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Metric Embeddings into Trees

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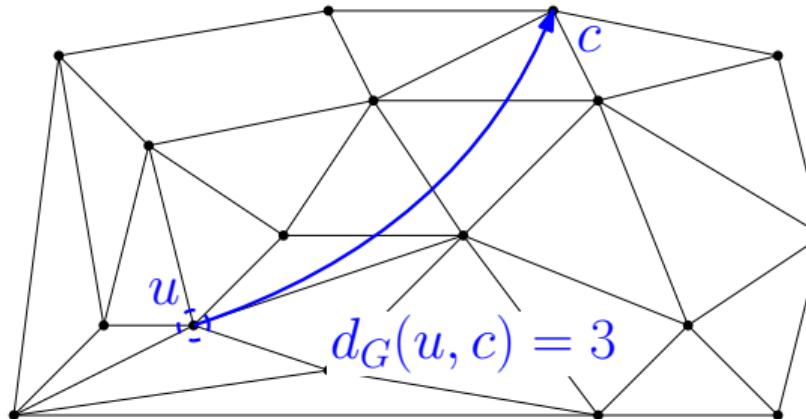
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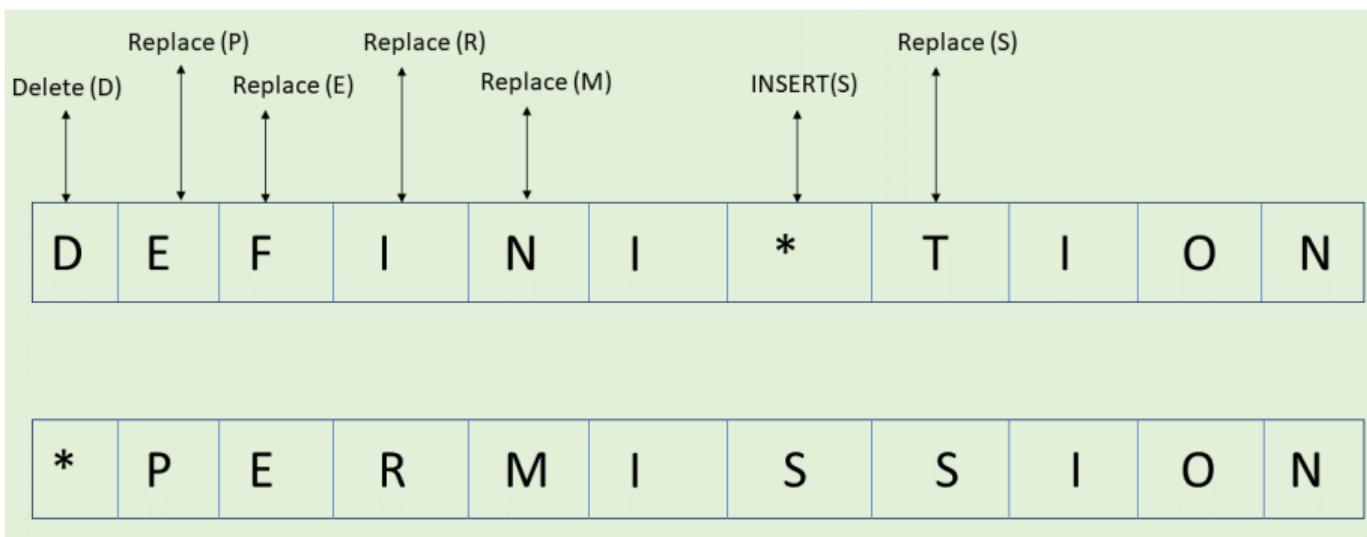


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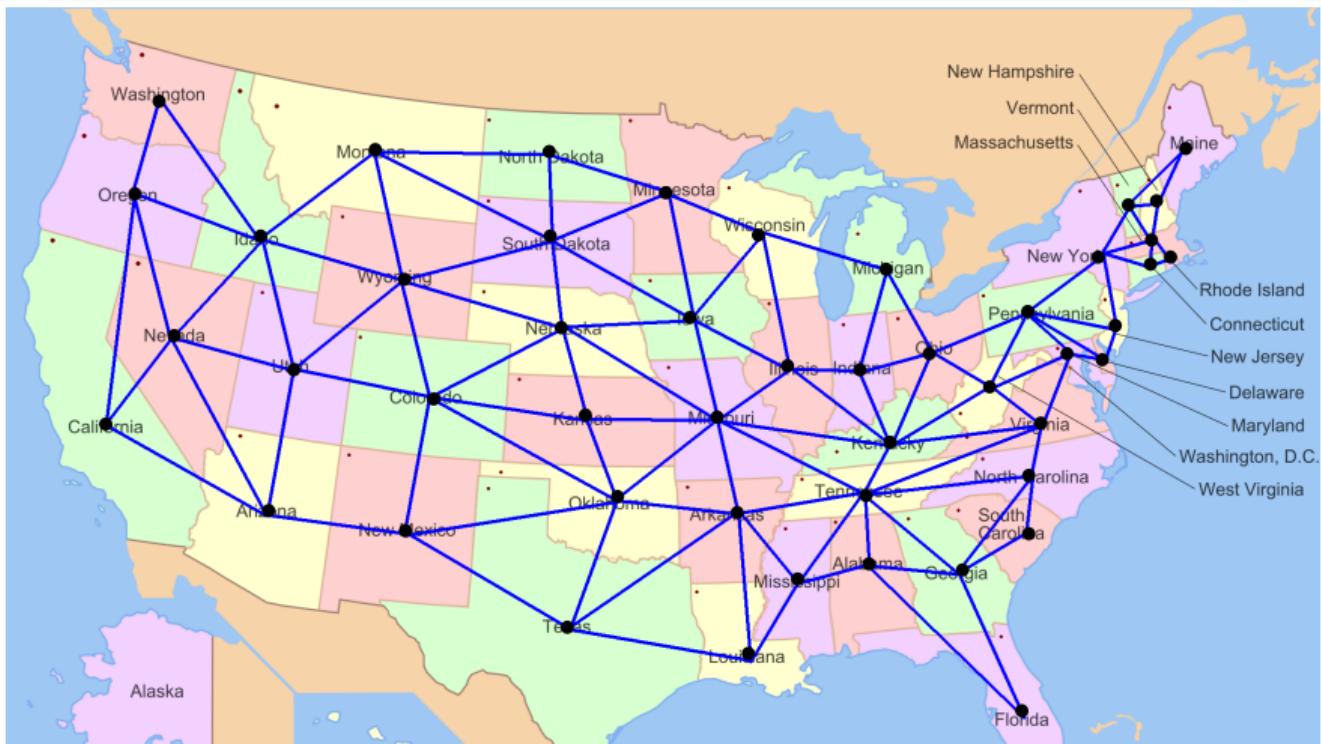
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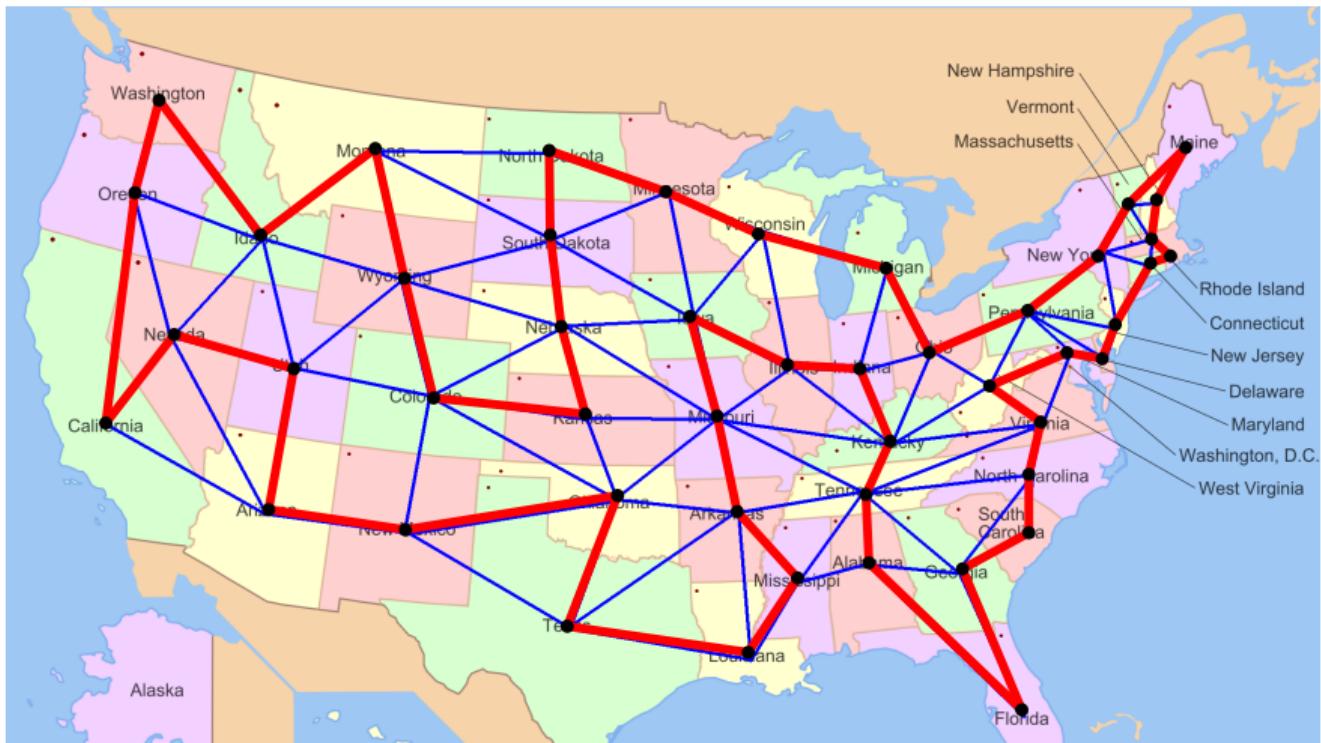
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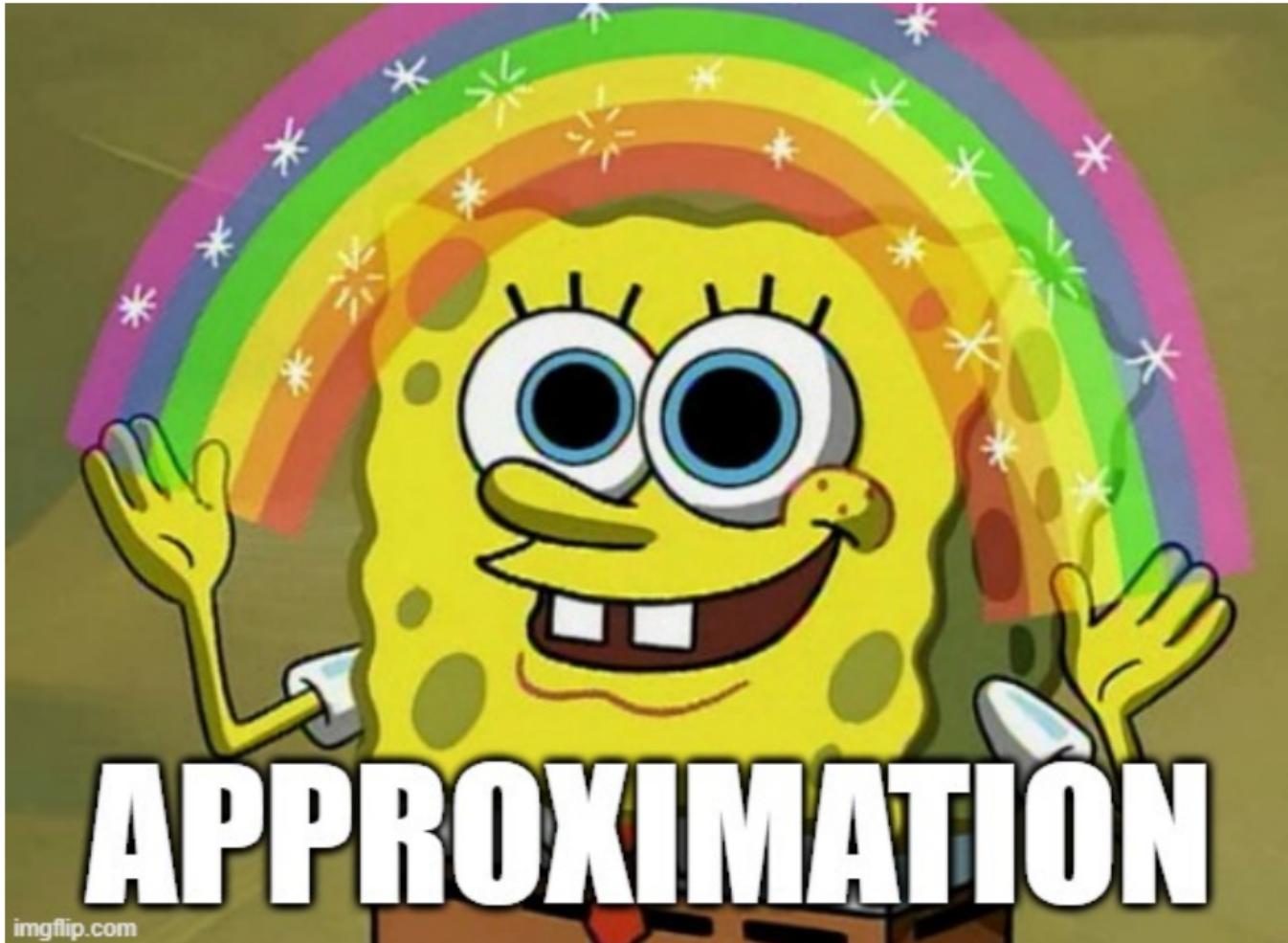
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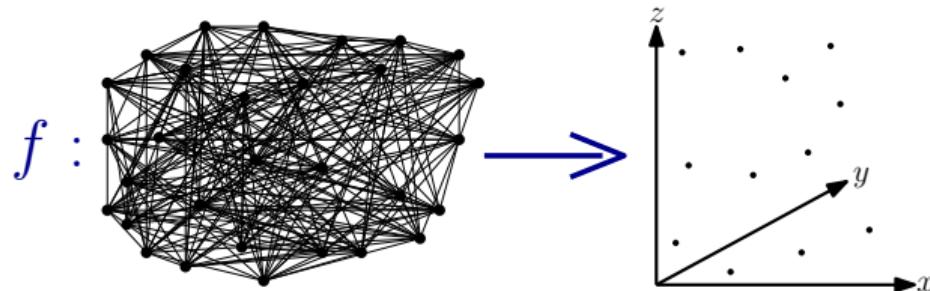


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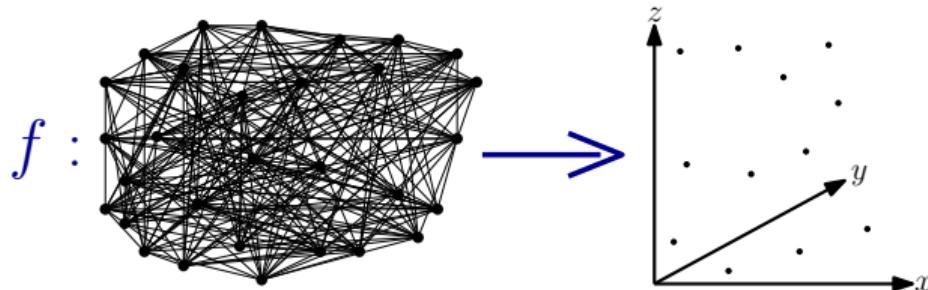


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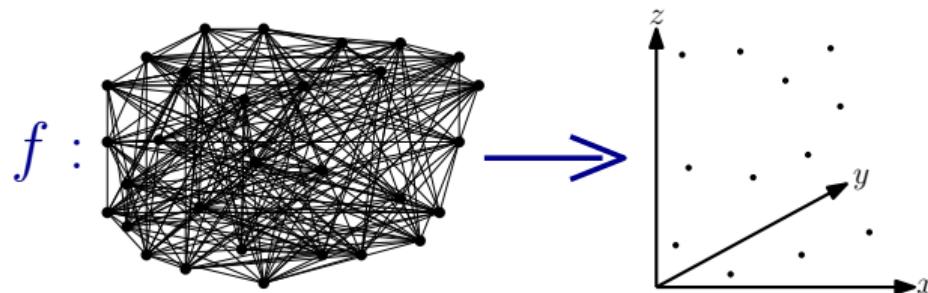
- Distances
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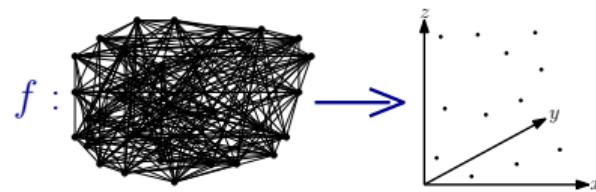
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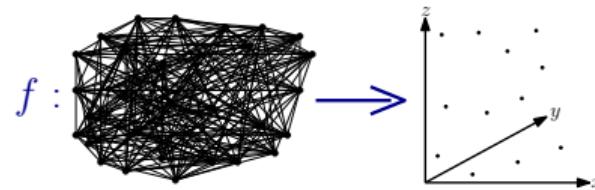
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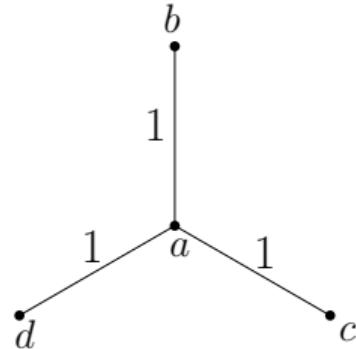
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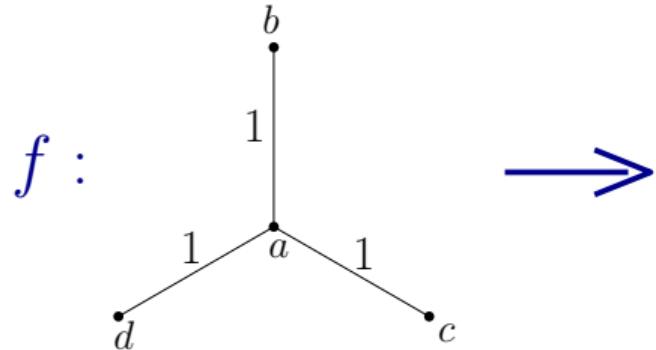
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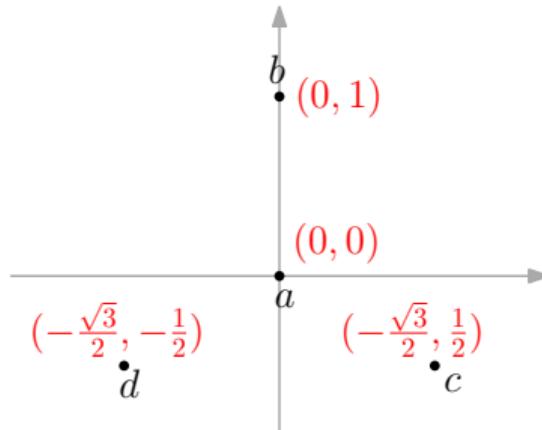
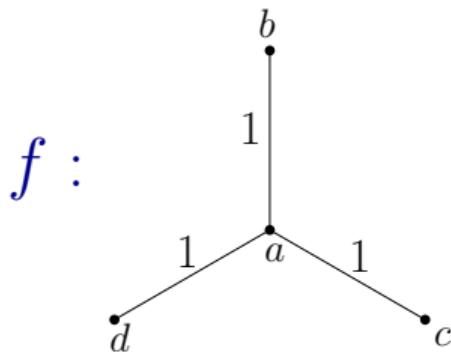
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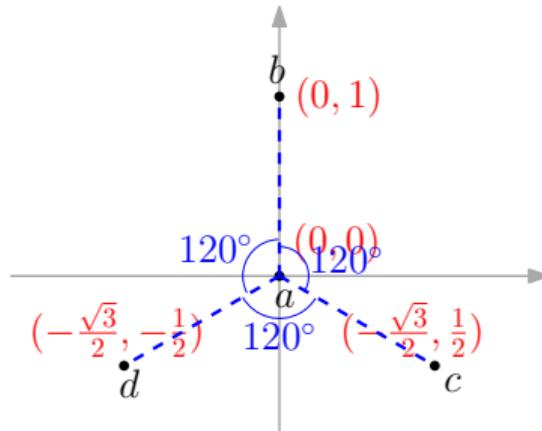
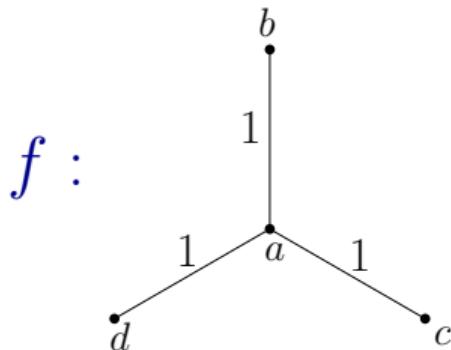


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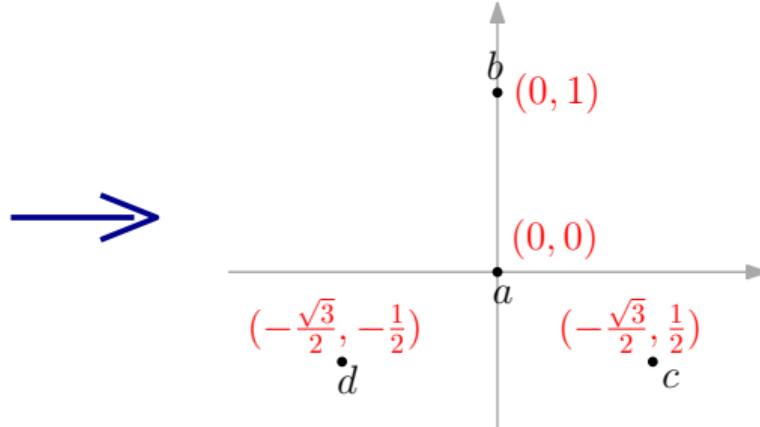
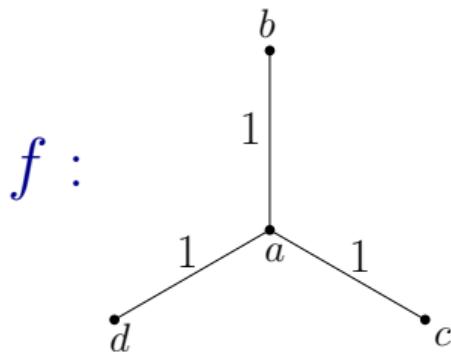


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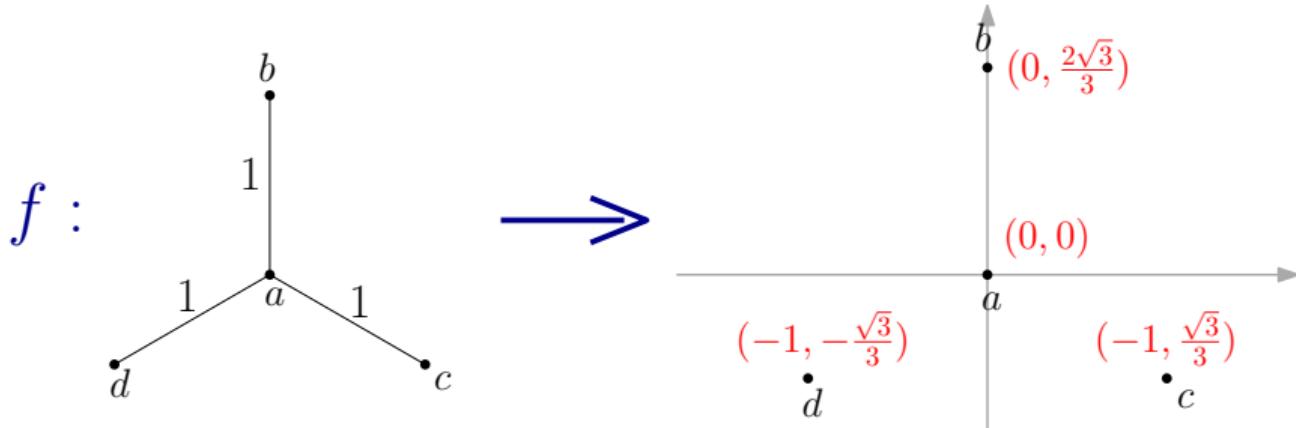


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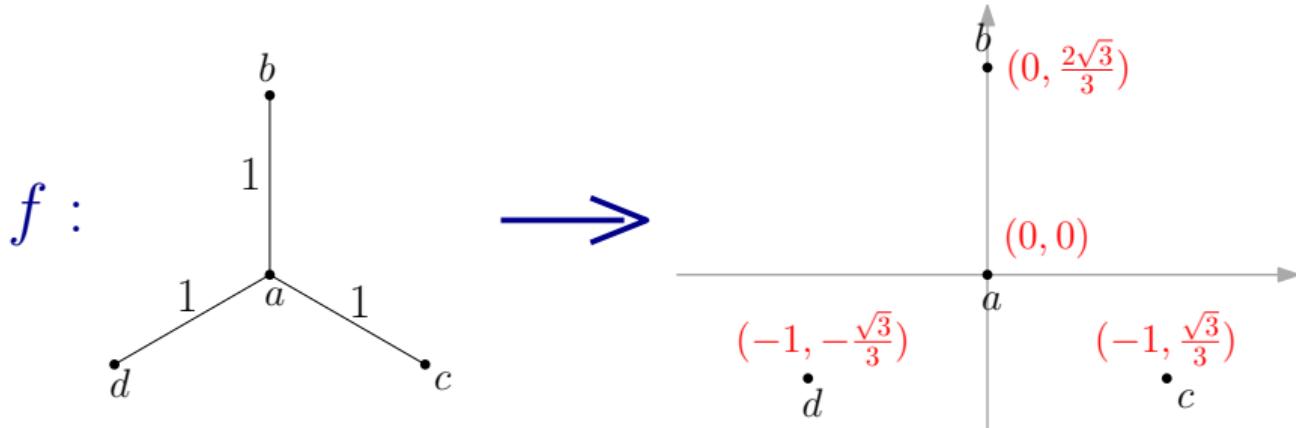


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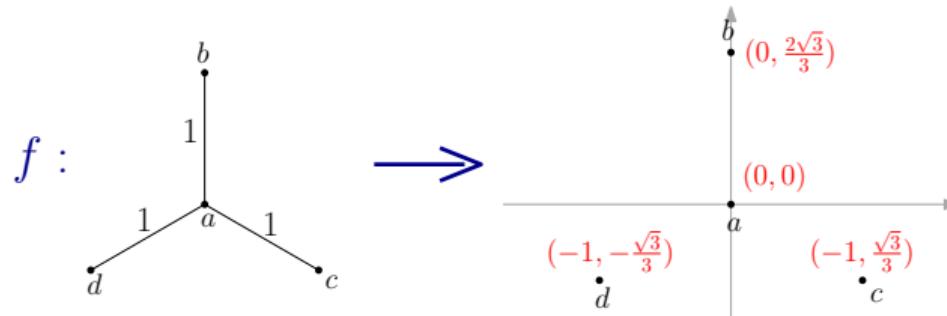


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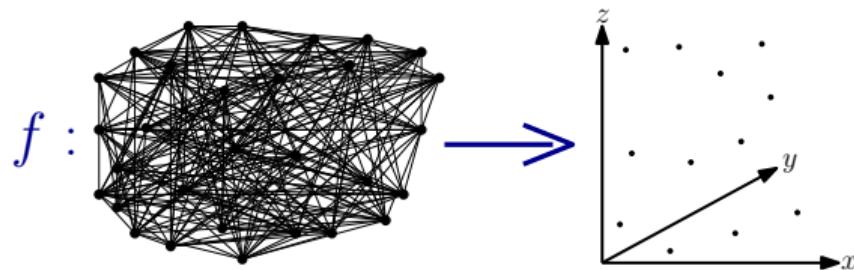
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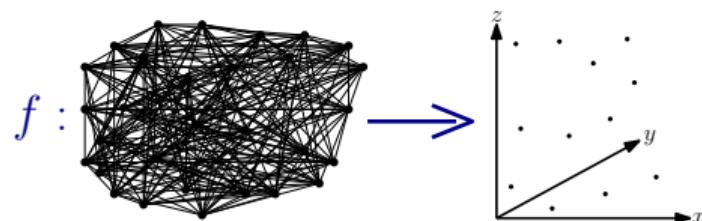
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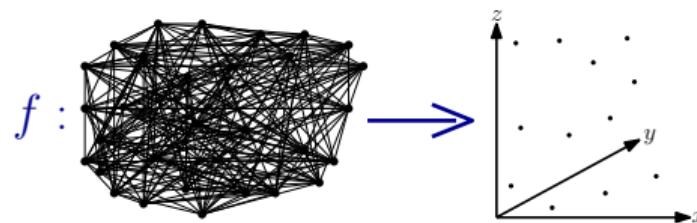
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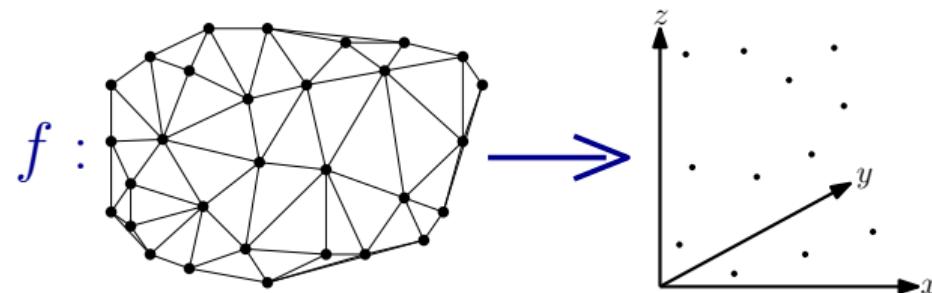


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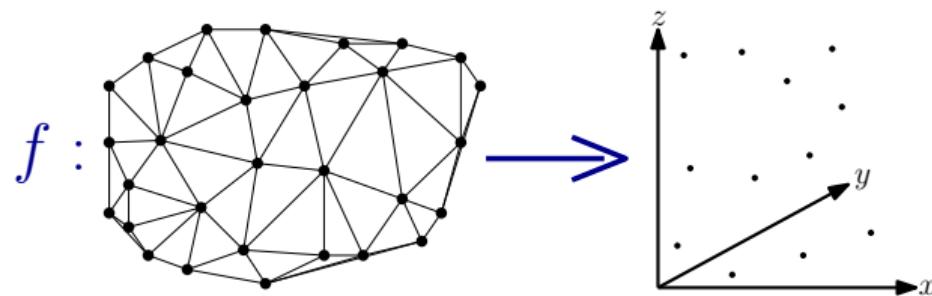
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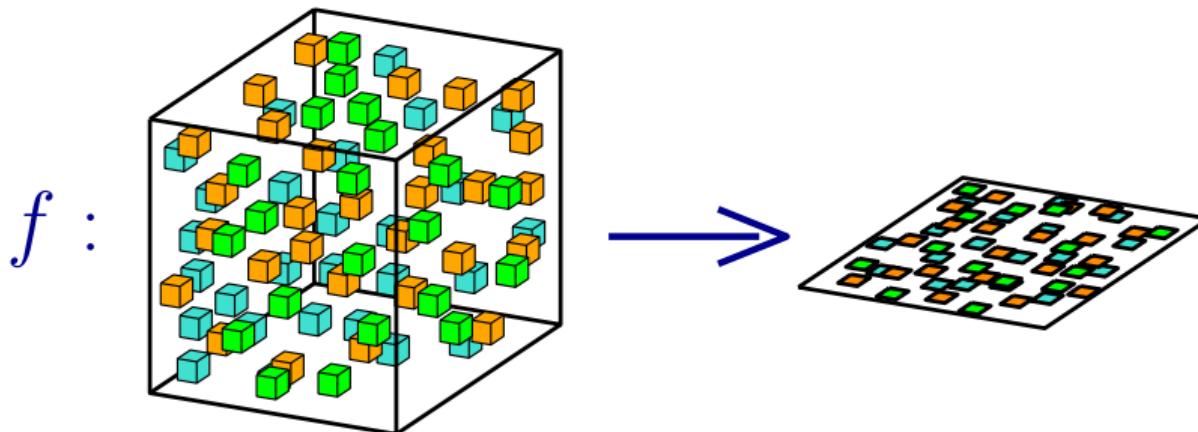
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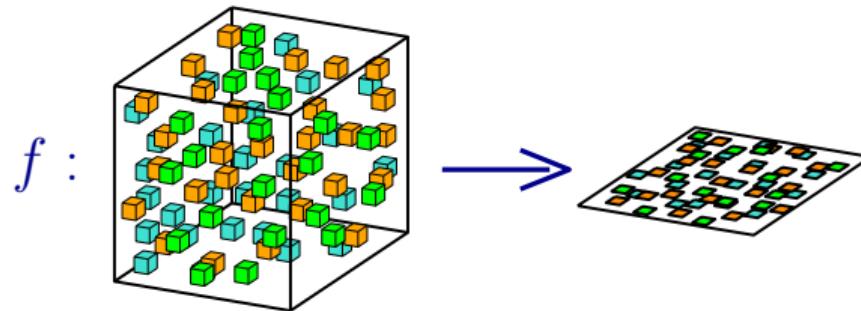
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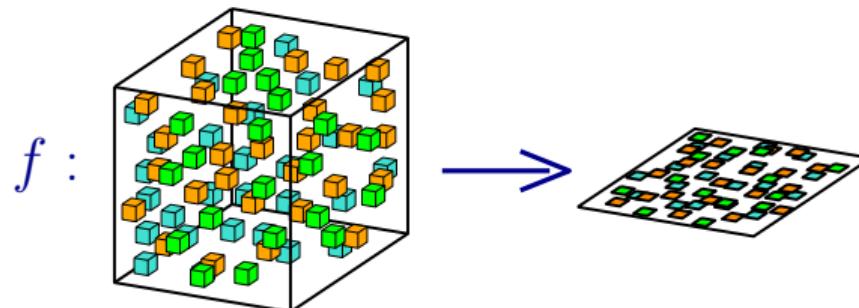
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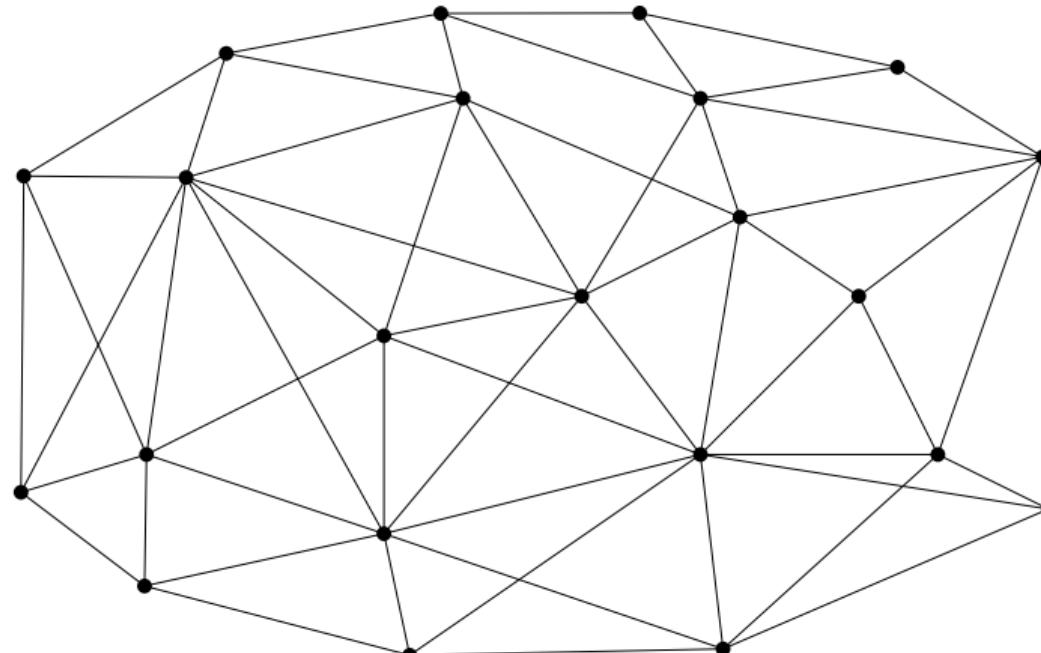
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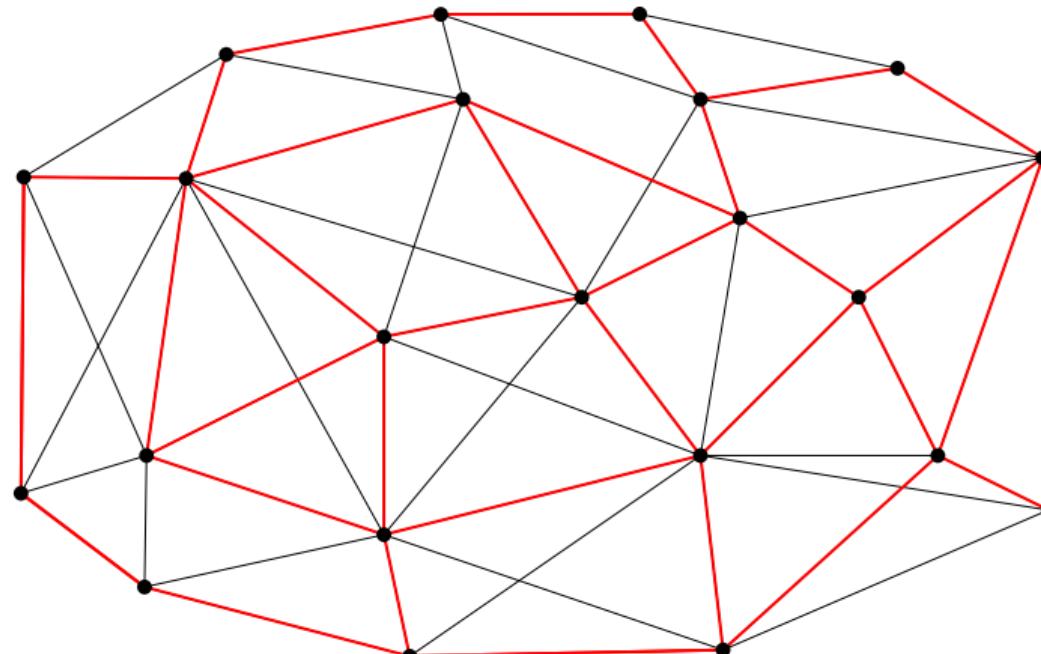


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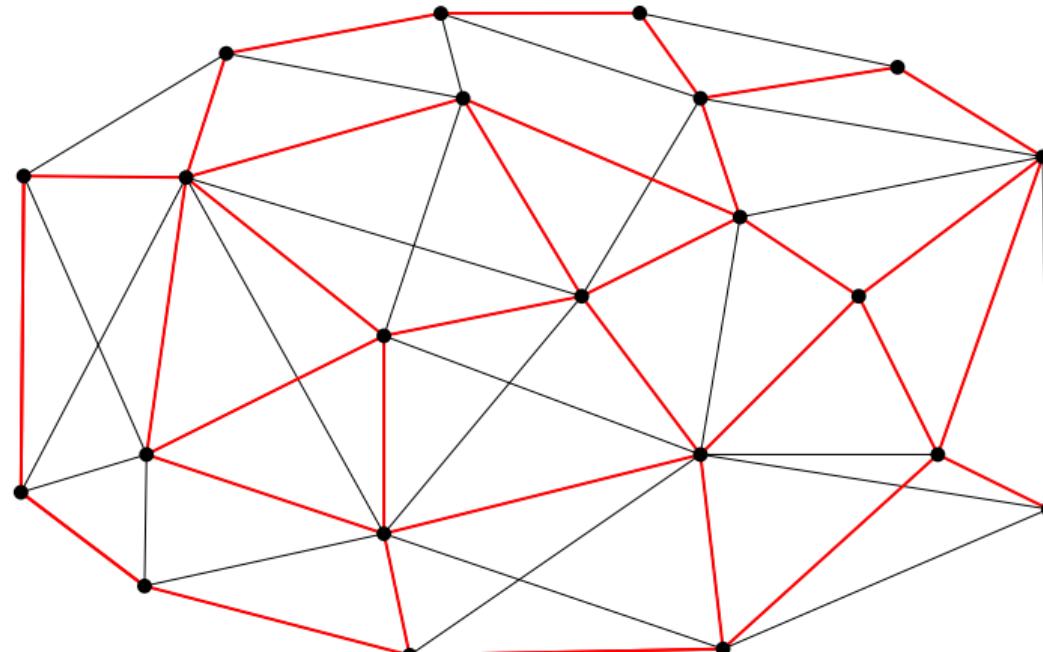


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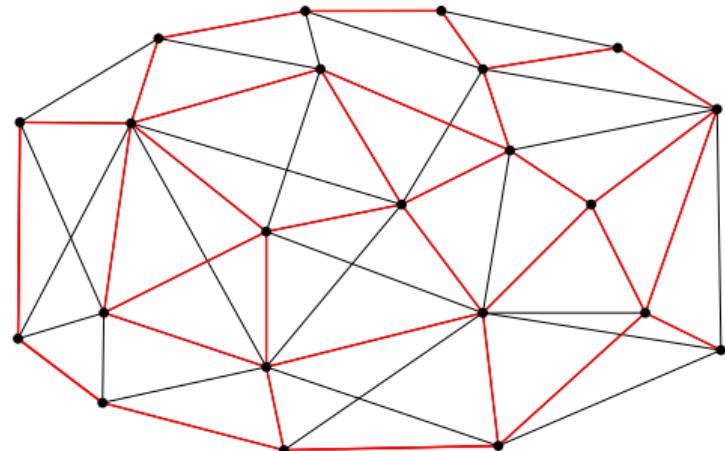
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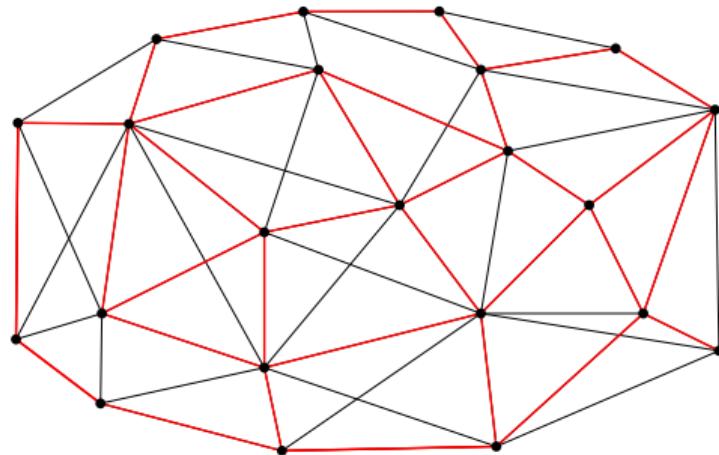
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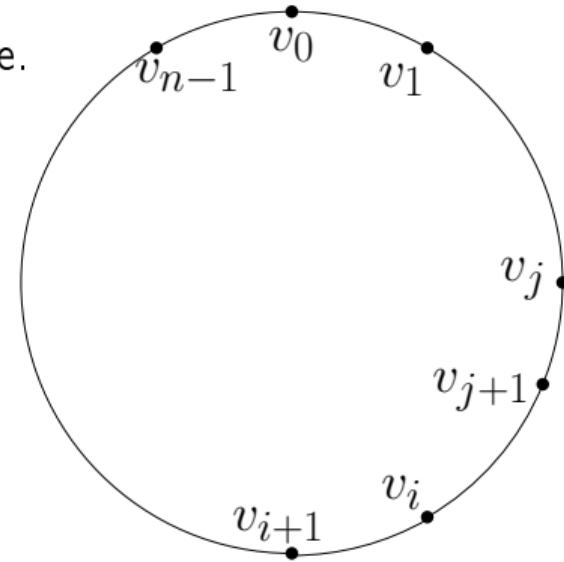
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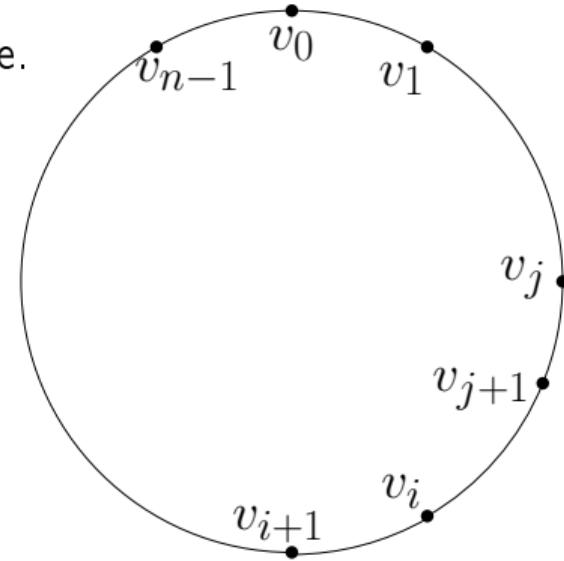


