

# Meaningful Thickness Detection on Polygonal Curve

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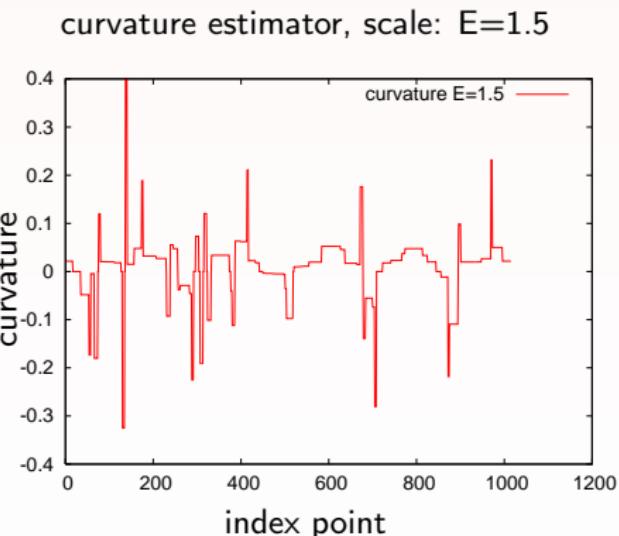
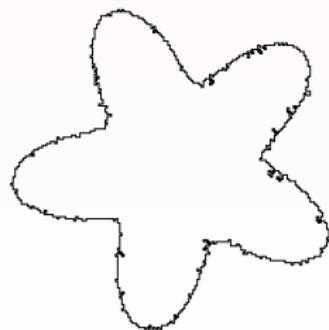
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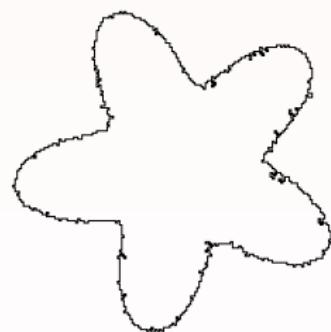
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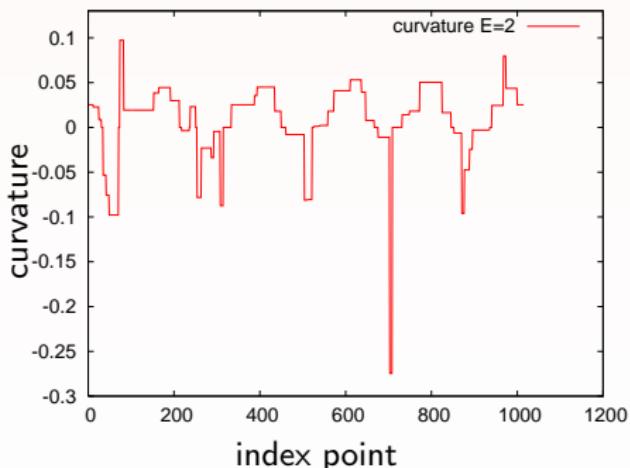
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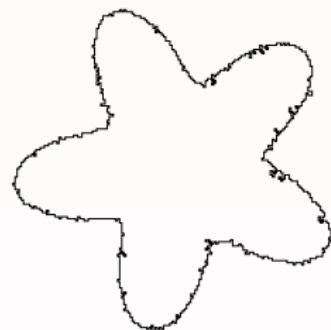
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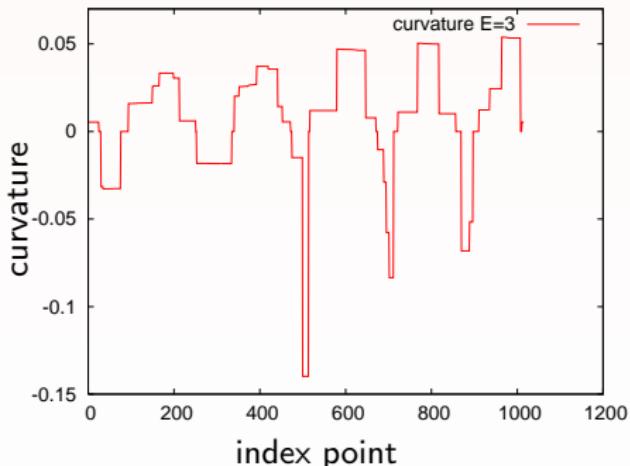
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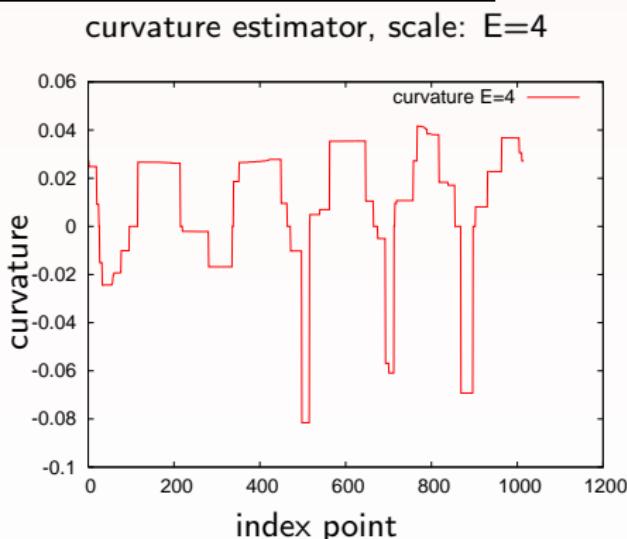
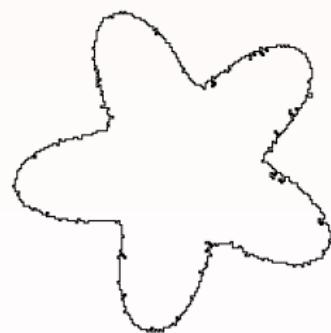
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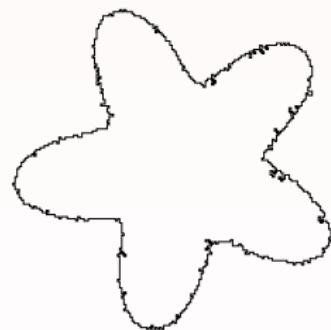
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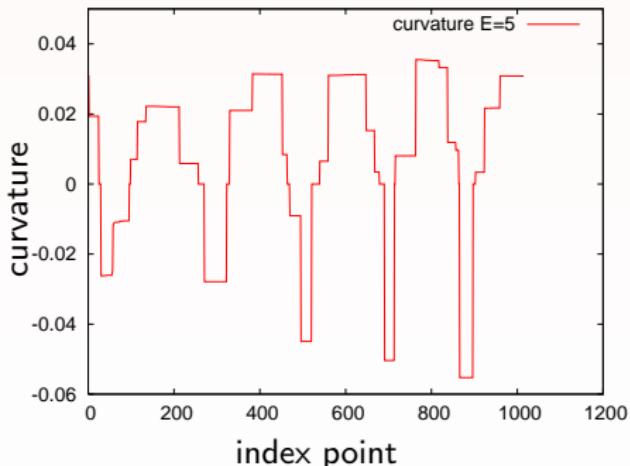
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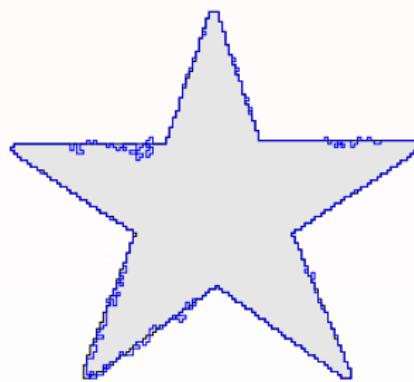
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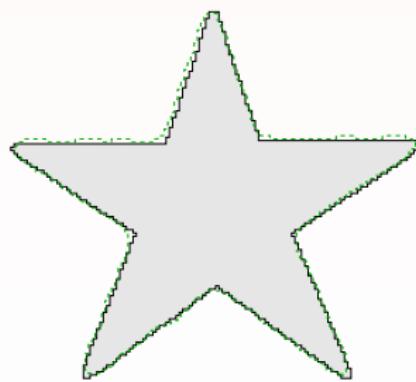
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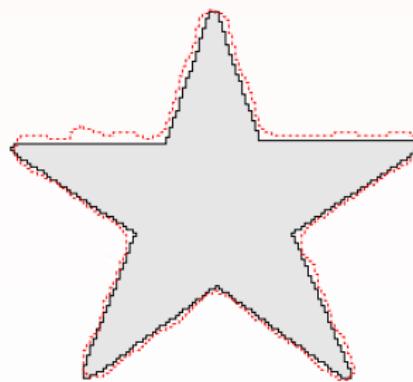
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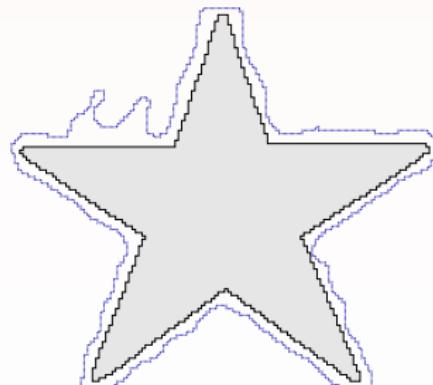
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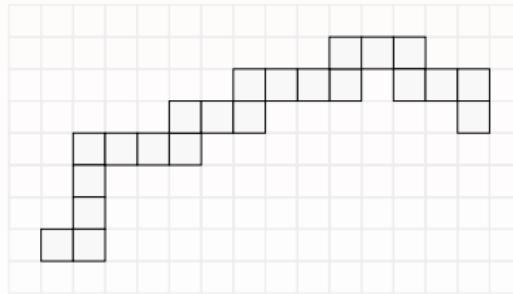
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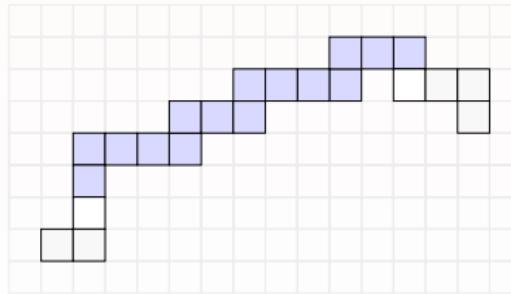
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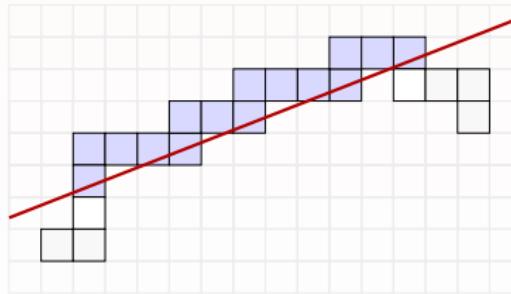
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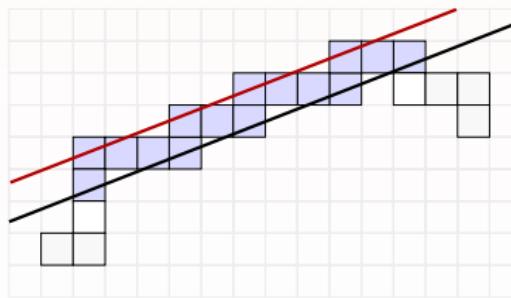
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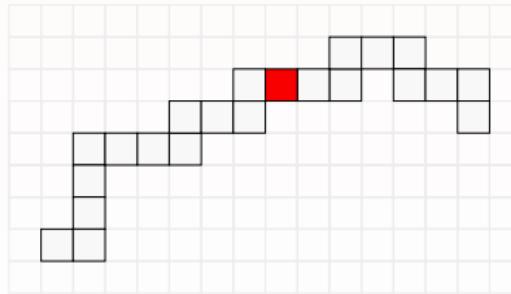
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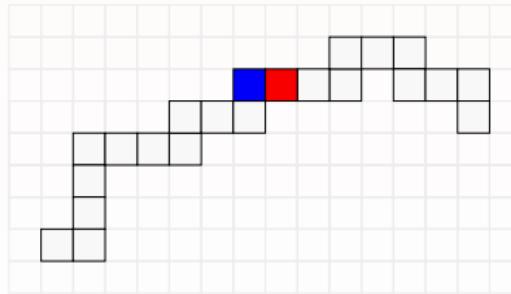
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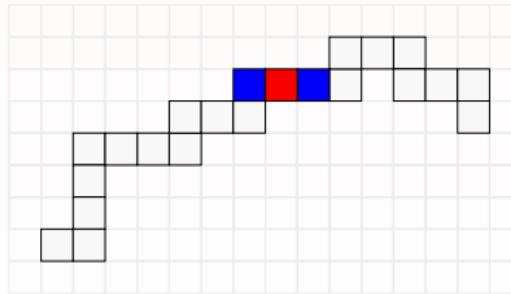
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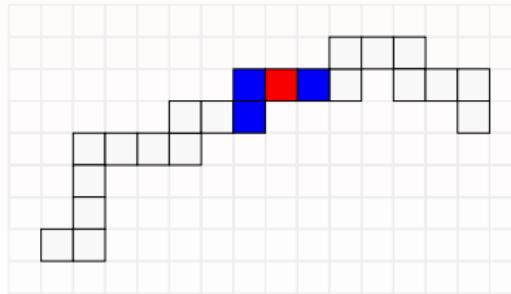
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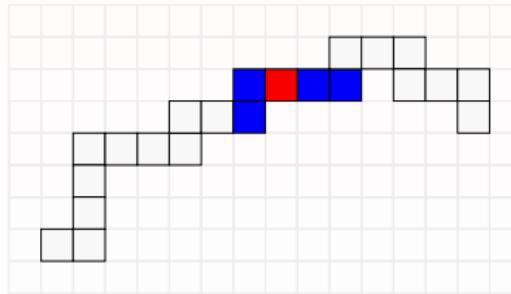
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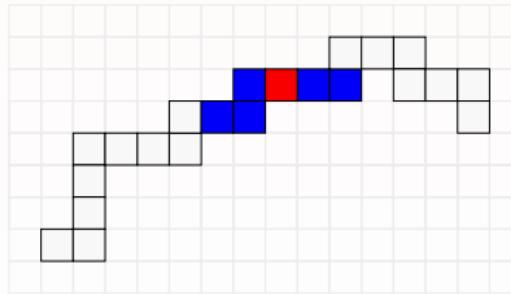
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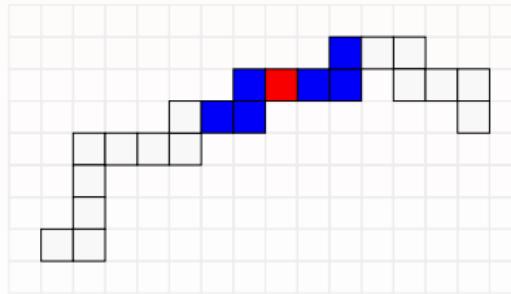
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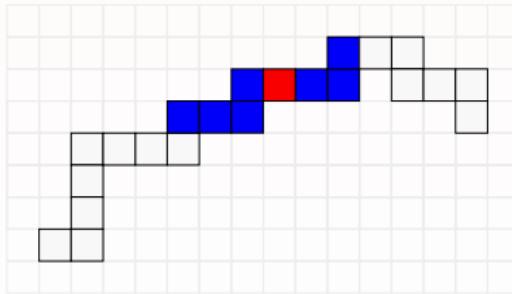
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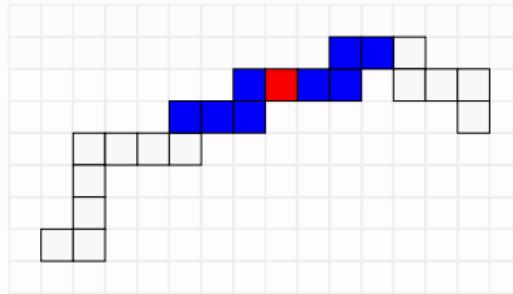
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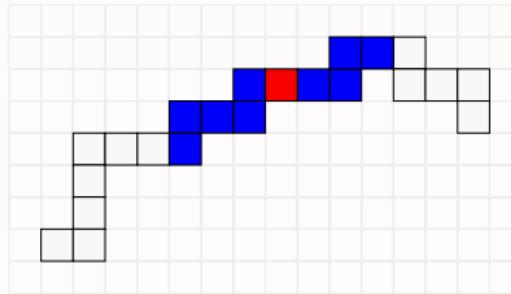
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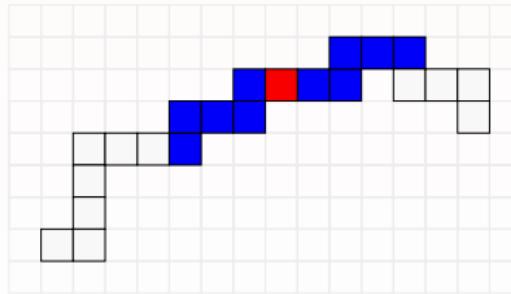
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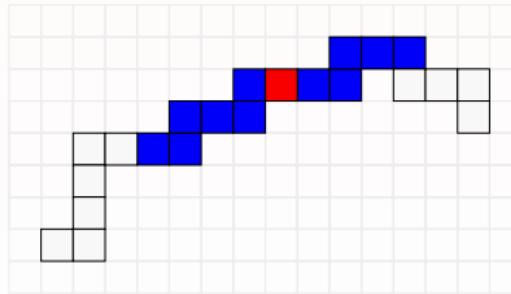
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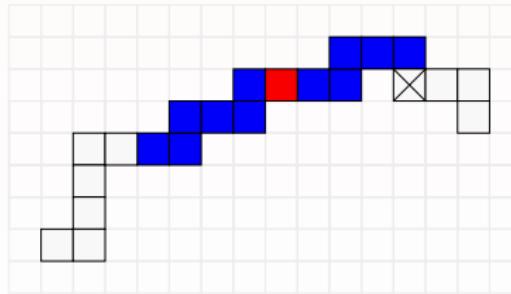
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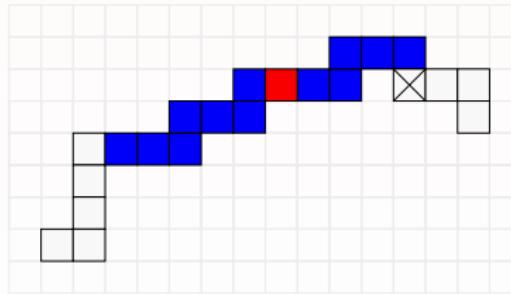
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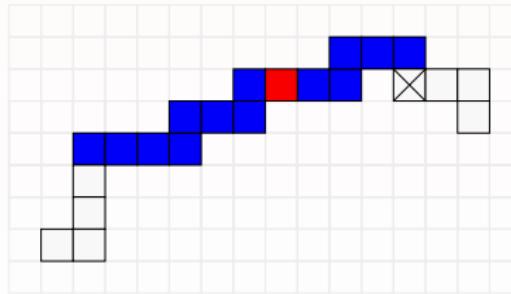
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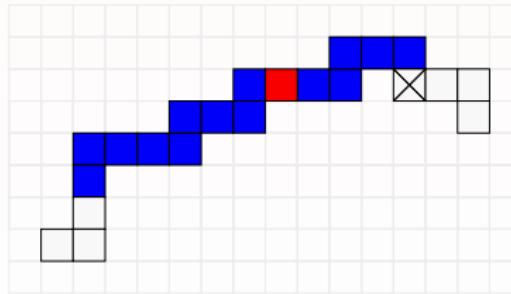
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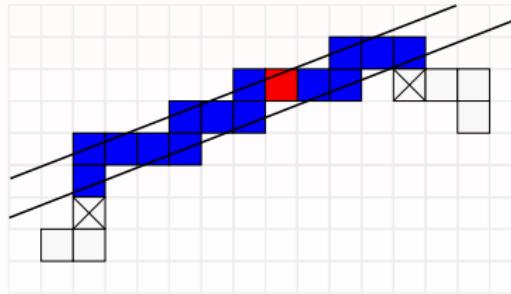
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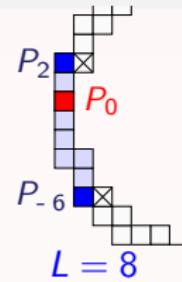


