

ANT COLONY OPTIMIZATION: INSPIRATION

INSPIRATION

- **ACO was proposed by Marco Dorigo in 1992.**
- **The first version of ACO was called ant systems**

STIGMERGY

- The main inspiration of the ACO algorithm comes from stigmergy
- Stigmergy refers to the interaction and coordination of organisms in nature by modifying the environment.

STIGMERGY

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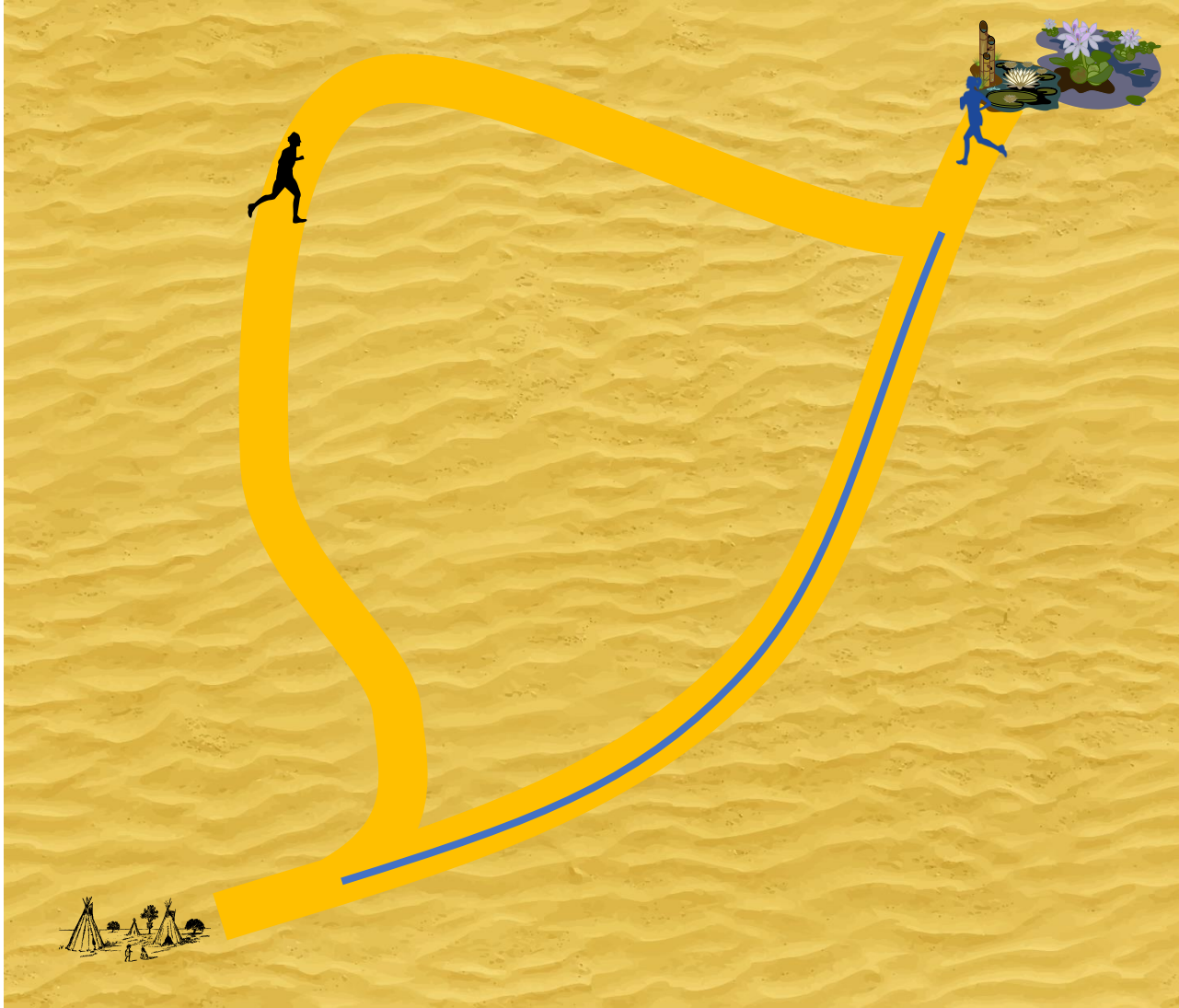


