

# Computational Geometry

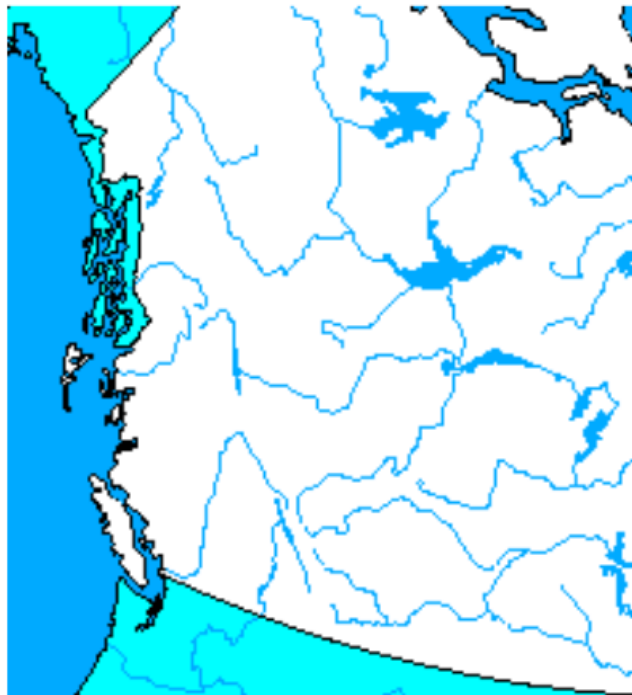
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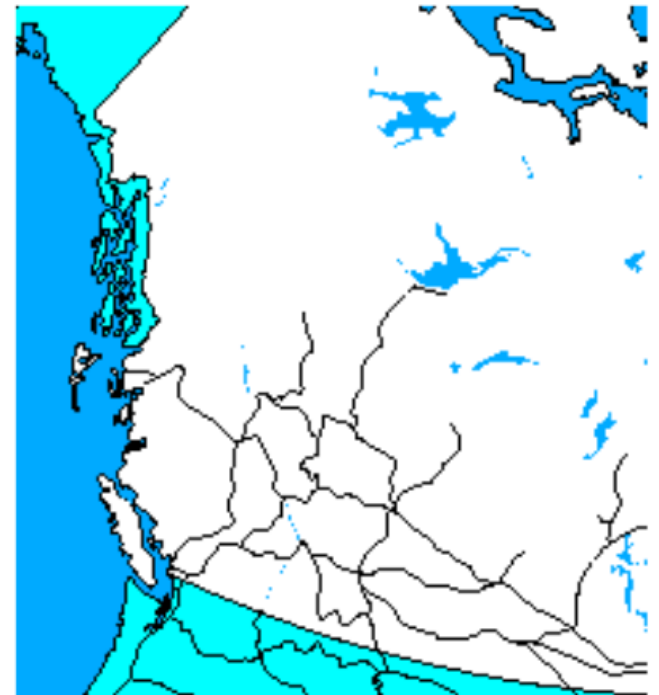
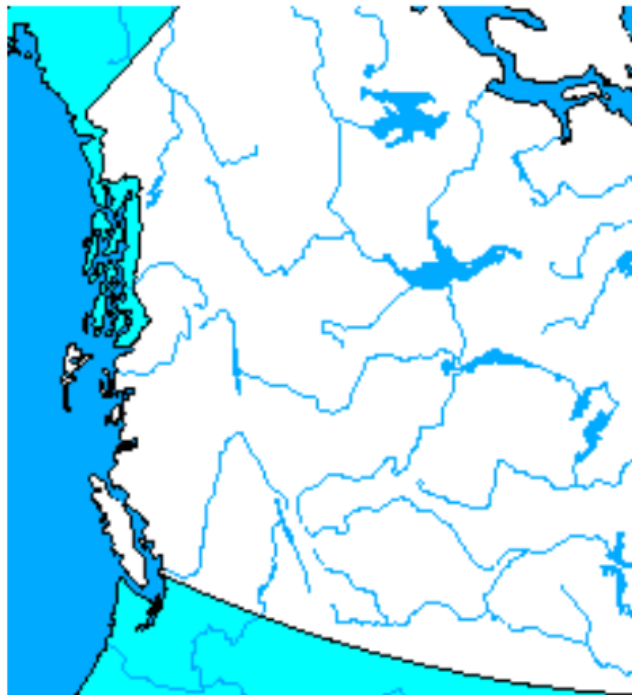
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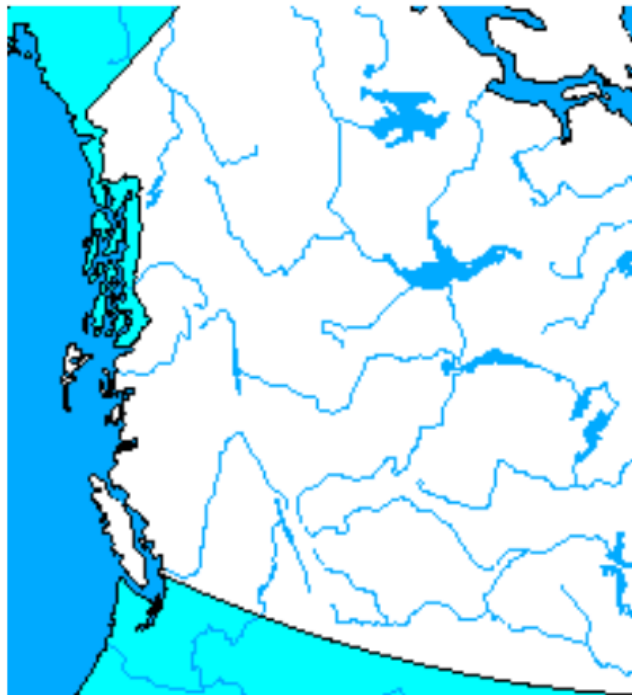
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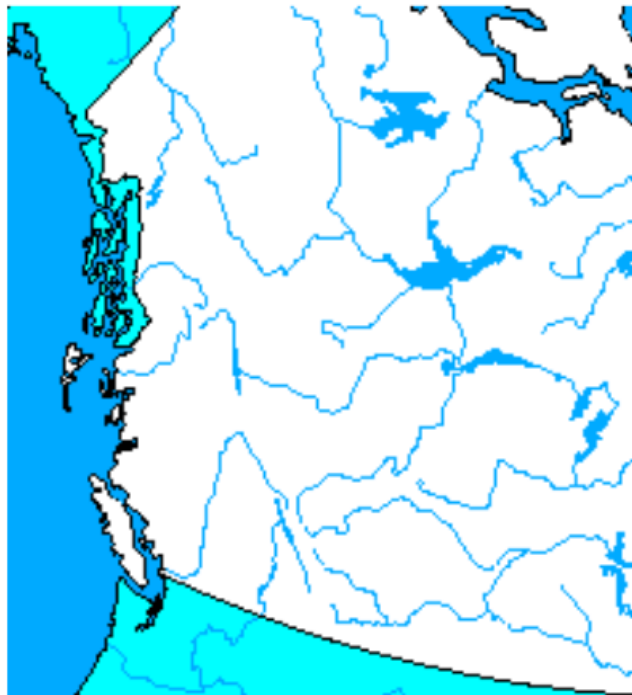






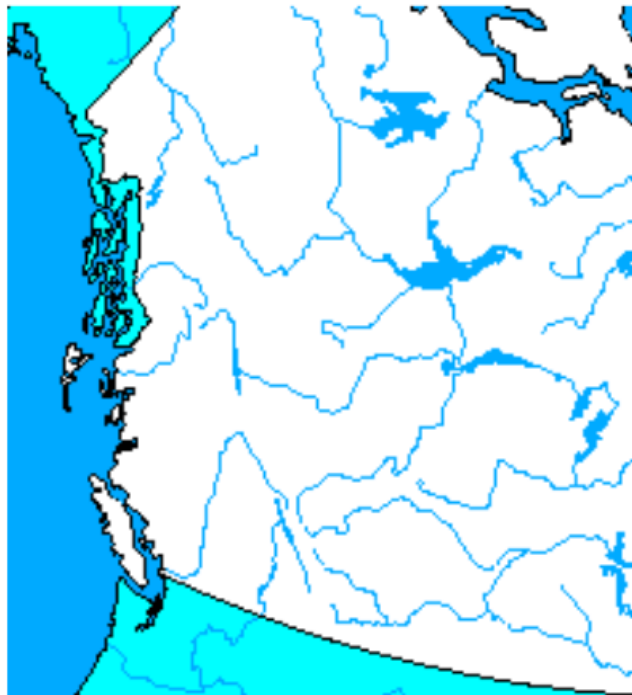


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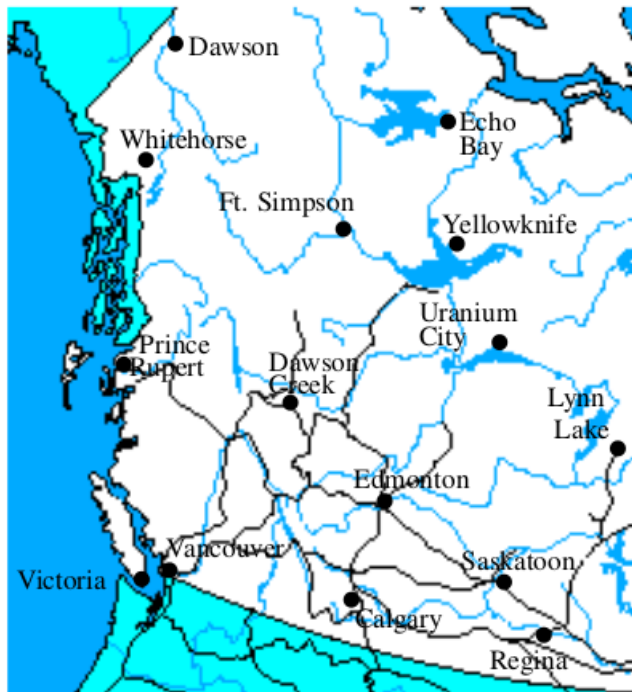


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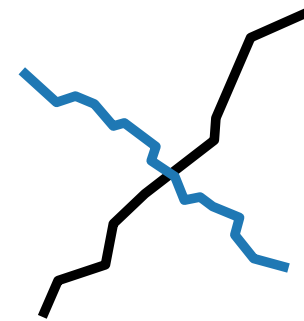


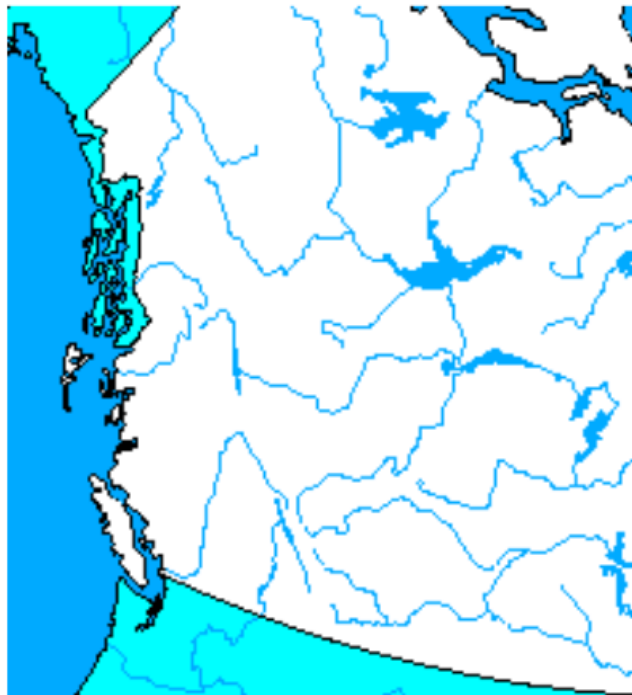


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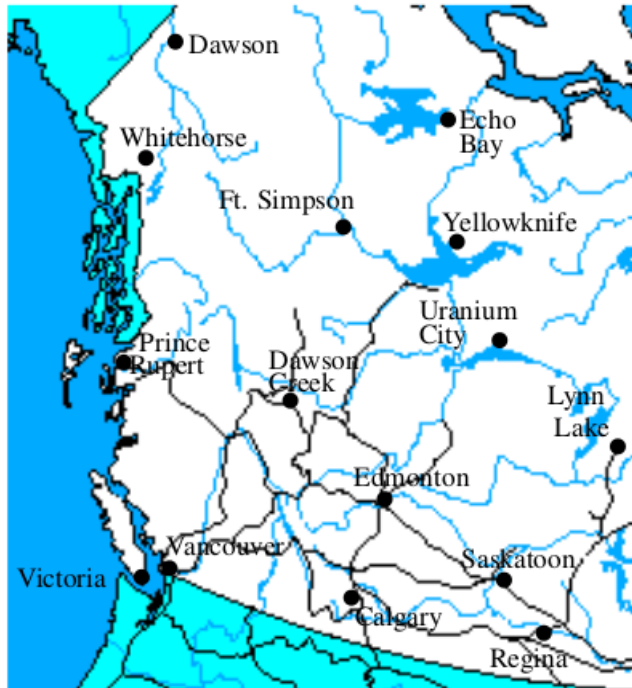


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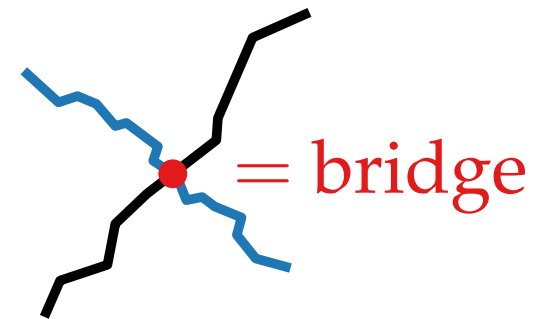




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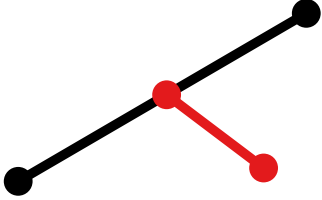




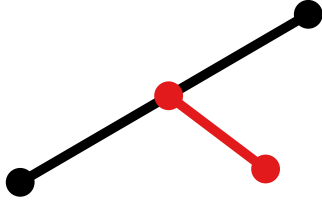
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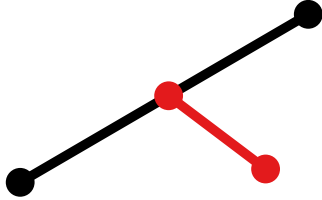
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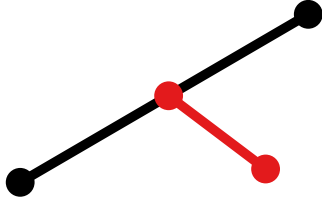
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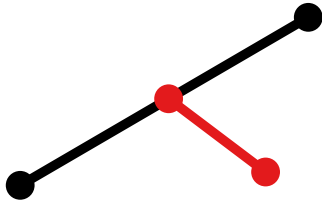
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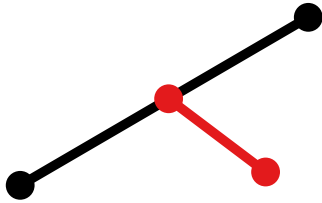
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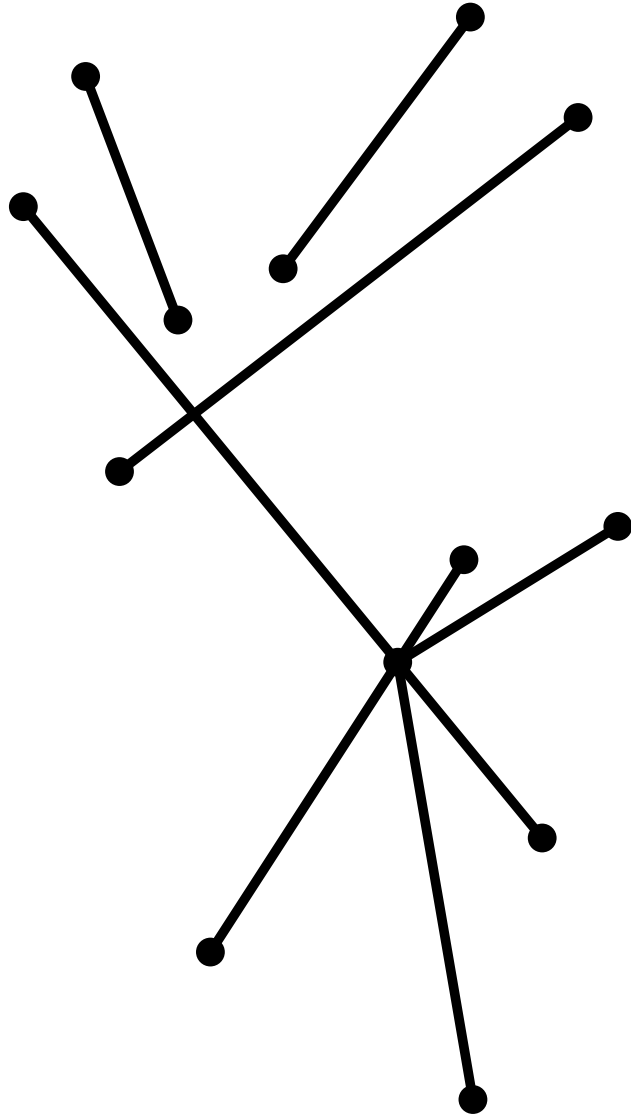
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**Task:** Discuss with your neighbor:  
how would *you* do it?