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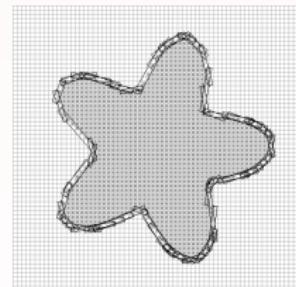
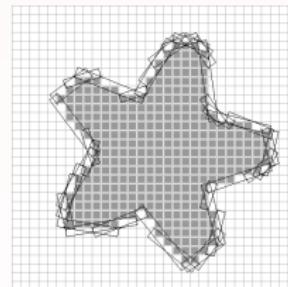
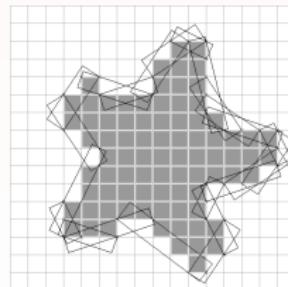
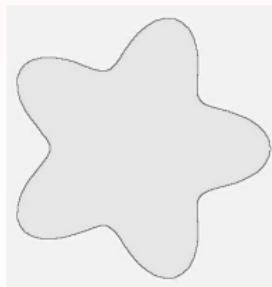
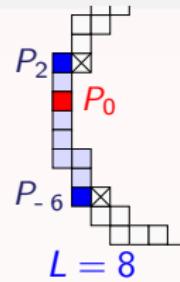
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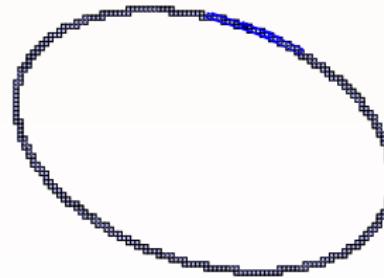
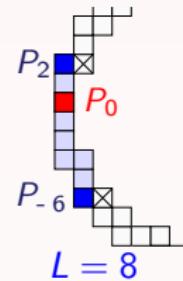
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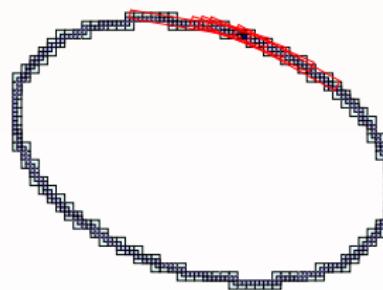
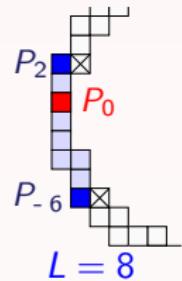
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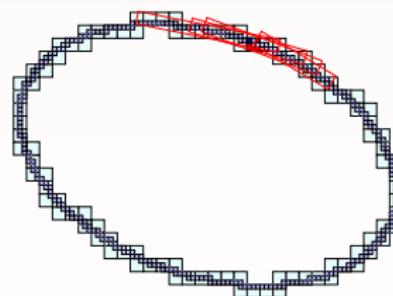
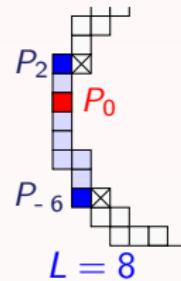
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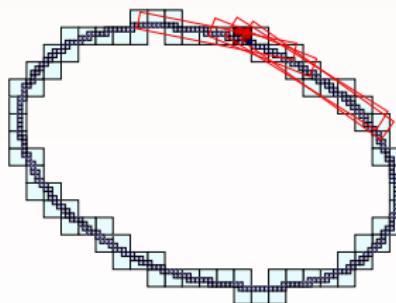
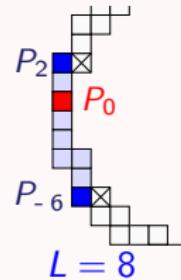
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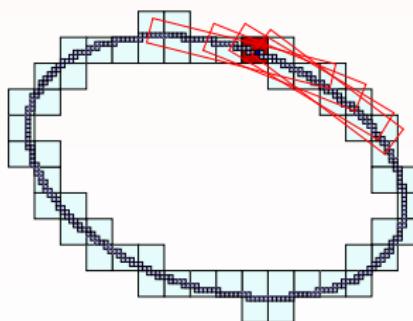
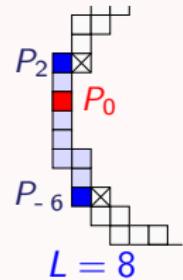
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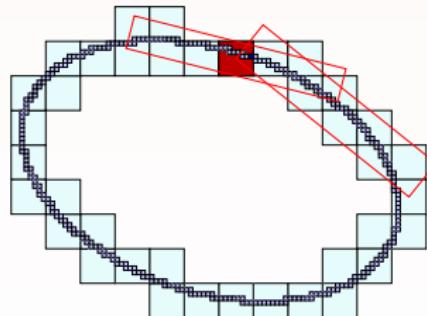
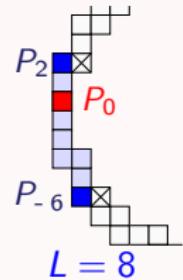
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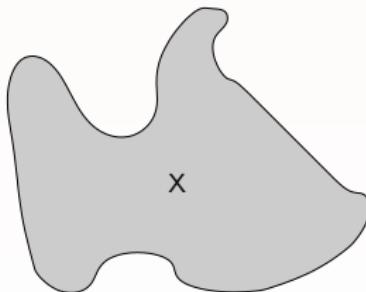
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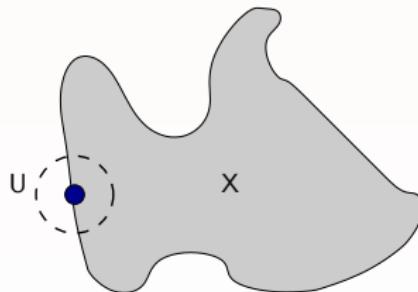
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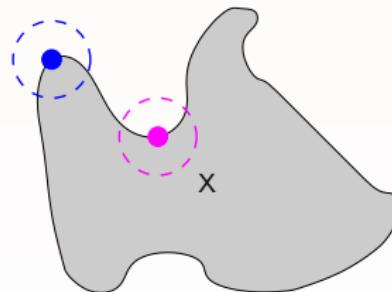


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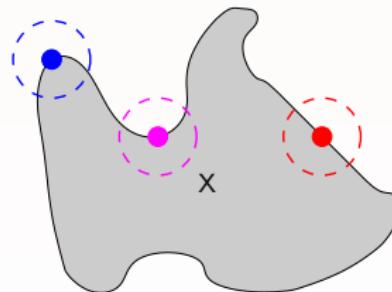


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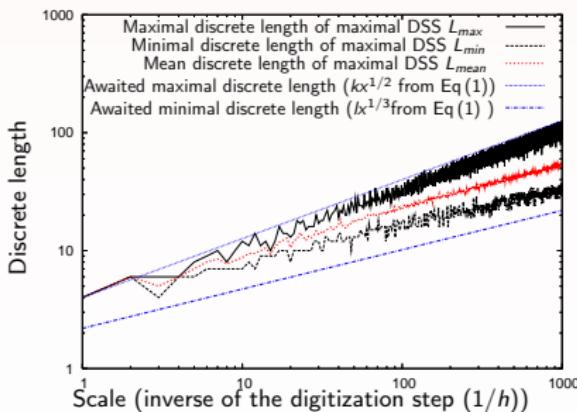
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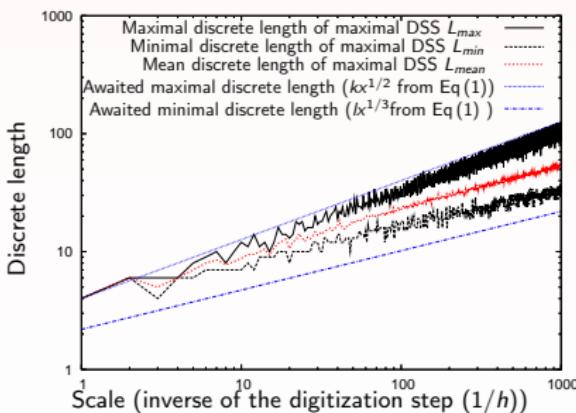
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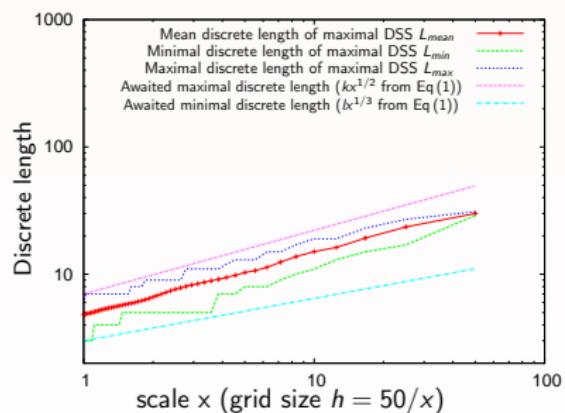
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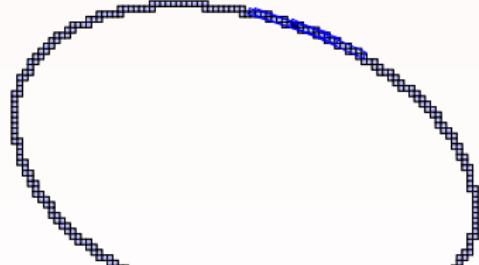


