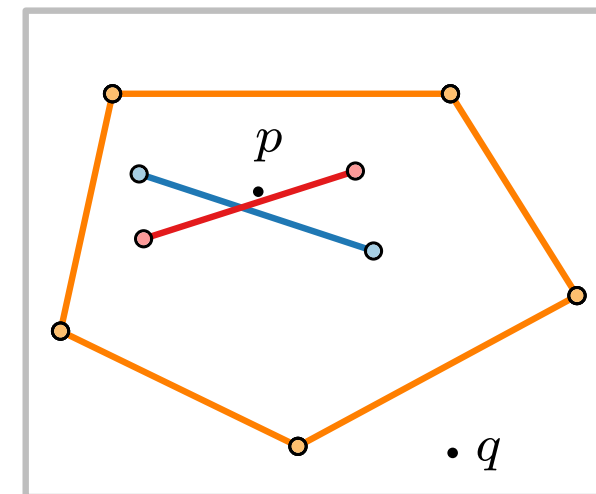
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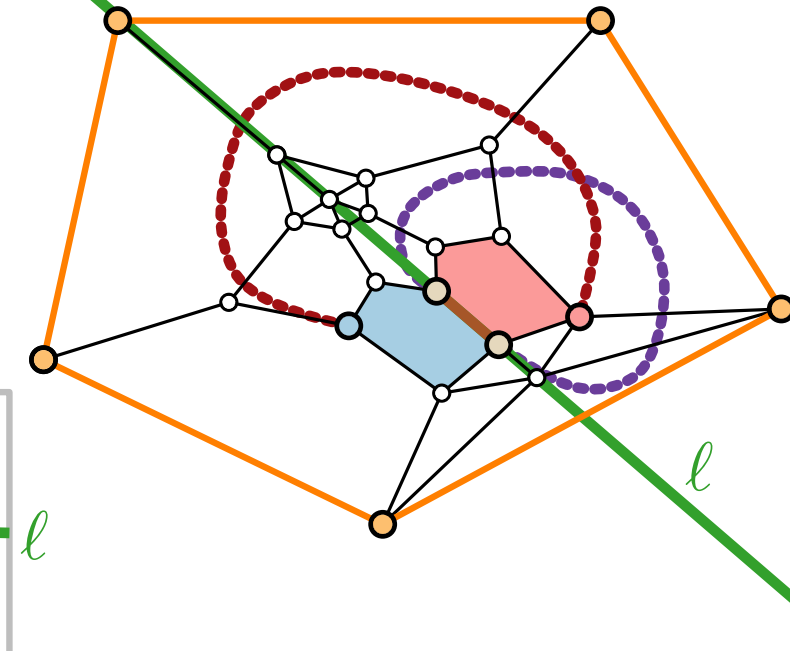
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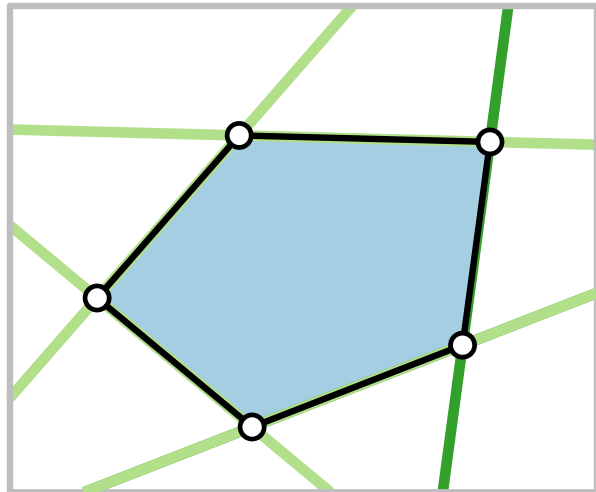
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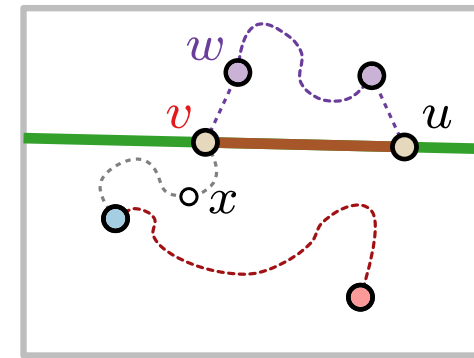
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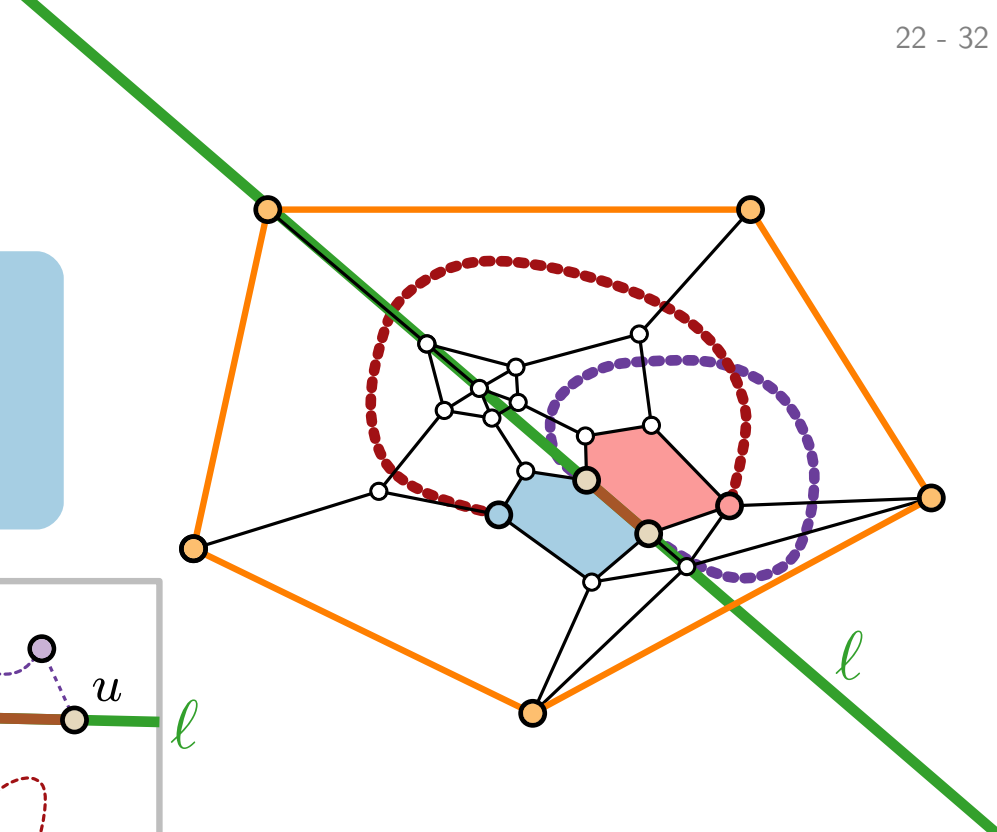
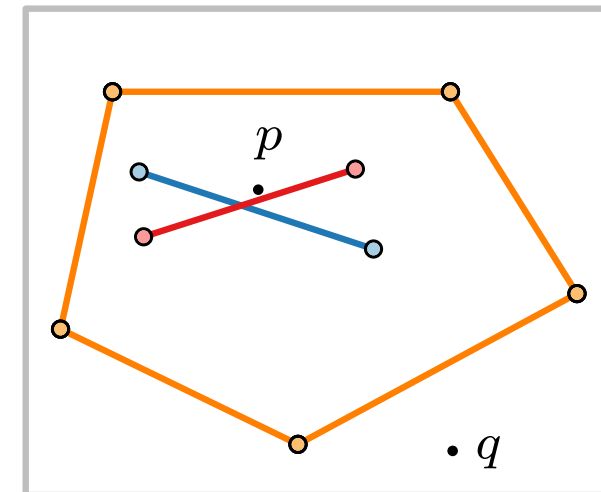


