

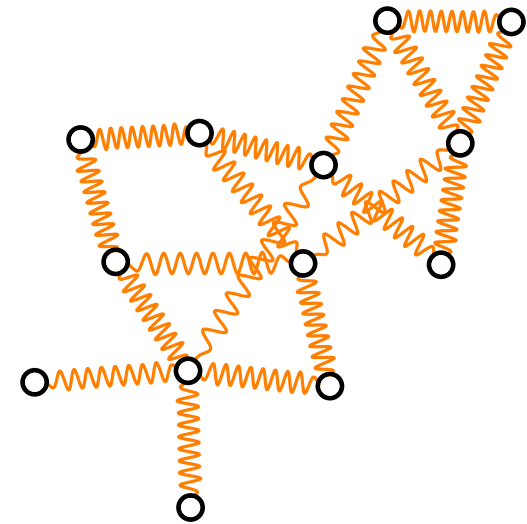
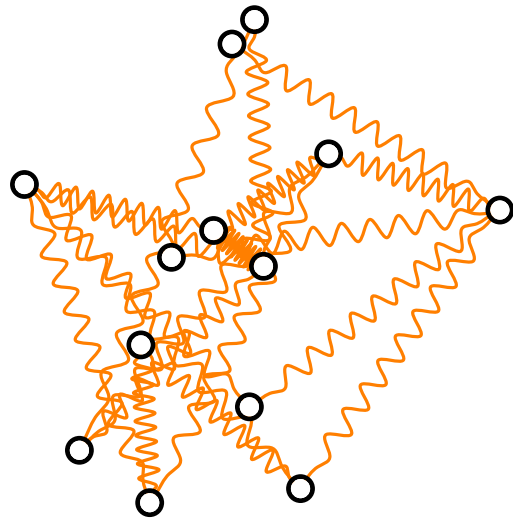
Visualization of Graphs

Lecture 2: Force-Directed Drawing Algorithms

Part I: Spring Embedders

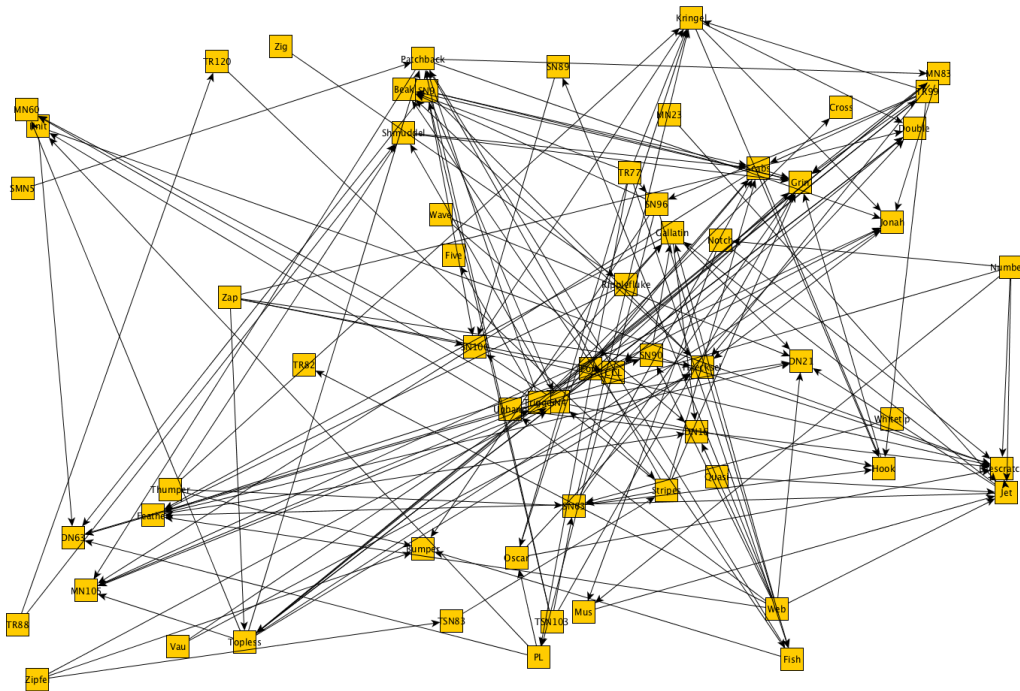
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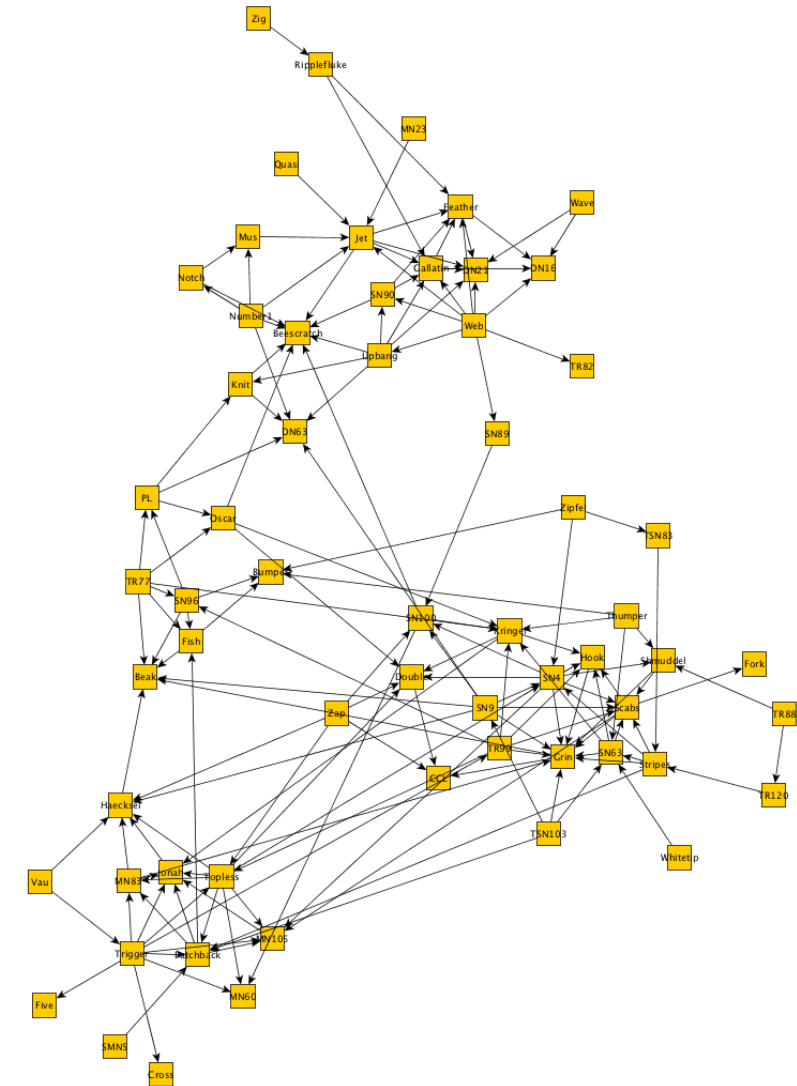
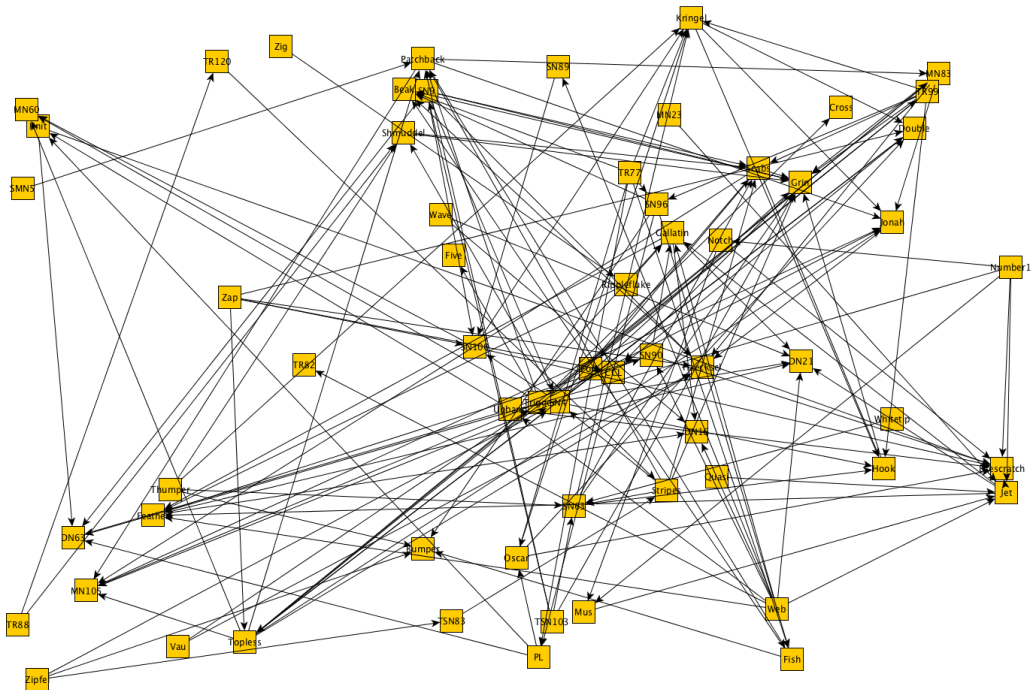
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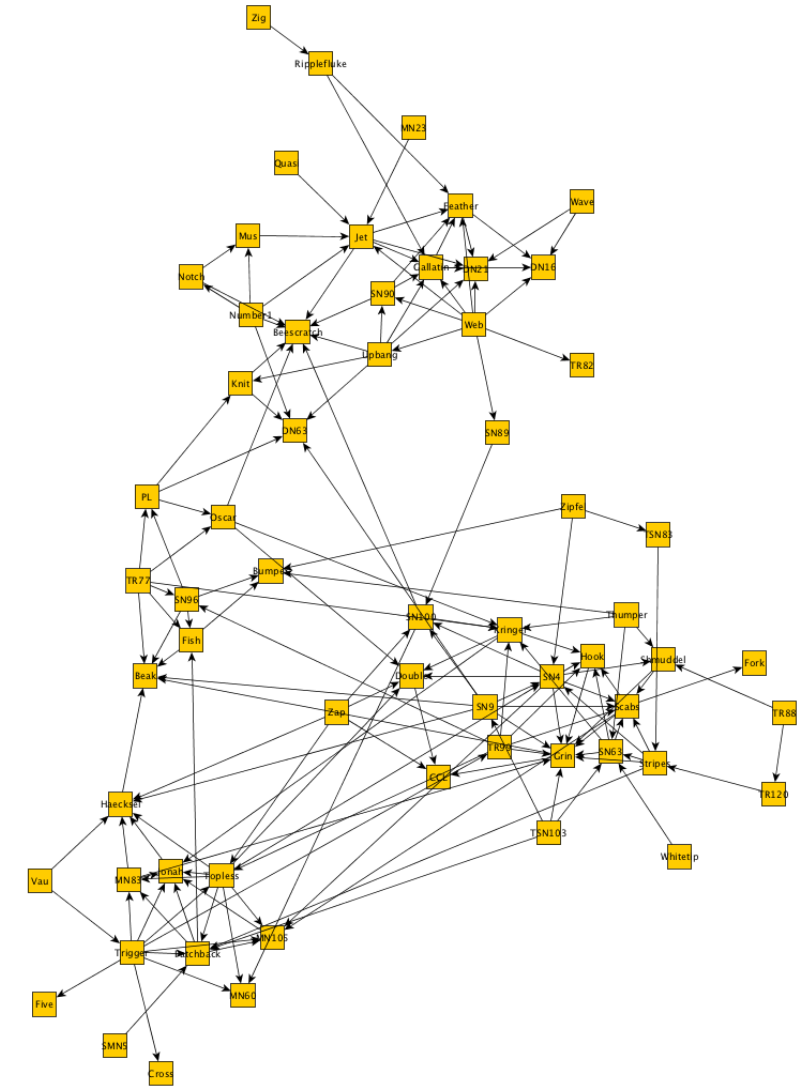
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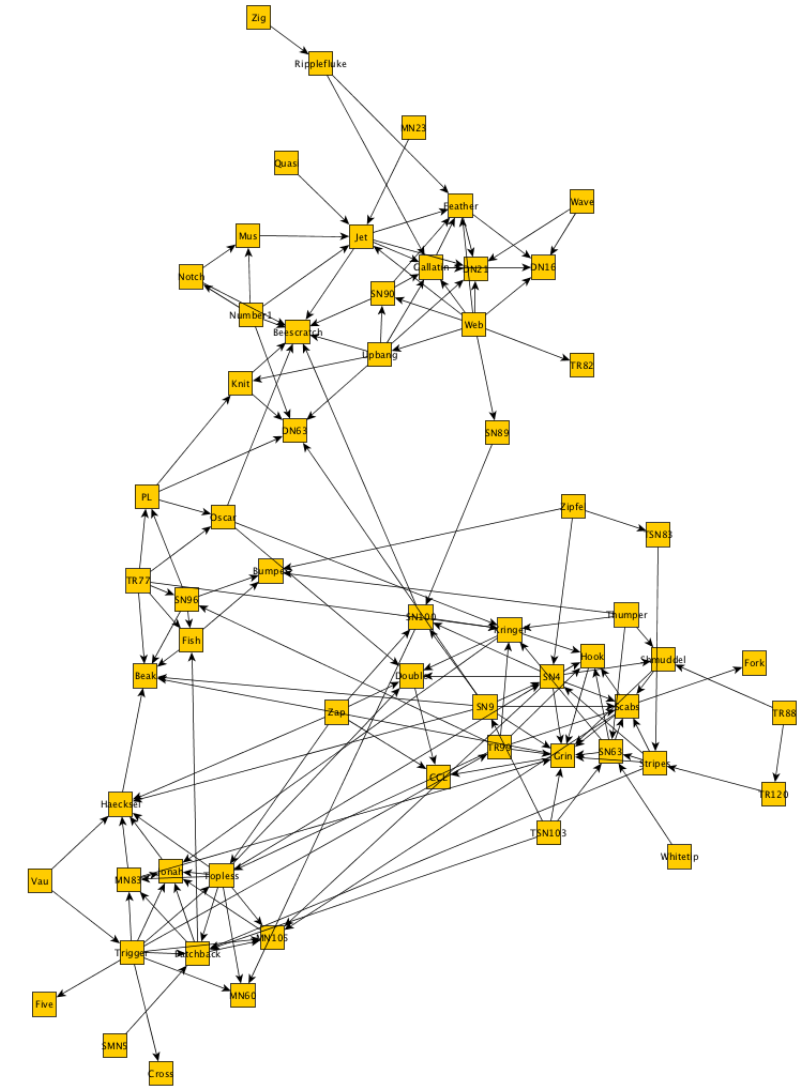
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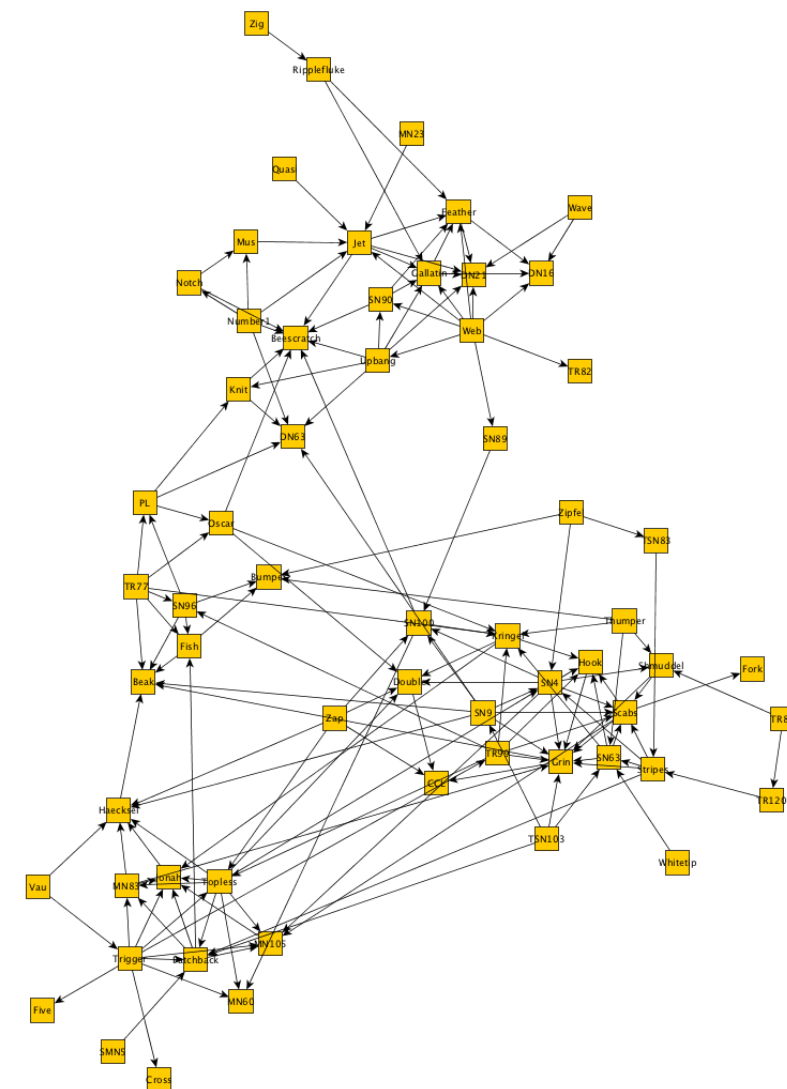
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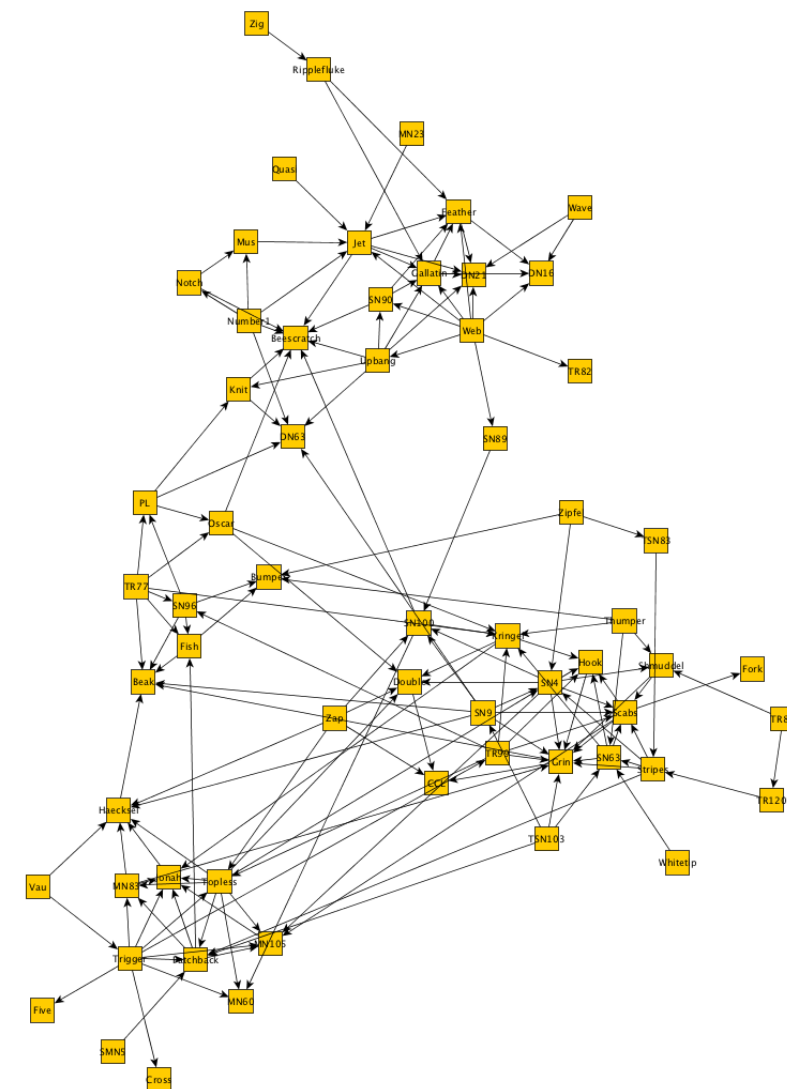
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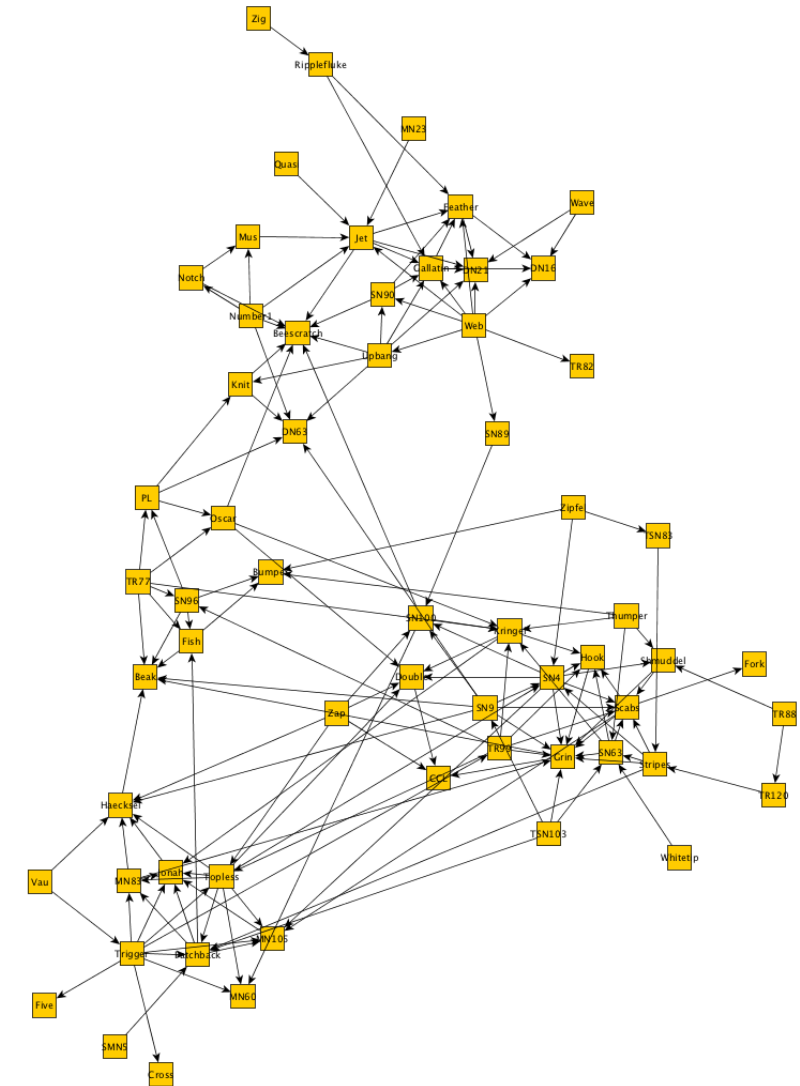
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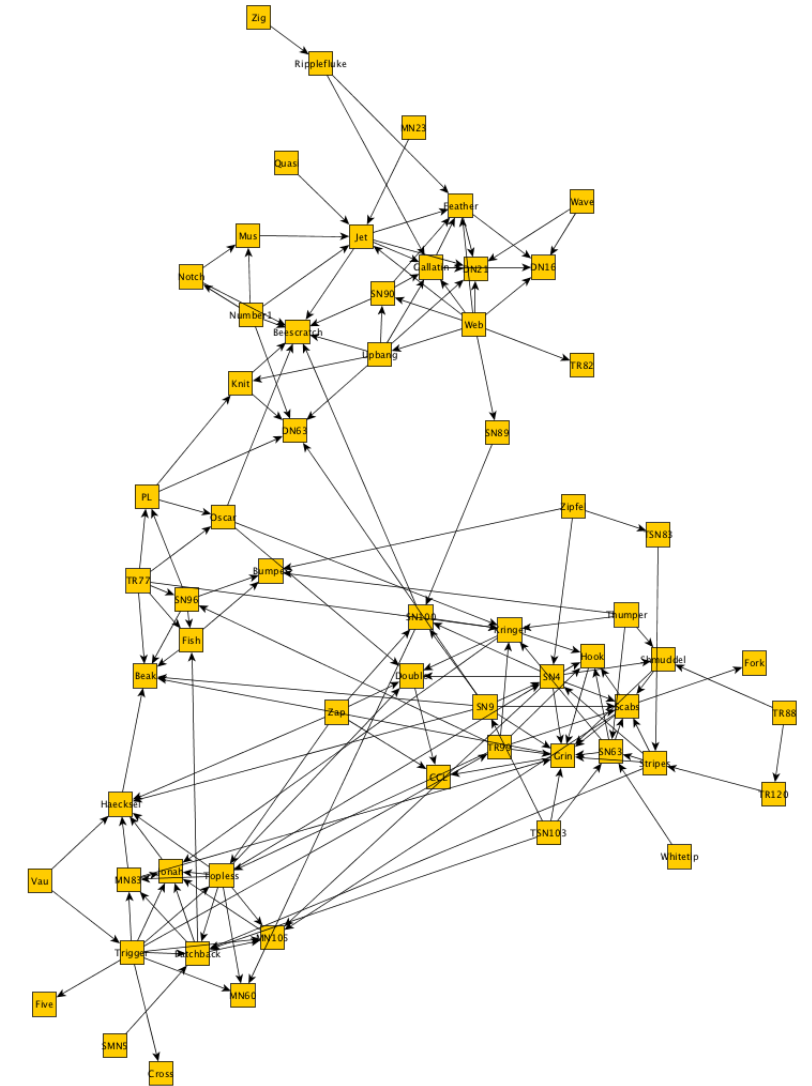
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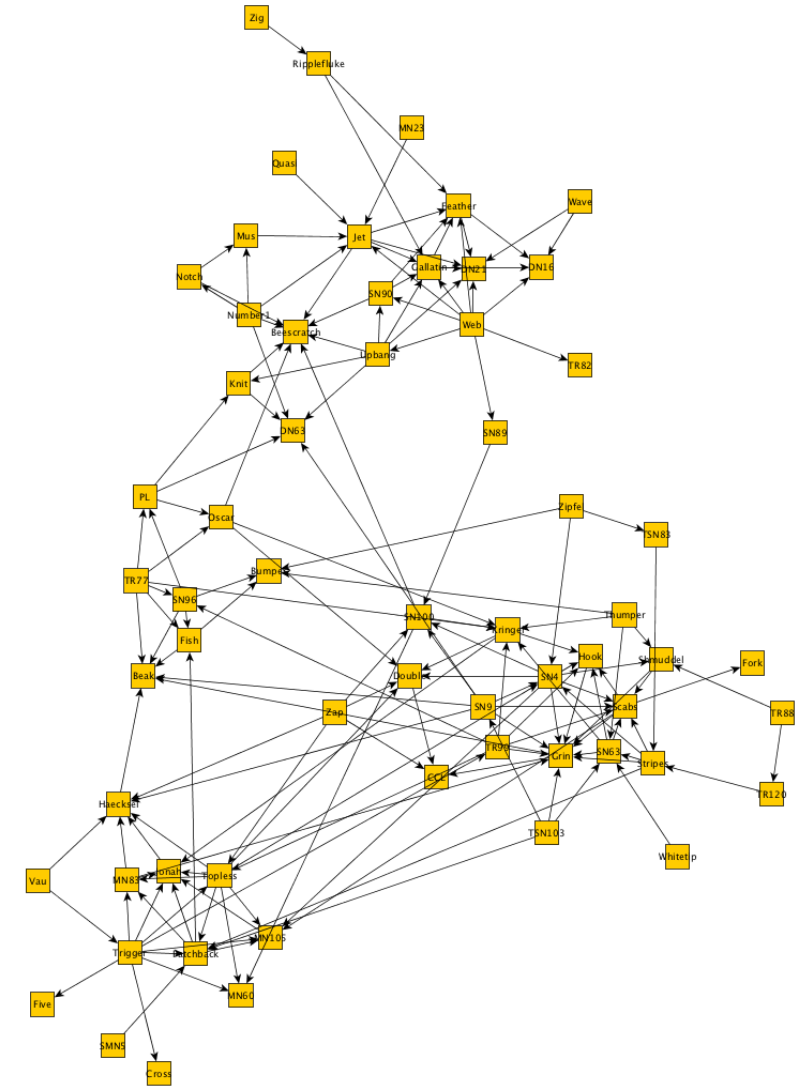
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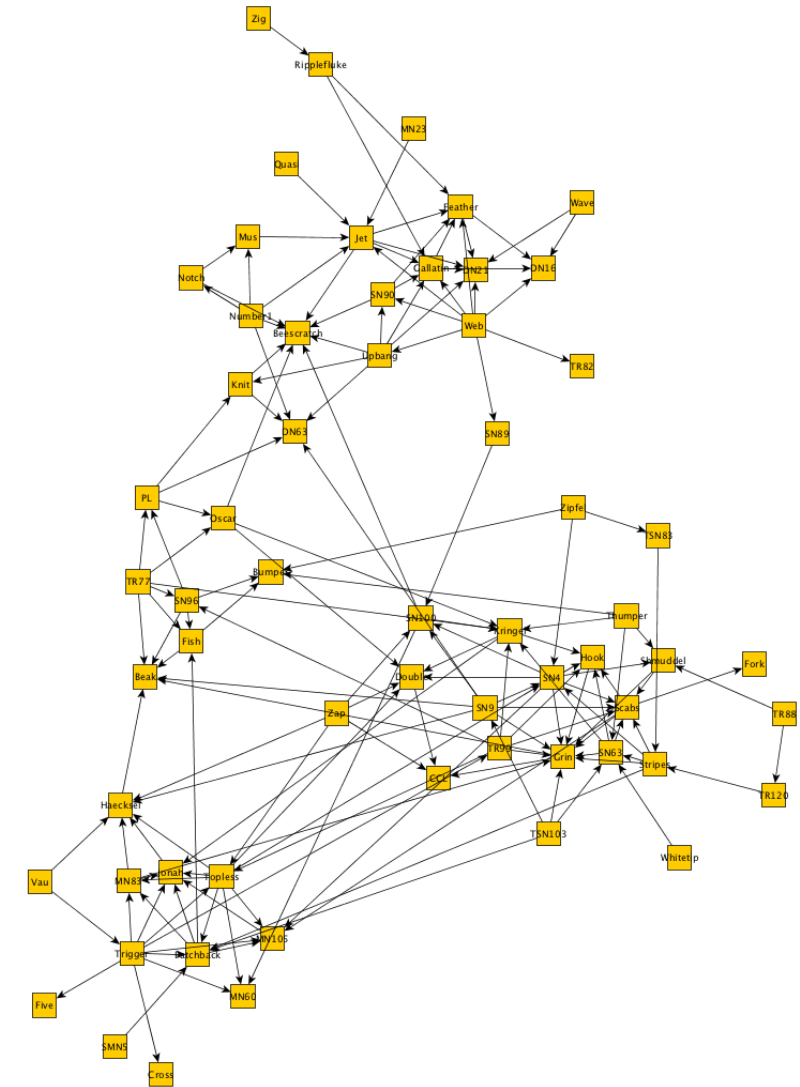
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Optimization criteria partially contradict each other.



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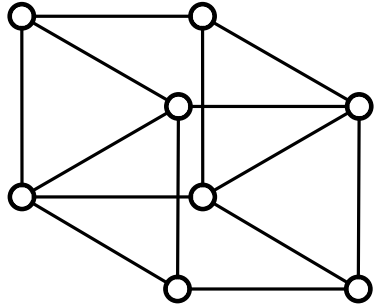
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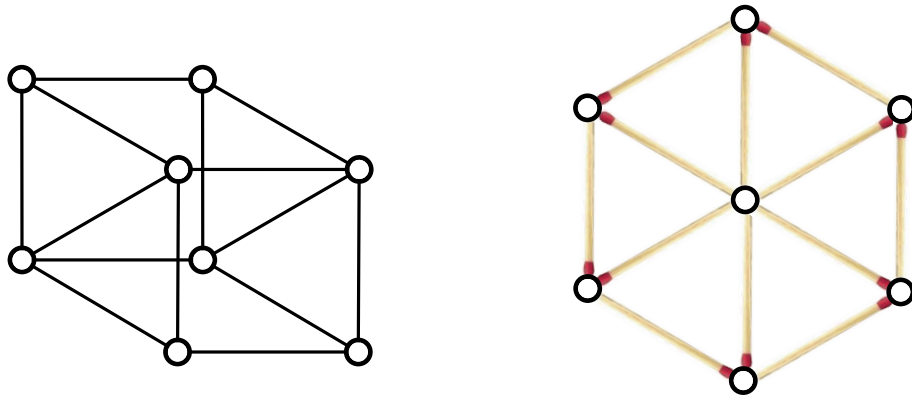
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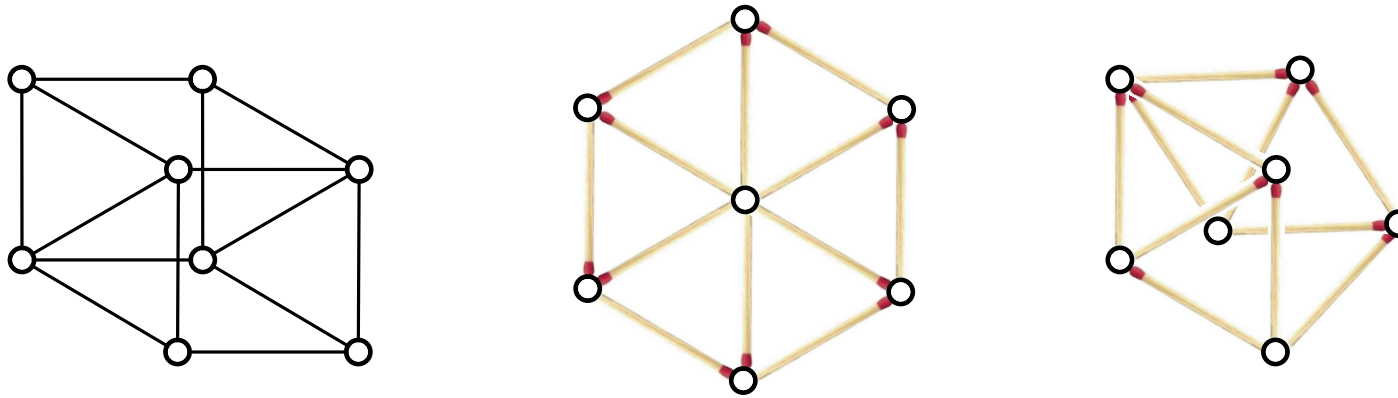
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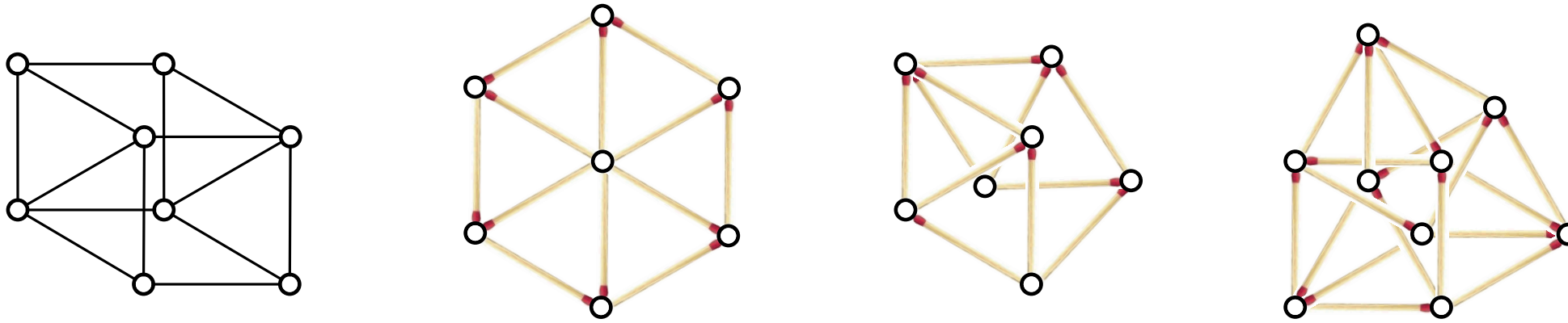
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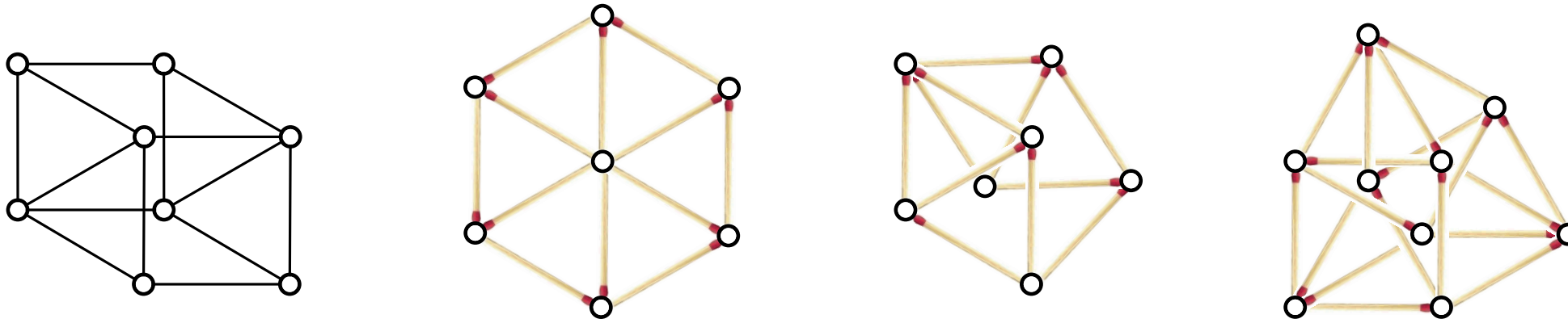
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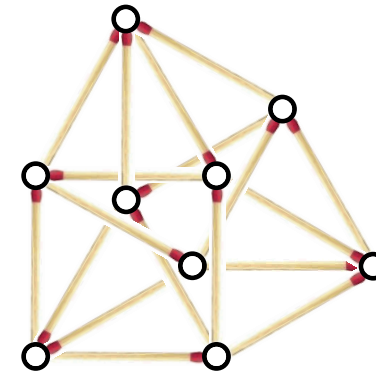
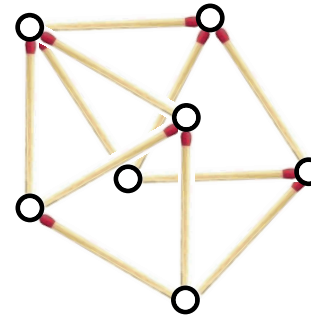
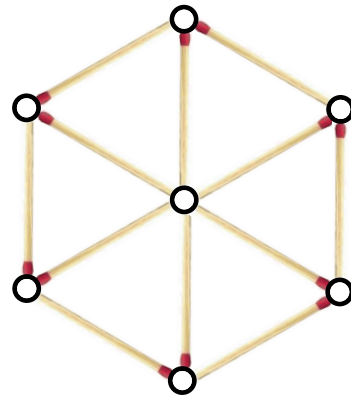
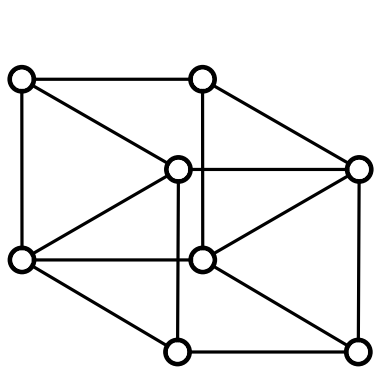


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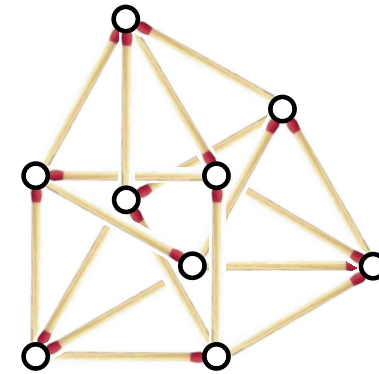
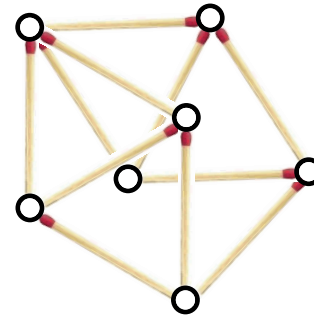
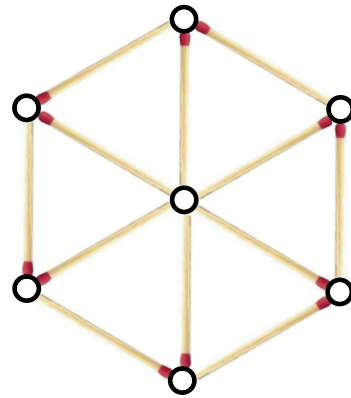
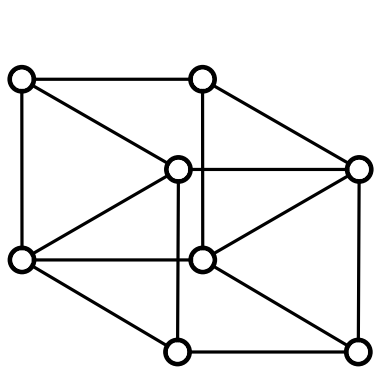
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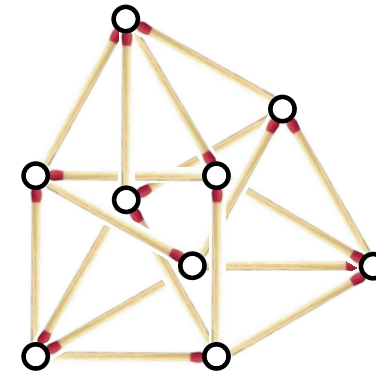
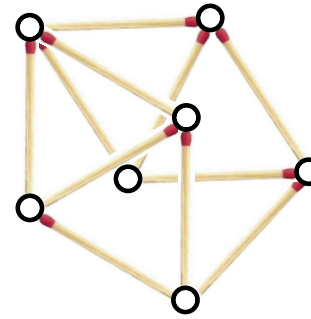
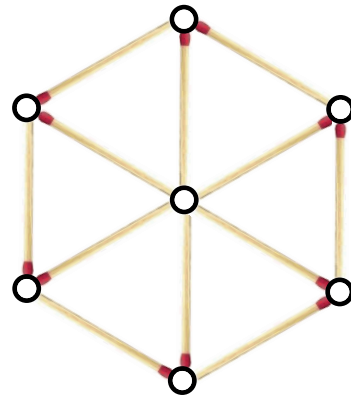
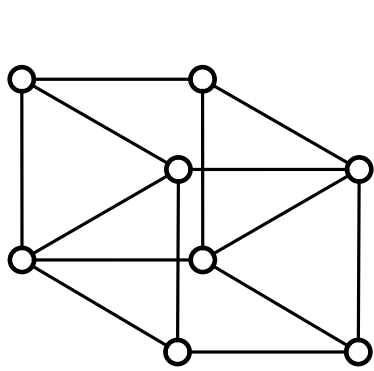
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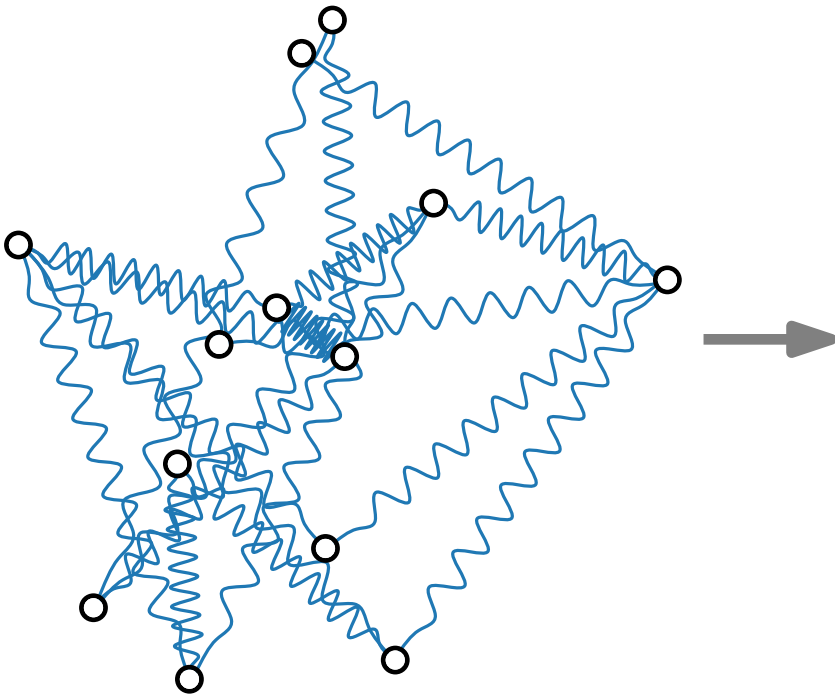
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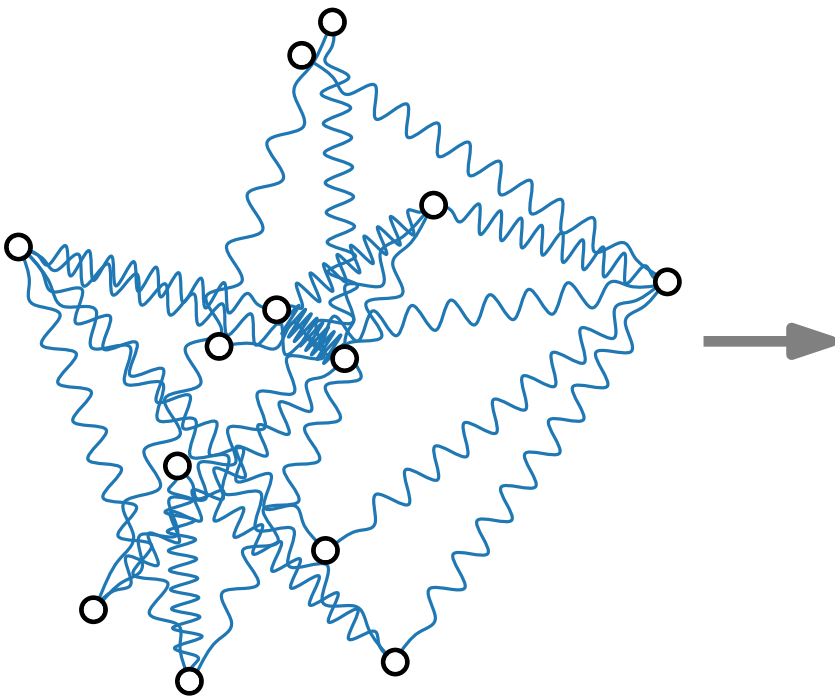


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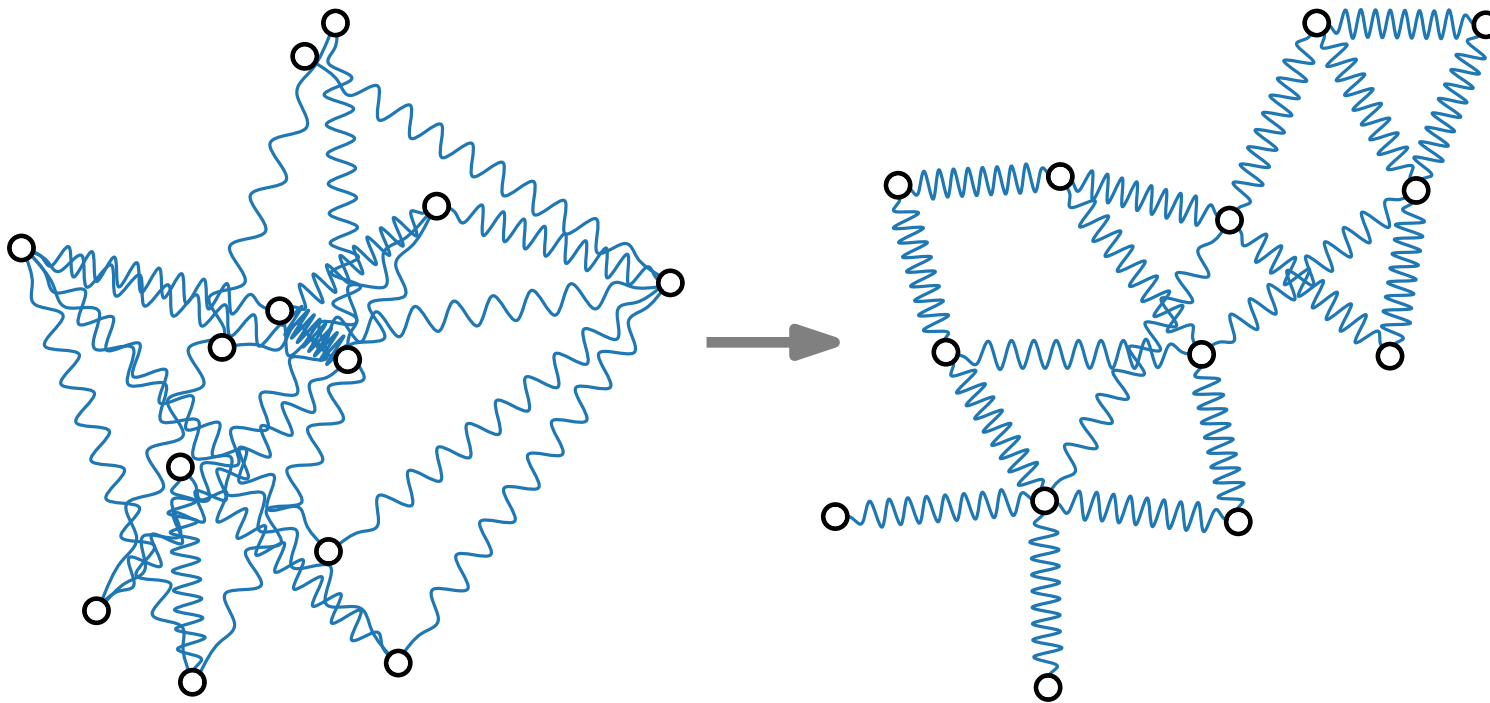


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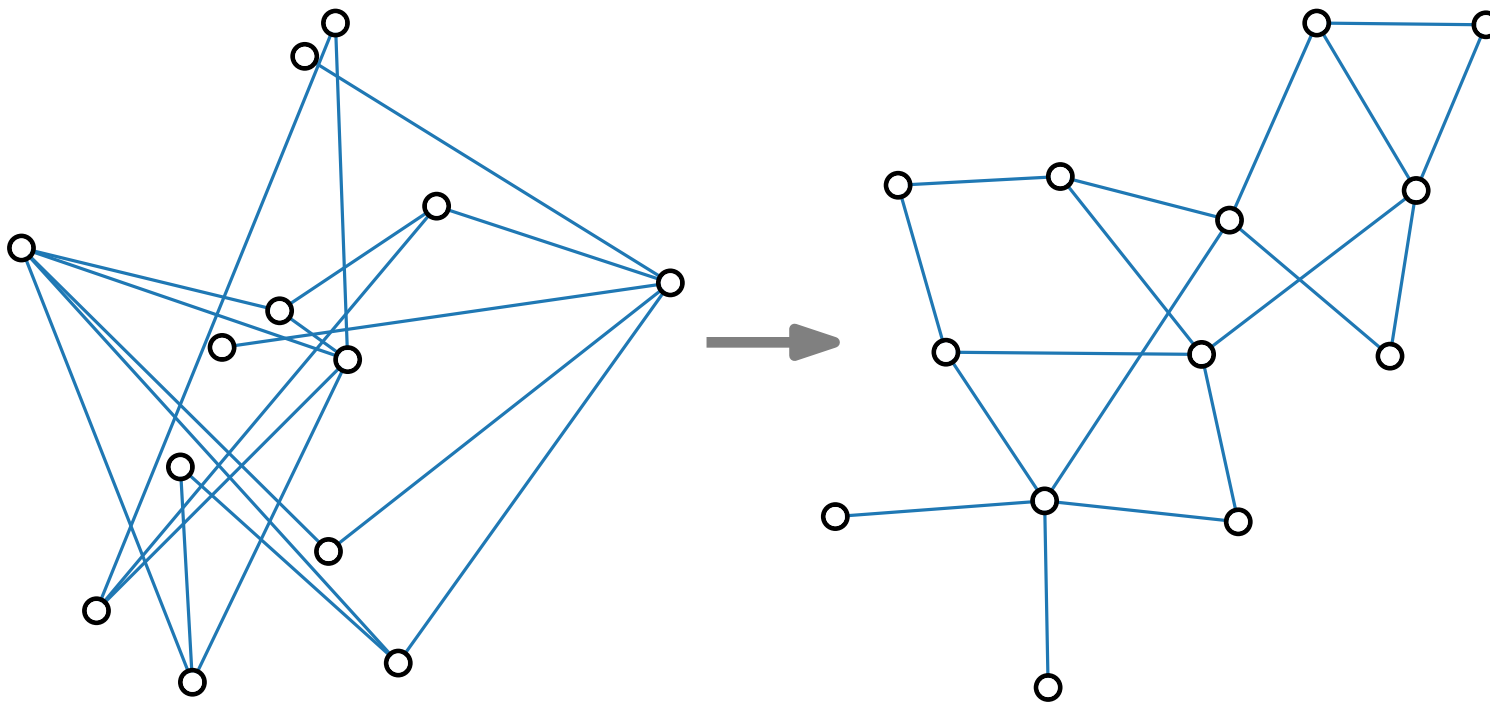


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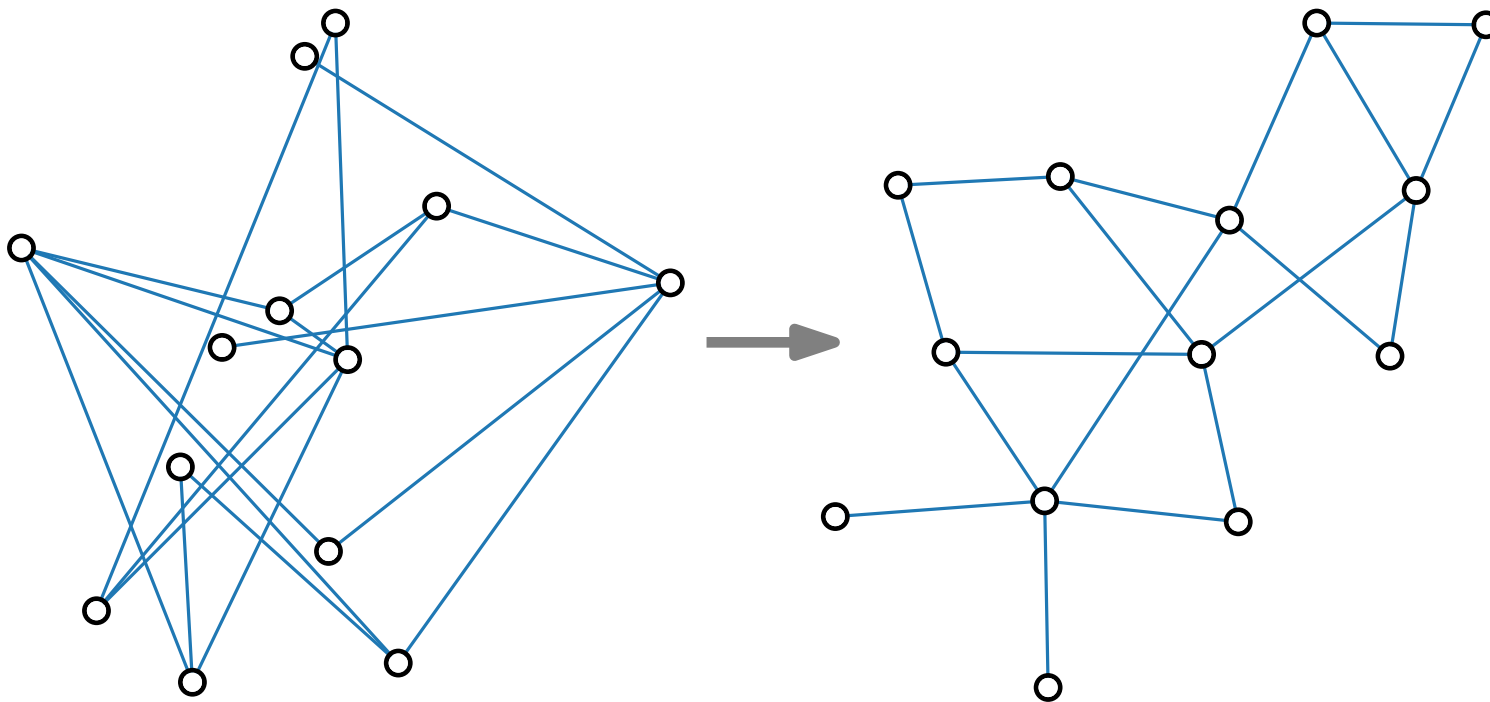
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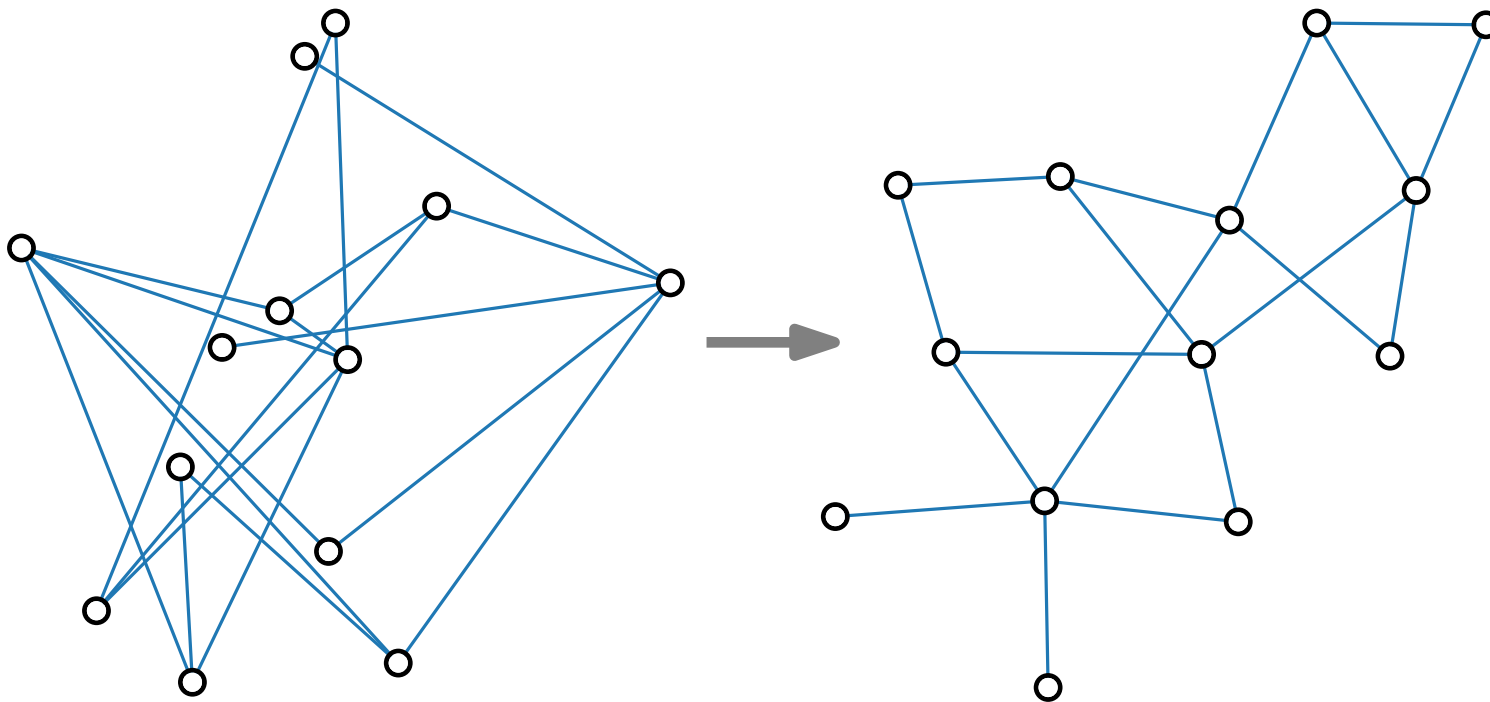
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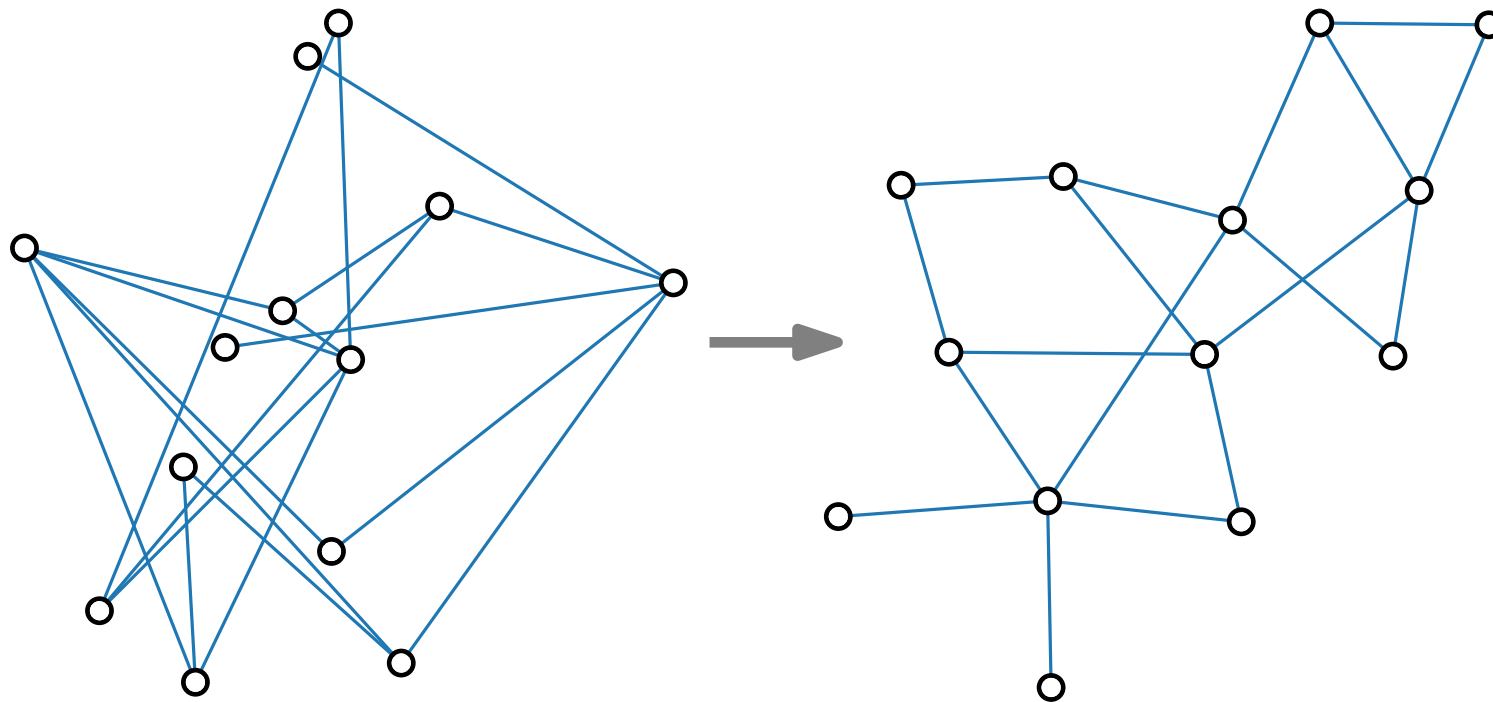


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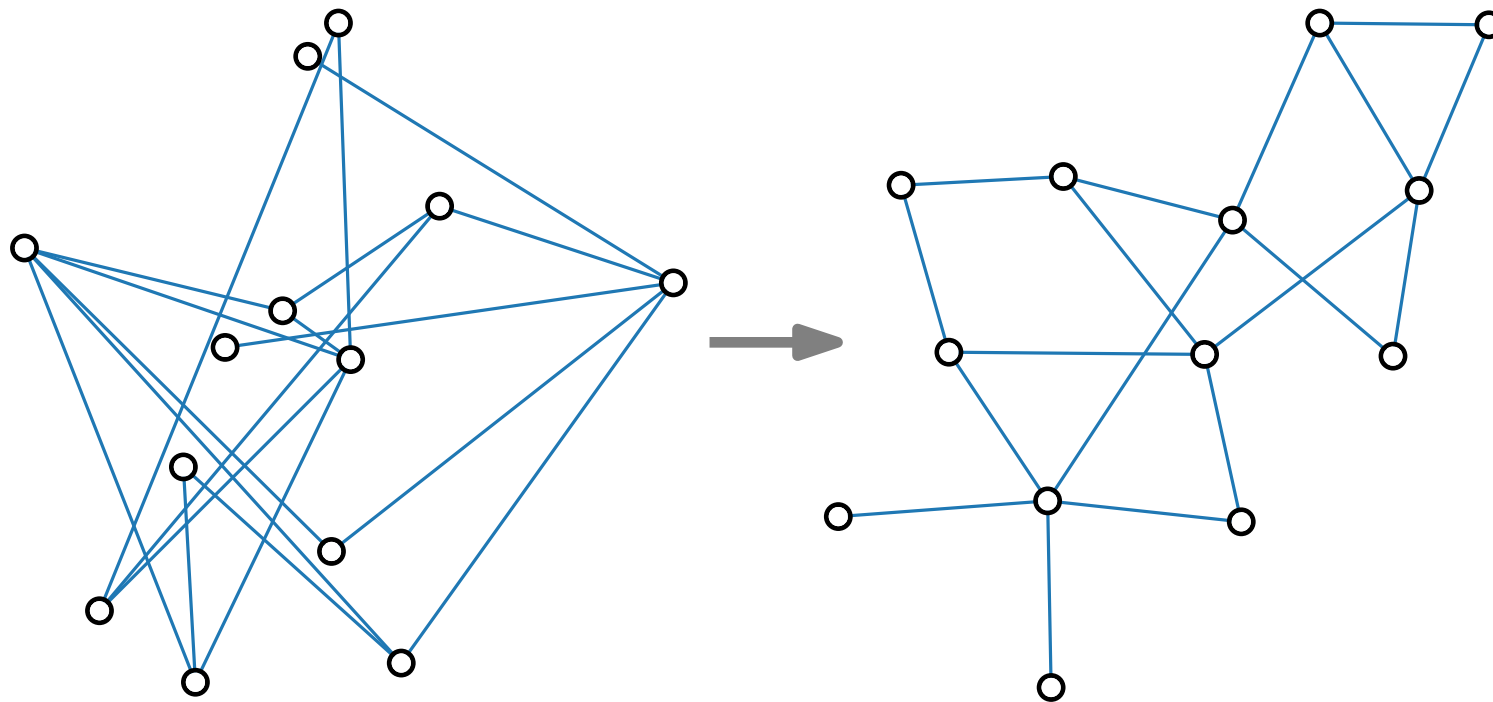
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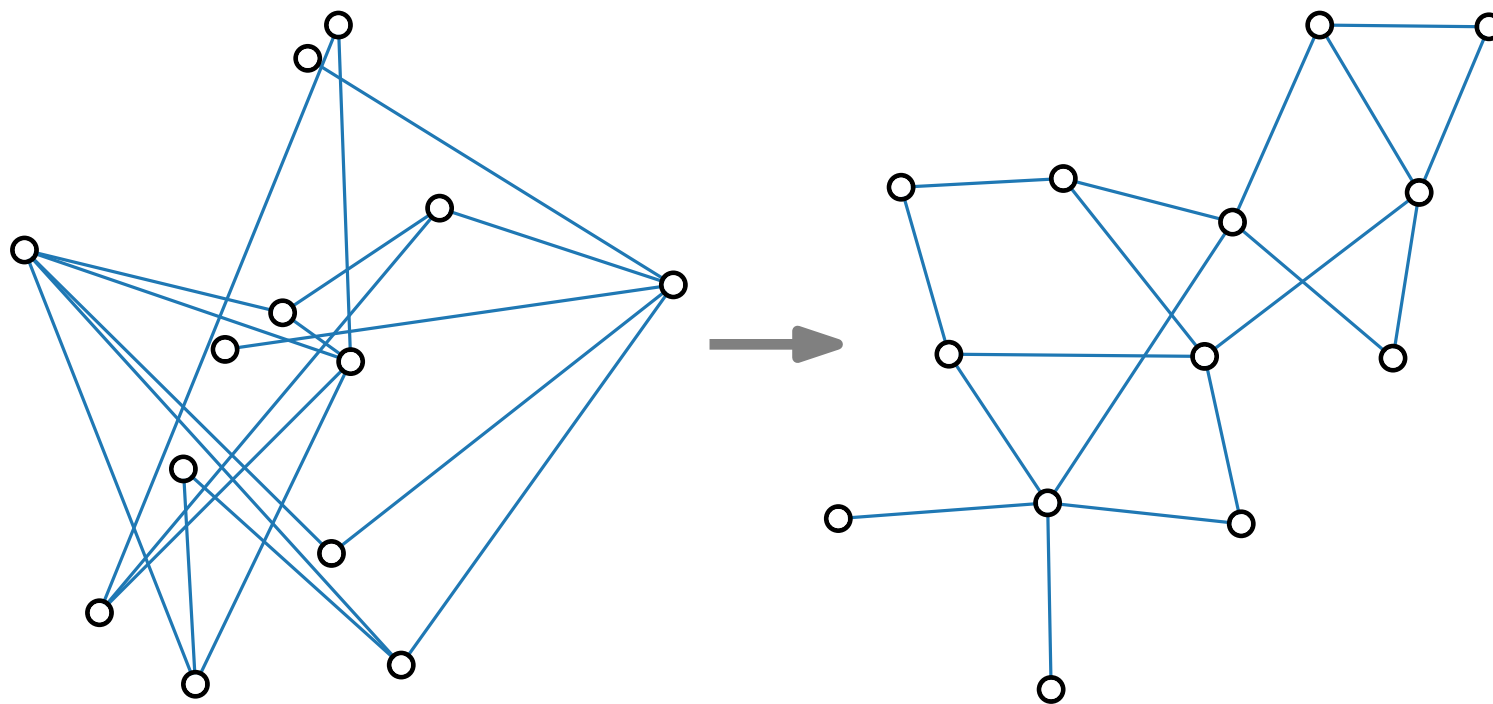
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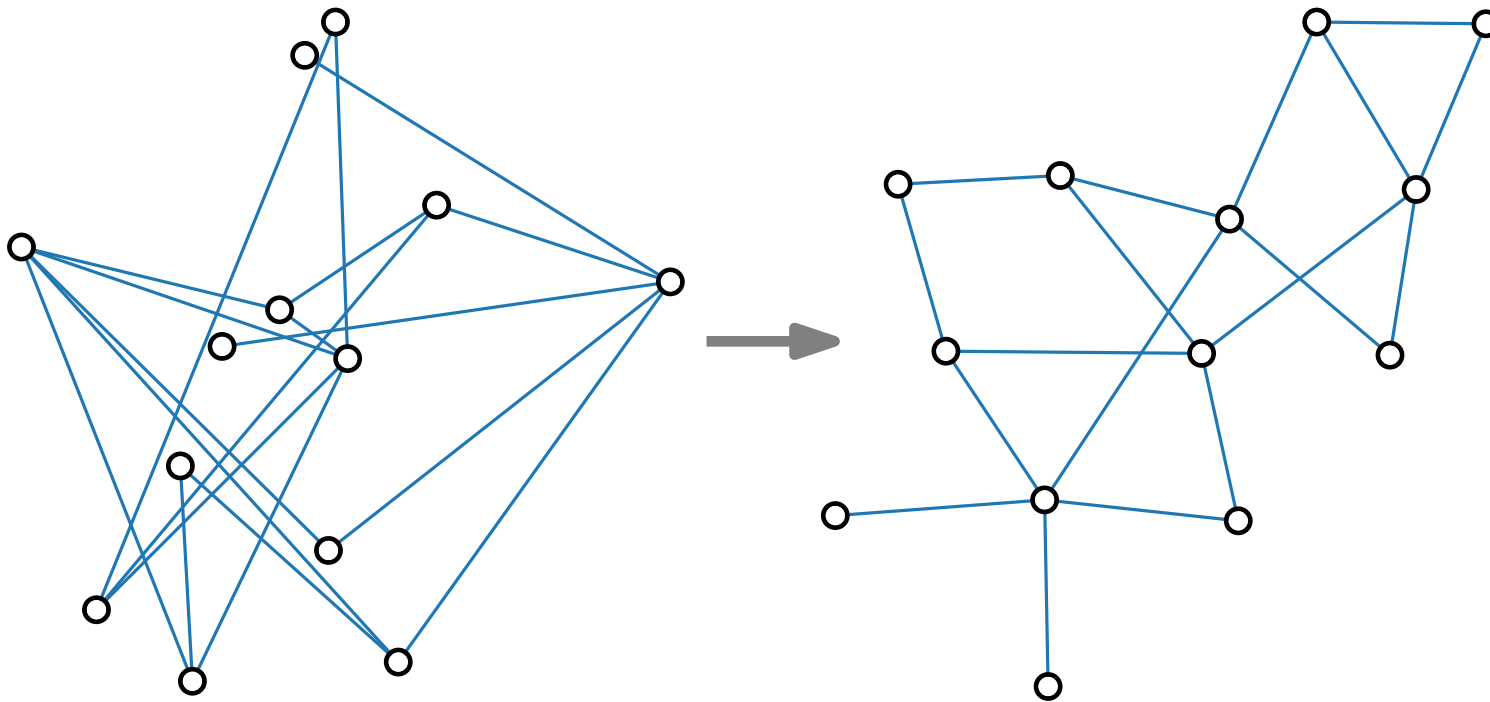
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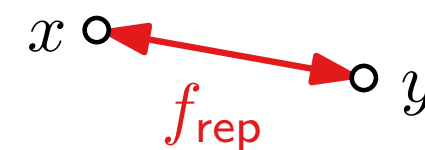
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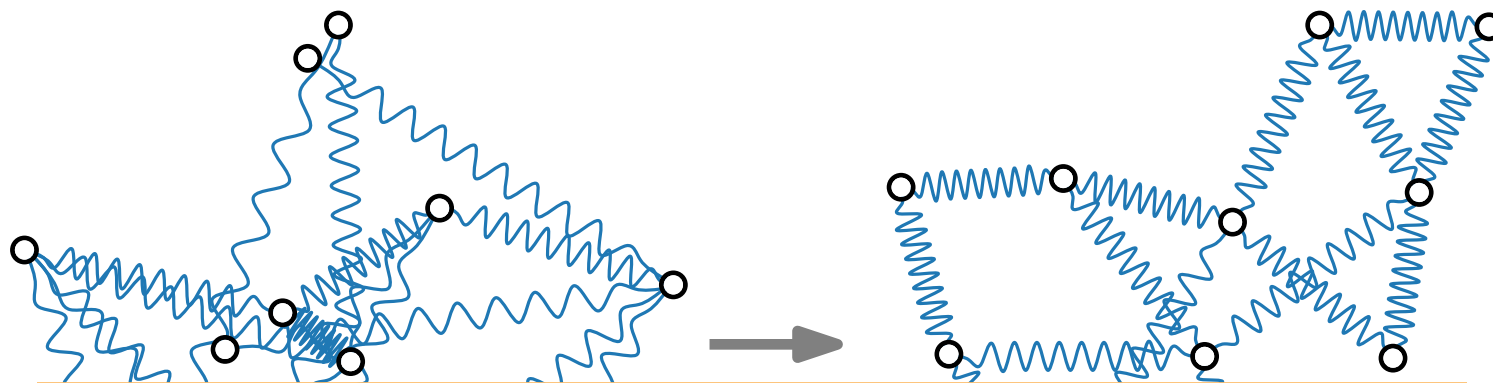


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So-called **spring-embedder** algorithms that work according to this or similar principles are among the most frequently used graph-drawing methods in practice.