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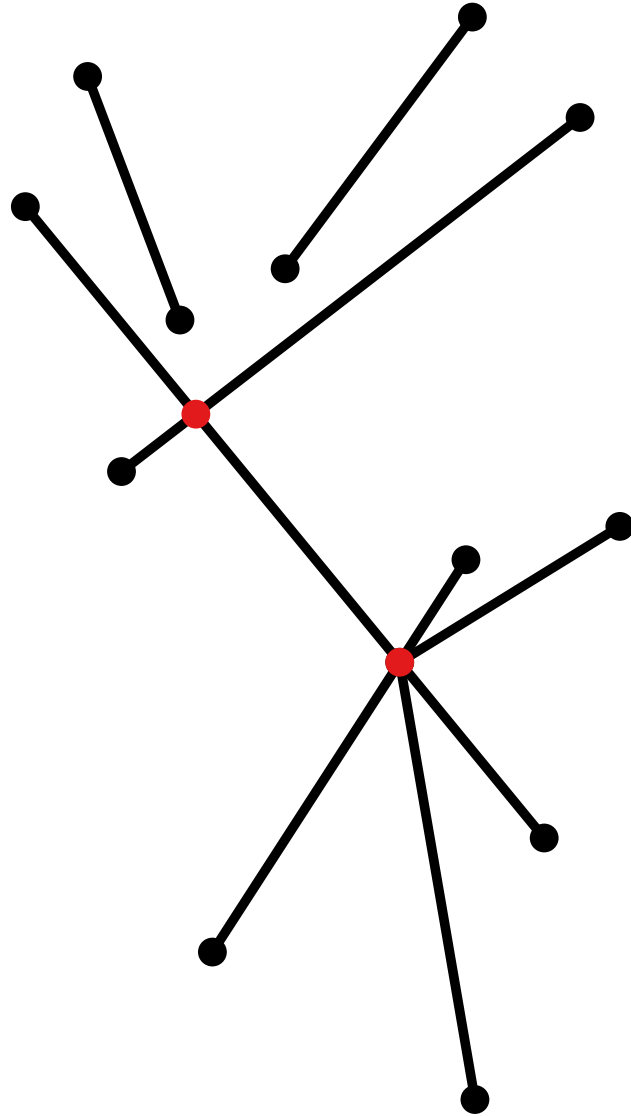


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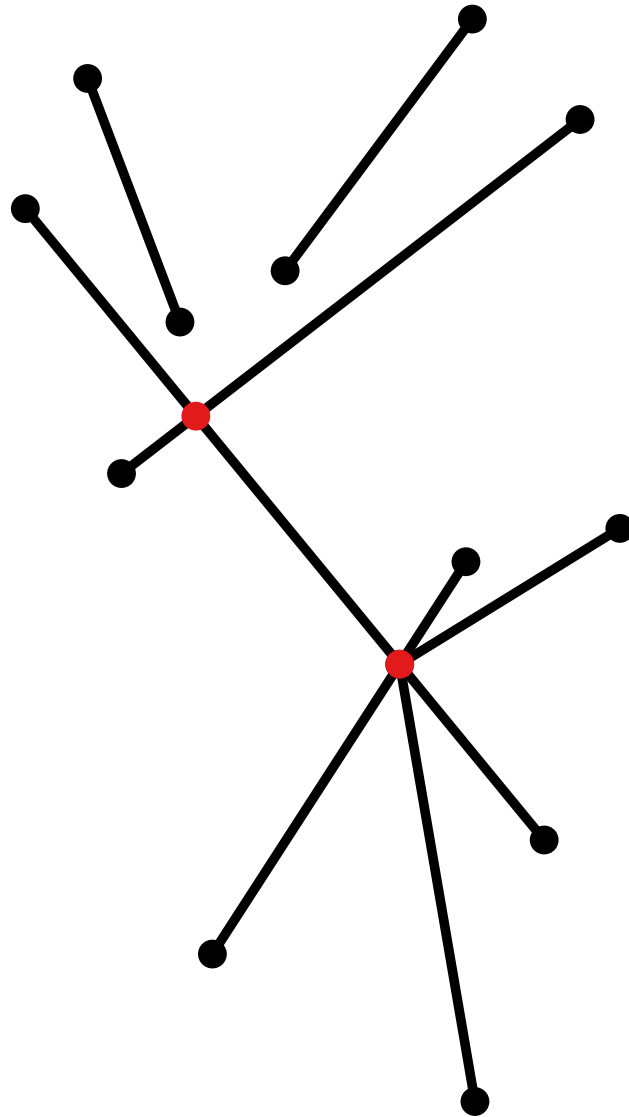




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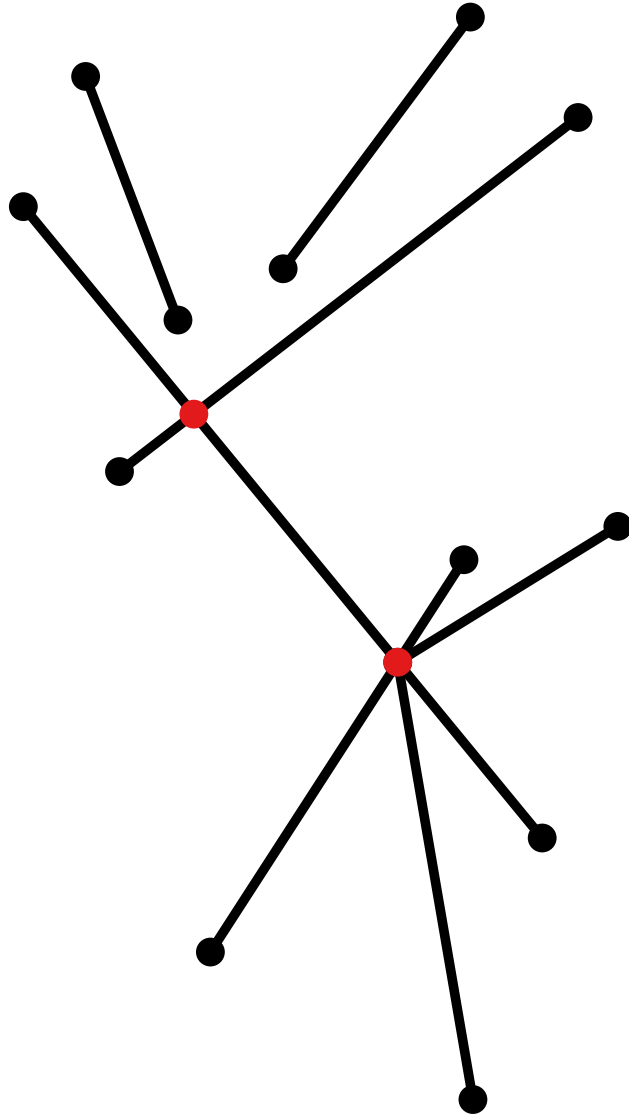
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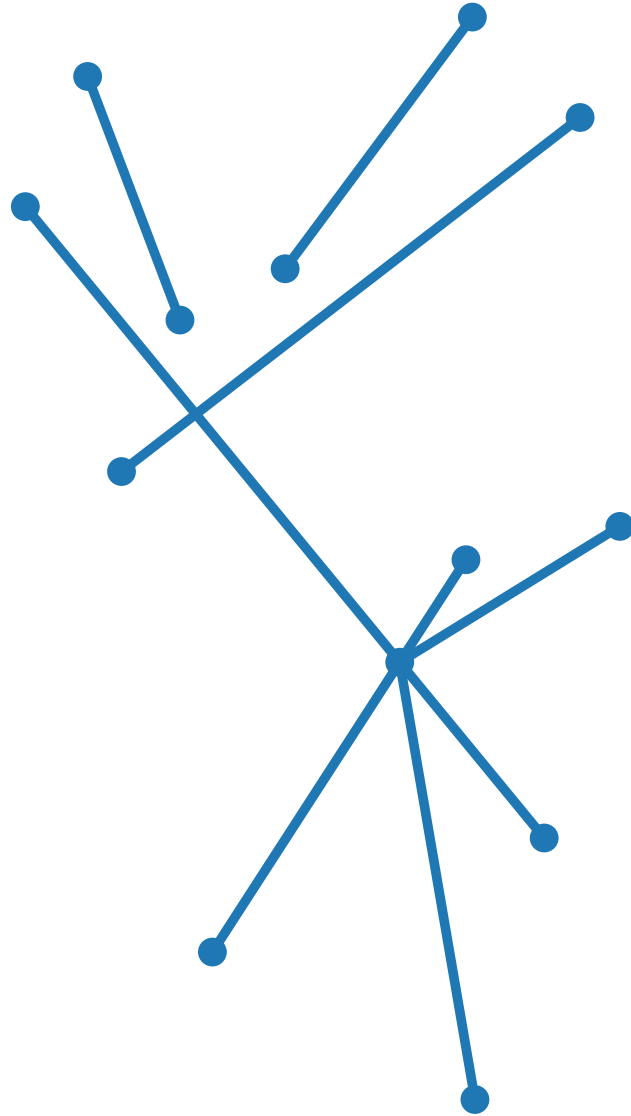
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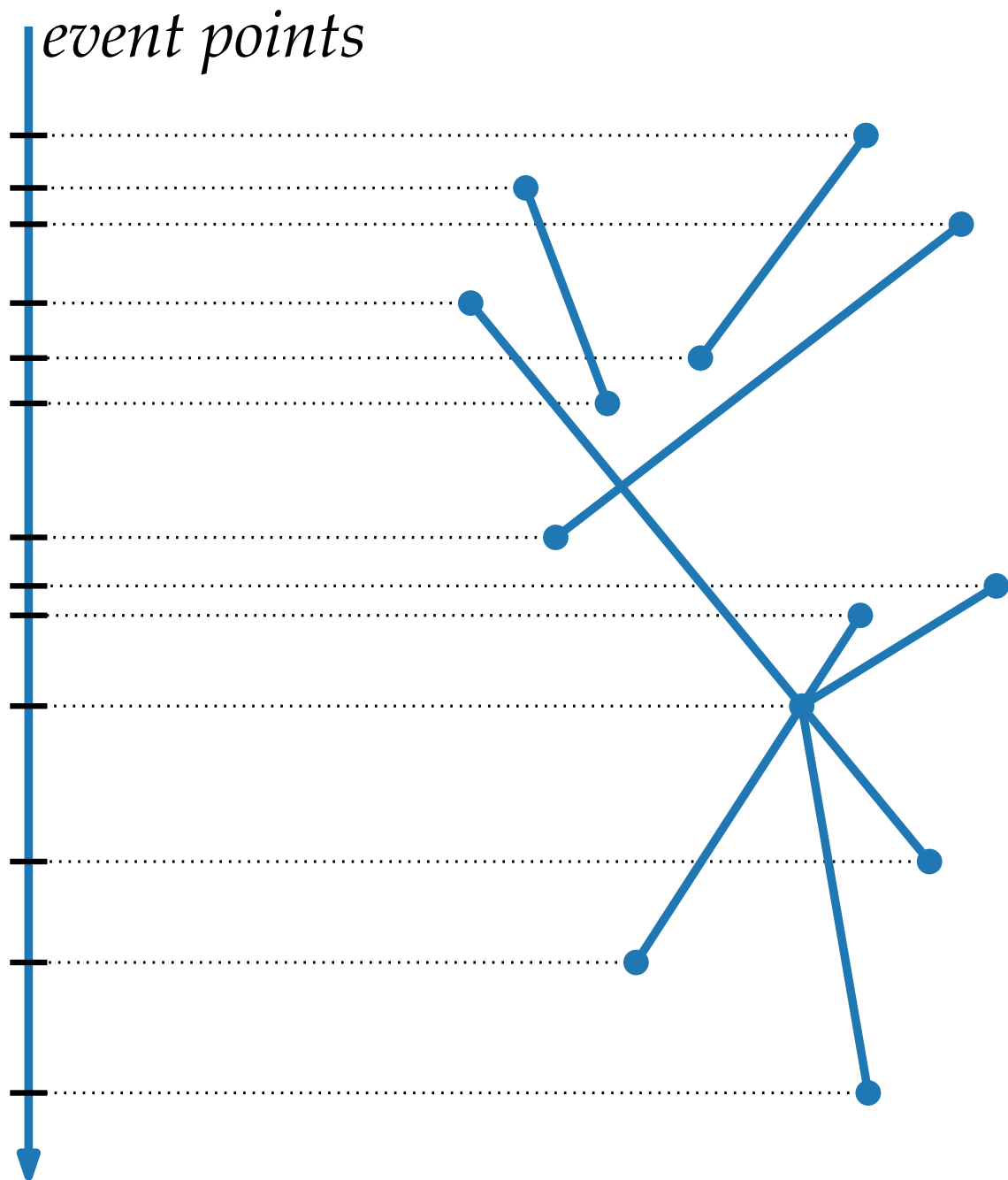
Idea:

Process segments top-to-bottom using a "sweep line".

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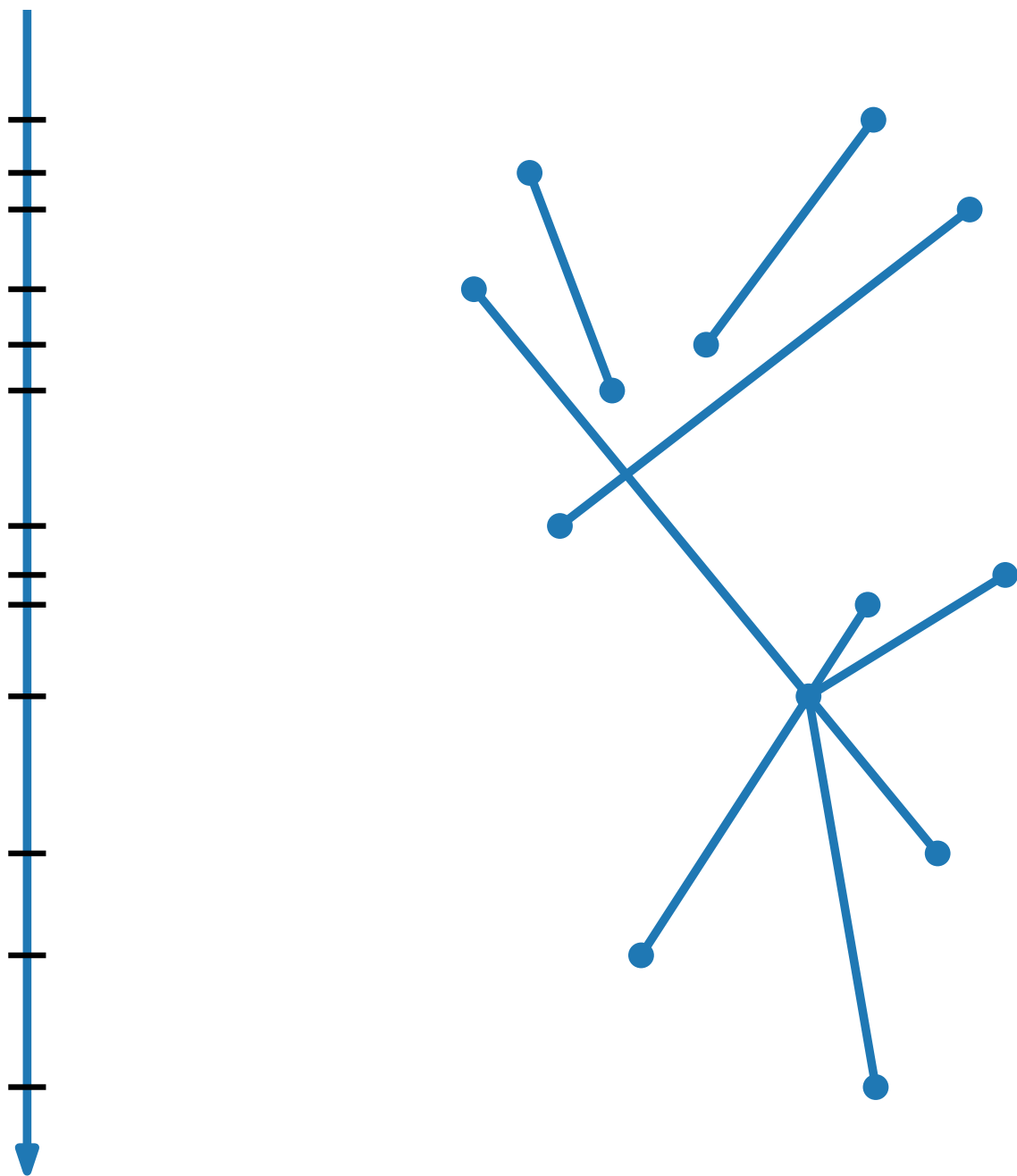