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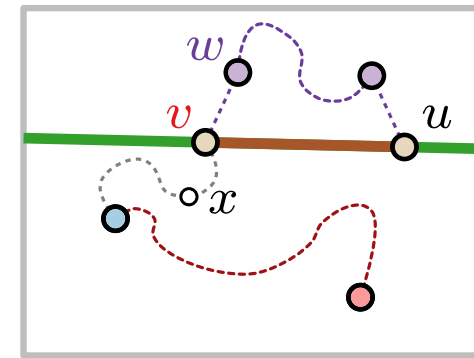
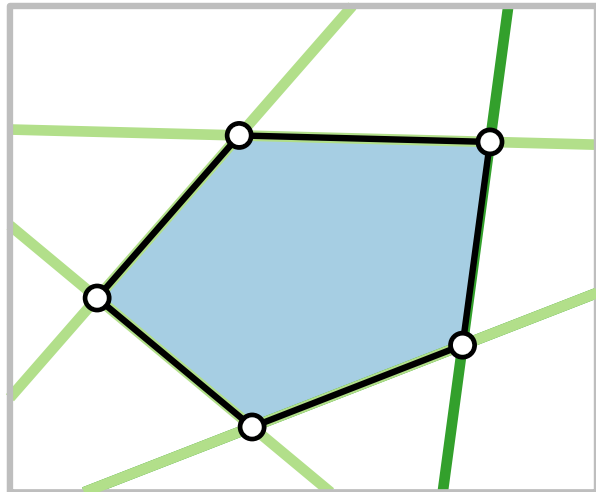
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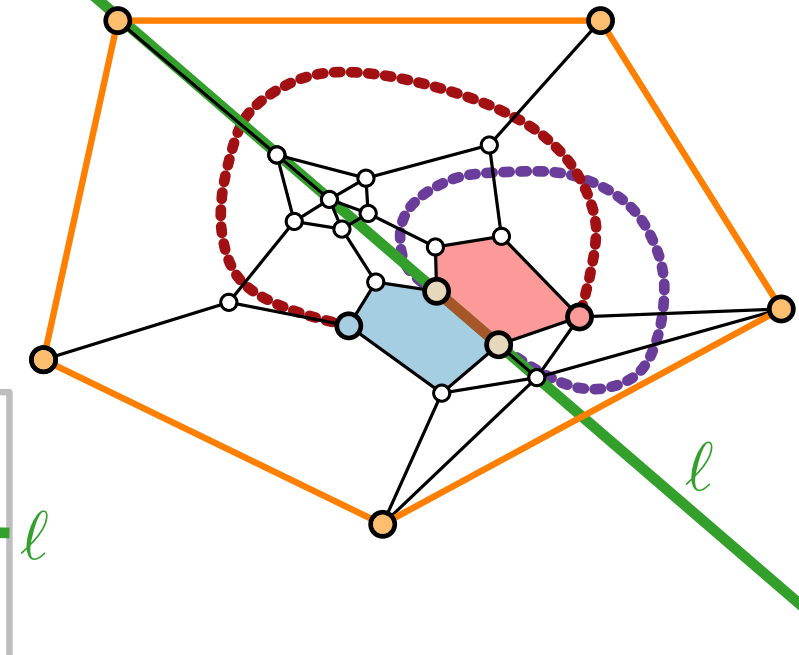
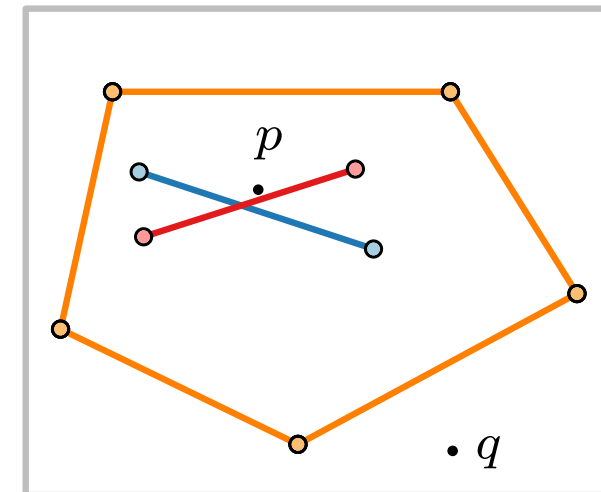
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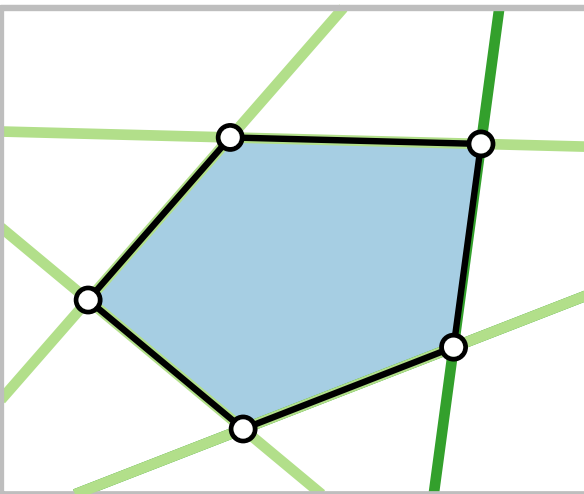
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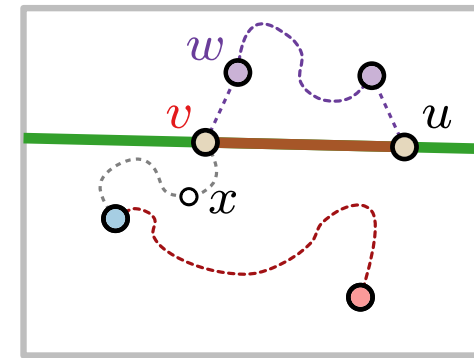
