

# Pseudo one-sided rectangular duals

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# Structure

**Problem**

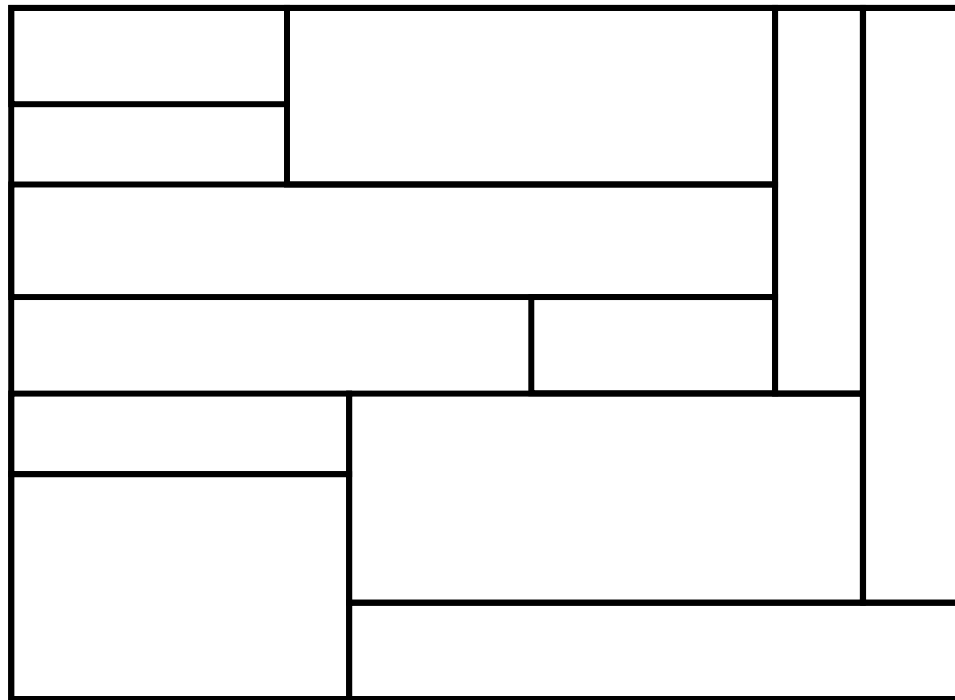
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# Rectangular layout

## Rectangular layout L

Partition of a rectangle into finitely many interior disjoint rectangles

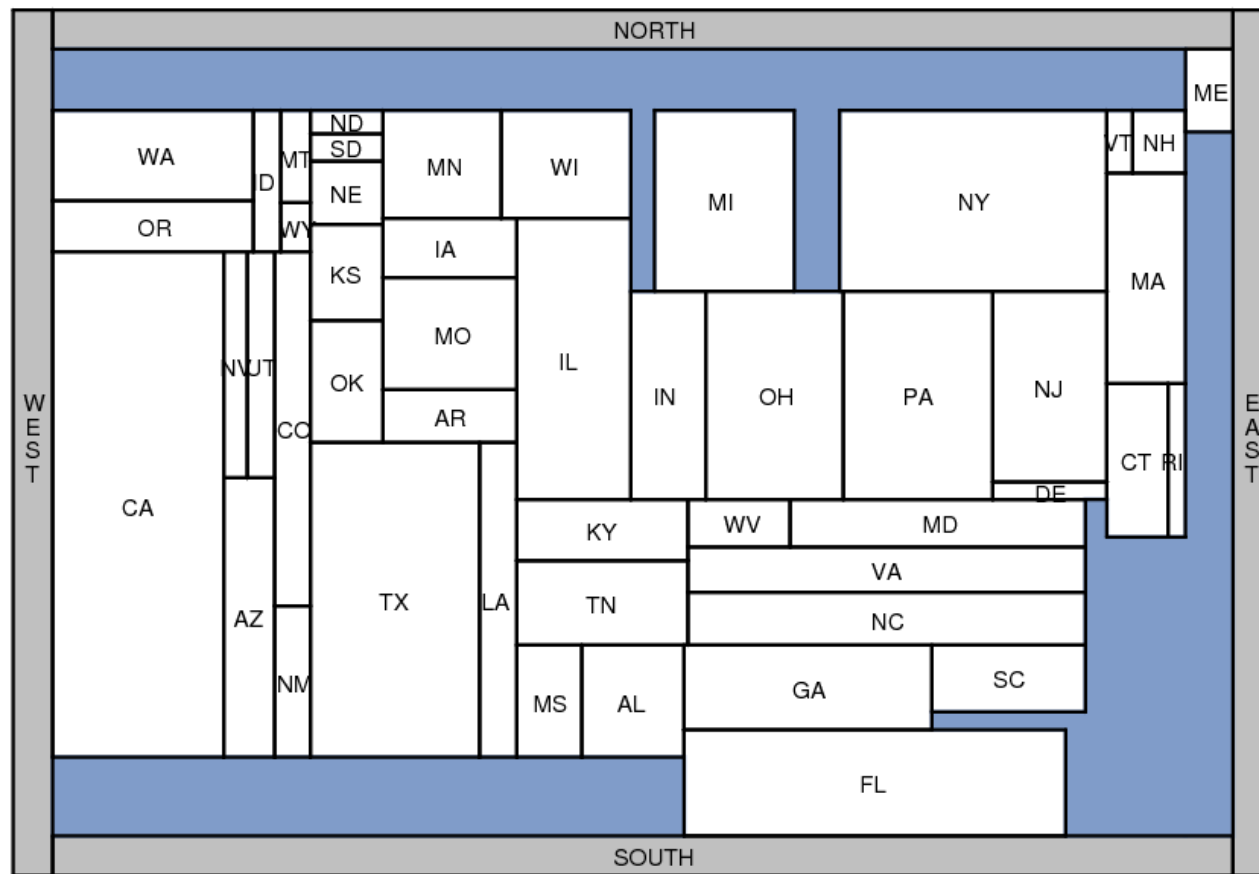


- Layouts are *equivalent* when they have the same adjacencies with the same orientation (horizontal/vertical)