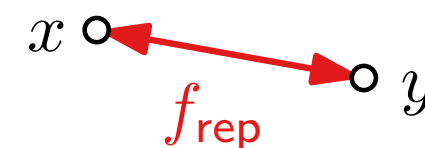
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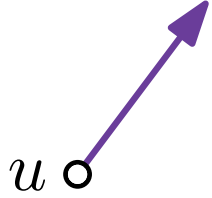
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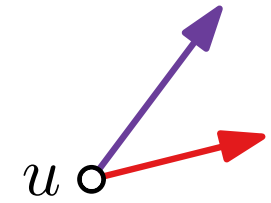
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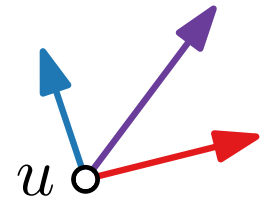
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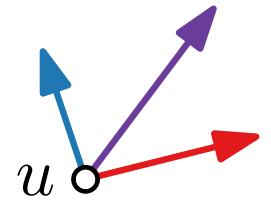
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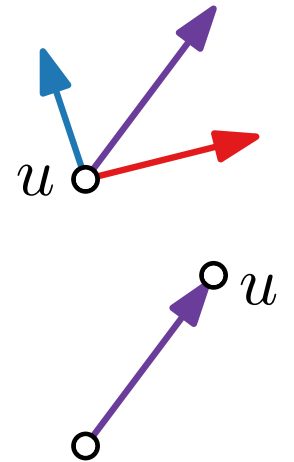
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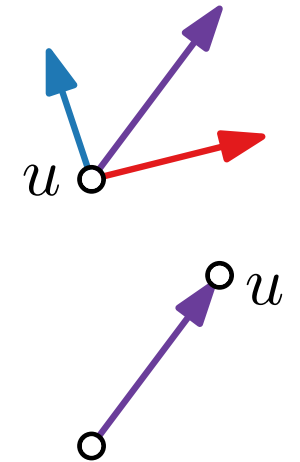
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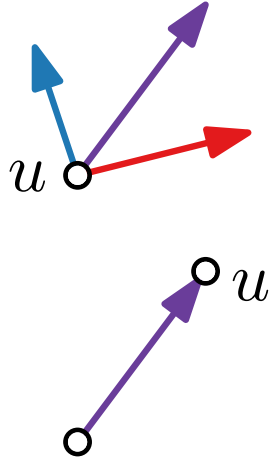
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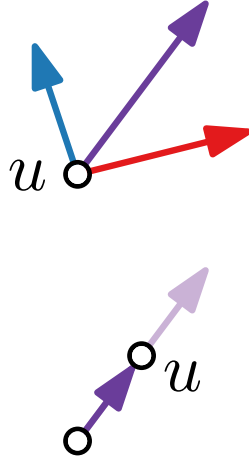
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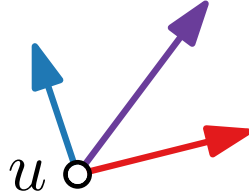
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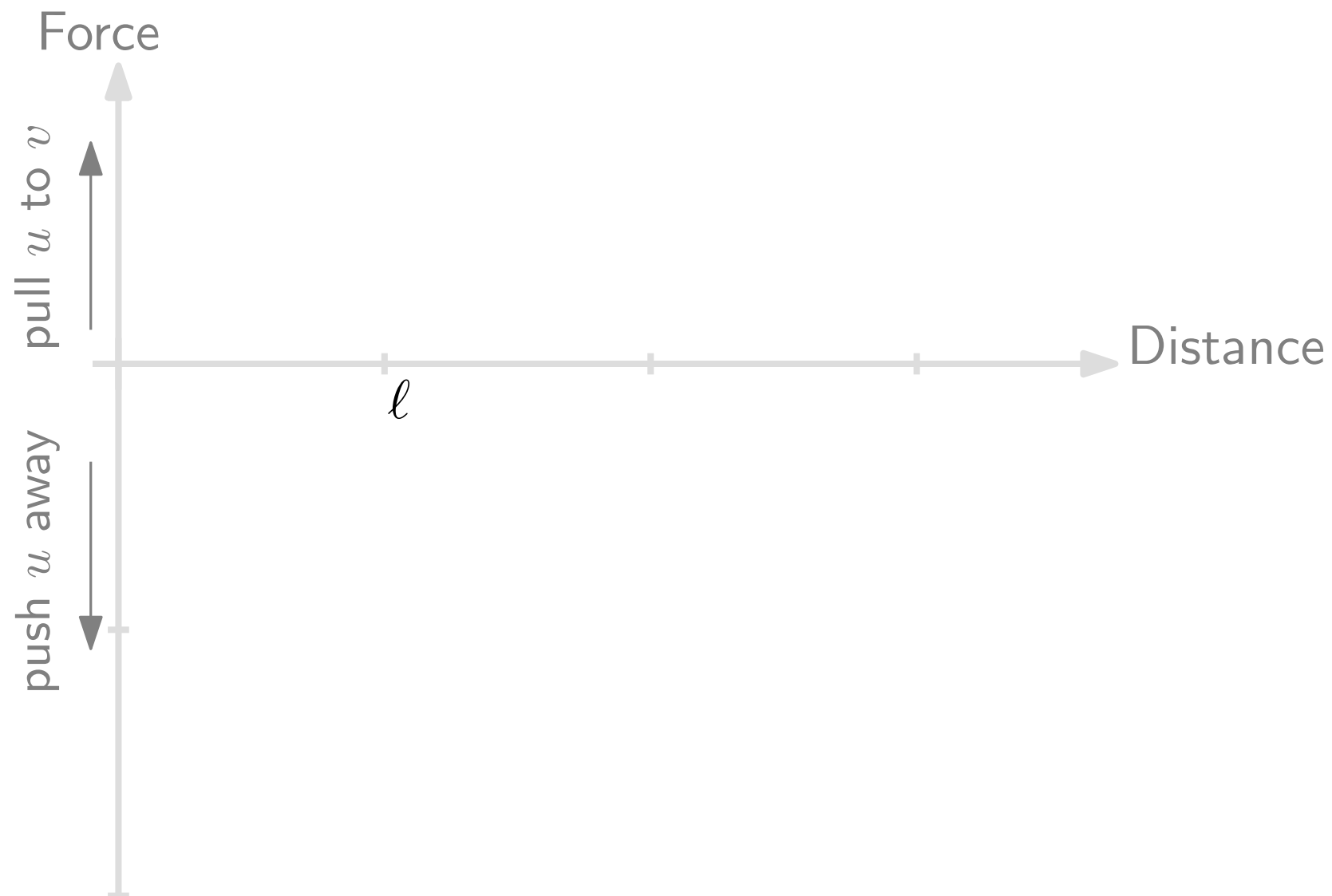
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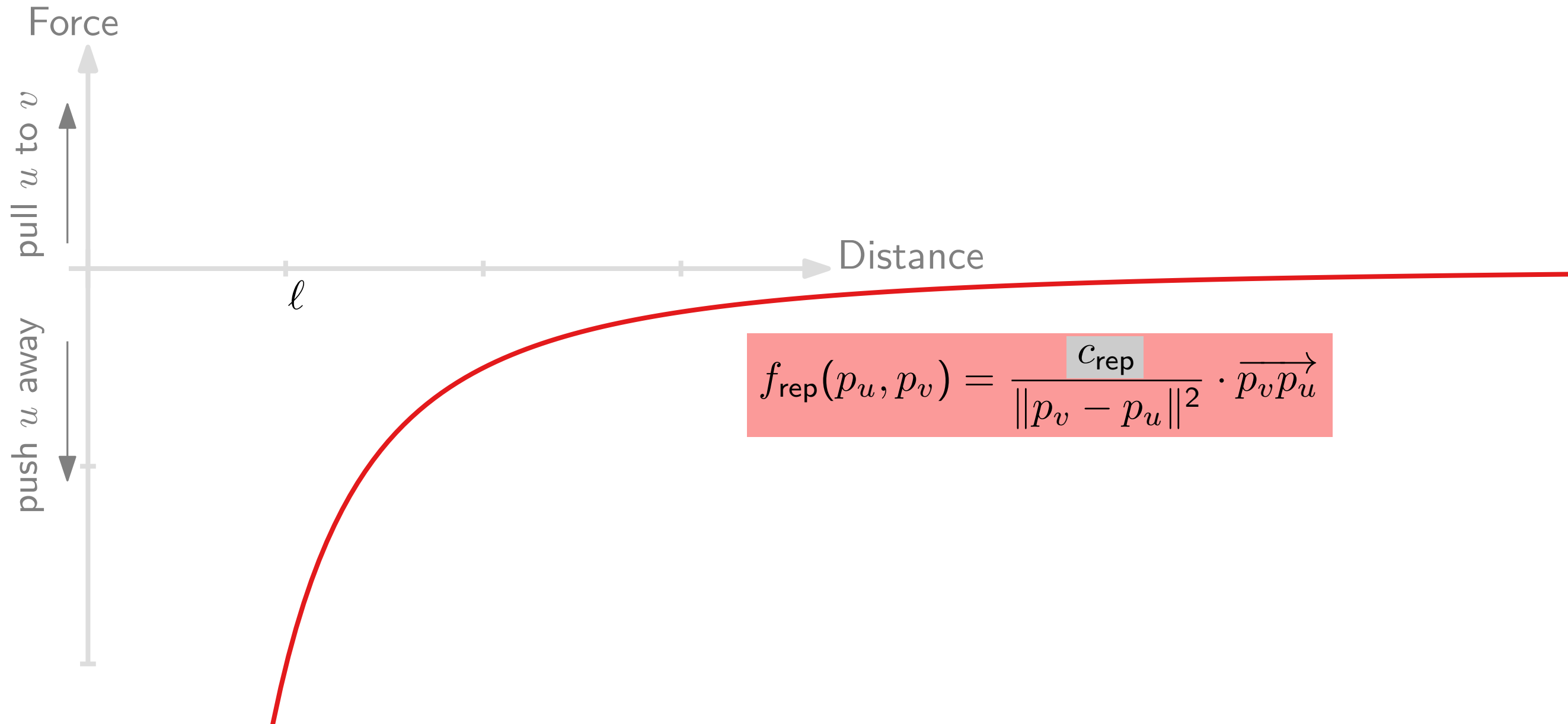
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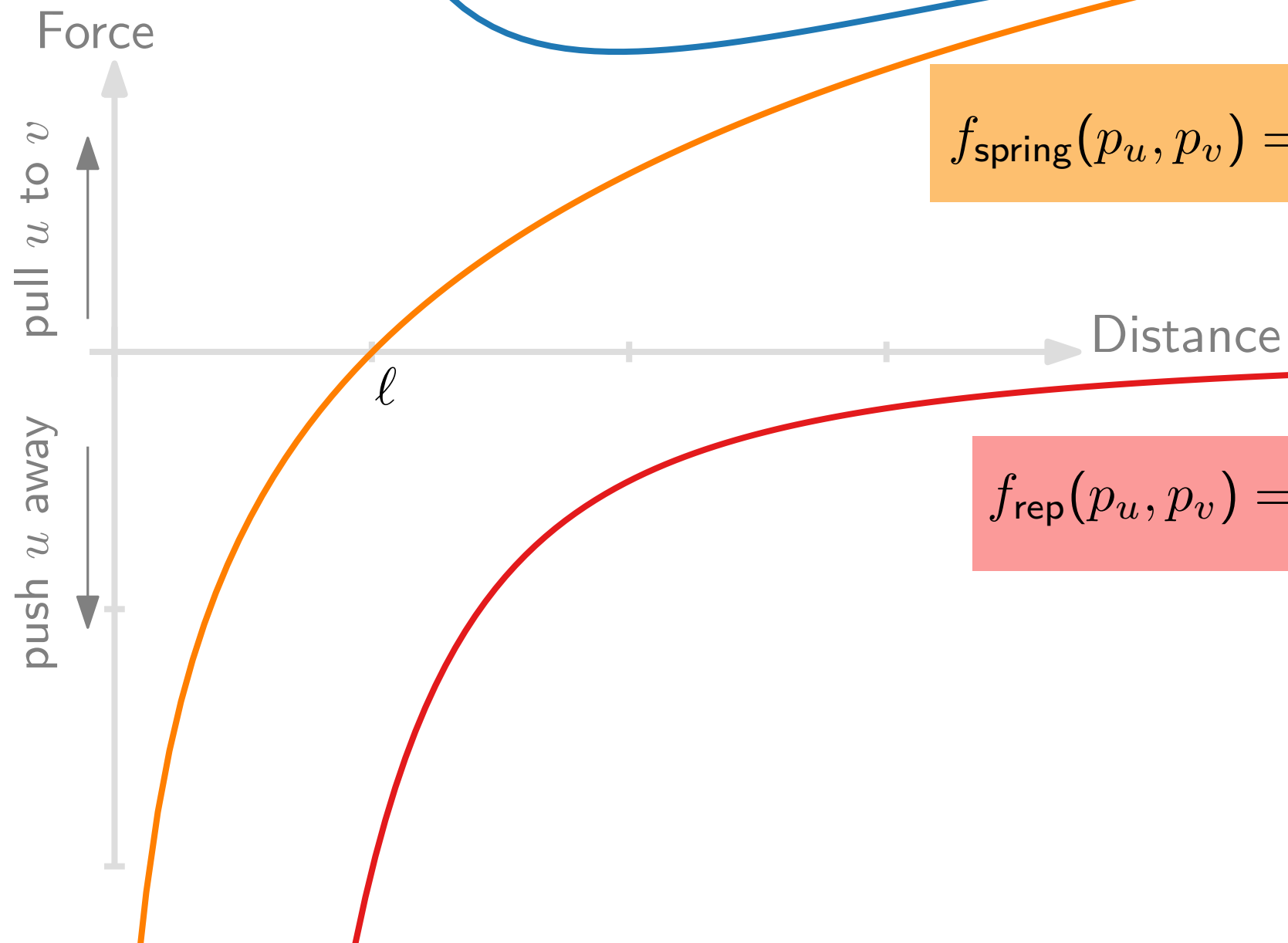
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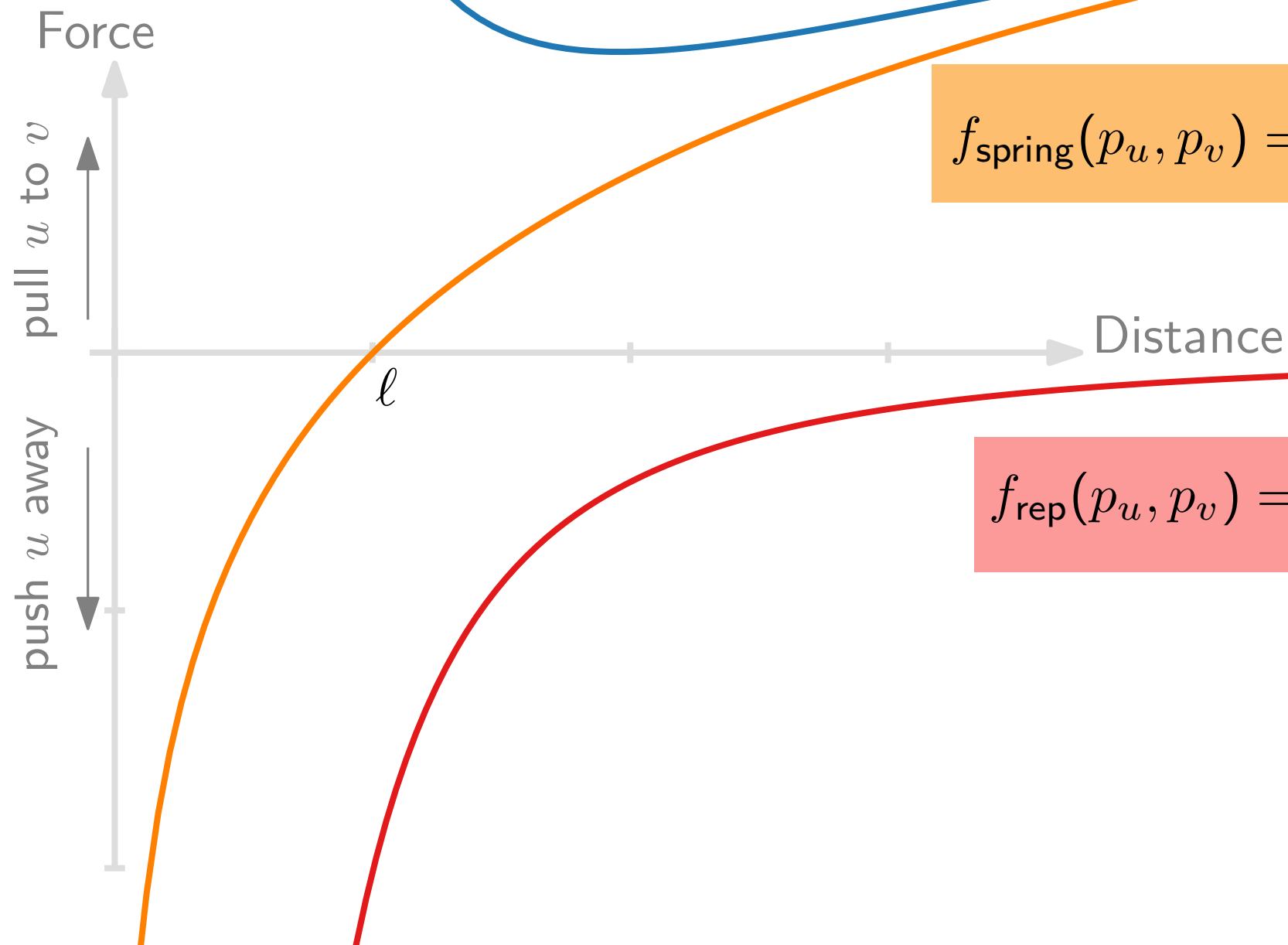


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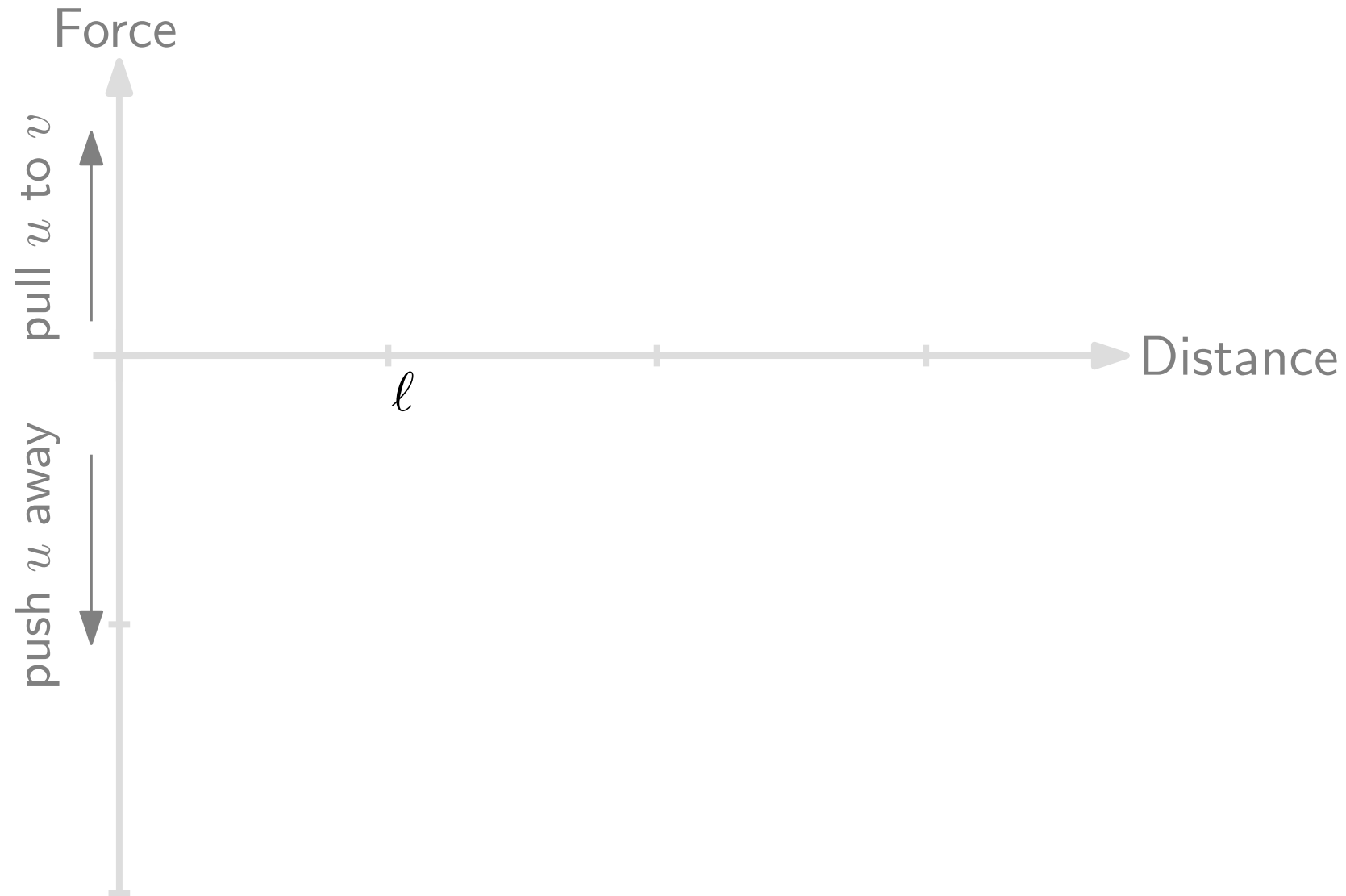
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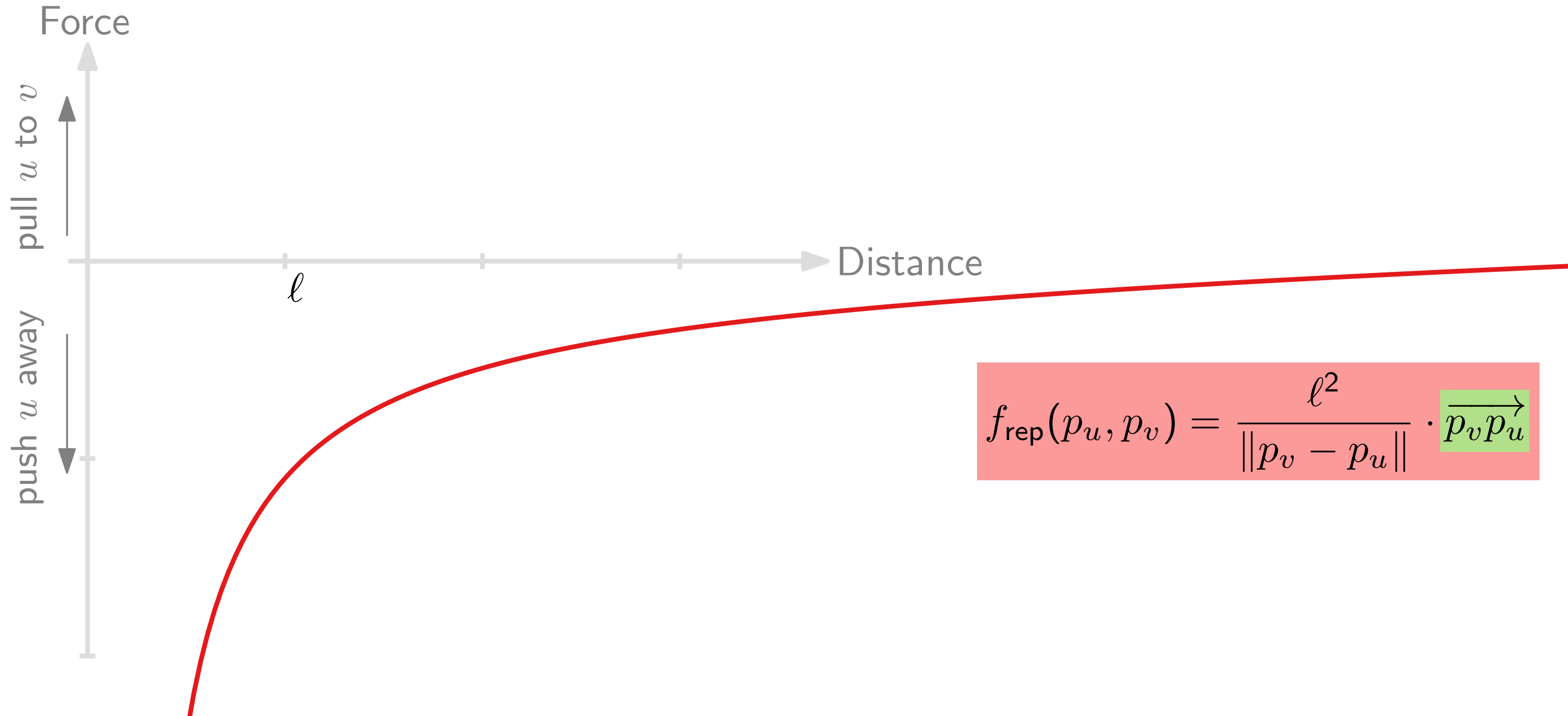
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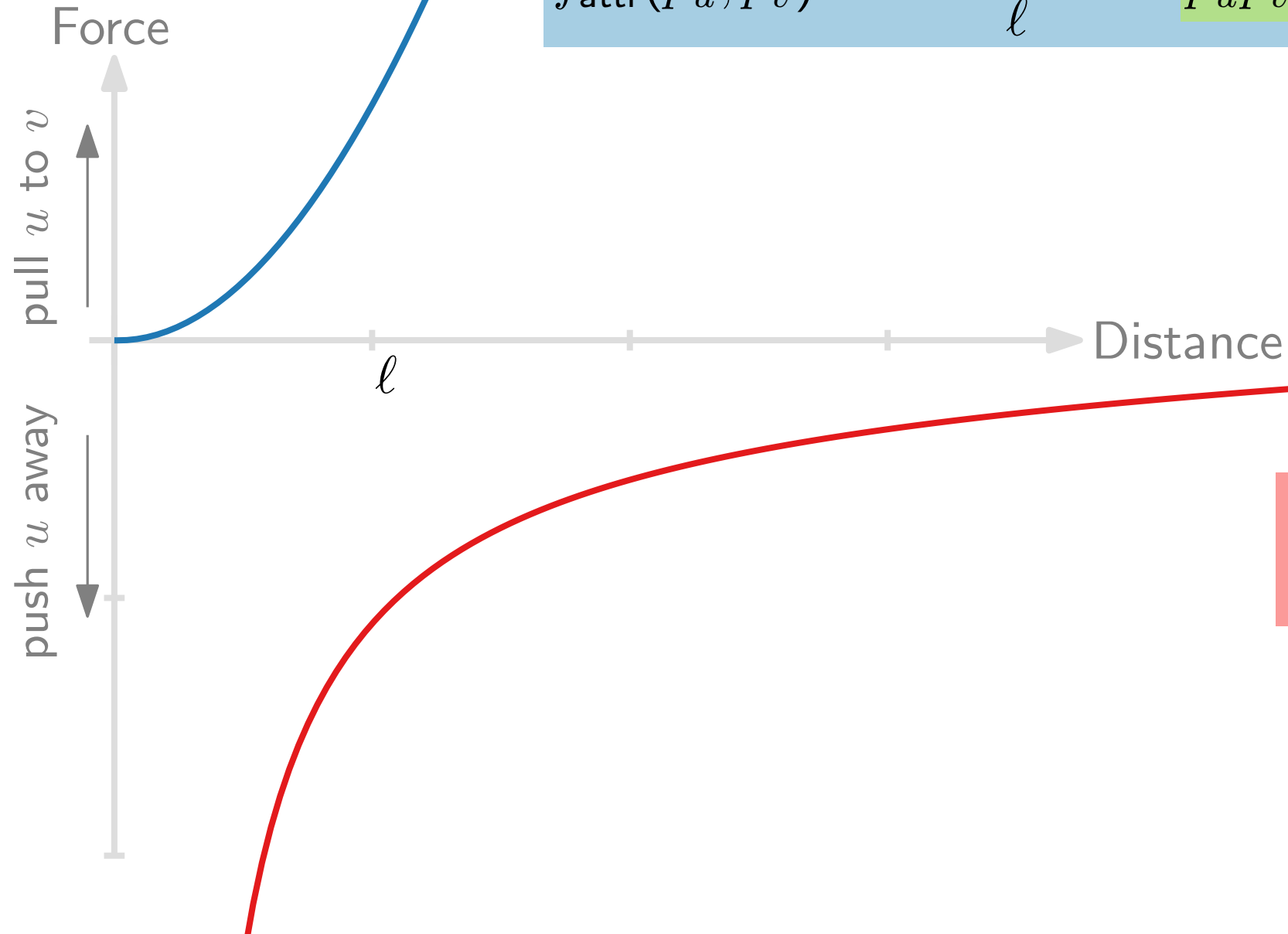
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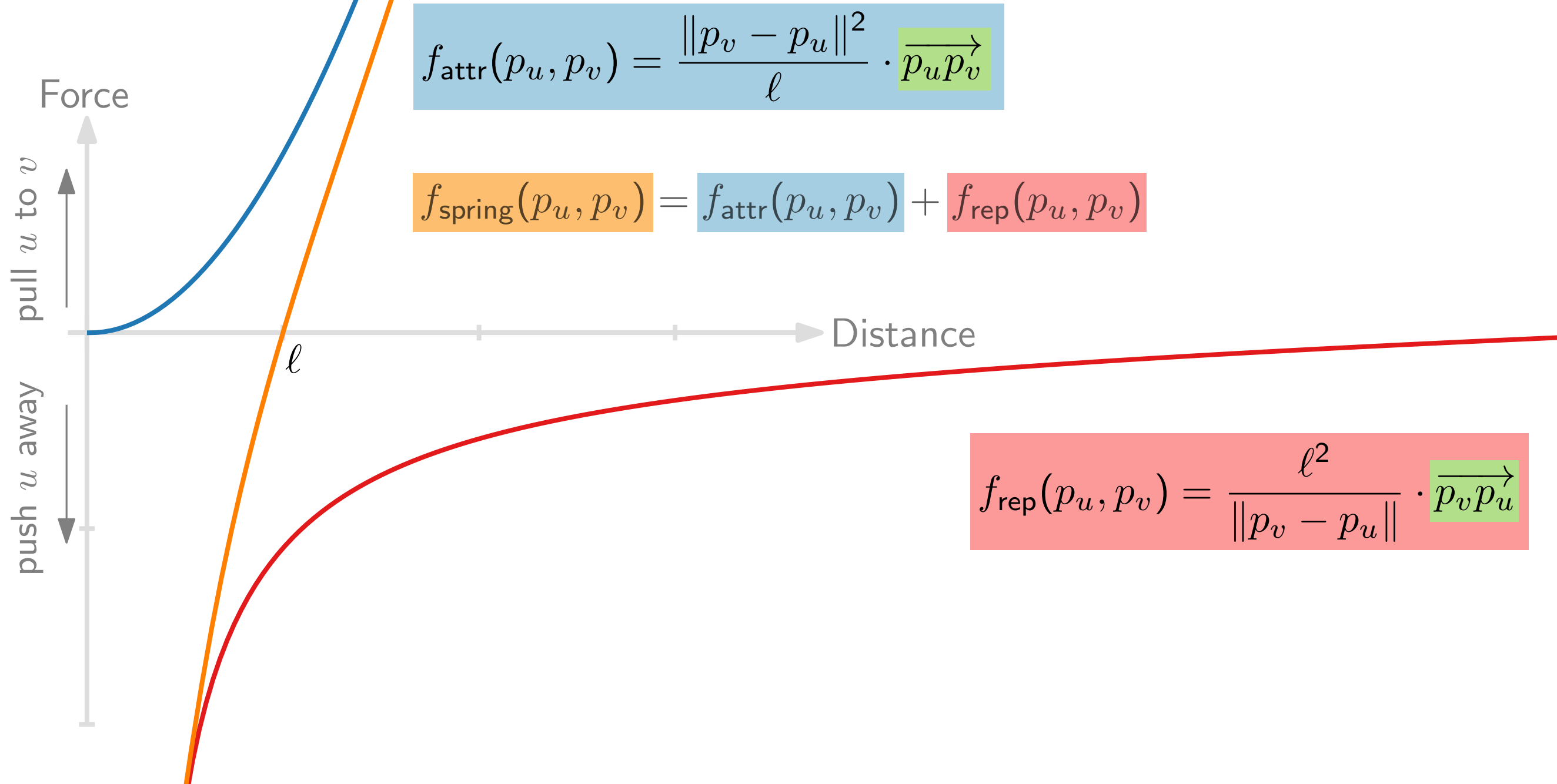
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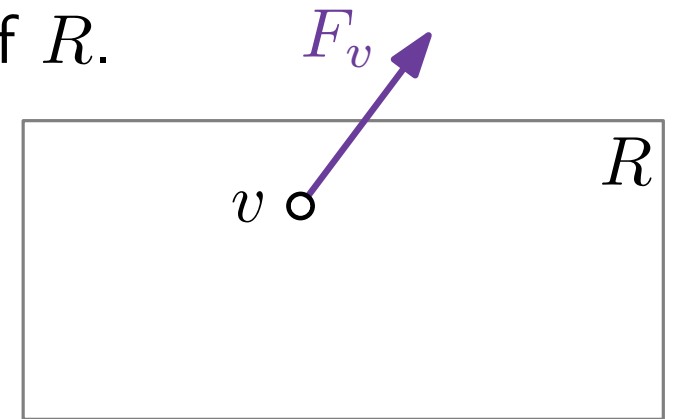
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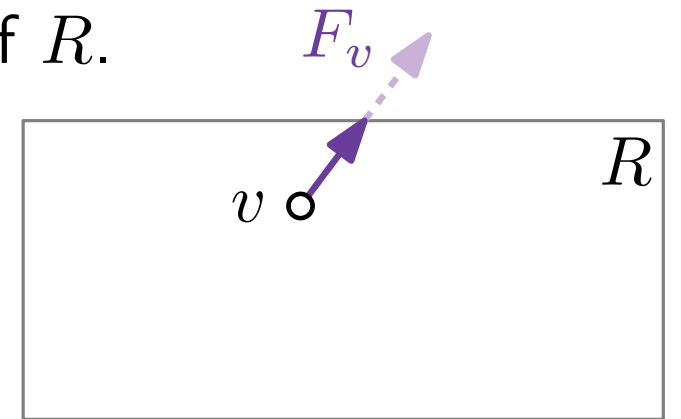
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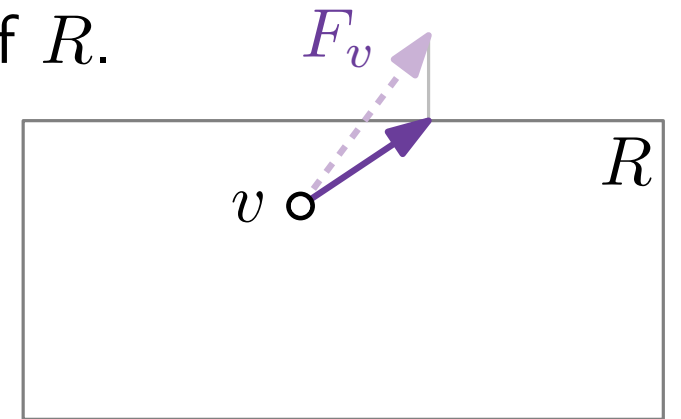
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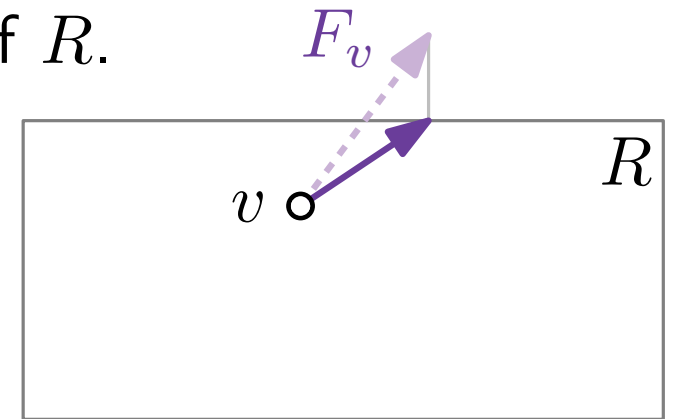
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And many more...

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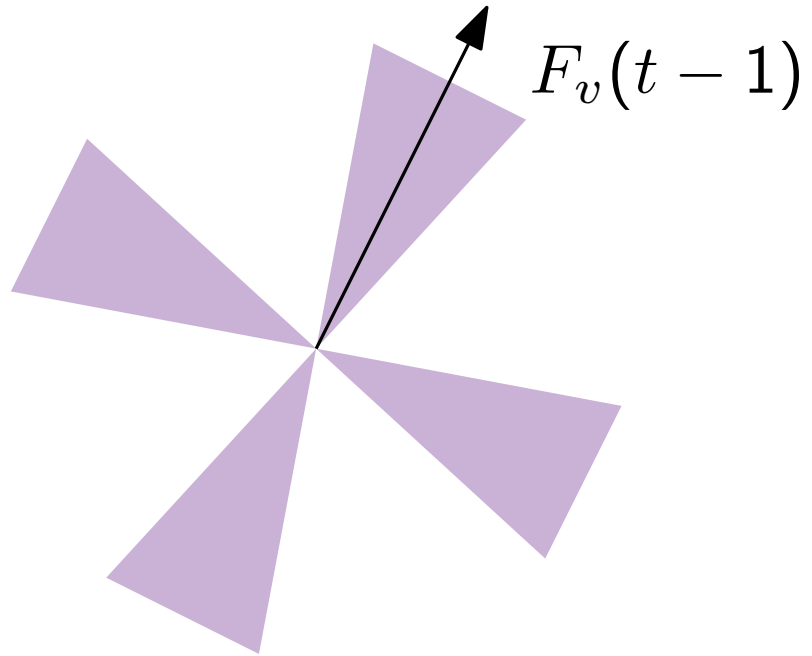
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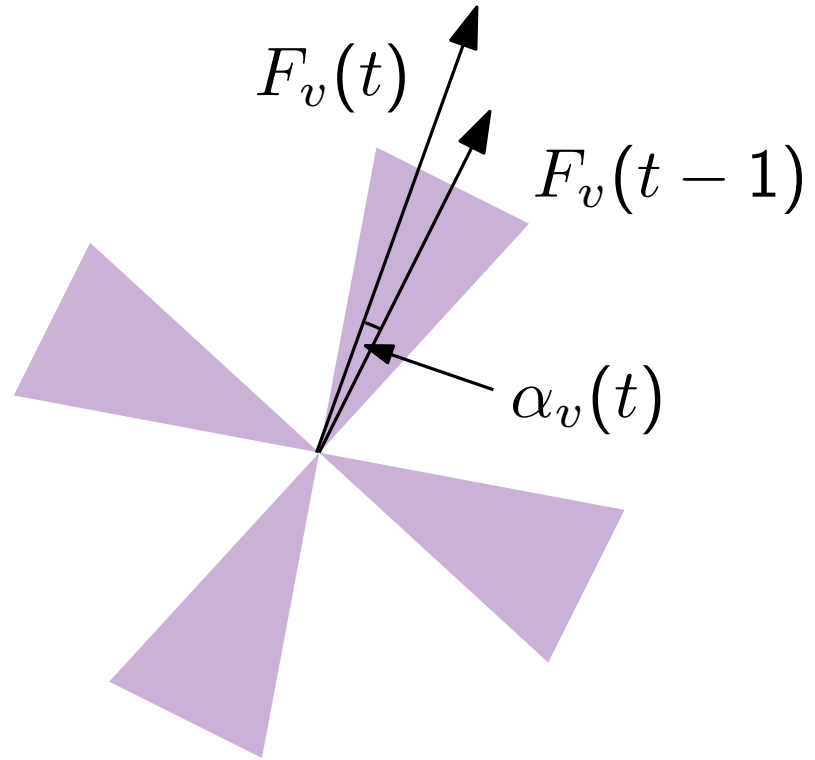
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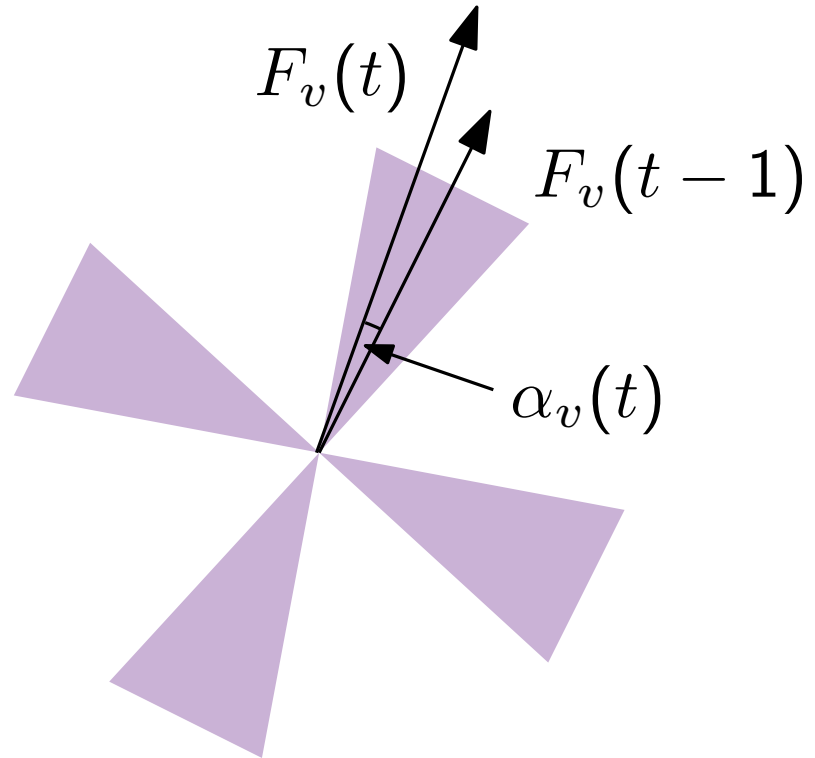
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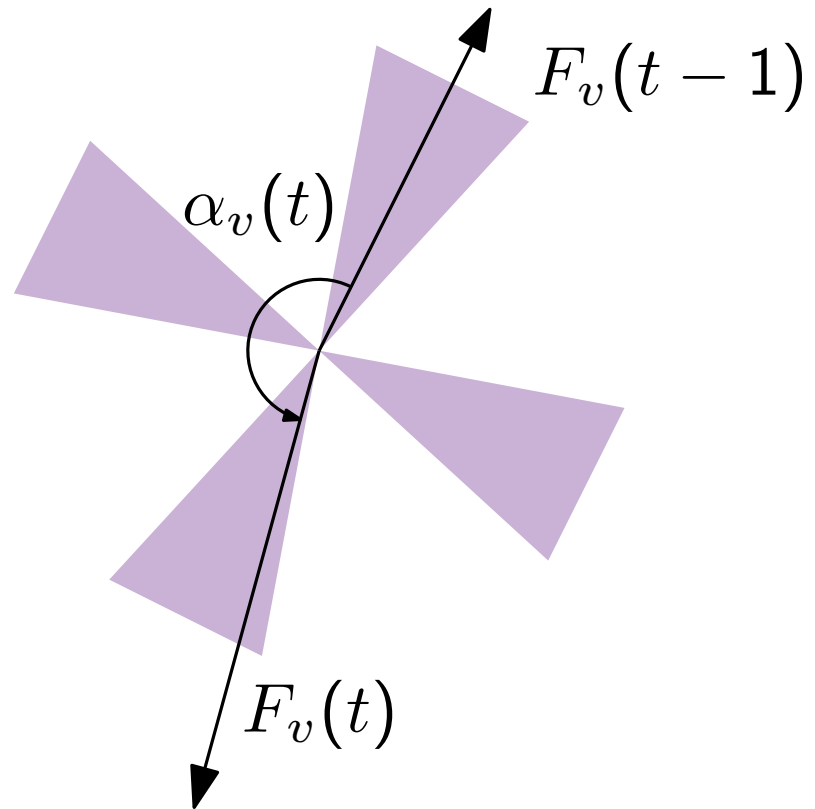


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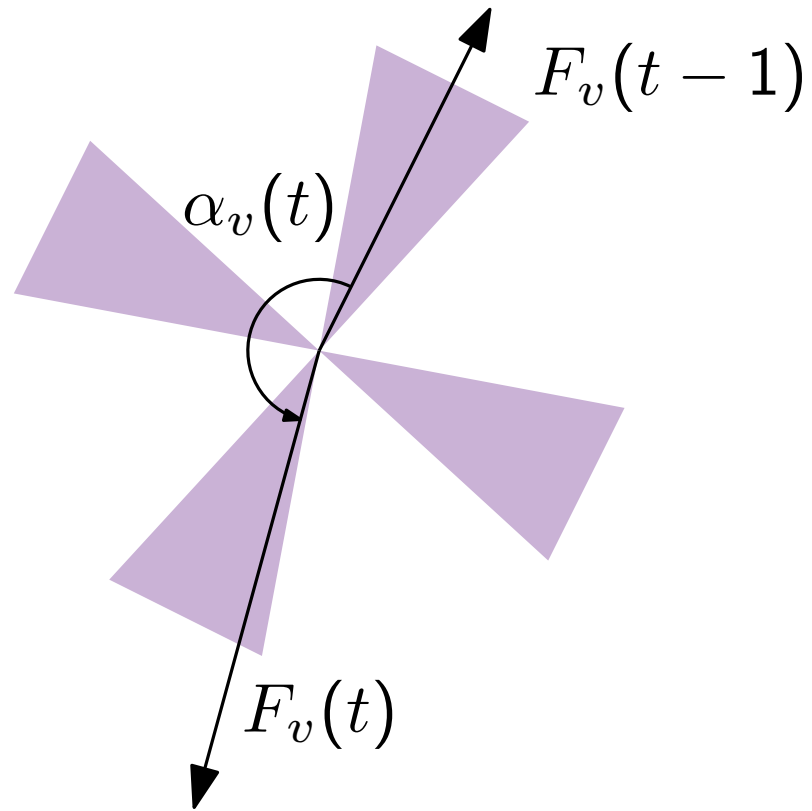