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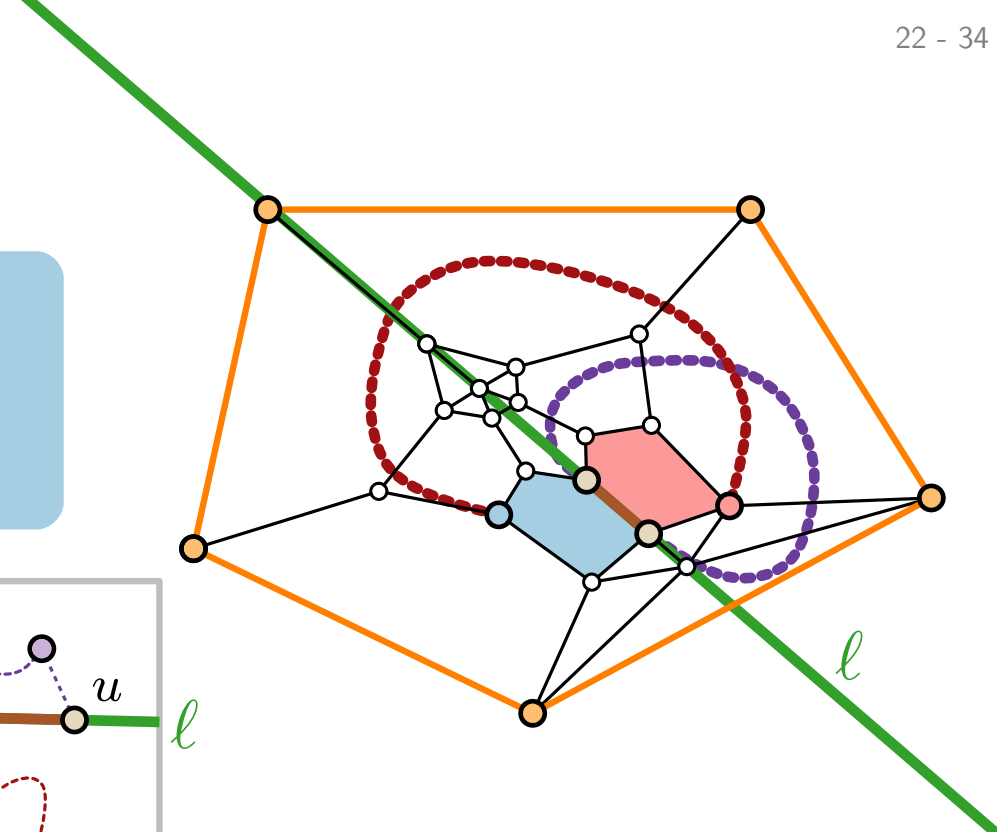
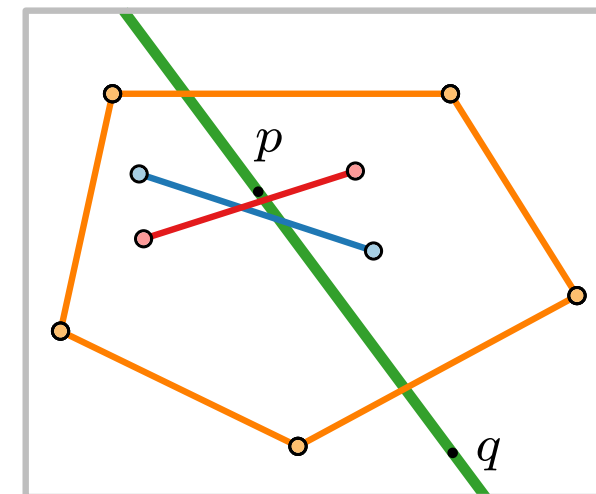


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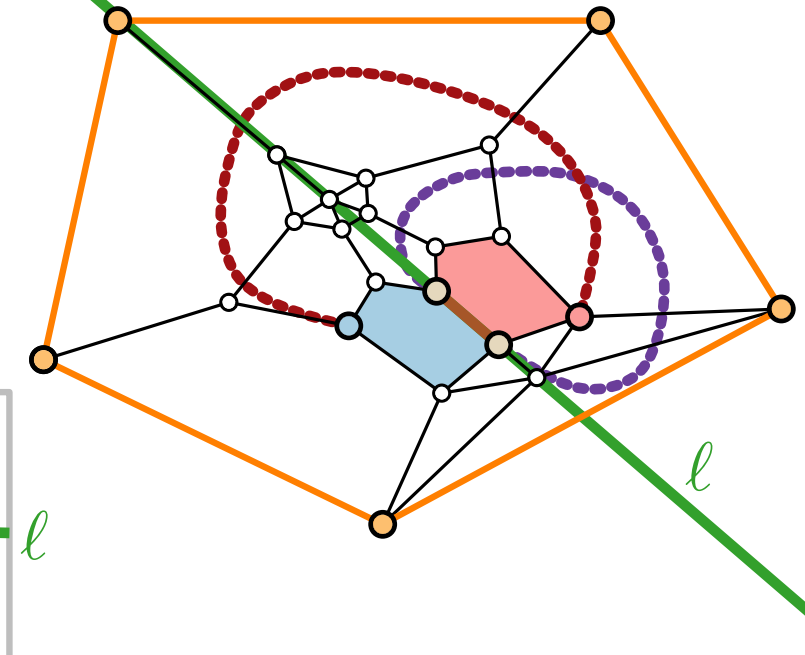
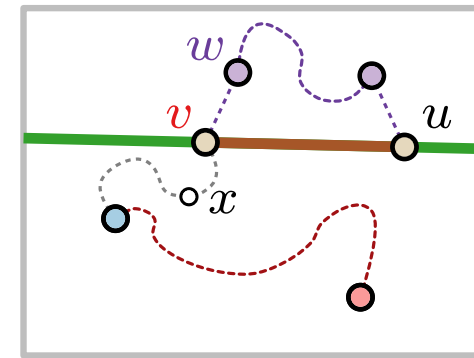
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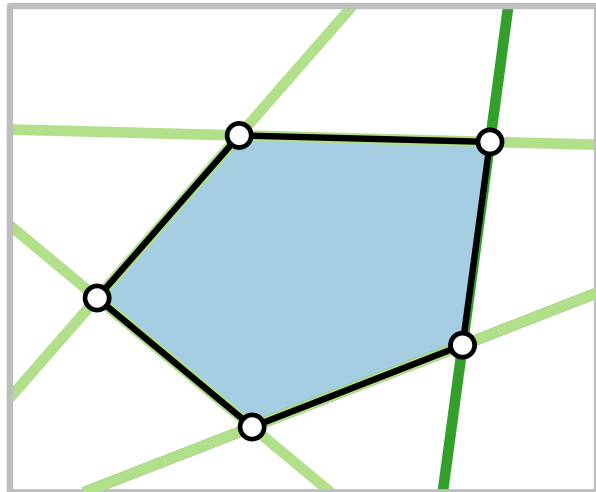
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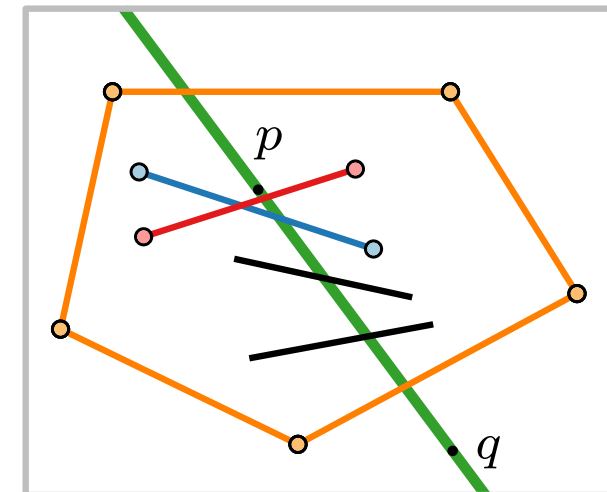