# Applications

## Rectangular Cartograms

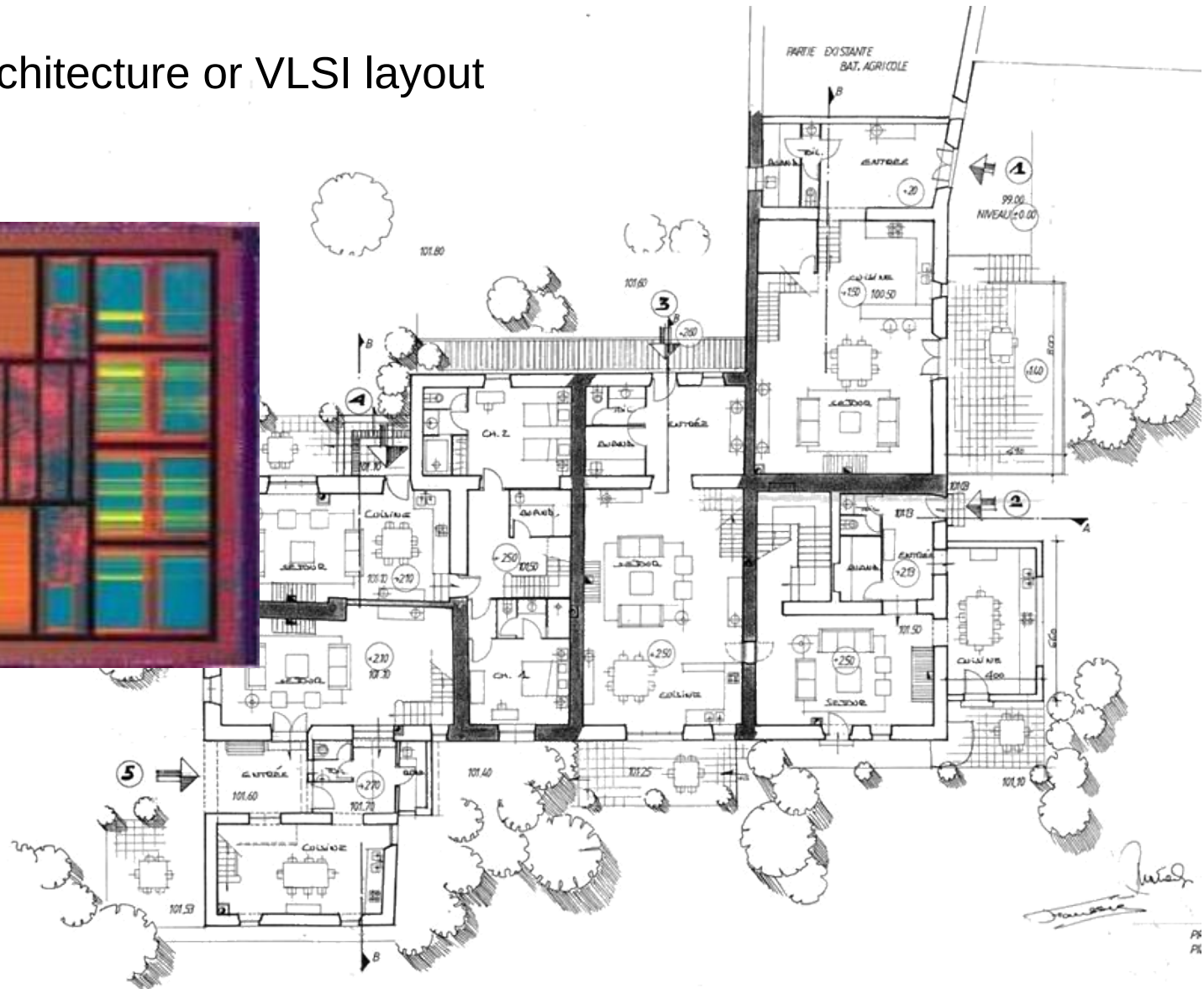
visualize statistical data about sets of regions; regions are rectangles; area proportional to some geographic variable



introduced by Raisz in 1934



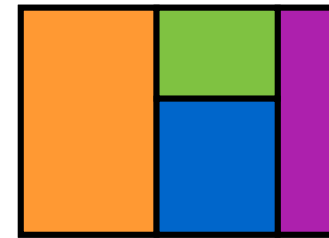
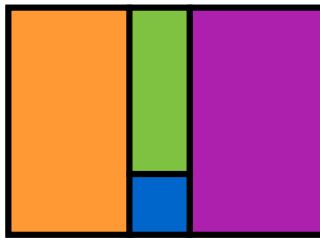
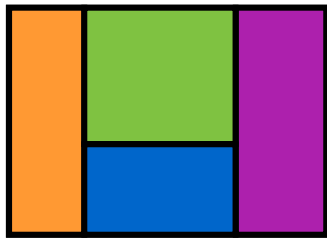
building architecture or VLSI layout



# Area-Universal

## Area-universal layout L

For every assignment of sizes to the areas of L there is a equivalent layout realizing these sizes



## Uses

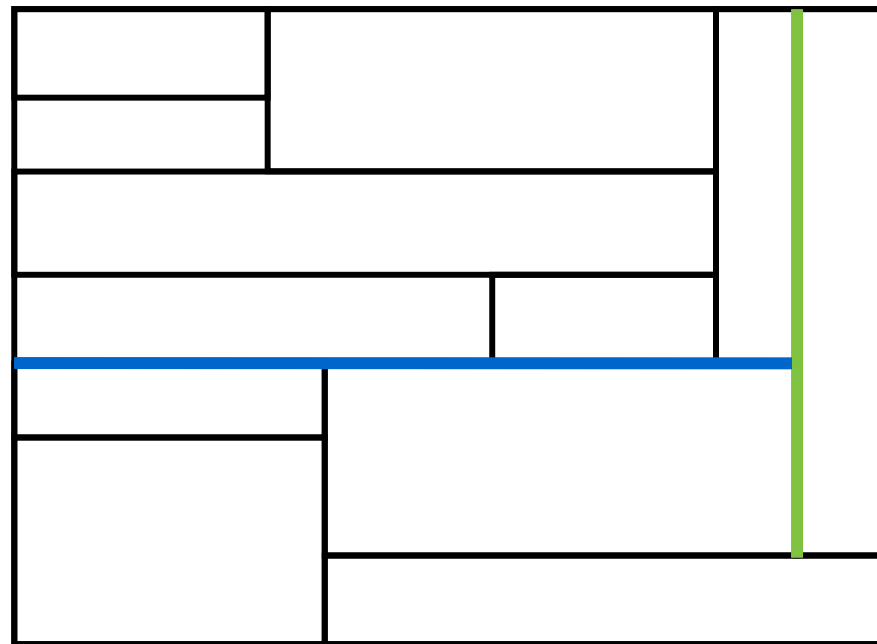
Animations; layout first – function later

