

# Multigrid Methods – An Overview

Lecture 4: AMG

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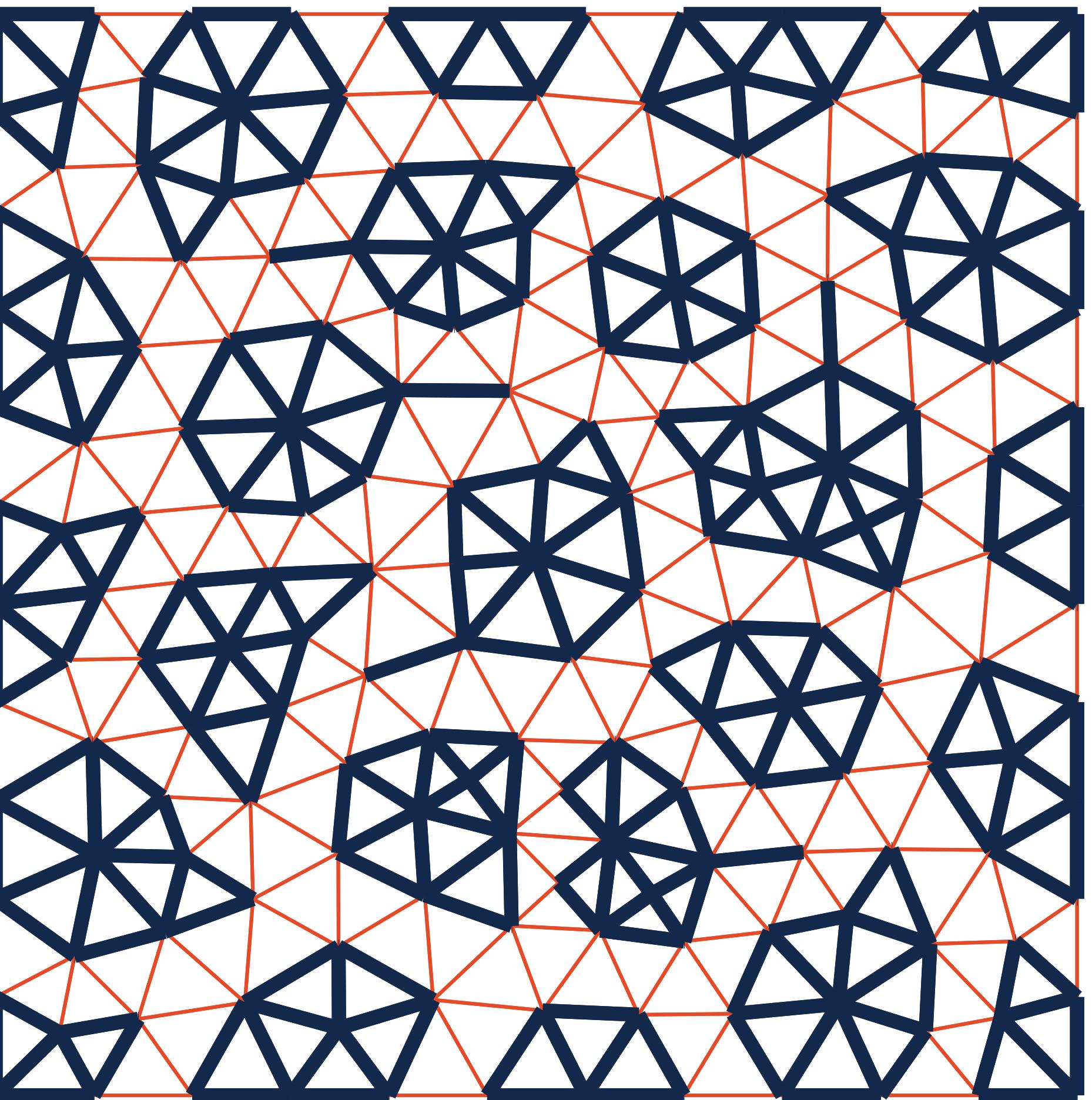
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# Objectives – high level

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## **1. Lecture 1 - Basics**

- Basic mechanics of a multigrid method
- 1D, 2D, Poisson

## **2. Lecture 2 - Extensions**

- What can go wrong and how to fix it

## **3. Lecture 3 - Multigrid for Systems**

- How to extend these ideas to coupled systems

## **4. Lecture 4 - Algebraic**

- What to do if we do not have a grid (hierarchy)

# Objectives – today

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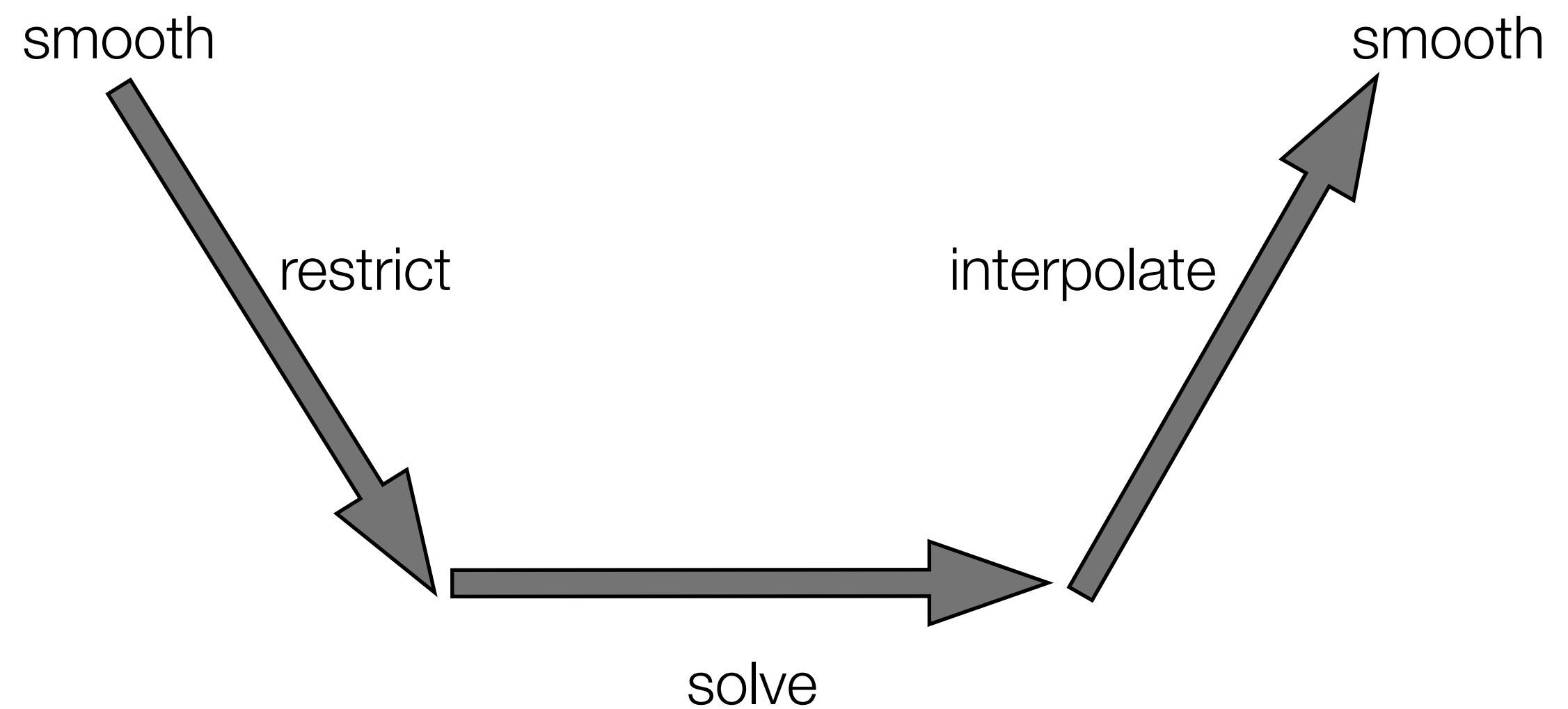
## 1. Lecture 4 - algebraic multigrid

- Outline the basic components of an **algebraic** method
- Compare and contrast different “styles” of AMG
- Highlight advanced features such as interpolation

# Algorithm: two-level multigrid

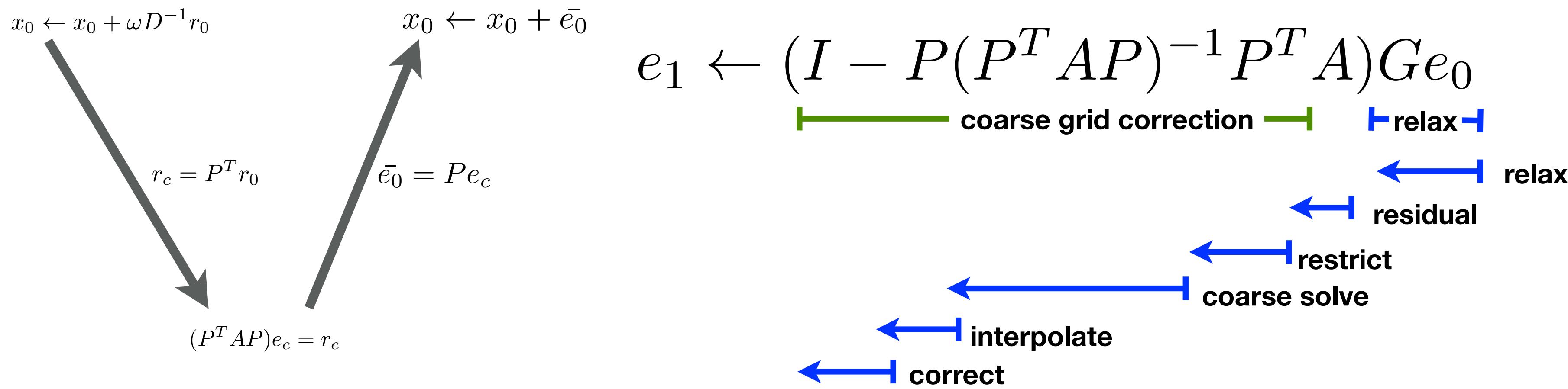
Input: initial guess

1. Smooth  $\nu_{pre}$  times on  $Au = f$
2. Compute  $r = f - Au$
3. Compute  $r_c = Rr$
4. Solve  $A_c e_c = r_c$
5. Interpolate  $\hat{e} = Pe_c$
6. Correct  $u \leftarrow u + \hat{e}$
7. Smooth  $\nu_{post}$  times on  $Au = f$



A two-level “V” cycle

# Algebraic Observation



$$Ge_0 \in \mathcal{R}(P) \quad \Rightarrow \quad e_1 = 0$$

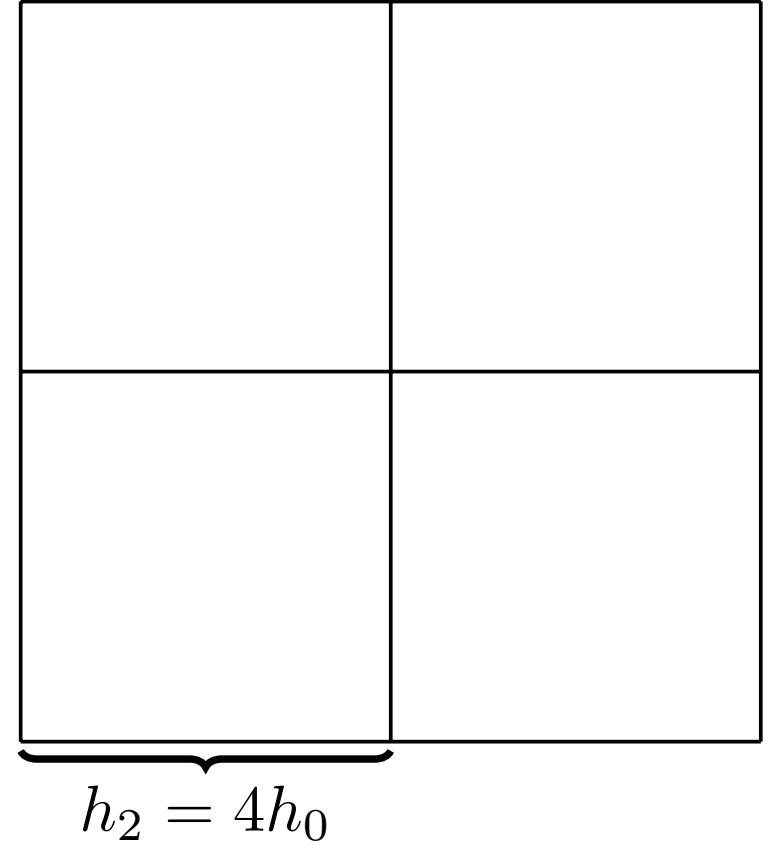
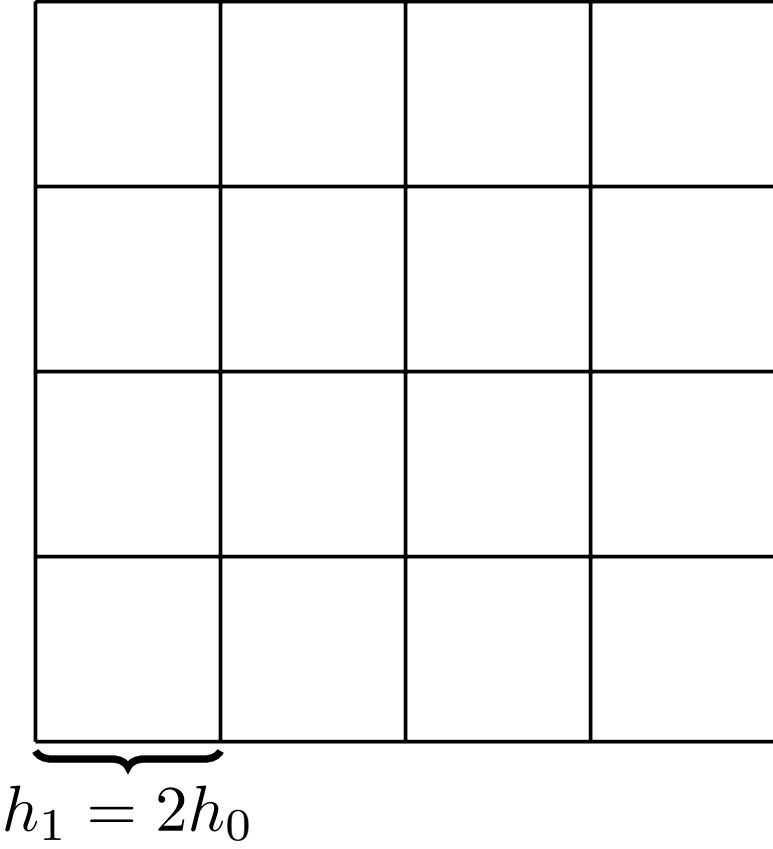
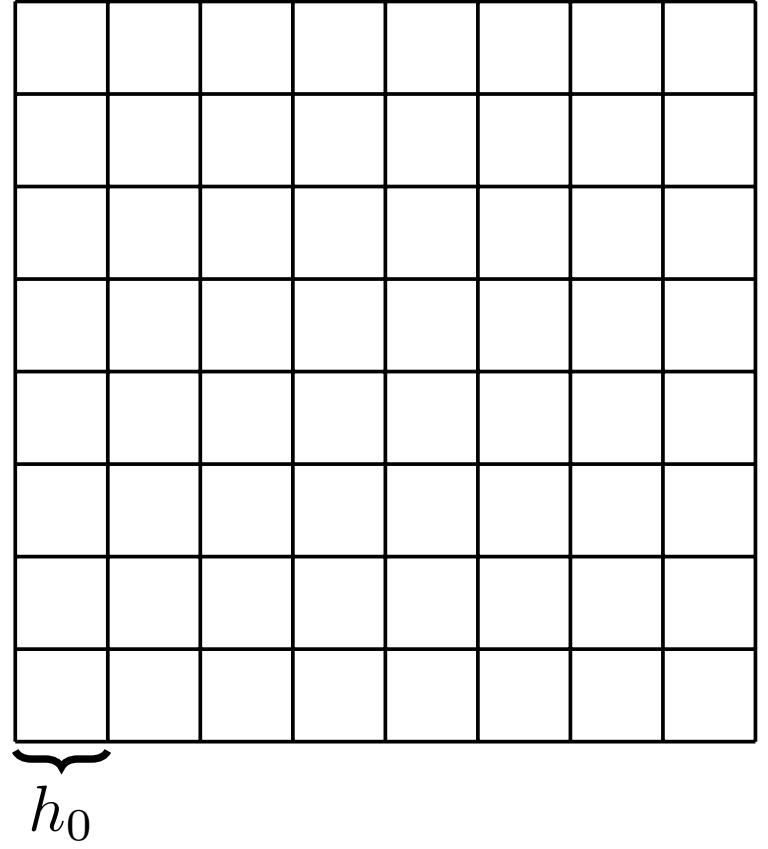
**interpolation should capture what relaxation misses**

# Multigrid Basics

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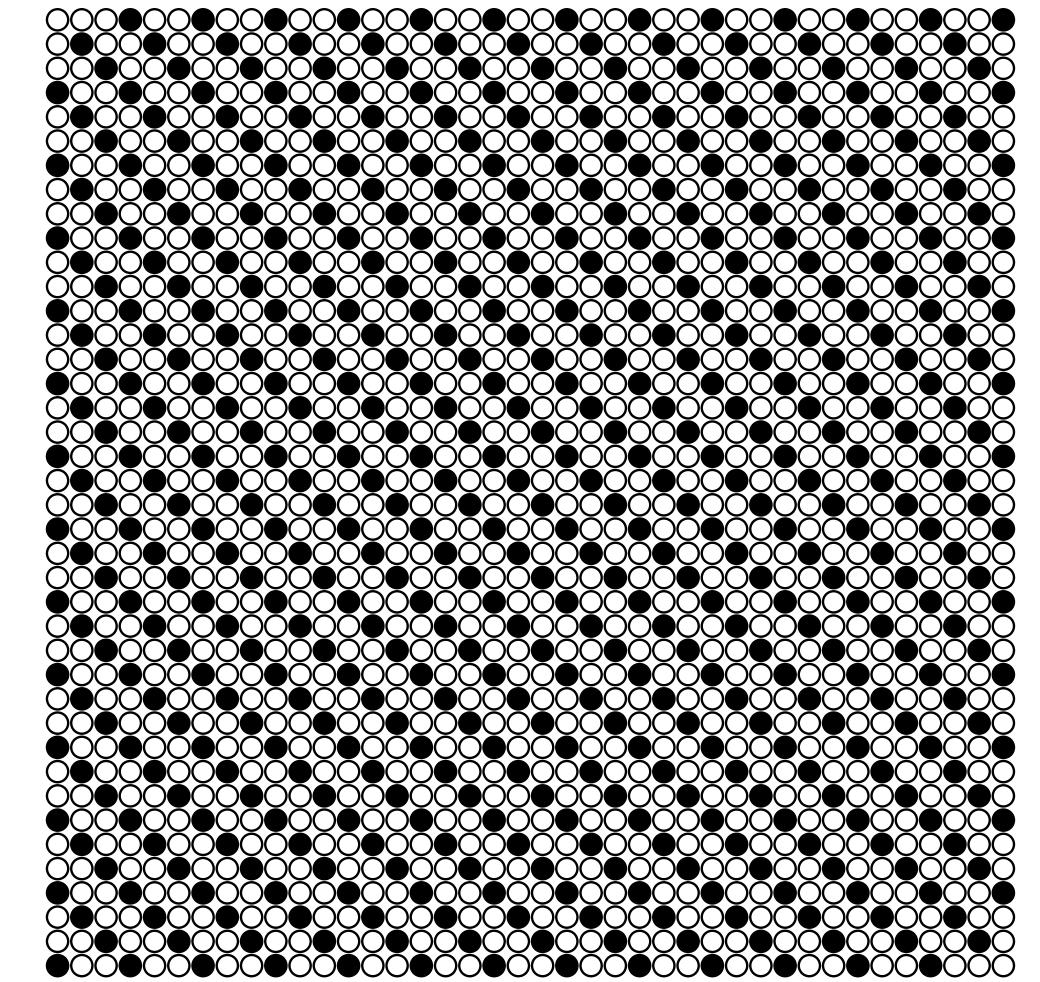
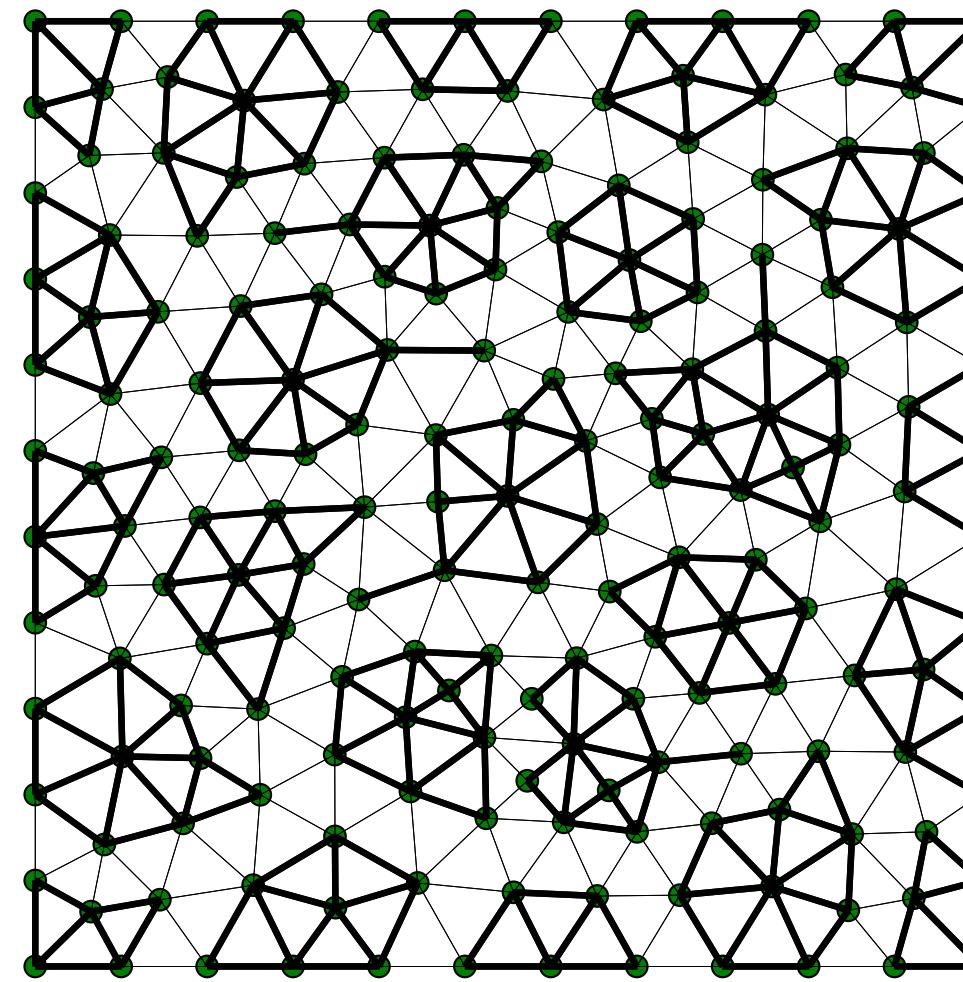
## Geometric

- Grids are fixed
- Construct interpolation
- Find the best smoother



## Algebraic

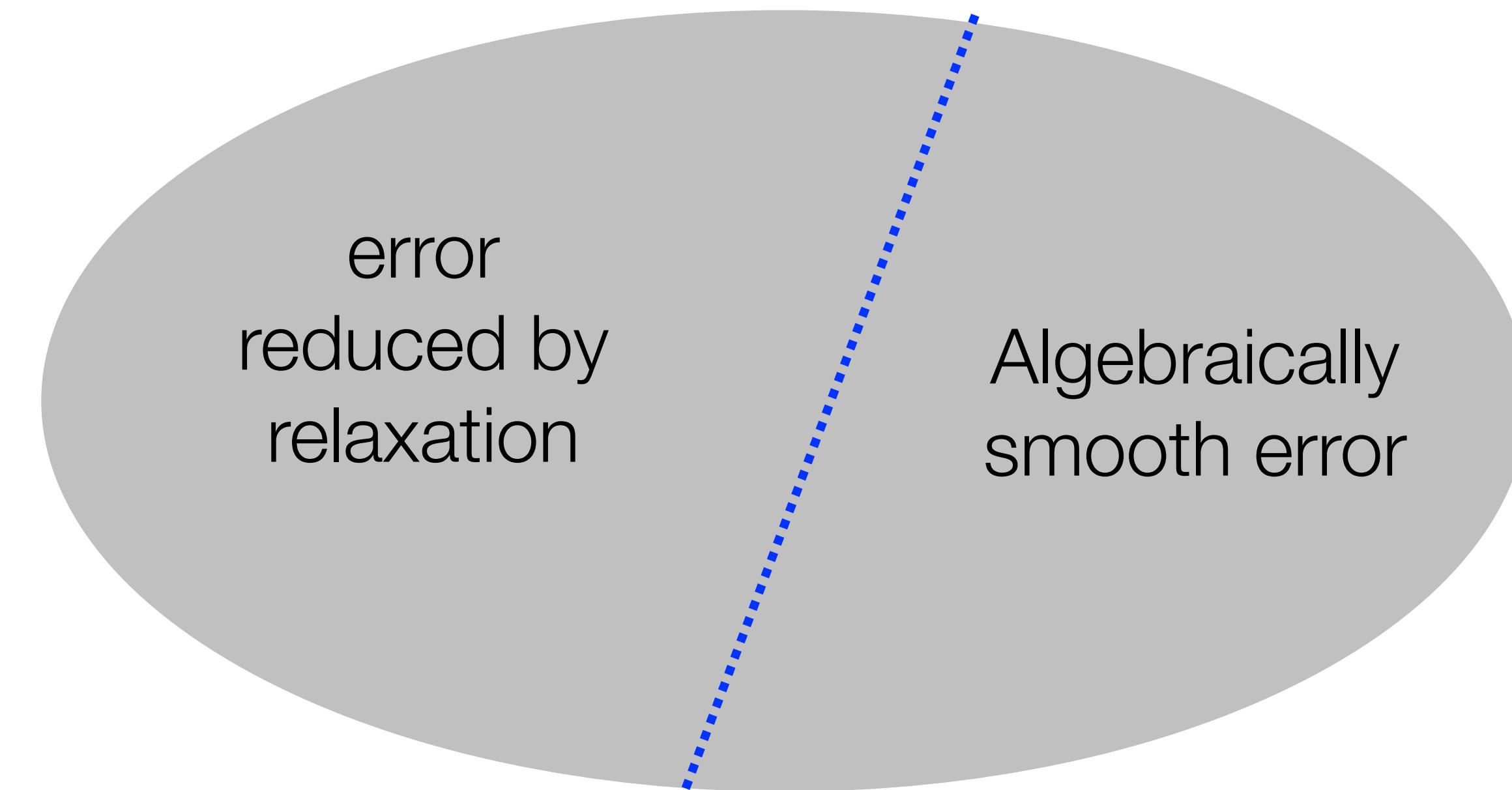
- Relaxation method is fixed
- Find coarse grids
- construct interpolation



# Algebraically Smooth Error

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- “Algebraically smooth” error may not be geometrically smooth



## Main idea: Algebraically smooth error

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- Take a relaxation scheme such as w-Jacobi

$$e \leftarrow (I - M^{-1}A)e$$

- If relaxation stagnates, then the remaining error exhibits poor convergence, so

$$(I - M^{-1}A)e \approx e \Rightarrow M^{-1}Ae \approx 0 \Rightarrow r \approx 0$$

- Formally (characterized by small eigenvalues)

$$\langle Ae, e \rangle \ll 1$$

# Main idea: Algebraically smooth error

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- We then have

$$\begin{aligned}\langle Ae, e \rangle &= \sum_i e_i (A_{ii}e_i + \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij}e_j) && \text{assume zero row sum} \\ &= \sum_i e_i \left( \sum_{j \neq i} -A_{ij}(e_i - e_j) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} -A_{ij} \cdot e_i \cdot (e_i - e_j) + \sum_{i > j} -A_{ij} \cdot e_i \cdot (e_i - e_j) && \text{swap } i, j \\ &= \sum_{i < j} -A_{ij} \cdot e_i \cdot (e_i - e_j) - \sum_{i < j} -A_{ij} \cdot e_i \cdot (e_i - e_j) \\ &= \sum_{i < j} -A_{ij} \cdot (e_i - e_j)^2\end{aligned}$$

- Ok, so smooth error varies **slowly** in the direction of large matrix coefficients

# Main idea: Algebraically smooth error

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- We have assumed **geometric** smoothness to show

$$\mathbf{e}^T A \mathbf{e} = \sum_{i < j} (-a_{ij})(e_i - e_j)^2 \ll 1$$

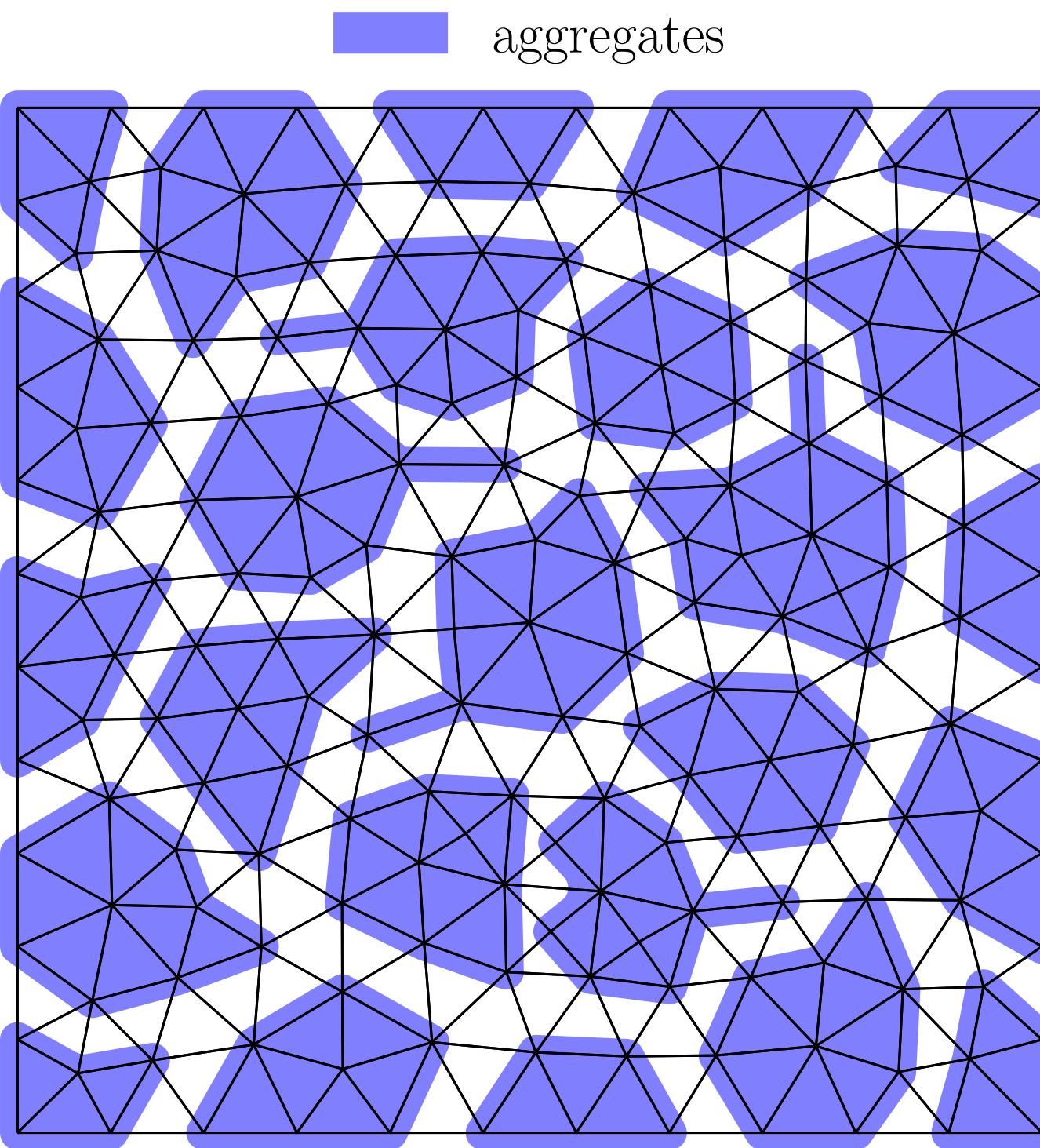
- **CF AMG:** Smooth error varies slowly in the direction of “large” matrix coefficients
- **Strength of connection:** Given a threshold  $0 < \theta \leq 1$ , we say that variable  $u_i$  strongly depends on variable  $u_j$  if

$$-a_{ij} \geq \theta \max_{k \neq i} \{-a_{ik}\}$$

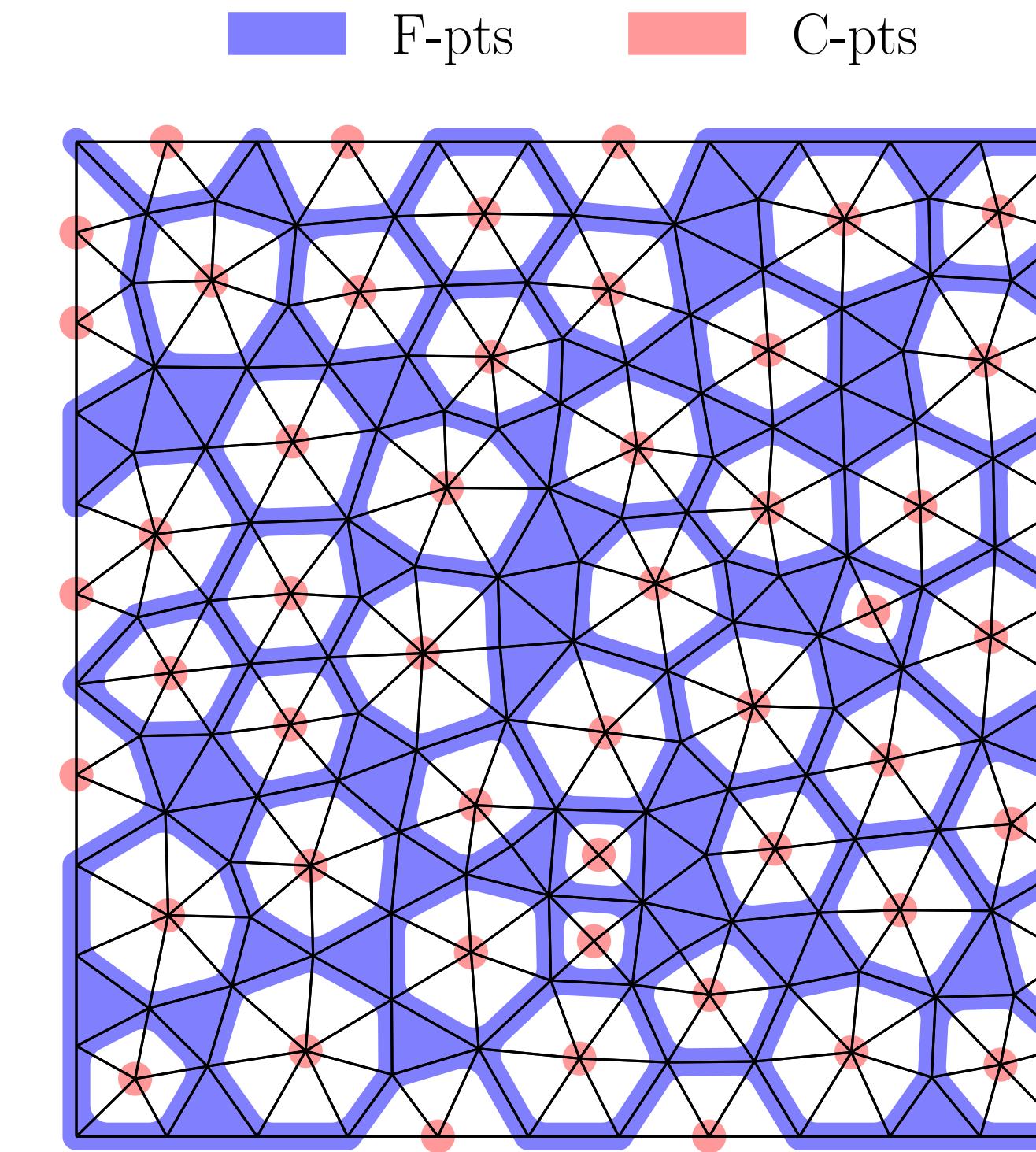
- Often positive off-diagonals are treated as **weak**
- This definition of strength of connection is not symmetric