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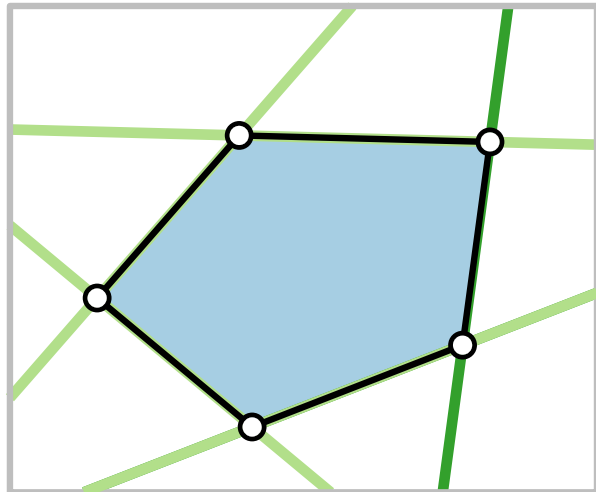
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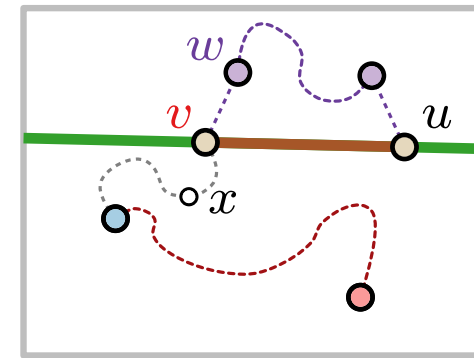
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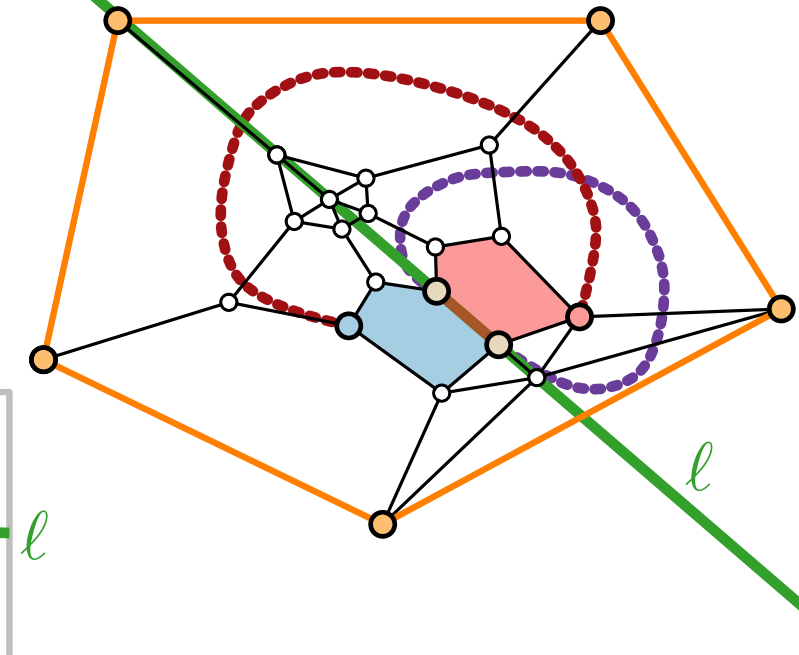
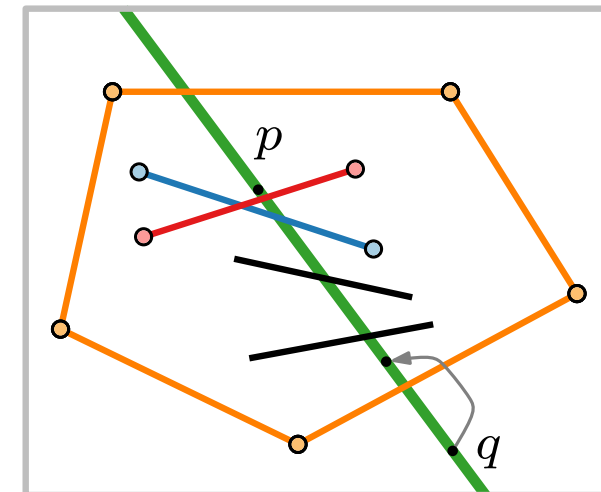


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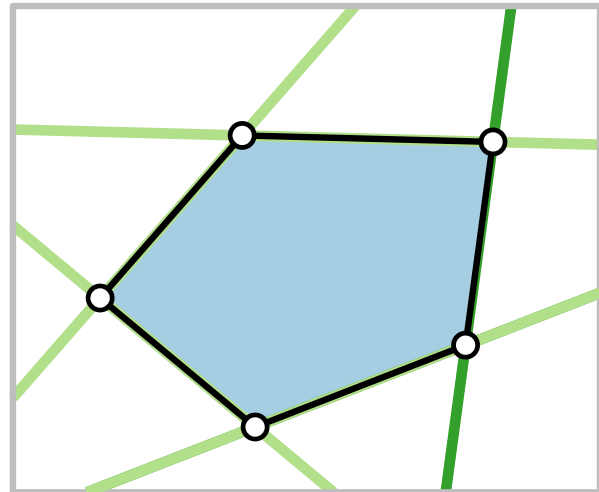
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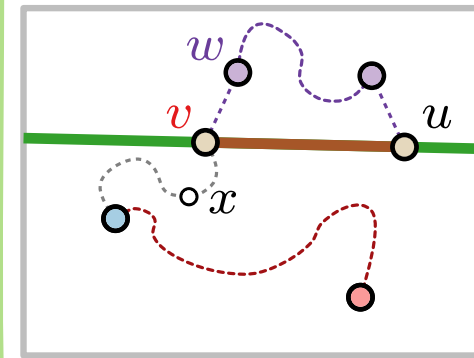


