

# Packing and Covering with Non-piercing Regions

*(pack and cover but don't pierce)*

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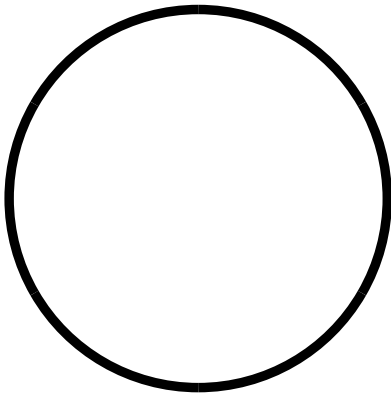
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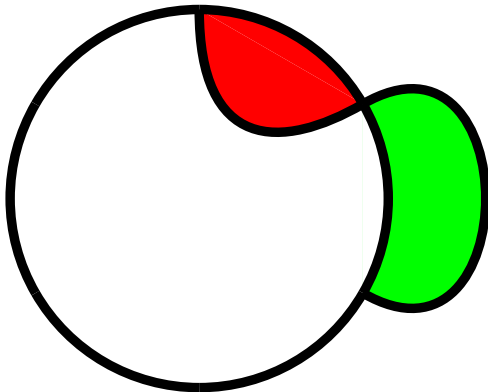
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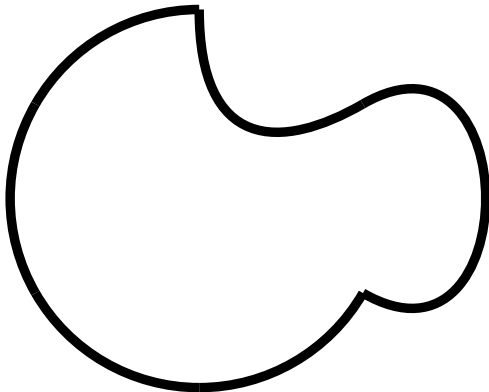
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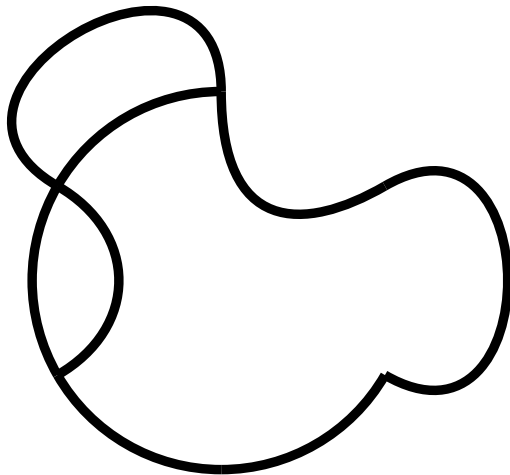
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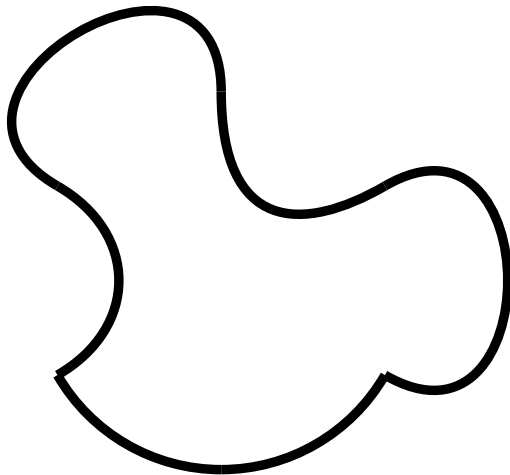
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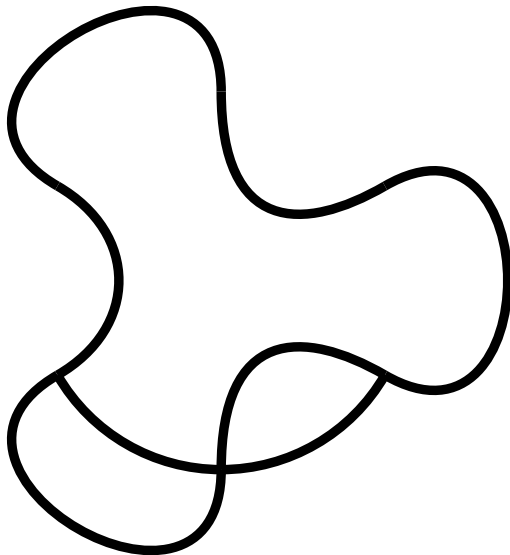
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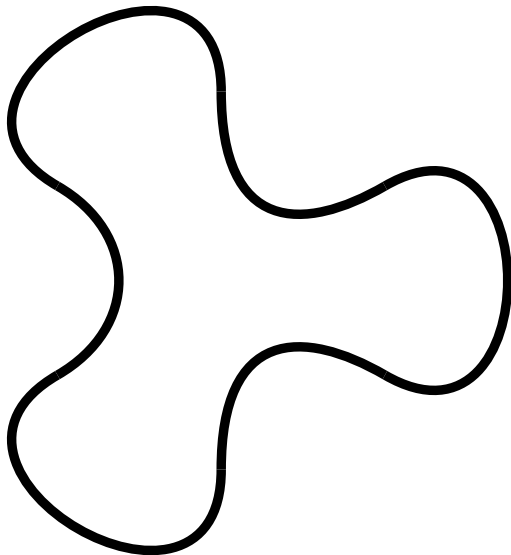
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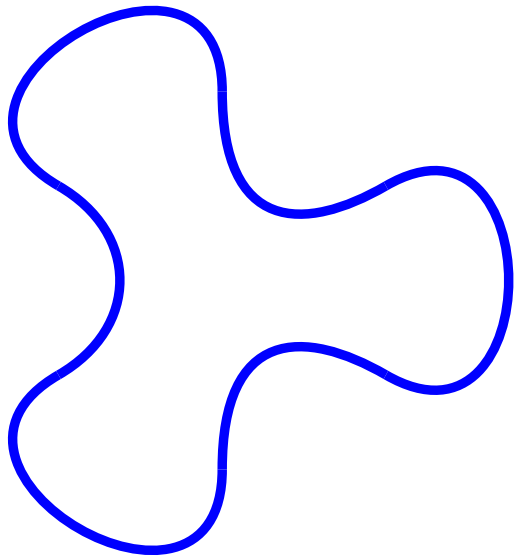


