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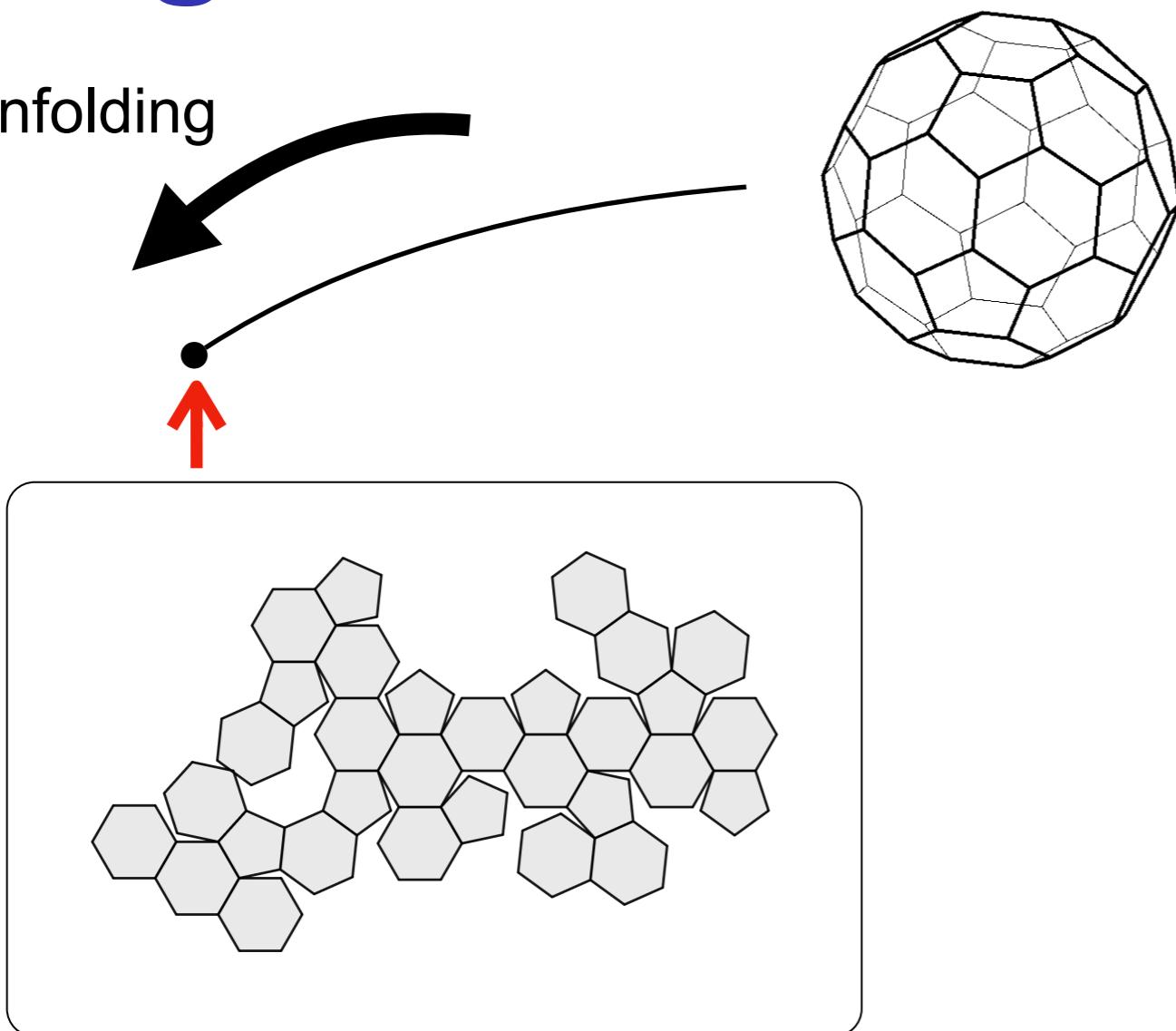
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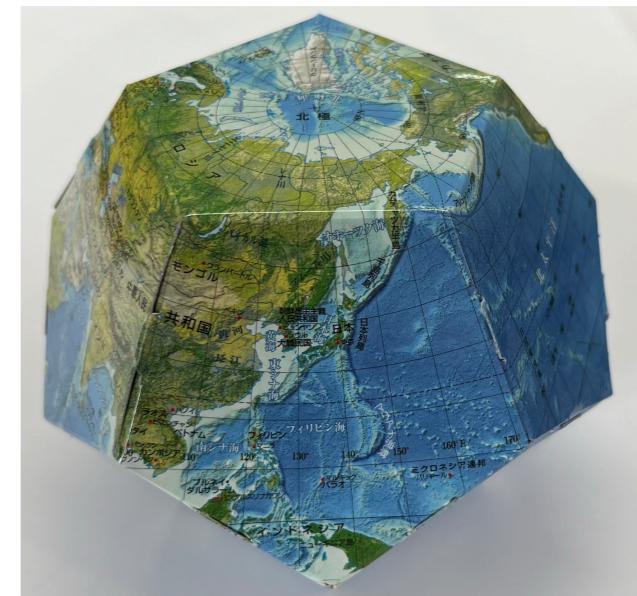
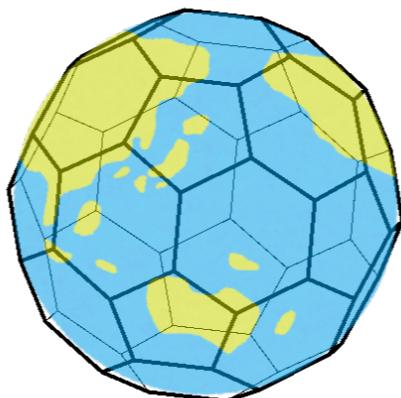
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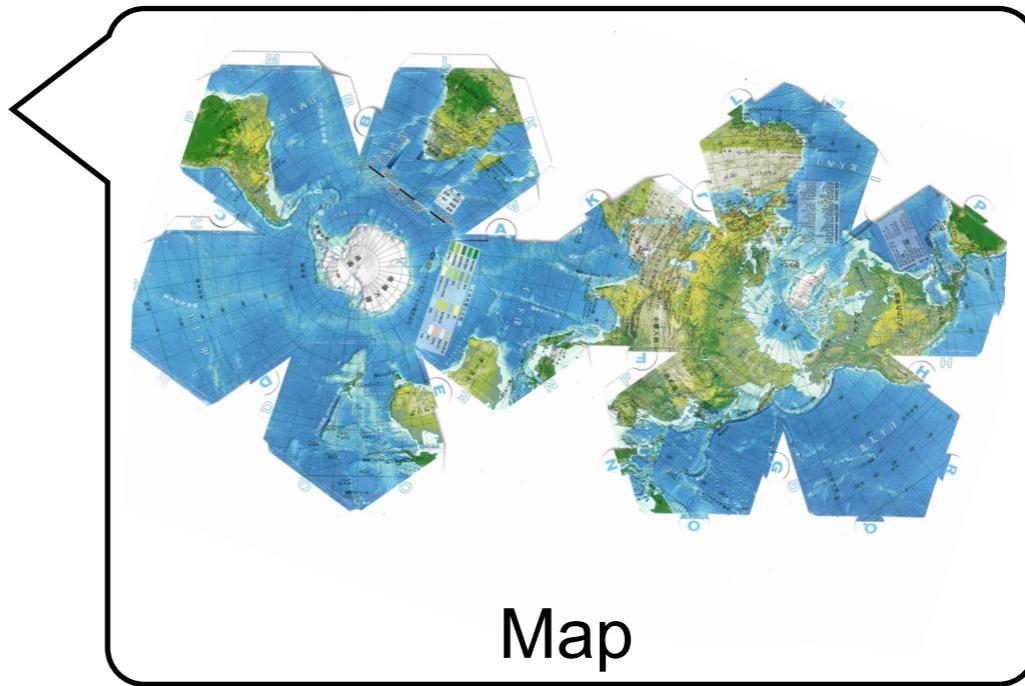
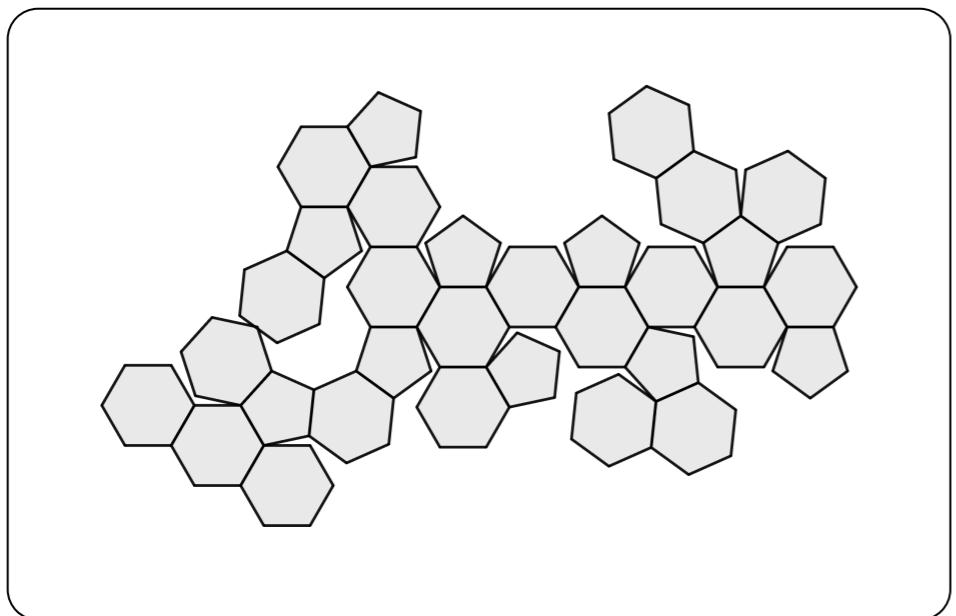


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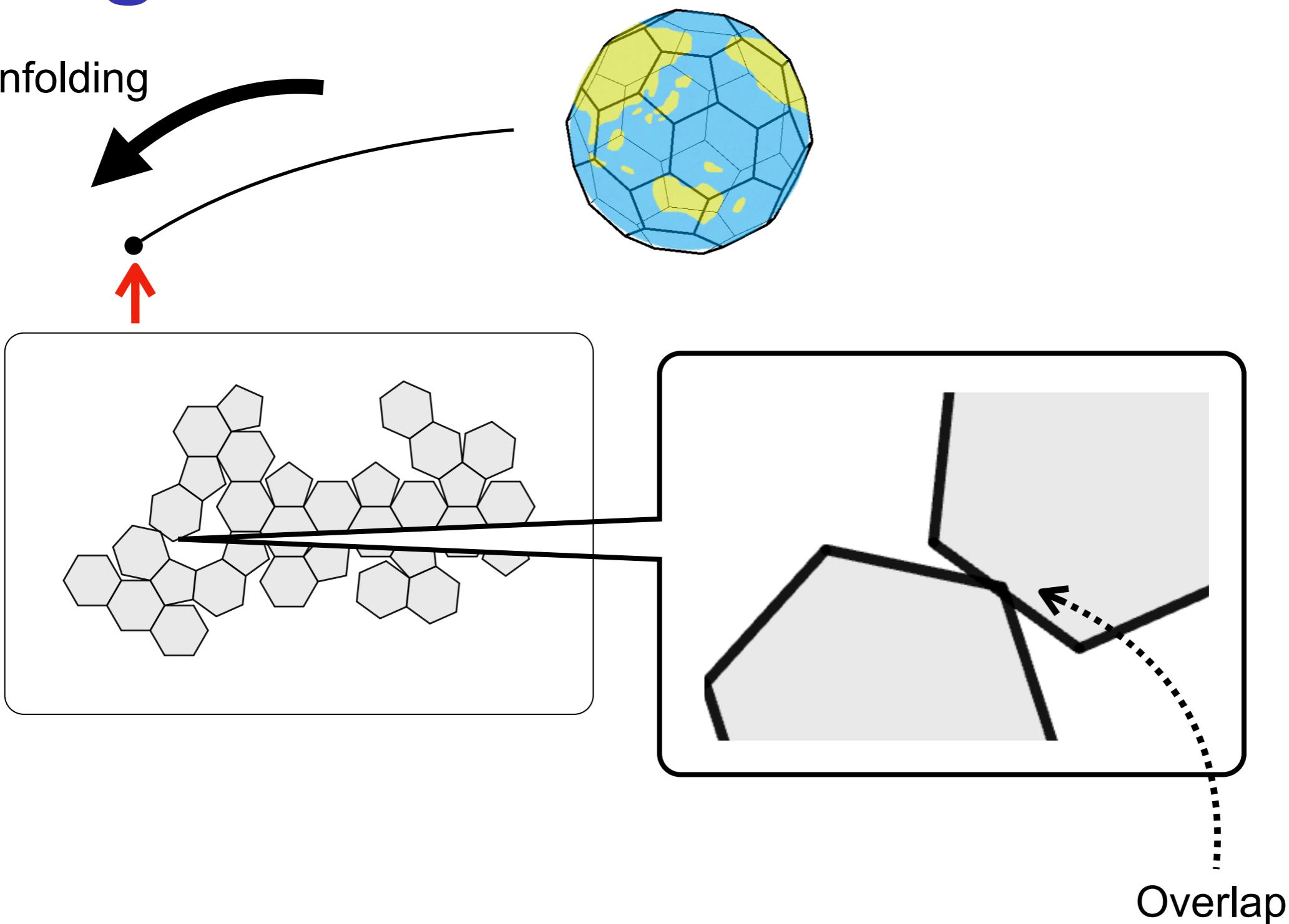


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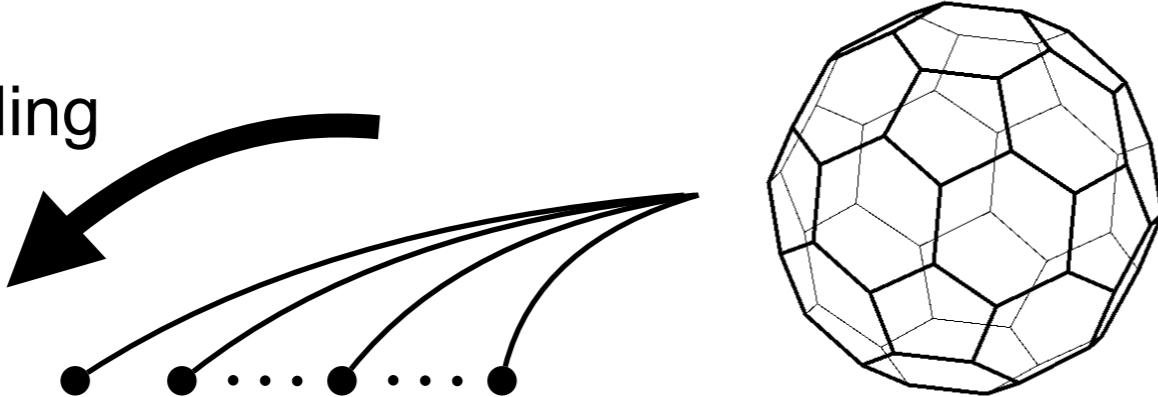
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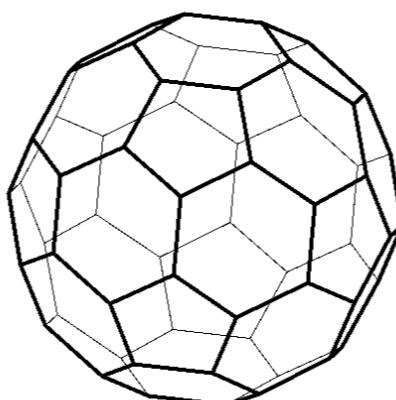
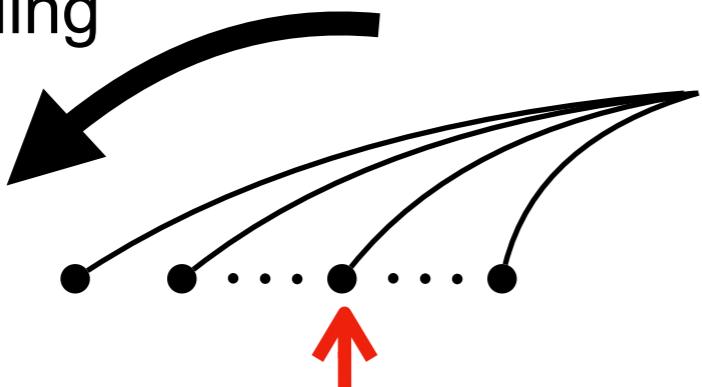
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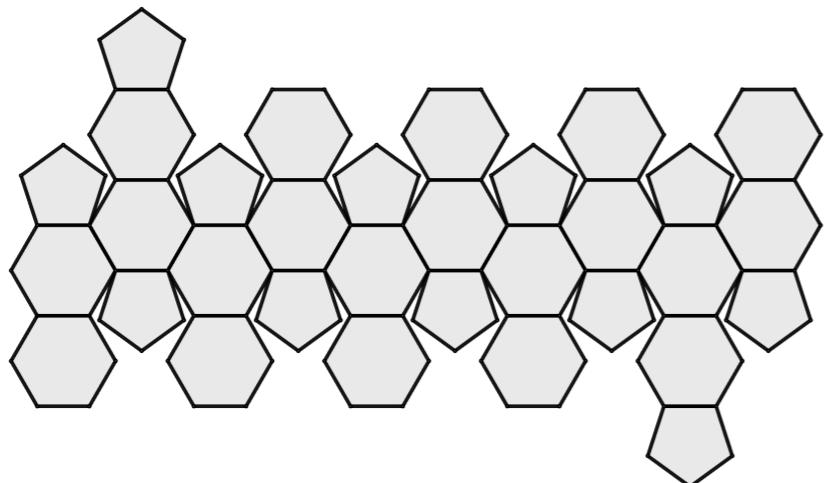


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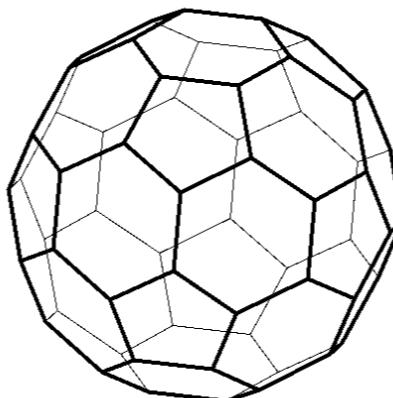
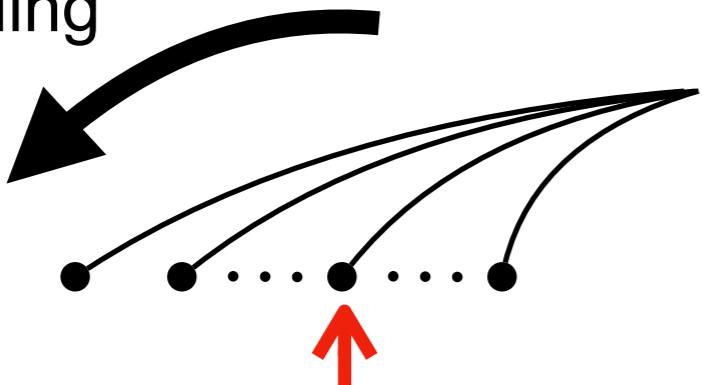