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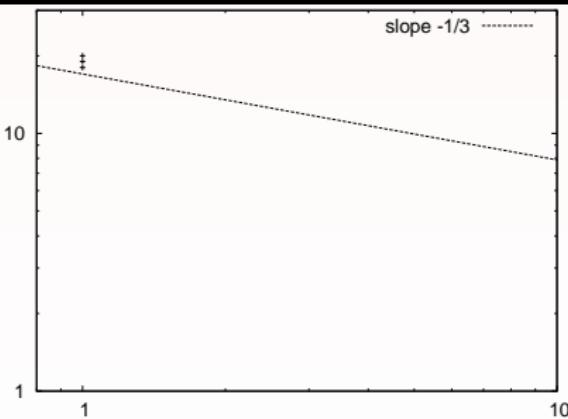


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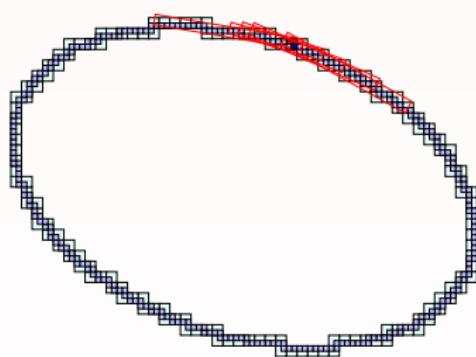
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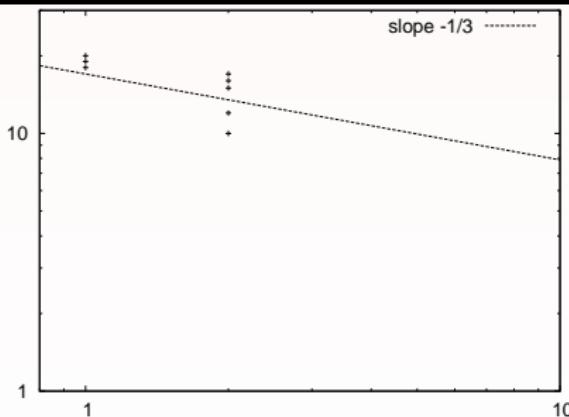
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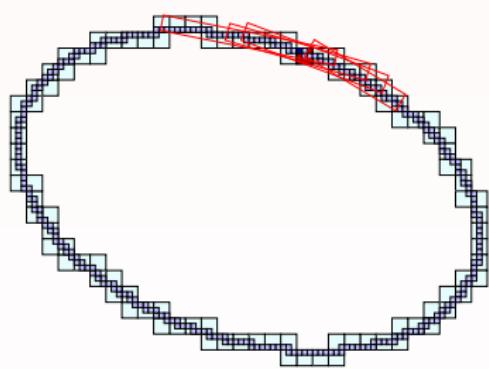
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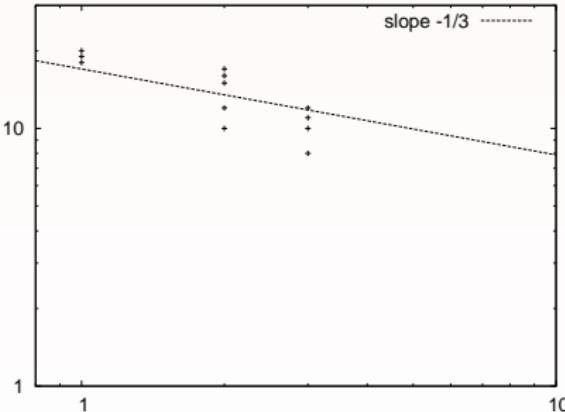
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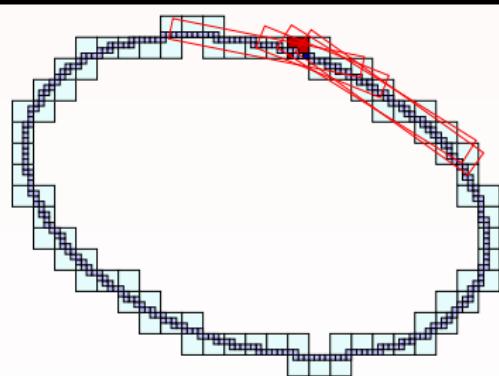
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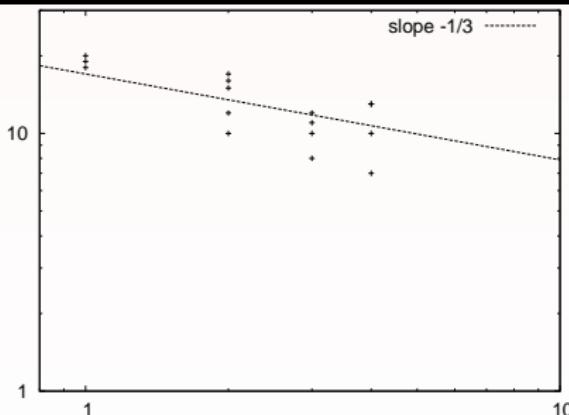
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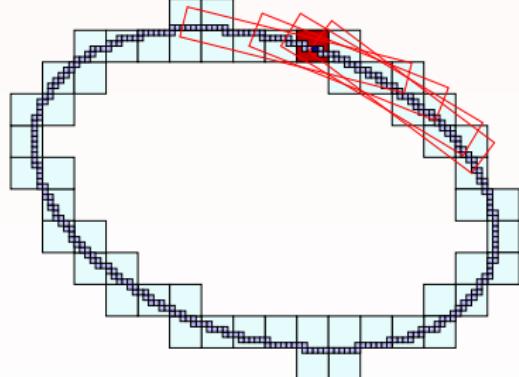
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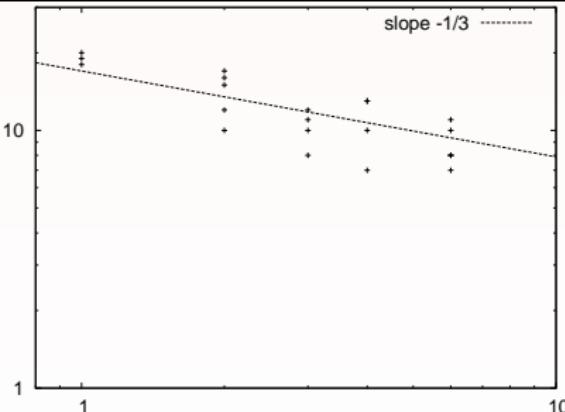
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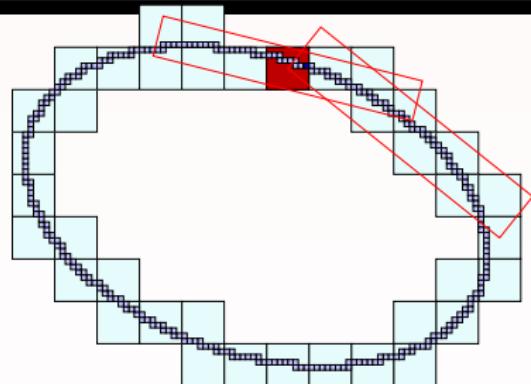
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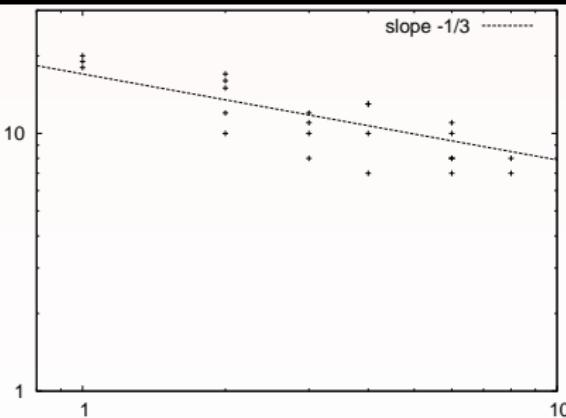
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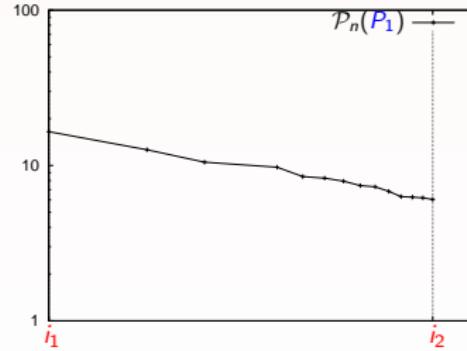
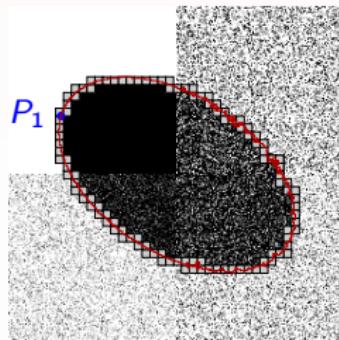
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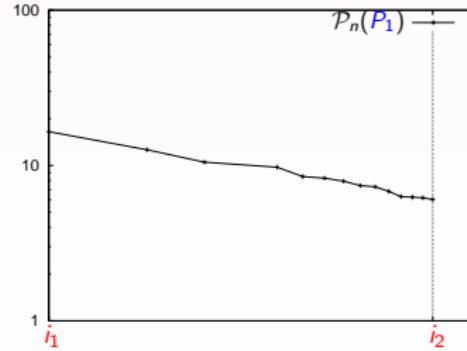
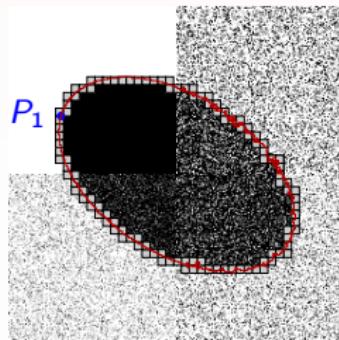
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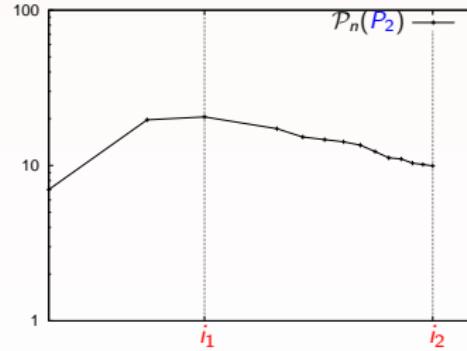
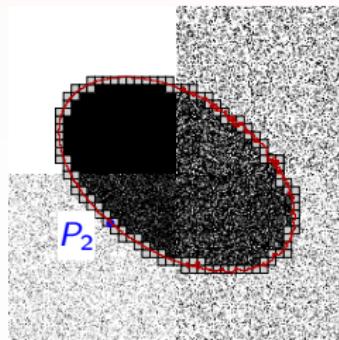
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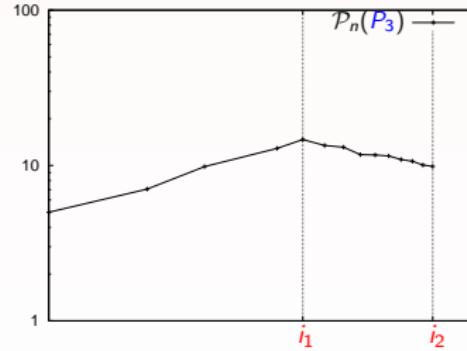
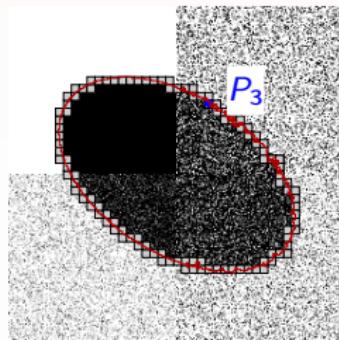
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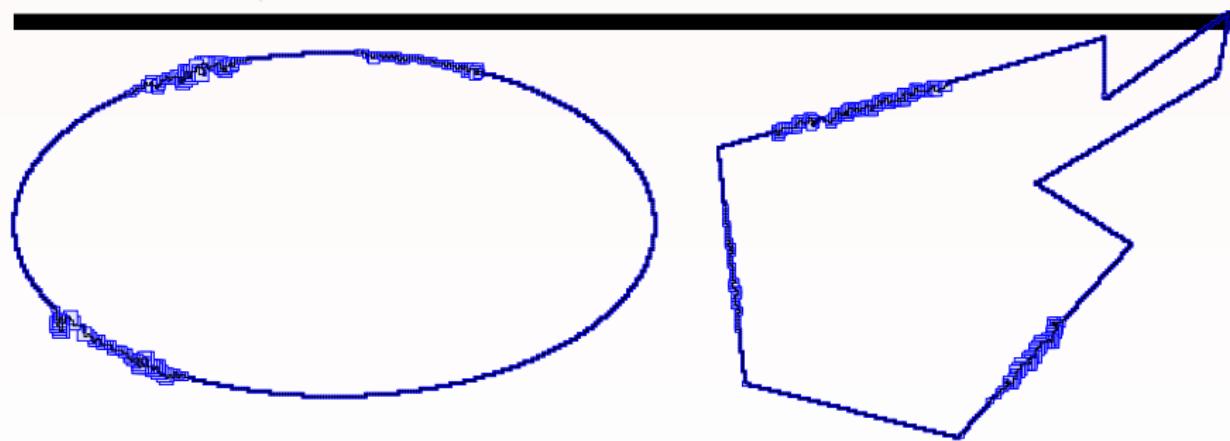
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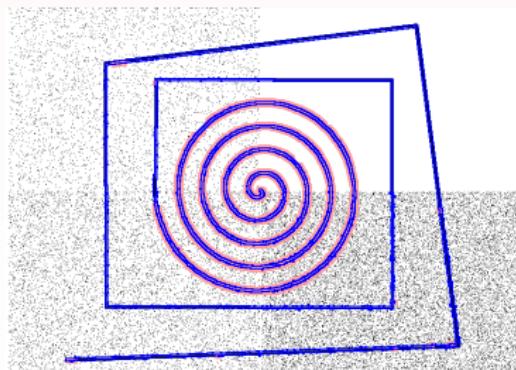
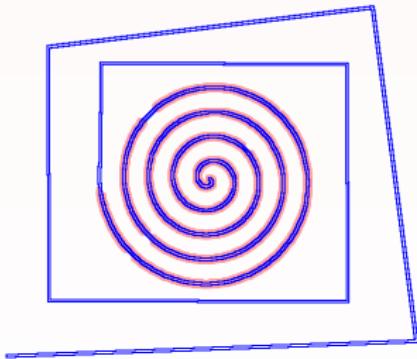
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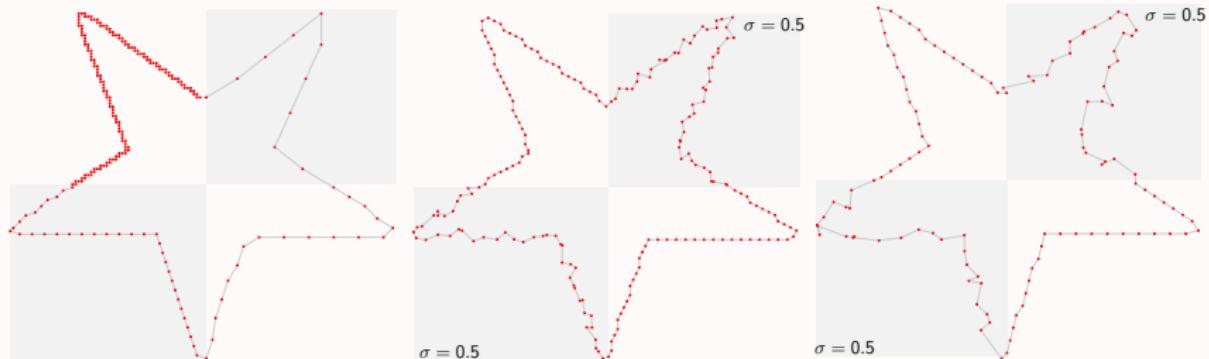