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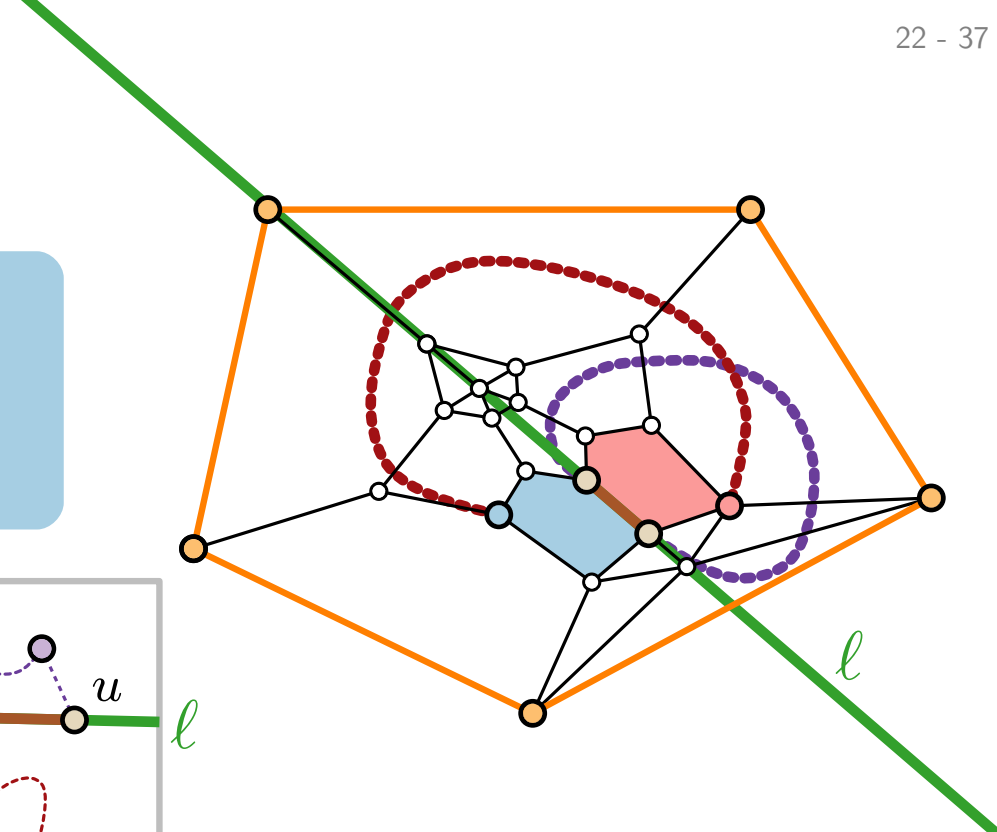
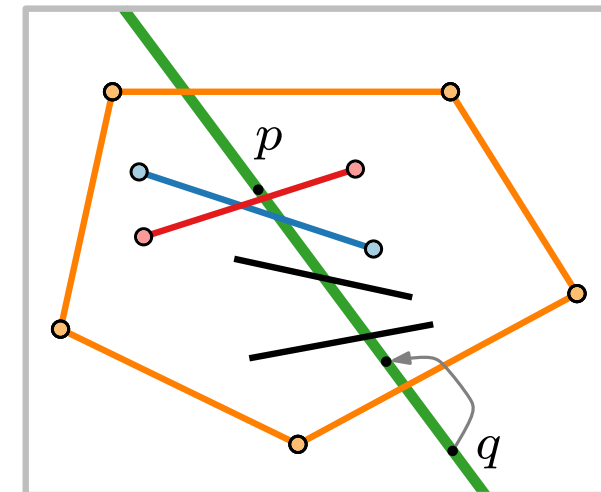
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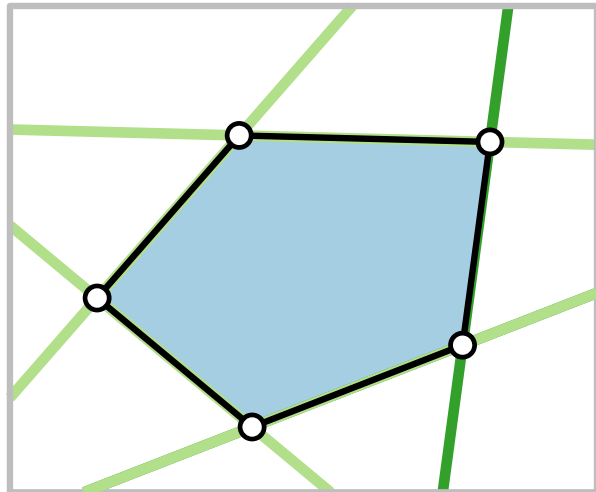
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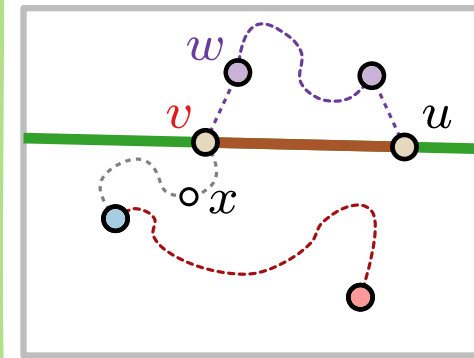


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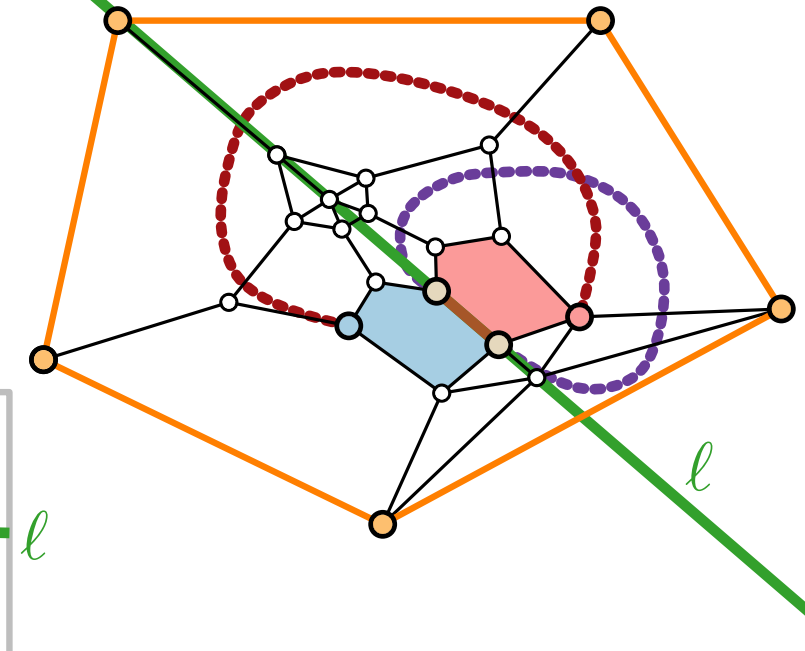