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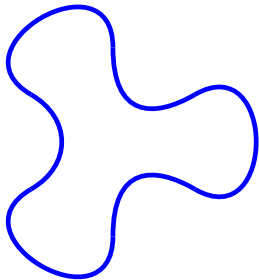
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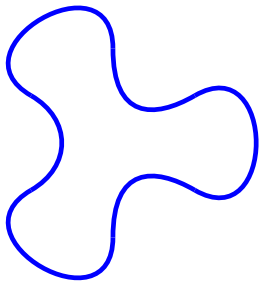
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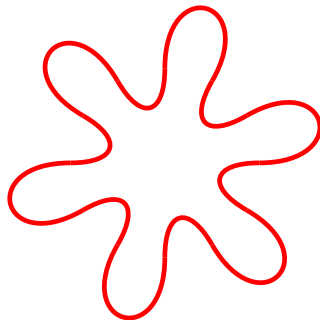
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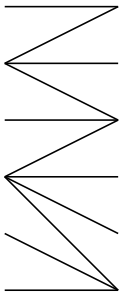
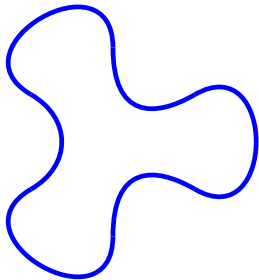
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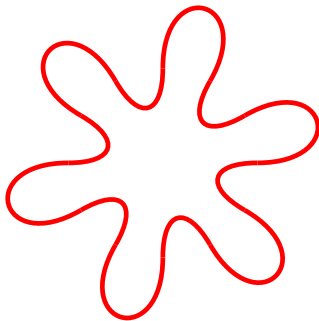
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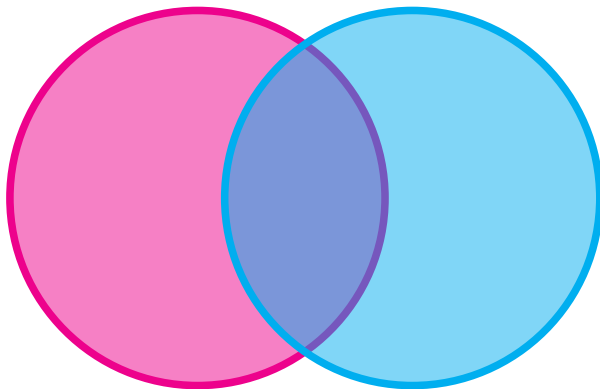
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**Take Away!**