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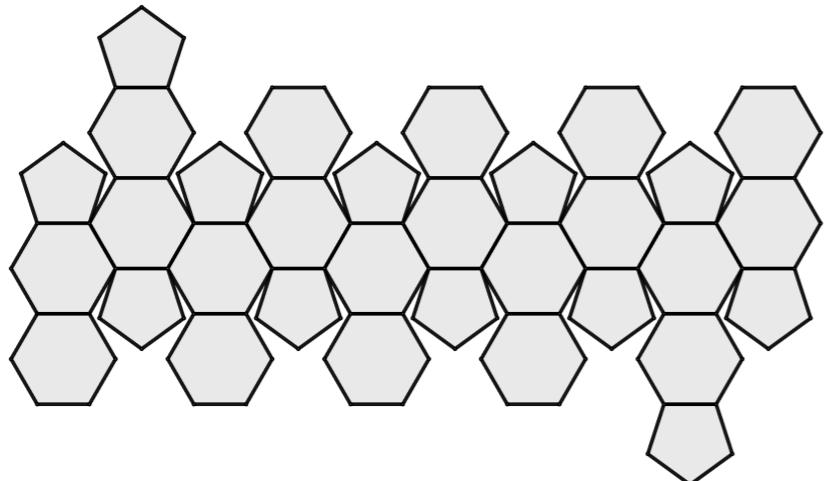


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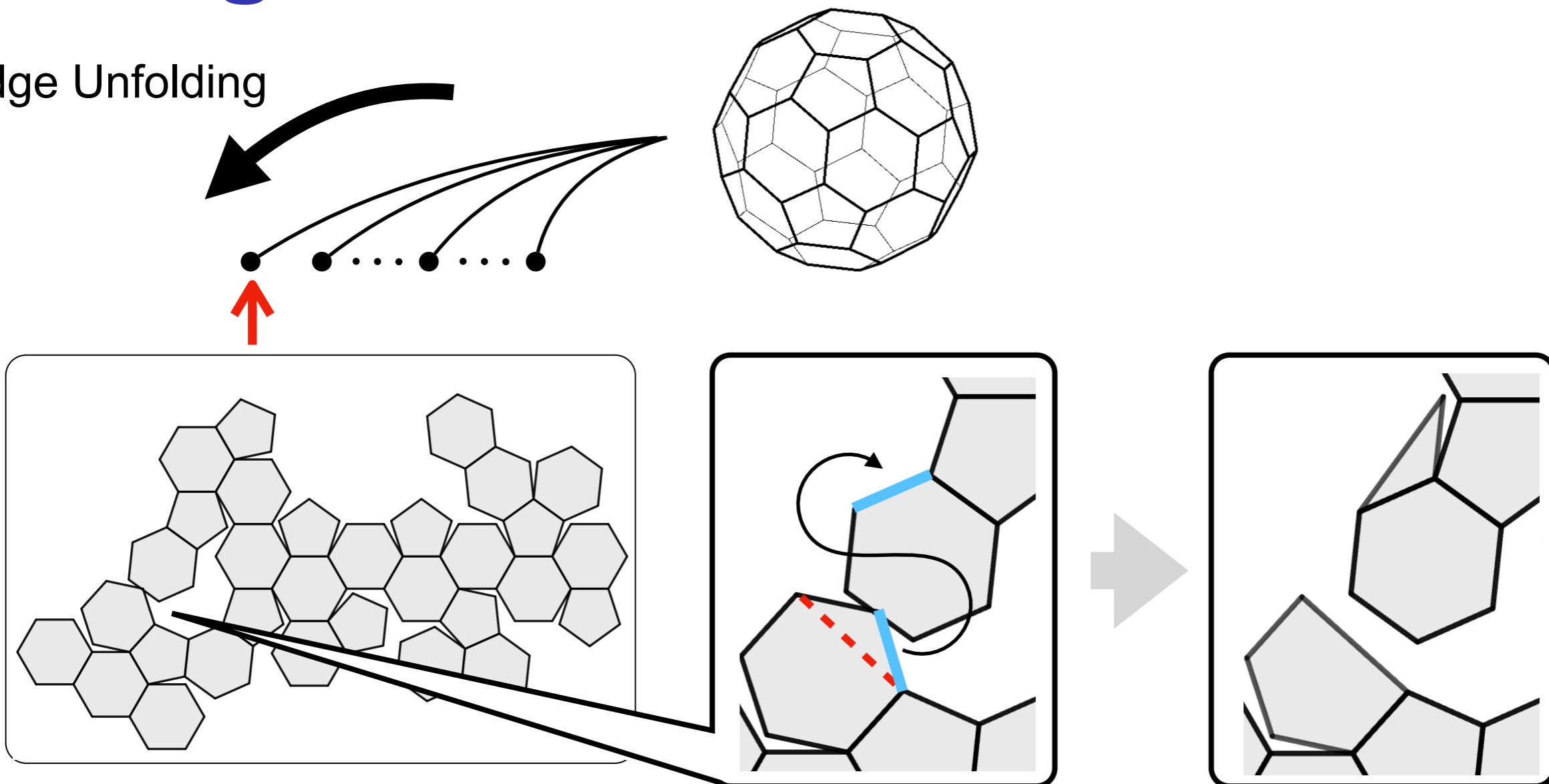


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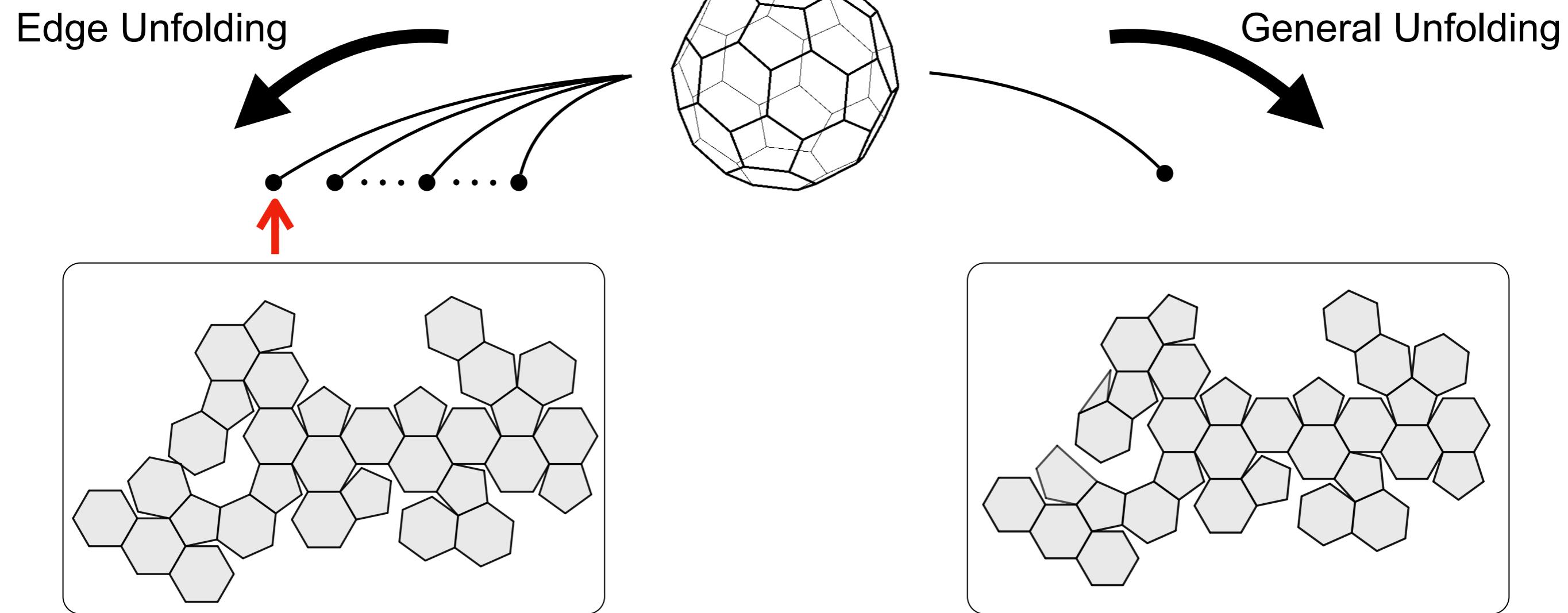
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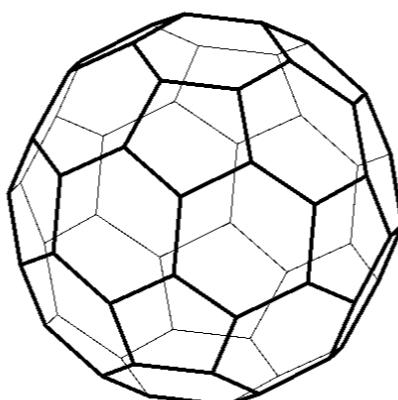
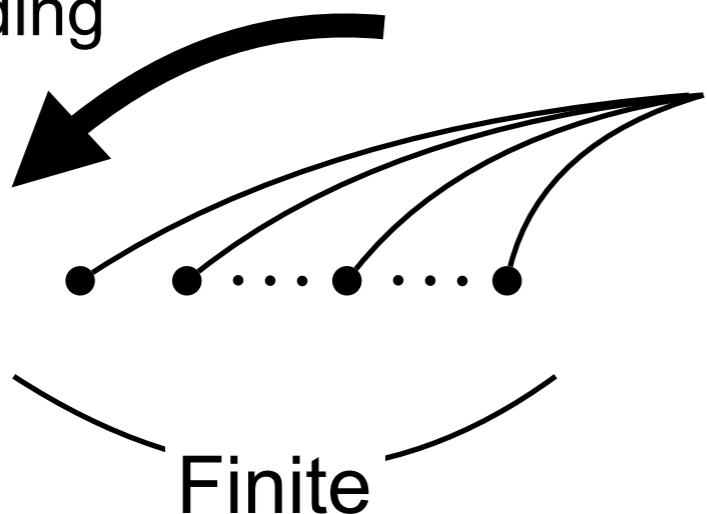
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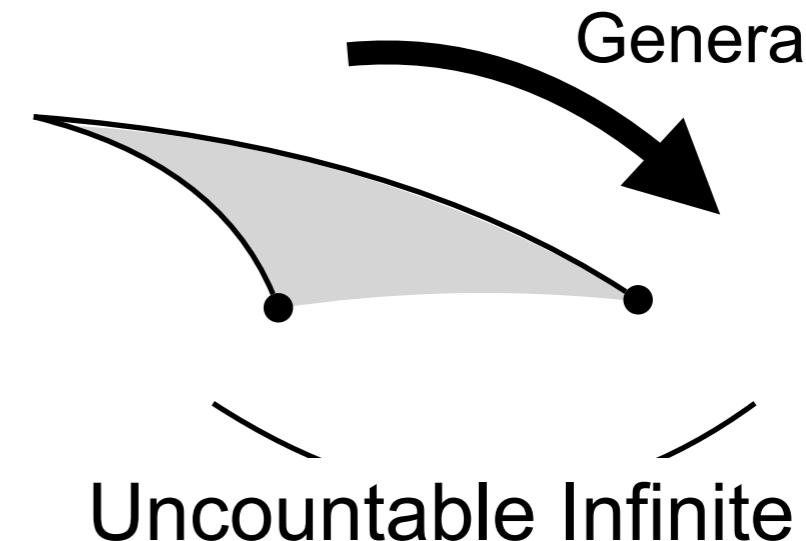
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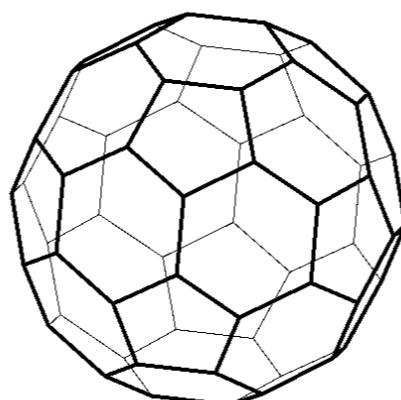
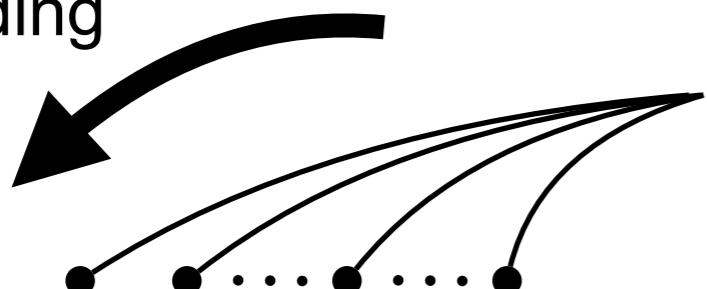


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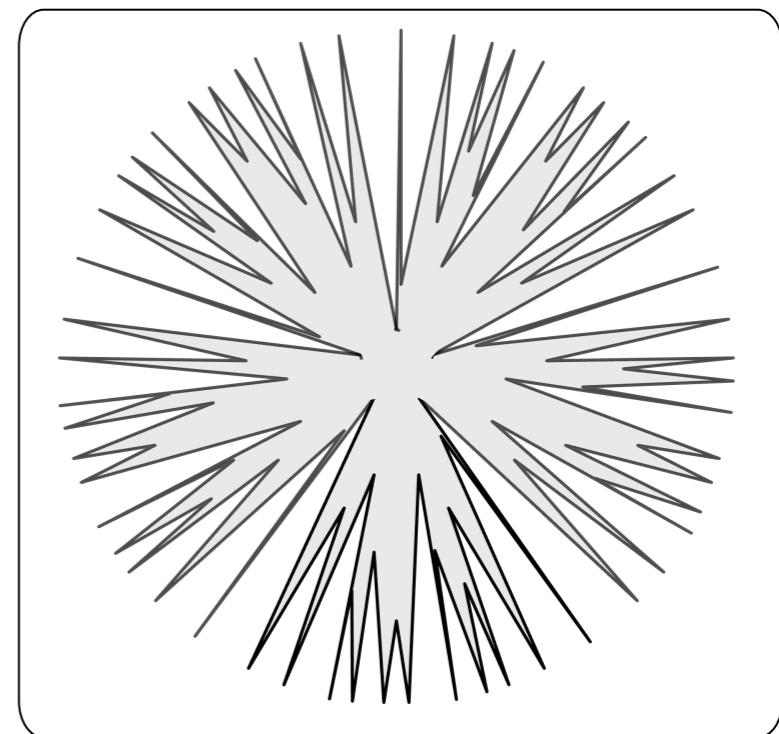
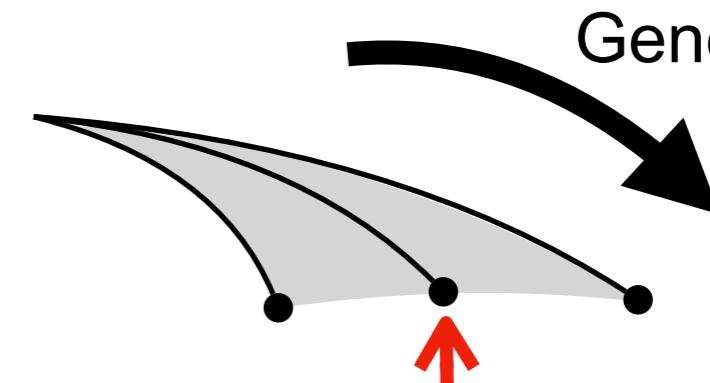