Demo: 12-AMG-coarse-mesh.ipynb

# Two (general) forms of AMG



- Smoothed Aggregation AMG (SA-AMG)
- Interpolation constructed from candidate vectors
- Clear approach to *optimize* interpolation



- Coarse-Fine AMG (CF-AMG) or Ruge-Stüben
- Coarse grid points are a subset of the fine grid points
- Edge-wise construction of interpolation, allowing straightforward control of sparsity
- Incorporating near-nullspace is not straightforward

# CF AMG

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- **Goal:** select grid points to form the coarse grid where smooth error is well represented
- **Idea:** the variable at  $j$  would be a good **C-point** if it strongly influences the variable at  $i$
- Strongly depend on...

$$S_i = \{j : -A_{ij} \geq \theta \max_{k \neq i} -A_{ik}\}$$

- Strongly influence...

$$S_i^T = \{j : i \in S_j\}$$

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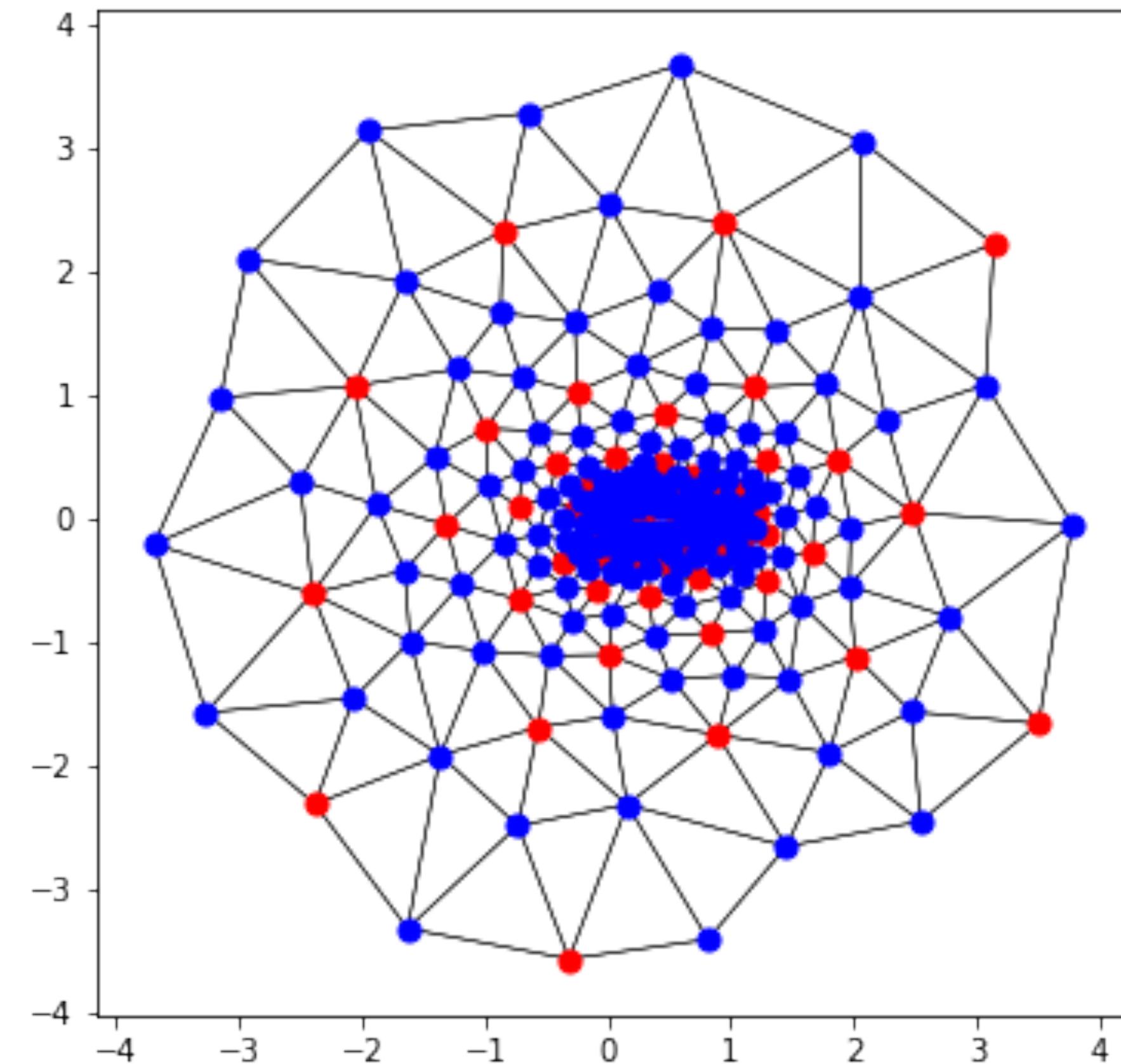
- **C-points:** coarse grid points
- **F-points:** fine grid points
- Either a C-pt or an F-pt

• Coarse interpolatory set

$$\Omega = C \cup F \quad C \cap F = \emptyset$$

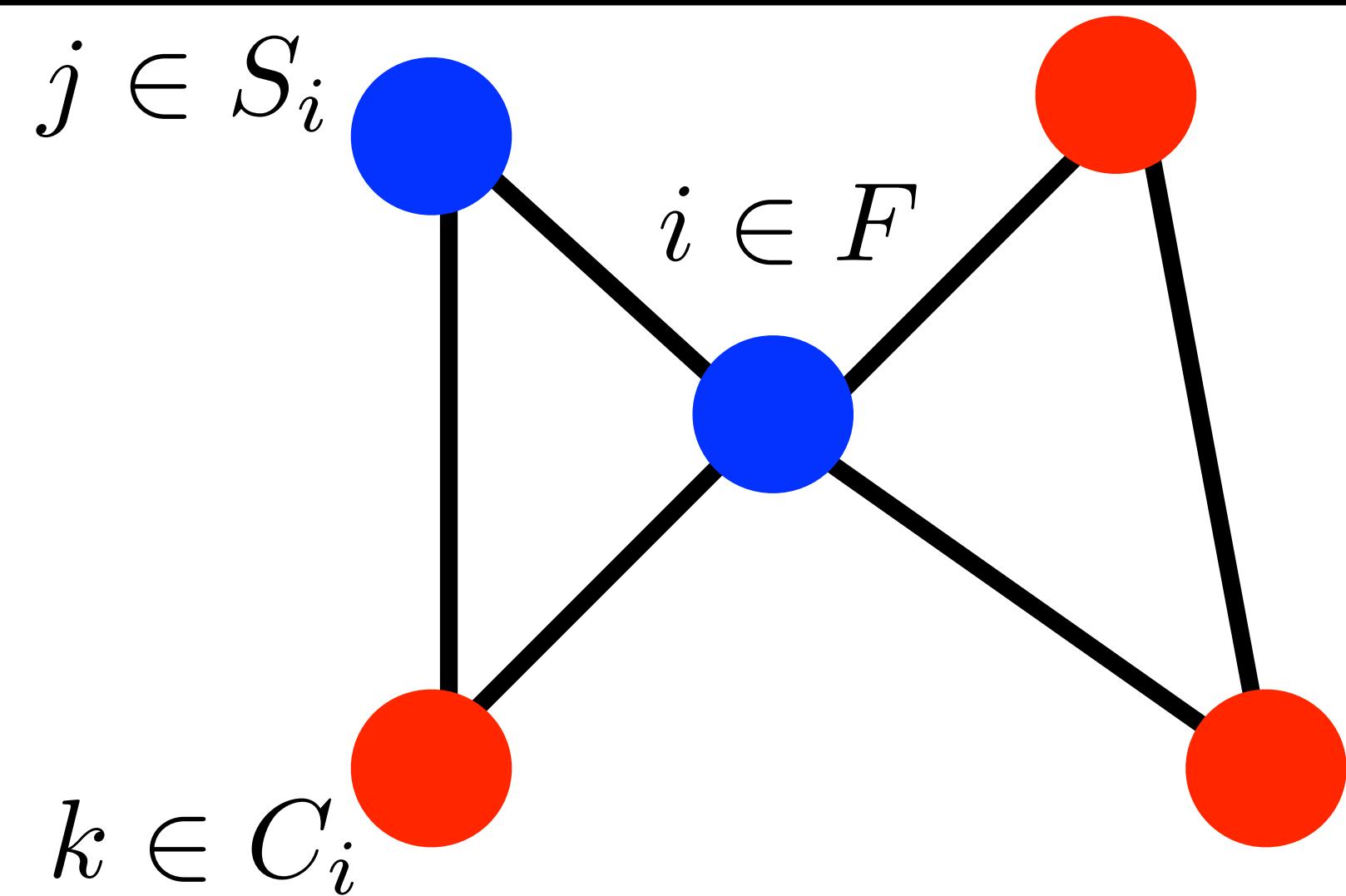
C-pts that are used to interpolated F-pt i.

$C_i$



# CF AMG

- (C1) Every point that  $i \in F$  strongly depends on is either
  - A point in  $C$
  - A point that strongly depends on a point in  $C_i$



# CF AMG

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- (C2) The C-points should be *maximal* with no C-point strongly depending on another C-point
- (C1) increases the size of the coarse grid (C-points)
- (C2) puts constraints on the size of the coarse grid
- Must satisfy (C1) in order to construct interpolation. Use (C2) to help limit computational complexity

# Ruge-Stüben

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**Algorithm 3.** RUGE–STÜBEN.

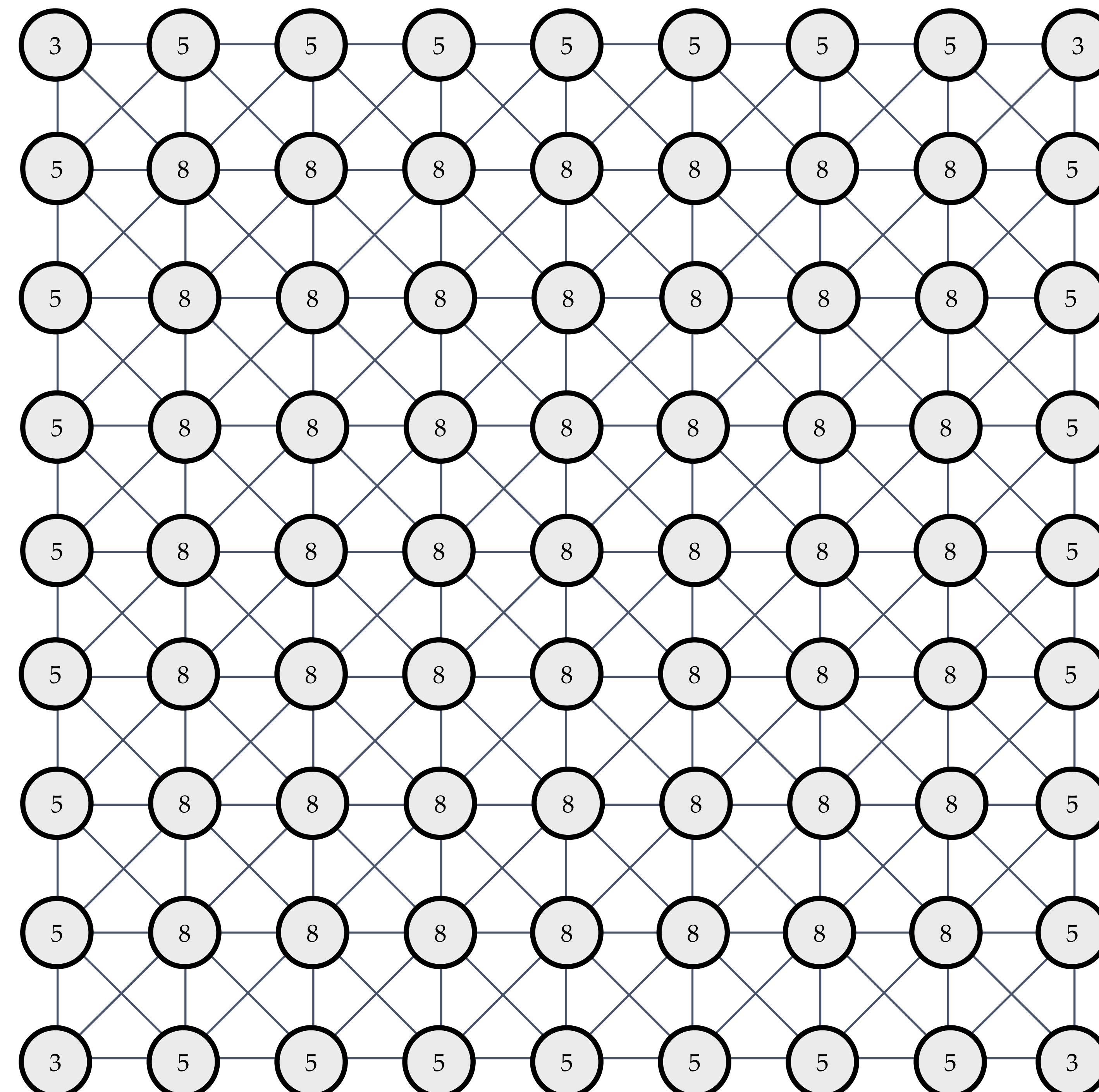
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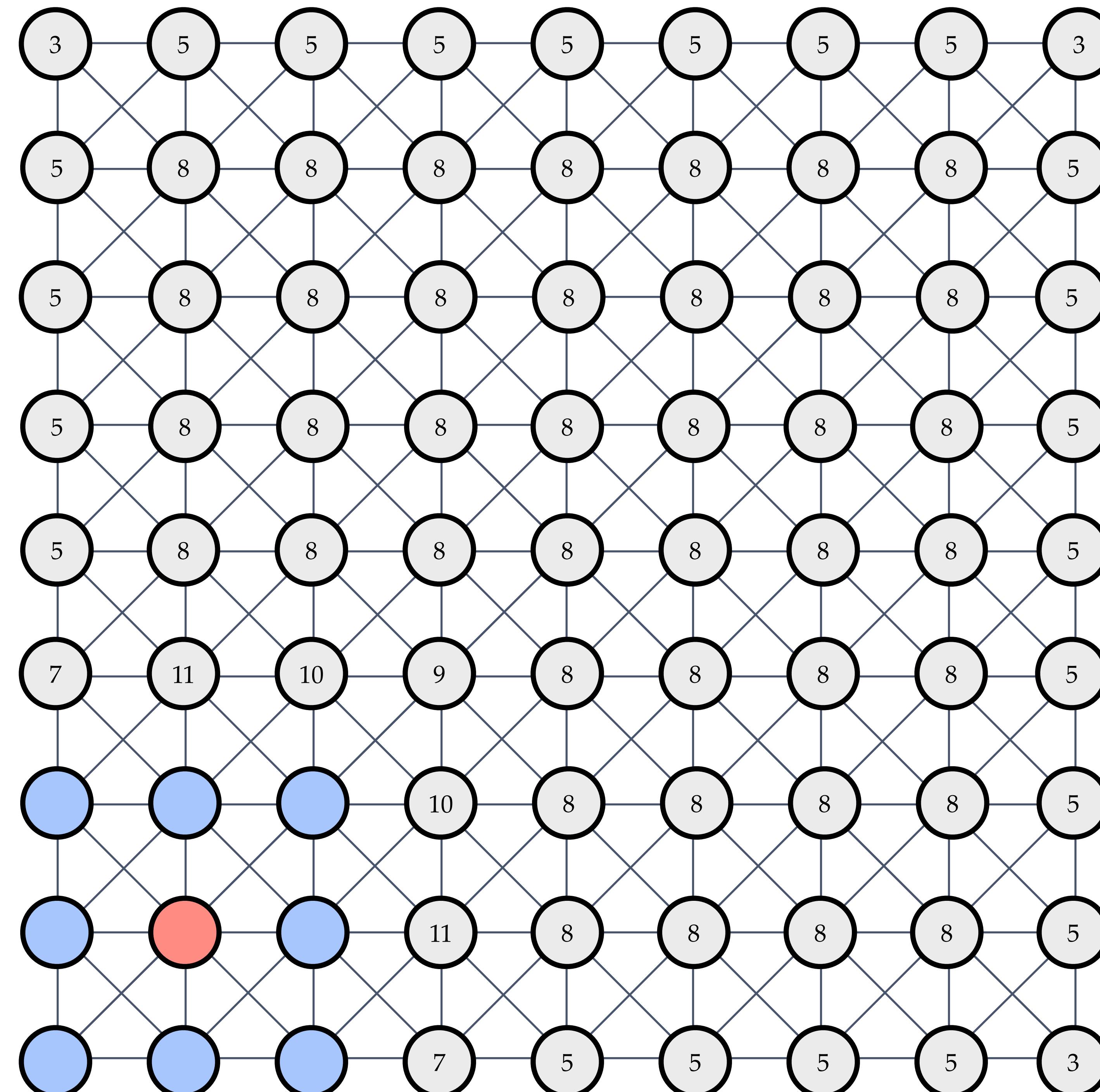
**Initialize:**

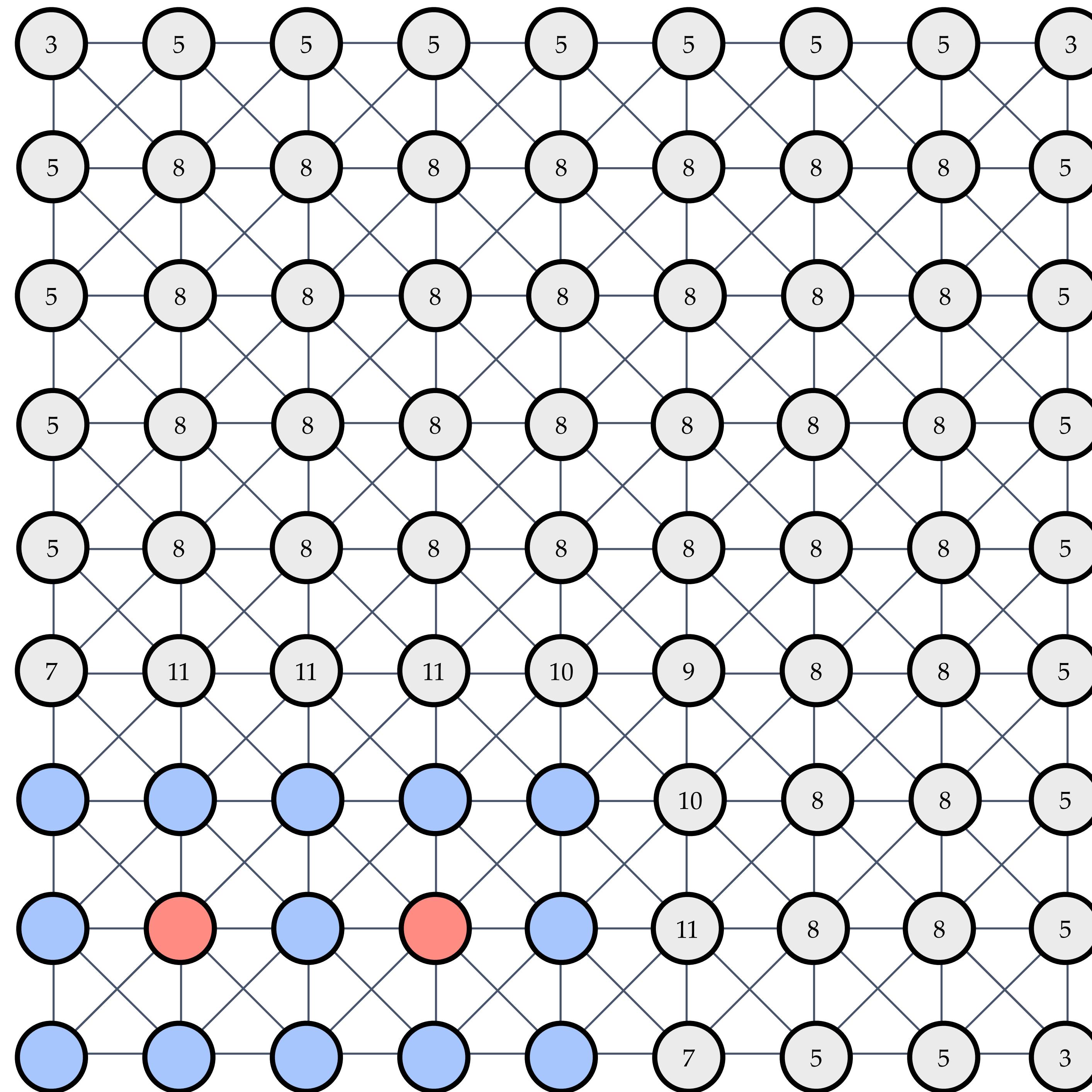
$U = \Omega$ ,  $C = \emptyset$ ,  $F = \emptyset$

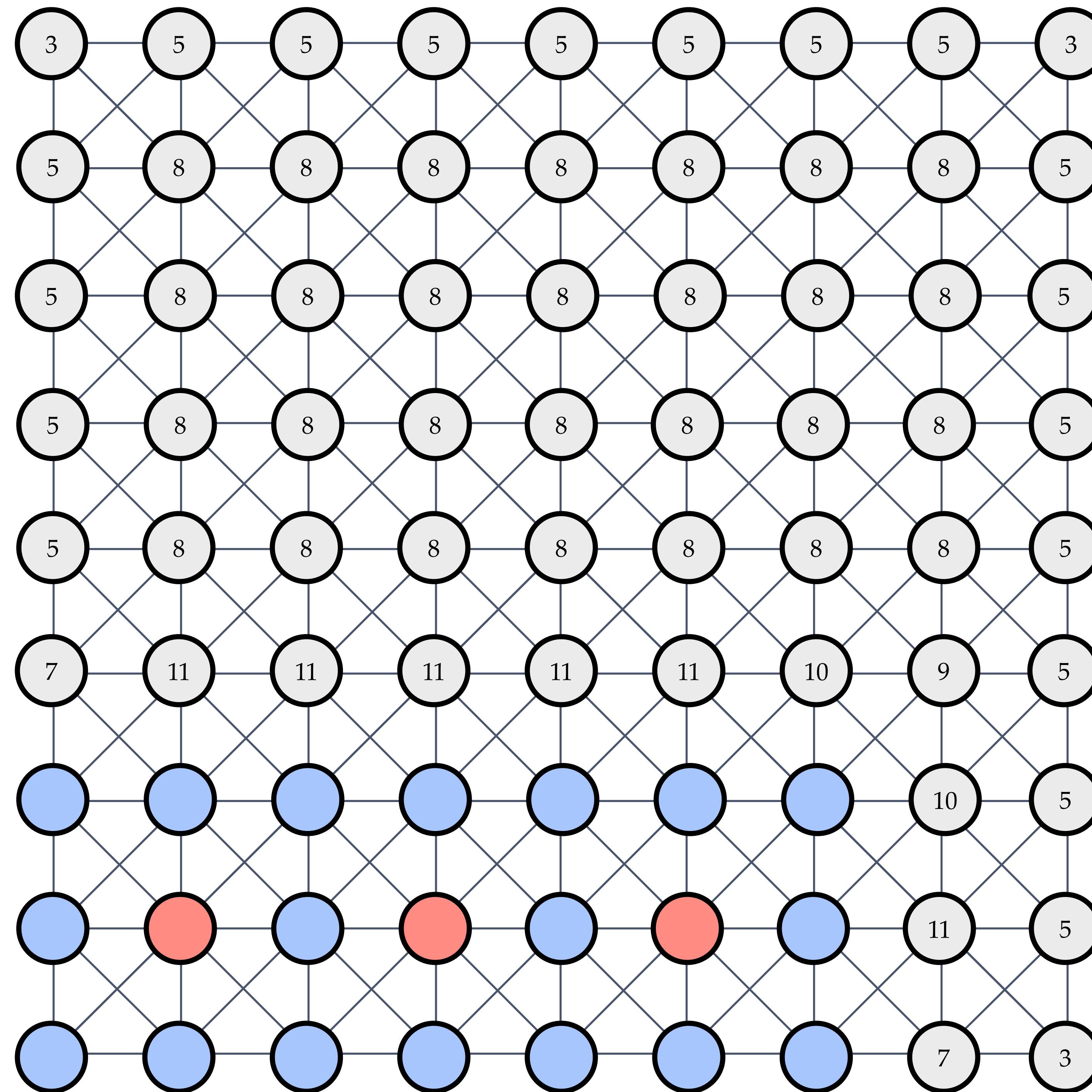
1. **for all**  $i \in \Omega$  **do**
2.    $w_i \leftarrow |S_i^T|$
3. **end for**
4. **while**  $|U| > 0$  **do** {First pass}
5.   select  $i$ :  $w_i \geq w_j$ ,  $\forall j \in U$
6.    $U \leftarrow U \setminus \{i\}$
7.    $C \leftarrow C \cup \{i\}$
8.   **for all**  $j \in S_i^T \cap U$  **do**
9.      $U \leftarrow U \setminus \{j\}$
10.     $F = F \cup \{j\}$
11.    **for all**  $k \in S_j \cap U$  **do**
12.      $w_k \leftarrow w_k + 1$
13.    **end for**
14.   **end for**
15. **end while**
16. **for all**  $i \in F$  **do** {Second pass}
17.   **for all**  $j \in S_i \cap S_i^T \cap F$  **do**
18.     **if**  $S_i \cap S_j \cap C = \emptyset$  **then**
19.       make  $i$  or  $j$  into  $C$ -point
20.     **end if**
21.   **end for**
22. **end for**

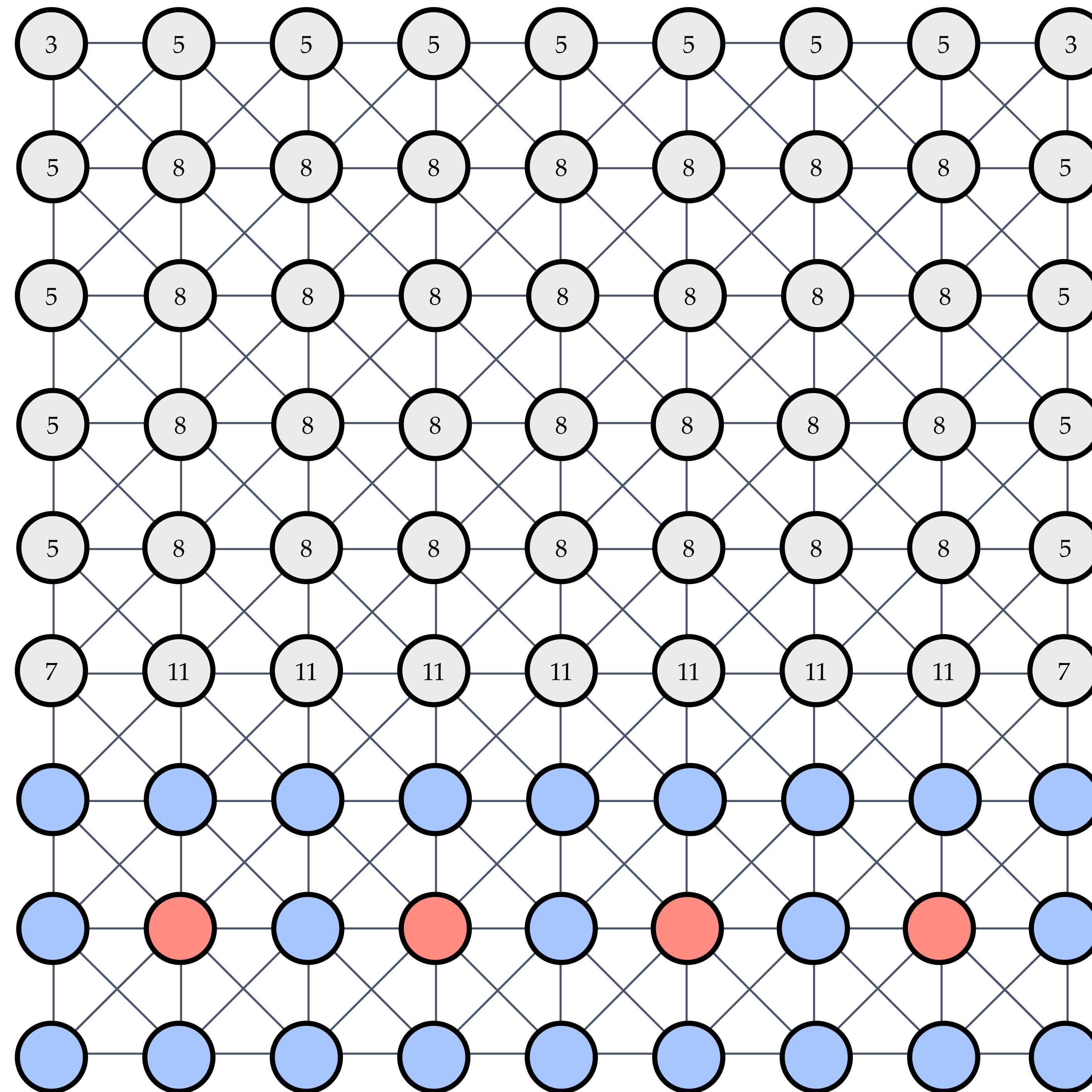
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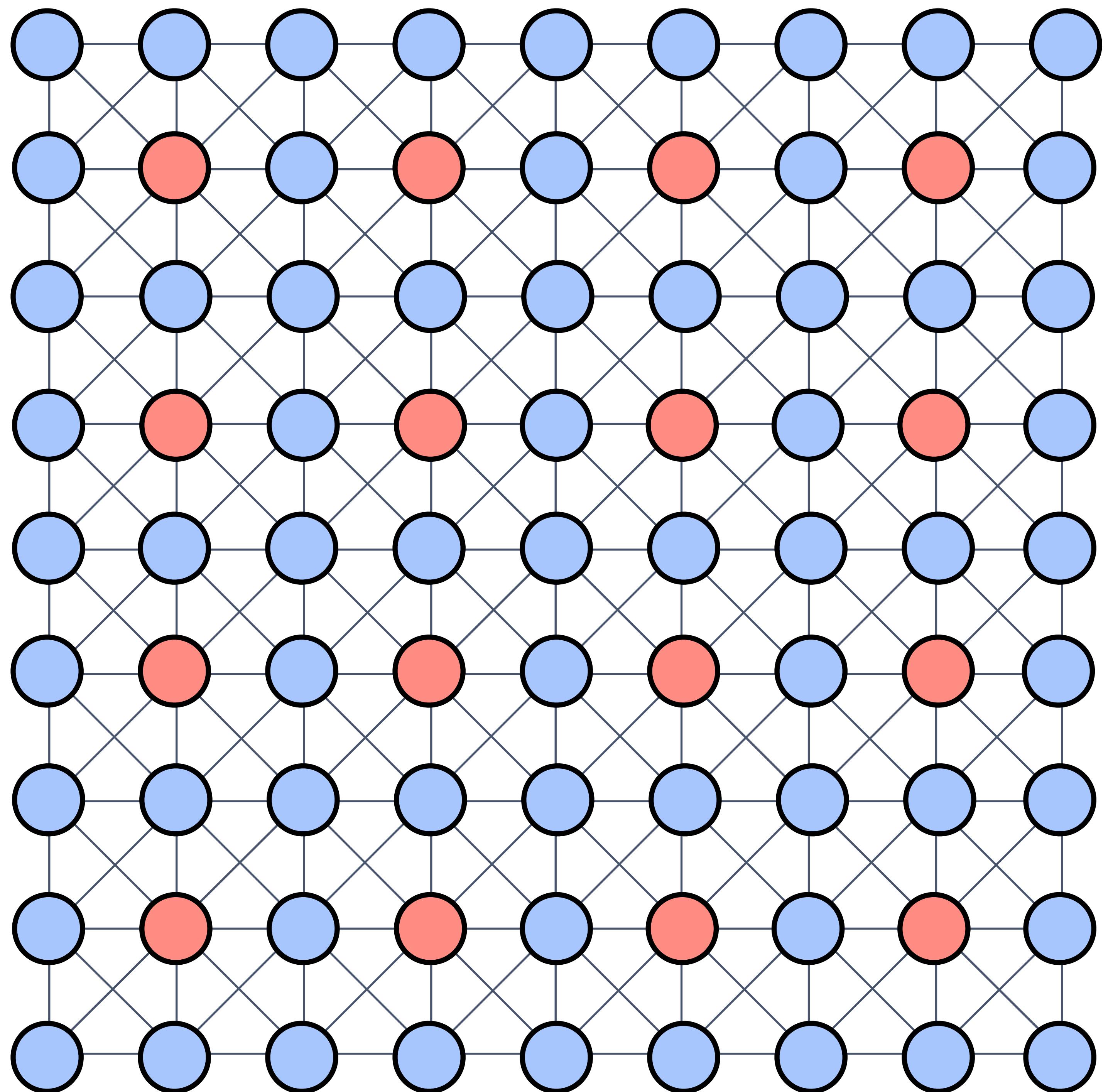












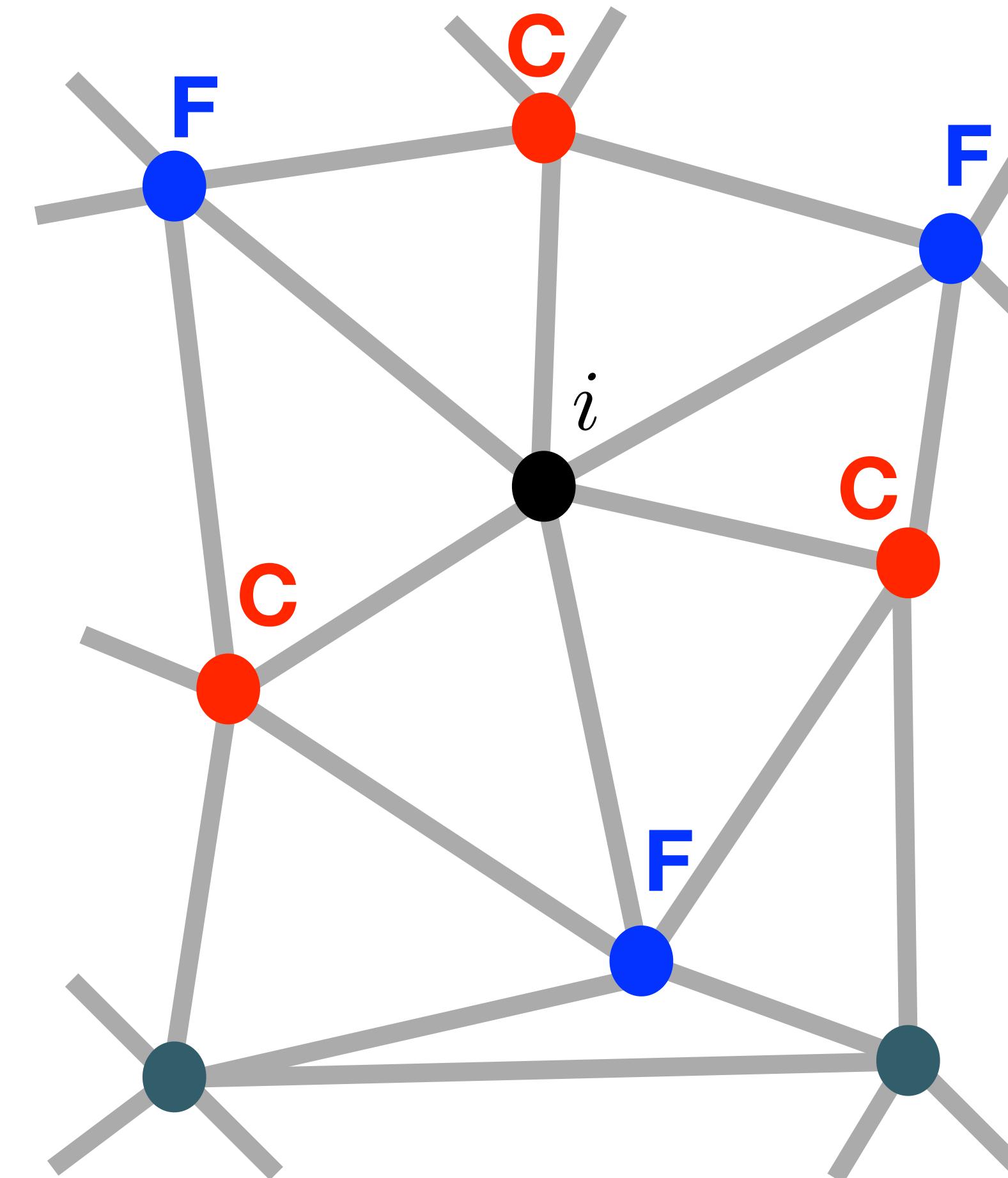
# CF AMG

- With a coarse grid (C-points) defined, we can turn to interpolation.
- Write interpolation as a weighted sum of points in the coarse interpolatory set

$$(\vec{Pe})_i = \begin{cases} \sum_{j \in C_i} \omega_{ij} e_j & j \in F \\ e_i & i \in C \end{cases}$$