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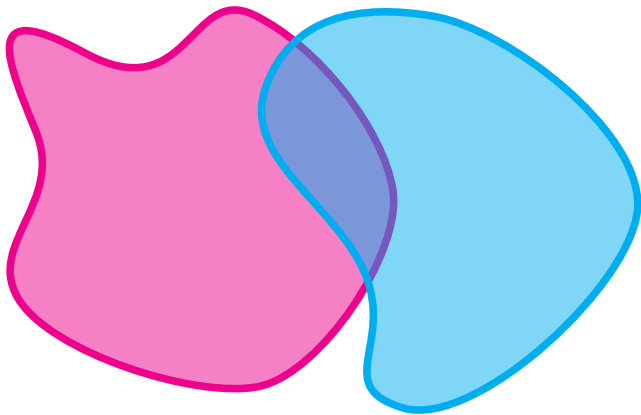
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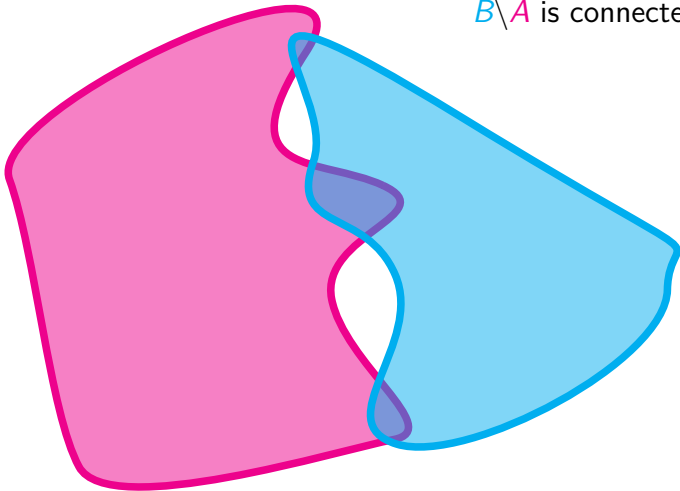
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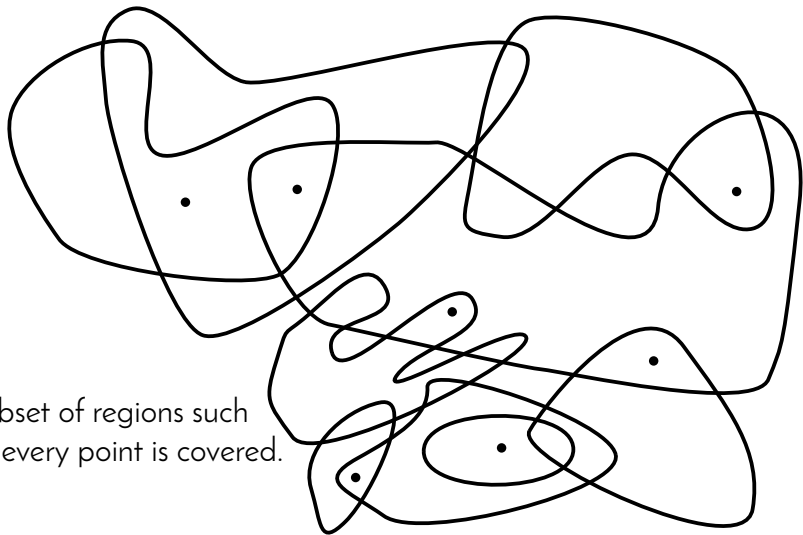
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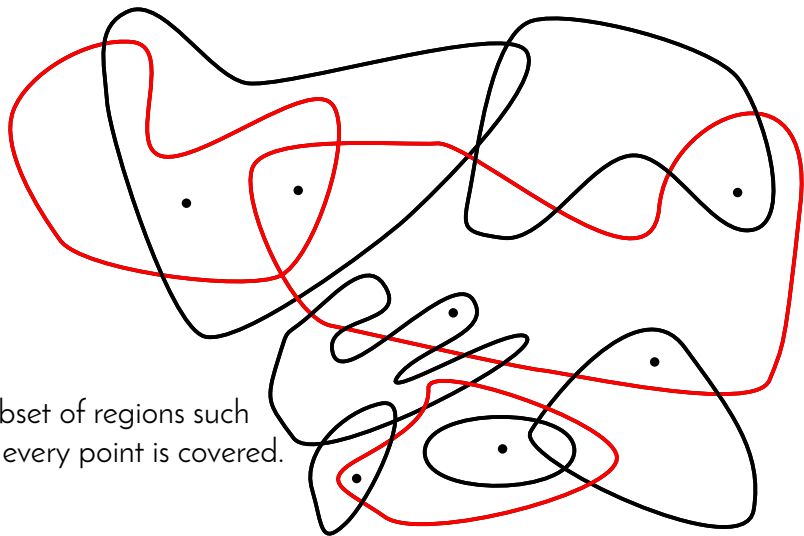
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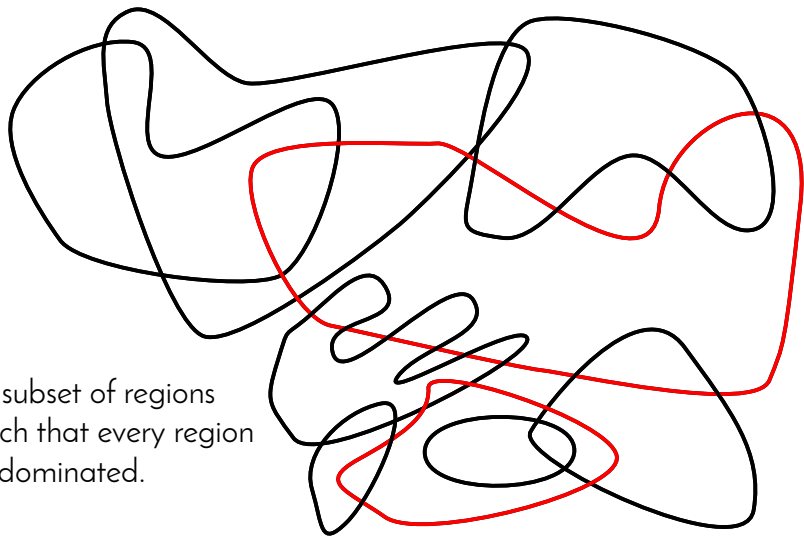
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Aschner et al. '13, Mustafa and Ray '09