# One-sided

## One-sided layout L

Every maximal line segment in L is the side of a rectangle

maximal  
horizontal  
segment



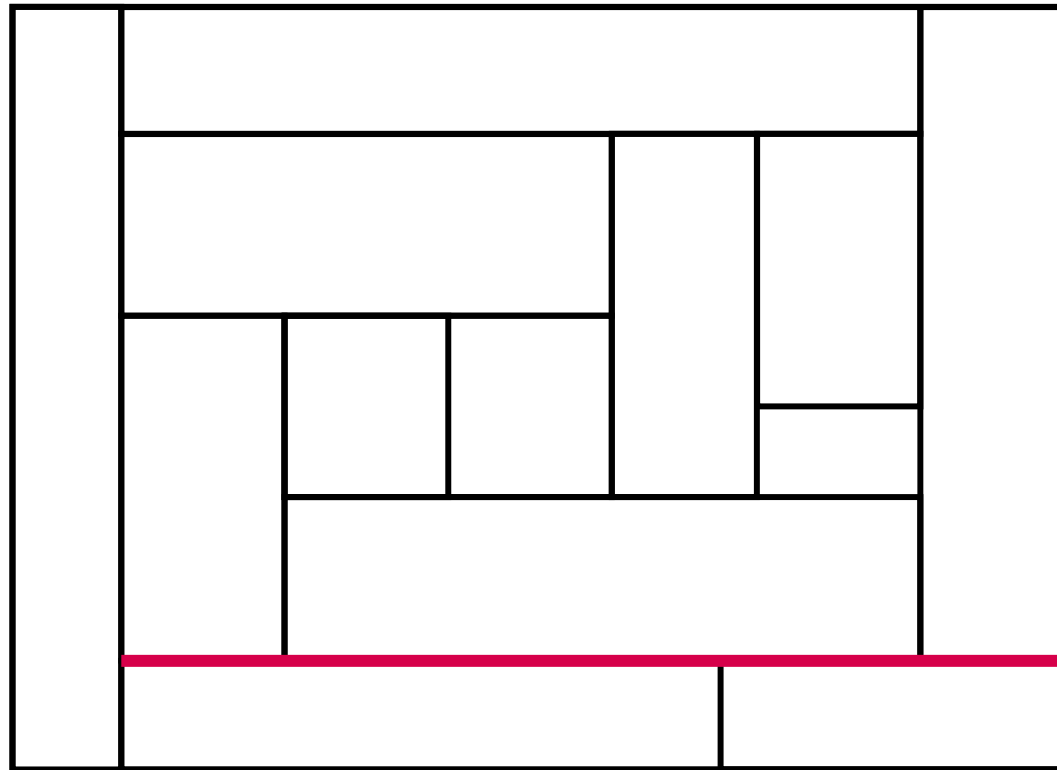
maximal  
vertical  
segment



# One-sided

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# Comparison

## Area-Universal

The same layout fits  
any area assignment

## One-sided

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segment is the side  
of a rectangle

These are equivalent [Eppstein et al. , 2012]

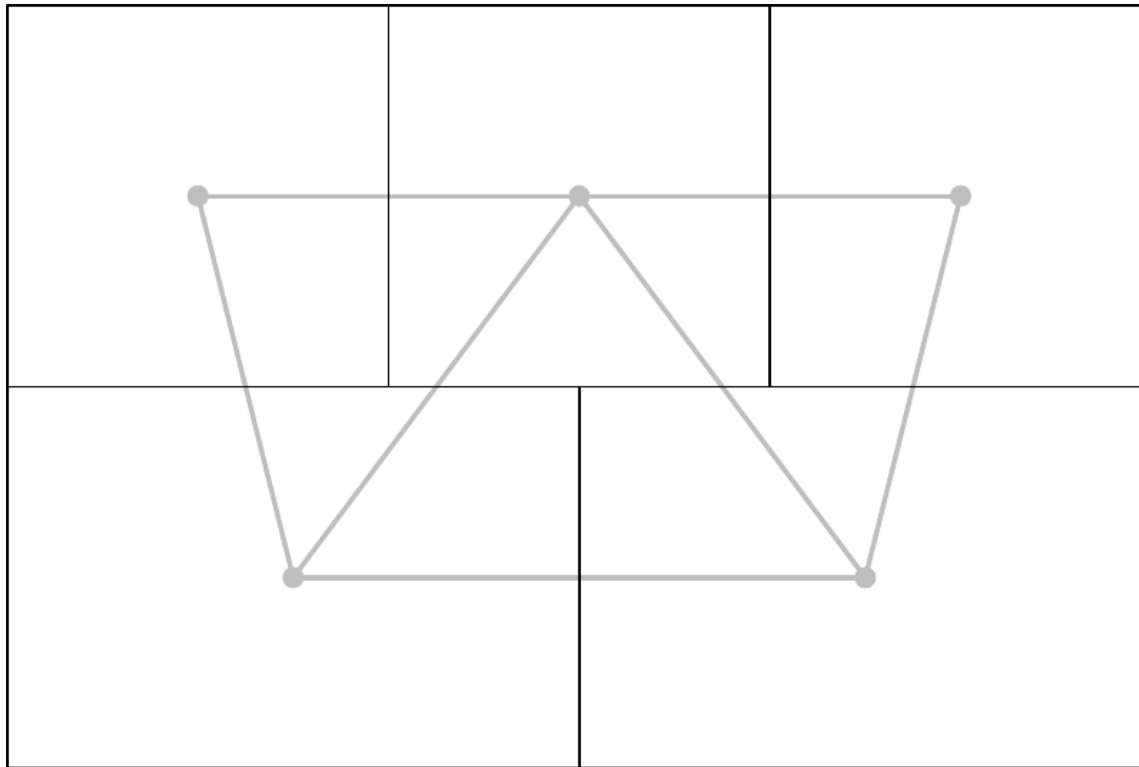
Not all graphs have an area-universal/one-sided dual

[Rinsma , 1987]

# Rectangular dual

## Rectangular dual of a graph $G$

- Rectangular layout
- Same adjacencies as  $G$

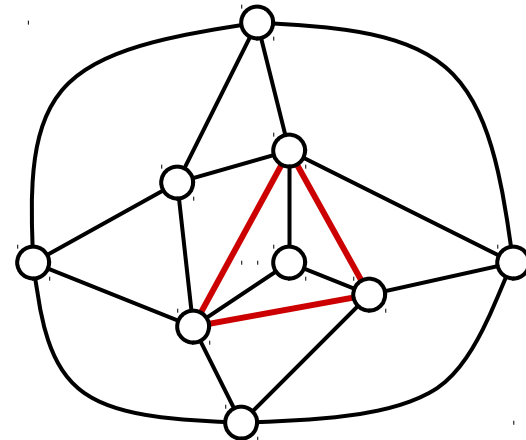
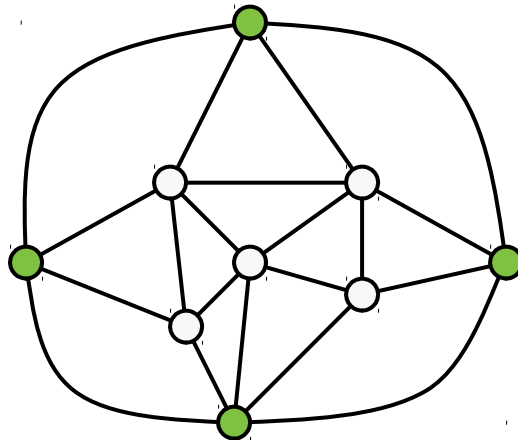
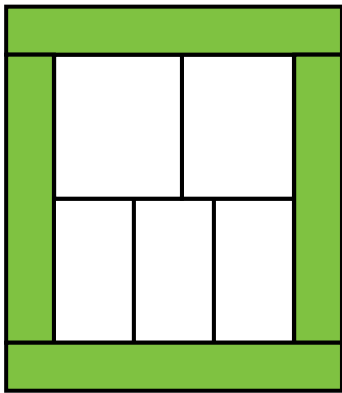