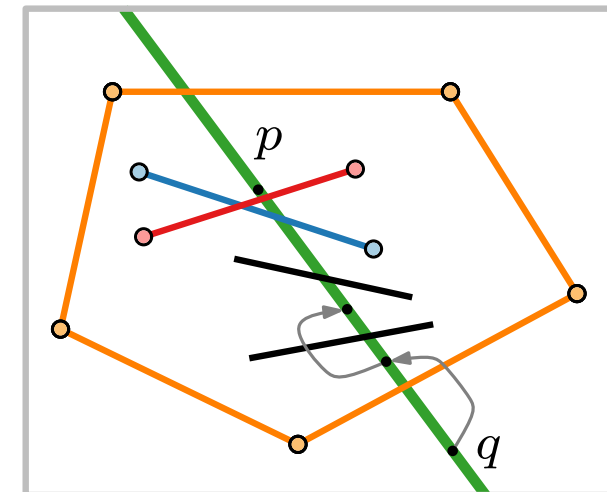
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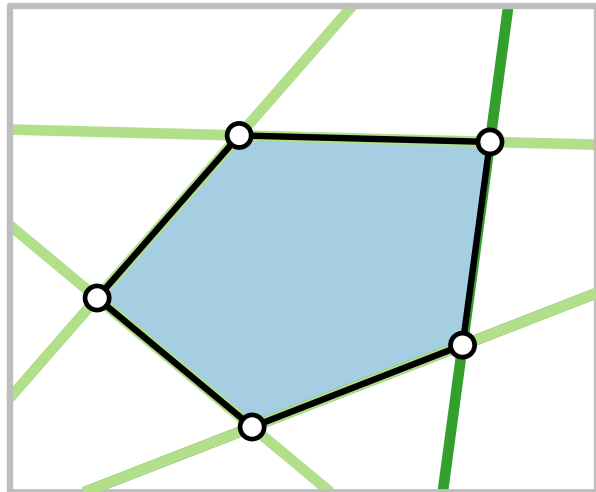
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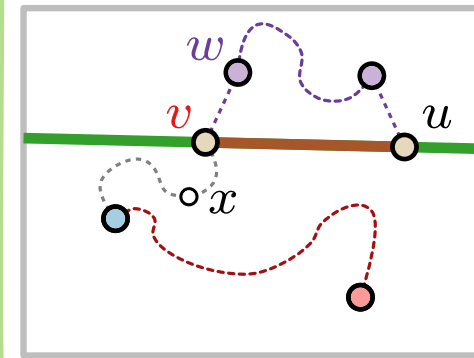


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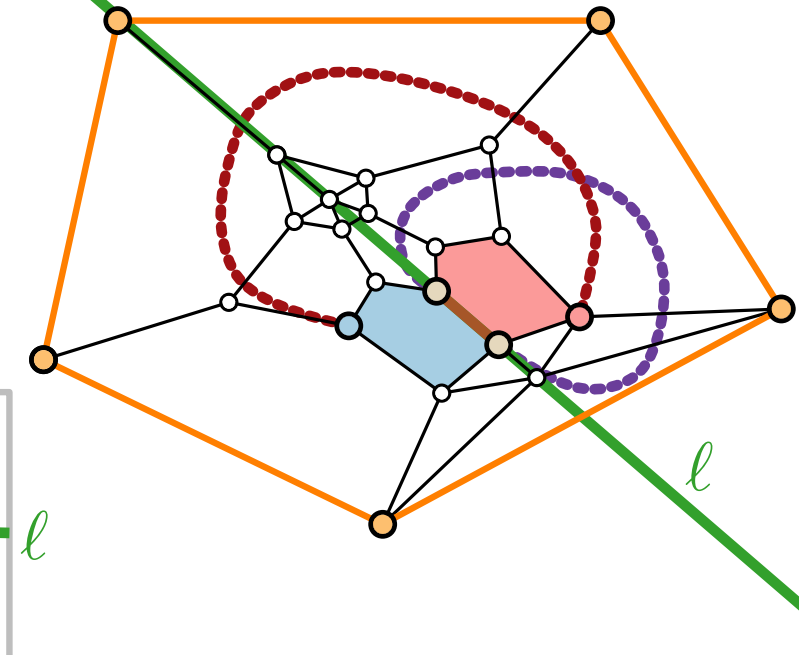
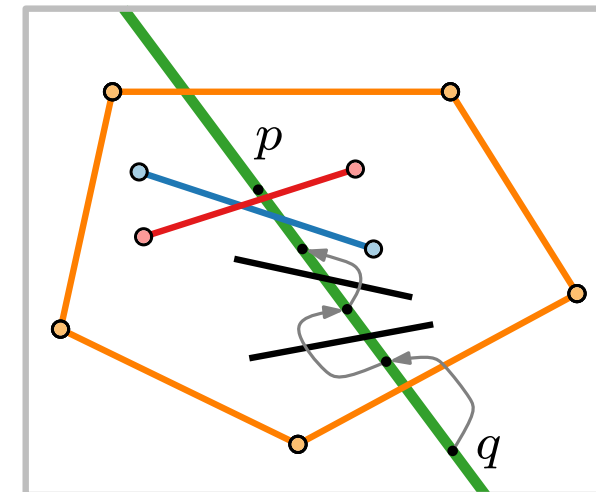
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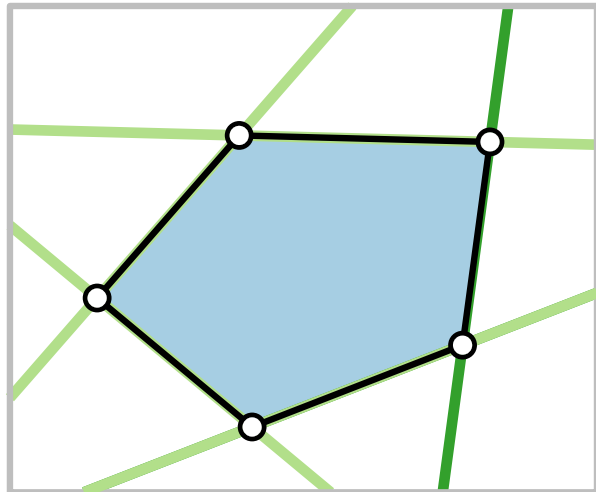