- Or

$$\vec{Pe} = P \begin{bmatrix} \vec{e}_F \\ \vec{e}_C \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} W \\ I \end{bmatrix} \vec{e}_C$$

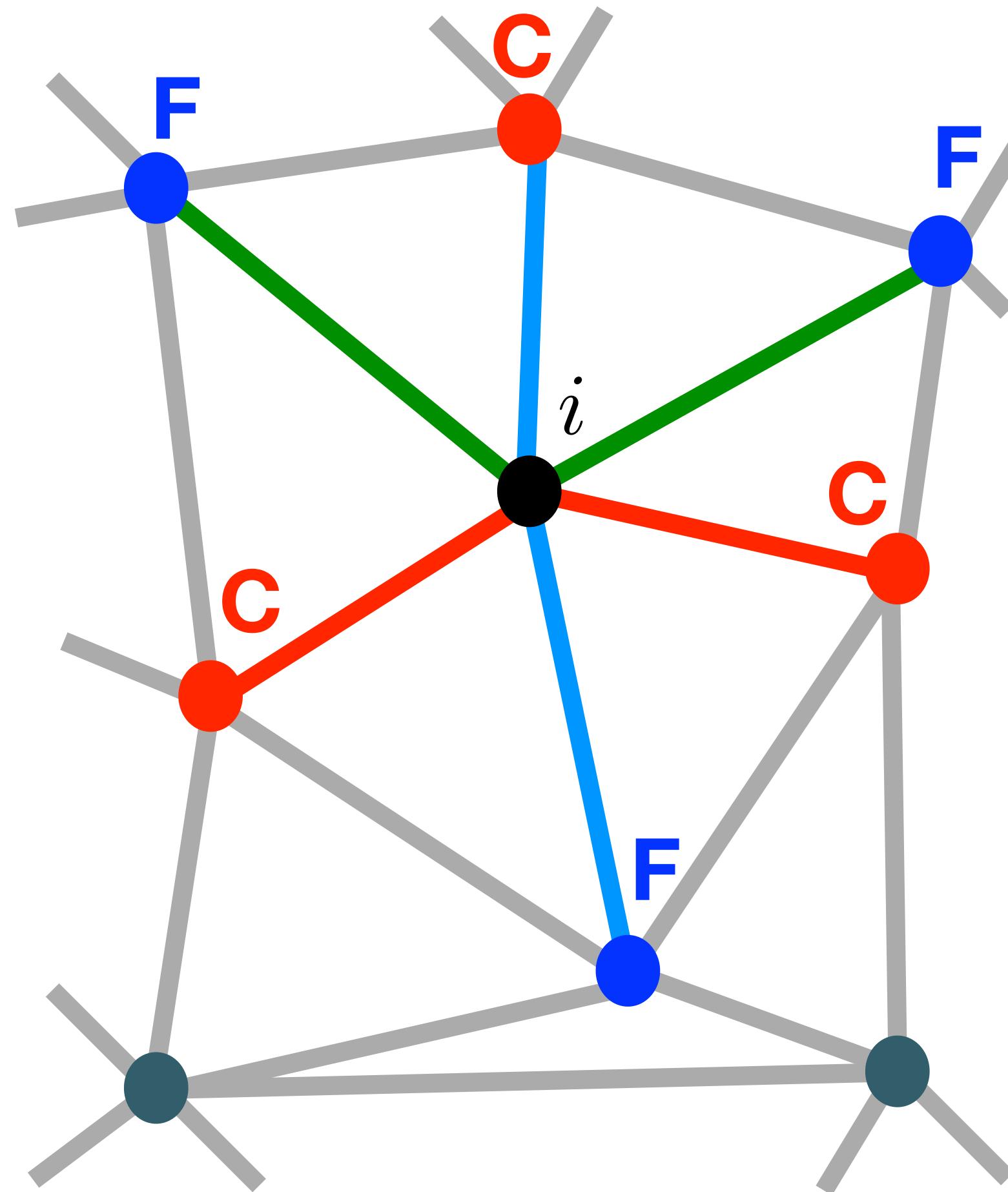


Example from MG Tutorial

# CF AMG

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- To interpolate, distinguish **strong** and **weak** connections to interpolate from
- $C_i$  are **strong C-points**
- $D_i^s$  are **strong F-points**
- $D_i^w$  are **weak C/F-points**



# CF AMG

- Start with smooth error

$$Ae \approx 0$$

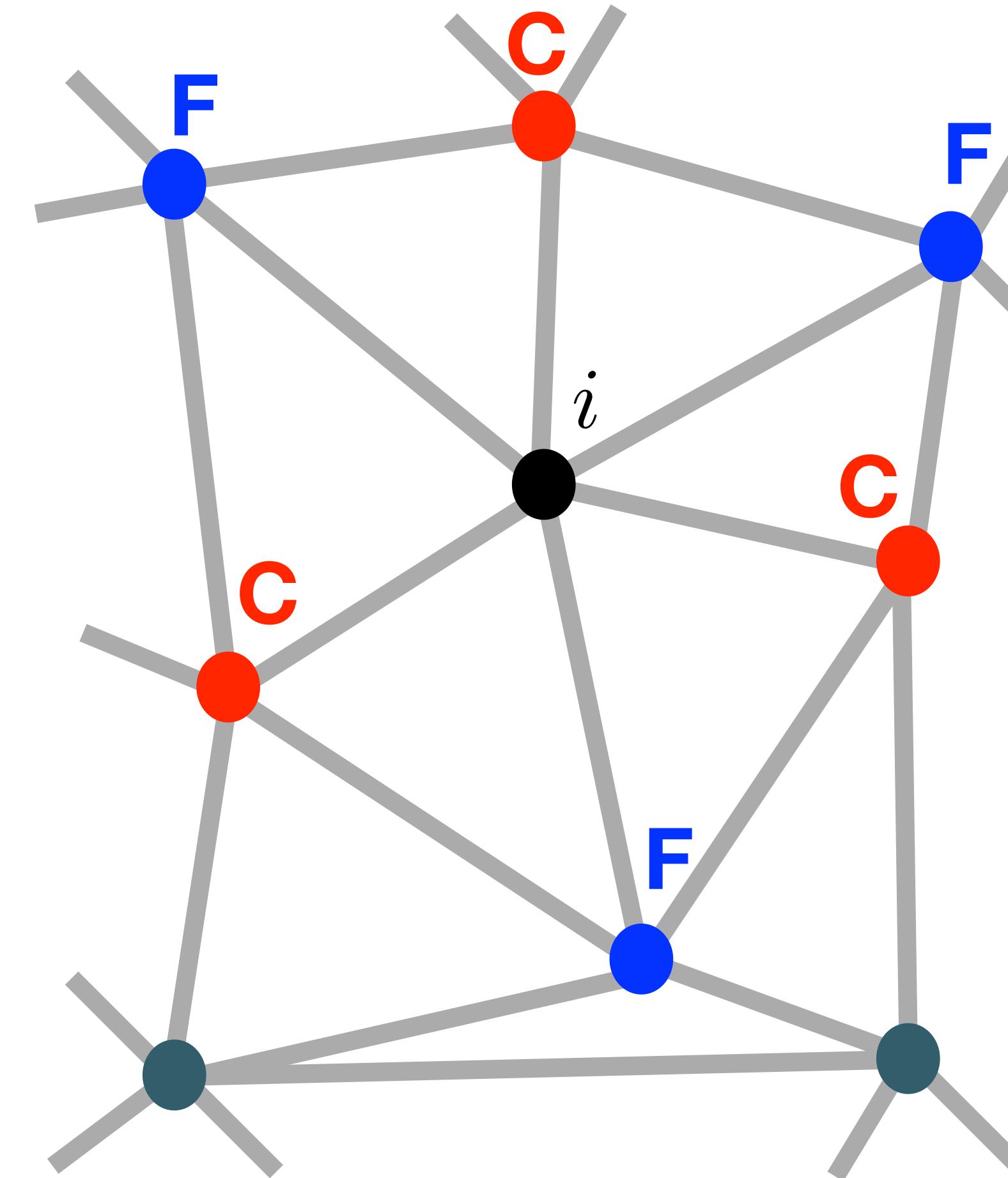
- Then “solve” for  $i$

$$A_{ii}e_i = - \sum_{j \neq i} A_{ij}e_j$$

- Then split into types

$$A_{ii}e_i = - \sum_{j \in C_i} A_{ij}e_j - \sum_{k \in D_i^s} A_{ik}e_k - \sum_{m \in D_i^w} A_{im}e_m$$

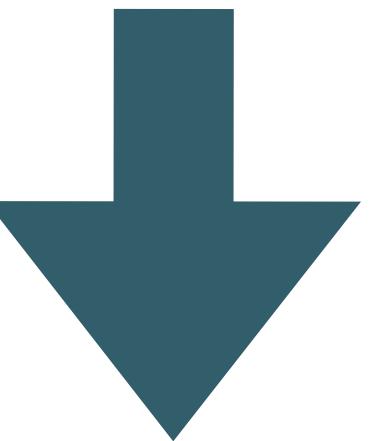
**strong C** **strong F** **weak**



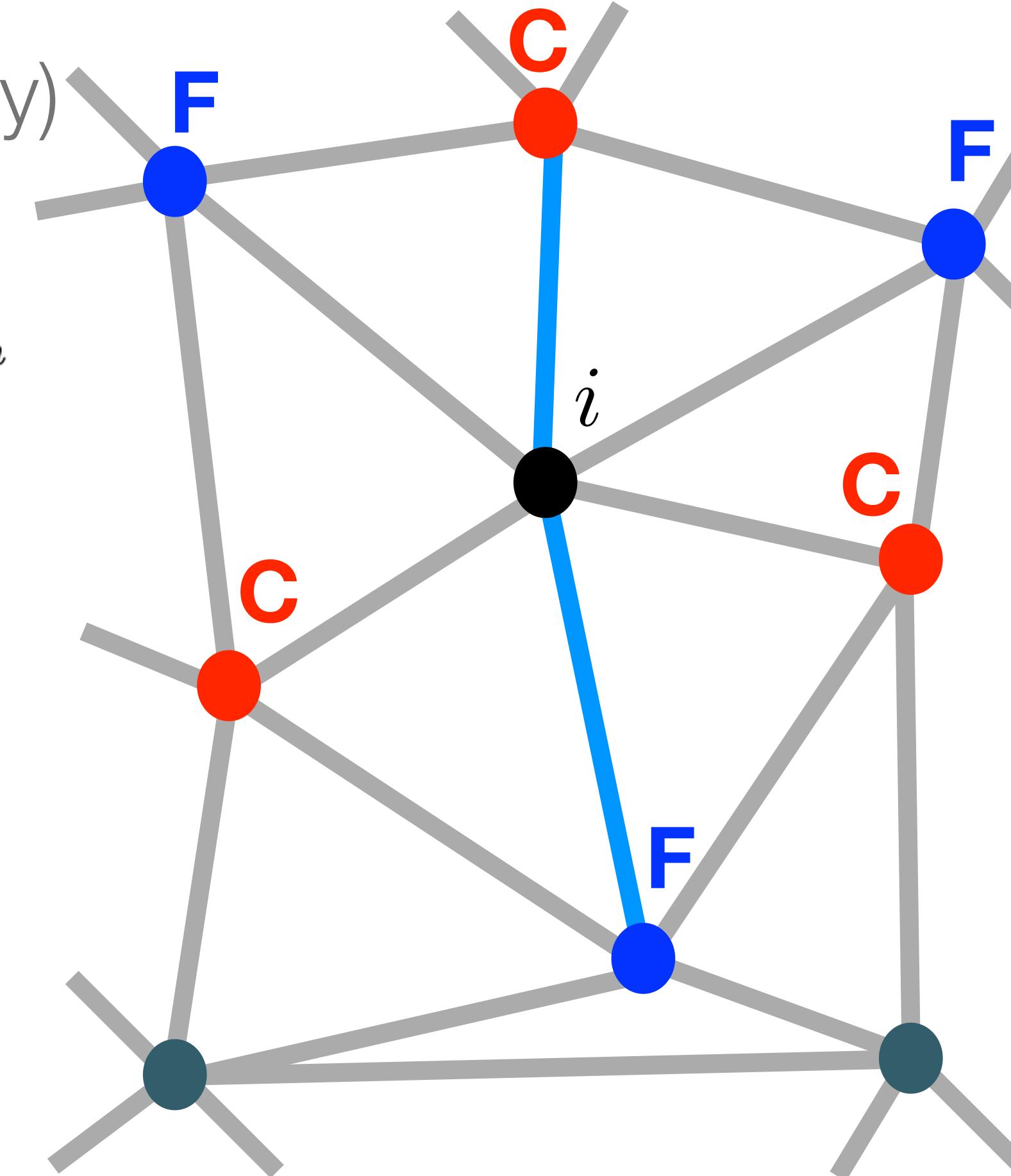
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- **Weak:** assume  $e_j \approx e_i$  in case there is dependence (=vary slowly)

$$A_{ii}e_i = - \sum_{j \in C_i} A_{ij}e_j - \sum_{k \in D_i^s} A_{ik}e_k - \sum_{m \in D_i^w} A_{im}e_m$$



$$\left( A_{ii} + \sum_{m \in D_i^w} A_{im} \right) e_i = - \sum_{j \in C_i} A_{ij}e_j - \sum_{k \in D_i^s} A_{ik}e_k$$



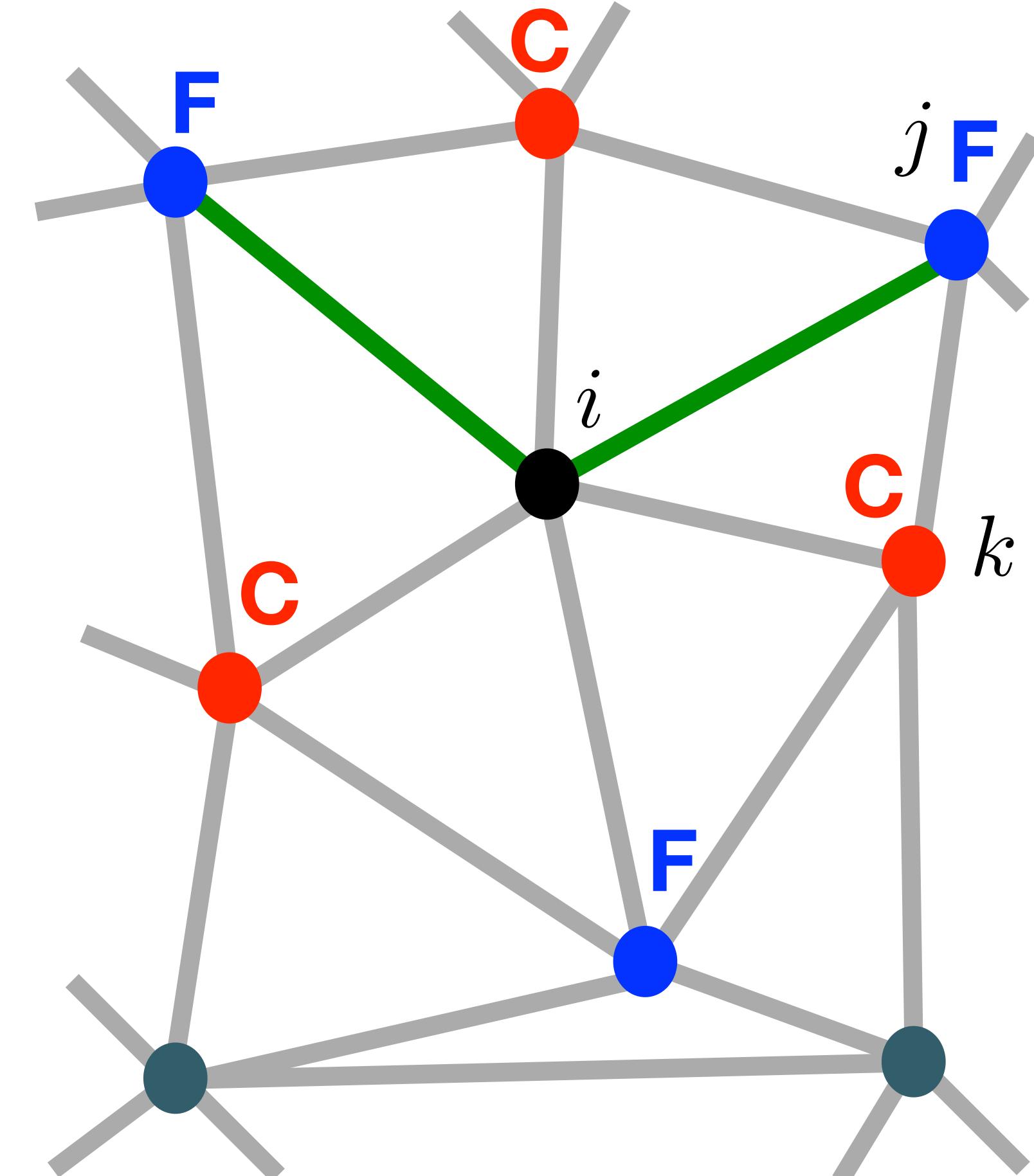
# CF AMG

- **Strong F:** approximate  $e_k$  by points in  $C_i \cap C_j$

$$e_k \approx \frac{\sum_{k \in C_i} A_{kj} e_j}{\sum_{\ell \in C_i} A_{\ell j}}$$

- This gives weights

$$\omega_{ij} = -\frac{A_{ij} + \sum_{k \in D_i^s} \left( \frac{A_{ik} A_{kj}}{\sum_{\ell \in C_i} A_{\ell j}} \right)}{A_{ii} + \sum_{m \in D_i^w} A_{im}}$$



# CF AMG Setup Algorithm

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**Algorithm 2:** CF\_setup()

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**Input:**  $A_0$ : fine-grid operator  
          max\_size: threshold for max size of coarsest problem

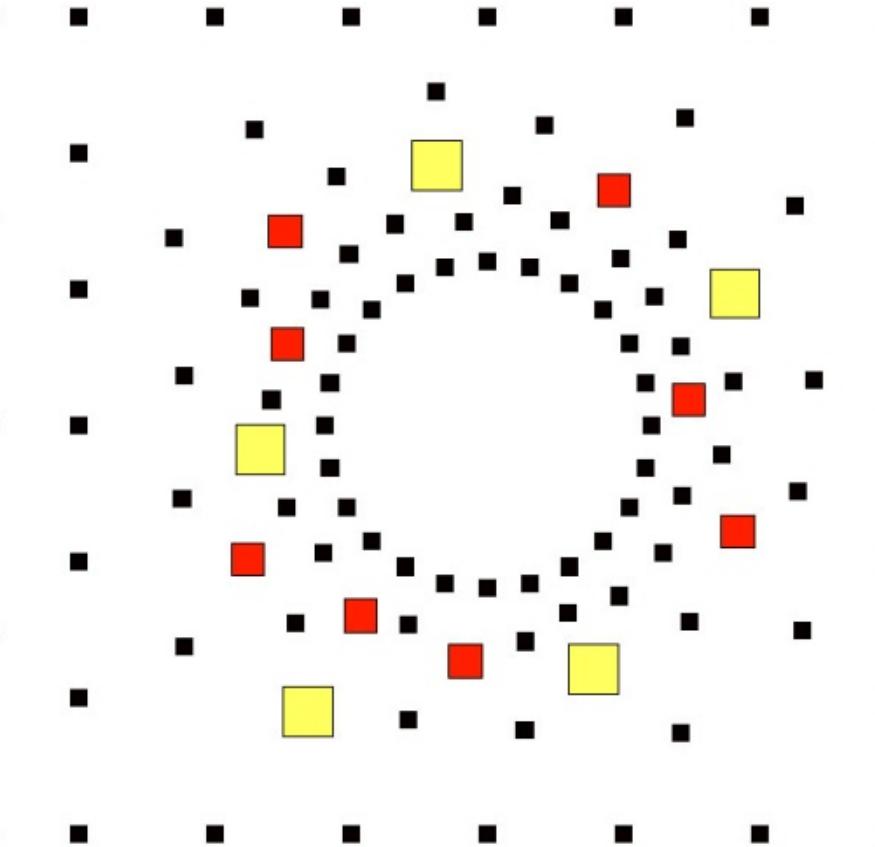
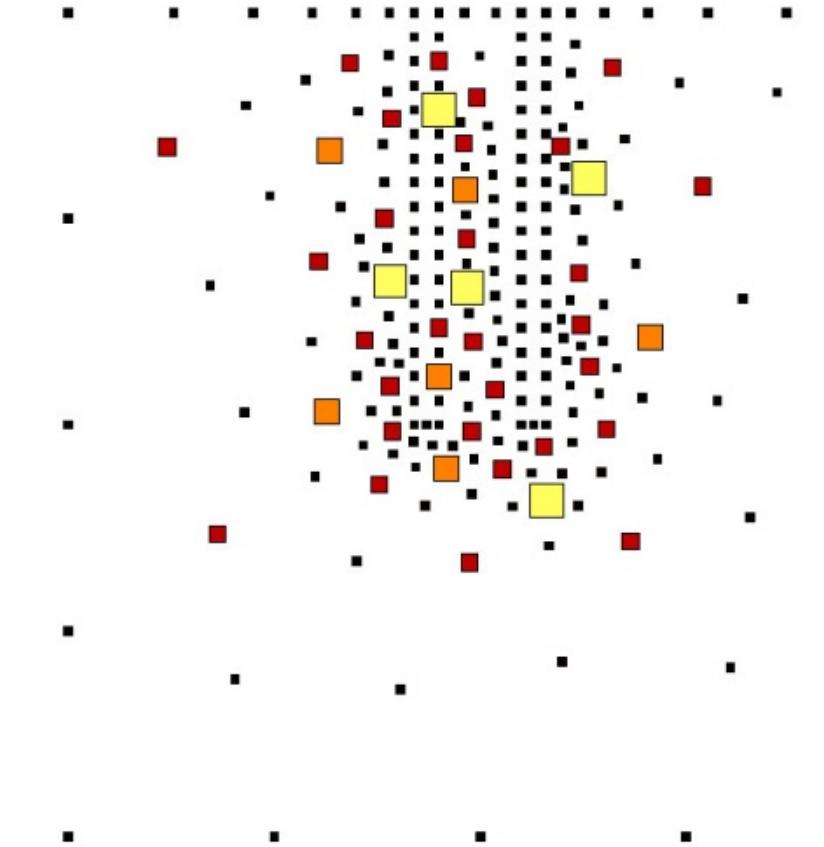
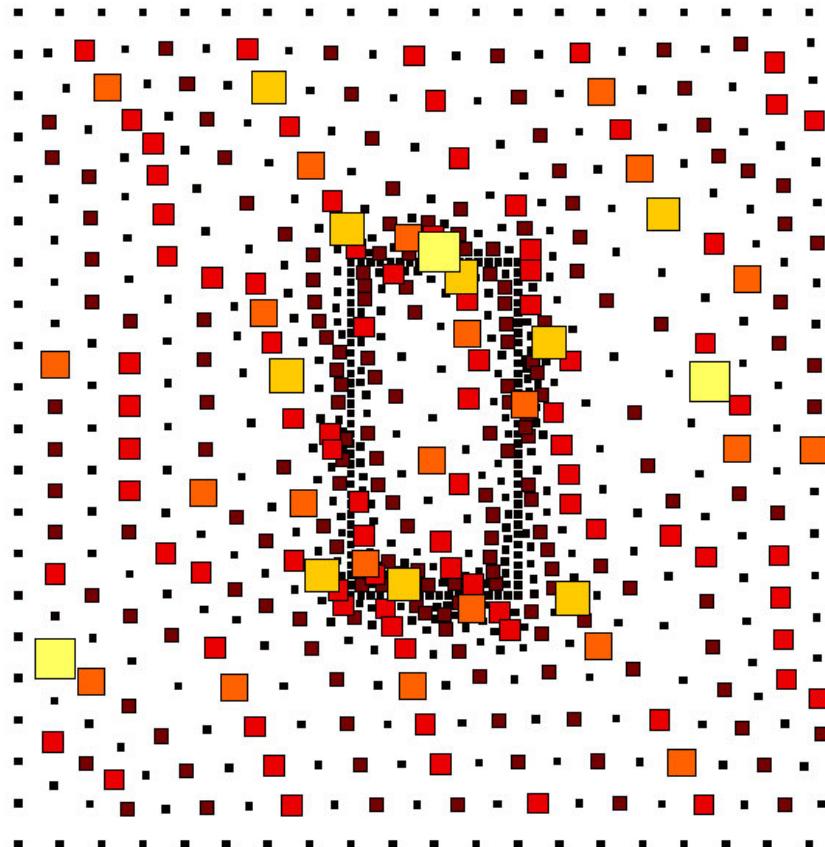
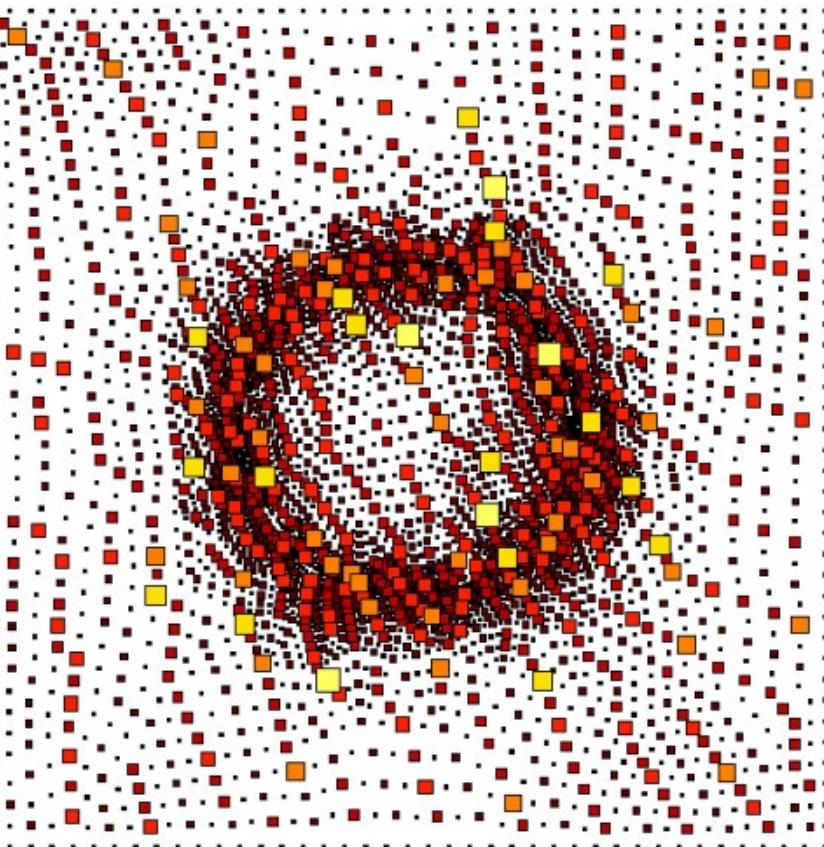
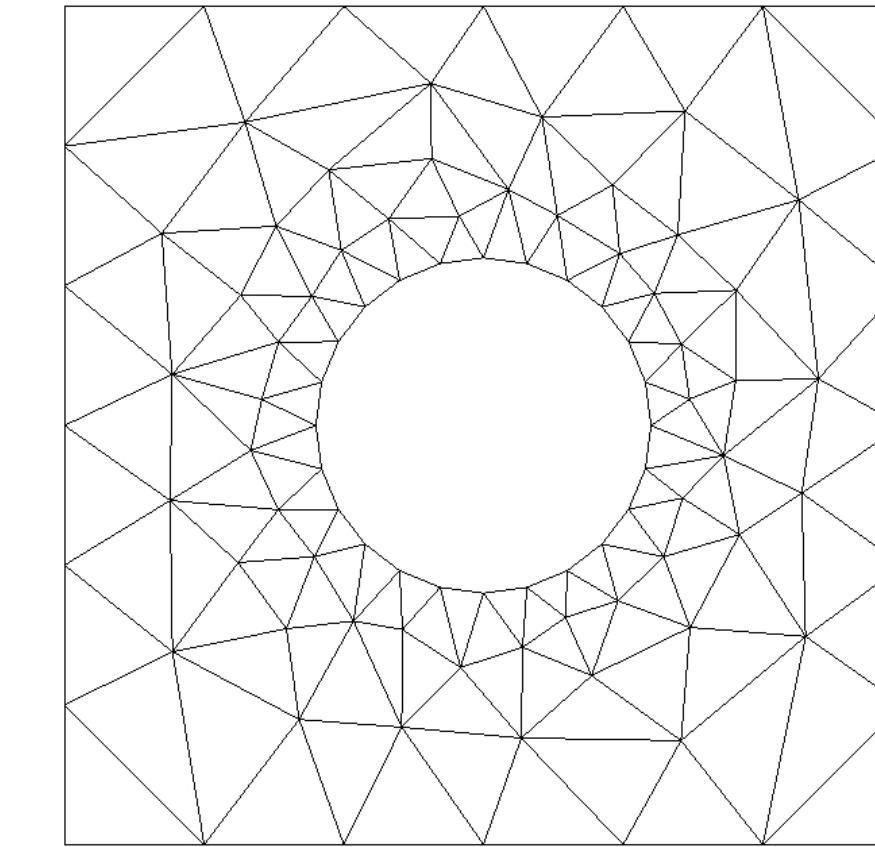
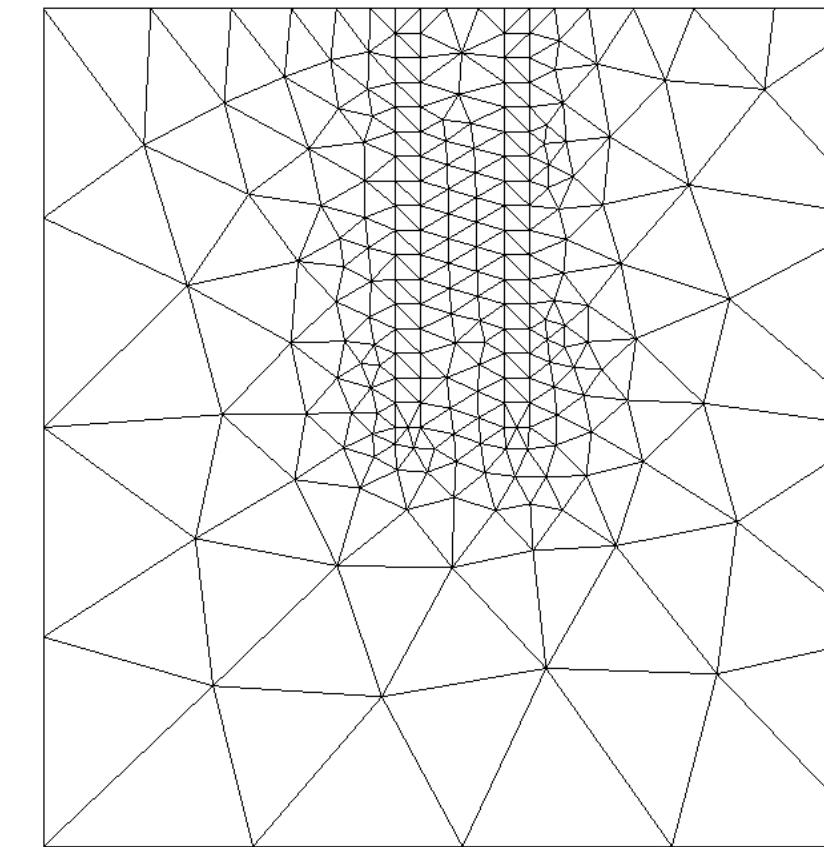
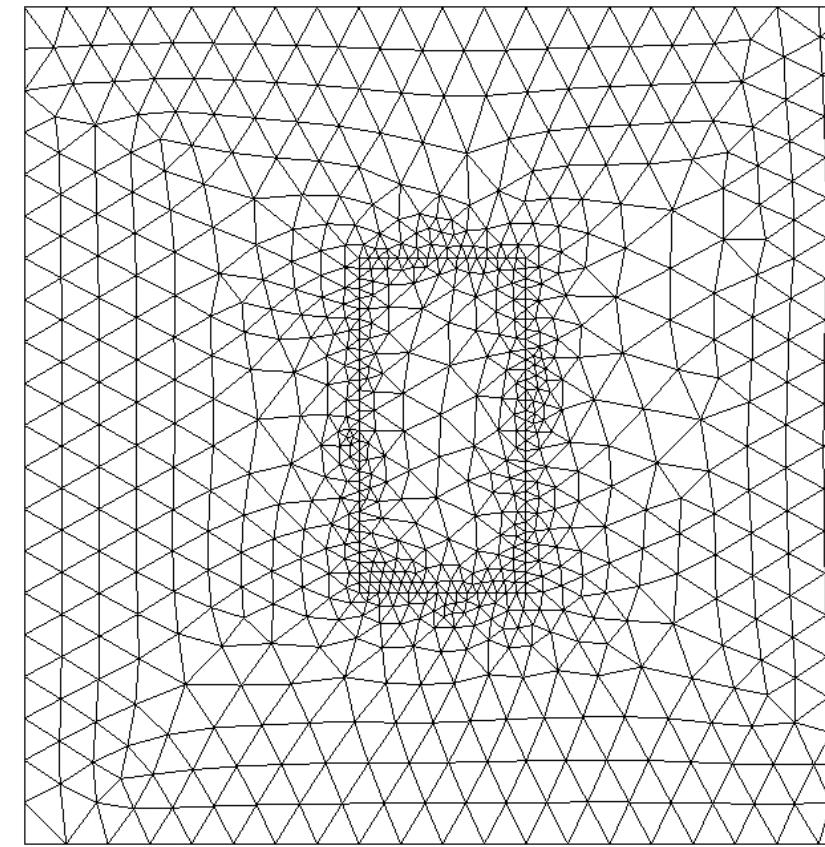
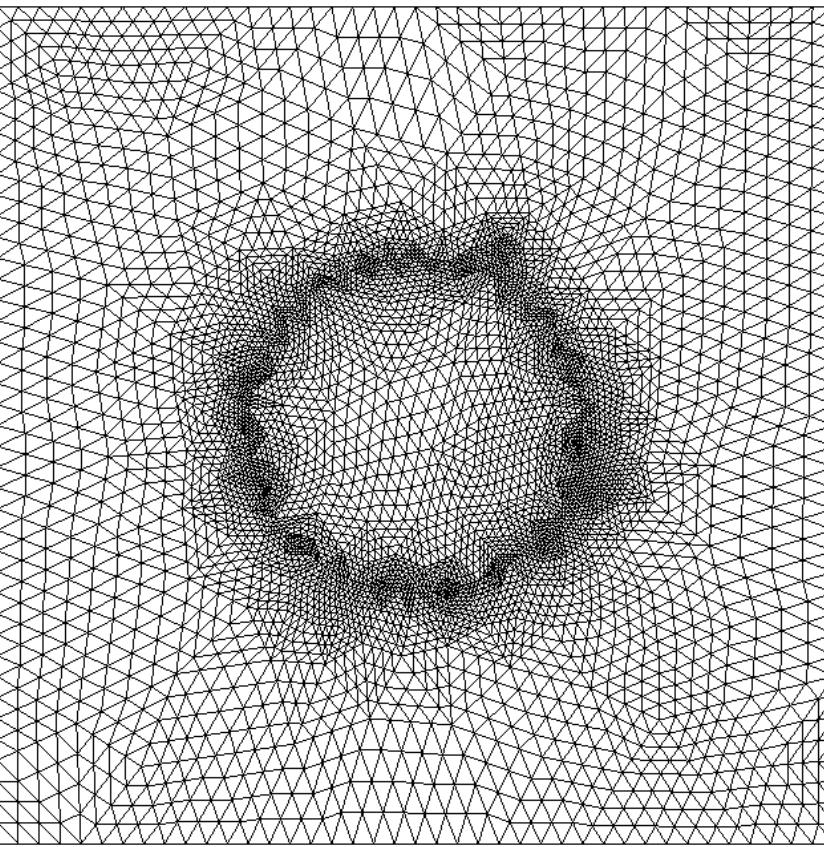
**Output:**  $A_1, \dots, A_L$ ,  
           $P_0, \dots, P_{L-1}$