# Rectangular dual

[Kozminski & Kinnen '85]

A planar graph  $G$  has a rectangular dual with 4 rectangles on the boundary if and only if

- every interior face is a triangle and the exterior face is a quadrangle
- $G$  has no separating triangles

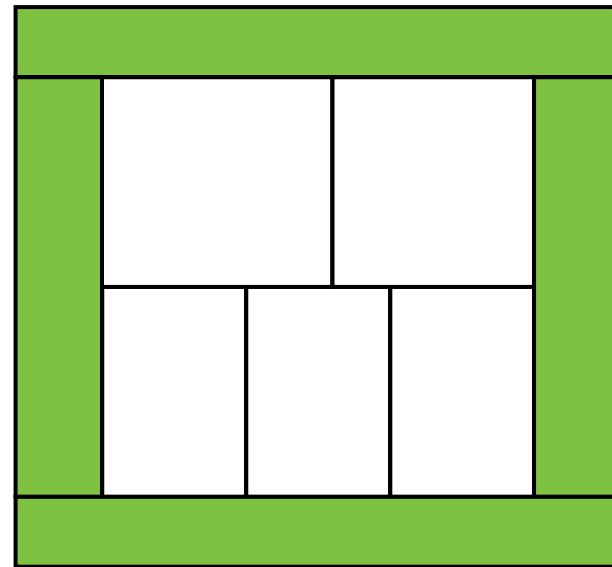
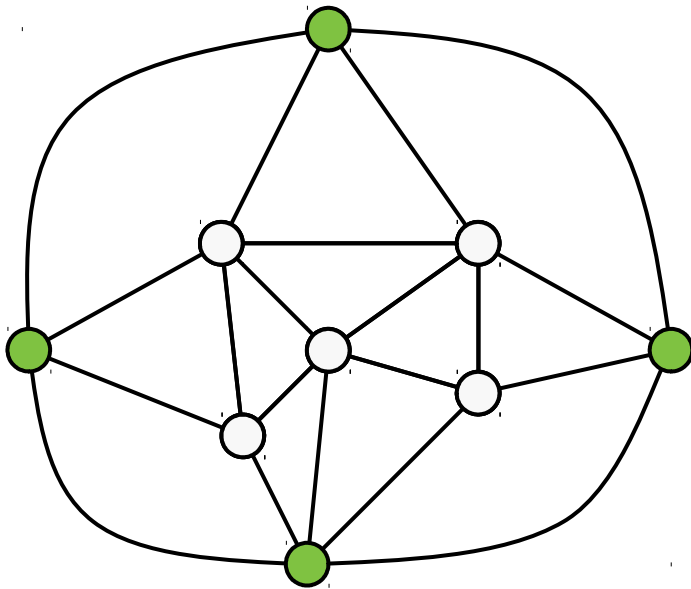
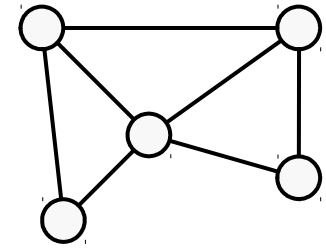


# Extended Graph

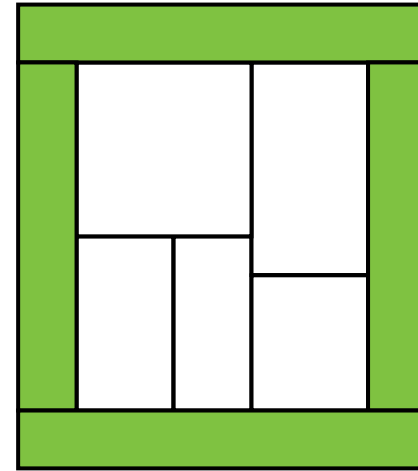
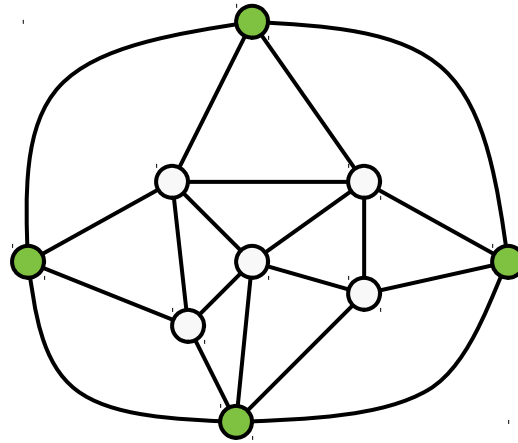
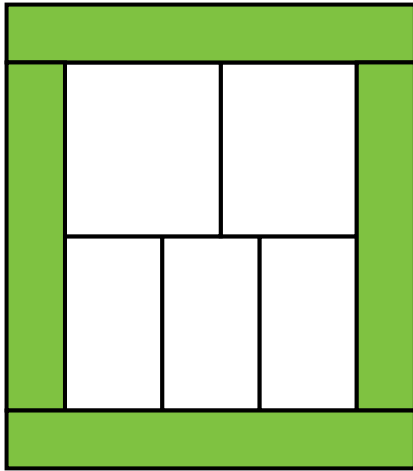
- Bring other graphs in this form
- Do this by adding 4 vertices (*poles*)