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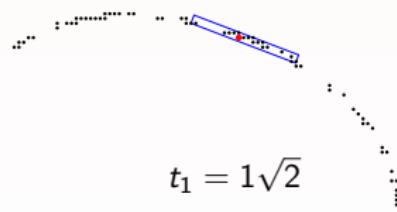
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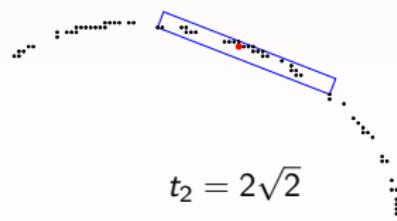
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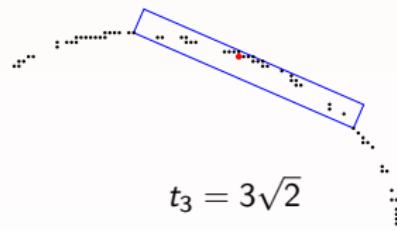
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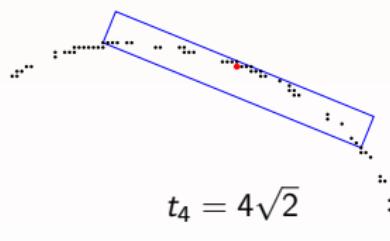
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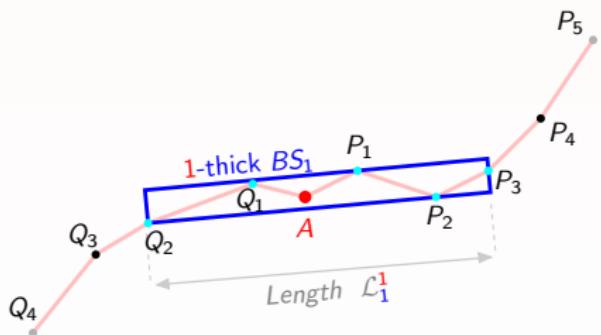
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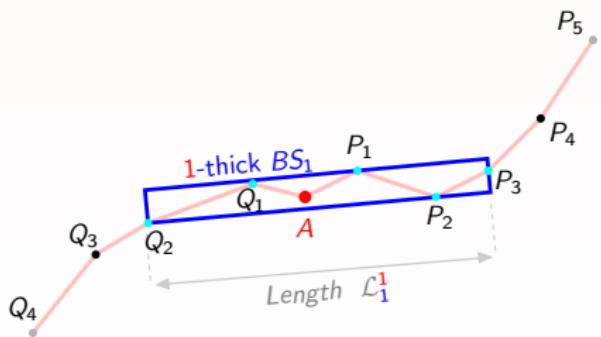
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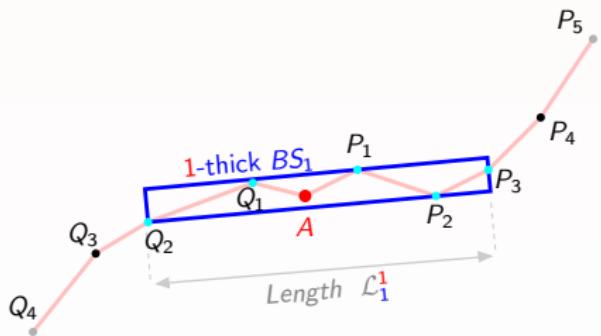
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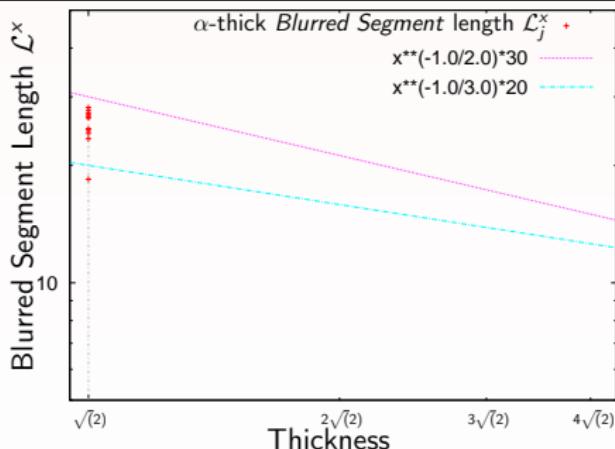
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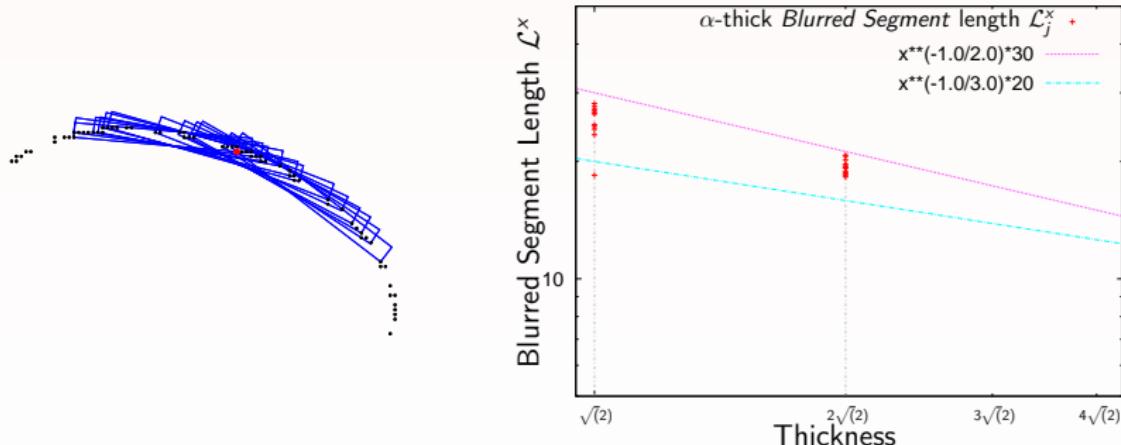
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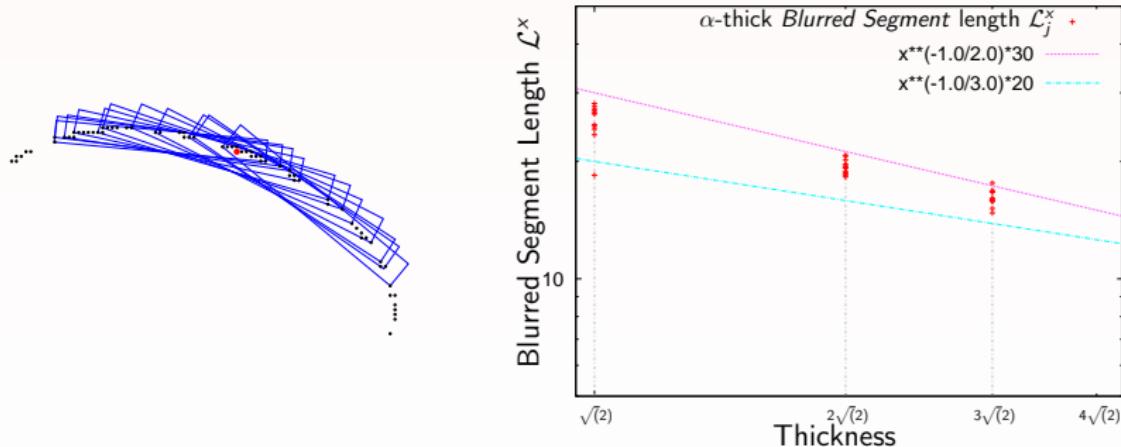
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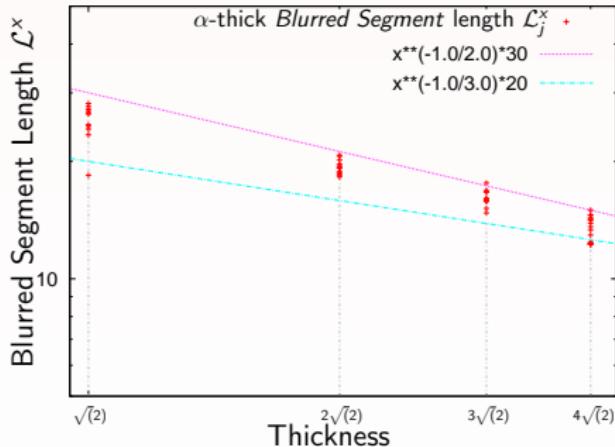
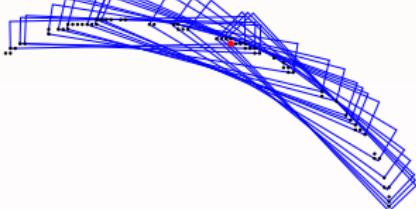
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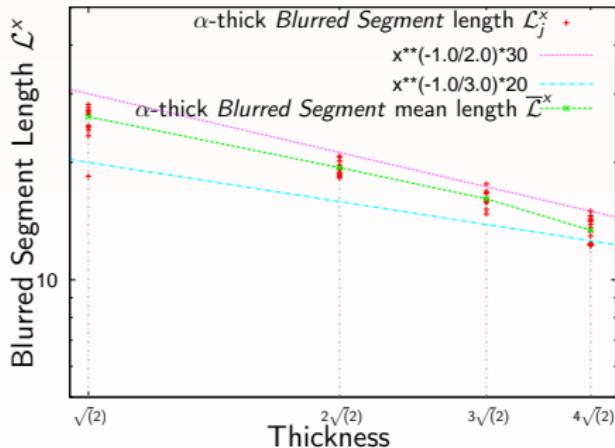
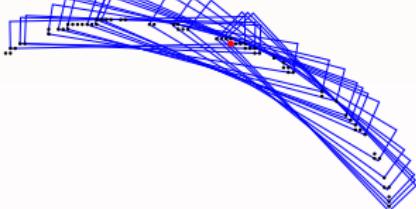
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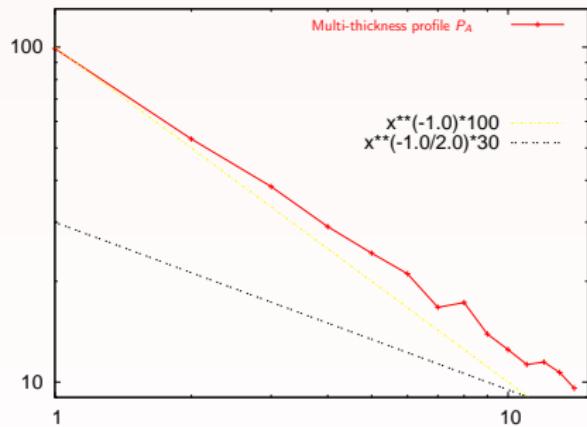
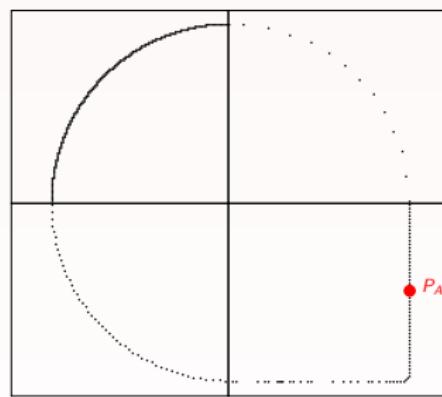
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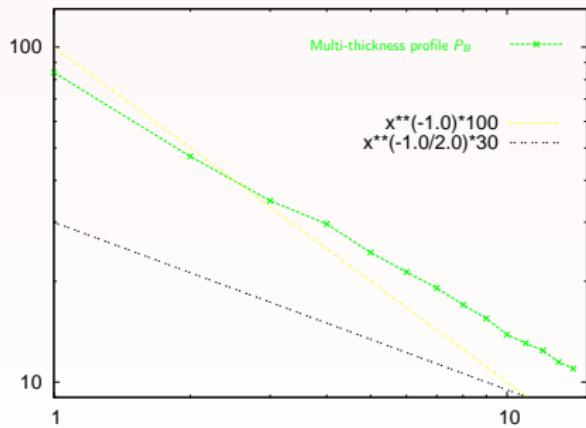
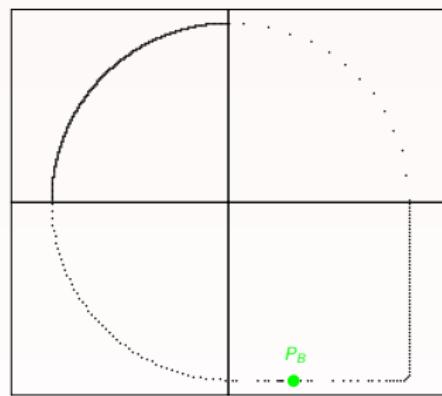
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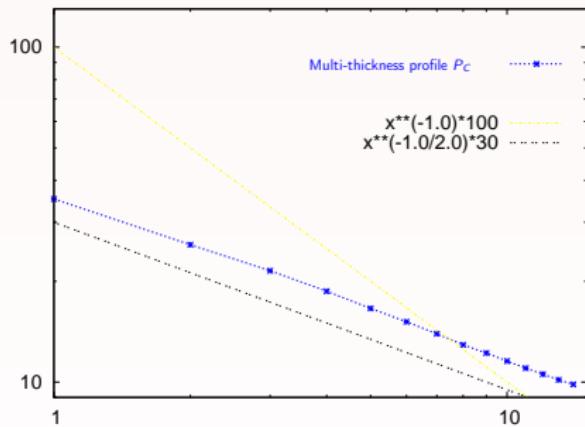
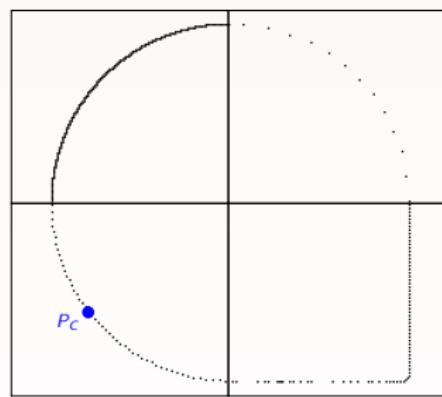
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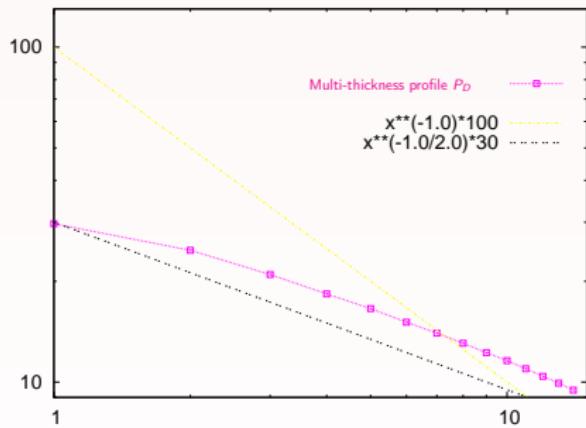
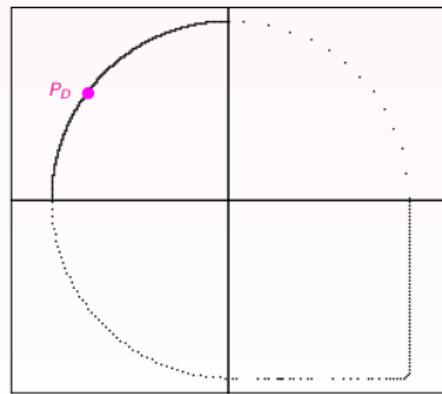
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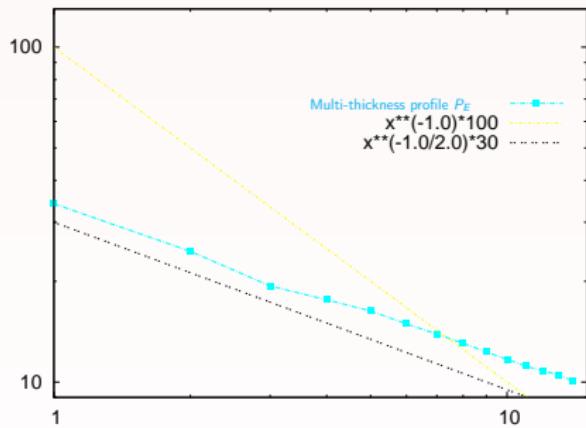
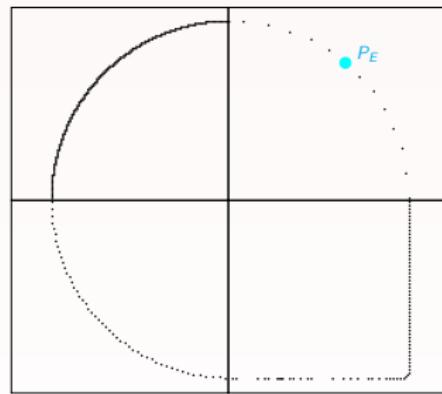
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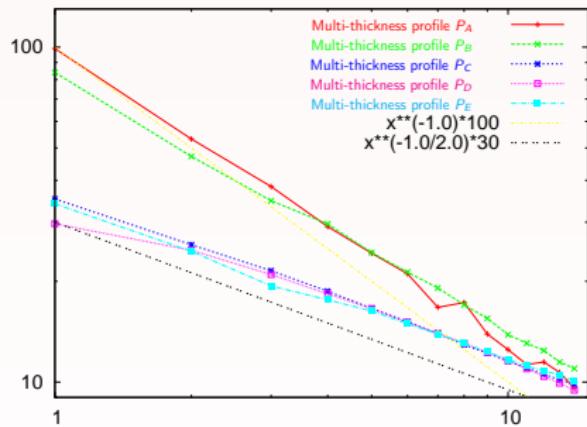
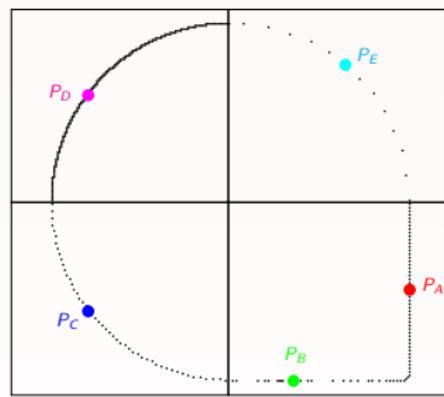
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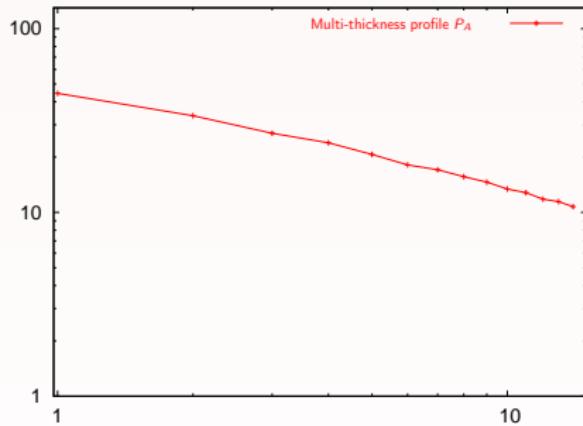
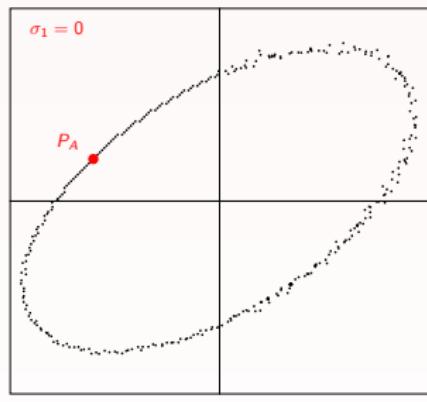
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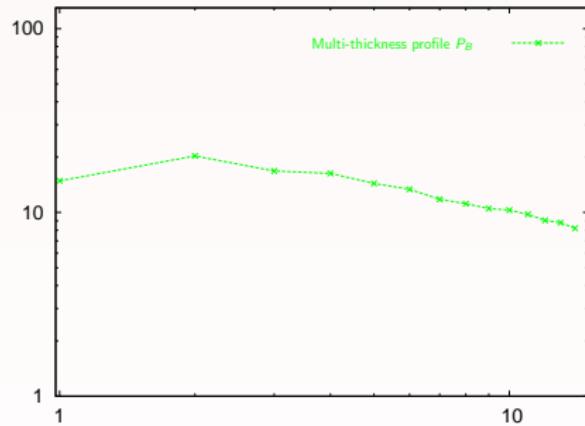
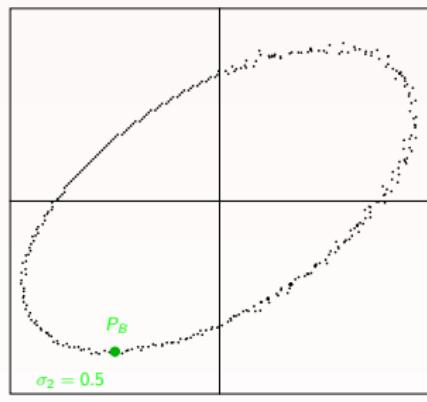
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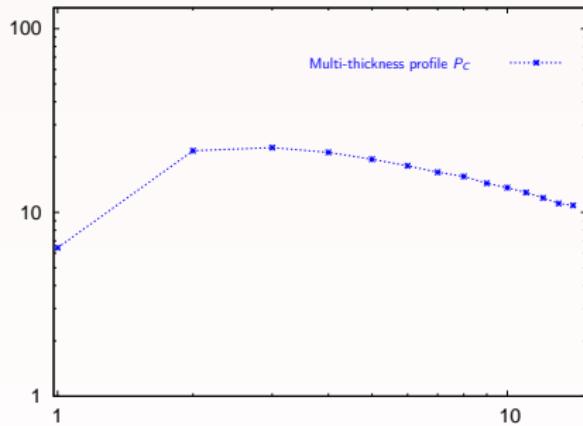
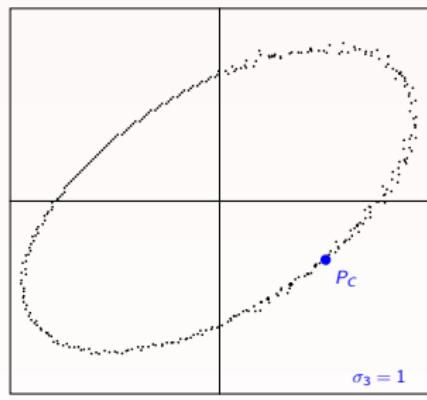
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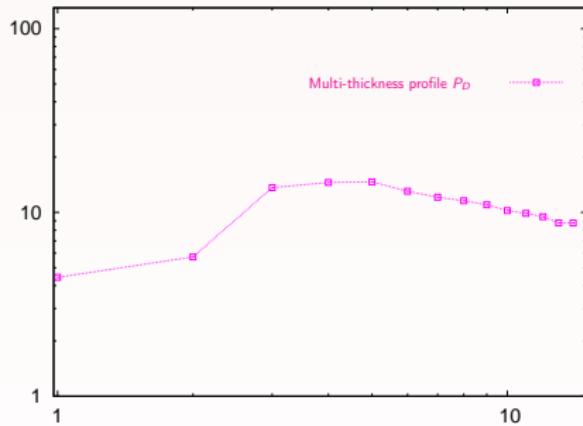
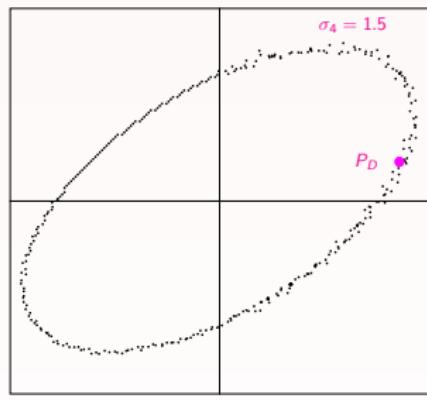
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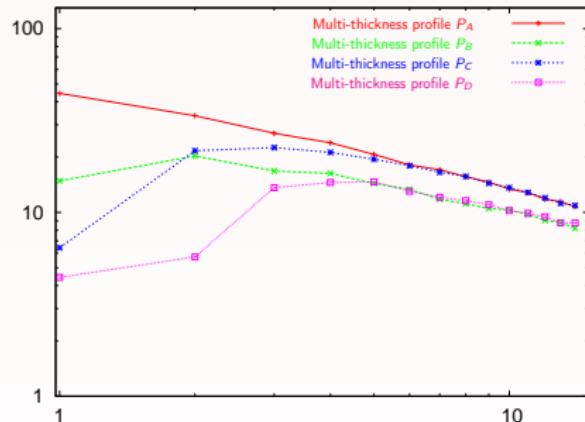
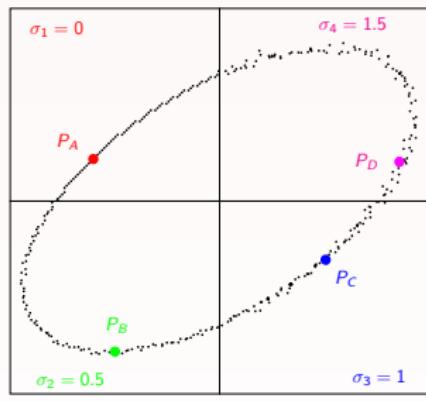
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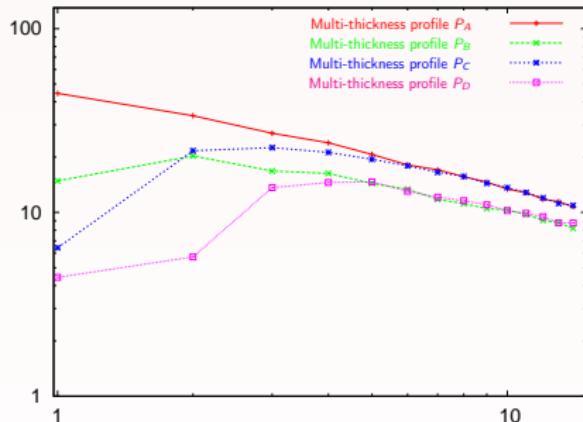
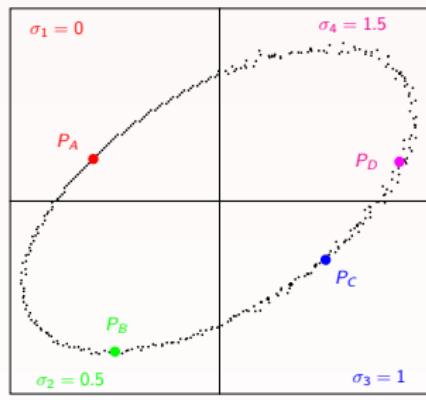
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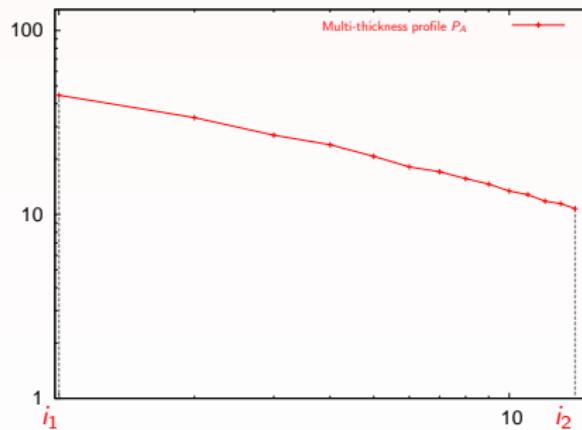
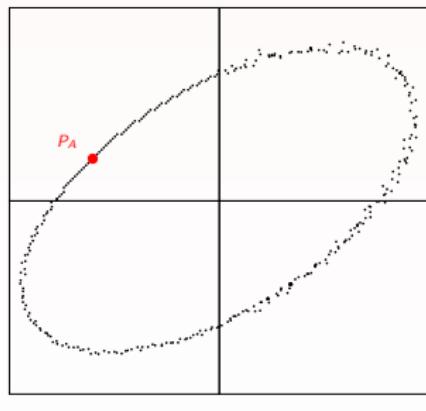
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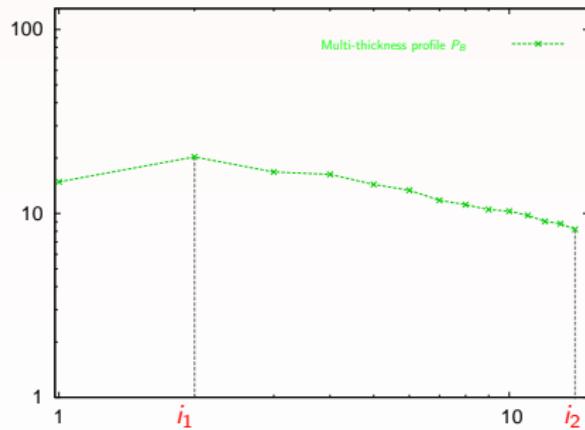
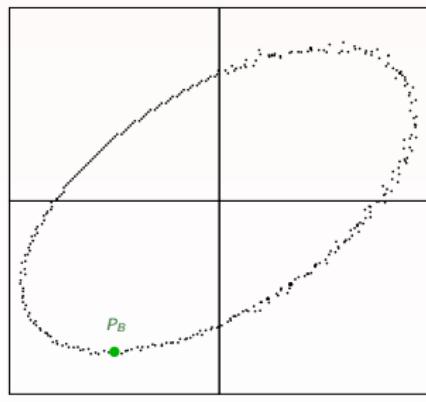
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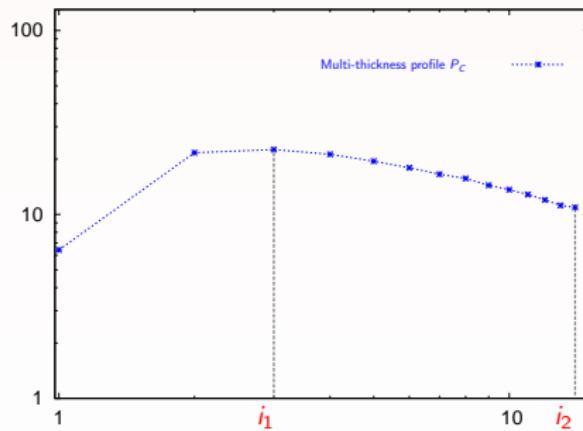
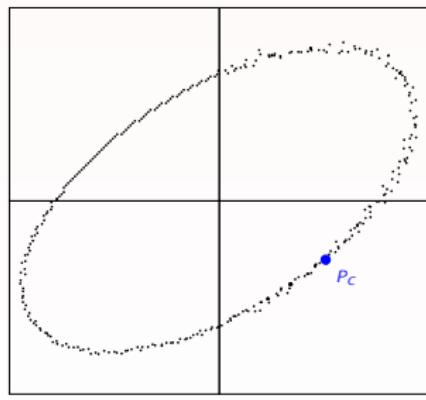
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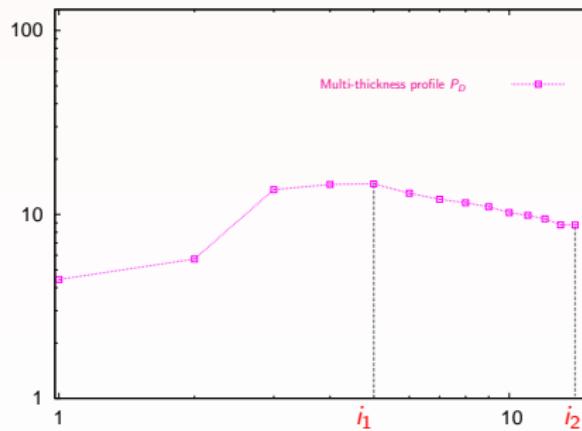
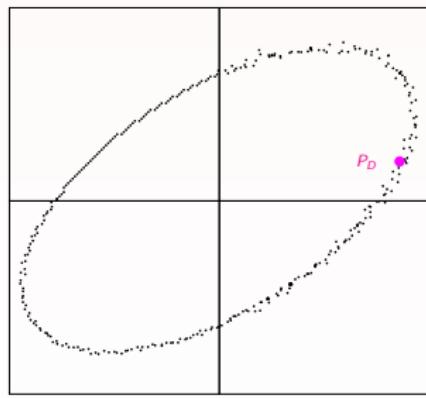
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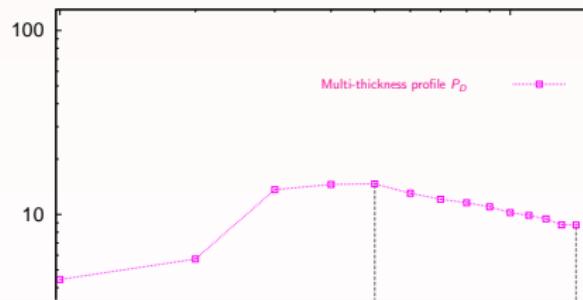
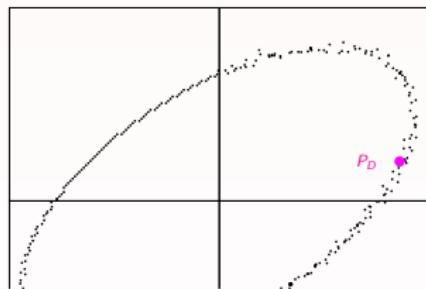
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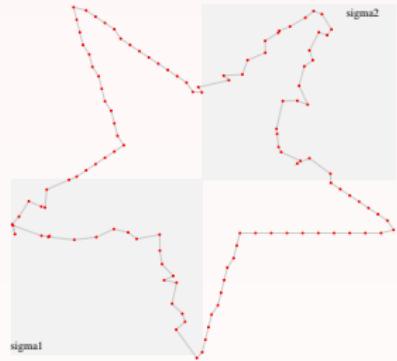
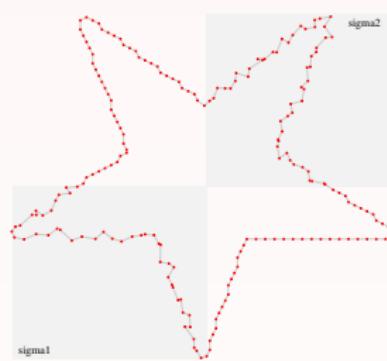
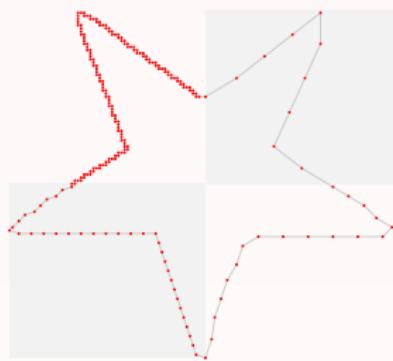
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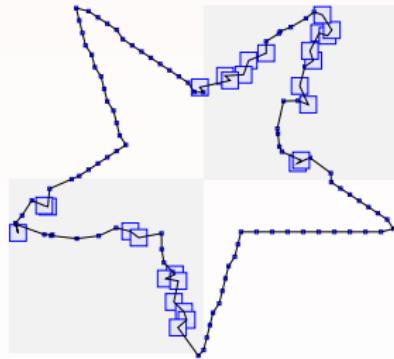
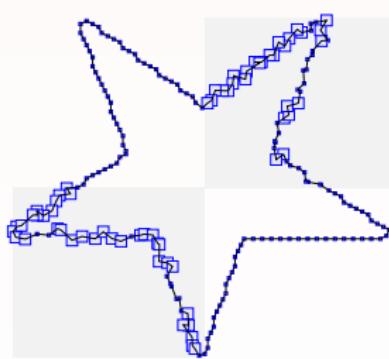
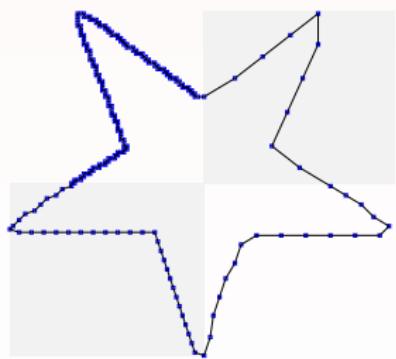
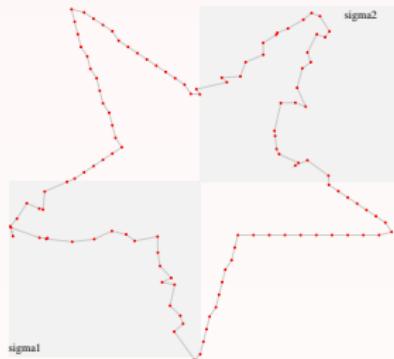
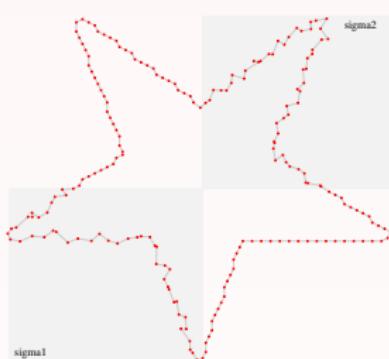
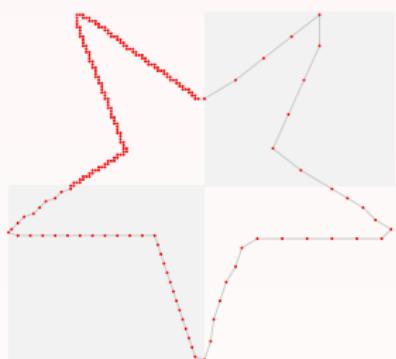