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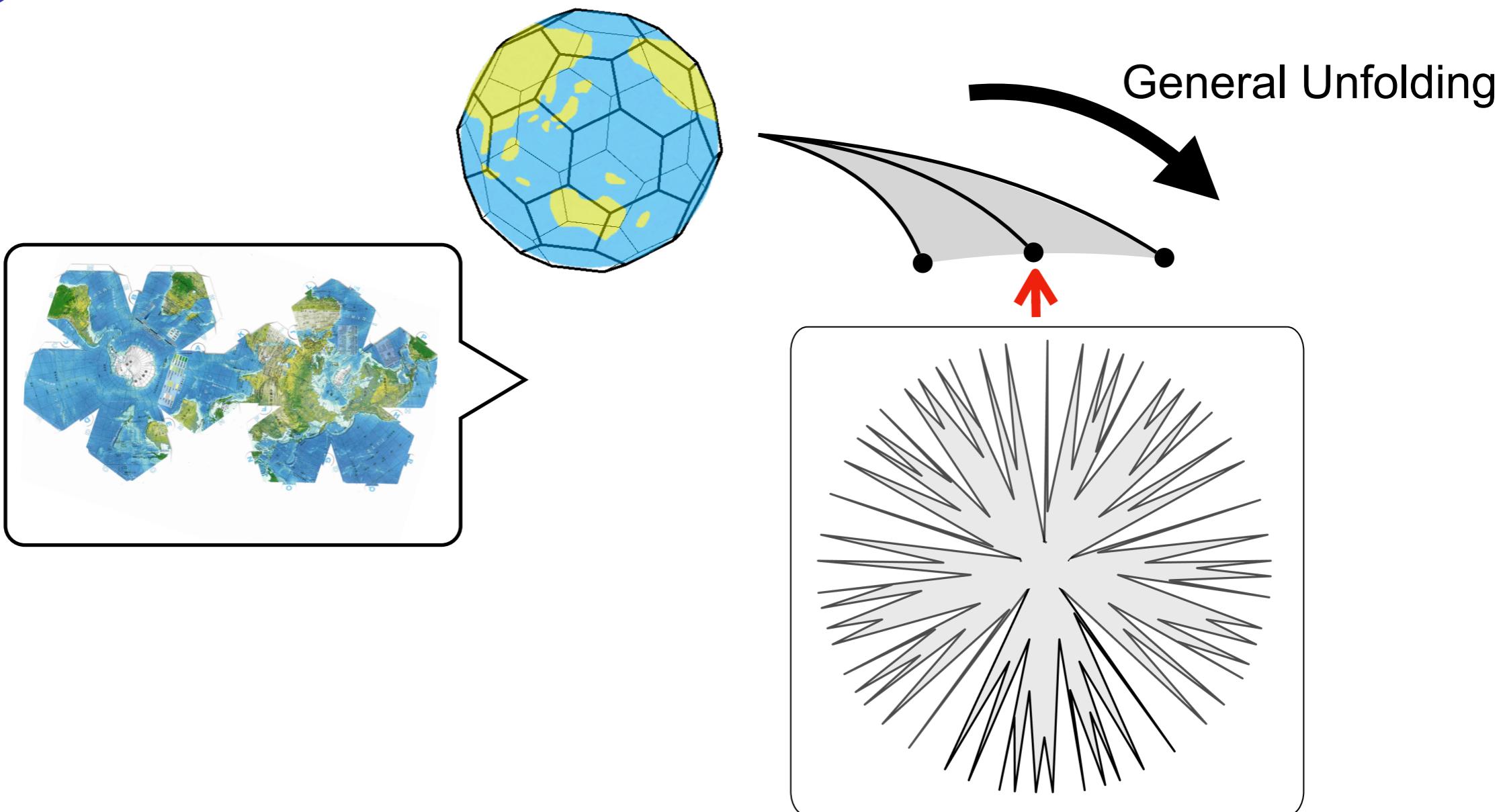
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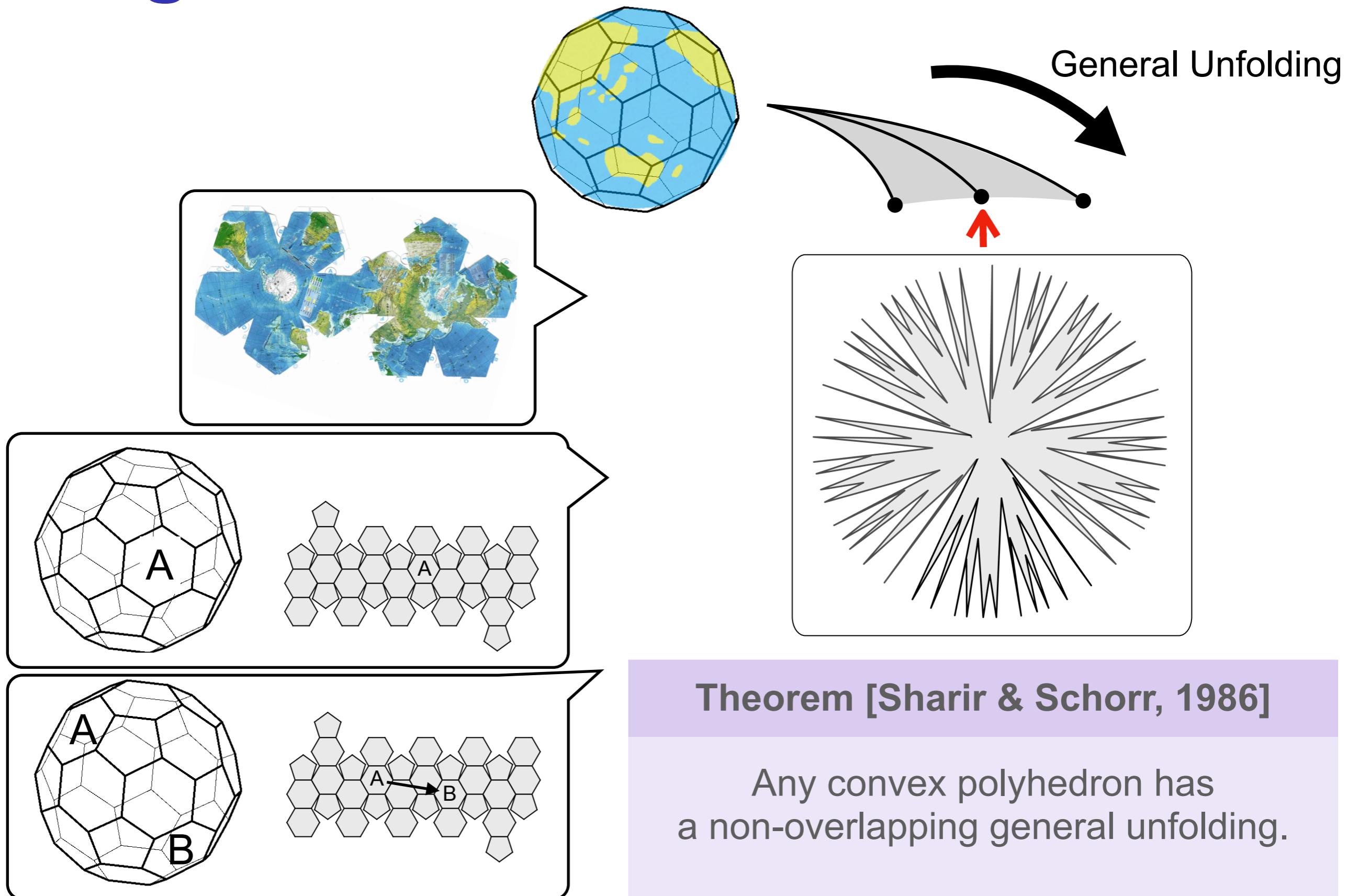
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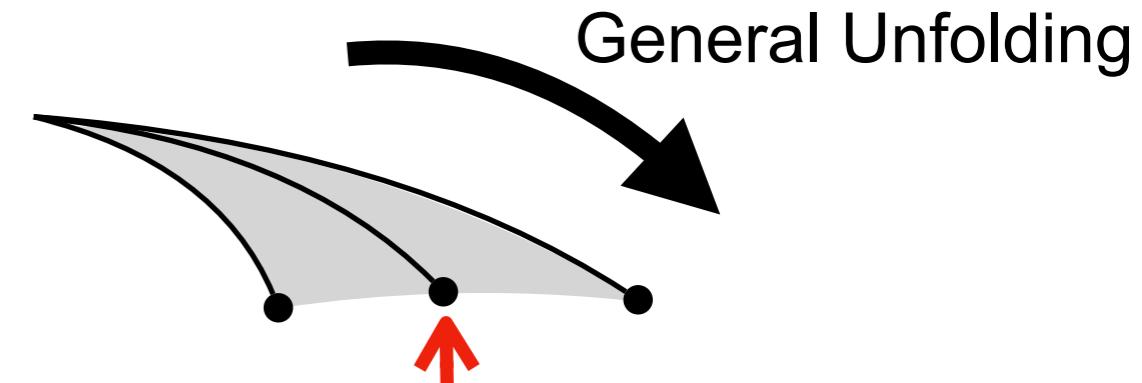
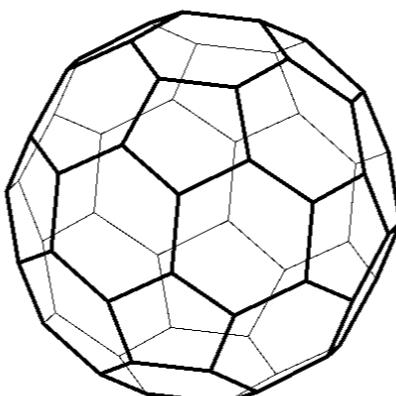
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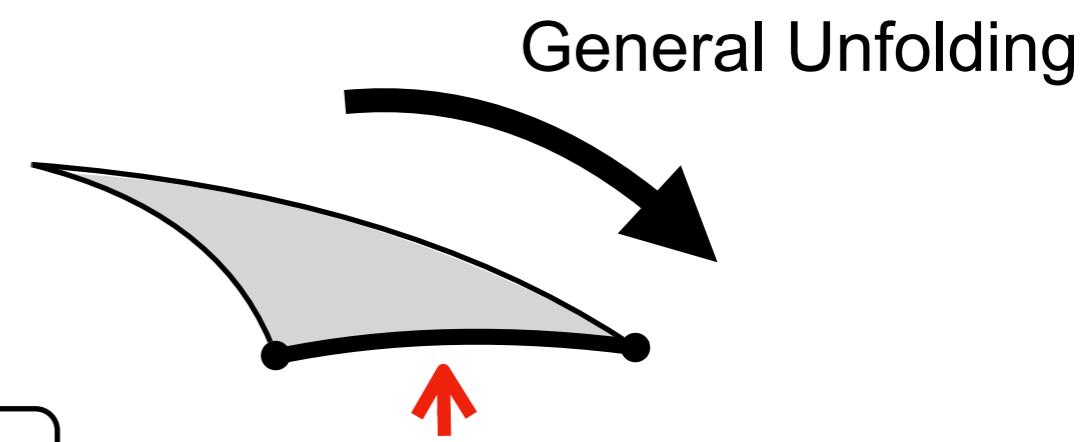
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Any convex polyhedron satisfies the property
“there **exists** a non-overlapping general unfolding”



What types of polyhedra have the property
“any general unfolding is non-overlapping”?
(= Overlap-free)

Result

Theorem

For any convex polyhedron Q ,

Q is overlap-free

\Updownarrow

Q is either
one of

(
tetramonohedron
doubly-covered regular triangle
doubly-covered half regular triangle
doubly-covered right triangle

Result

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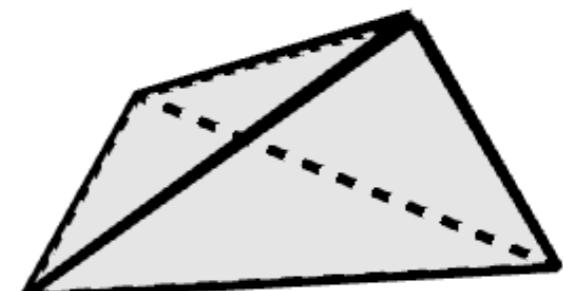
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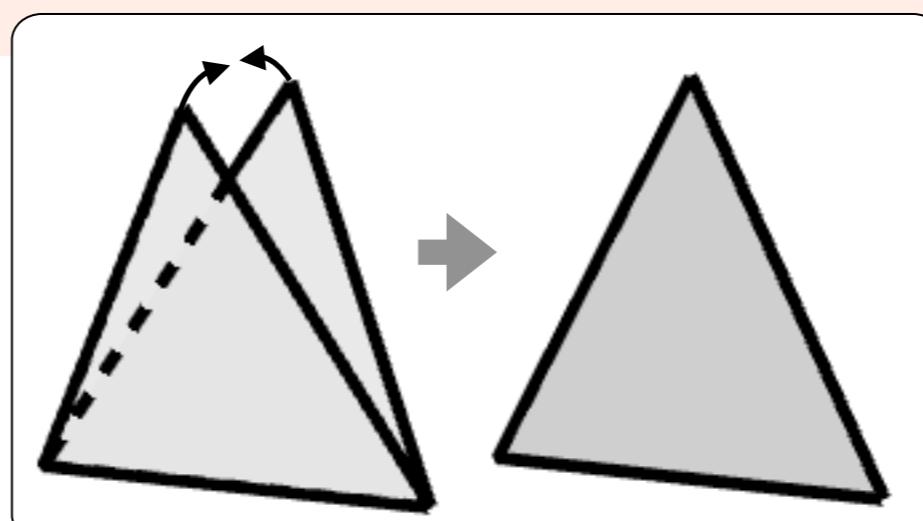
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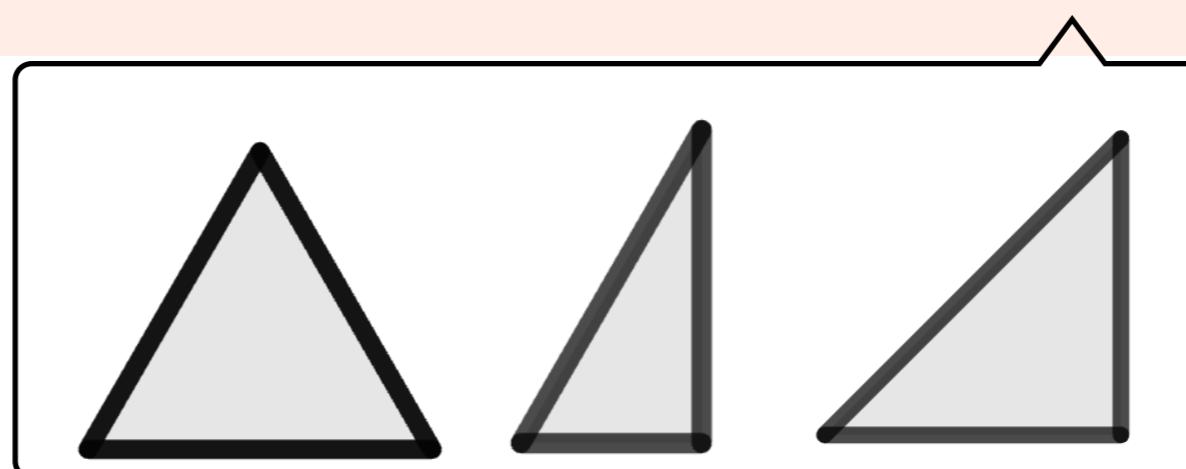
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Theorem [Akiyama, 2008]

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There exists
overlap unfolding