Without creating a separating triangle

- A extended graph corresponds to a certain corner assignment

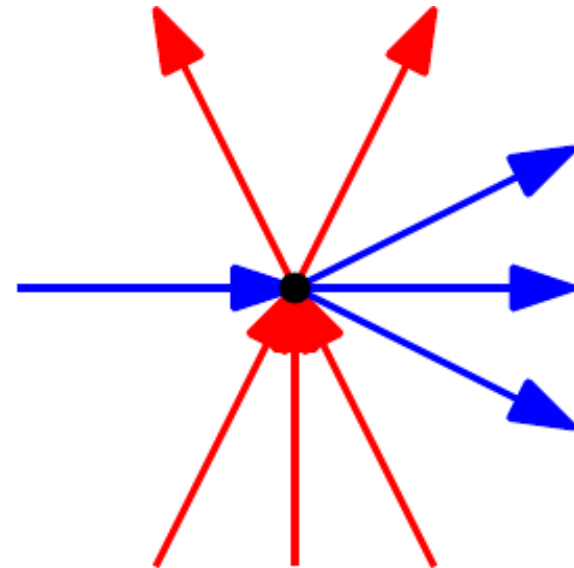
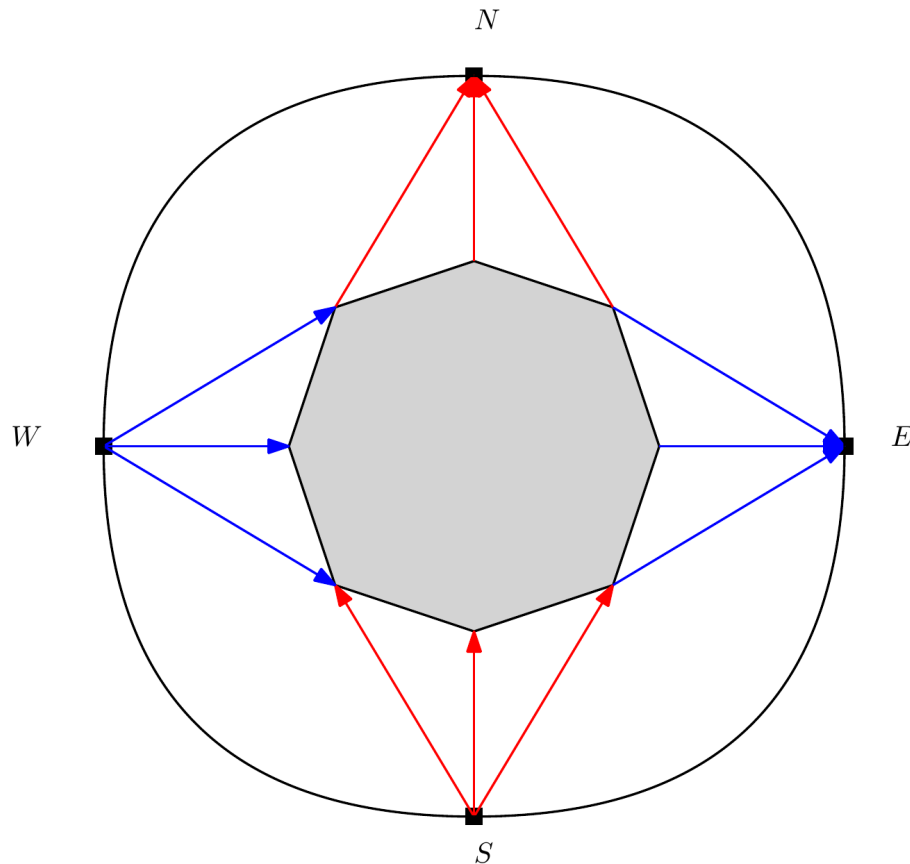


# Extended Graphs do not fix layout



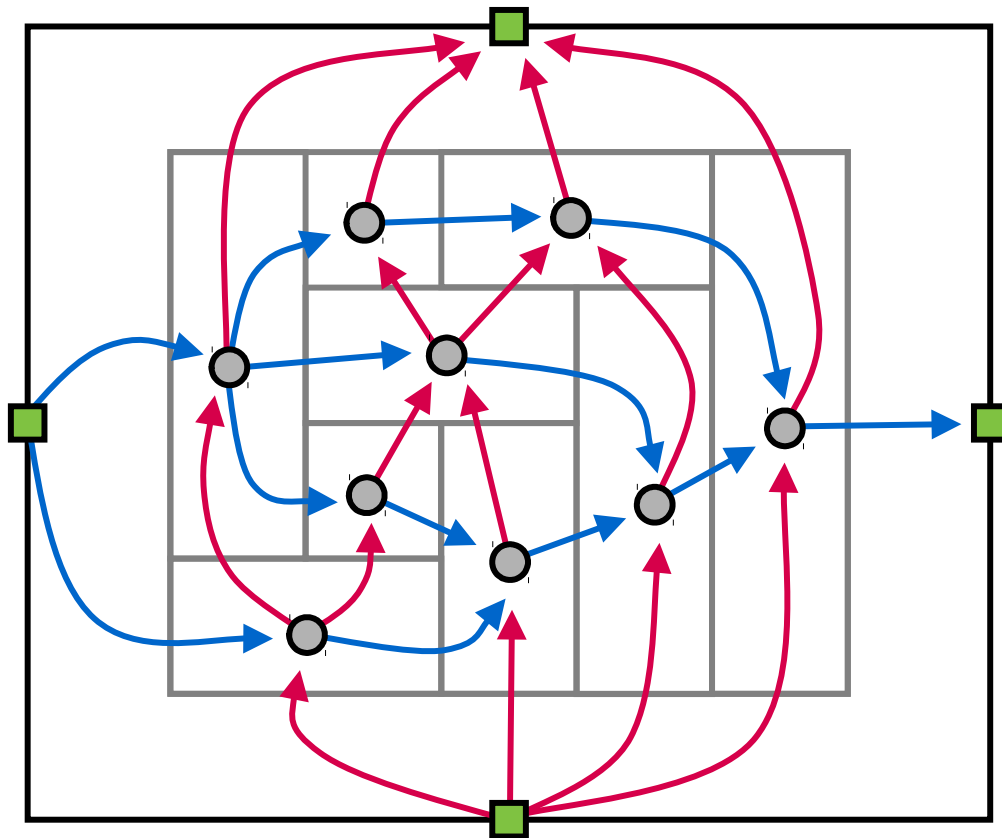
# Regular edge labeling

- Oriented coloring of the extended graph
- Exterior vertex condition
- Interior vertex condition



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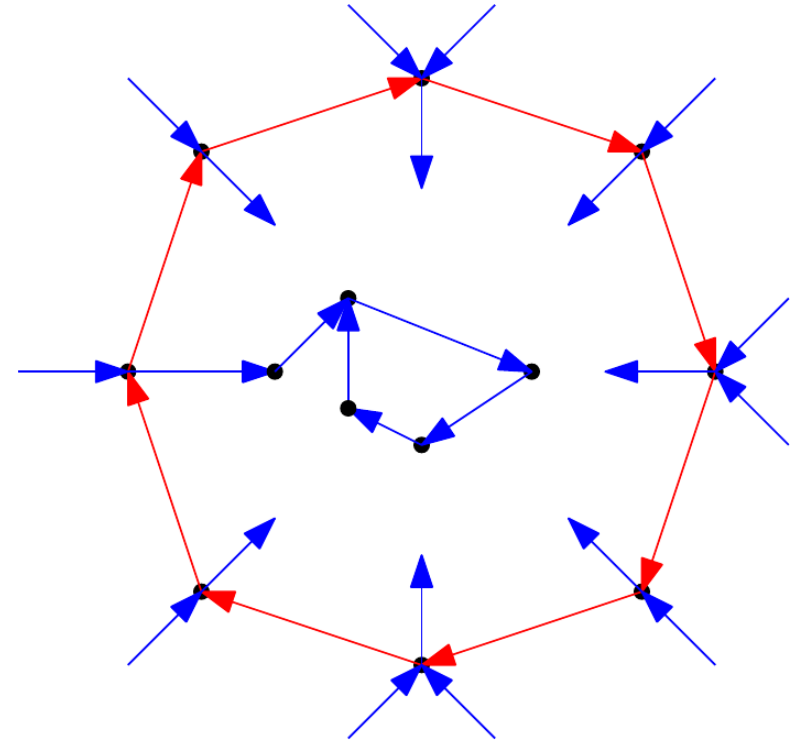
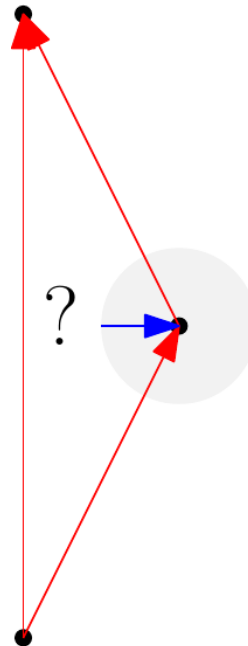
- Corresponds to a equivalence class of layouts
  - Red: Vertical adjacency
  - Blue: Horizontal adjacency