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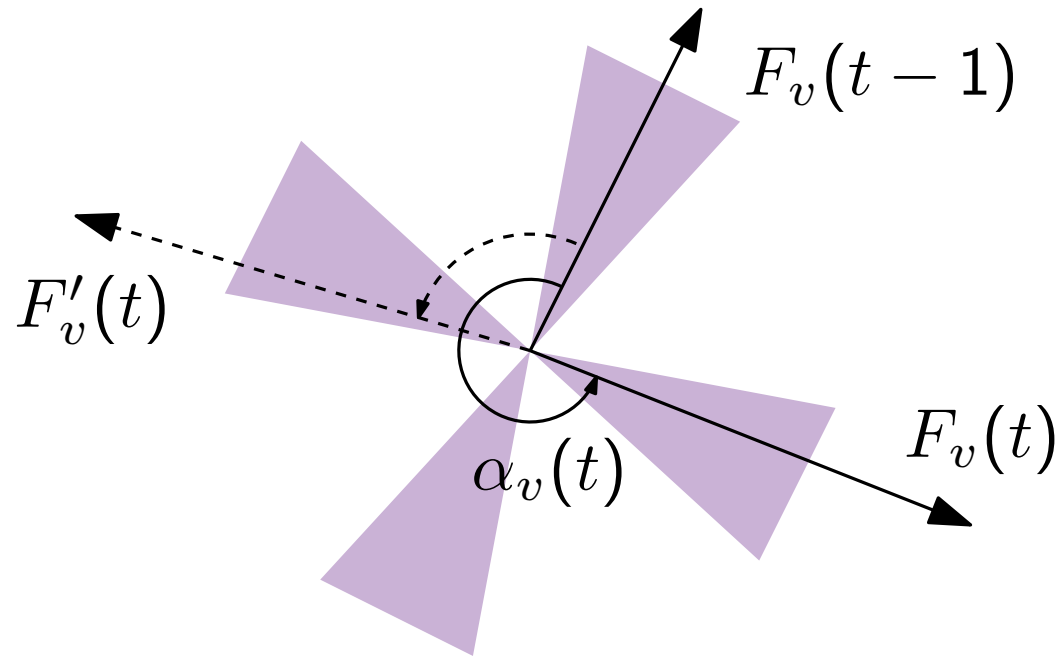
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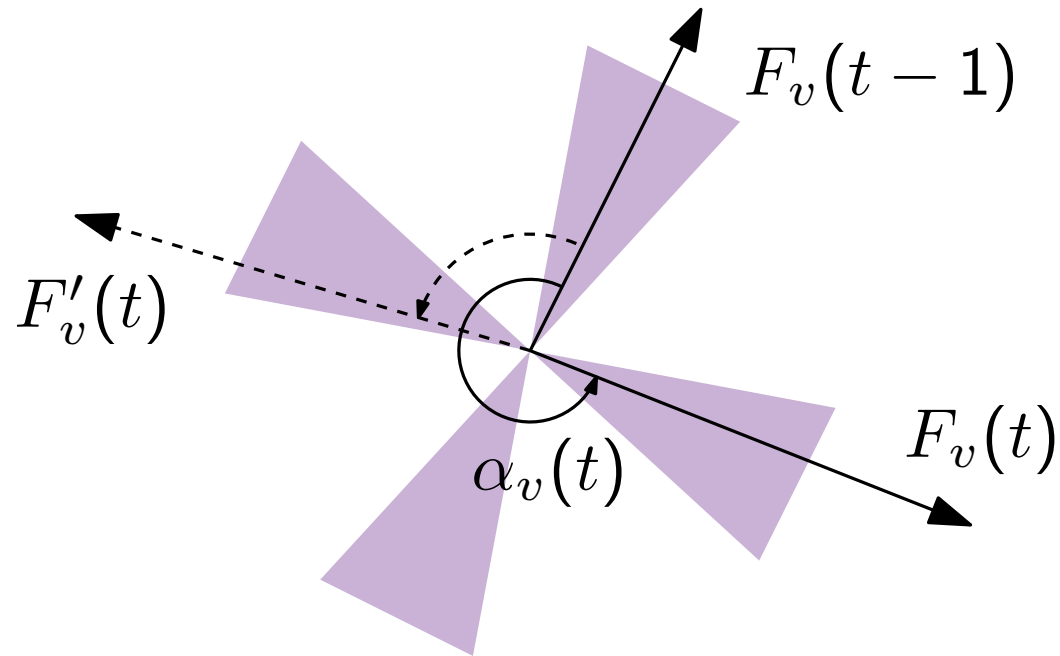
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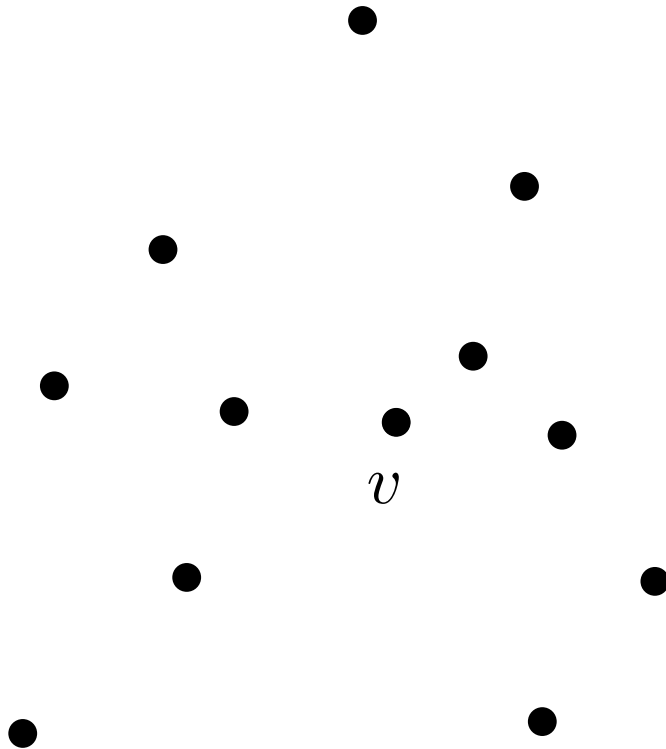
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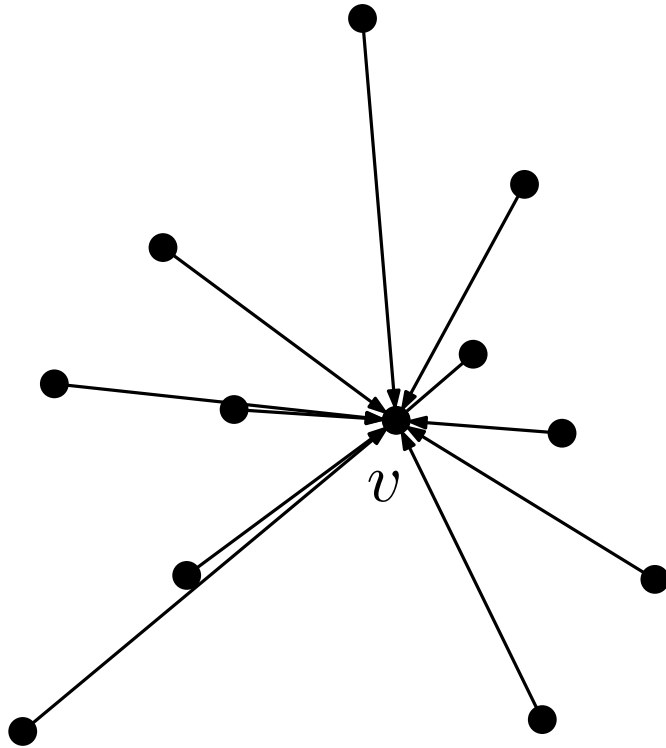
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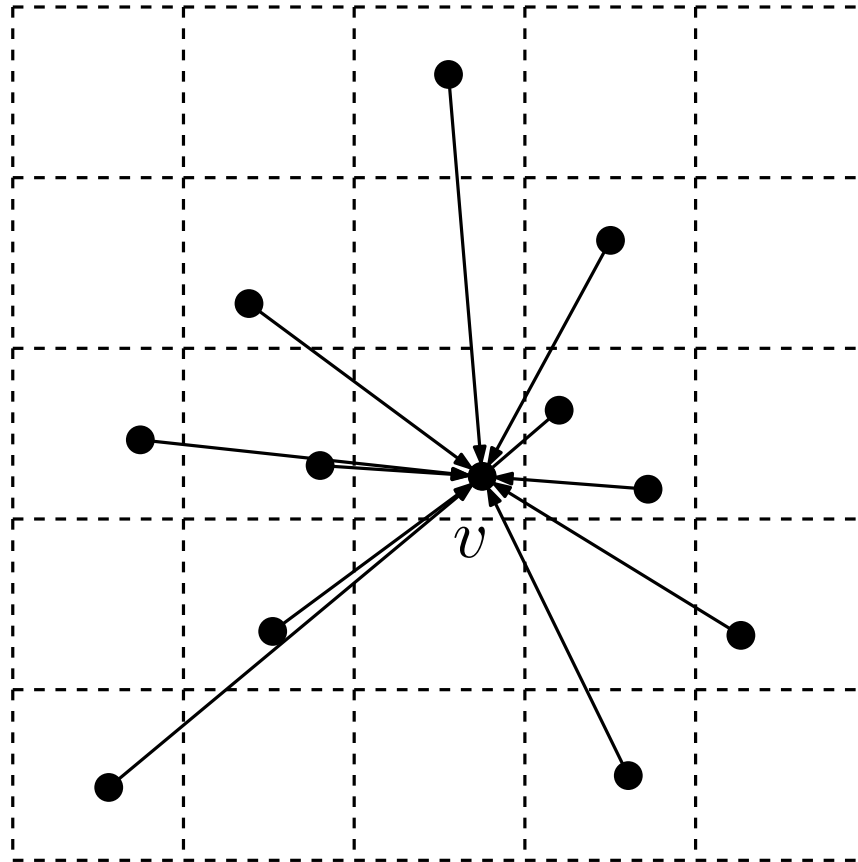
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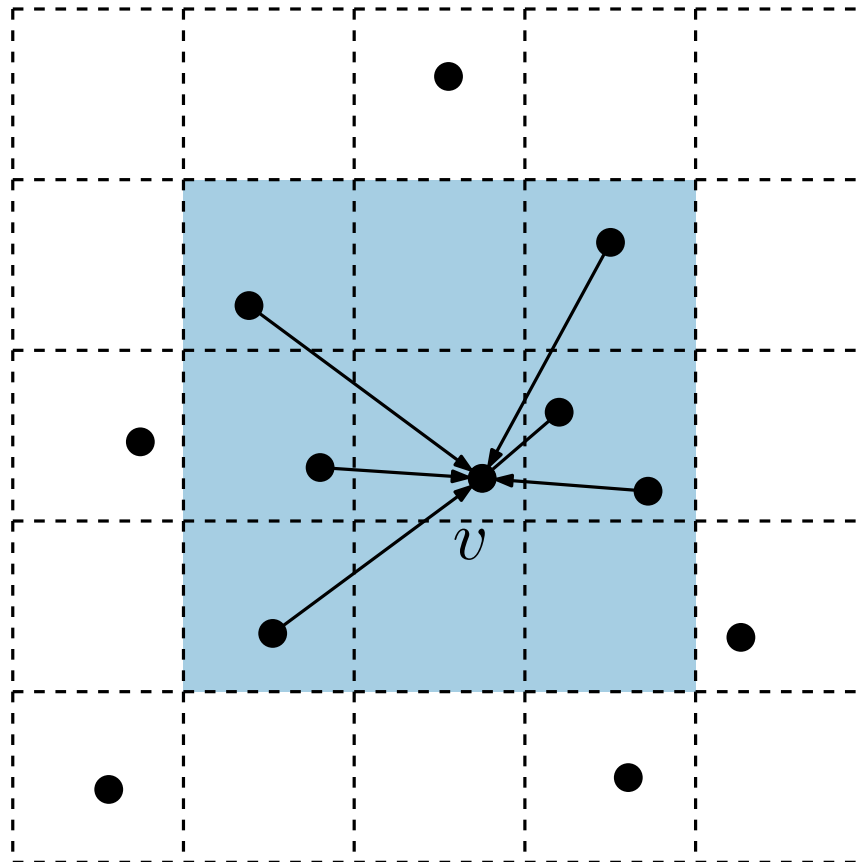
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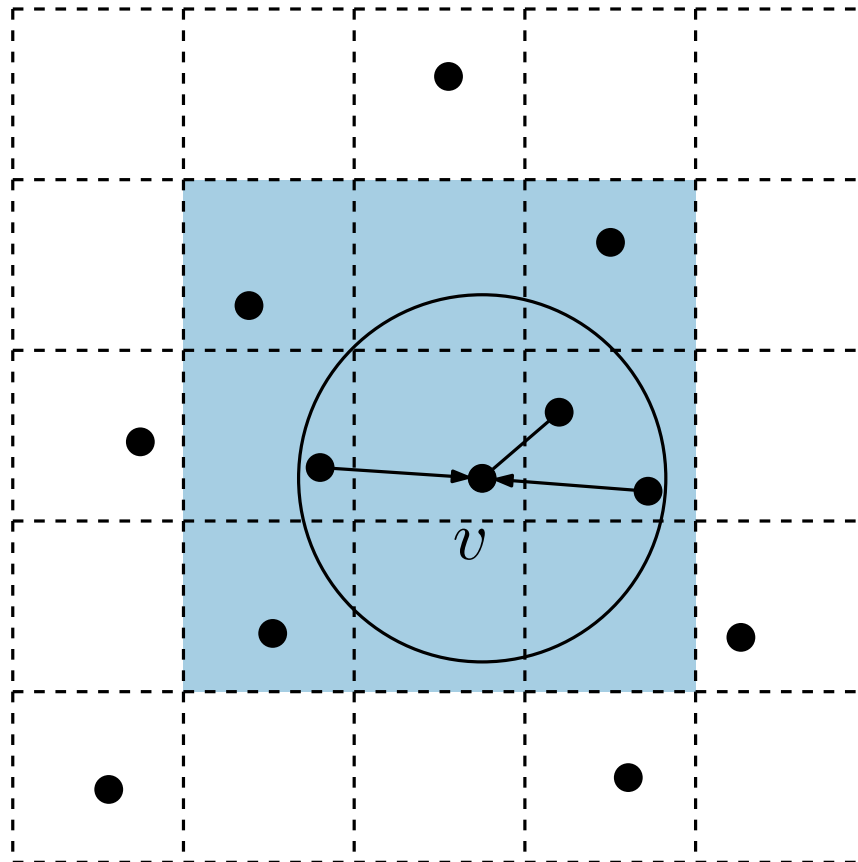
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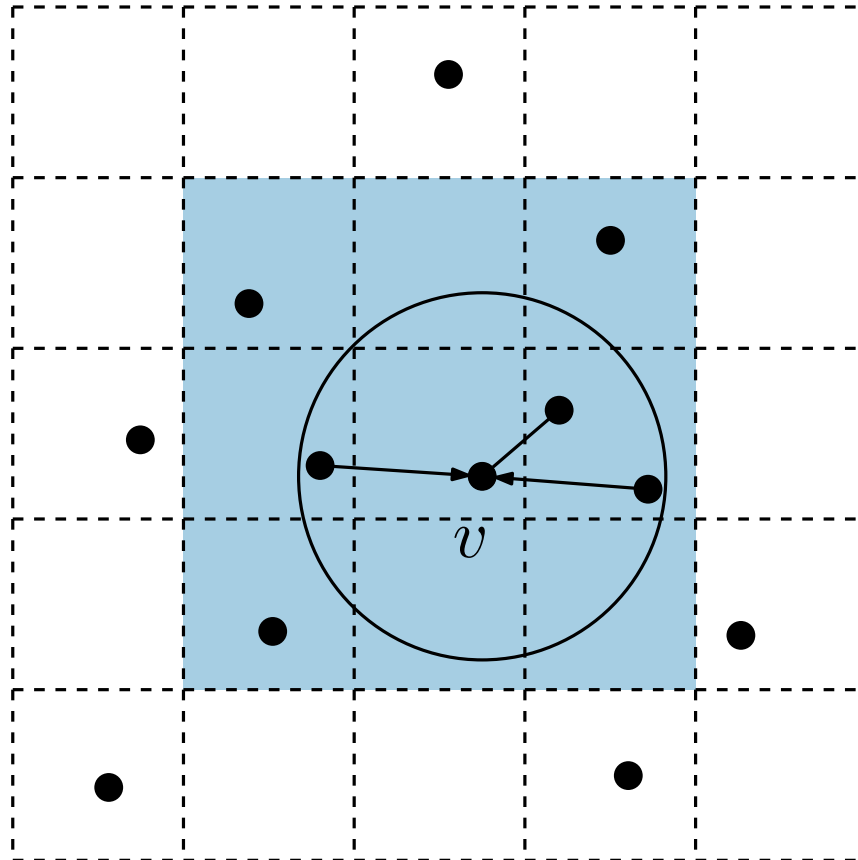
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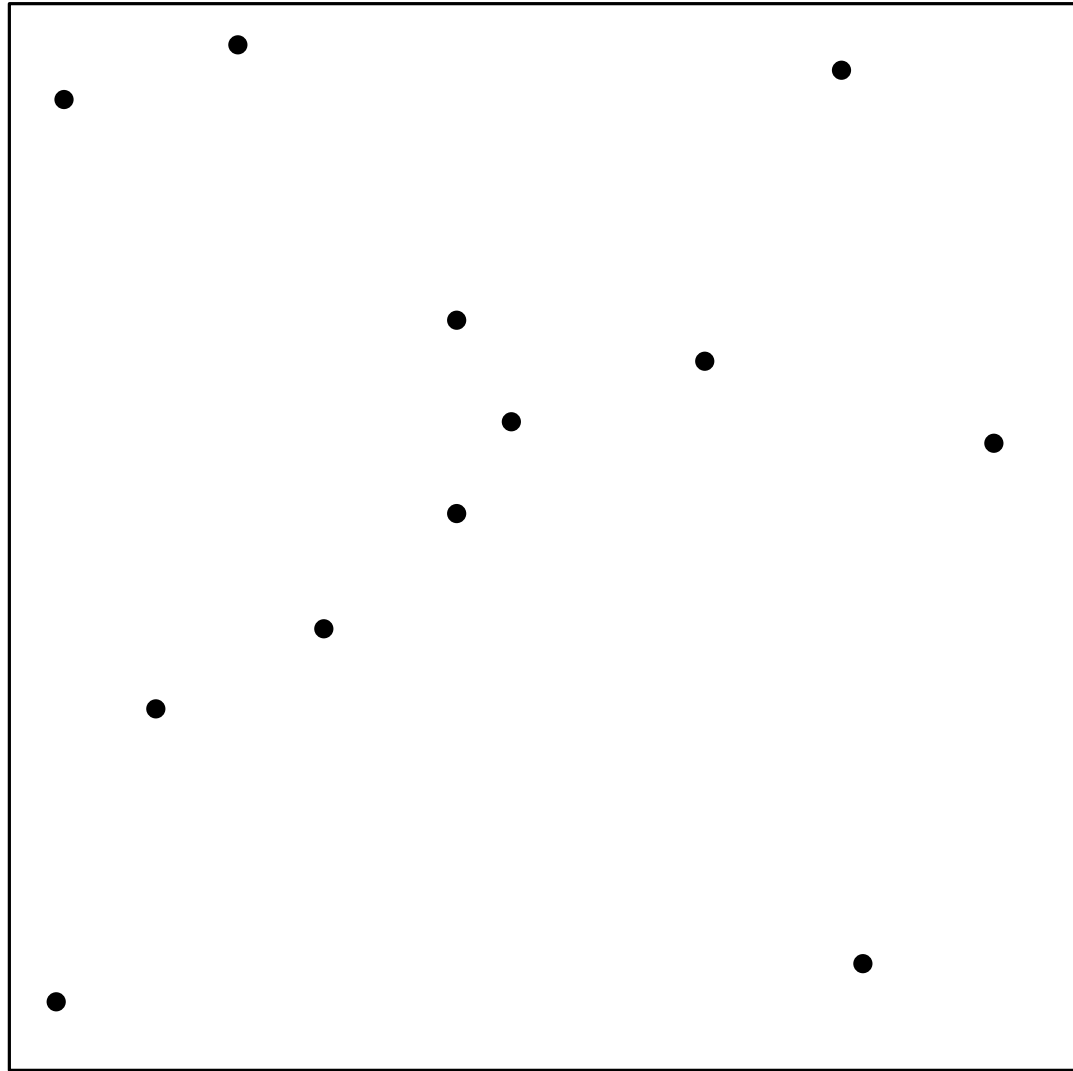
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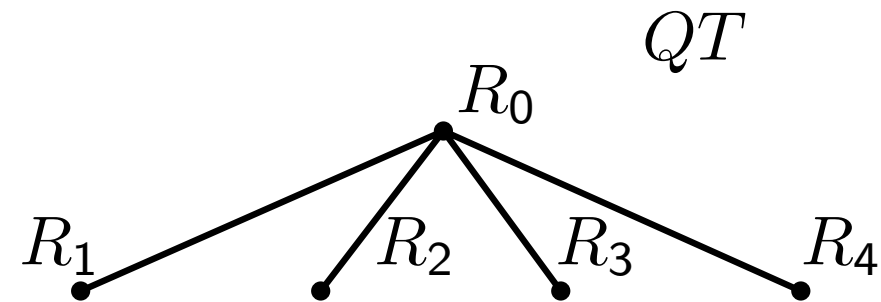
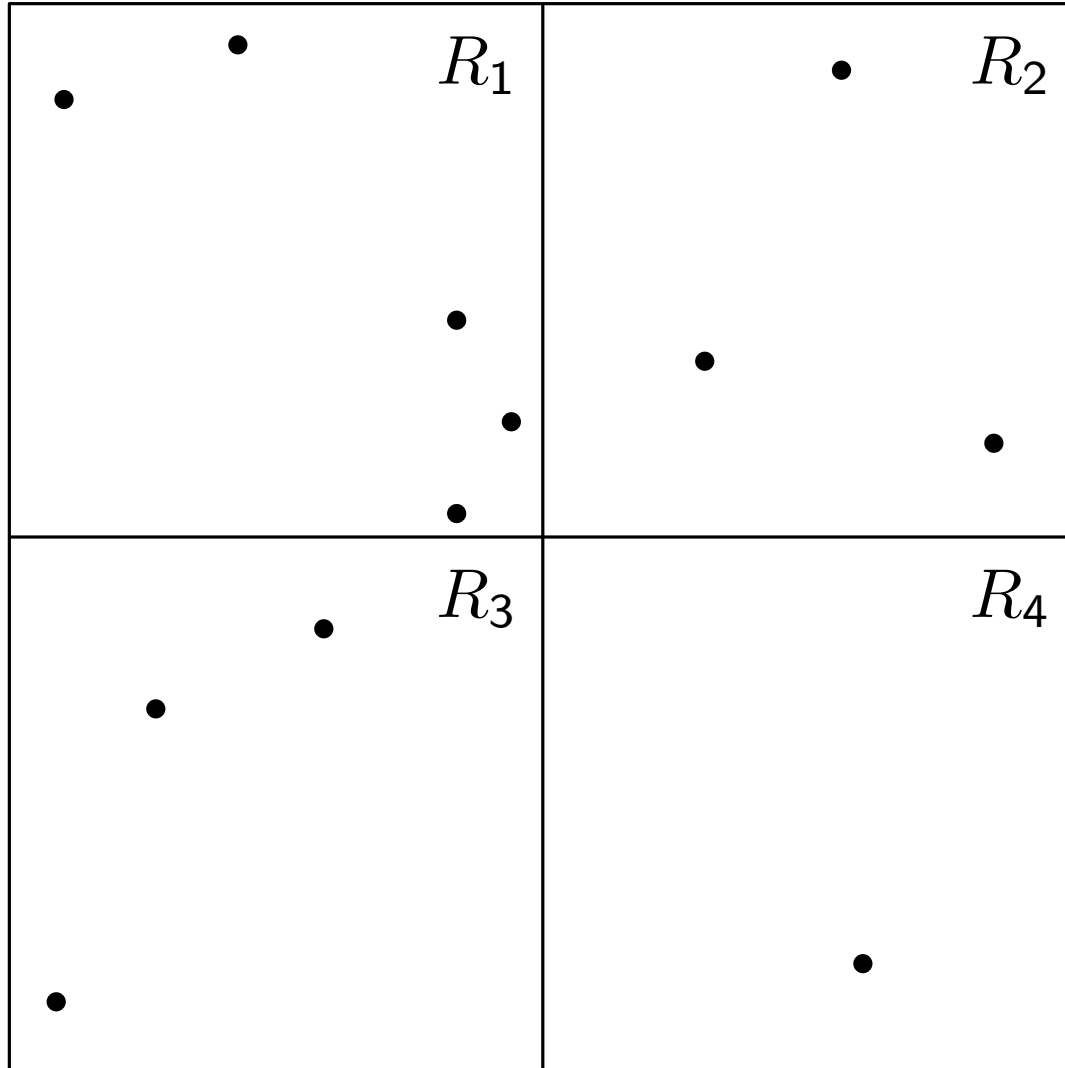
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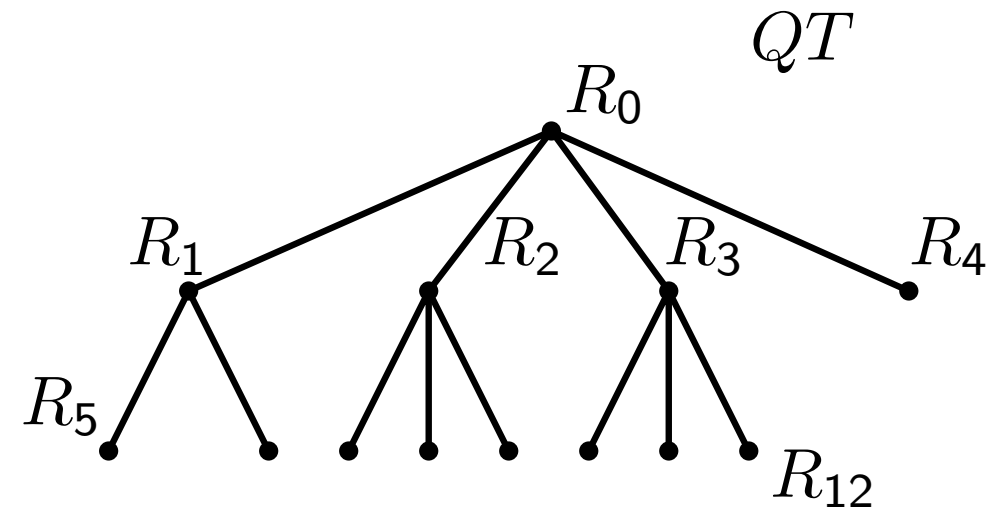
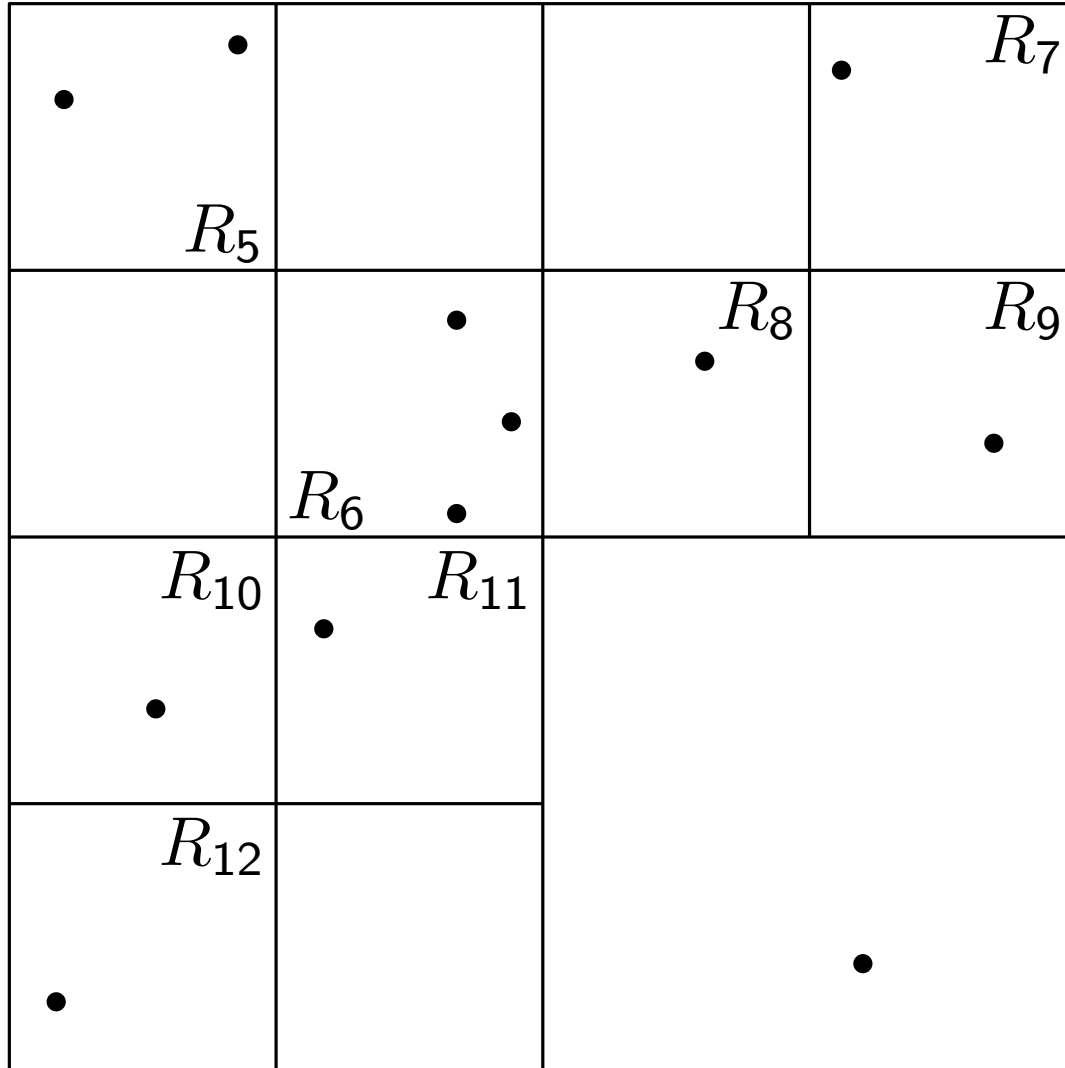
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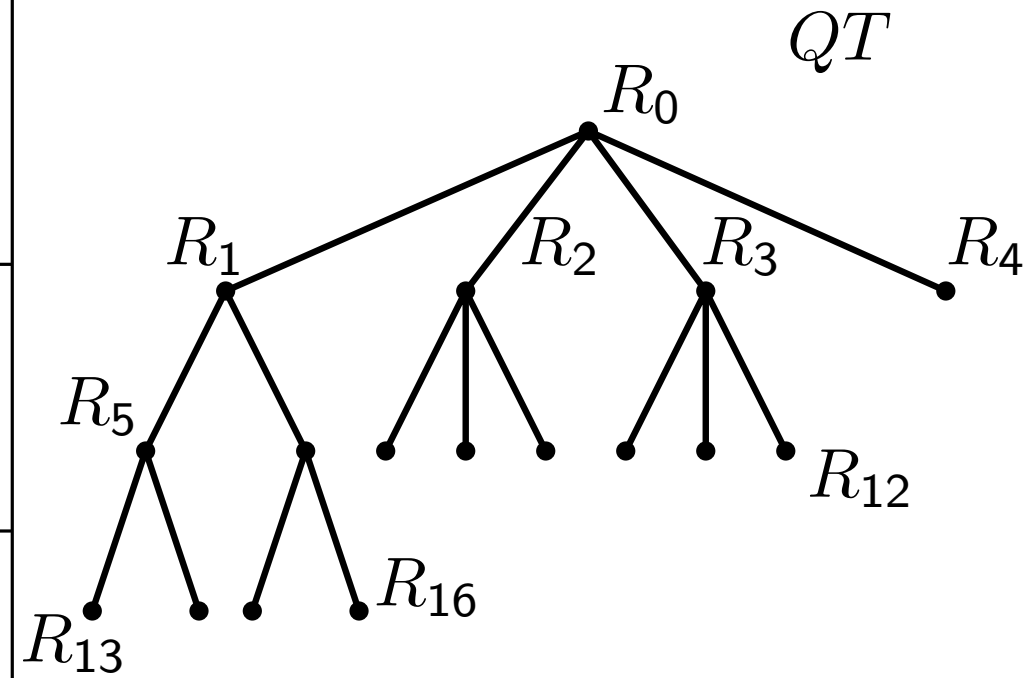
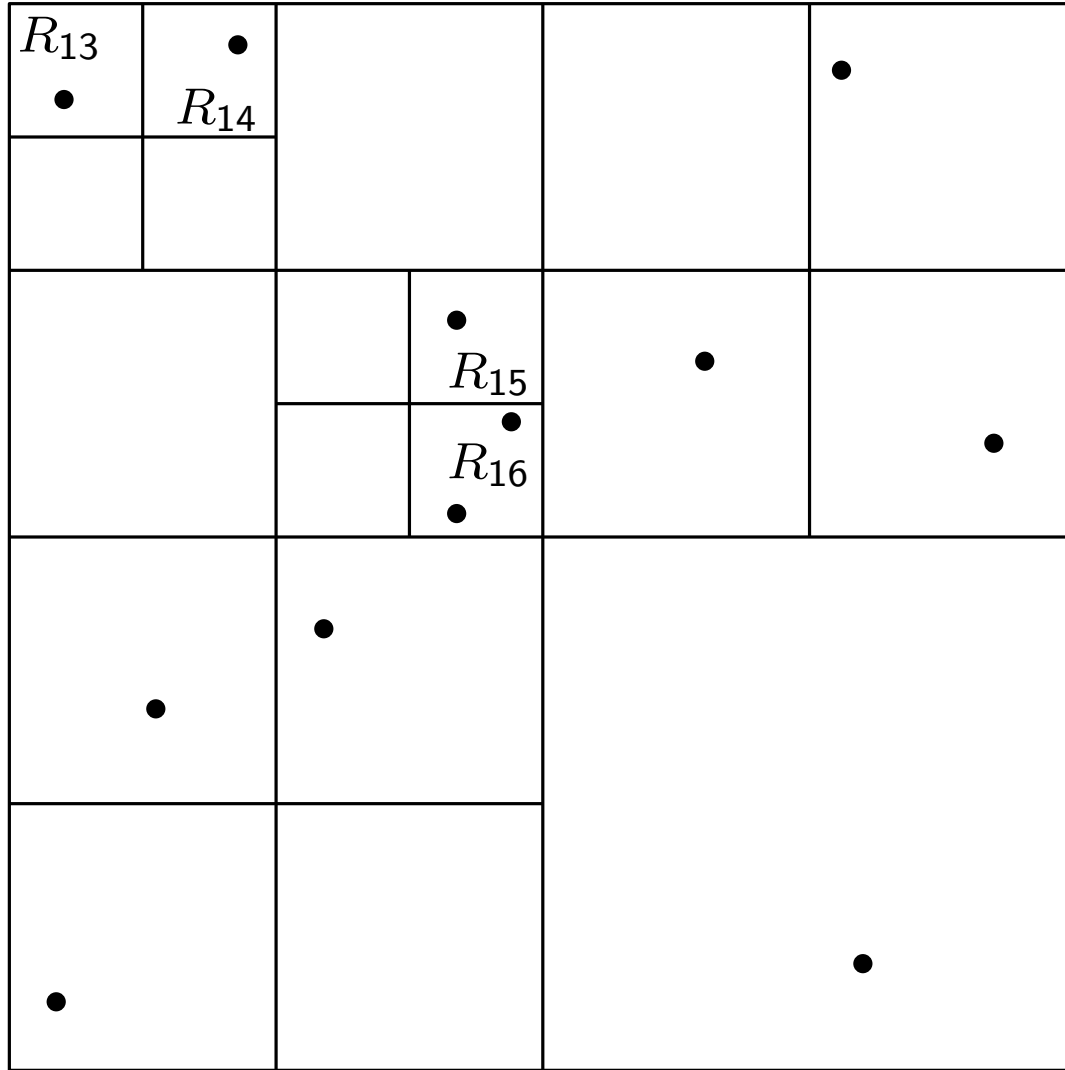
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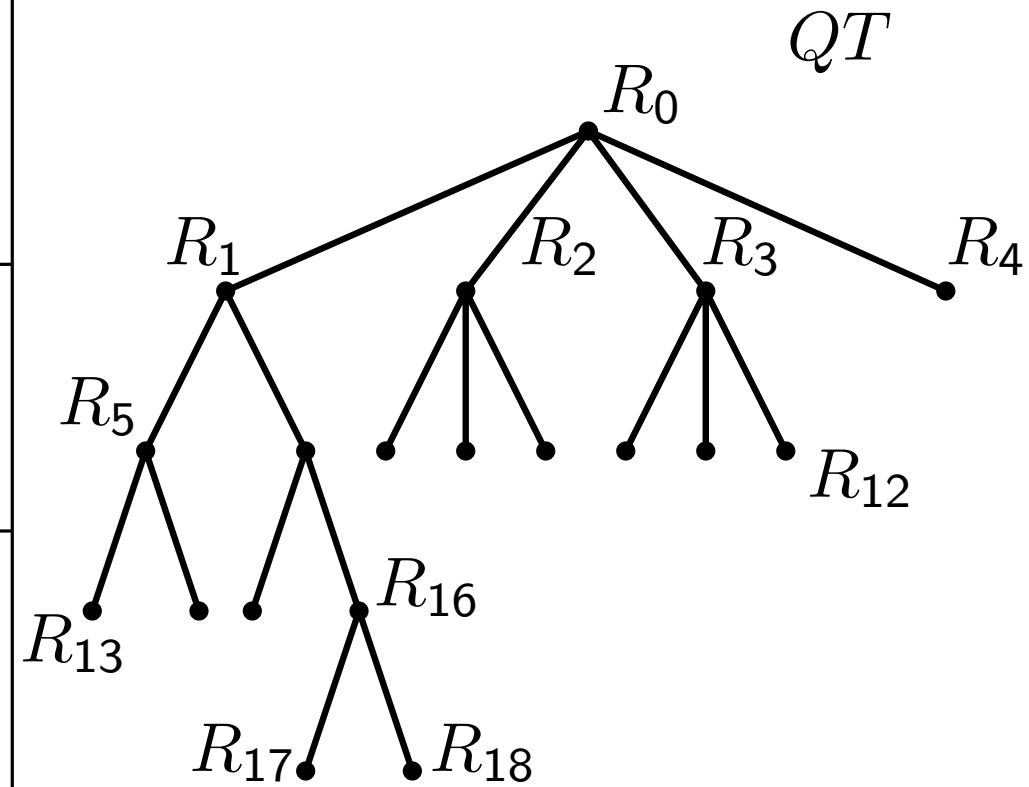
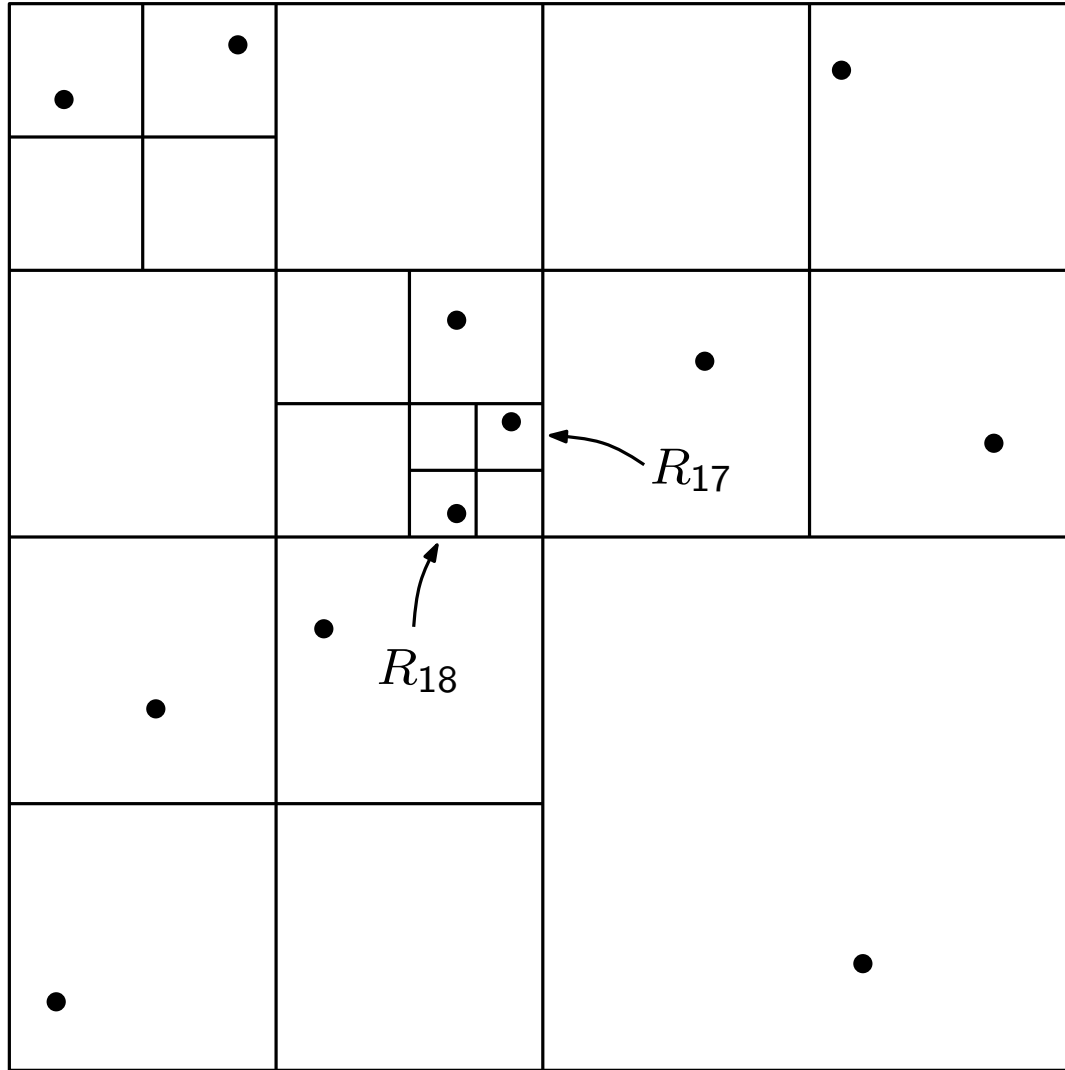
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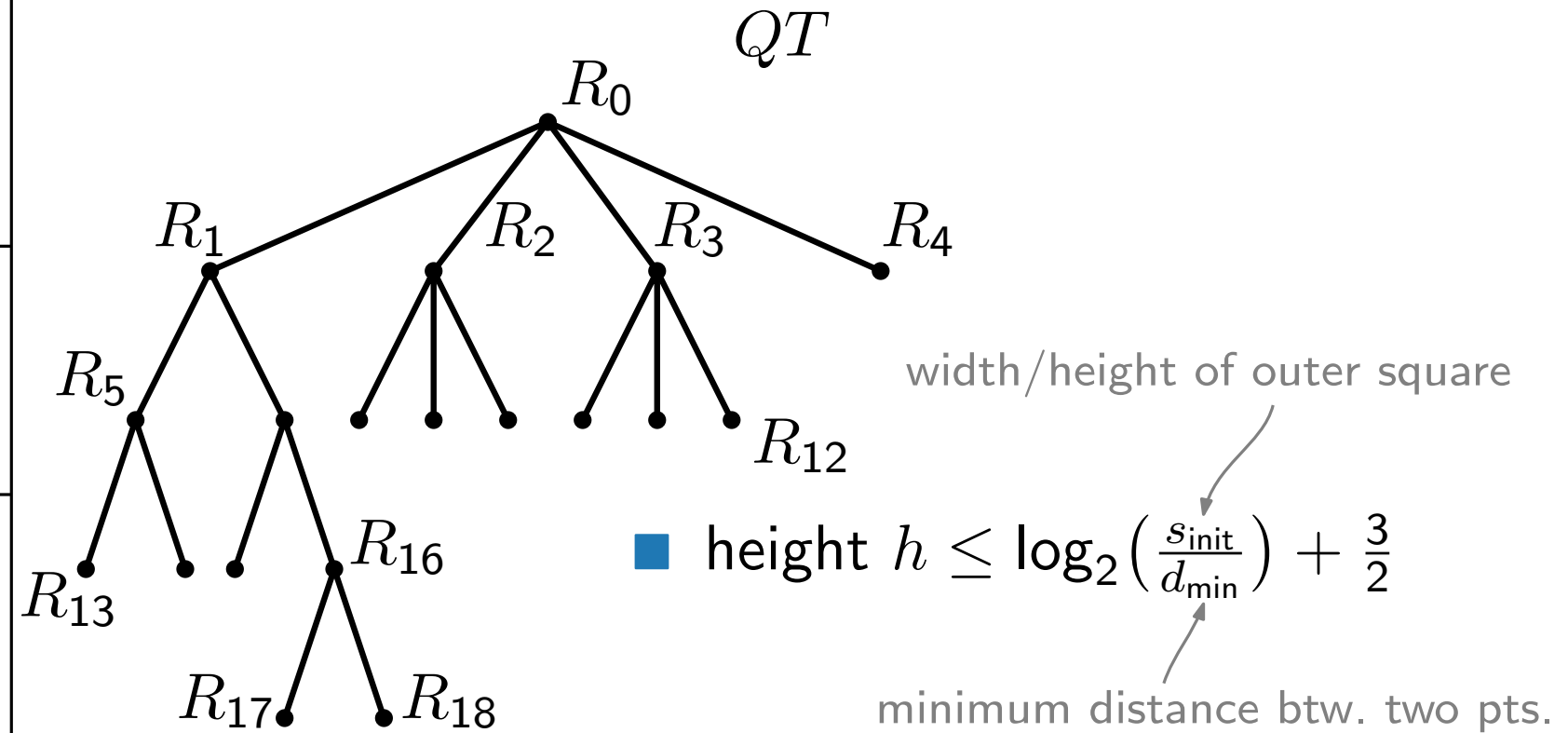
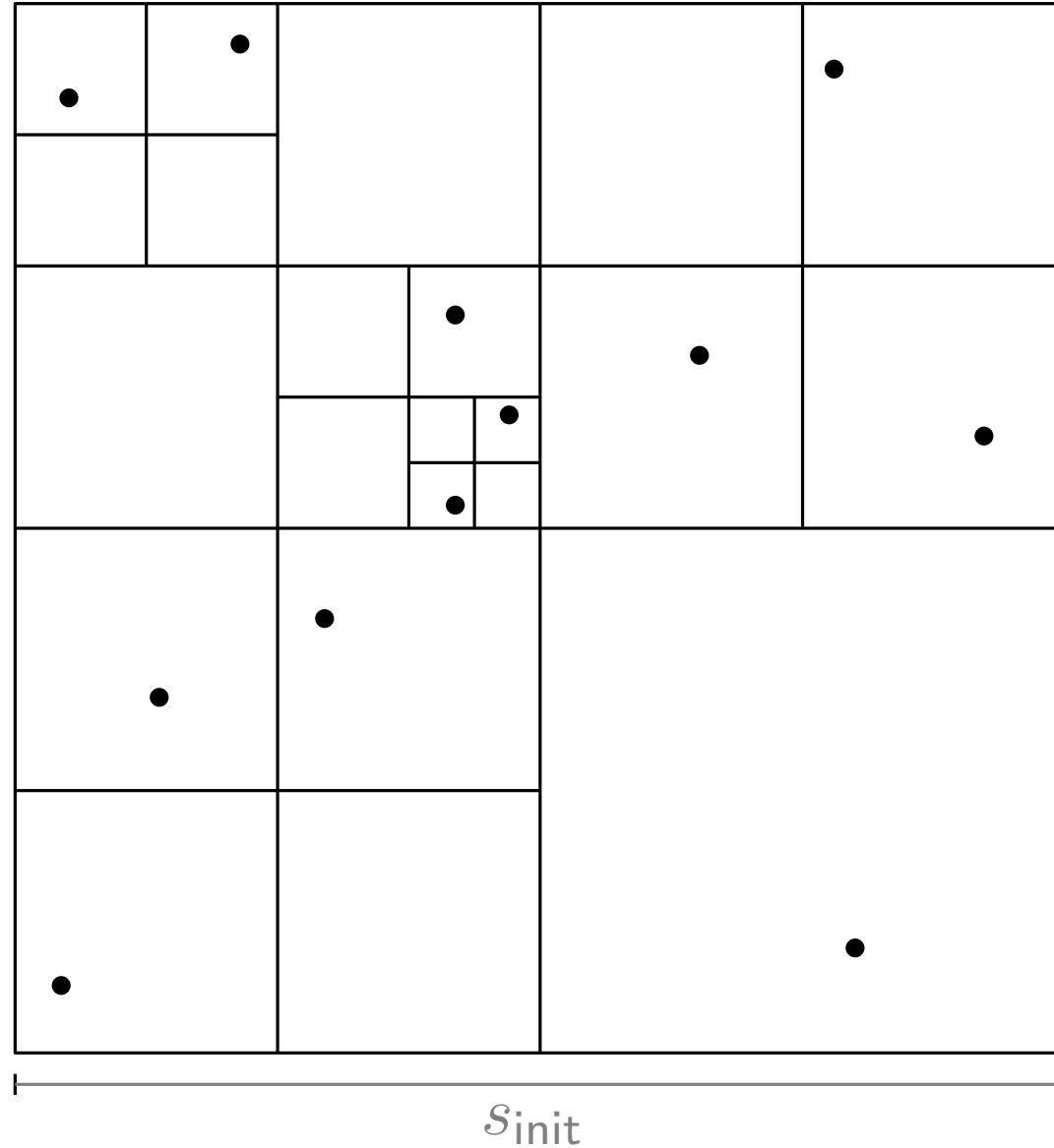
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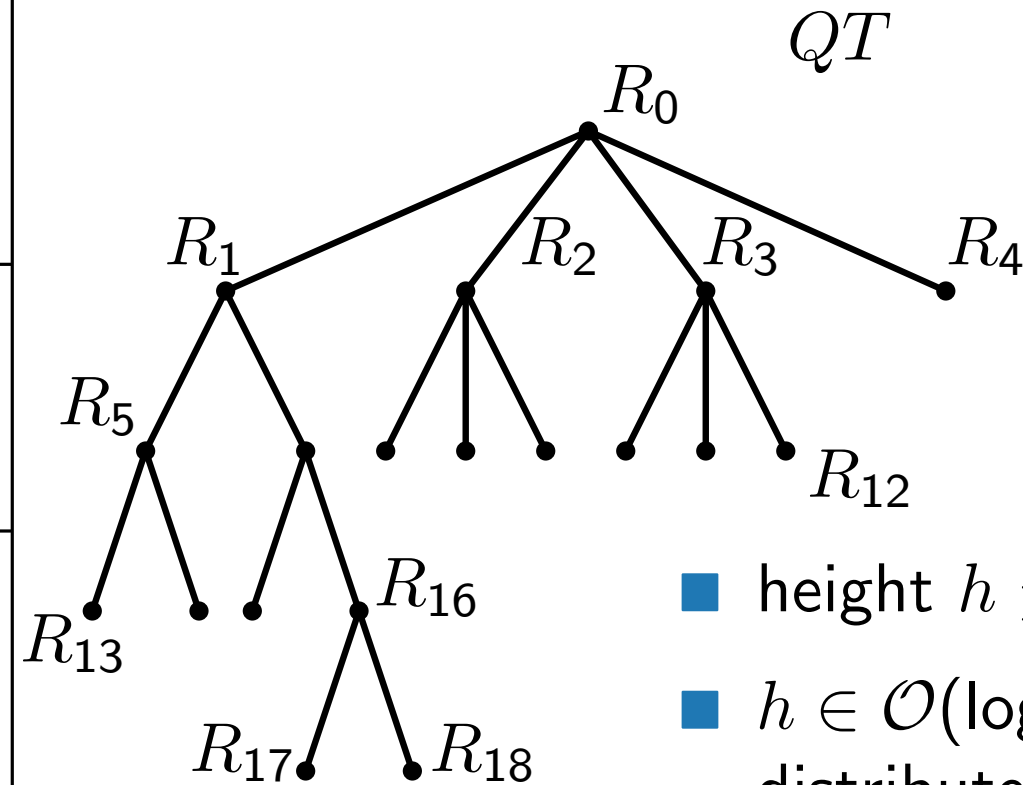
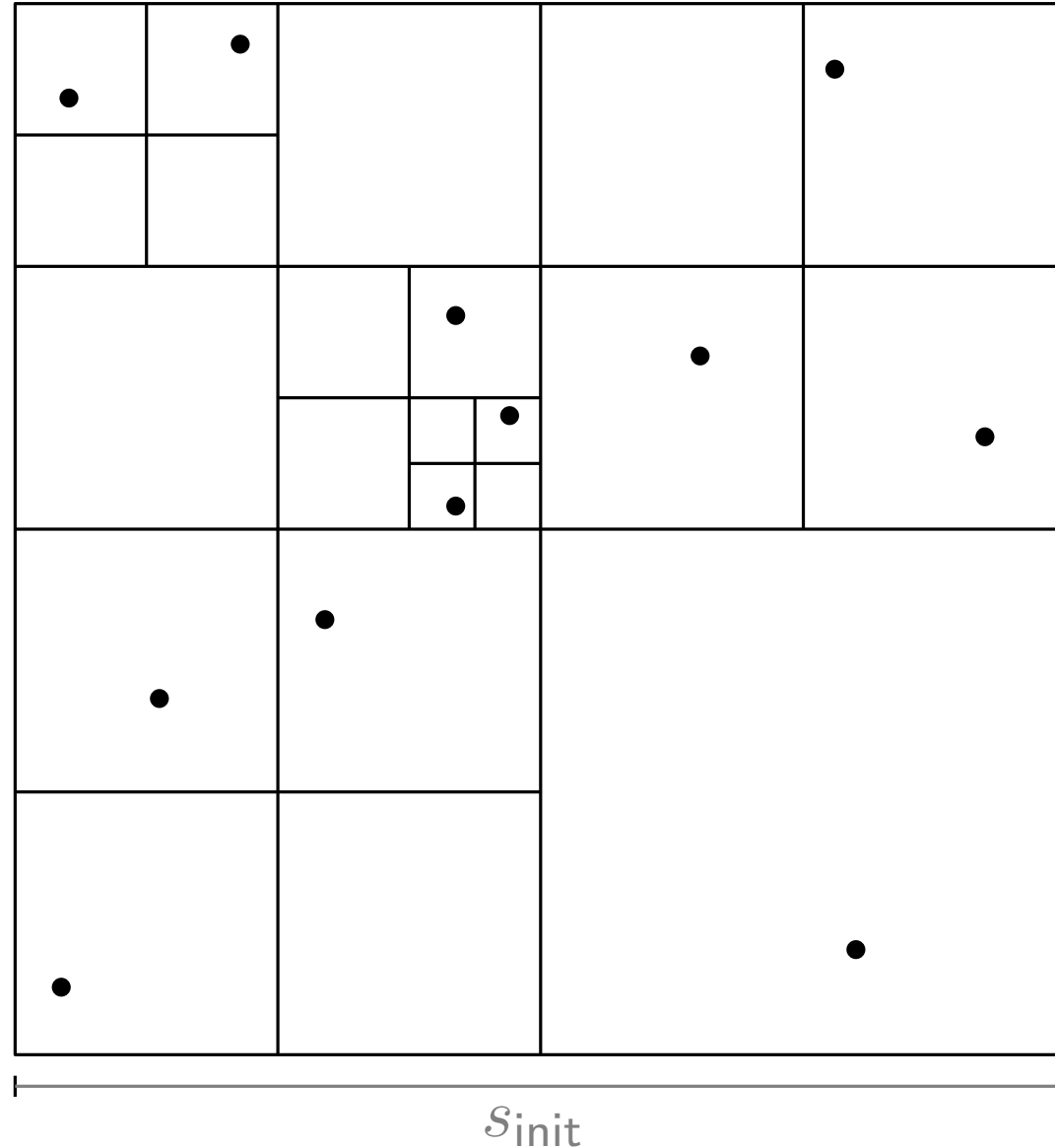
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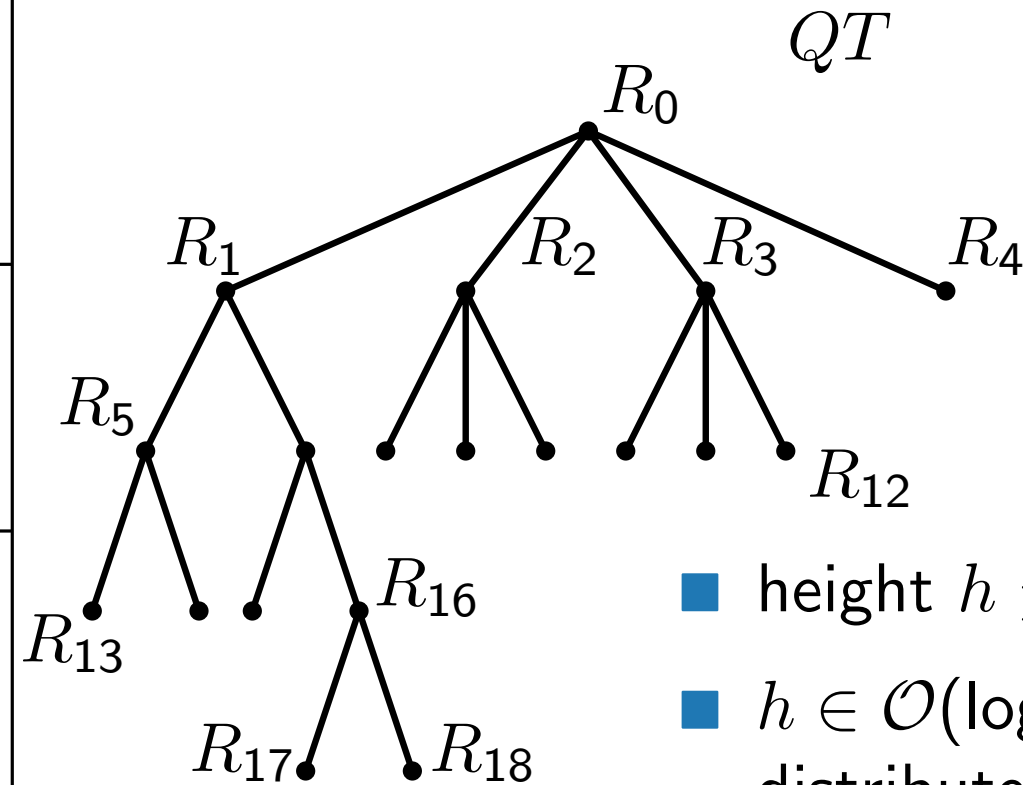
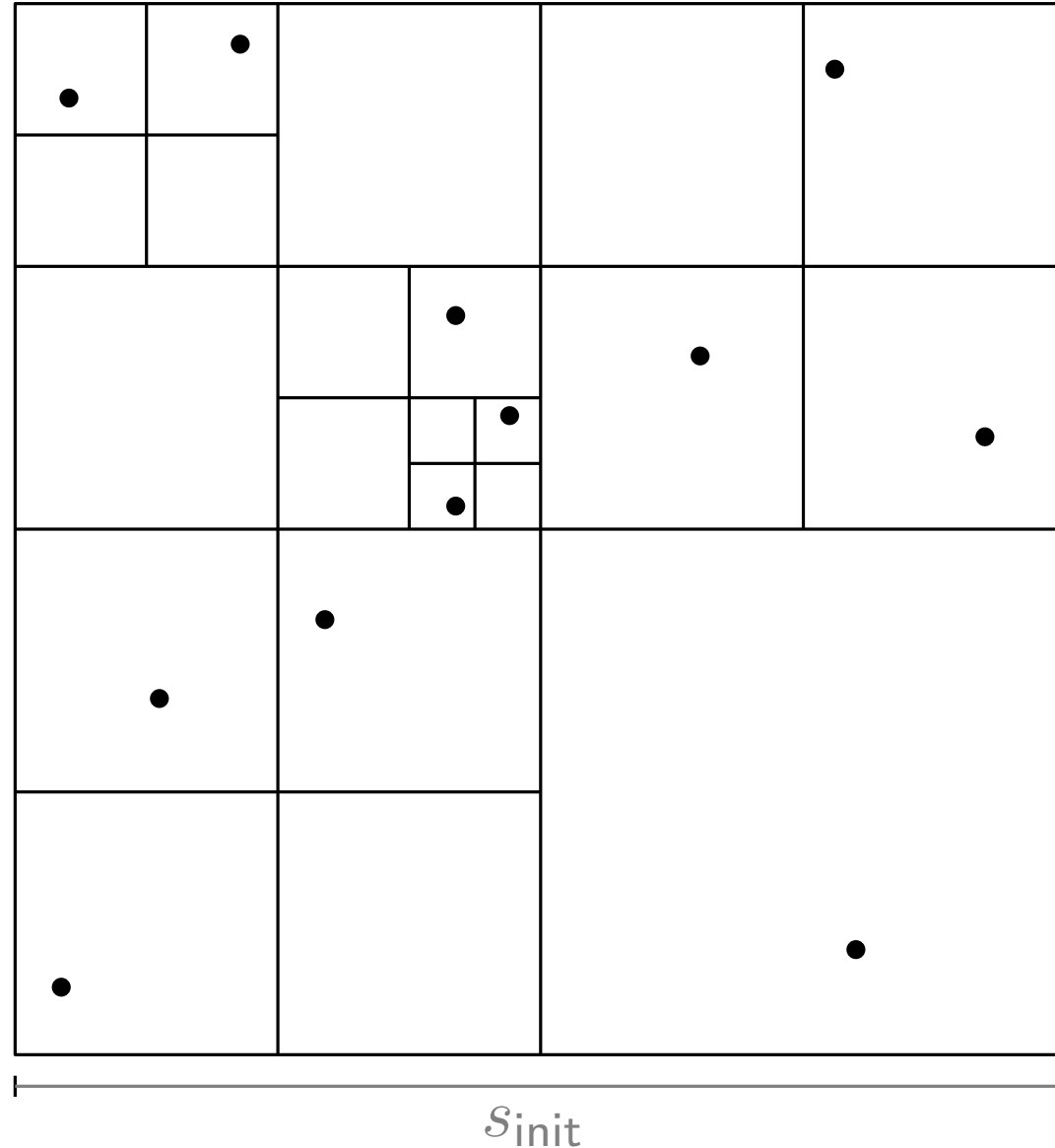
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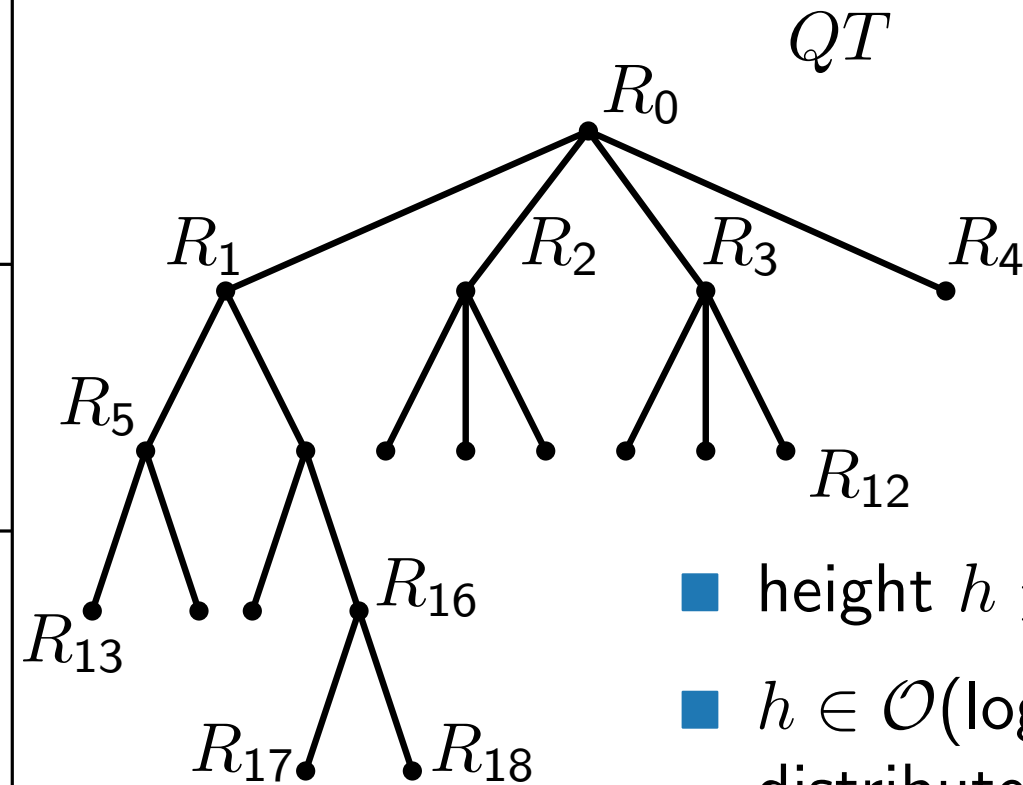
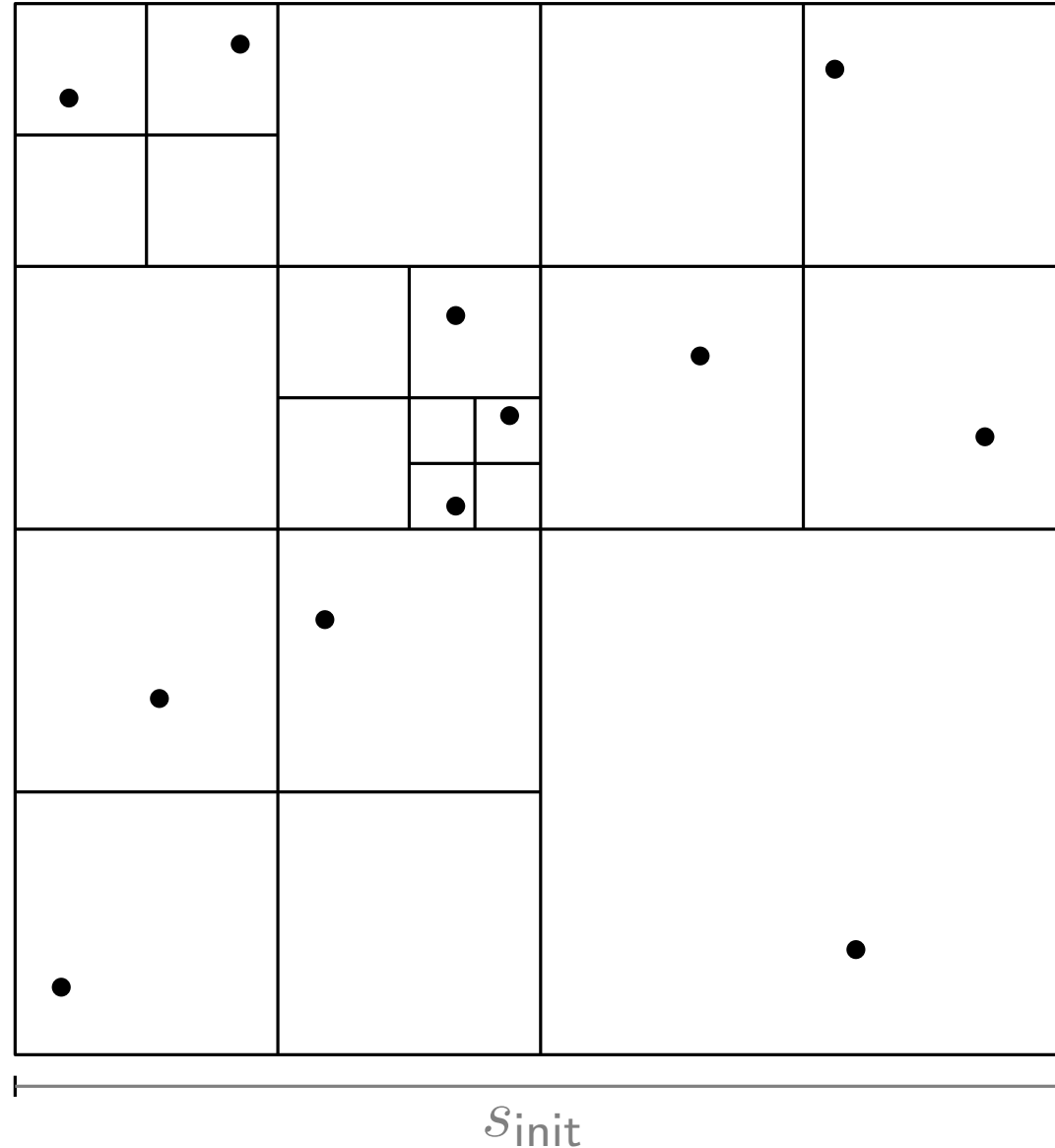
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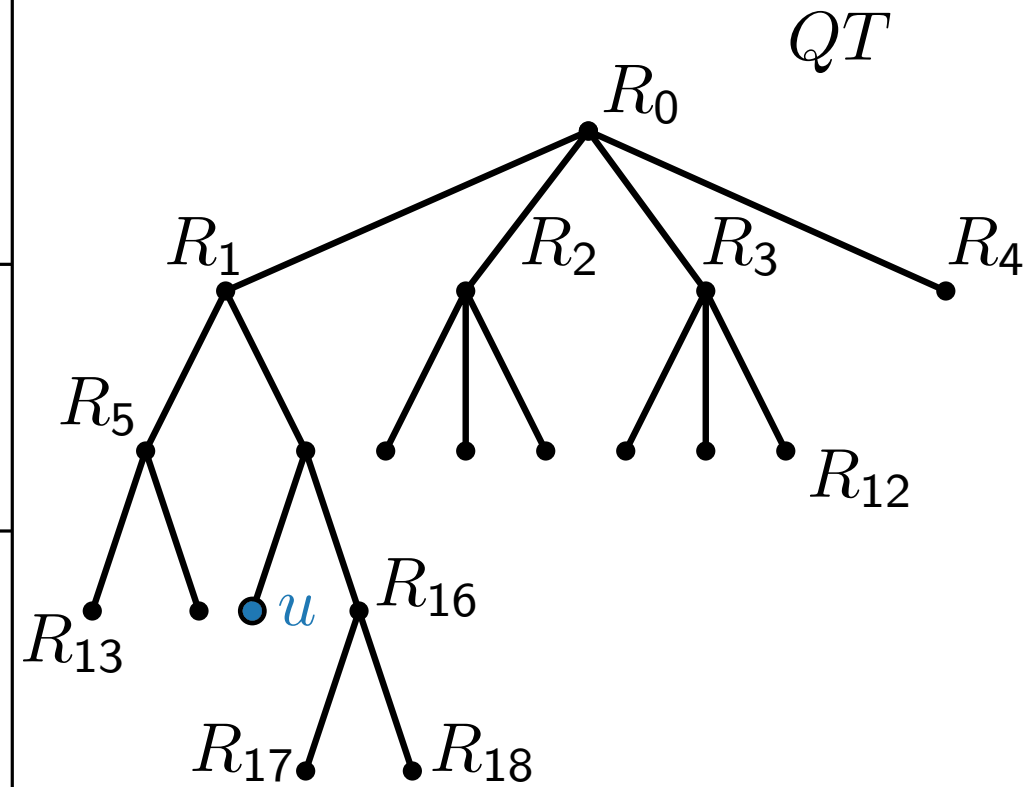
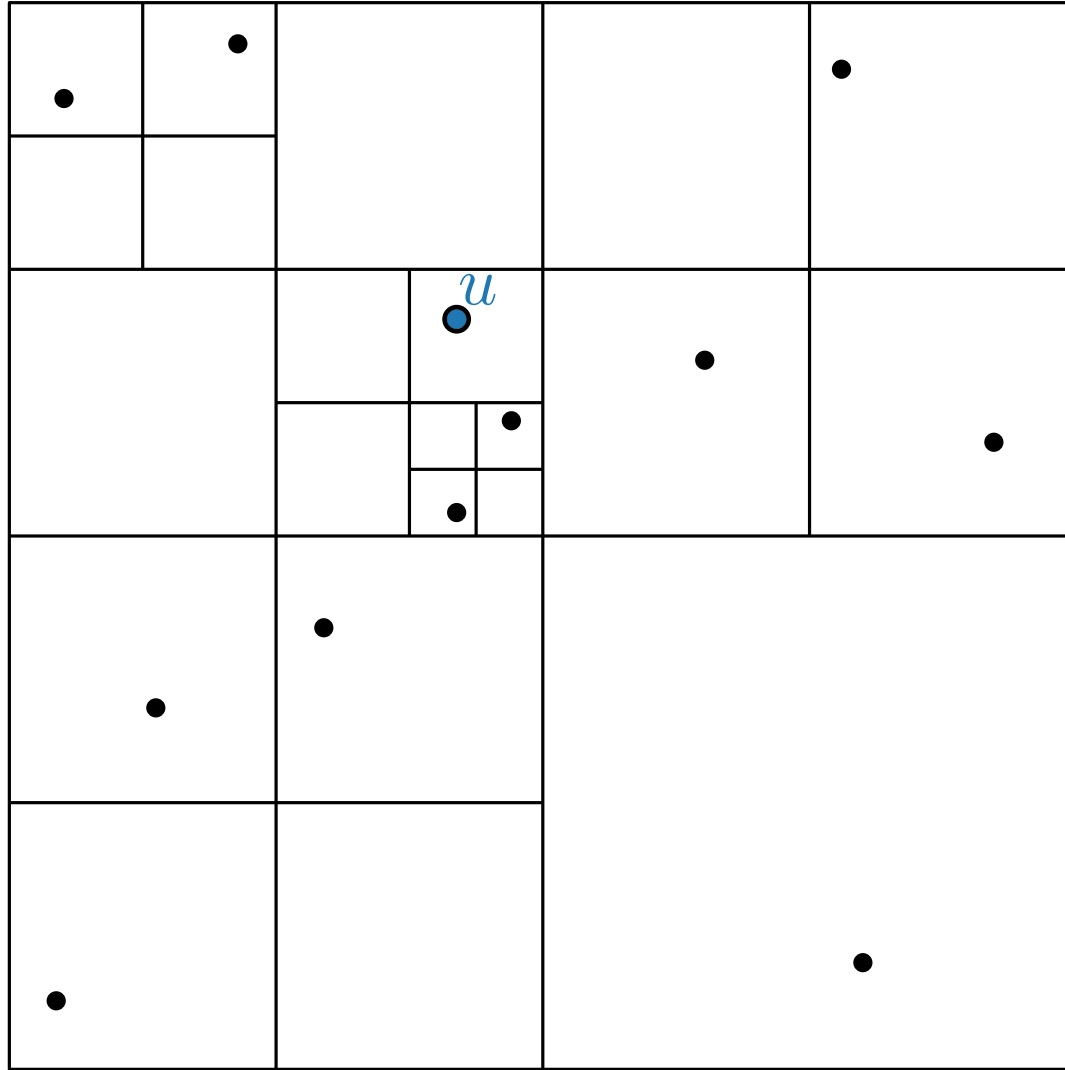
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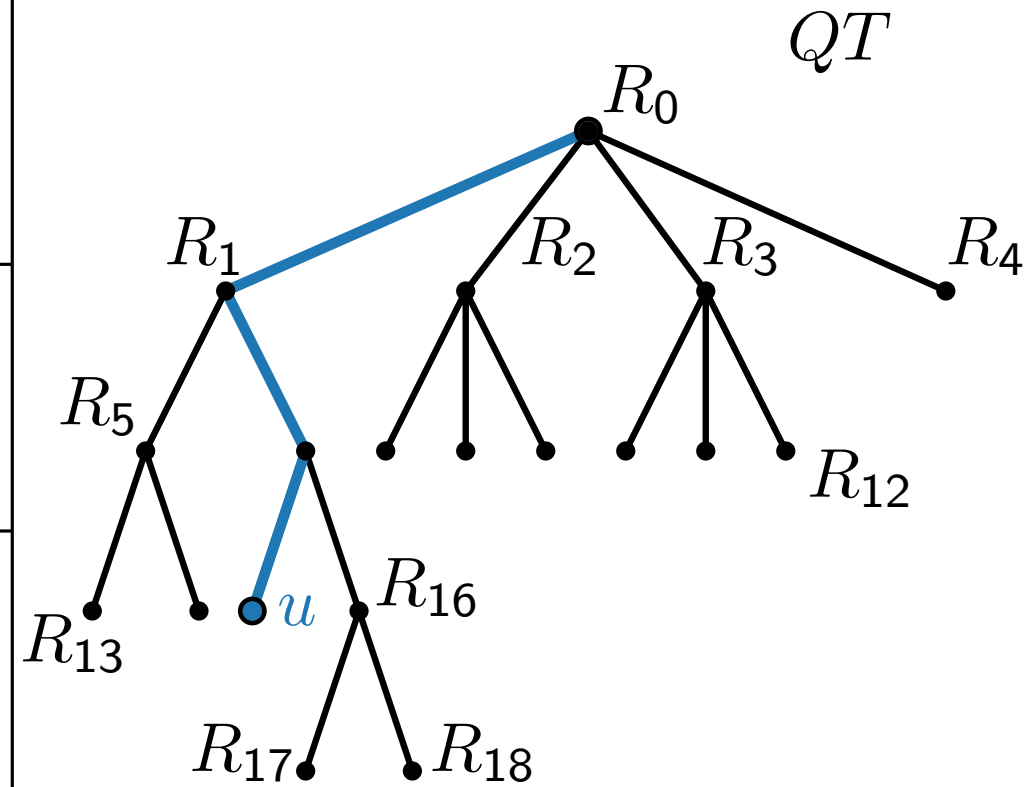
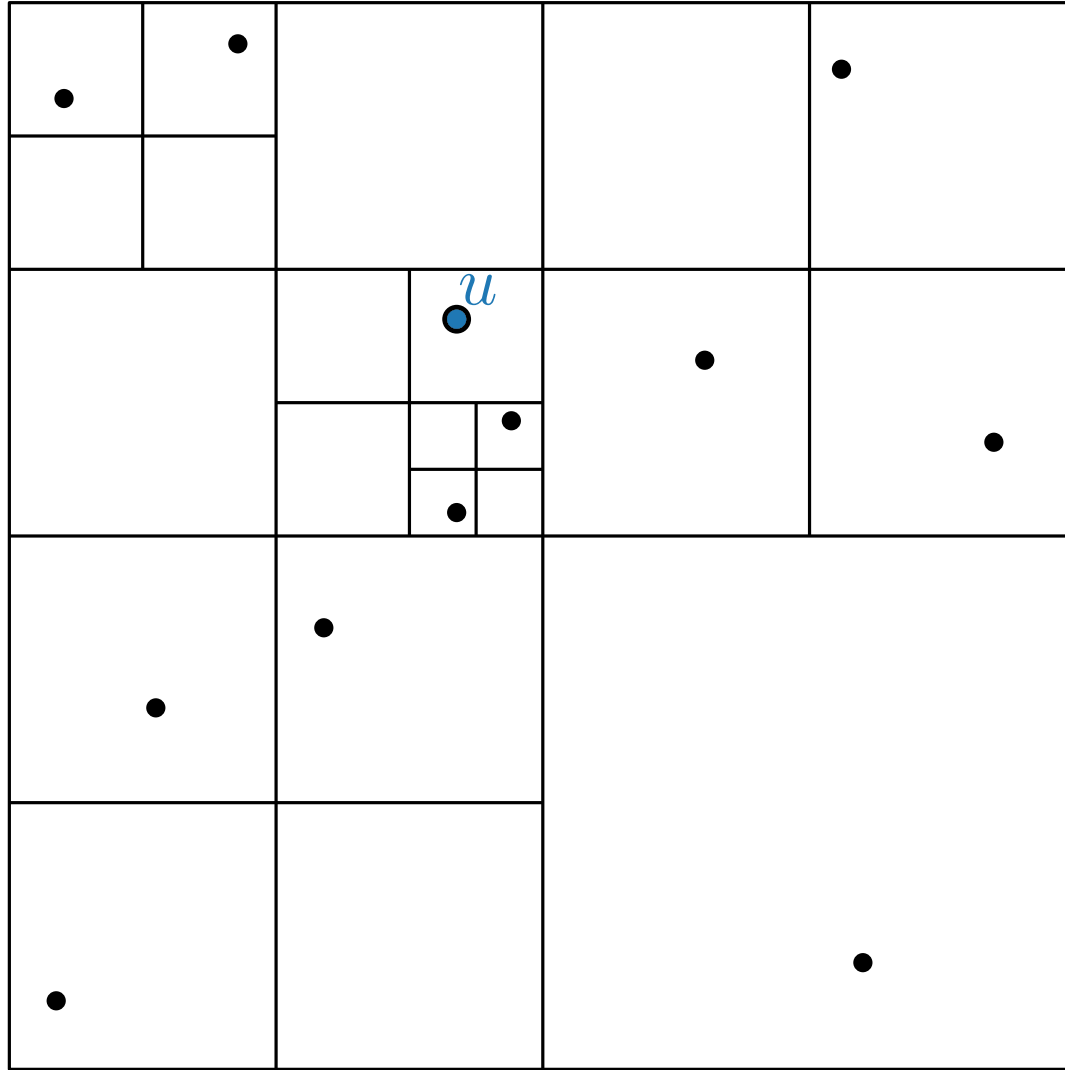
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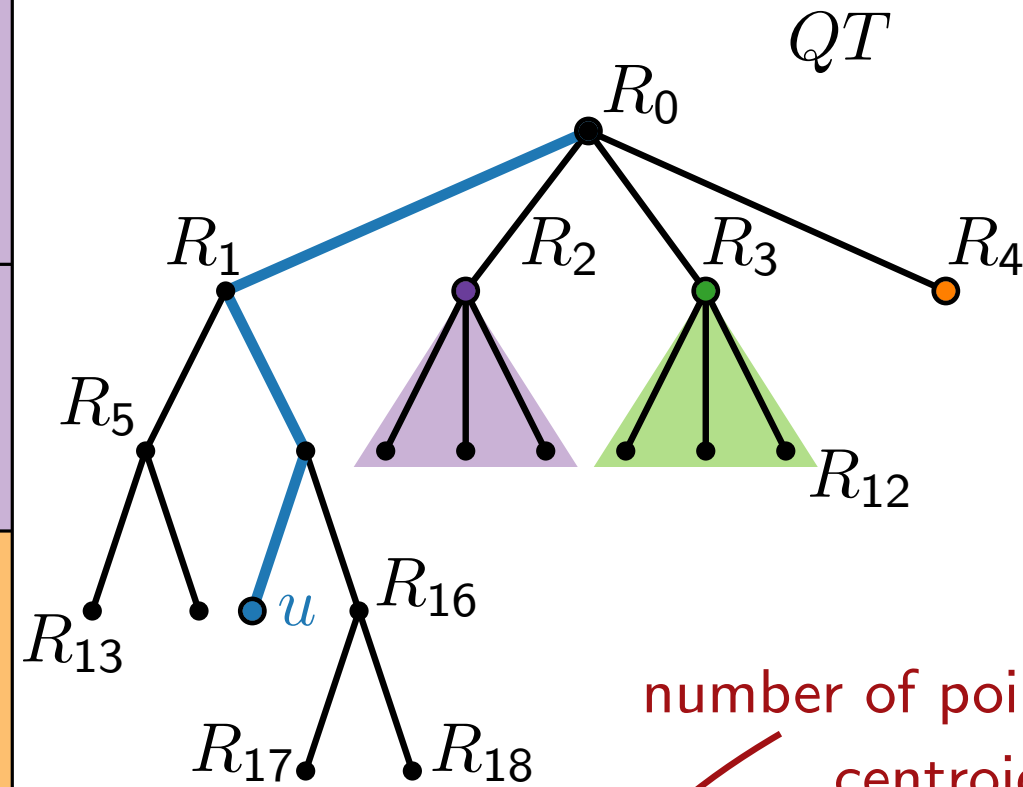
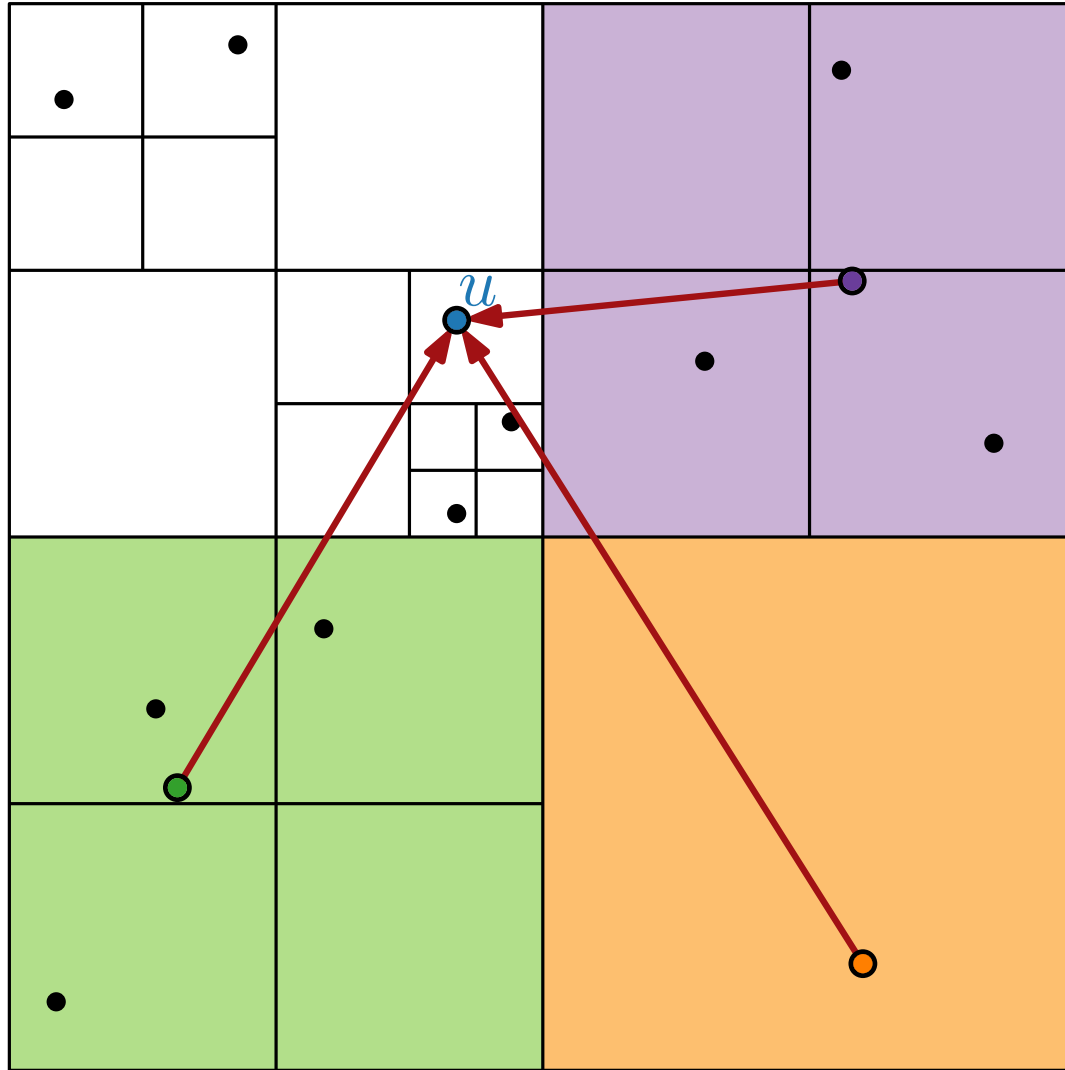
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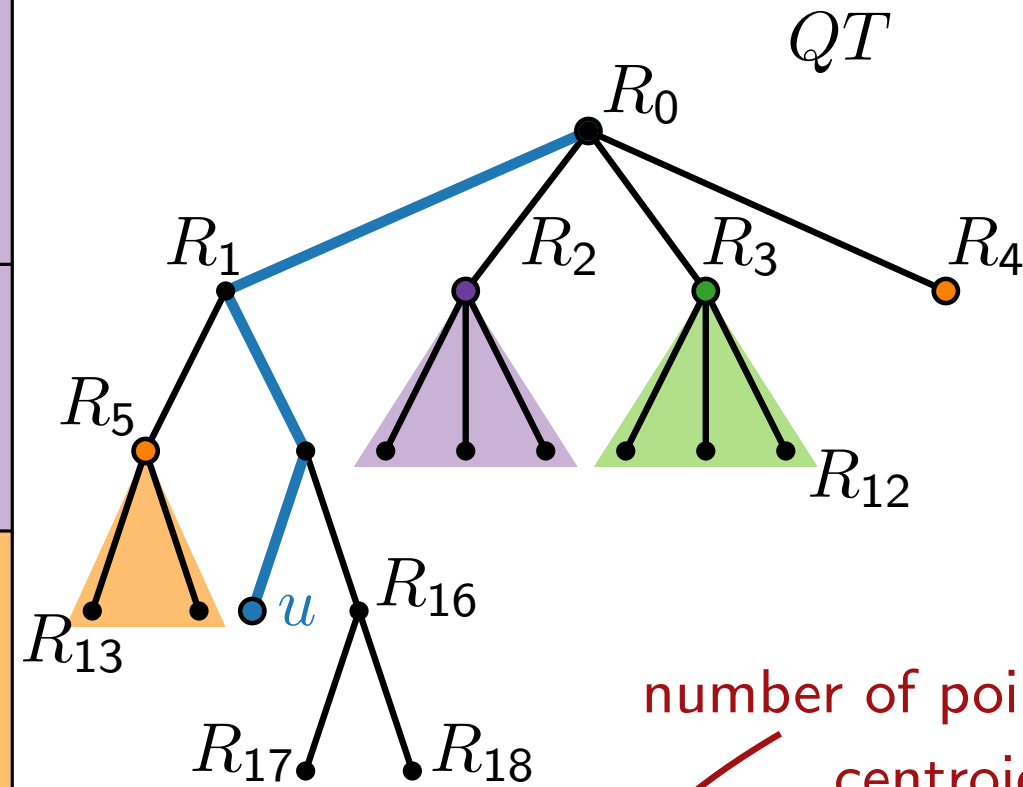
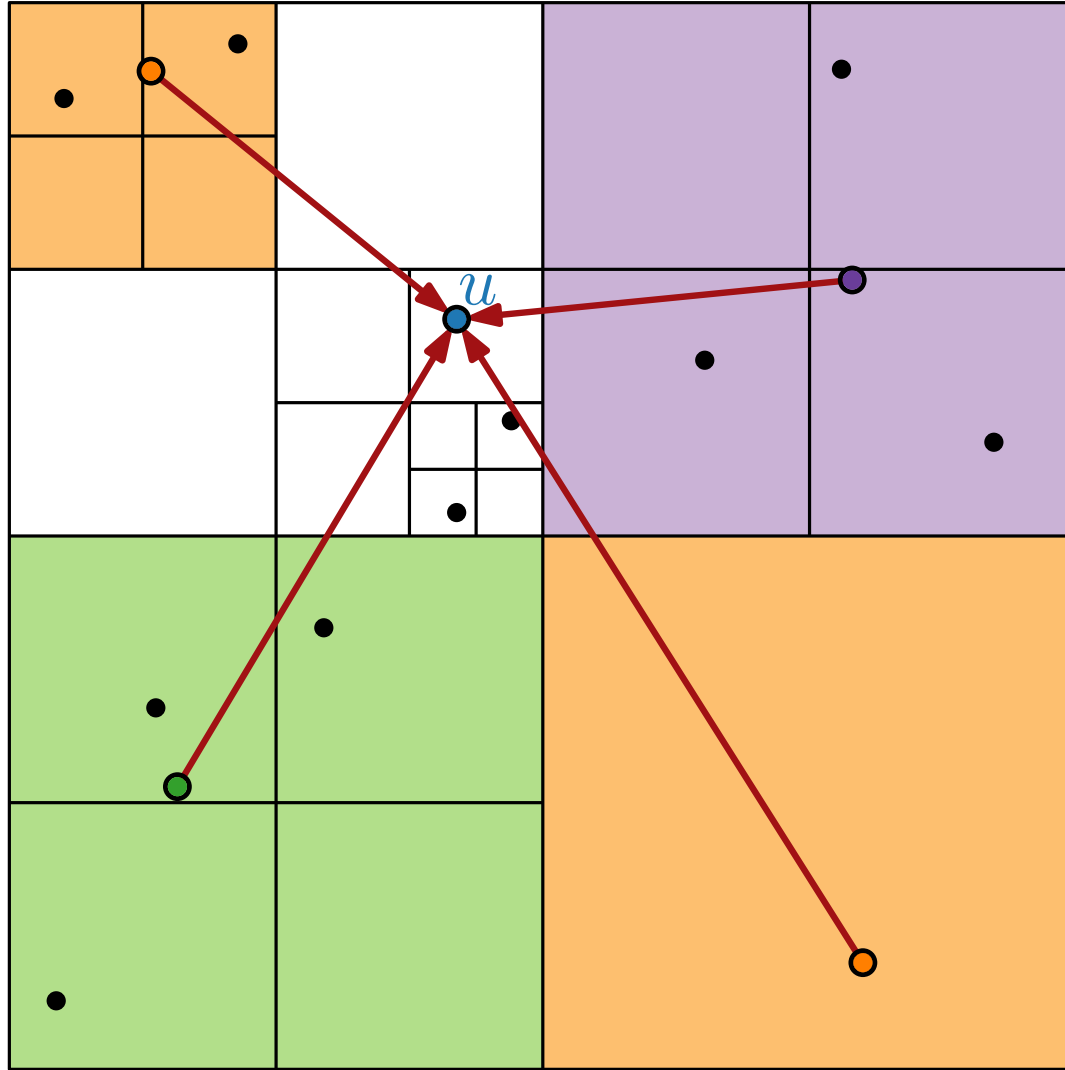
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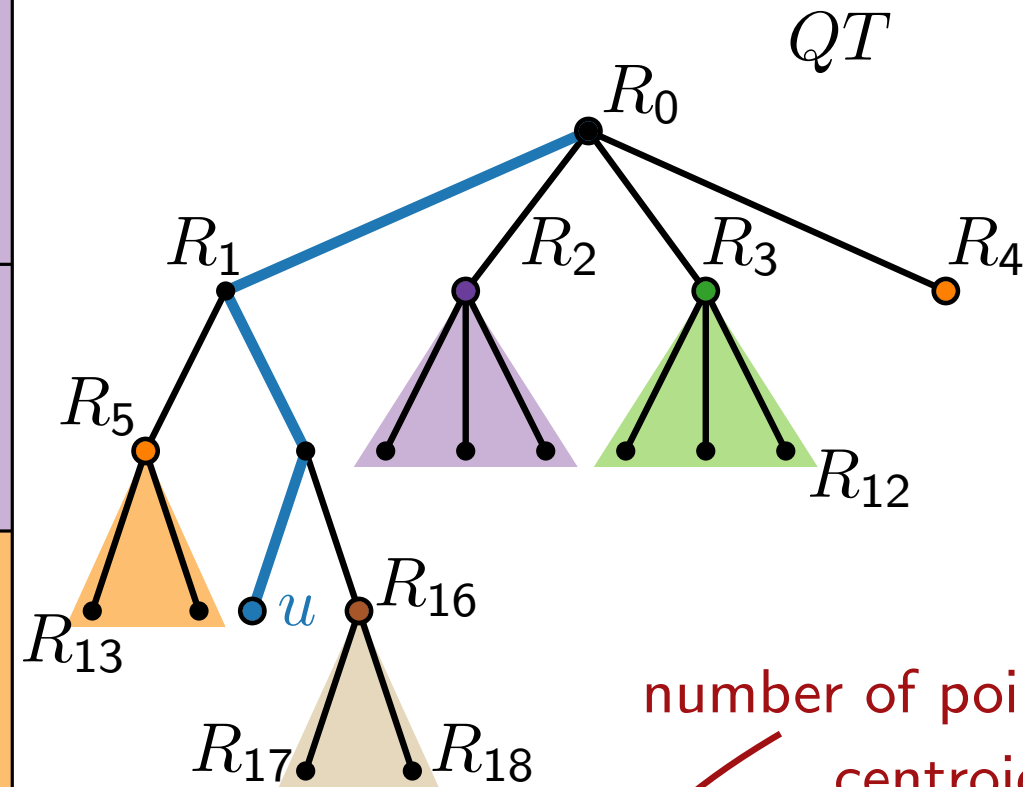
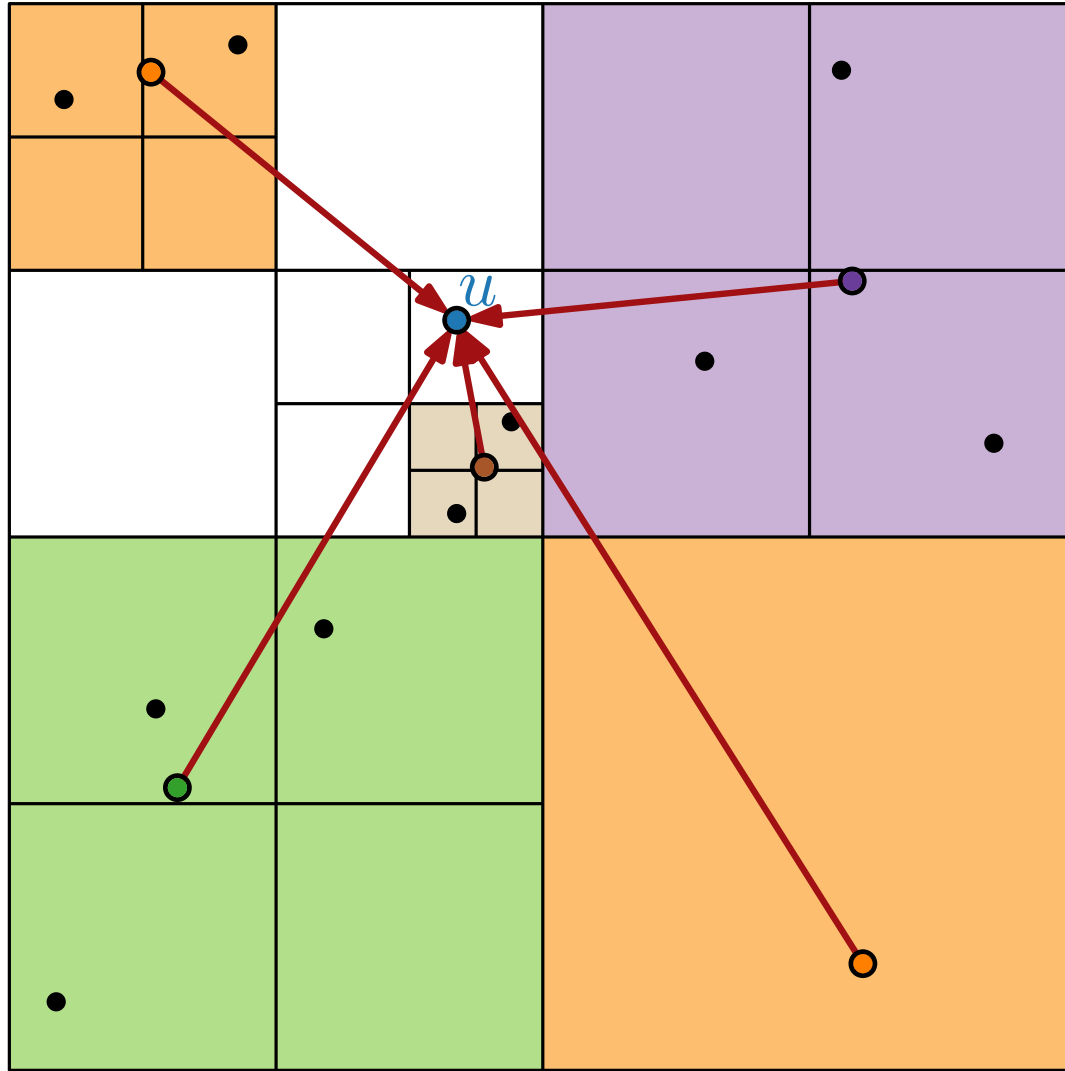
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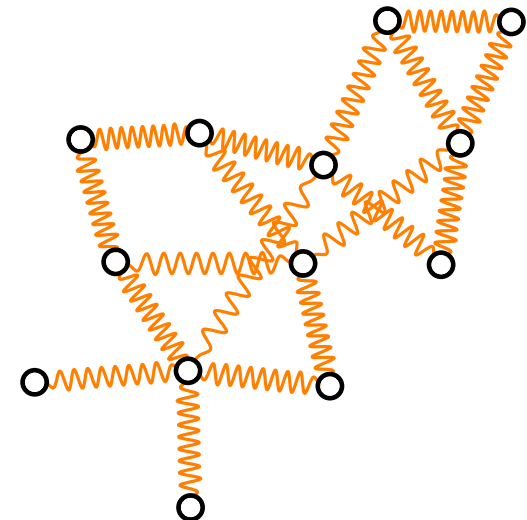
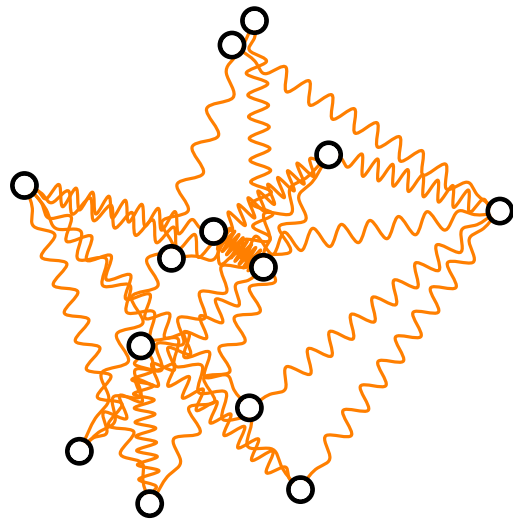
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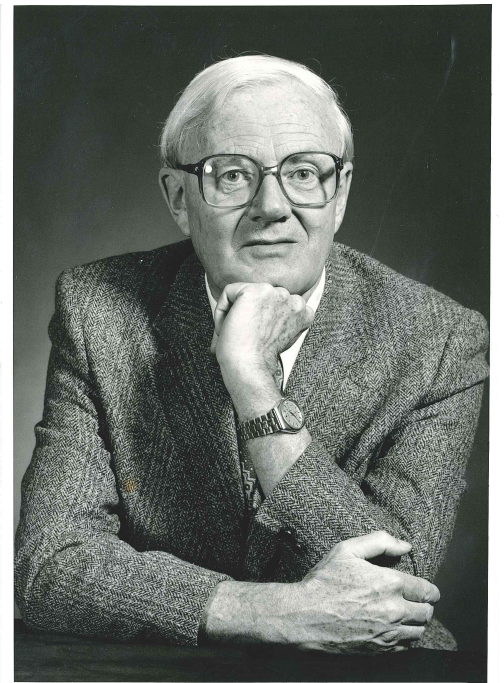
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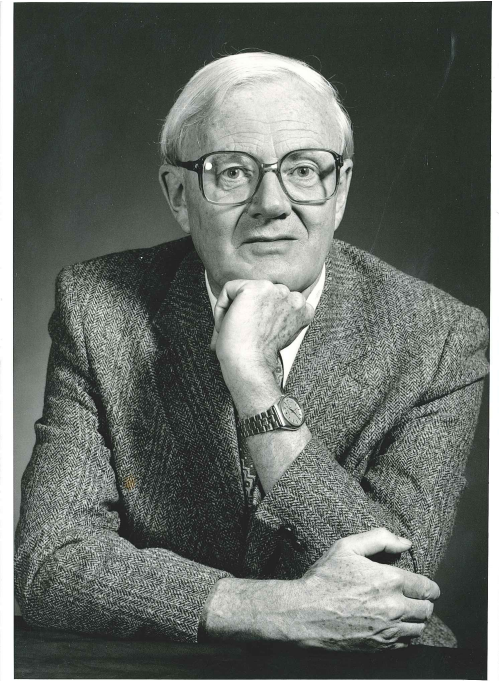
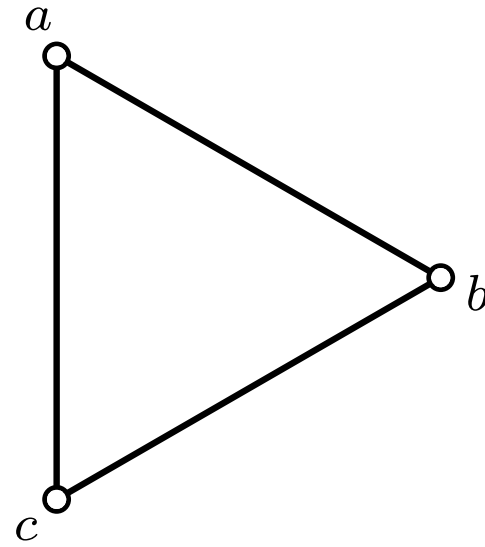
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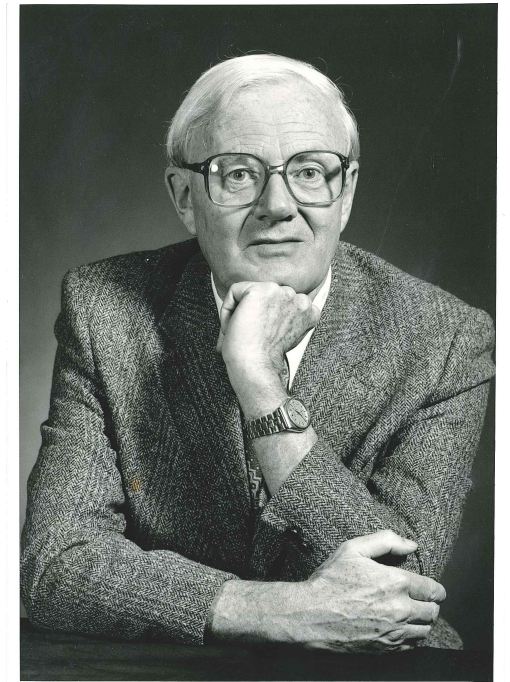
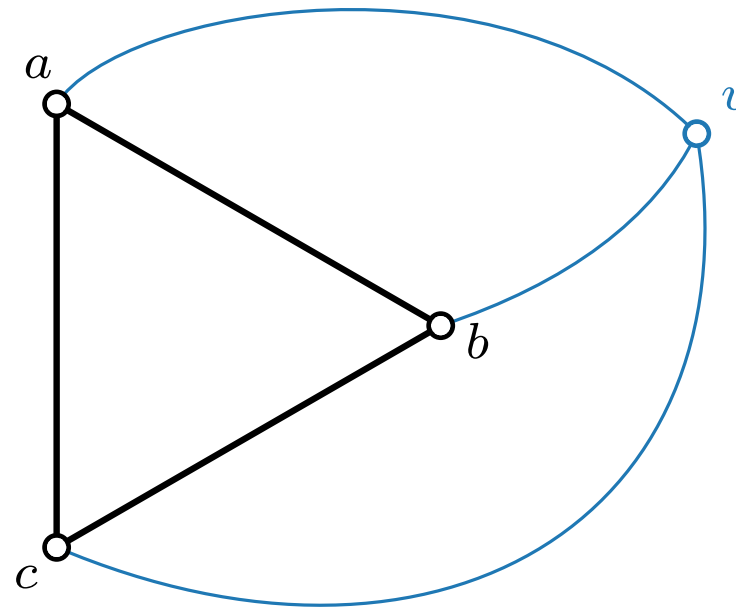
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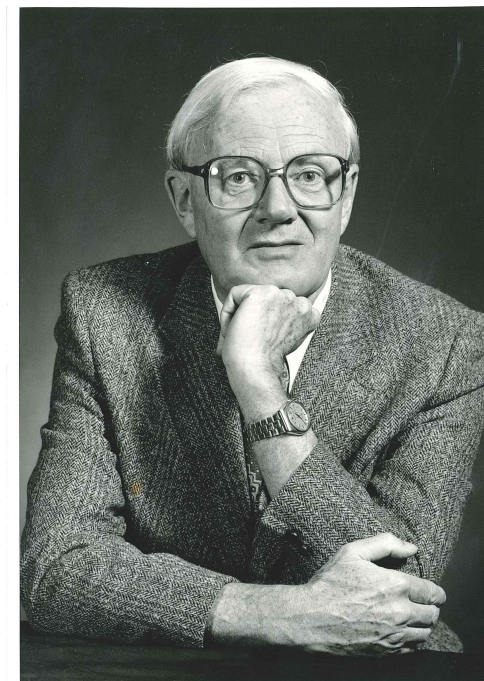
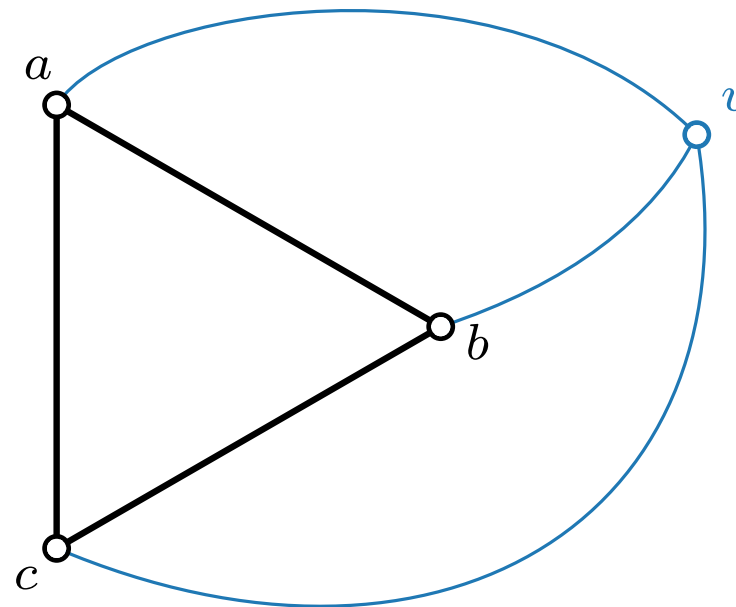