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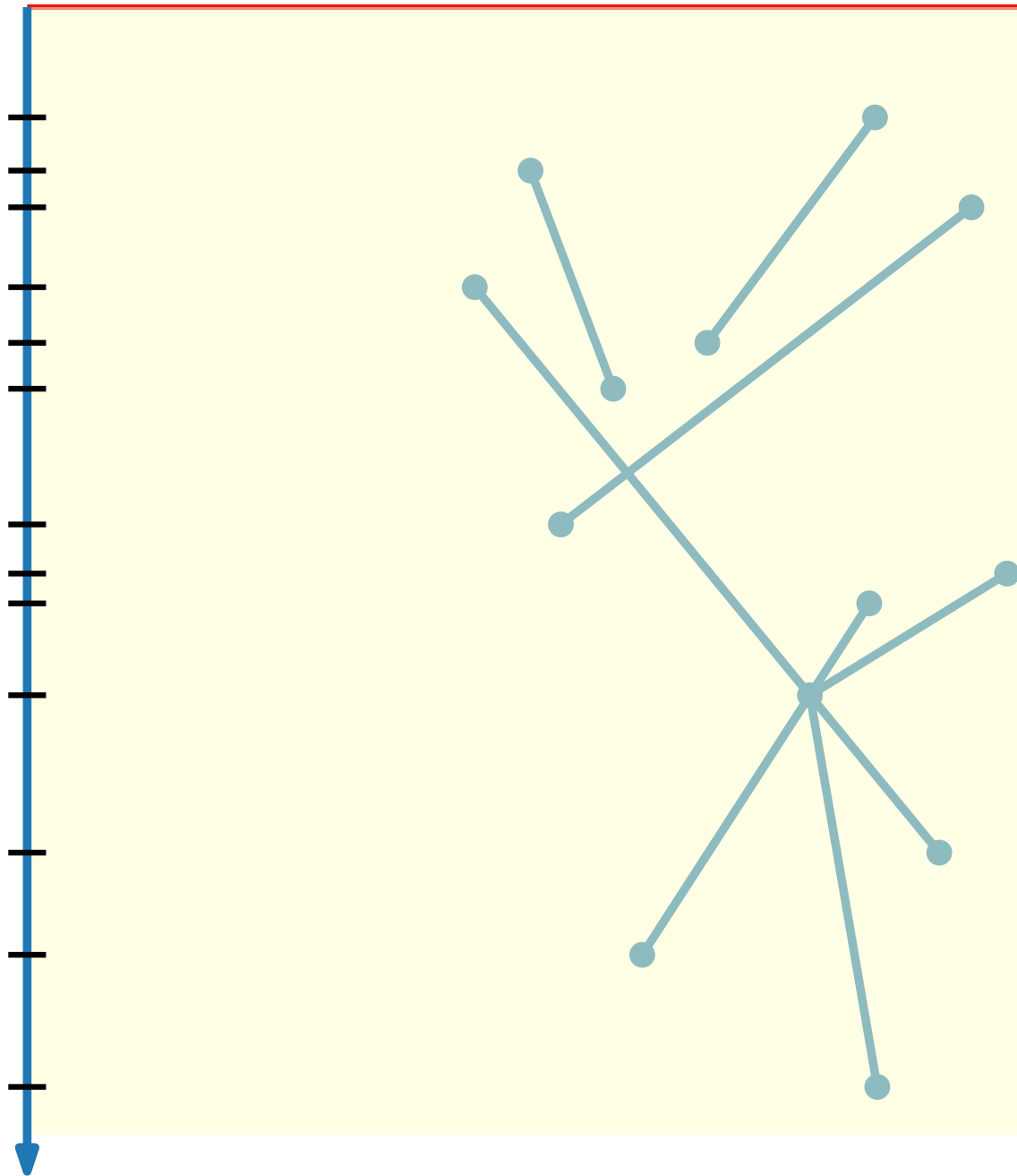
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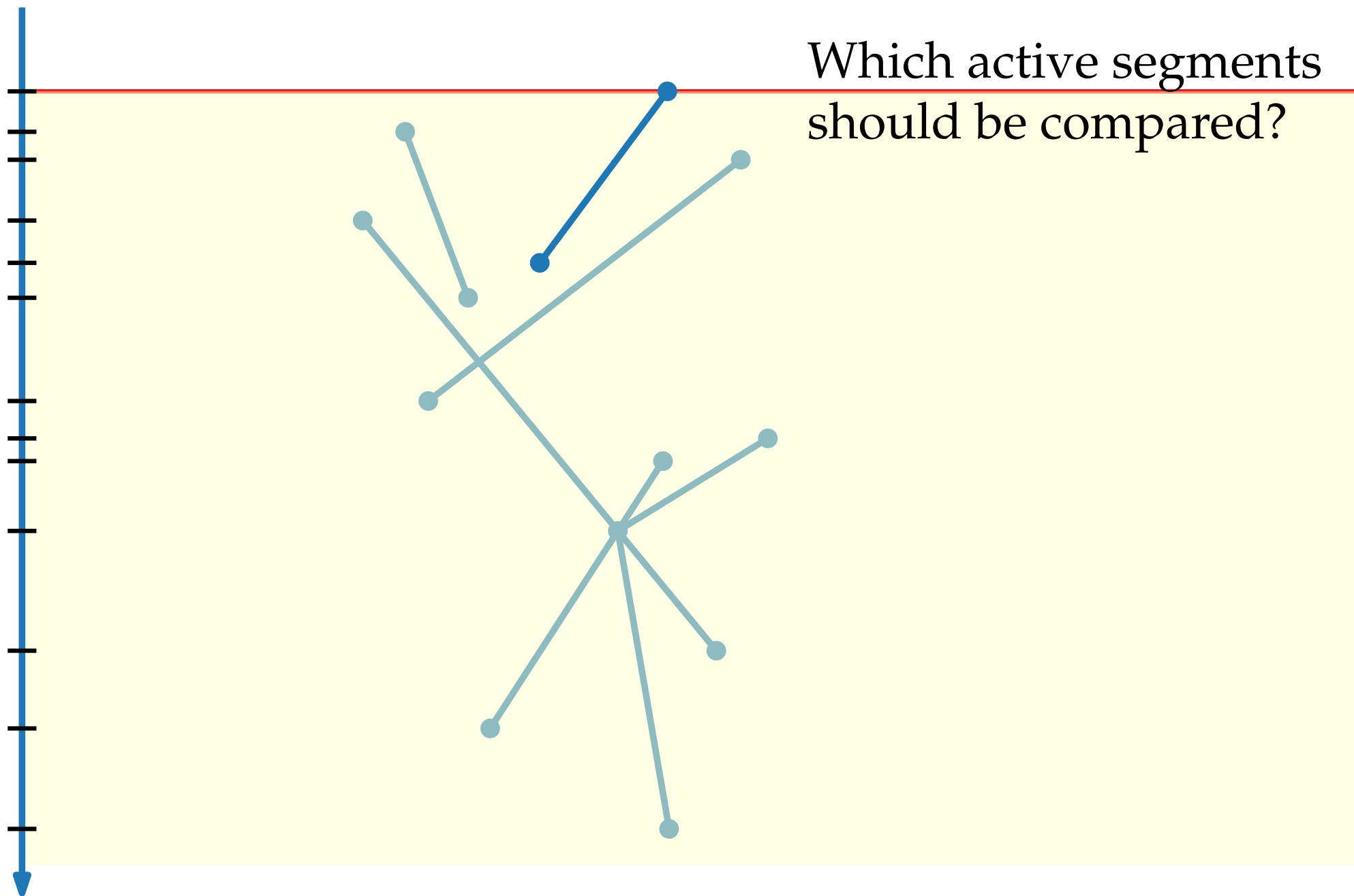
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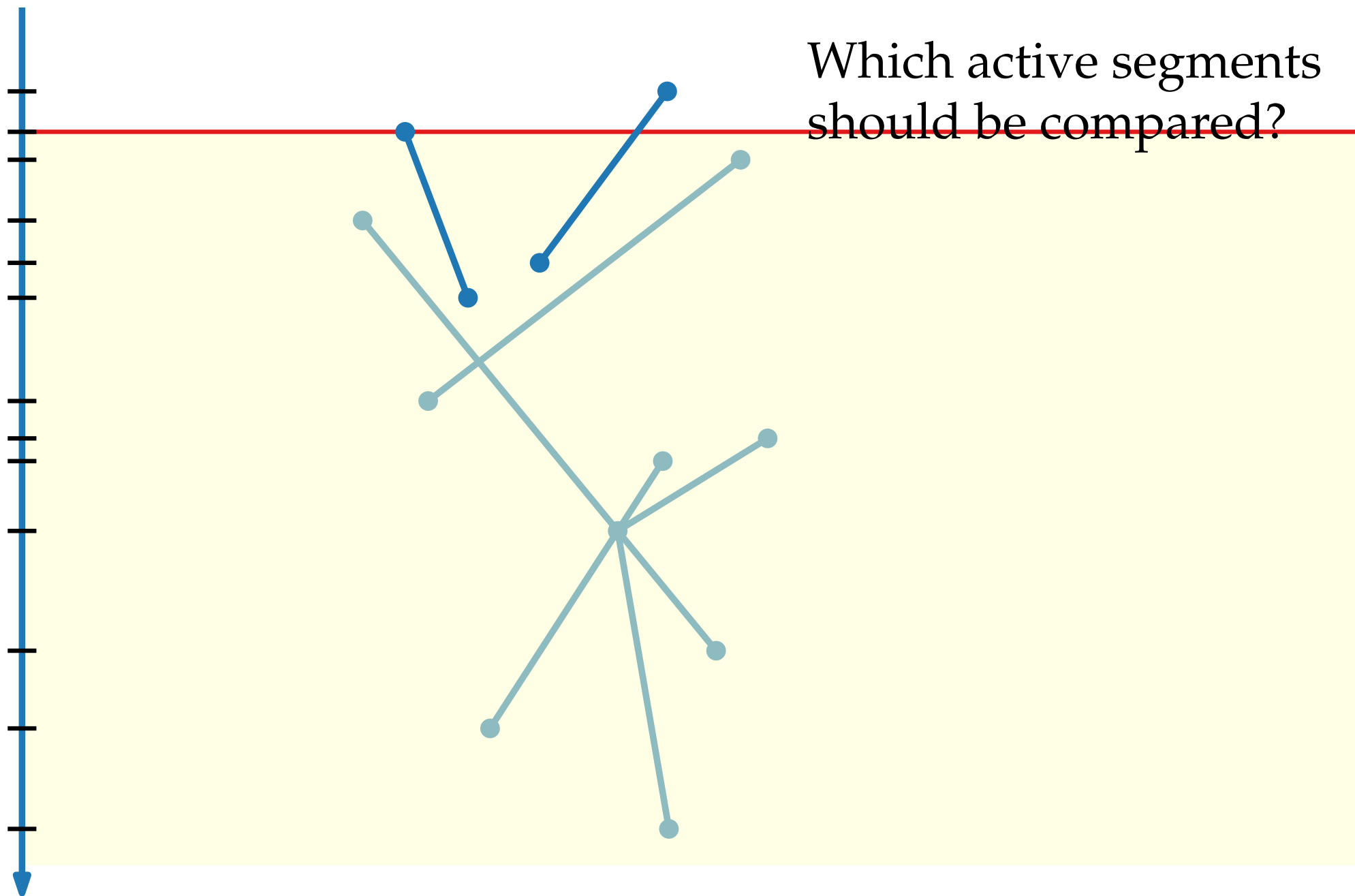
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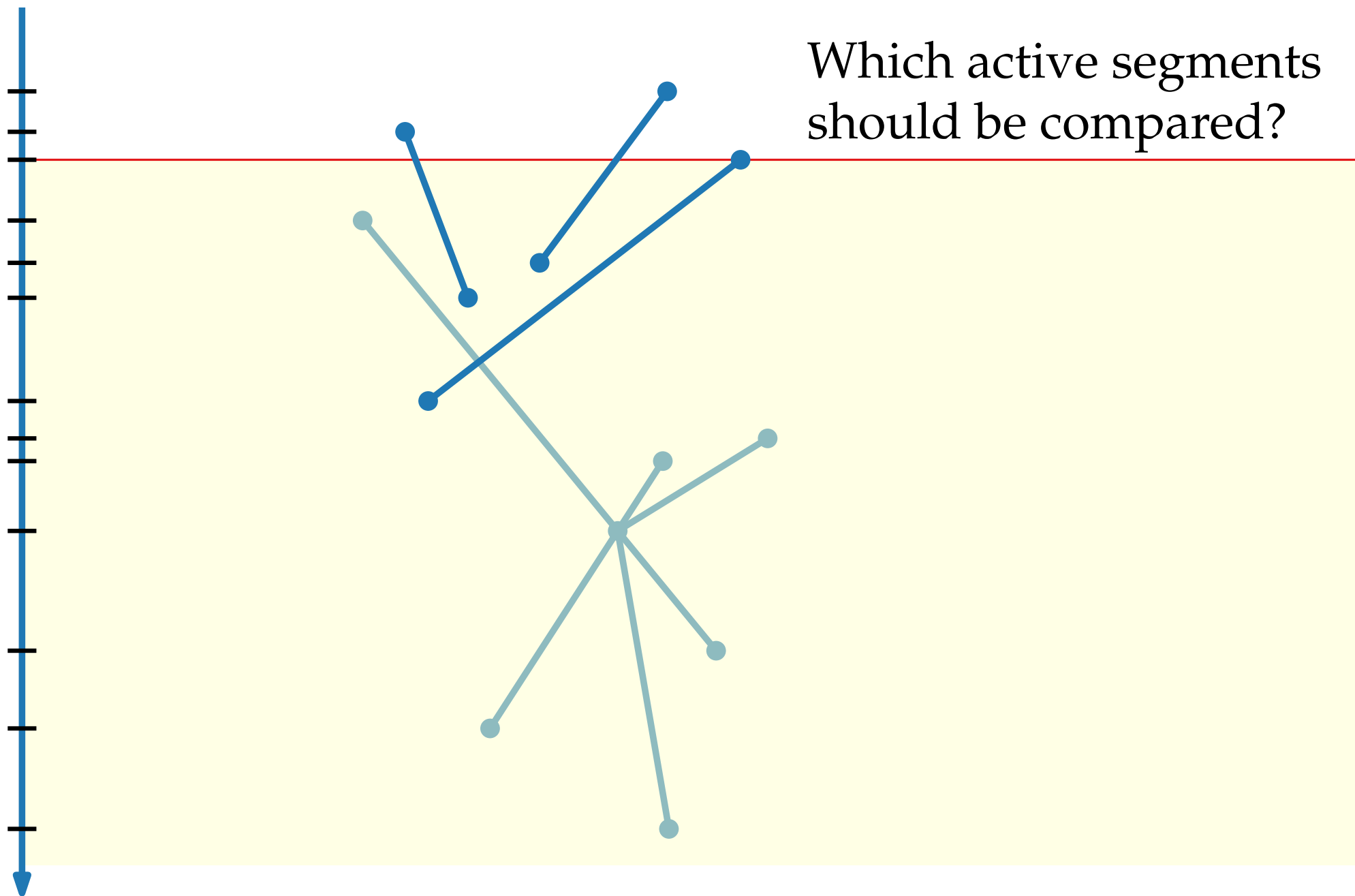