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Proof of Necessities

- Strategy -

Lemma

If a convex polyhedron Q is not stamper,
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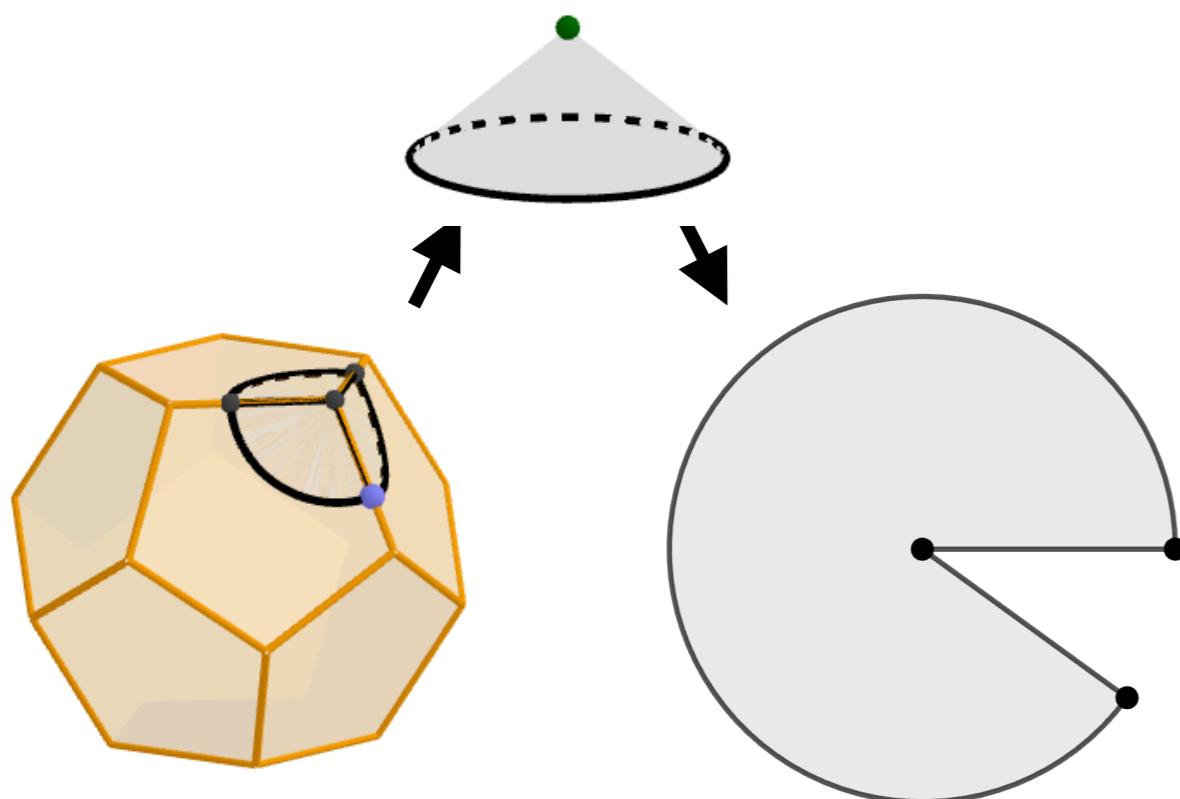
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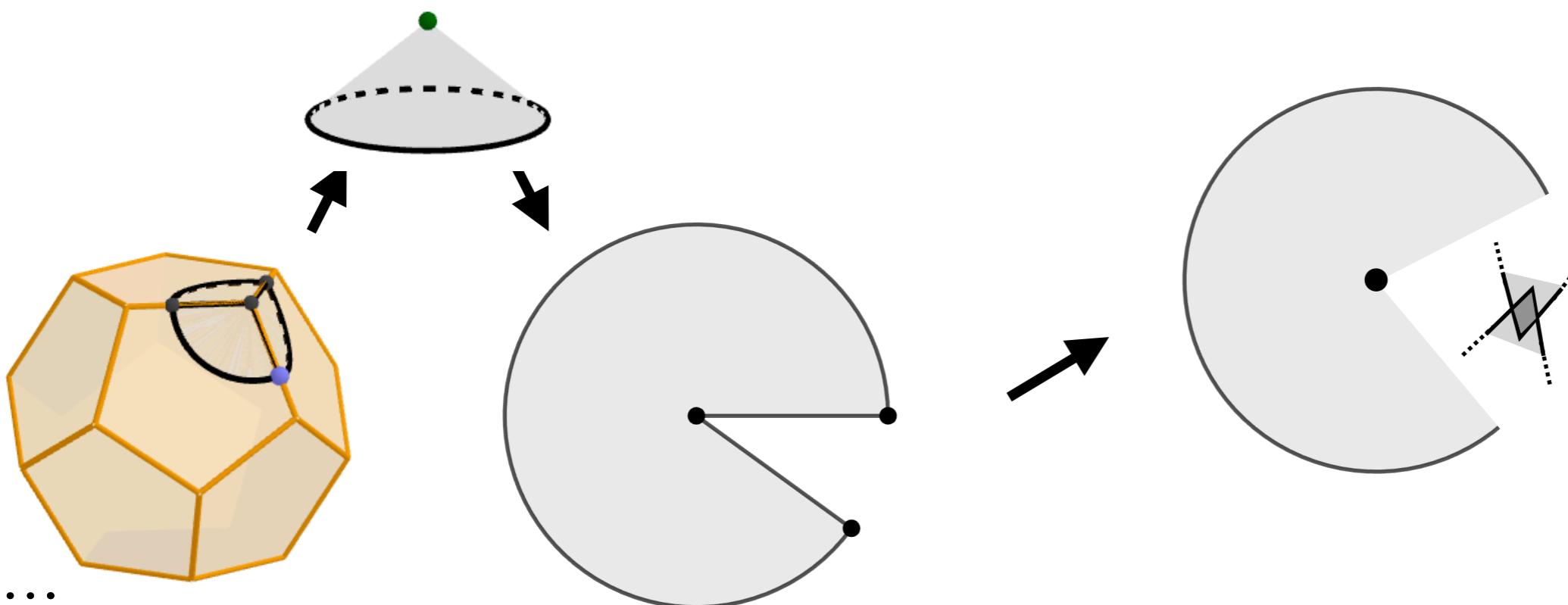
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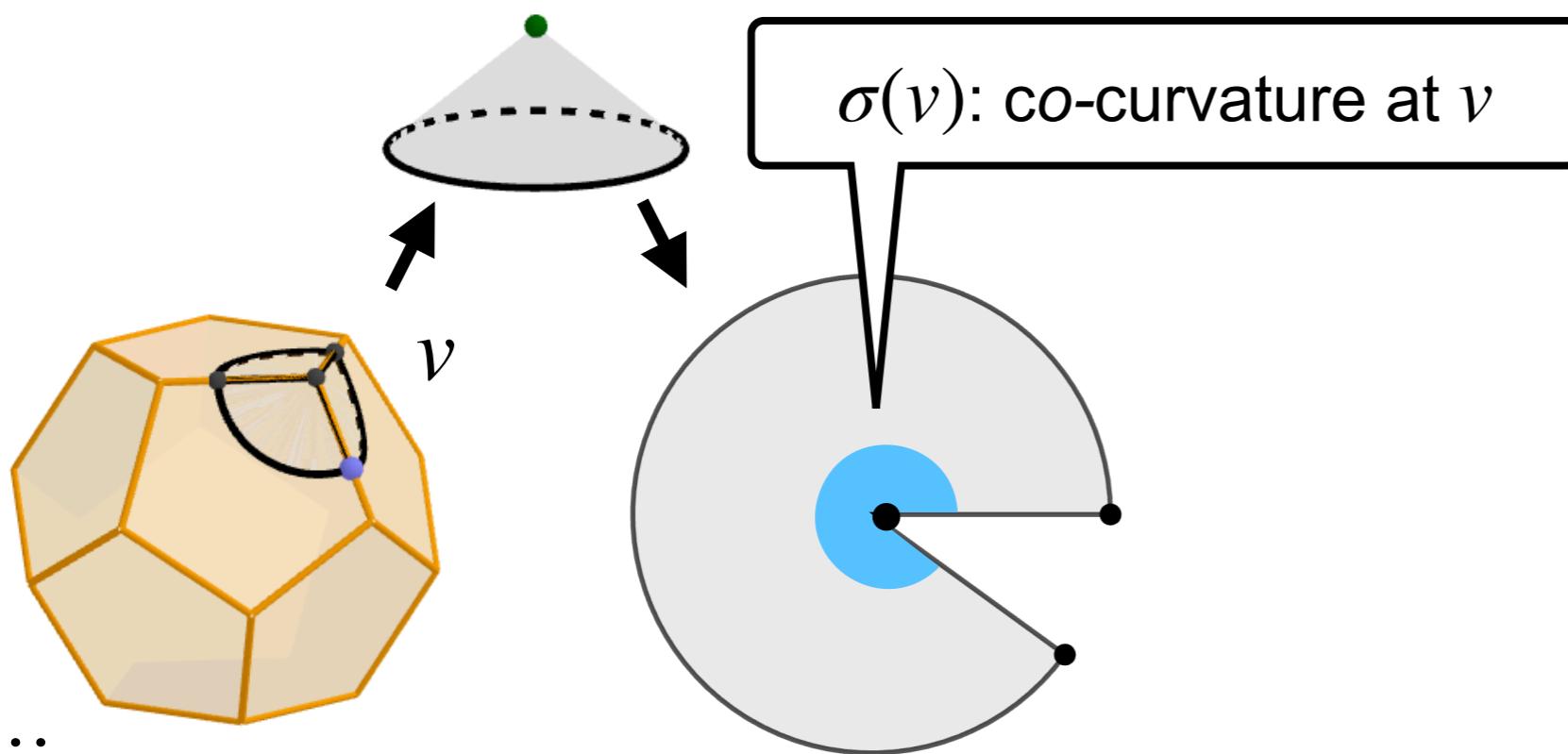
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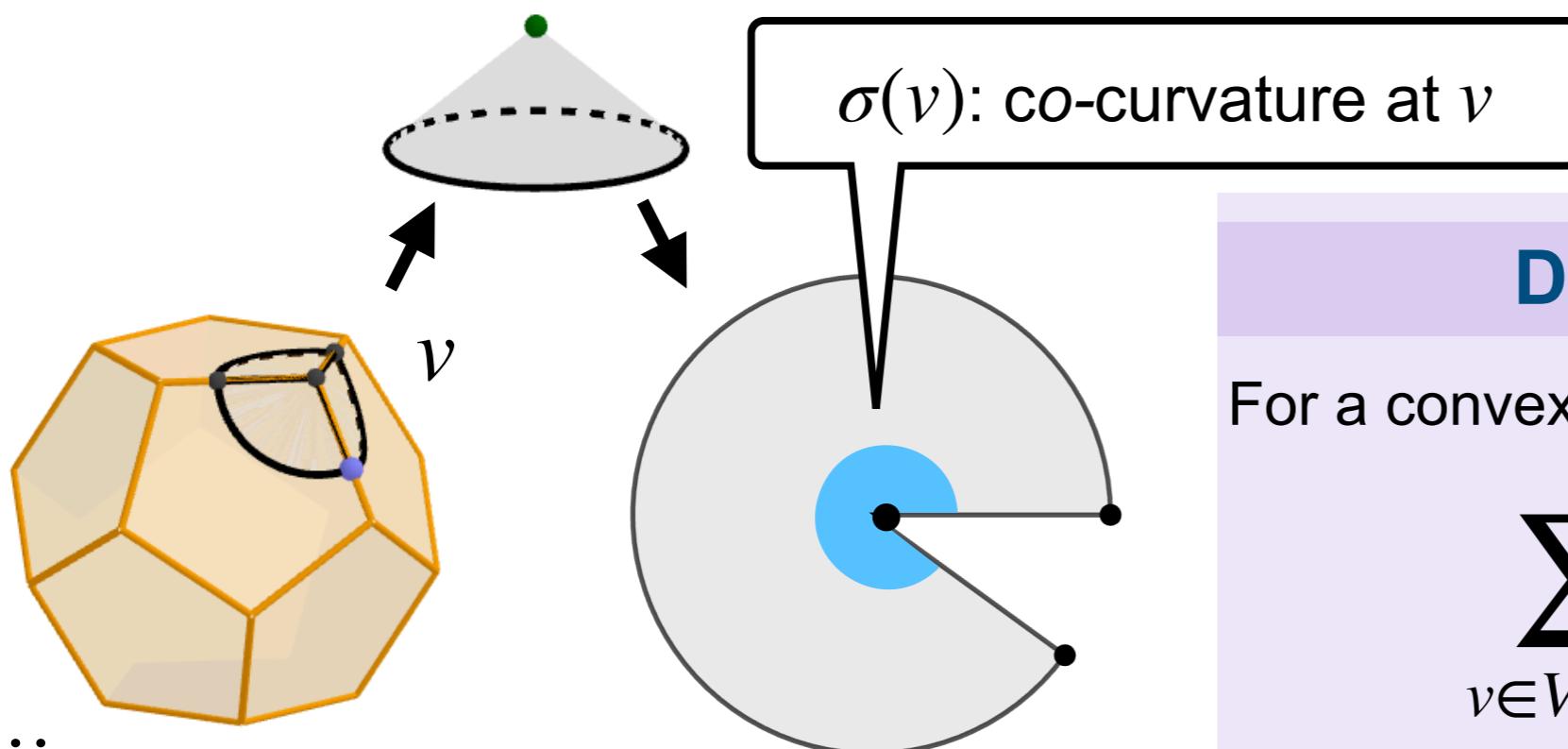
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Descartes' Theorem

For a convex polyhedron Q with n vertices,

$$\sum_{v \in V(Q)} \sigma(v) = 2(n - 2)\pi$$

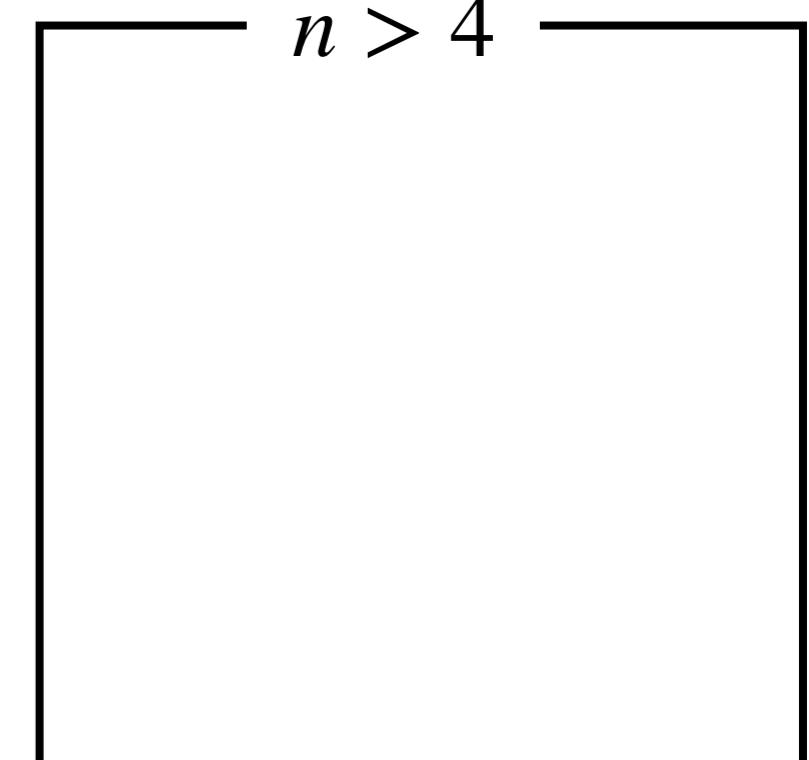
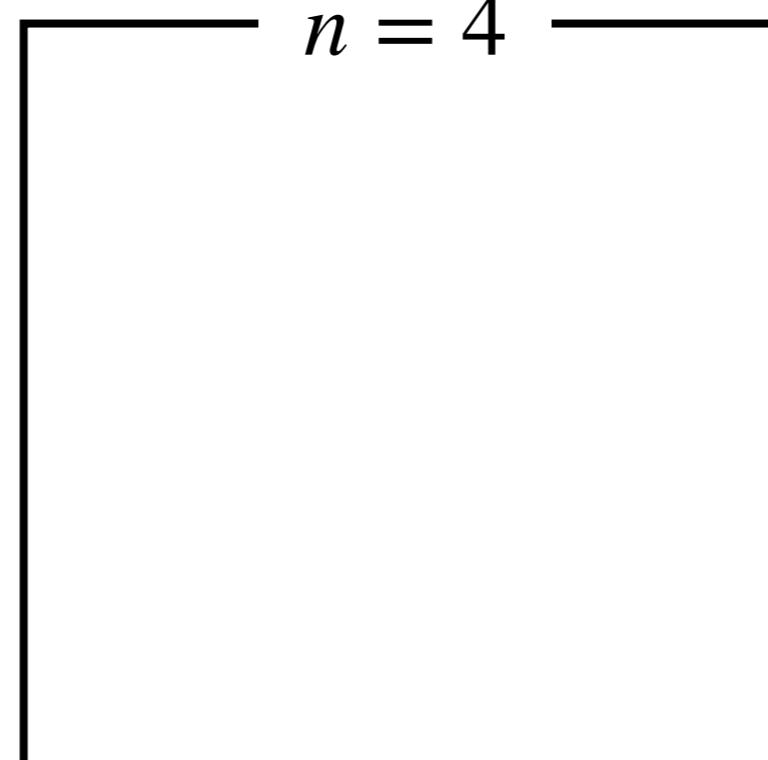
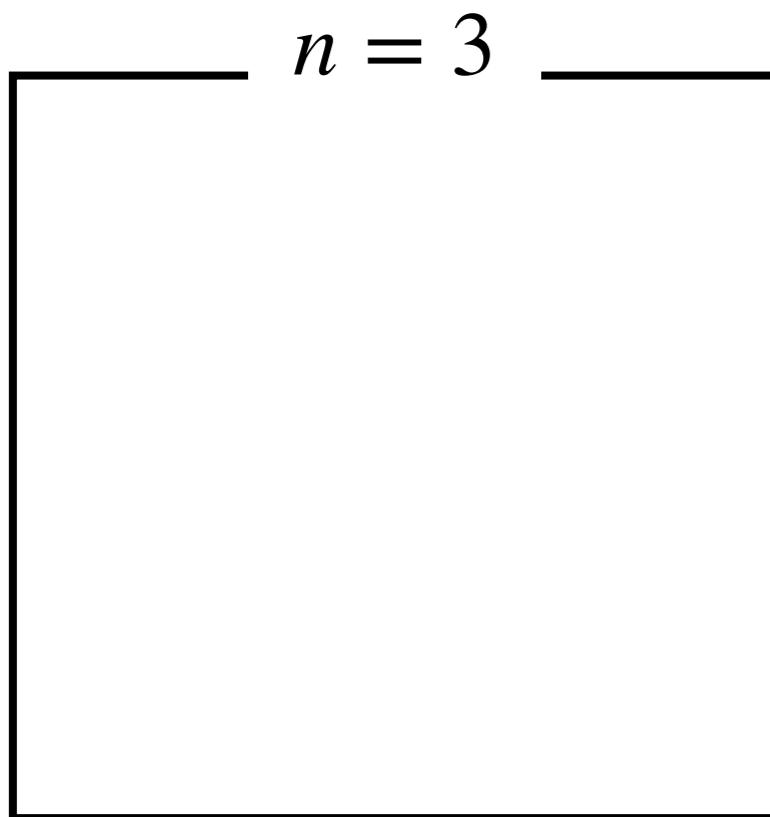
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$n = 3$

D.C. Right Triangle

D.C. Half Regular Triangle

D.C. Regular Triangle

Not Stamper

$n = 4$

Tetramonohedron

Not Stamper

$n > 4$

Not Stamper

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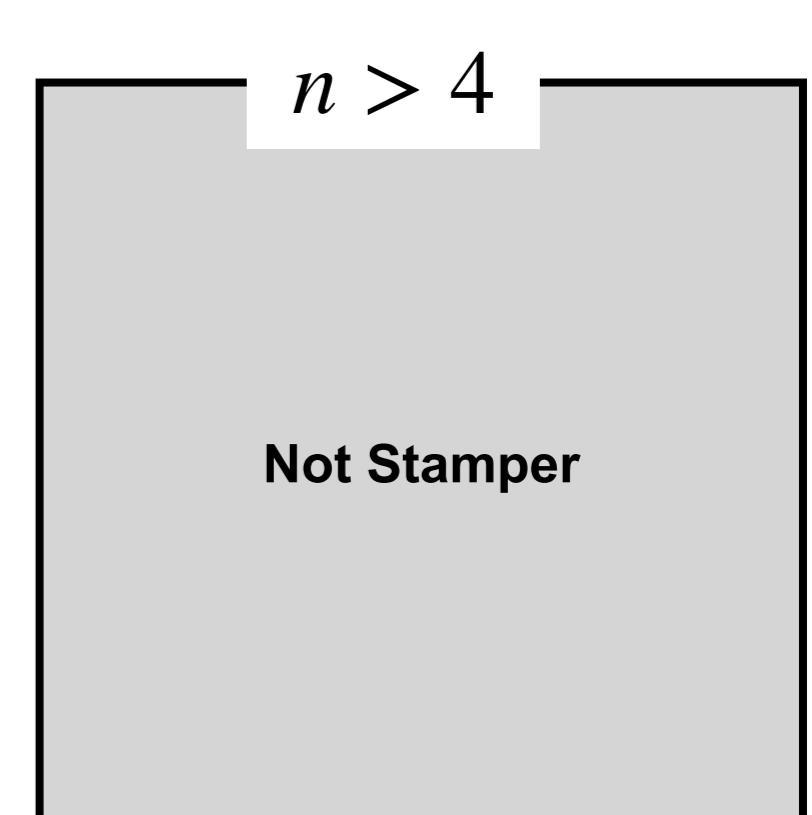
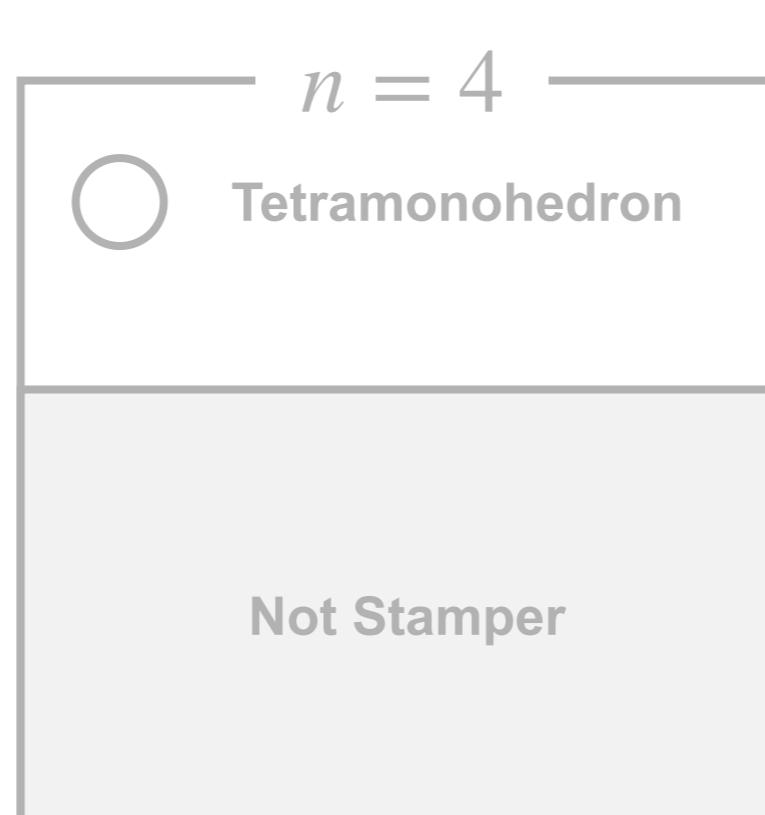
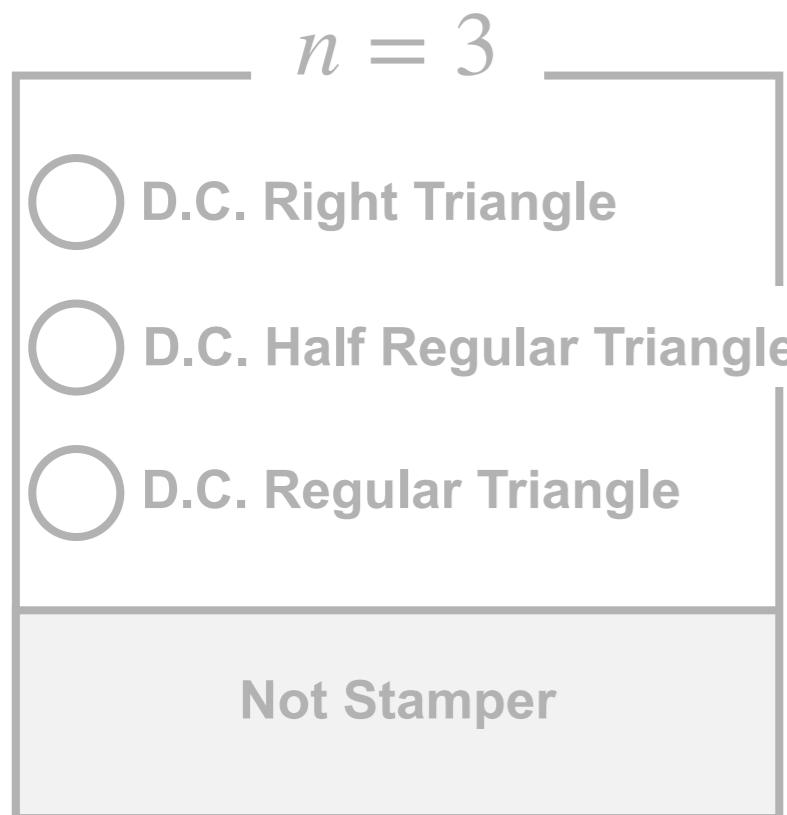
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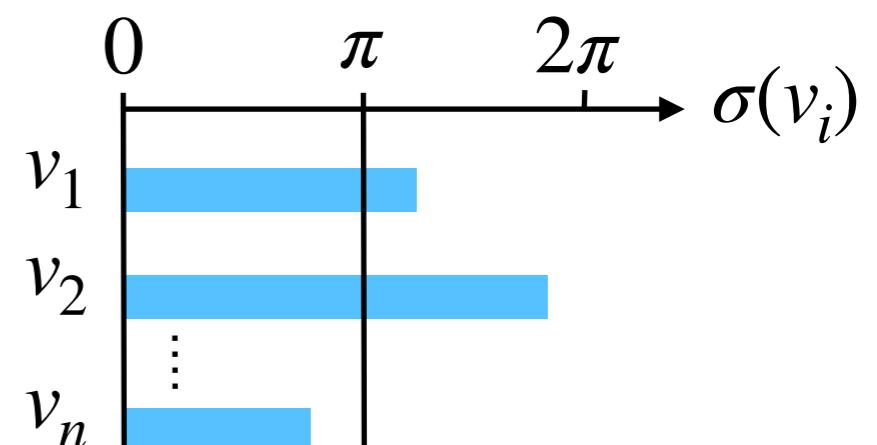
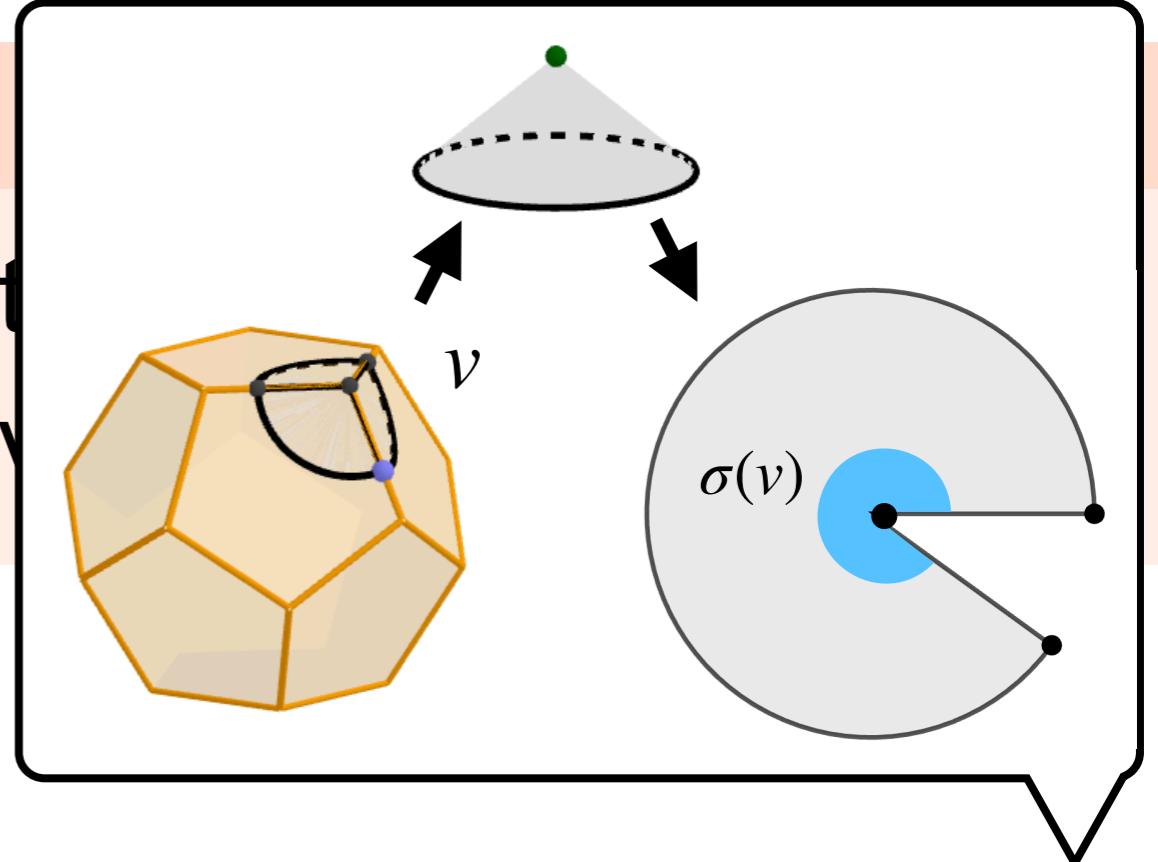
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Lemma