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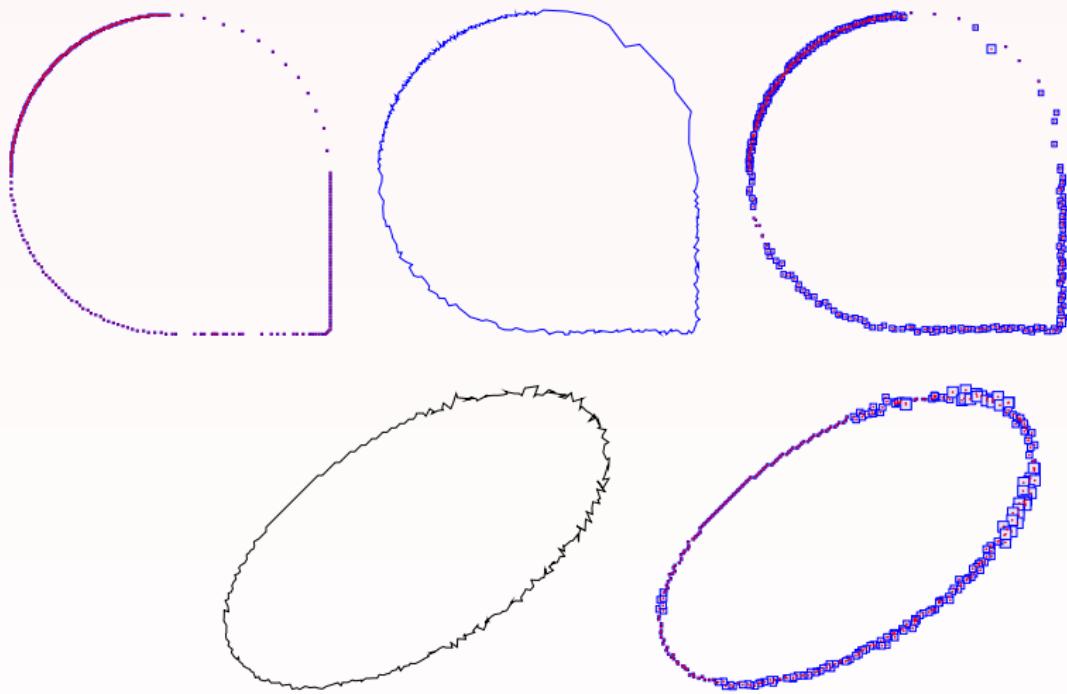
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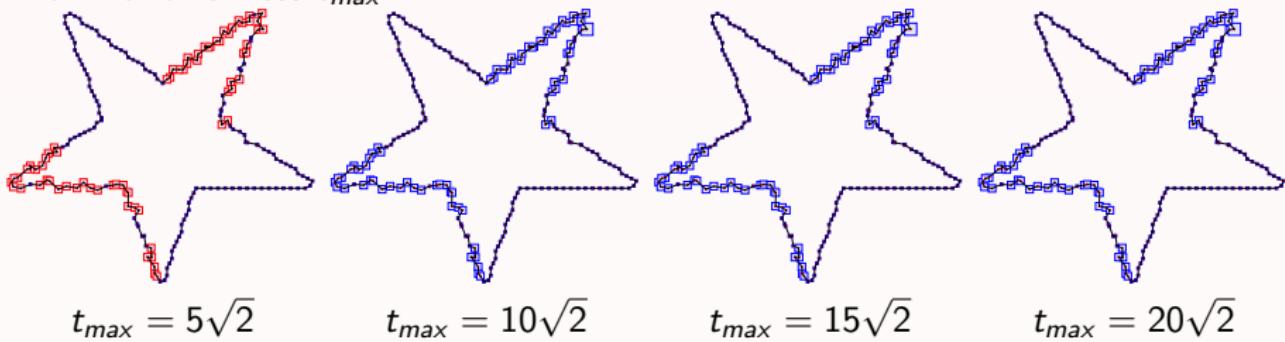