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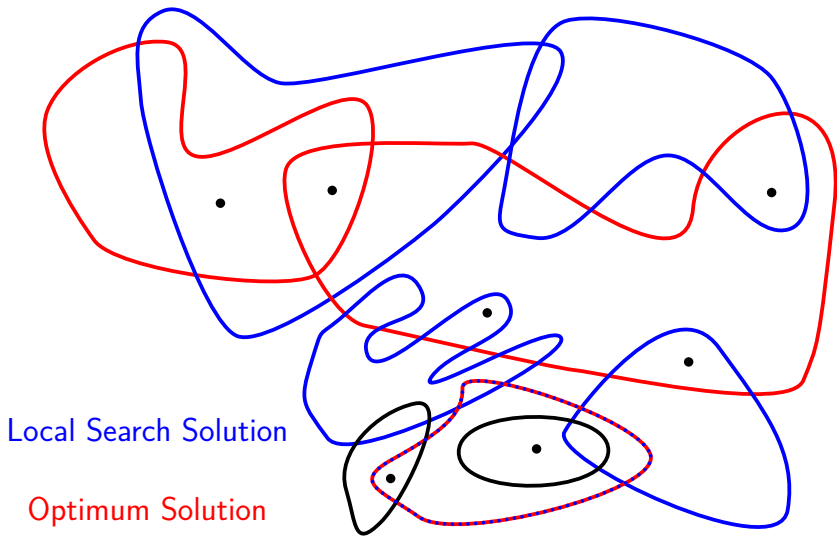
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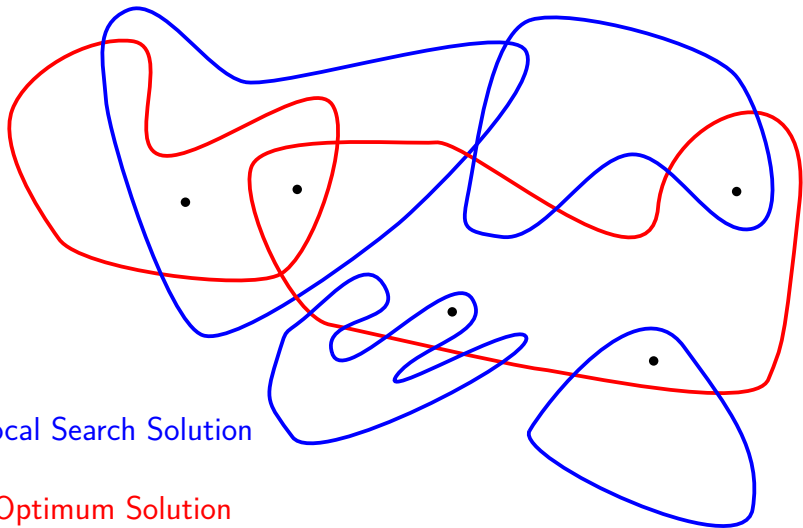
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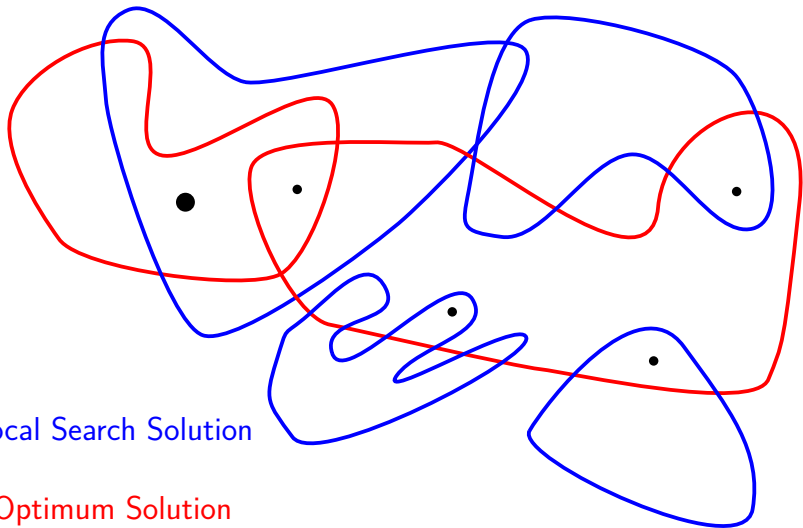
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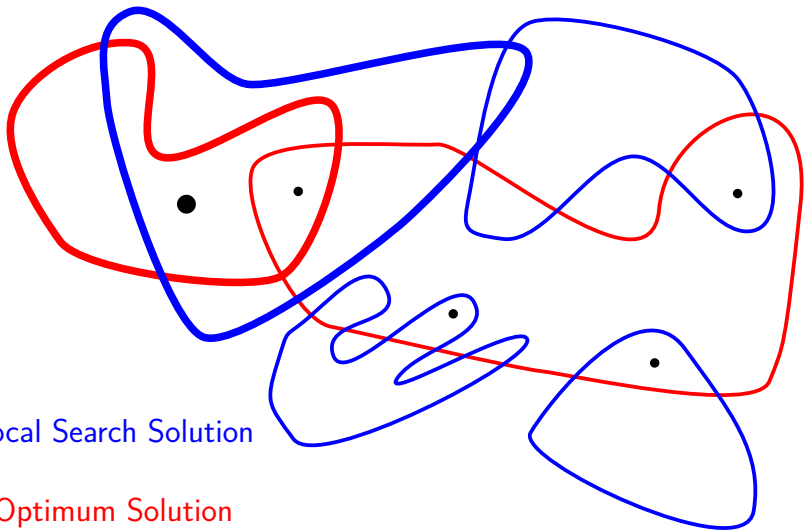
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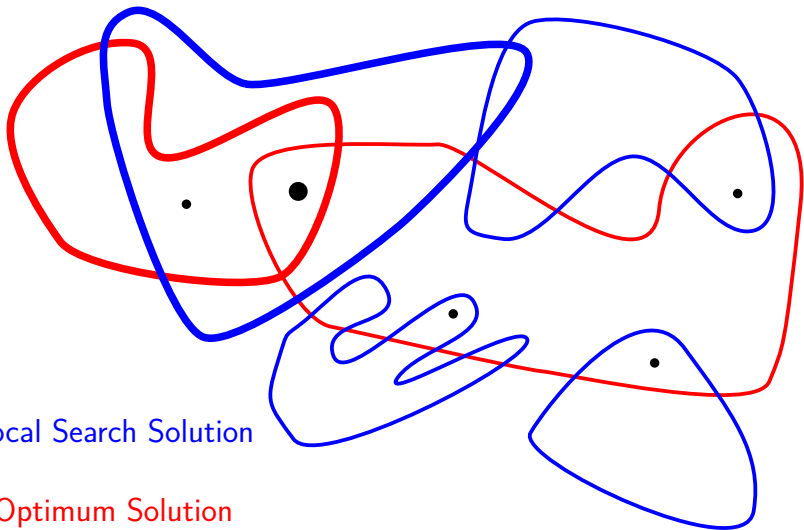
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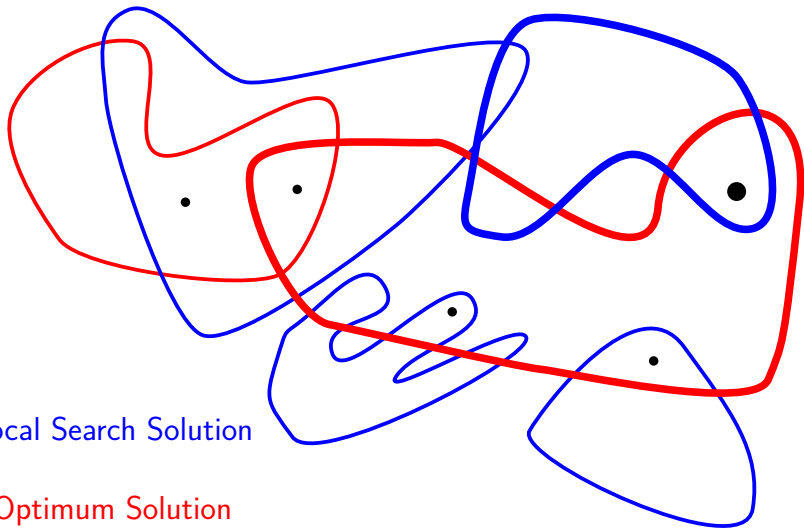
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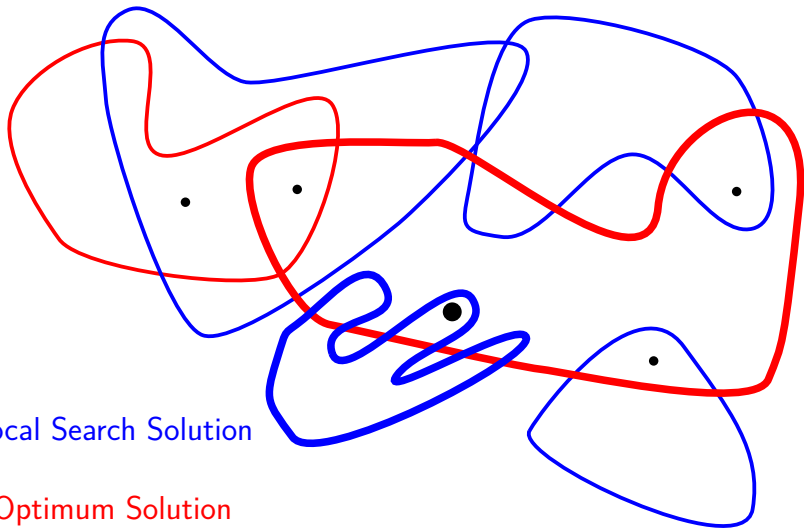