If a convex polyhedron Q is not flat, then Q has over

[Proof] Case of $n > 4$

Let v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be the vertices of Q



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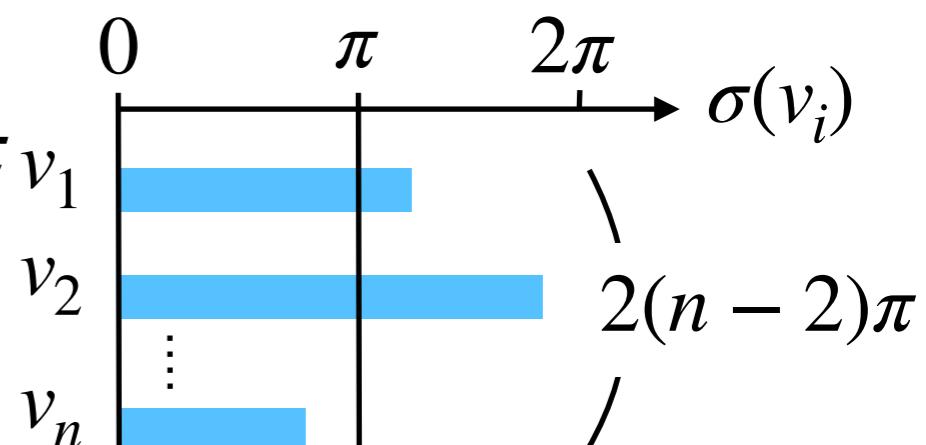
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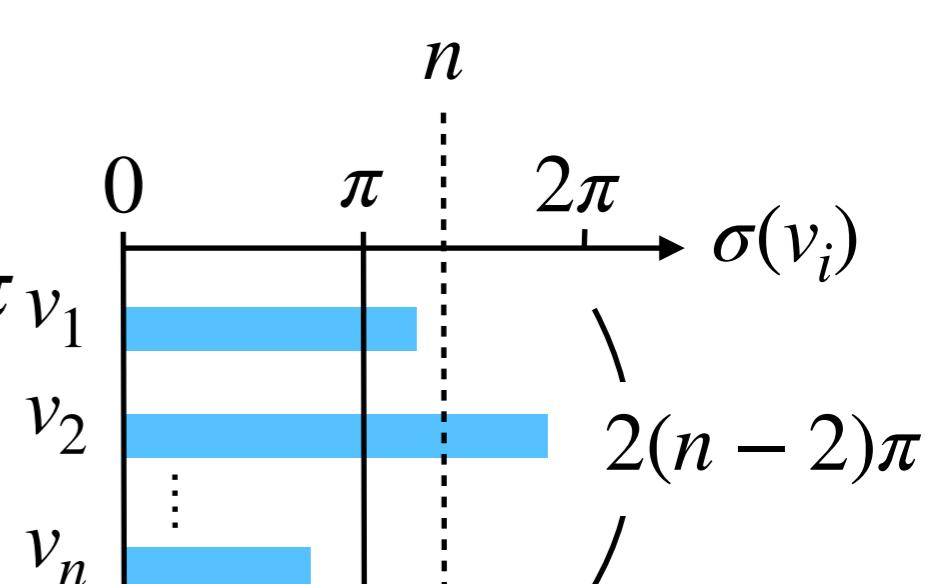
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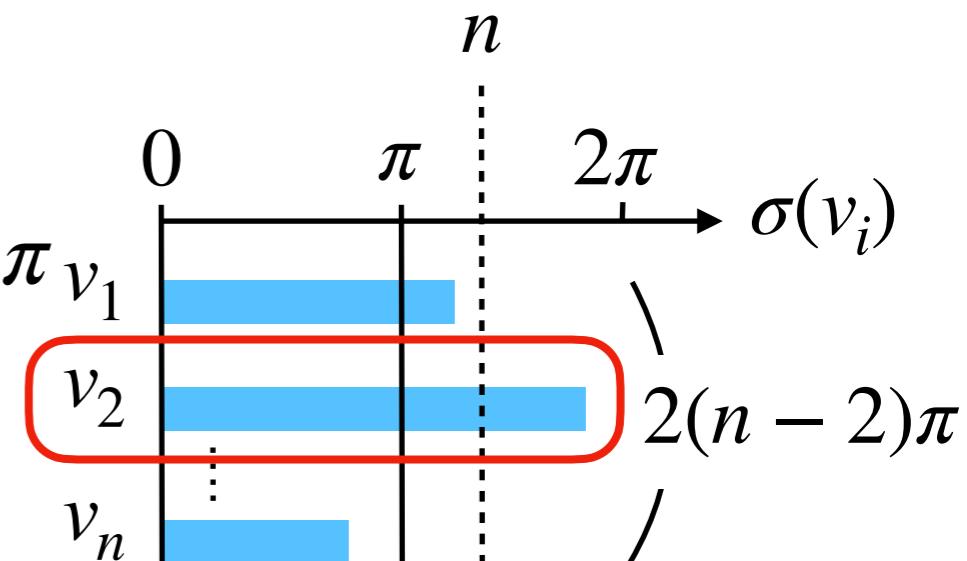
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\Rightarrow There is at least one v where $\sigma(v) > \pi$