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1  $\ell = 0$ 
2 while size( $A_\ell$ ) > max_size
3    $S_\ell = \text{strength}(A_\ell)$                                 {Strength-of-connection}
4    $\mathcal{C}_\ell, \mathcal{F}_\ell = \text{splitting}(S_\ell)$           {C/F-splitting}
5    $W = \text{weights}(S_\ell, A_\ell, \mathcal{C}_\ell, \mathcal{F}_\ell)$     {Interpolation weights}
6    $P_\ell = \begin{bmatrix} W \\ I \end{bmatrix}$                       {Form interpolation}
7    $A_{\ell+1} = P_\ell^T A_\ell P_\ell$                          {Coarse-grid operator}
8    $\ell = \ell + 1$ 
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# AMG grid hierarchies for several 2D problems

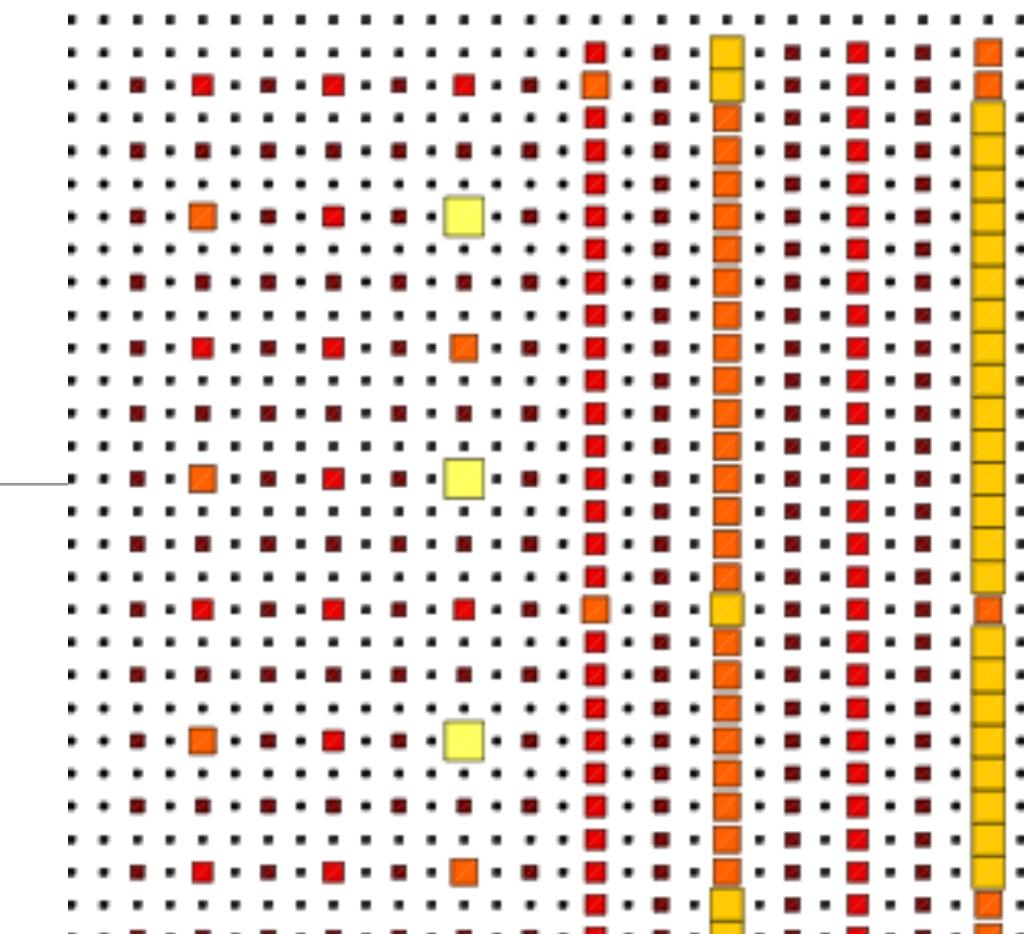
domain1 - 30° domain2 - 30° pile square-hole



# Example CF-AMG results

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline & a \gg b \end{array}$$



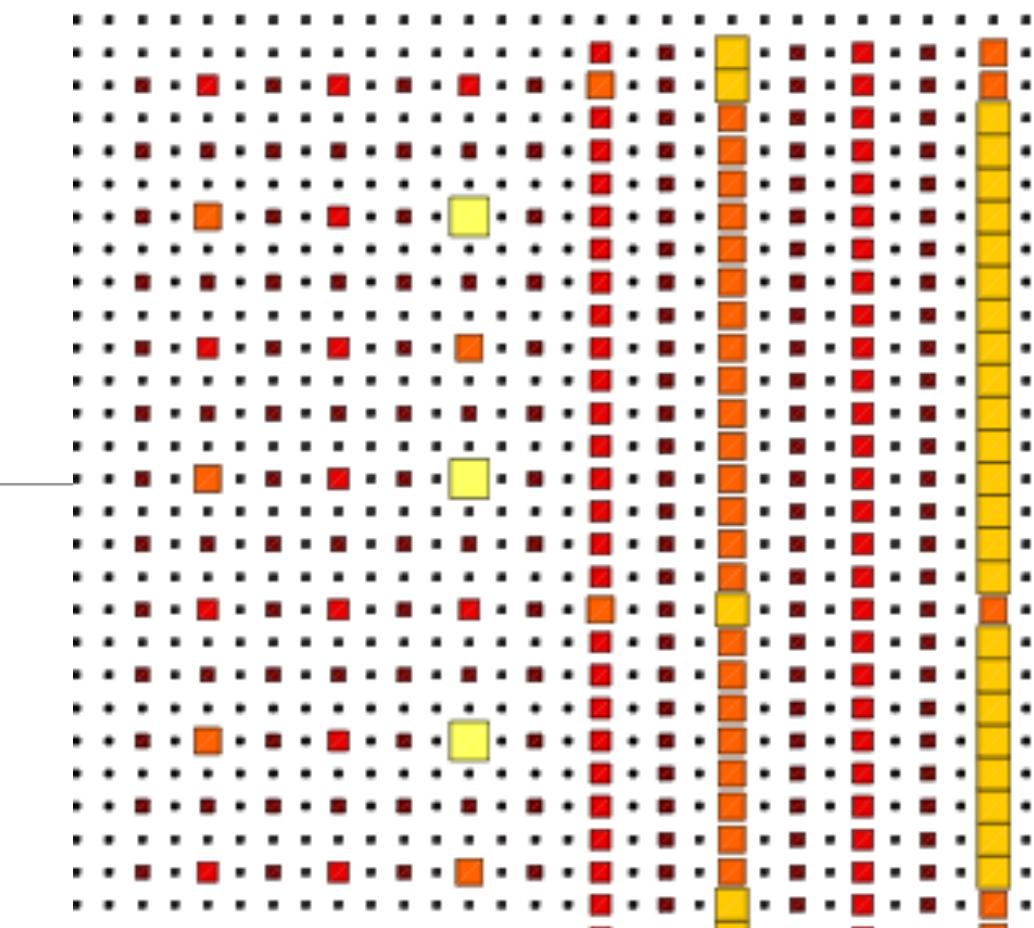
CF-AMG coarse grids

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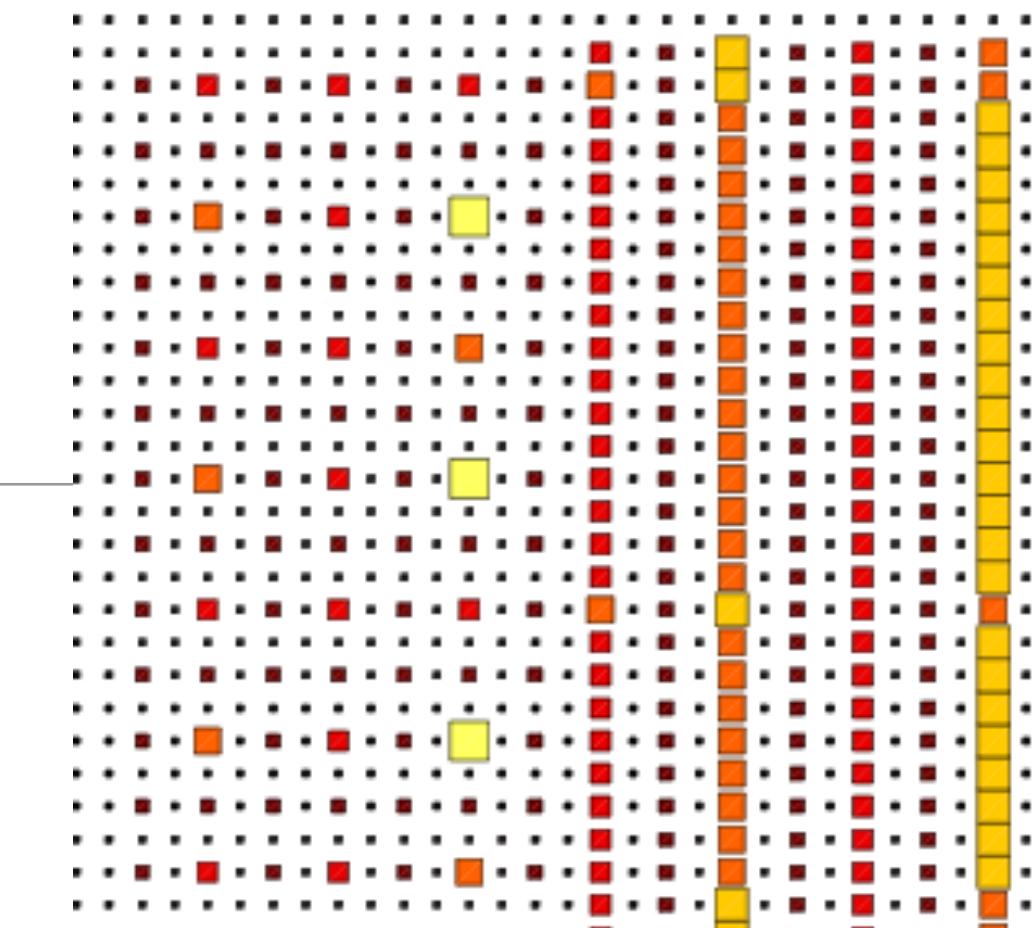


Iterations to a certain tolerance

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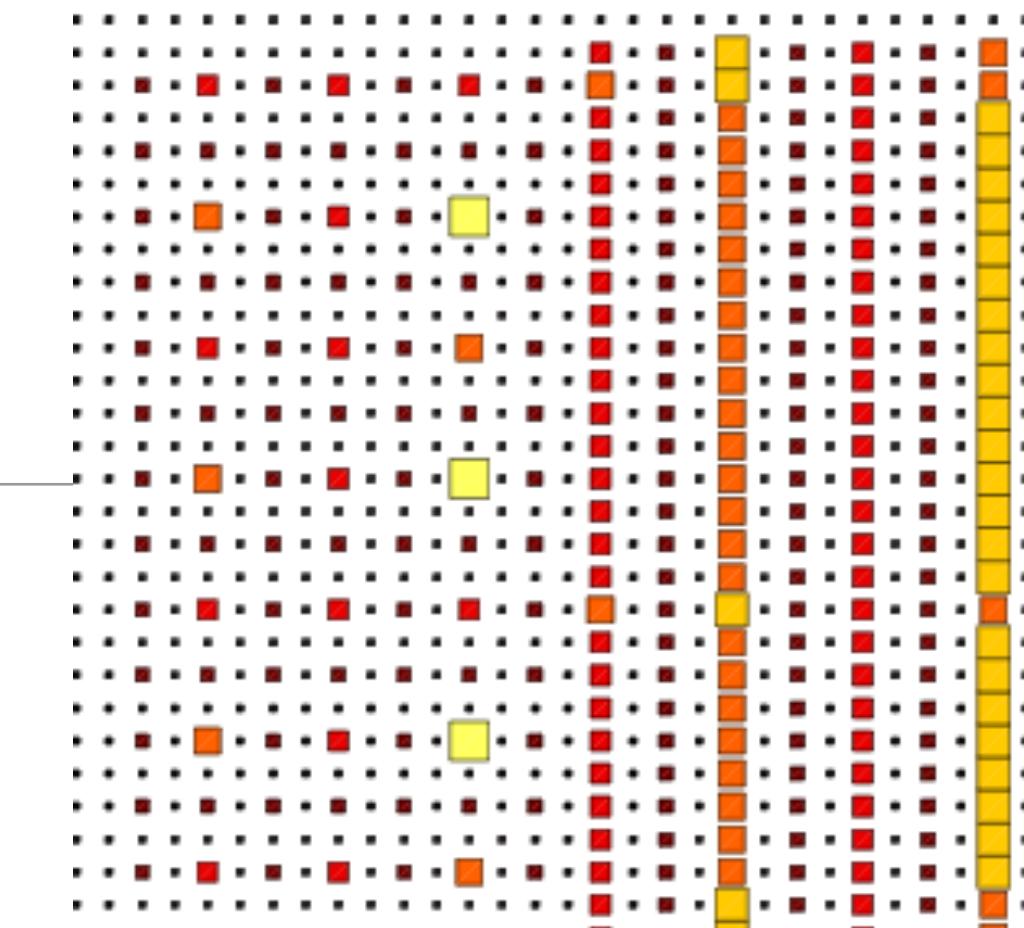


**Convergence factor:** factor by which the norm of the residual is reduced in each iteration

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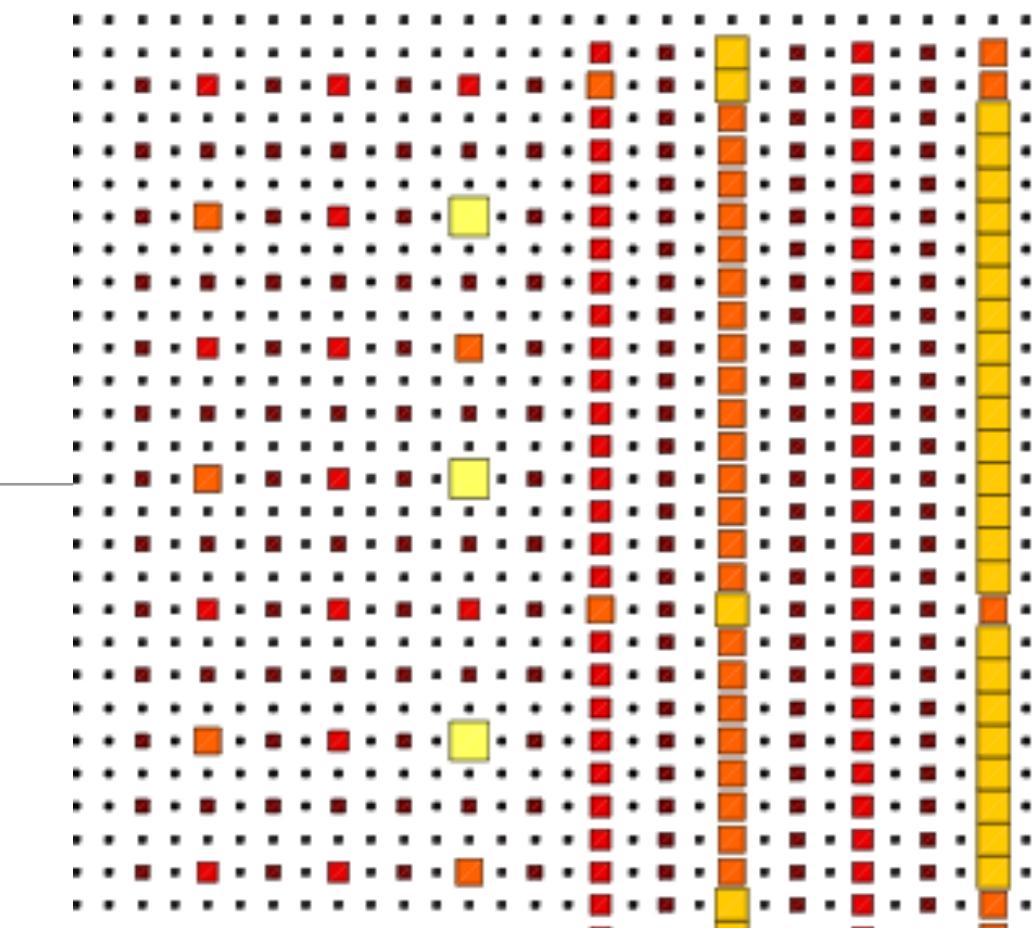


**Coarse grids:** number of coarse “grids”

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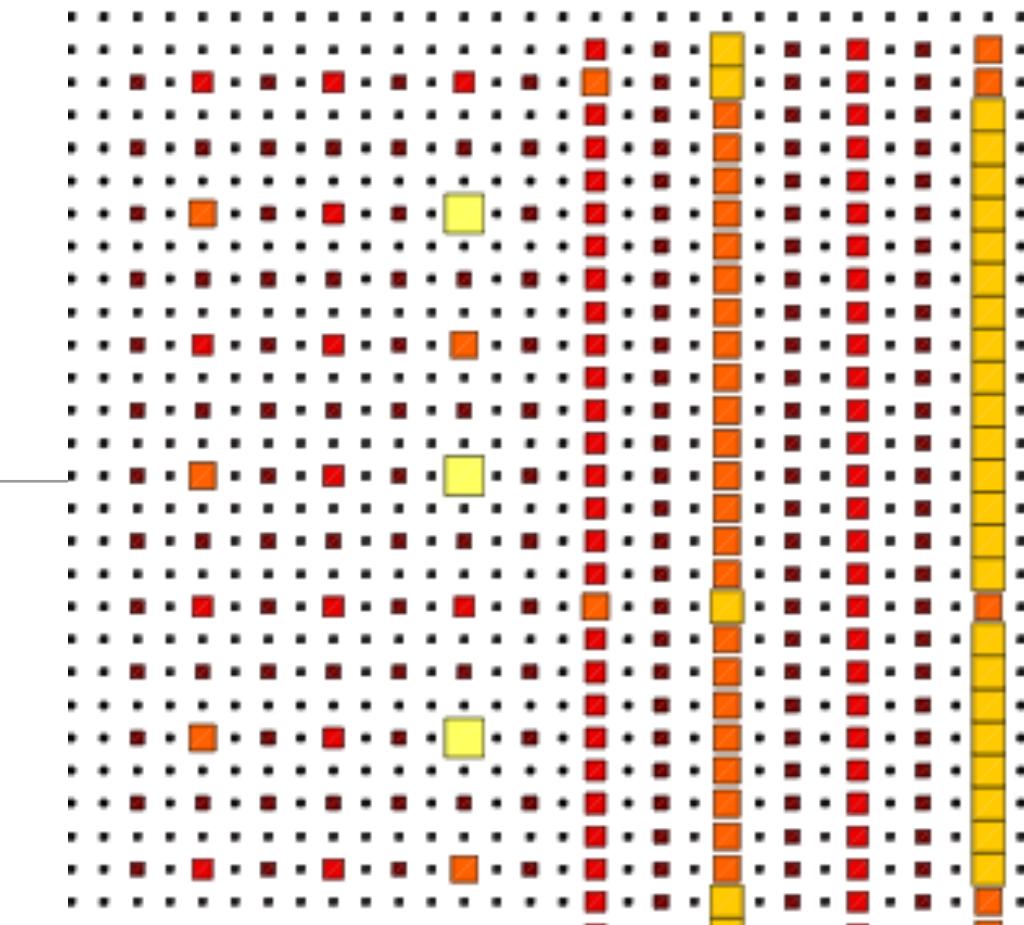


**Grid complexity:** total number of grid points (system size)  
on all levels / number of grids points on the fine level

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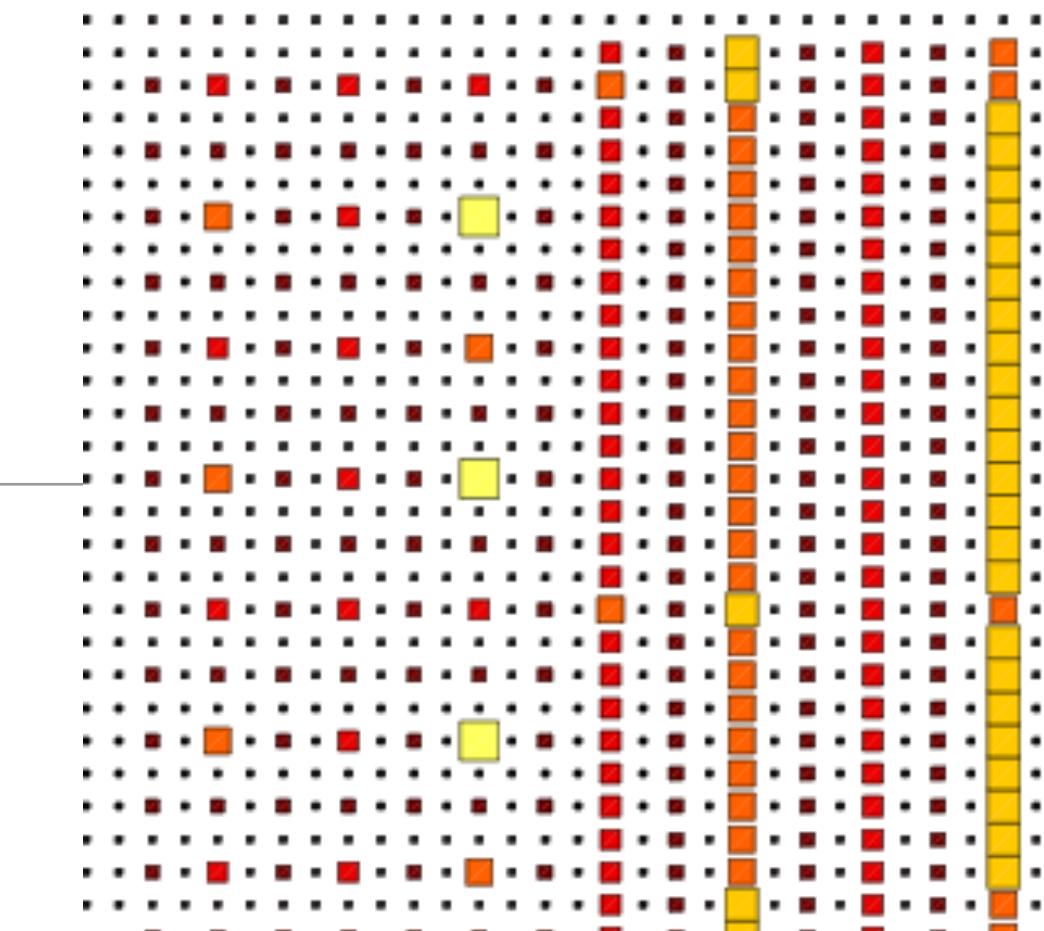


**Operator complexity:** total number non-zeros on all levels / number of non-zeros on the fine level

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$$\begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline & a \gg b \end{array}$$



CF-AMG coarse grids

$N$	Iters	Conv factor	Coarse grids	Grid comp	Oper comp	Setup time	Solve time
61×61	10	0.23	6	1.6	1.6	0.01	0.02
121×121	9	0.23	8	1.6	1.7	0.05	0.07
241×241	9	0.23	9	1.6	1.7	0.25	0.32
481×481	9	0.23	12	1.7	1.7	1.02	1.27
961×961	11	0.29	13	1.7	1.7	4.42	6.28



**Setup/solve times:** can vary \*a lot\* depending on the problem, but the setup is significant!

# Demo

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- `14-anisotropy-cf-amg.ipynb`

# Some theory

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- An outline of some (general) theory.

*On Generalizing the Algebraic Multigrid Framework*, Falgout, Vassilevski, 2004, SINUM.

- Let  $A$  be SPD

$$\tilde{M} = M^T (M^T + M - A)^{-1} M$$

- Consider relaxation of the form

$$u \leftarrow u + M^{-1} r$$

or

$$e \leftarrow e - M^{-1} A e$$

or

$$e \leftarrow (I - M^{-1} A) e$$

## Some theory

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- Let interpolation be  $P$
- Consider some “restriction” operation (not the multigrid operator) such that

$$RP = I$$

- Note:  $PR$  is a projection onto  $P$
- Example:  $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$

# Some theory

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- The two-level theory shows

$$\|(I - M^{-1}A)(I - P(P^T A P)^{-1}P^T A)\|_A^2 \leq 1 - \frac{1}{K}$$

- where

$$K = \sup_e \frac{\|(I - PR)e\|_{\tilde{M}}^2}{\|e\|_A^2}$$

an approximation property

- General interpretation: higher quality interpolation (measured with  $M$ ) leads to improved convergence.

# Some theory

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- Try to optimize this:

$$K = \sup_e \frac{\|(I - PR)e\|_{\tilde{M}}^2}{\|e\|_A^2}$$

- If  $R = [0 \quad I]$

$$P^T = [W^T \quad I]$$

- Then  $P_{ideal} = \operatorname{argmin}_P \sup_e \frac{\|(I - PR)e\|_{\tilde{M}}^2}{\|e\|_A^2}$
- $$= \begin{bmatrix} -A_{FF}^{-1}A_{FC} \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

## M

- Try to optimize this:

$$K = \sup_e \frac{\|(I - PR)e\|_{\tilde{M}}^2}{\|e\|_A^2}$$

Make this small  
“compatible relaxation” methods

- If  $R = [0 \quad I]$

$$P^T = [W^T \quad I]$$

- Then  $P_{ideal} = \operatorname{argmin}_P \sup_e \frac{\|(I - PR)e\|_{\tilde{M}}^2}{\|e\|_A^2}$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -A_{FF}^{-1}A_{FC} \\ I \end{bmatrix}$$

Impractical, but often a good guide  
AMGe-type methods

# Demo

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- 15-CF-AMG-Interpolation.ipynb

# SA AMG

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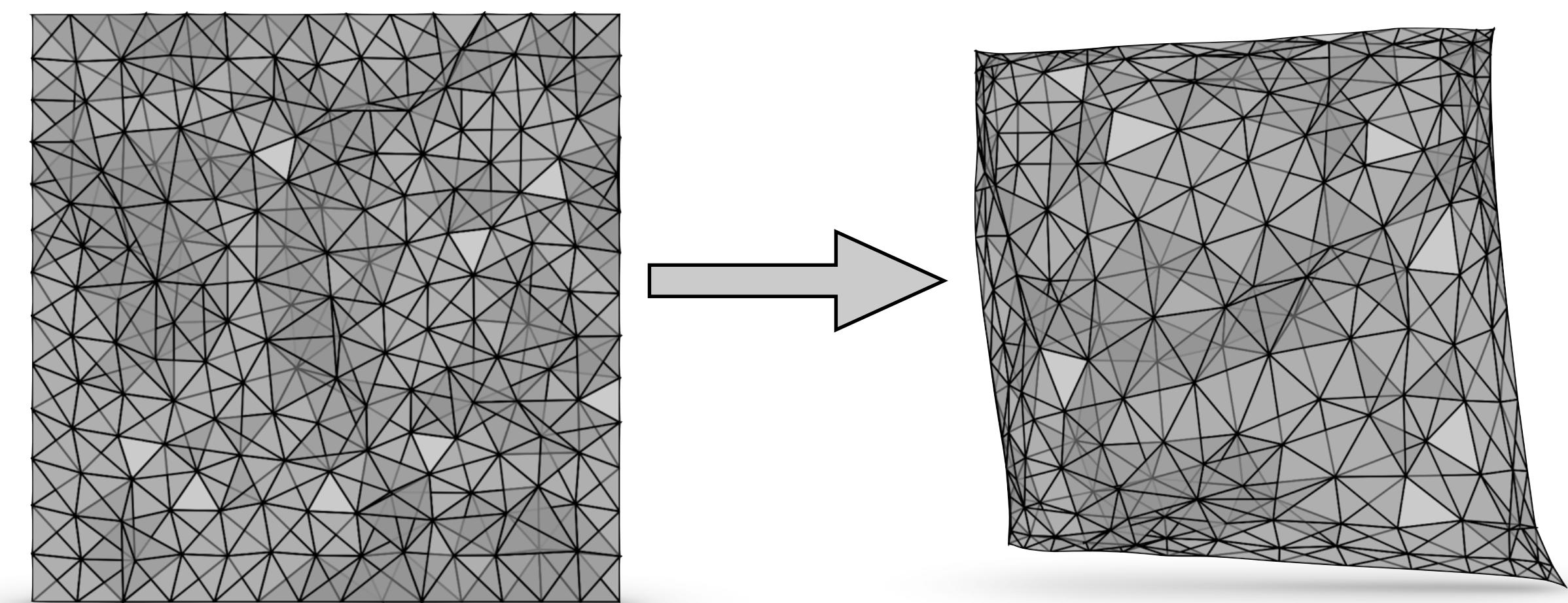
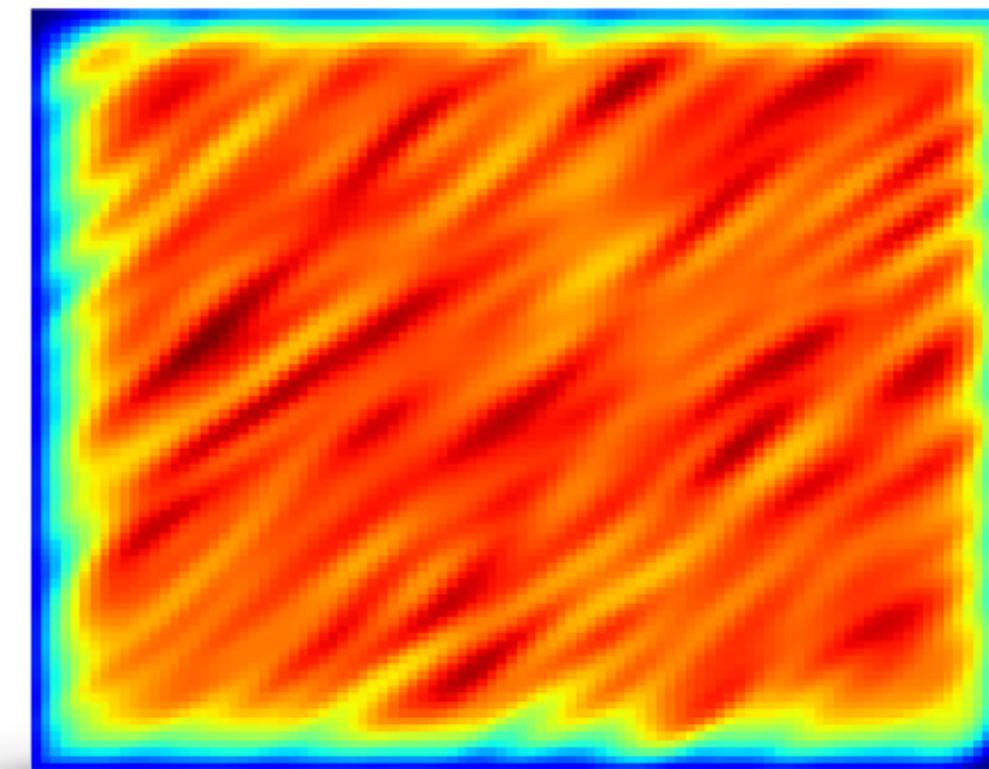
- Smoothed Aggregation based AMG takes a *different* approach
- Still, the same steps:
  1. strength between points
  2. find a coarse grid (this time **aggregates** of points)
  3. define interpolation
  4. compute the coarse-grid operator

P. Vaněk, J. Mandel, M. Brezina, Algebraic multigrid by smoothed aggregation for second and fourth order elliptic problems, Computing, 1996

# SA AMG

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- **SA AMG relies on “candidate” vectors or the near null space or smooth error**
- vector of ones
- pre-smooth guesses
- adapting a cycle
- *a priori* knowledge
- topological inference



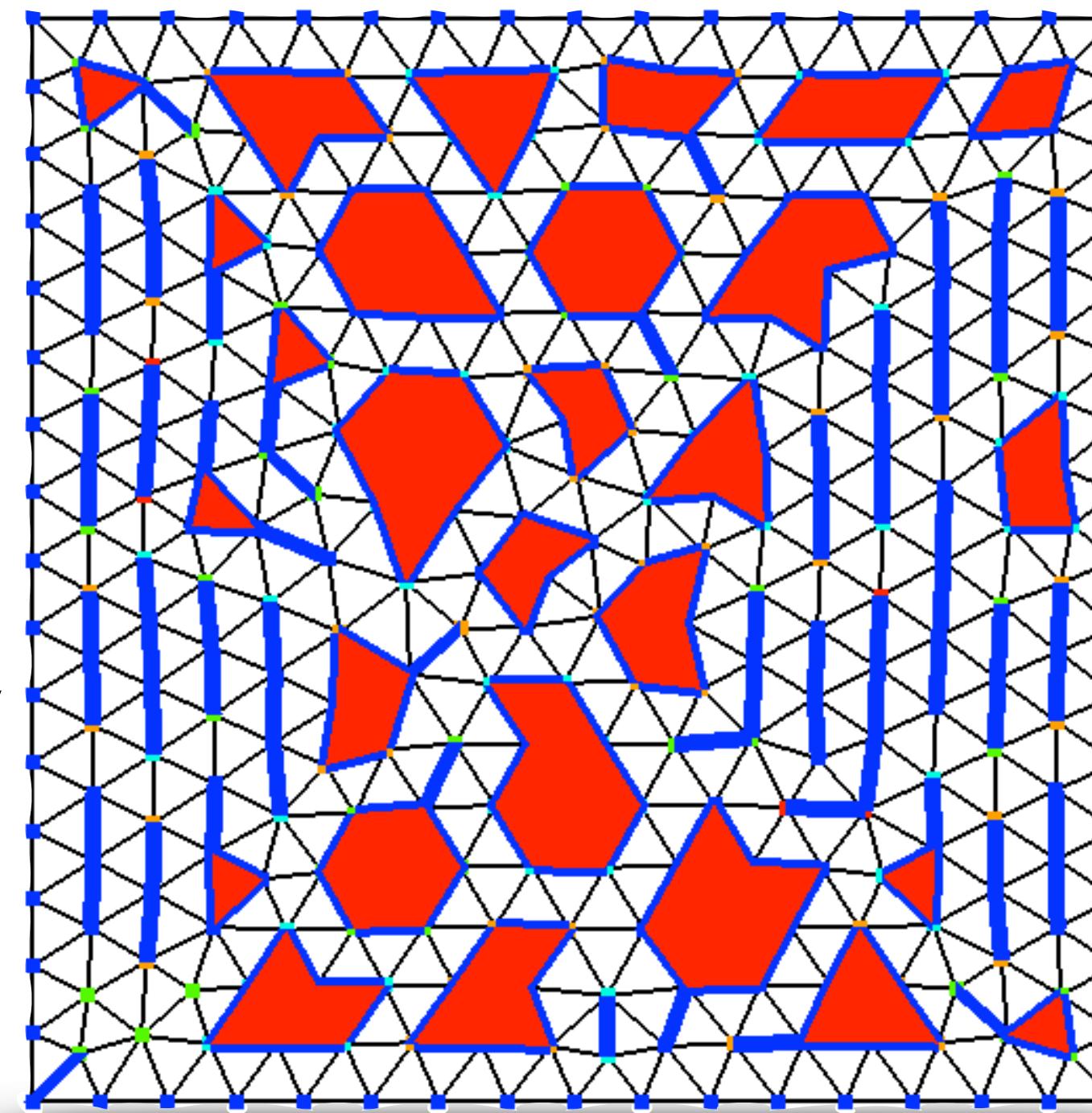
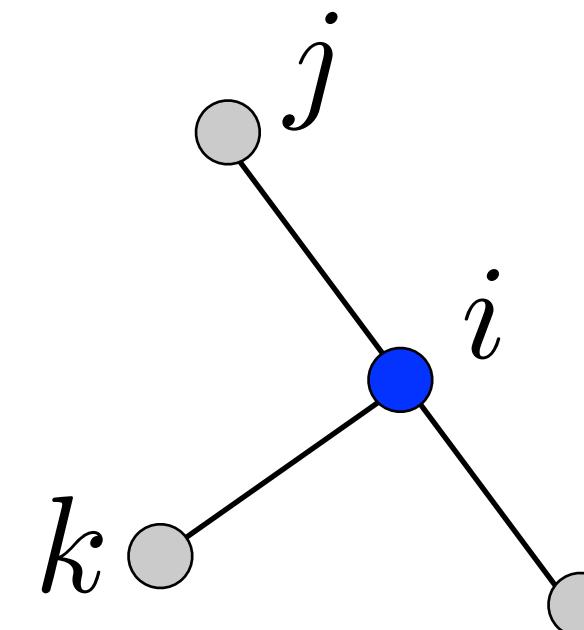
# Symmetric Strength