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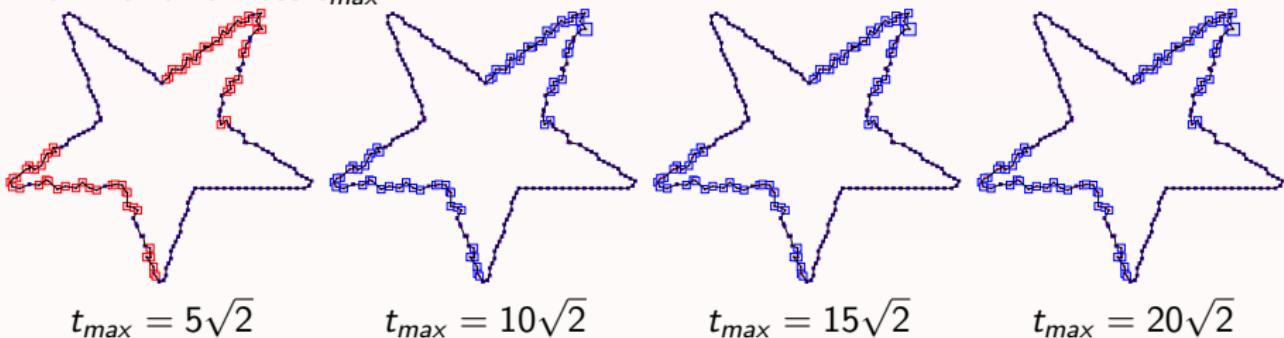
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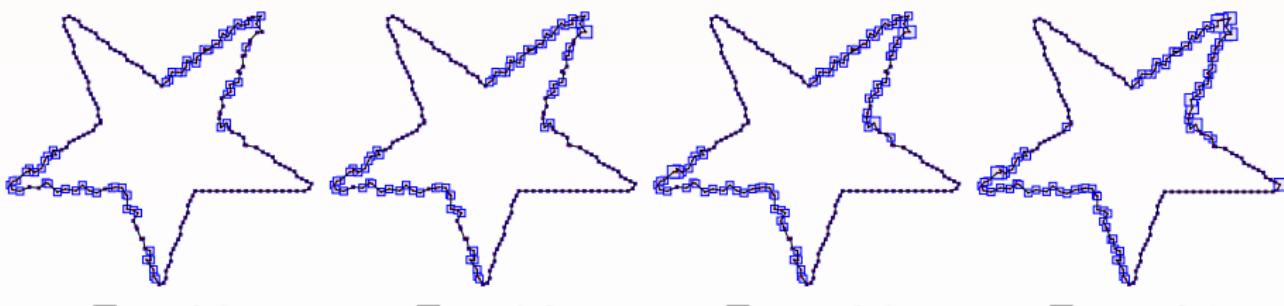