$$\frac{2(n - 2)\pi}{n}$$



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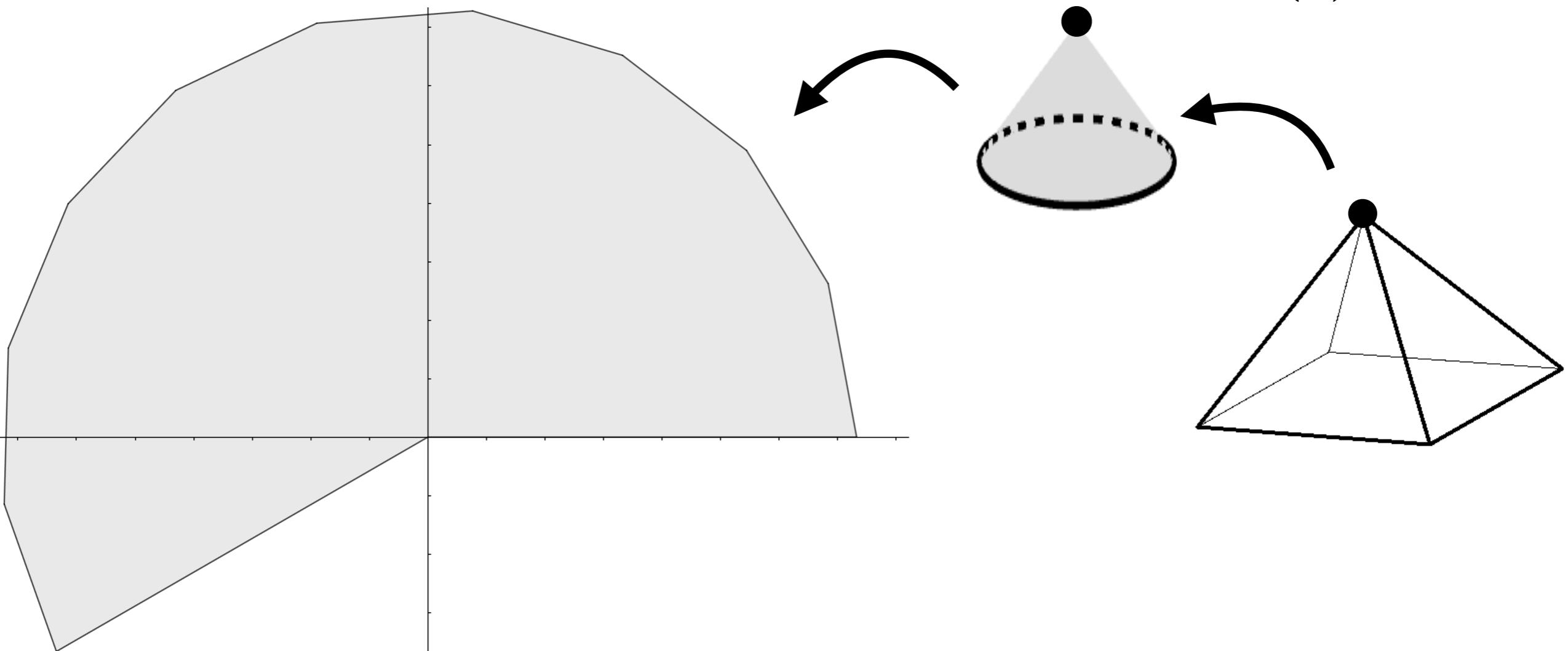
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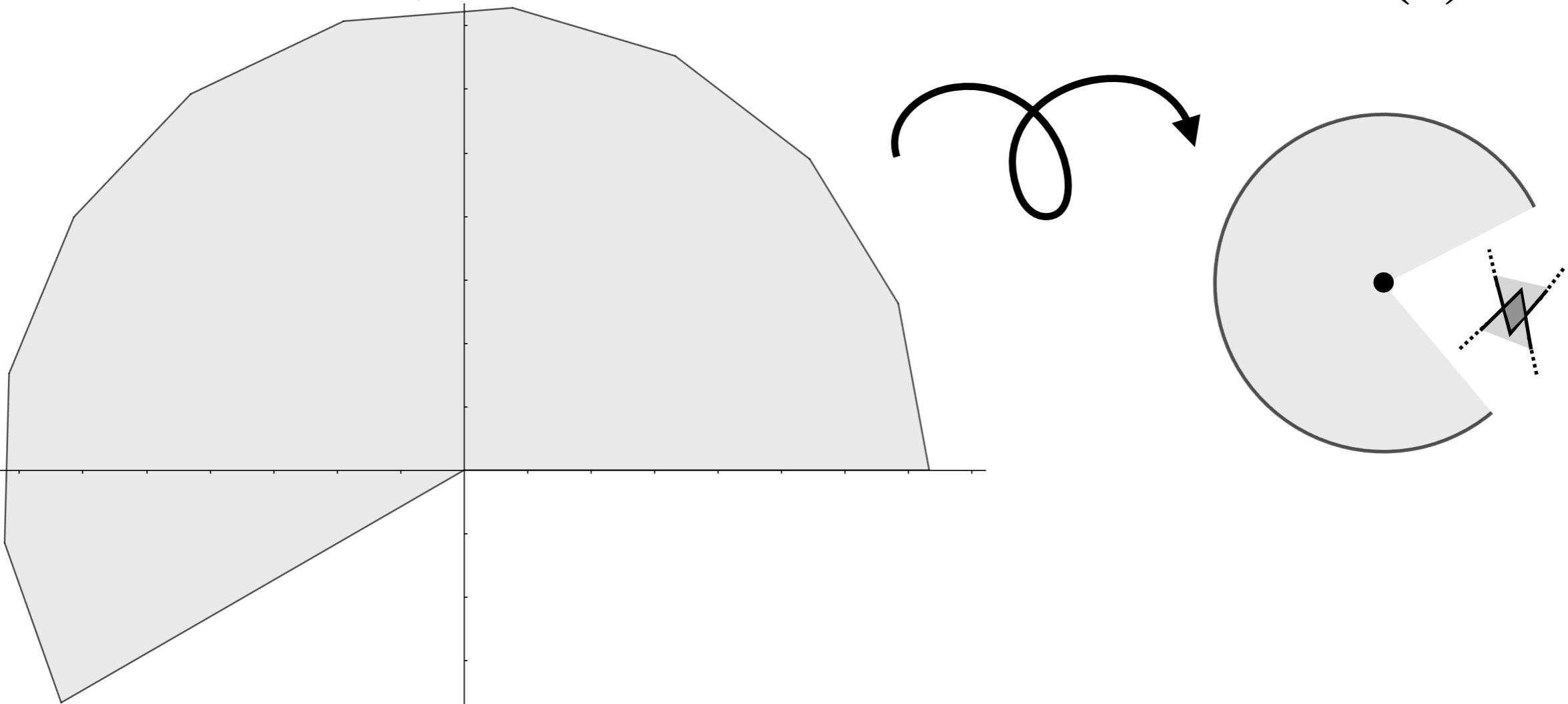
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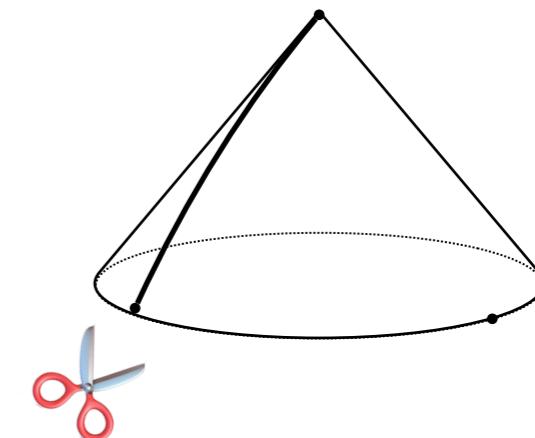
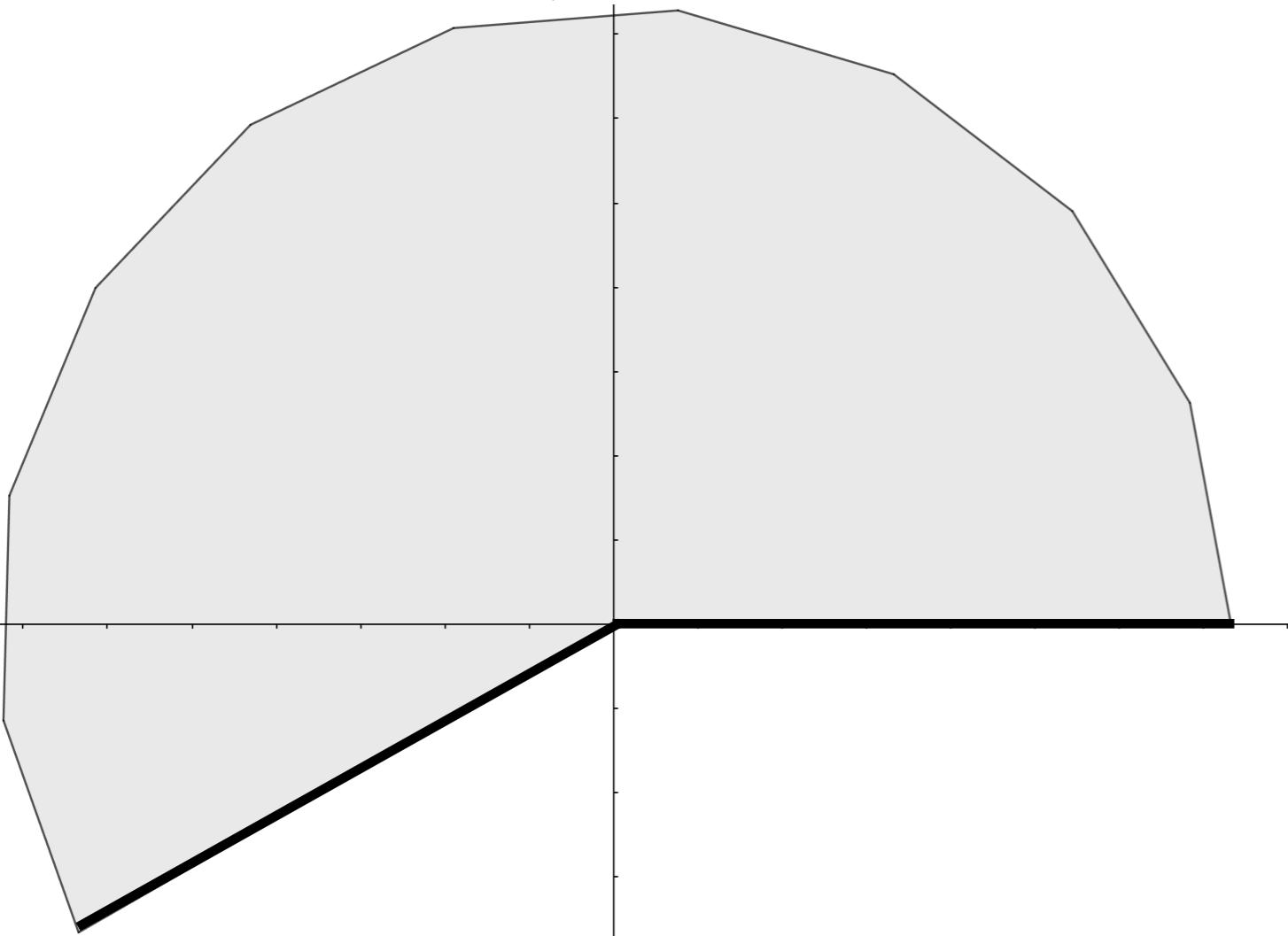
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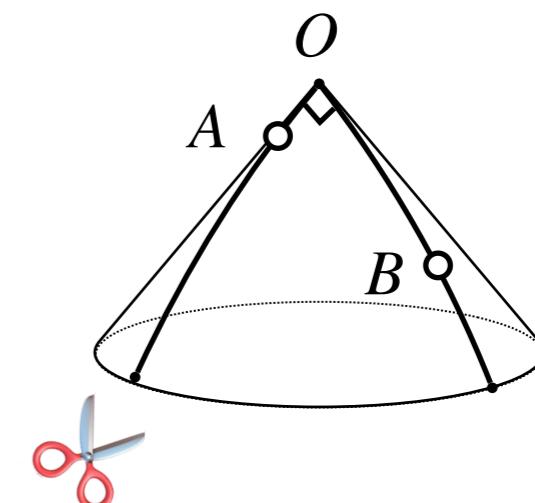
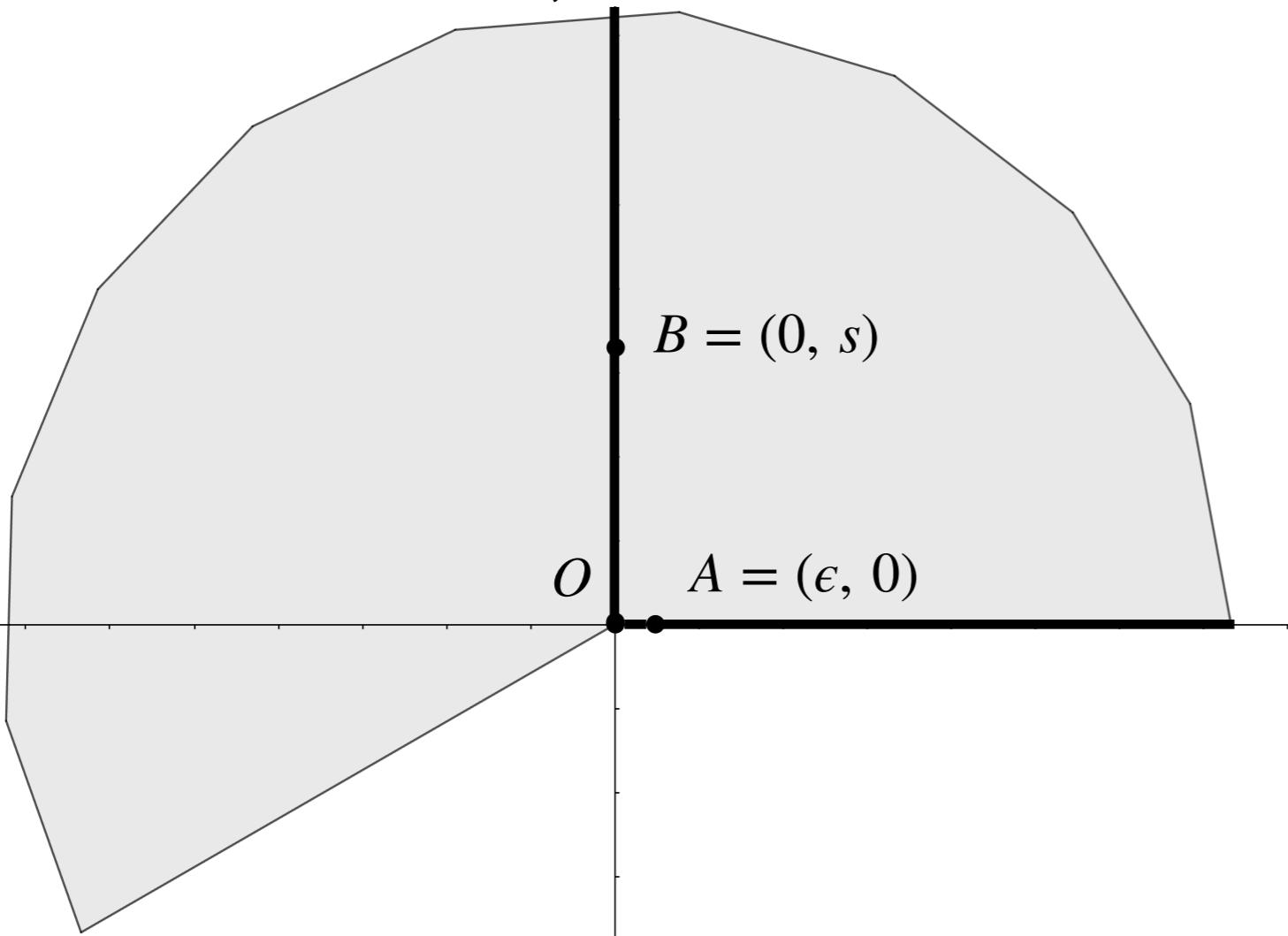
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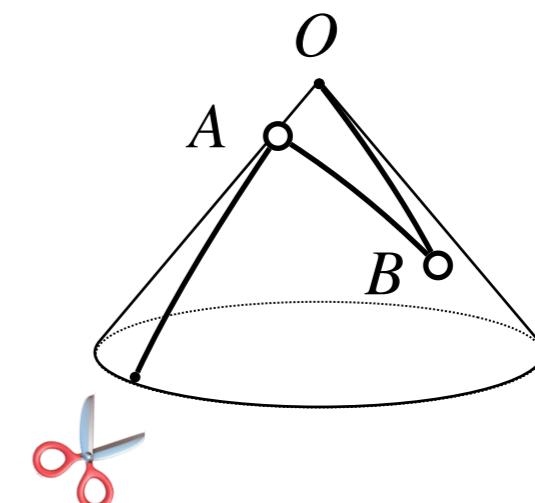
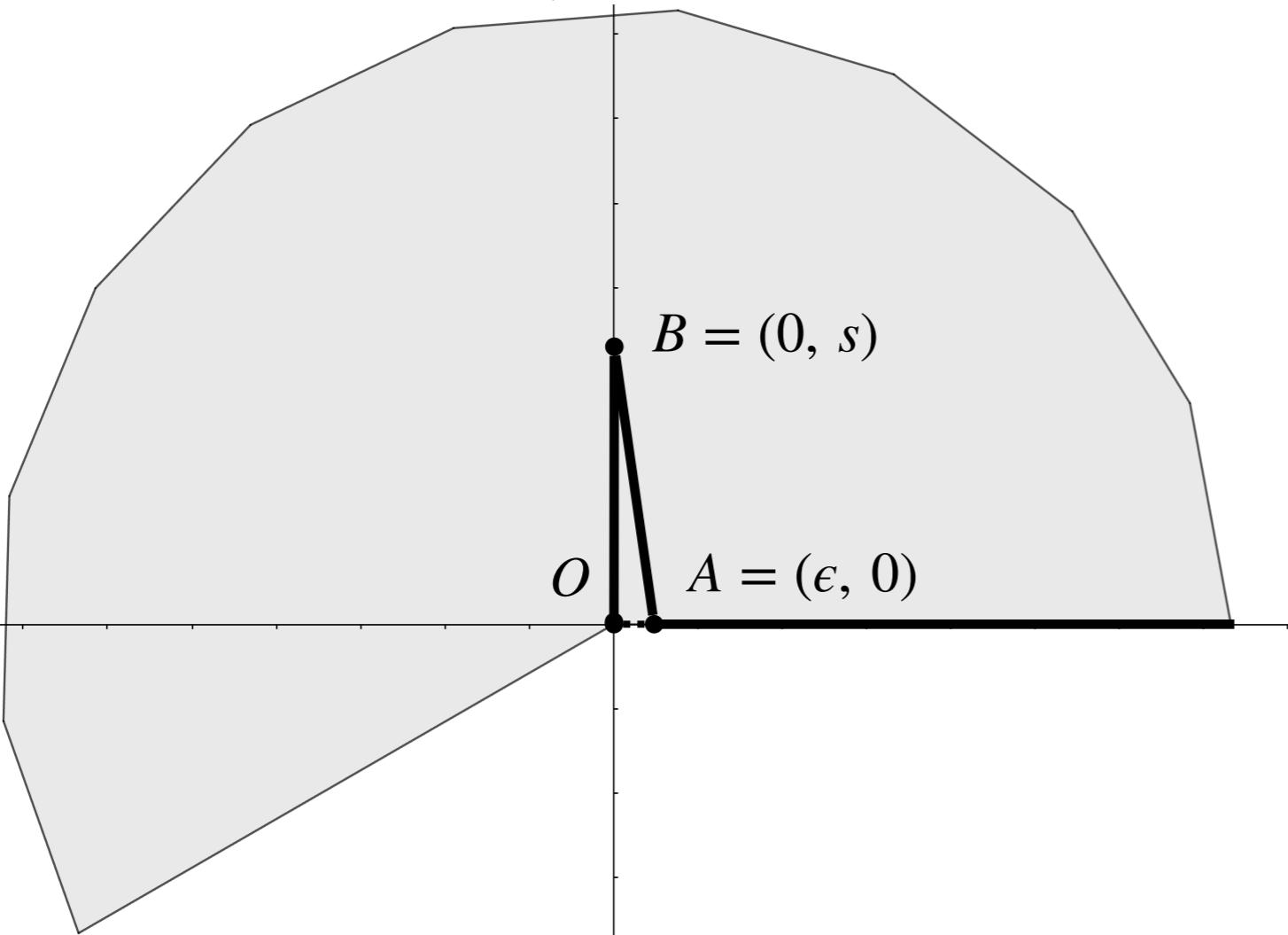
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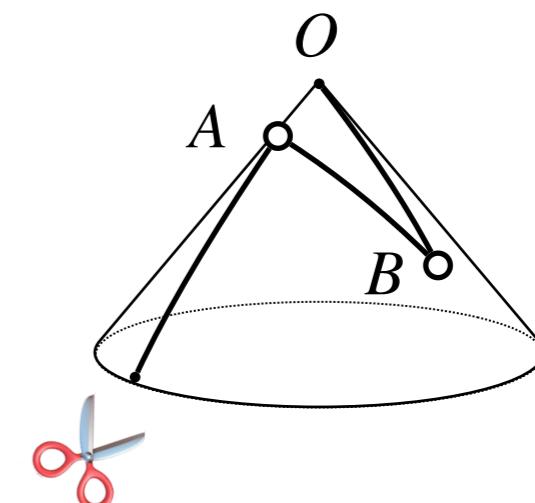
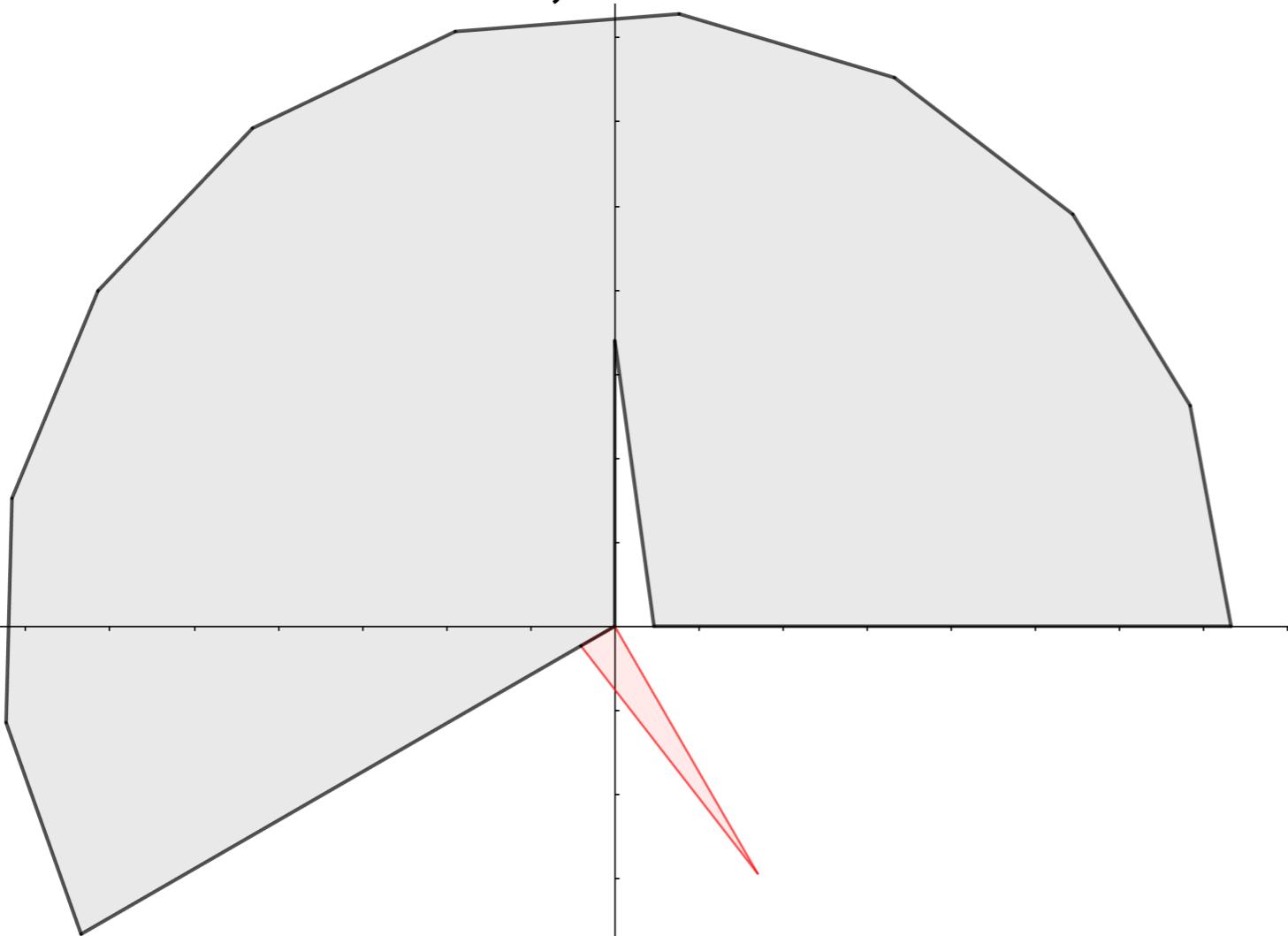
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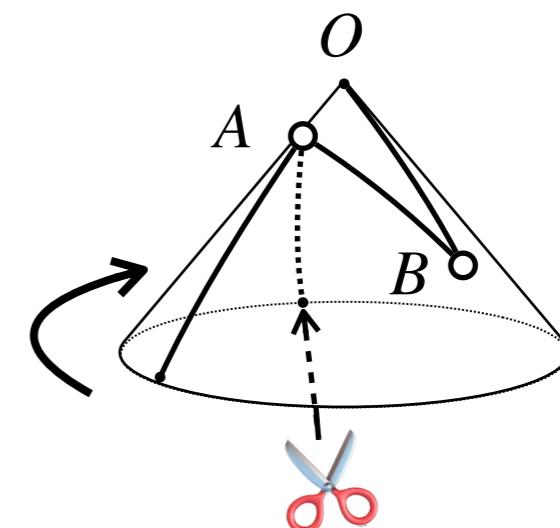
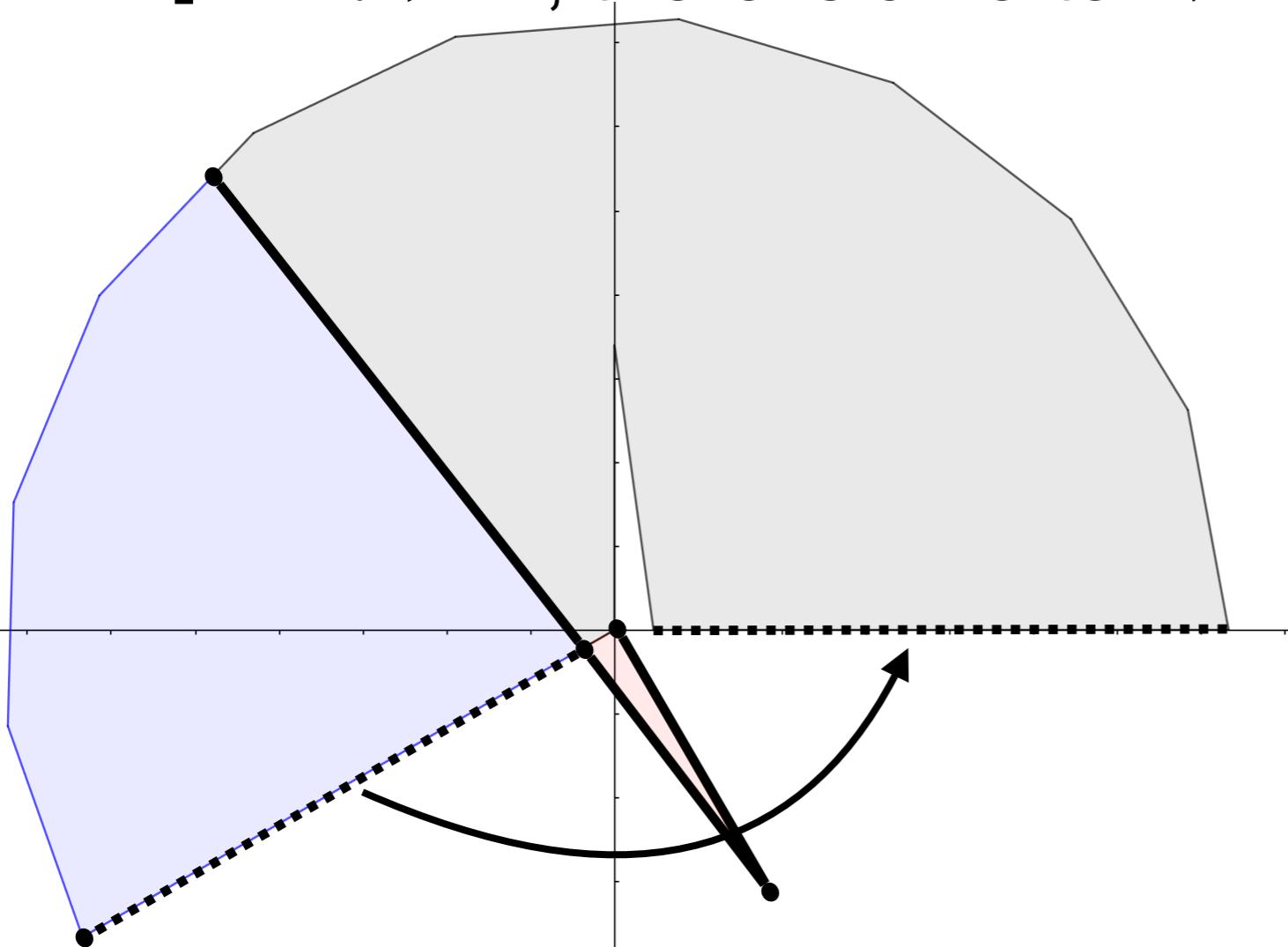
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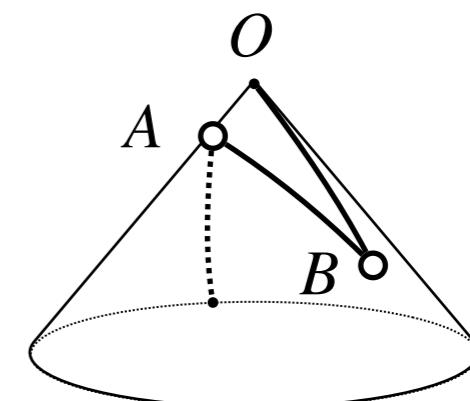
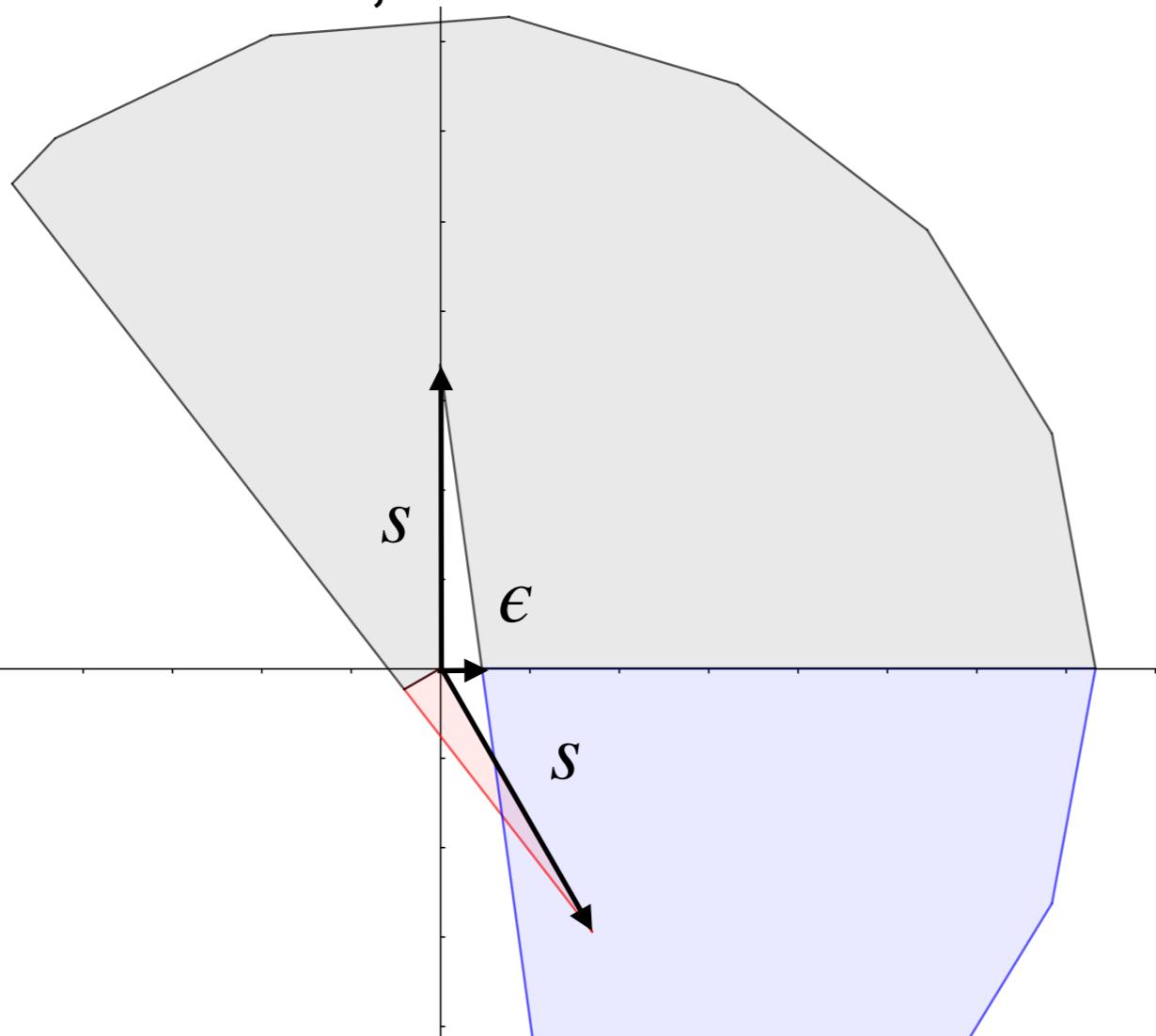
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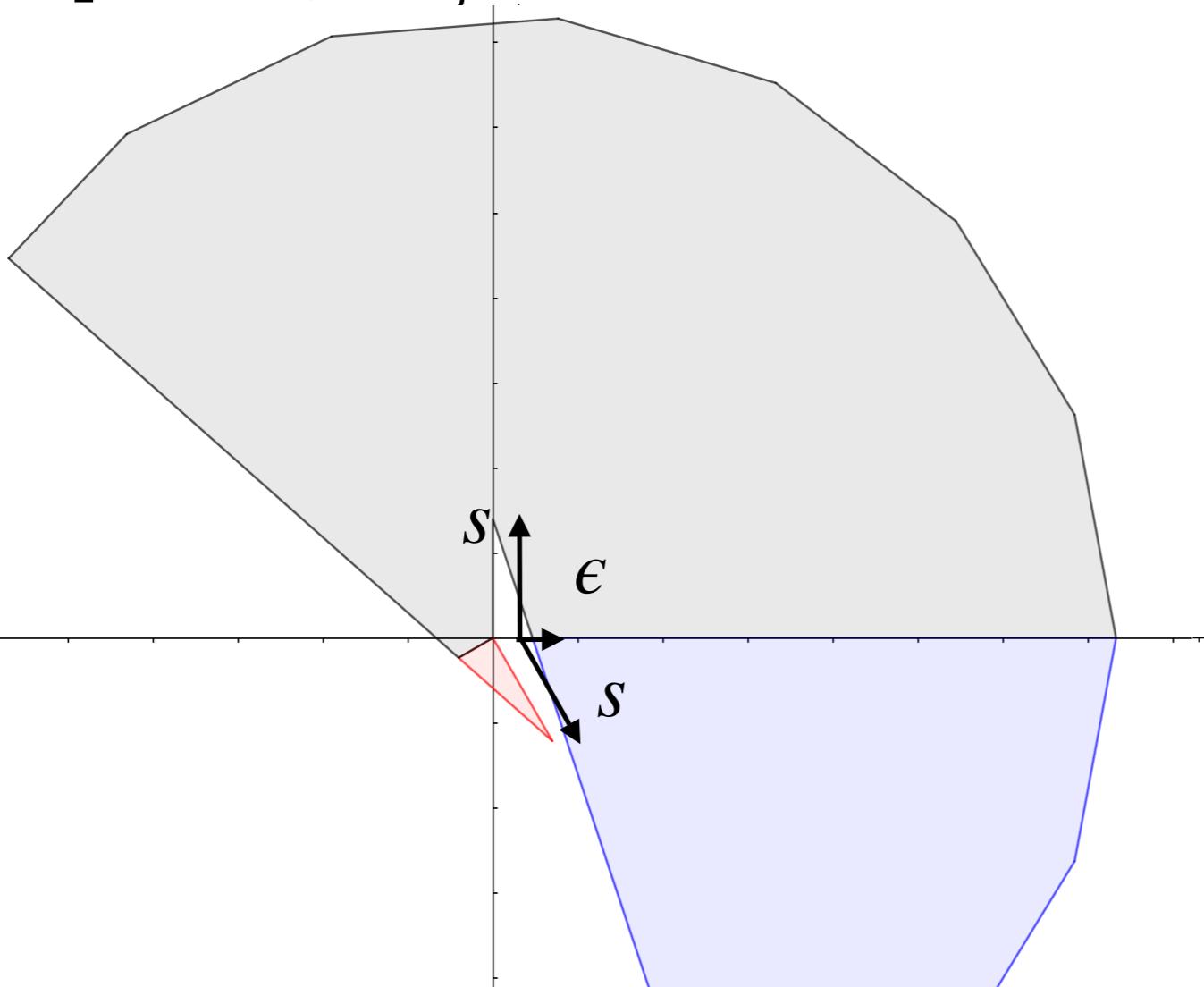
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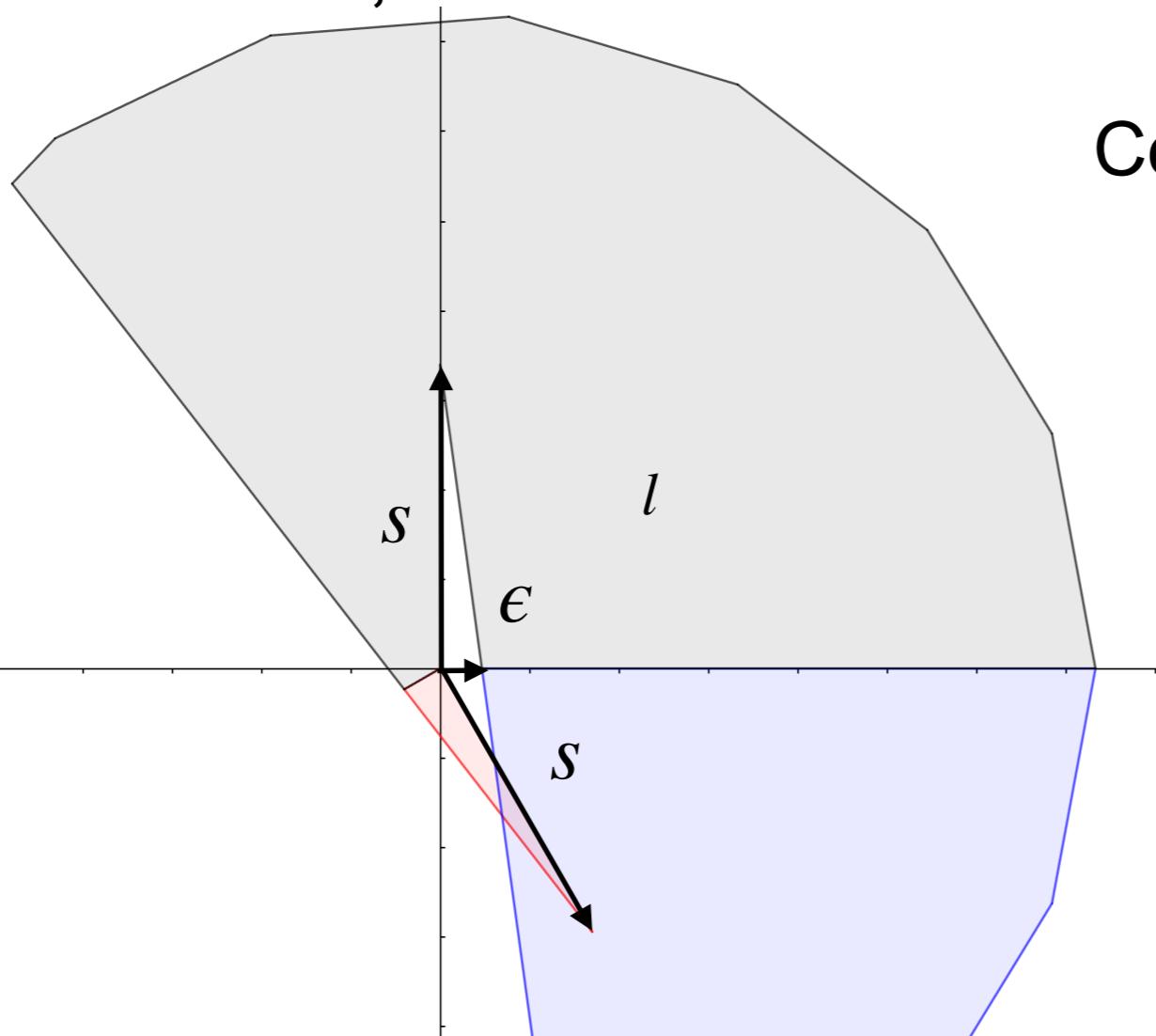
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$$s > \epsilon \cdot \frac{\sin\left(\sigma(v) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 1}{\cos\left(\sigma(v) + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}$$