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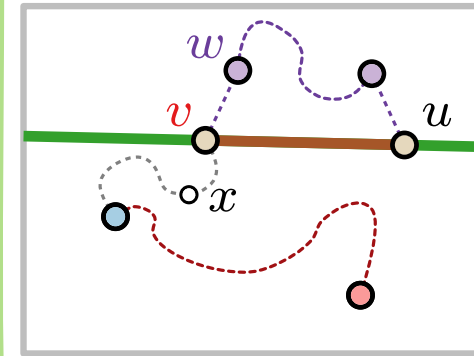


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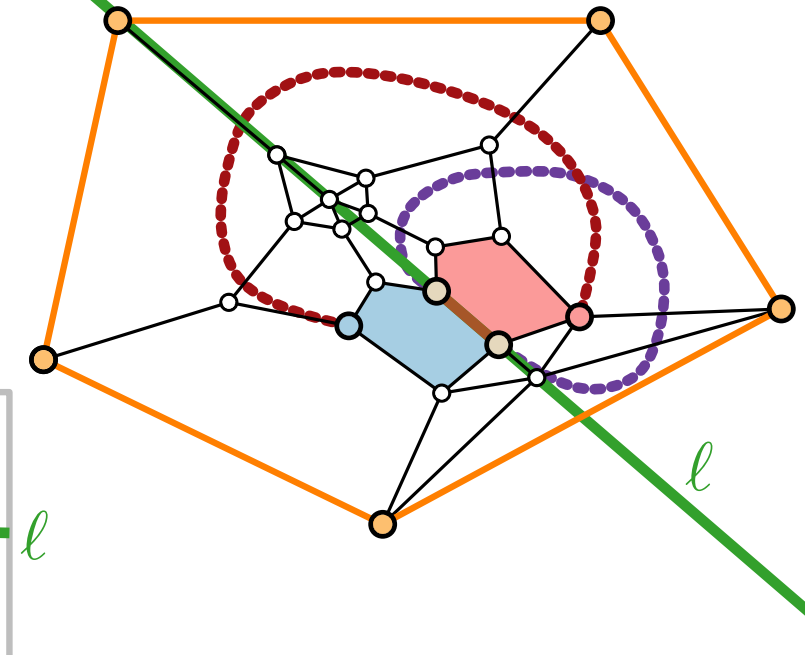
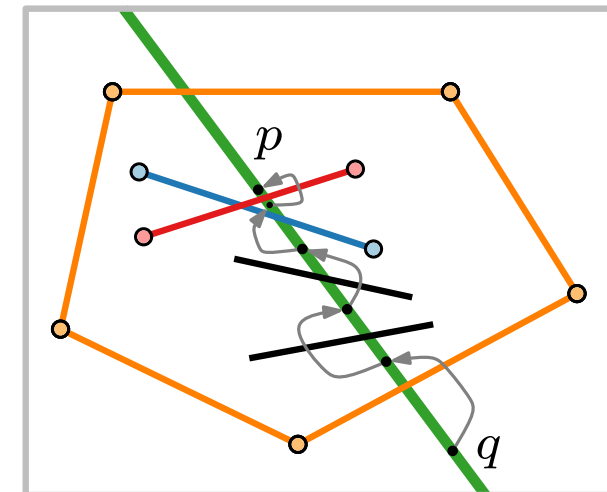
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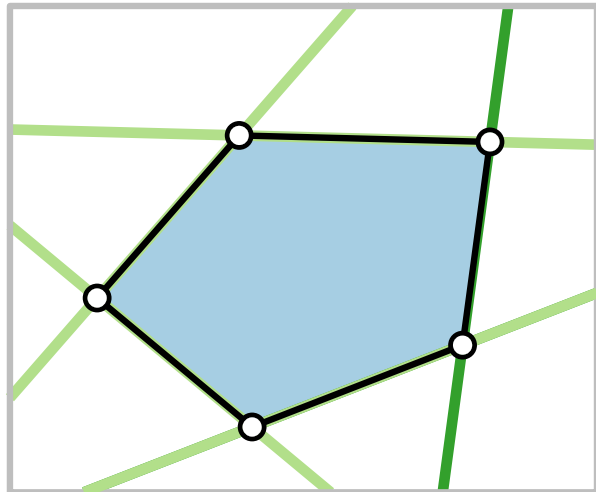
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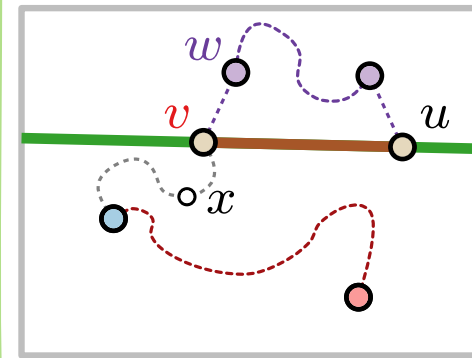
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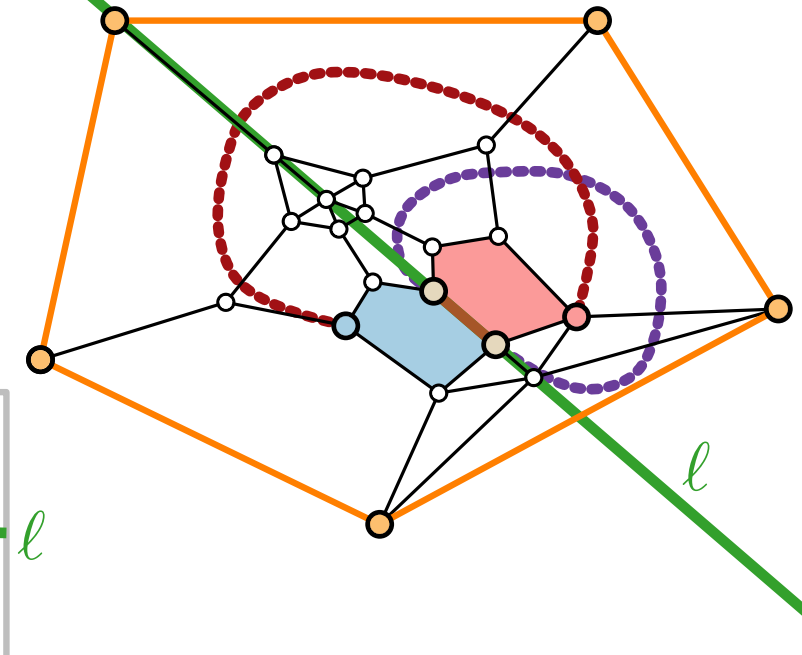