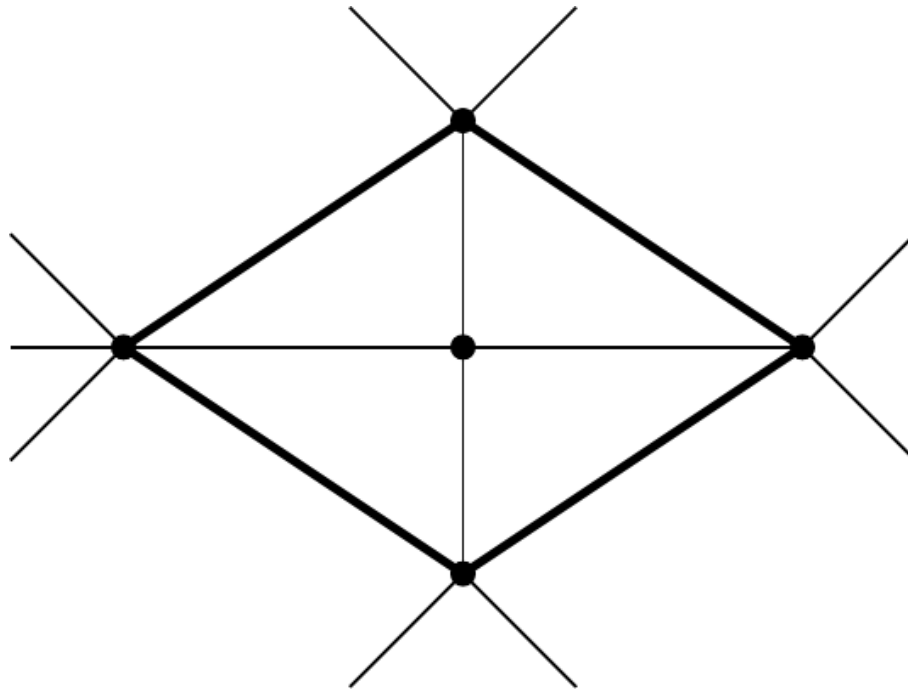
# Properties of a REL

- Two acyclic flows
  - Inside a cycle there is another cycle
- No mono-colored triangles



# Separating k-cycle

- A separating k-cycle is a cycle whose removal disconnects the graph

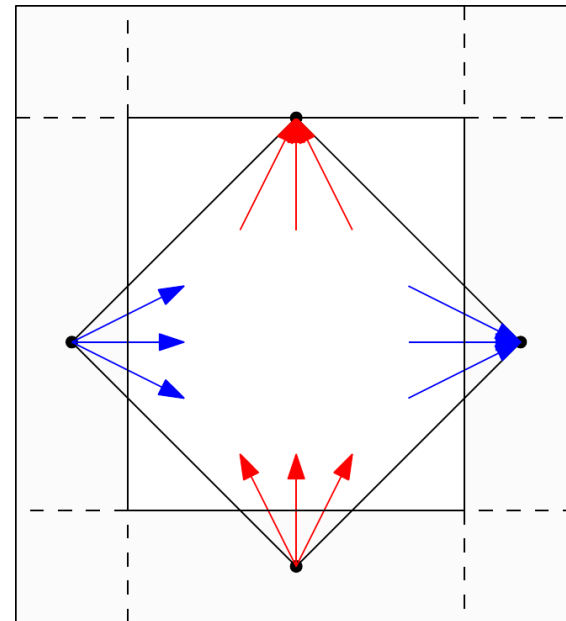
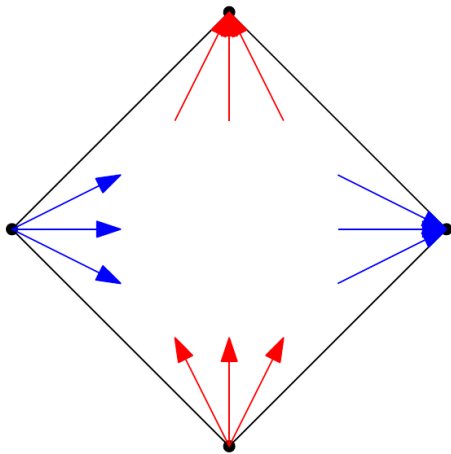


A separating 4-cycle

# Properties of a REL

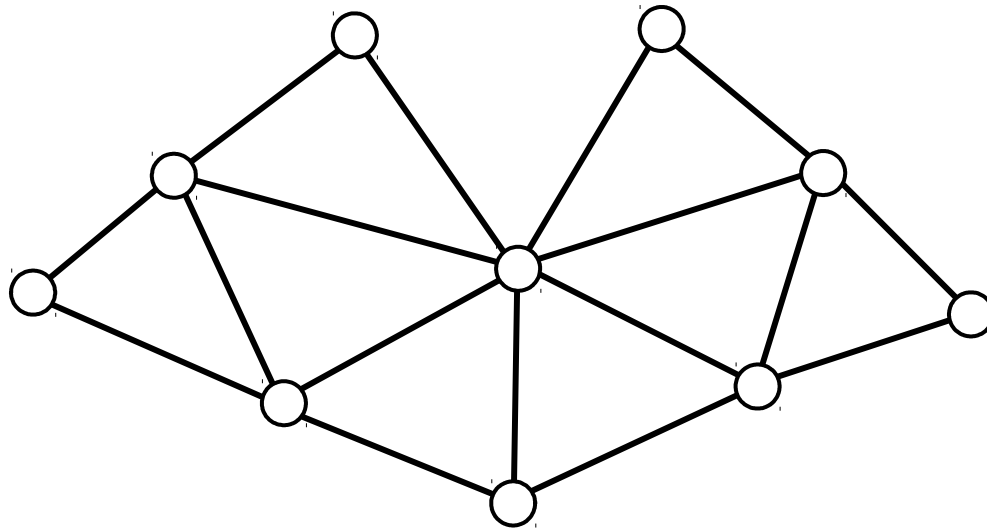
- Interior of a separating 4-cycle

The color and orientation of a single interior edge adjacent to a cycle vertex determines the color and orientation of all edges adjacent to a cycle vertex