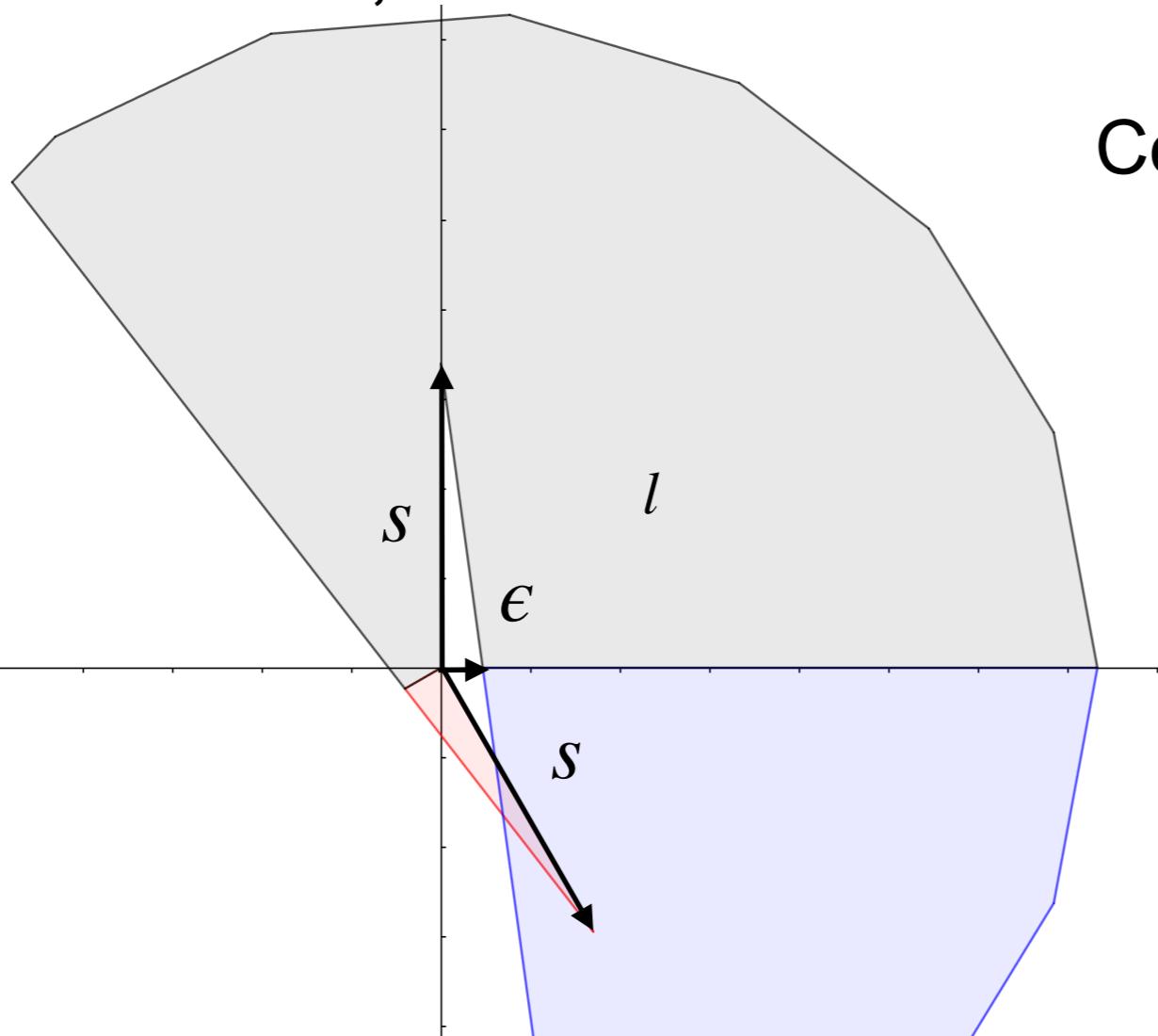
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By fixing s and making $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$,
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Not Stamper