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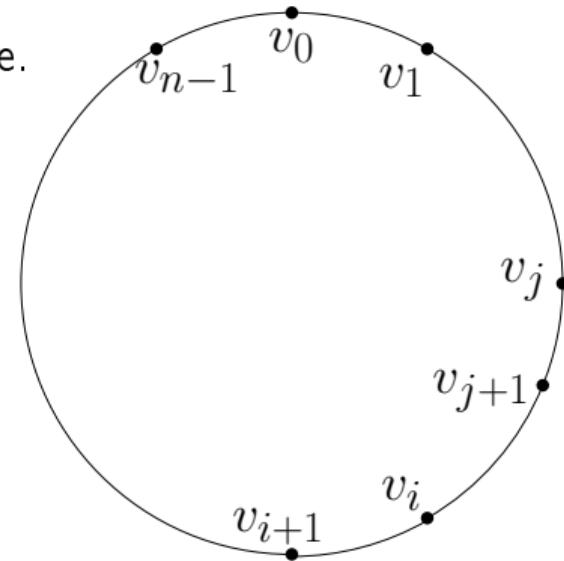
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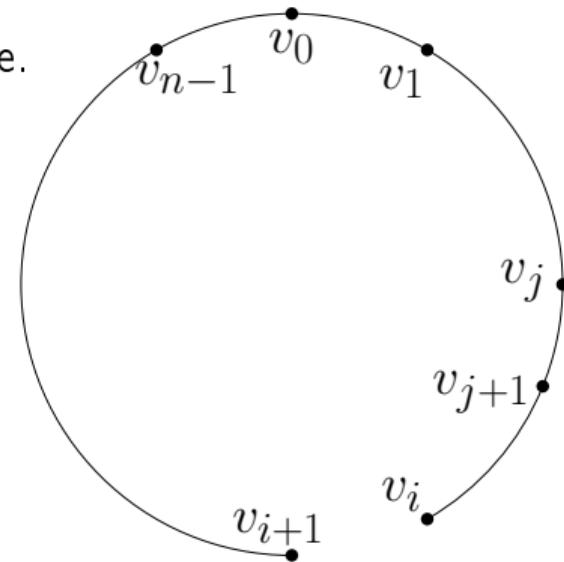


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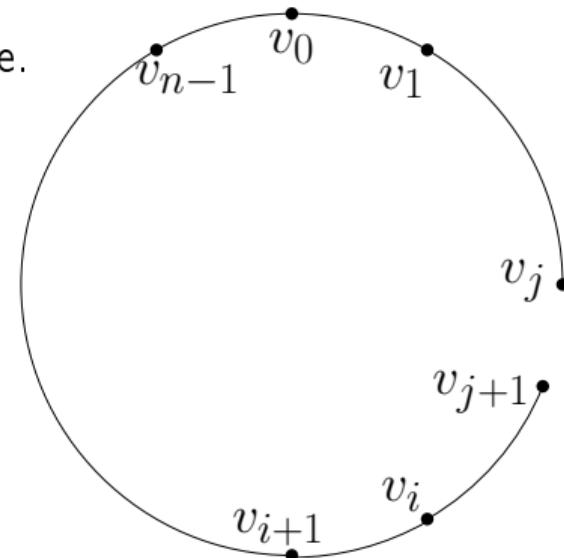
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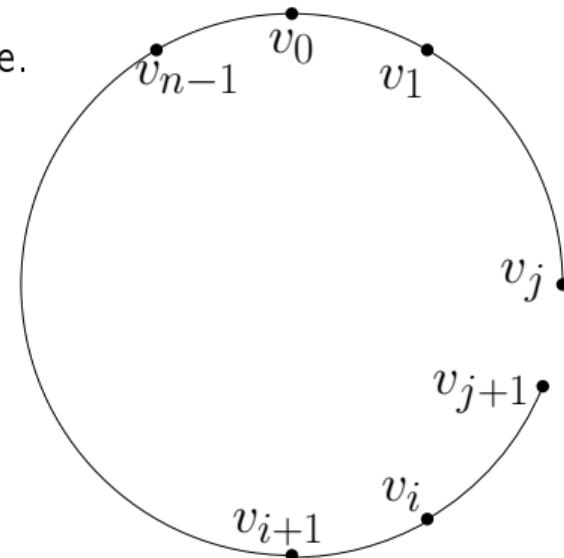
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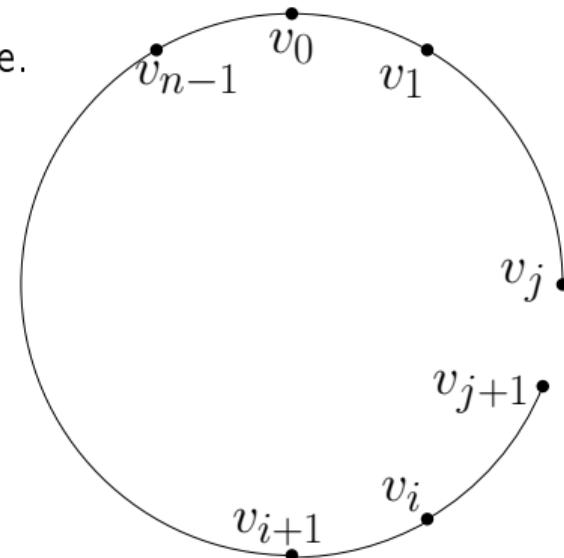
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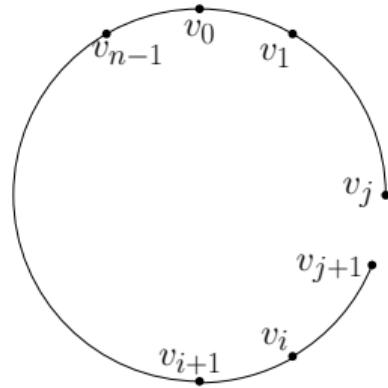
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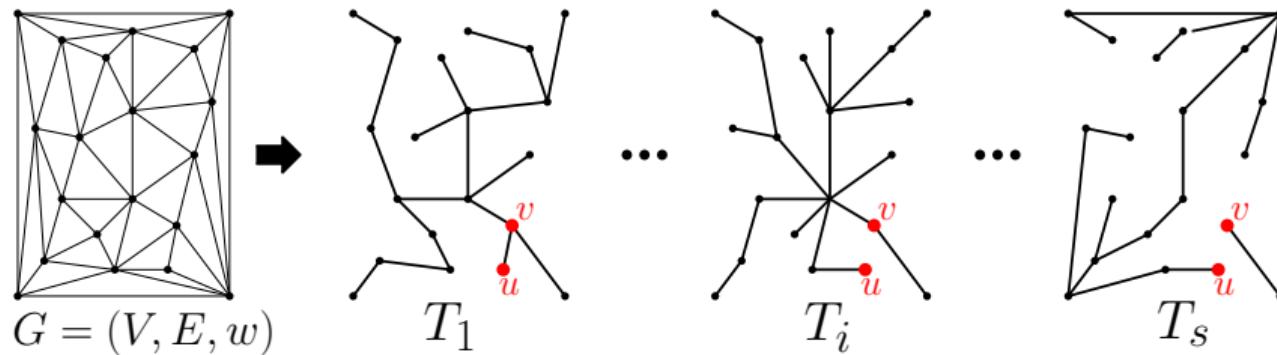
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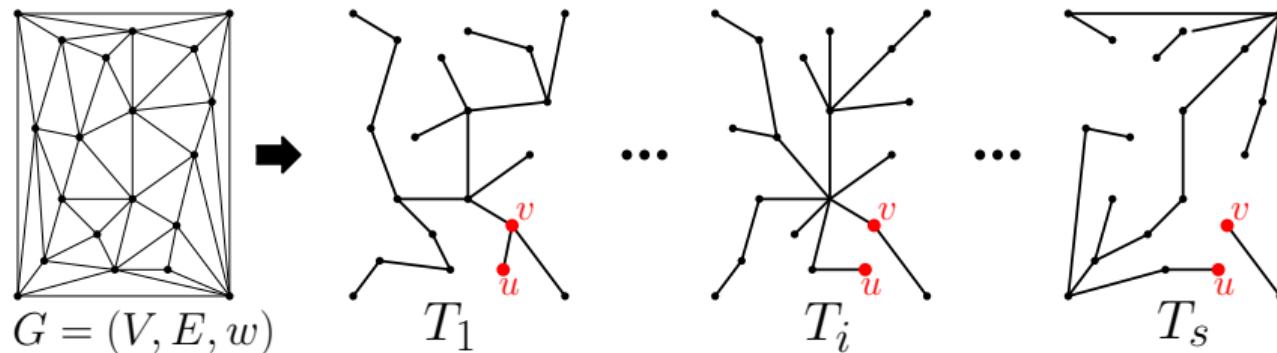
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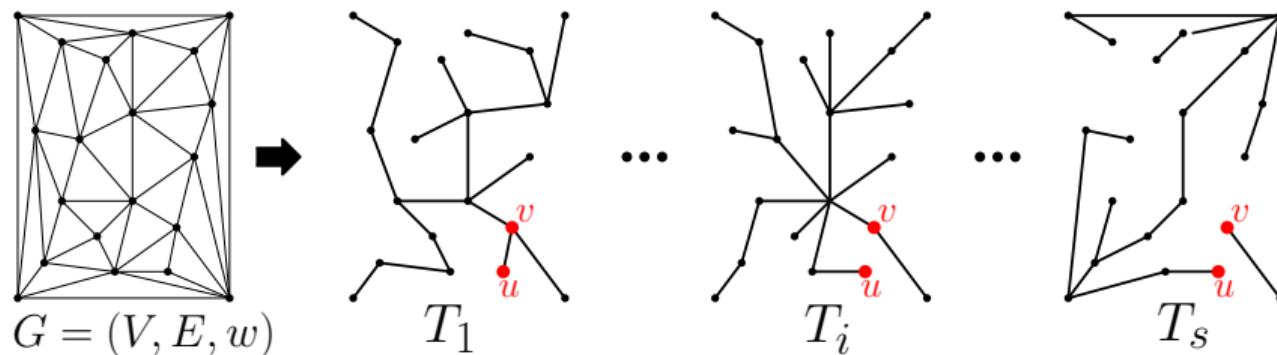


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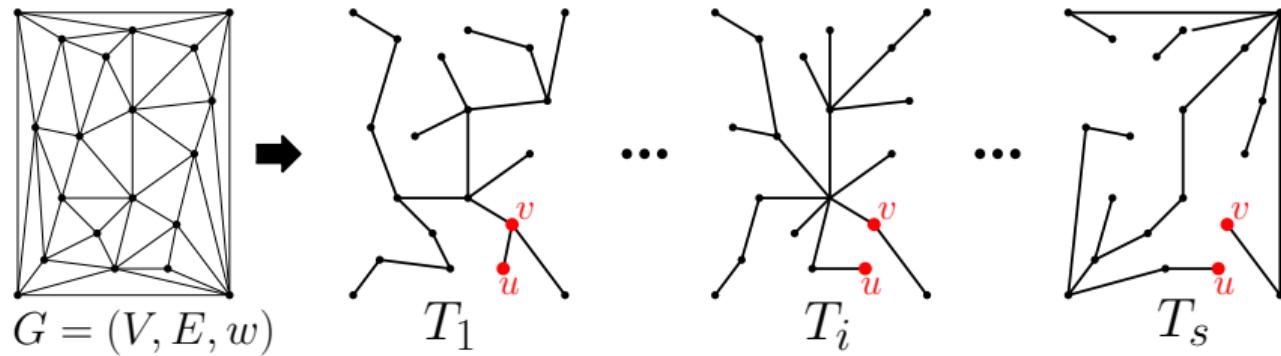
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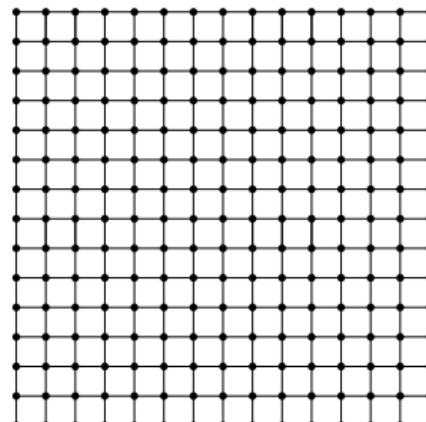
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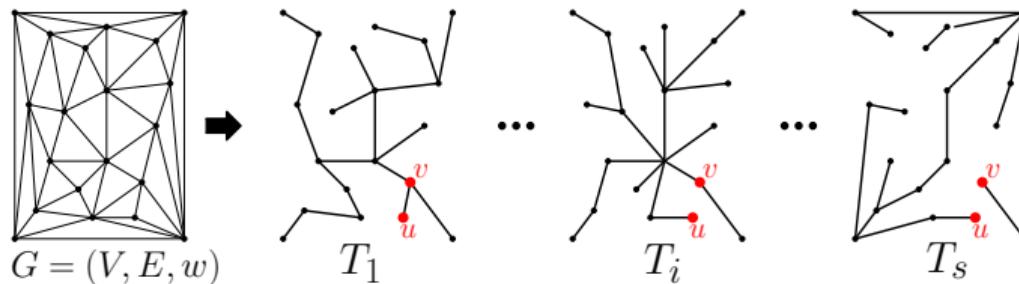
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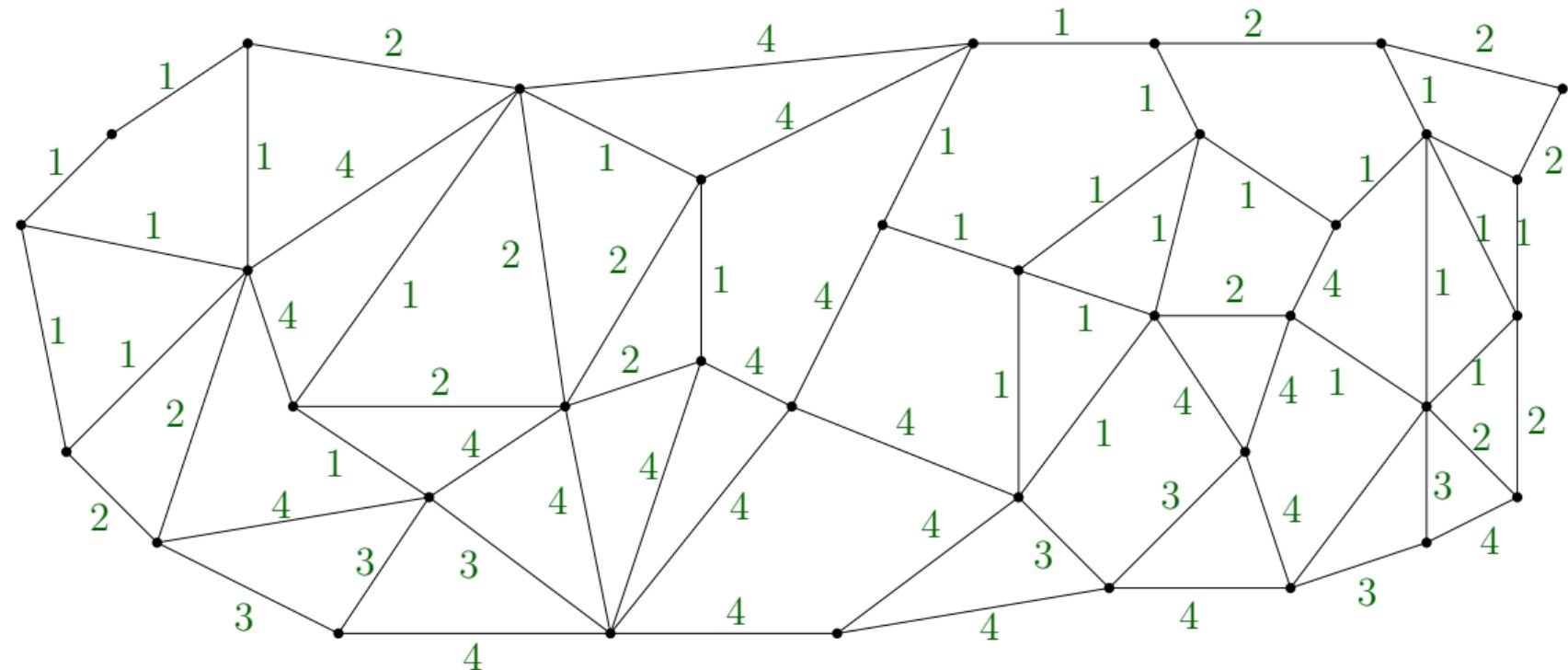
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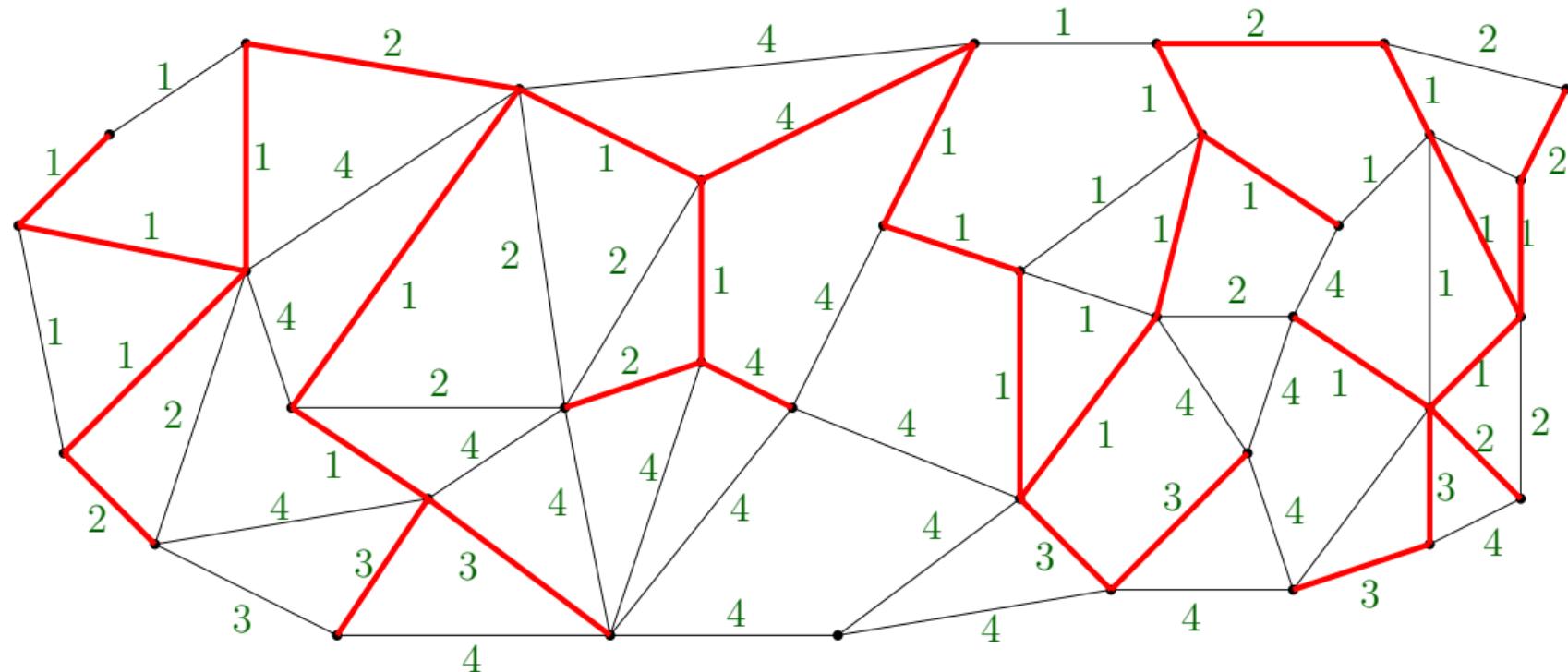
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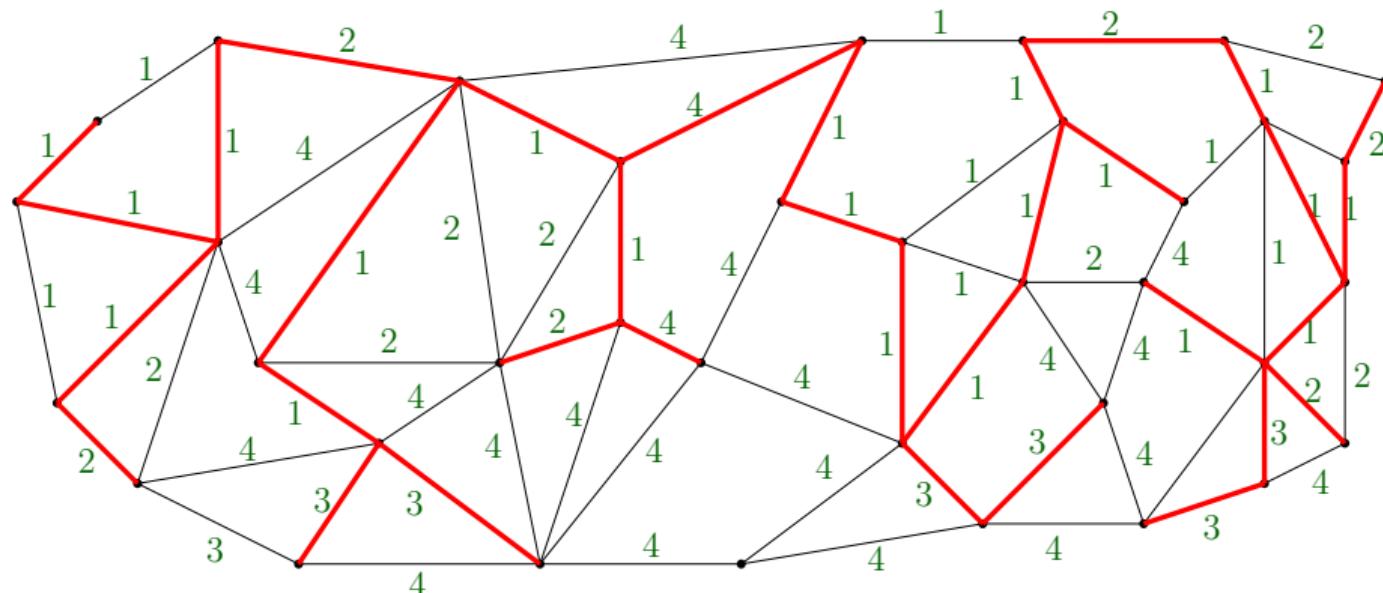
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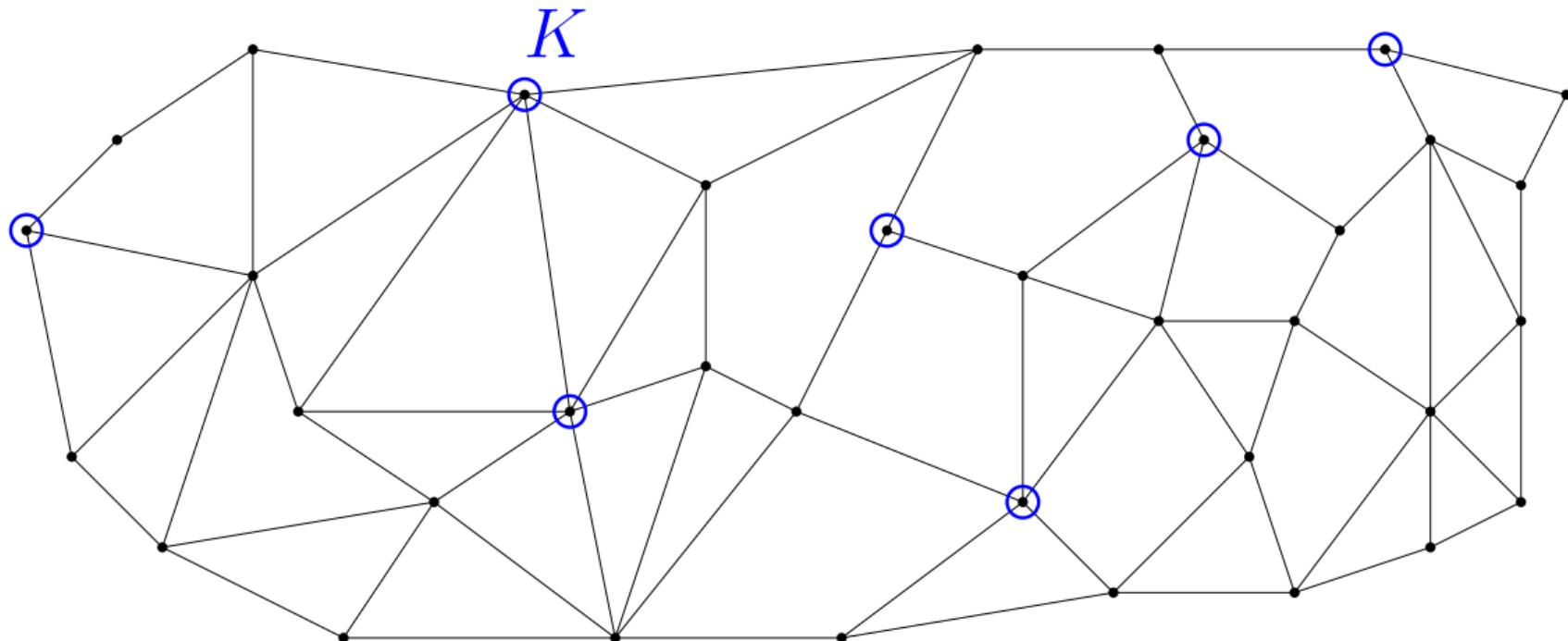
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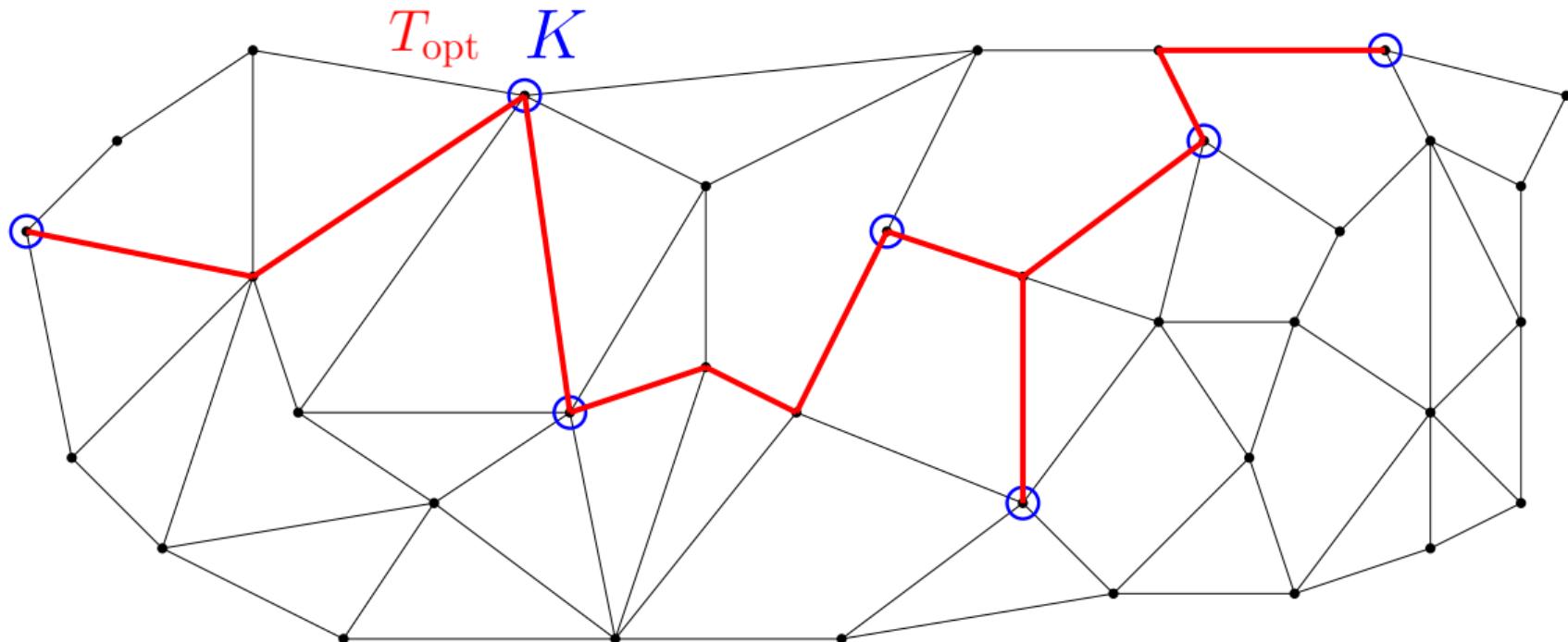
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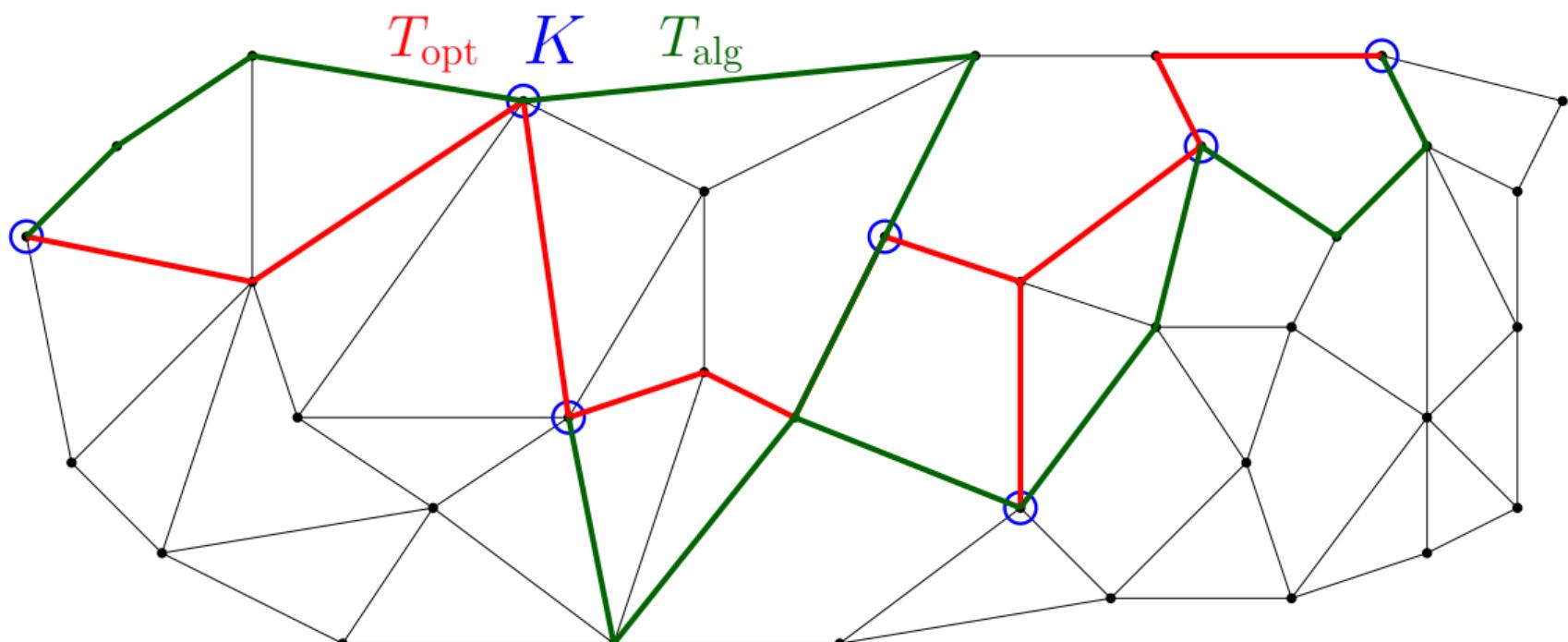
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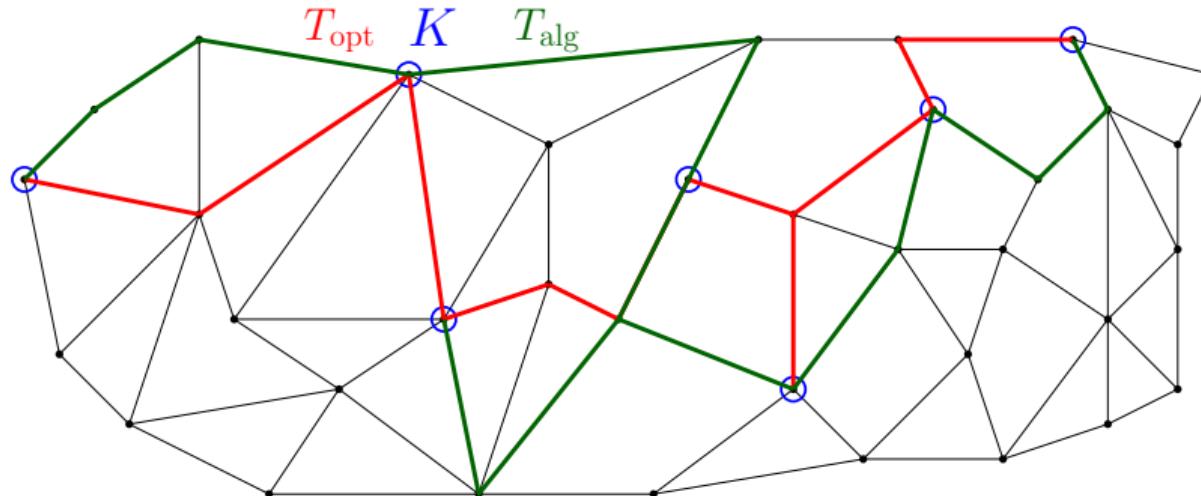
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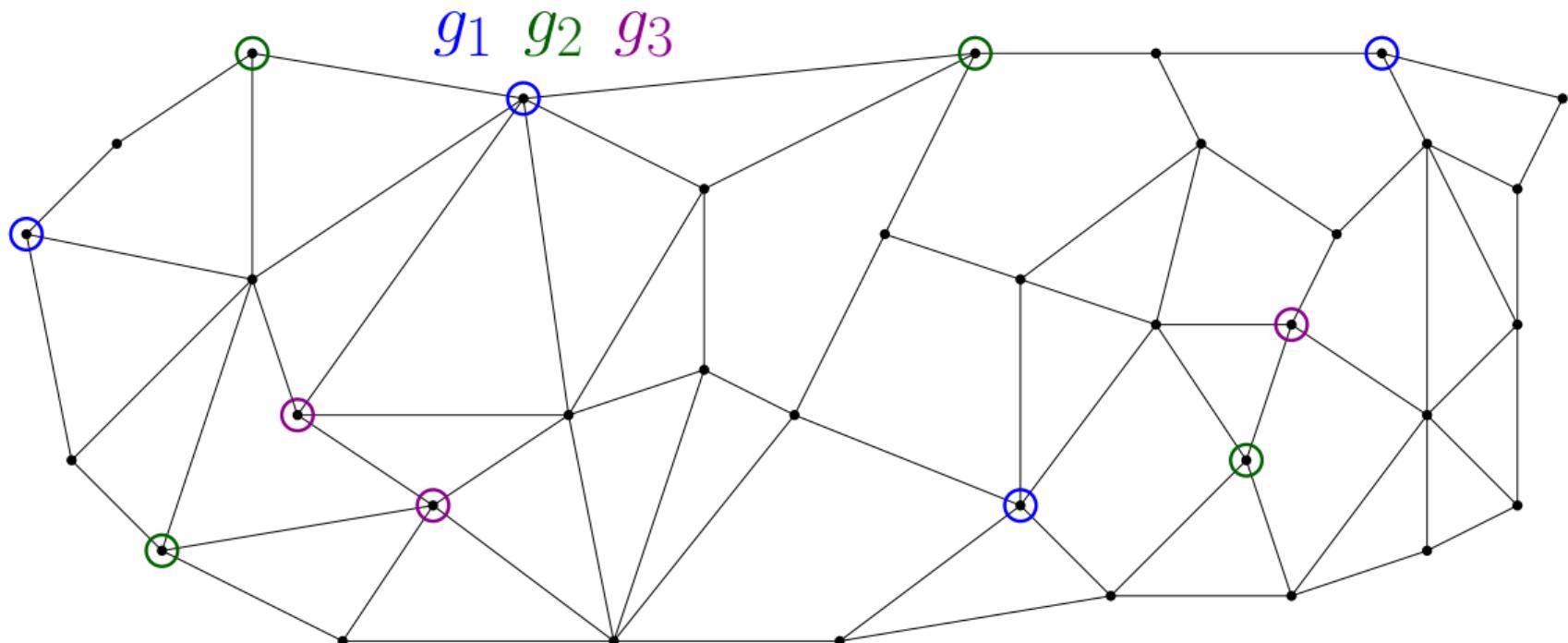


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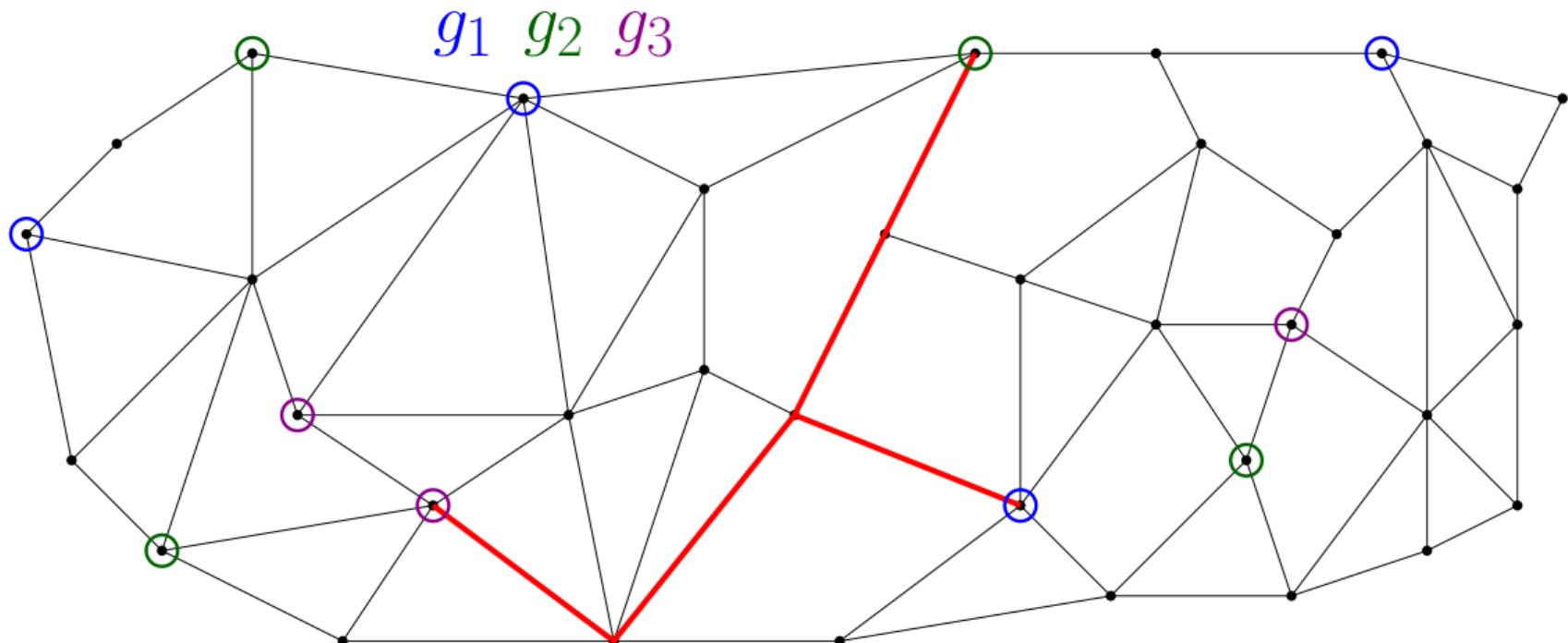
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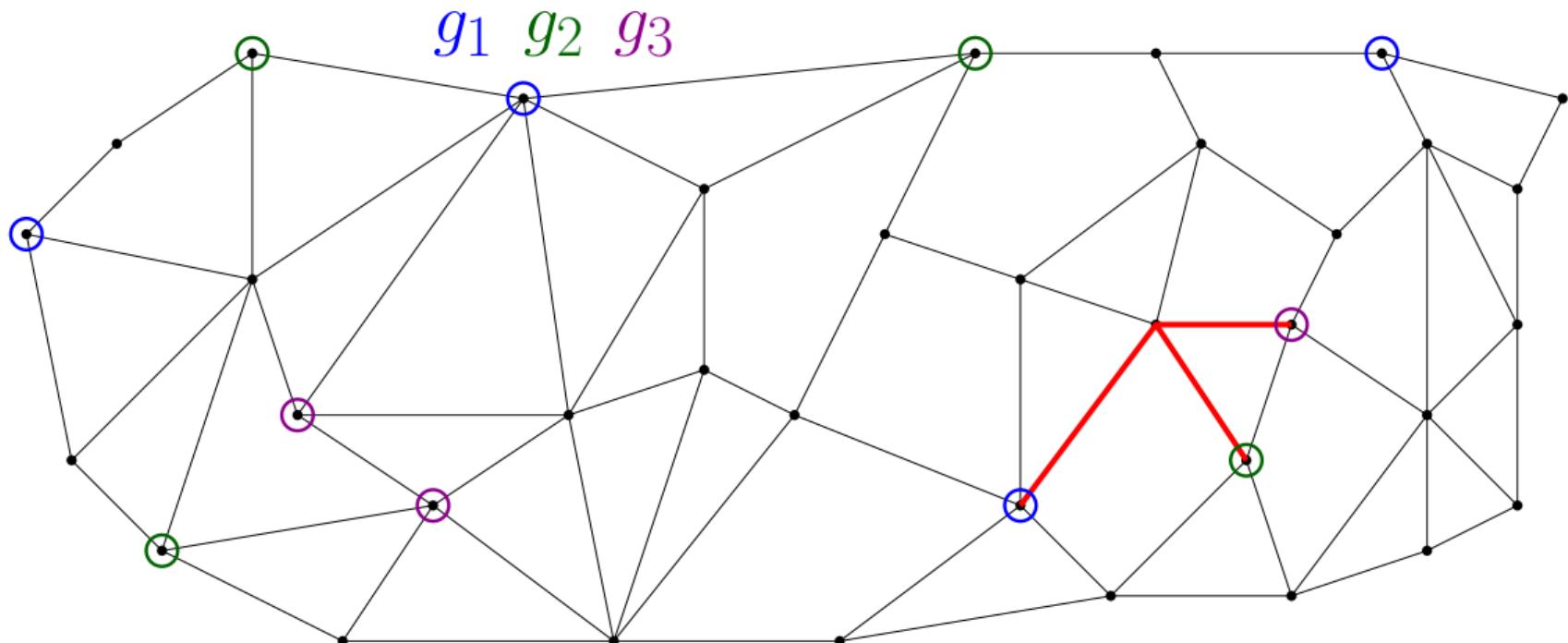
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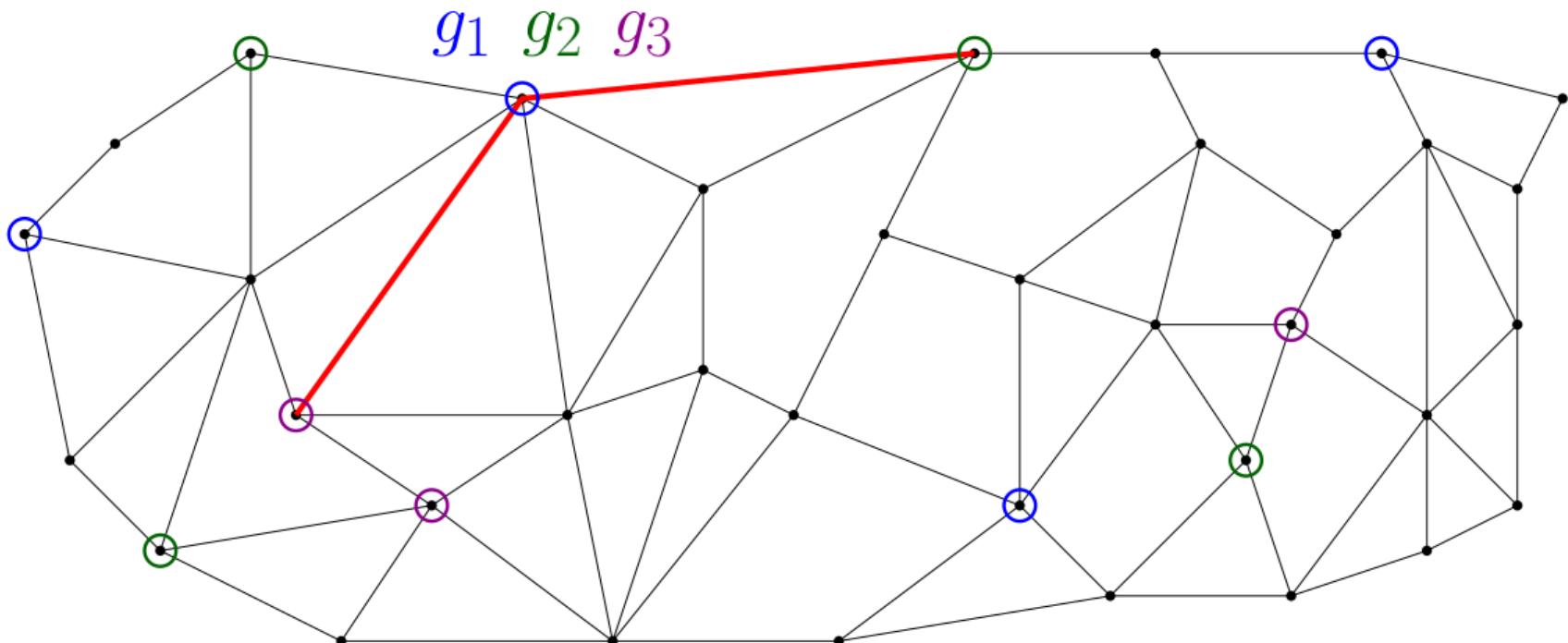
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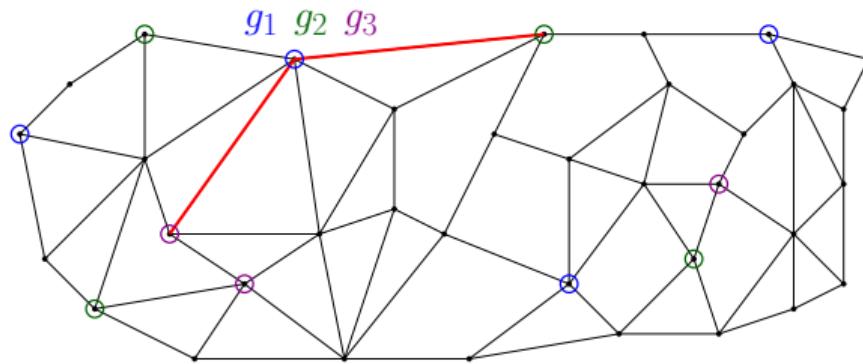
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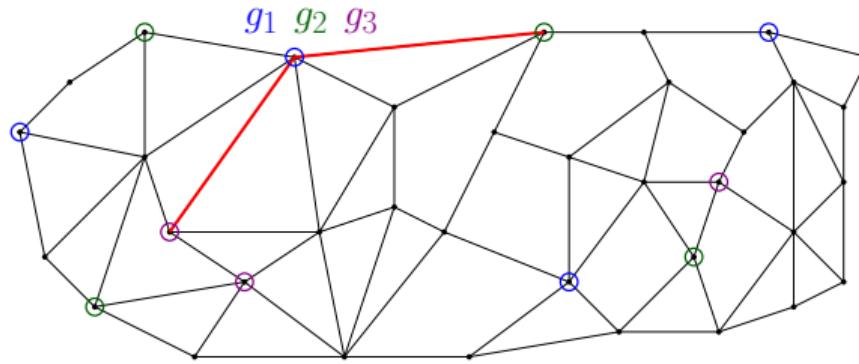