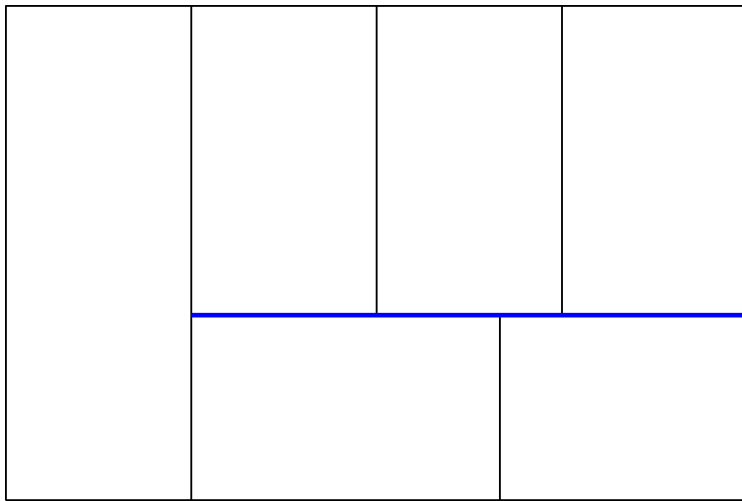
# Not all graphs are one-sided

- We can show this by enumerating all possible REL's
- In the results section we will show for some graphs that they are not one-sided



# So what can we do?

- We will call our dual **k-sided** if every maximal segment is the boundary of at most  $k$  adjacent rectangles all on the same side of the line



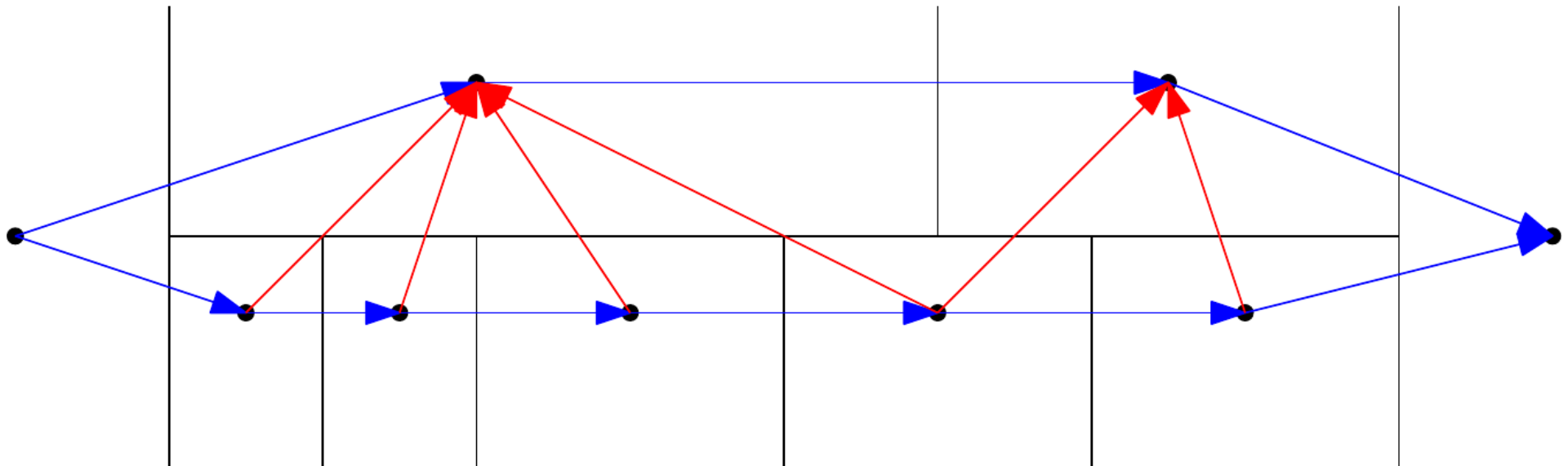
2-sided

3-sided

- Do graphs without an one-sided dual admit a  $k$ -sided dual for some  $k$ ? (hopefully small)

# What does k-sided look like in the REL?

- Red and blue faces with one of the two paths having at most  $k+1$  vertices



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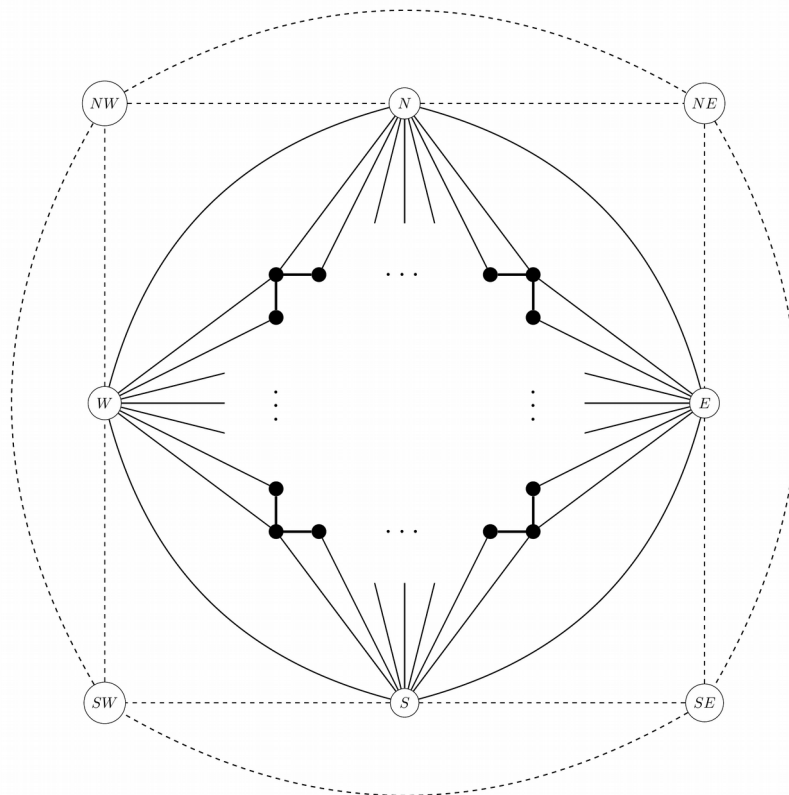
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# Fixing a extended graph

- We can consider a single extended graph of  $G$ ,  $E(G) = G' \dots$  by considering rectangular duals of  $G'$
- Because then there is only one choice for  $E(G')$