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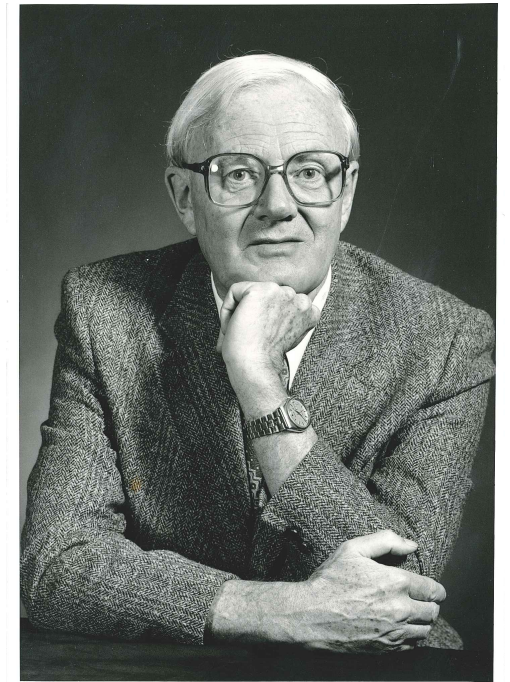
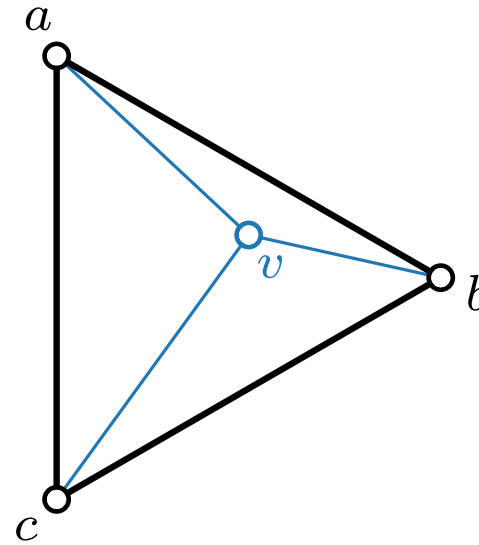


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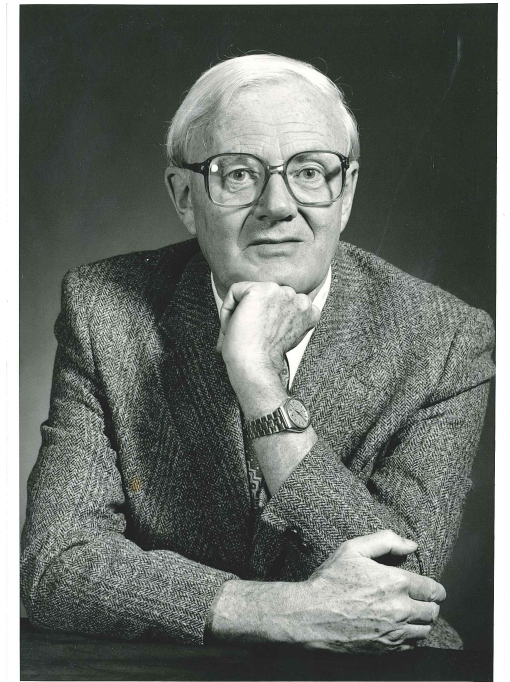
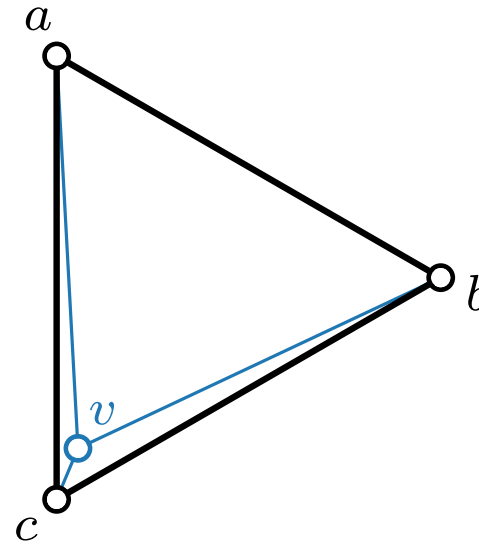


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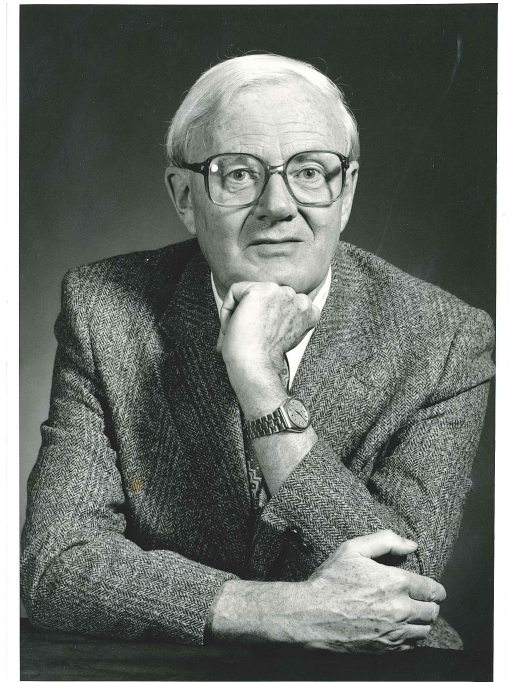
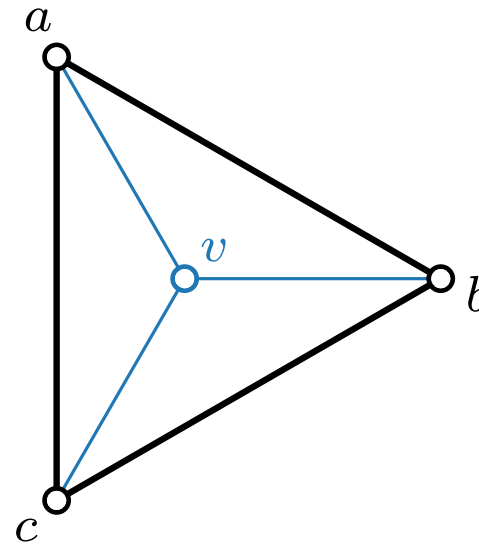


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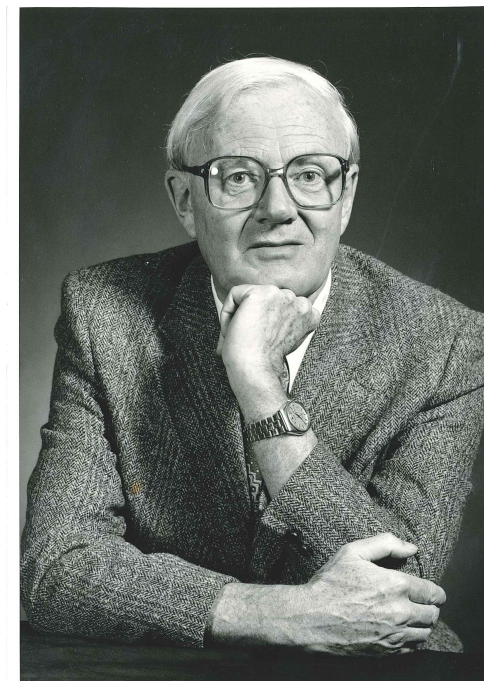
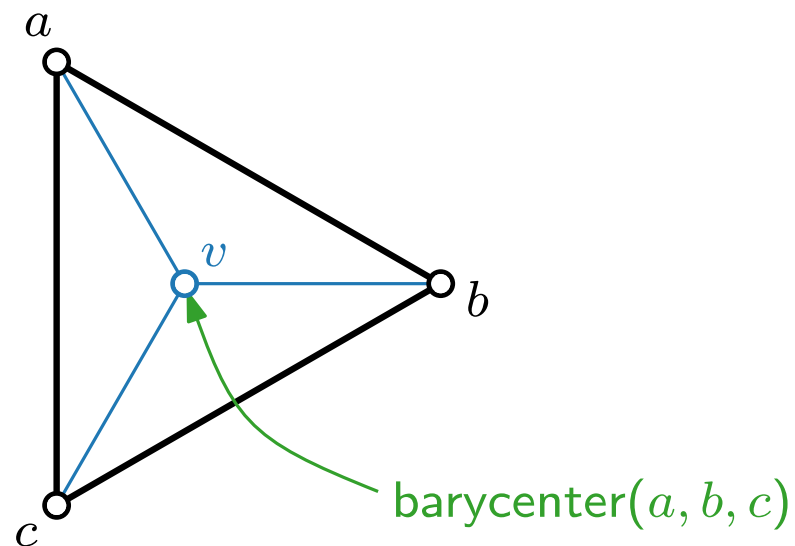


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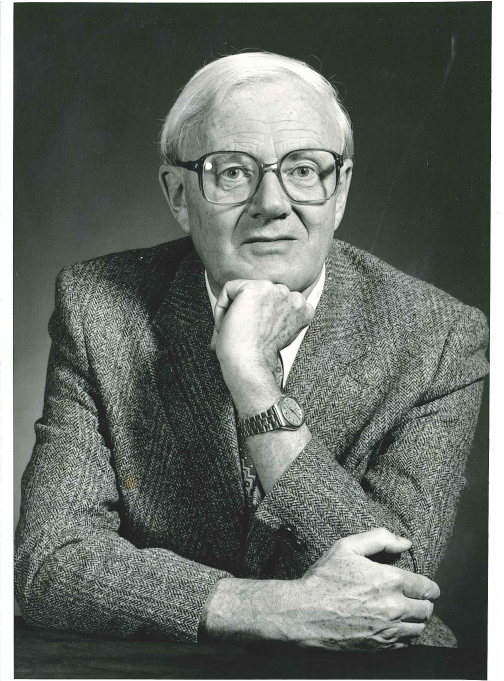
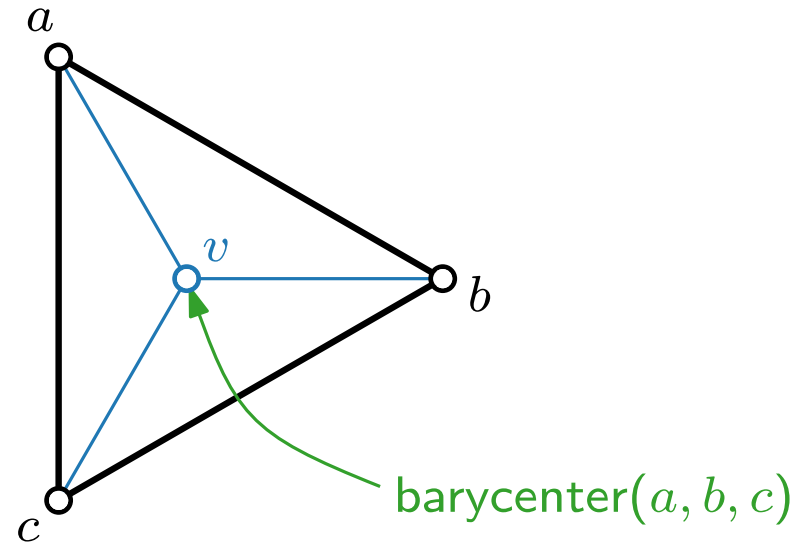
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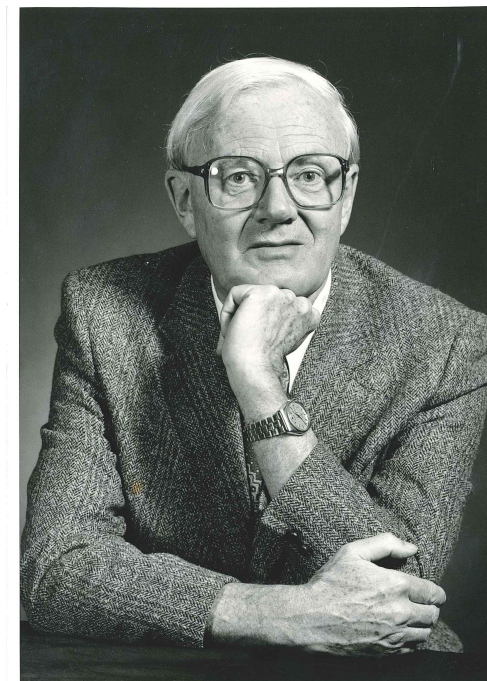
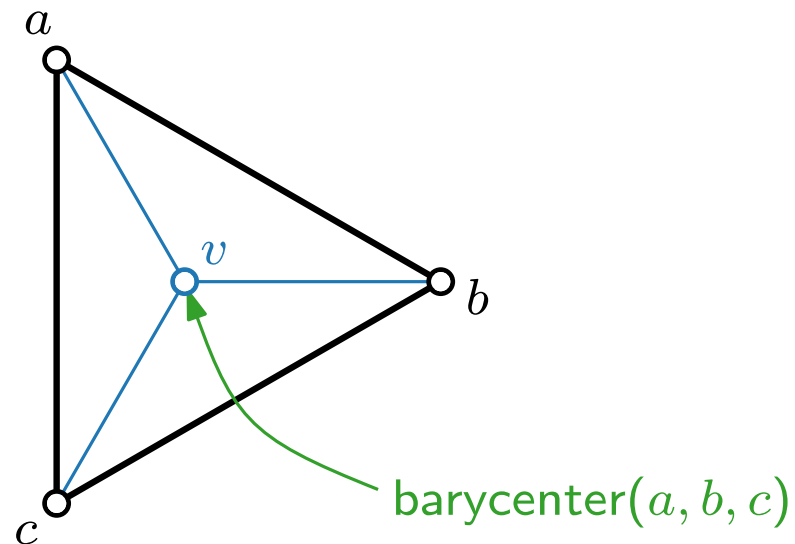
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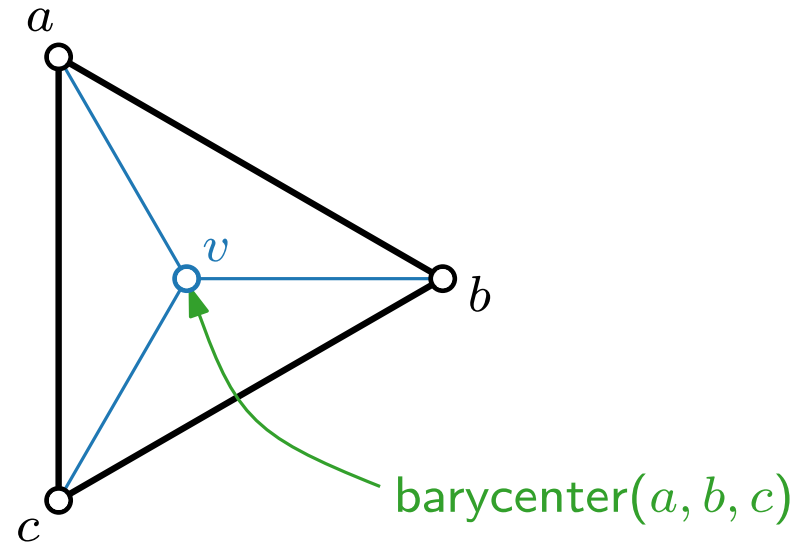


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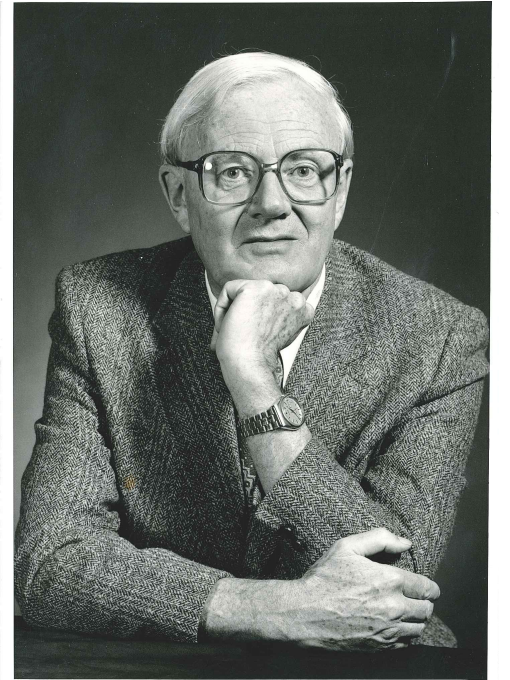
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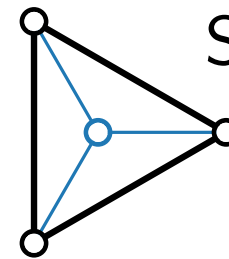
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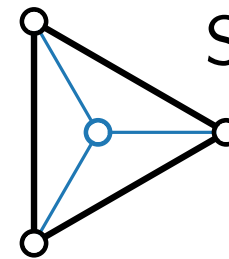
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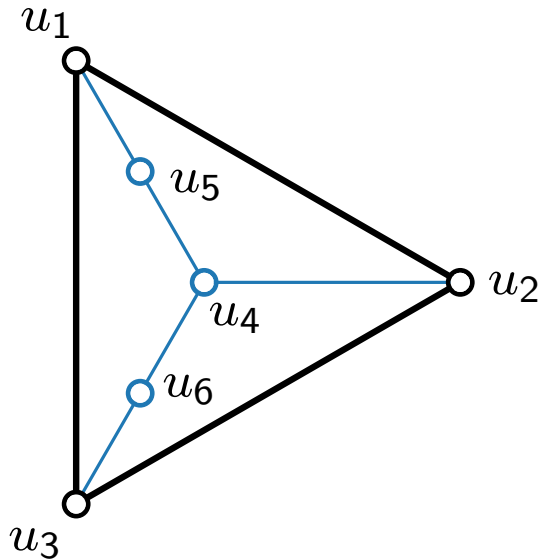
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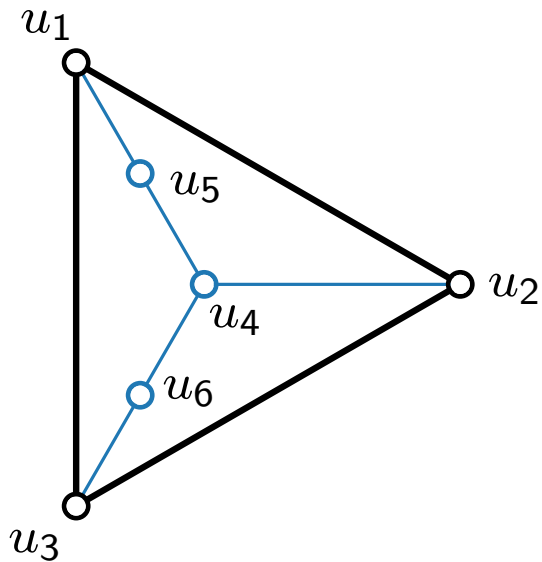
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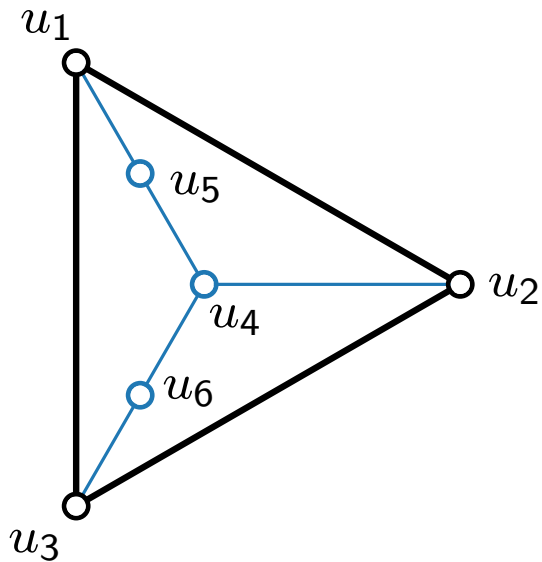
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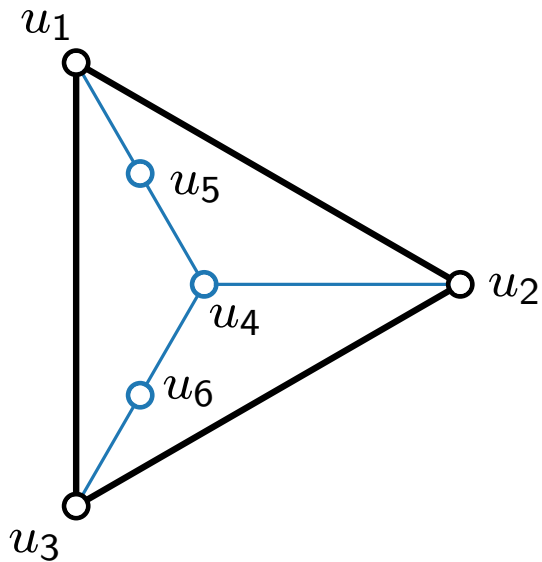
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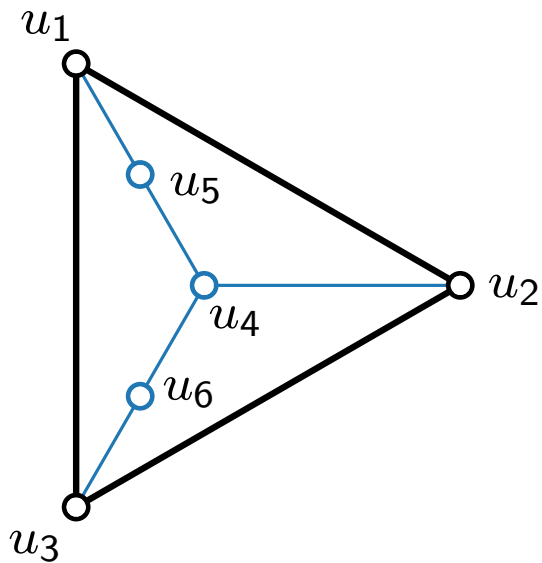
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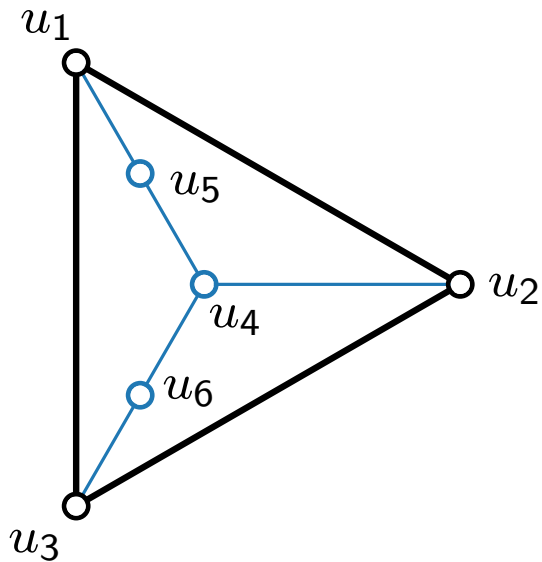
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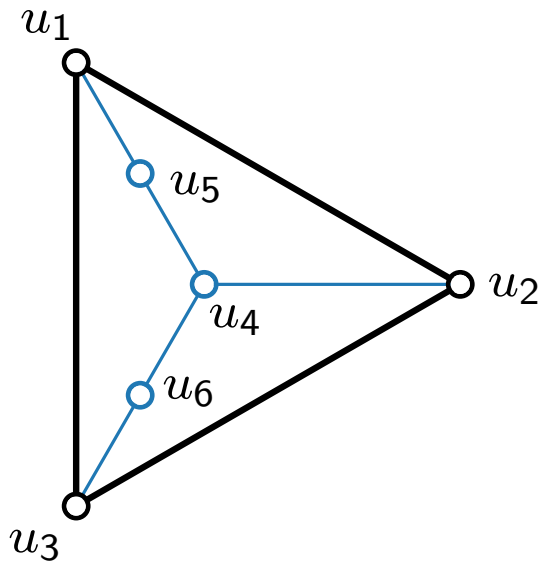
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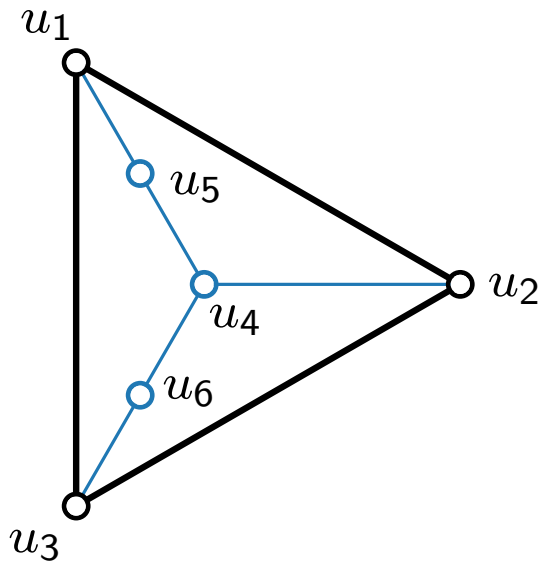
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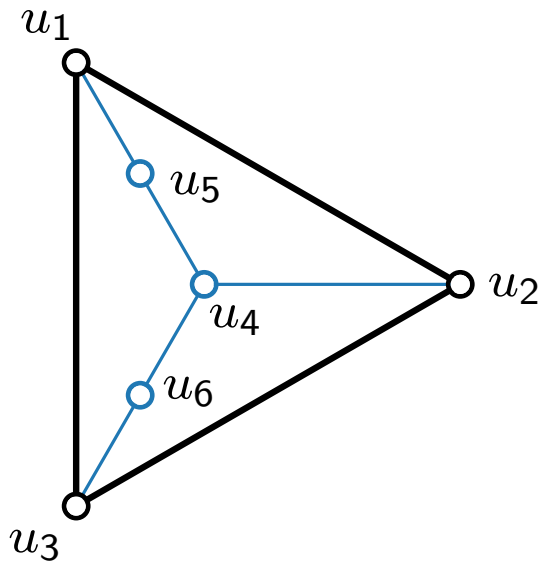
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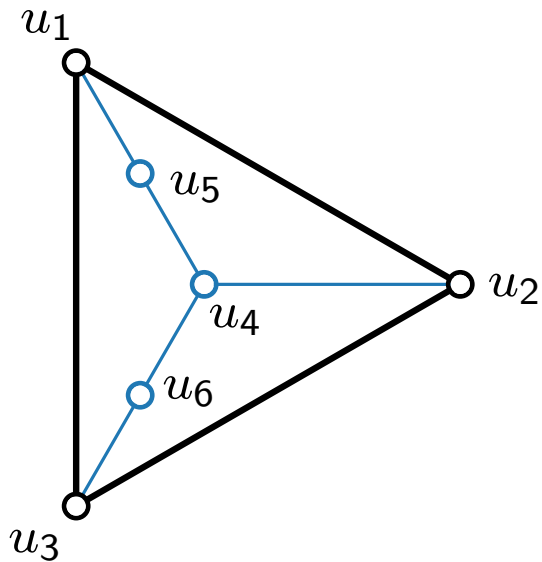
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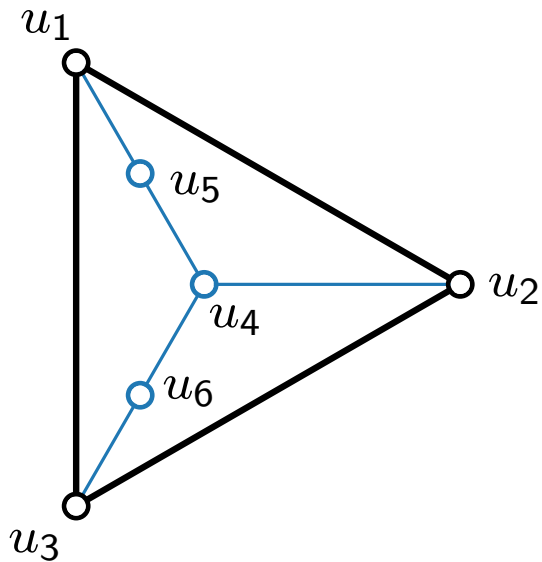
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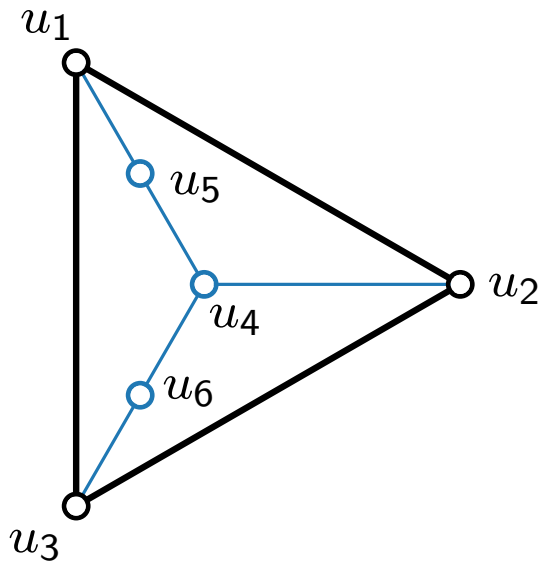
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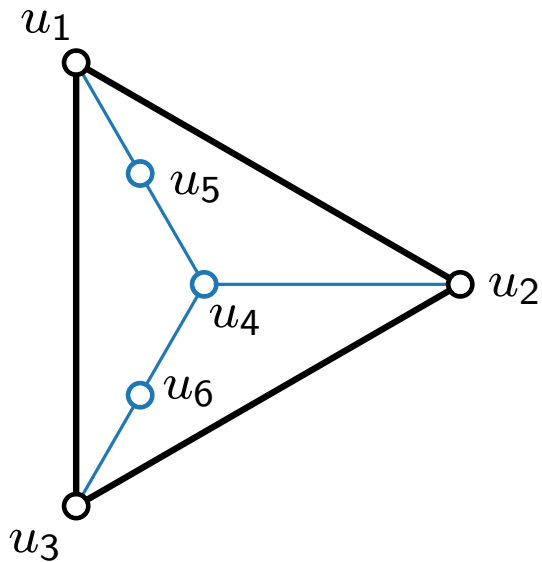
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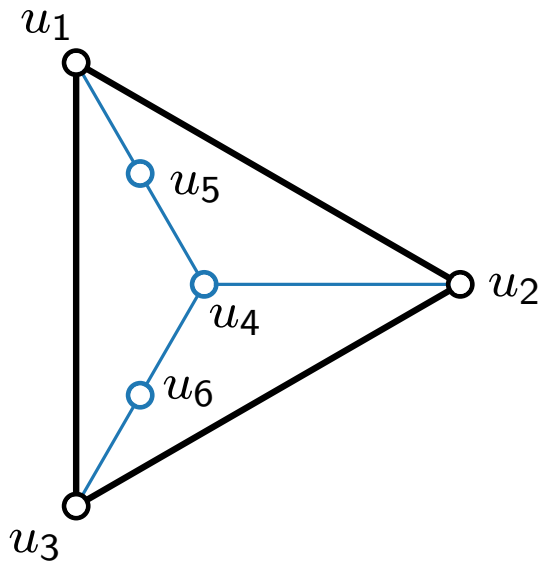
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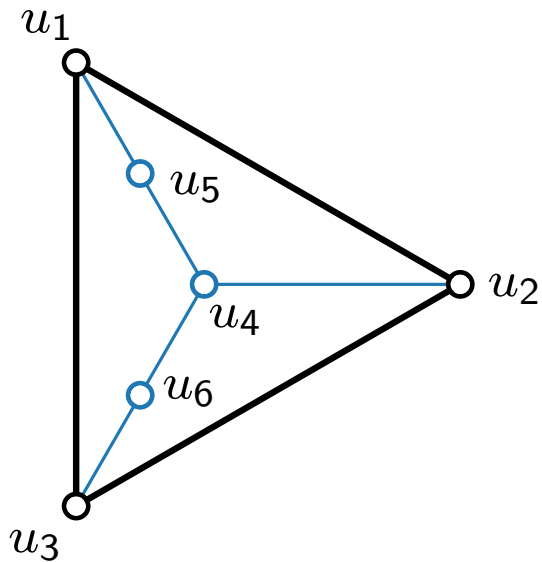
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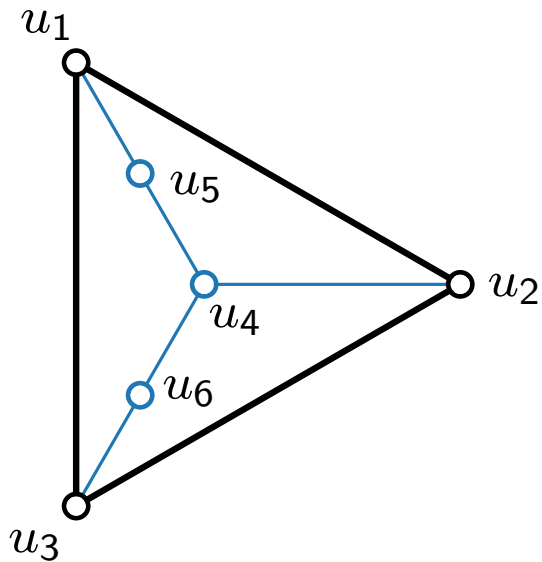
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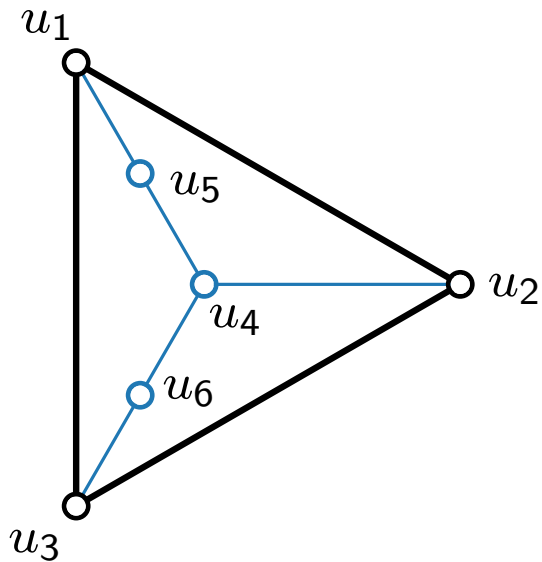
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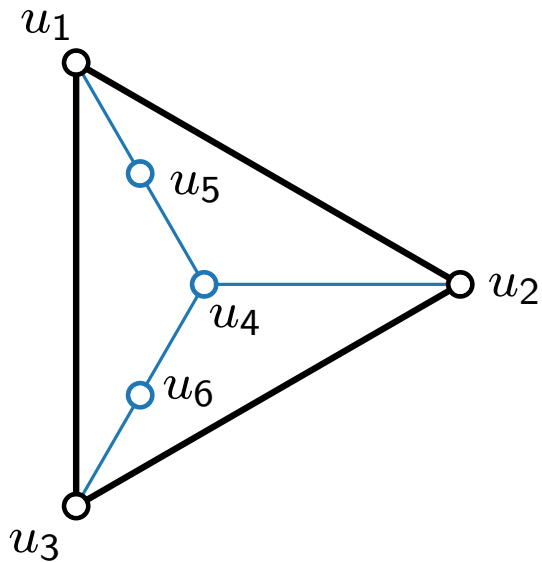
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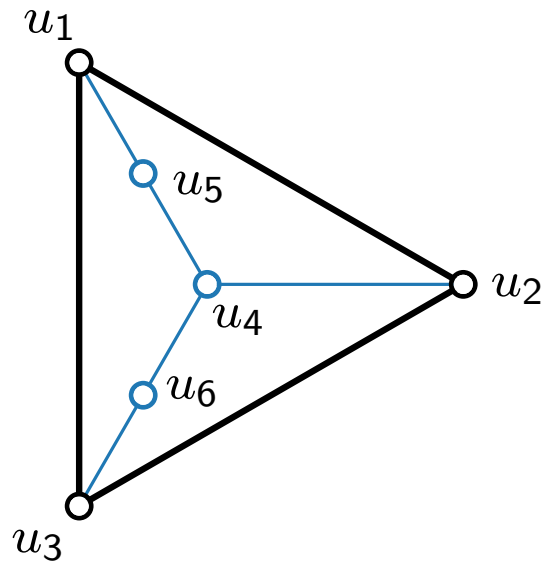
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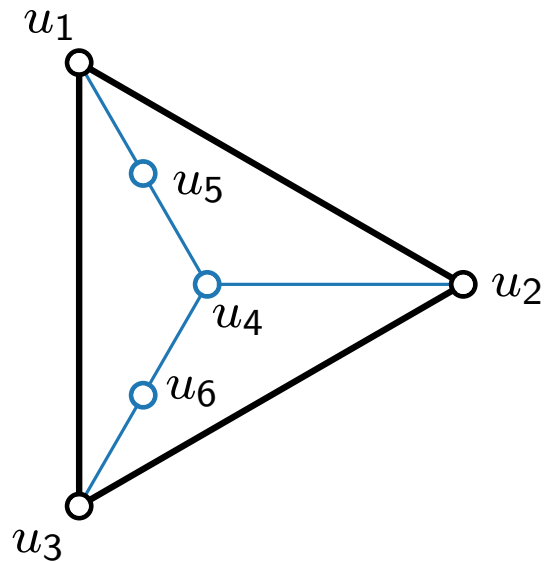
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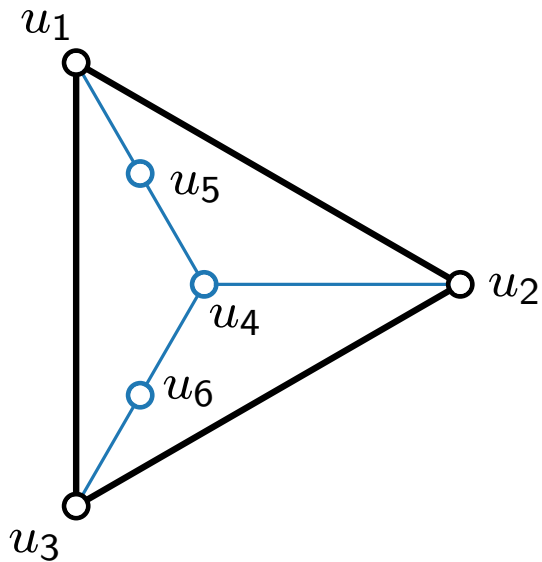
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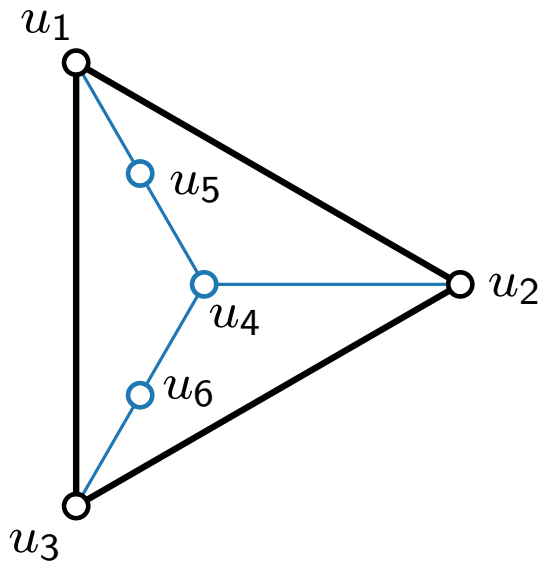
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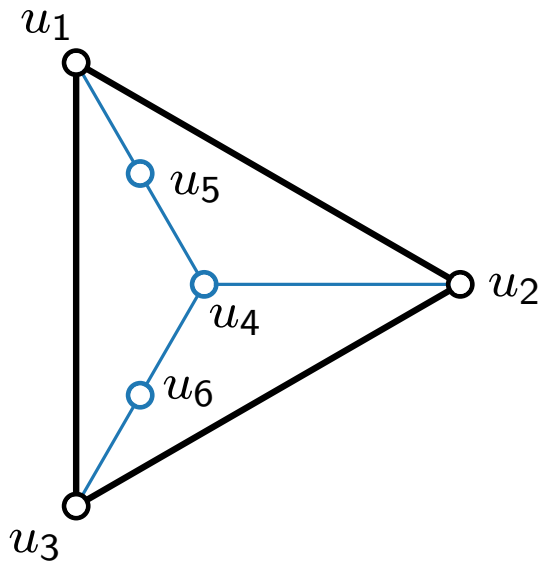
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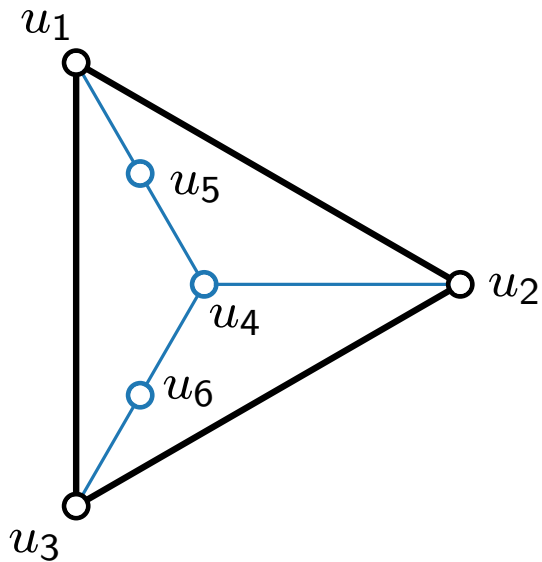
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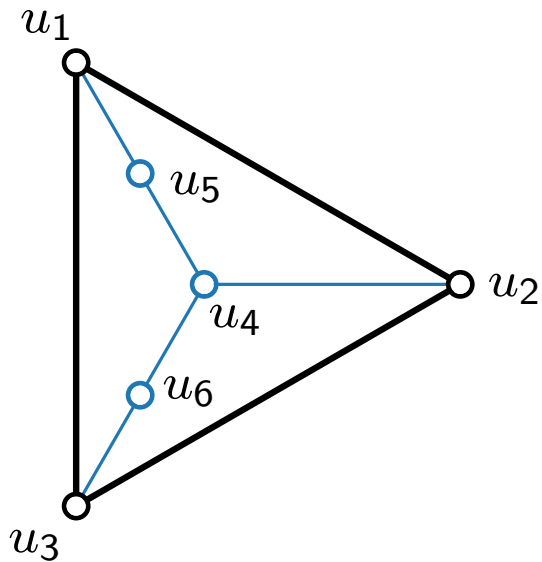
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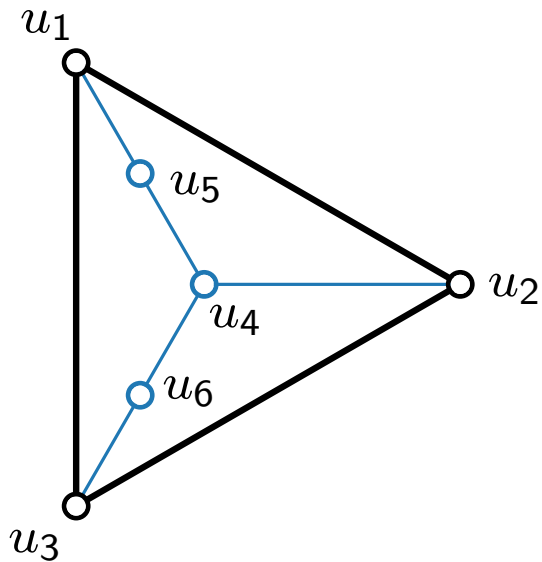
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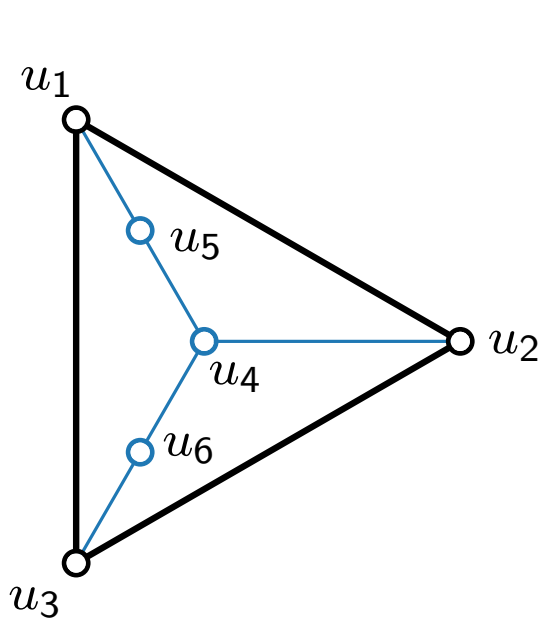
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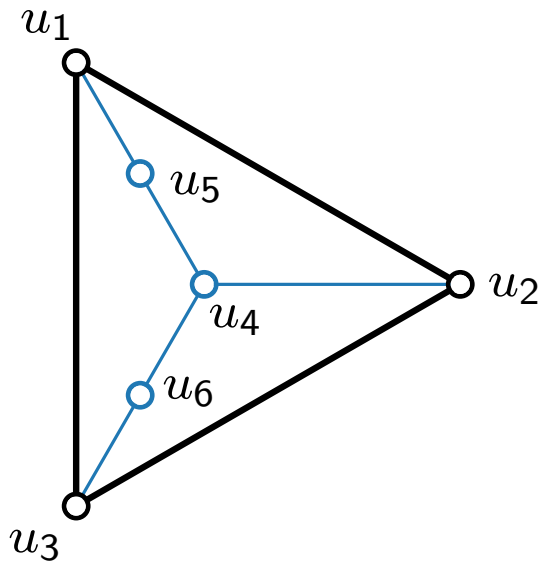
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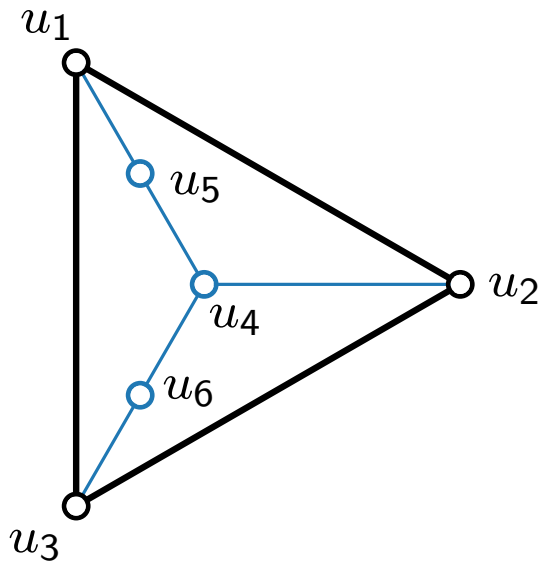
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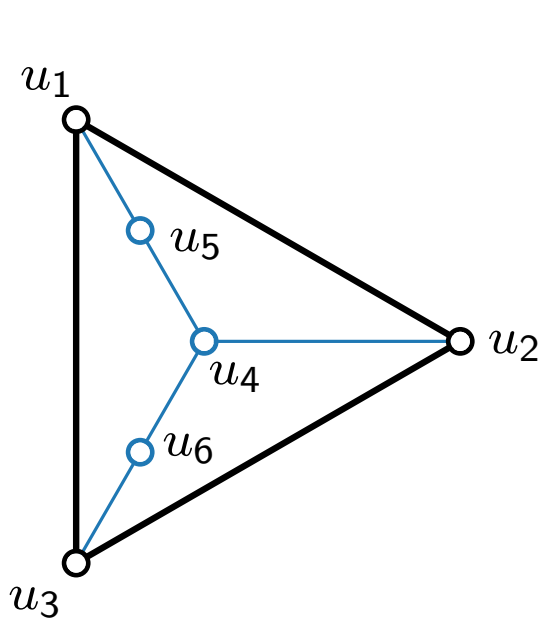
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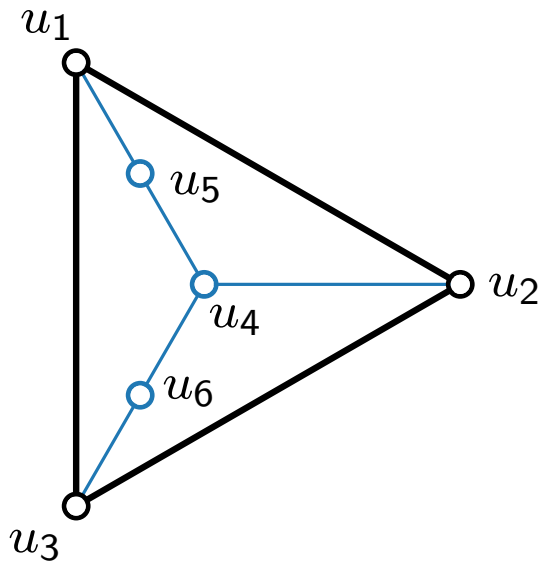
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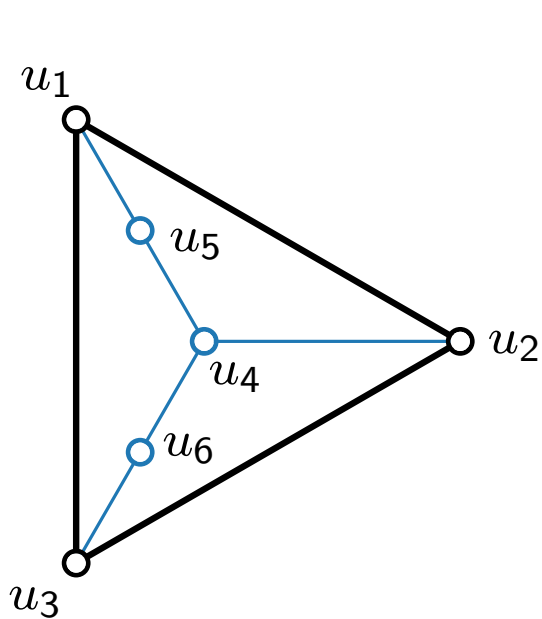
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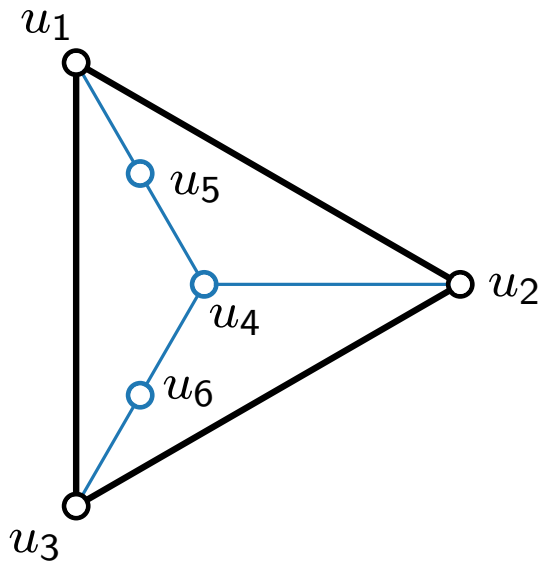
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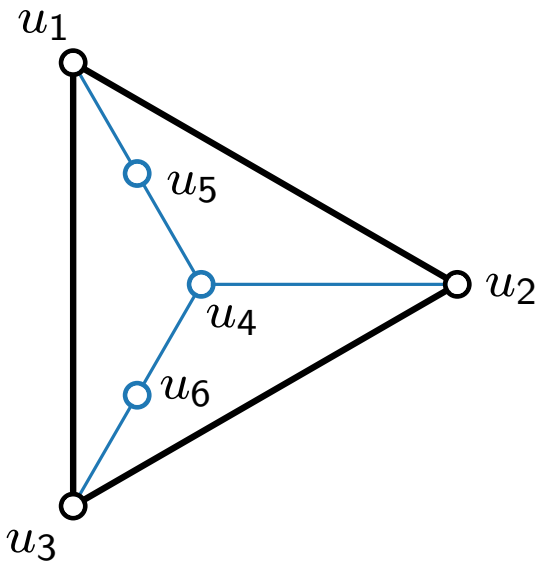
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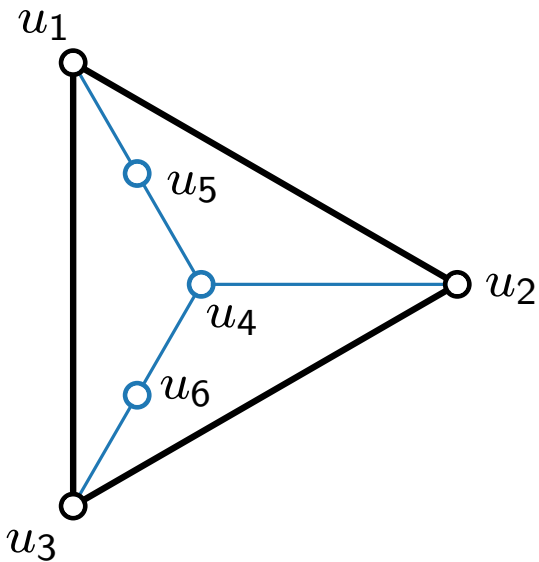
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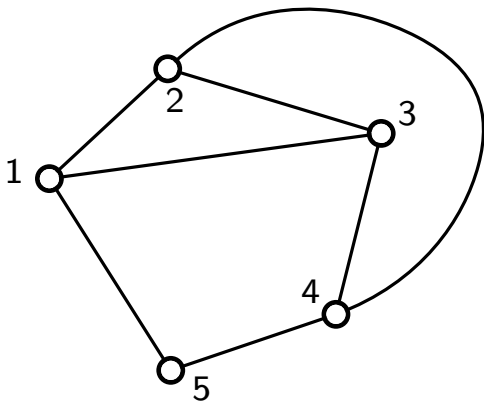
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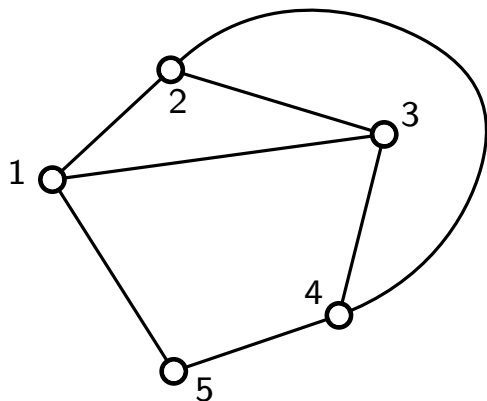