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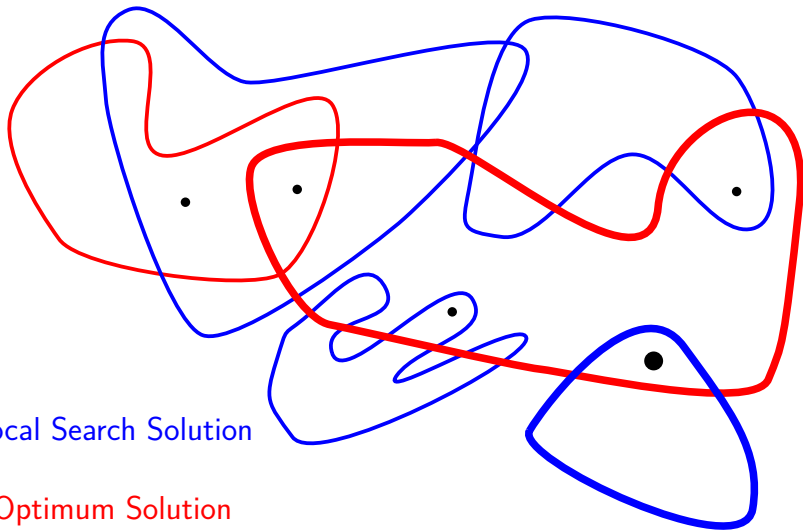
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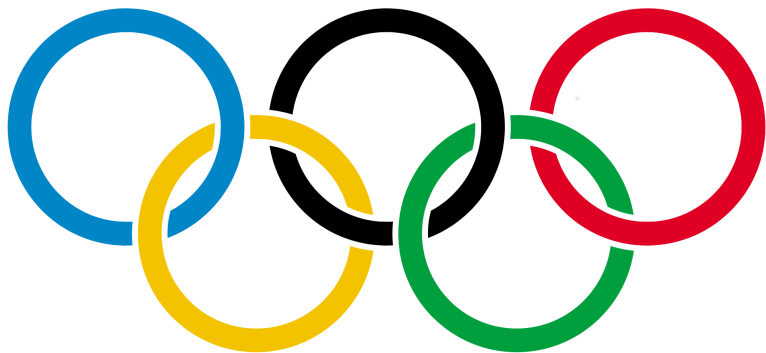
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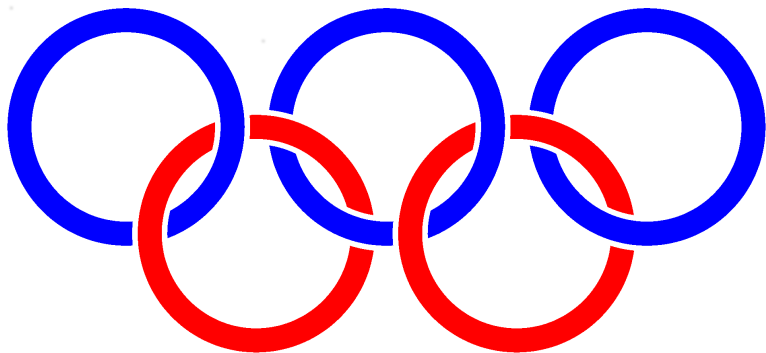