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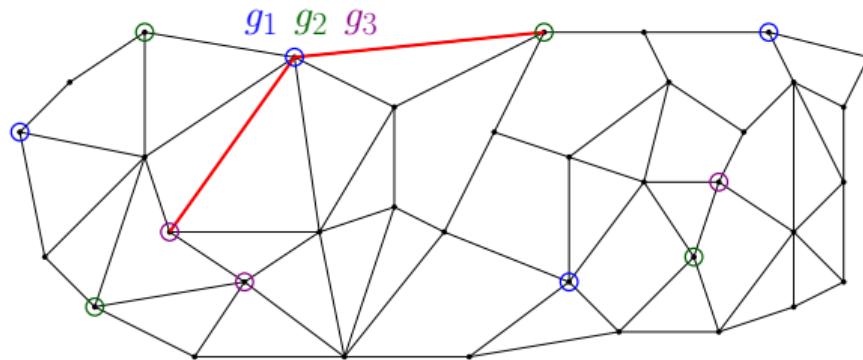
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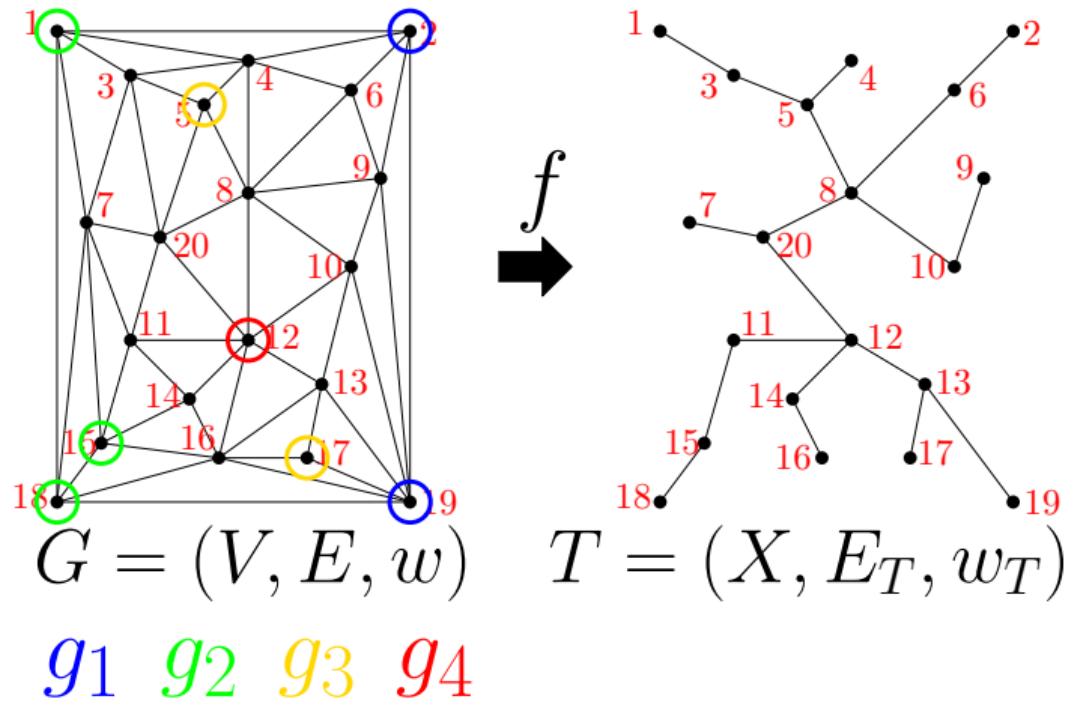
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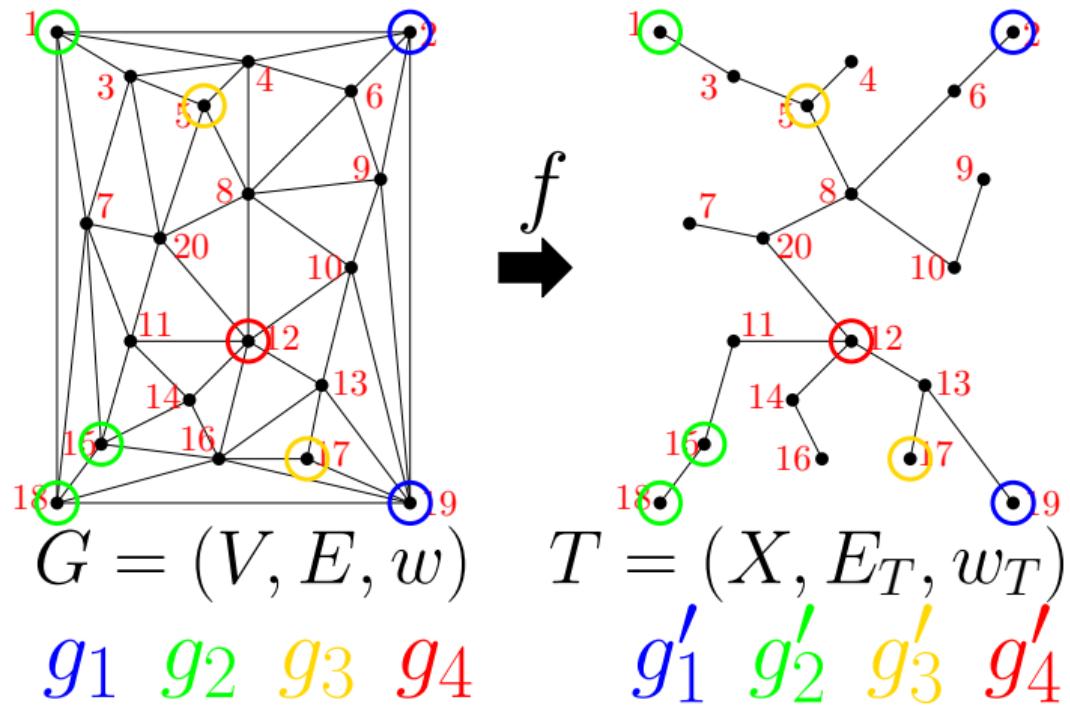
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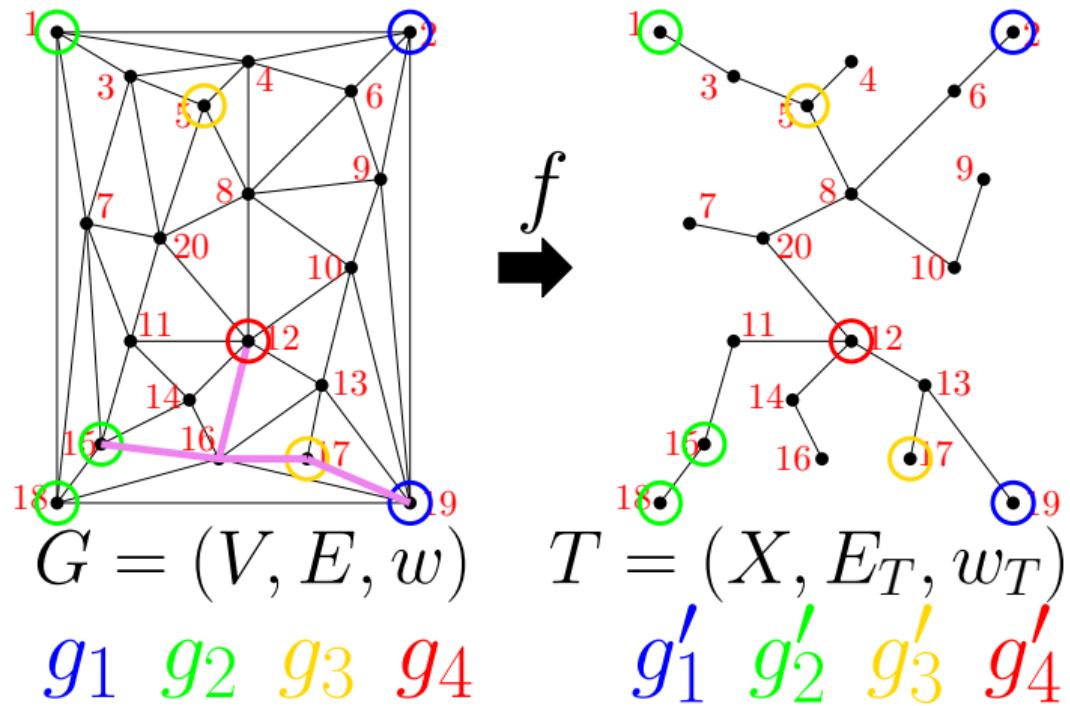
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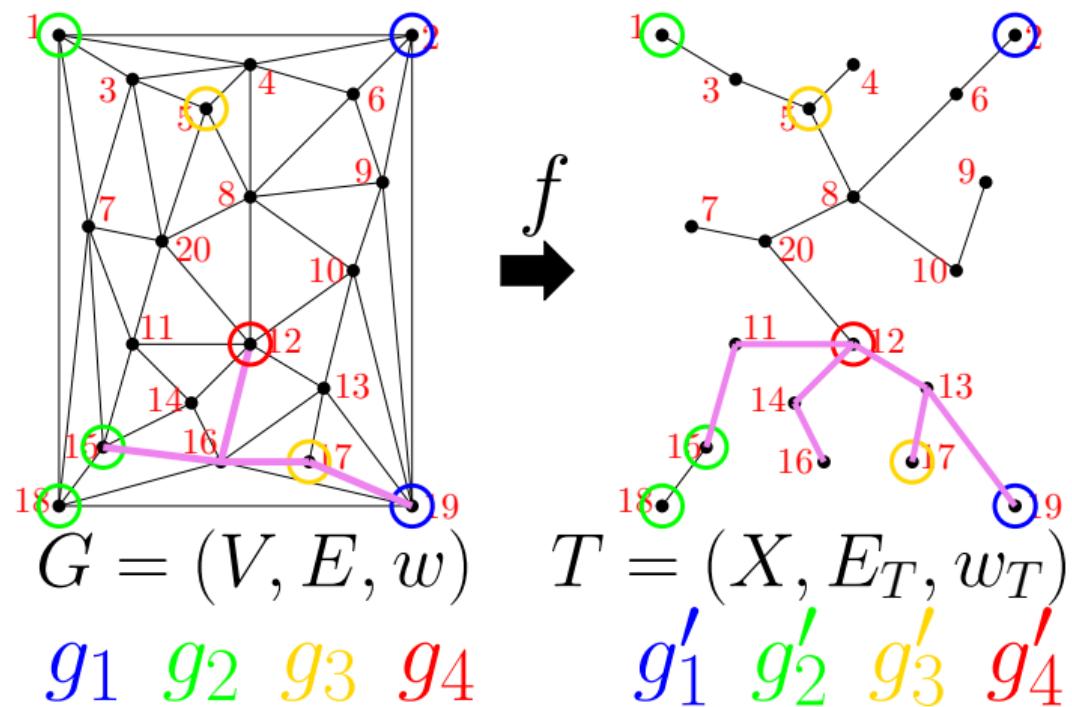


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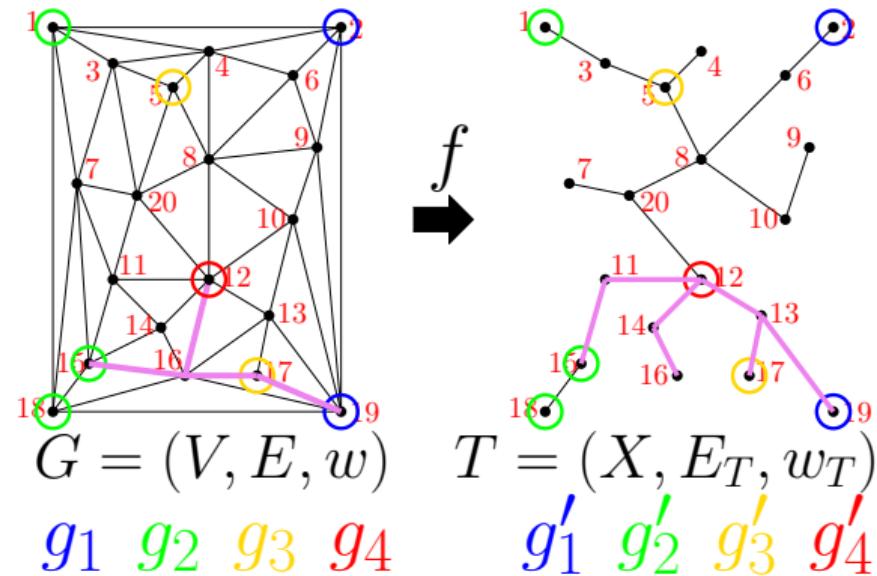


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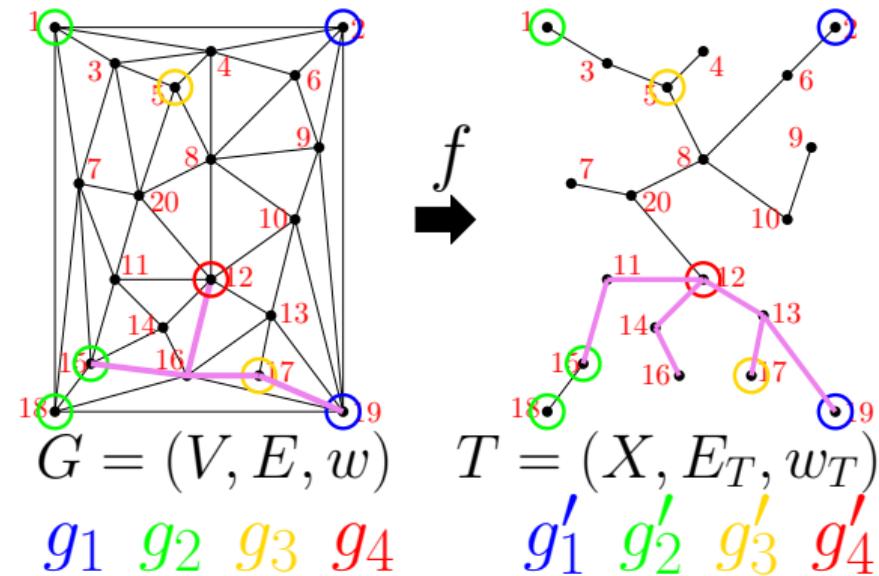
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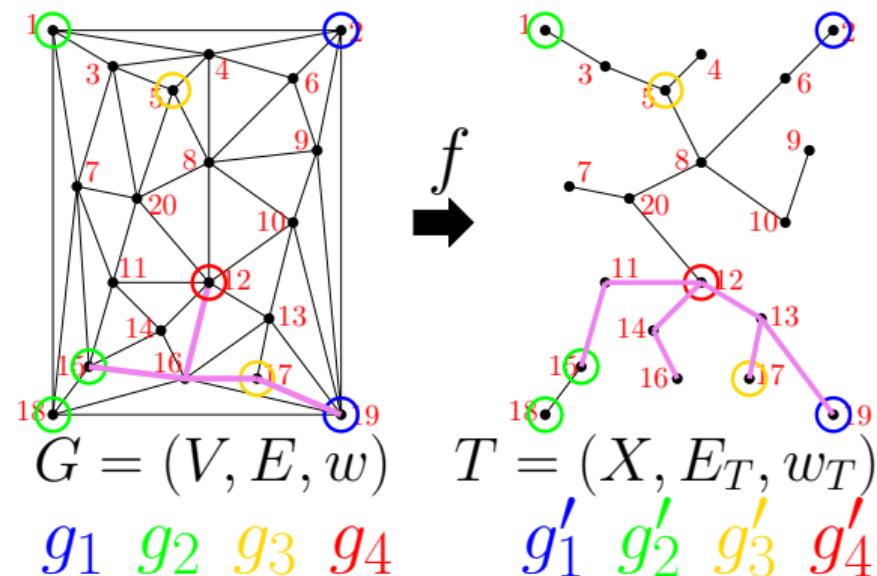
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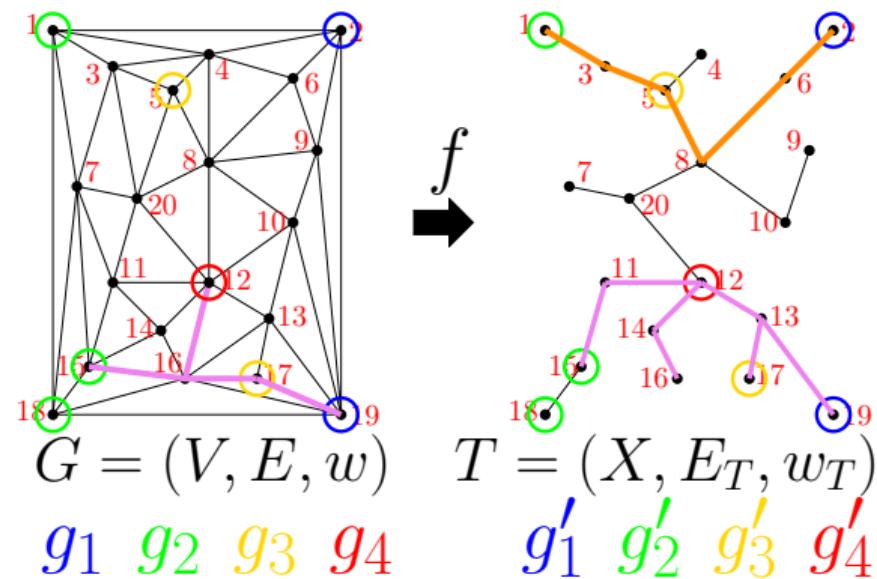
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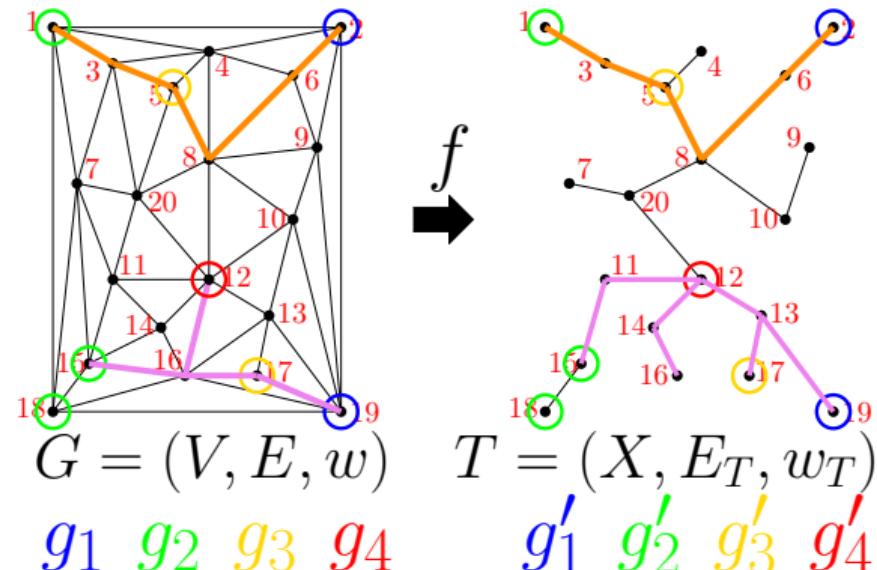
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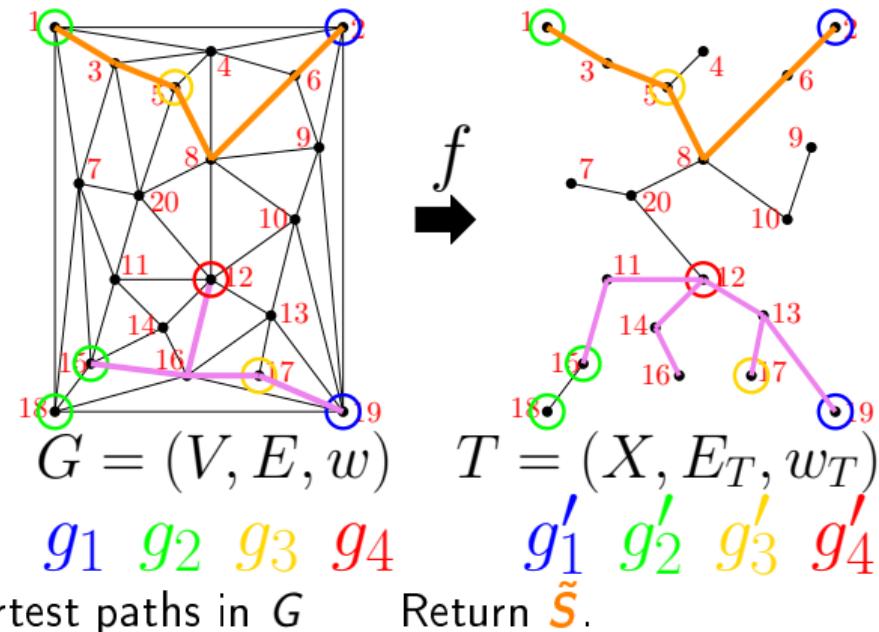
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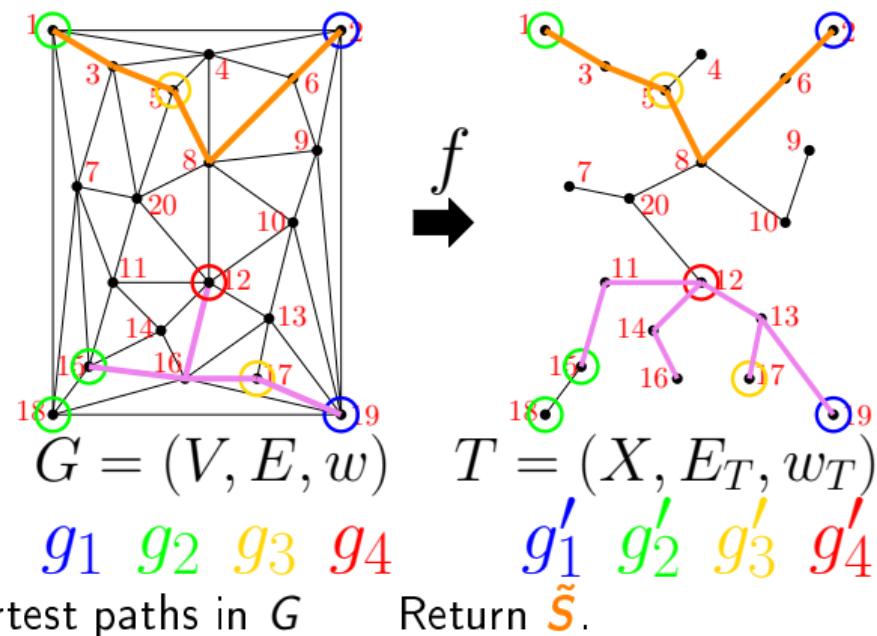
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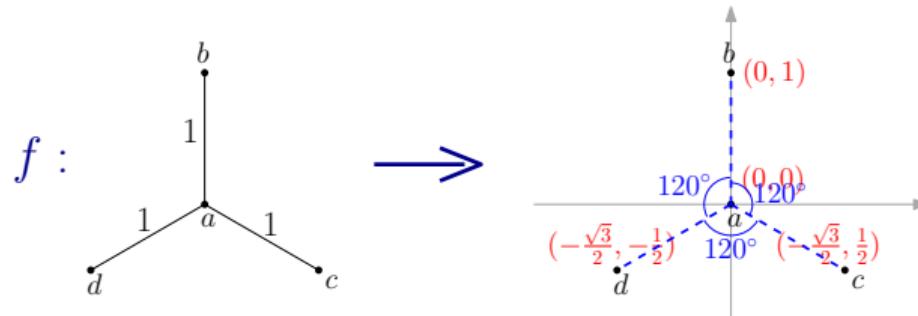
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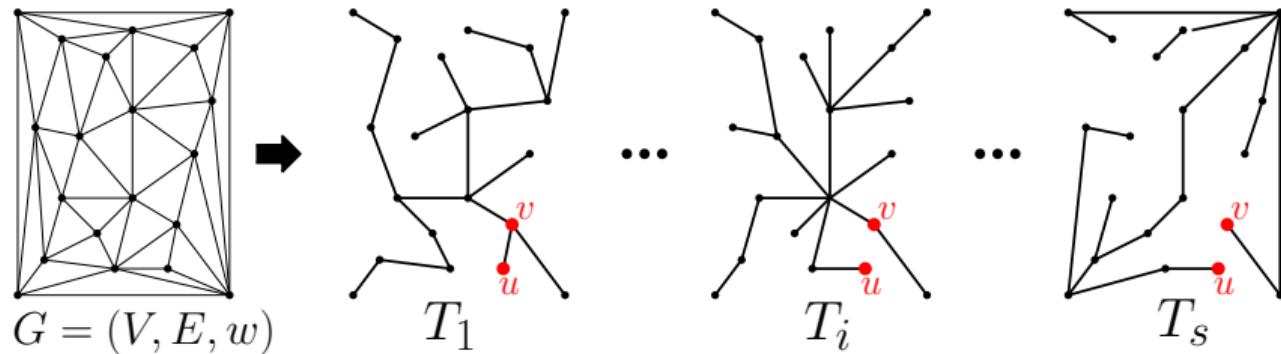
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[Alon, Karp, Peleg, West 95]: Tight!

Distance Oracle construction

Sample $s = 4 \log n$ trees T_1, \dots, T_s . Given x, y return $\text{DO}(x, y) = \min_{i \in [1, s]} d_{T_i}(x, y)$.

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Query time: computing $d_{T_i}(x, y)$ for $i \in [1, s]$.

There is a data structure computing distance in (some) trees in $O(1)$ time.

Overall $O(\log n)$ query time.

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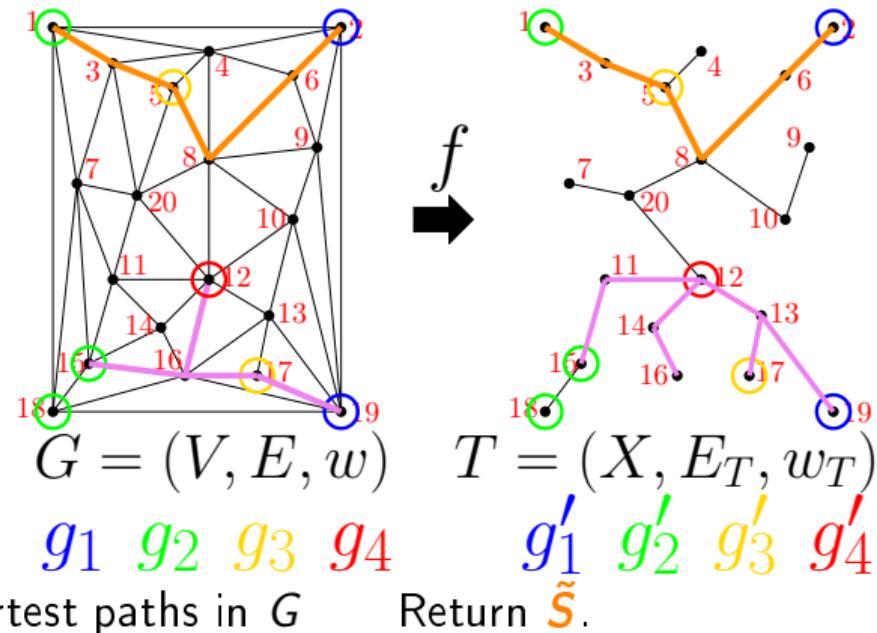
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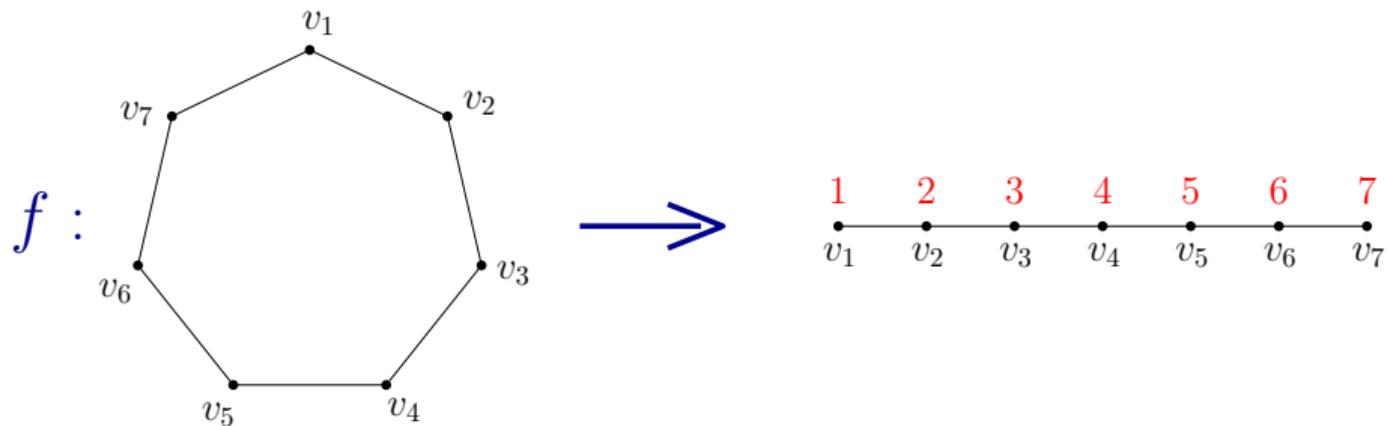
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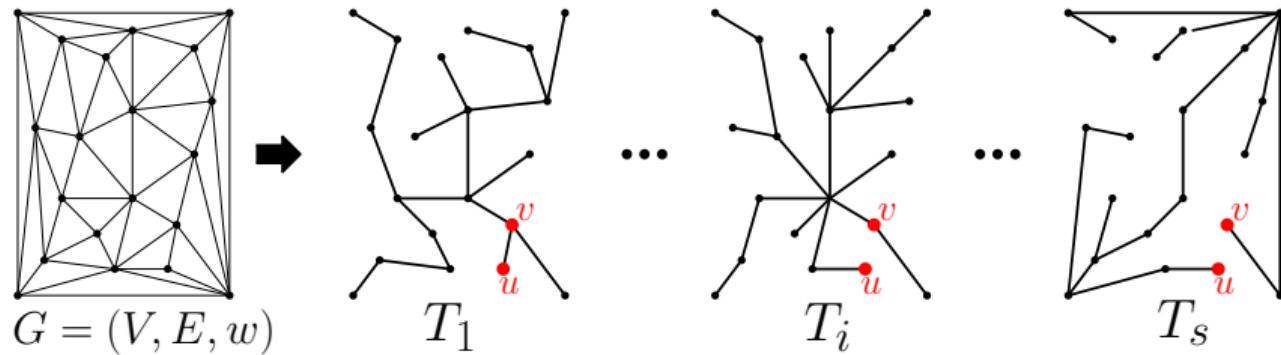


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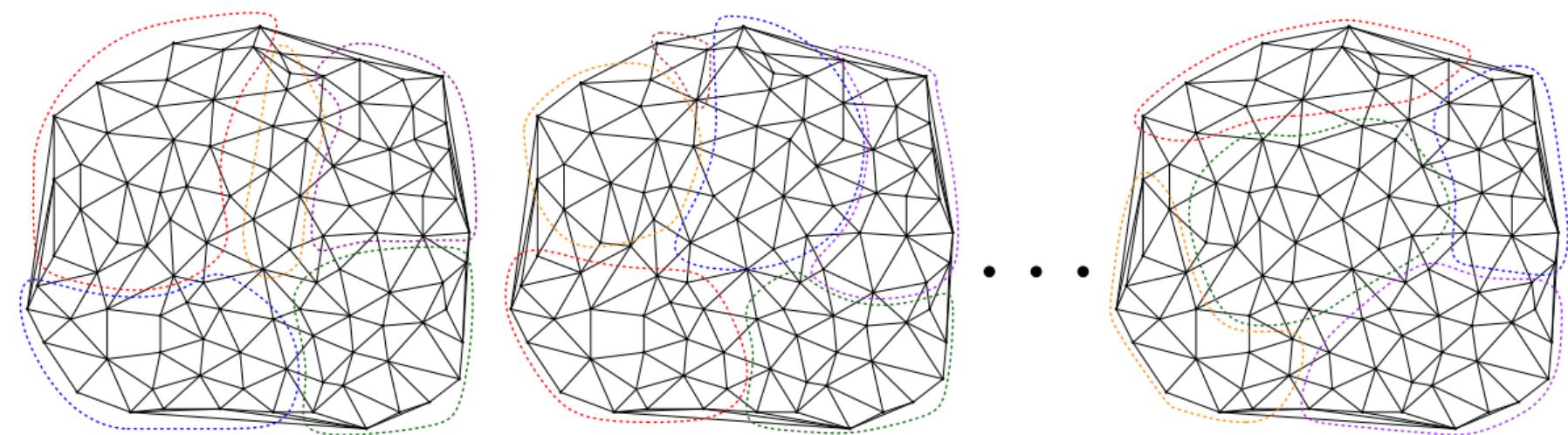
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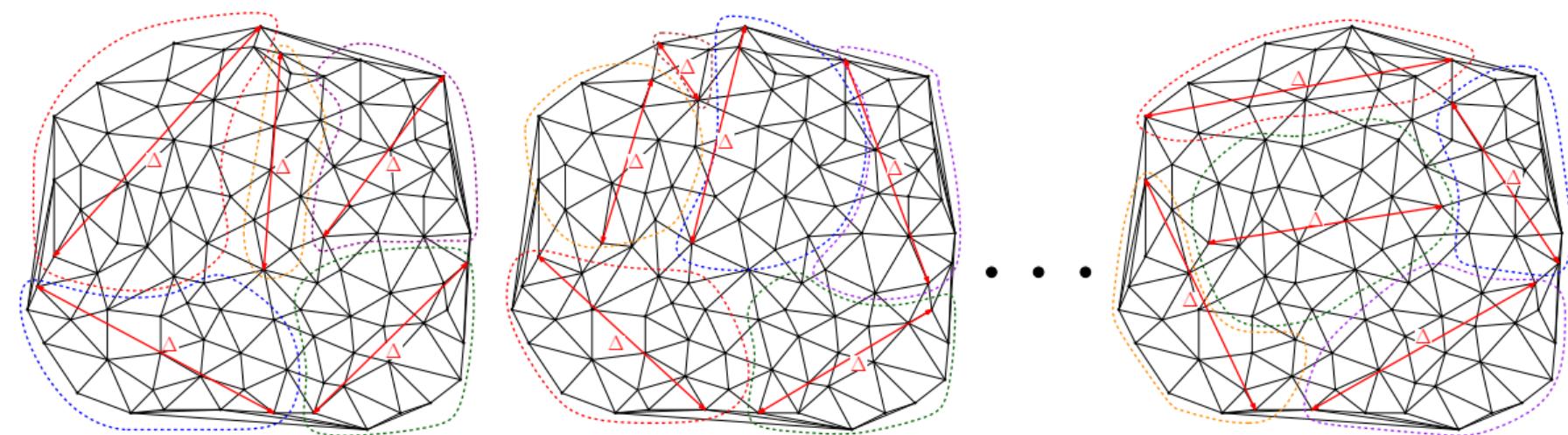


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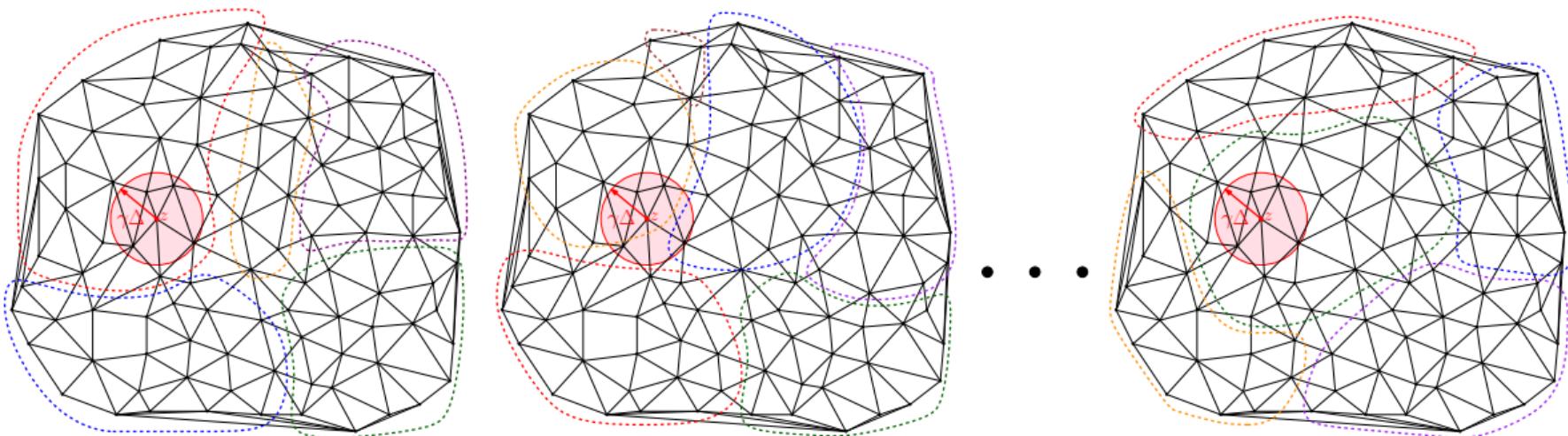


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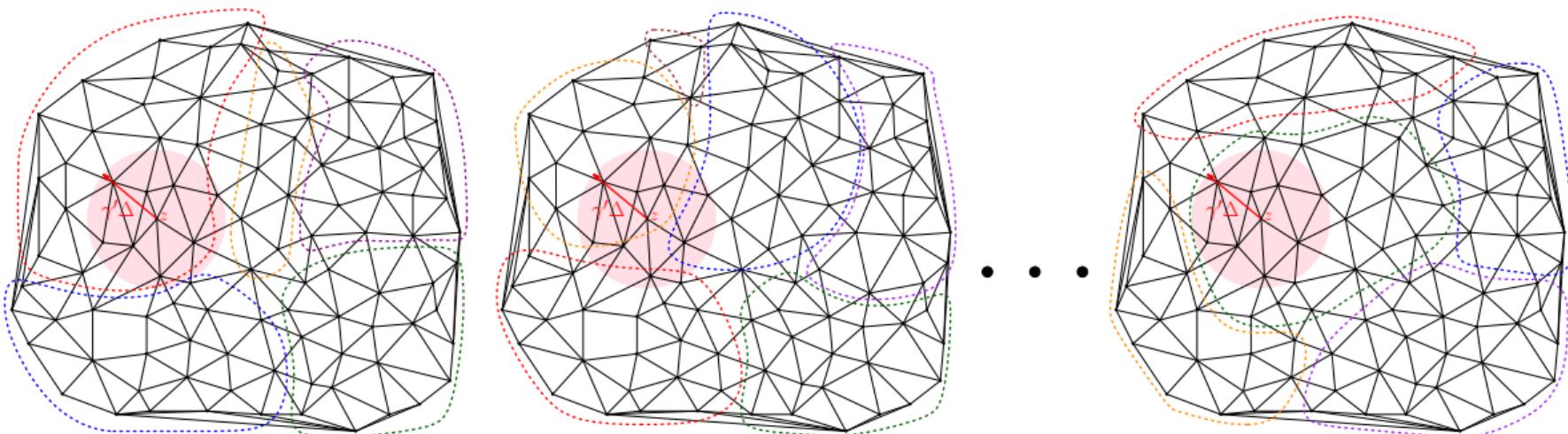