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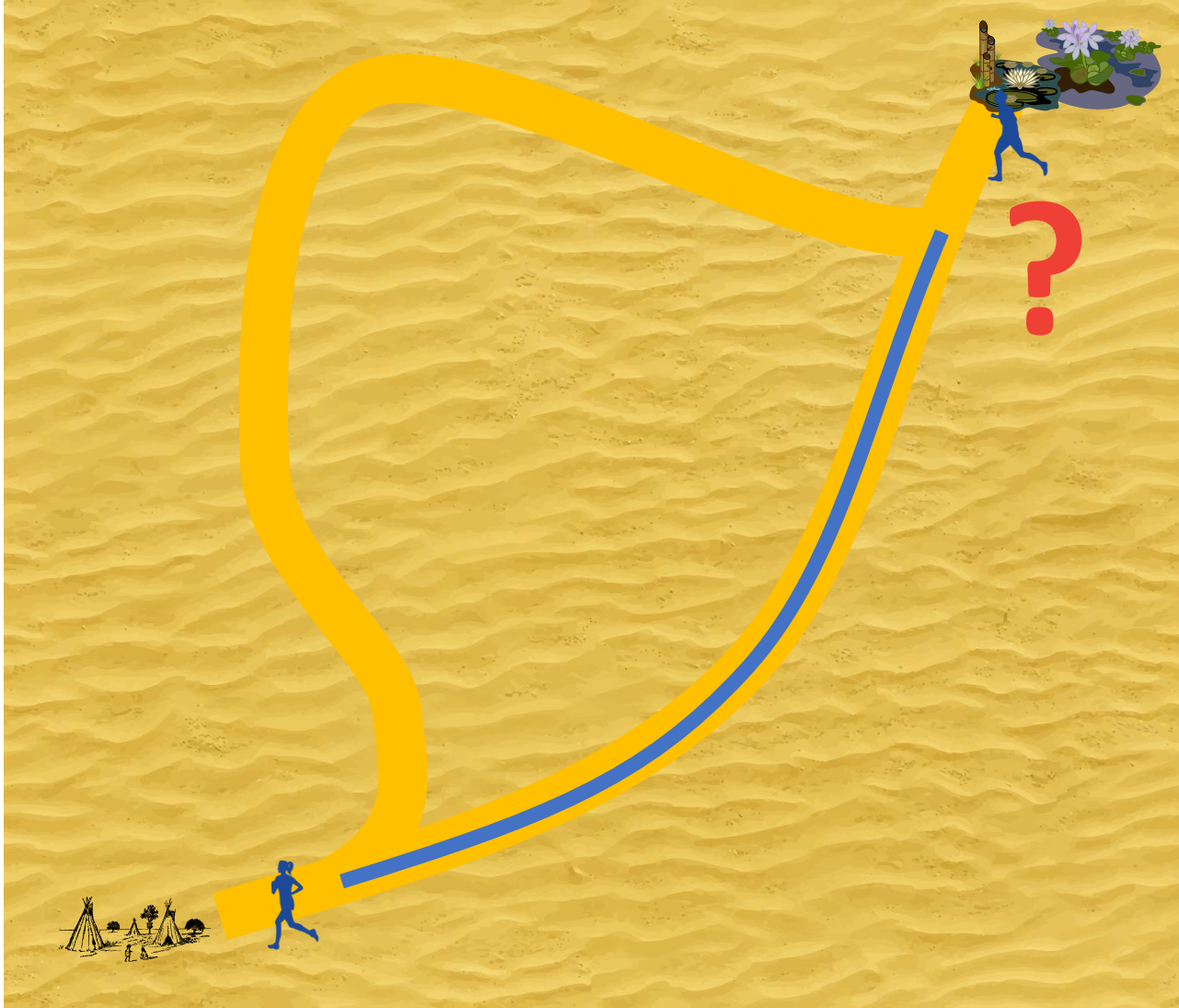
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