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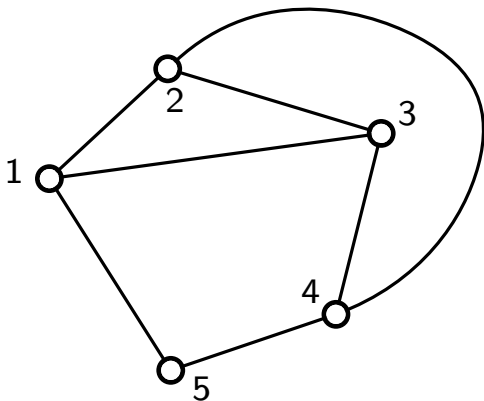


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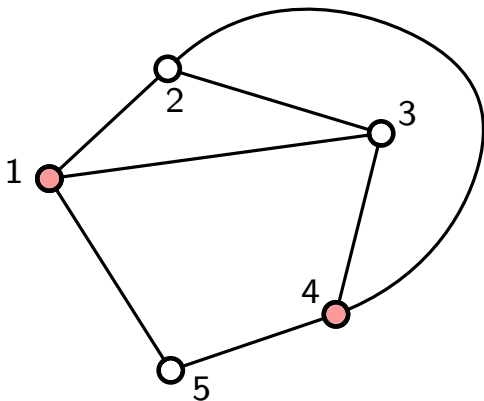


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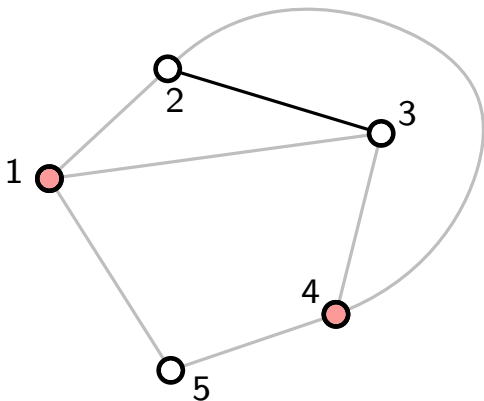


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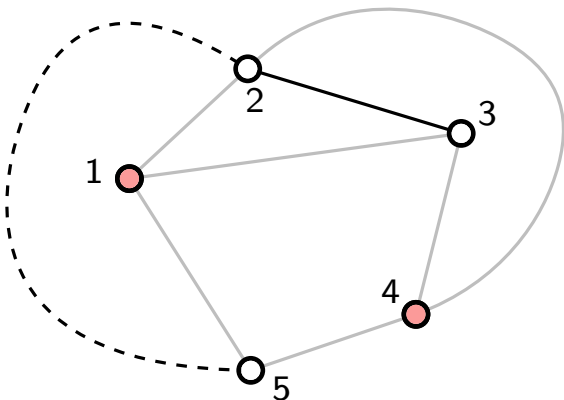


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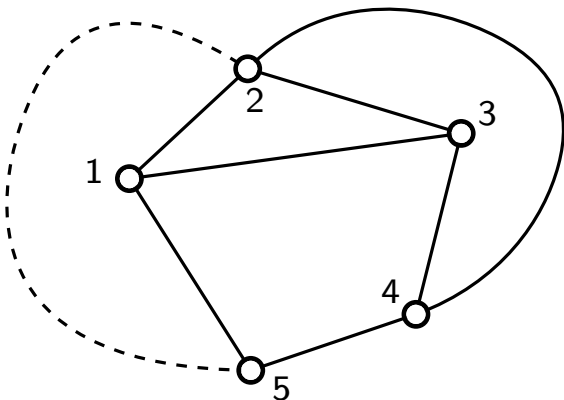


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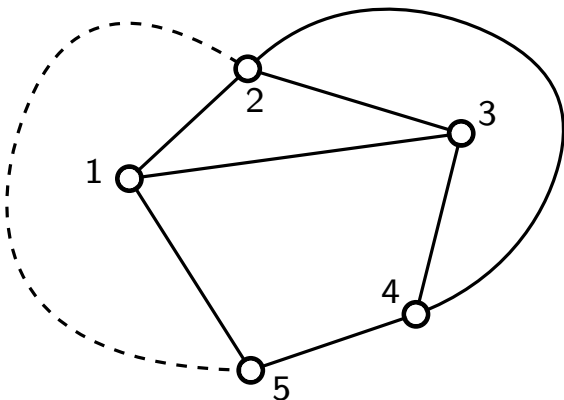


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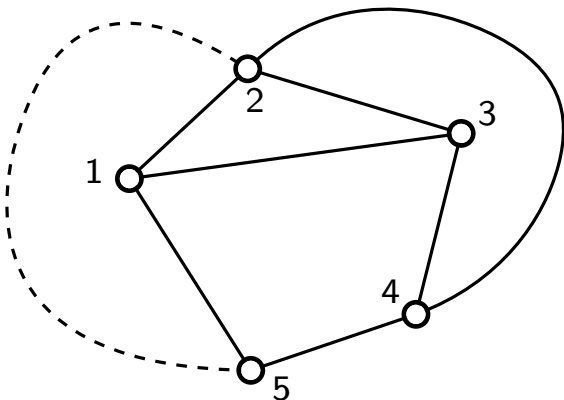


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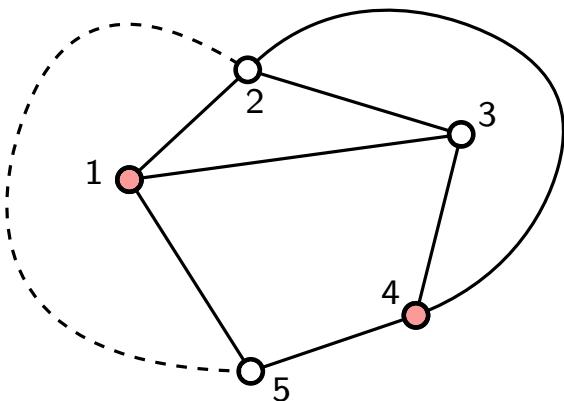


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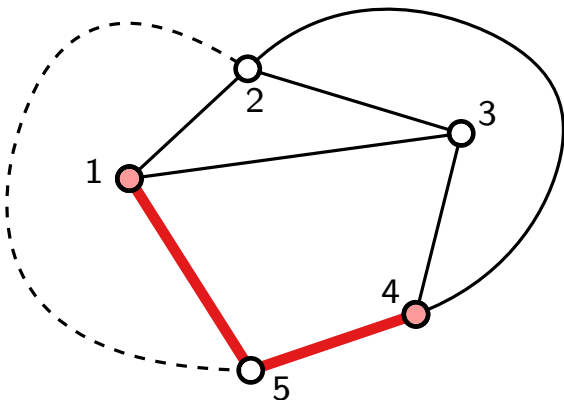


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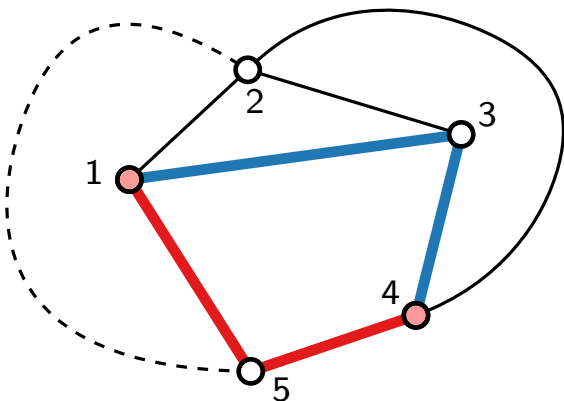


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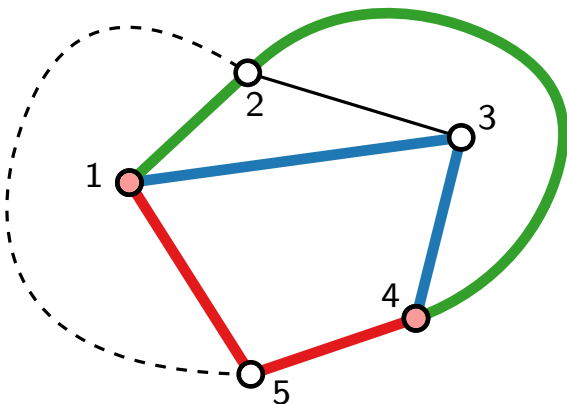


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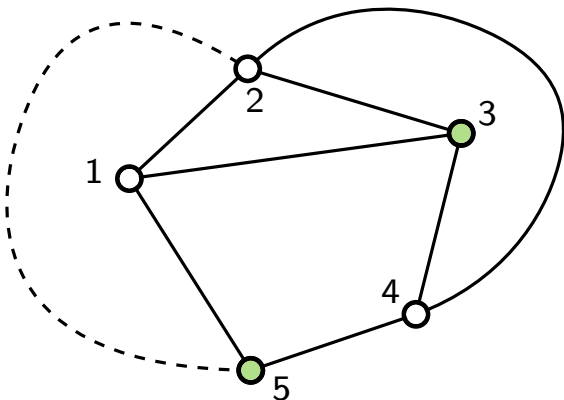


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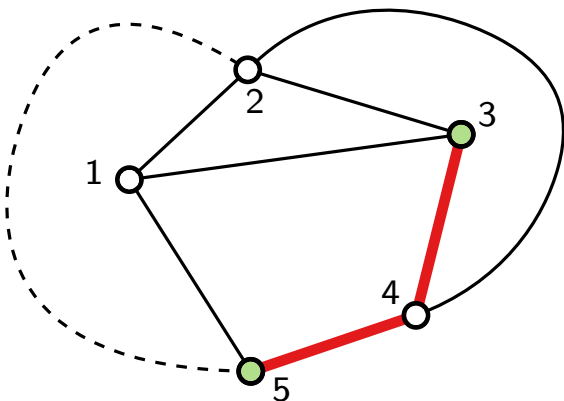


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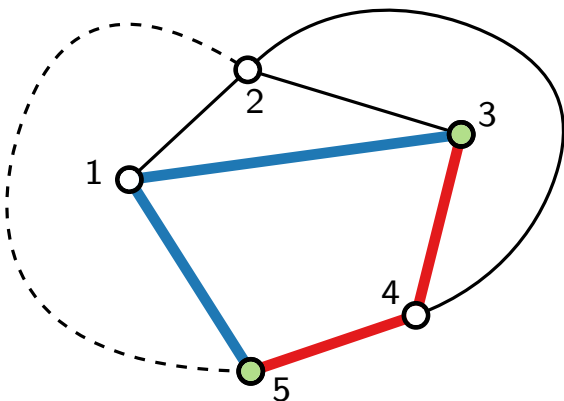


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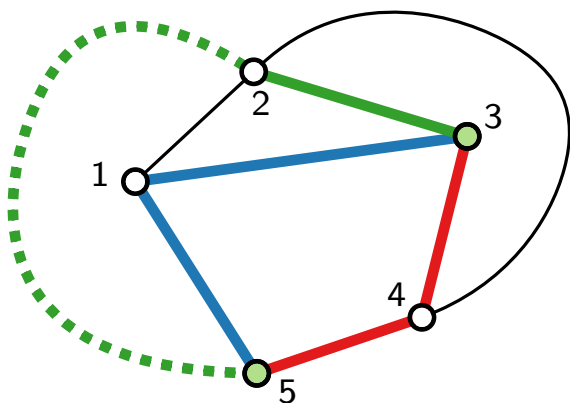


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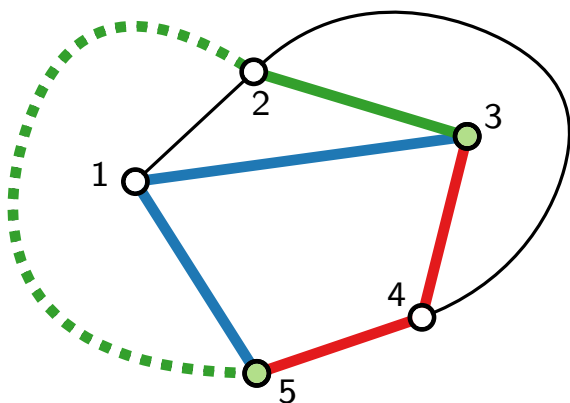
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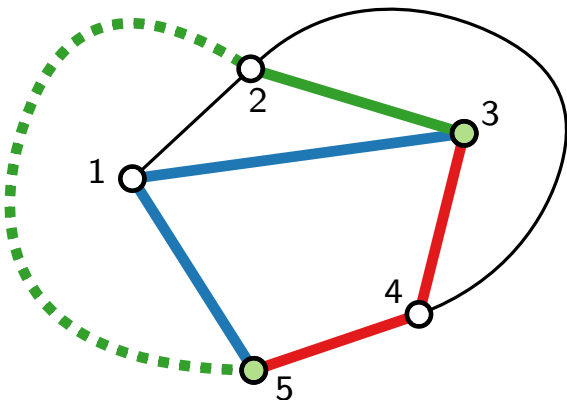
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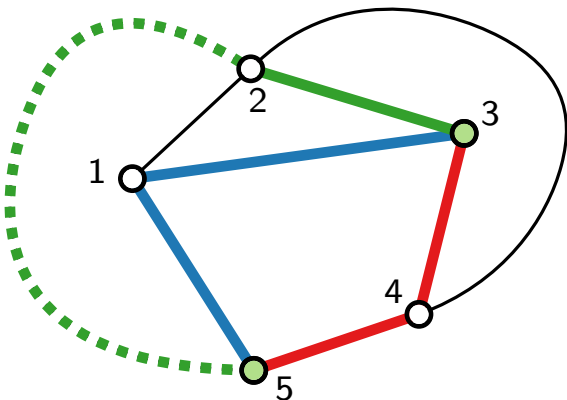
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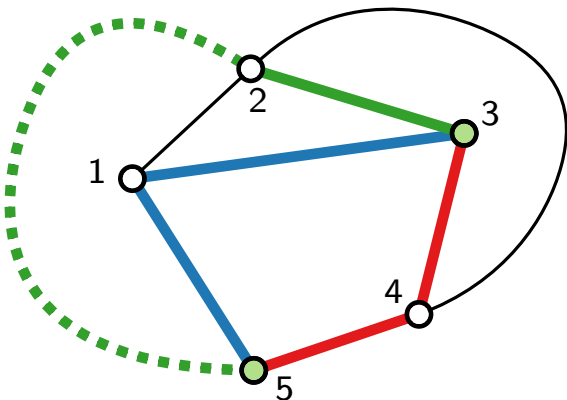
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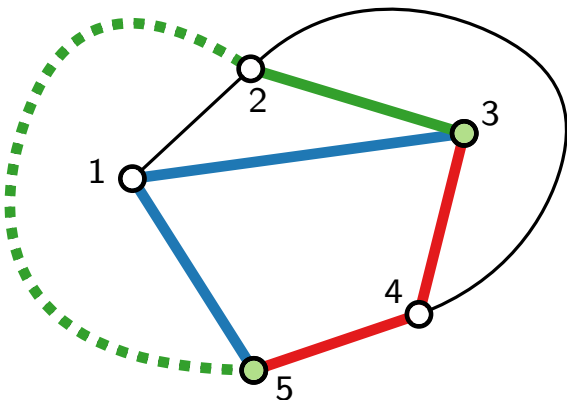
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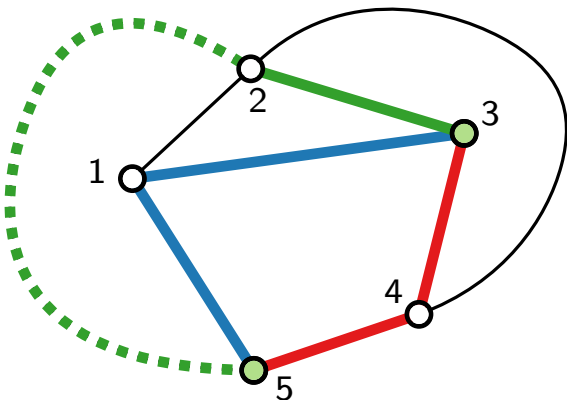
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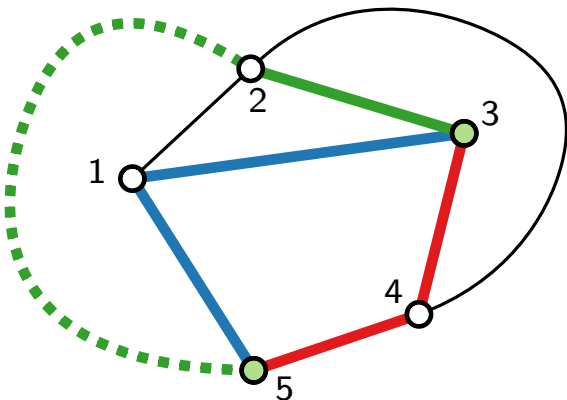
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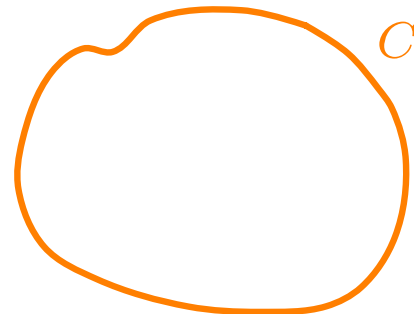
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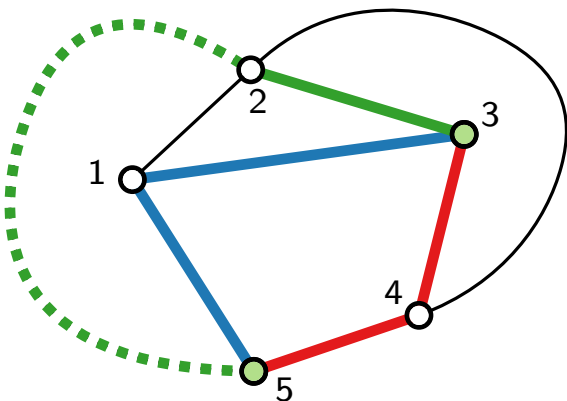
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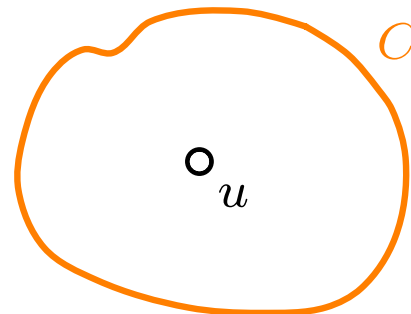
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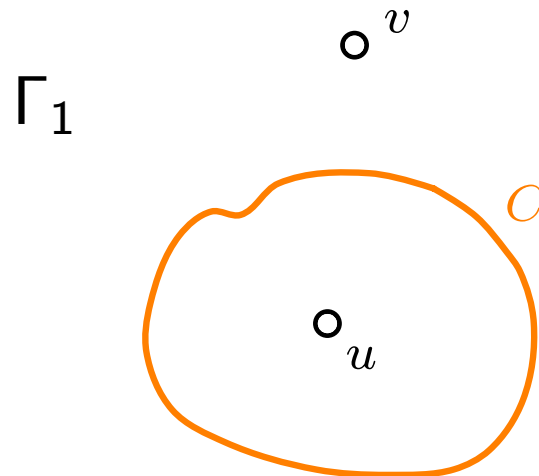
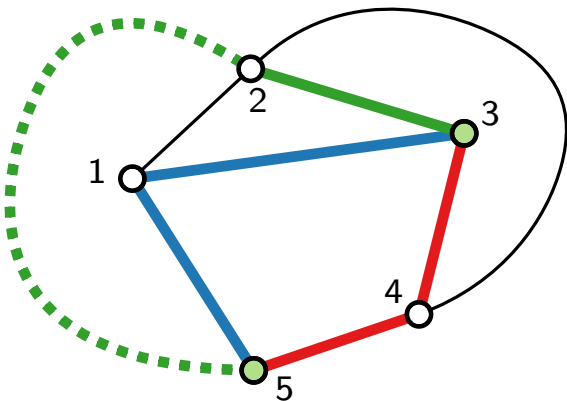
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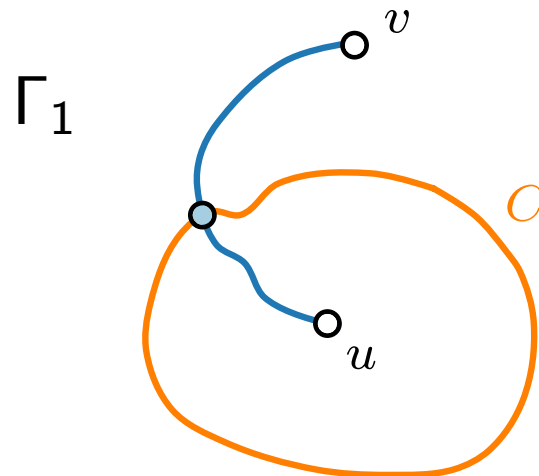
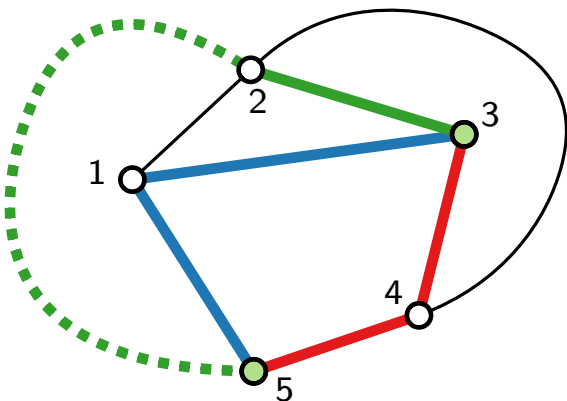
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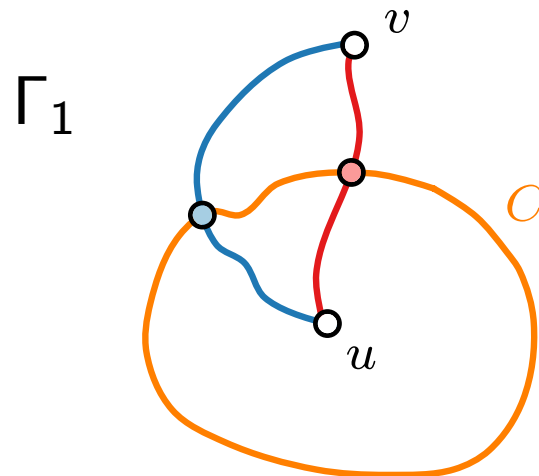
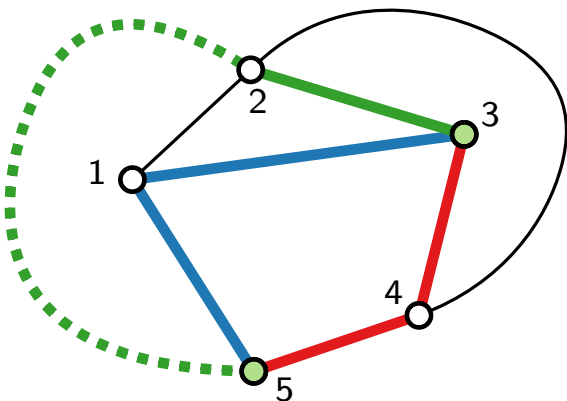
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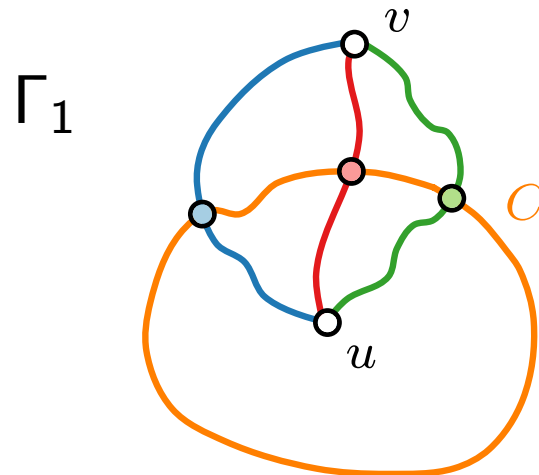
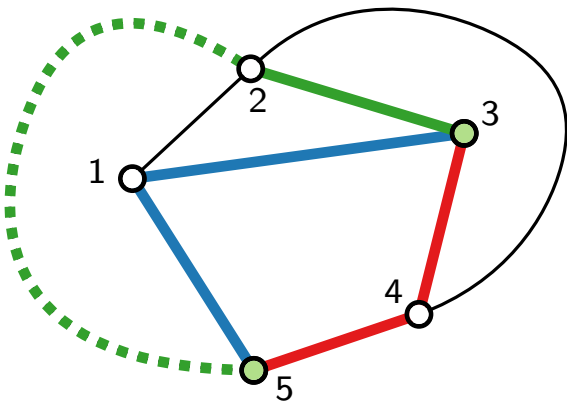
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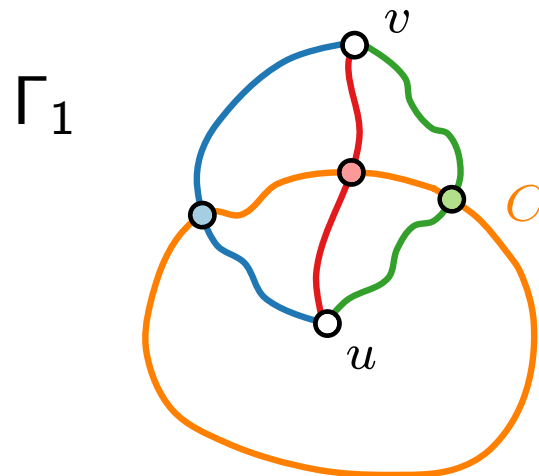
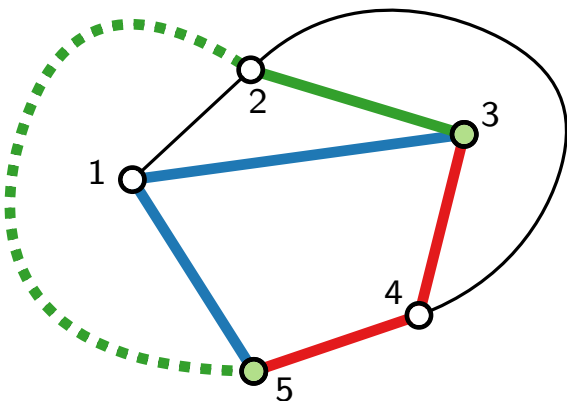
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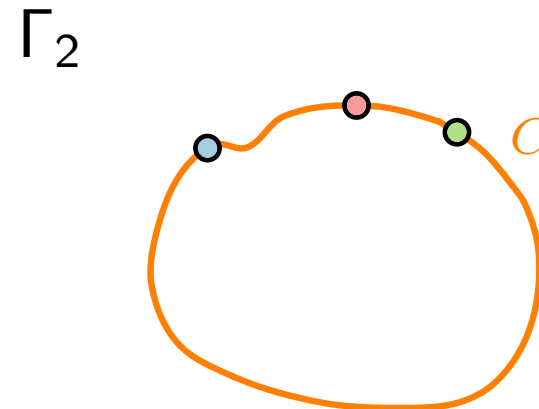
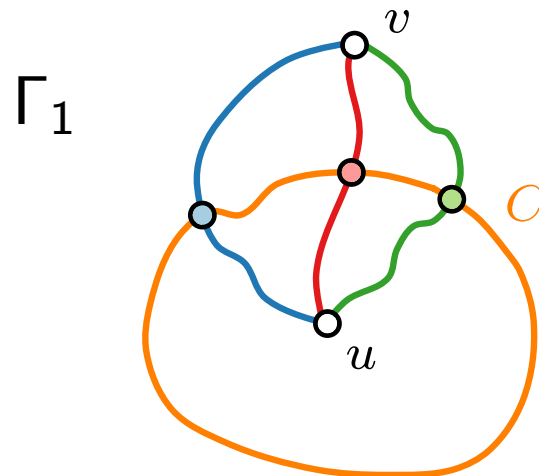
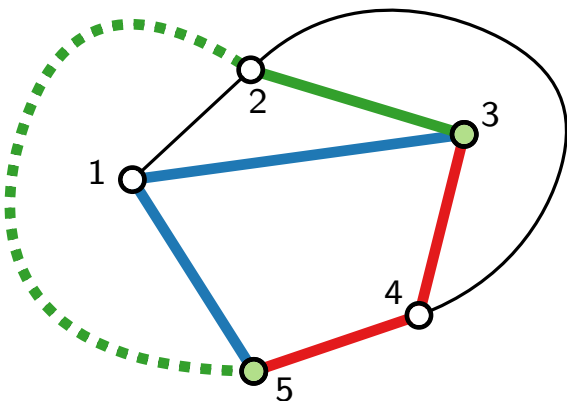
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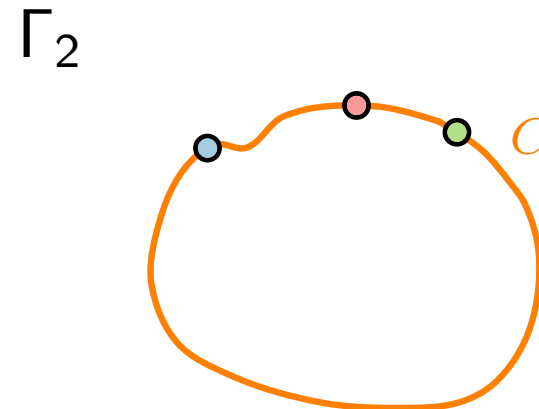
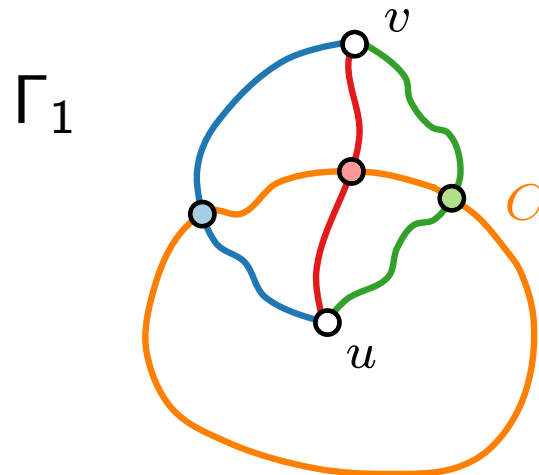
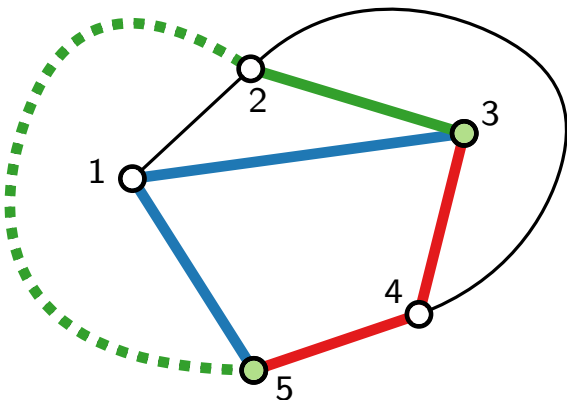
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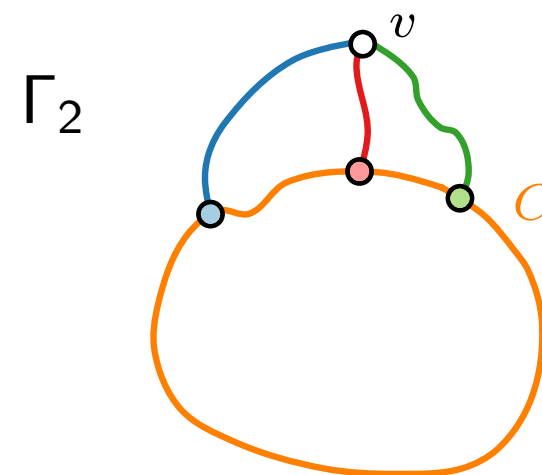
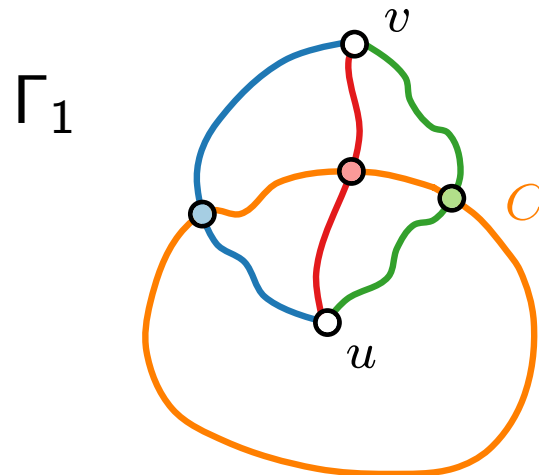
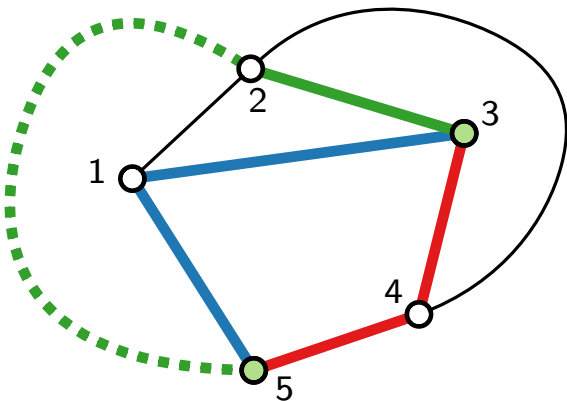
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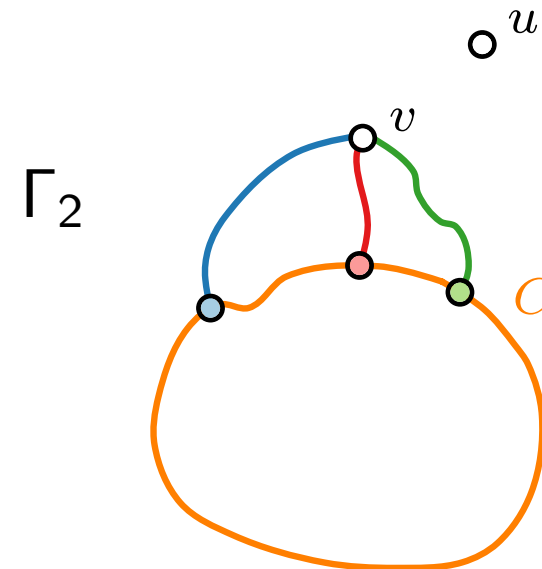
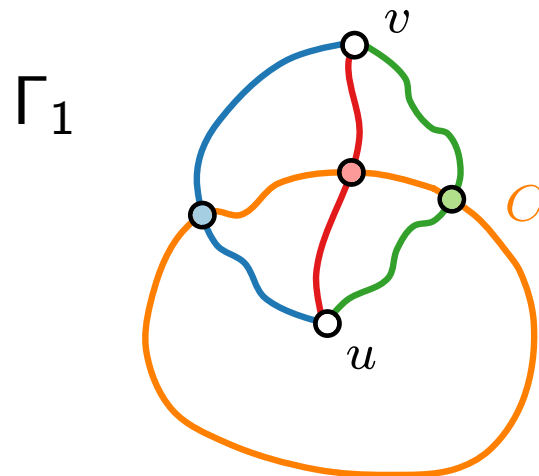
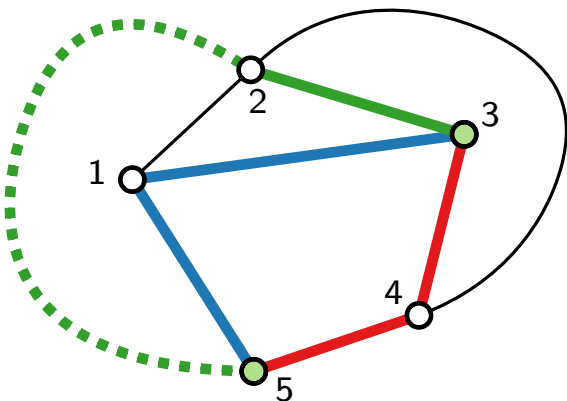
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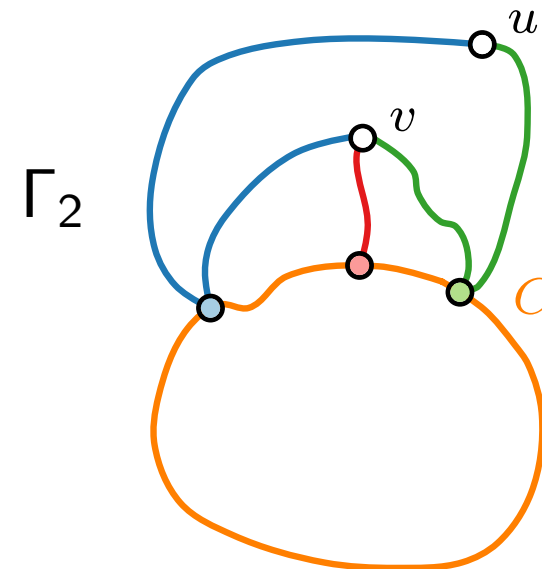
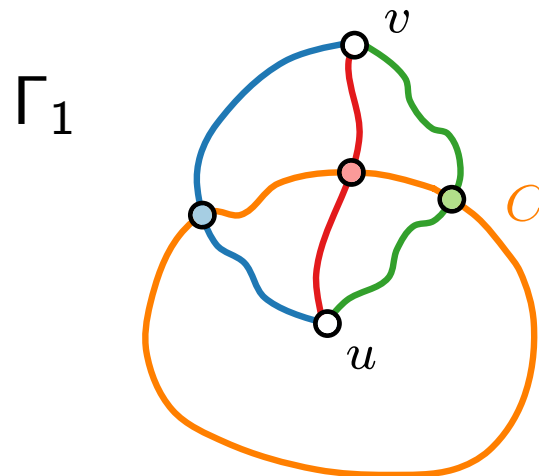
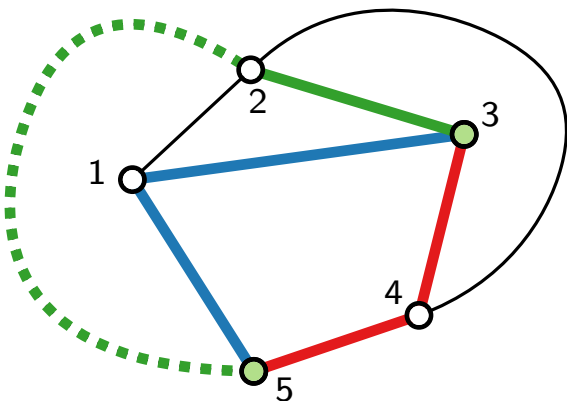
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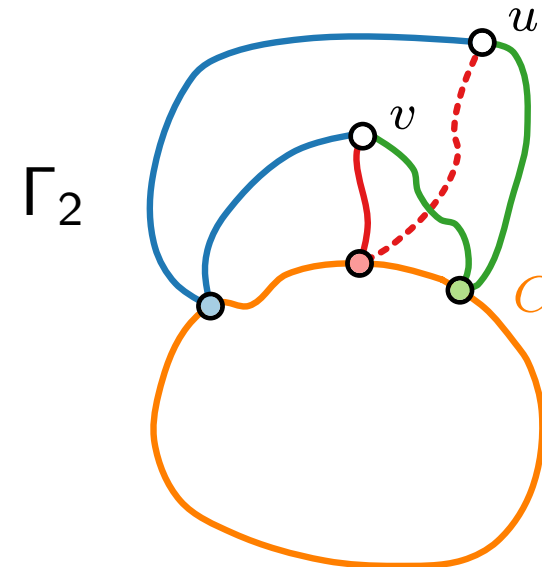
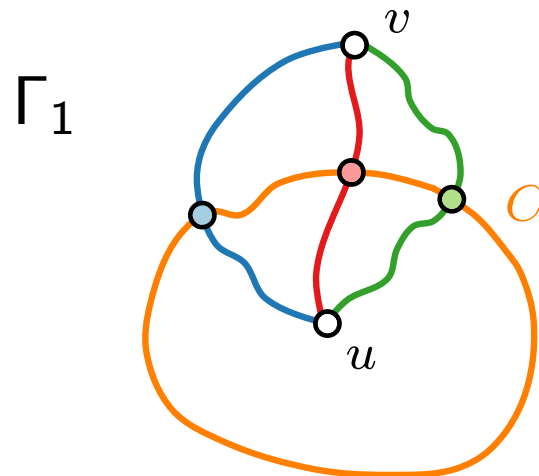
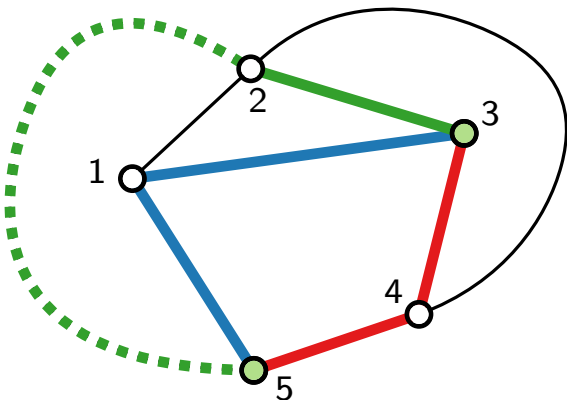
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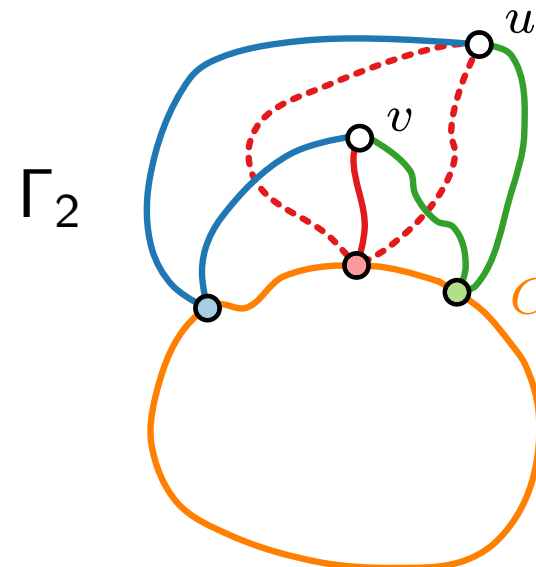
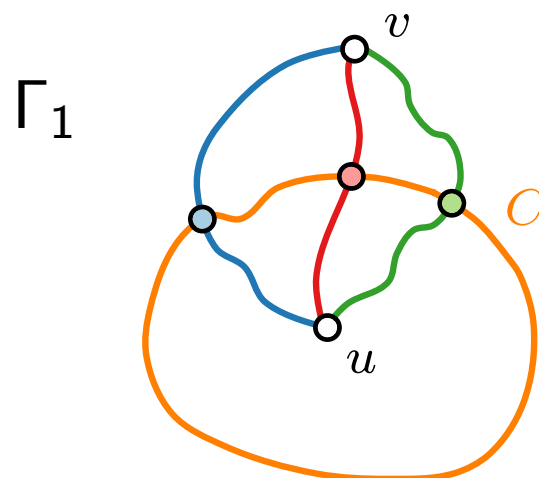
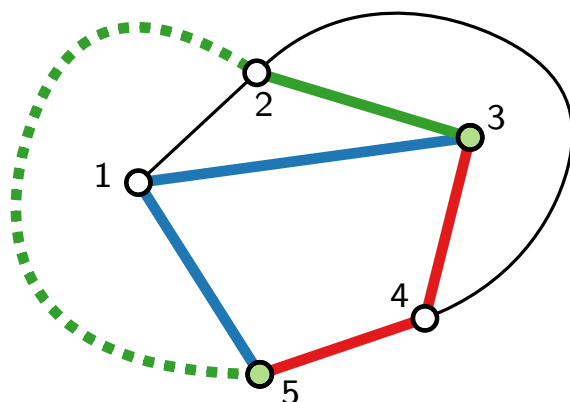
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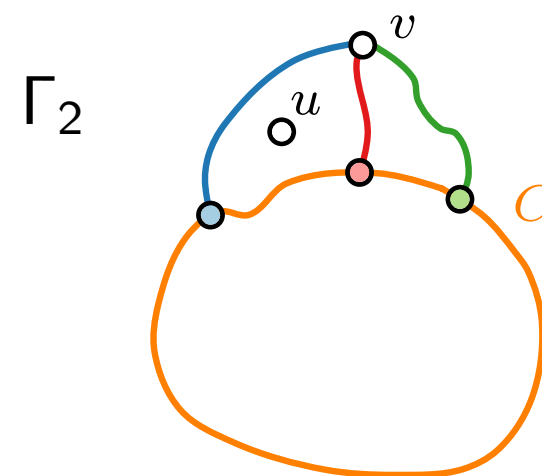
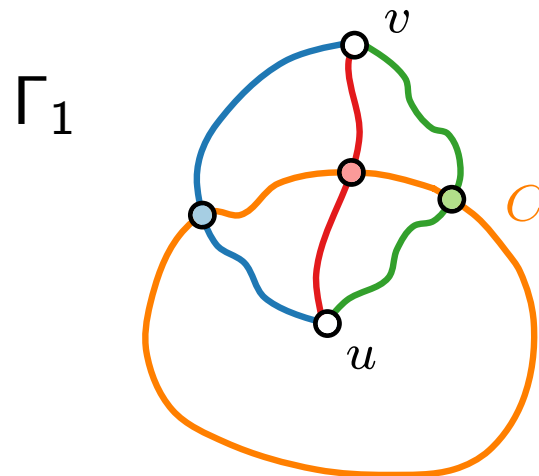
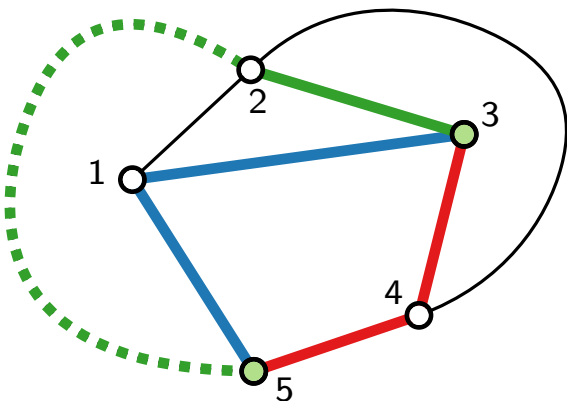
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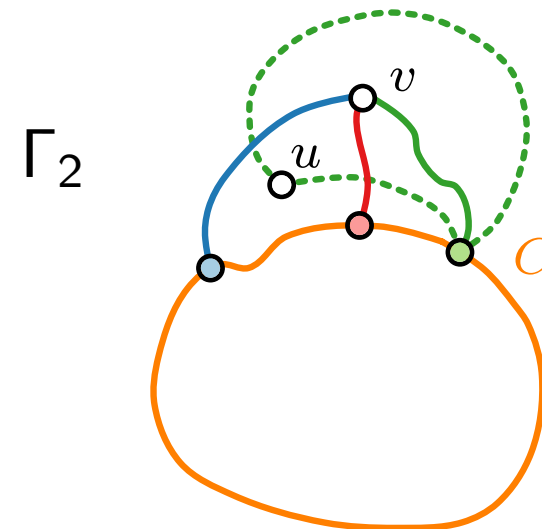
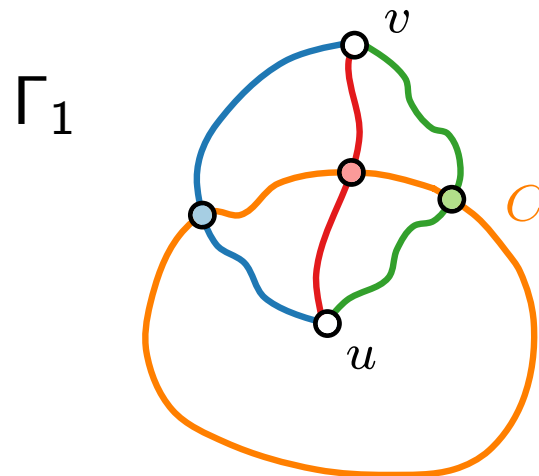
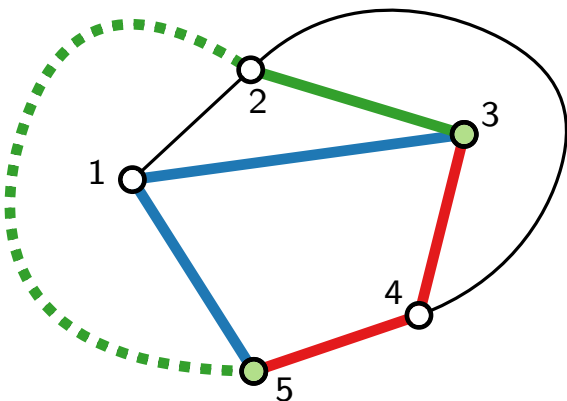
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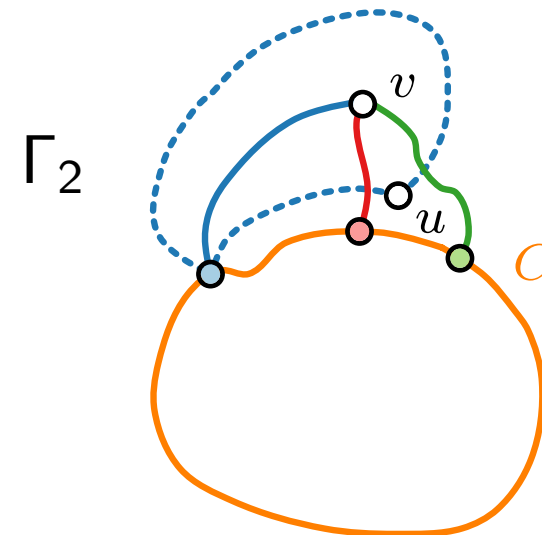
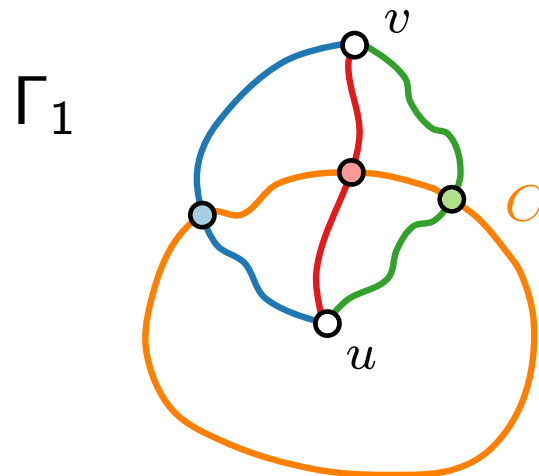
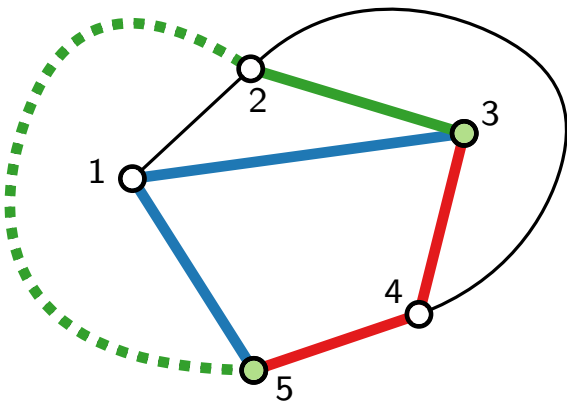
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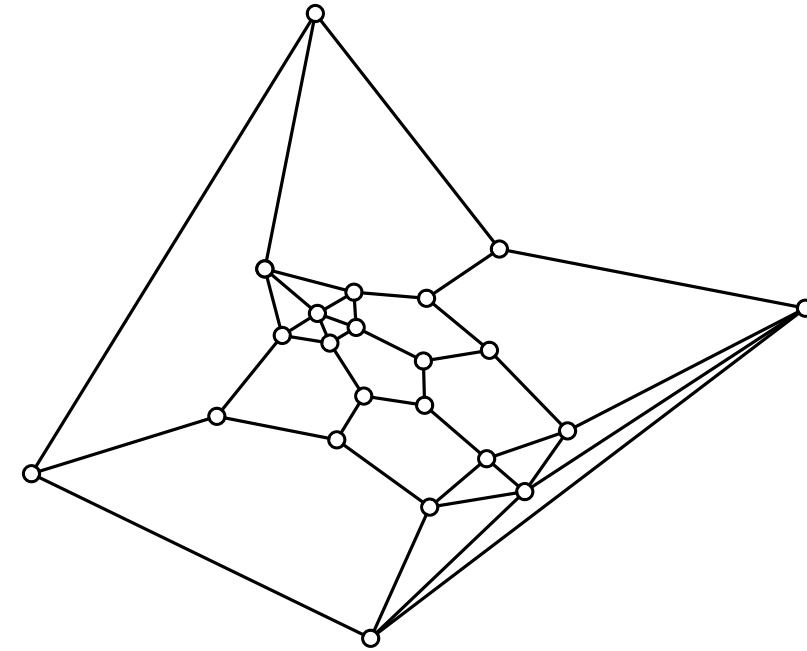


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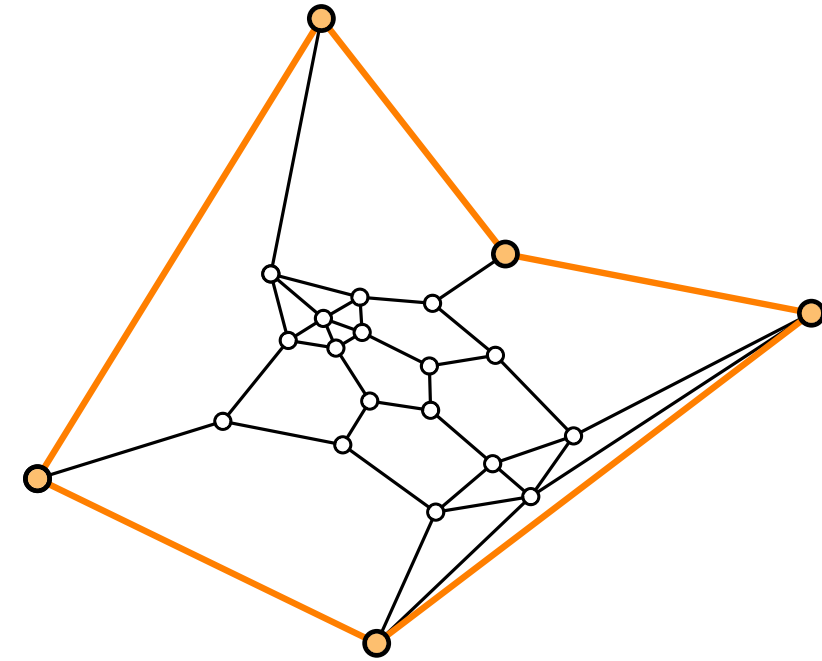


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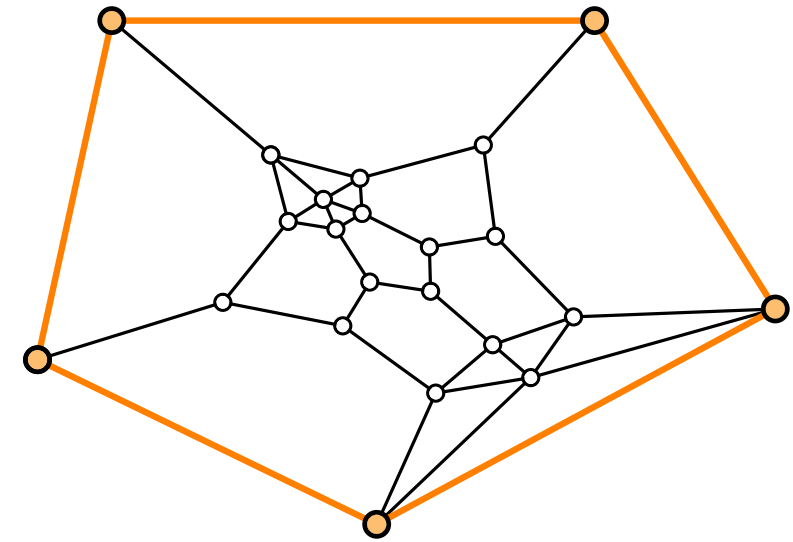