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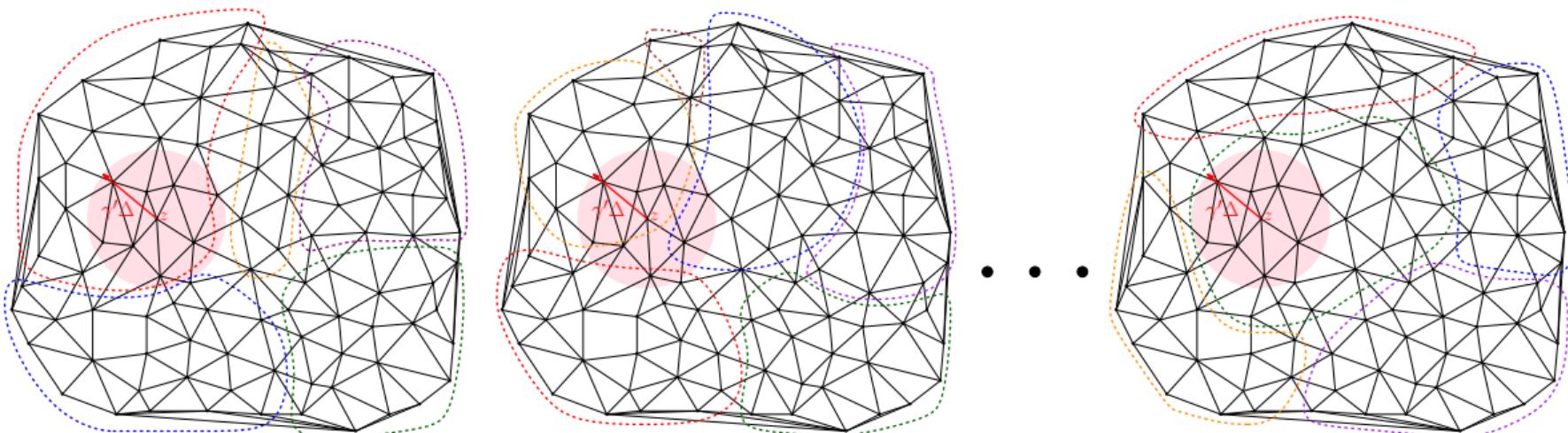


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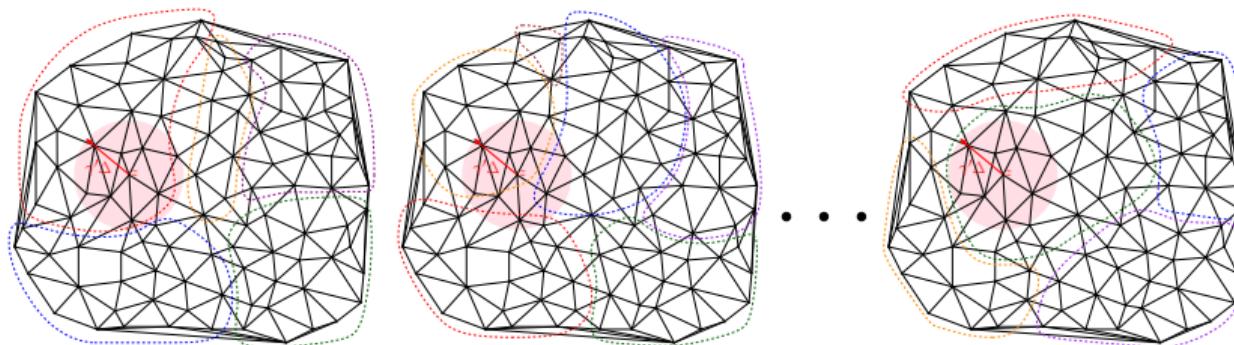
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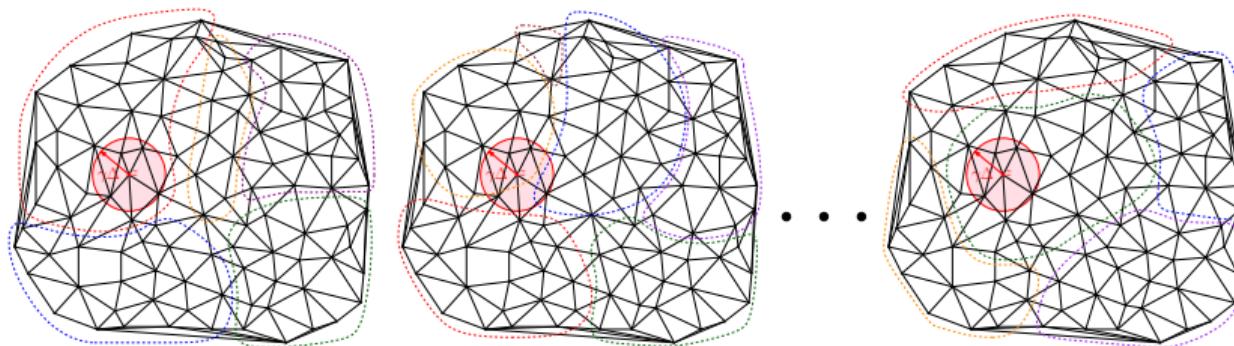
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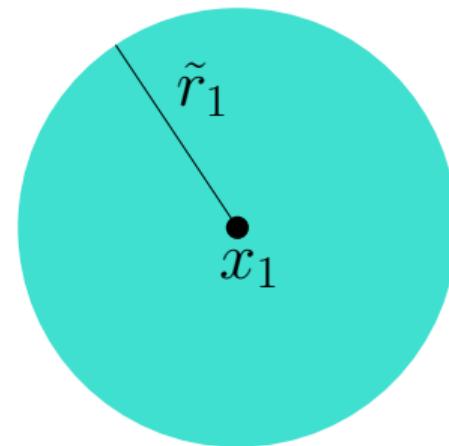
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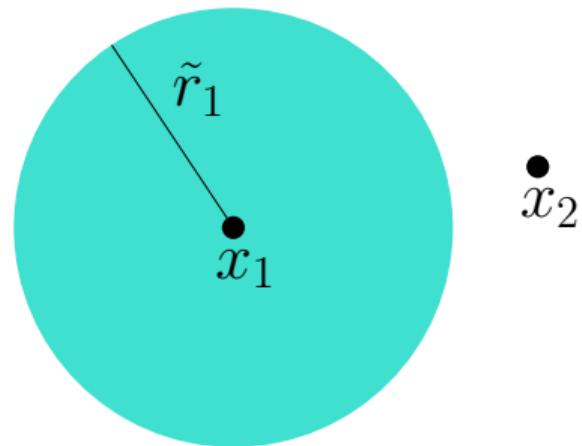


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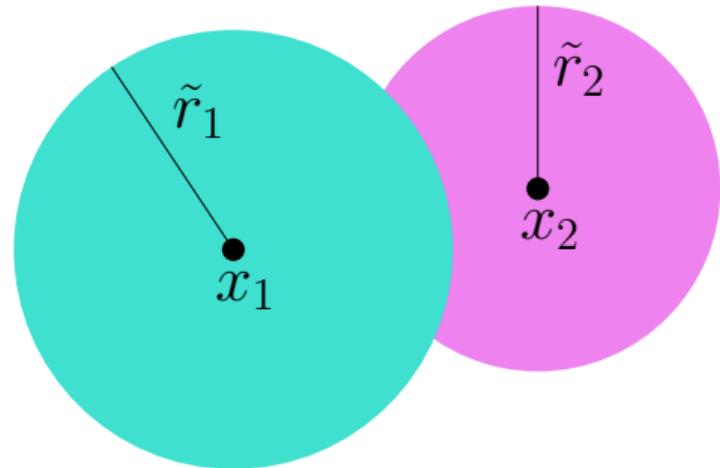


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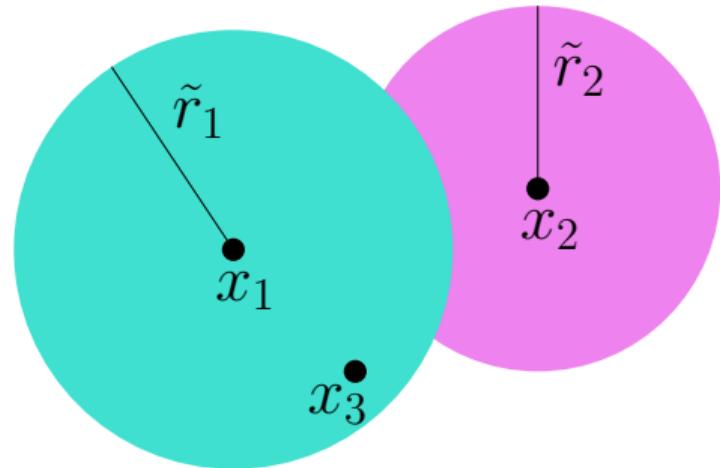


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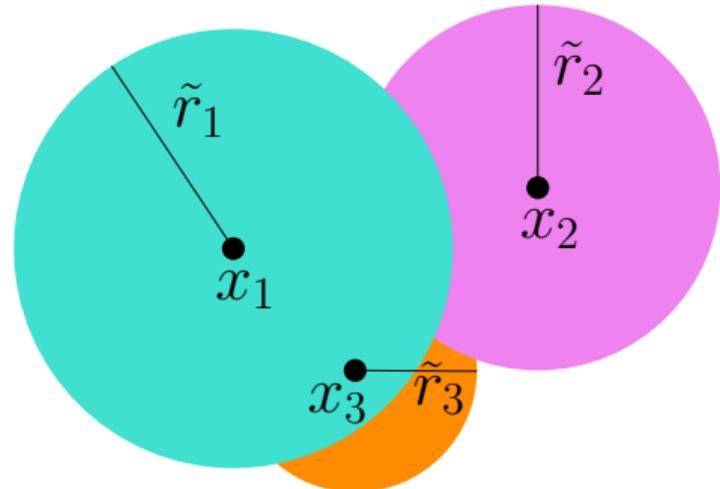


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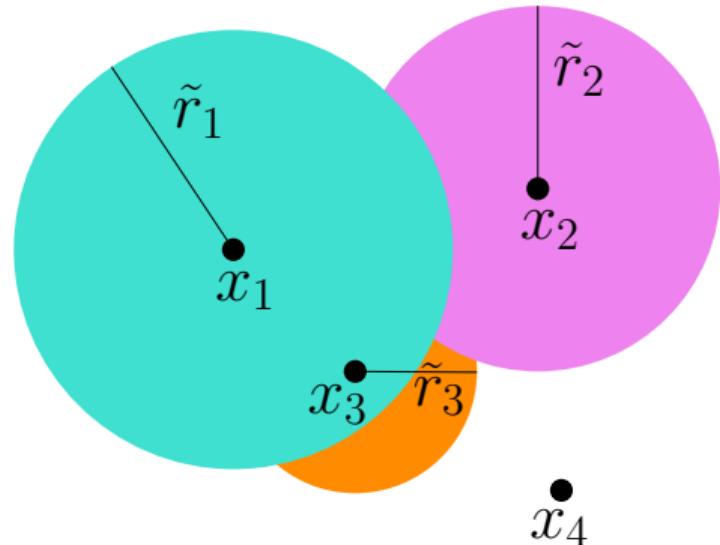


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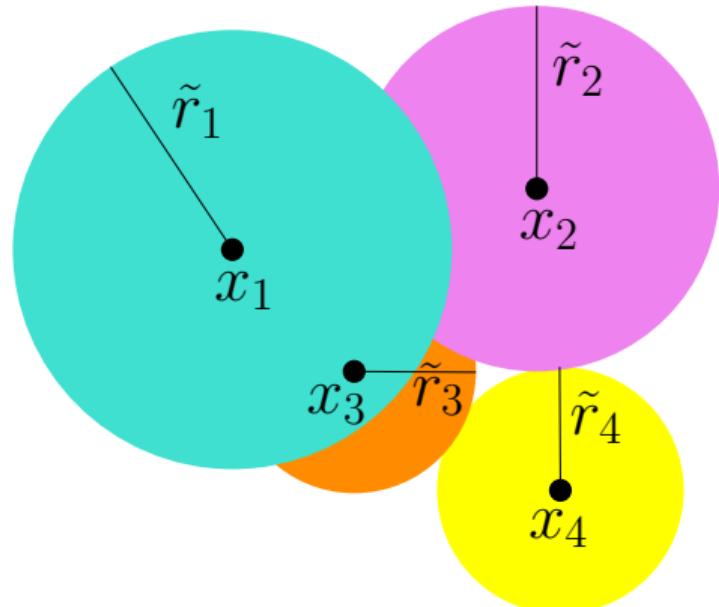


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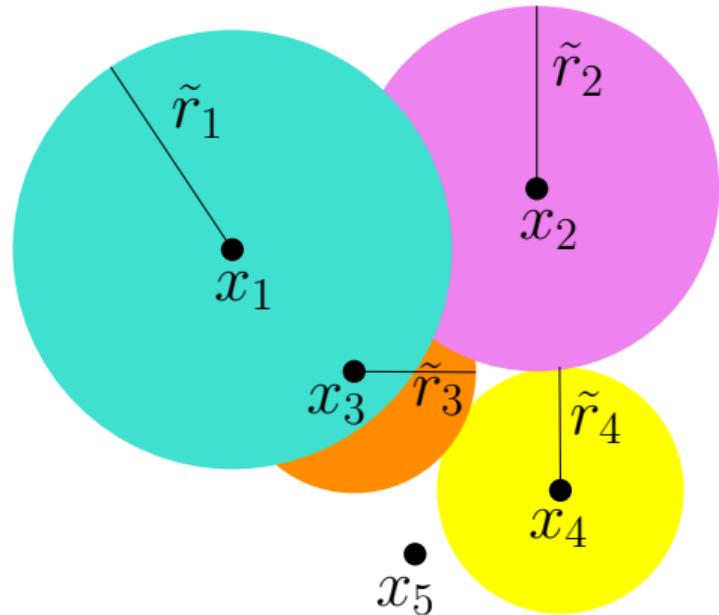


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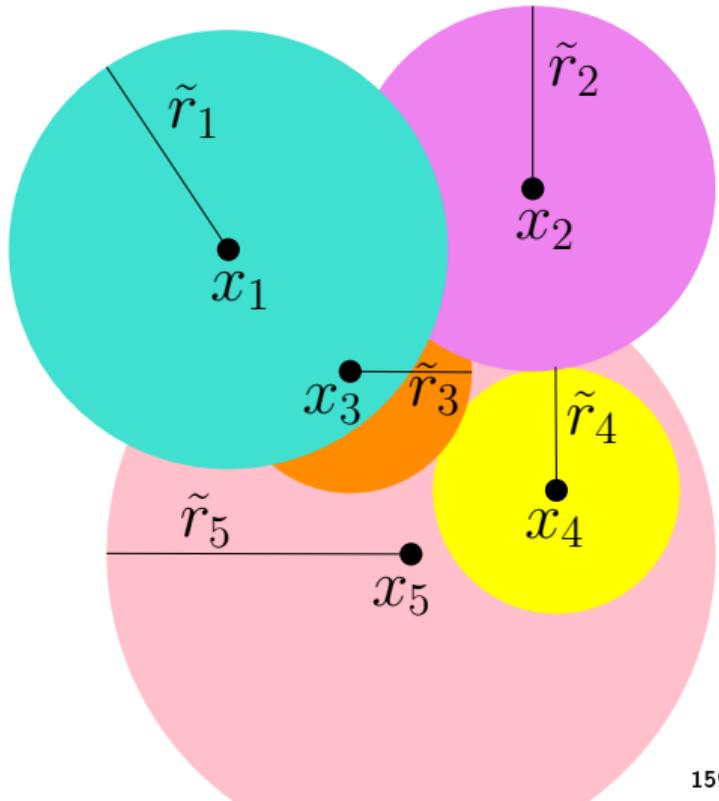


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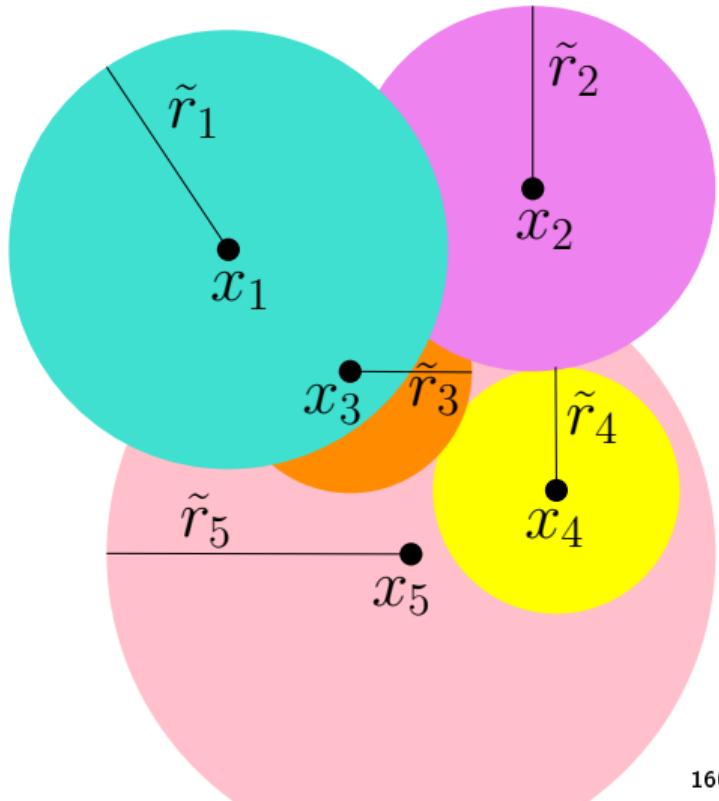
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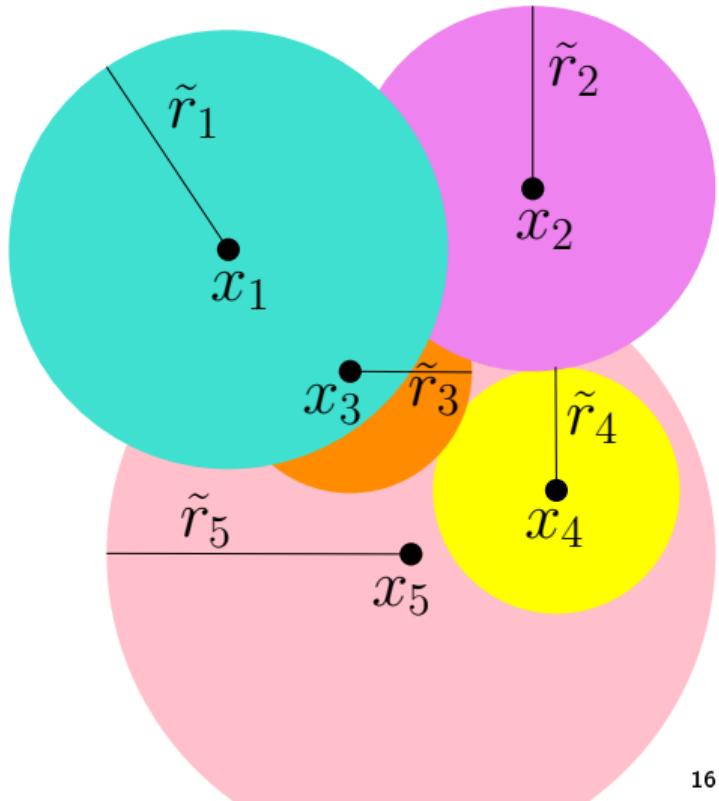
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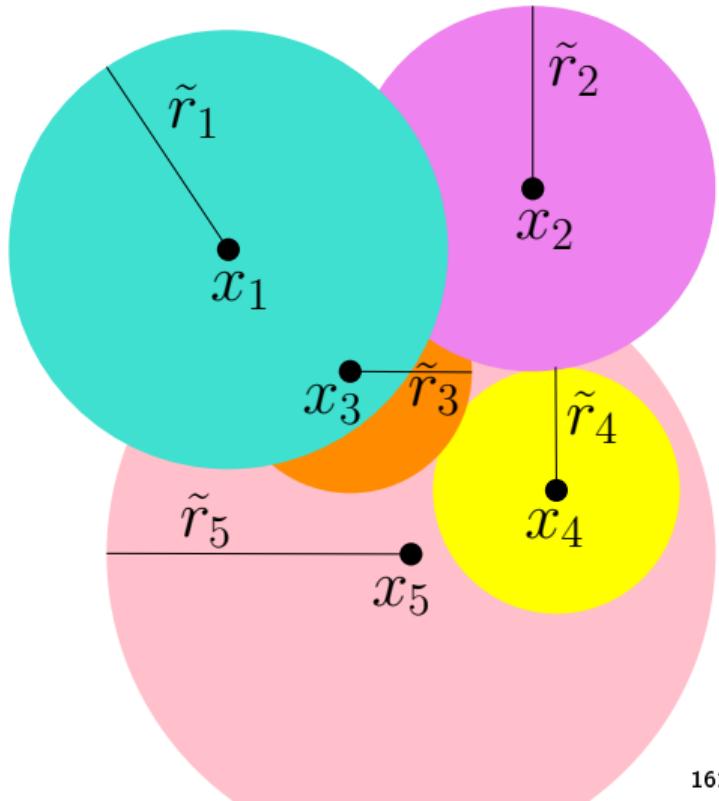
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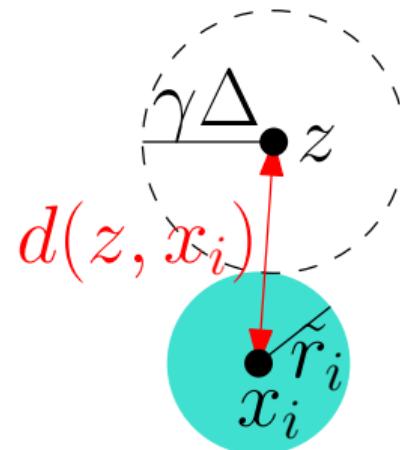


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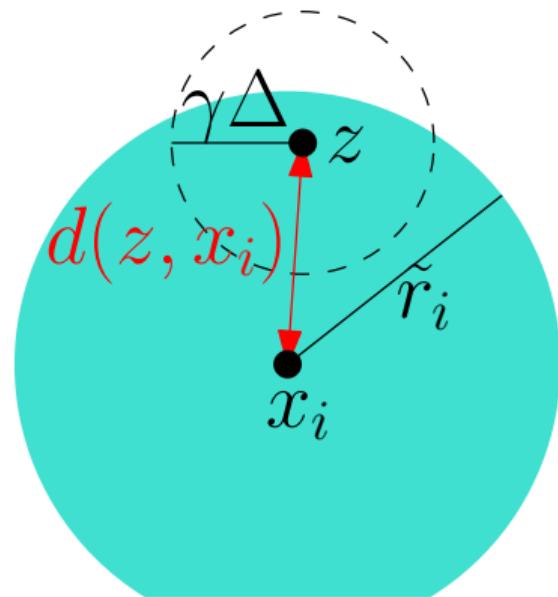
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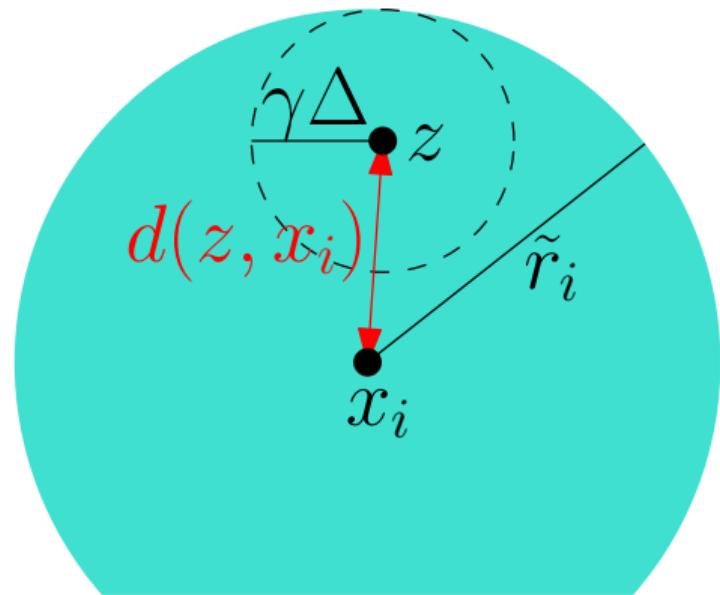
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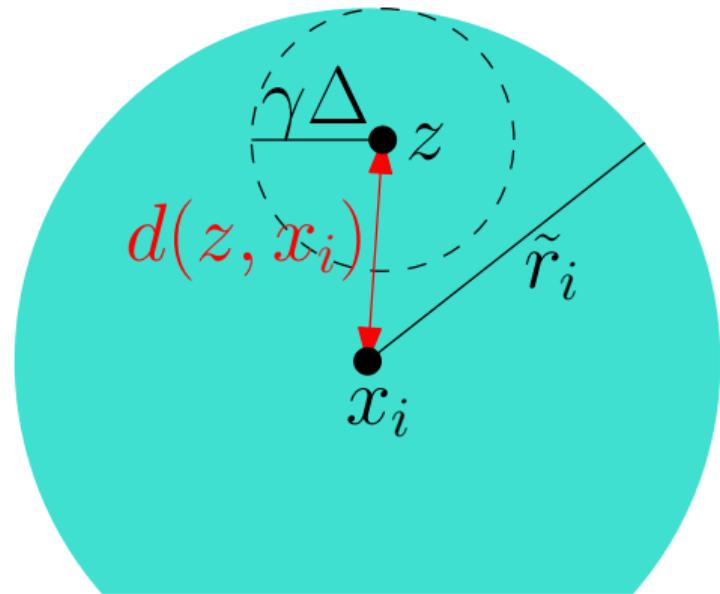
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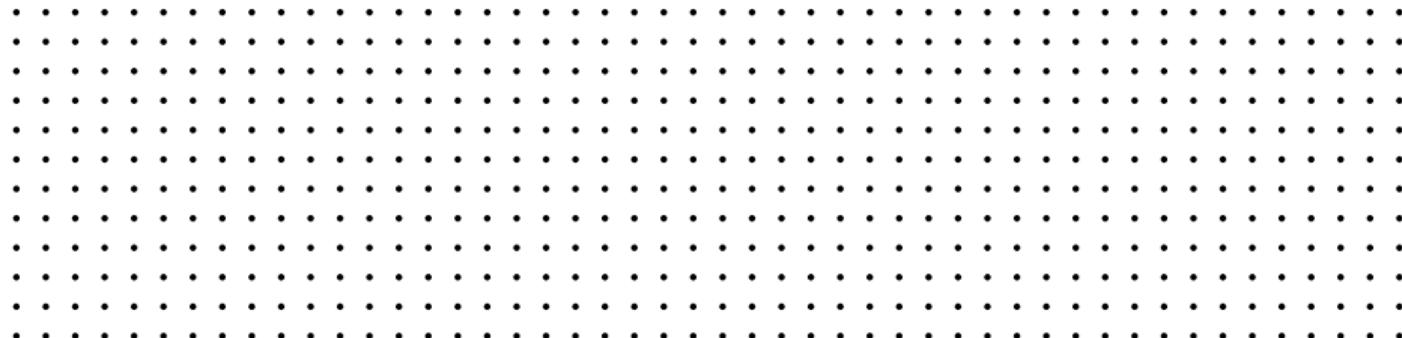
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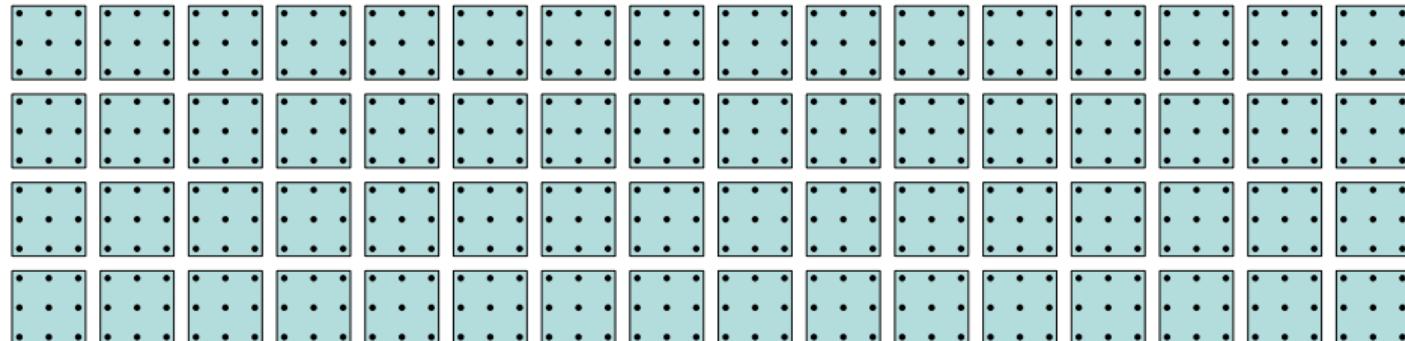
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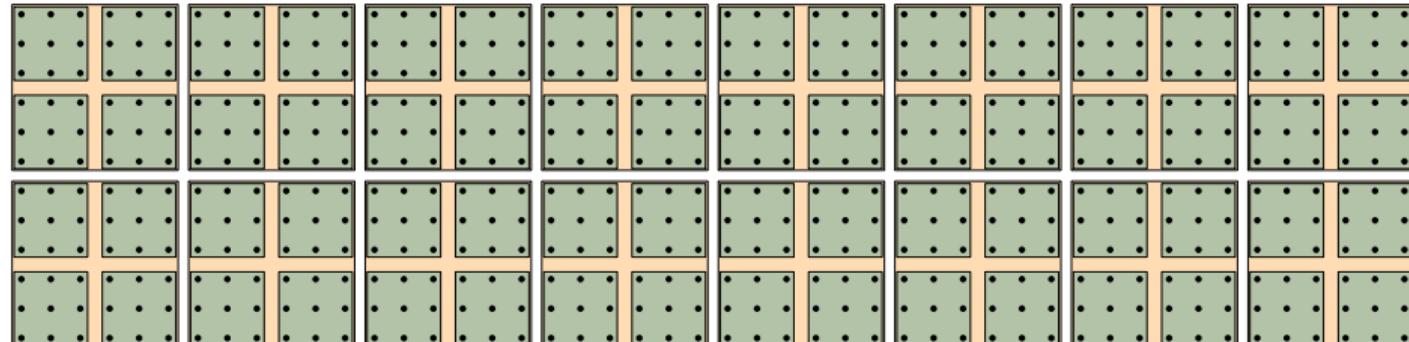
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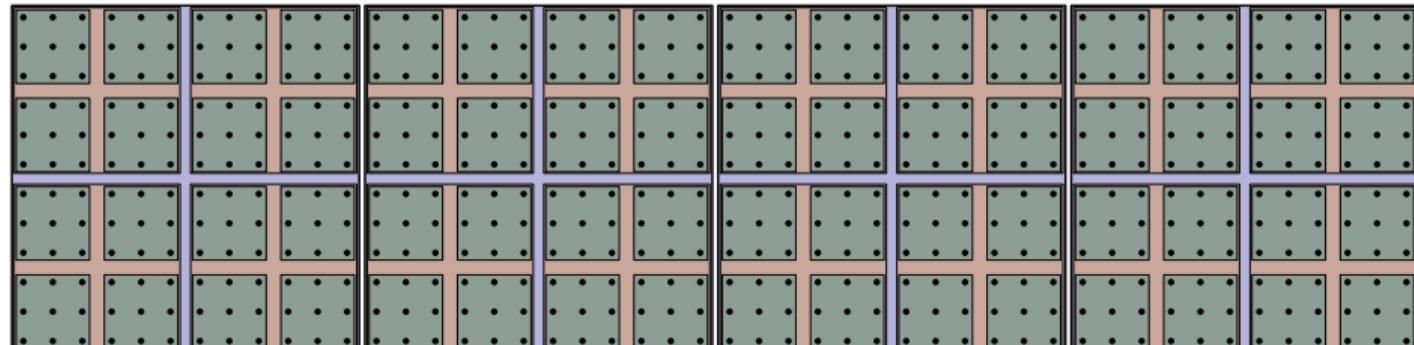
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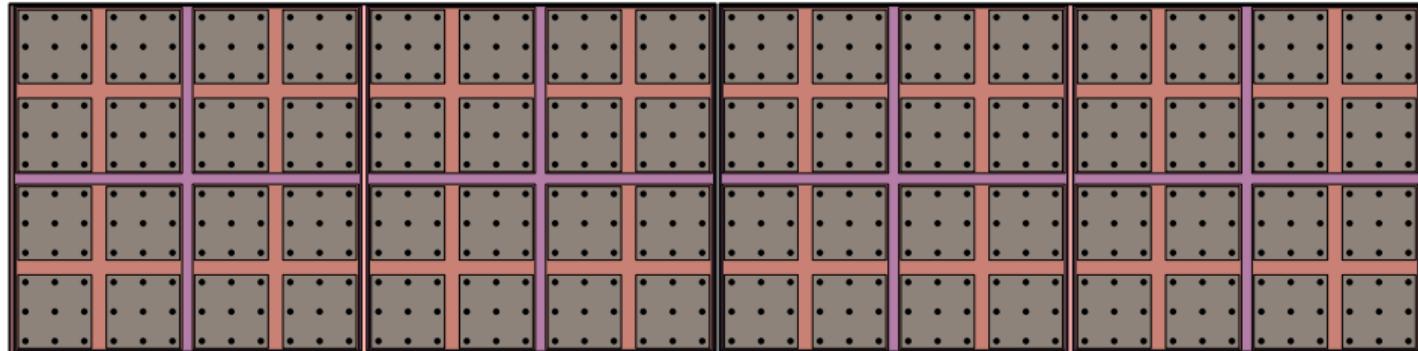
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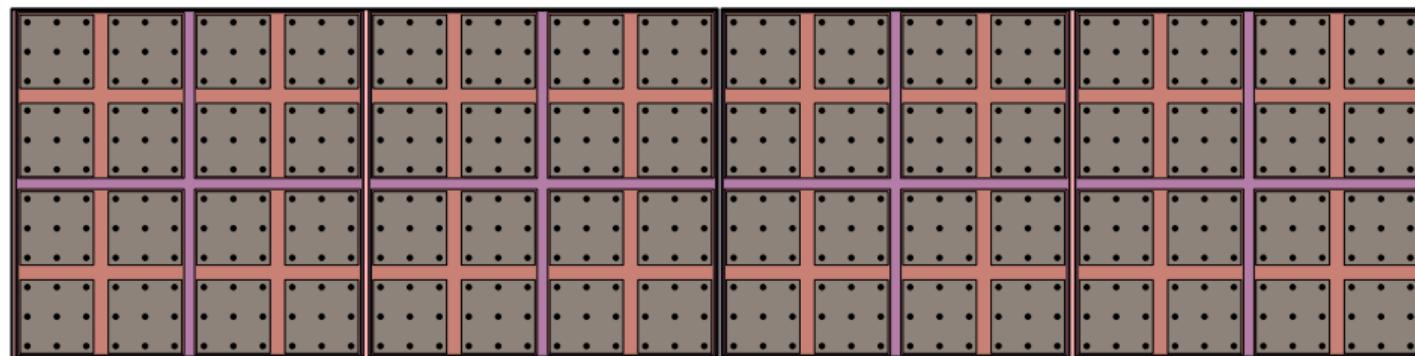
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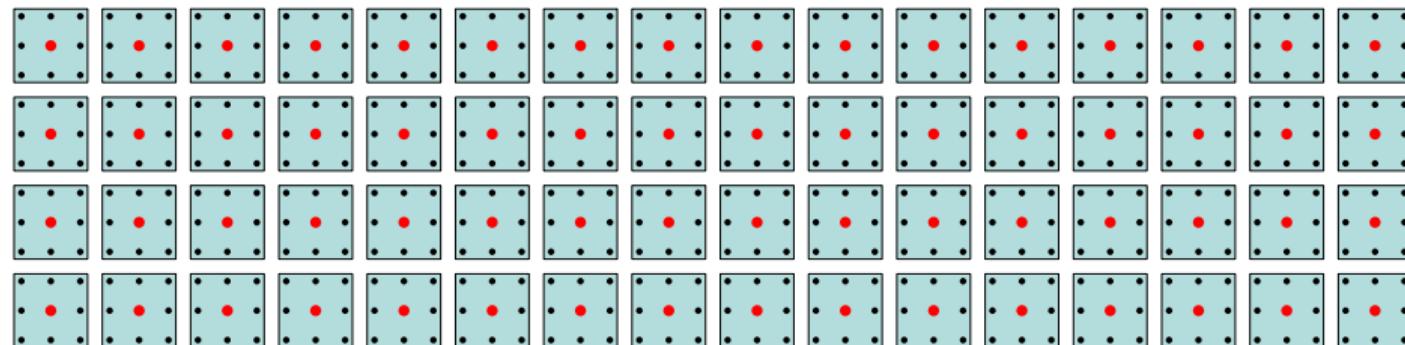
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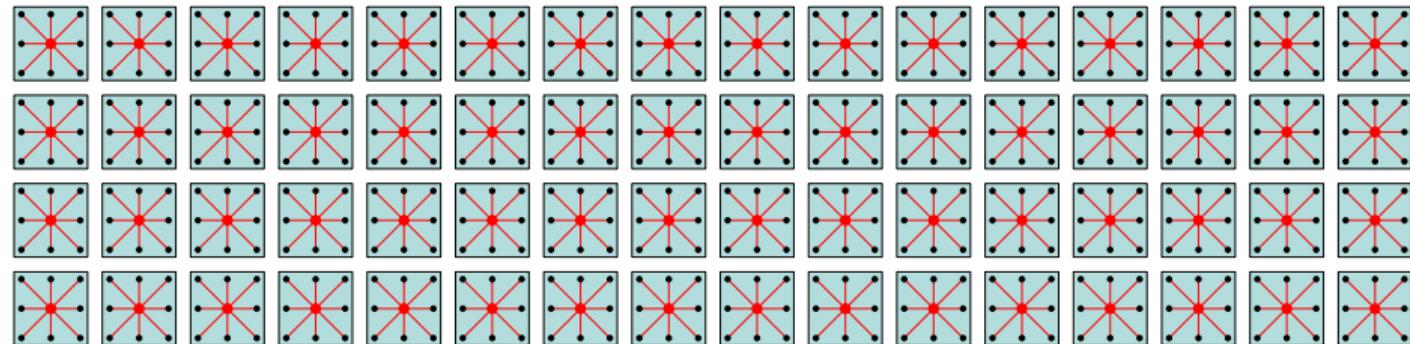
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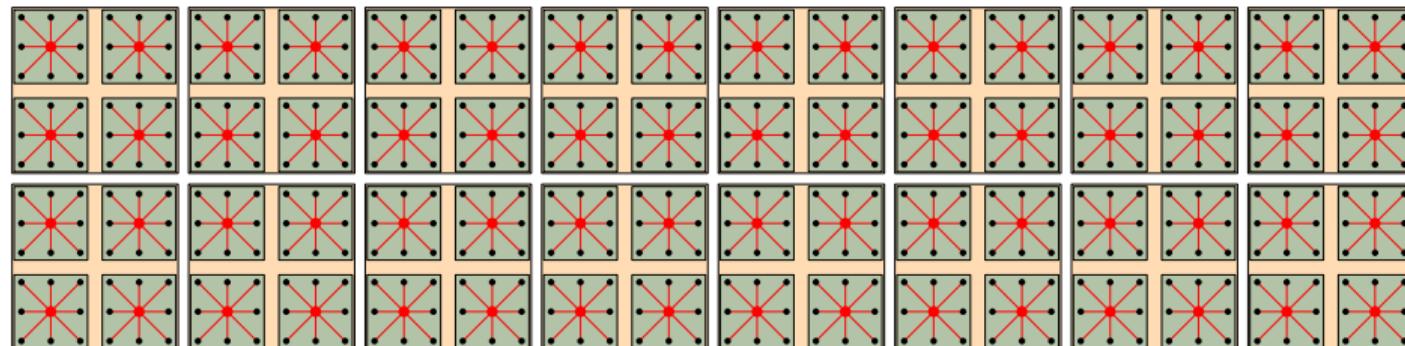
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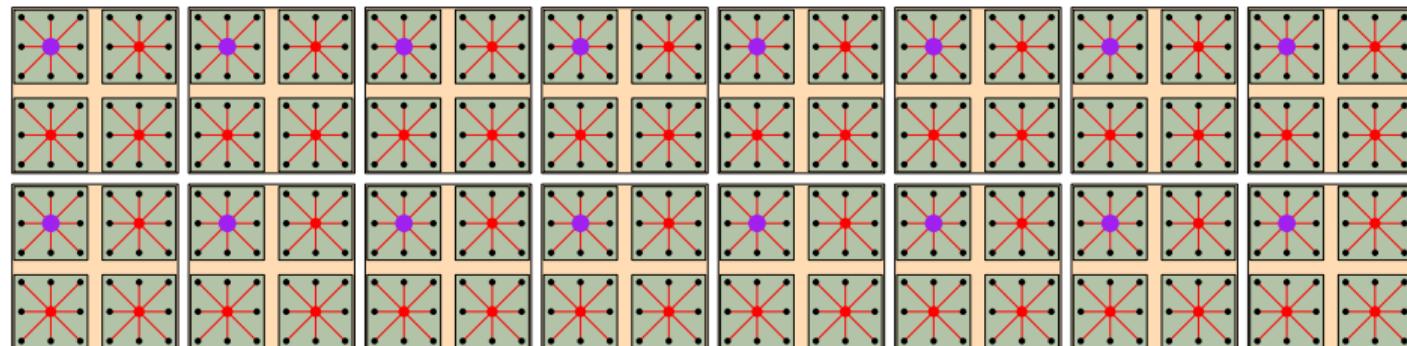
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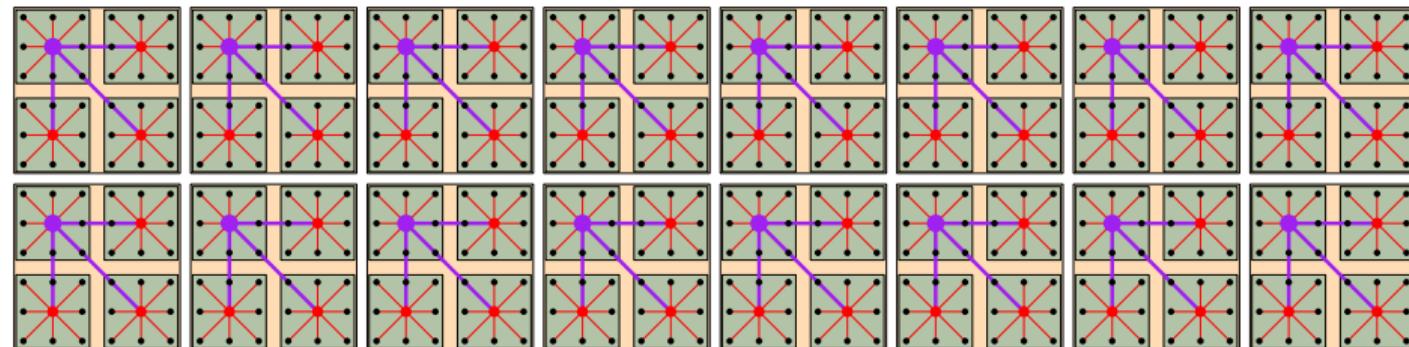
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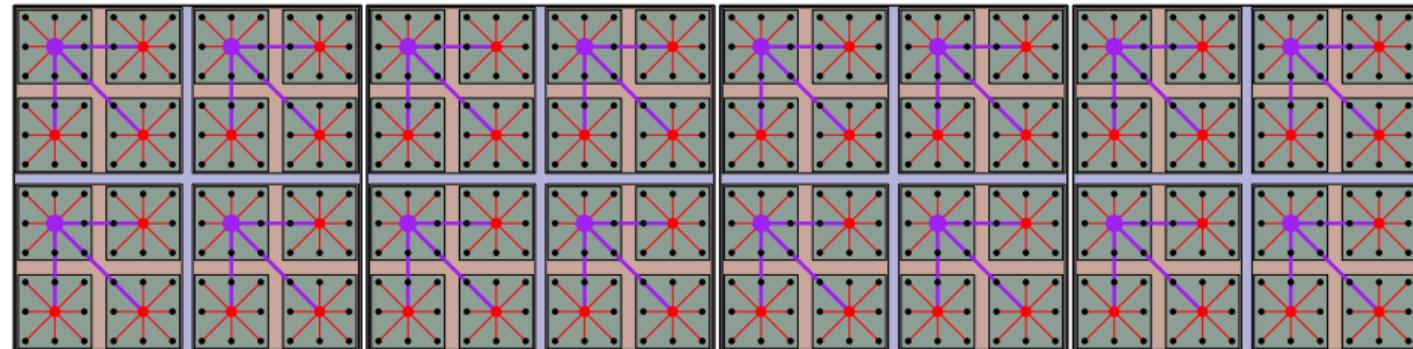
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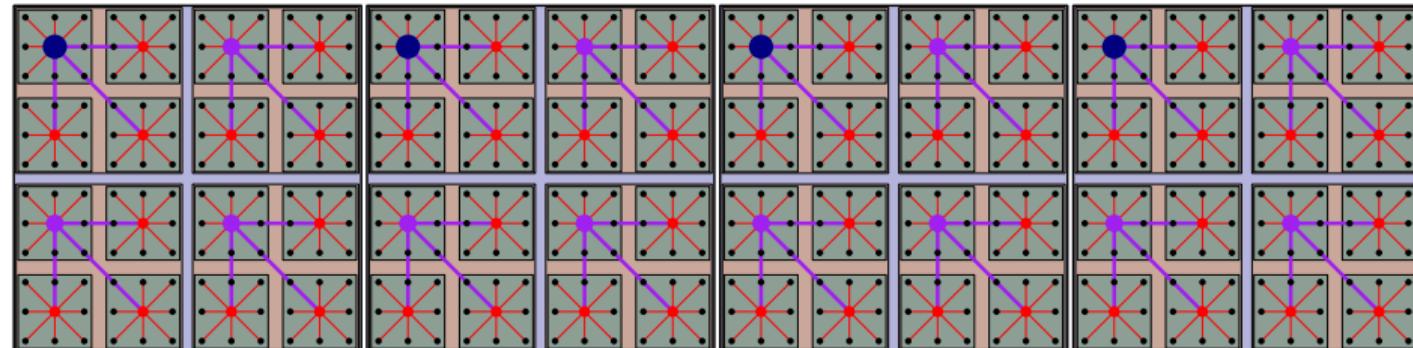
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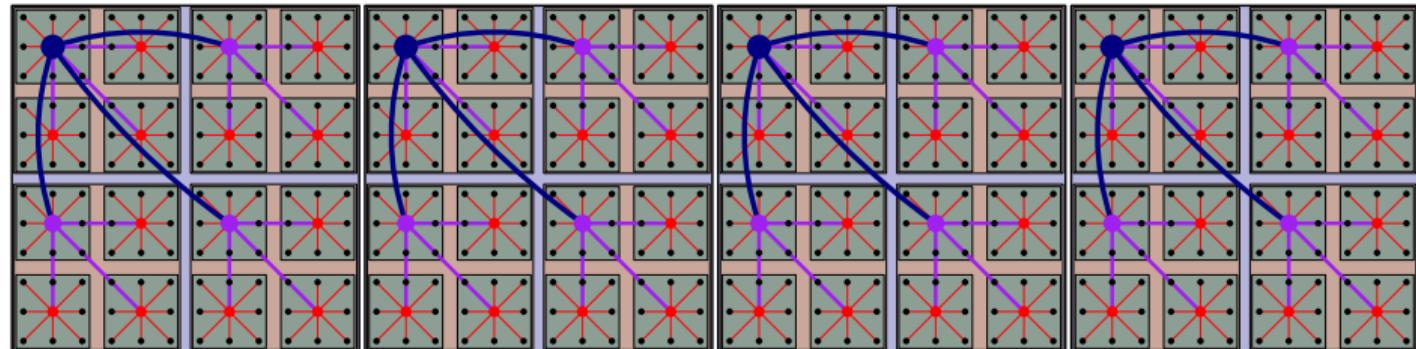
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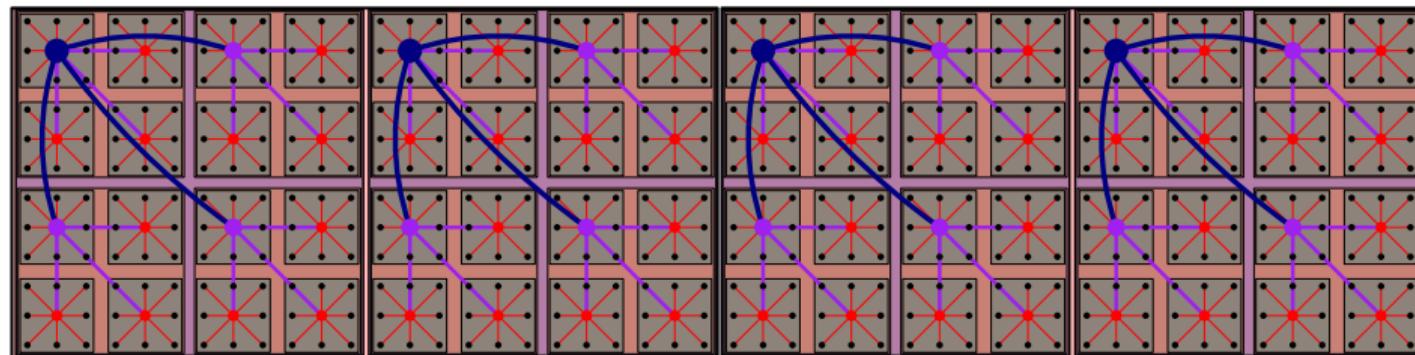
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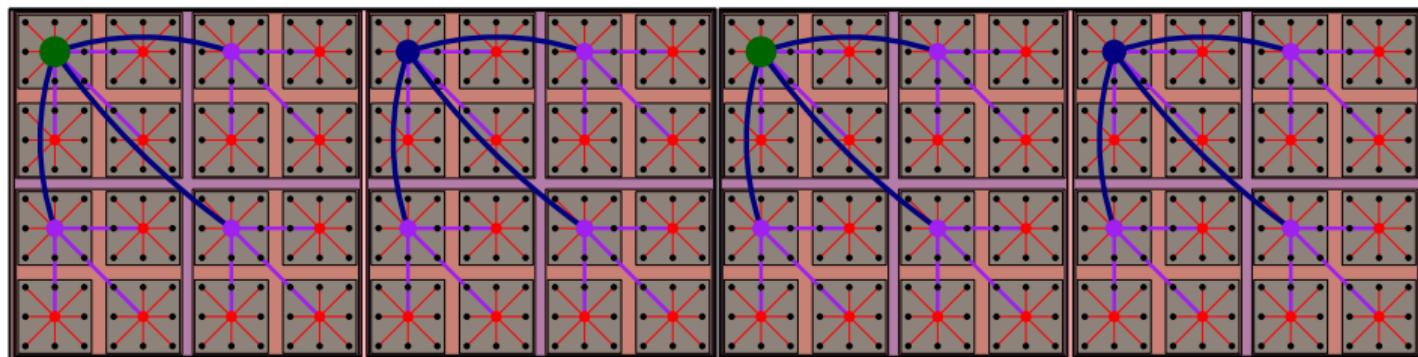
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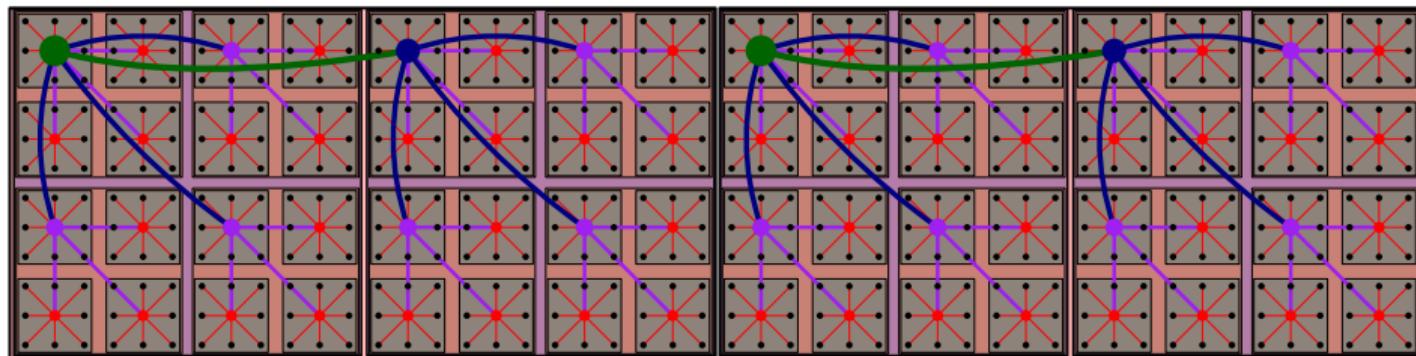
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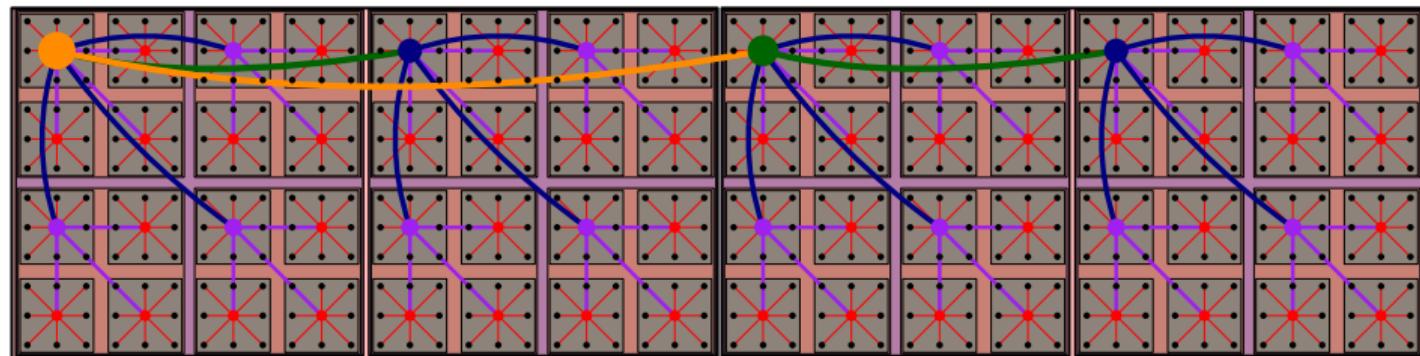
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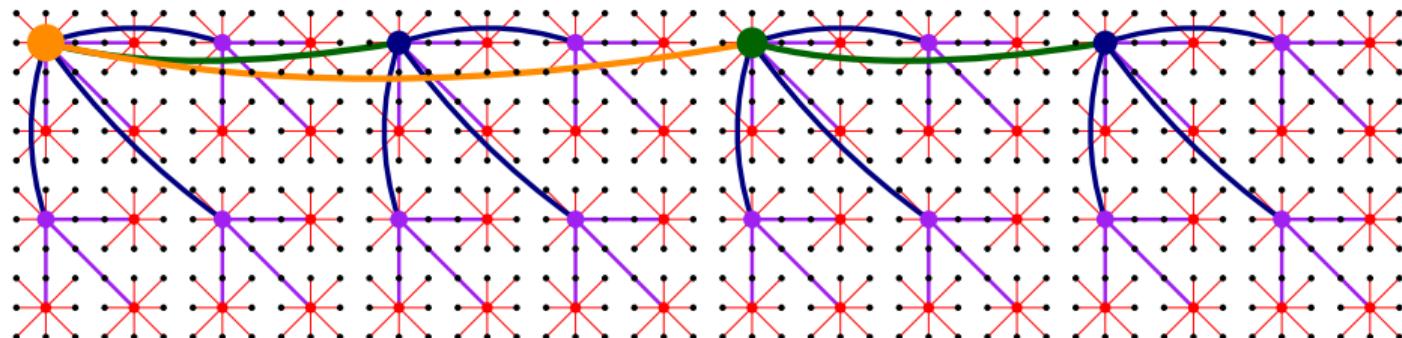
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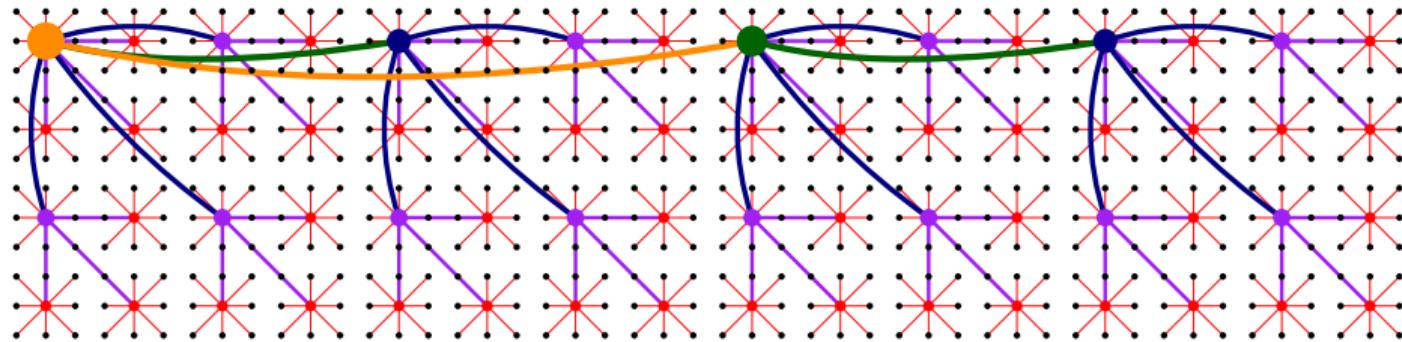
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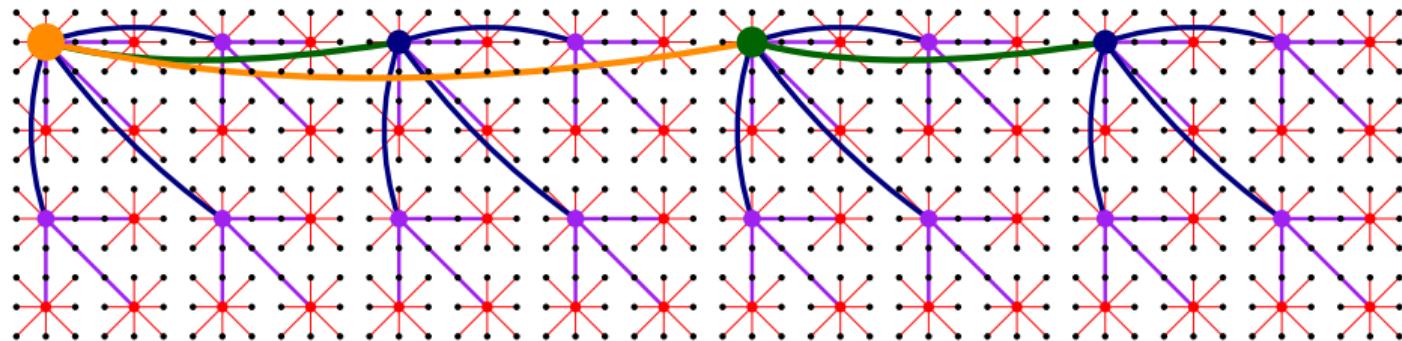