- $i$  strongly depends on  $j$  if
$$-A_{ij} \geq tol * \max_{k \neq i} -A_{ik}$$
- $i$  strongly depends on  $j$  if

$$\frac{|A_{ij}|}{\sqrt{A_{ii}A_{jj}}} \geq tol$$

both “think” elliptic

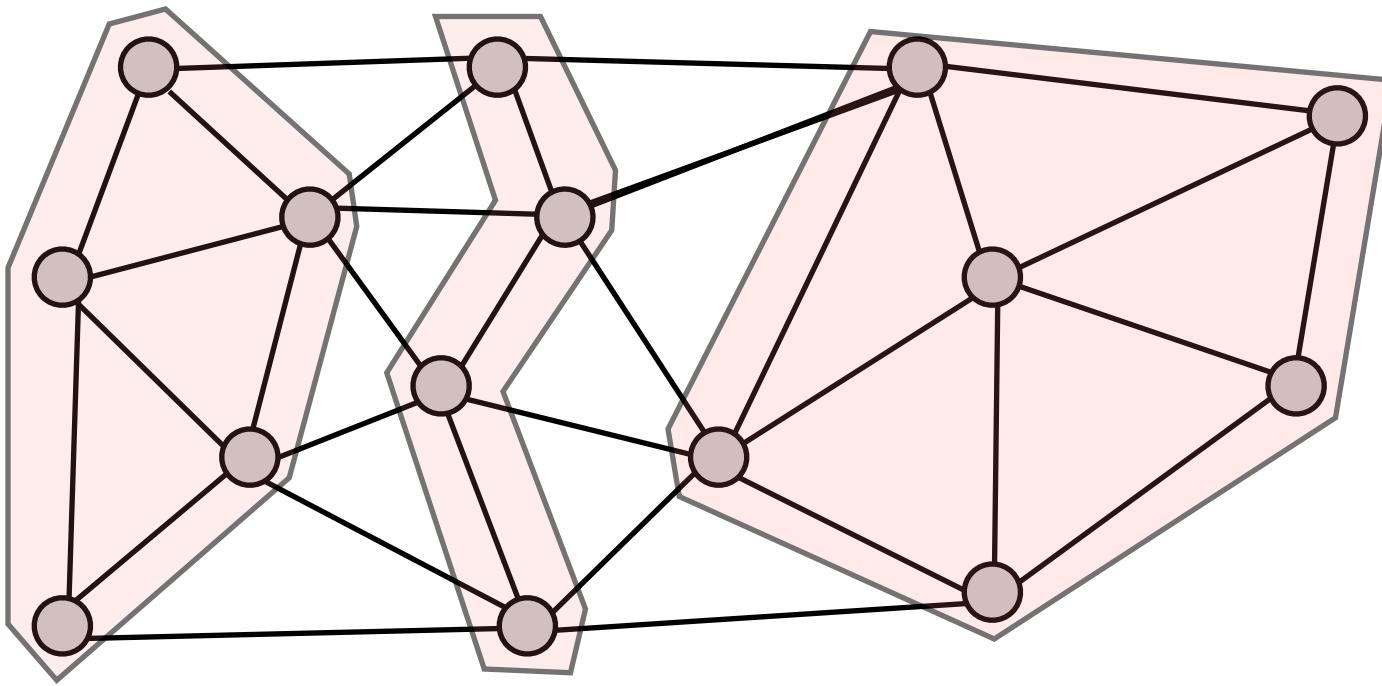
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anisotropy  
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# Algebraic Framework

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- aggregation: groups of fine nodes form coarse nodes

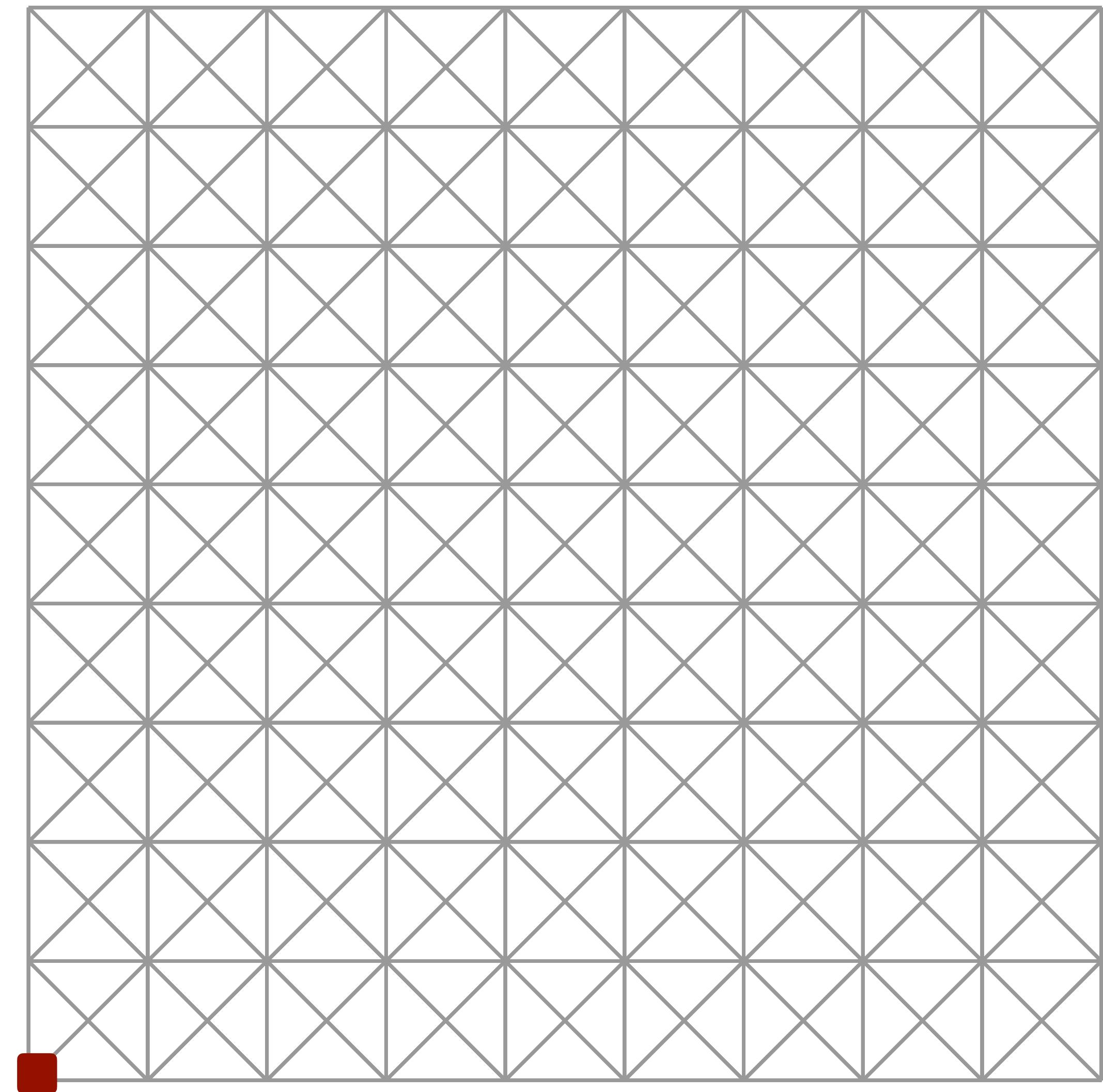


fine: 15  
coarse: 3

- an initial interpolation pattern
- find an optimal interpolation operator  $P$  that contains low energy

# Aggregation

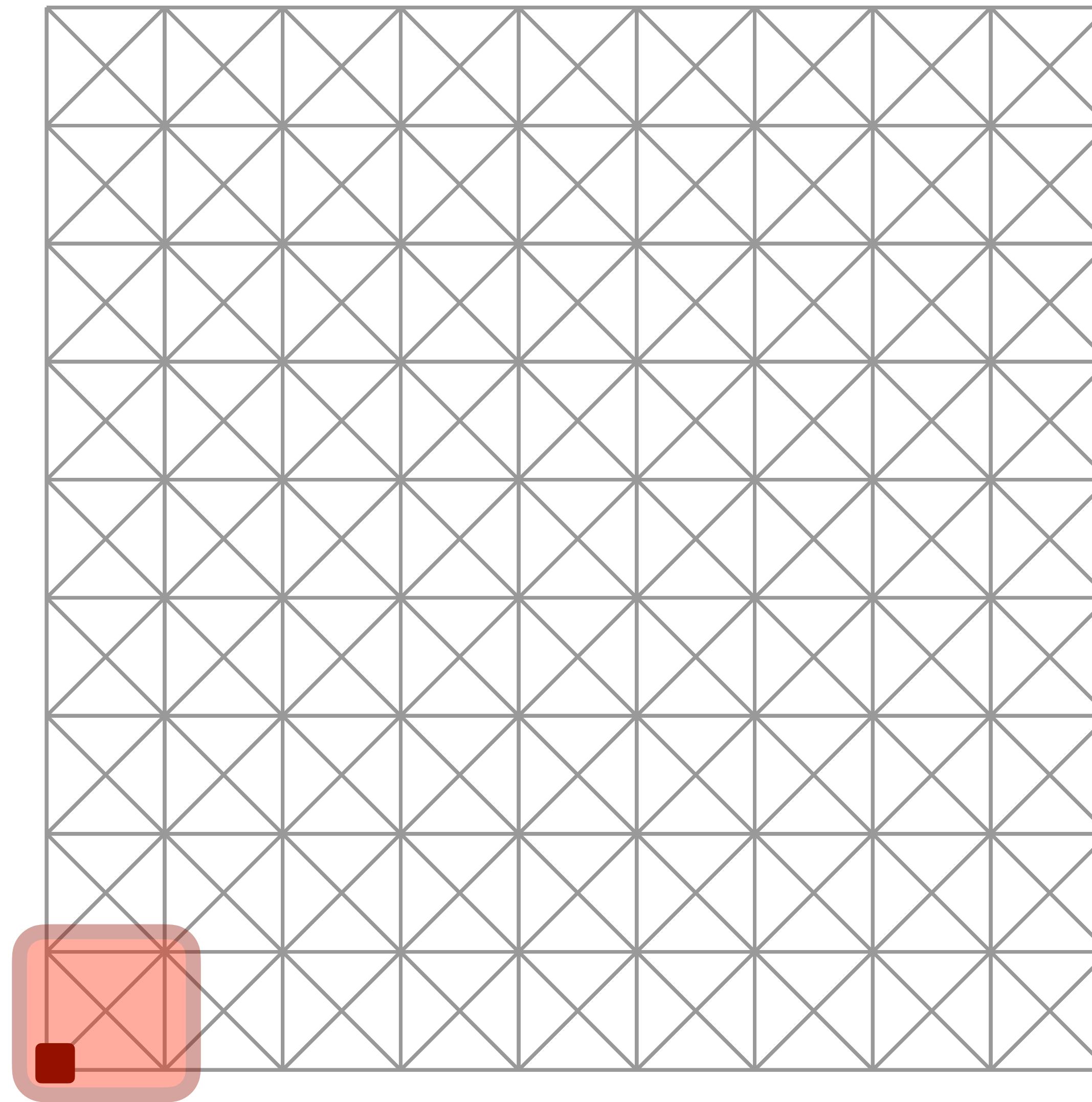
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- Select next node
- If all strongly connected neighbors are unaggregated, then aggregate.

# Aggregation

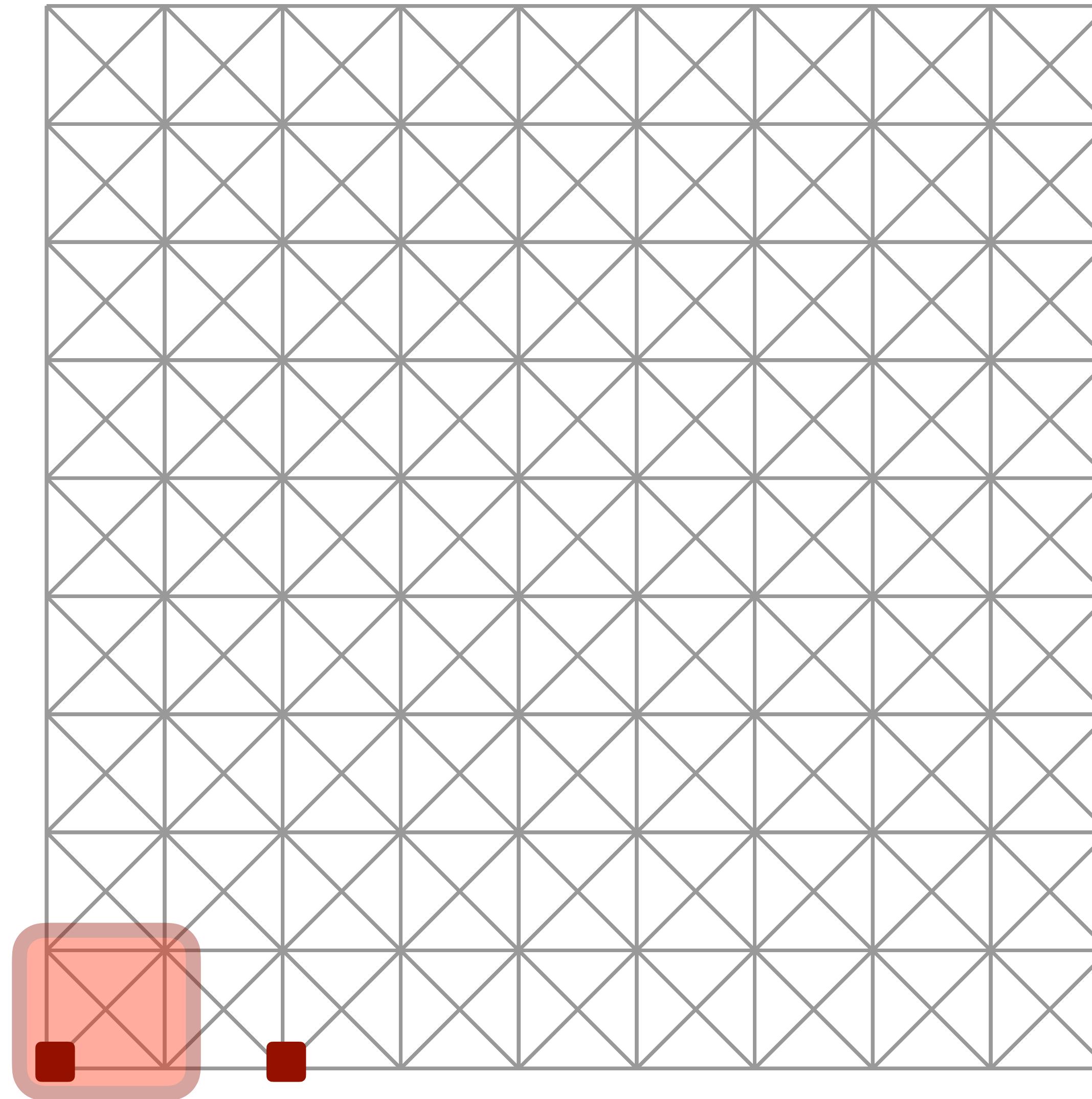
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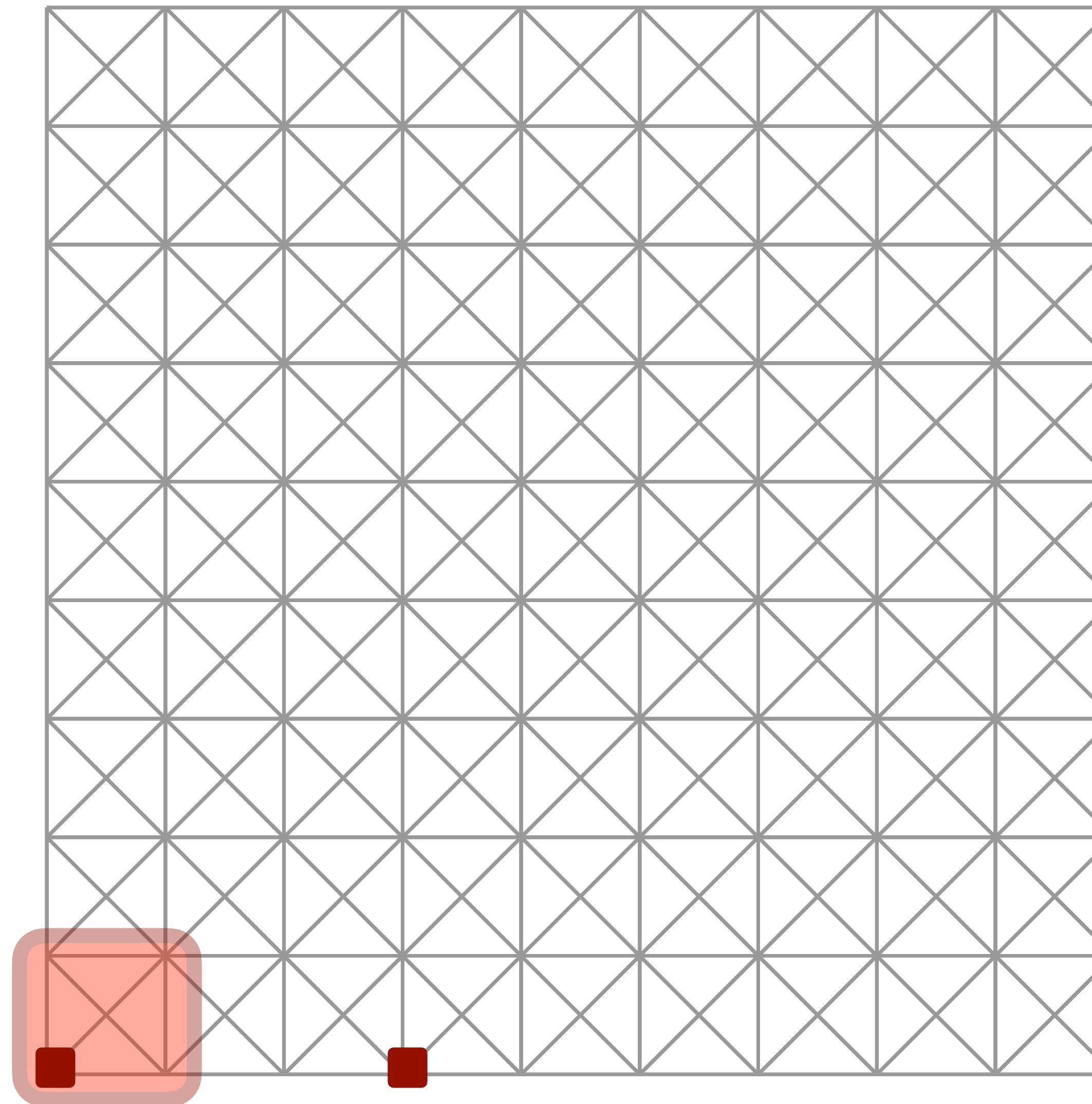
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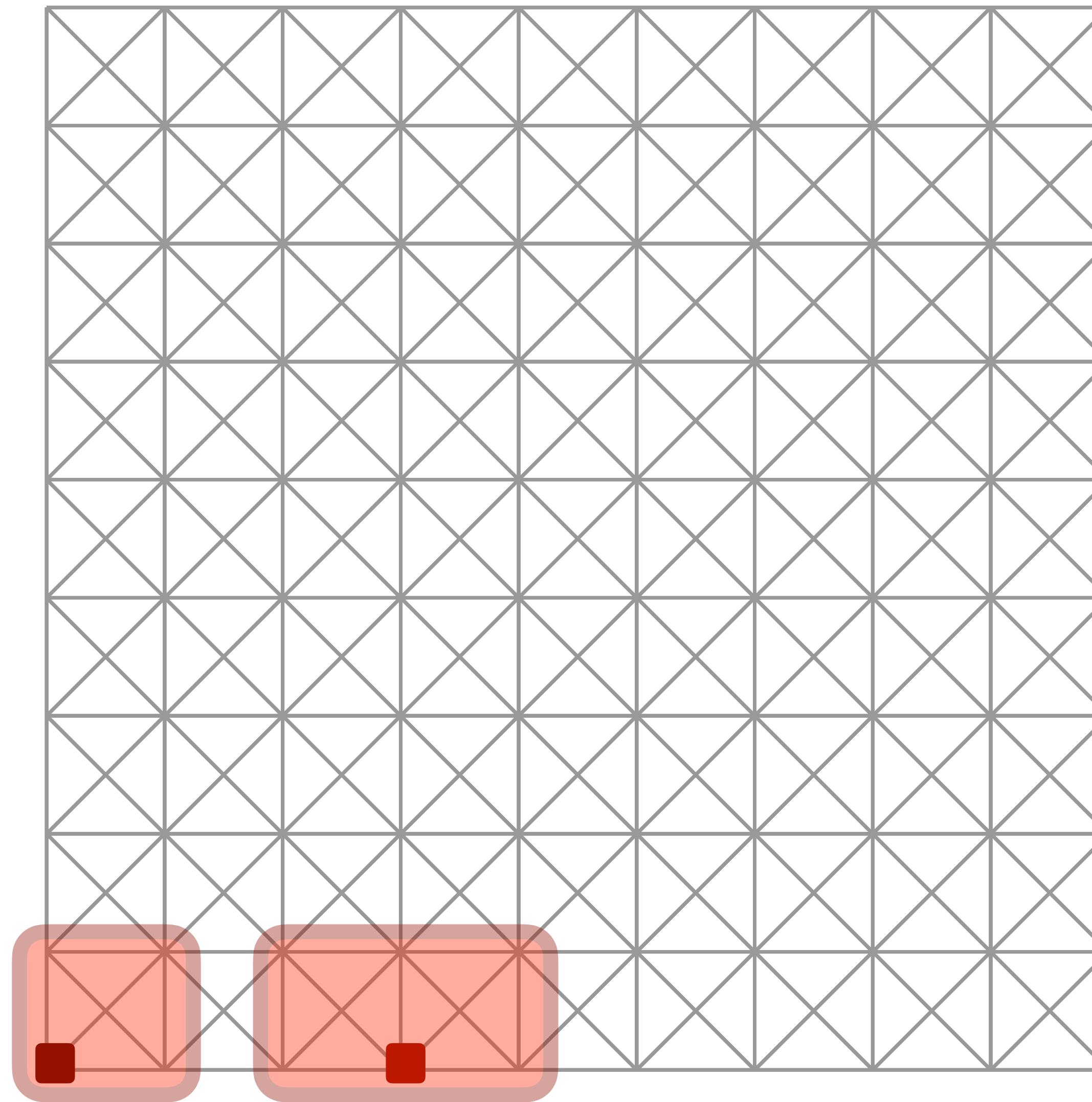
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- Select next unaggregated node
- If all strongly connected neighbors are unaggregated, then aggregate.