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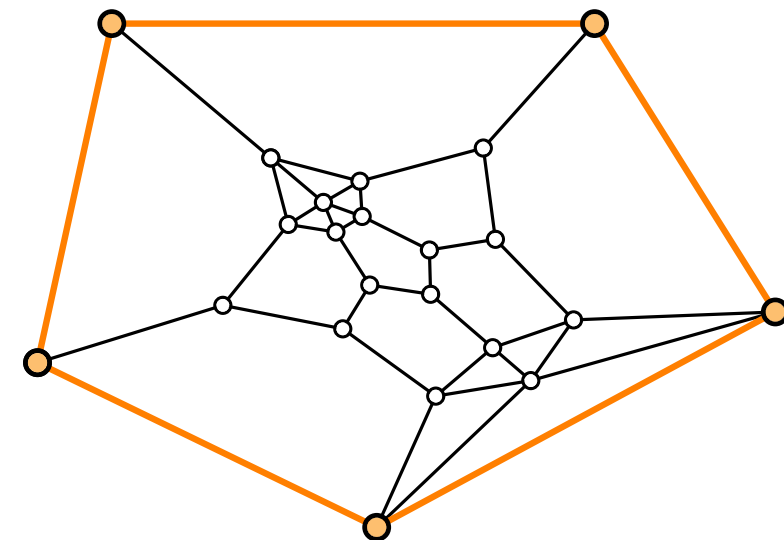
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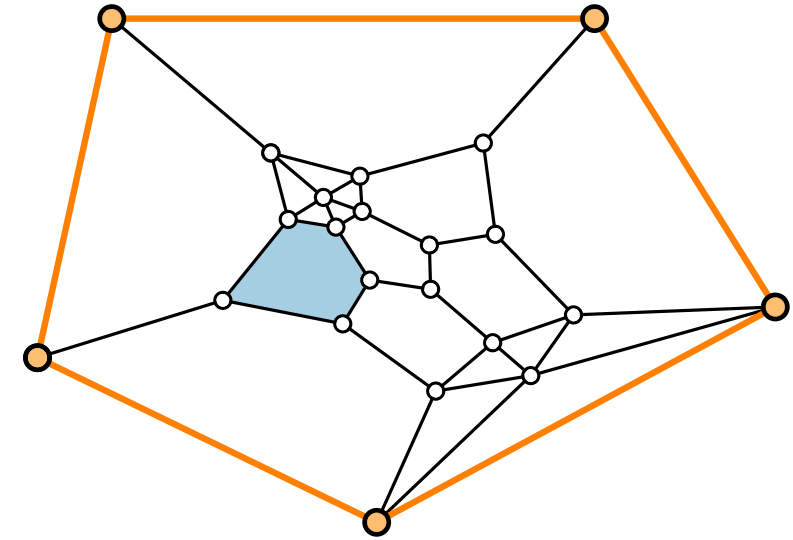
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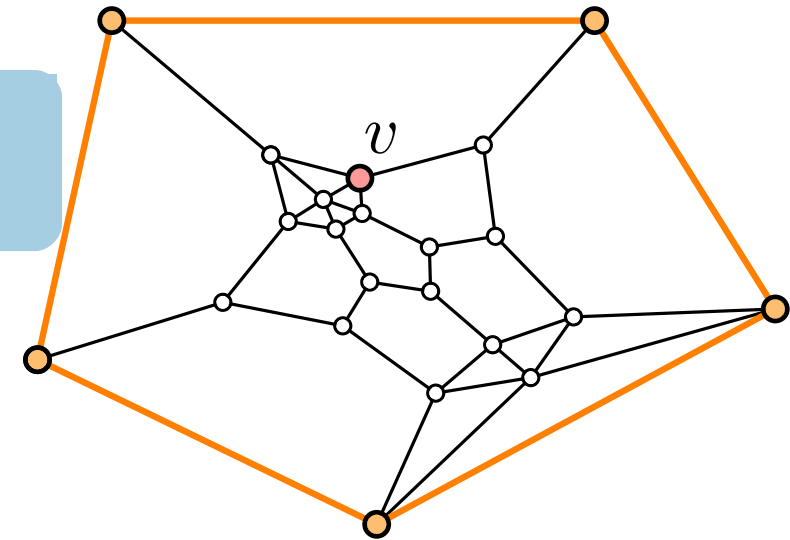
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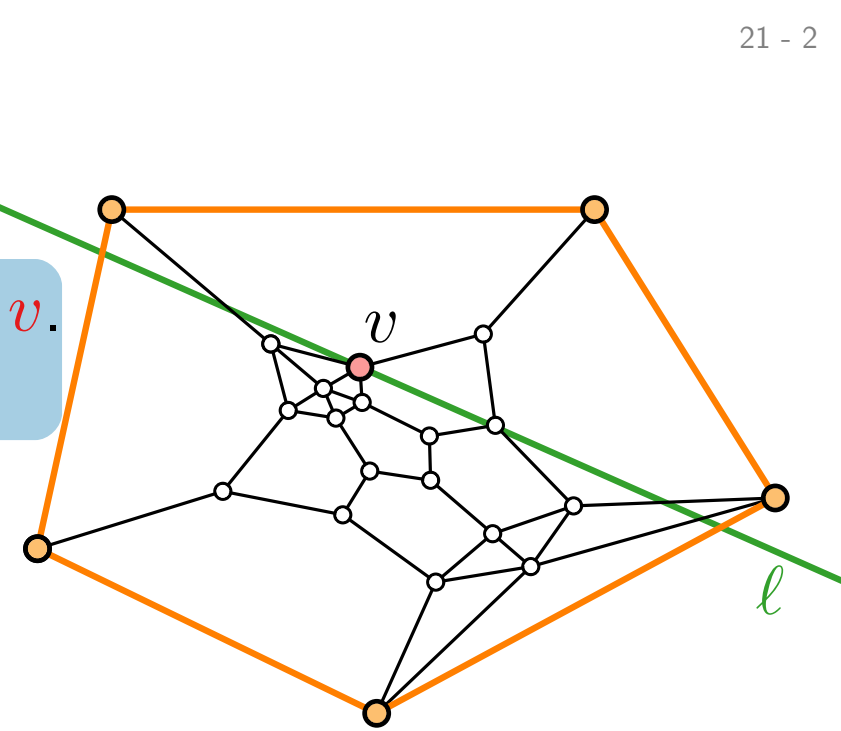
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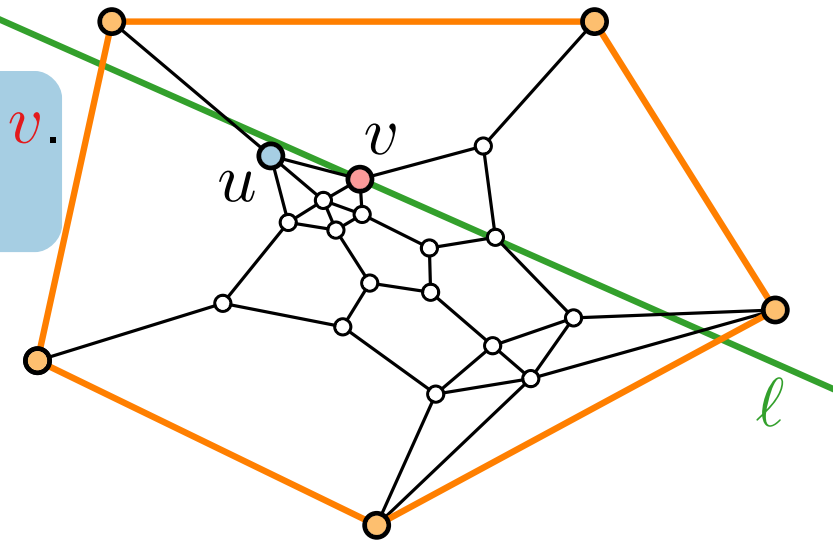
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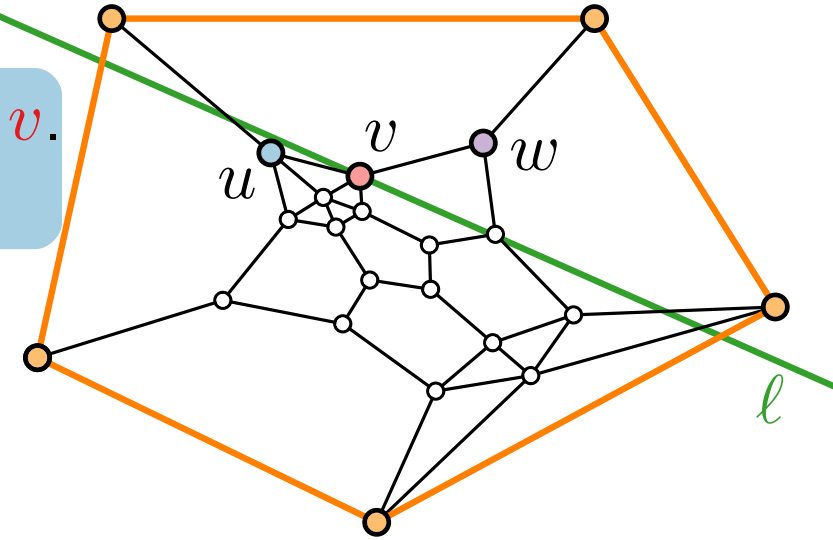
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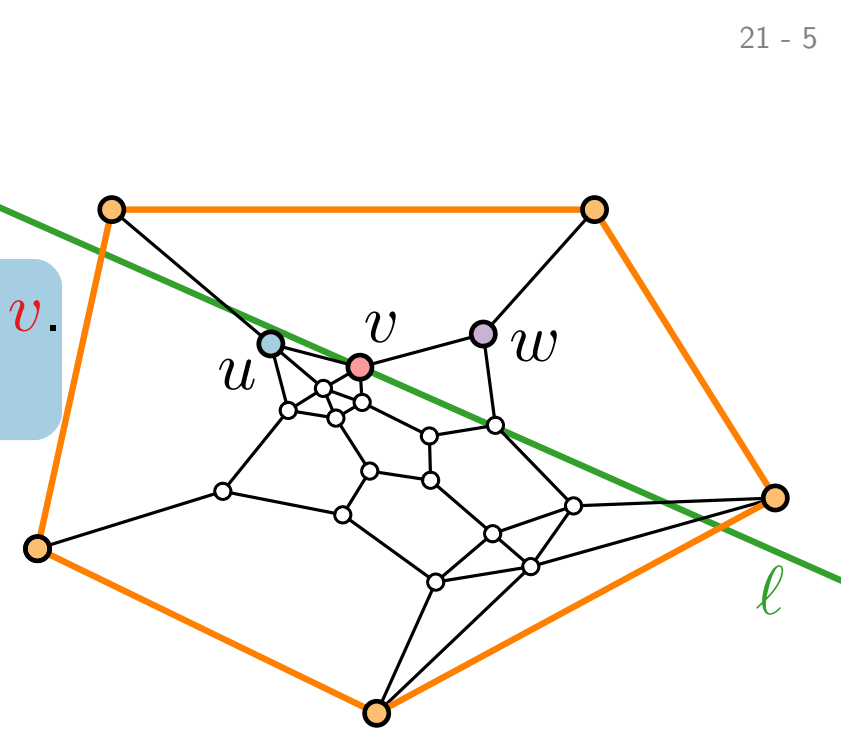
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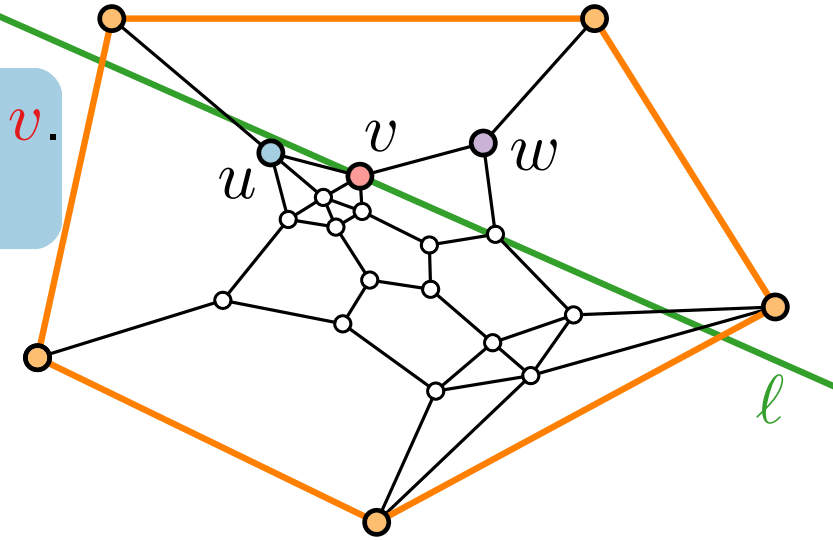


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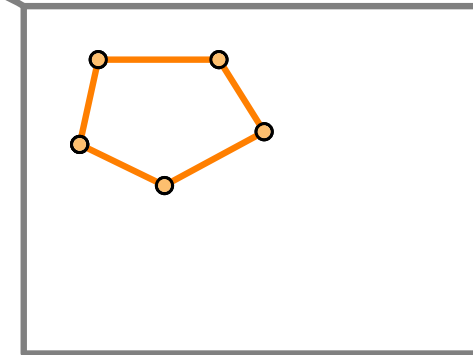
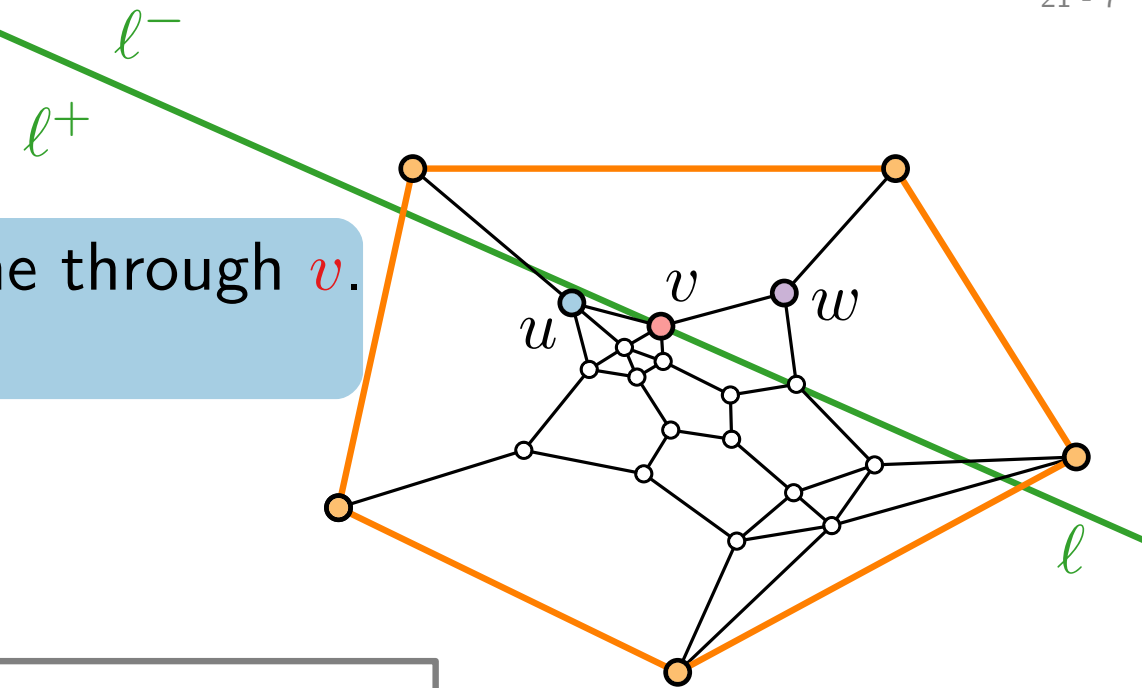


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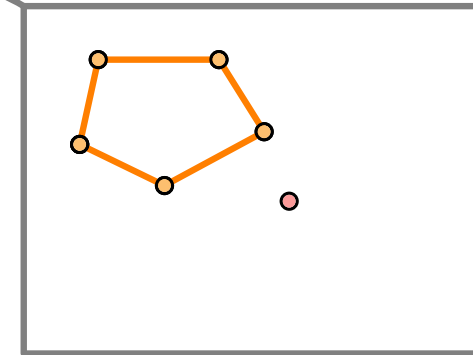
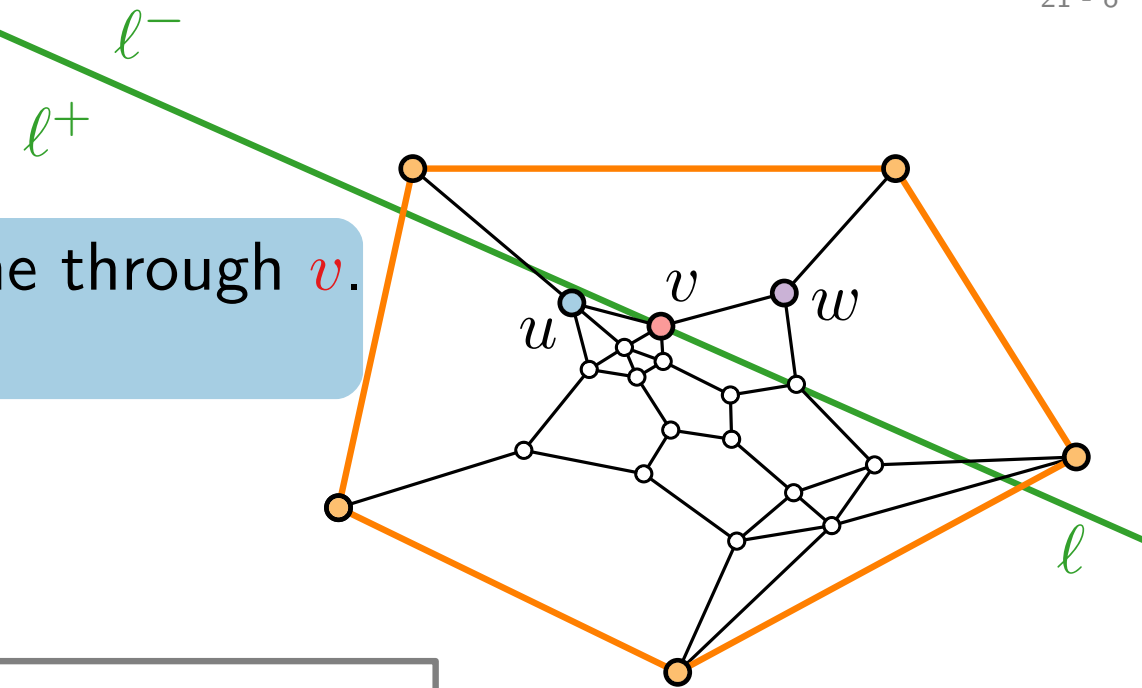


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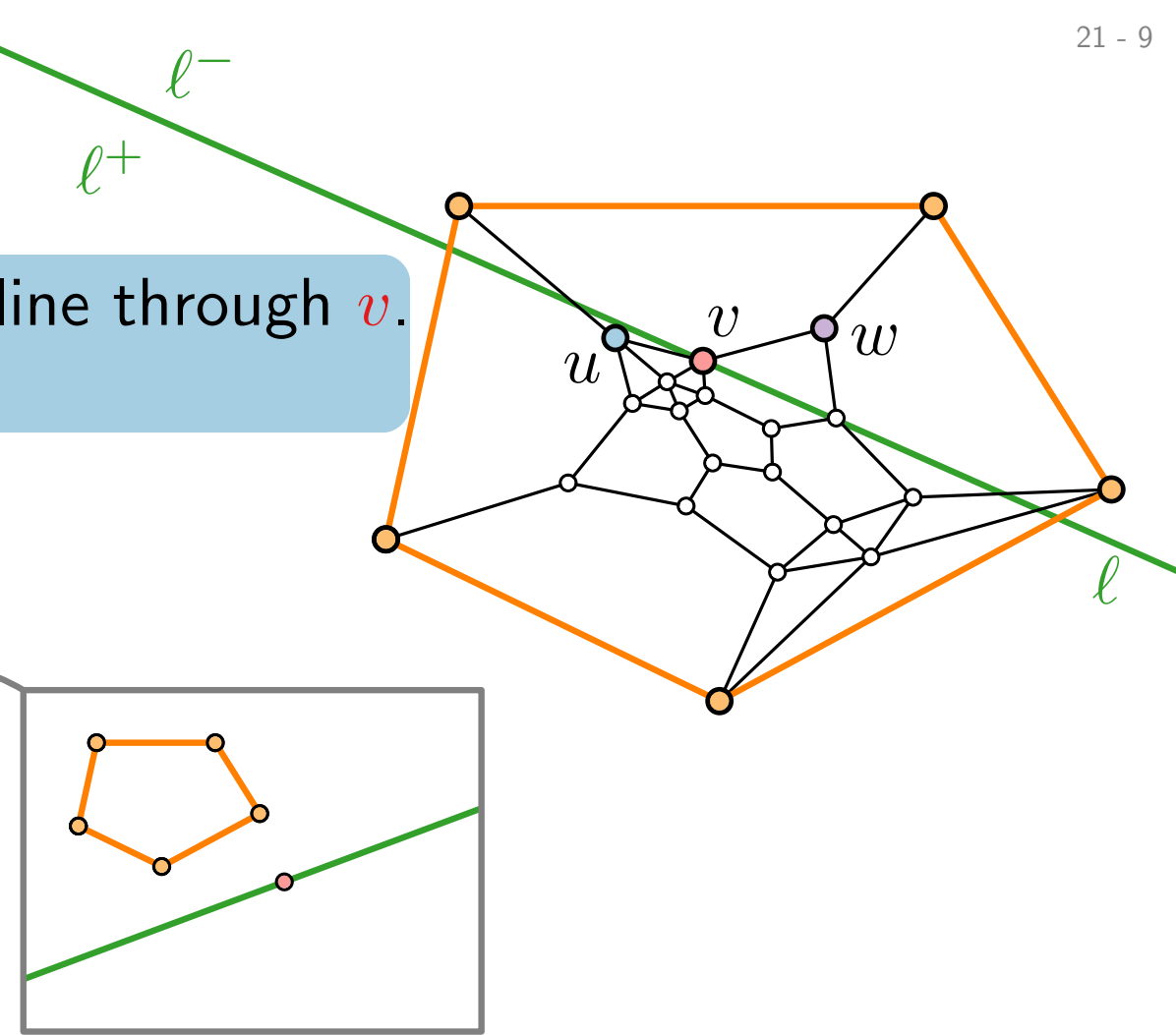


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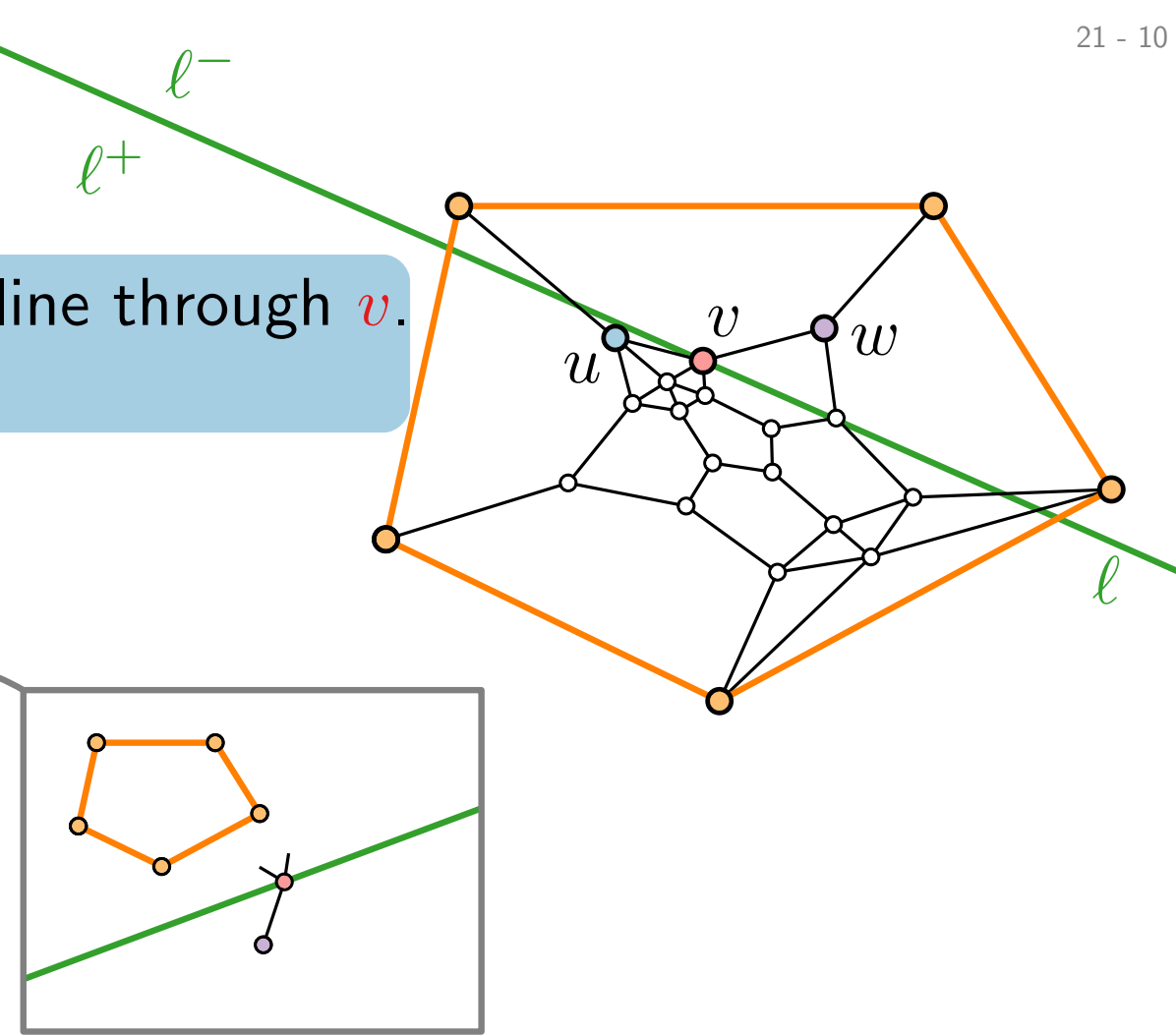


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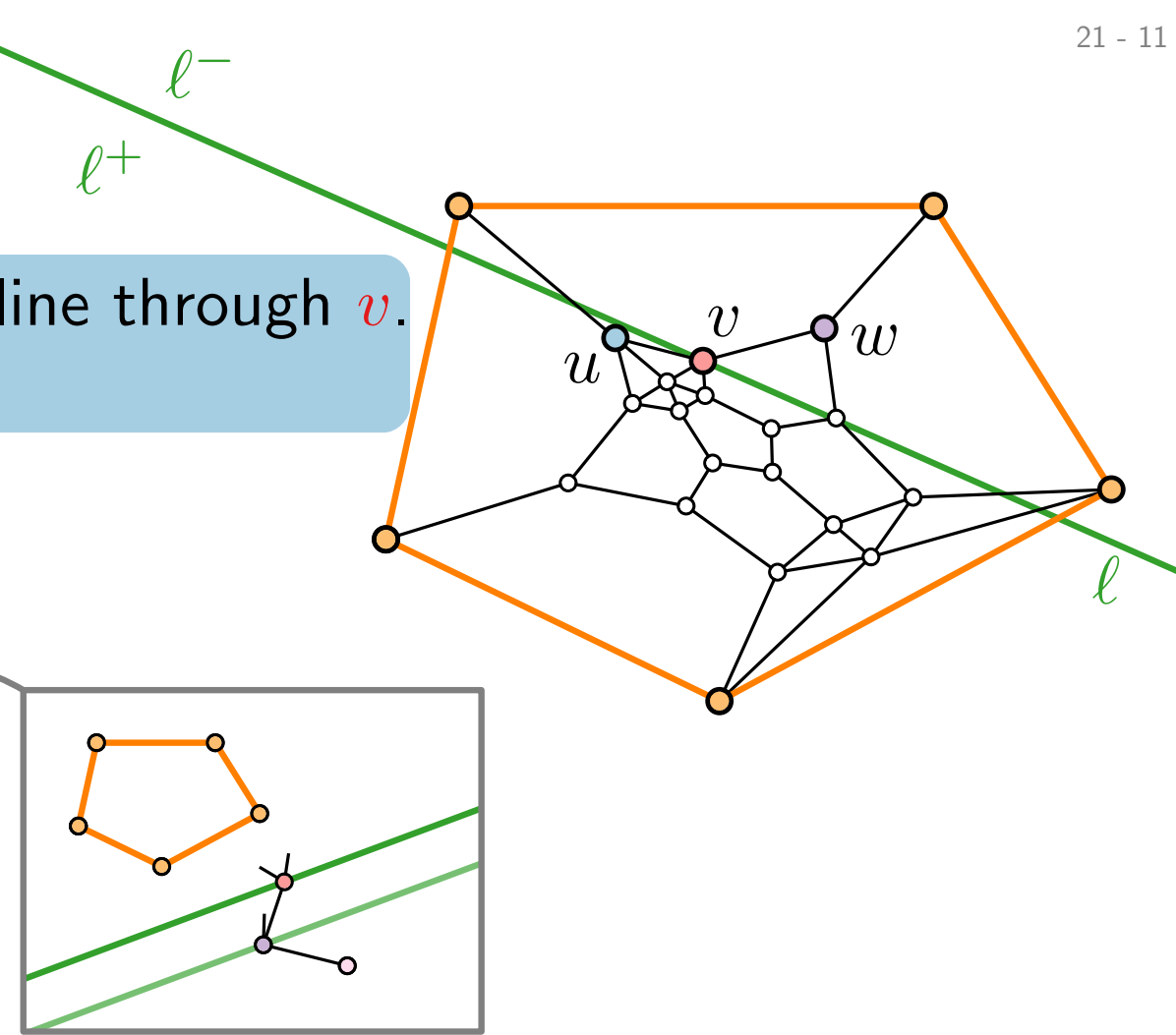


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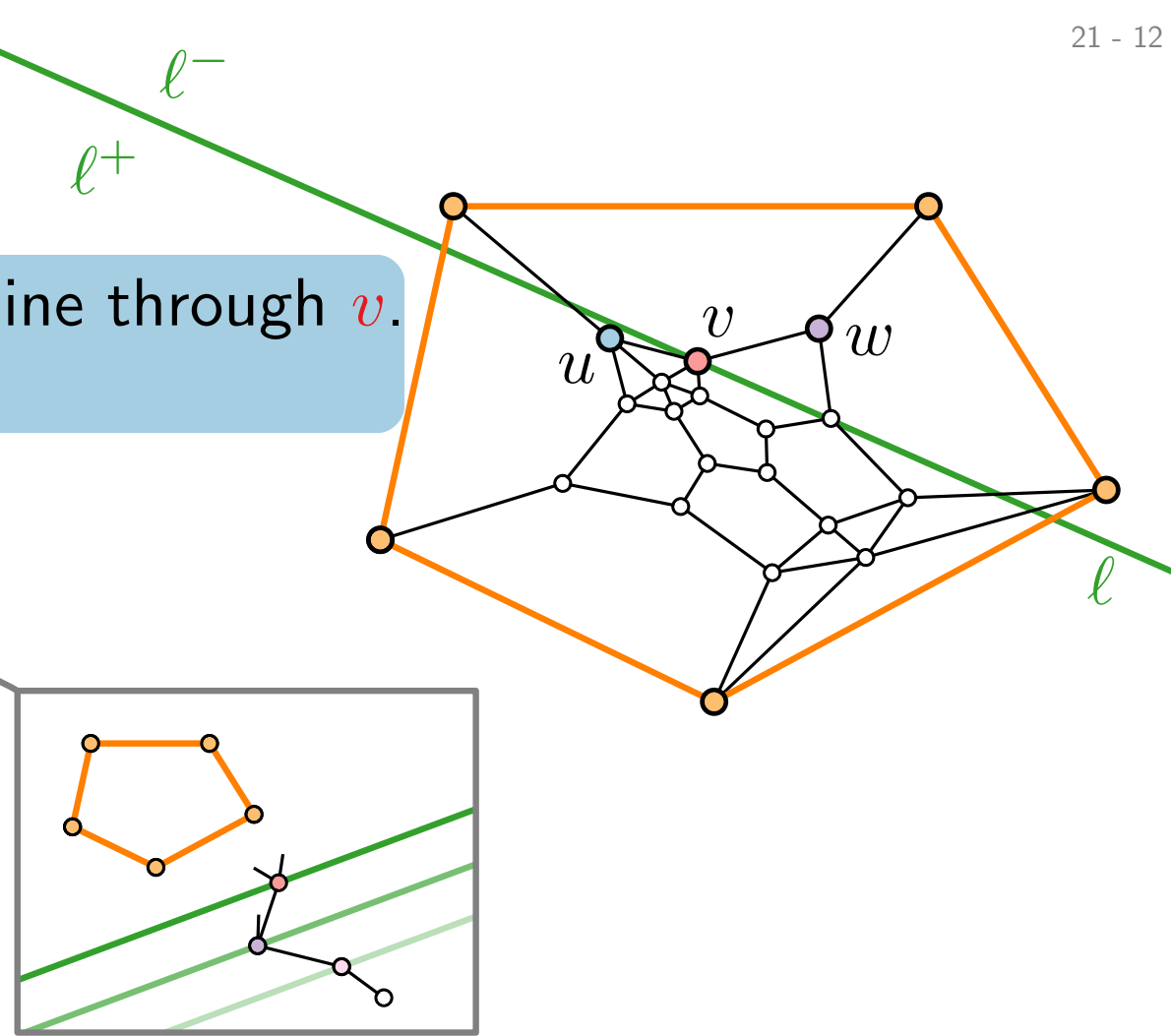


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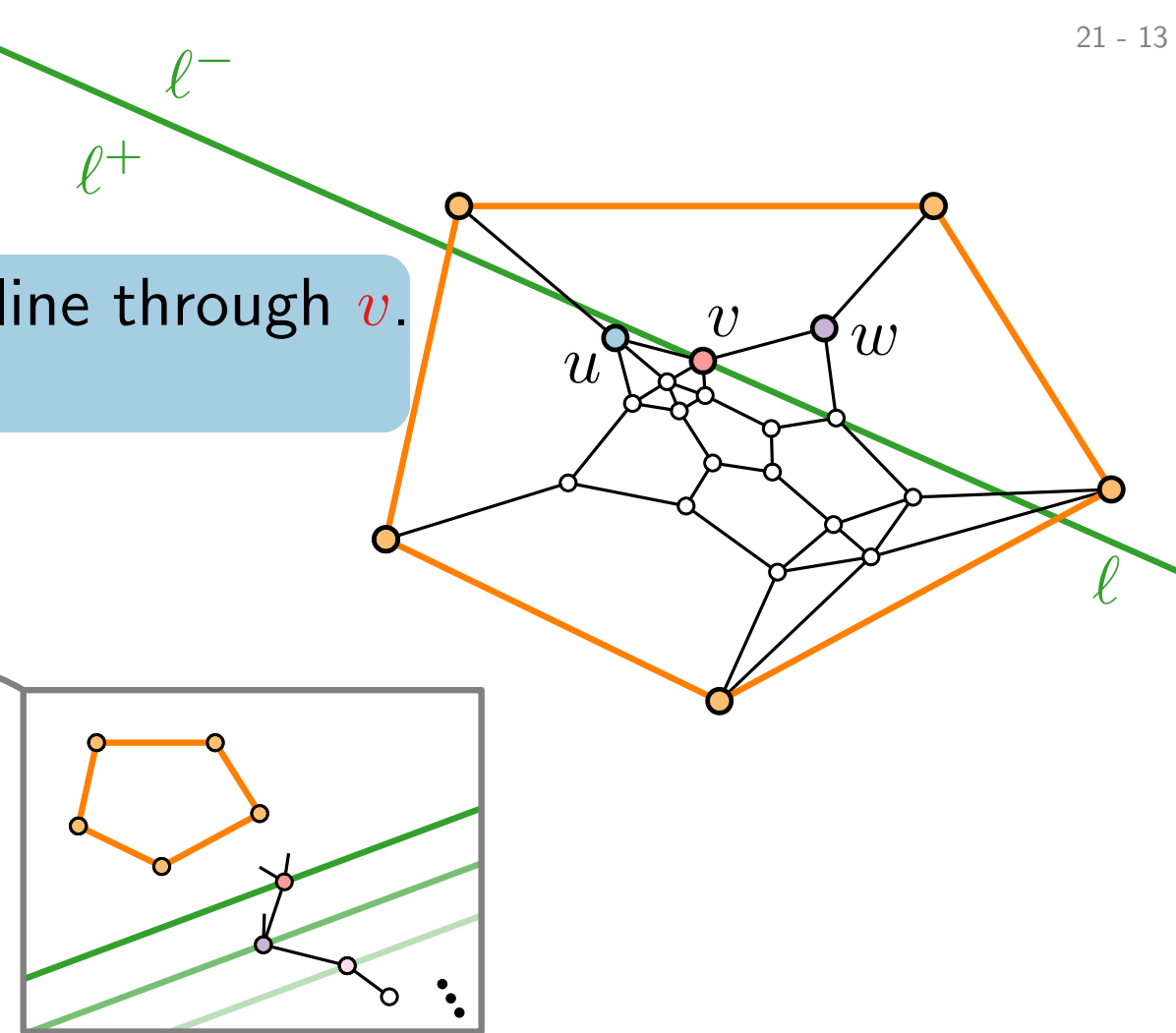


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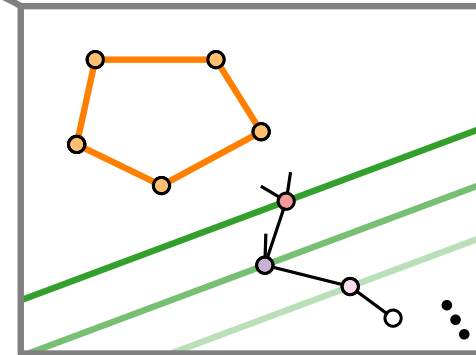
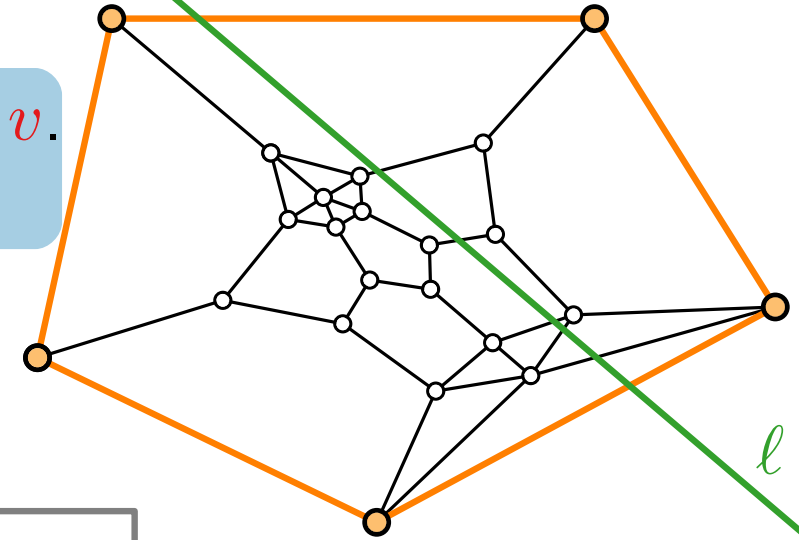
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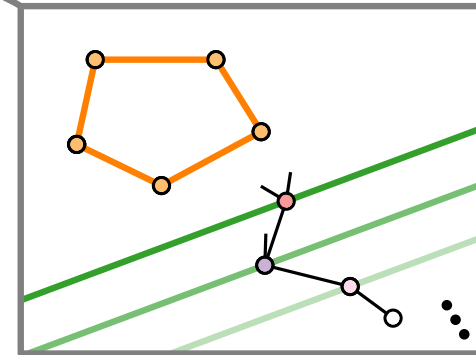
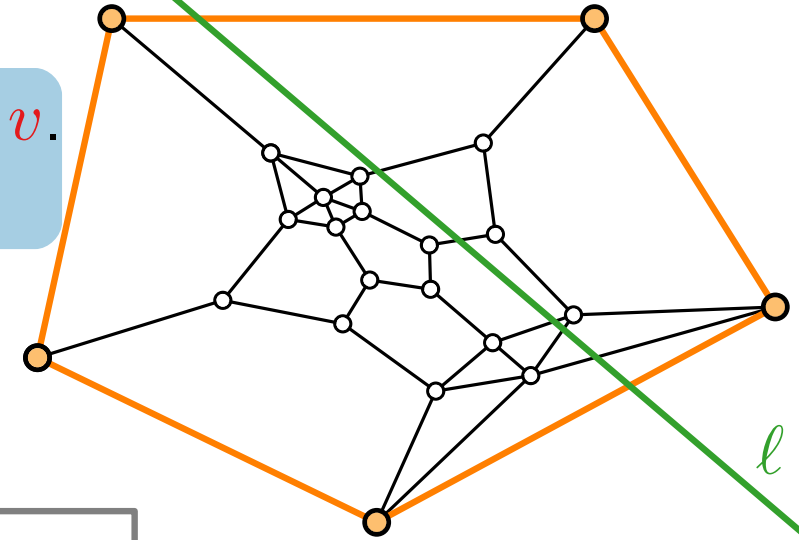
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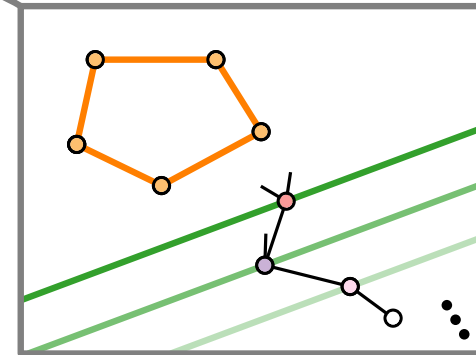
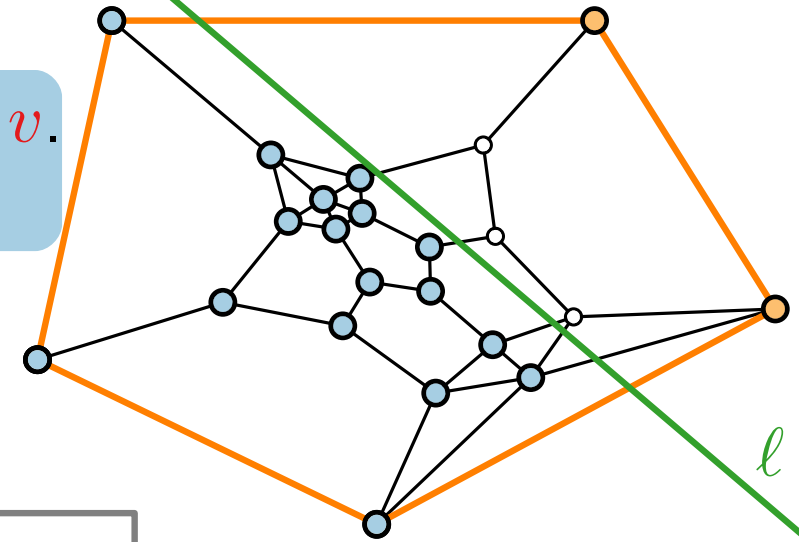
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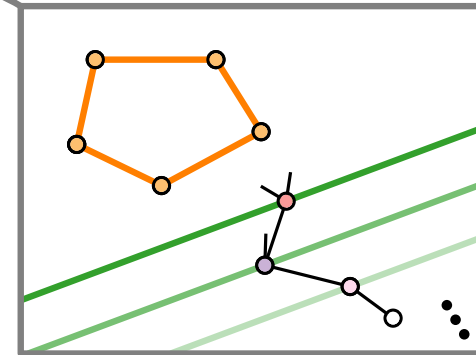
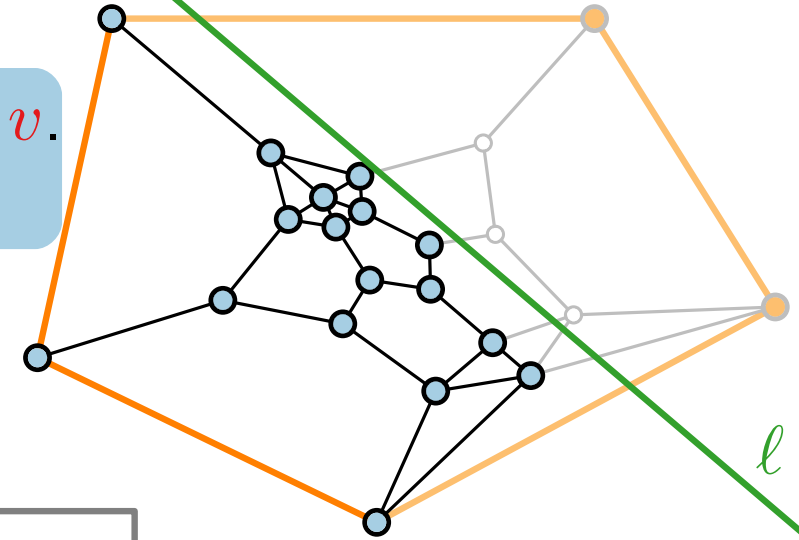
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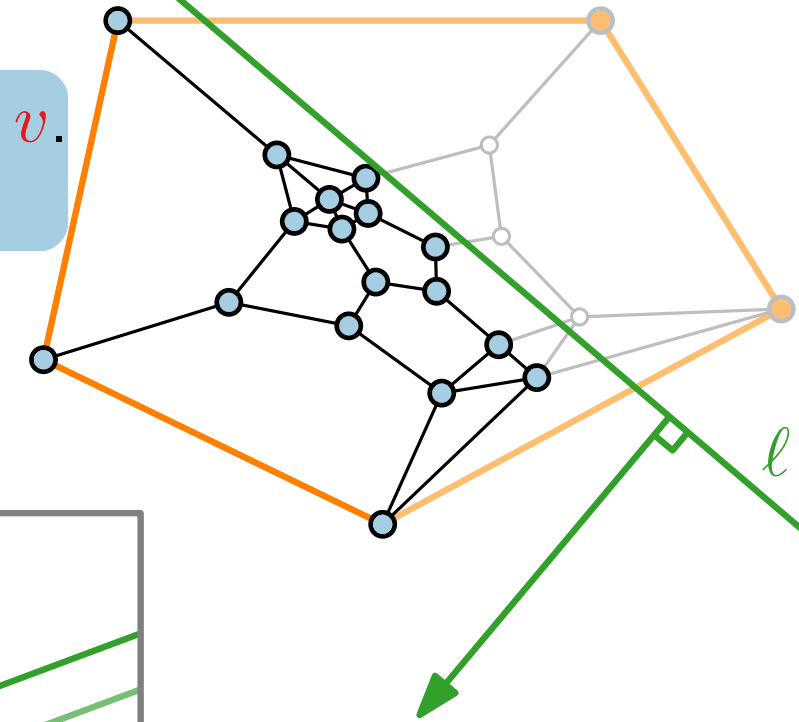
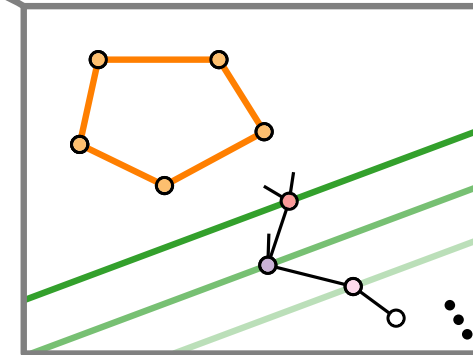
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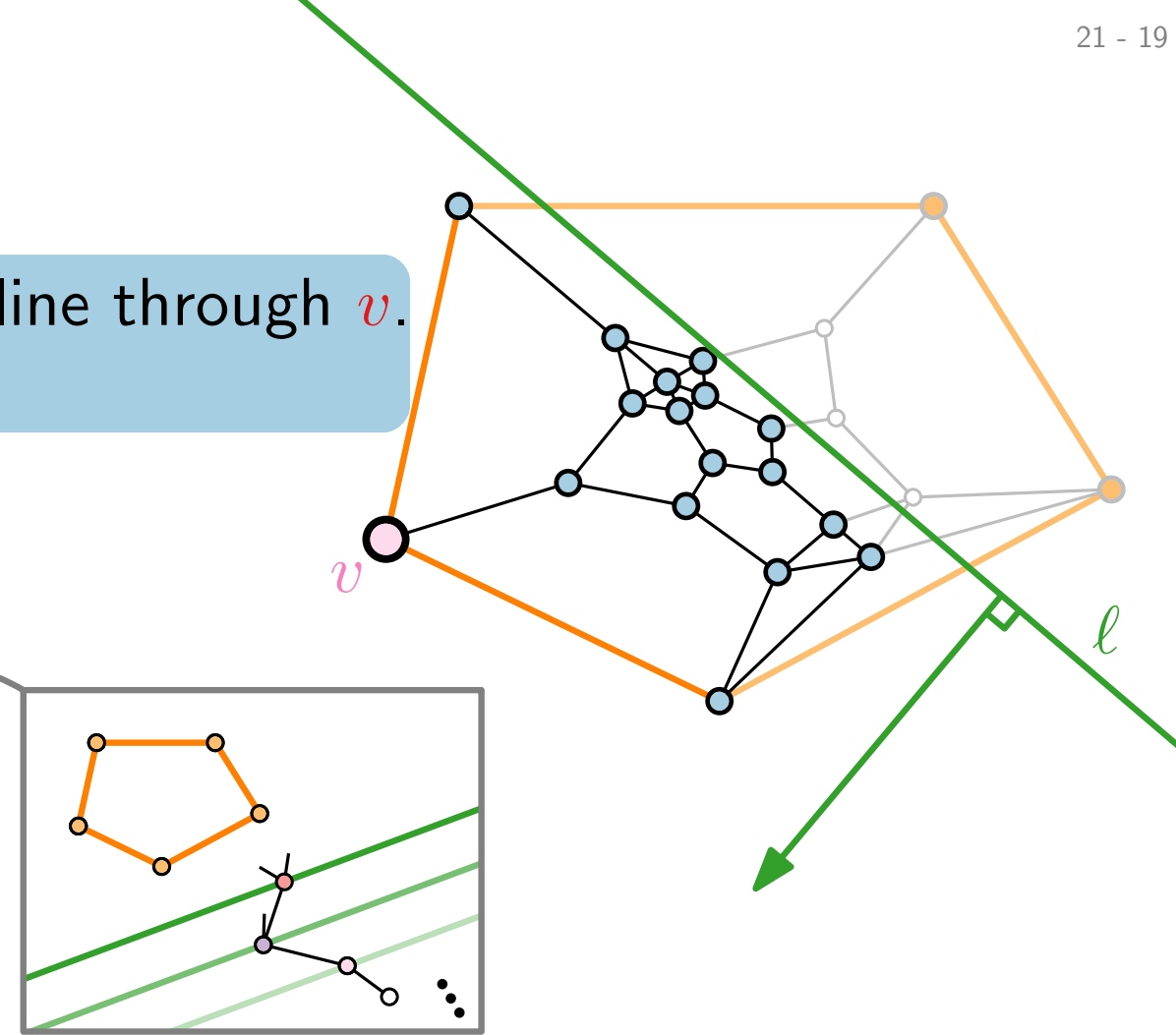
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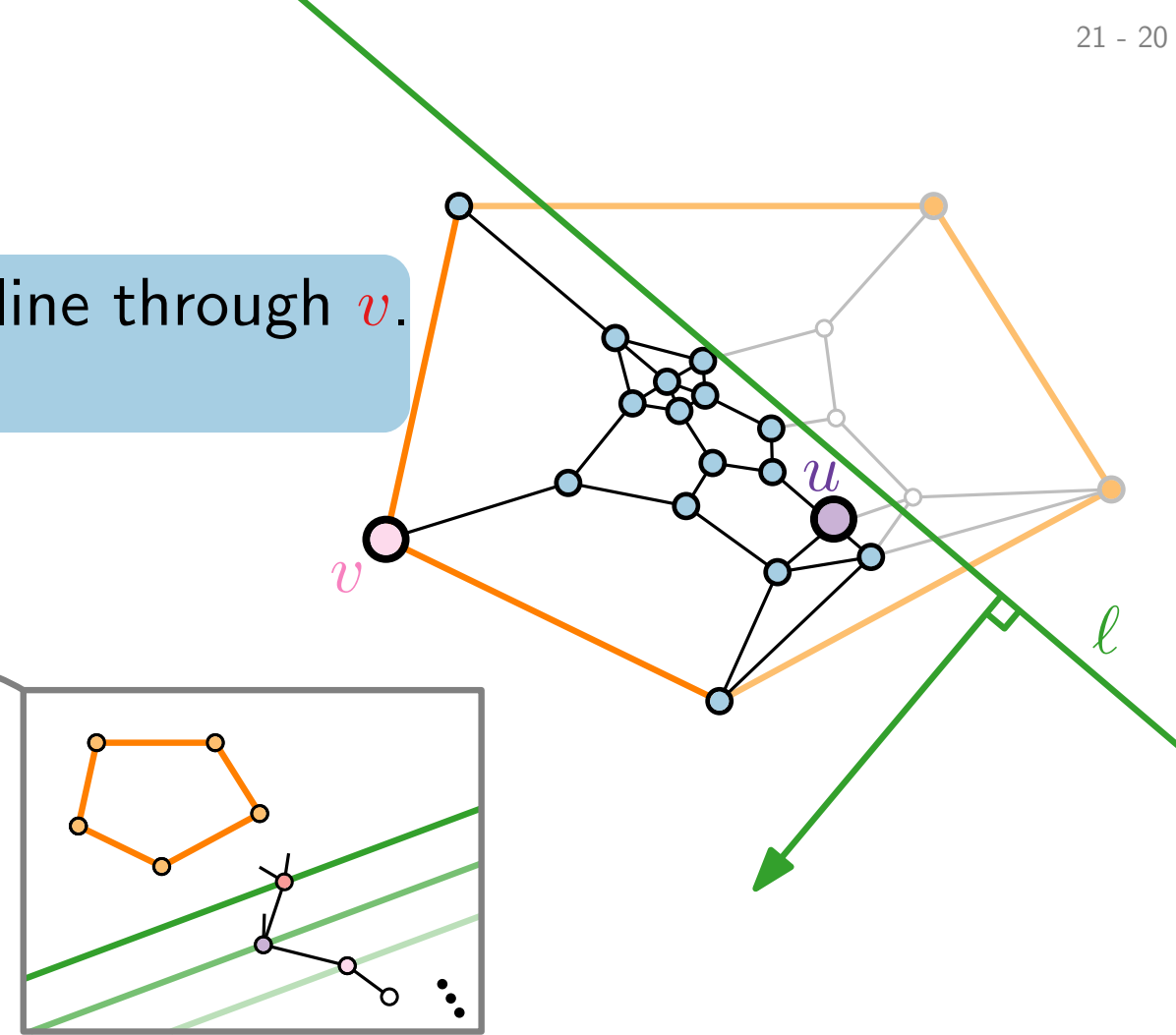
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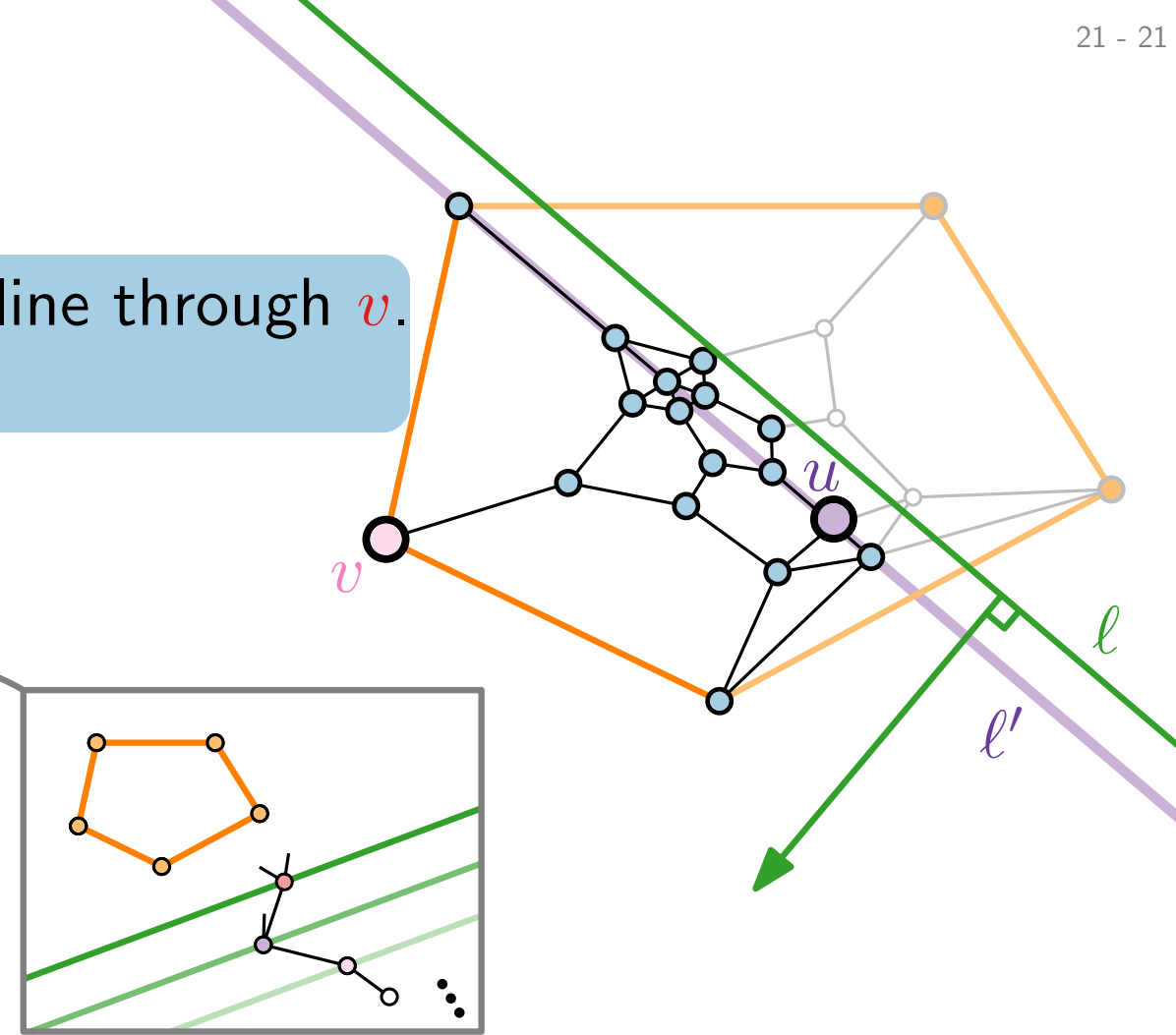
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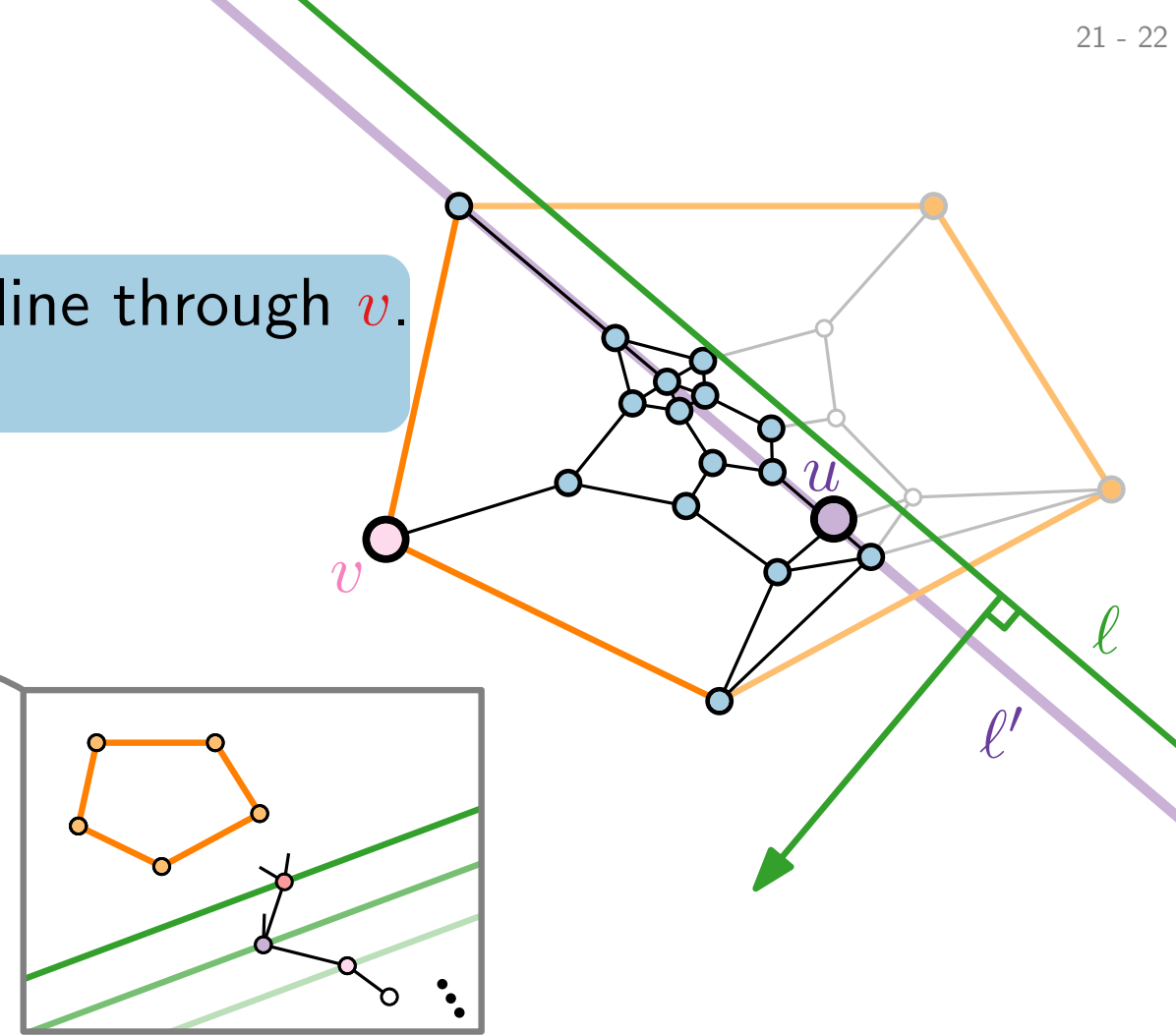
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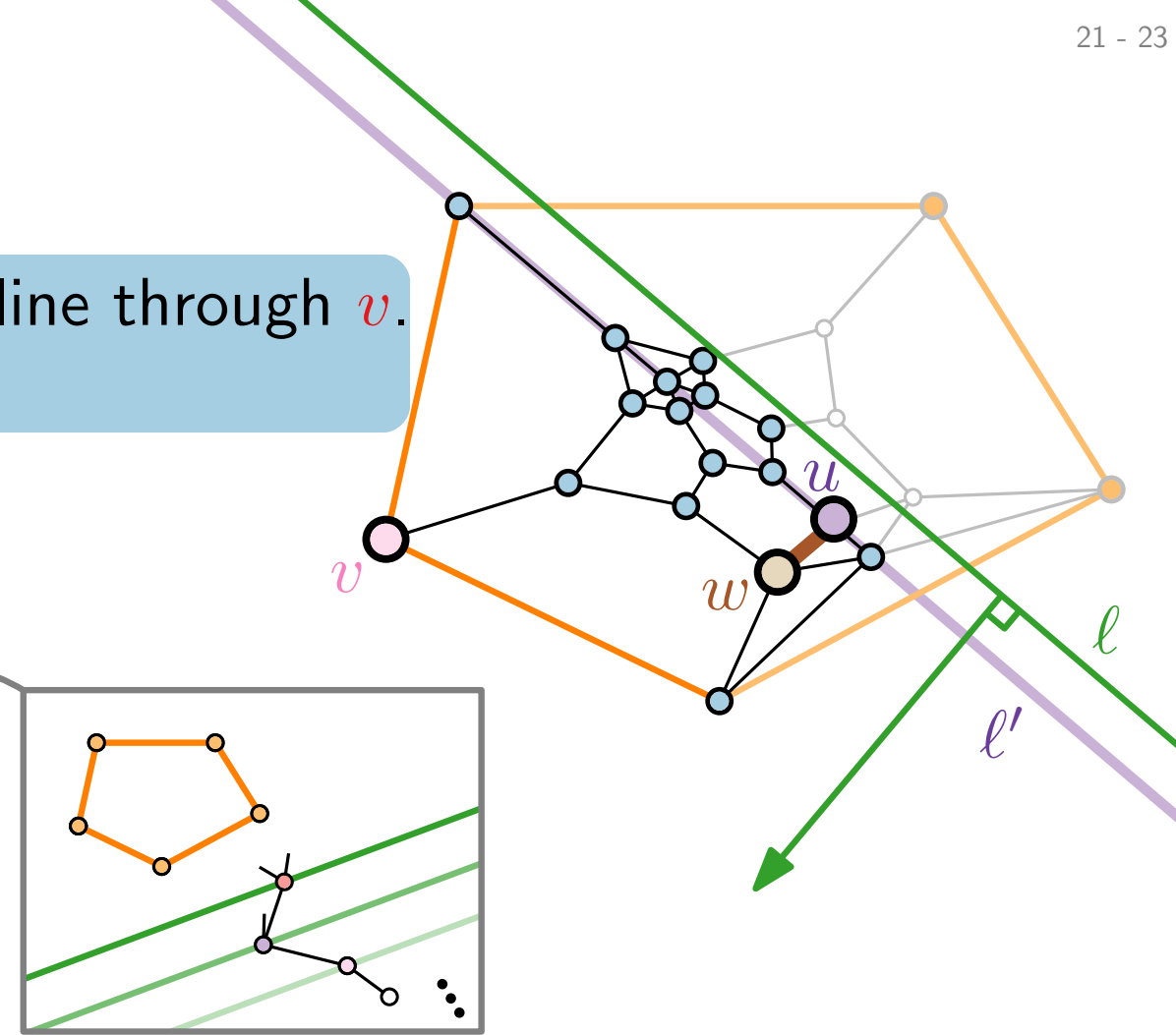
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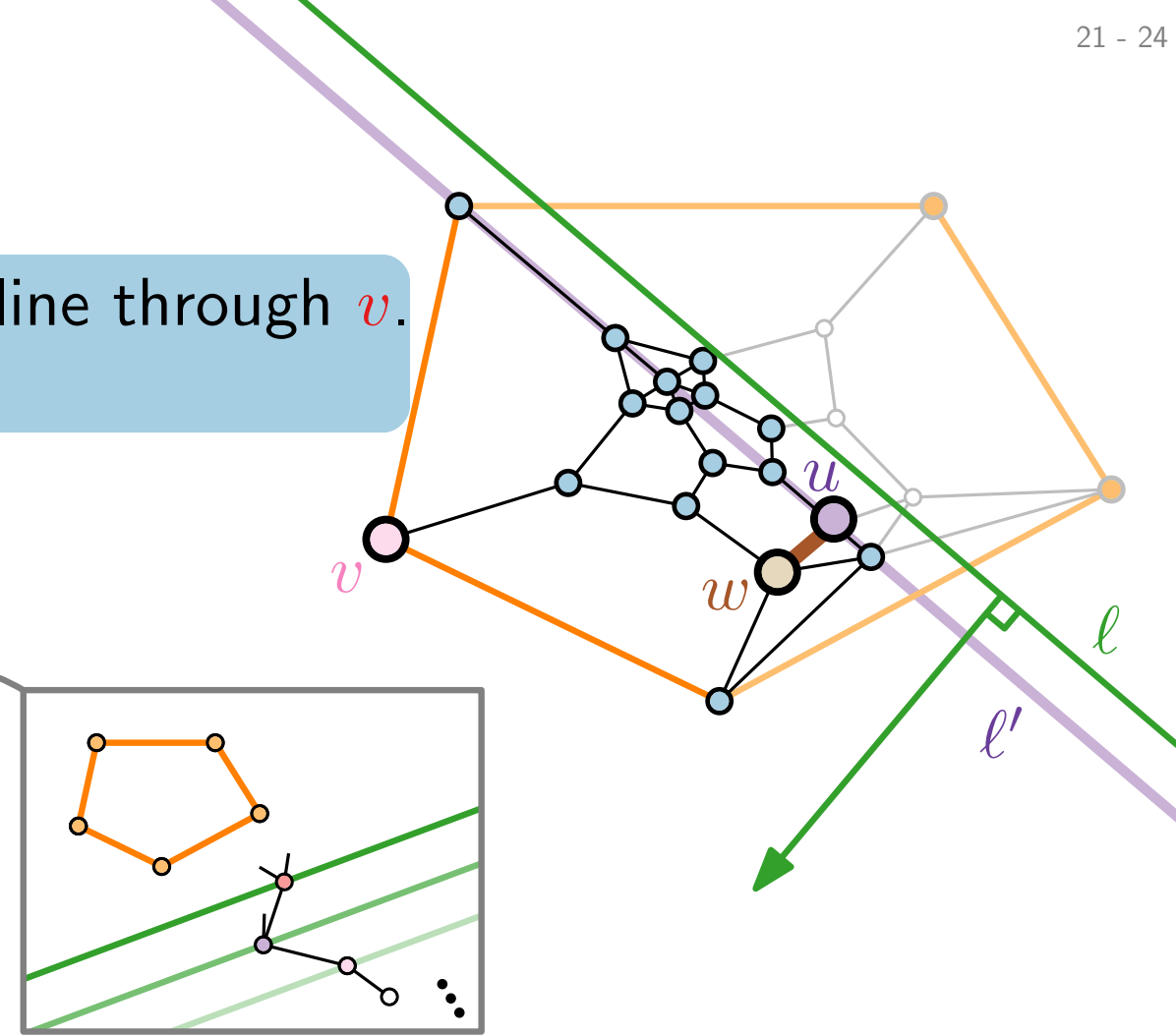
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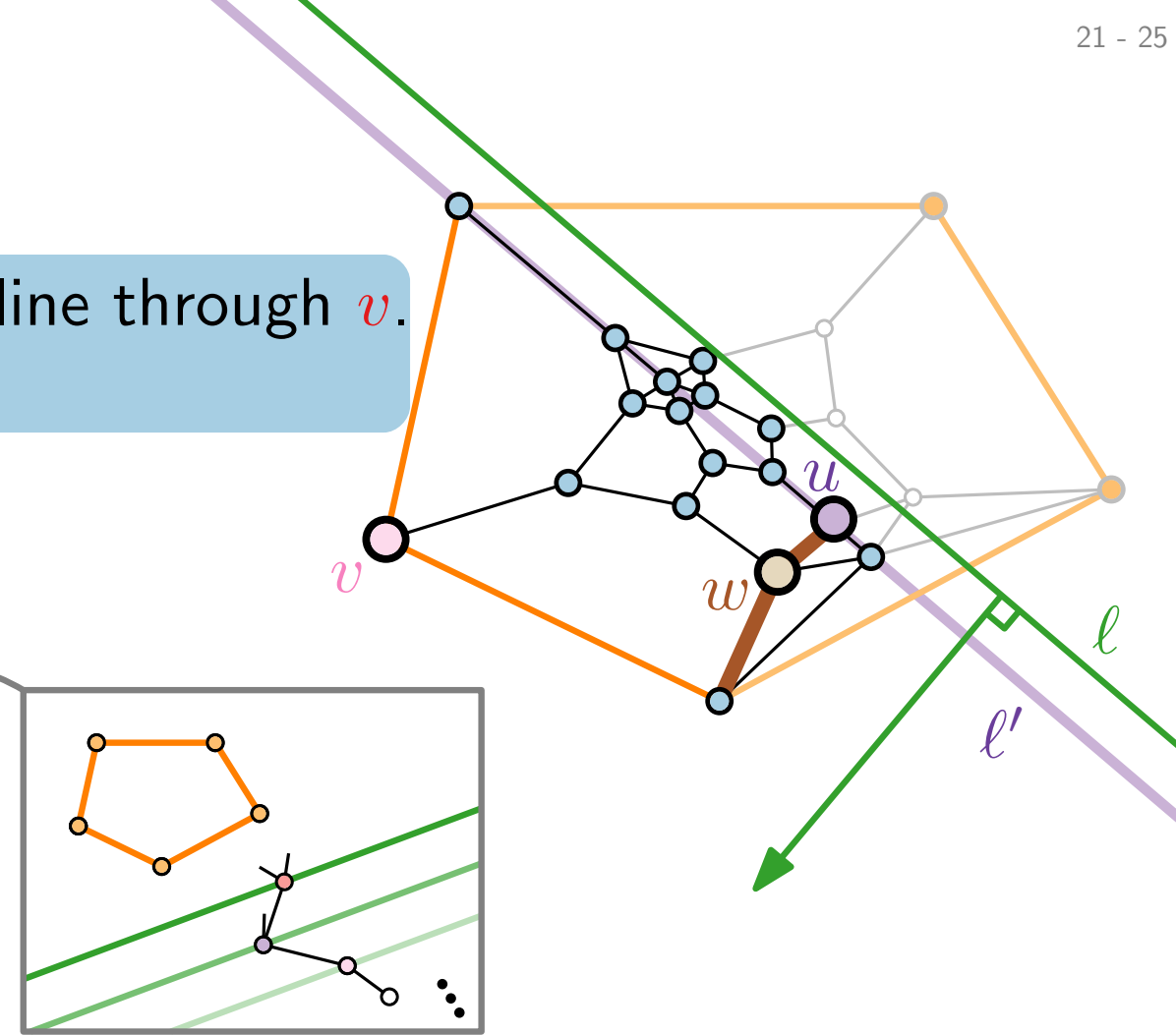
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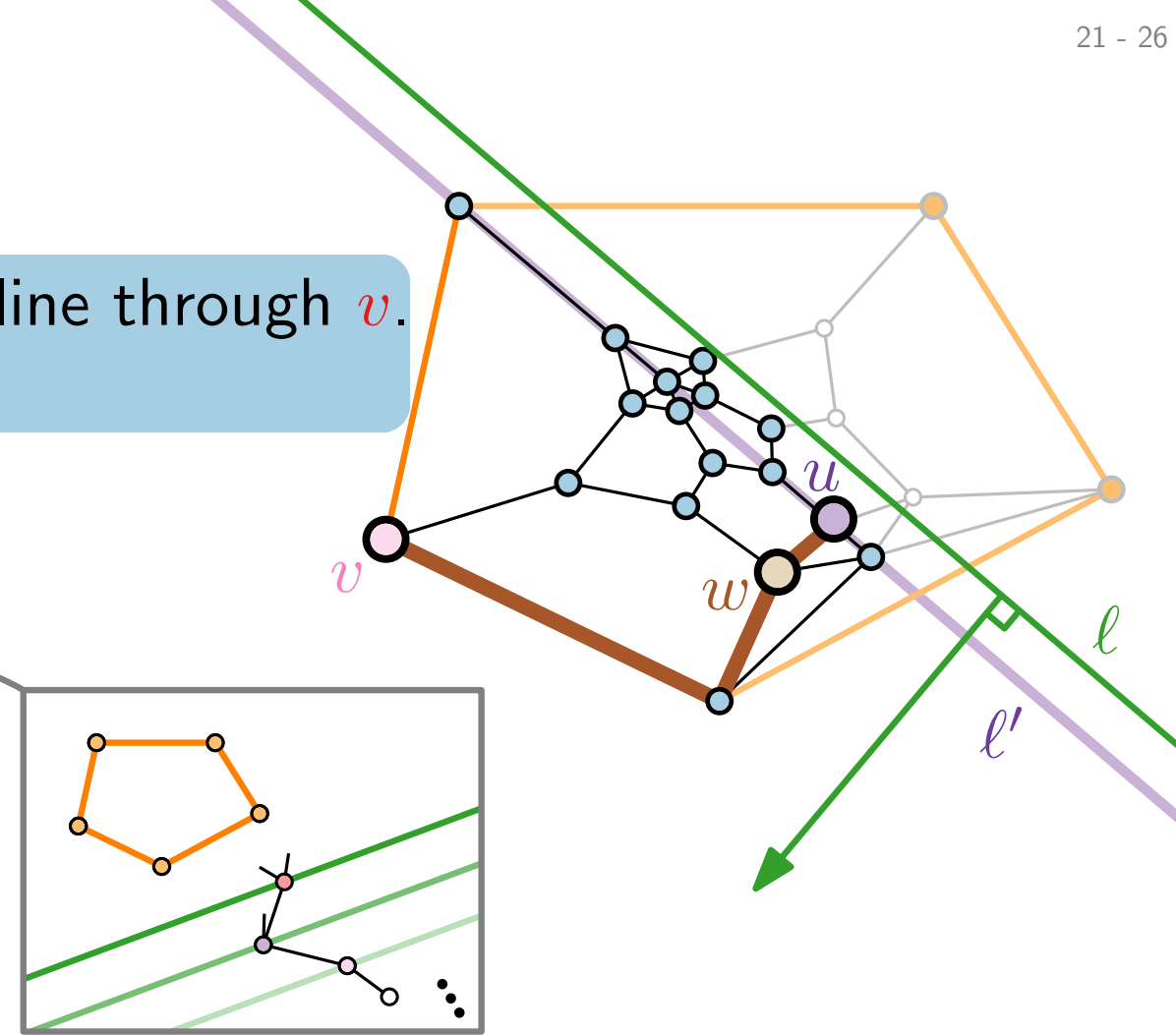
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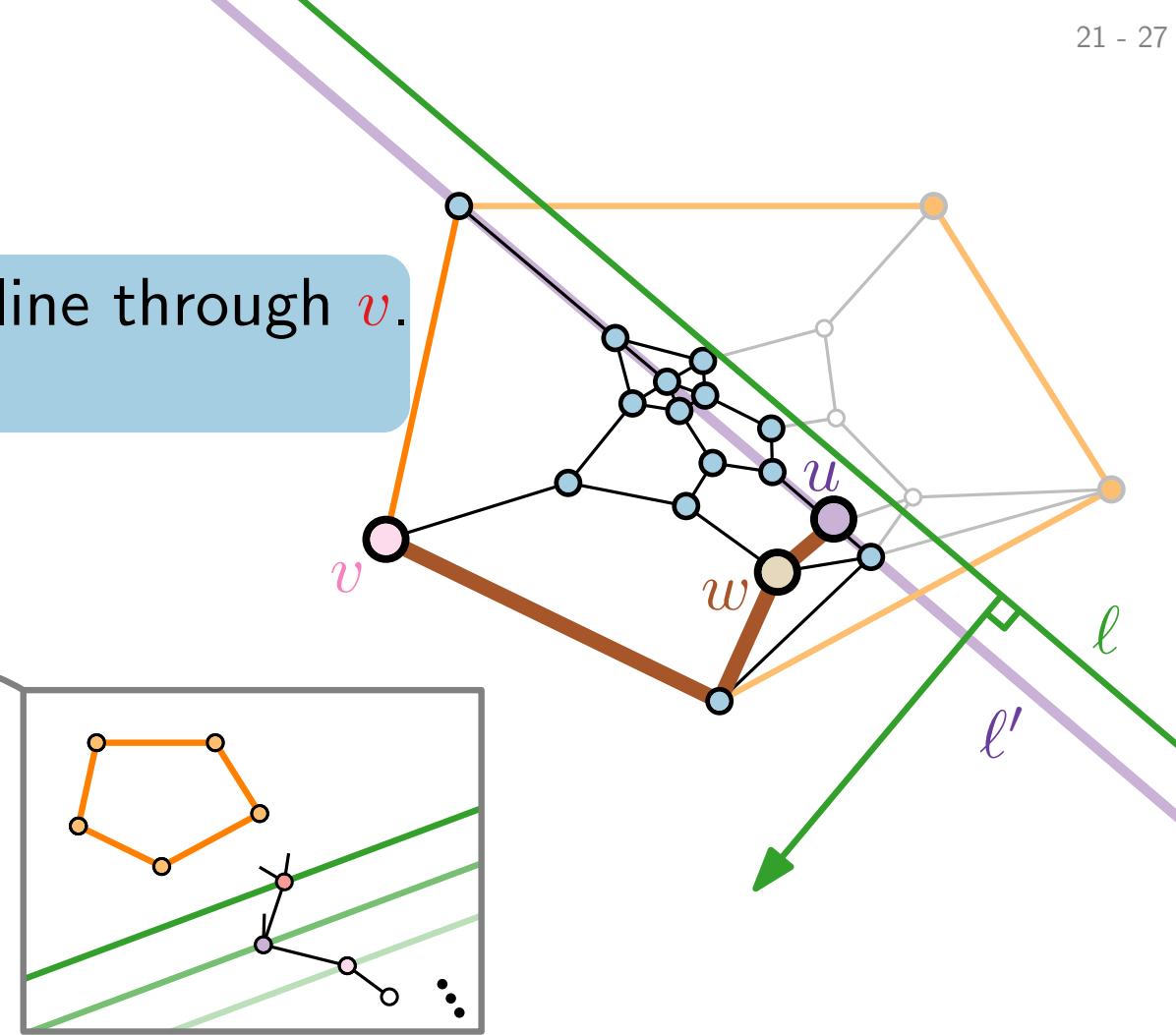
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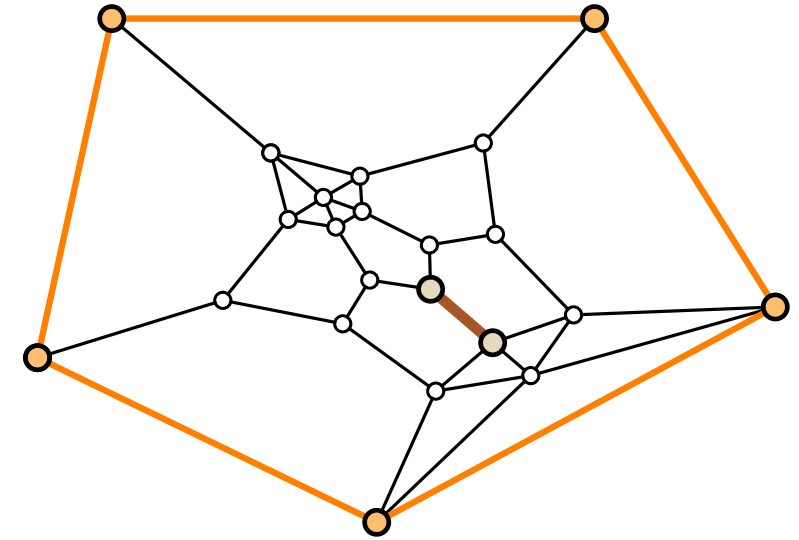
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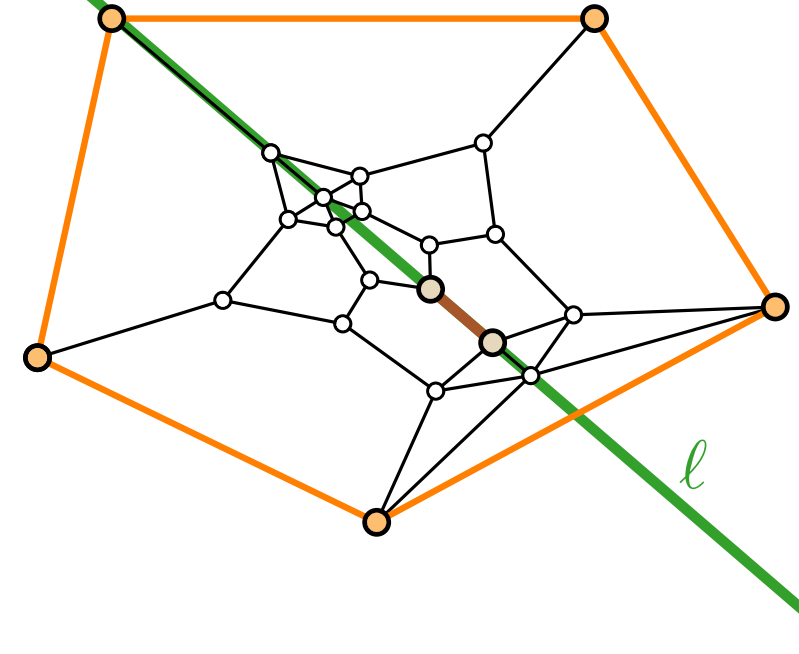
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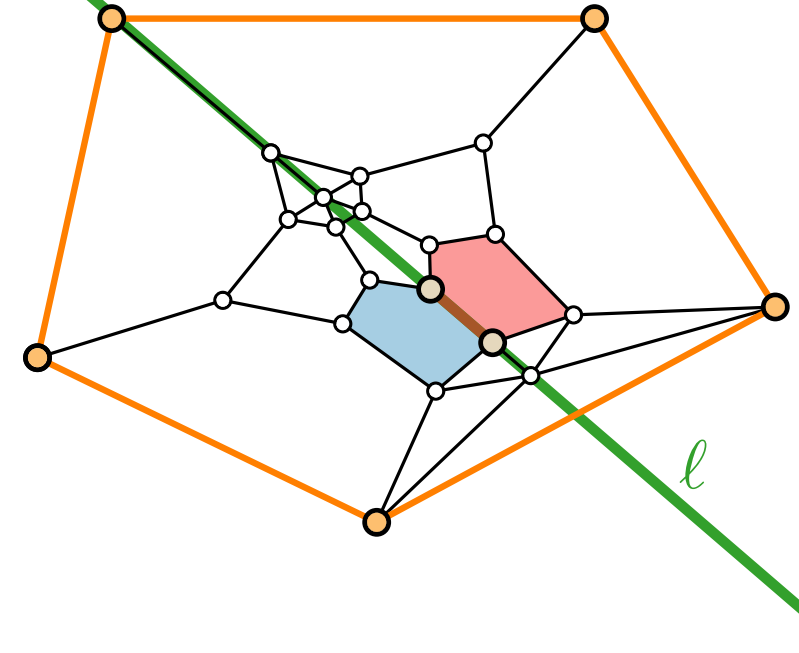
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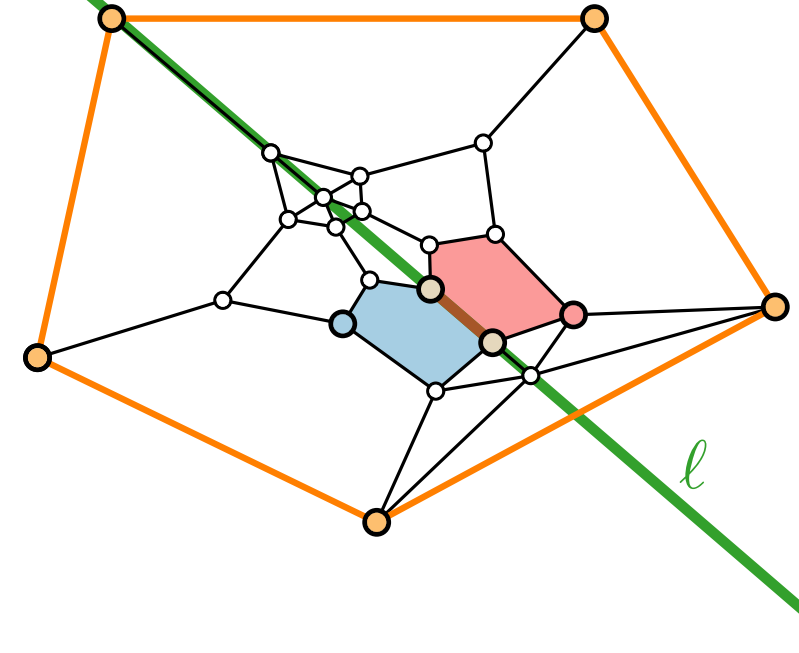
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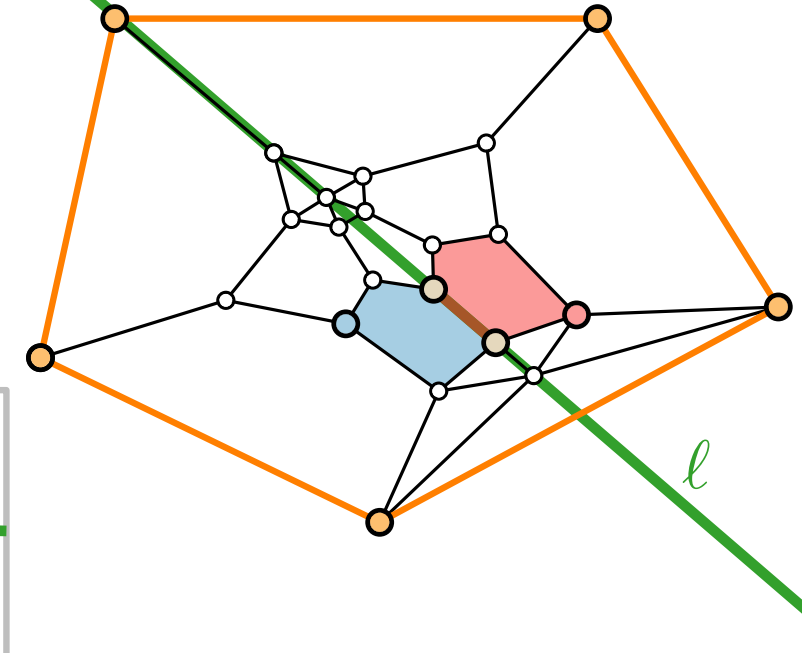
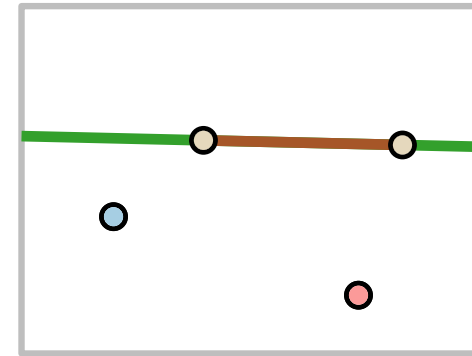
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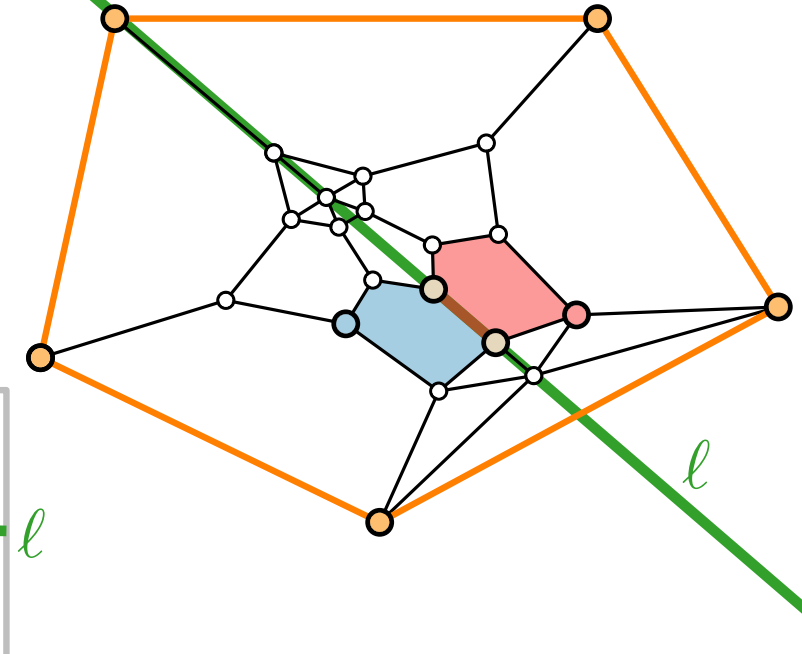
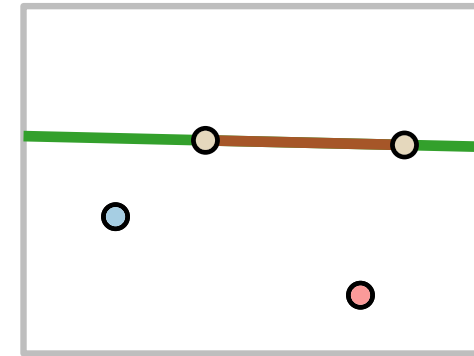
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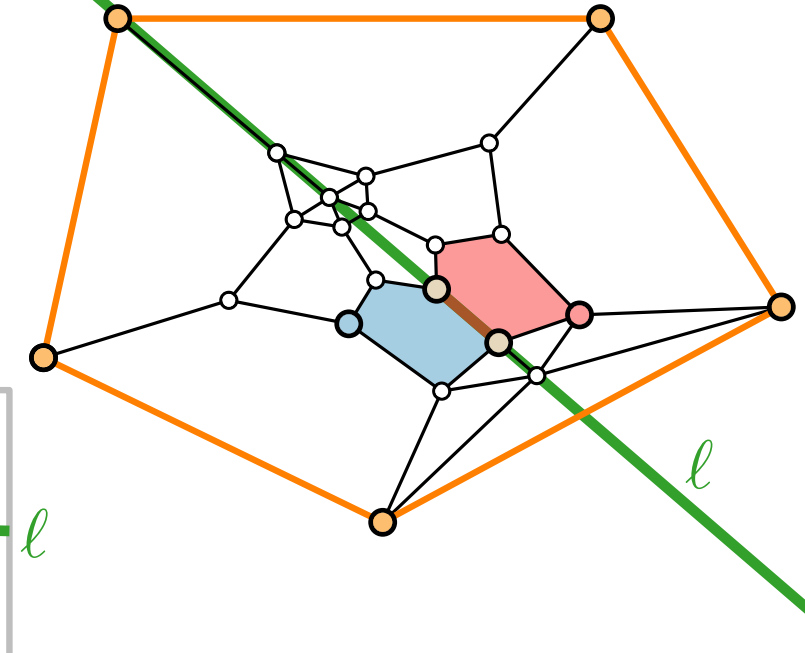
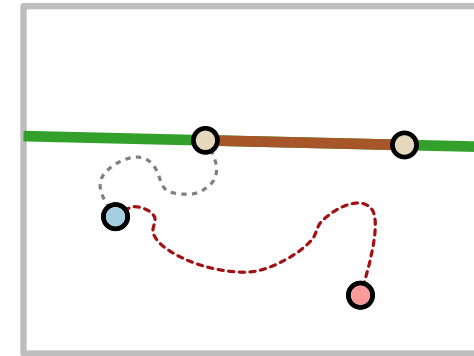
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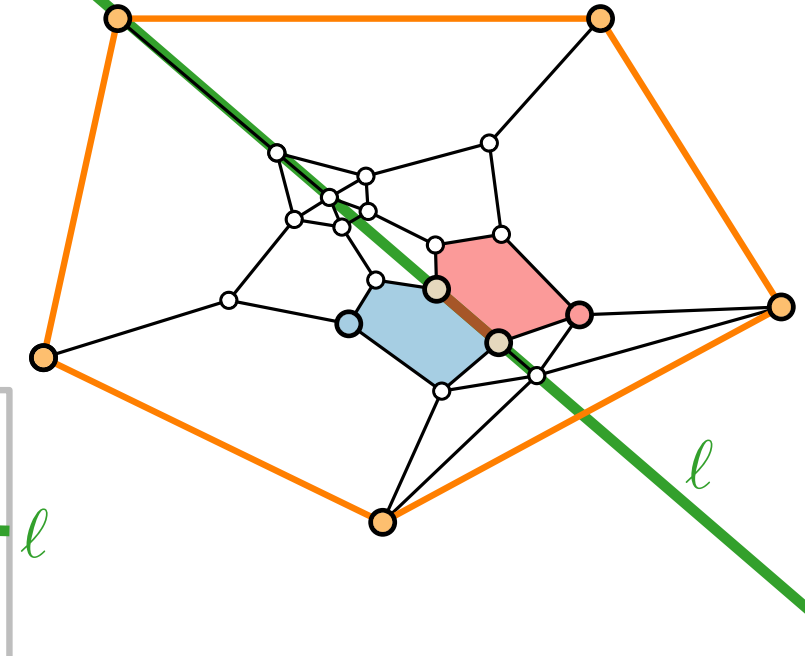
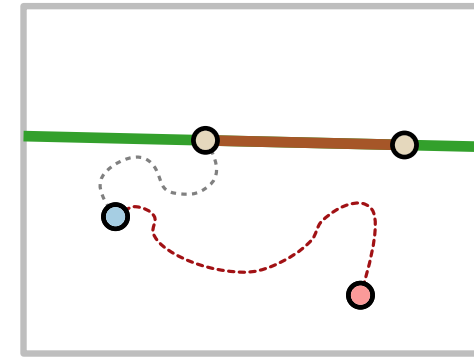