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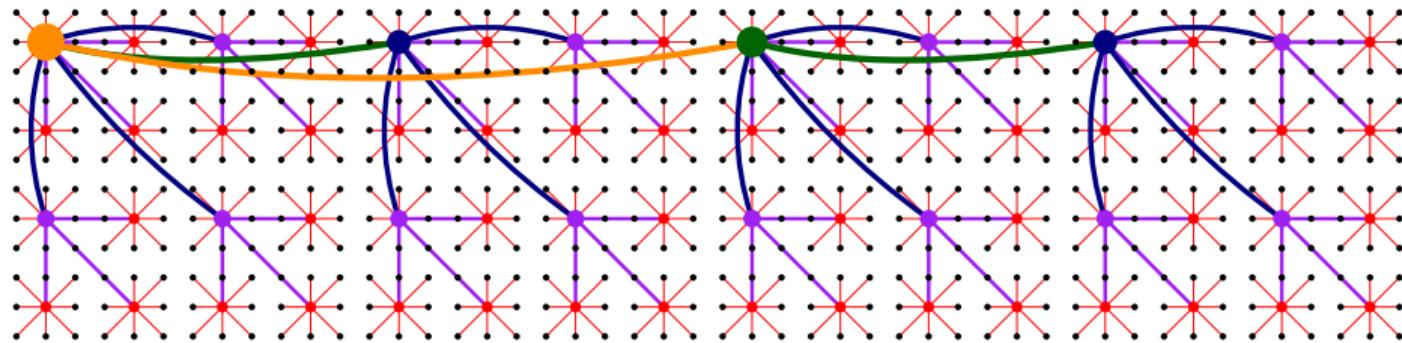
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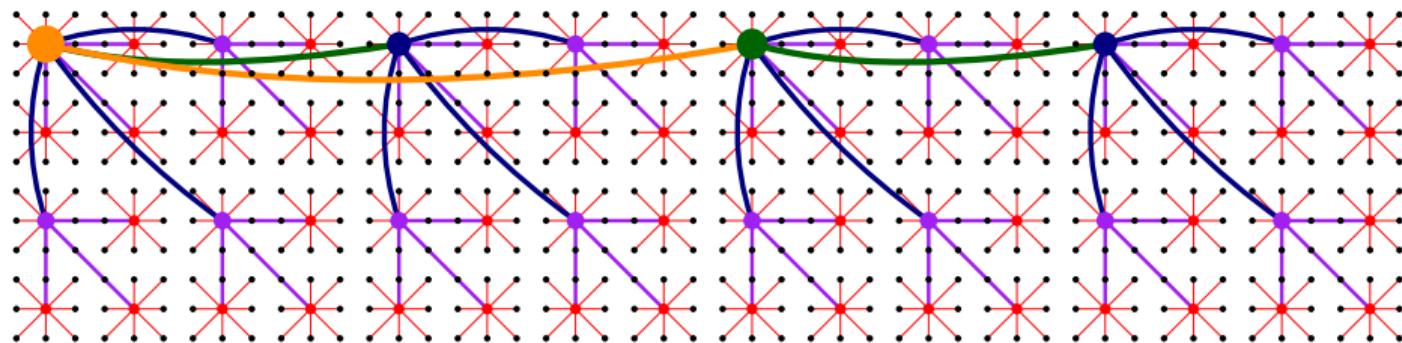
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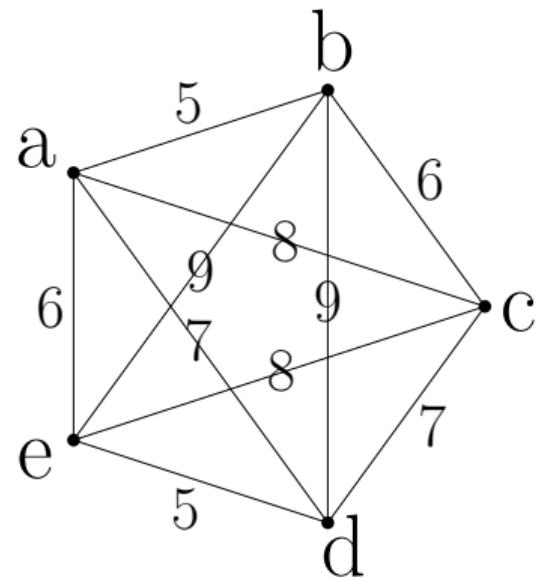
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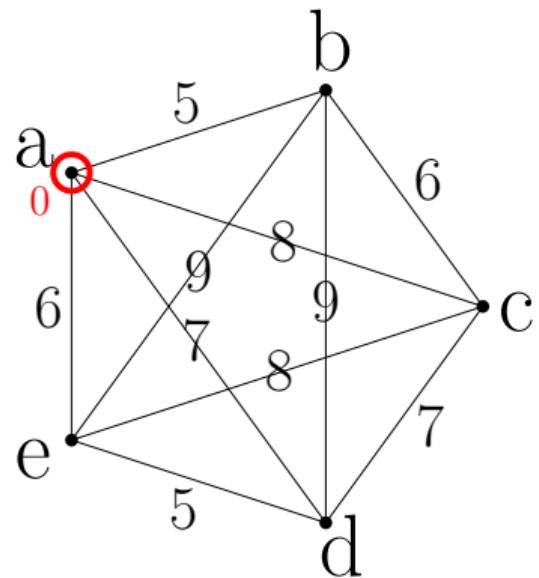
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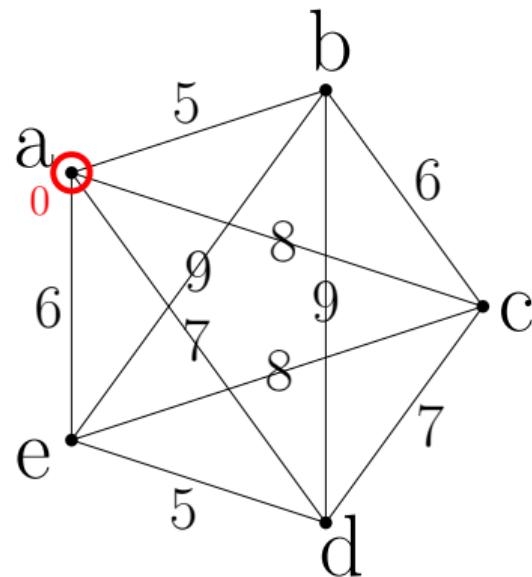
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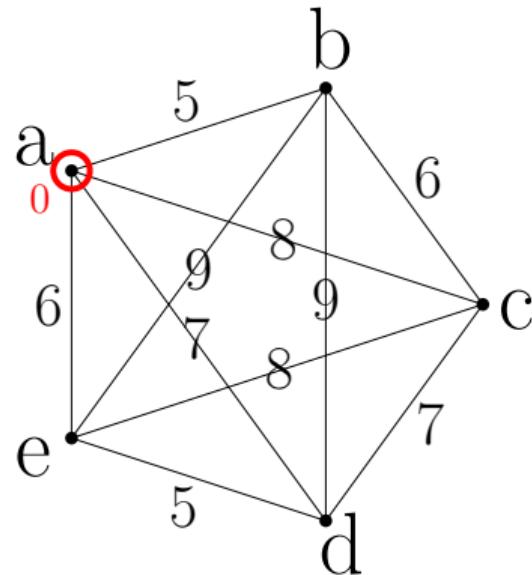
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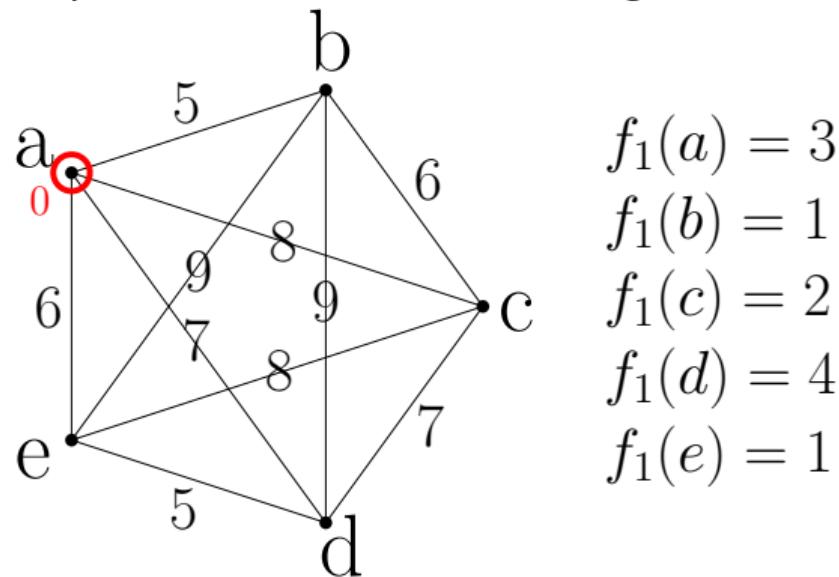
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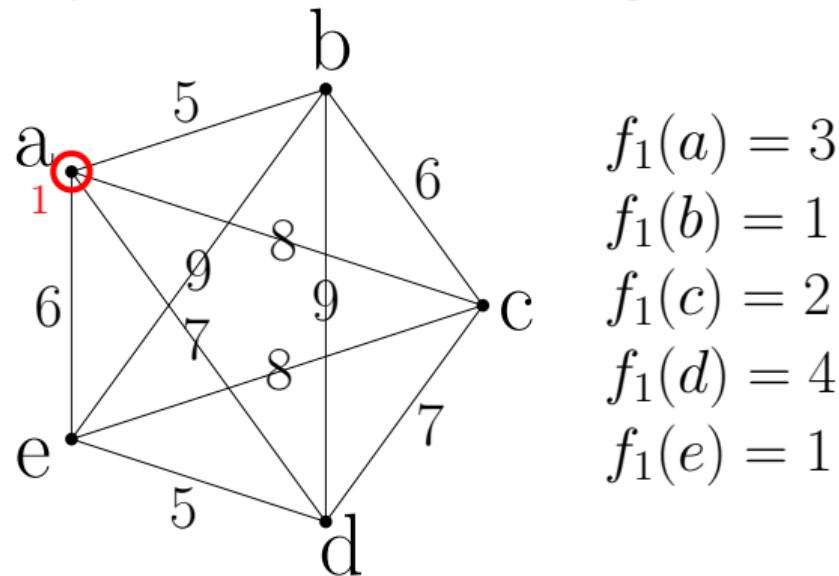
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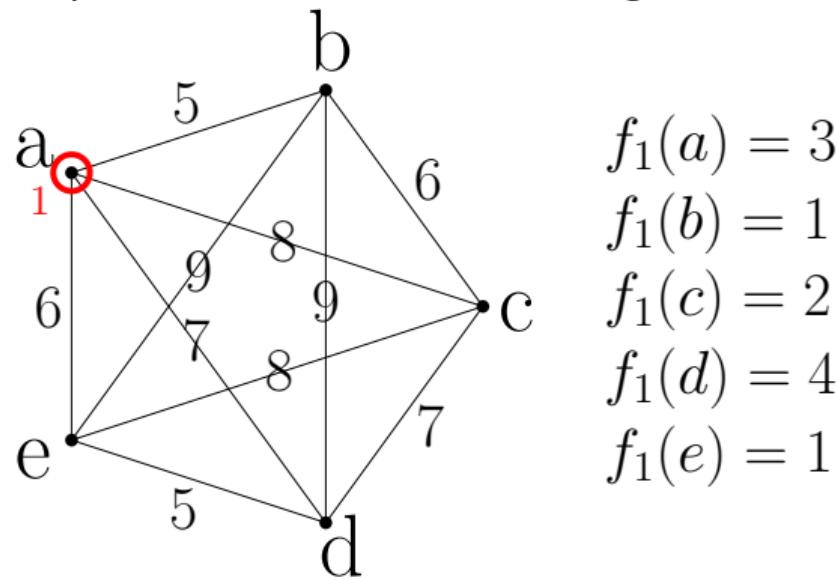
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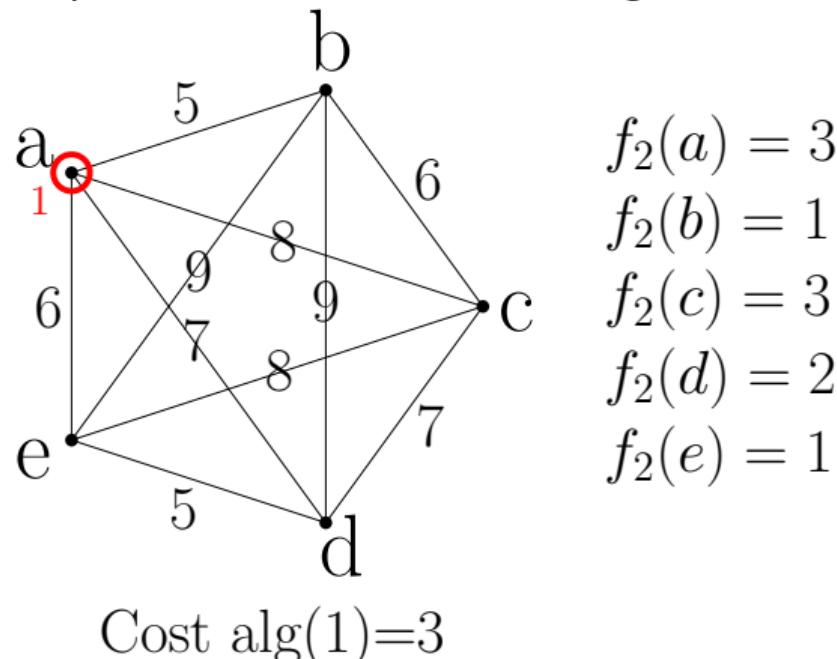
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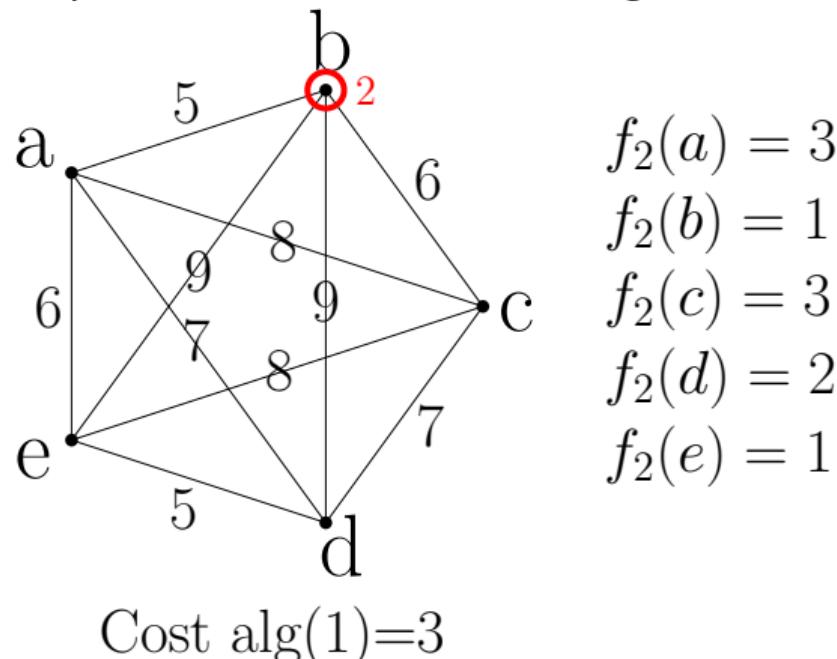
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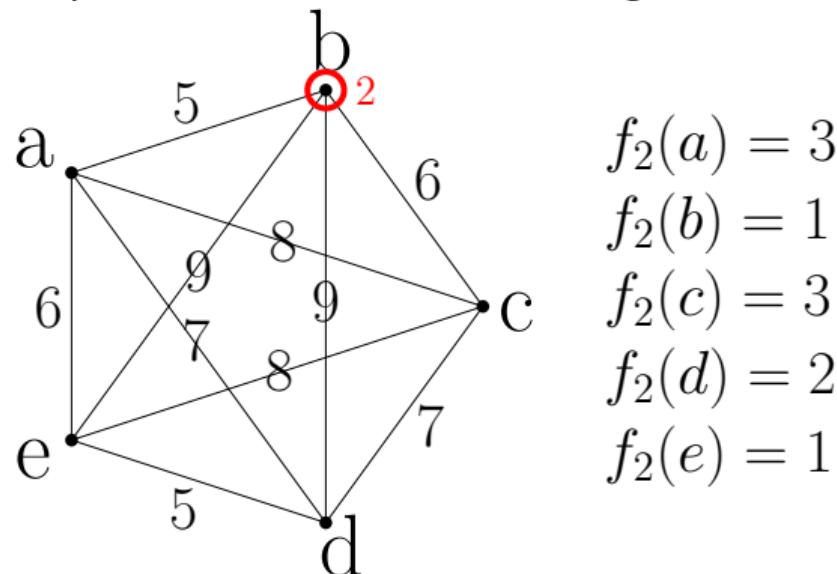
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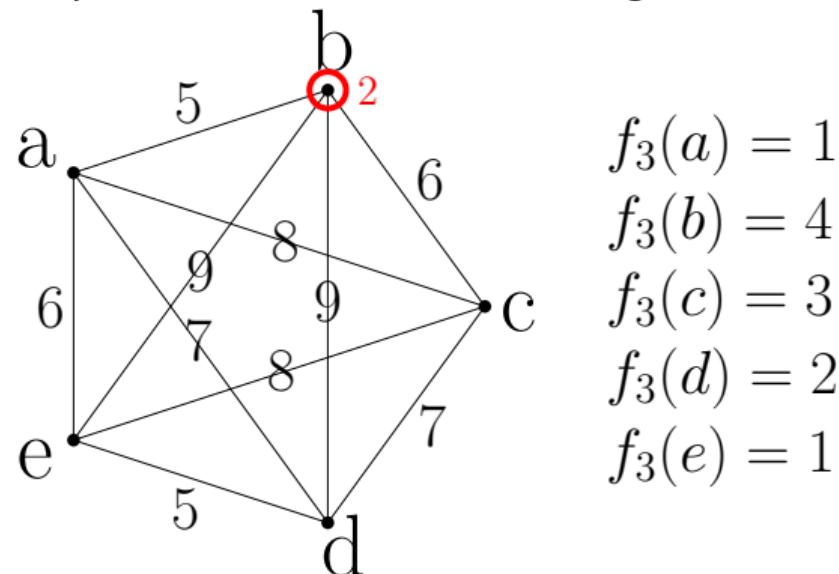
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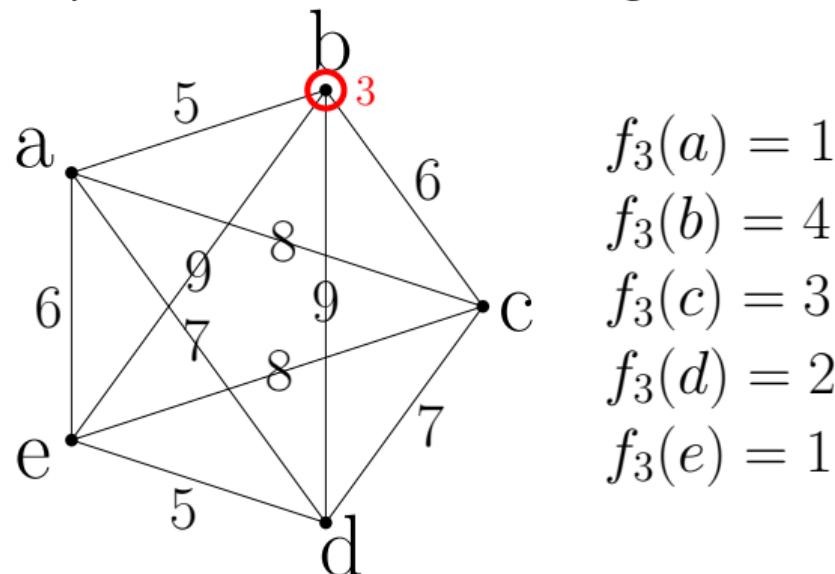
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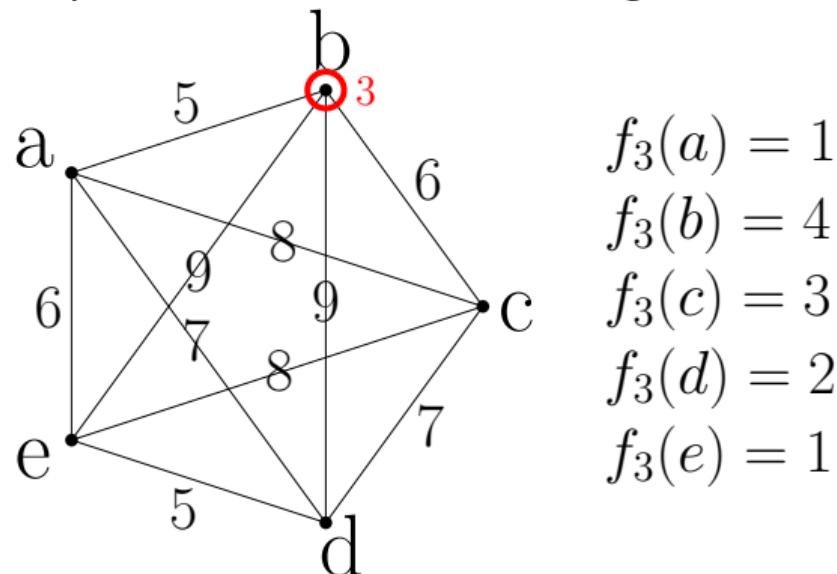
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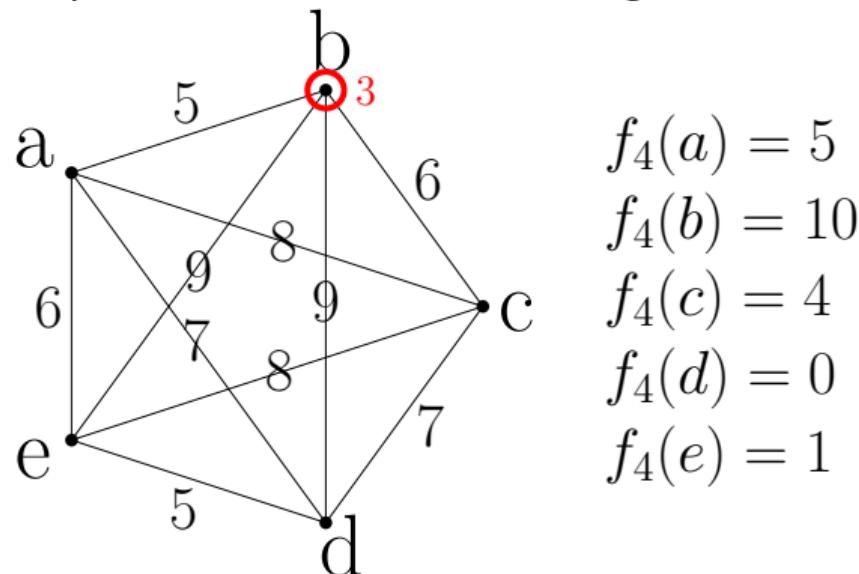
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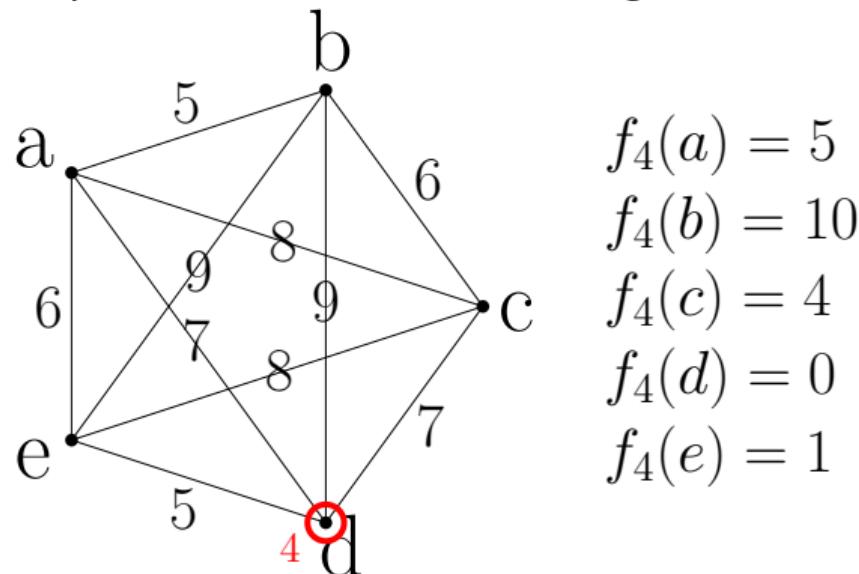
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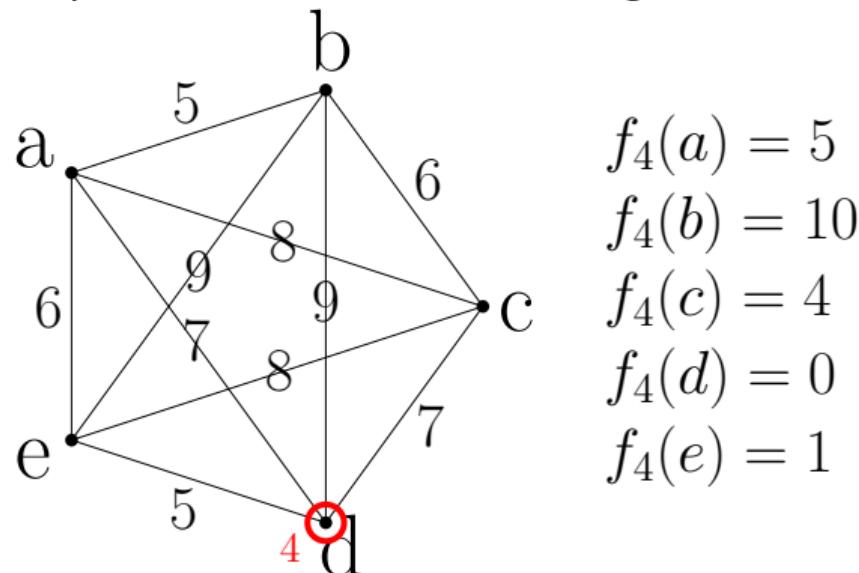
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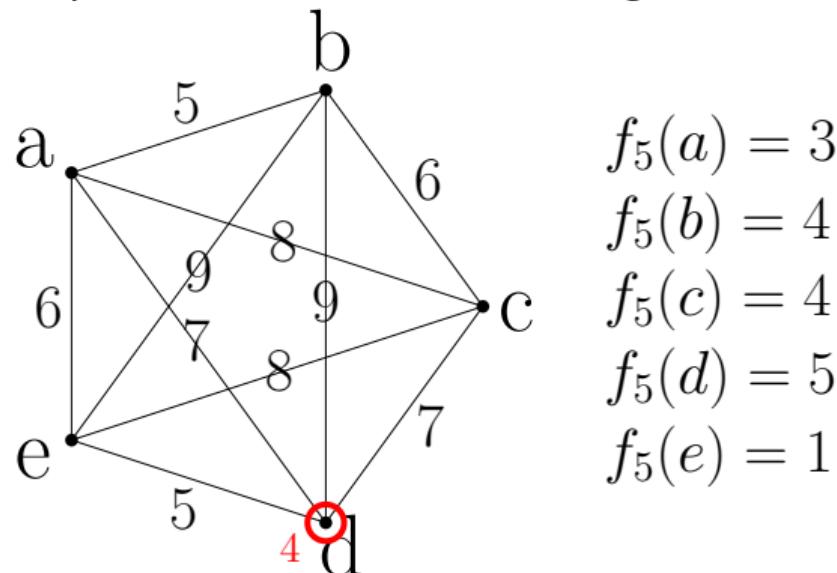
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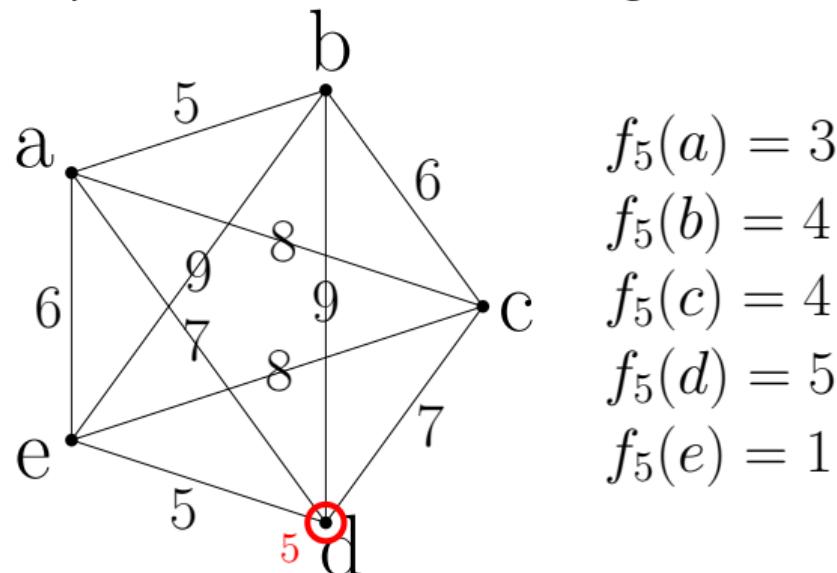
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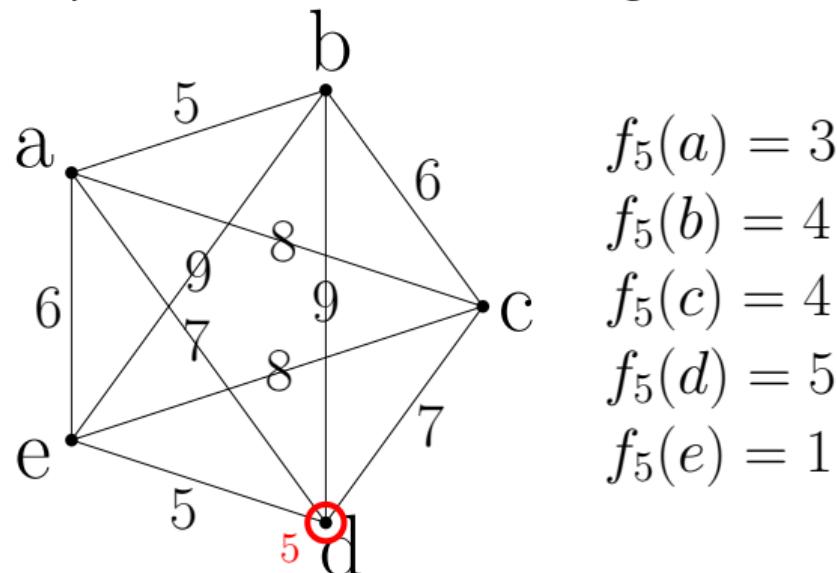
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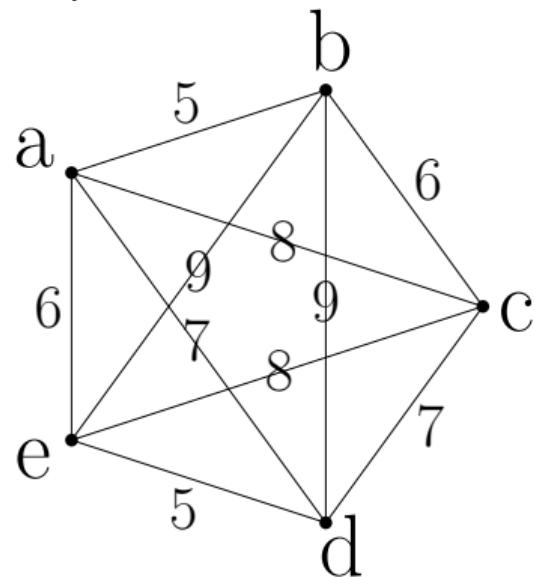
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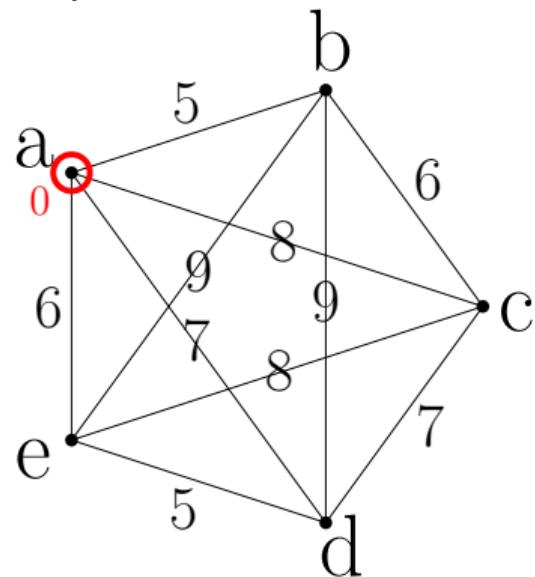
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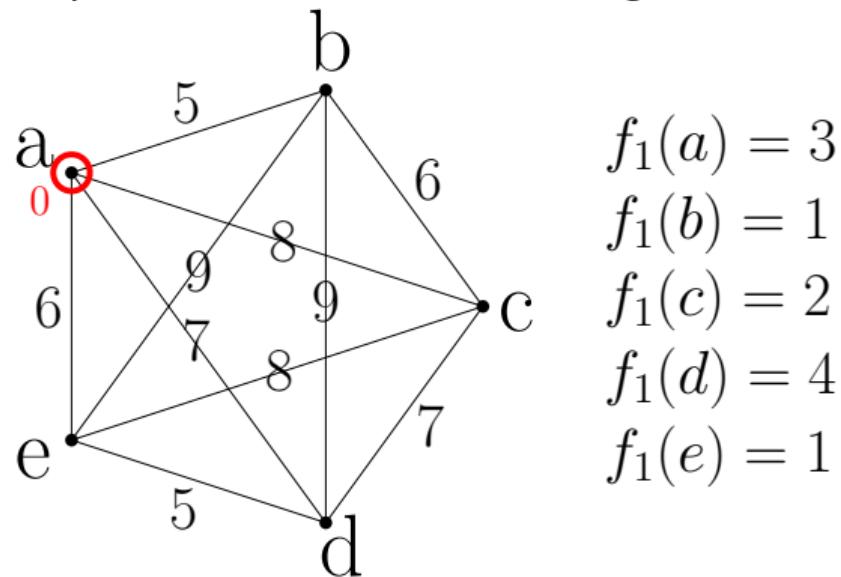
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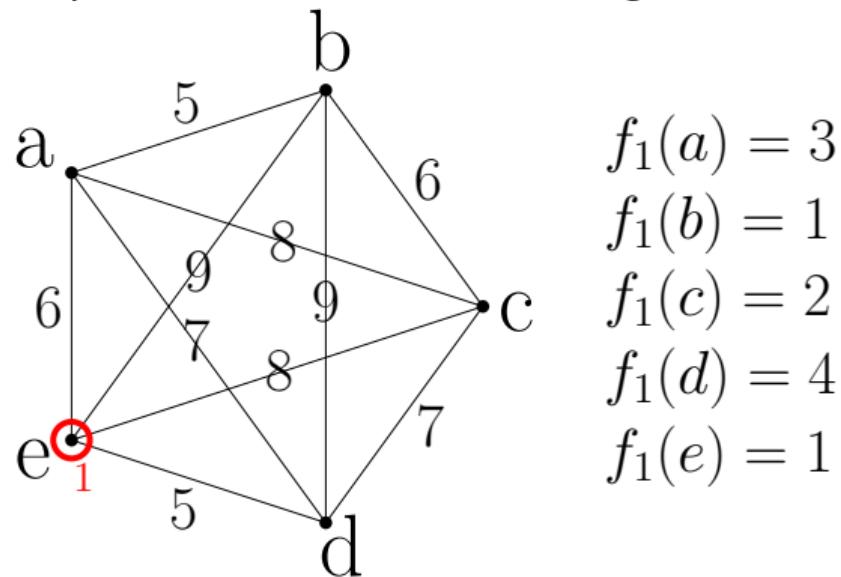
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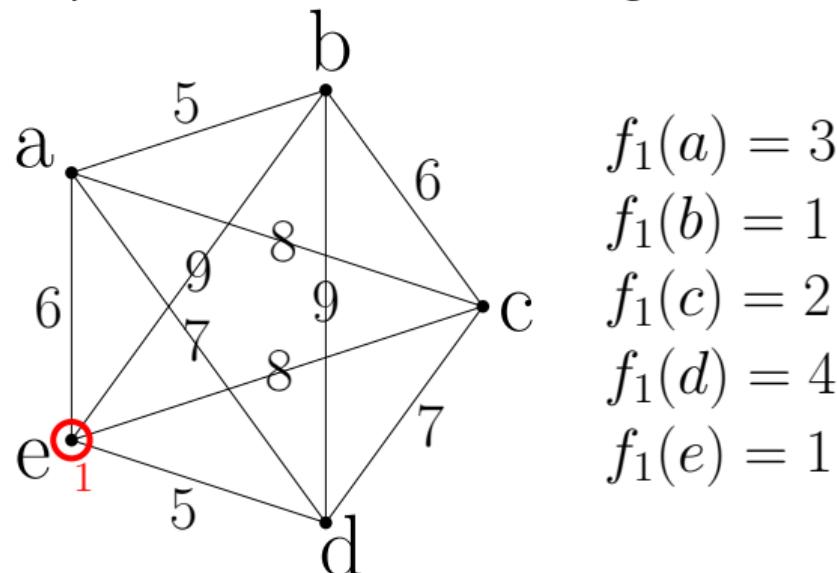
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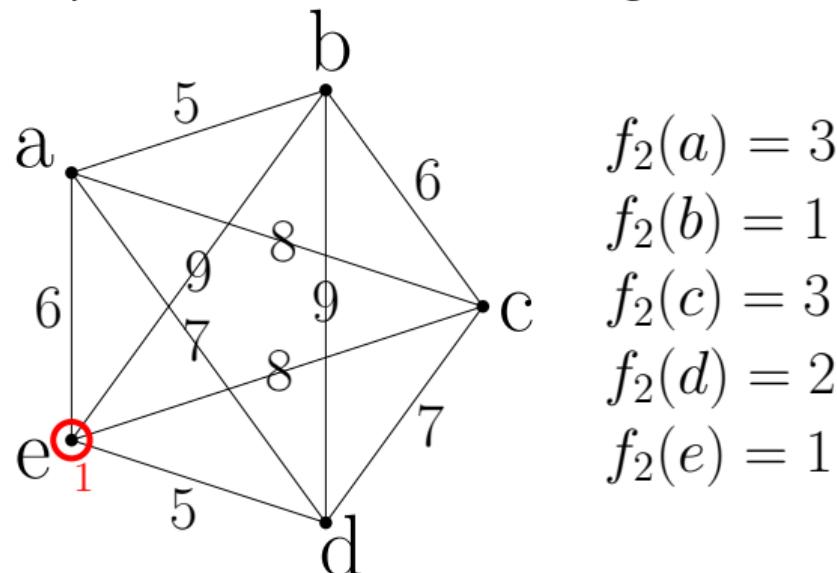
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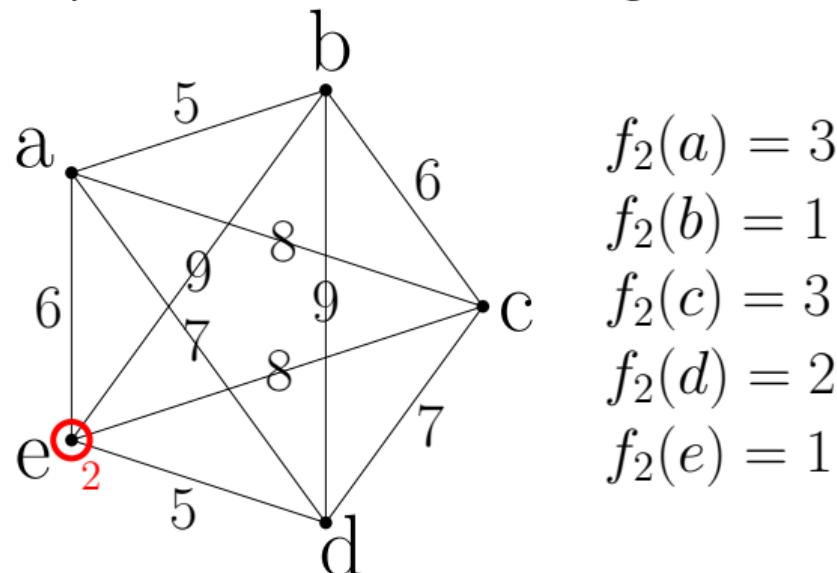
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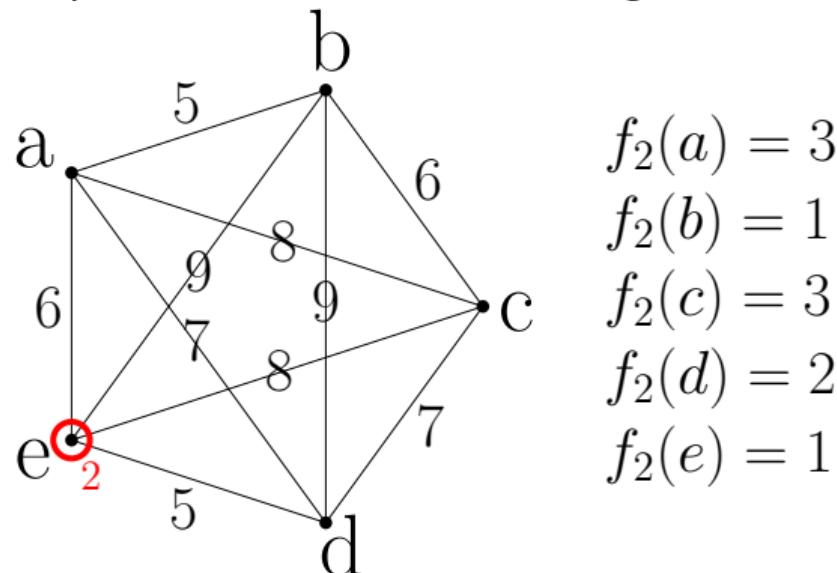
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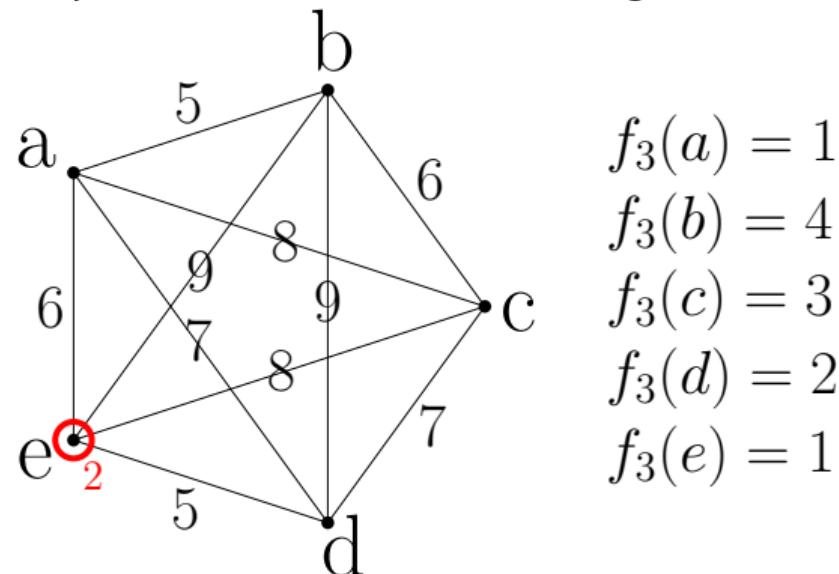
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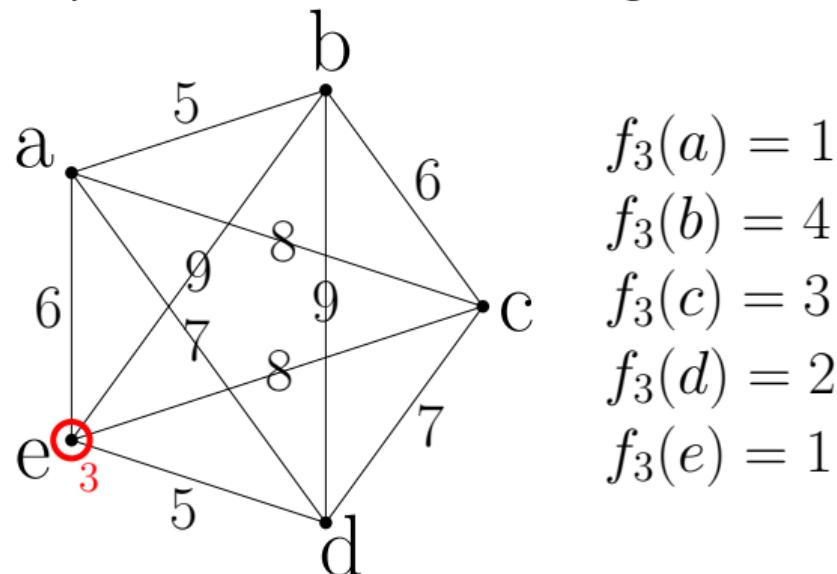
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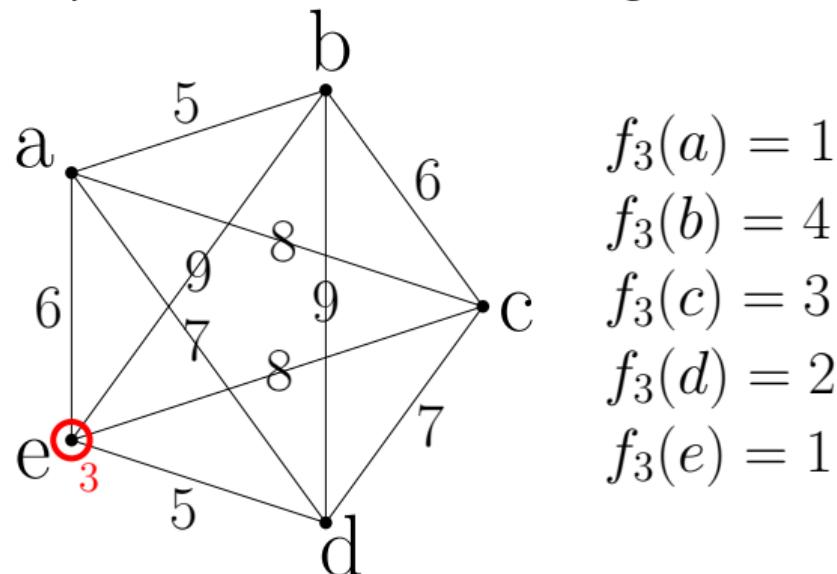
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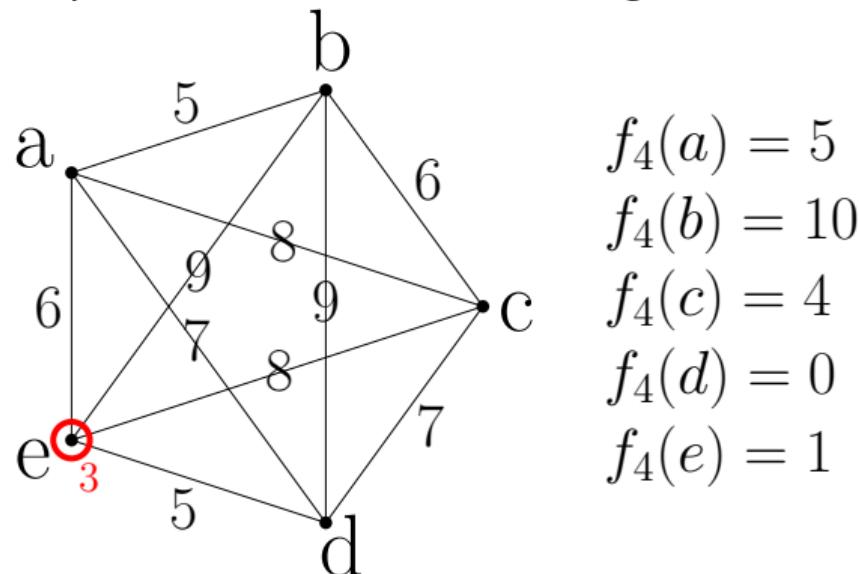
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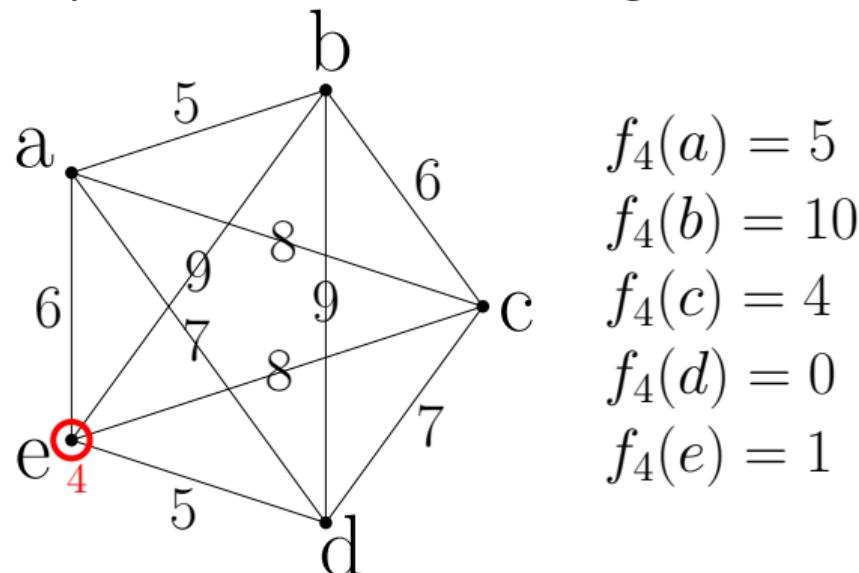
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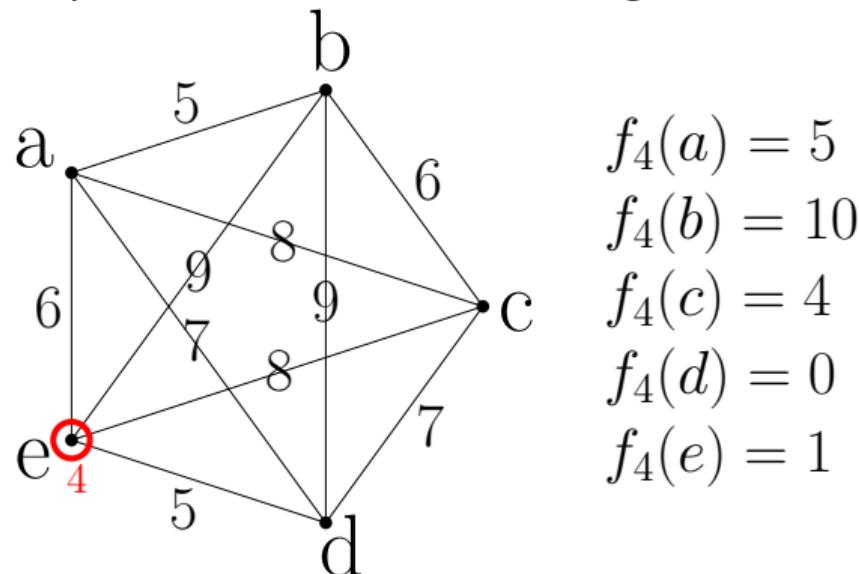
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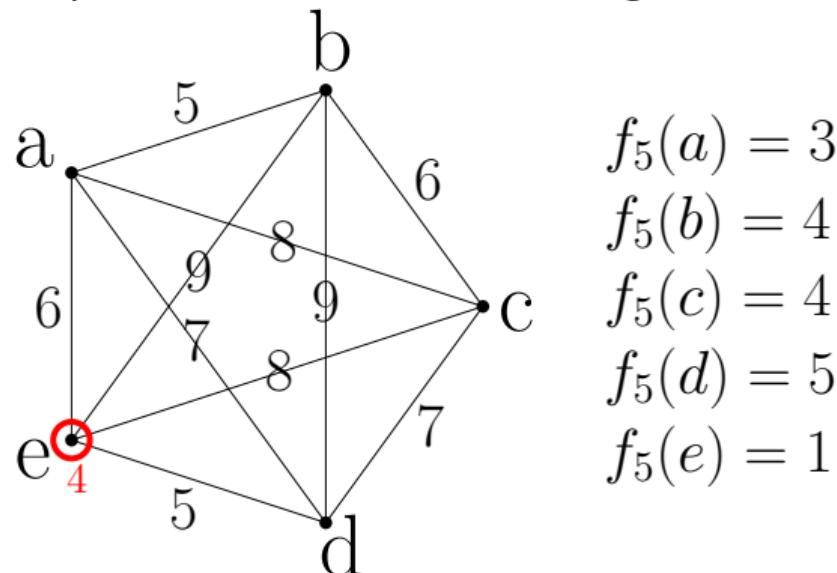
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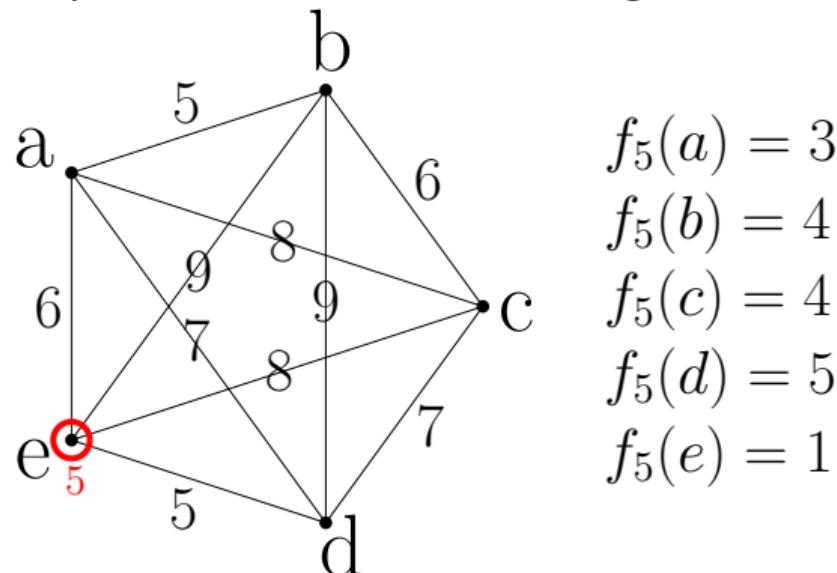
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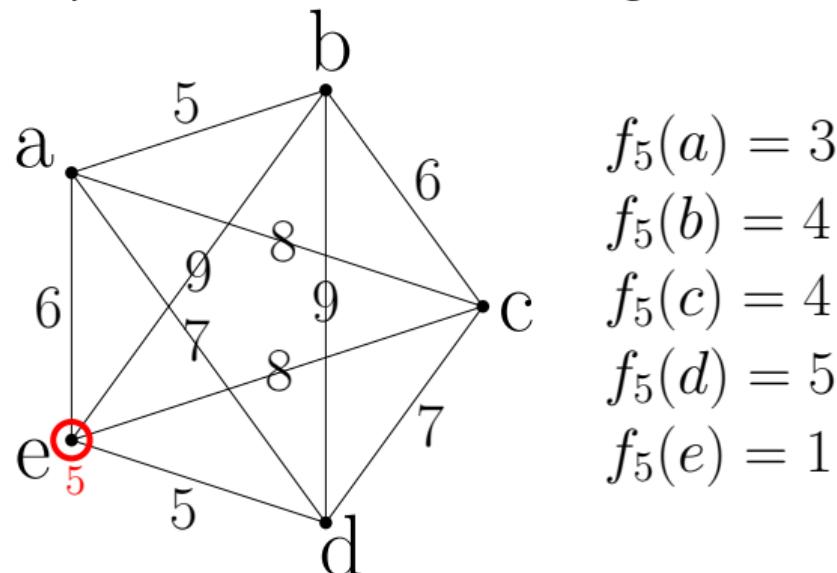
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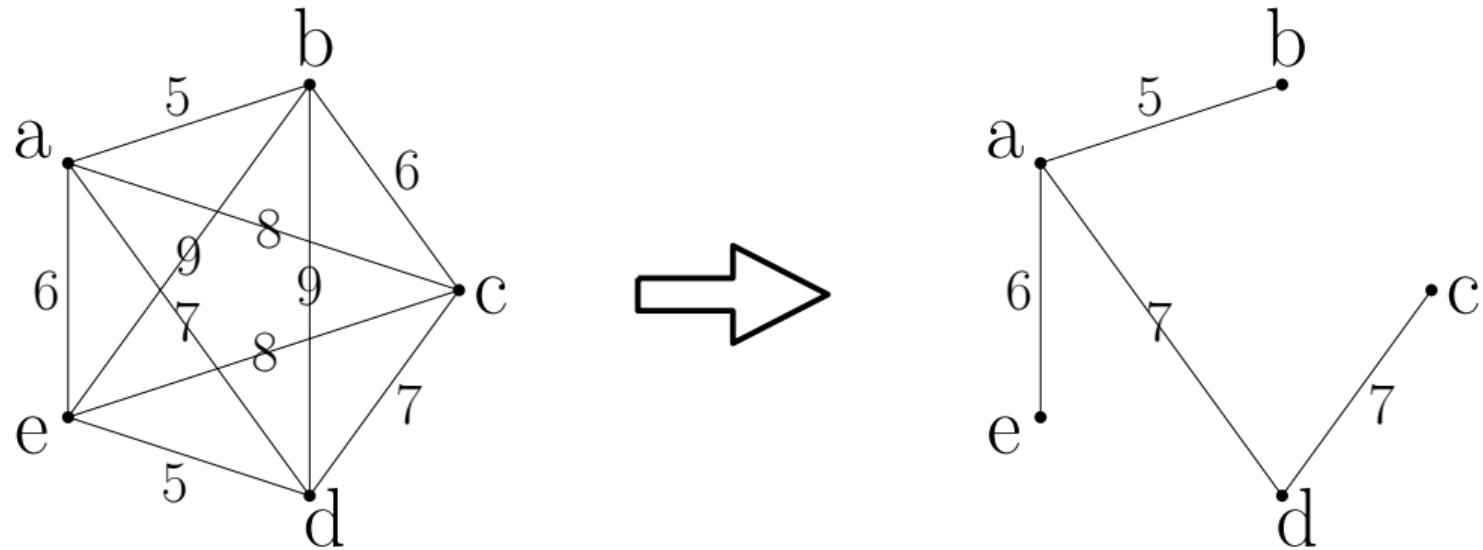
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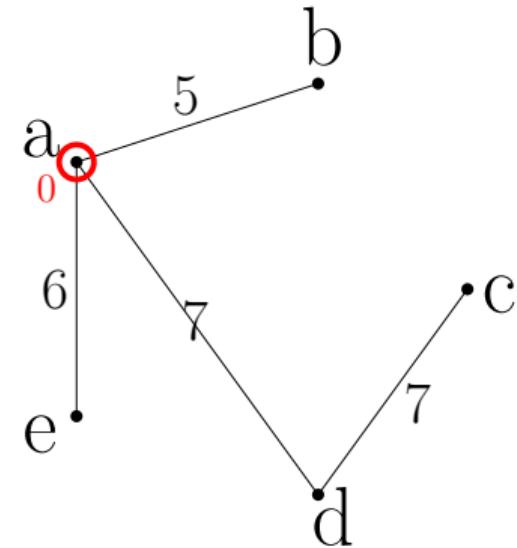
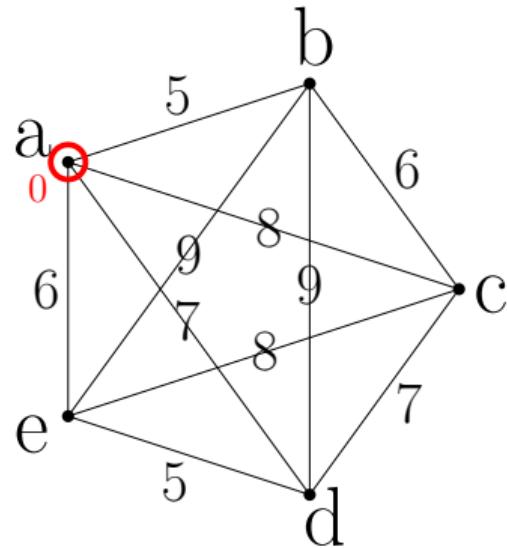
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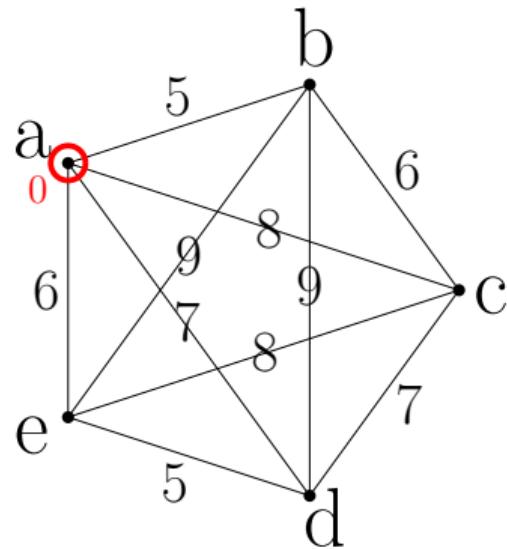
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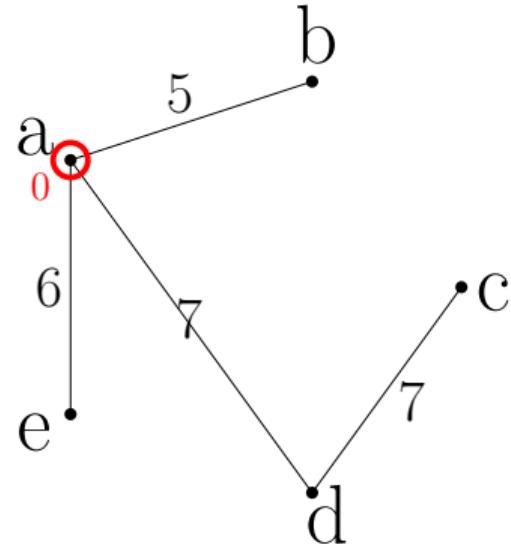
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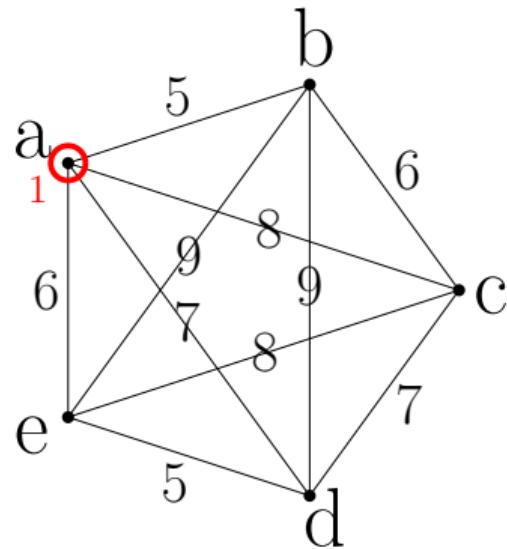
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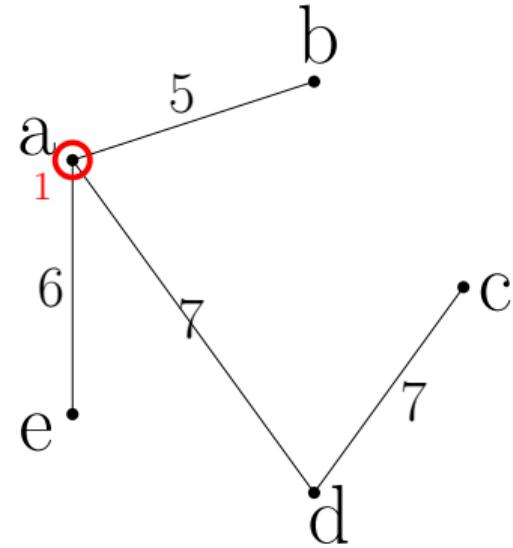
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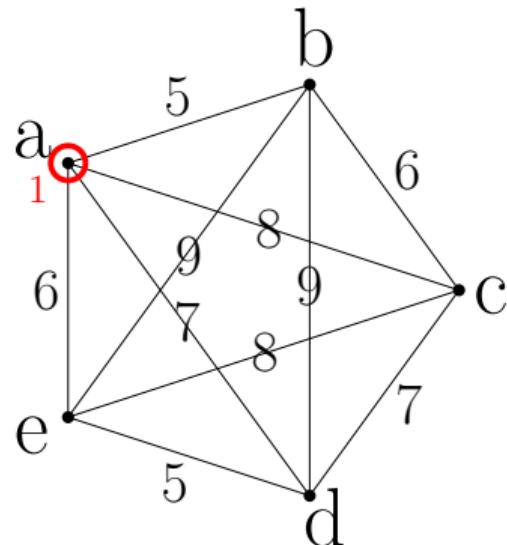