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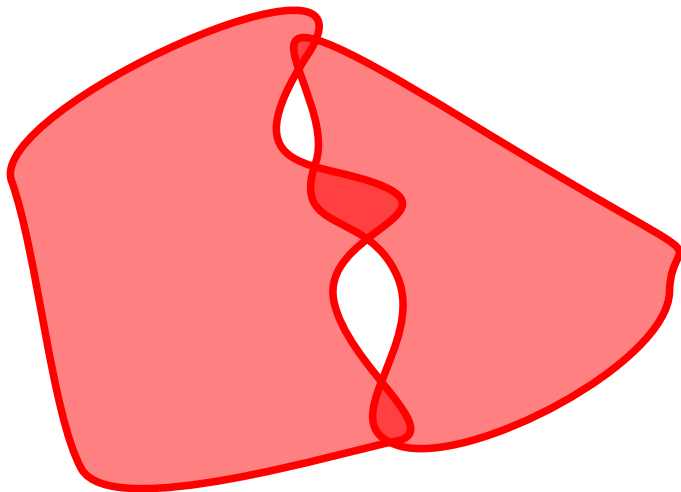
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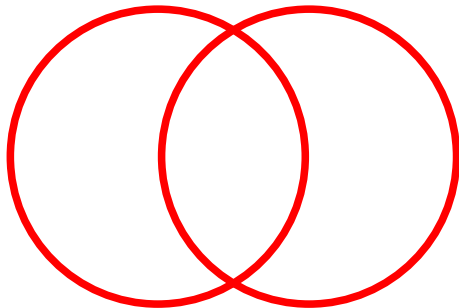