# Aggregation

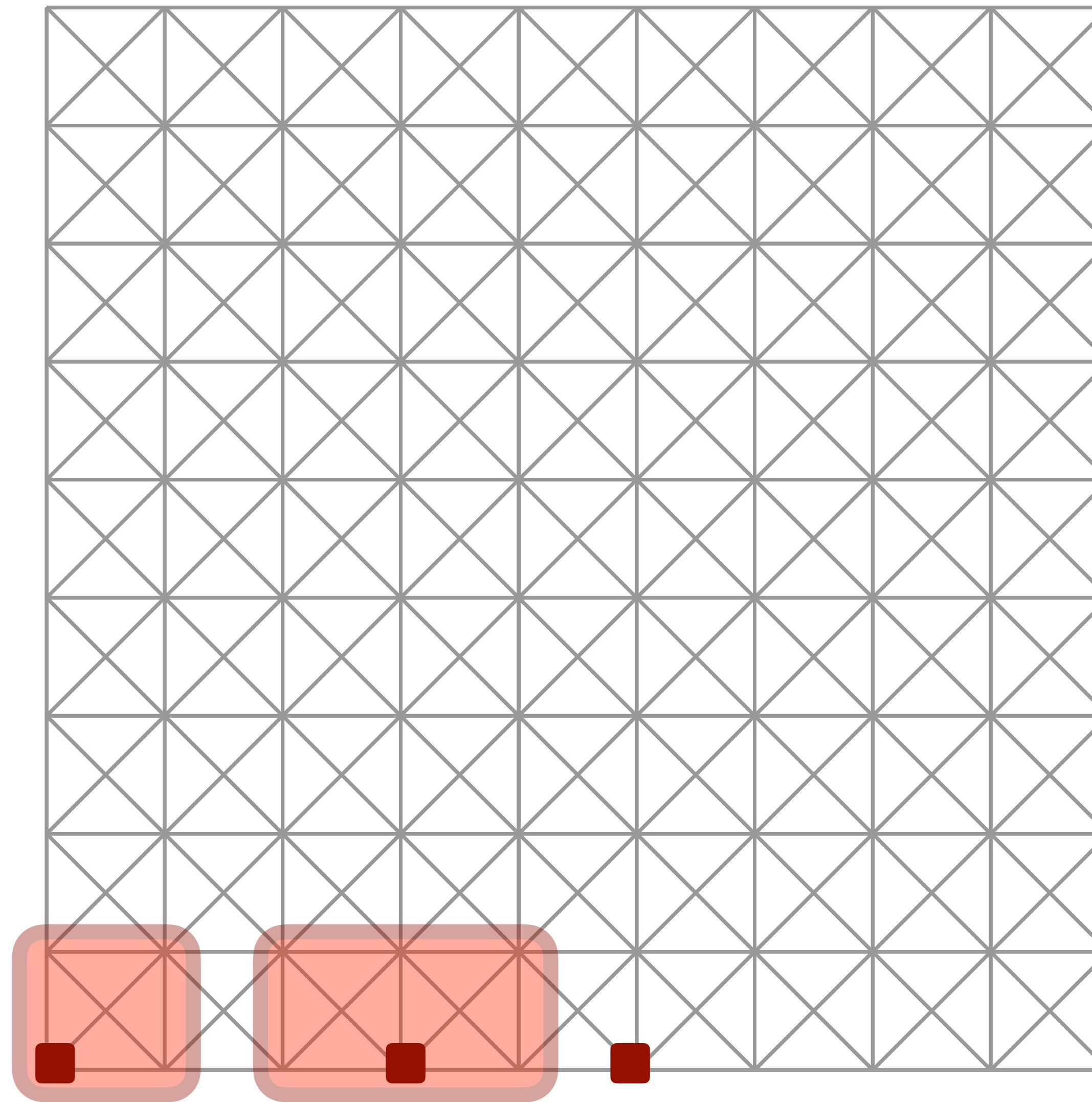
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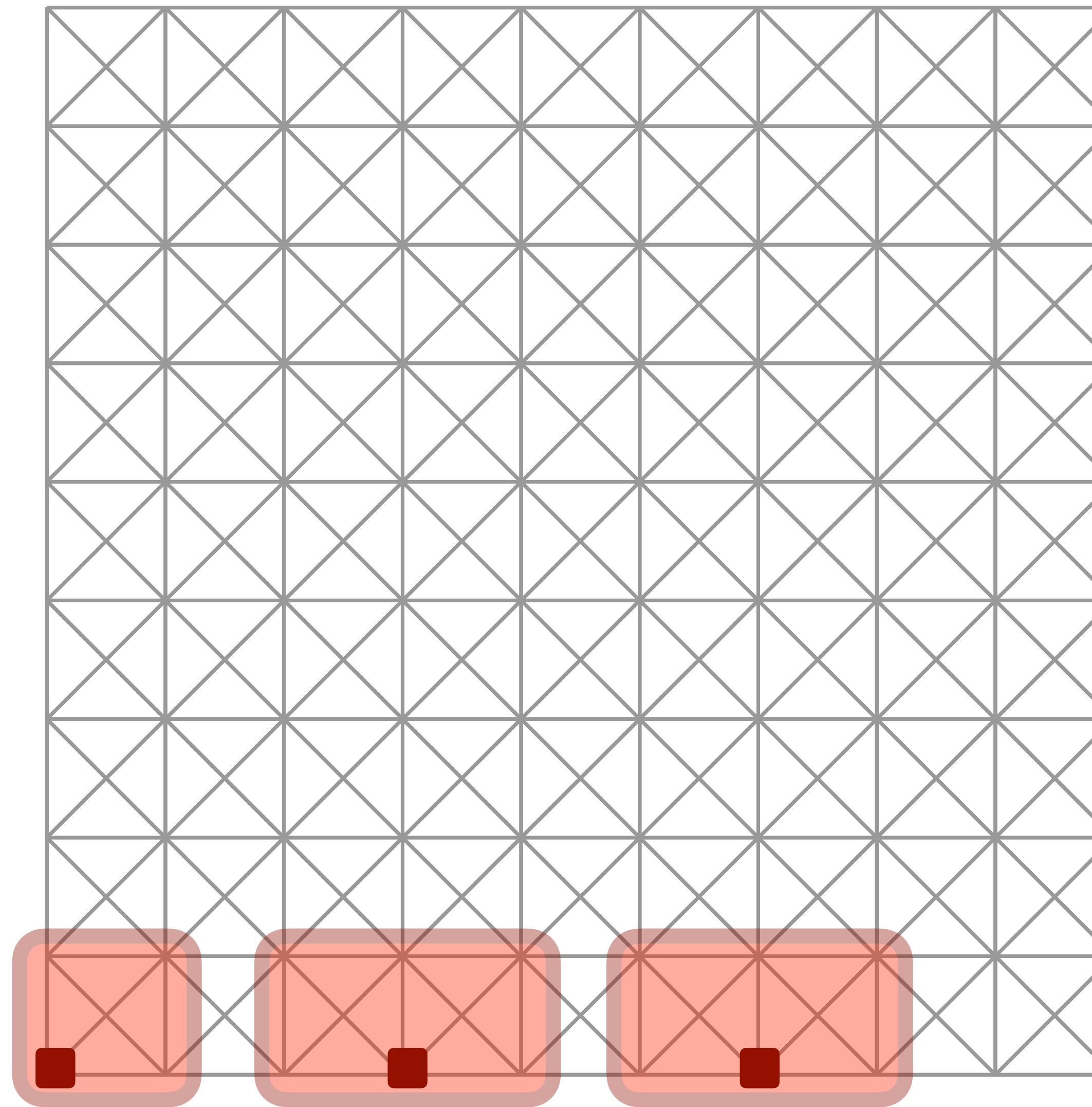
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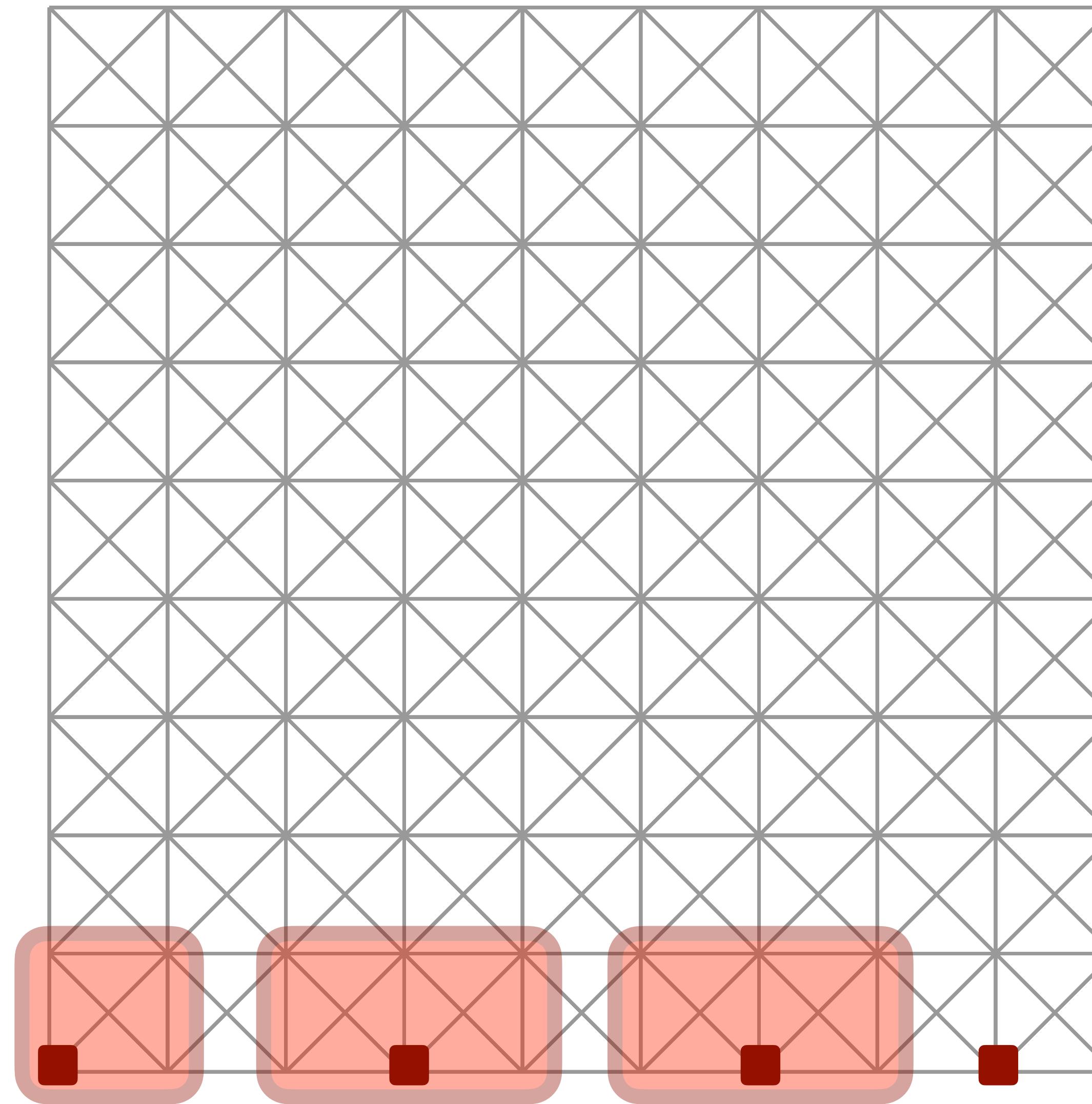
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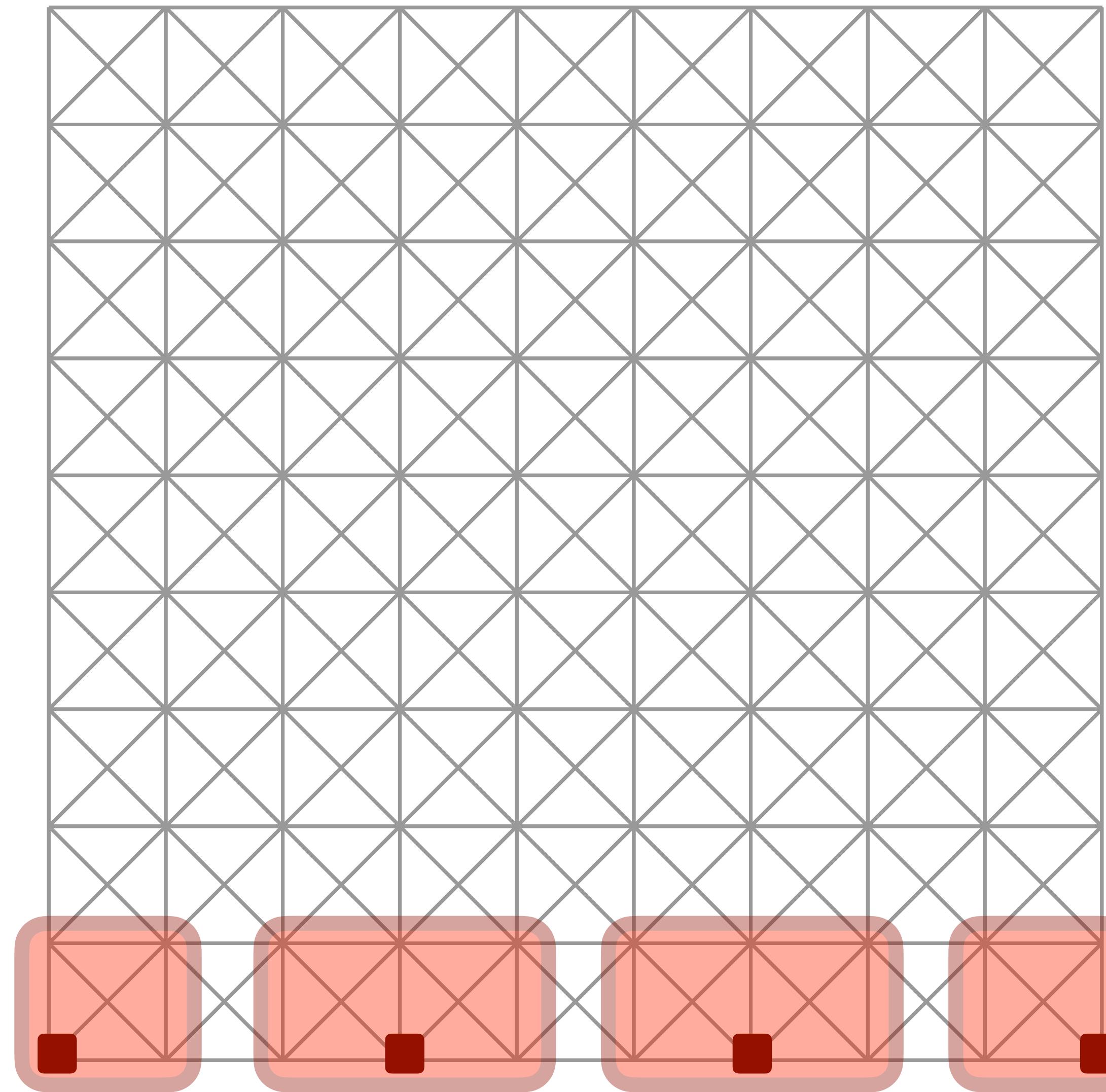
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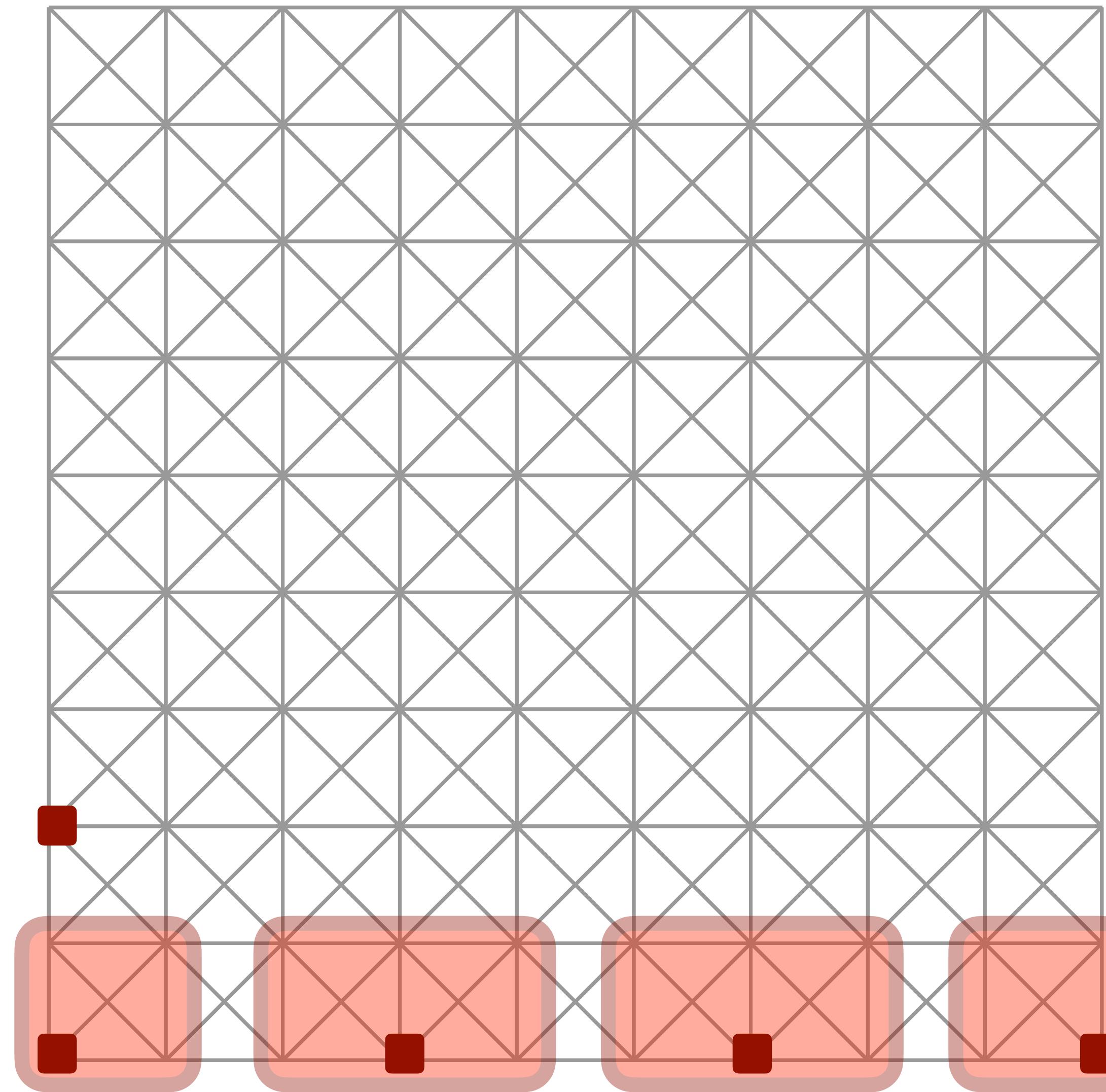
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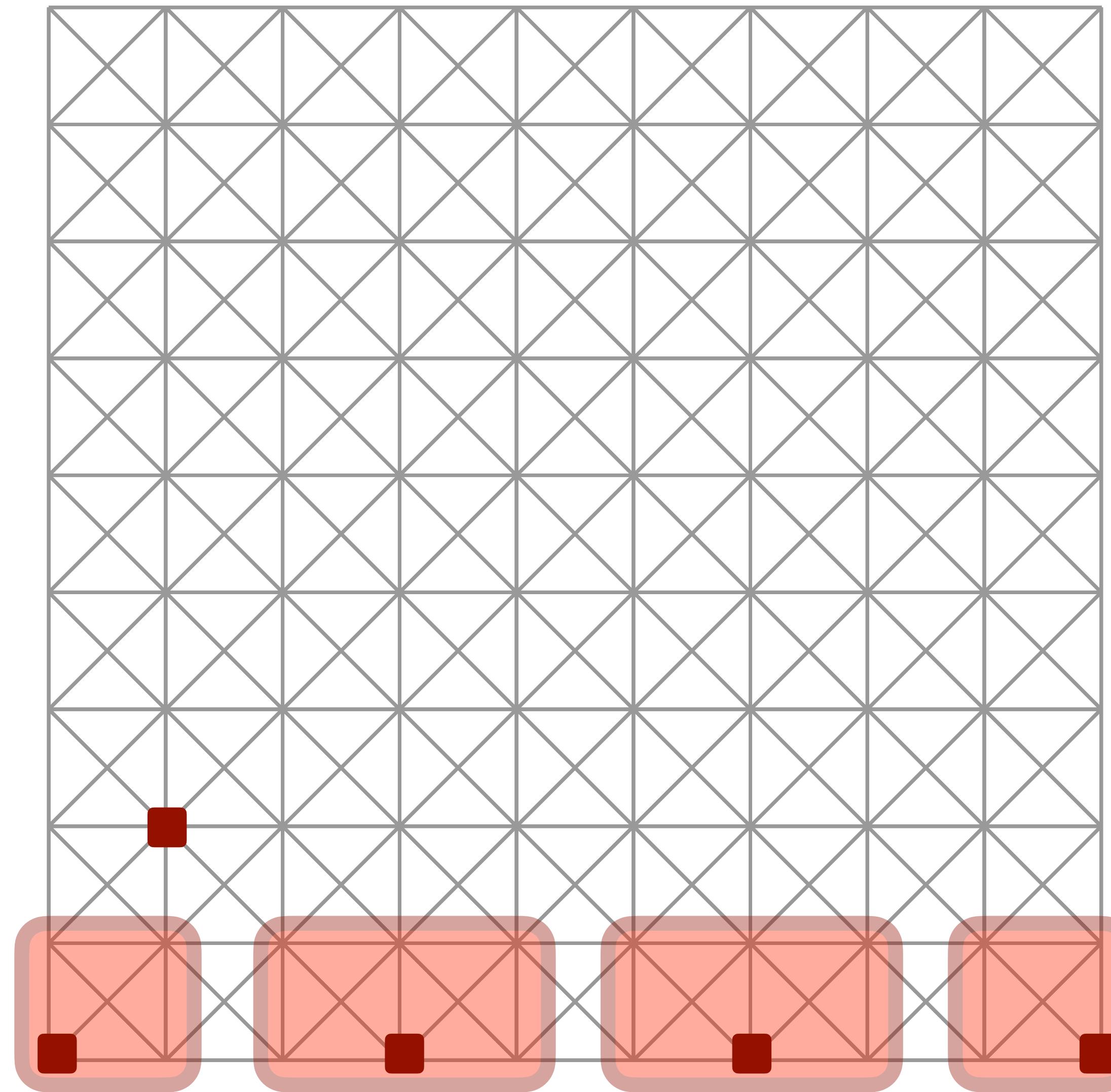
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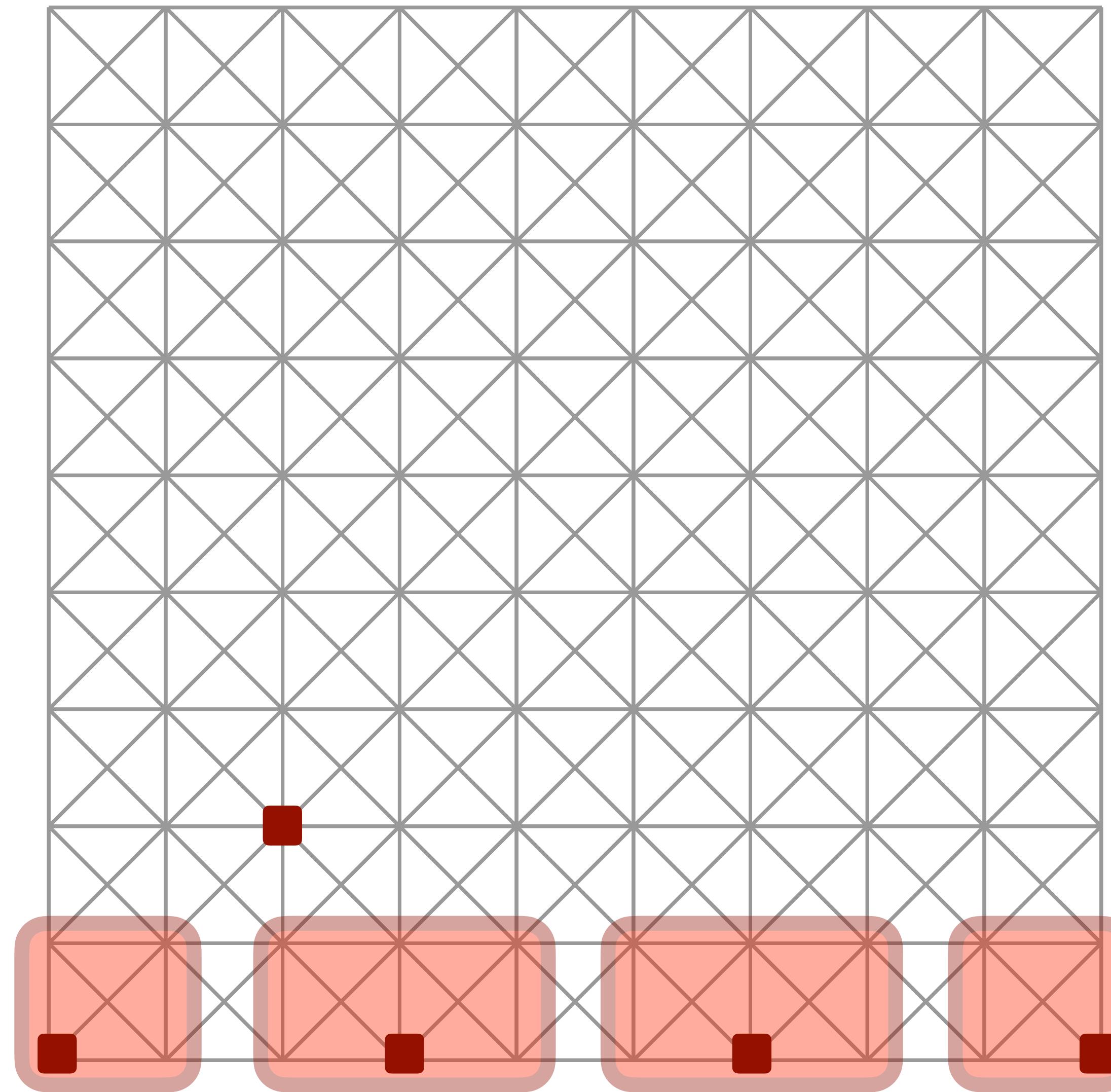
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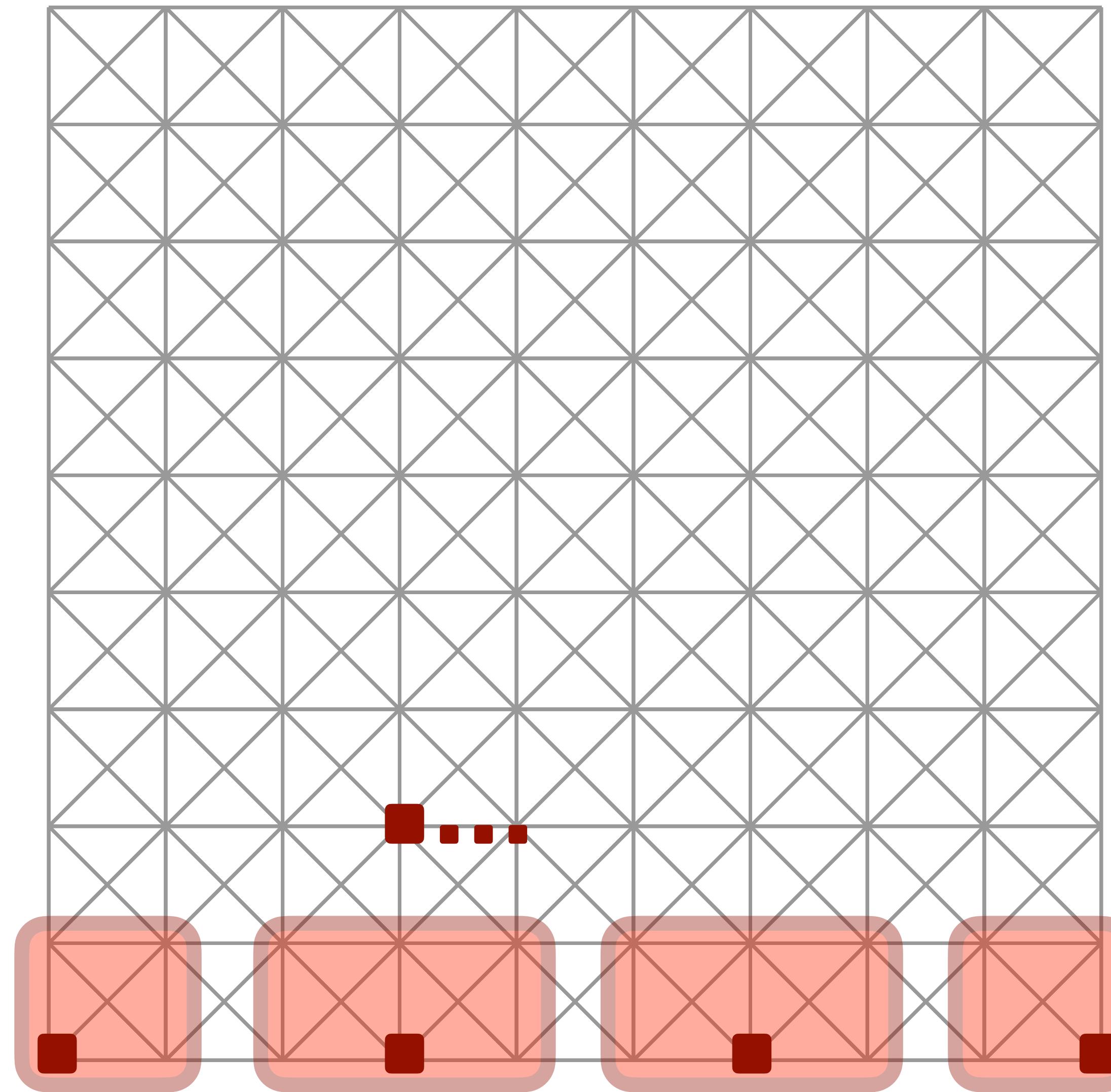
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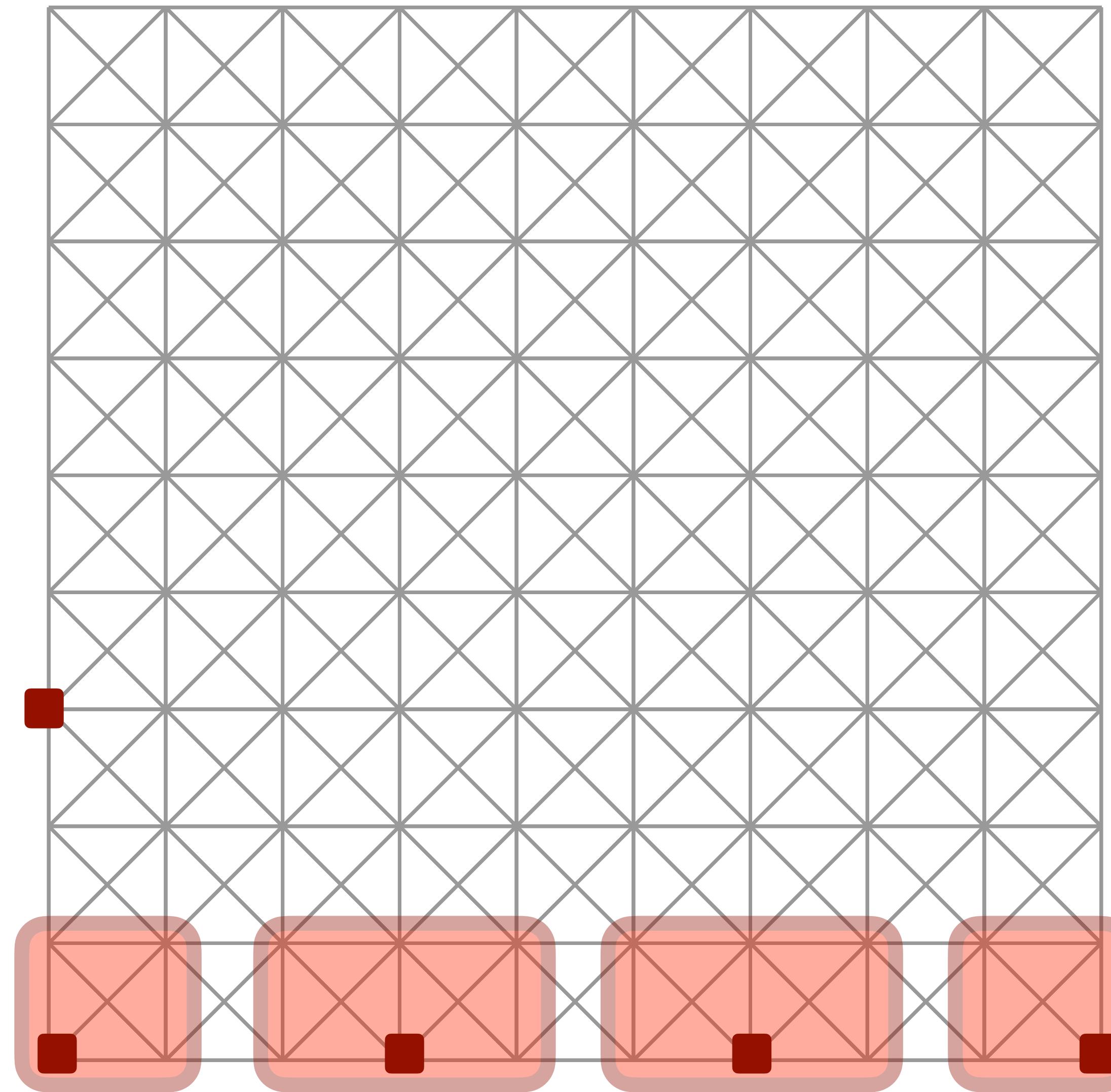
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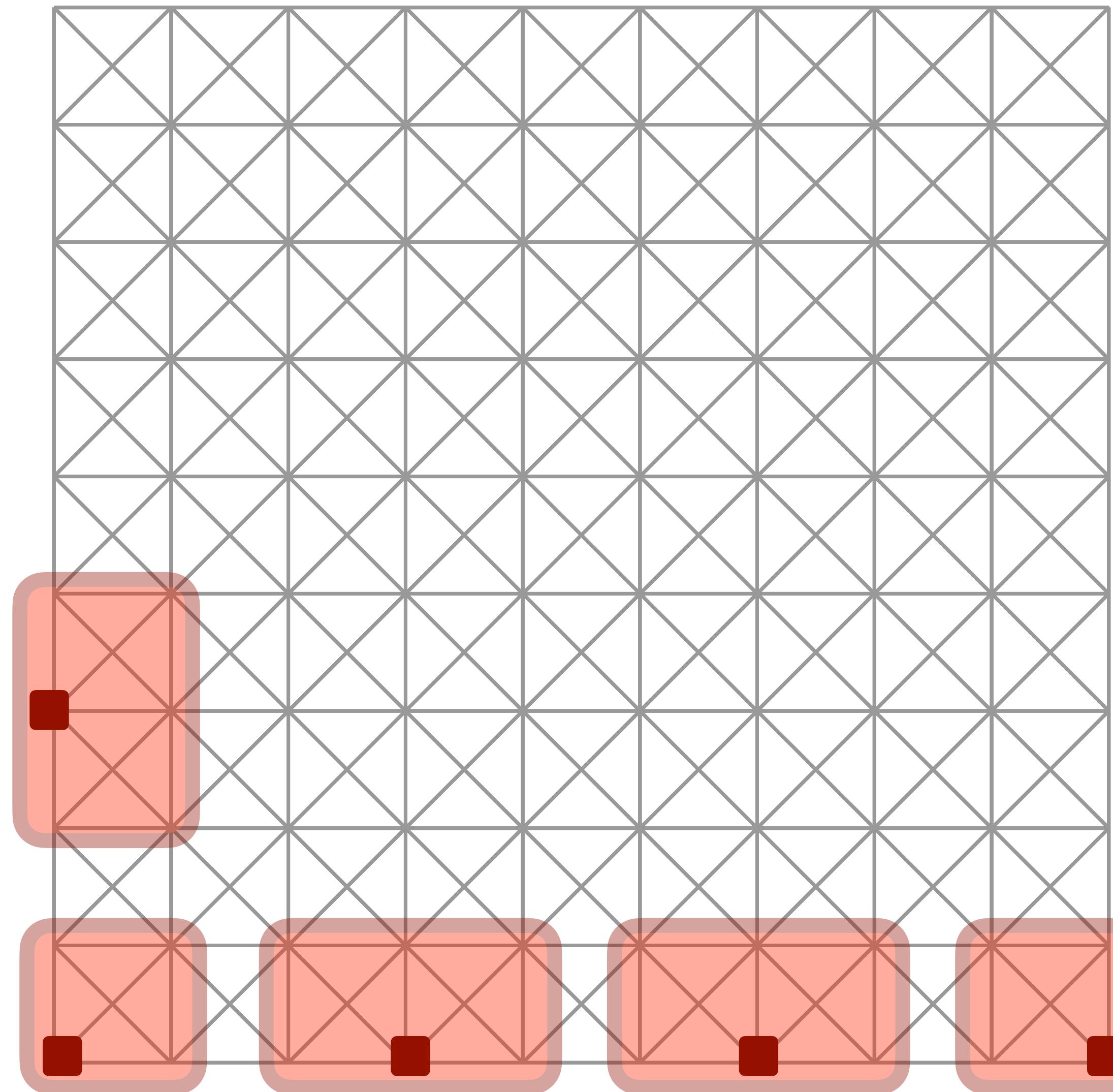
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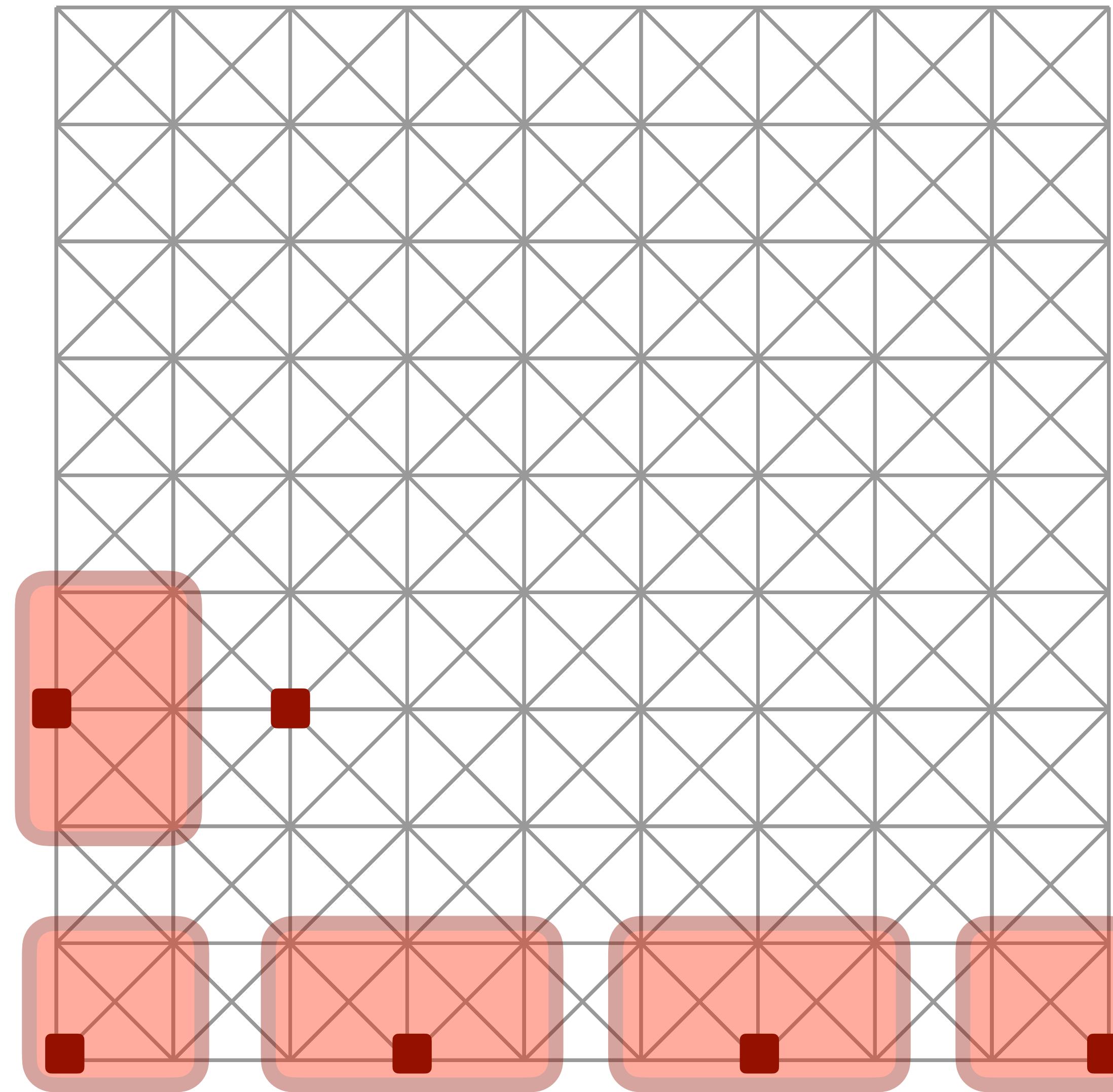
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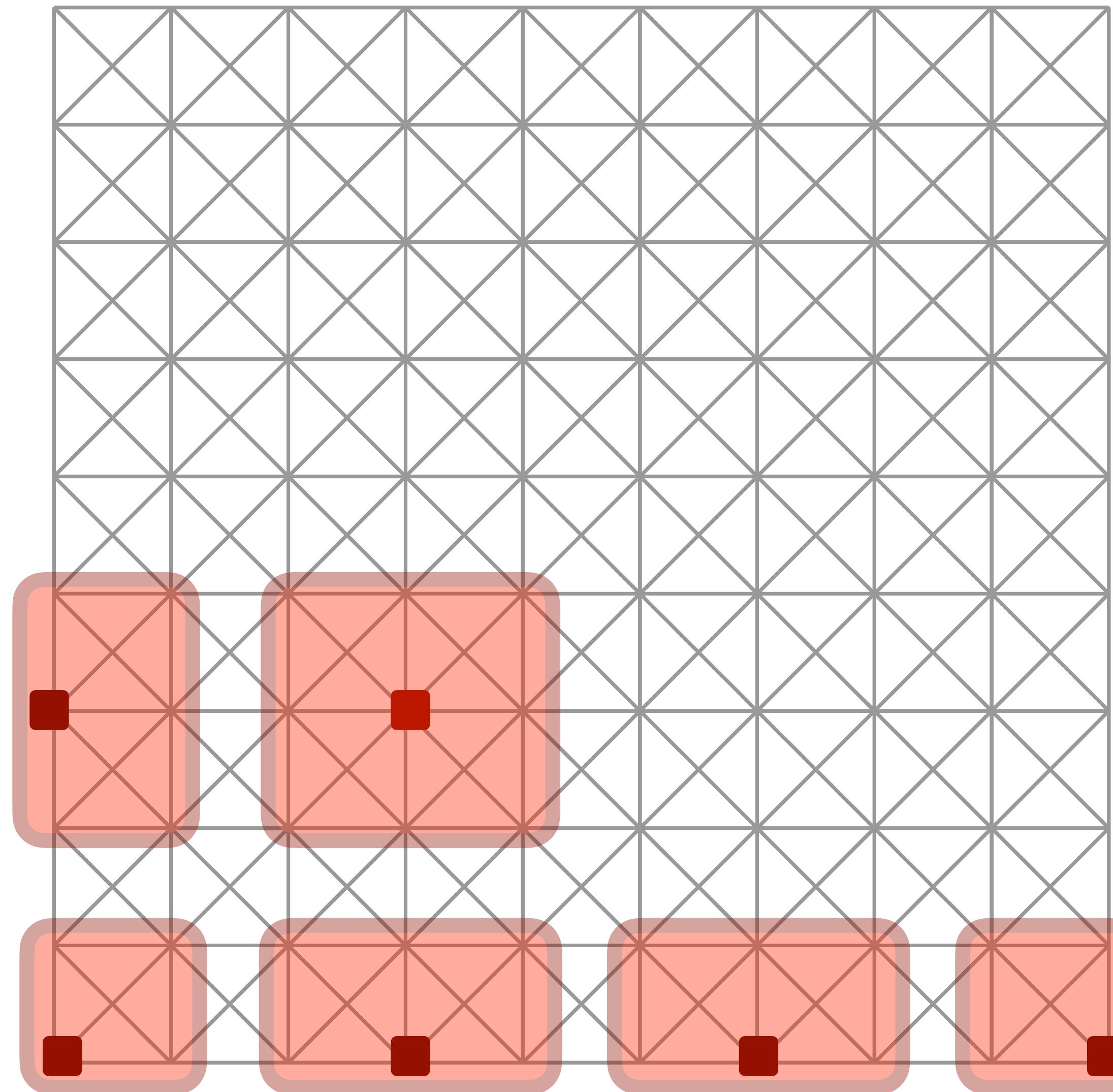
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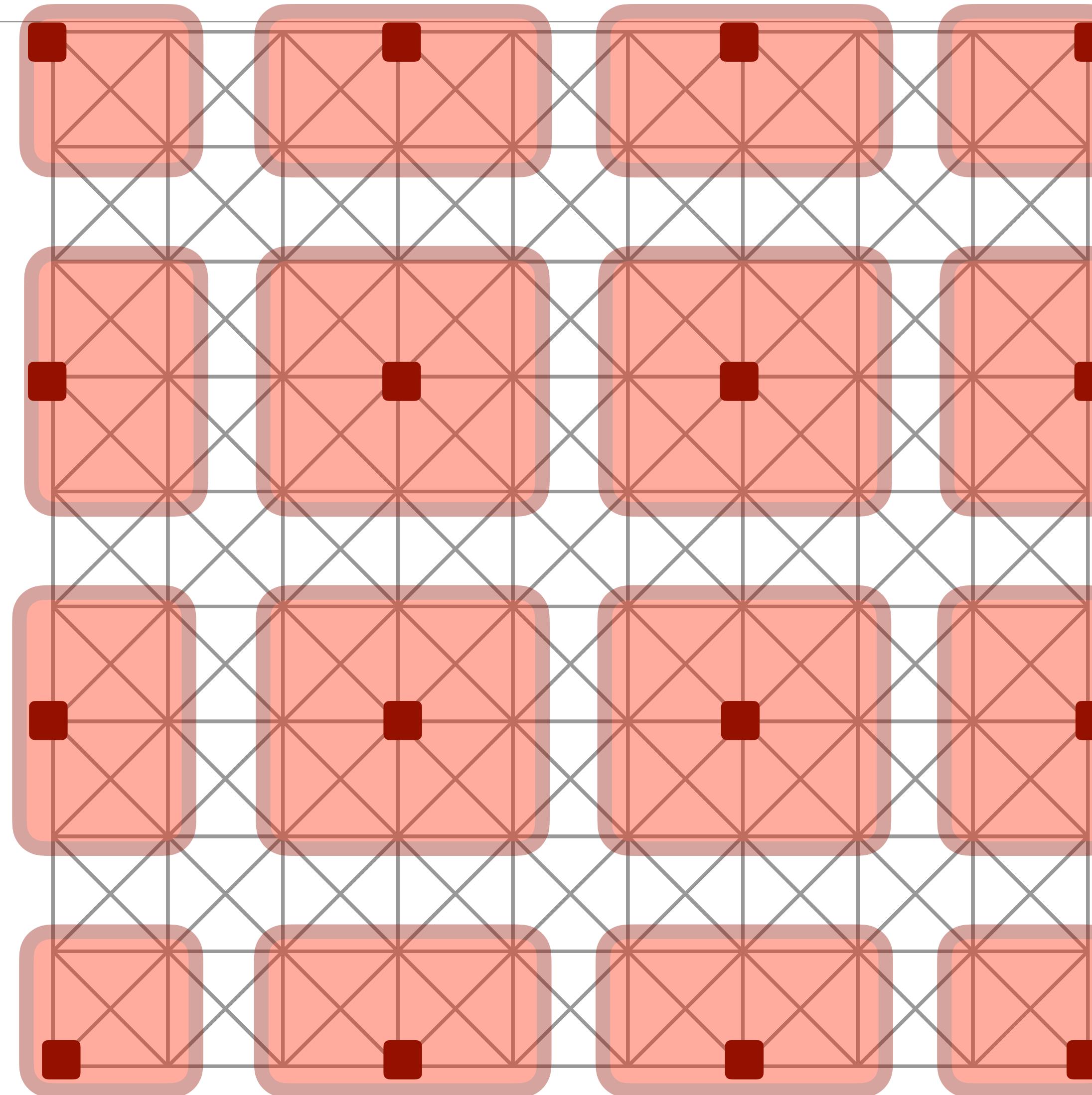
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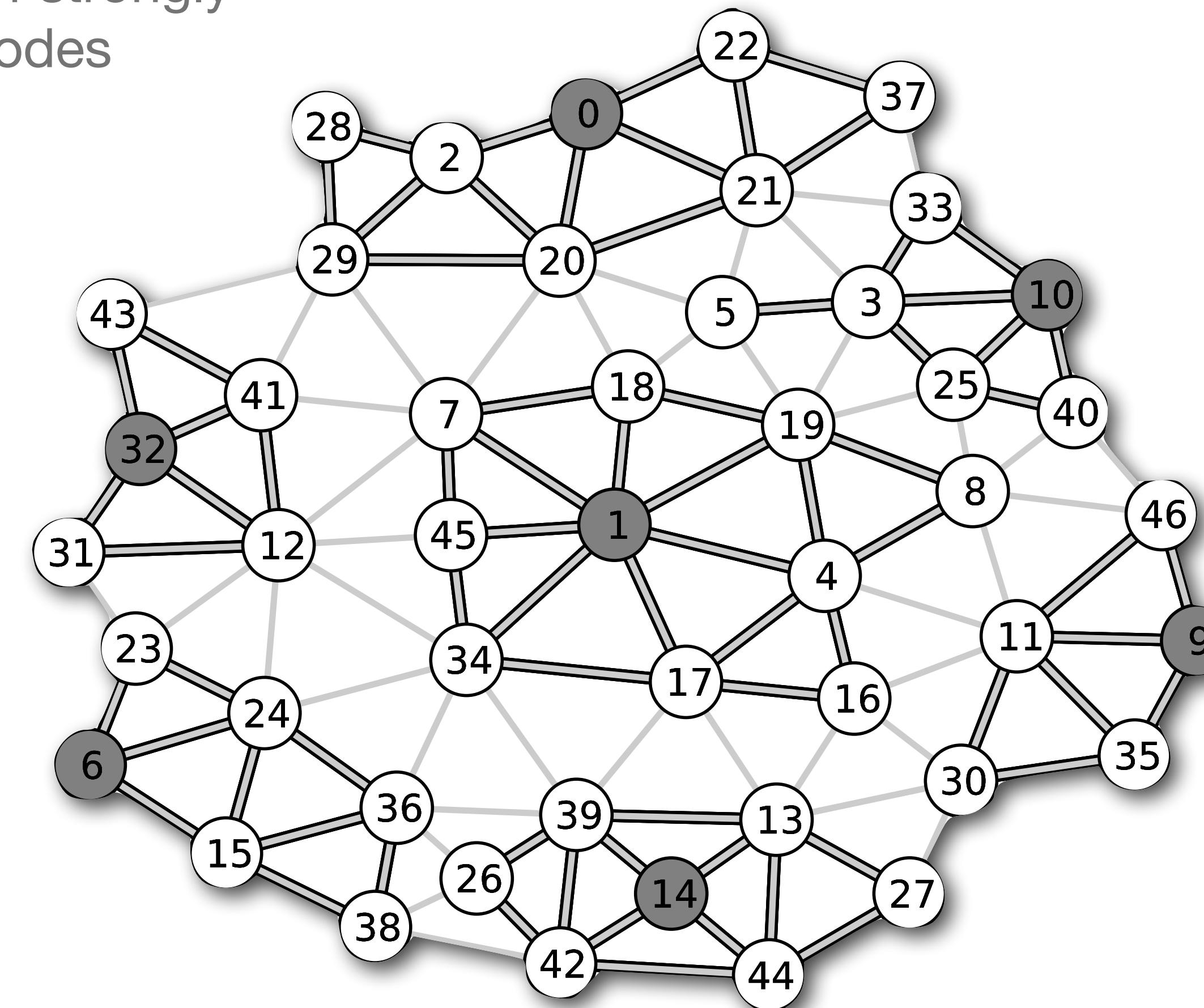
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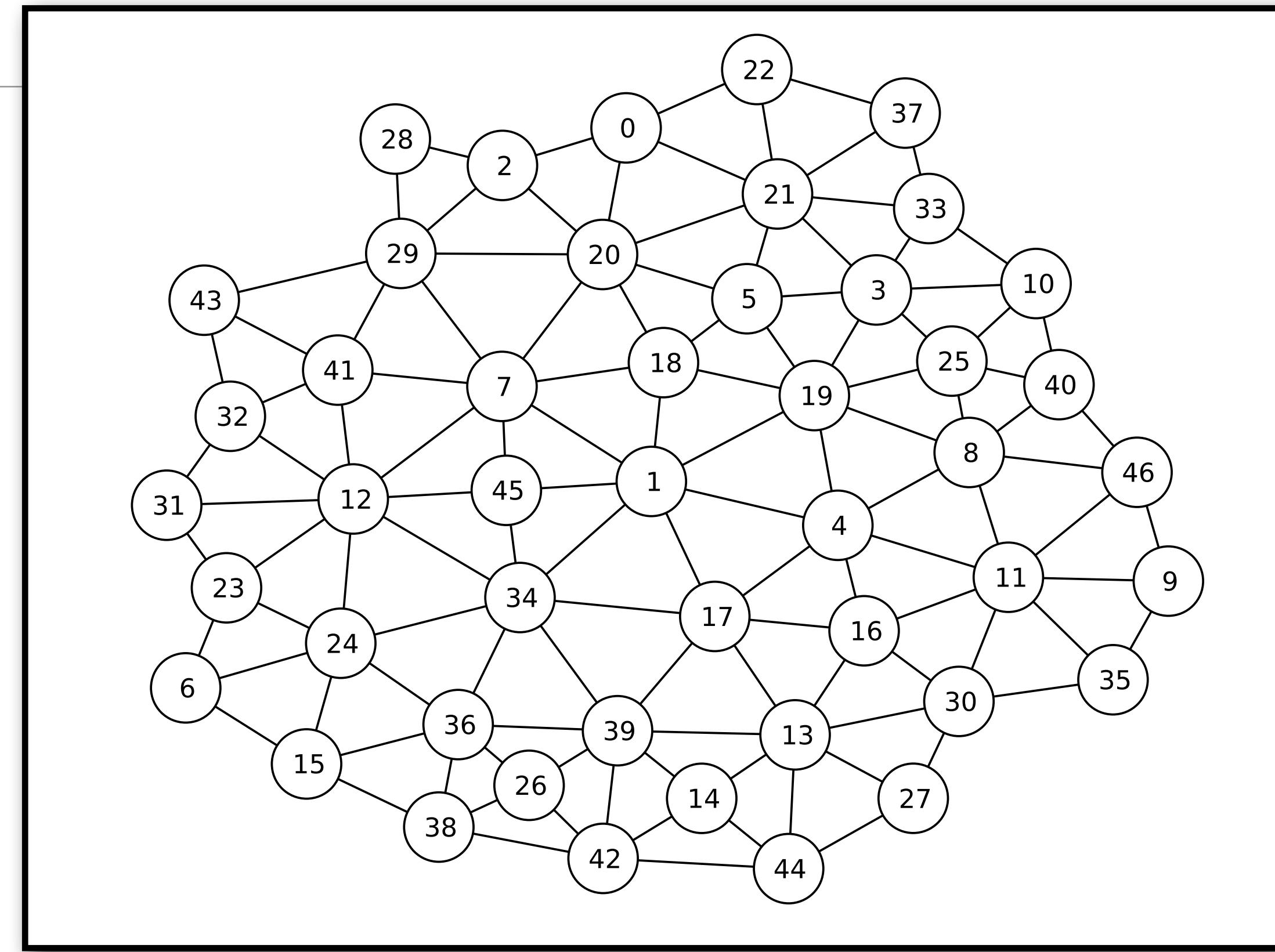
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# MIS-based Graph Aggregation