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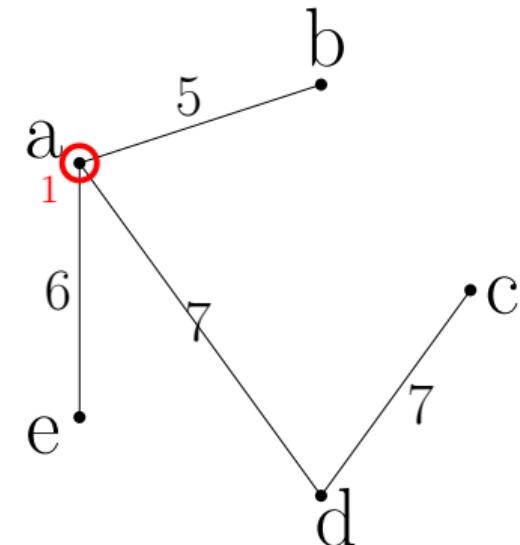
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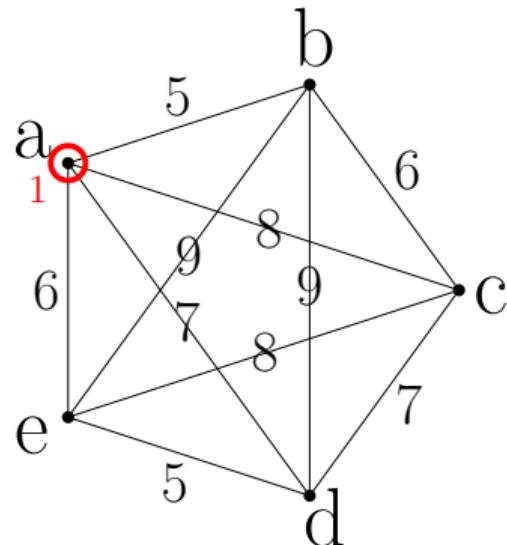
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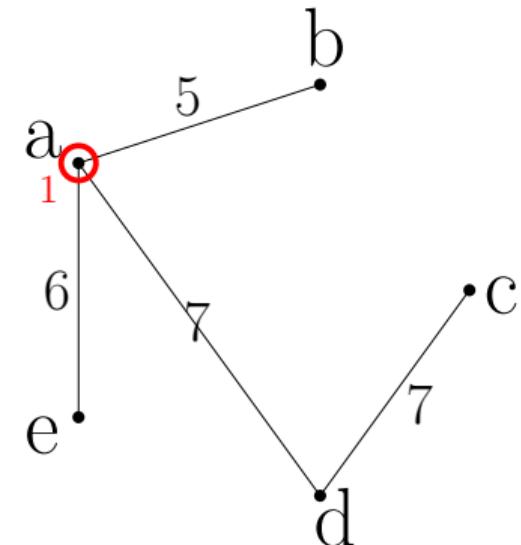
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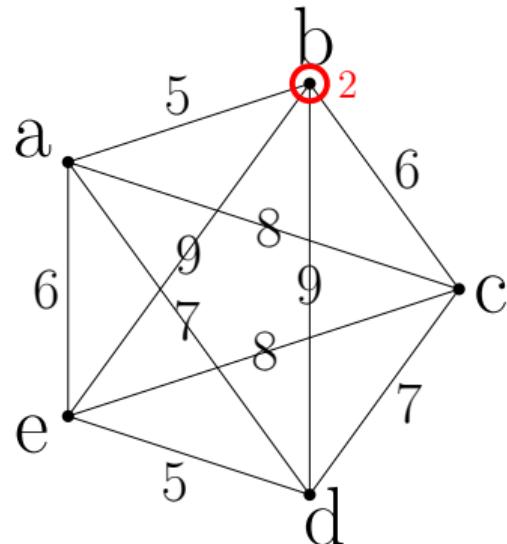


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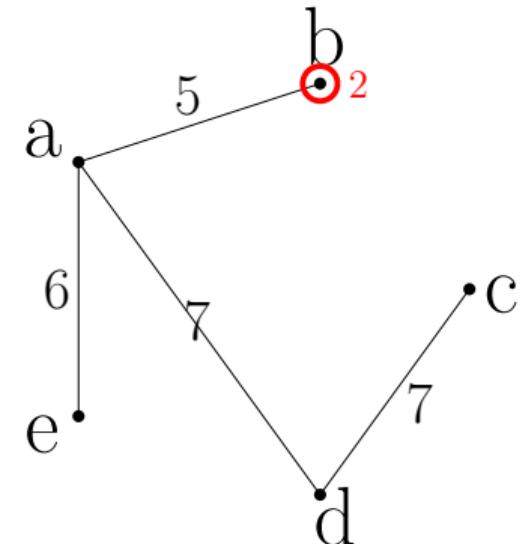
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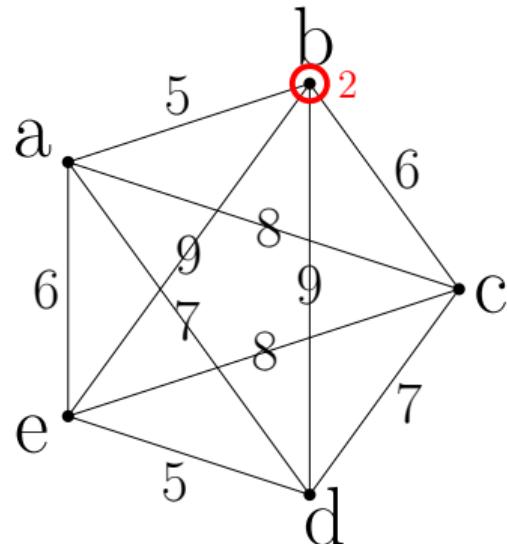


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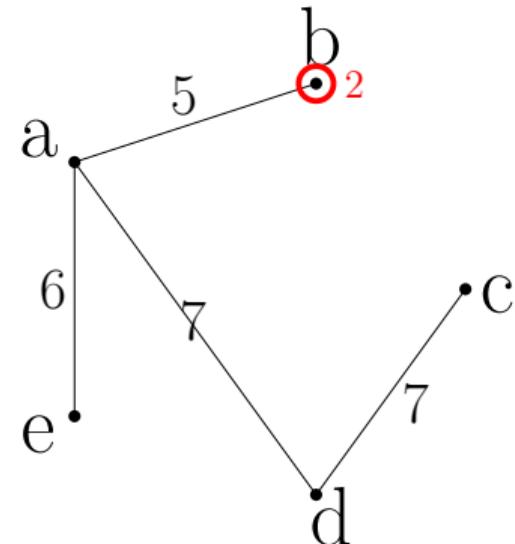
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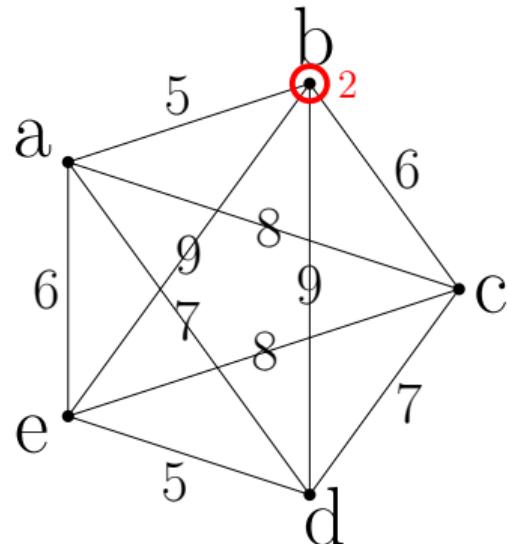