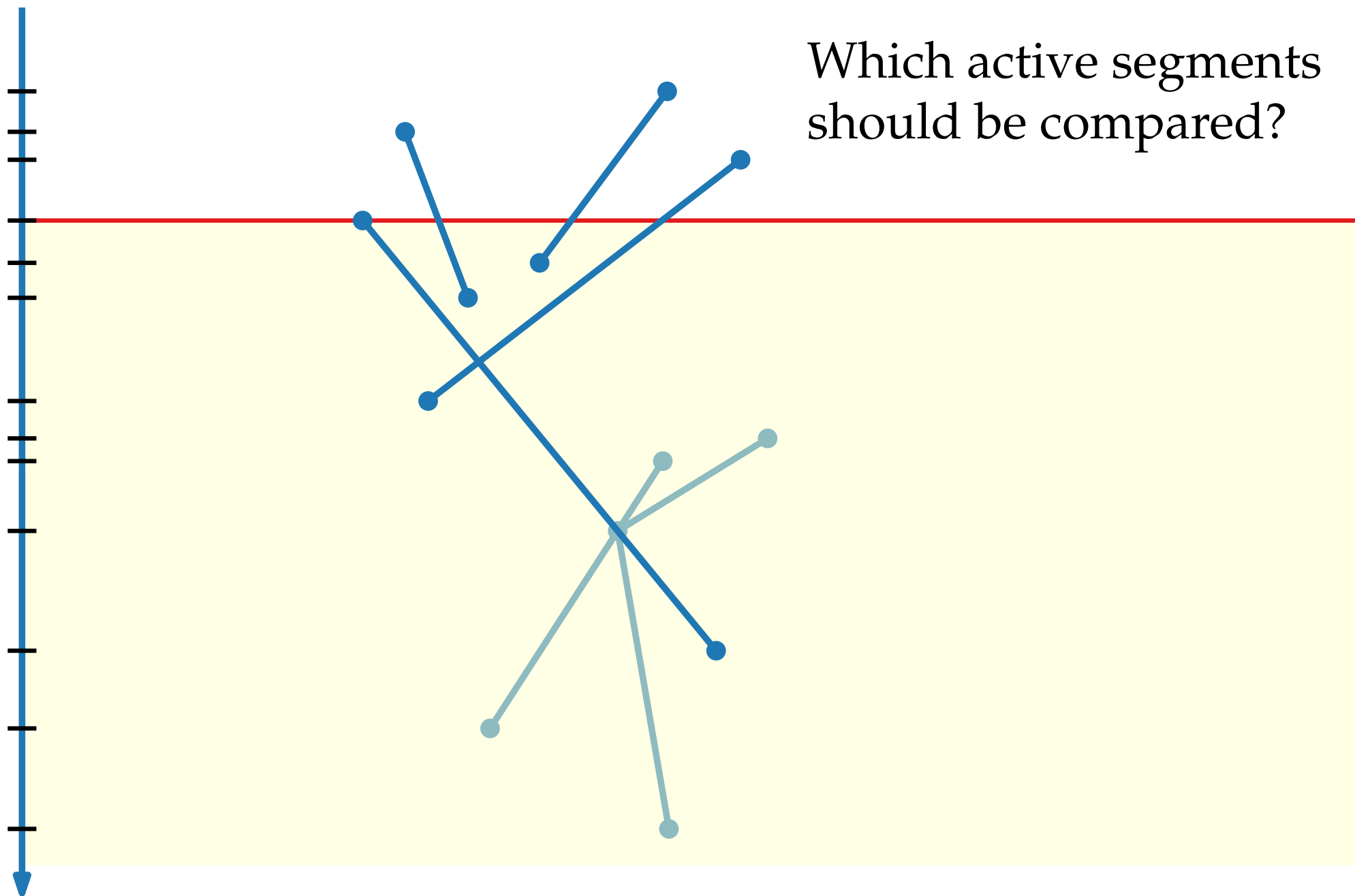
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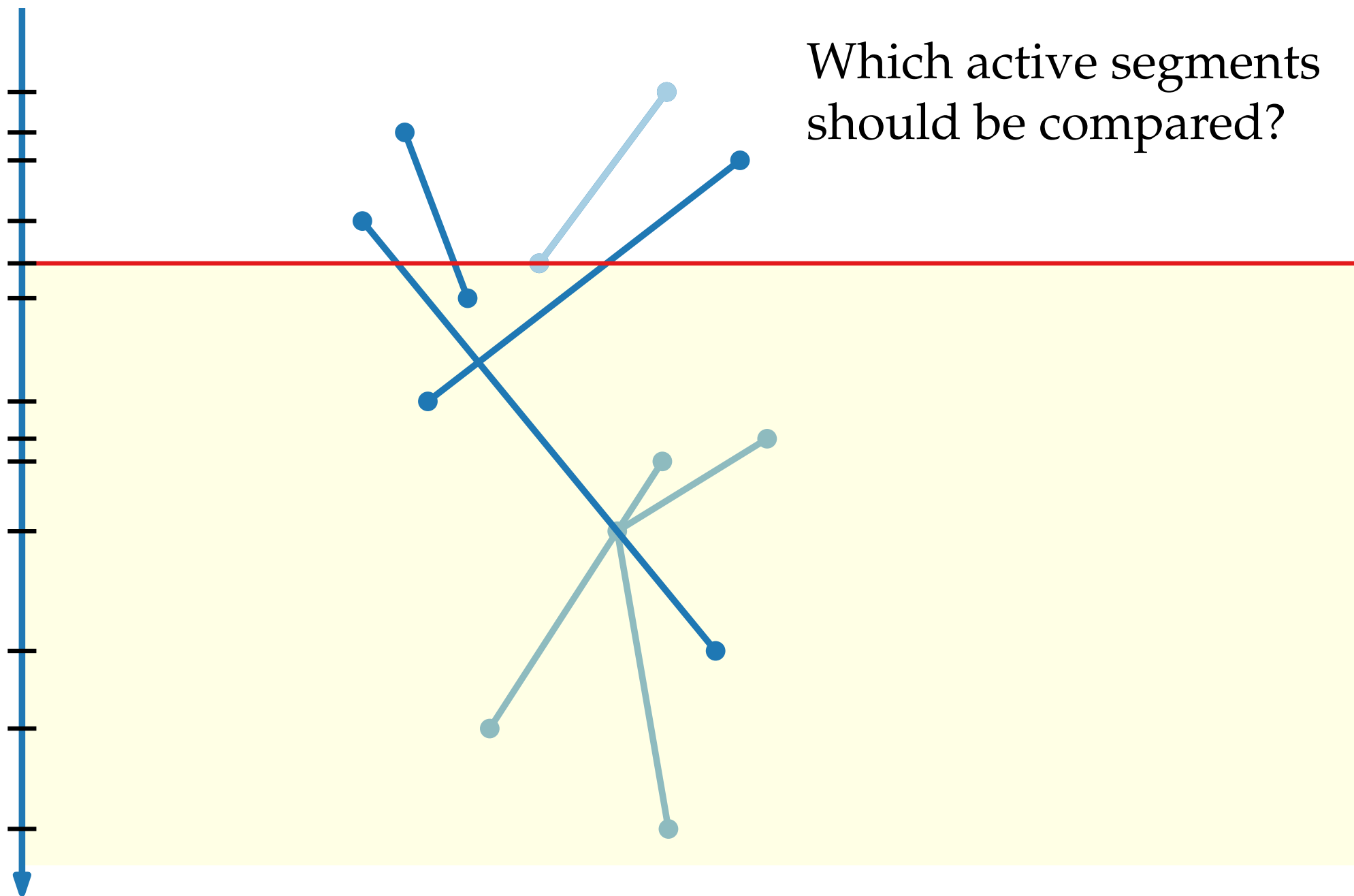
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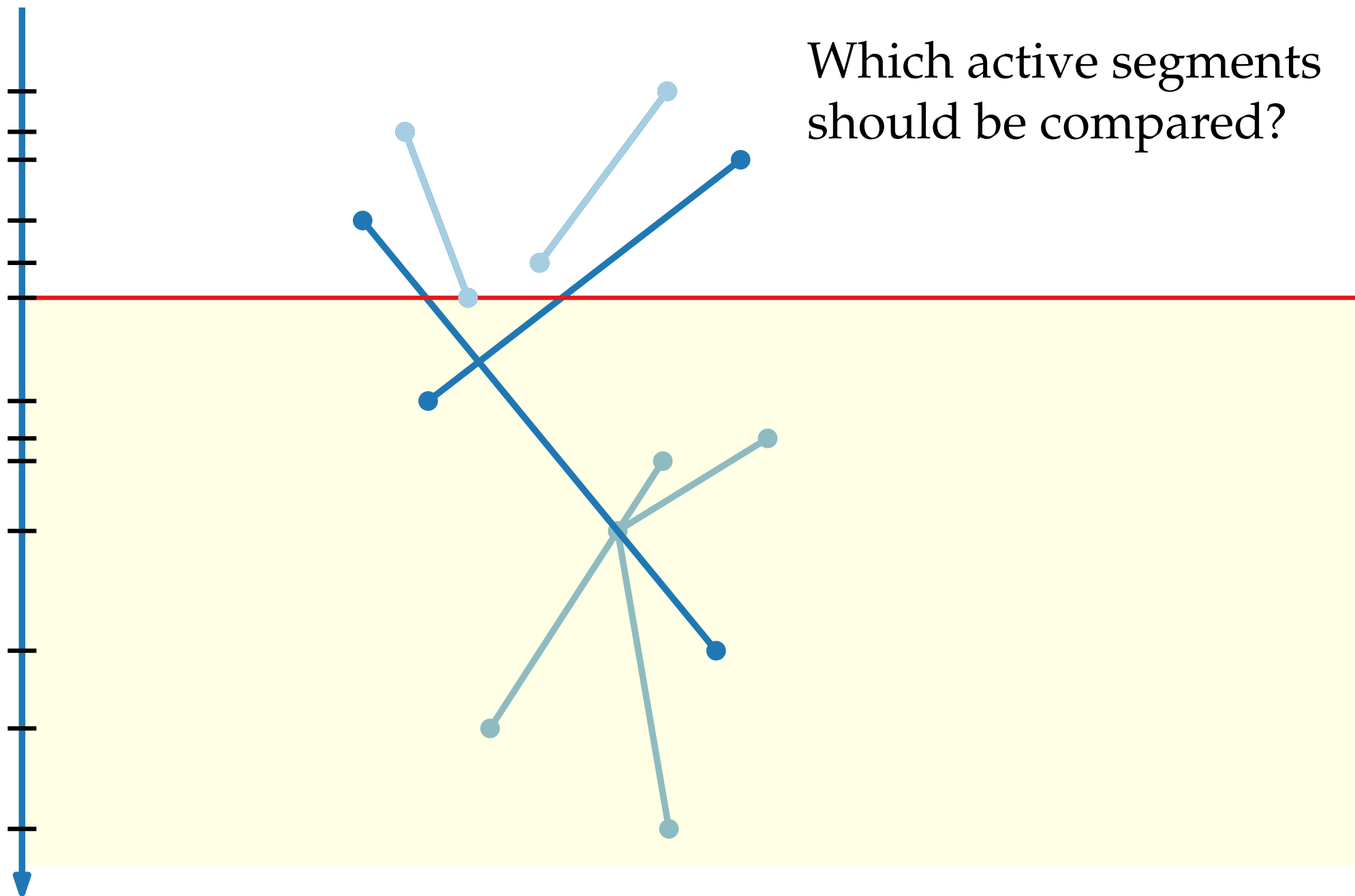
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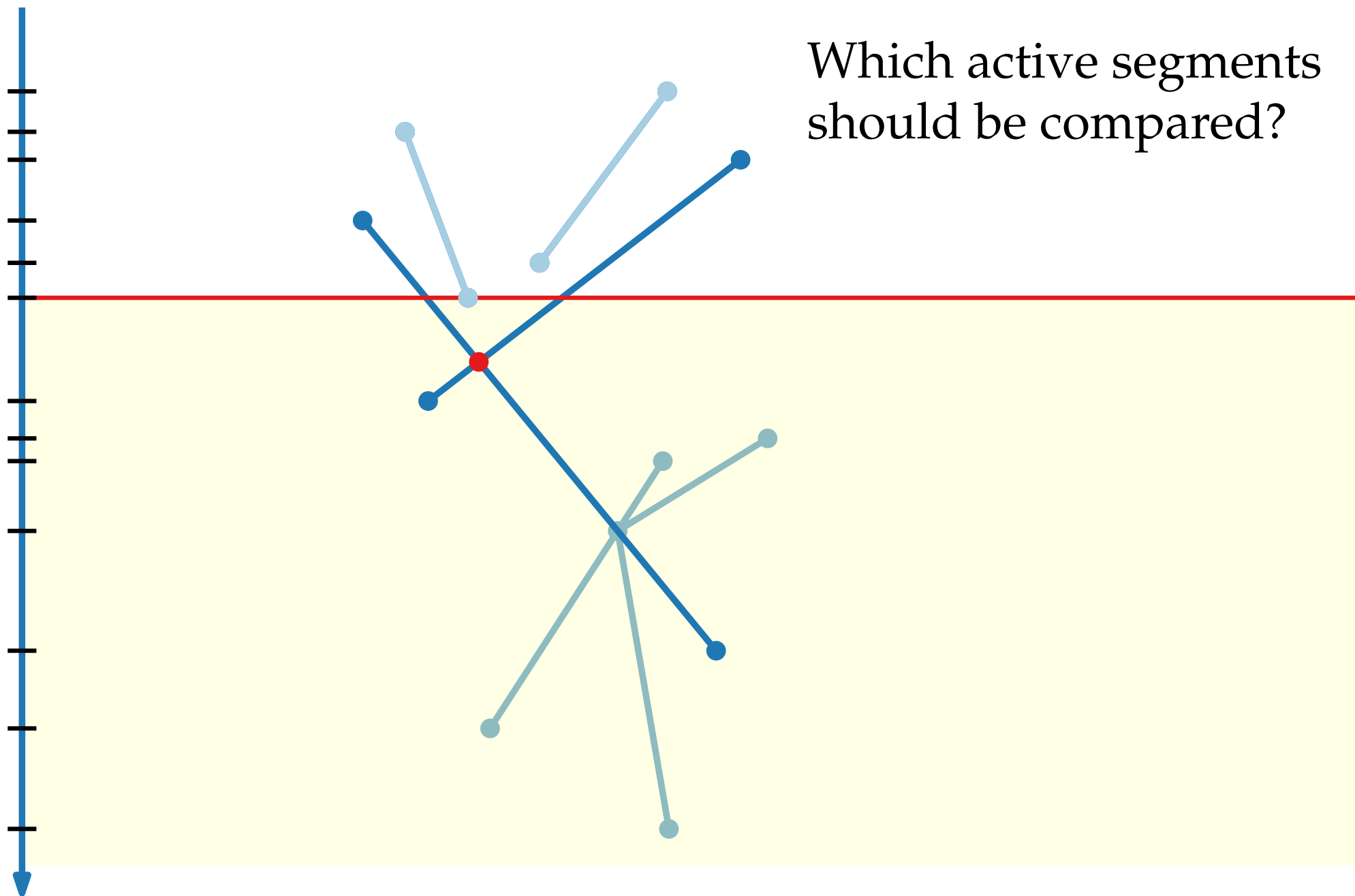
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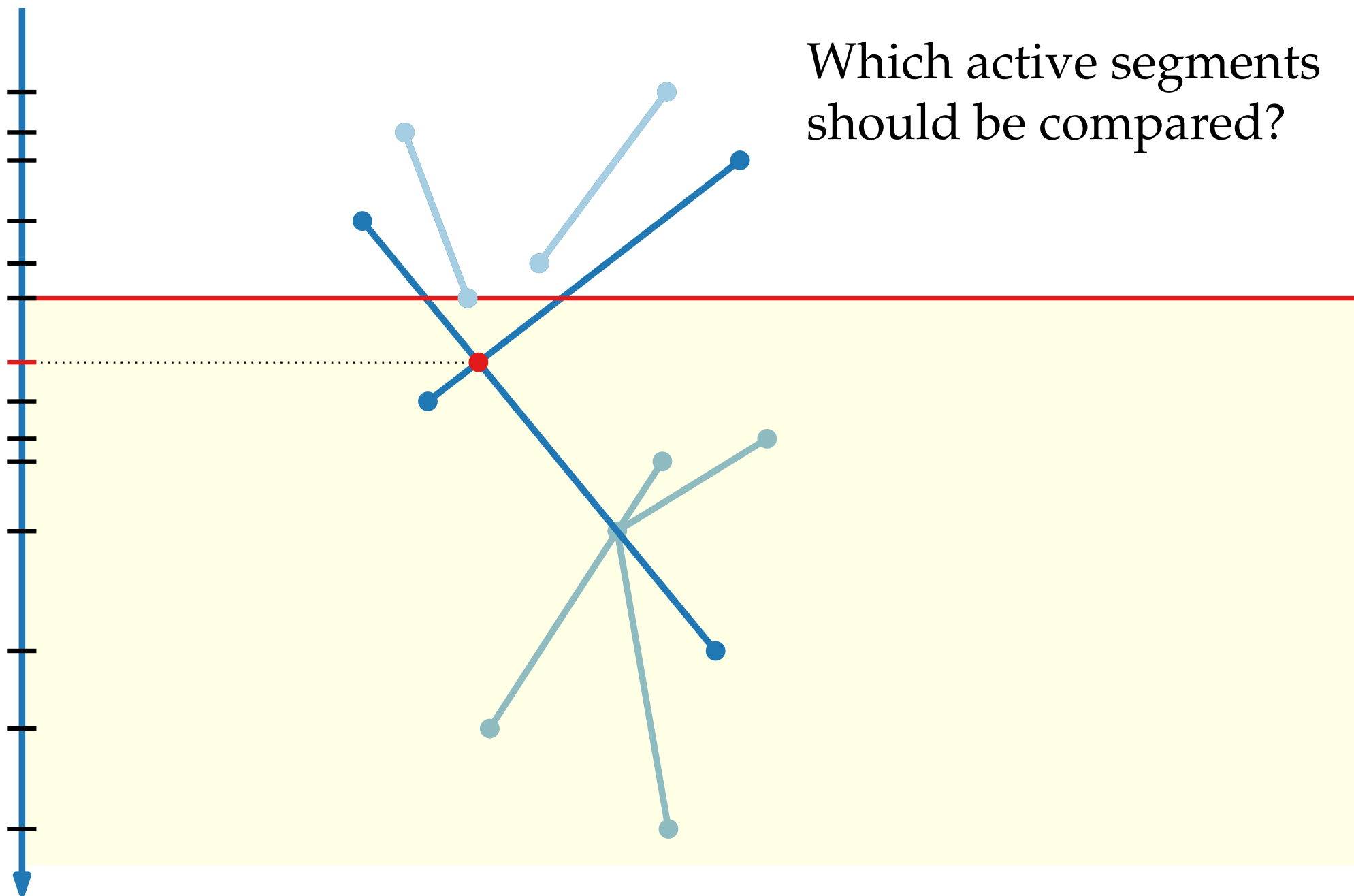
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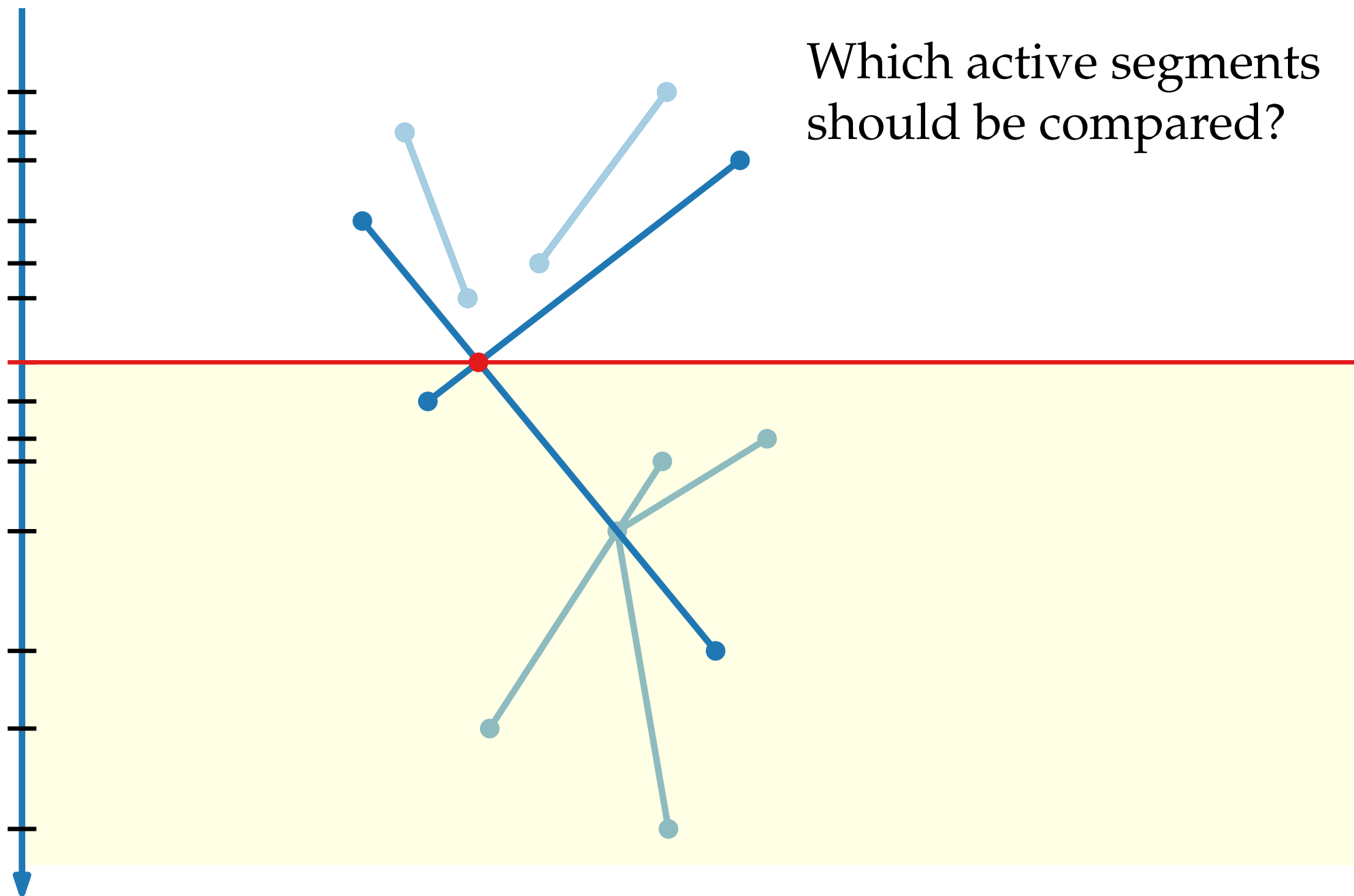