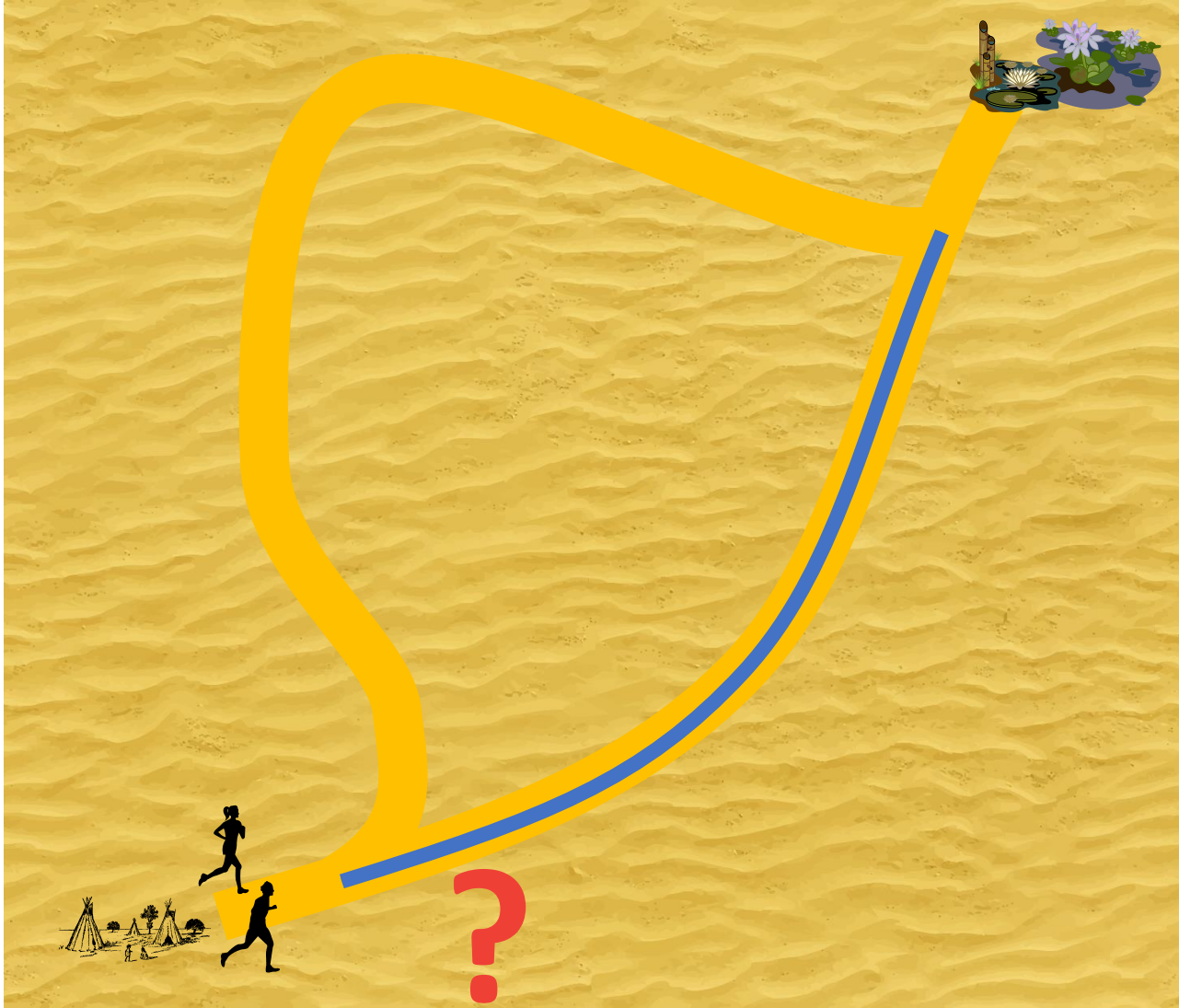
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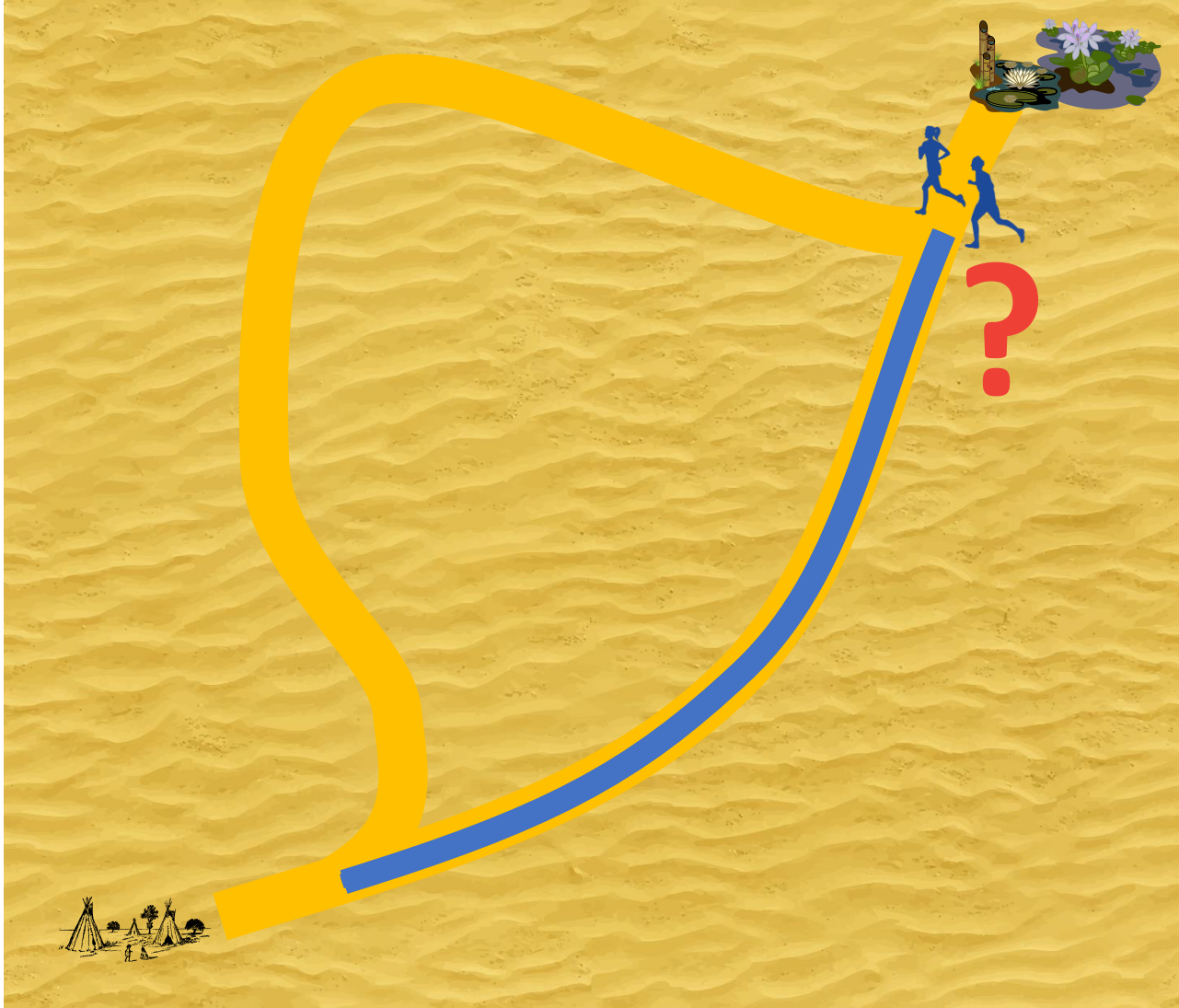
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