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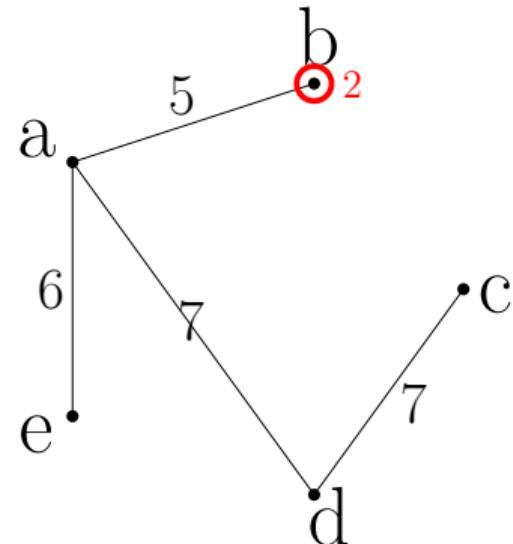
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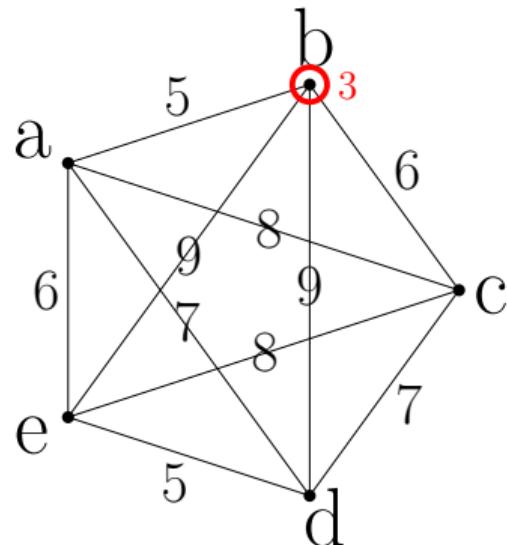


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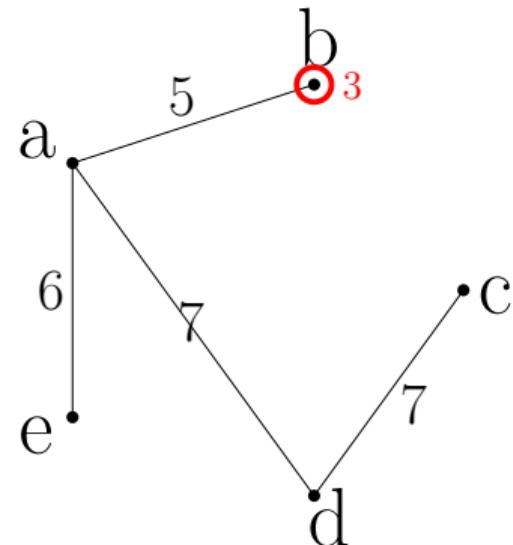
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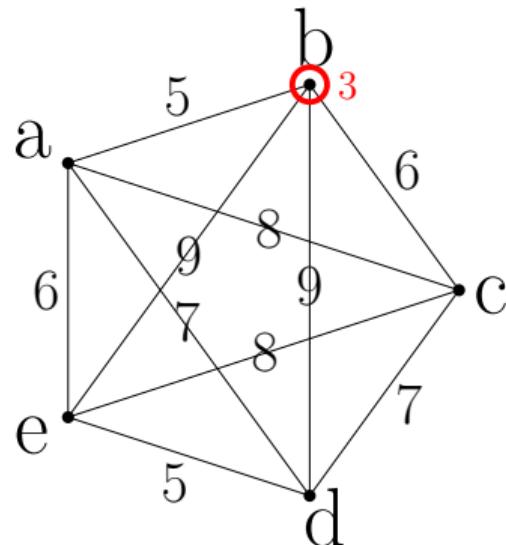
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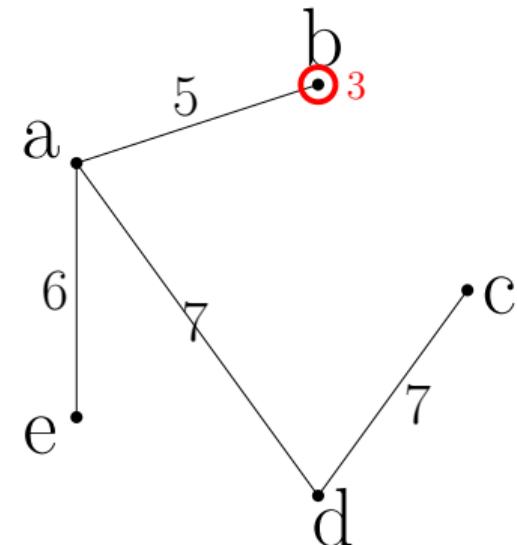
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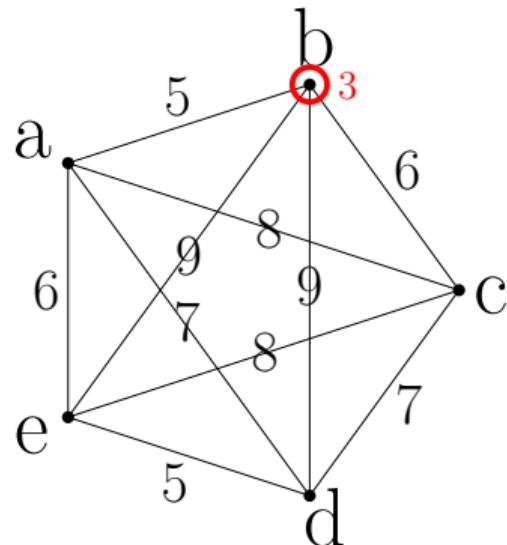


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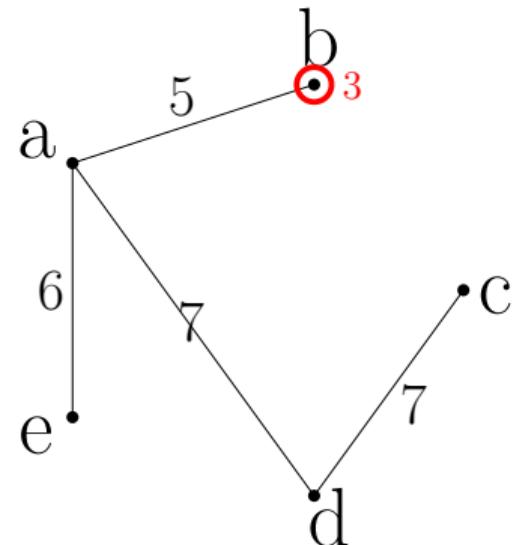
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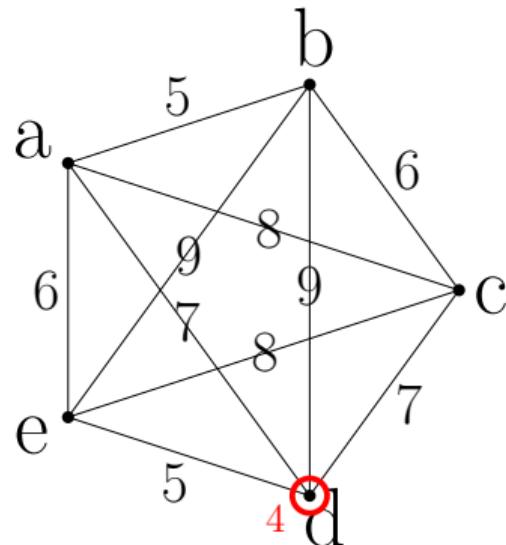
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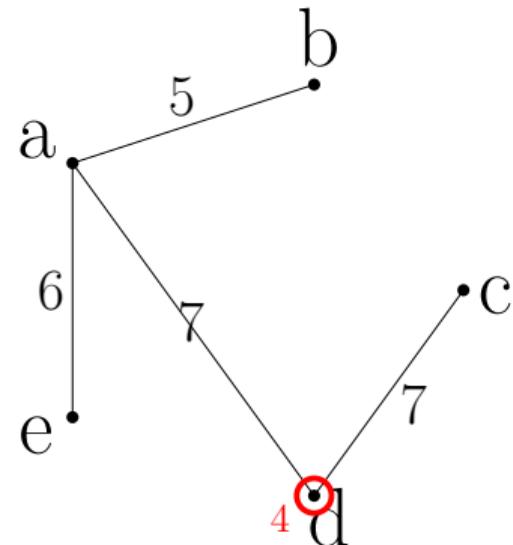
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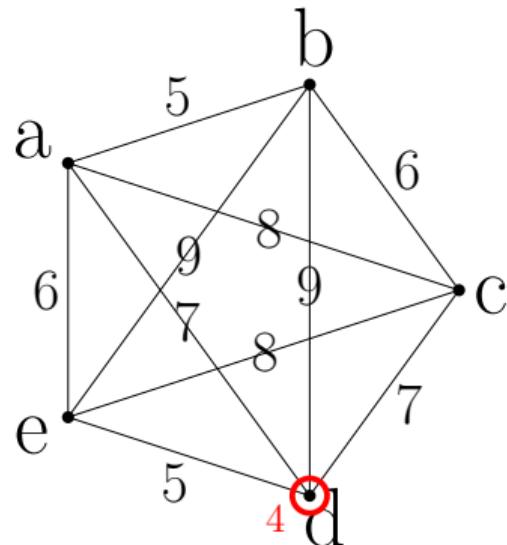


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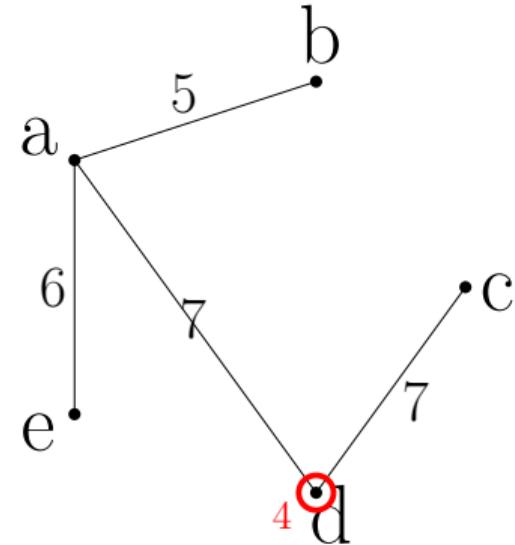
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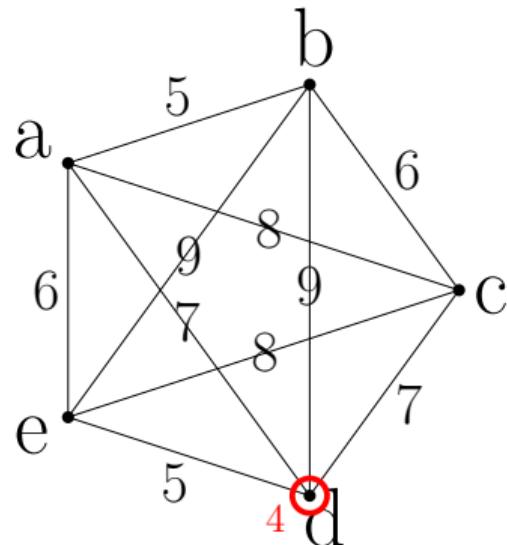


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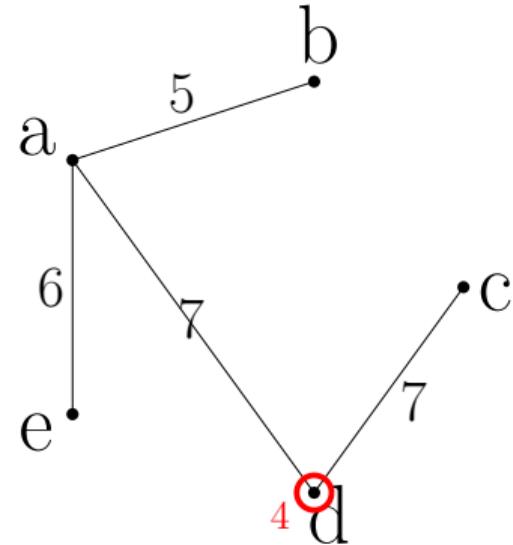
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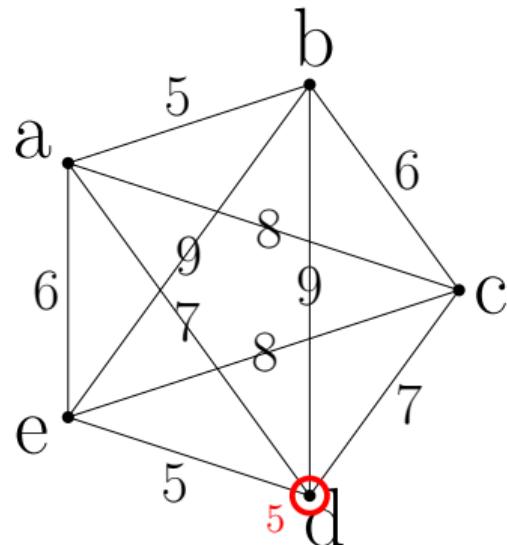


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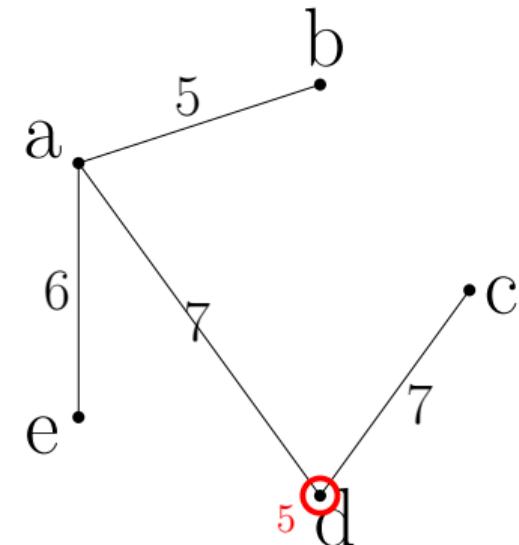
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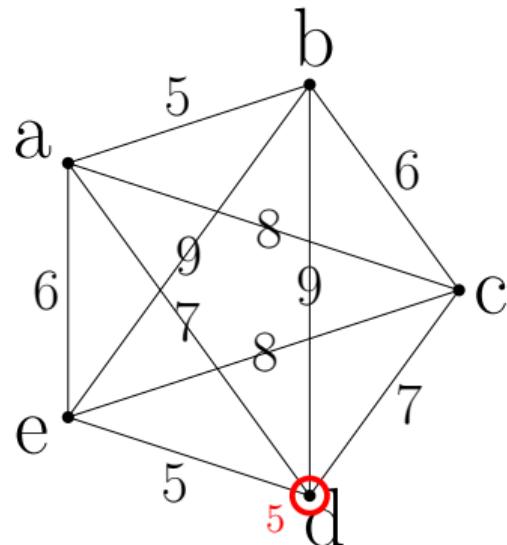


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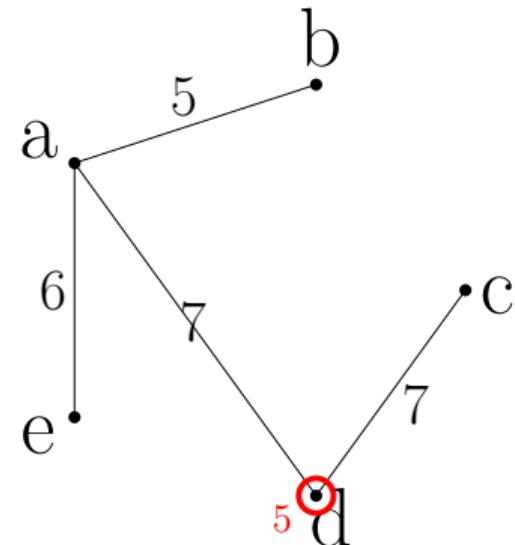
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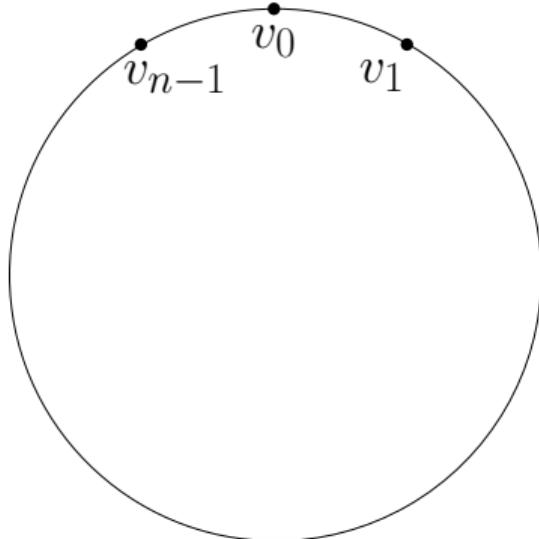
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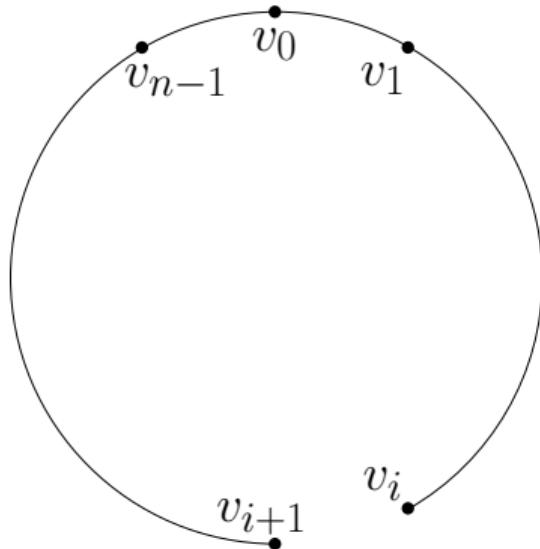
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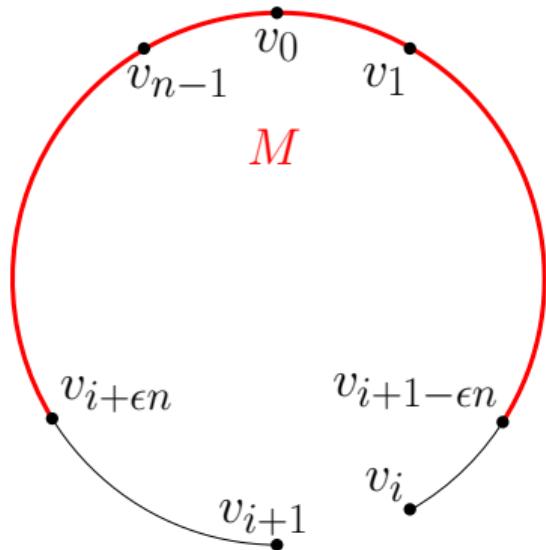
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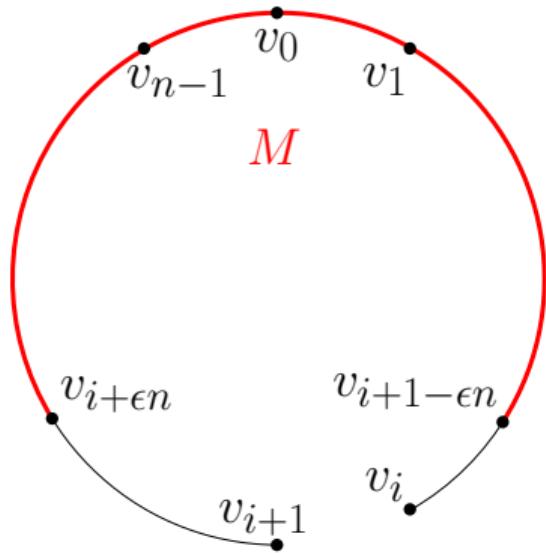


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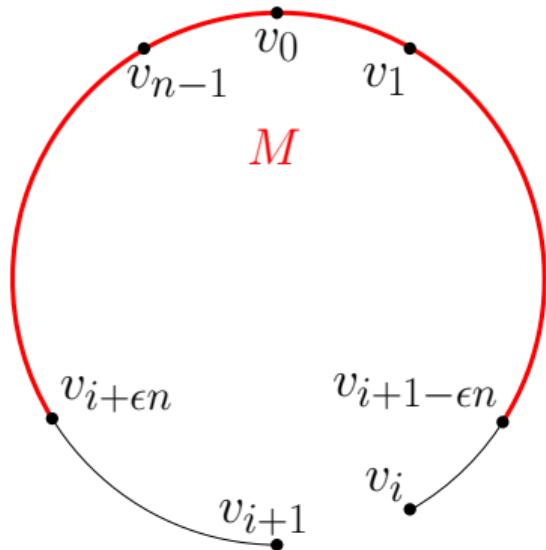
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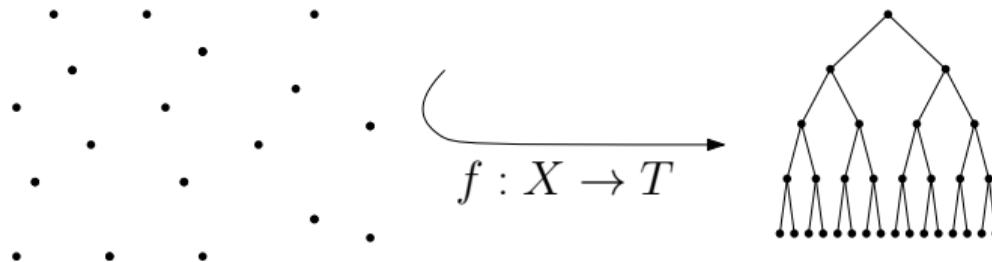
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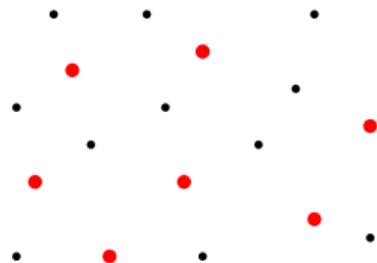


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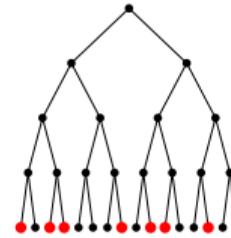
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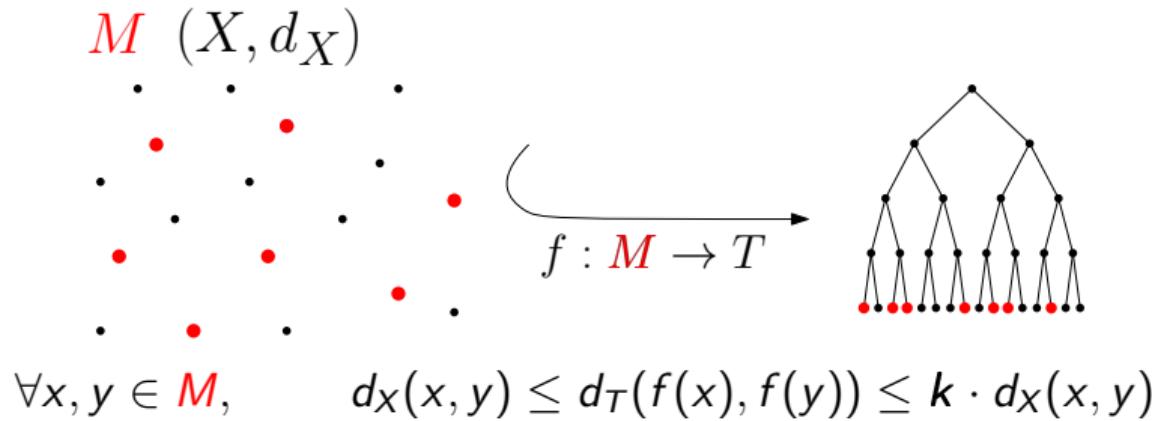
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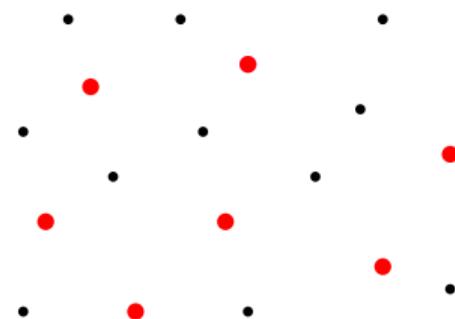
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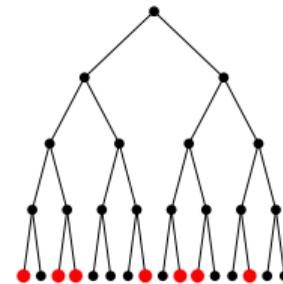
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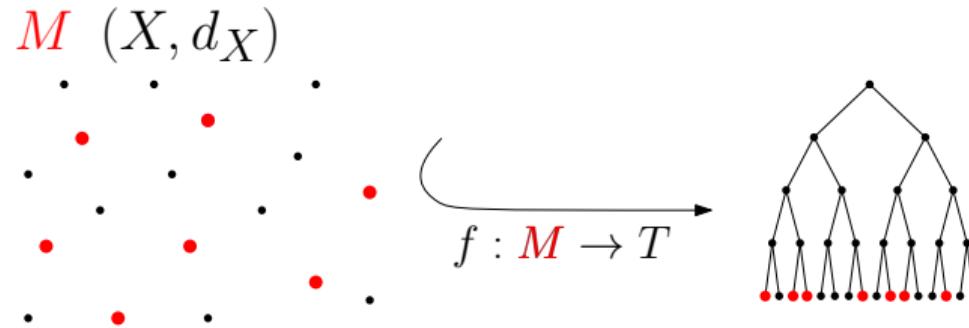


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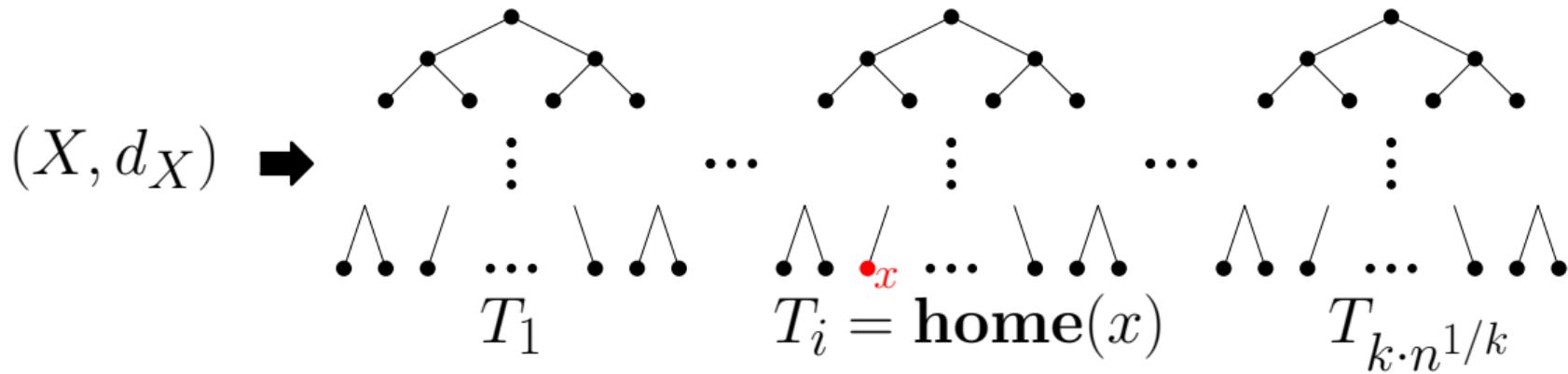
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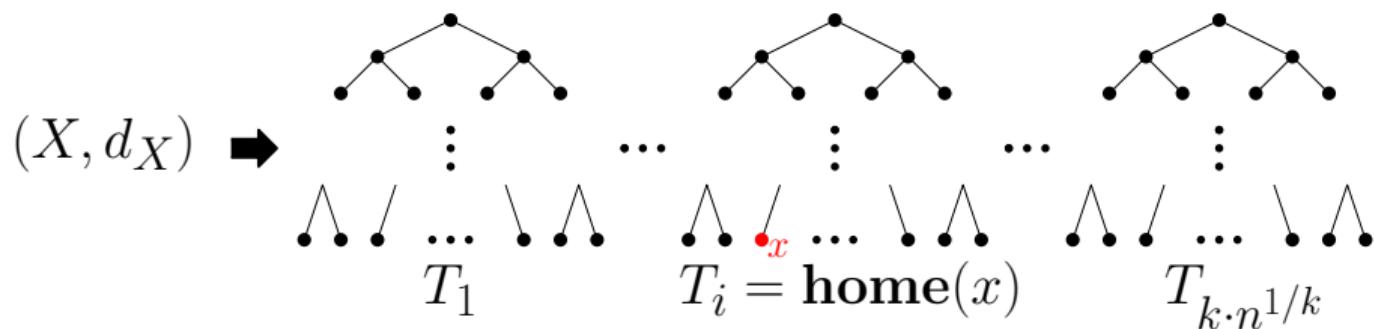
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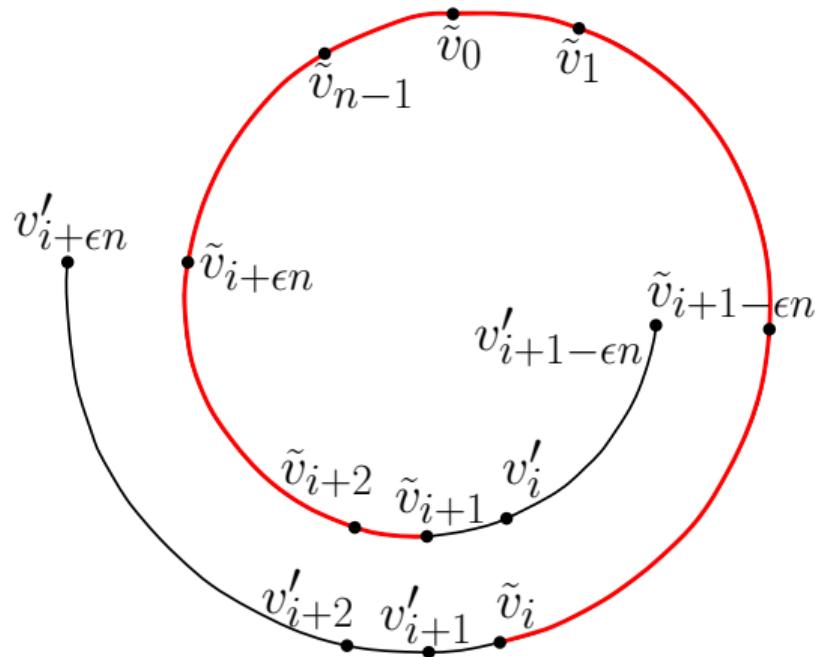
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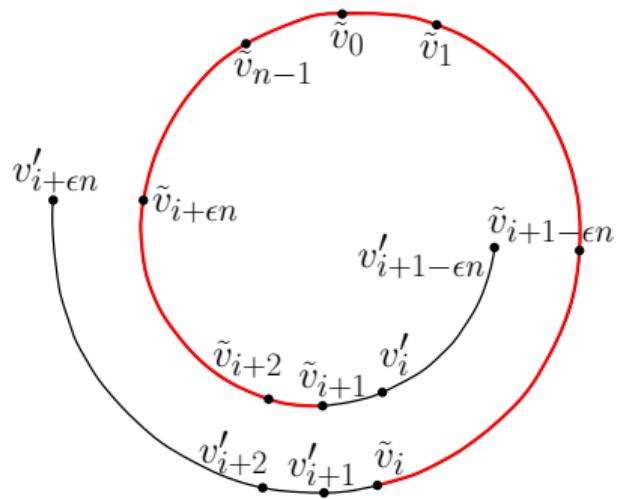
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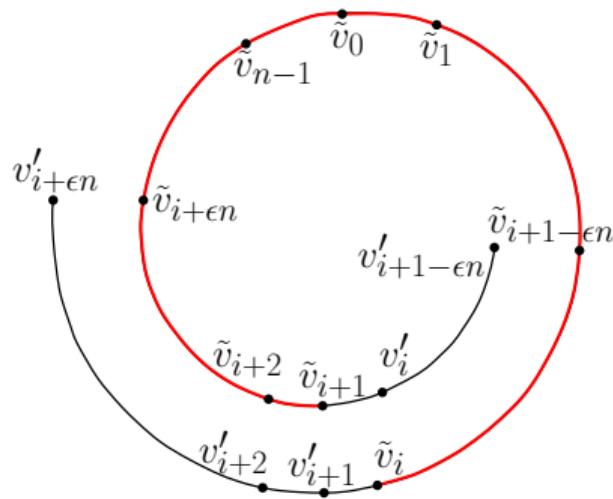


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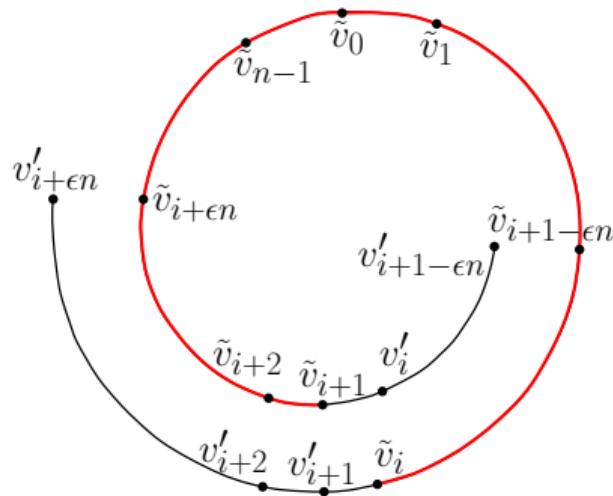
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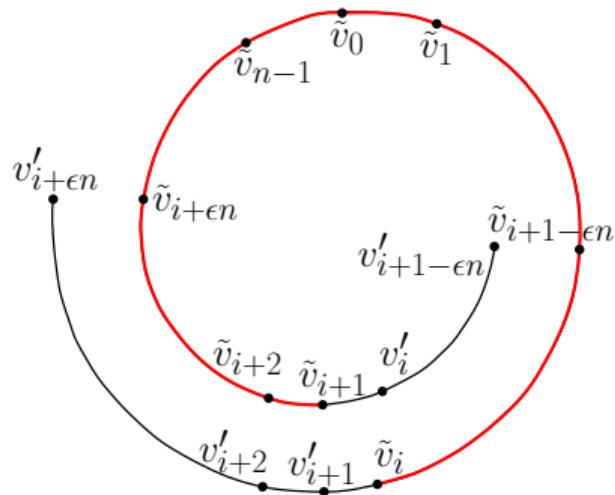
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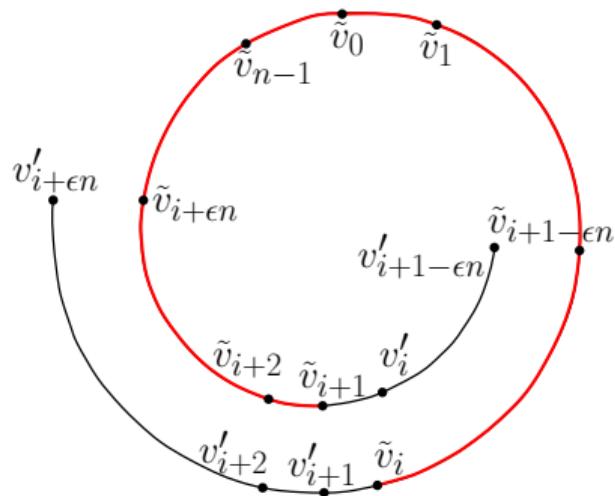
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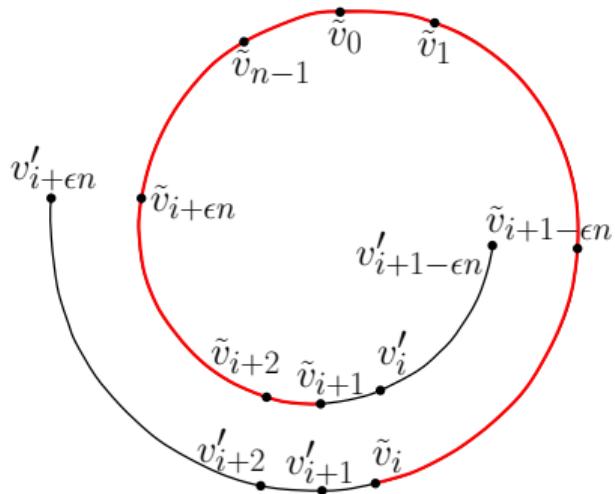
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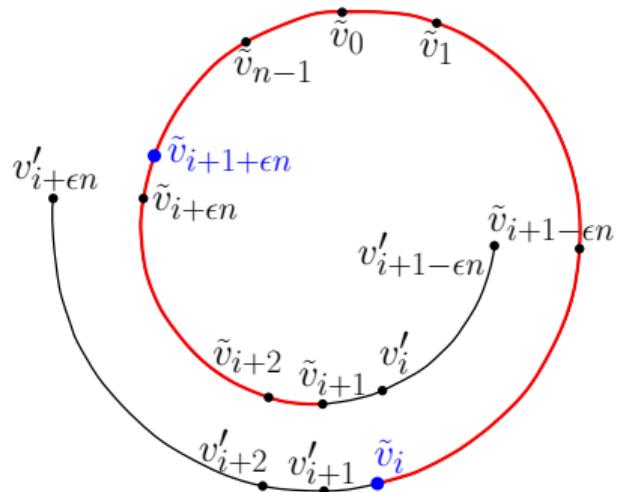
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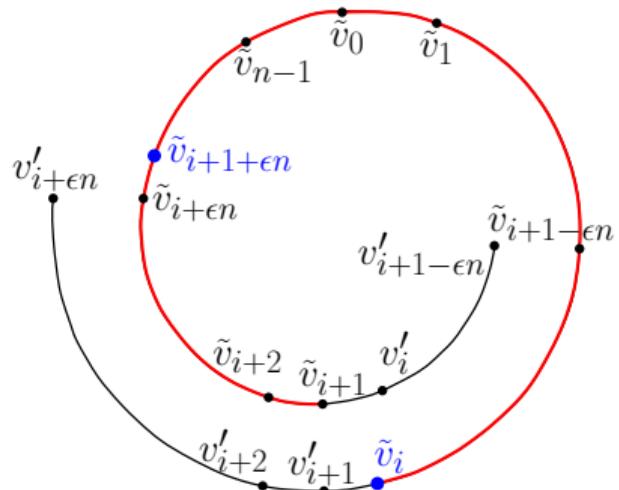
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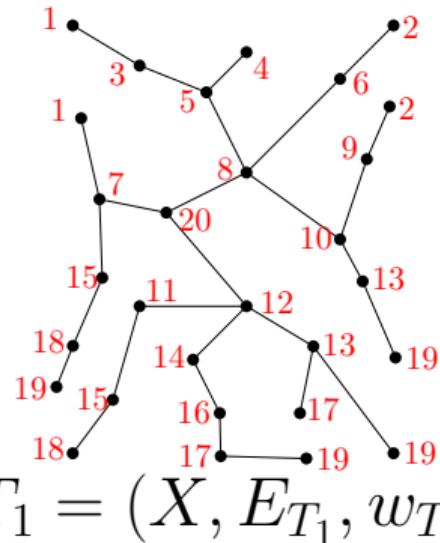
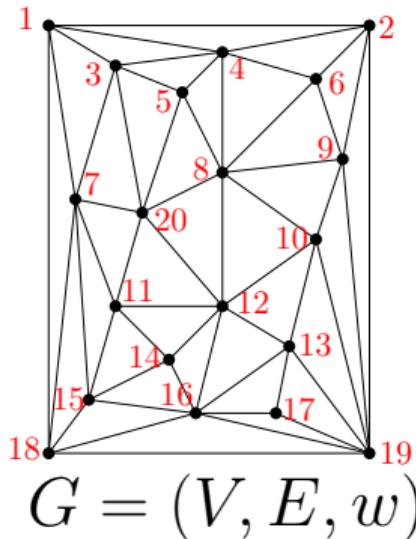
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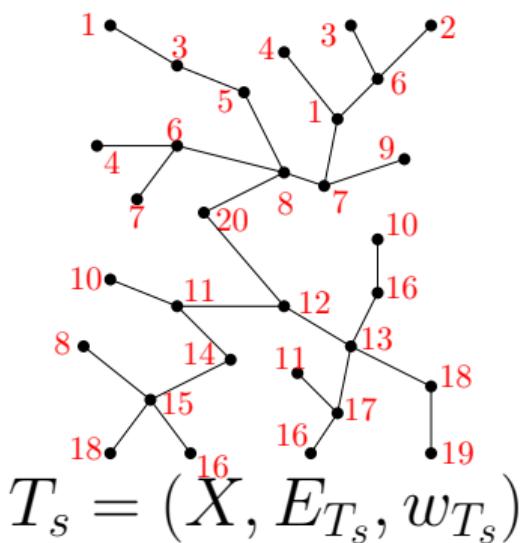
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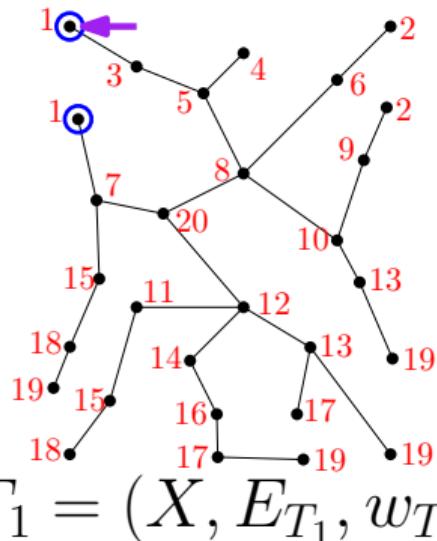
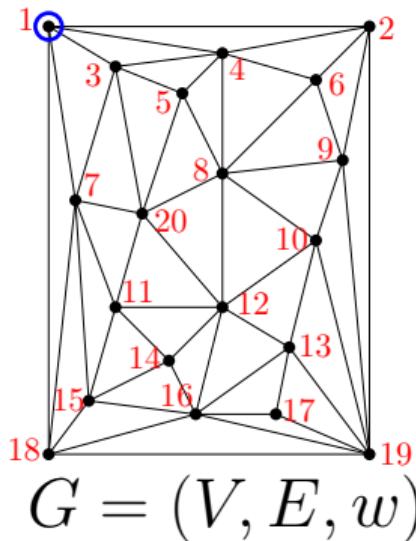


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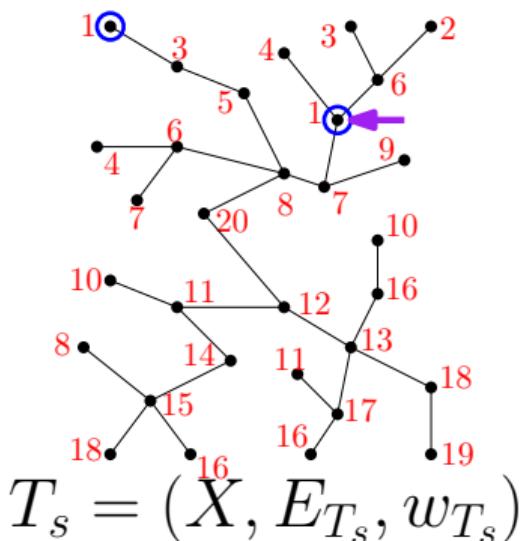
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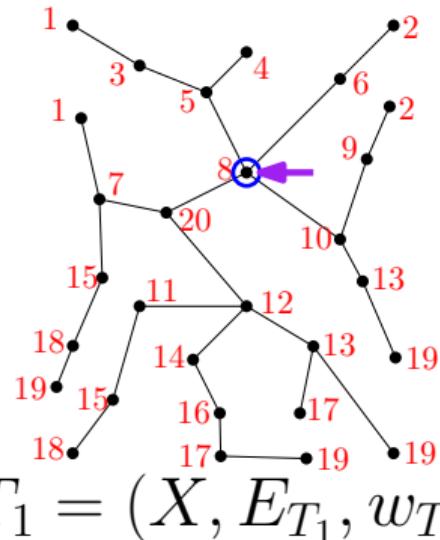
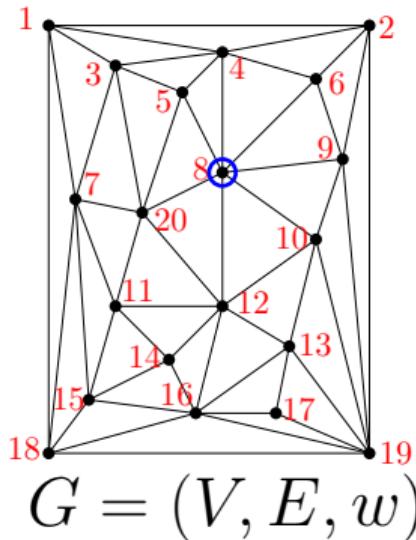