- Greedy: group collections of strongly connected unaggregated nodes
- Problems:
  1. size fixed
  2. sequential (greedy)



# MIS(2)



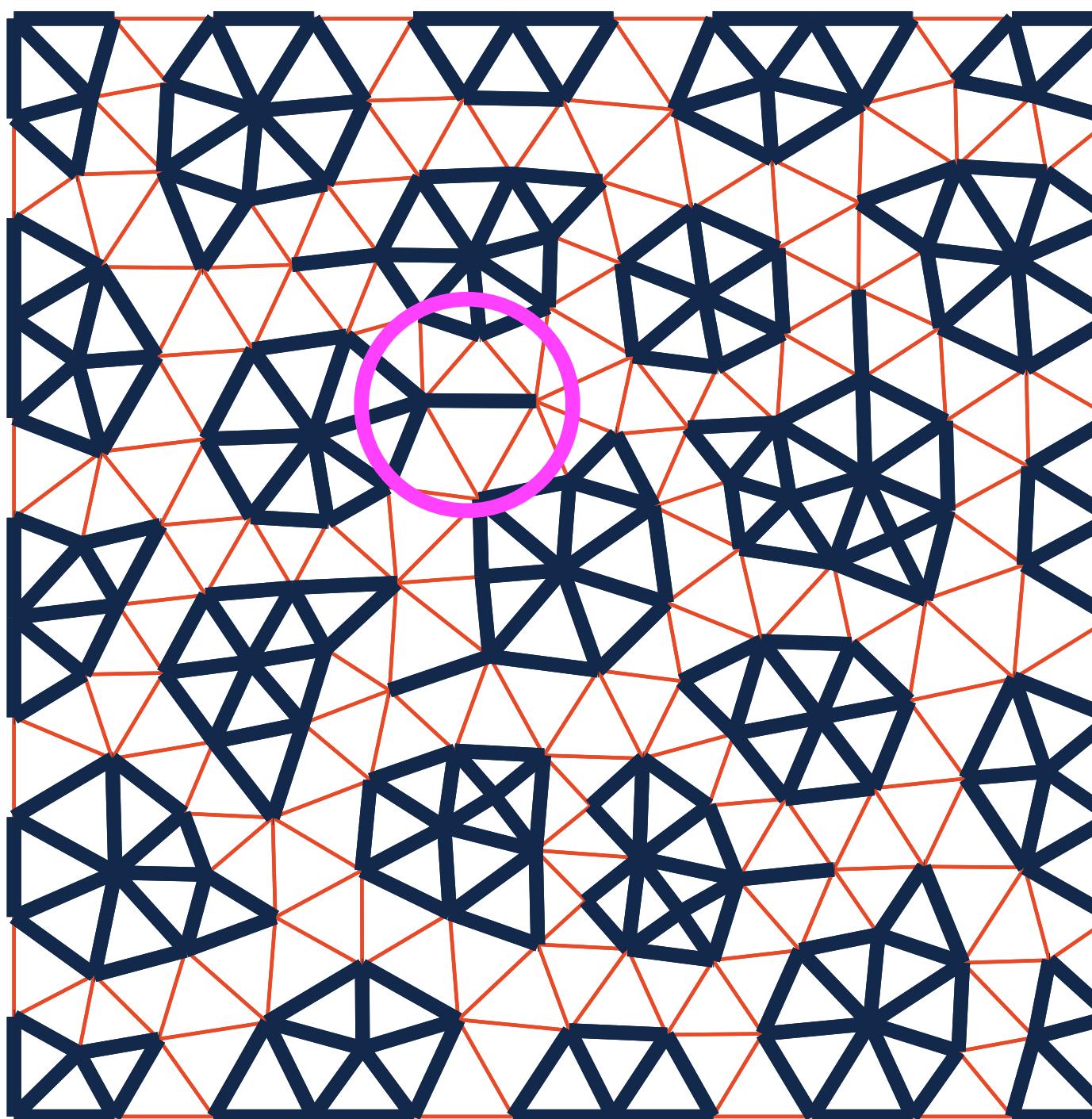
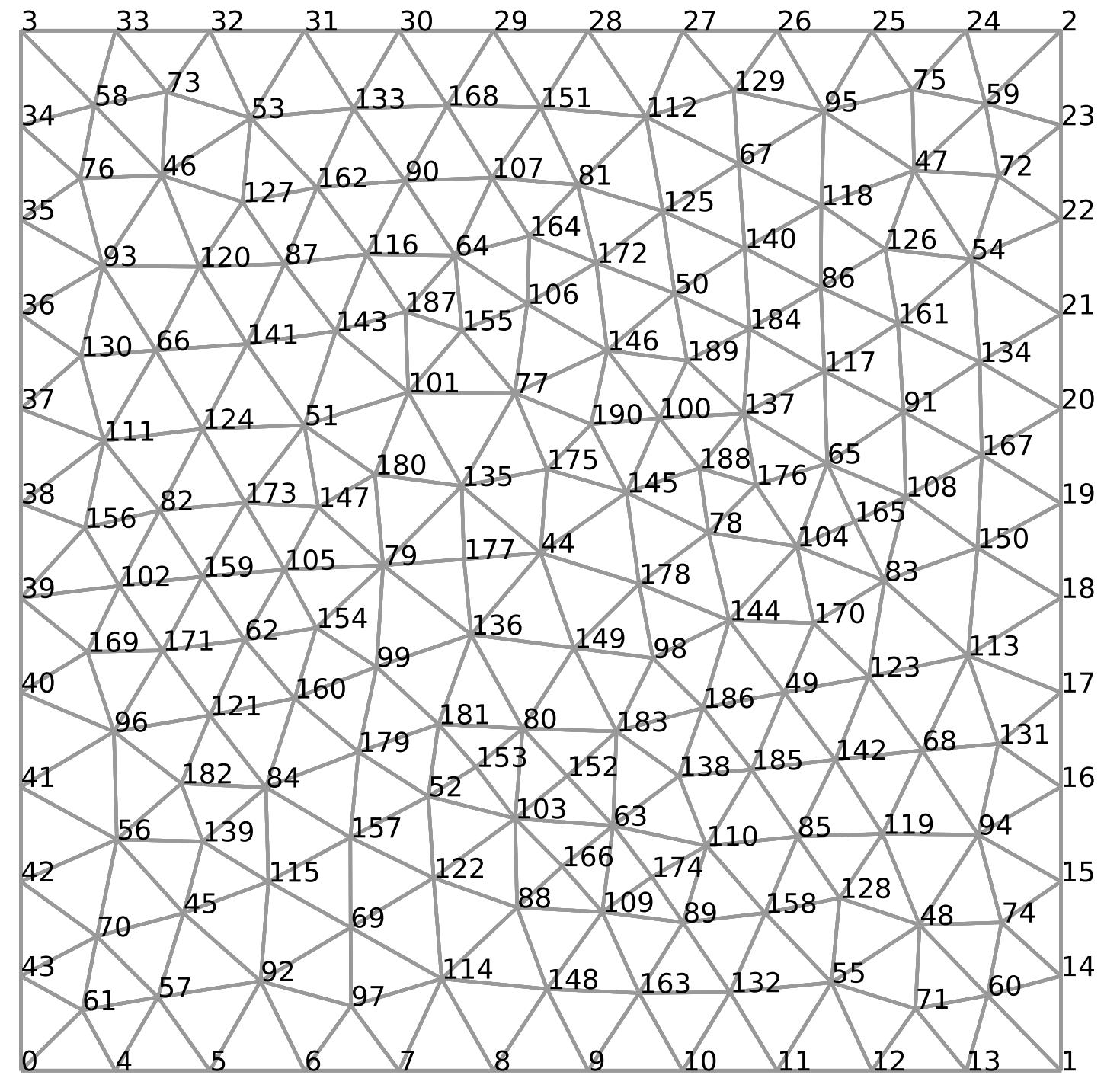
- root nodes more than 2 edges apart ( $>$  distance-2)
- an unaggregated node more than 2 edges from a root can become a root

MIS(2)

*independent*

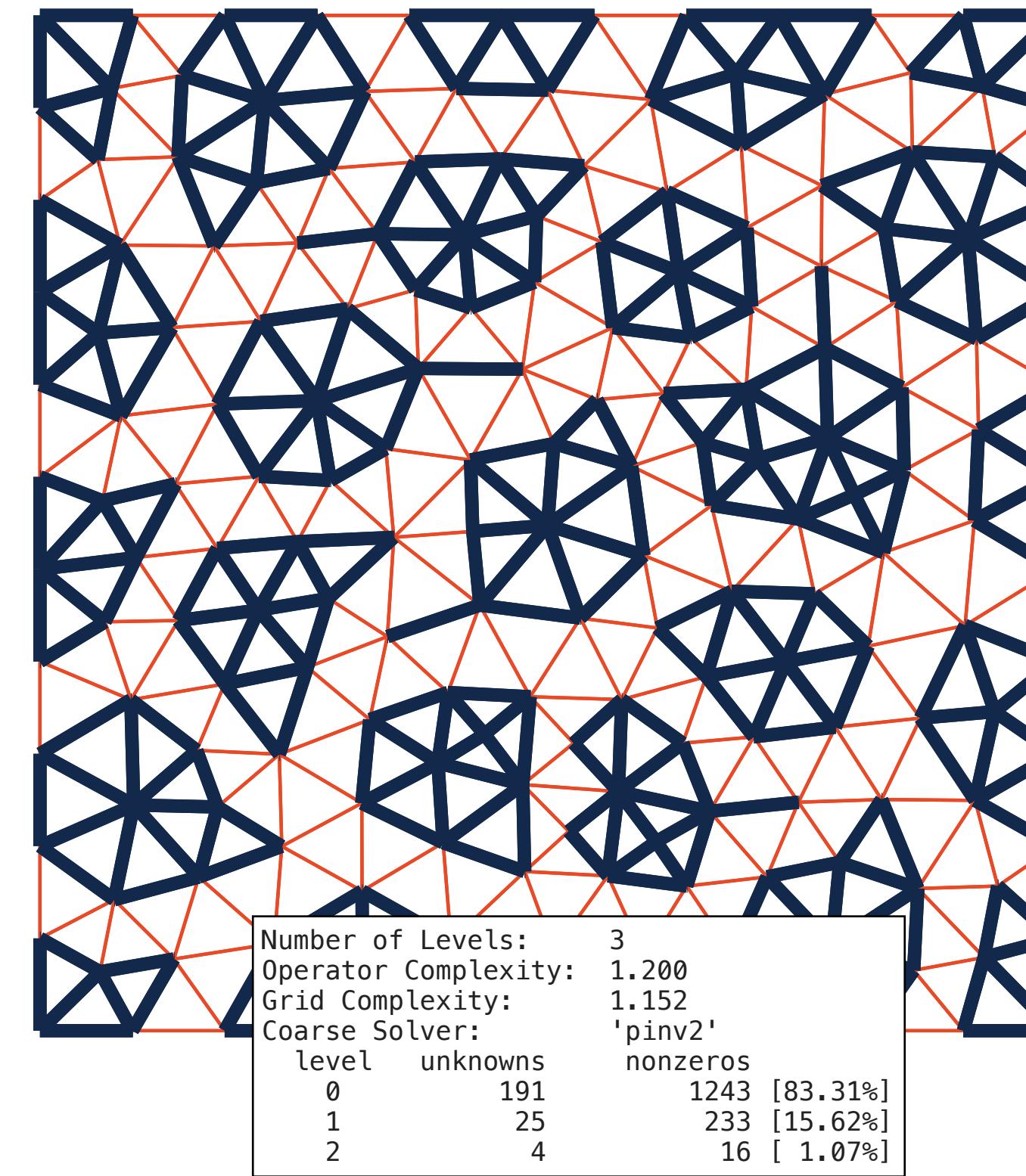
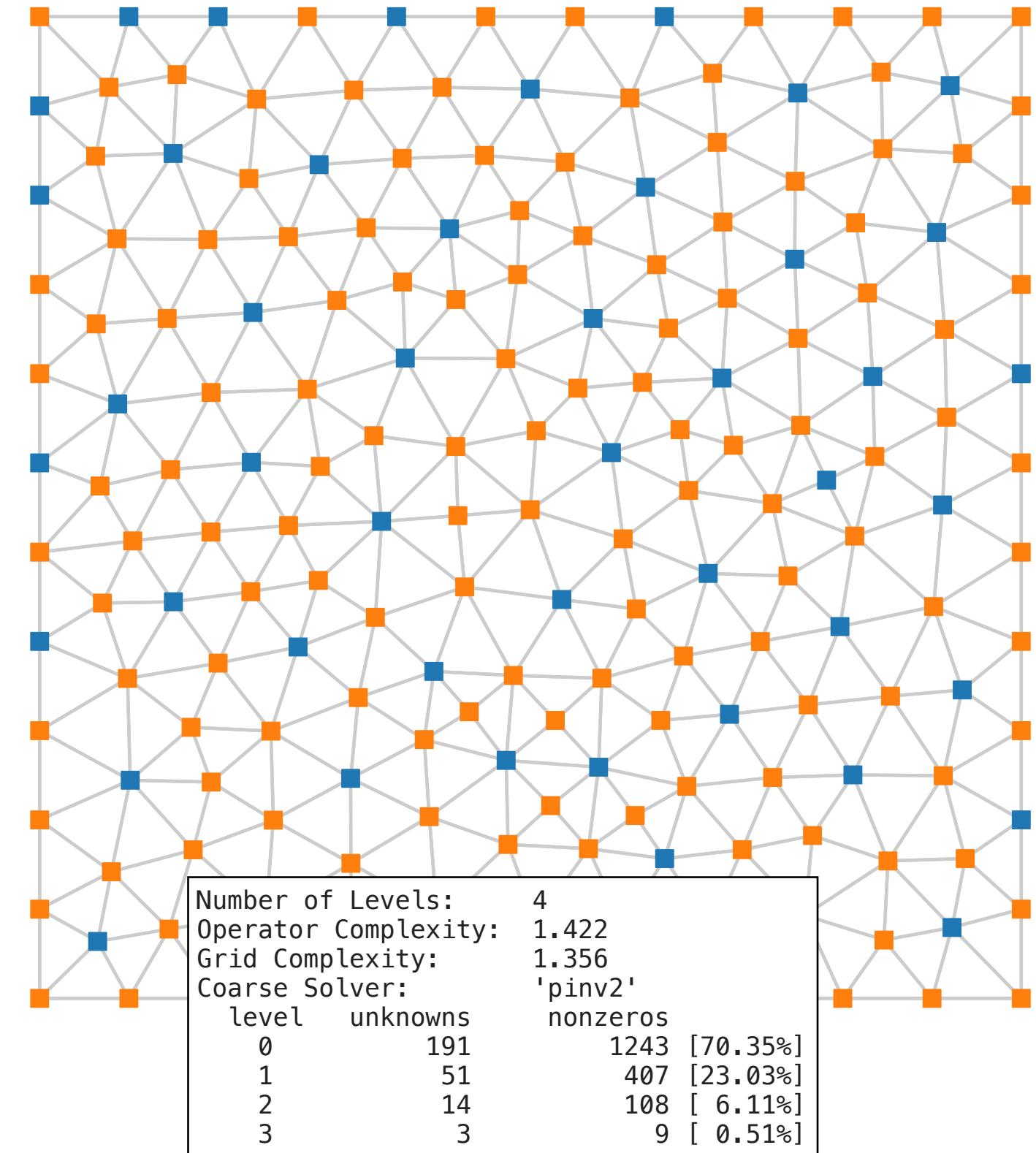
*maximal*

# Aggregation



- Second passes (often) needed
- Options:
  - group with largest
  - regroup
  - group with strongest

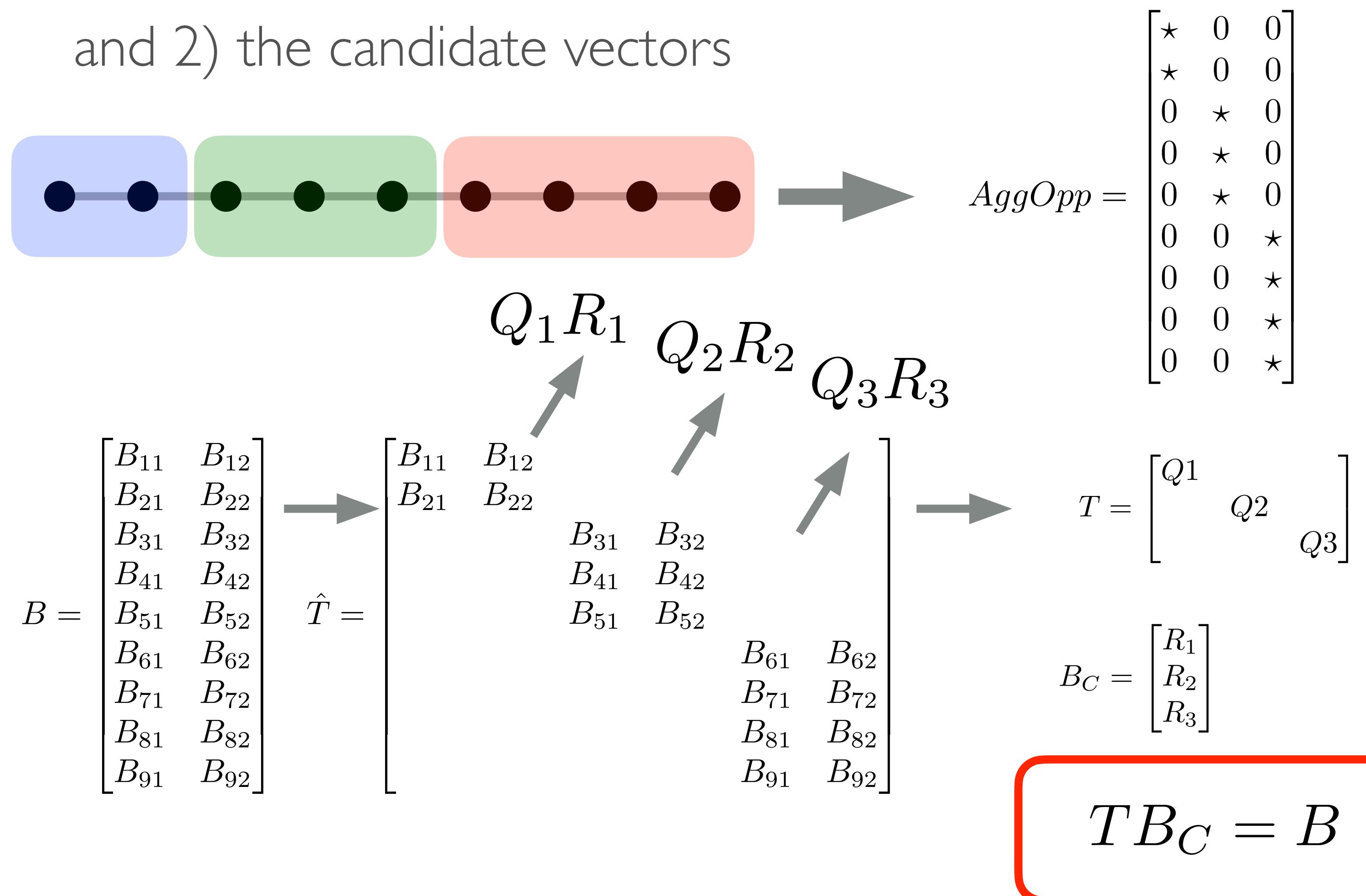
# Aggregation vs splitting



- Aggregation generally more aggressive coarsening

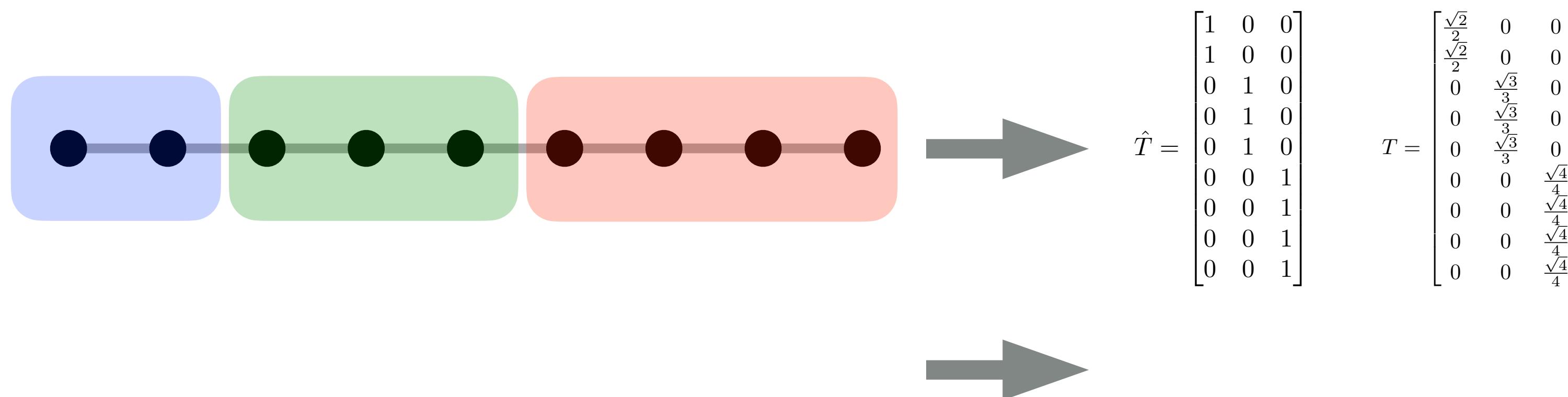
# SA AMG Interpolation

- Here we use 1) the aggregation pattern  
and 2) the candidate vectors

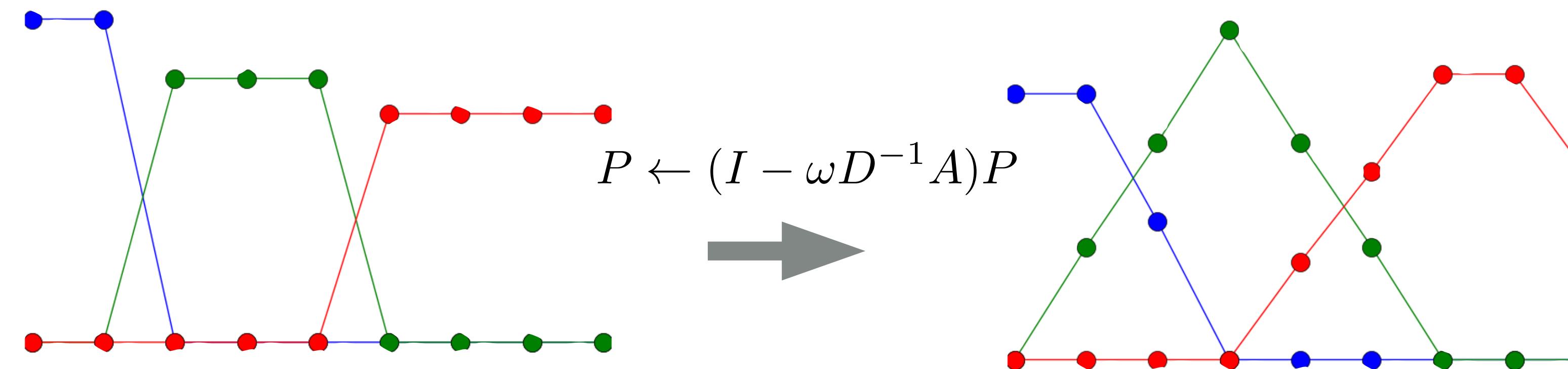


# SA AMG Interpolation

- Example



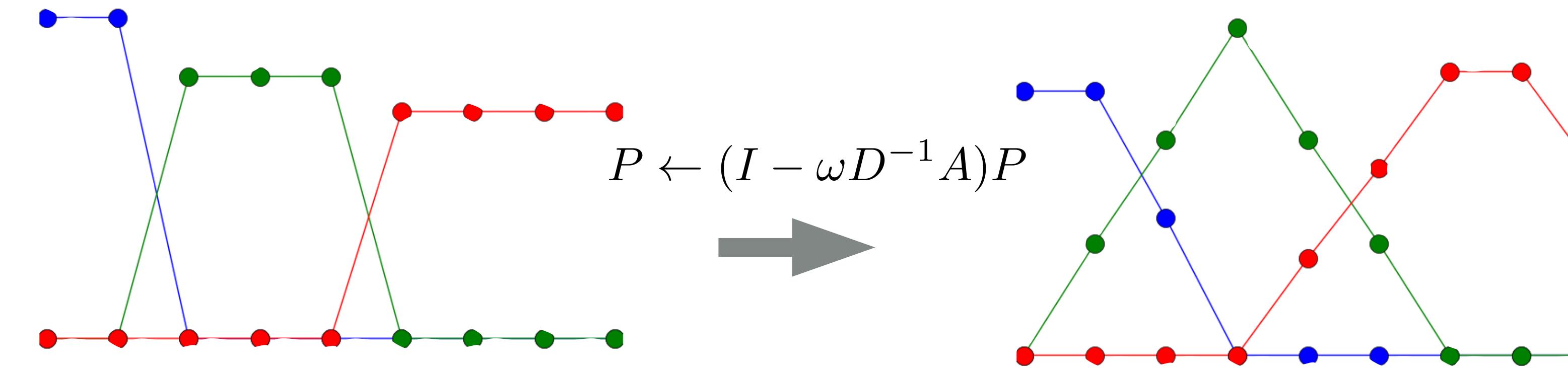
- Now make interpolation **better**



# SA AMG Interpolation

- reduce energy
- improve accuracy
- increase complexity

- Improving interpolation



- Makes the columns of  $P$  **smoother**
- Makes the sparsity of  $P$  **denser**

Demo: 17-smoothed-aggregation-1d.ipynb

# Aggregation Based Setup

$B$

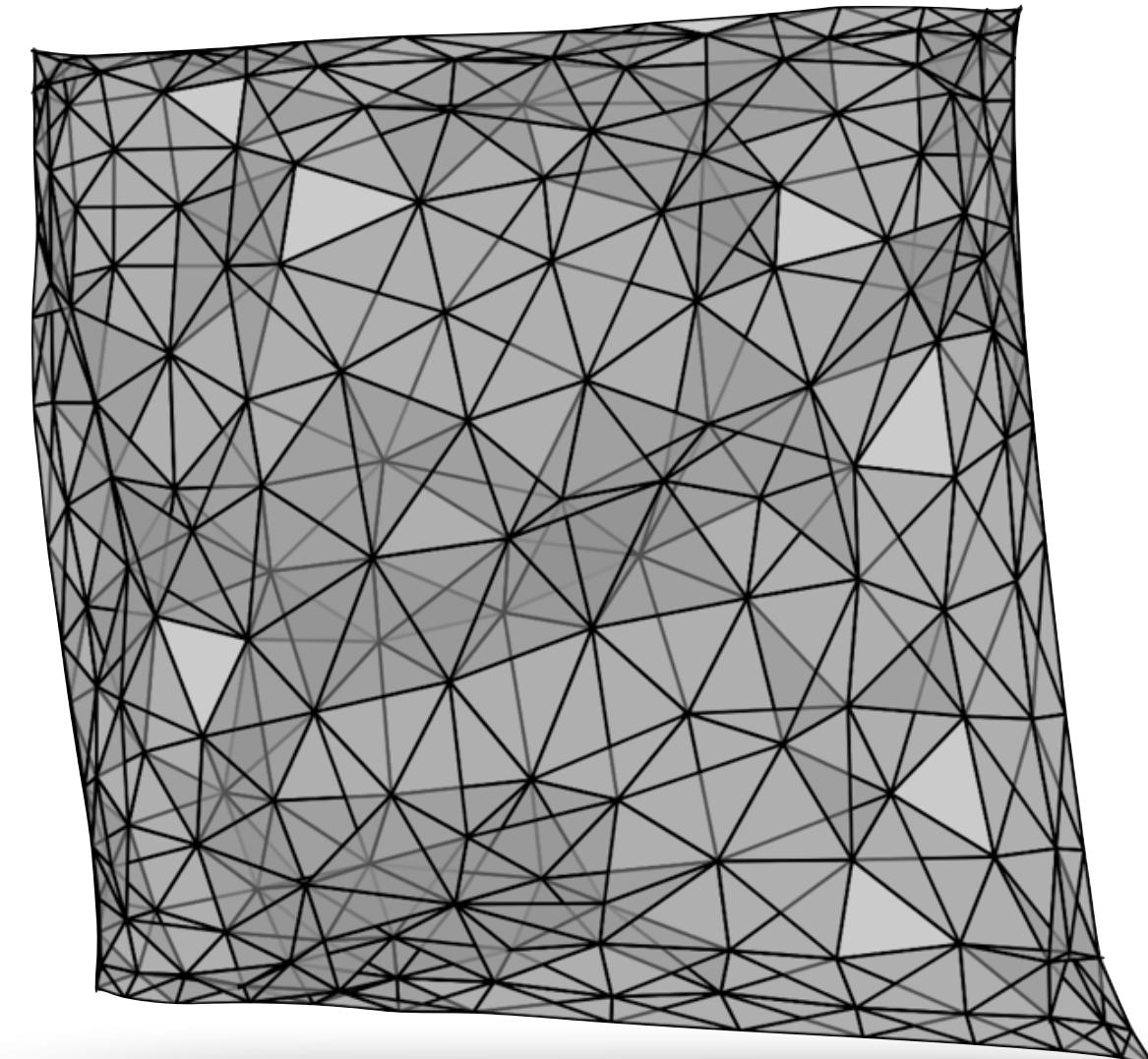
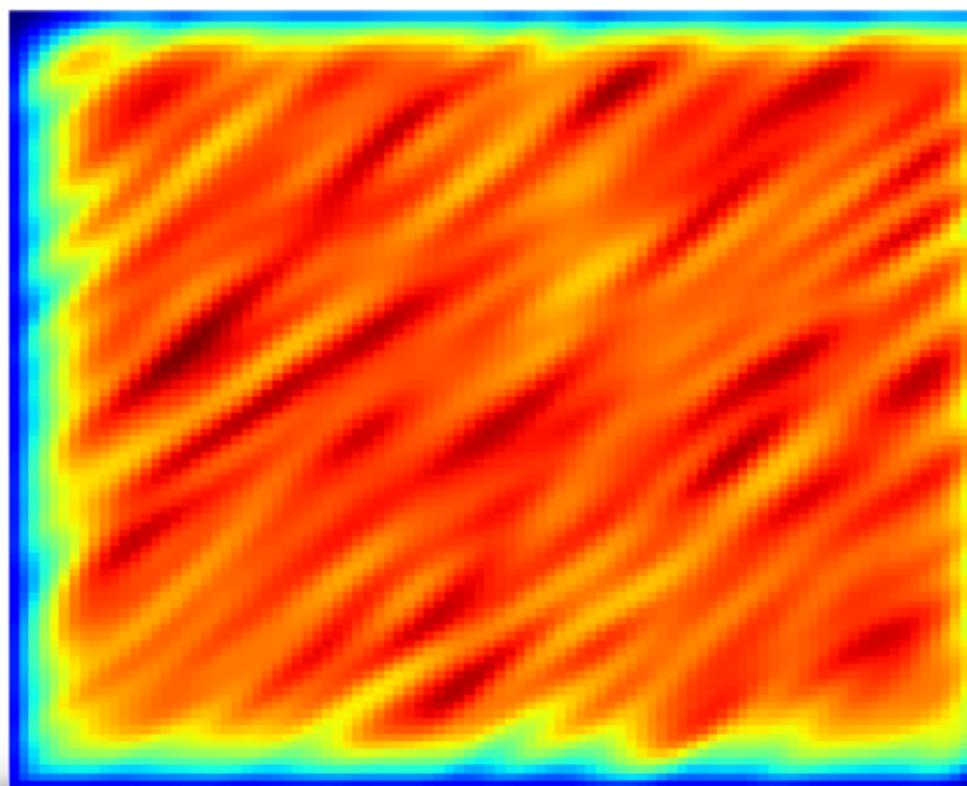
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$P^{(0)}, B^C \leftarrow \text{inject}(C, B)$