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Tetrahedron

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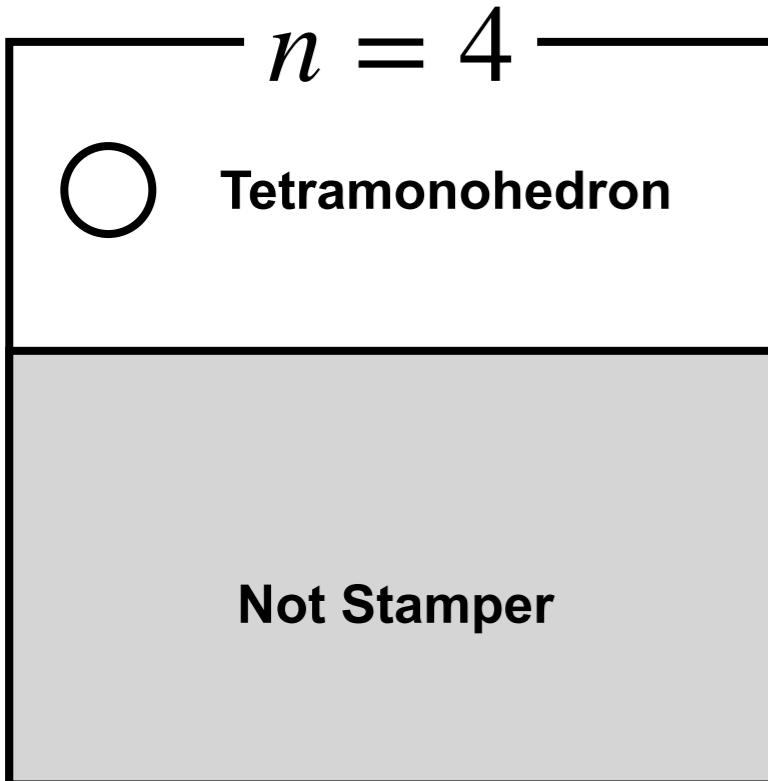
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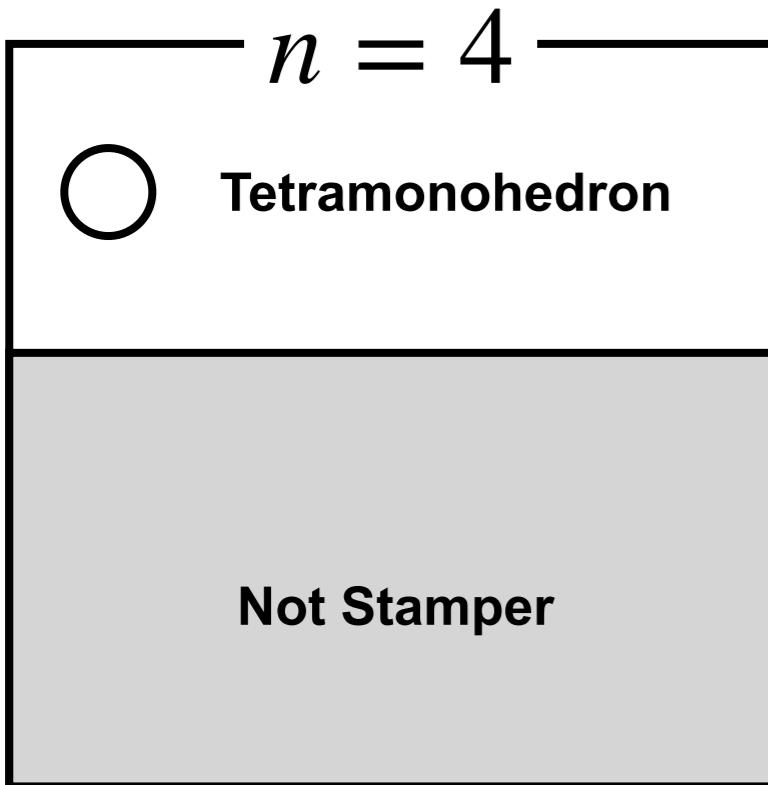
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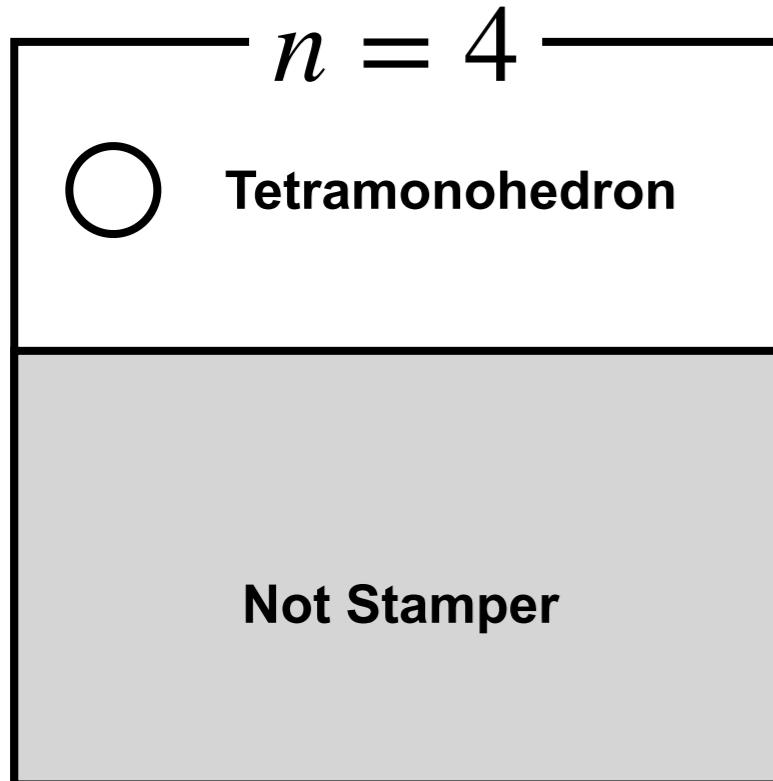
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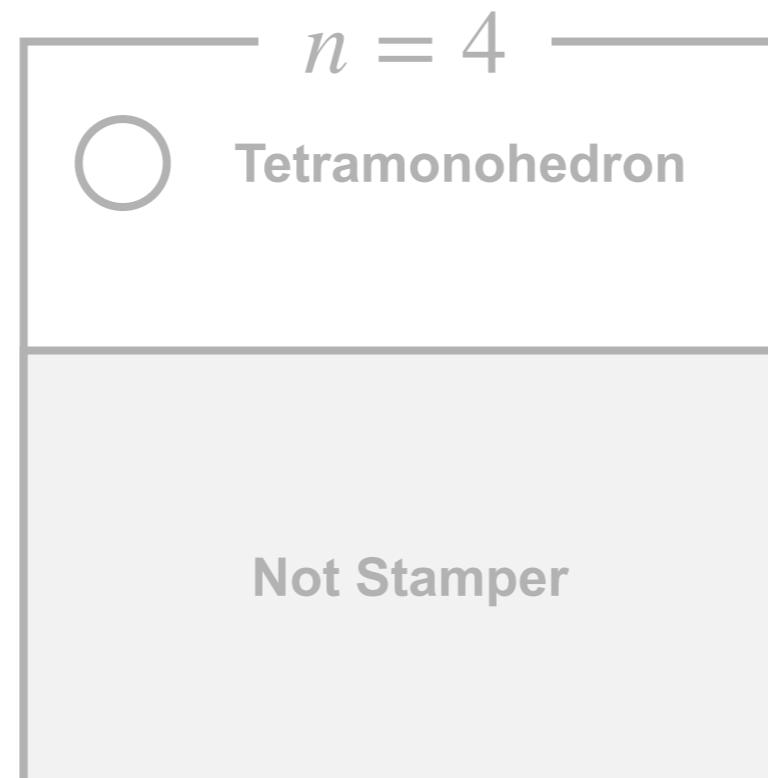
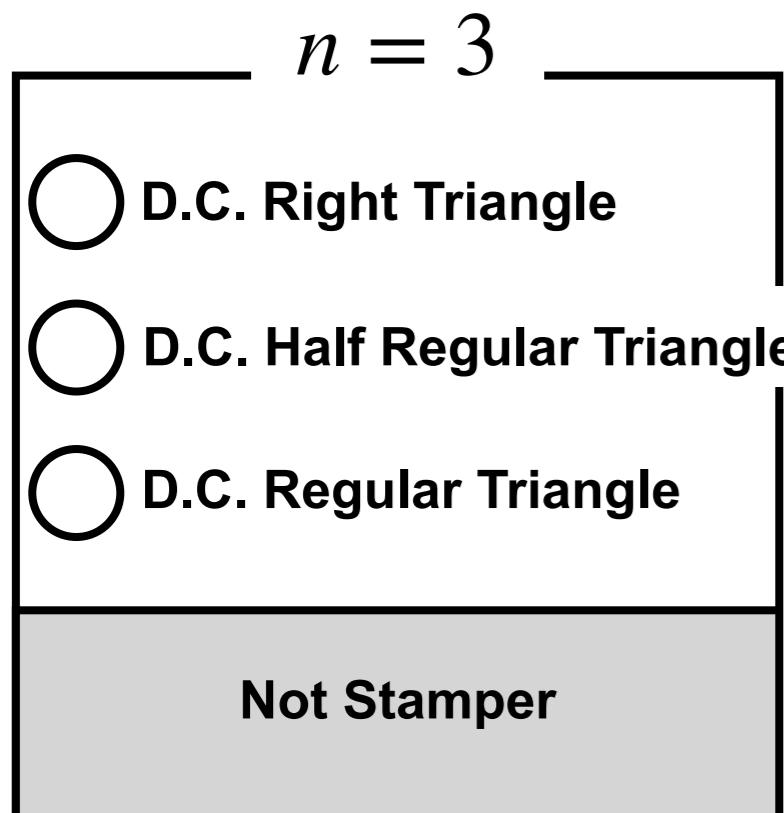


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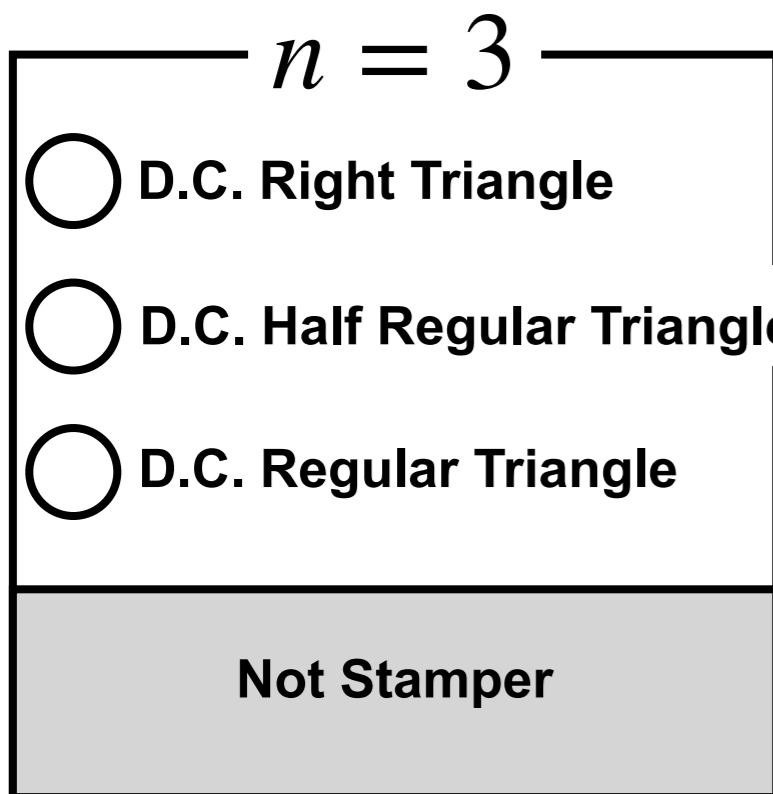
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Stamper

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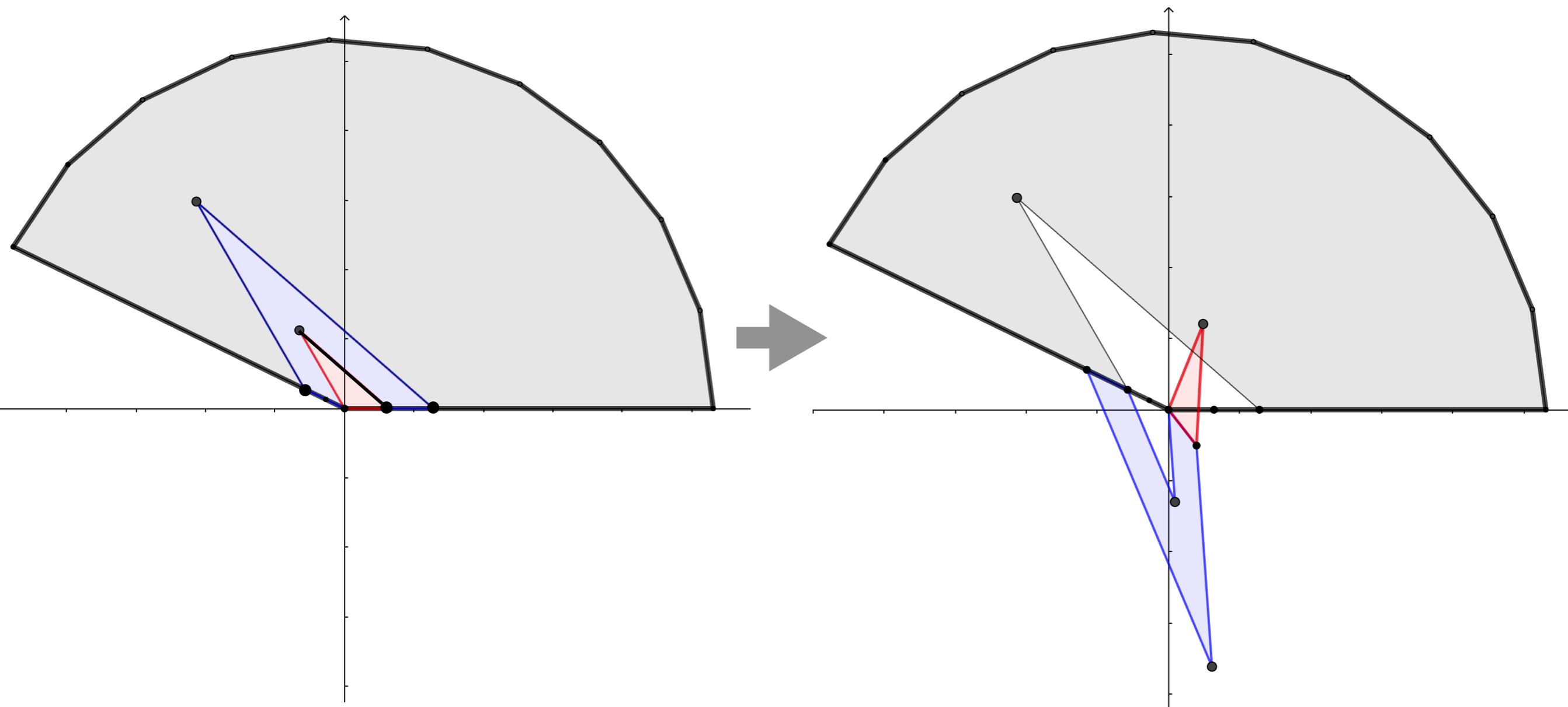
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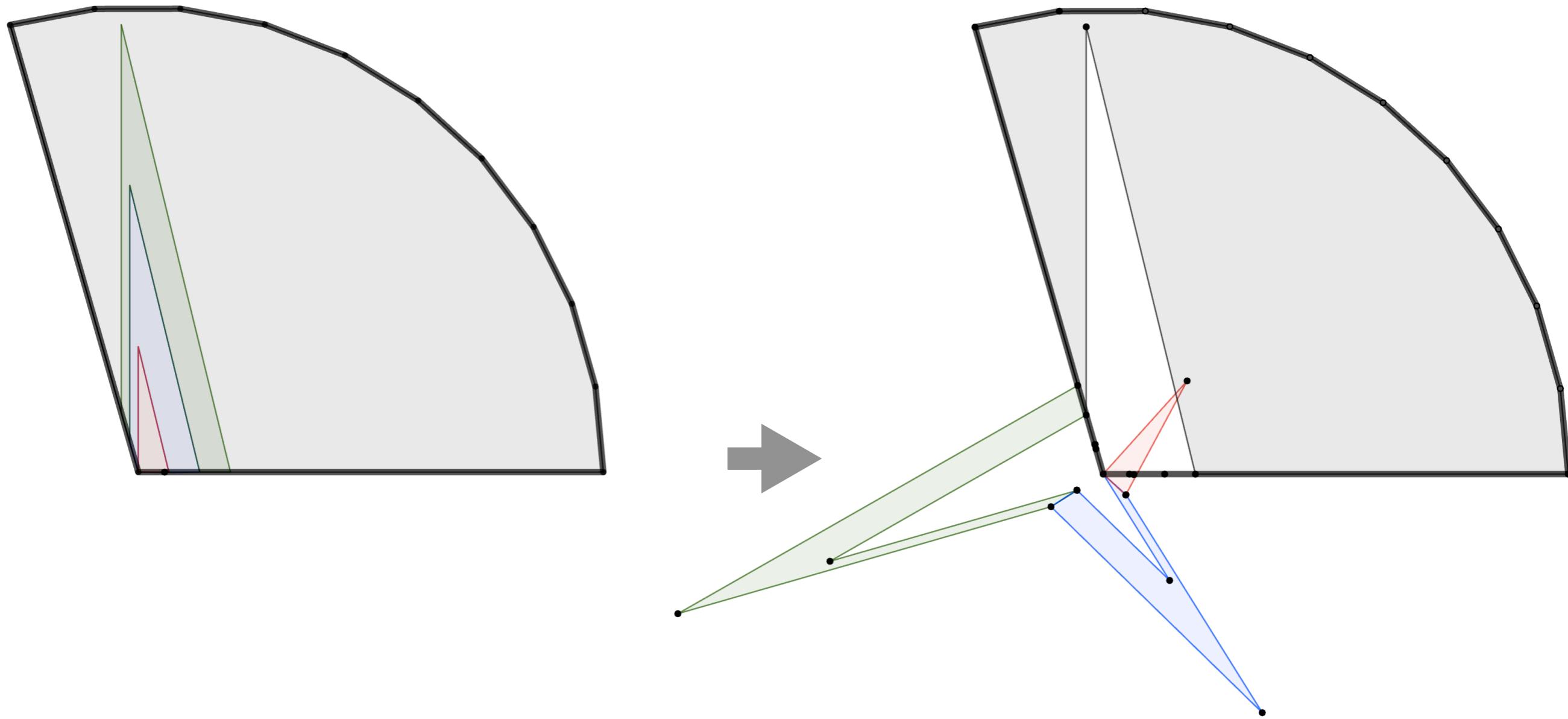
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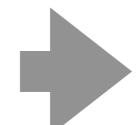
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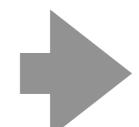
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