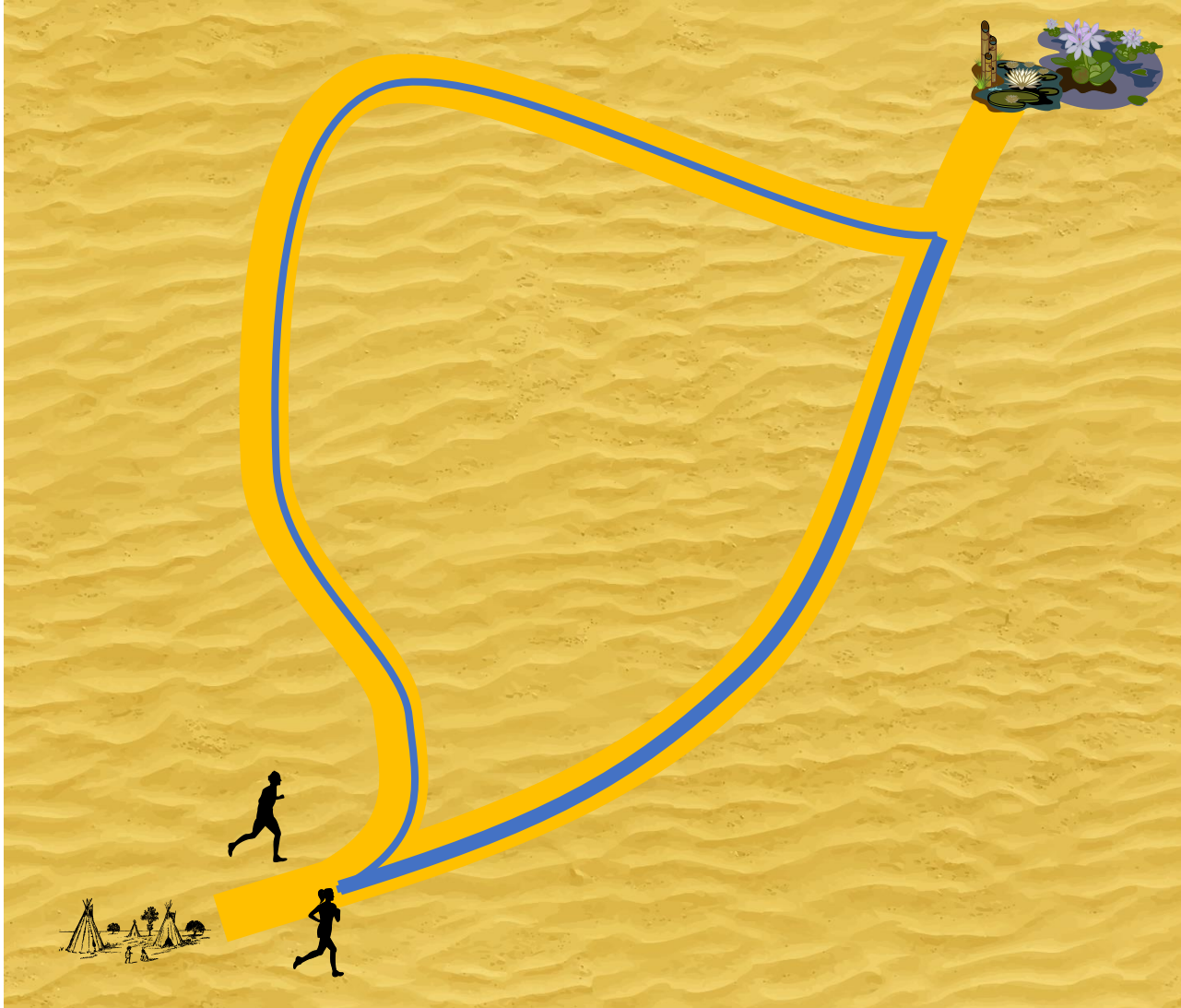
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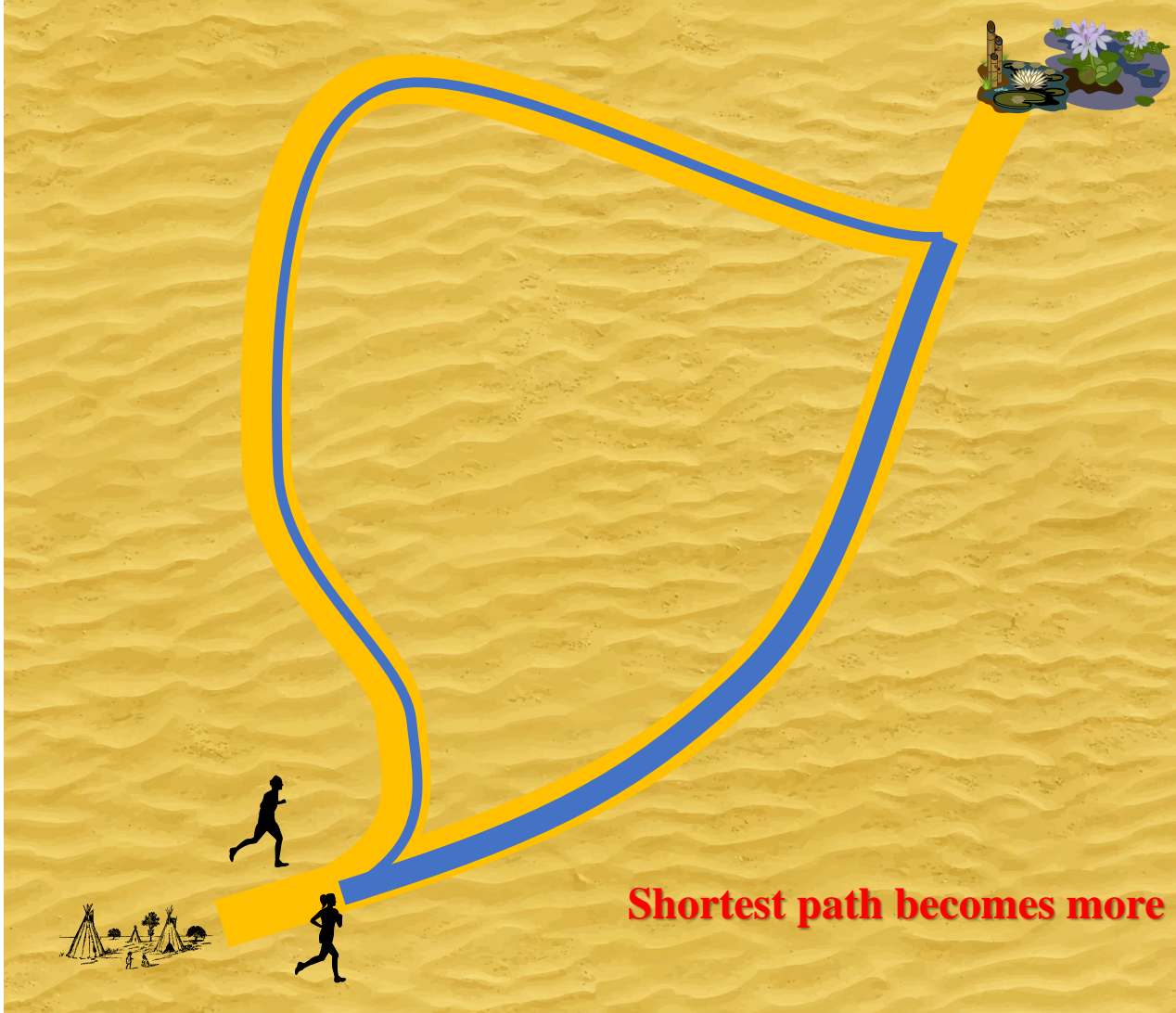
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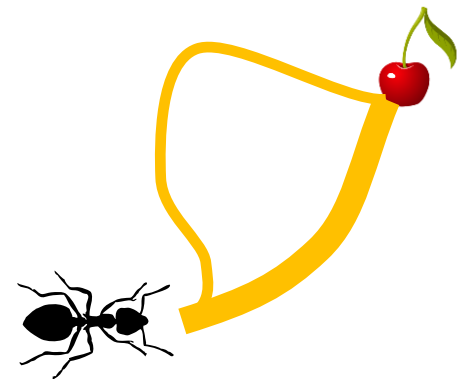
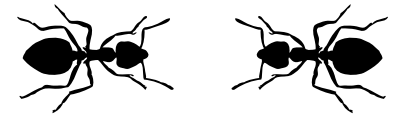
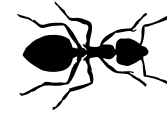