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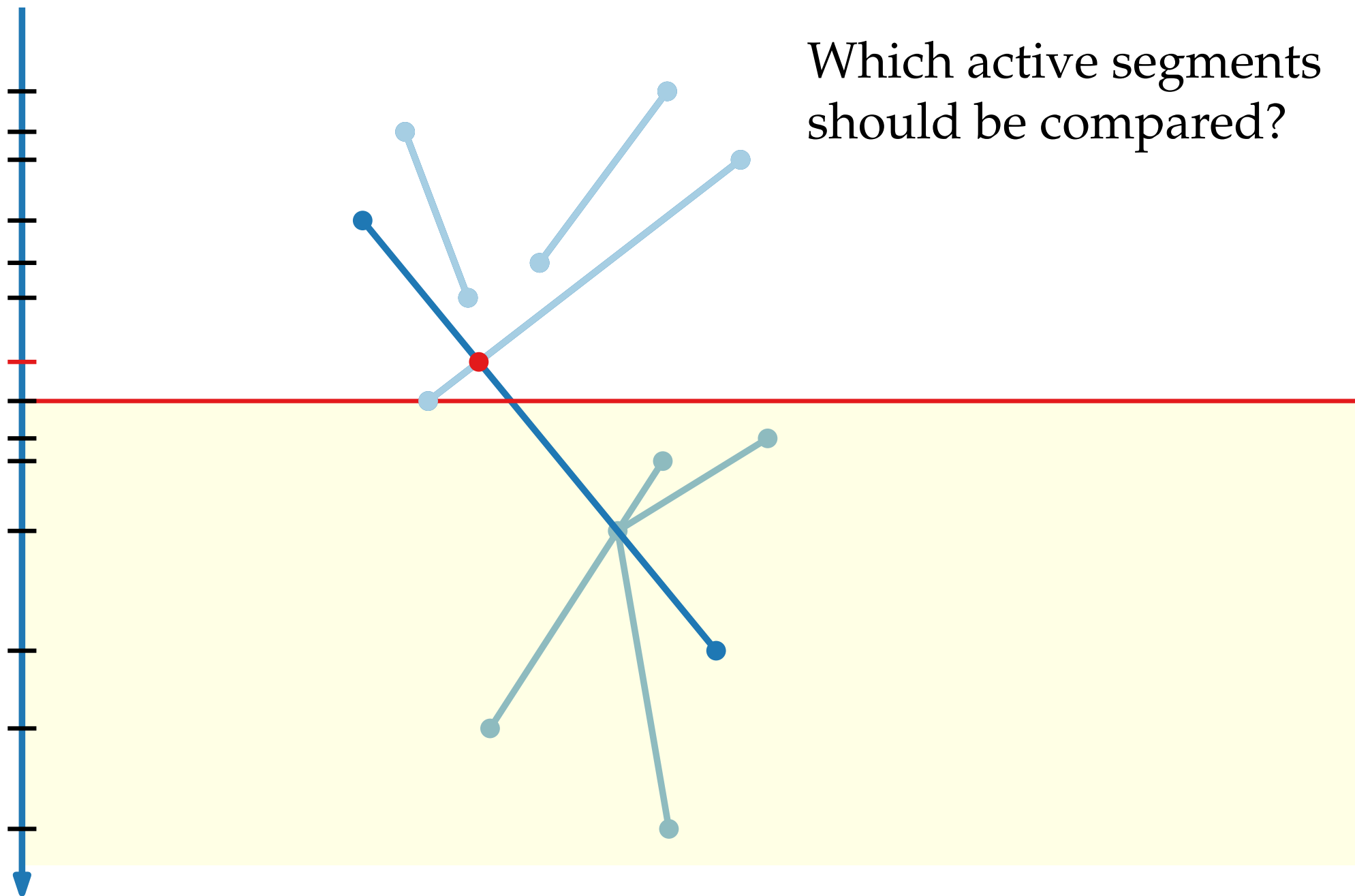
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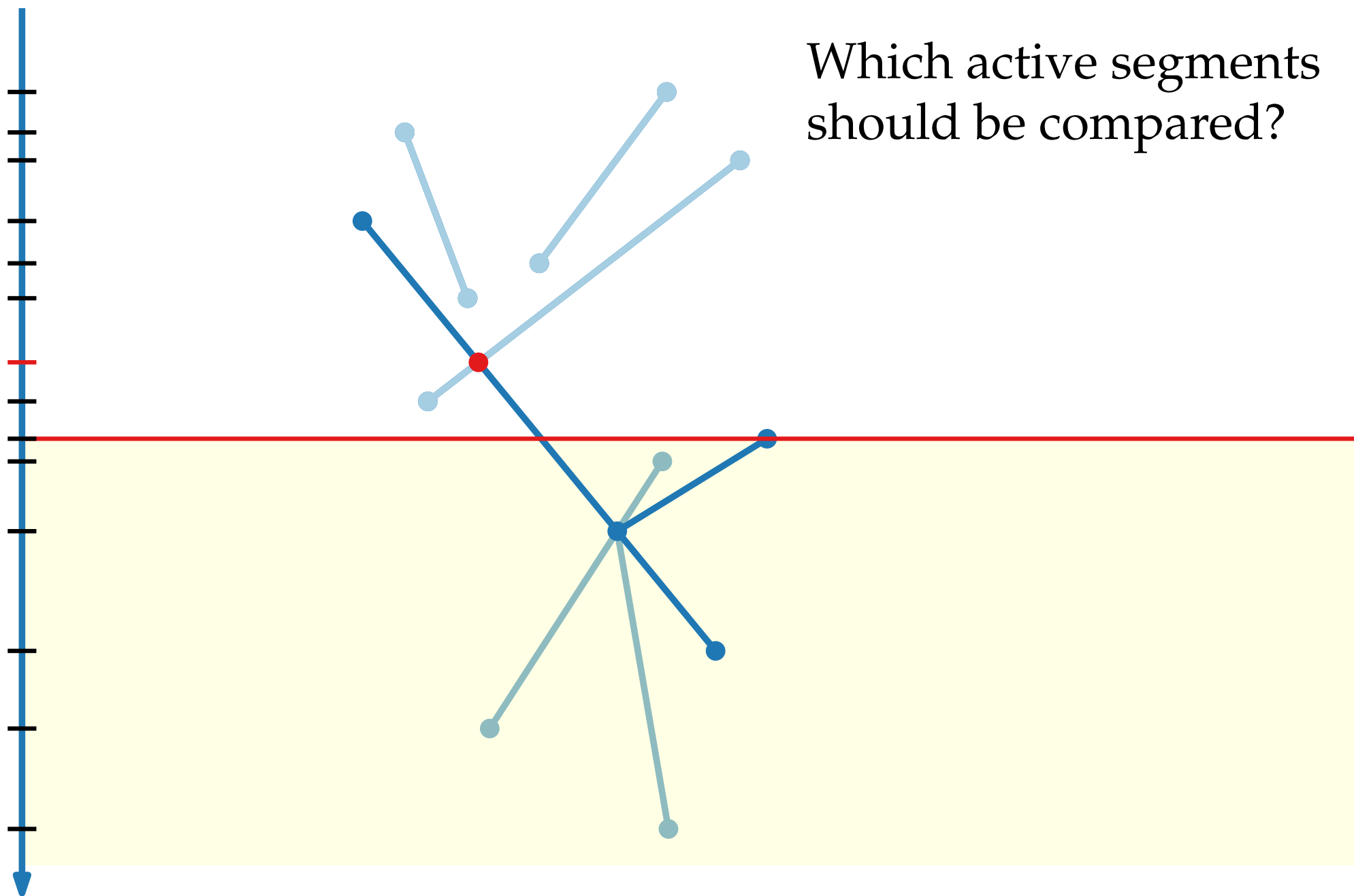


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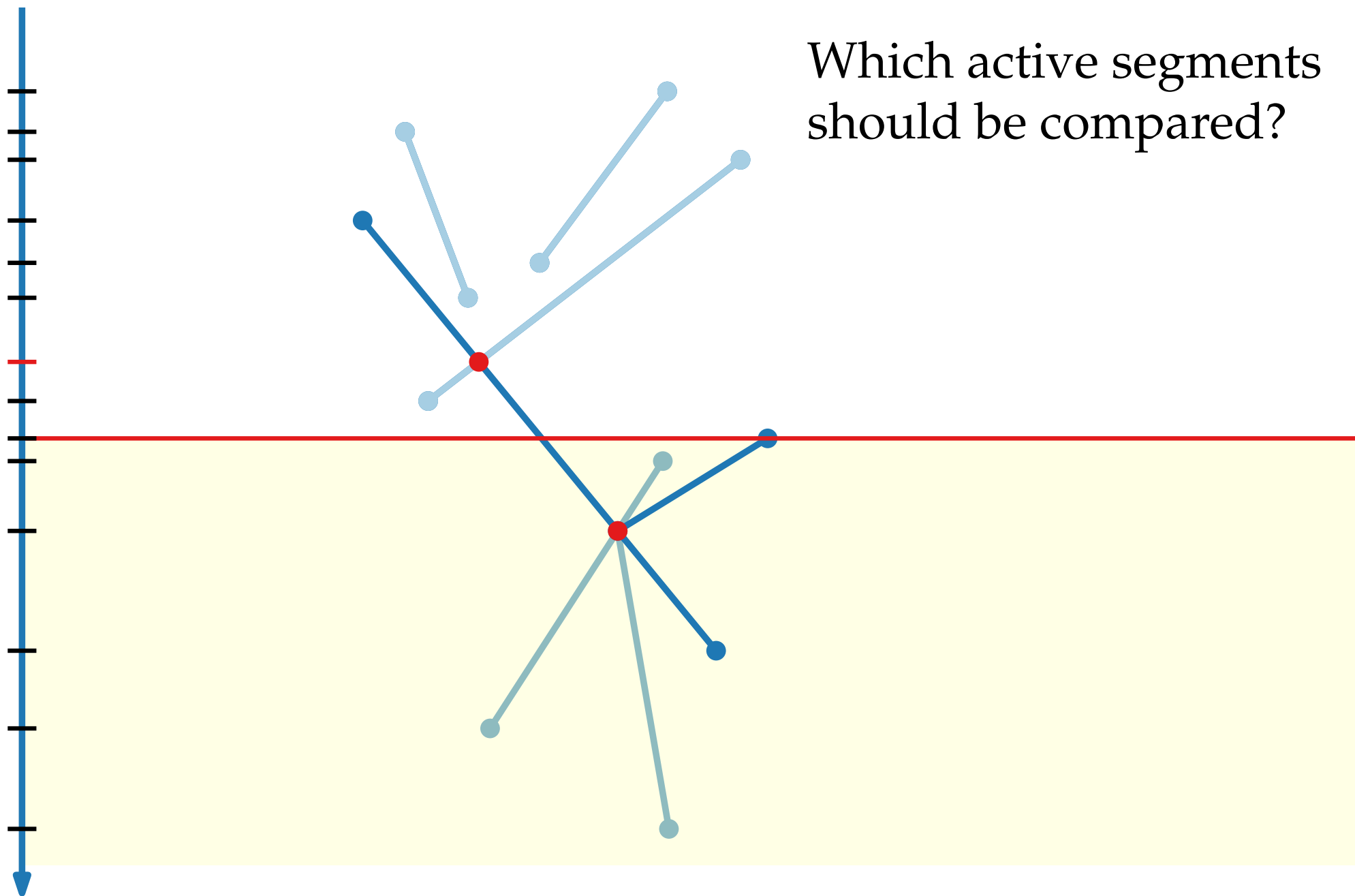