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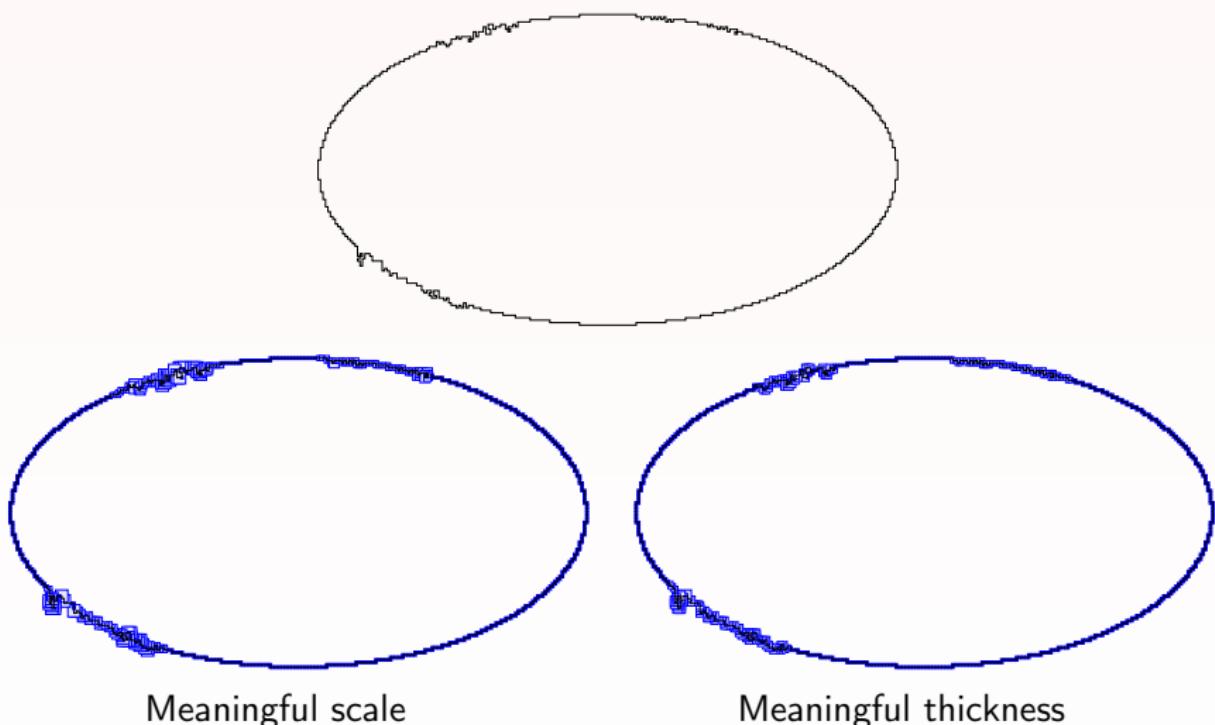
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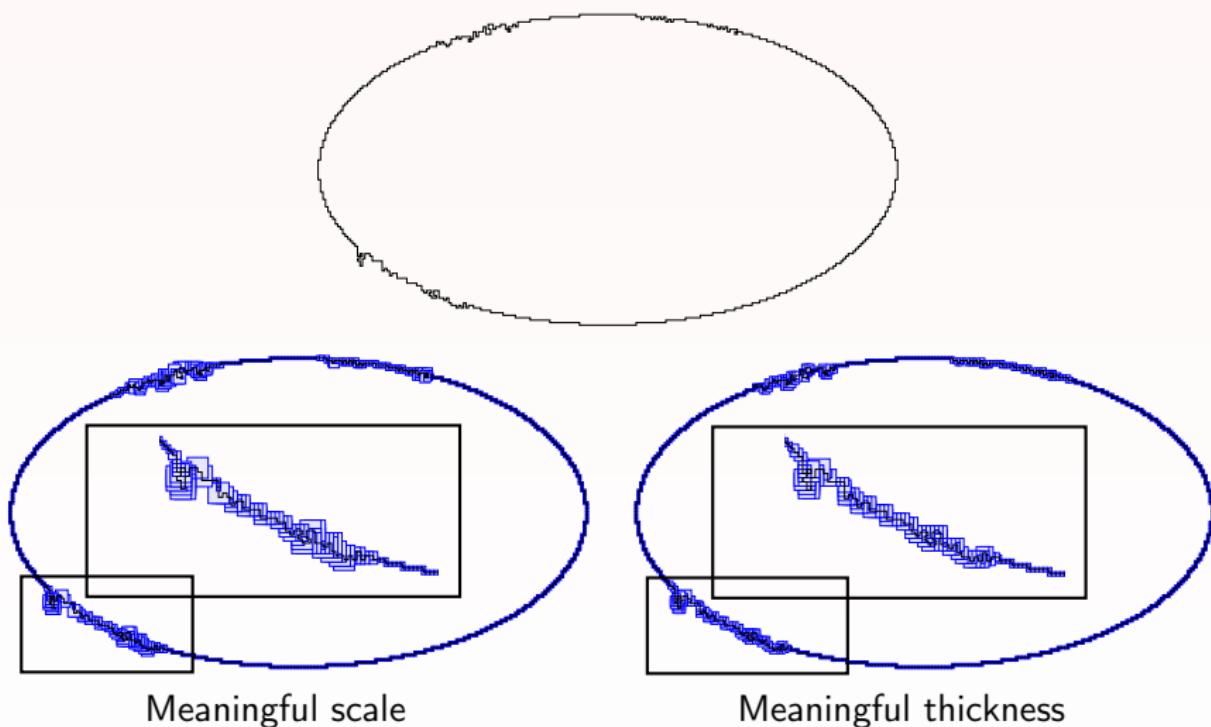
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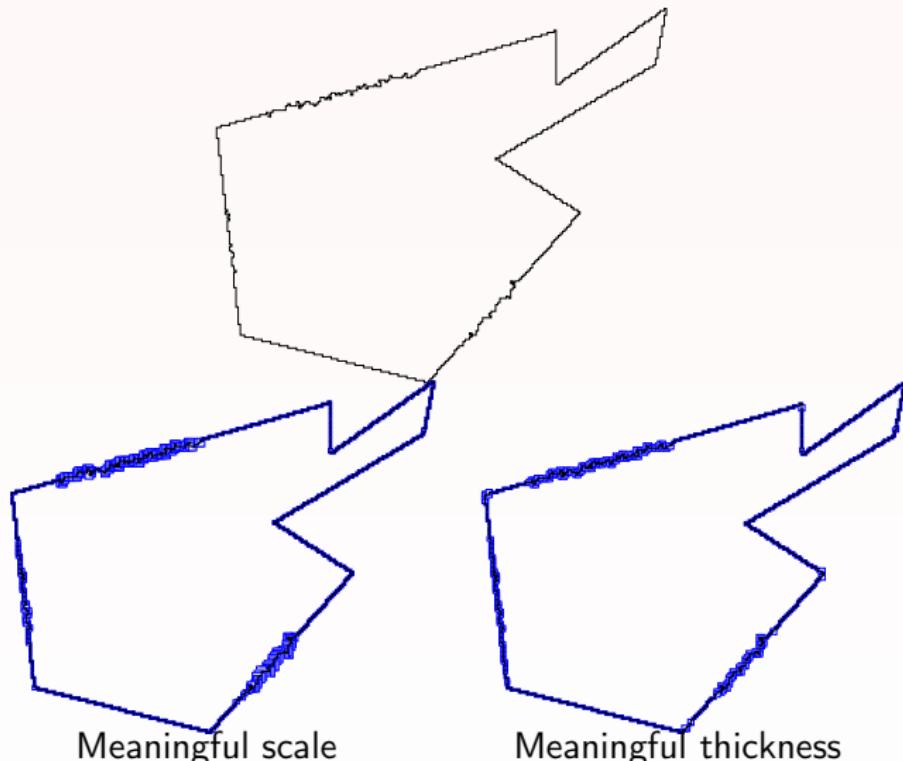


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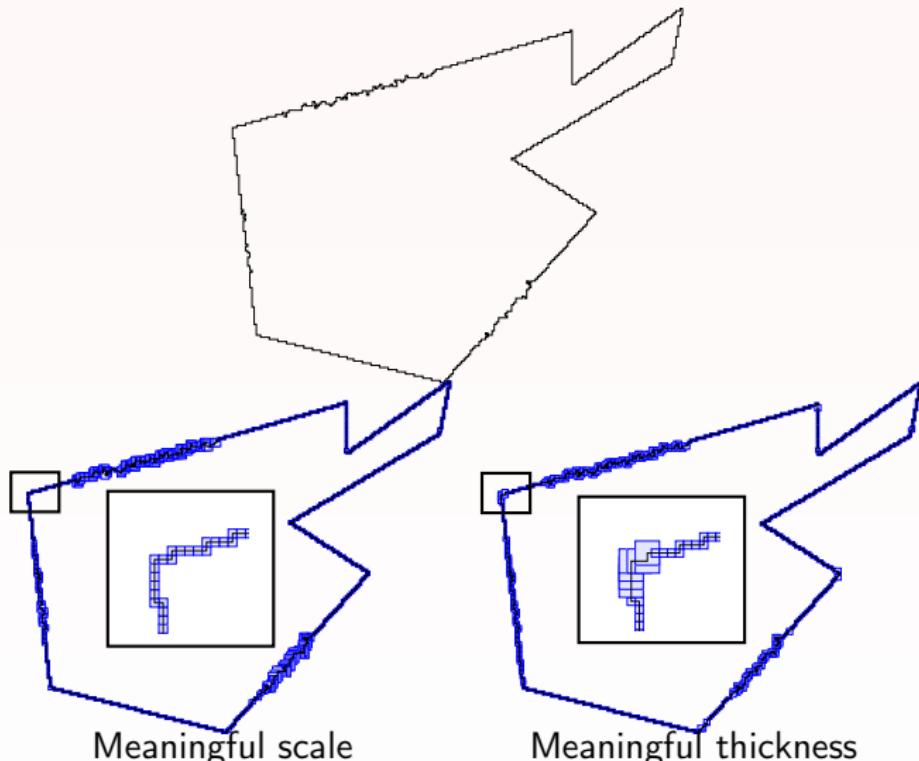
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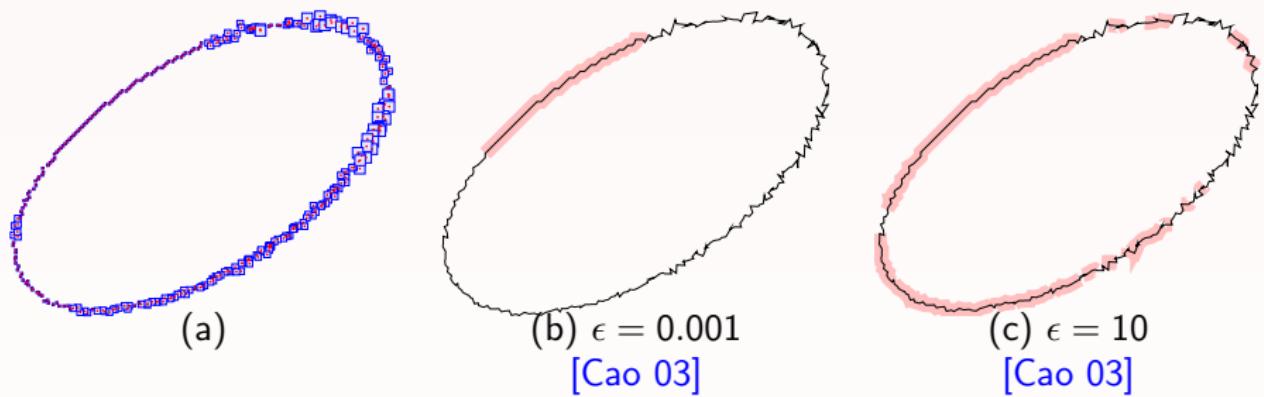


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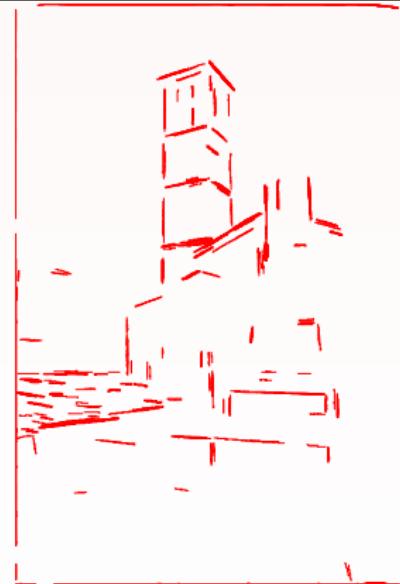
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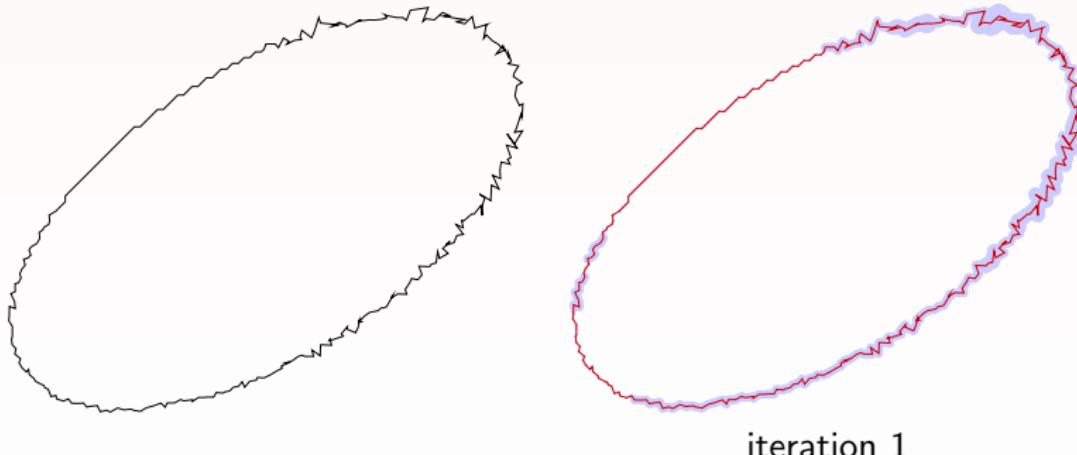


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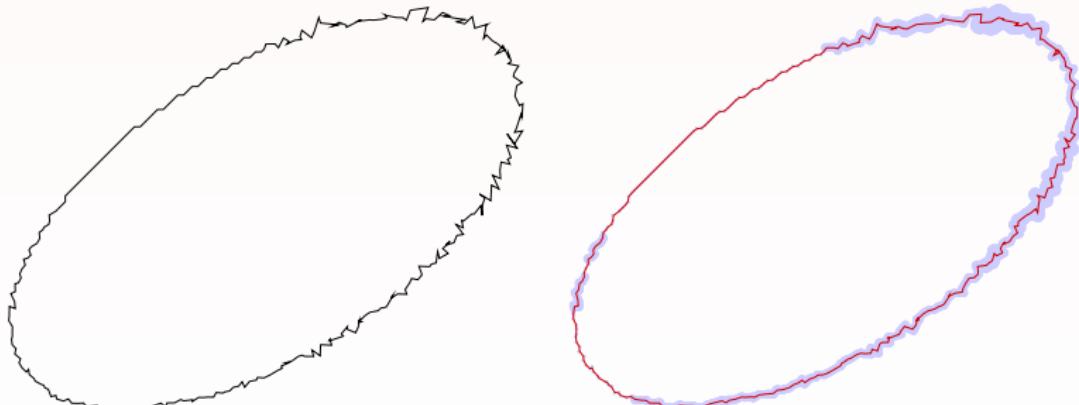
- Applying an iterative process on contour points  $P_i$ .
- Each points are moved:
  - by a weighted average of its two neighbors.
  - from constraint defined from meaningful thickness.
- Constraints are also defined between polygon vertex by linear interpolation.