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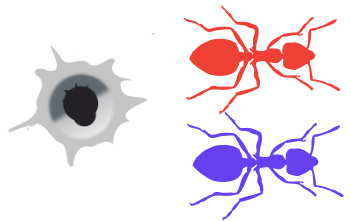
ANTS AND STIGMERGY

- Ants produce chemicals called **pheromone**
- They use **pheromone** to communicate. This is similar to **water in our analogy**.
- They use a very similar technique as our analogy to find the shortest path from their nest to a source of food.



IMPORTANT FACT

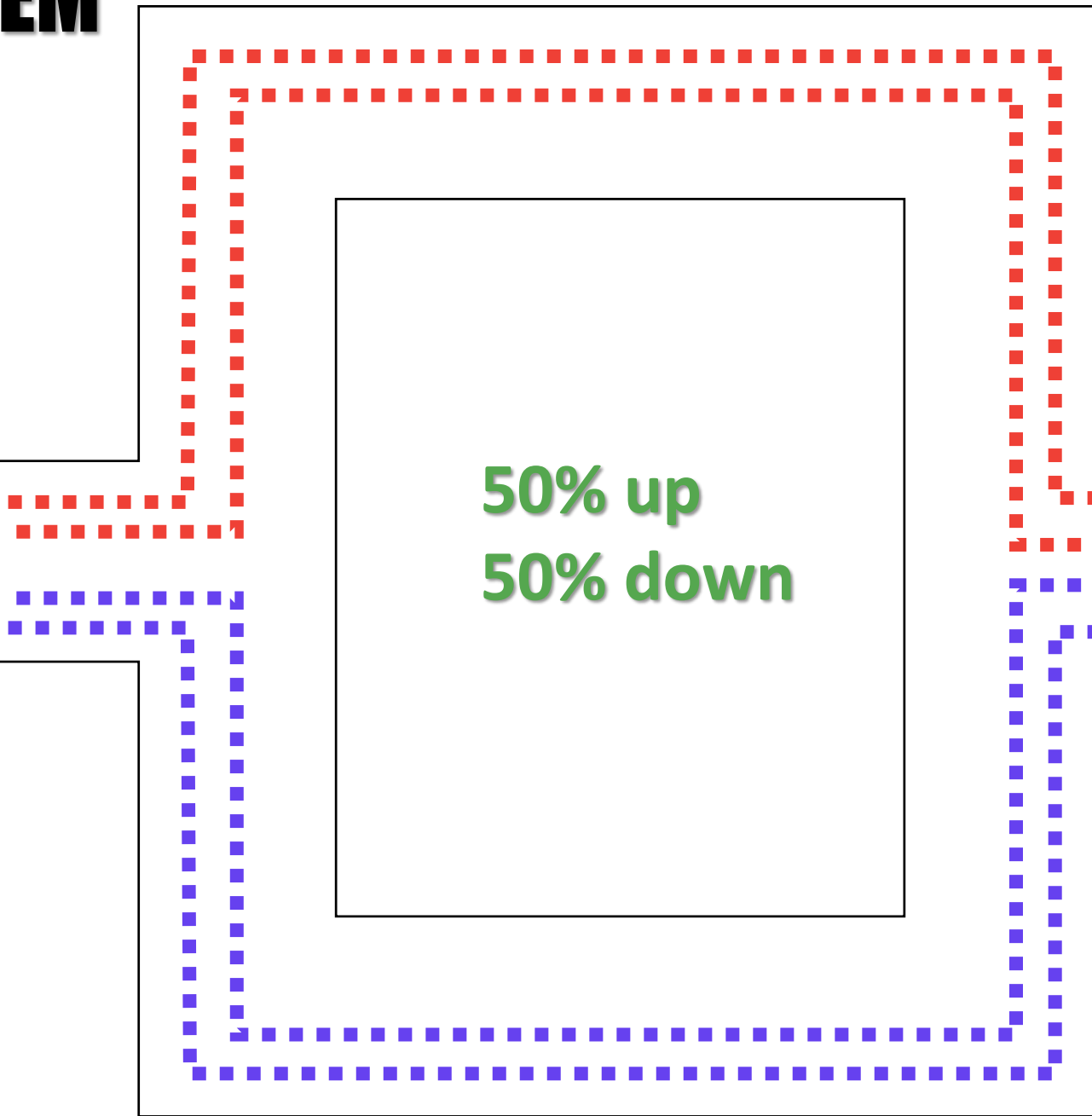
- Ants are more likely to choose a path with higher pheromone.
- This means they make decision based on probabilities.