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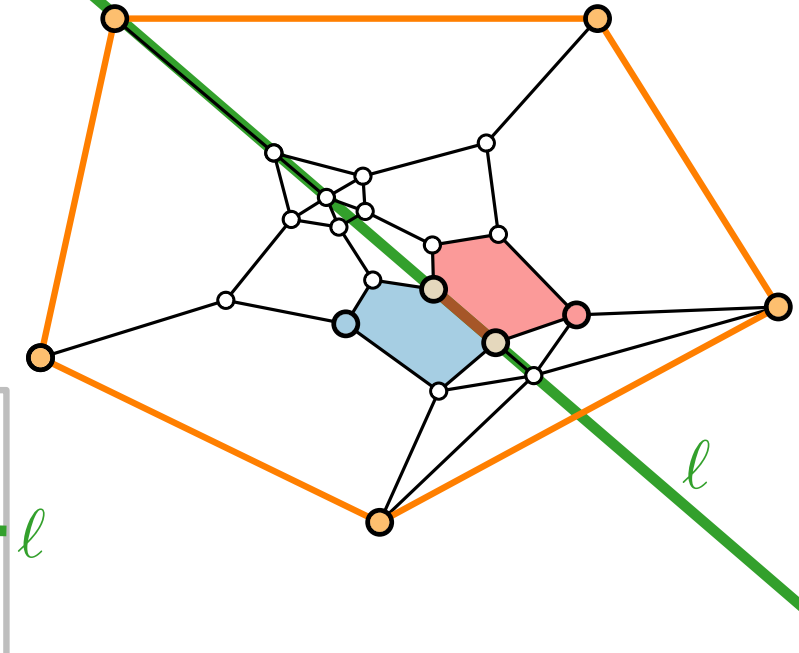
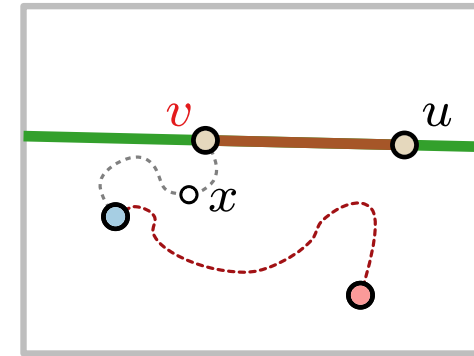
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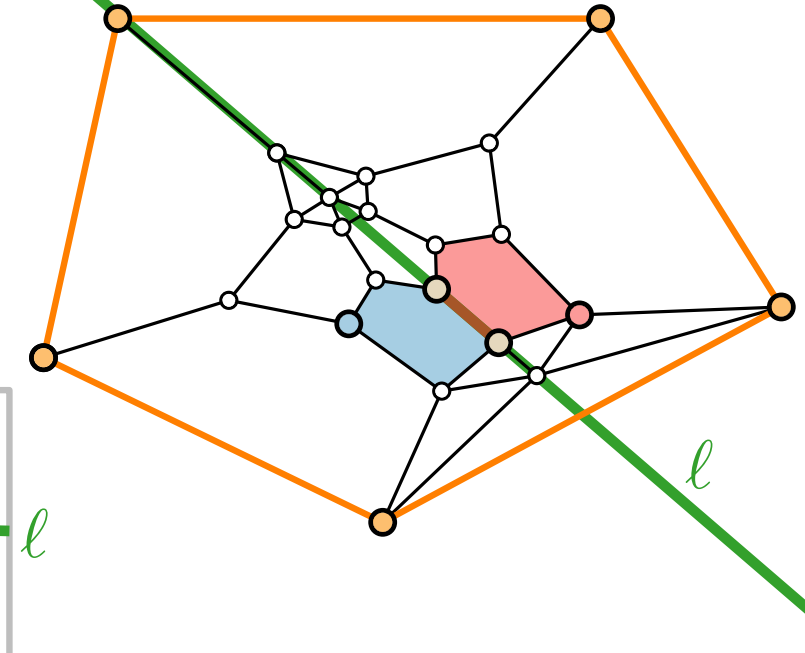
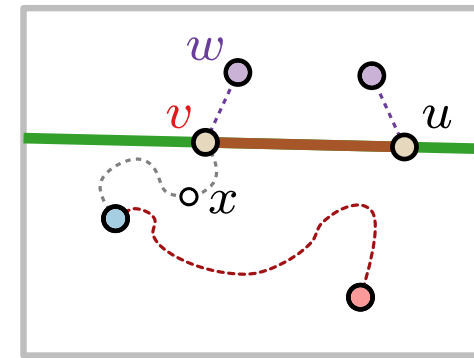
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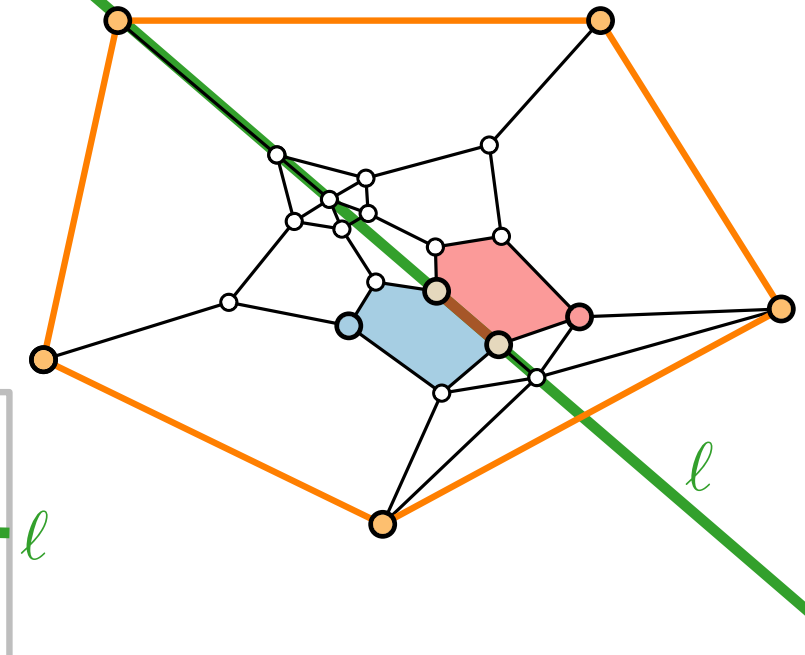
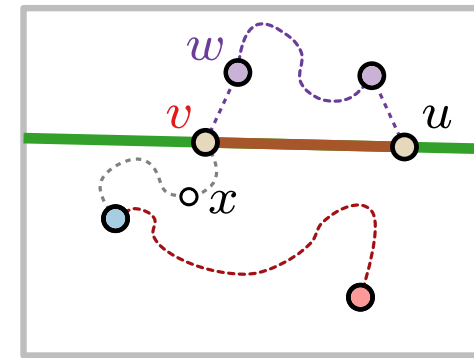
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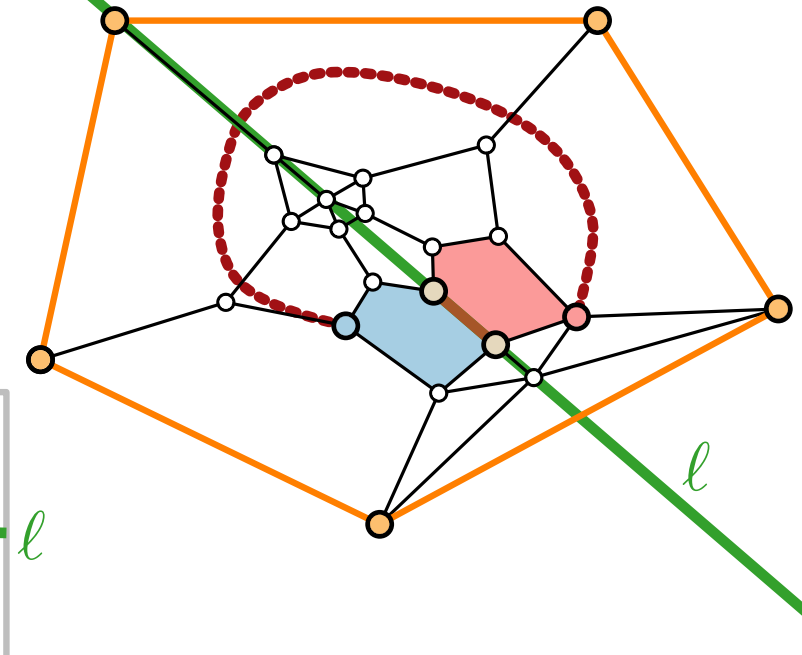
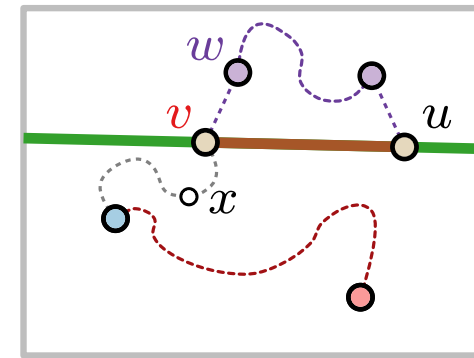
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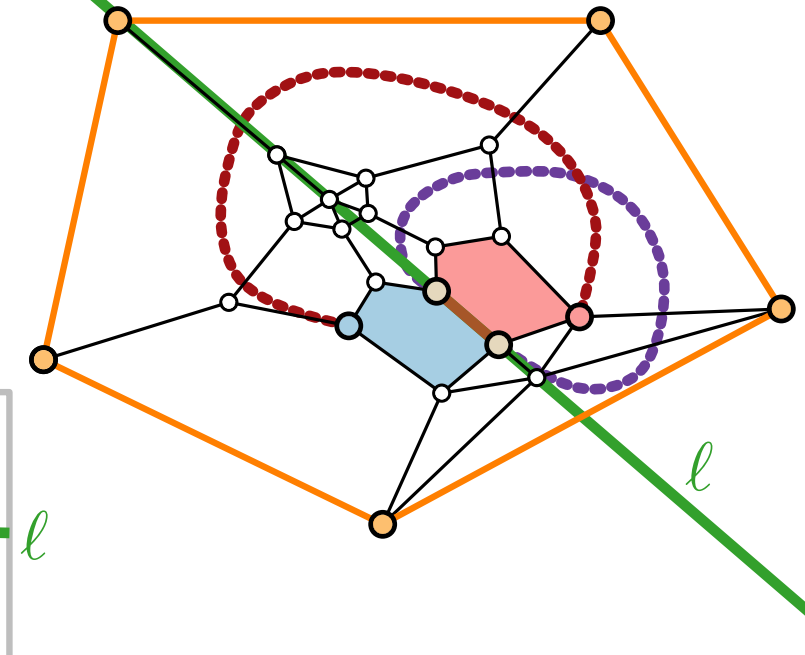
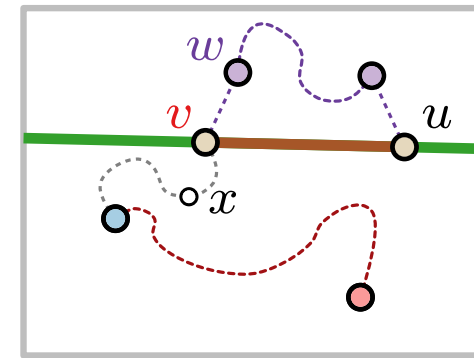
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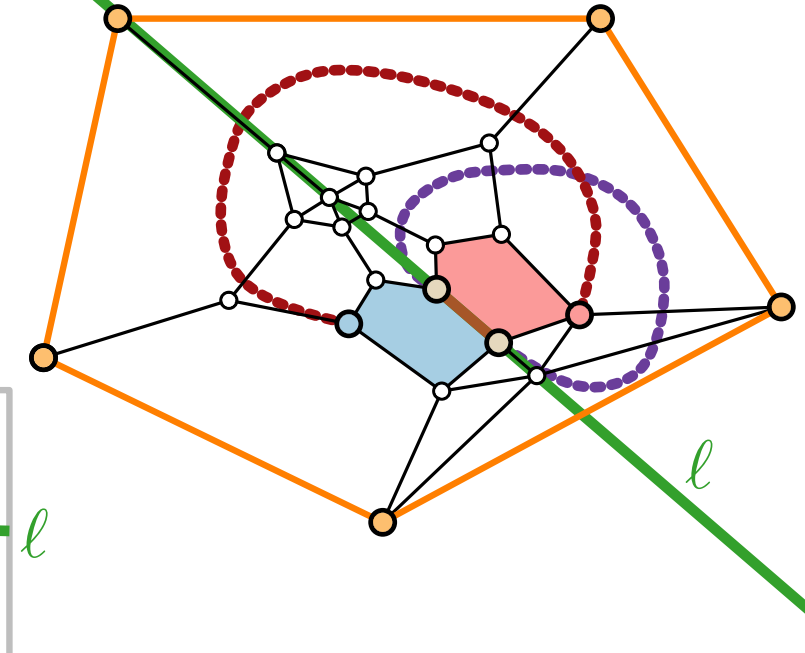
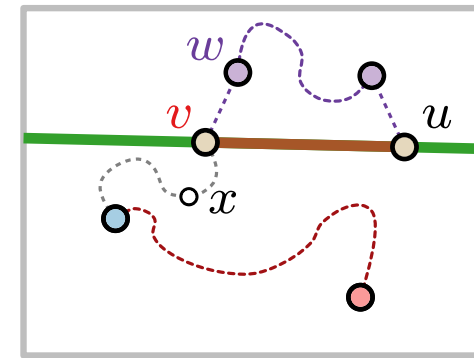
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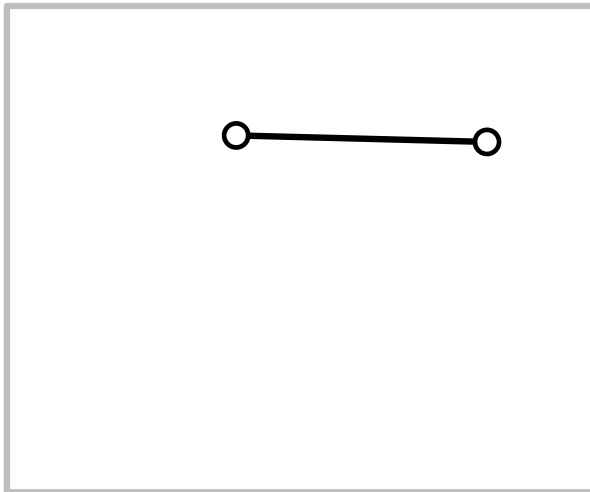
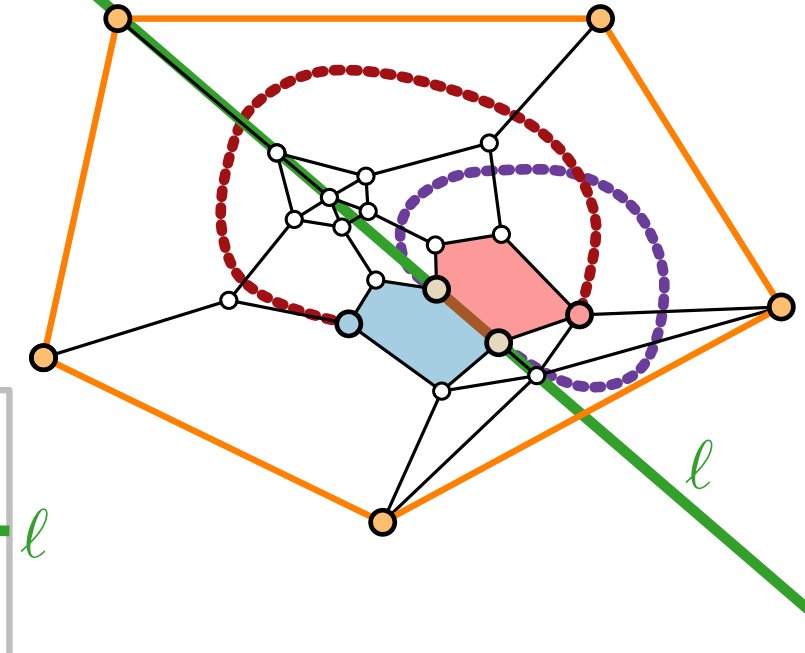
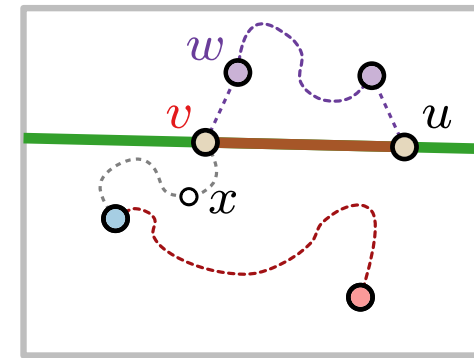
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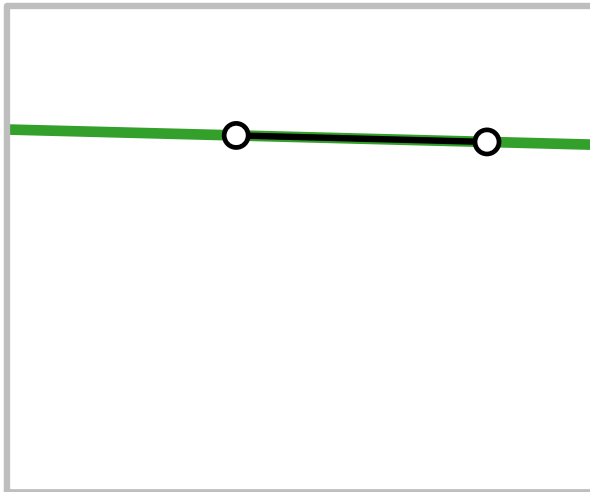
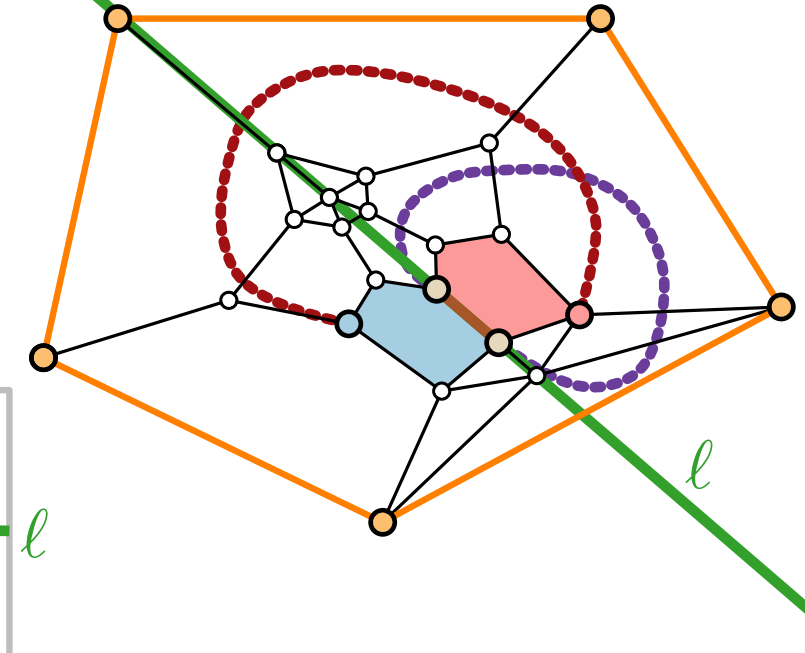
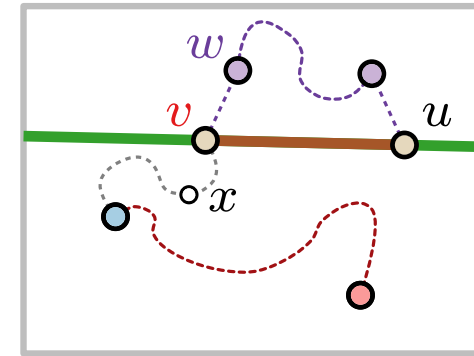
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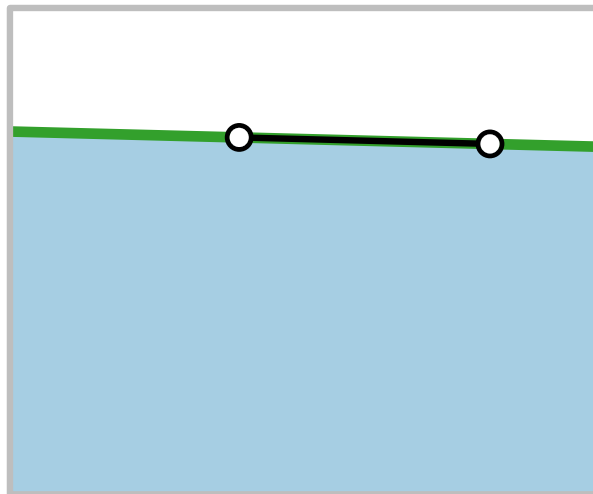
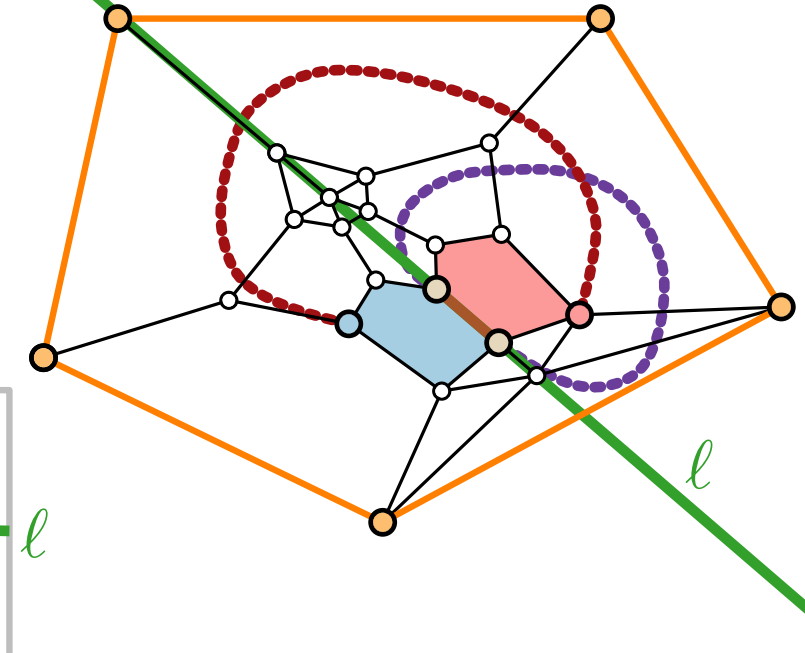
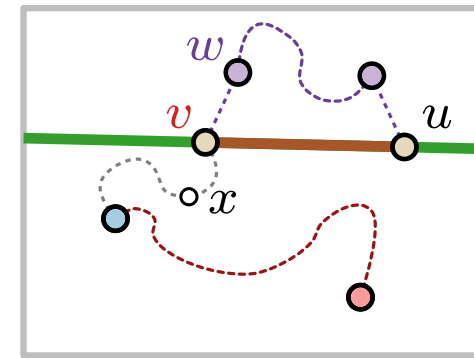
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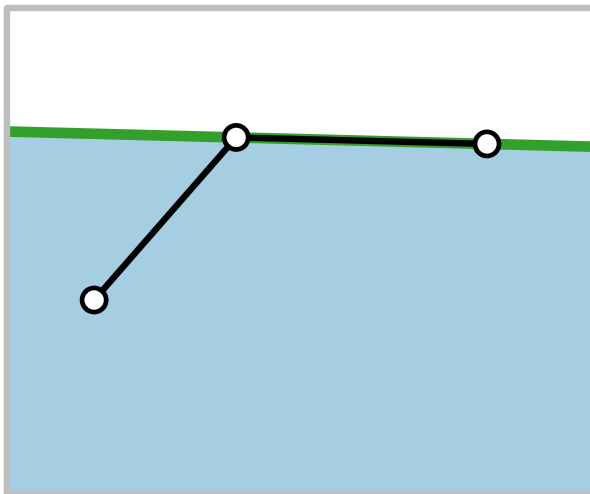
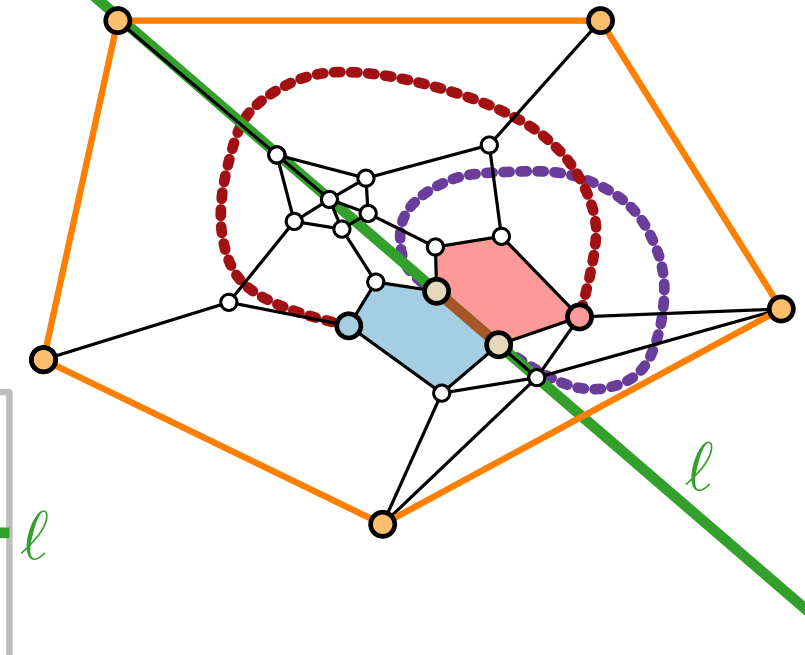
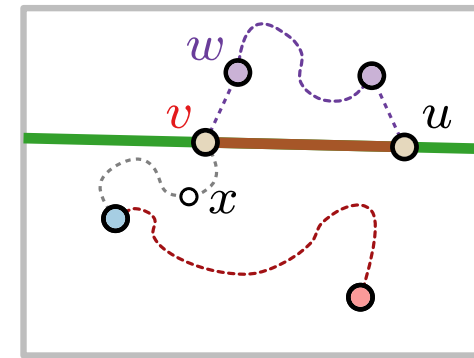
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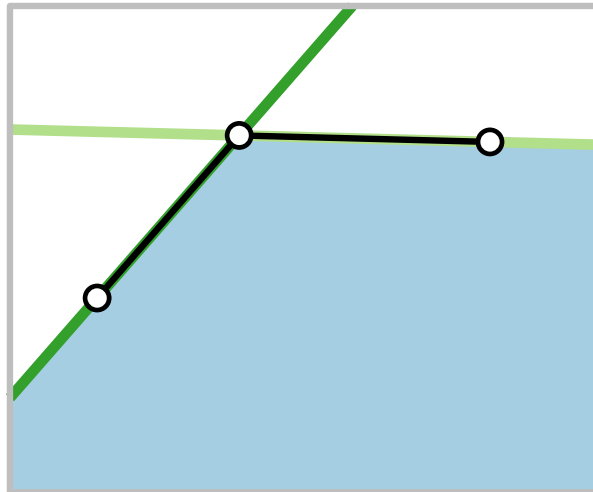
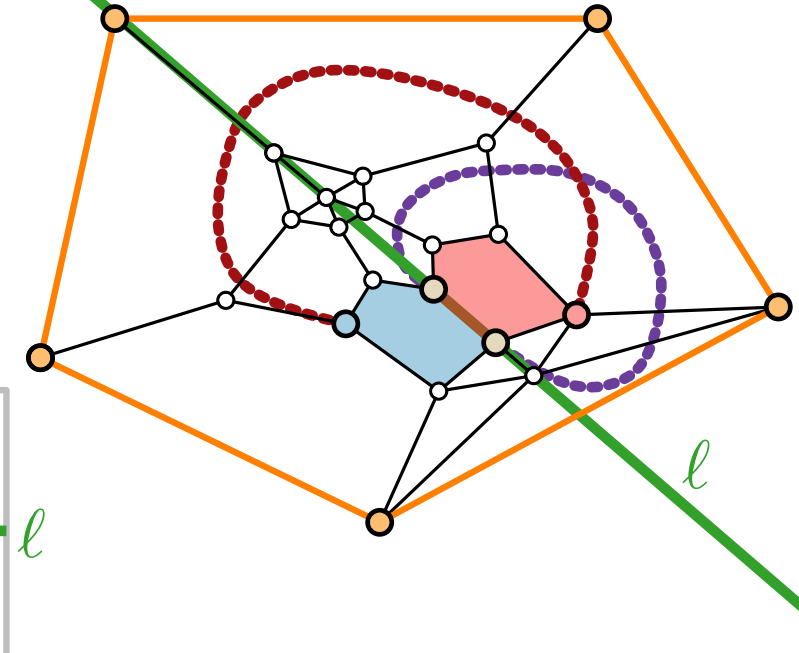
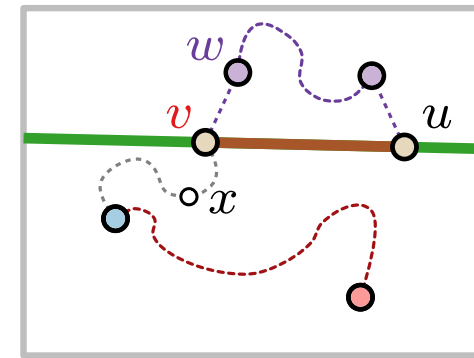
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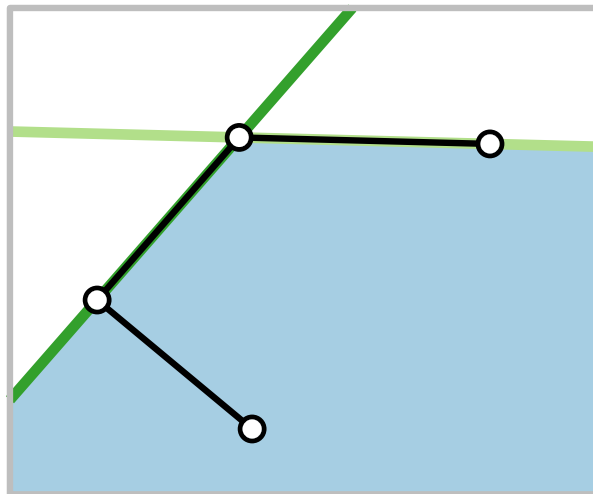
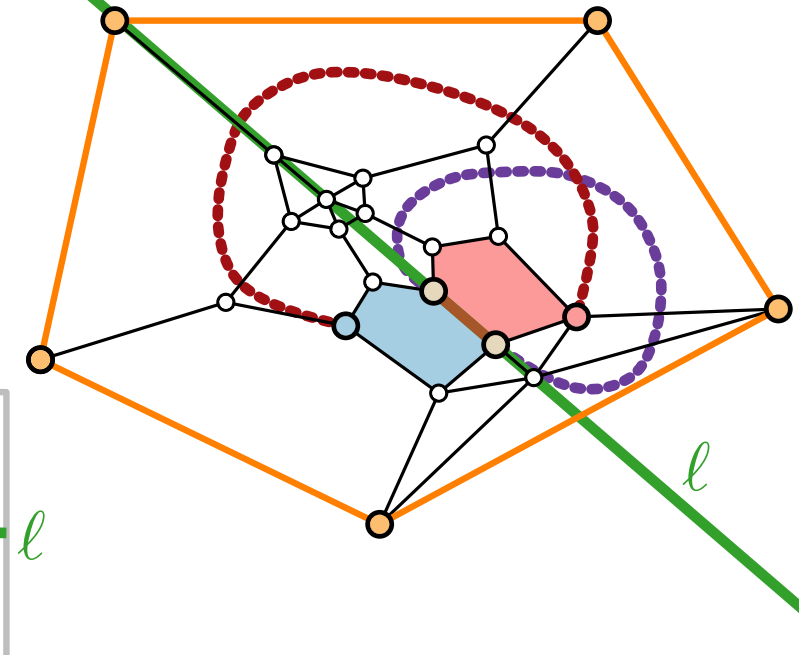
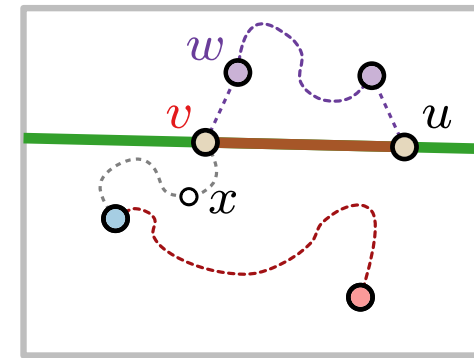
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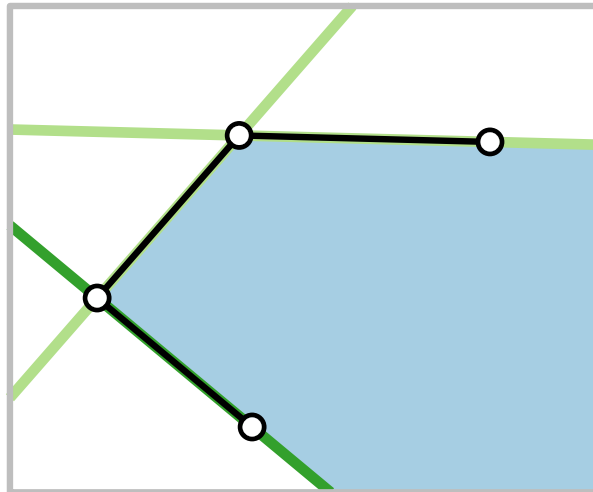
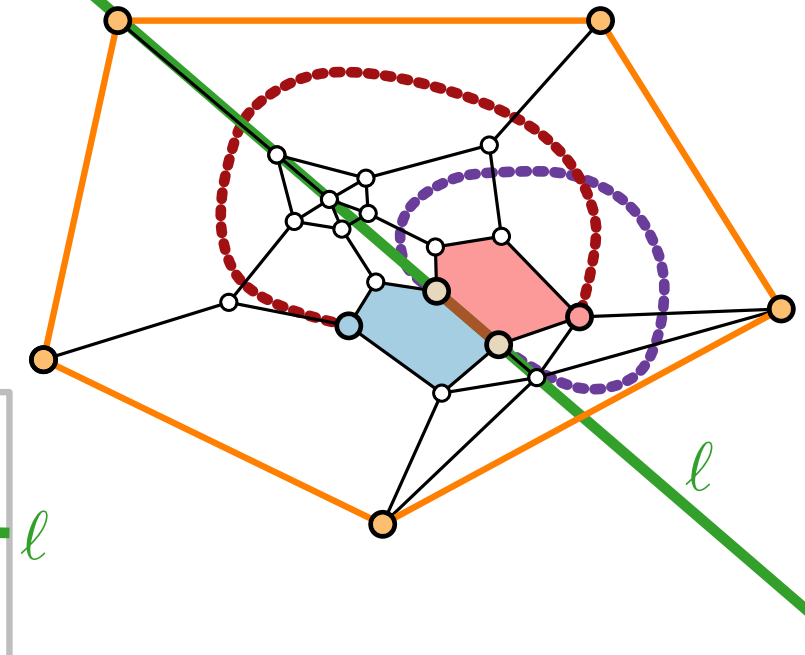
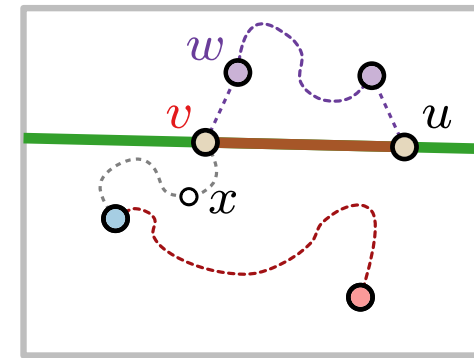
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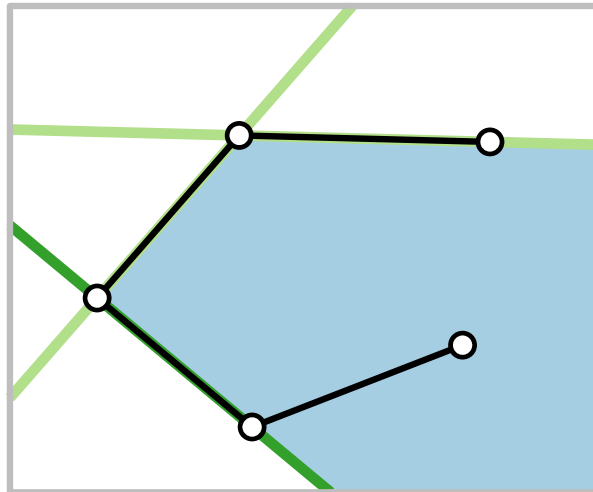
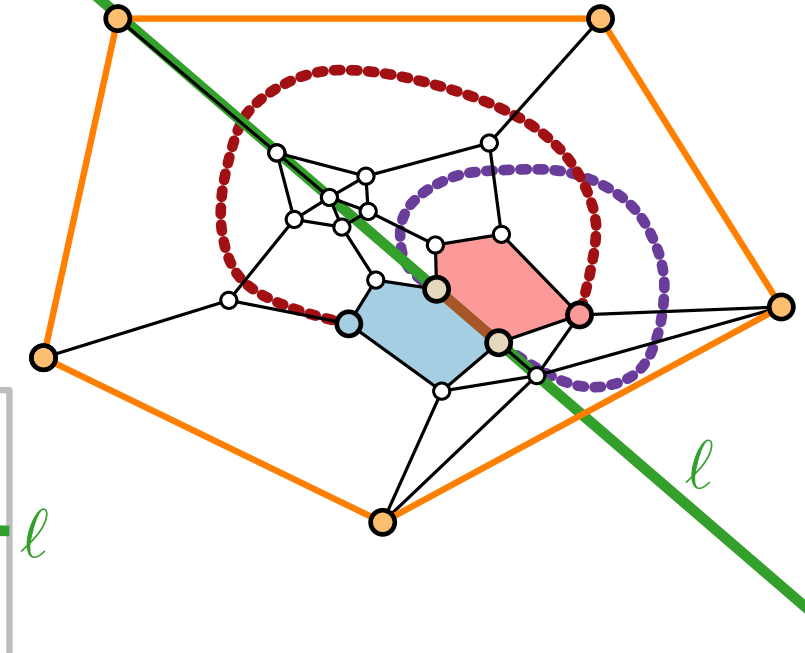
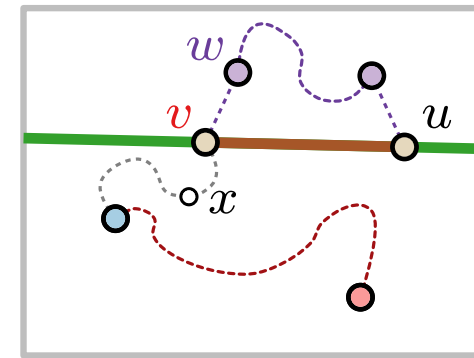
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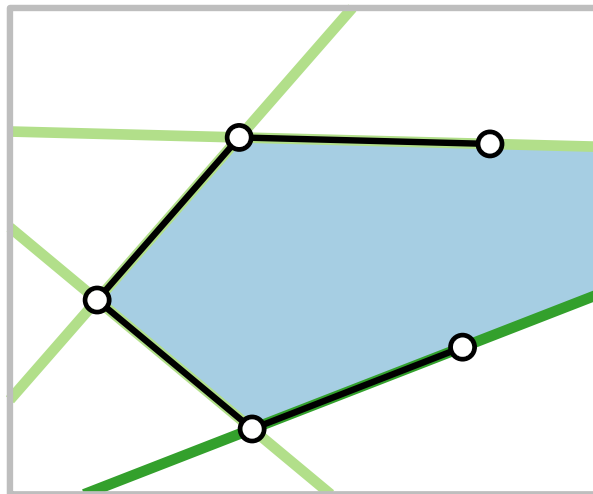
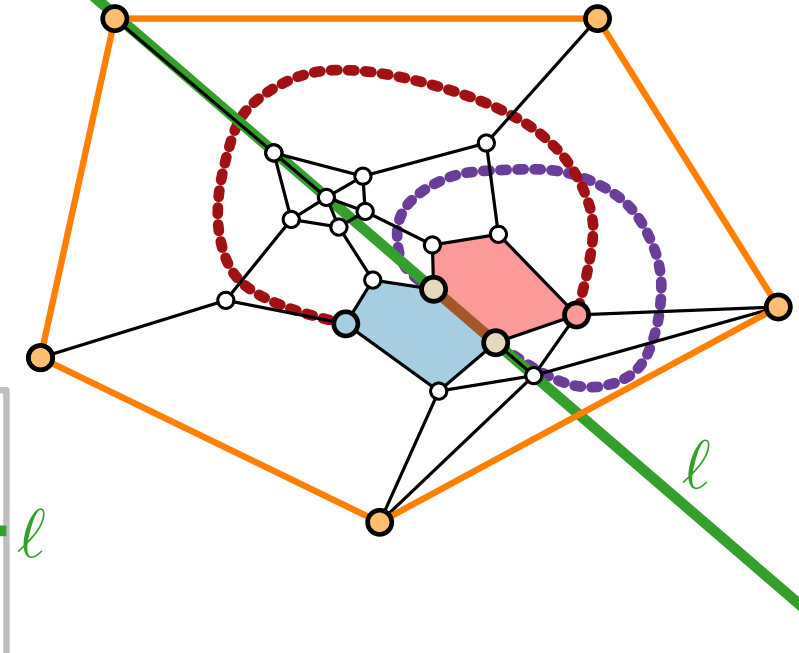
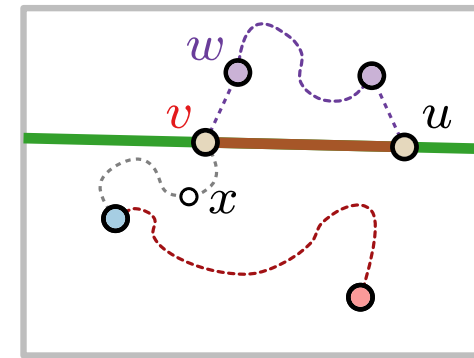
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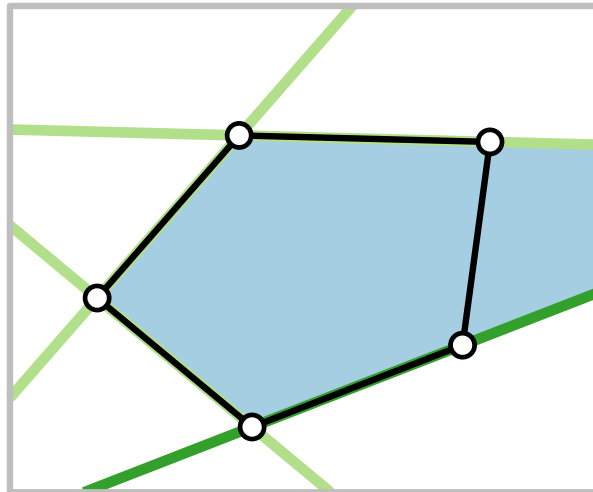
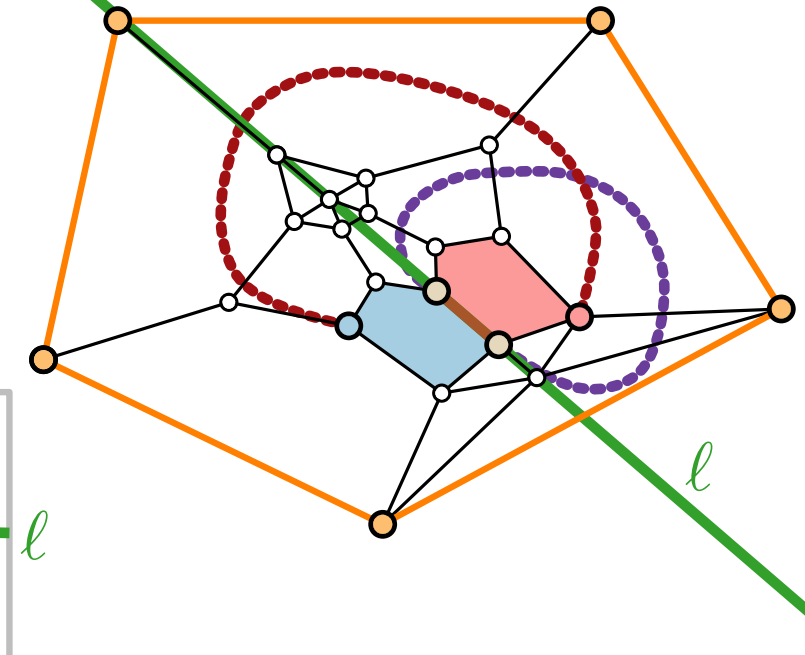
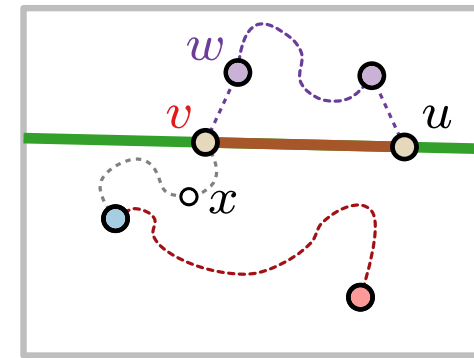
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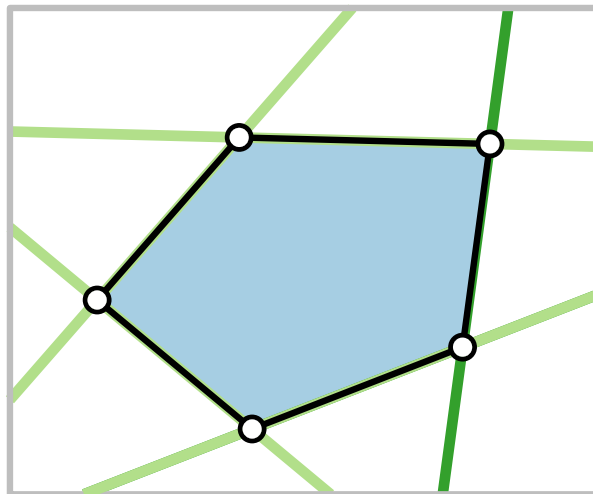
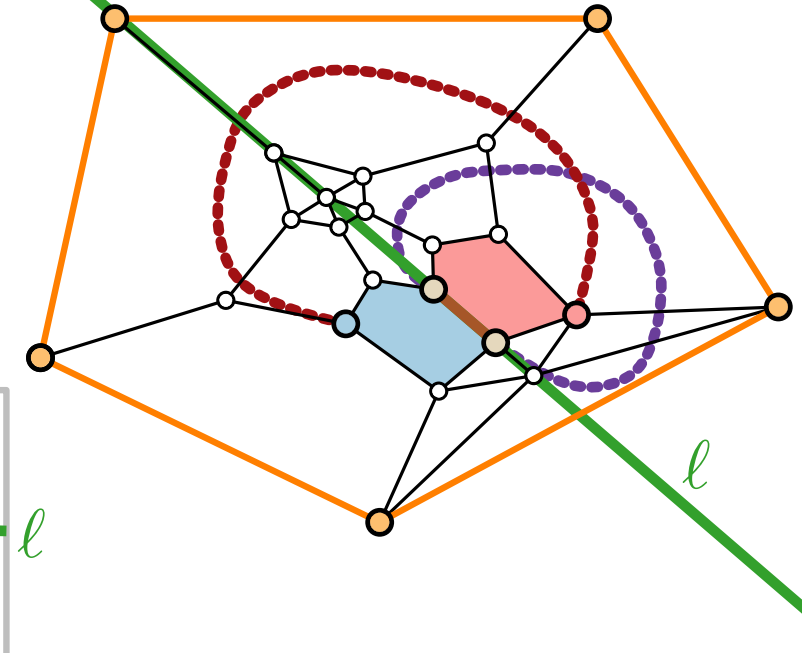
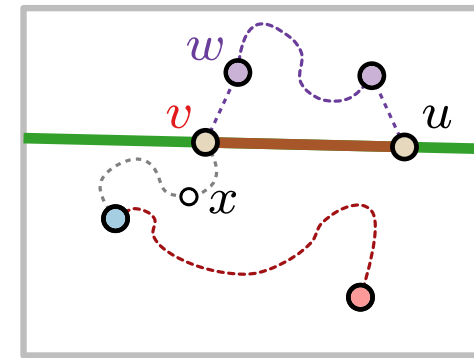
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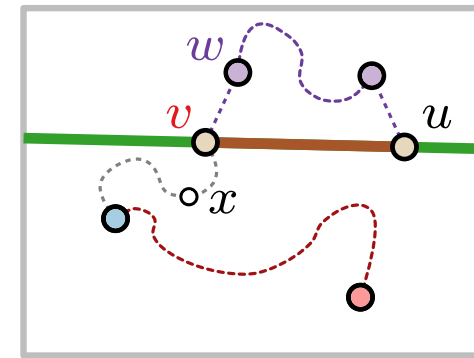
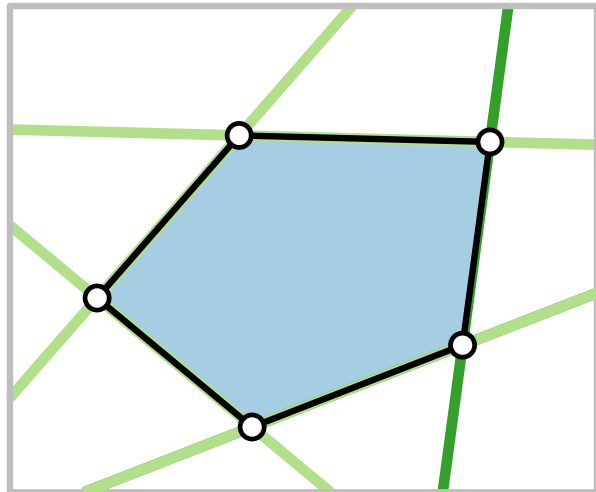
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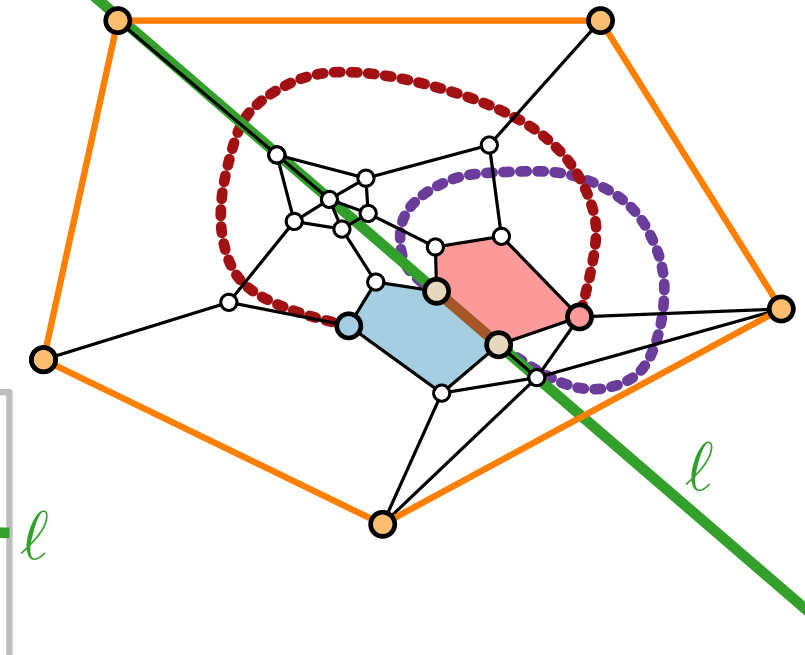
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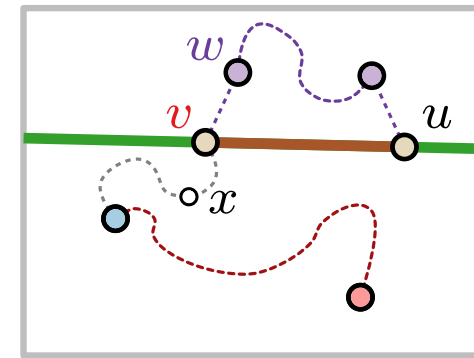
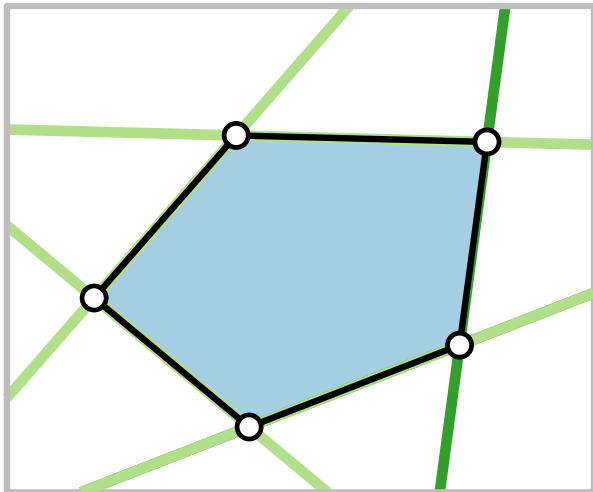
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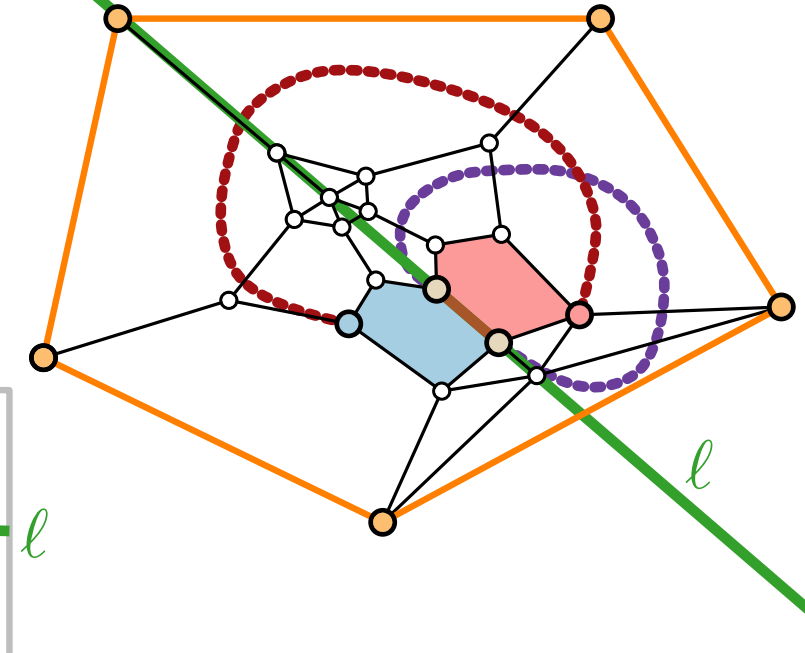
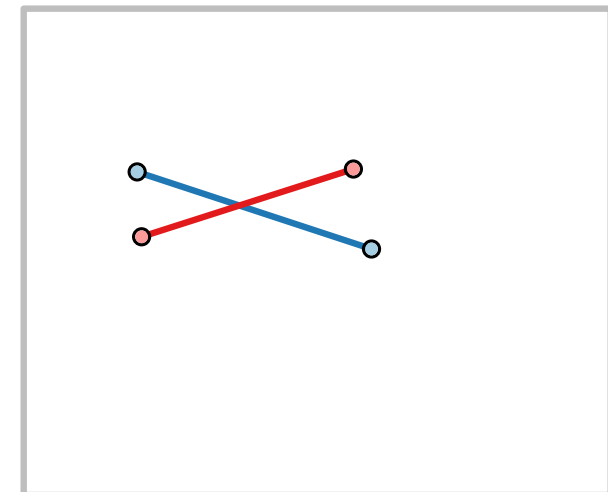
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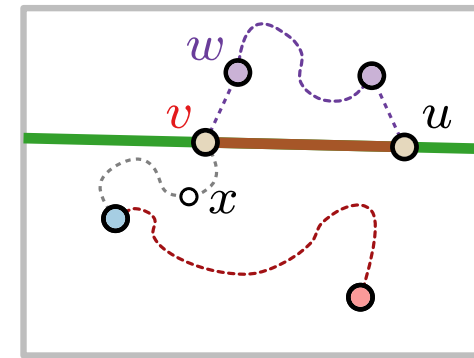
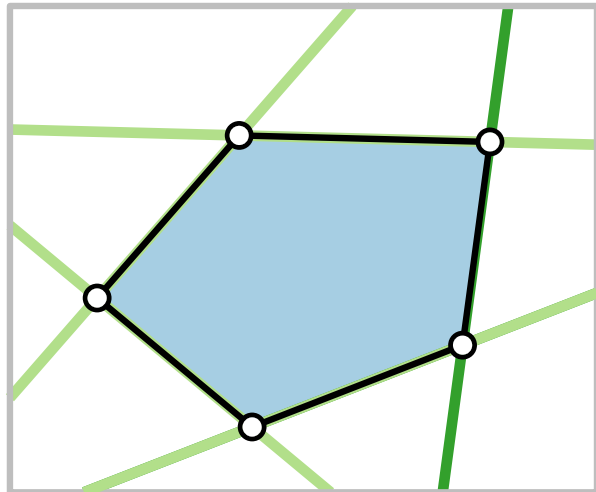
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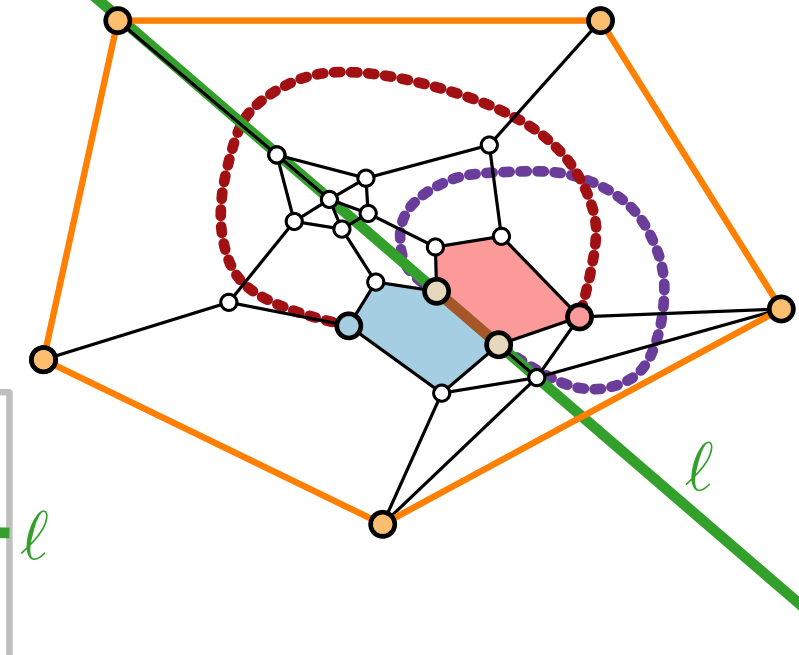
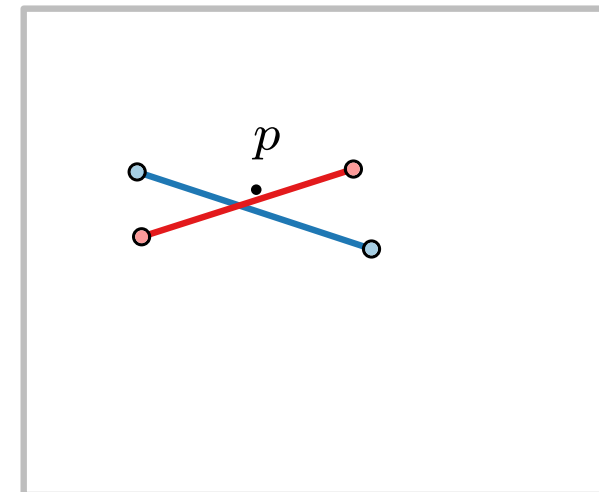
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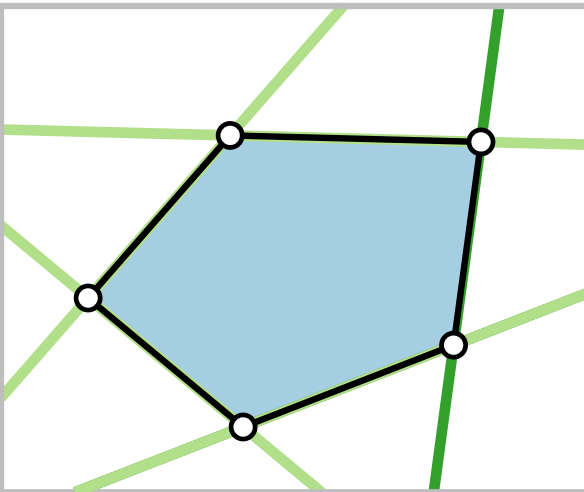
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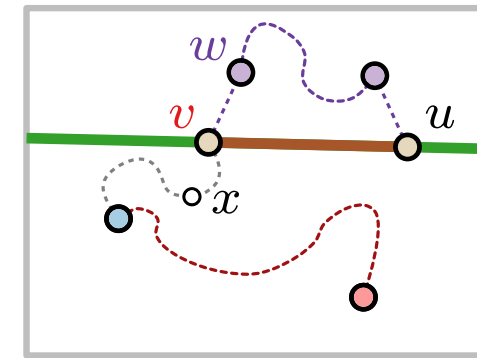
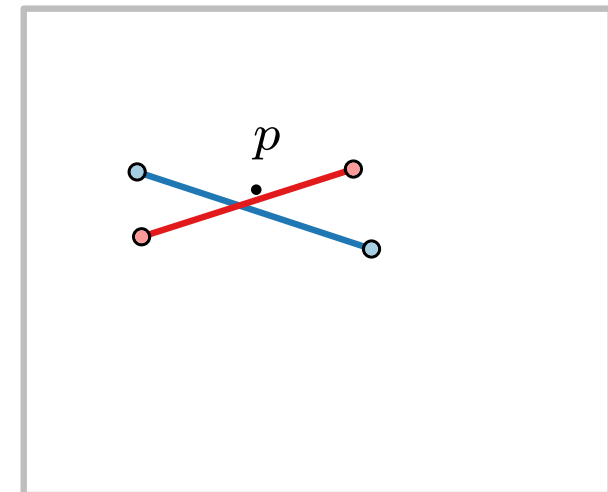
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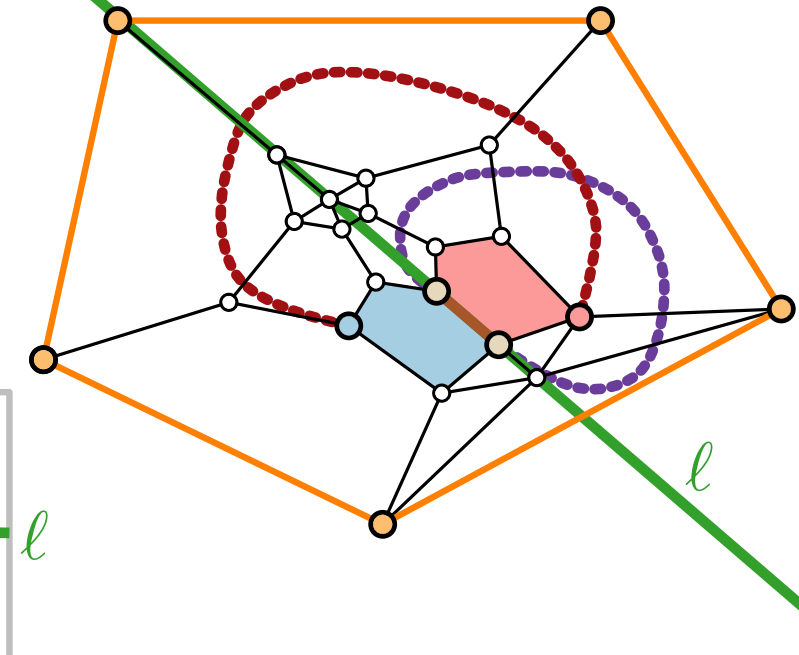
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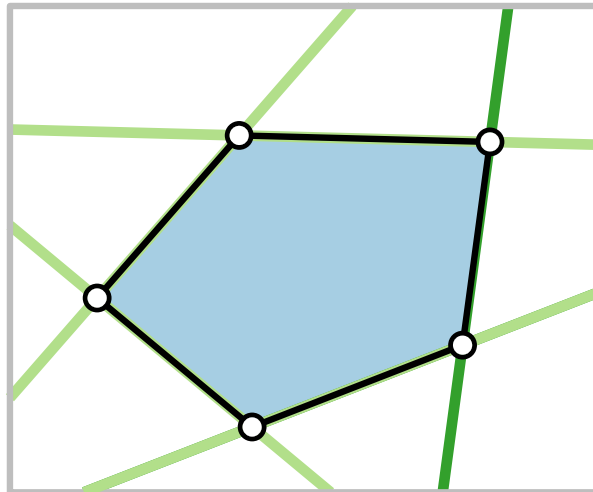
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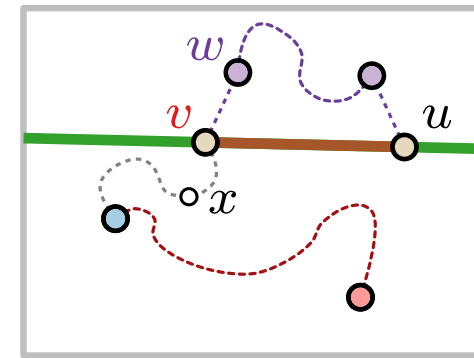
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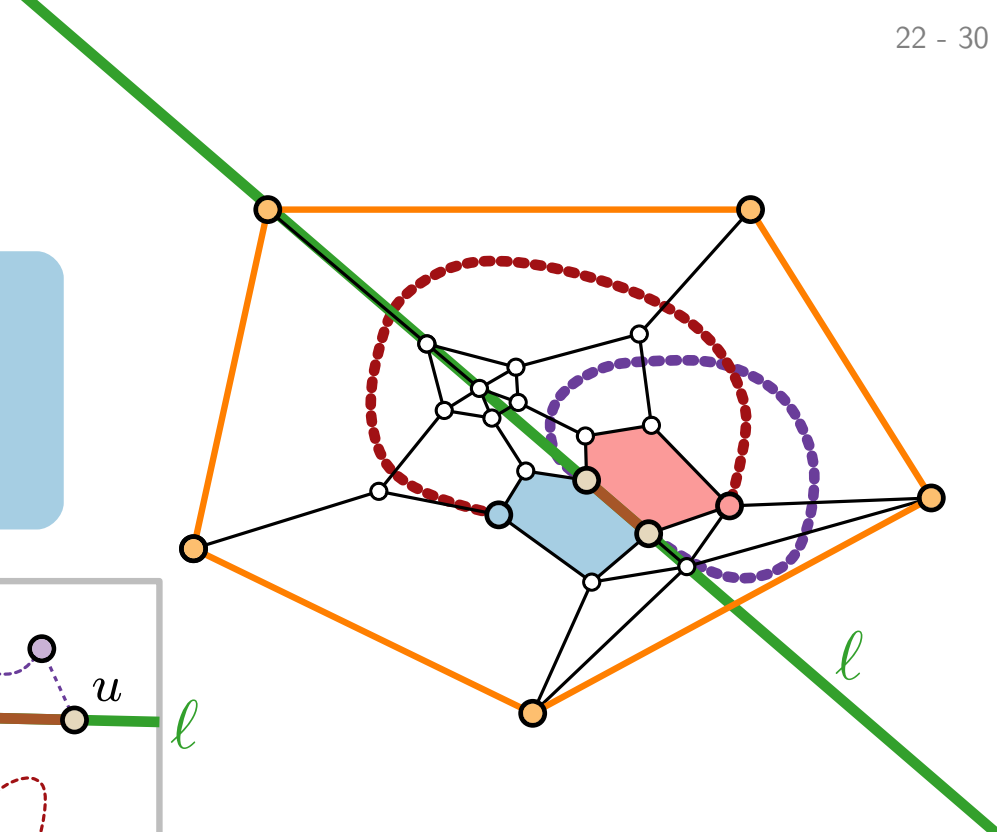
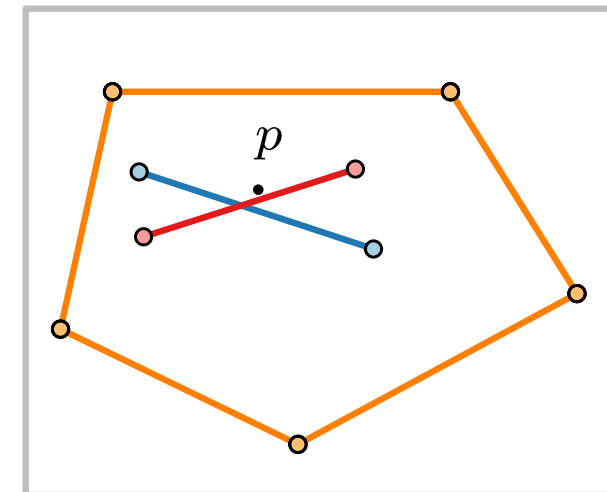
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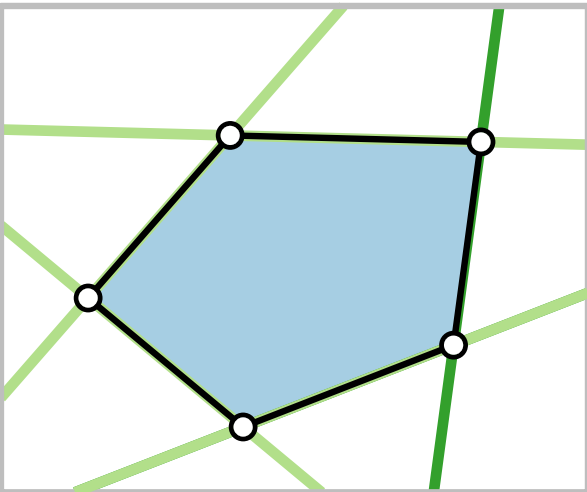
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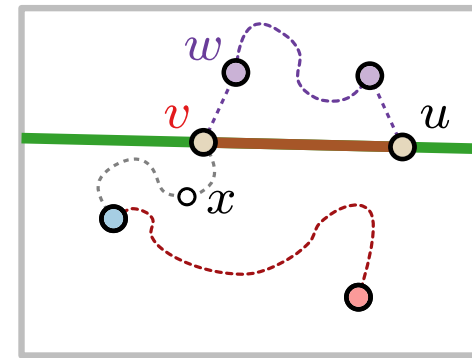
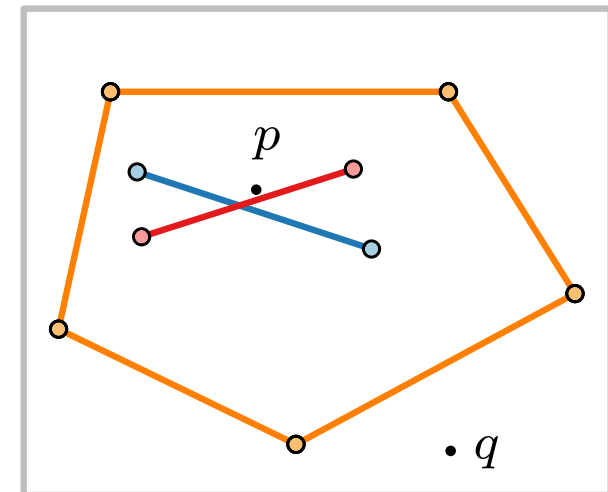
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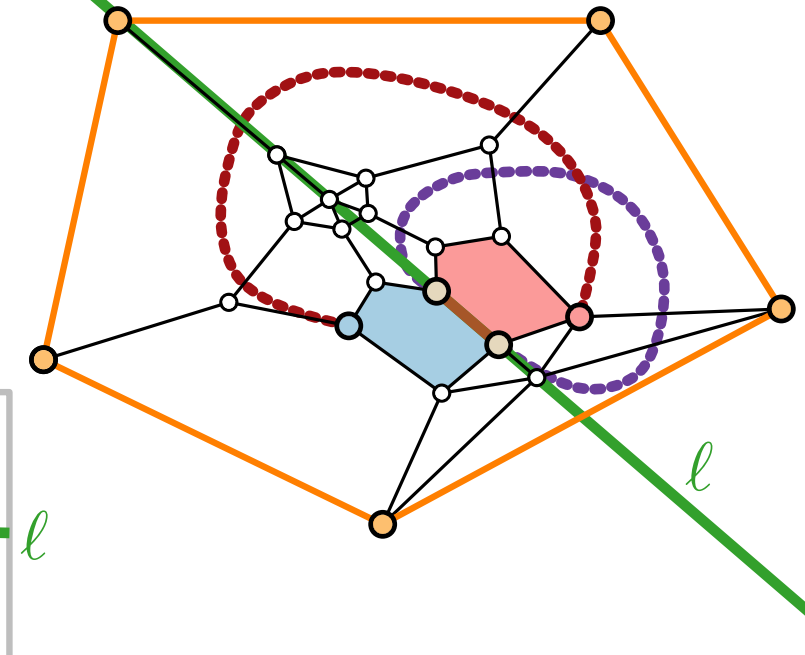
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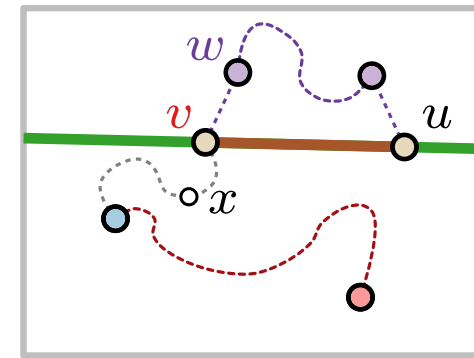
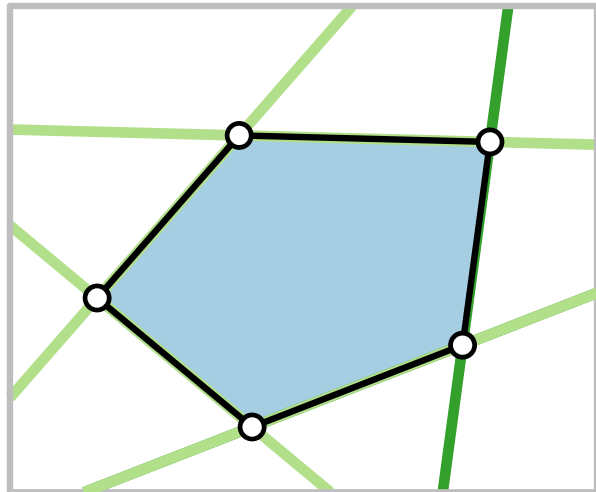
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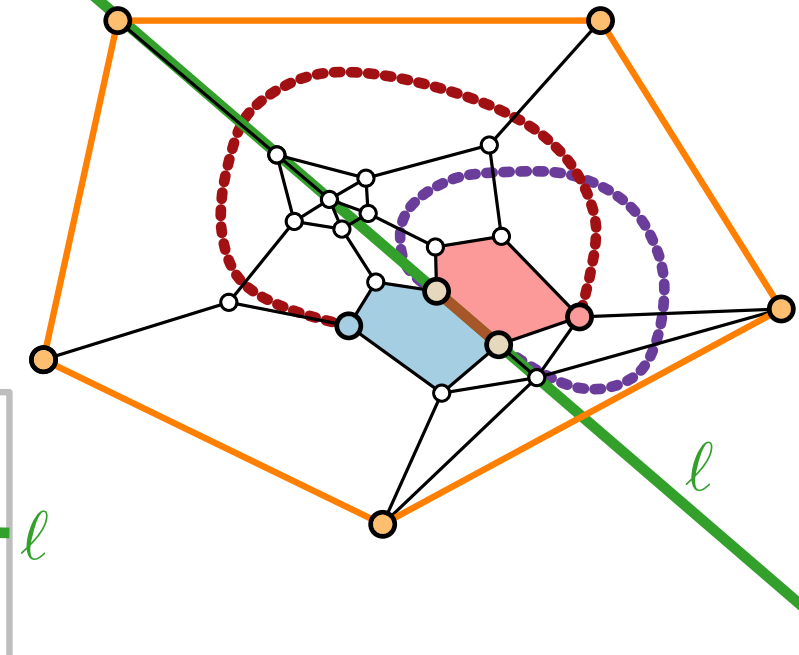
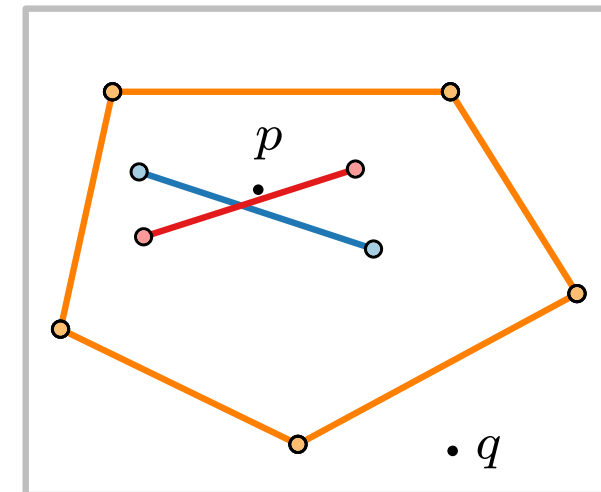
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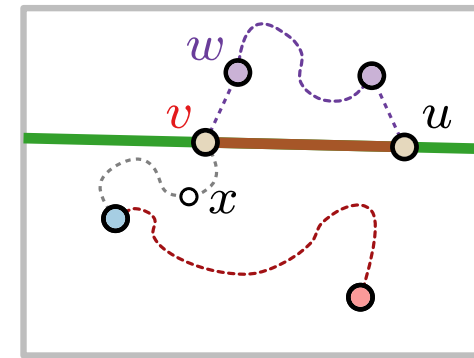
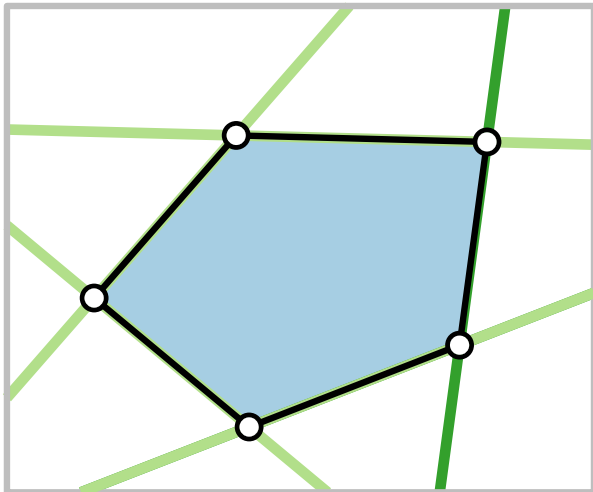
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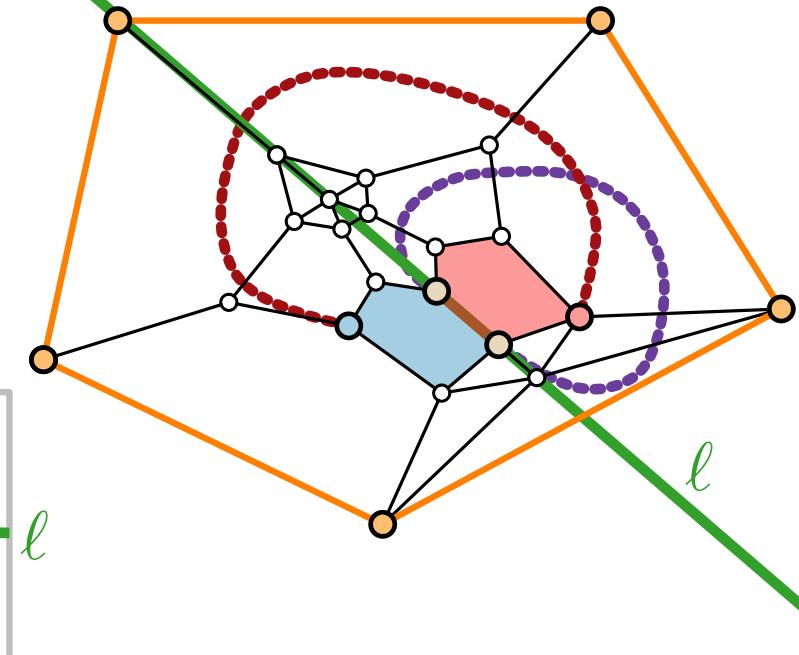
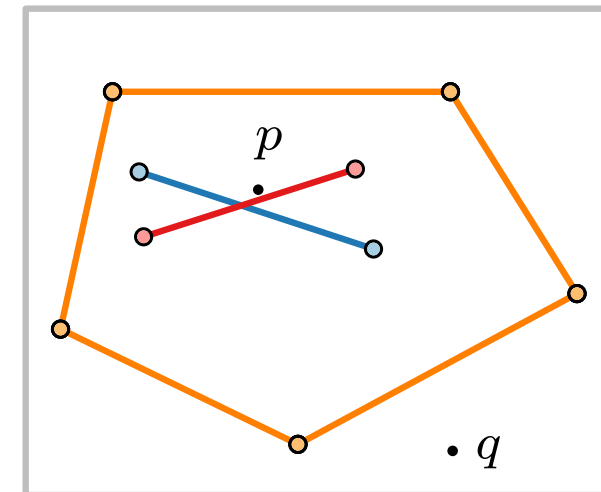
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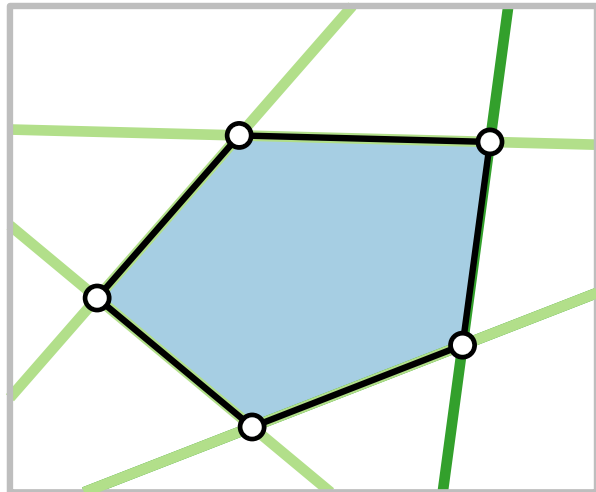
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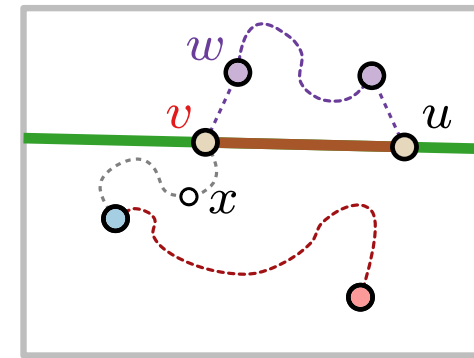
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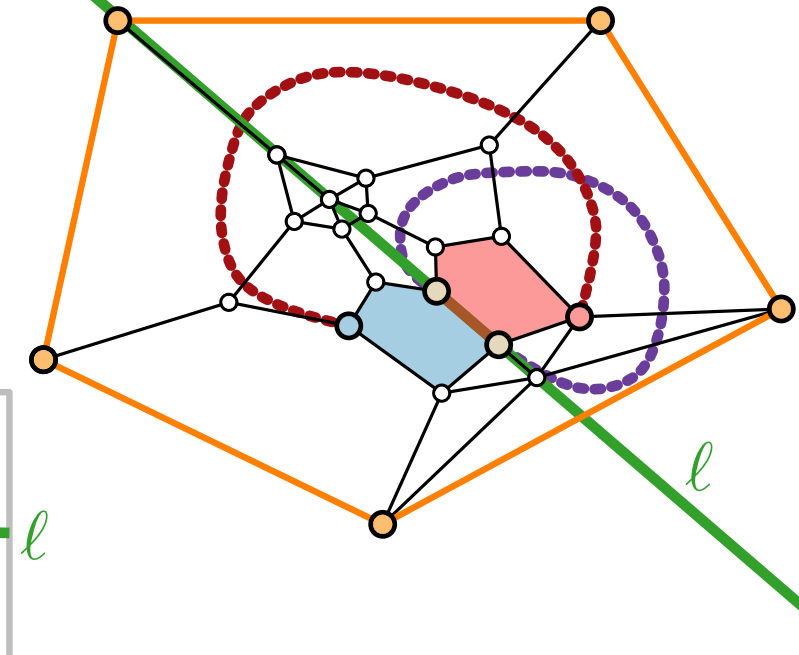
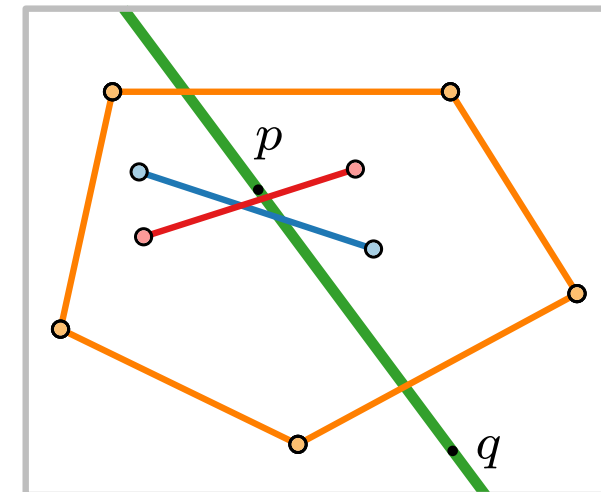