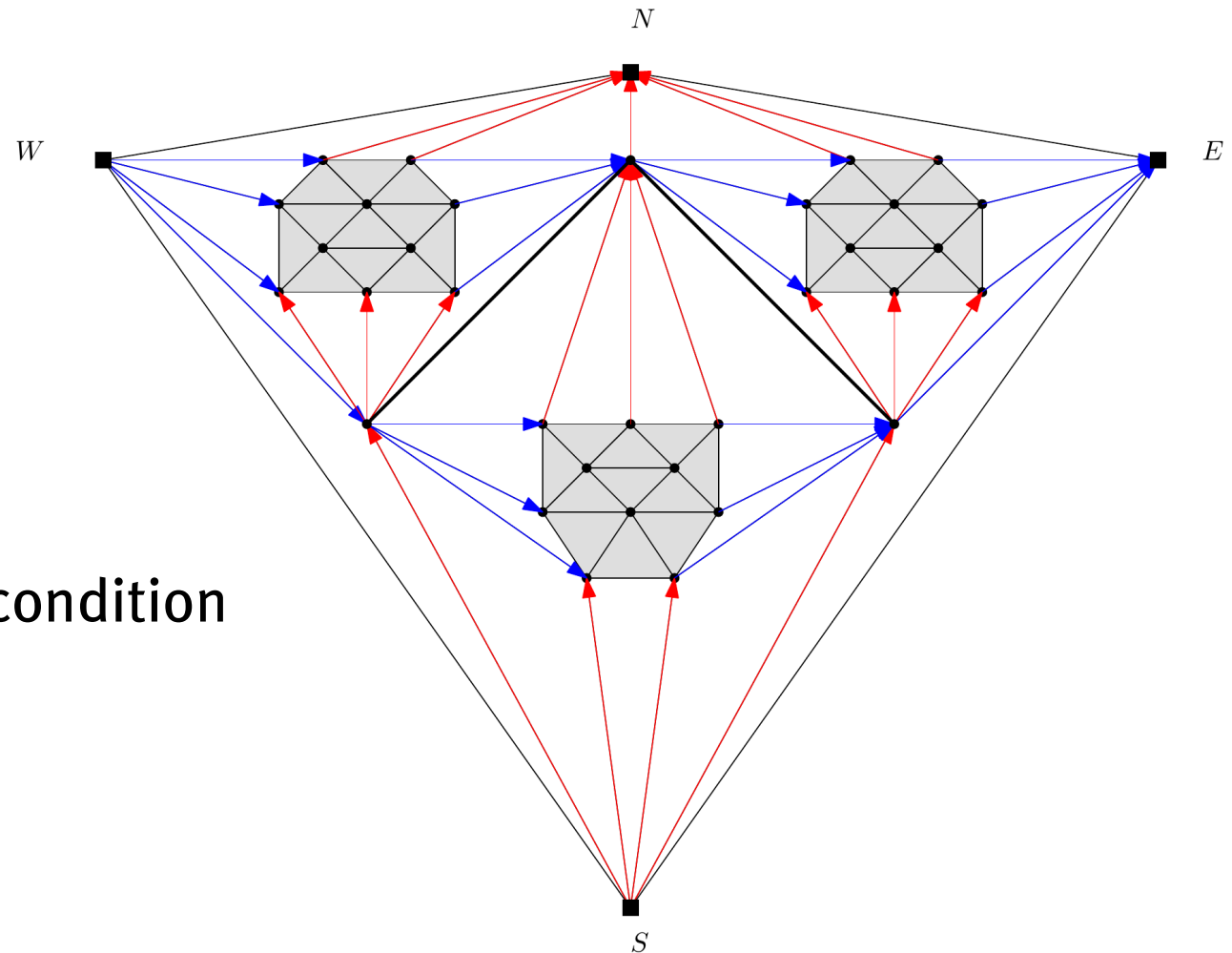


Note that this uses a separating 4-cycle



# $\infty$ -sided graphs with 4-cycles

Any extended graph with separating 4 cycles can be  $\infty$ -sided, even if all these cycles go through a pole.



- Exterior vertex condition
- 4-cycles ...  
color inside
- Problem!

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# Conjecture

- What about extended graphs without any separating 4-cycle?

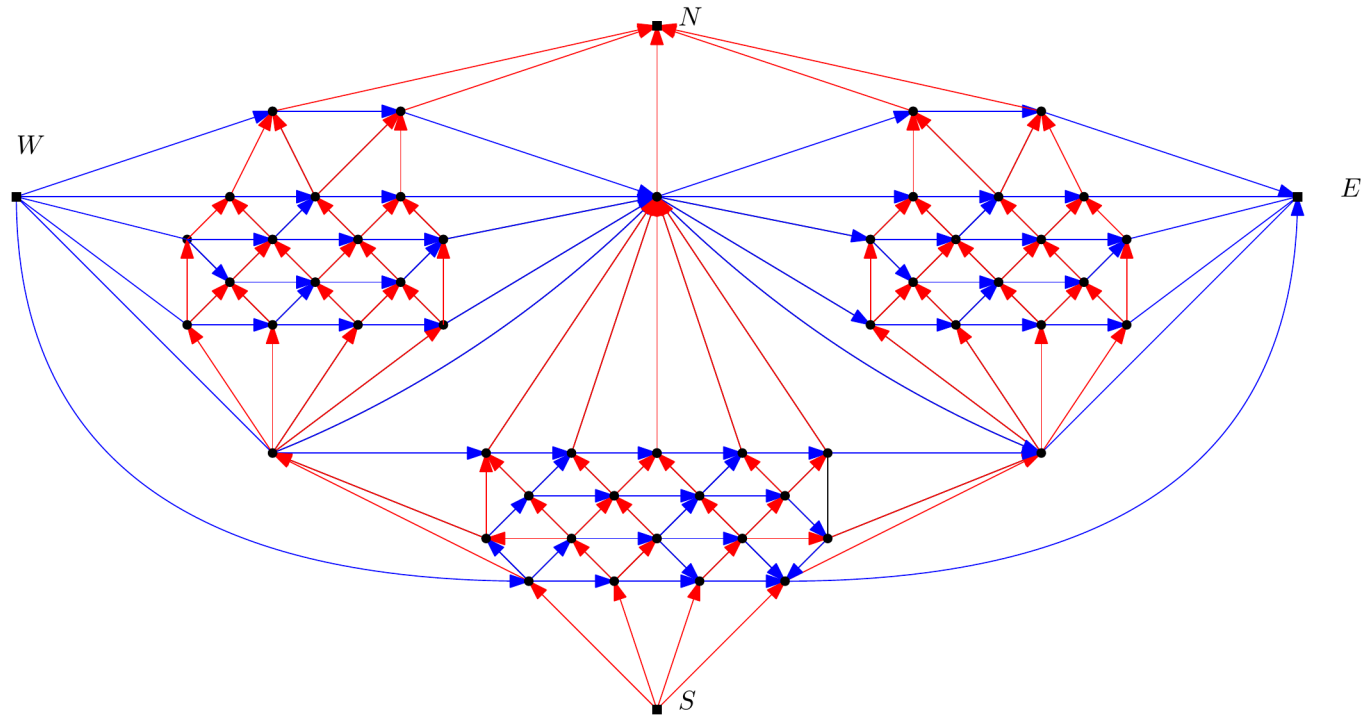
Maybe they are all 2-sided!

- The lack of 4-cycles gives a lot of freedom in most cases

But sometimes we can restrict this quite a lot

# Tricky Example

- Graph
- Suppose blue ...  
Incoming red ...  
Contradiction
- Repeat this argument
- Color change at corner
- Interior vertex condition
- Problem ...  
Solution!



# Conclusion

- A graph has multiple extended graphs  $E(G)$ 
  - If  $E(G)$  has a separating 3-cycle this corner assignment has no dual
  - If  $E(G)$  has a separating 4-cycle this corner assignment gives a rectangular dual of  $G$ . But it may be  $\infty$ -sided
  - If  $E(G)$  has neither we hopefully show that it is 2-sided
- Current approach is with a constricting sweep-cycle
  - Has to do quite specific things, see previous example.
- Questions?