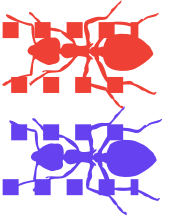
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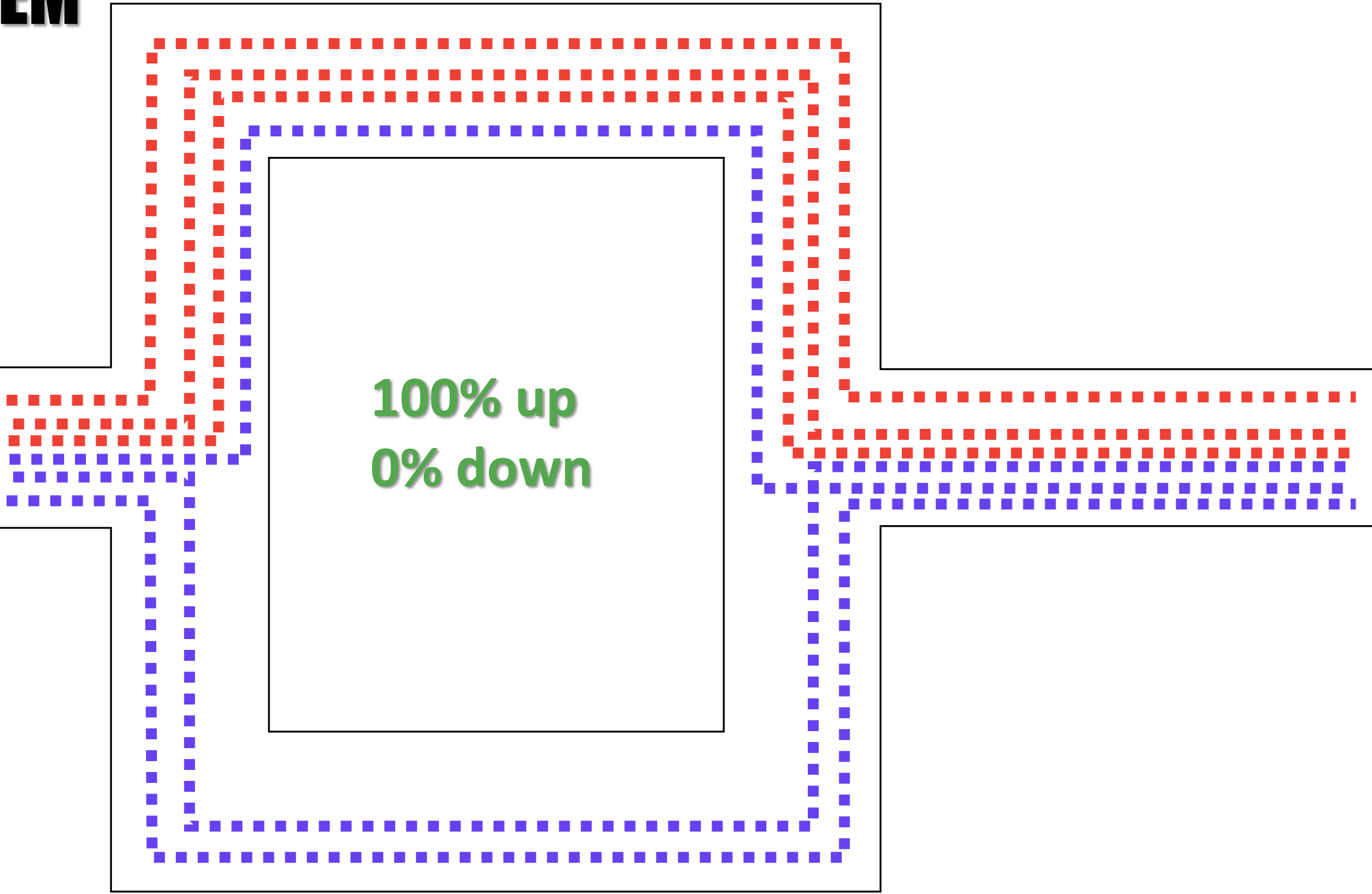
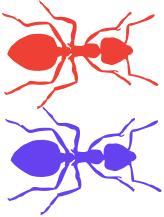
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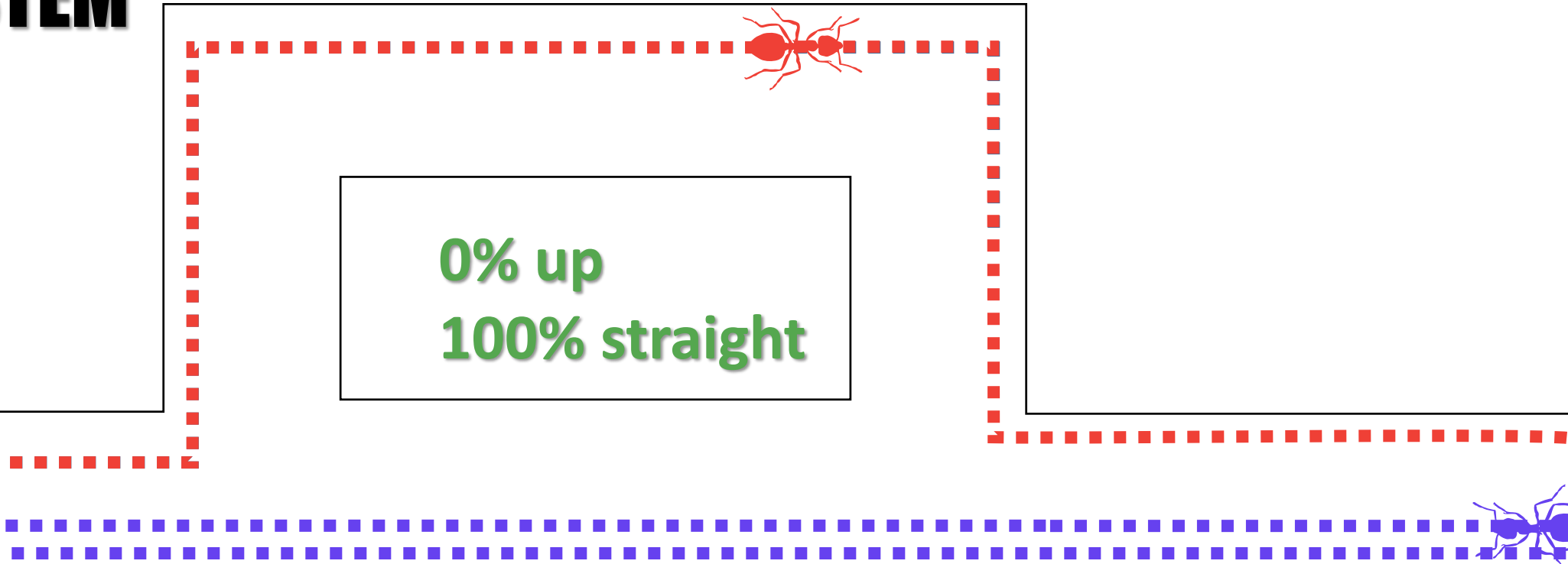
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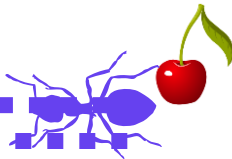
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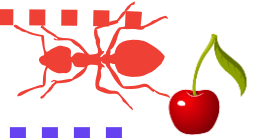
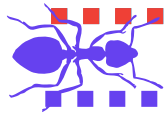
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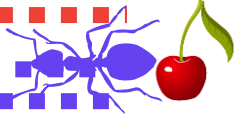