# Planar Bipartite Graph

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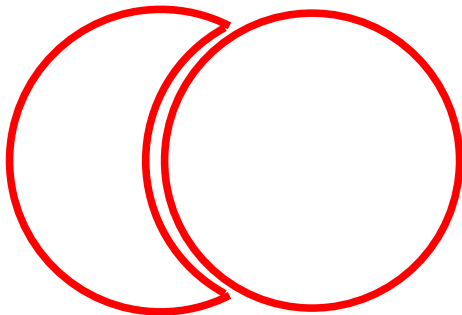


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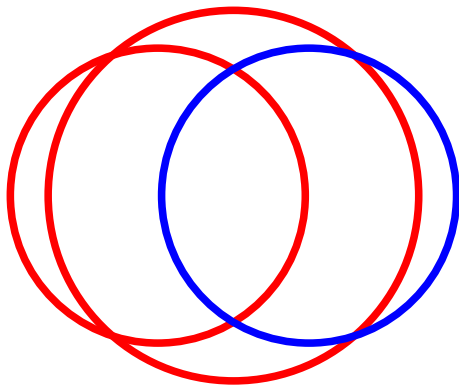




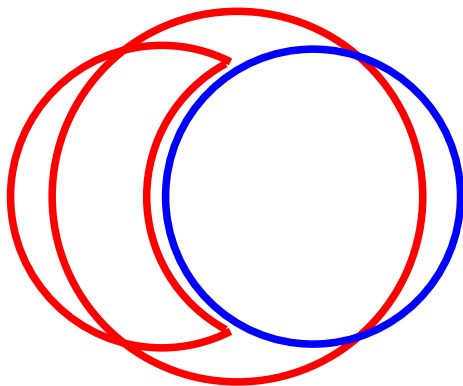
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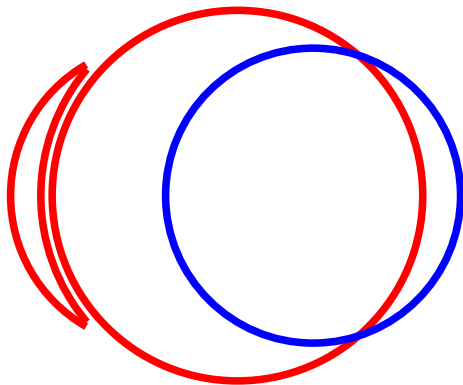
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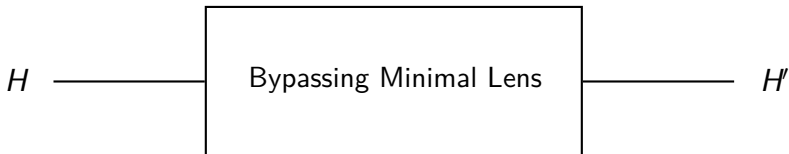


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$H'$  satisfies the *nice* properties  $\Rightarrow H$  satisfies the *nice* properties.  
 $H \rightarrow H' \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow$  Reds are disjoint and Blues are disjoint.

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# Packing Regions and Points

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Aschner et al. '13

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# Capacitated Region Packing

Input:

$\mathcal{X}$  — A set of Non-piercing Regions\*

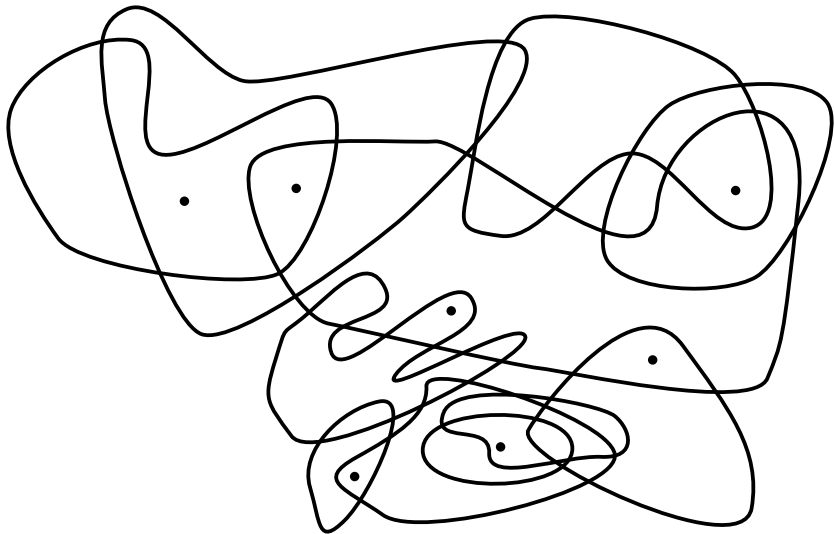
$P$  — A point set

$\ell$  — A constant positive integer

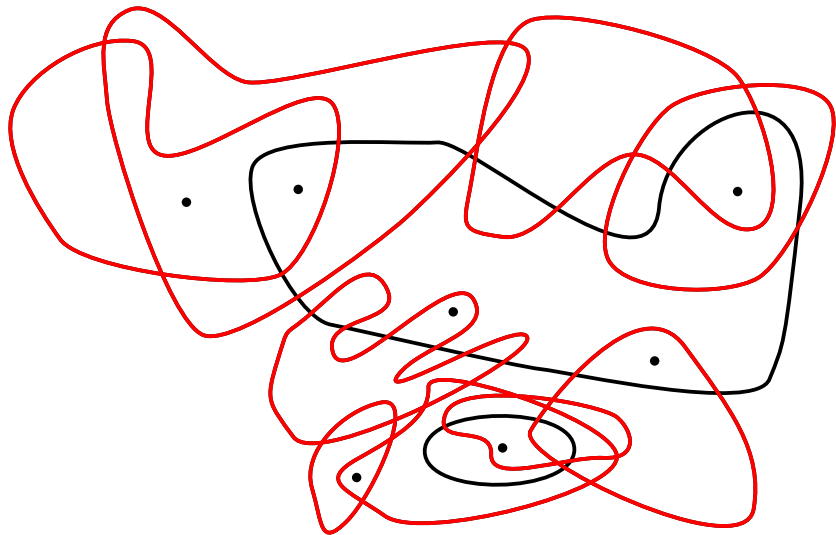
Output:

A maximum sized subset  $\mathcal{X}' \subseteq \mathcal{X}$  such that every point  $p \in P$  is contained in at most  $\ell$  regions in  $\mathcal{X}'$ .

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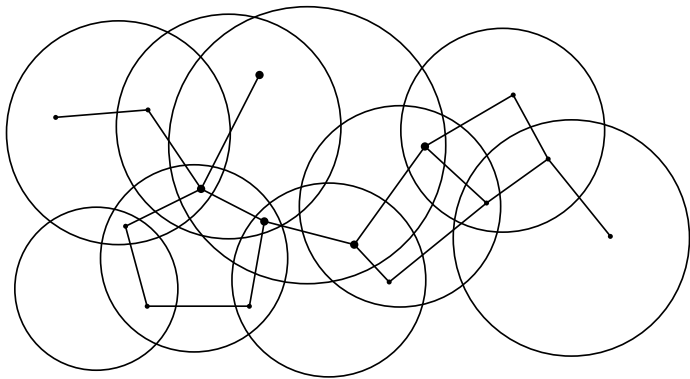
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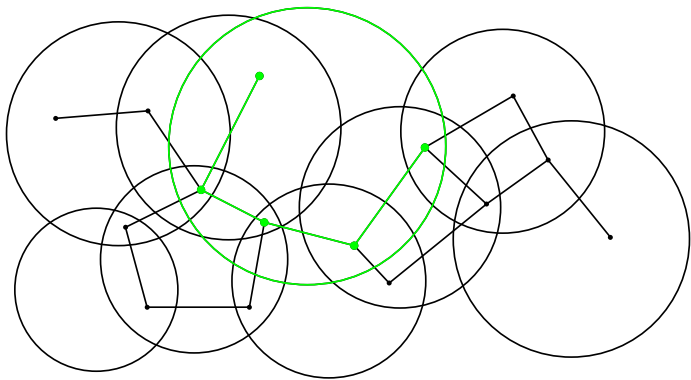
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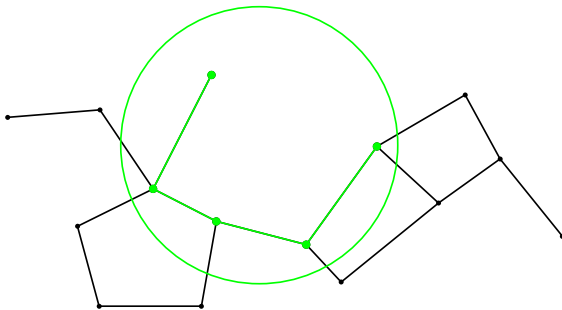


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# Packing Points

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$P$  — A point set

Output:

A maximum sized subset  $P' \subseteq P$  such that every region  $X \in \mathcal{X}$  contains at most 1 point in  $P'$ .

## Summary

The following problems admit PTAS for Non-piercing Regions using Local Search.

- ▶ Set Cover
- ▶ Dominating Set
- ▶ Capacitated Region Packing
- ▶ Point Packing

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