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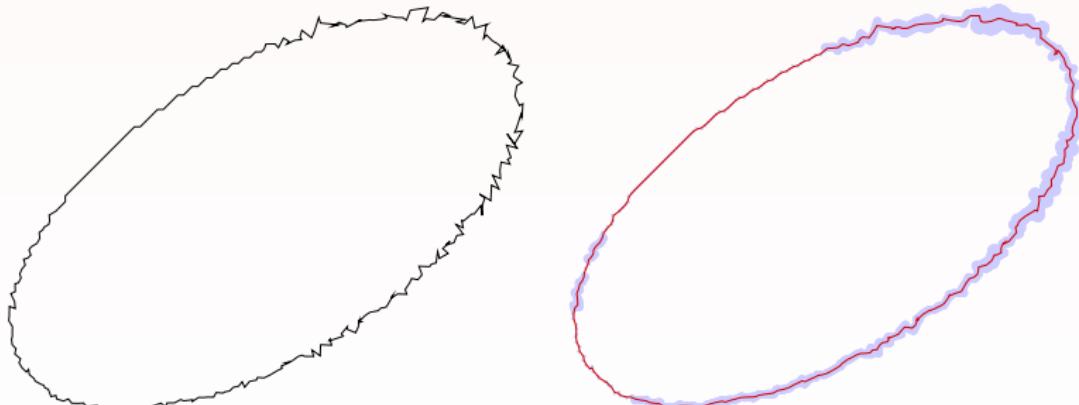
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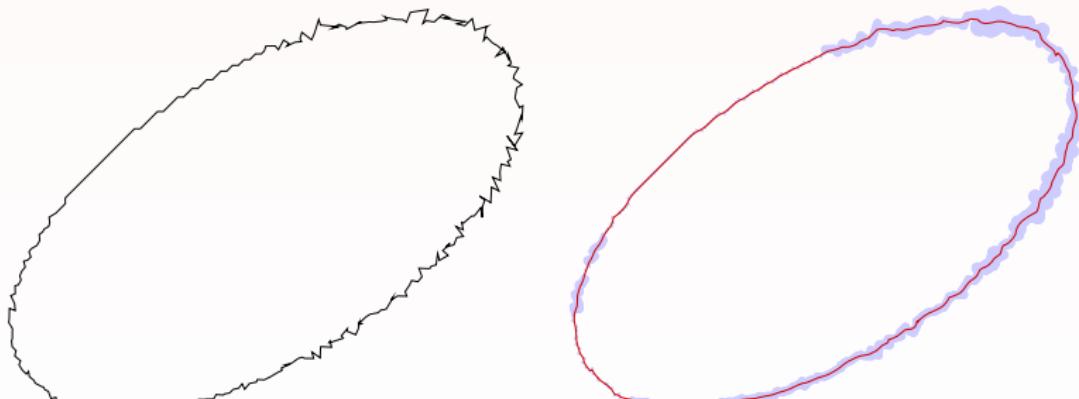
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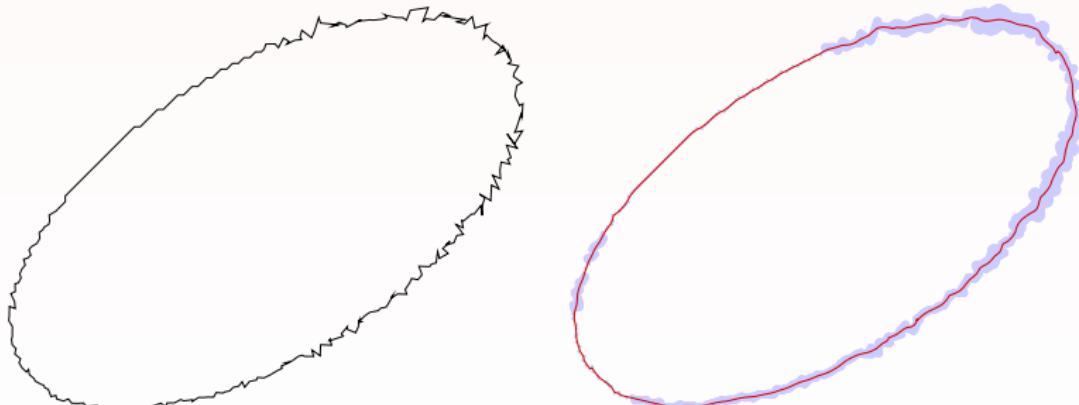


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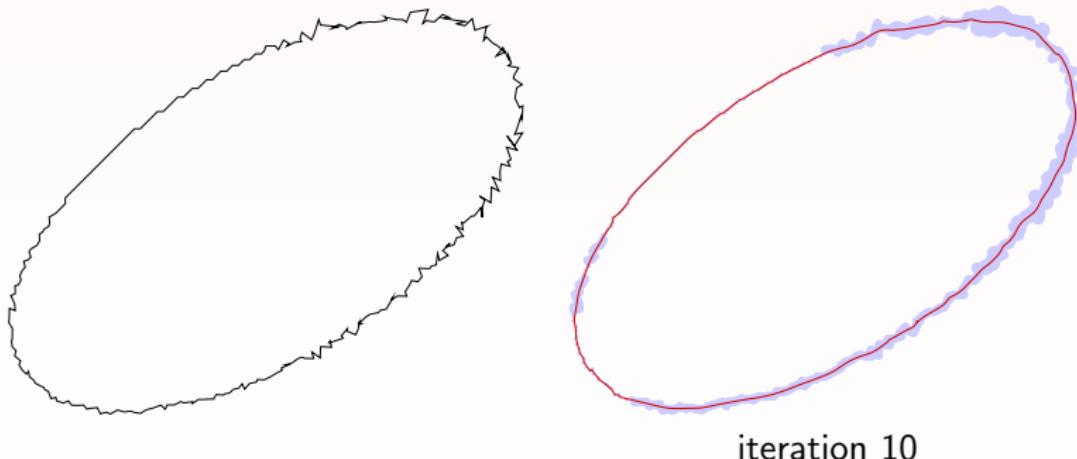


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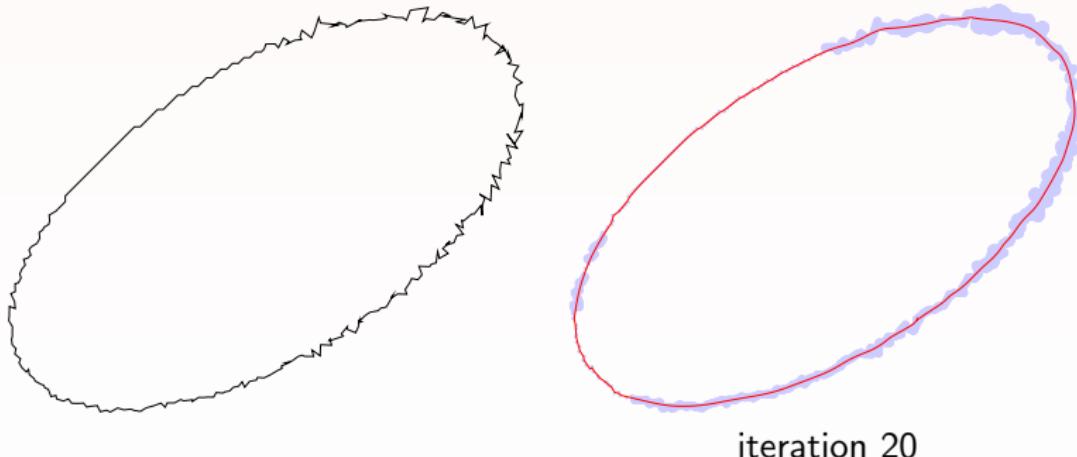
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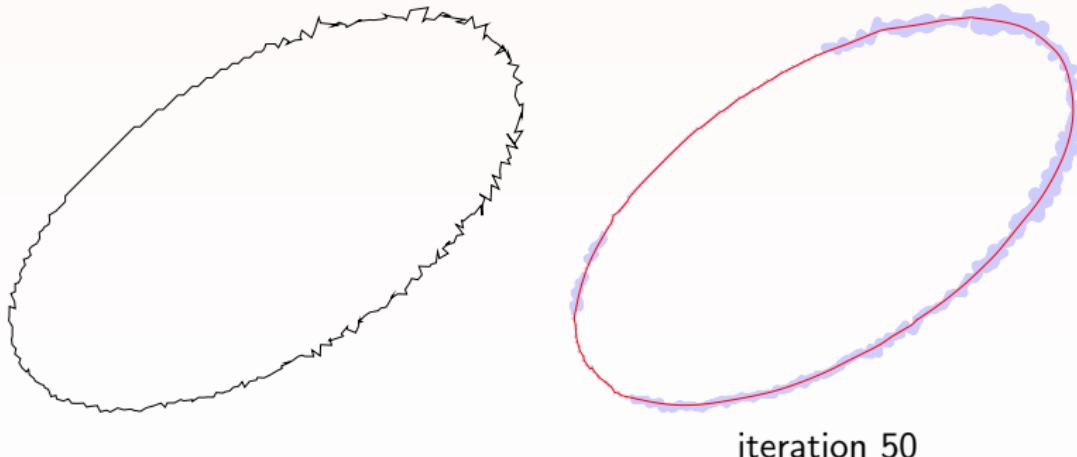
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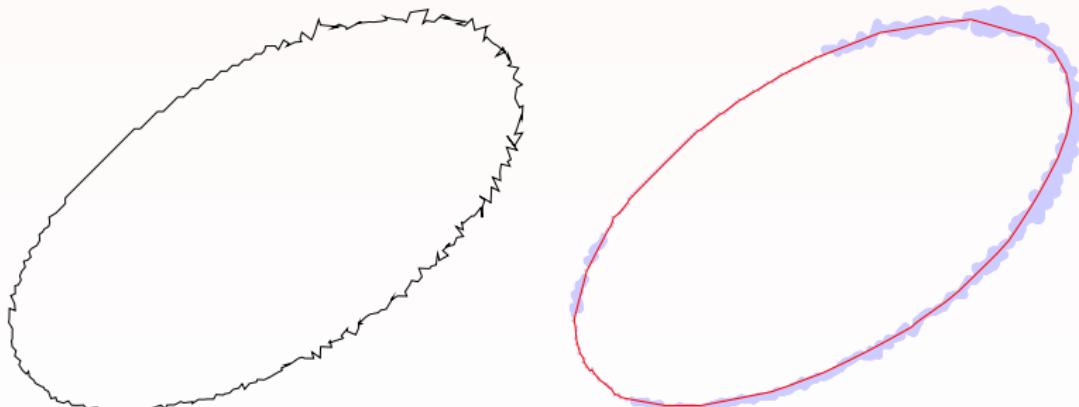
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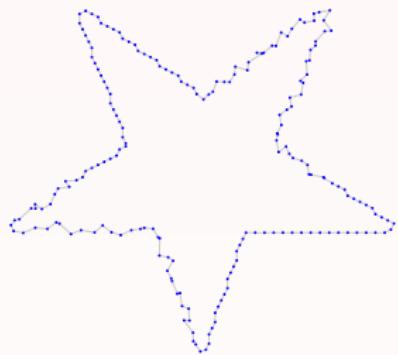
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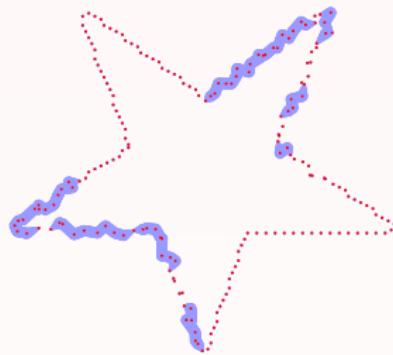


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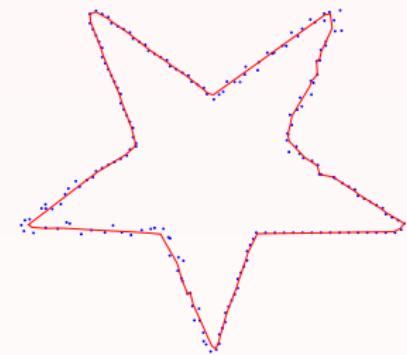
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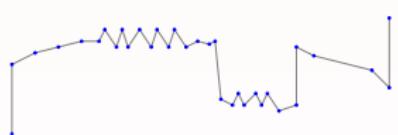
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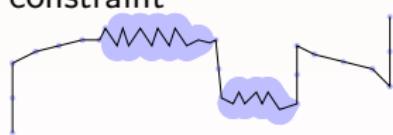
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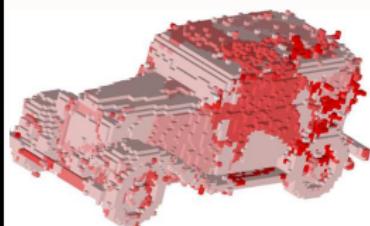
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