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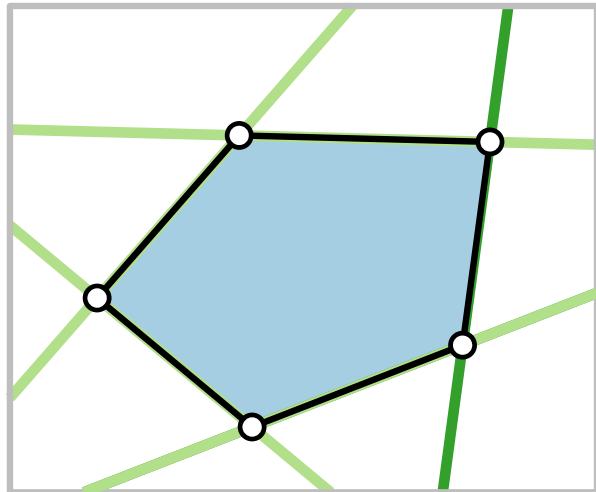
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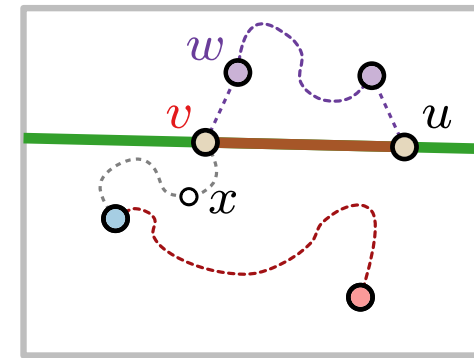
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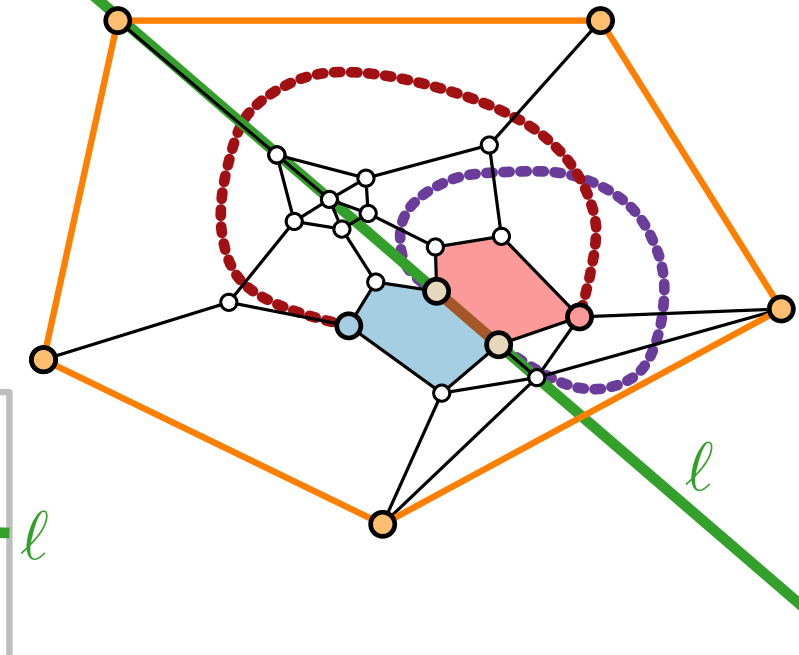
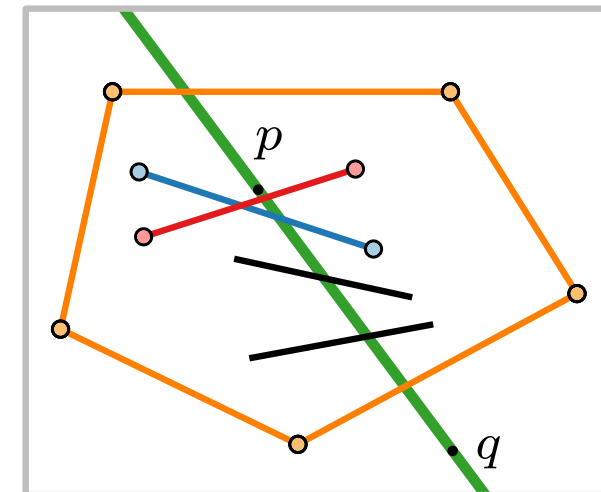


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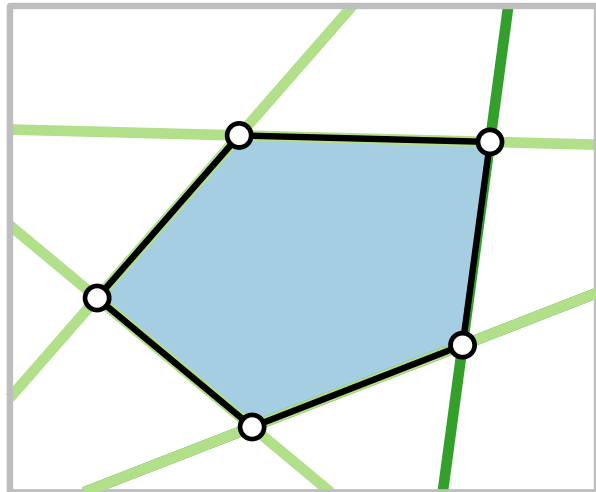
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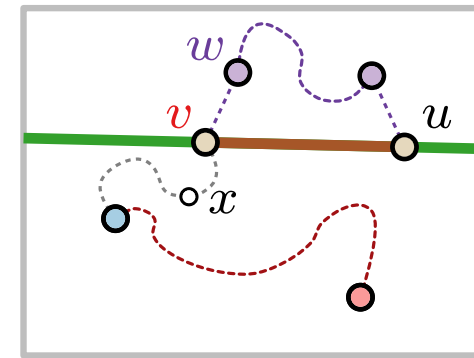
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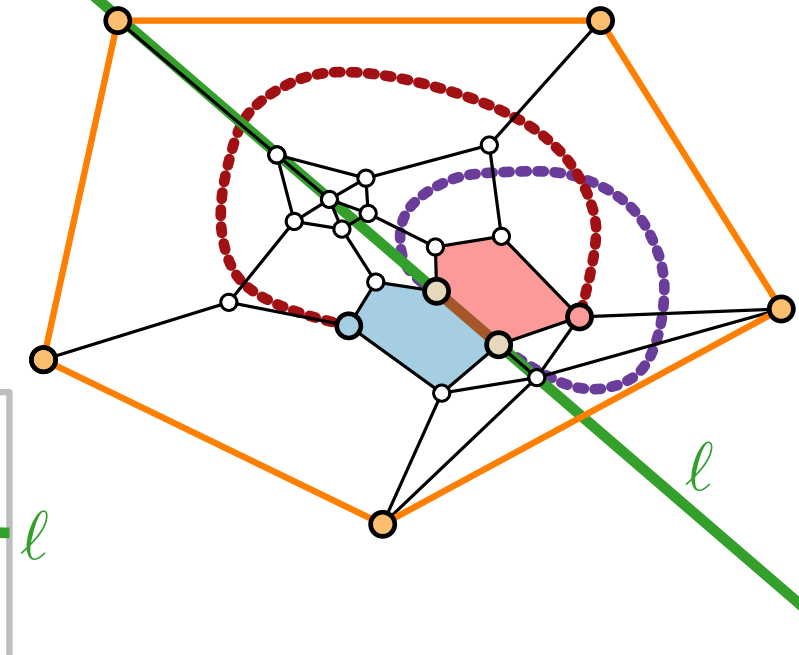
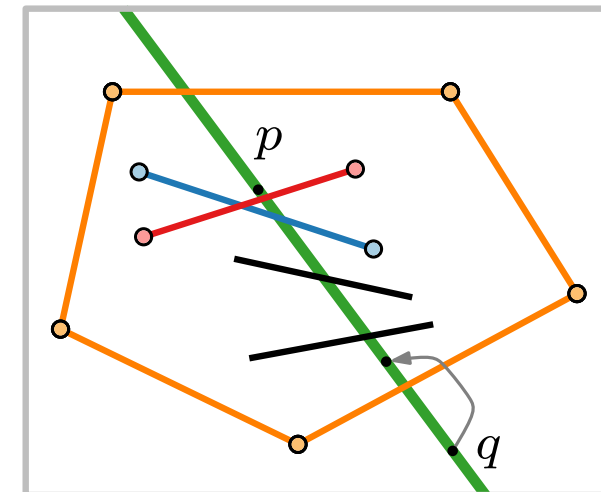


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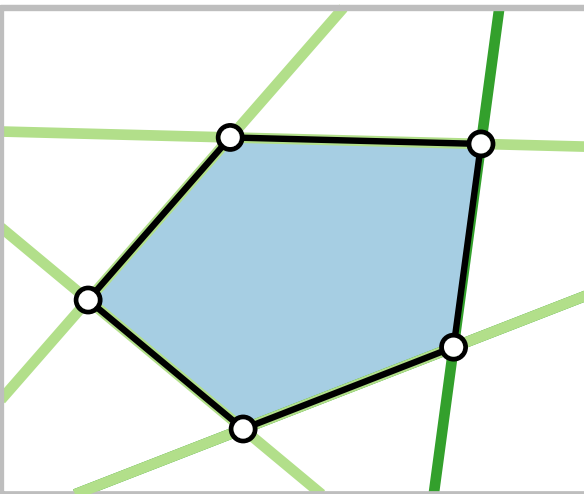
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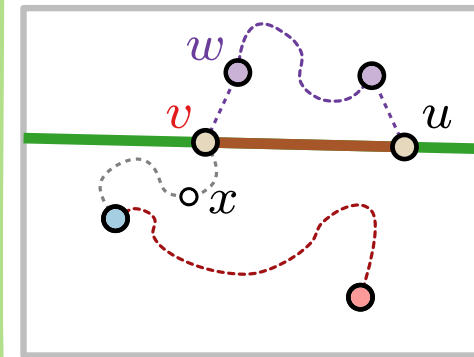


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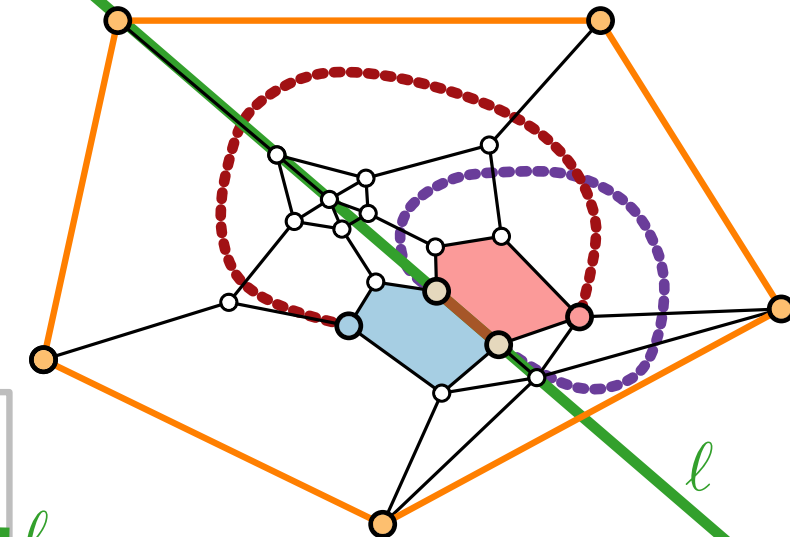
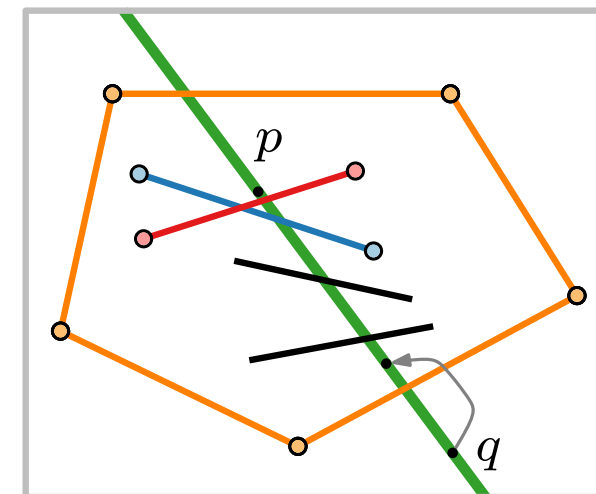
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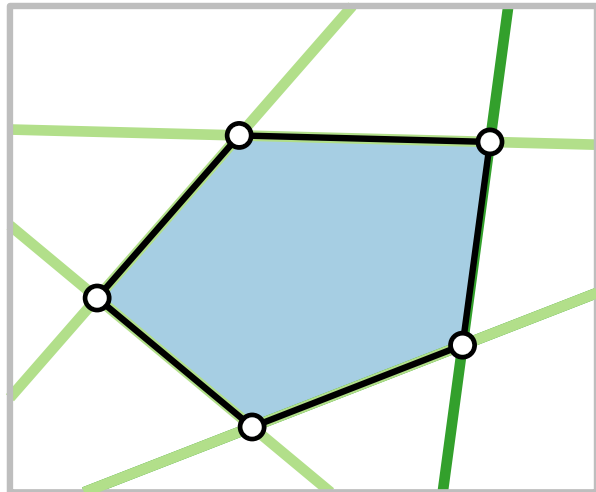
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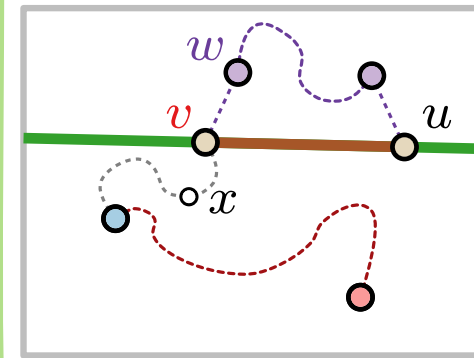


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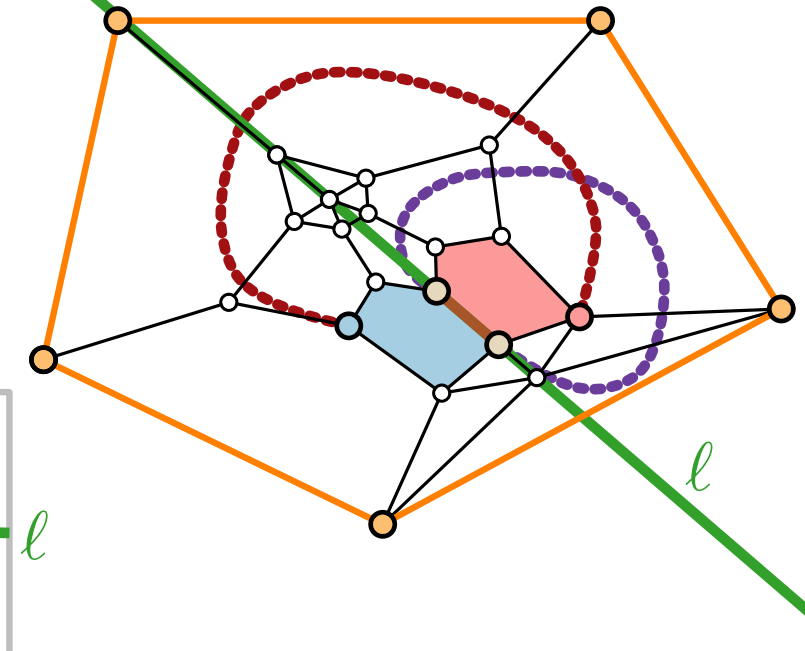
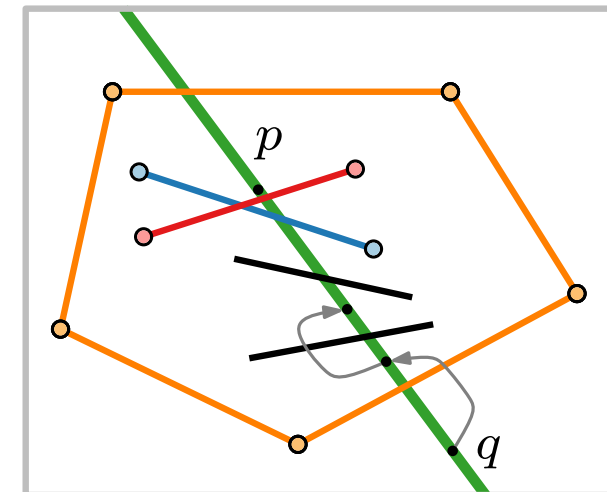
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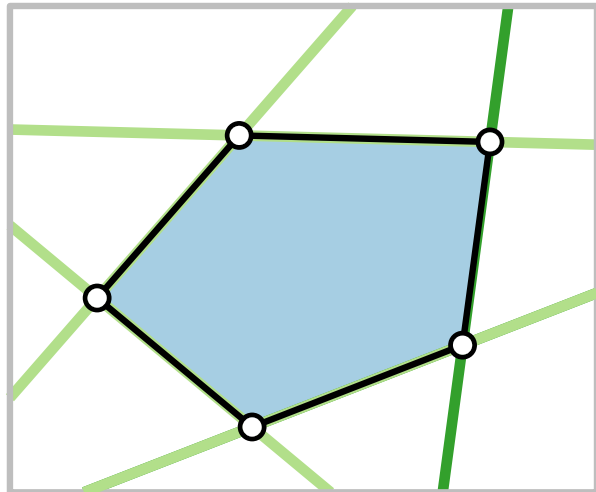
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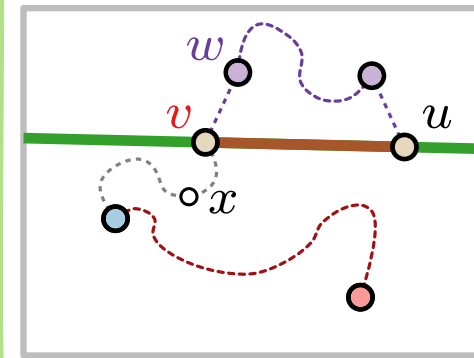


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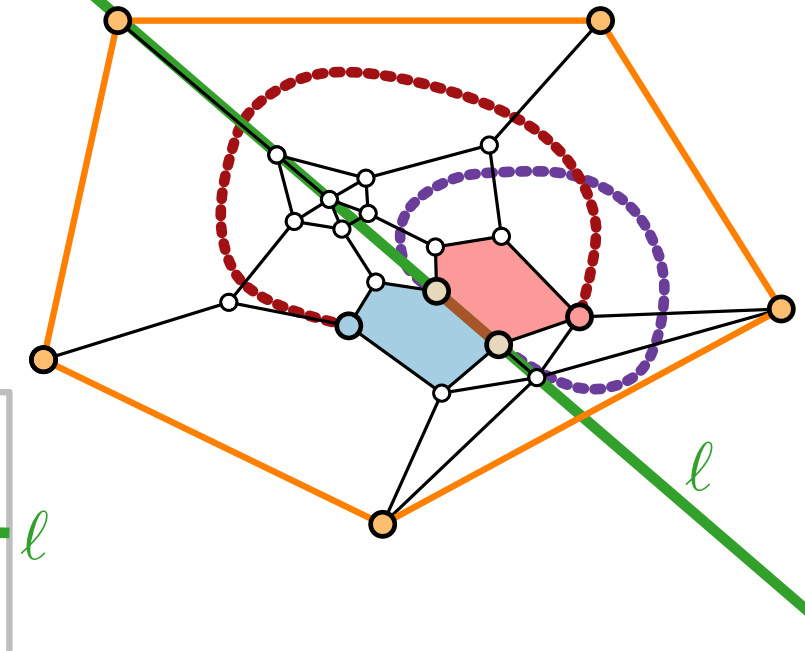
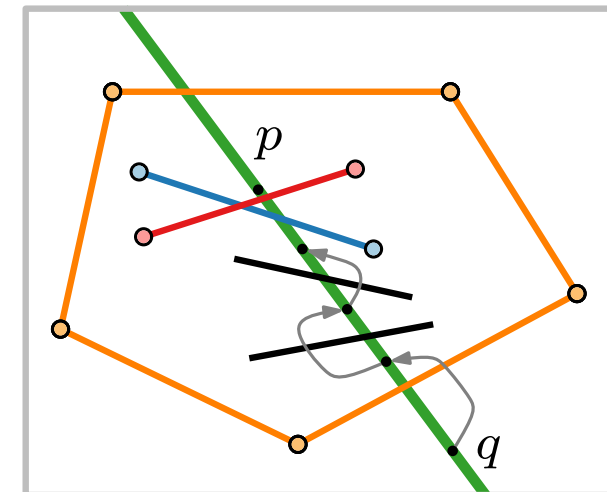
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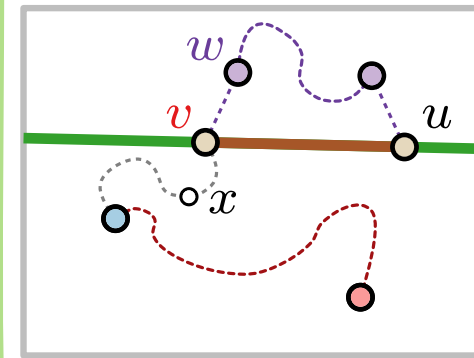
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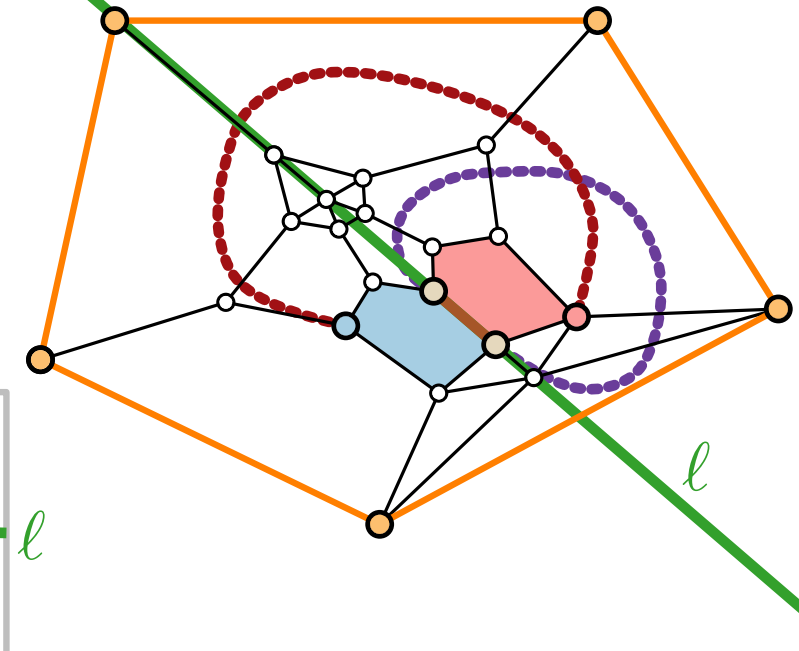
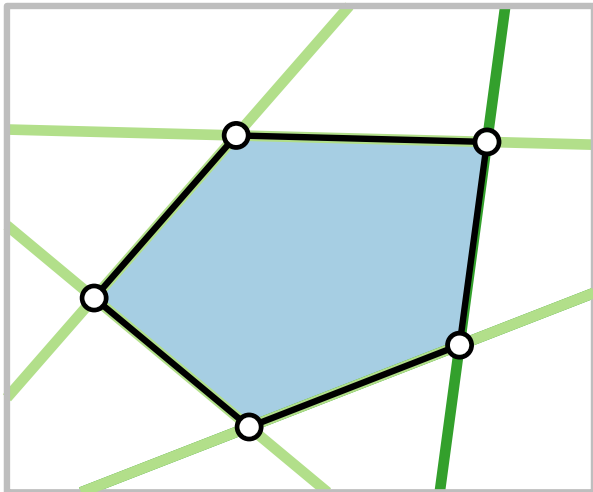
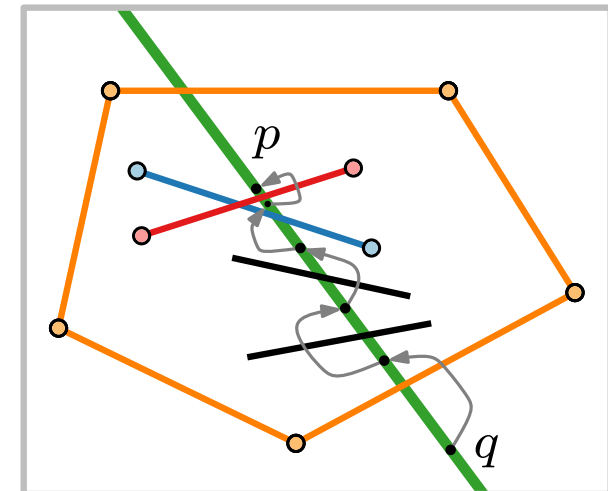
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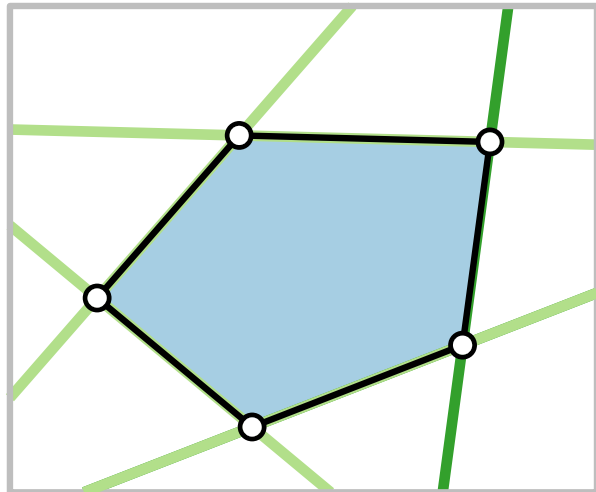
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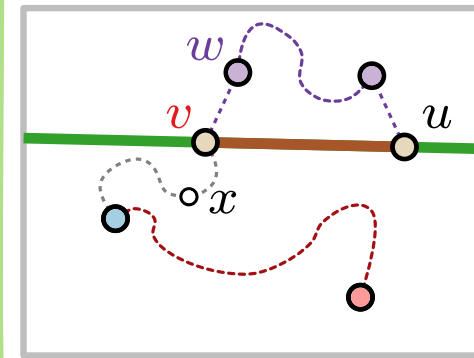
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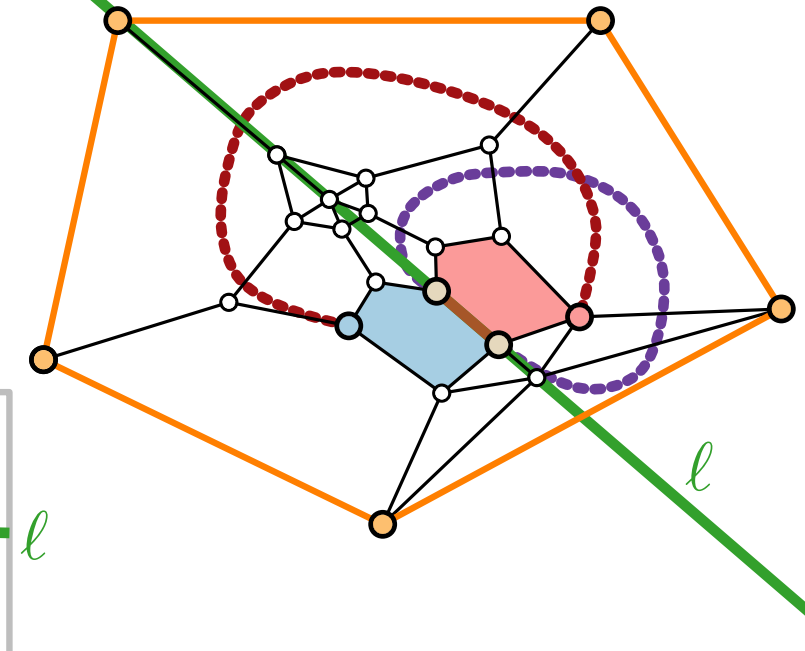
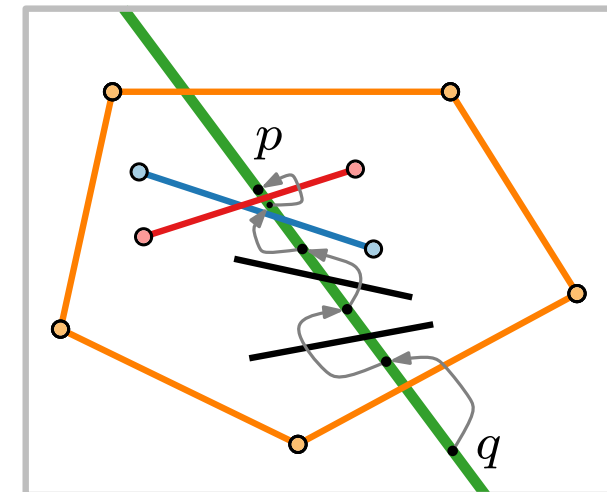
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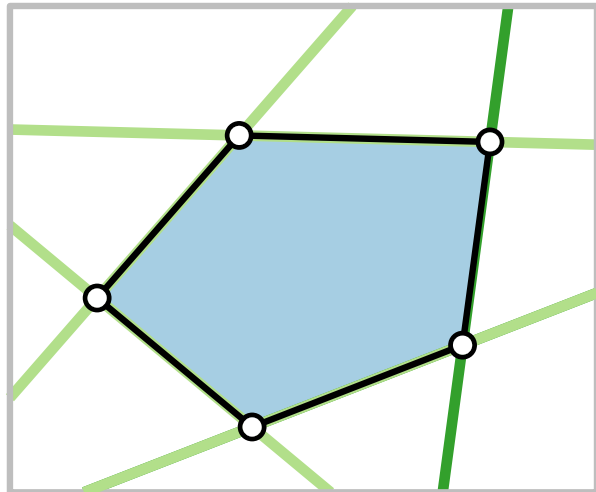
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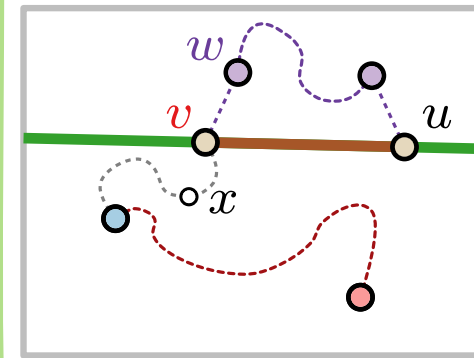
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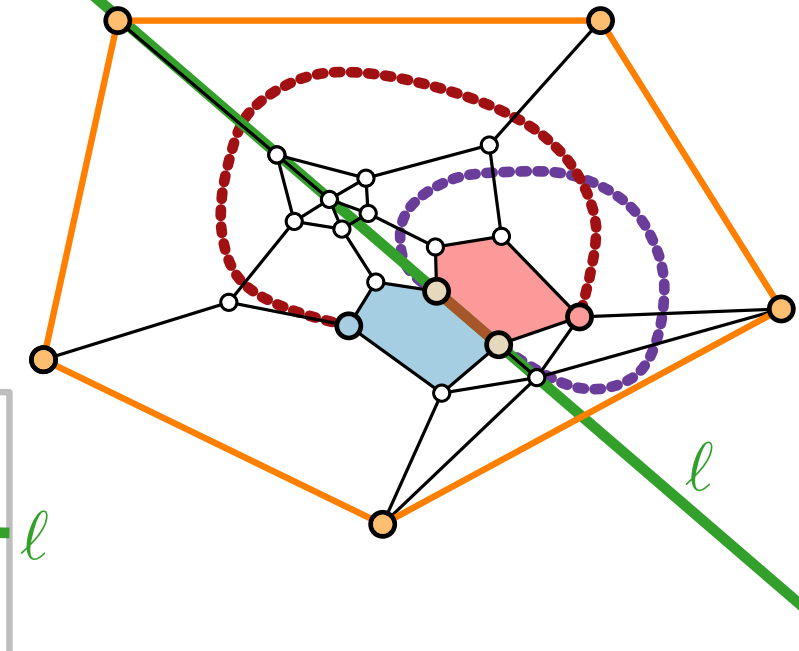
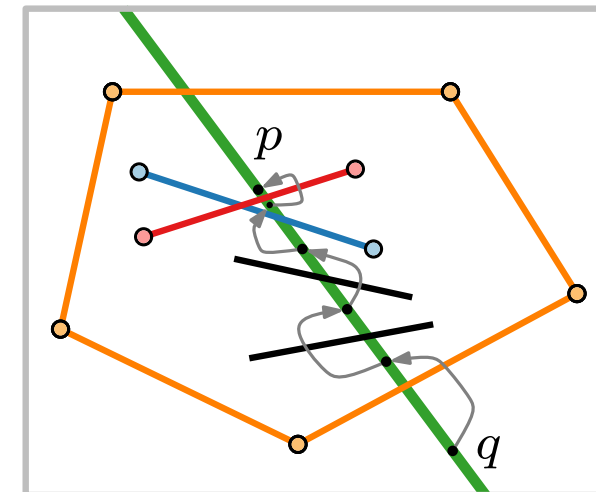
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