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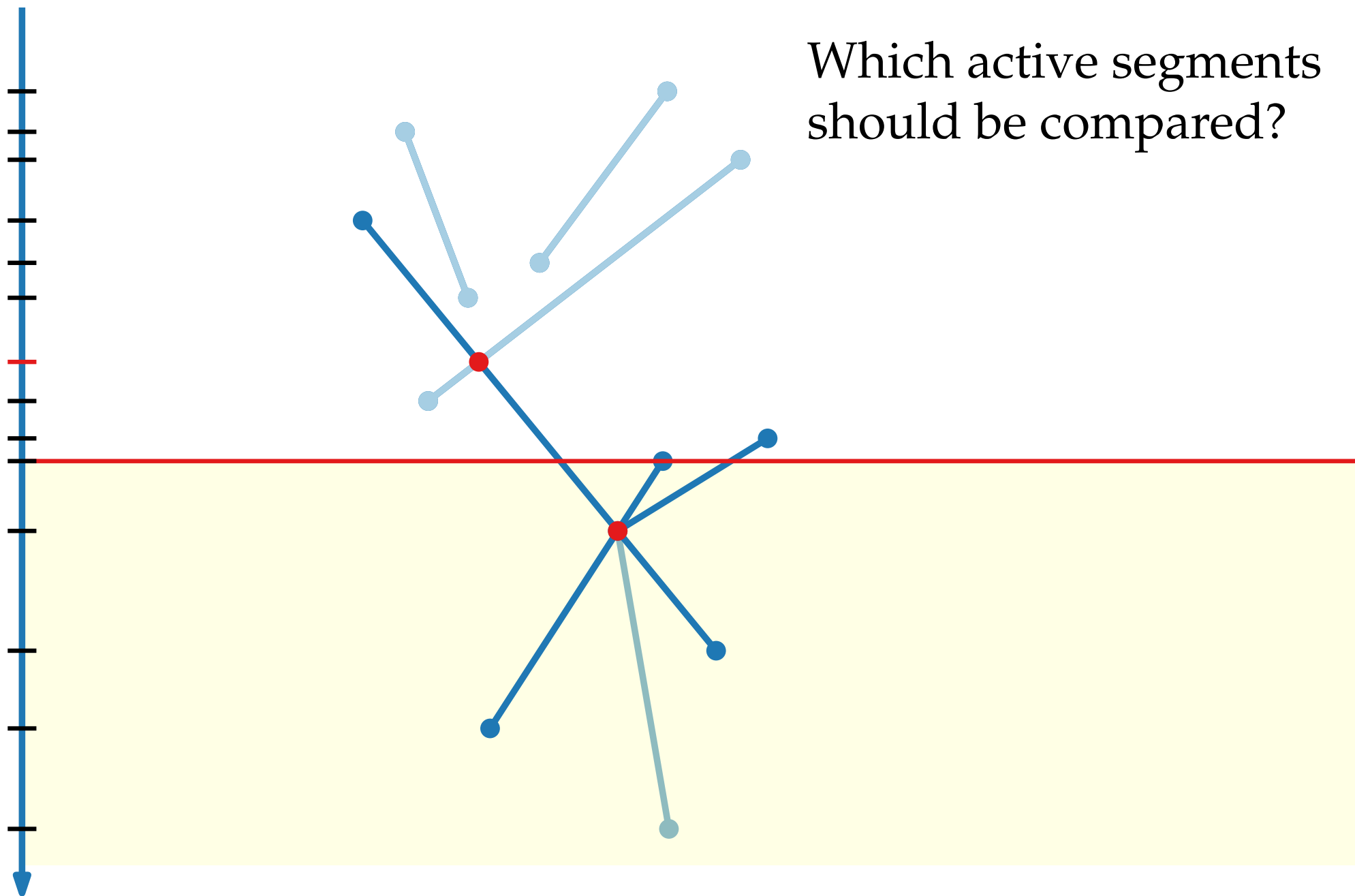
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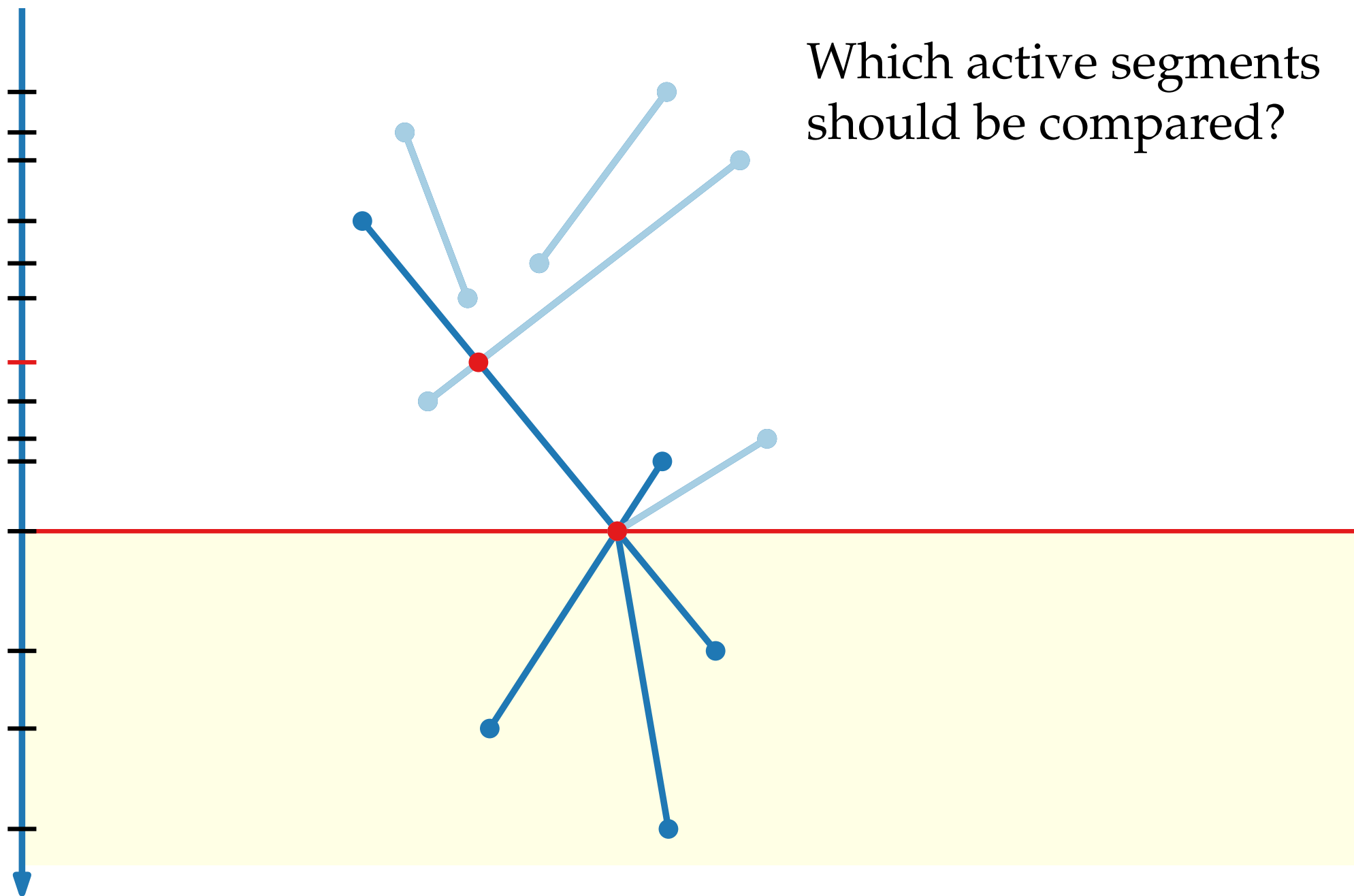
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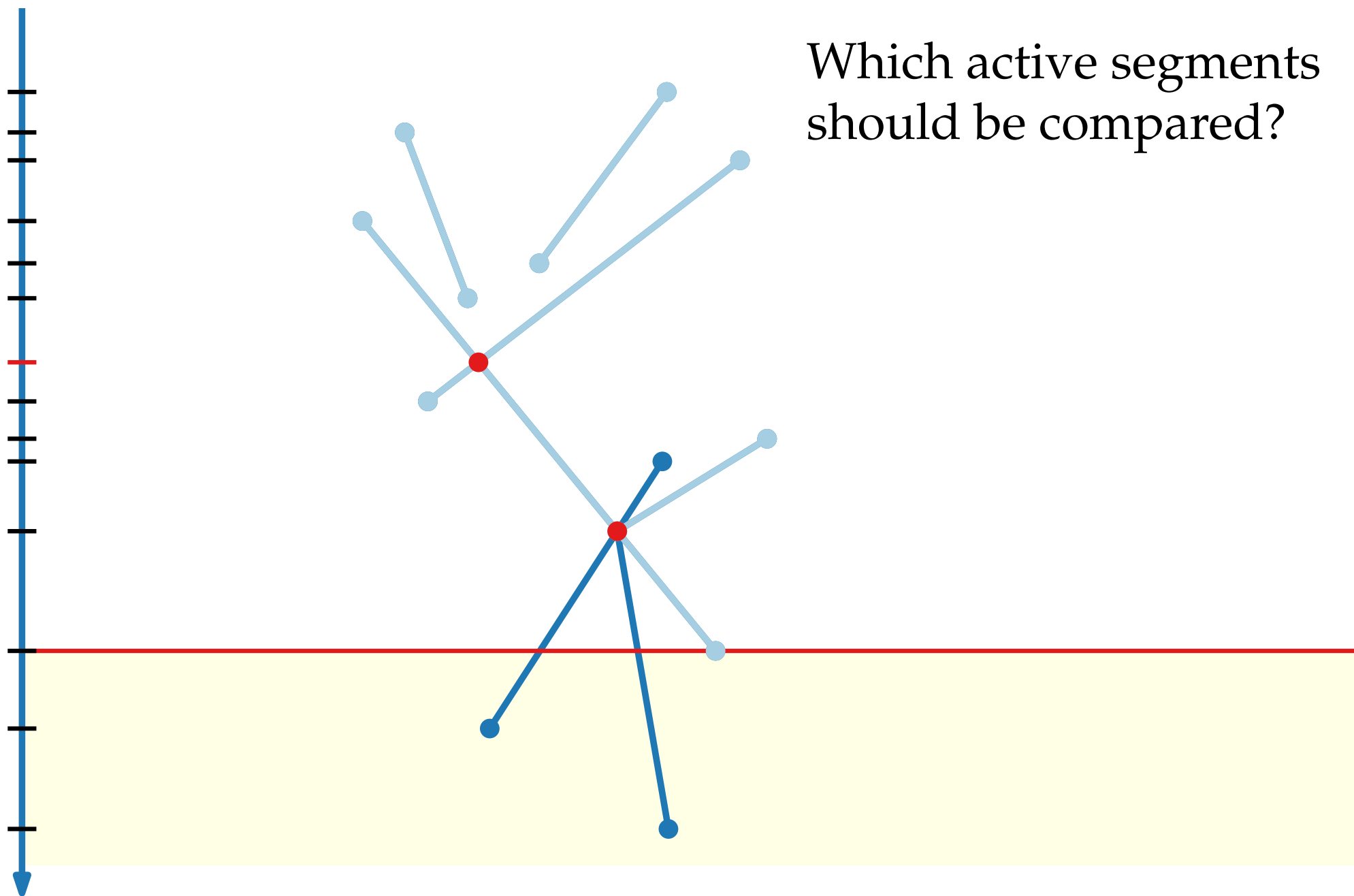
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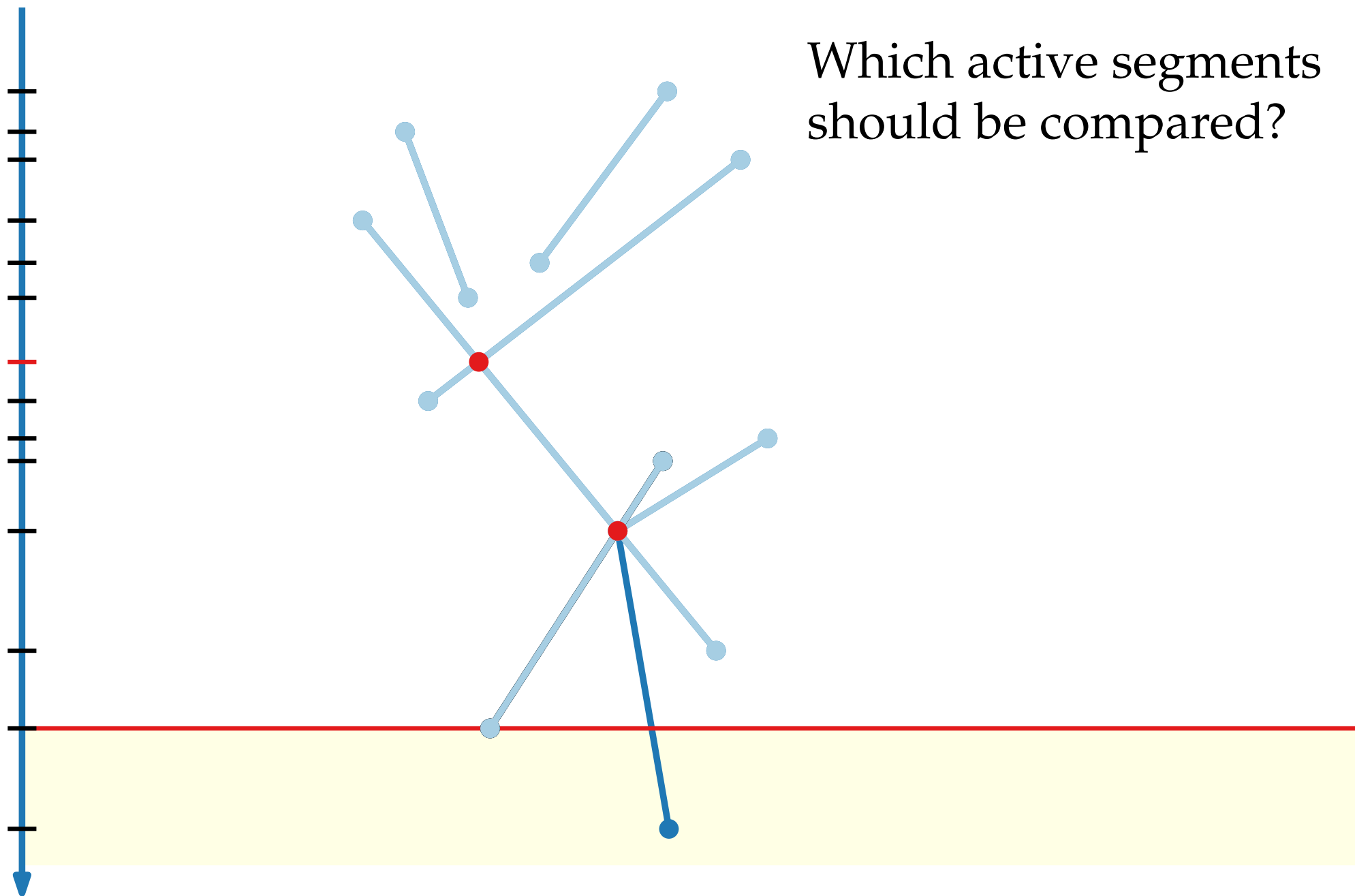
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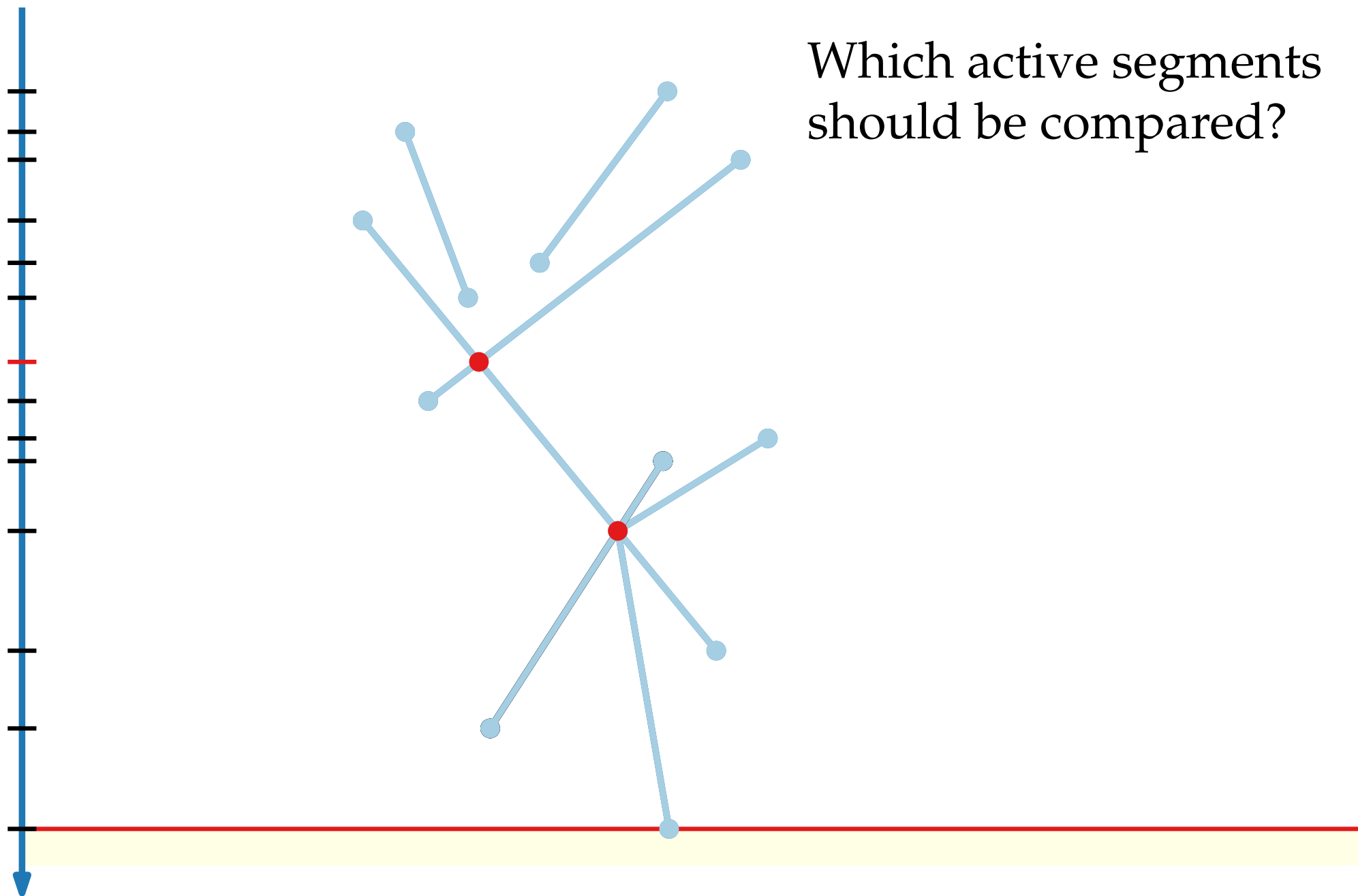
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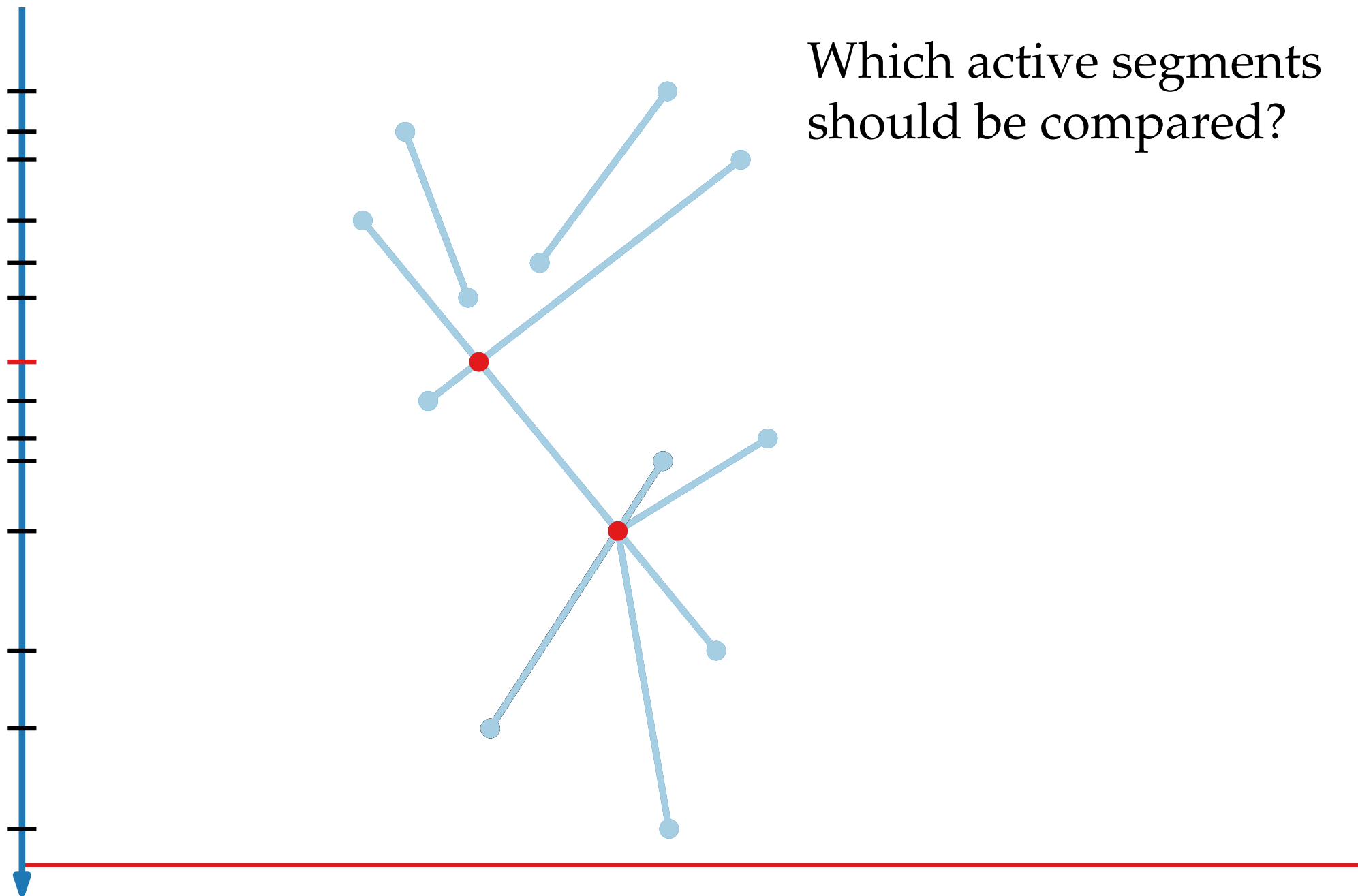