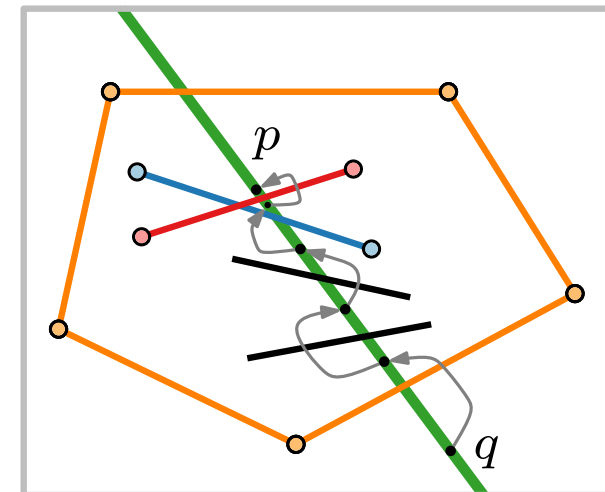
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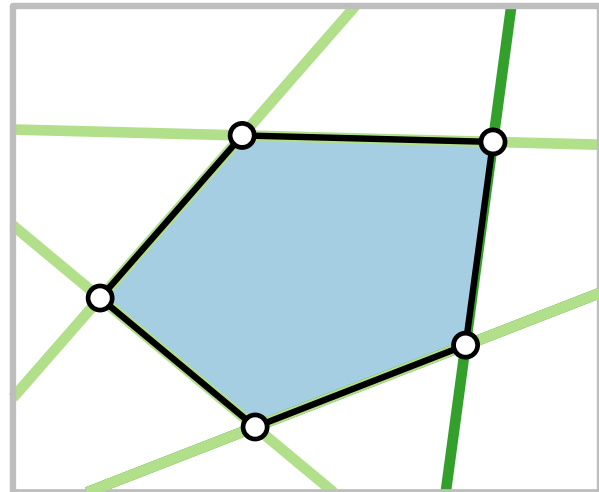
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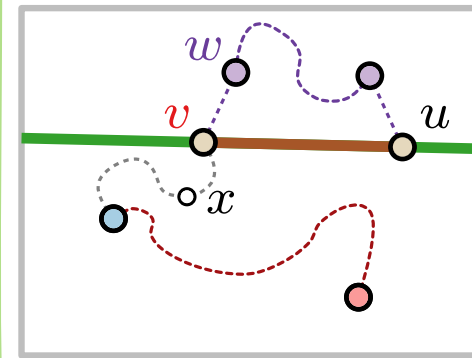
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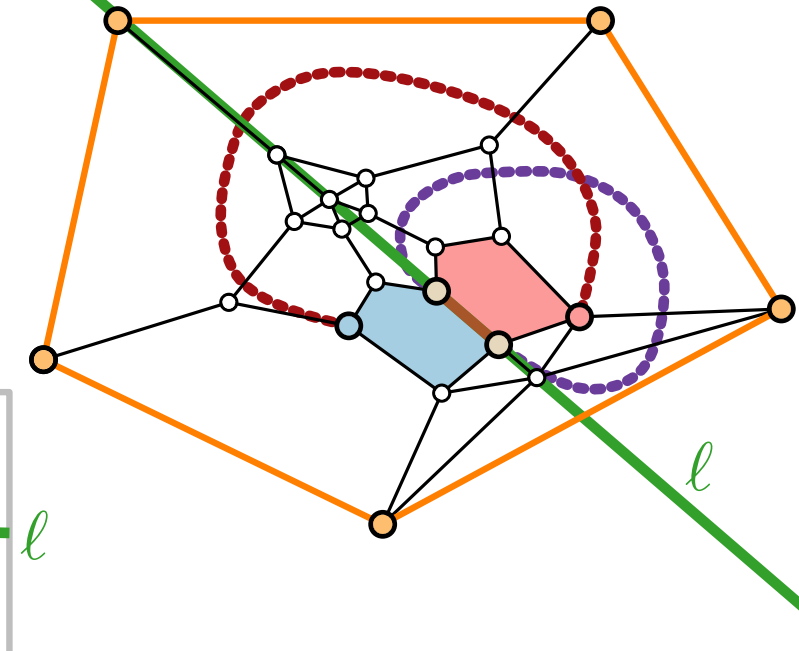
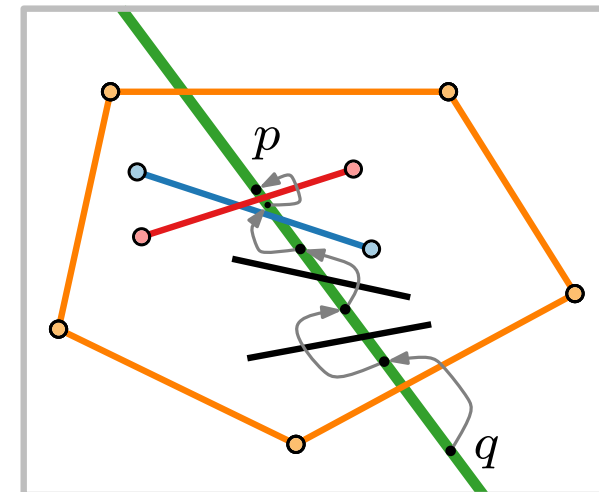
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