$P \leftarrow \text{improve}(A, P^{(0)})$

$R = P^* \quad A^C = RAP$



# Aggregation Based Setup

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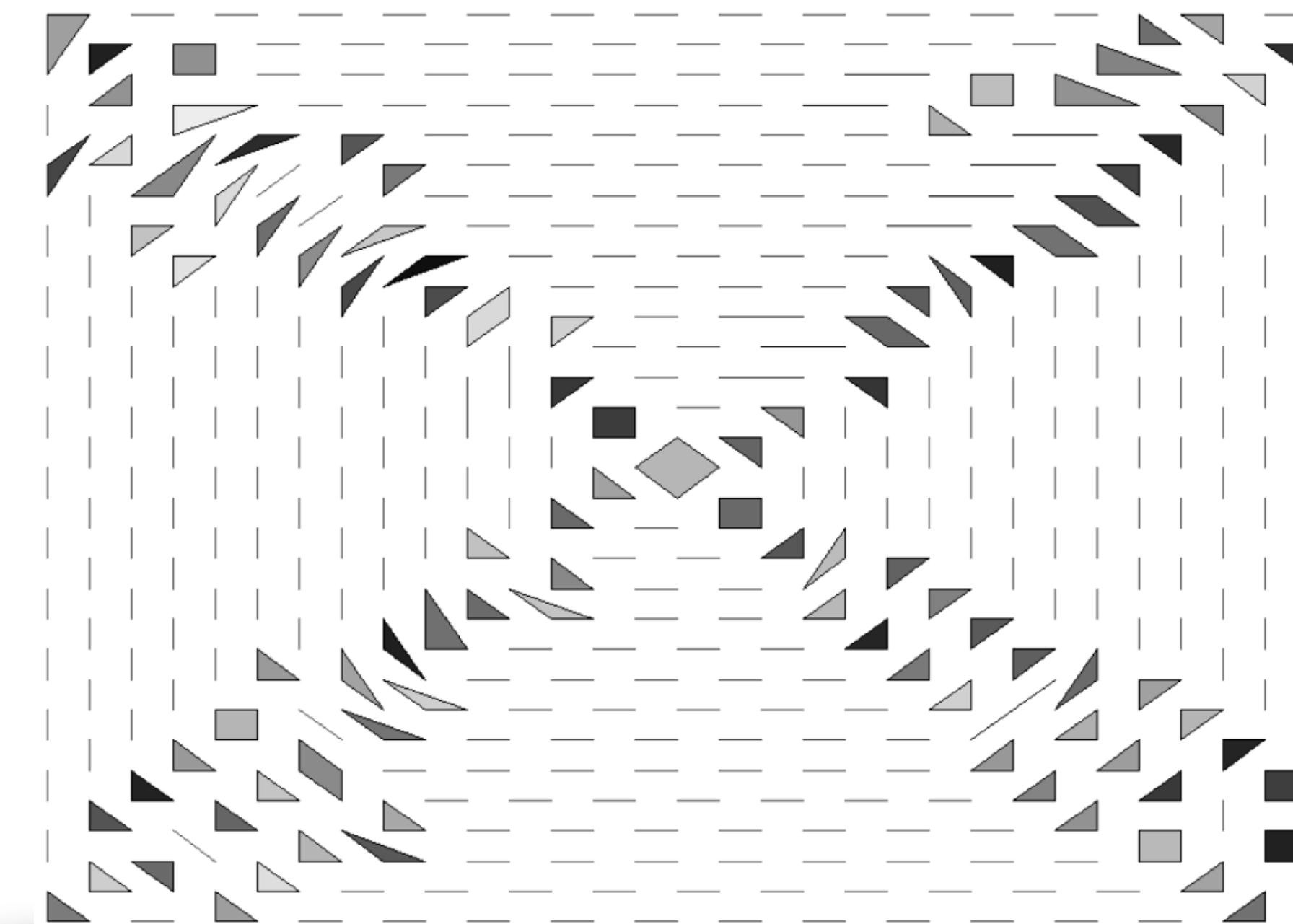
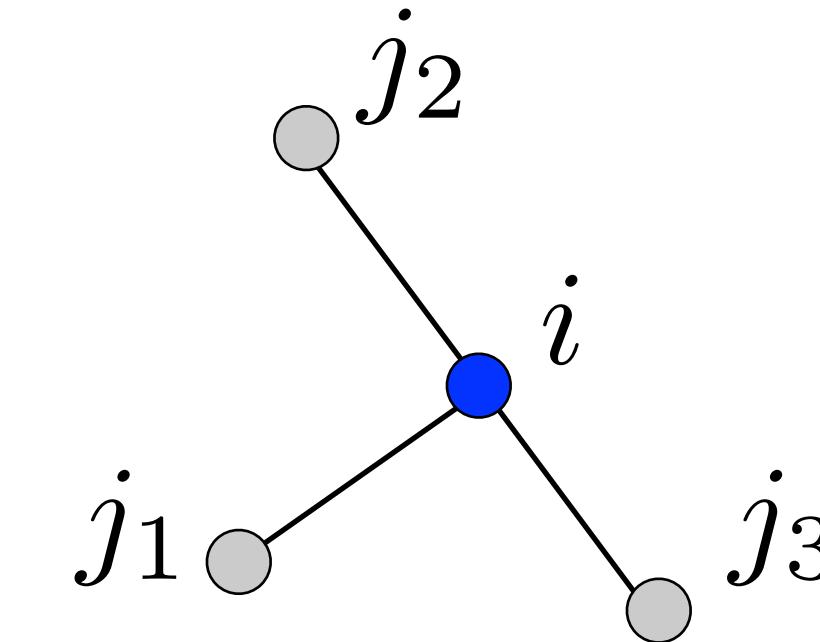
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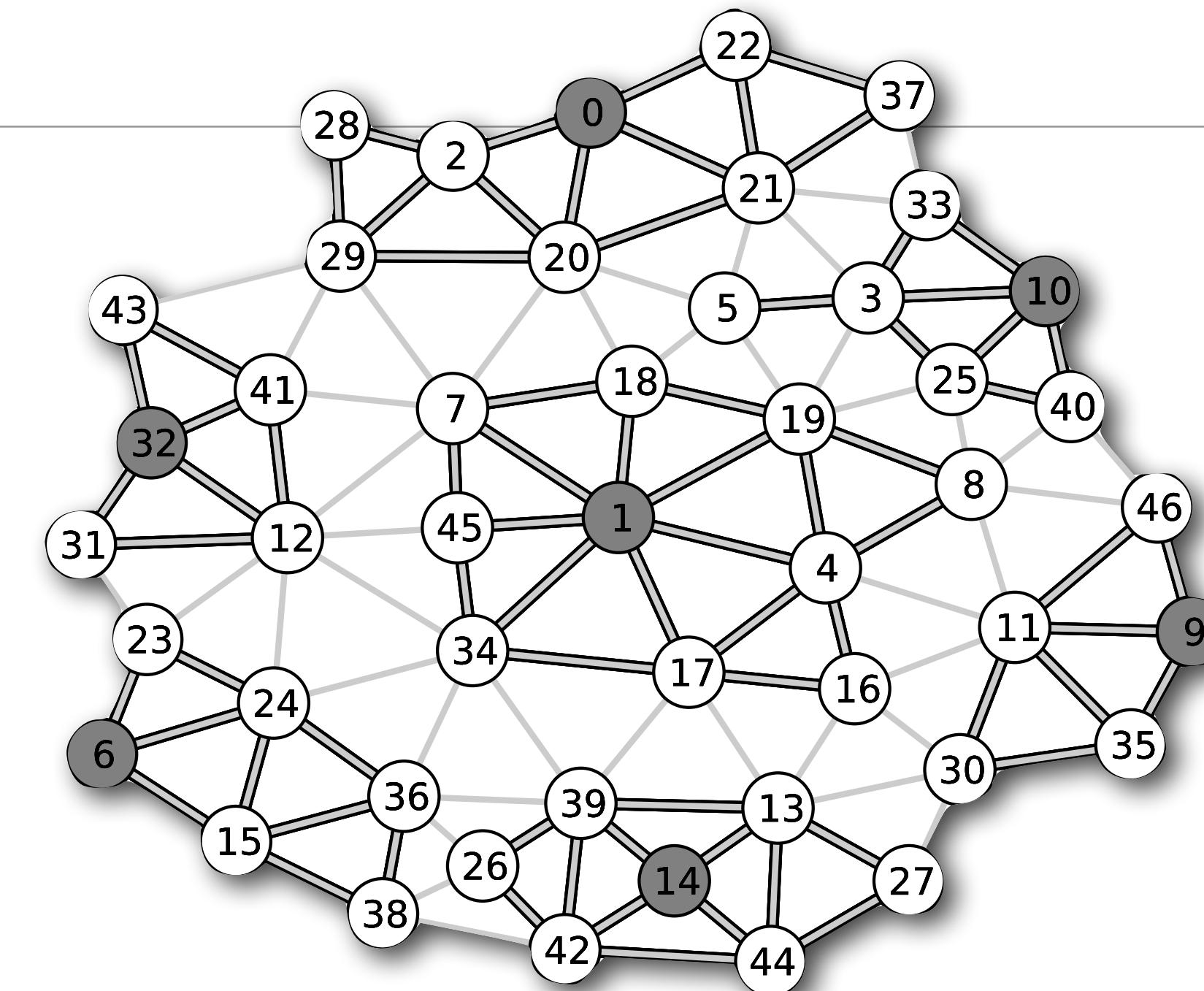
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- Group nodes
- based on strong connections
- variable size

# Aggregation Based Setup

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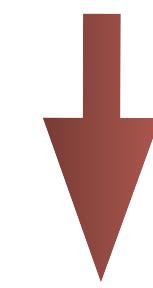
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$R = P^*$

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$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \\ b_{20} & b_{21} \\ b_{30} & b_{31} \\ b_{40} & b_{41} \\ b_{50} & b_{51} \\ b_{60} & b_{61} \\ b_{70} & b_{71} \\ b_{80} & b_{81} \\ b_{90} & b_{91} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{tent} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} & & & & \\ b_{10} & b_{11} & & & & \\ & & b_{20} & b_{21} & & \\ & & b_{30} & b_{31} & & \\ & & b_{40} & b_{41} & & \\ & & & & b_{50} & b_{51} \\ & & & & b_{60} & b_{61} \\ & & & & b_{70} & b_{71} \\ & & & & & b_{80} & b_{81} \\ & & & & & b_{90} & b_{91} \end{bmatrix}$$


# Aggregation Based Setup

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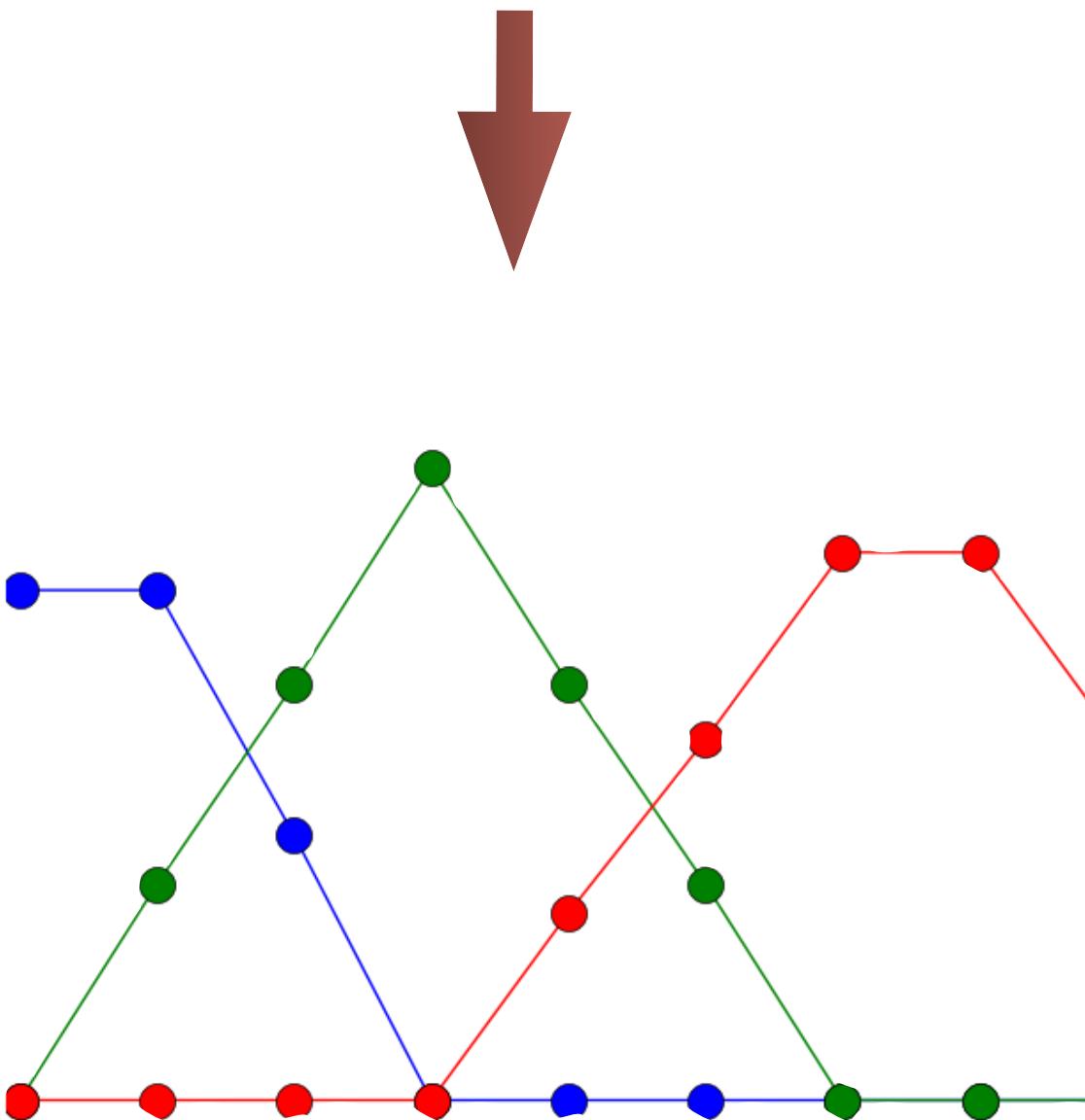
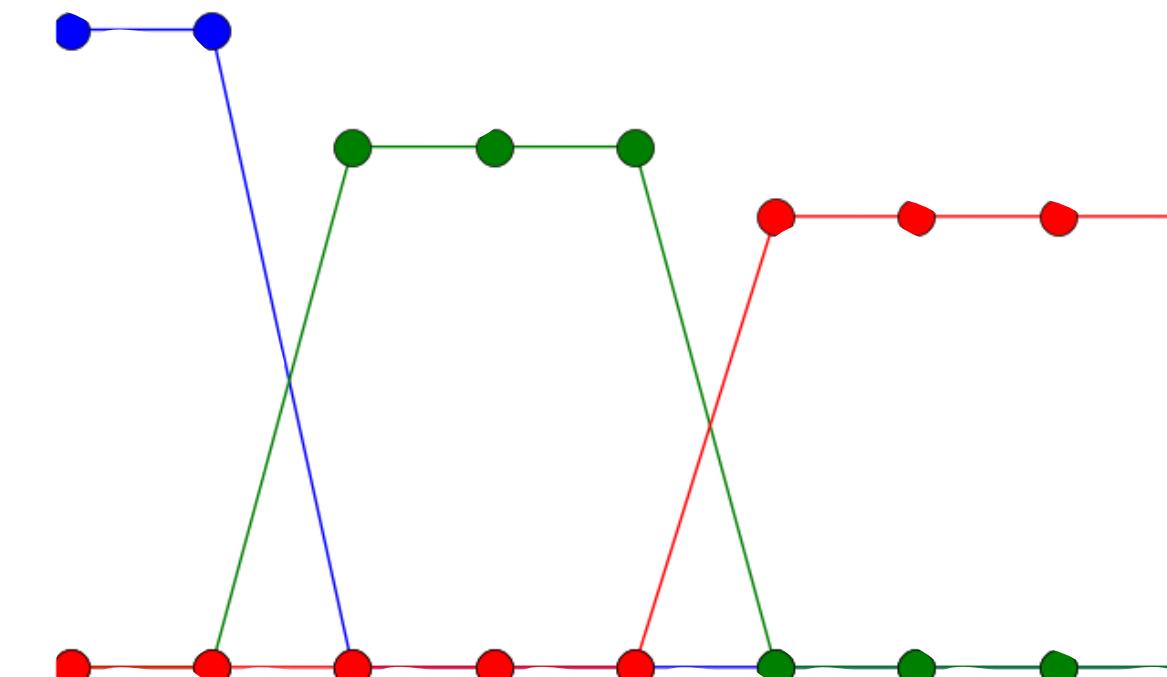
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# SA AMG Setup Algorithm

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**Algorithm 1:** SA\_setup()

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**Input:**  $A_0$ : fine-grid operator  
 $B_0$ : fine-grid candidate vectors  
max\_size: threshold for max size of coarsest problem

**Output:**  $A_1, \dots, A_L$ ,  
 $P_0, \dots, P_{L-1}$

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1  $\ell = 0$ 
2 while size( $A_\ell$ ) > max_size
3    $S_\ell = \text{strength}(A_\ell)$                                 {Strength-of-connection}
4    $\mathcal{A}_\ell = \text{aggregate}(S_\ell)$                       {Aggregation}
5    $T_\ell, B_{\ell+1} = \text{inject}(\mathcal{A}_\ell, B_\ell)$     {Form tentative interpolation and coarse candidates}
6    $P_\ell = \text{smooth}(A_\ell, T_\ell)$                       {Smooth  $T_\ell$ }
7    $A_{\ell+1} = P_\ell^T A_\ell P_\ell$                          {Coarse-grid operator}
8    $\ell = \ell + 1$ 
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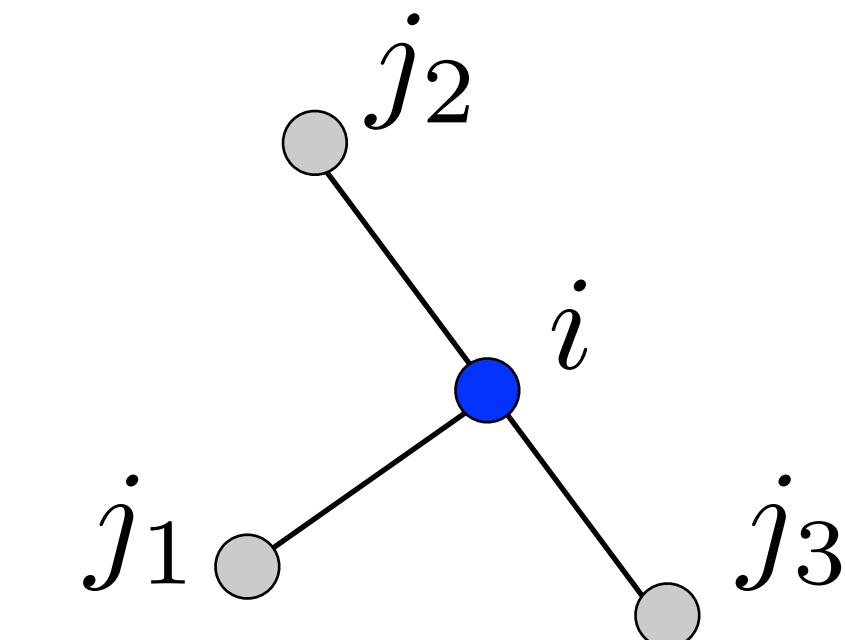
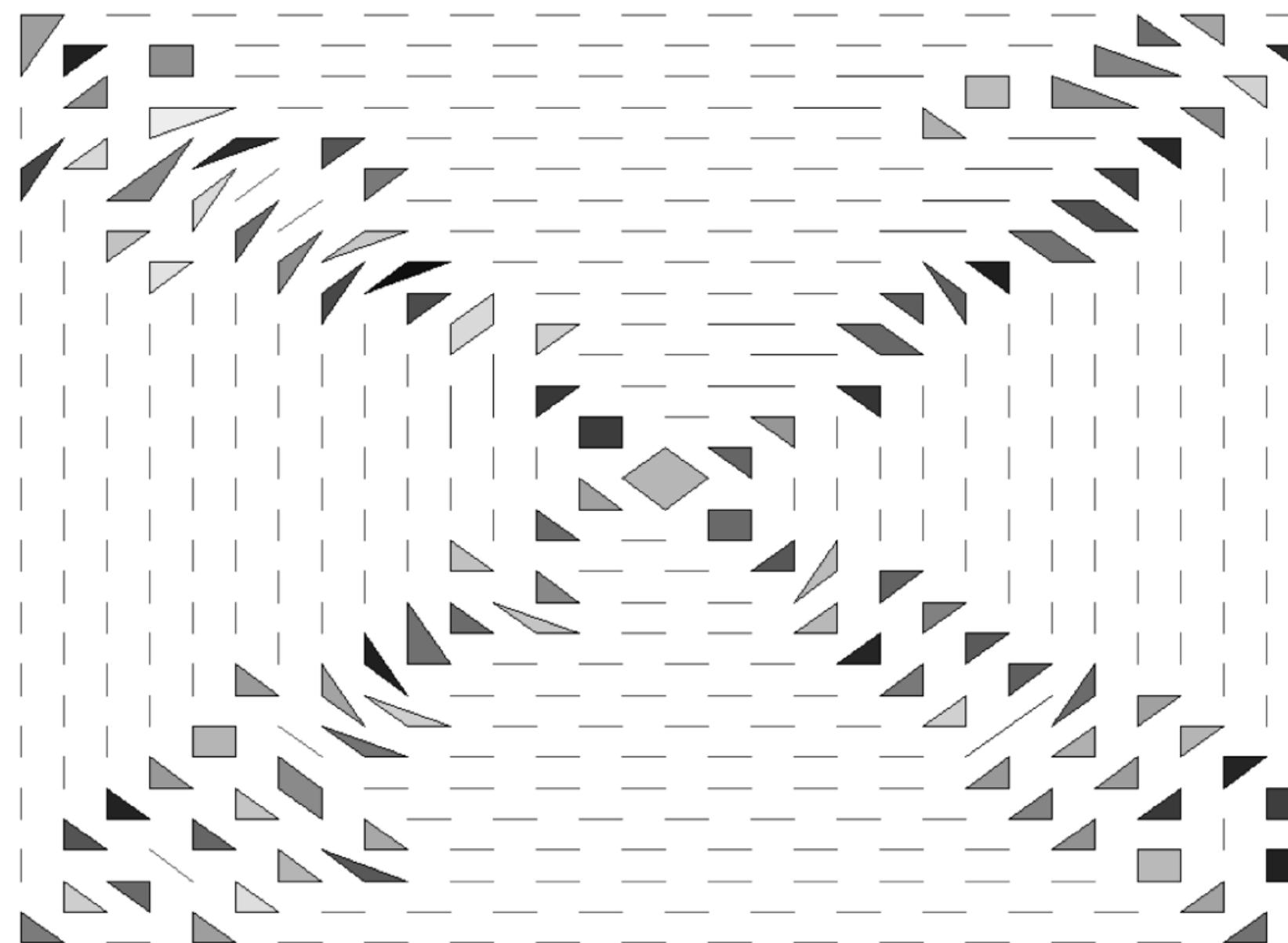
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# Advanced feature: evolution measure

1. drop point source at a node

2. evolve point source with  $A$

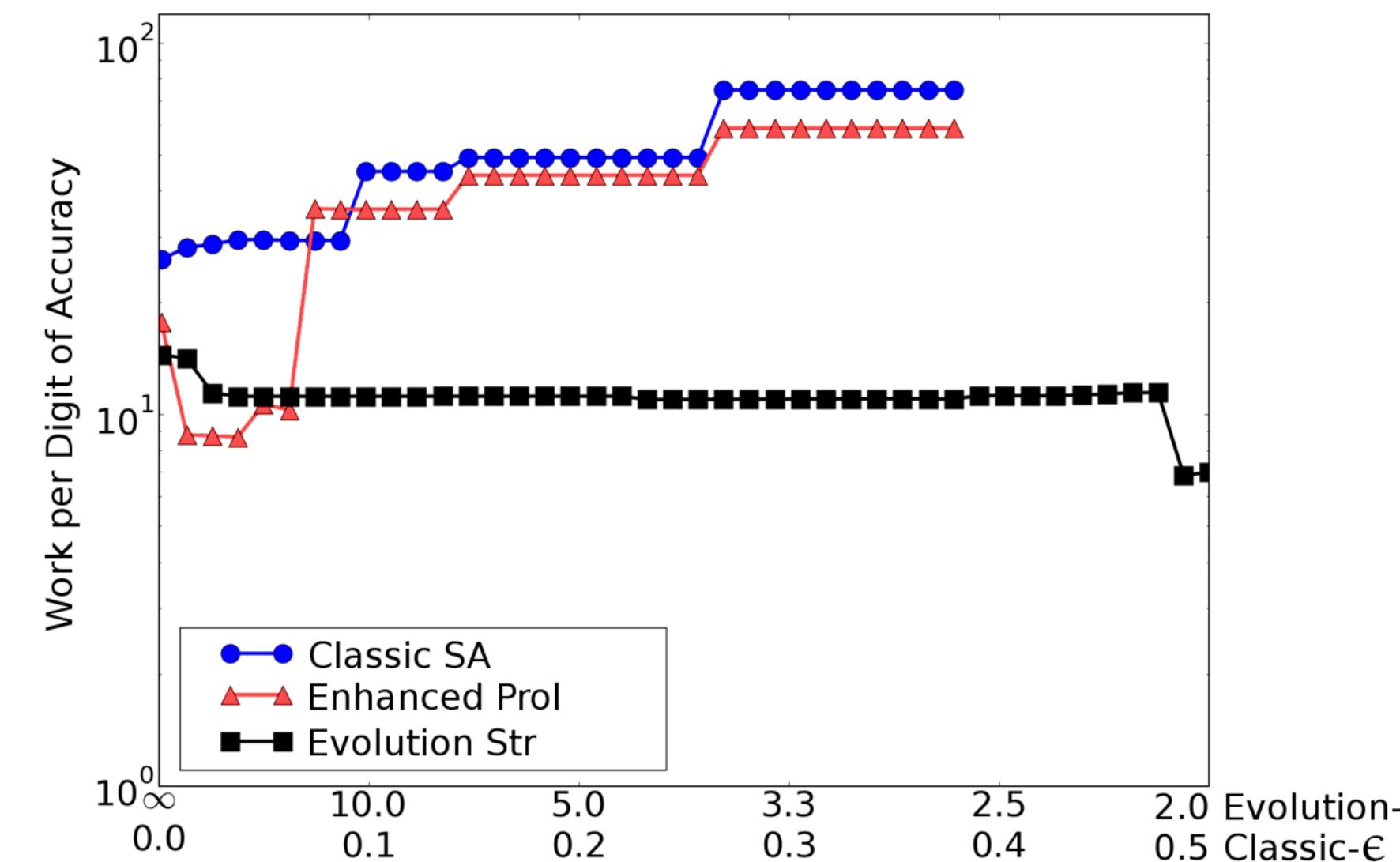
3. evaluate diffusivity at neighbors in comparison to known low energy



- efficient
- parameter insensitive
- Euler flow
- wave problems
- high-order
- discontinuous elements

# Advanced feature: evolution measure

- less sensitive to drop tolerances
- single largest improvement we see in practice
- necessary for any complicated physics or discretization



$\epsilon$	Classic SA		with $P_{opt}$		Evol 4.00
	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	
<b>Linear Tets</b>					
$p = 1$	$h$	18	48	15	27
	$h/2$	17	74	14	62
	$h/4$	26	130	20	92
$p = 2$	$h$	41	85	24	46
	$h/2$	21	44	26	33
	$h/4$	45	88	67	67
<b>Quad Tets</b>					
$p = 1$	$h$	63	148	129	129
	$h/2$	49	86	61	61
	$h/4$	49	86	61	61

# SA AMG Interpolation

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$$e_1 \leftarrow (I - P(P^T A P)^{-1} P^T A) G e_0$$

————— coarse grid correction —————  $\hookrightarrow$  relax  $\hookleftarrow$

$$G e_0 \in \mathcal{R}(P) \Rightarrow e_1 = 0$$

interpolation should capture what relaxation misses

- $P$  should have low energy (low  $A$ -norm or  $A^* A$ -norm)
  1. determine sparsity pattern
  2. minimize energy column-wise (parallel)

# SA AMG Interpolation

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- Want  $P$  so that  $u_{low} \in \mathcal{R}(P)$

1. Grow and fix sparsity pattern as  $S^k P_{tent}$

2. Minimize residual of

$$AP_j = 0 \quad \text{for each column } j$$

3. Constraint the minimization with

$$PB_c = B$$

# SA AMG General Interpolation

- Hermitian (and positive definite): use CG

$$AP_j = 0 \Leftrightarrow \min \|P_j\|_A$$

$$R = P^*$$

- Non-Hermitian: use GMRES

$$AP_j = 0 \Leftrightarrow \min \|P_j\|_{A^* A}$$

$$A^* R_j^* = 0 \Leftrightarrow \min \|R_j^*\|_{AA^*}$$

- Range of interpolation targets “right” low-energy
- Range of restriction\* targets “left” low-energy
- Cost is comparable to that of standard smoothing

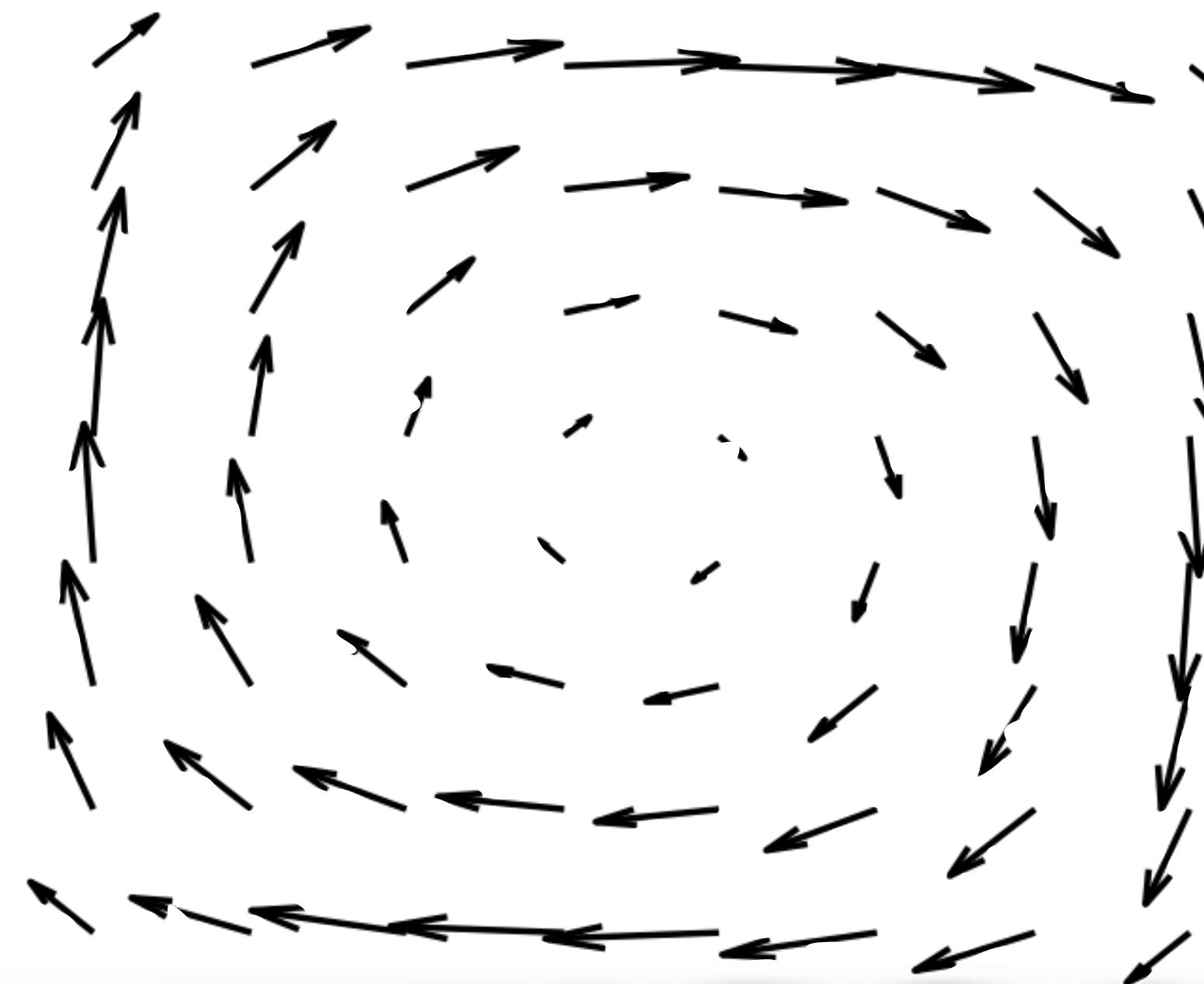
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# SA AMG General Interpolation

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$h$	std.	opt.
1/64	>150	24
1/128	>150	28
1/256	>150	33
1/512	>150	33

# Advanced Demos

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Demo: 19-AMG-advanced-options-anisotropy.ipynb

Demo: 20-AMG-advanced-options-nonsymmetric-flow.ipynb

Demo: 21-AMG-advanced-options-systems-elasticity.ipynb