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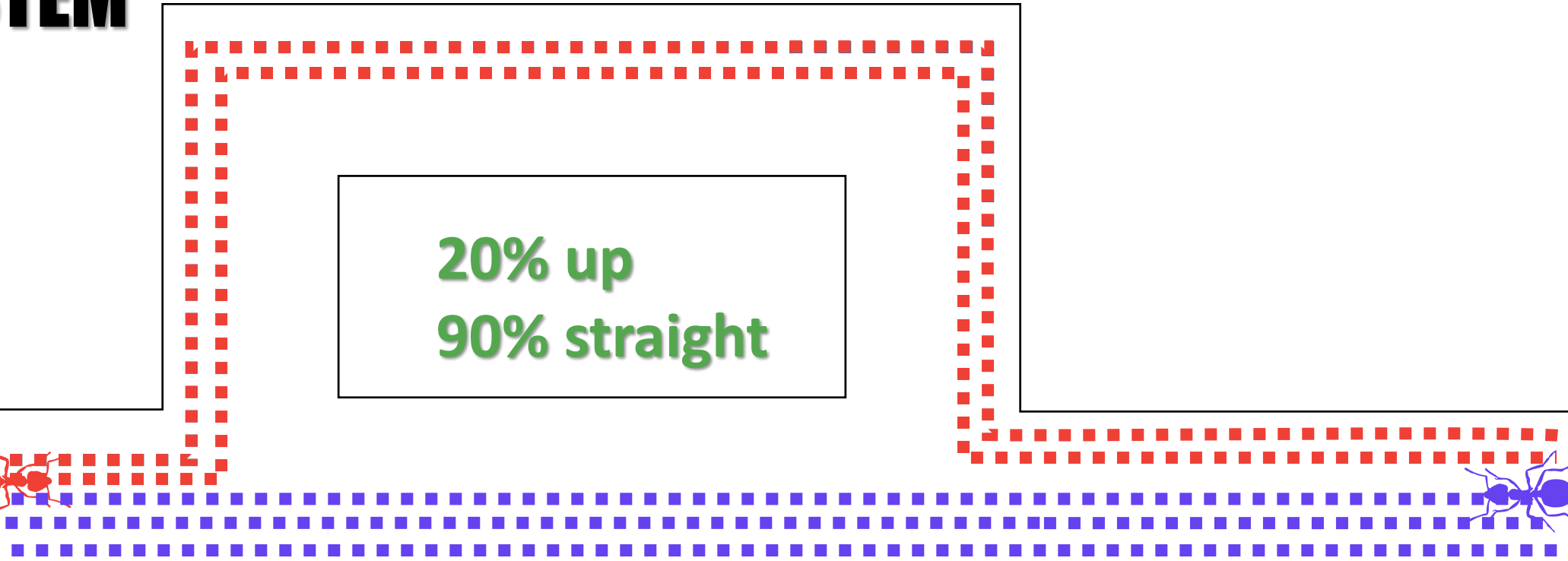


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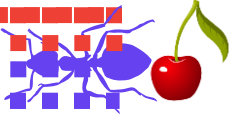
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