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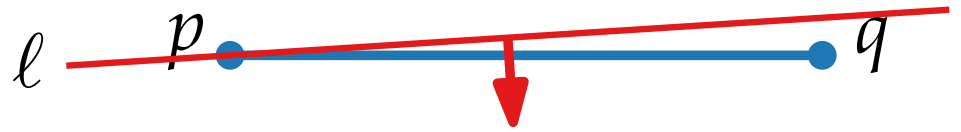


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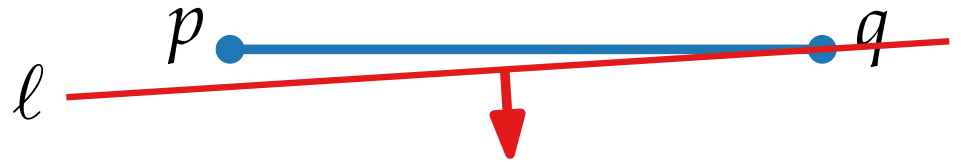


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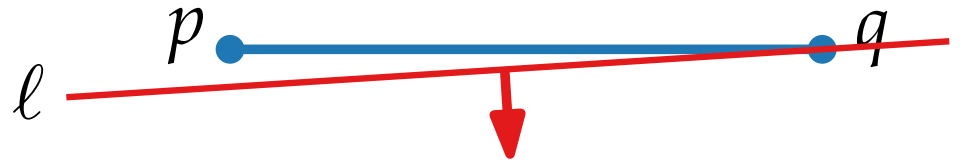
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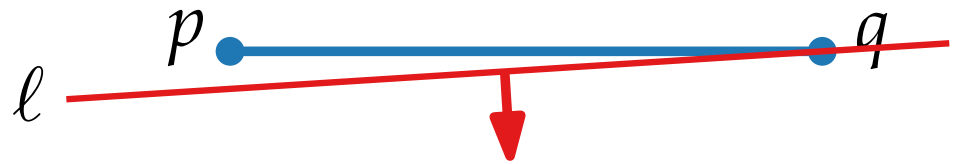
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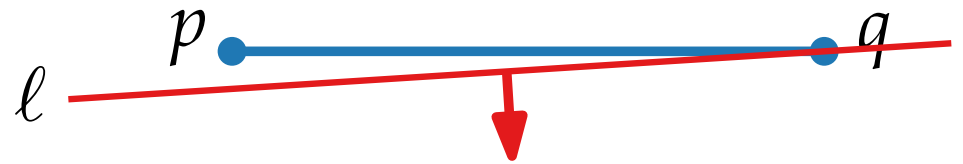
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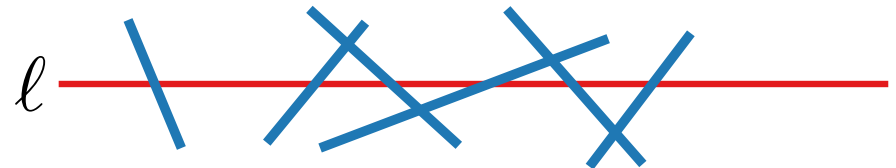
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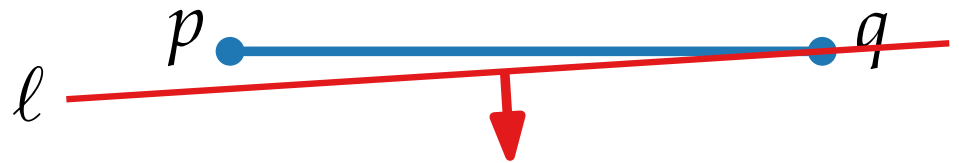
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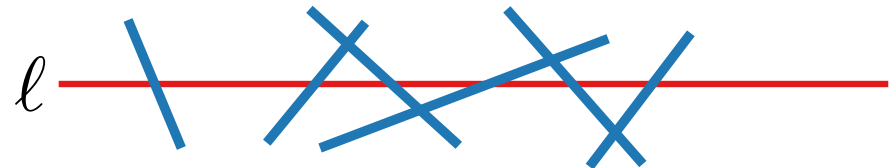
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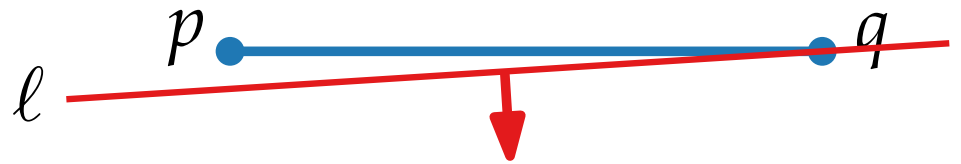


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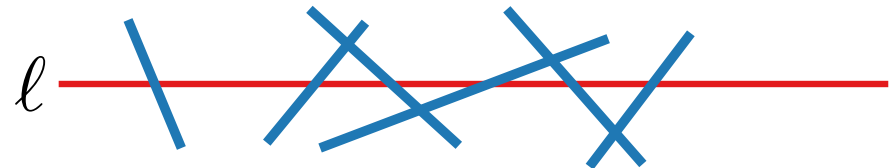
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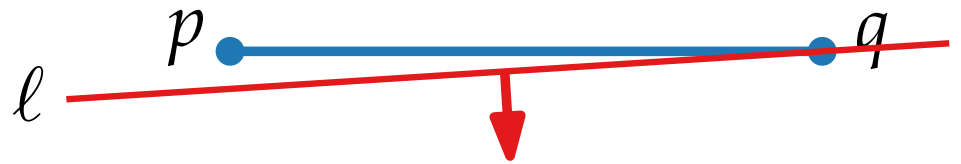
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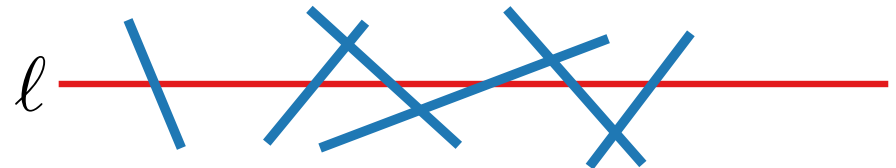
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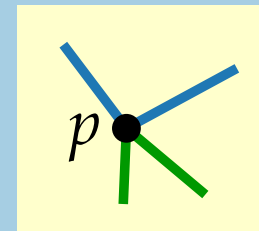
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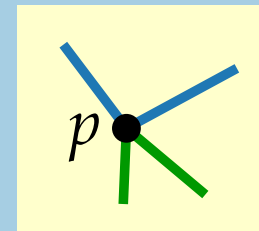
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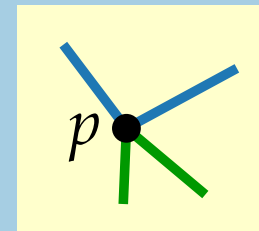
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# Pseudo-code

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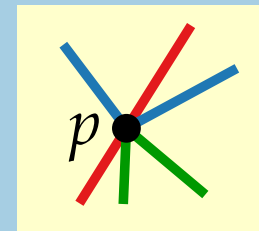
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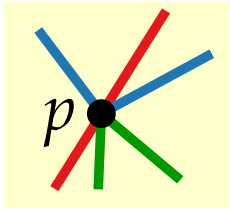
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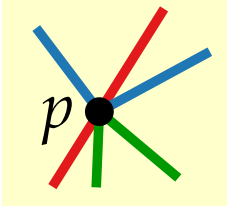
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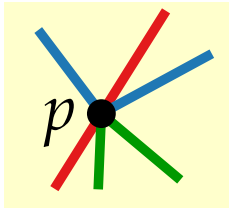
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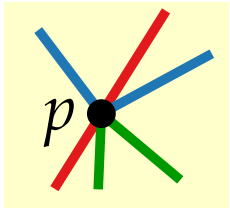
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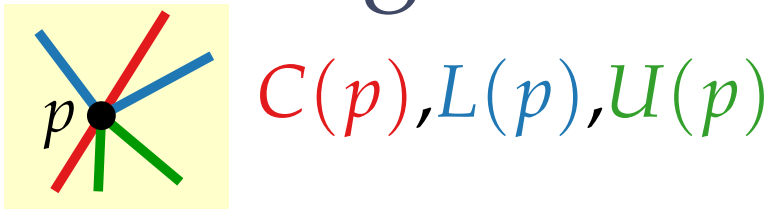
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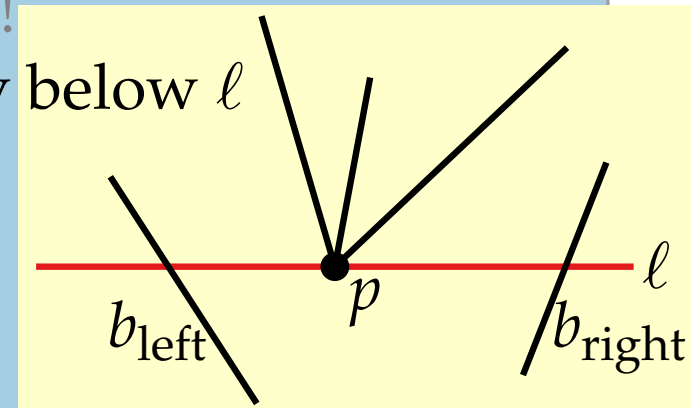
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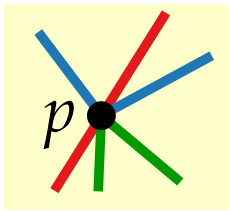
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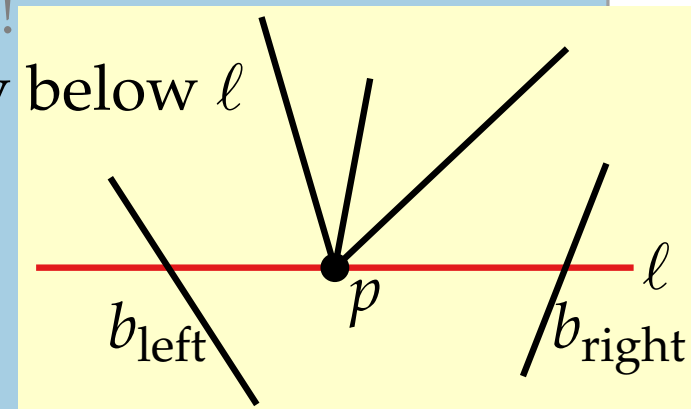
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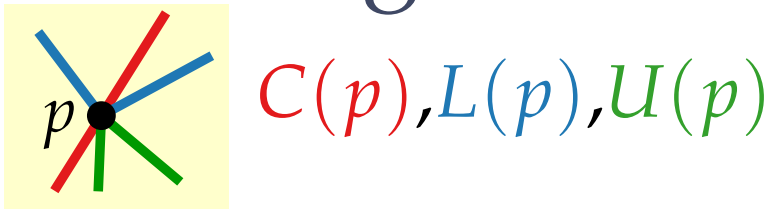
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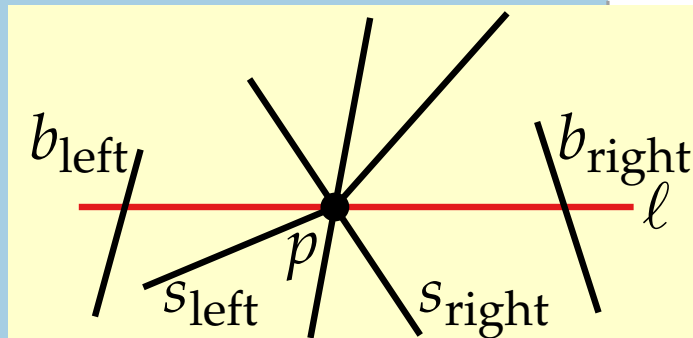
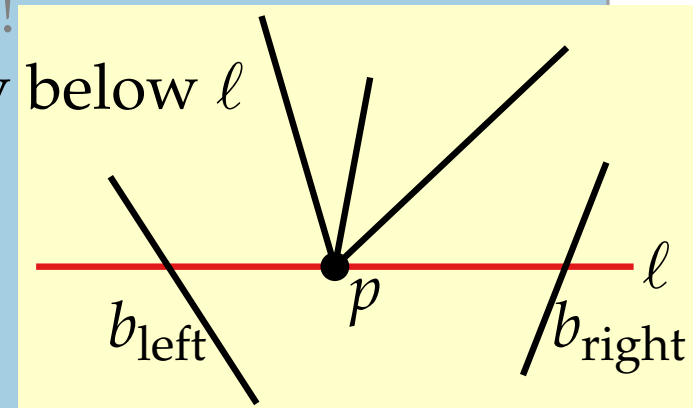
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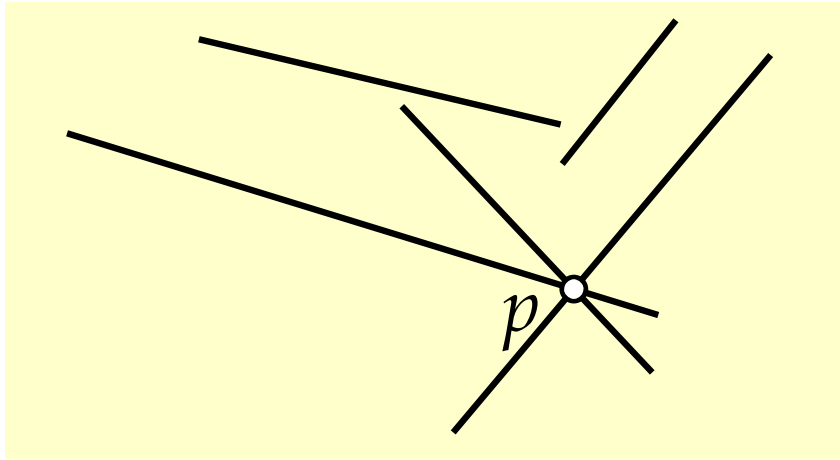
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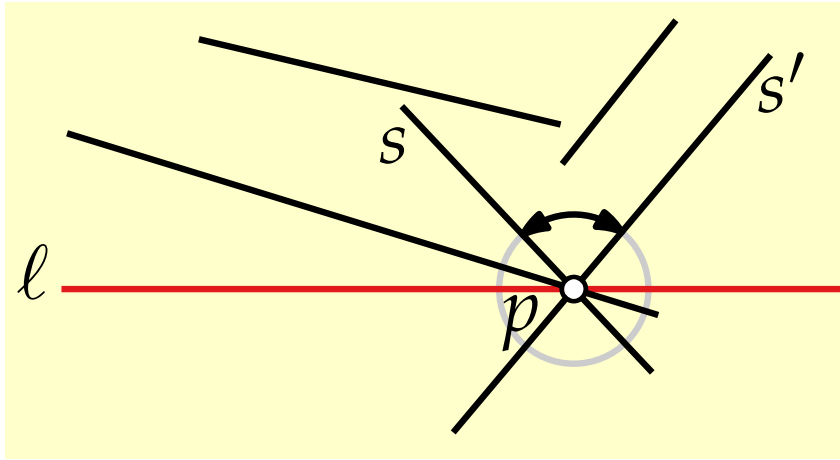




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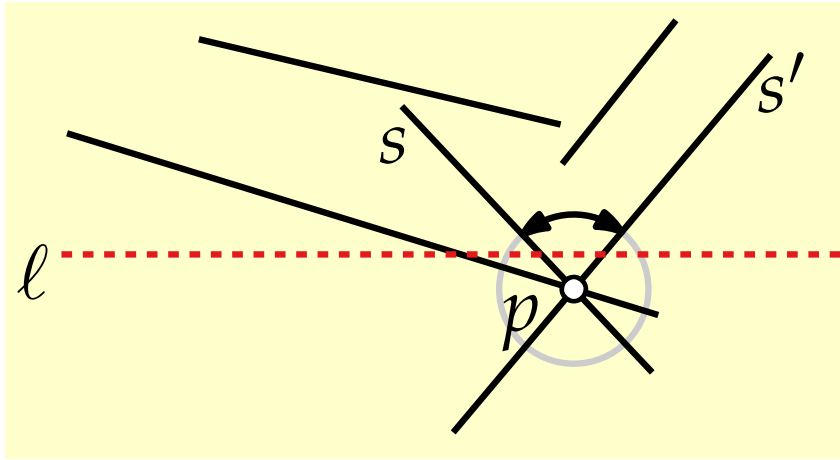


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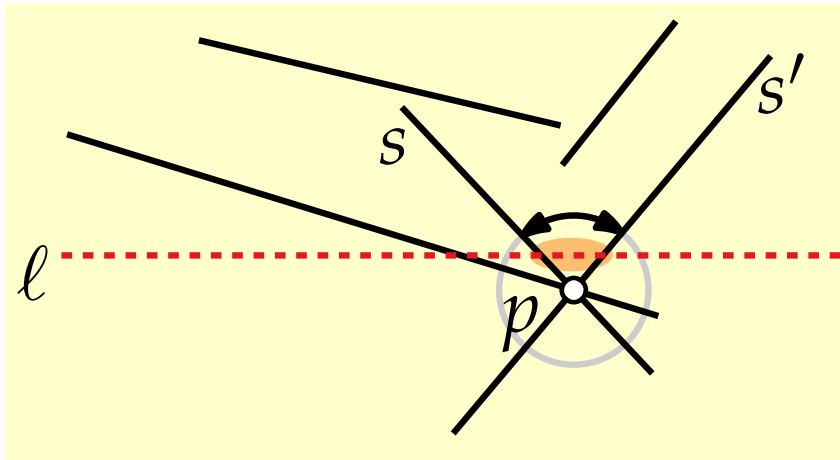


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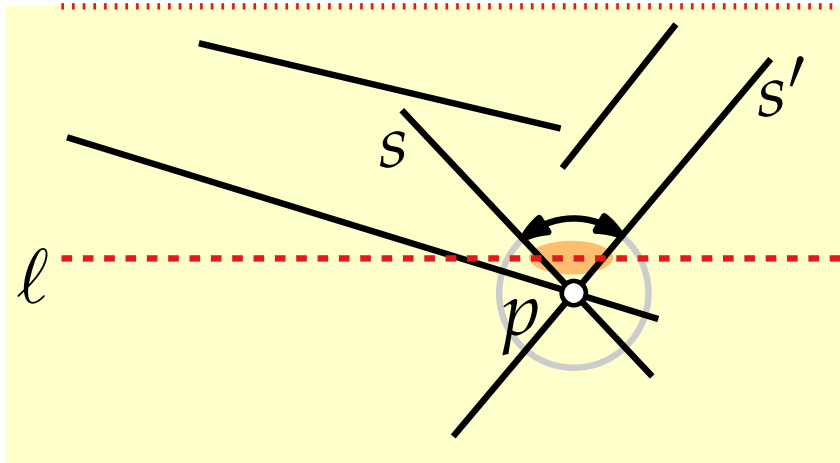


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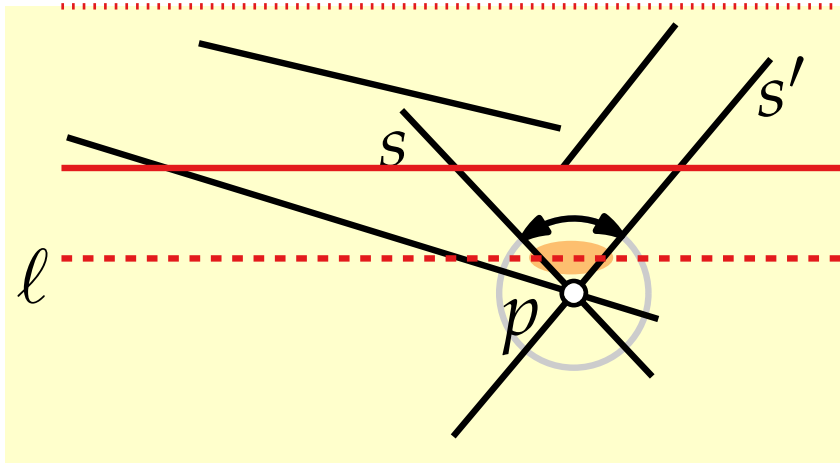
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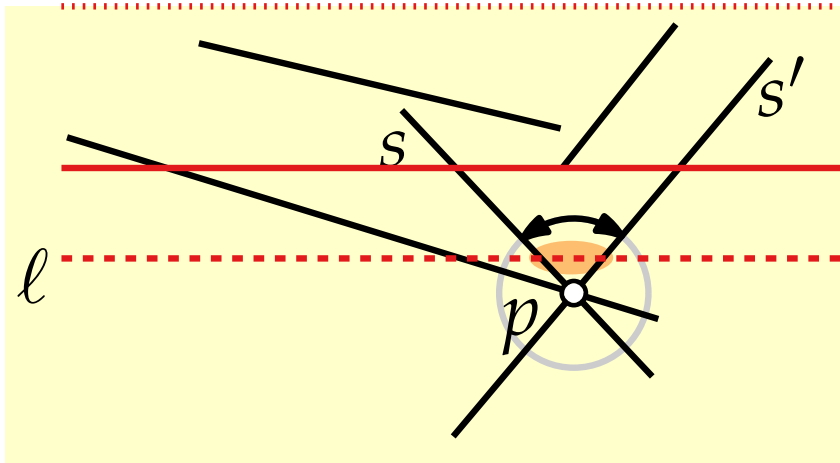


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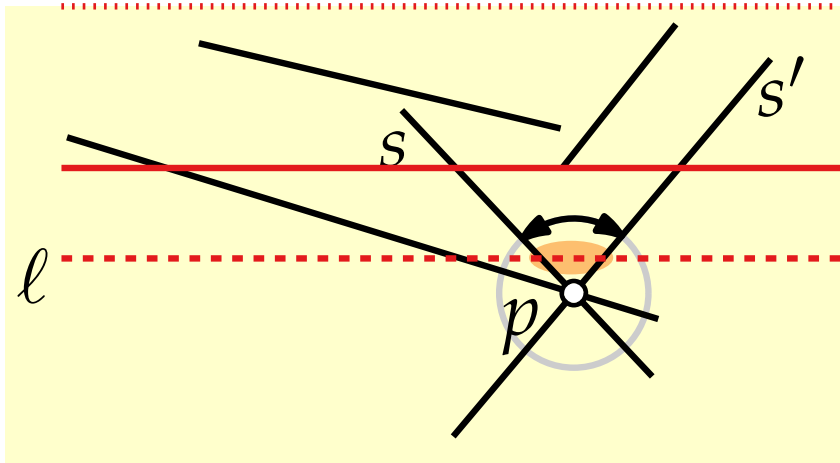
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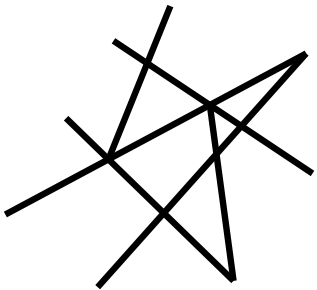
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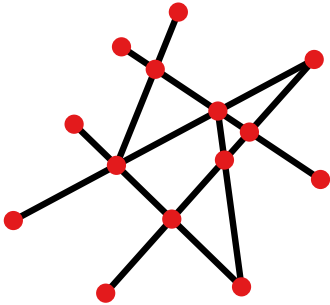
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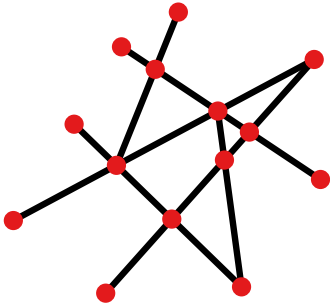
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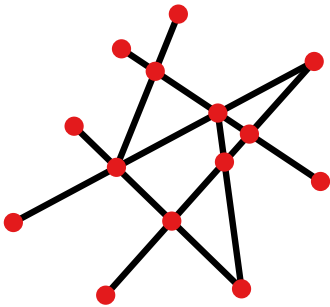
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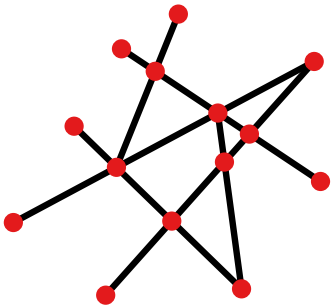
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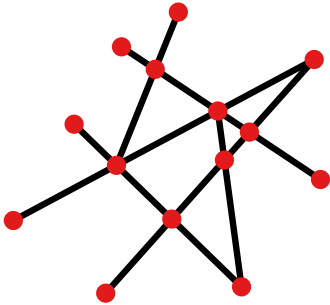
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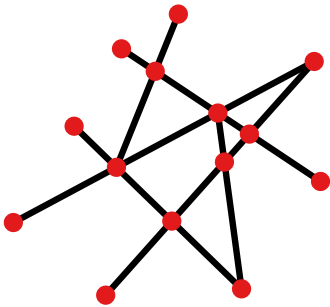
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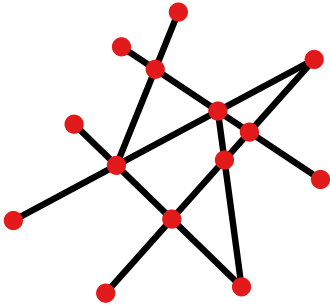
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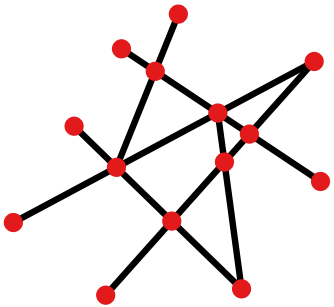
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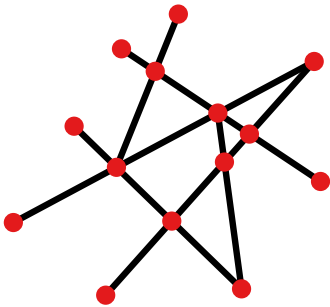
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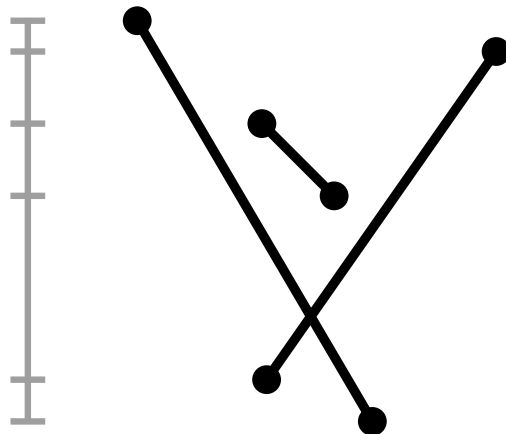
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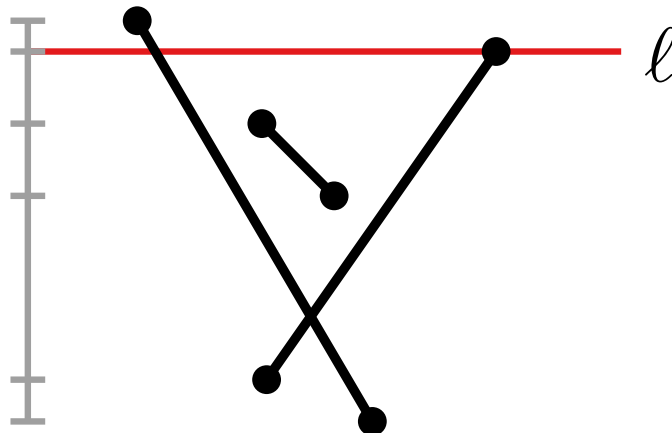
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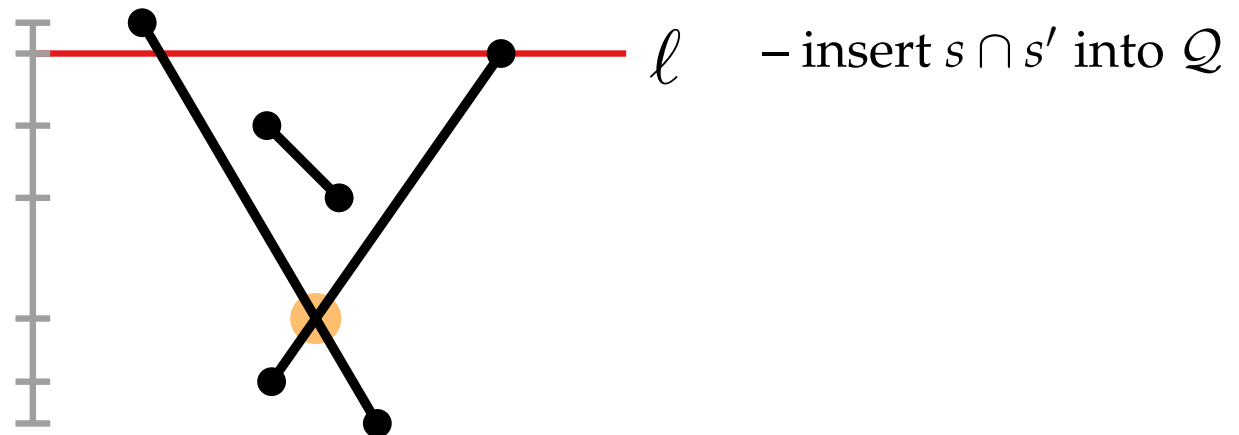
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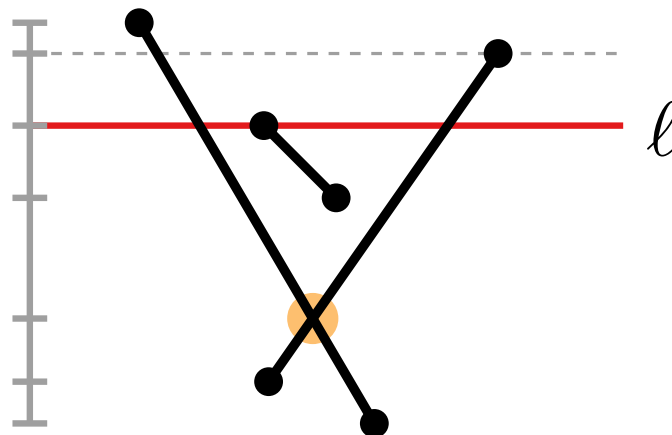
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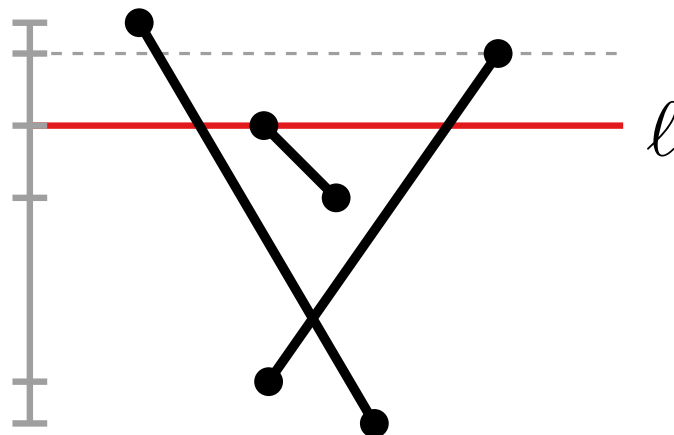
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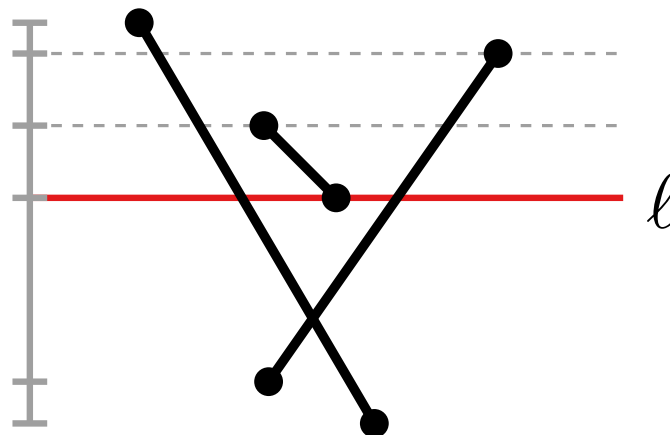
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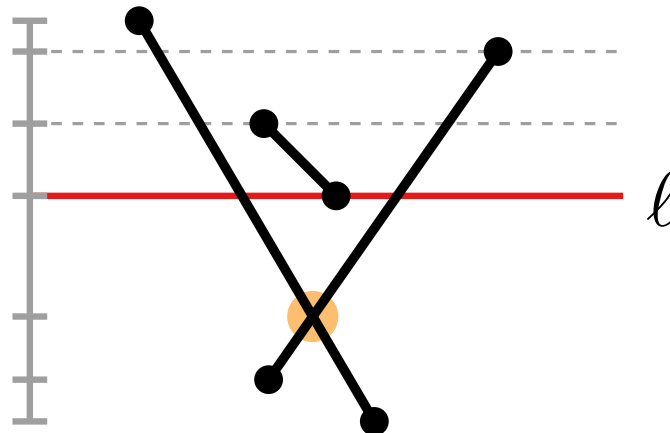
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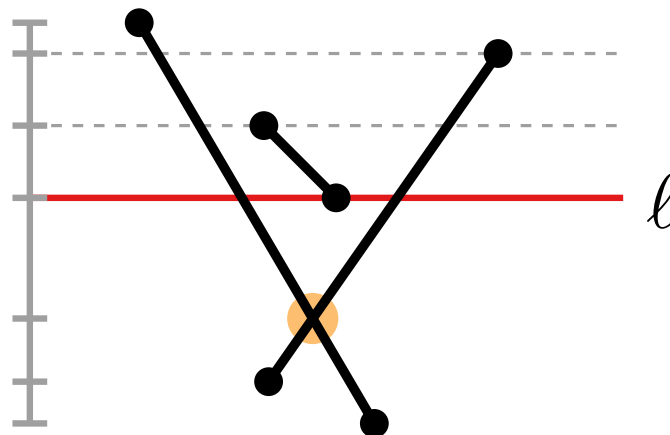
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  - remove  $s \cap s'$  from  $Q$
  - re-insert  $s \cap s'$  into  $Q$
- $\Rightarrow$  need just  $O(n)$  space;

# Today's Main Result

**Theorem.** We can report all  $I$  intersection points among  $n$  non-overlapping line segments in the plane and report the segments involved in the intersections in  $O((n + I) \log n)$  time and  $O(n)$  space.

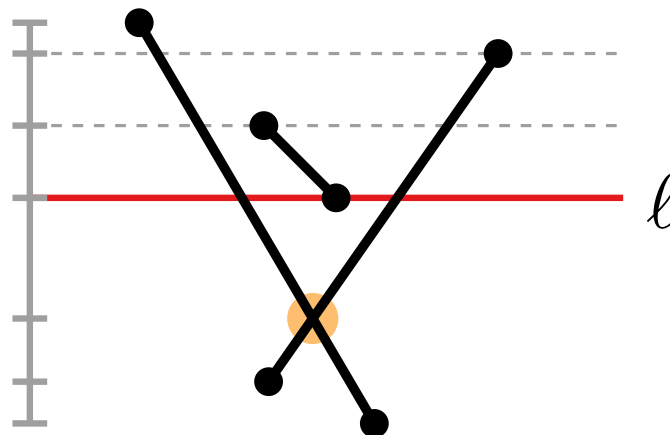
Sure?

The event-point queue  $Q$  contains

- all segment end pts **below the sweep line**
- all intersection pts **below the sweep line**

$\Rightarrow$  (worst-case) space consumption  $\in \Theta(n + I) :-$

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$\Rightarrow$  need just  $O(n)$  space;  
(asymptotic) running  
time doesn't change  $\square$