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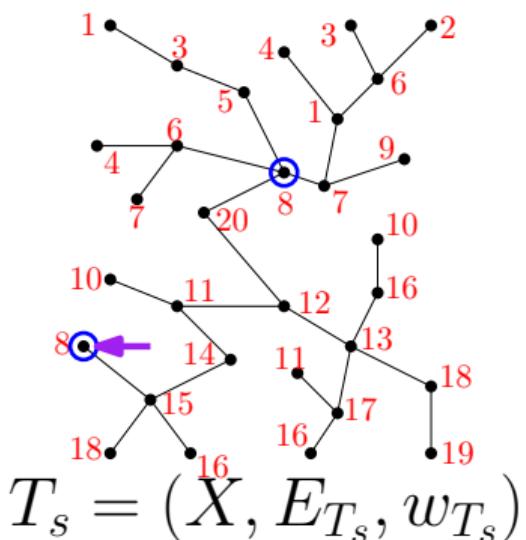
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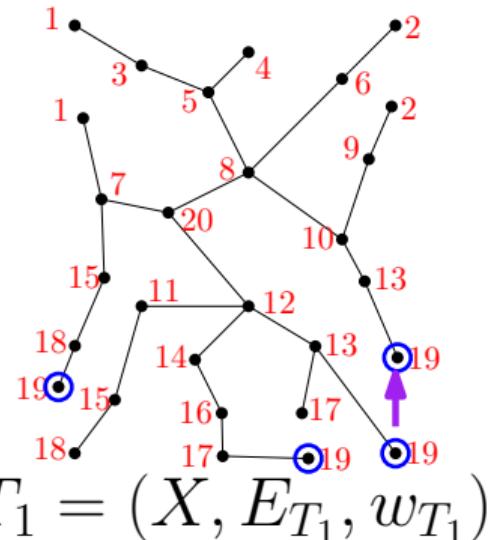
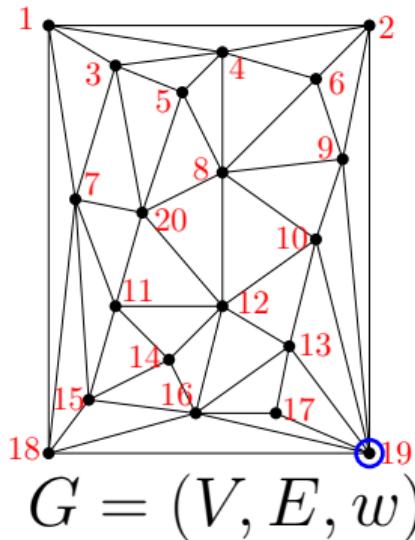


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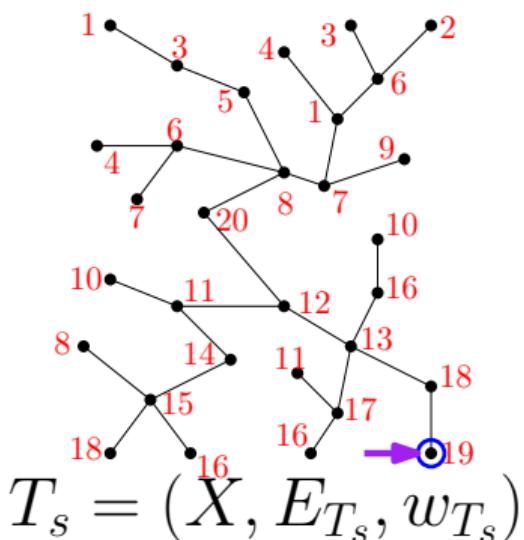
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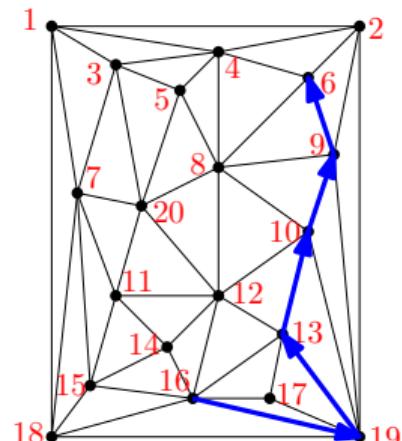
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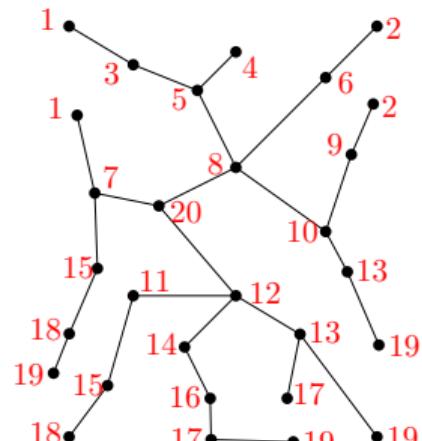
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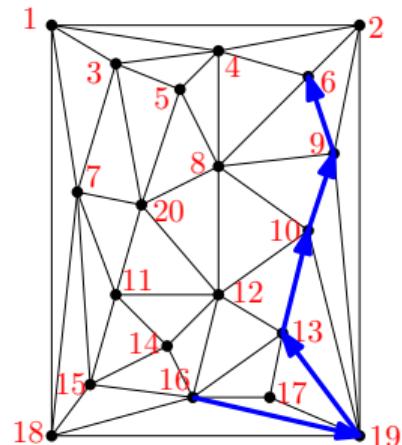
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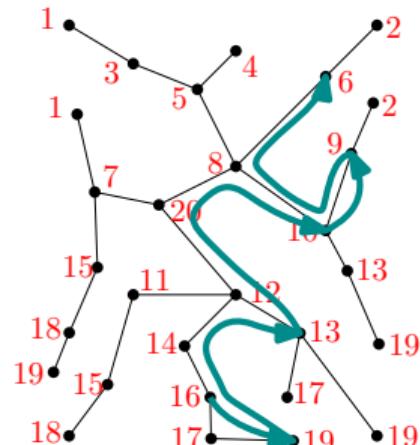
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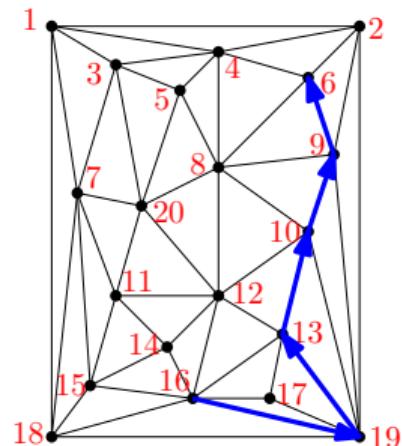
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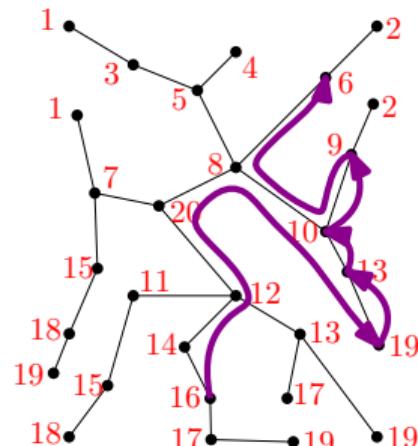
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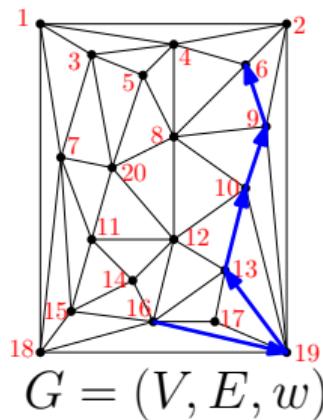


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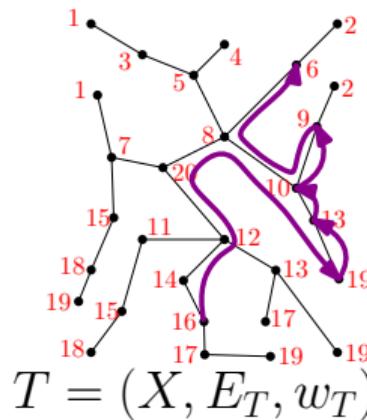
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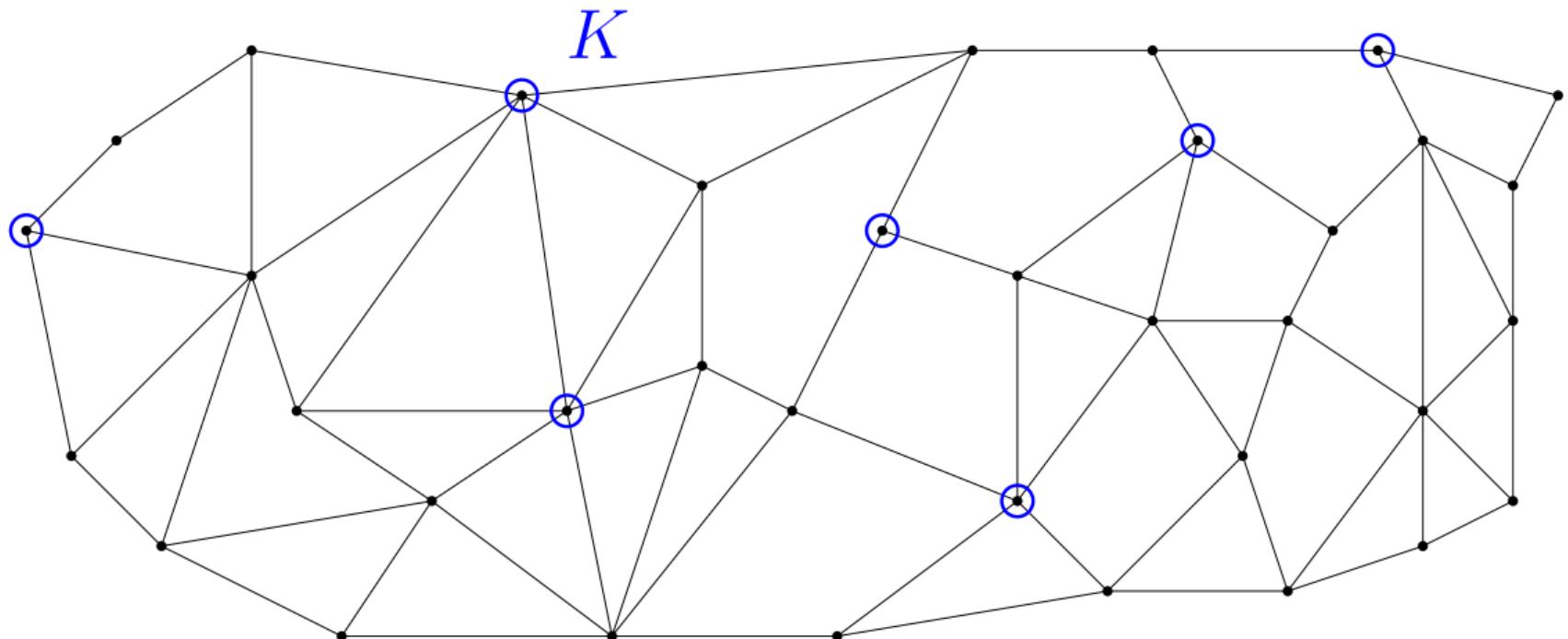
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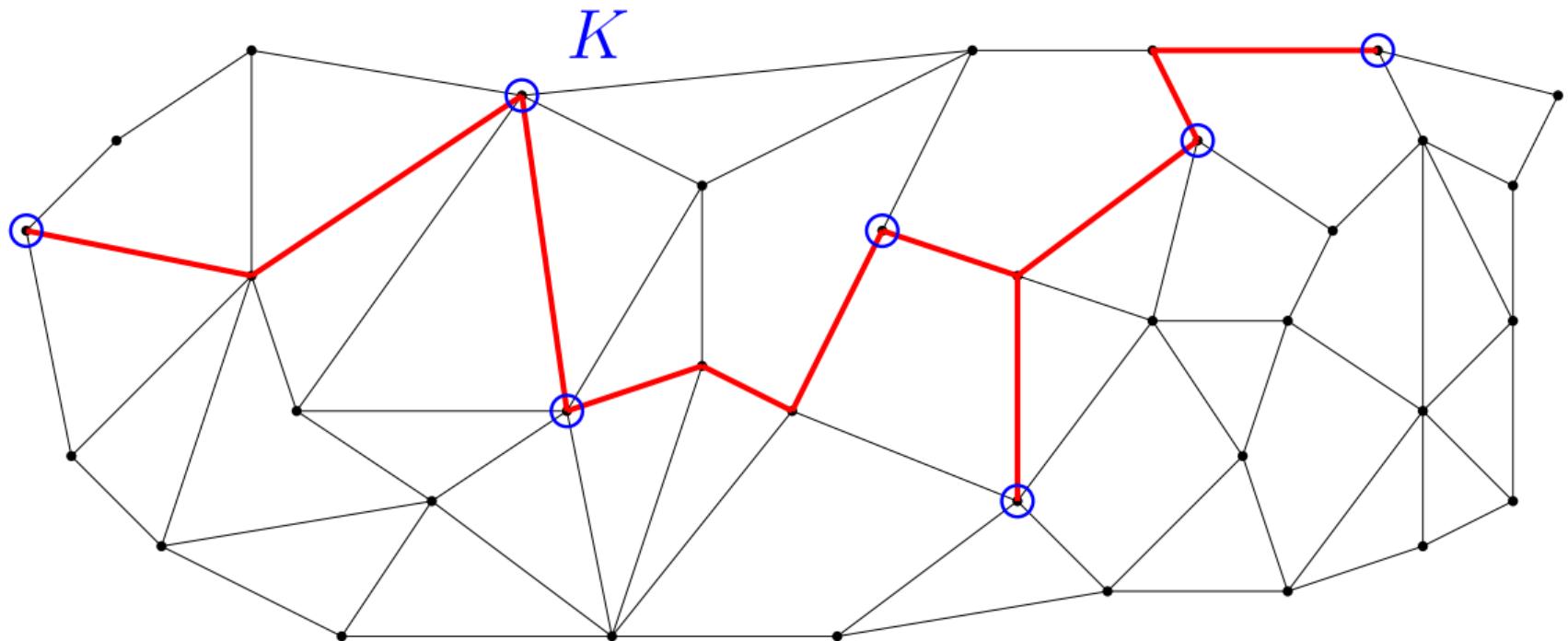
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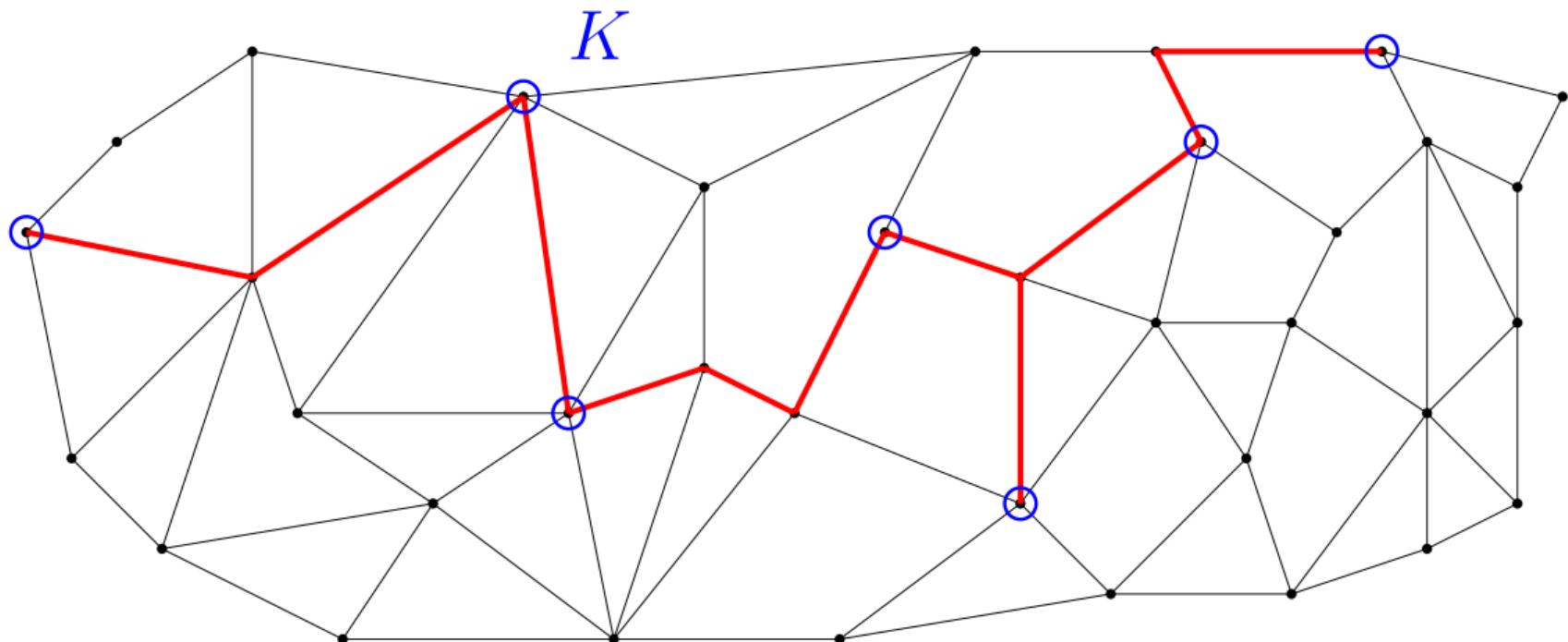
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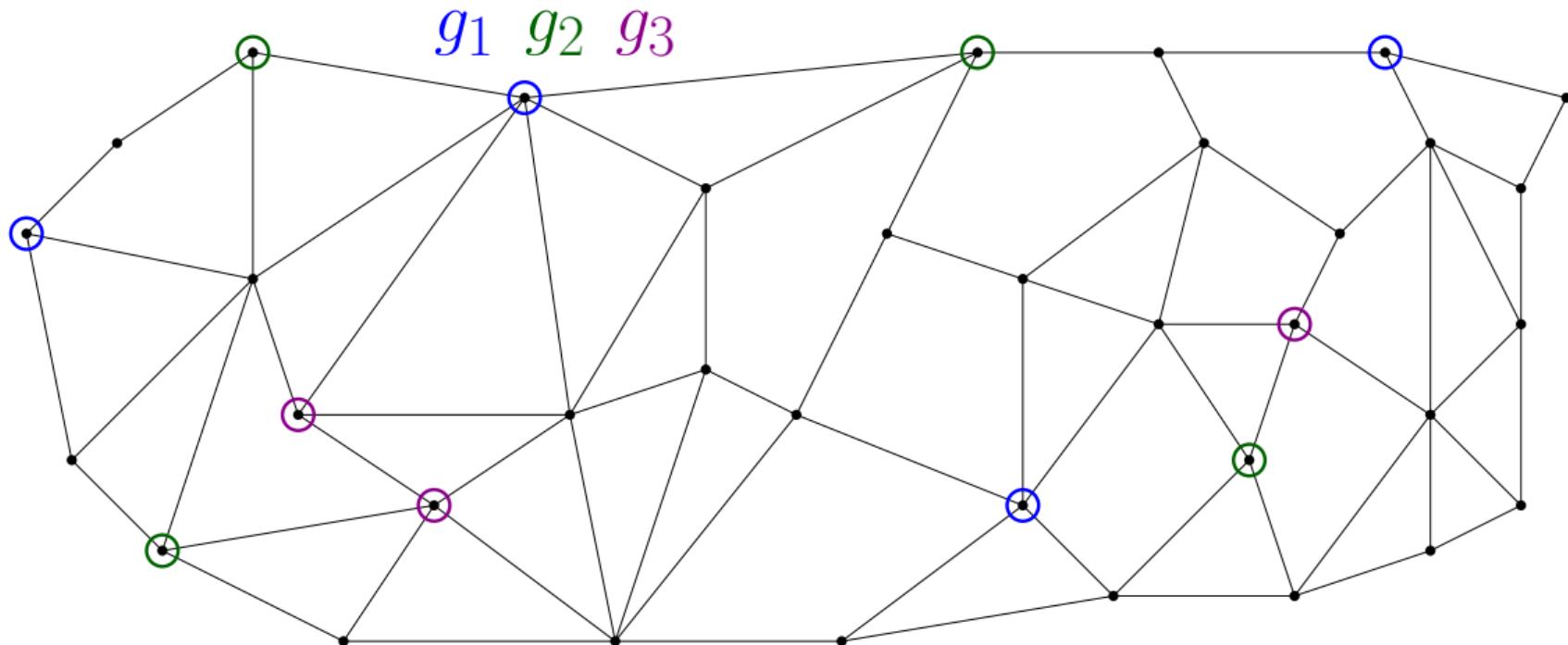
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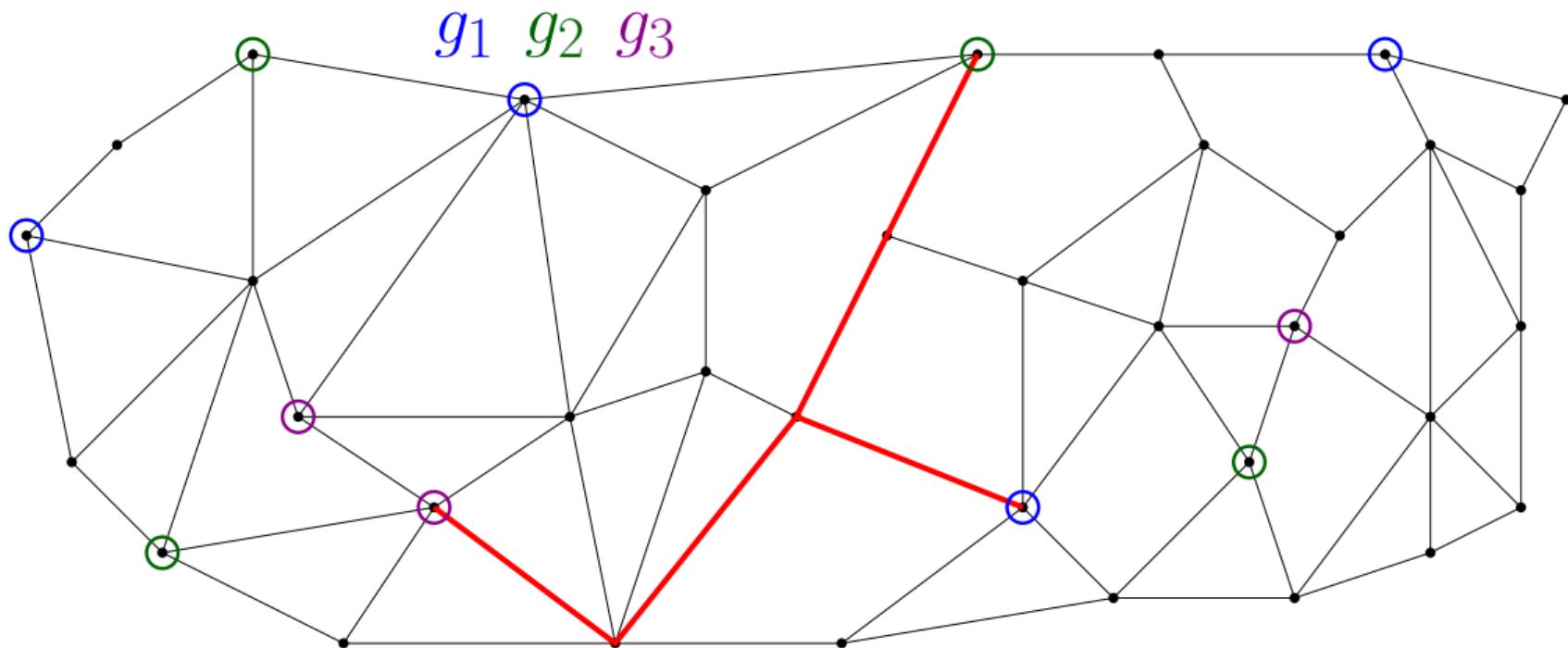
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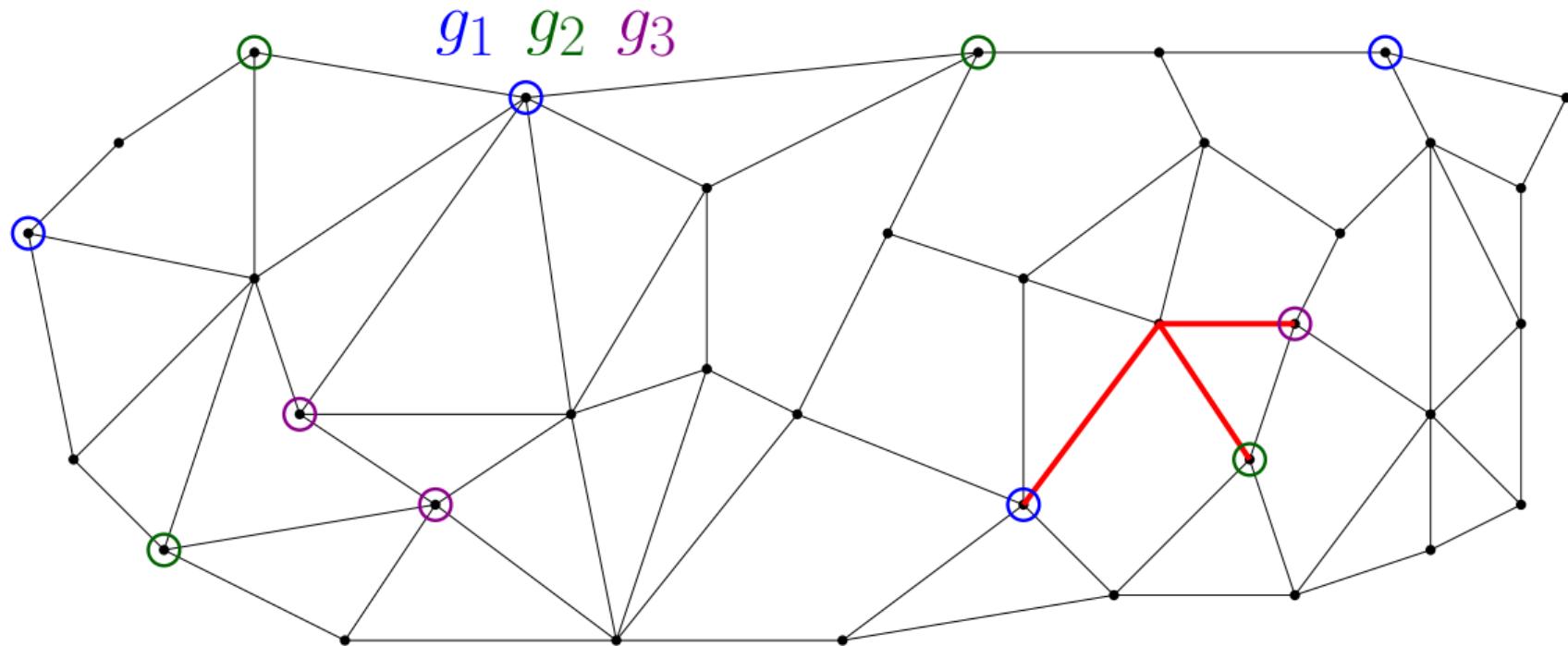
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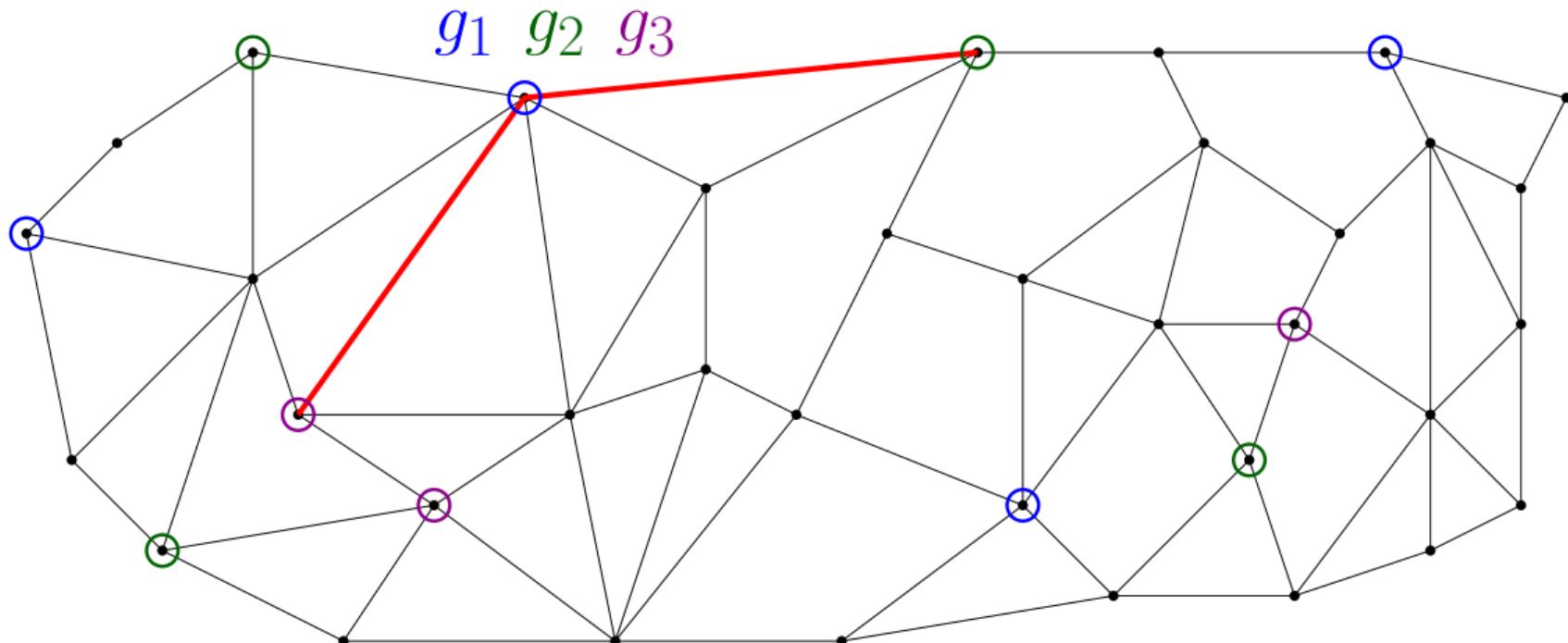
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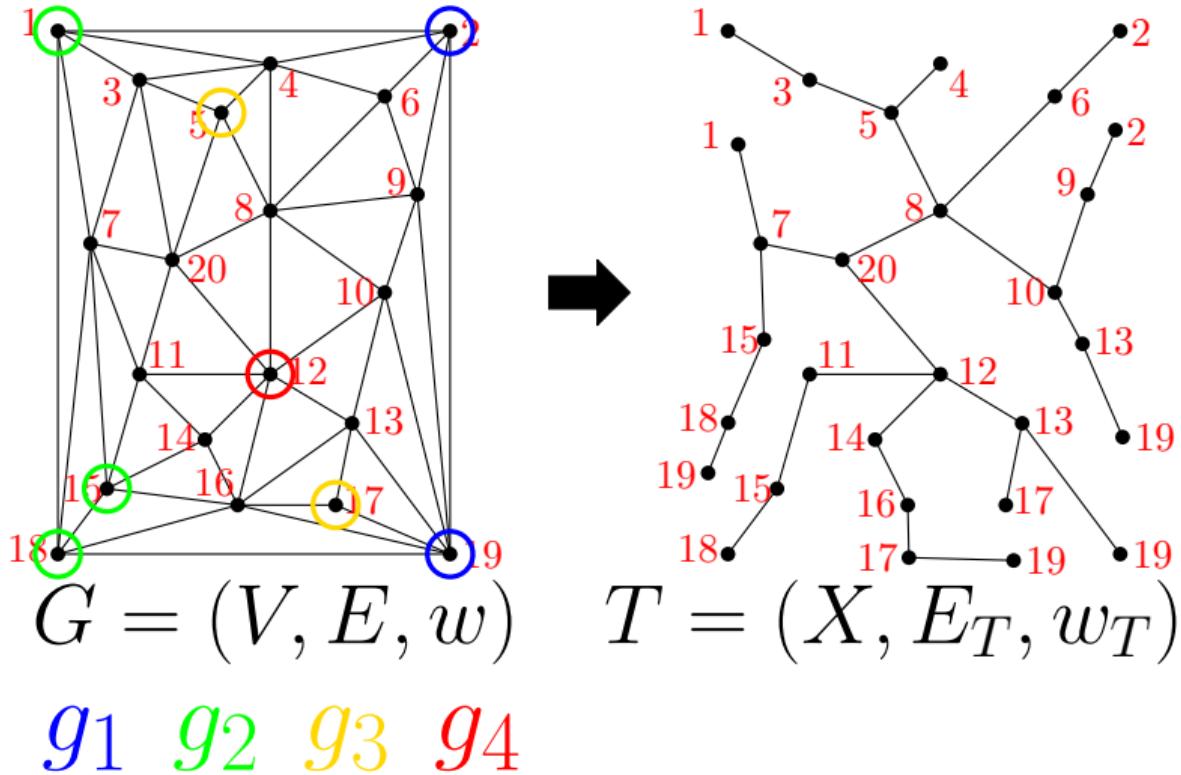
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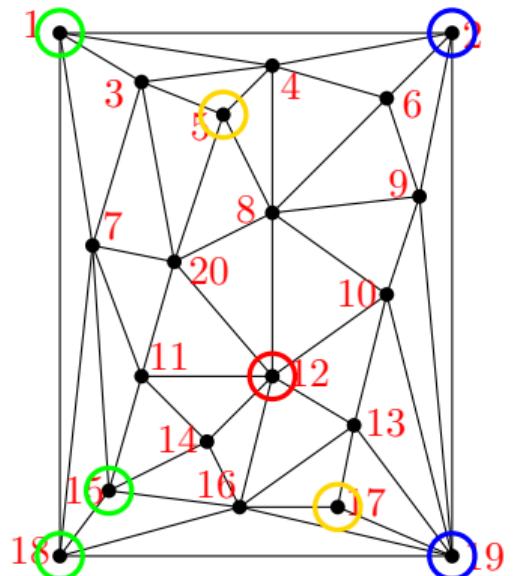
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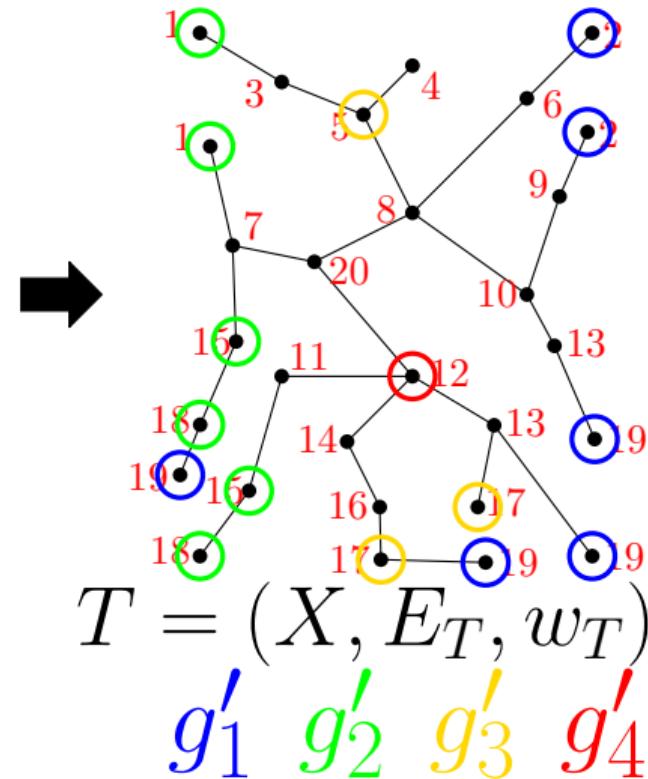
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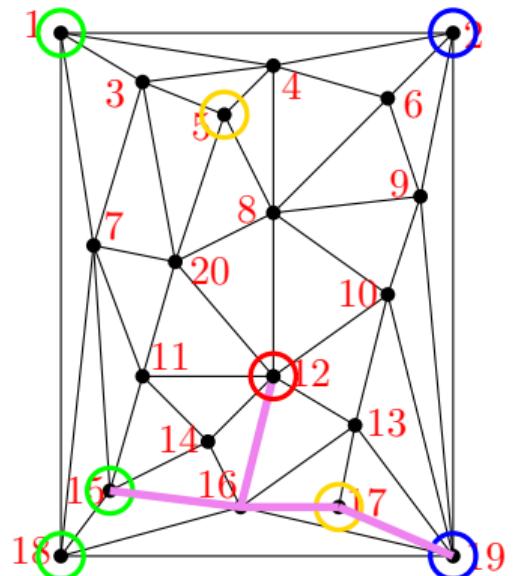


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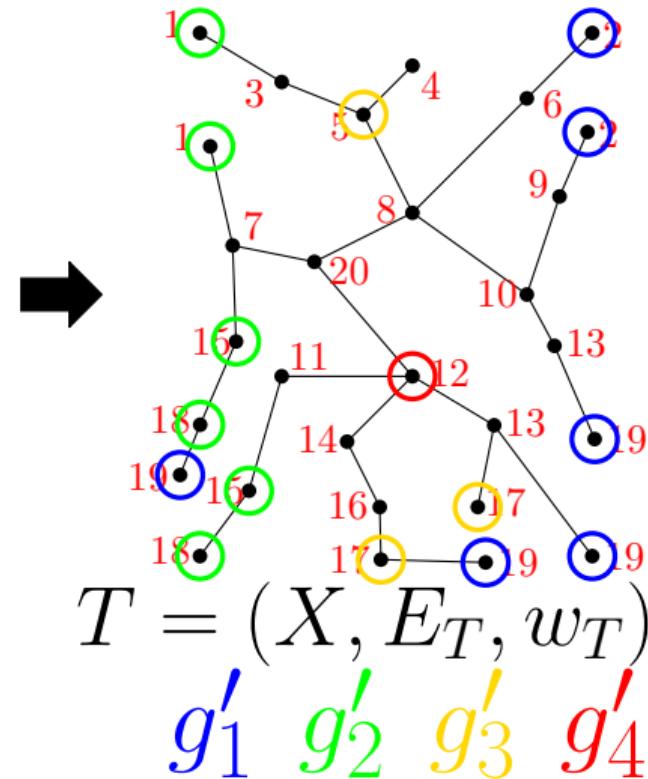
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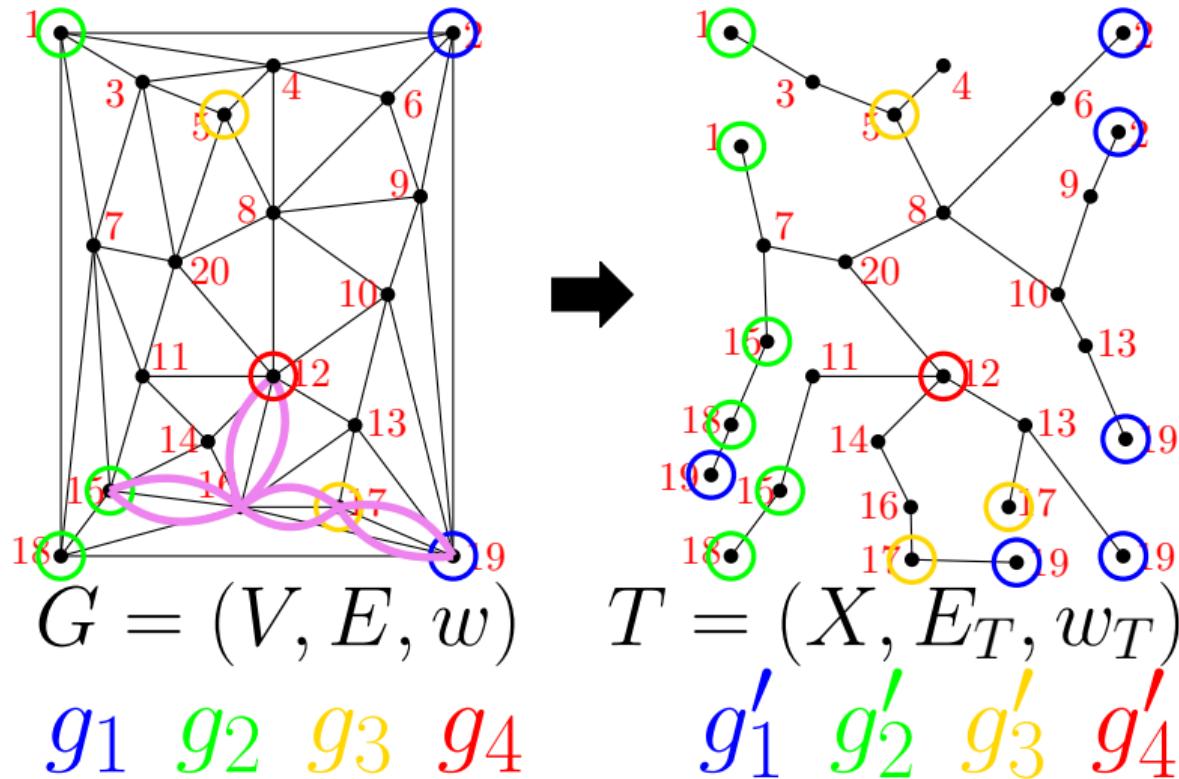
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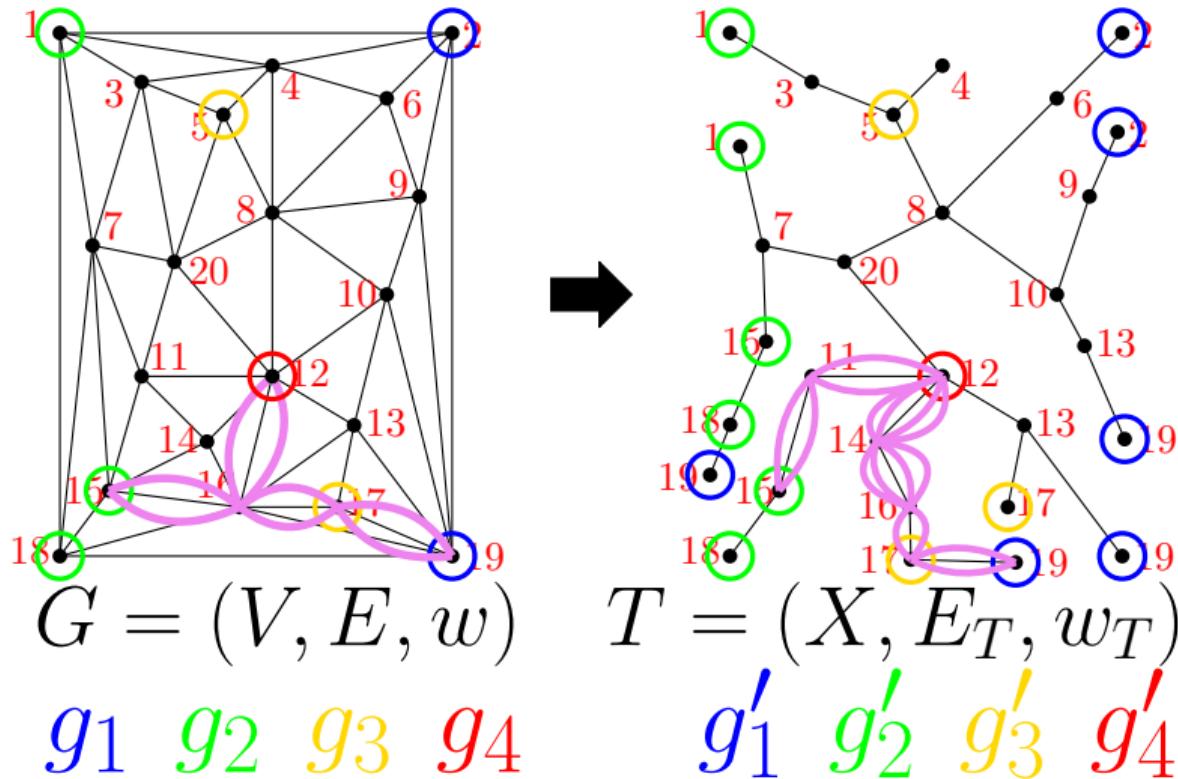
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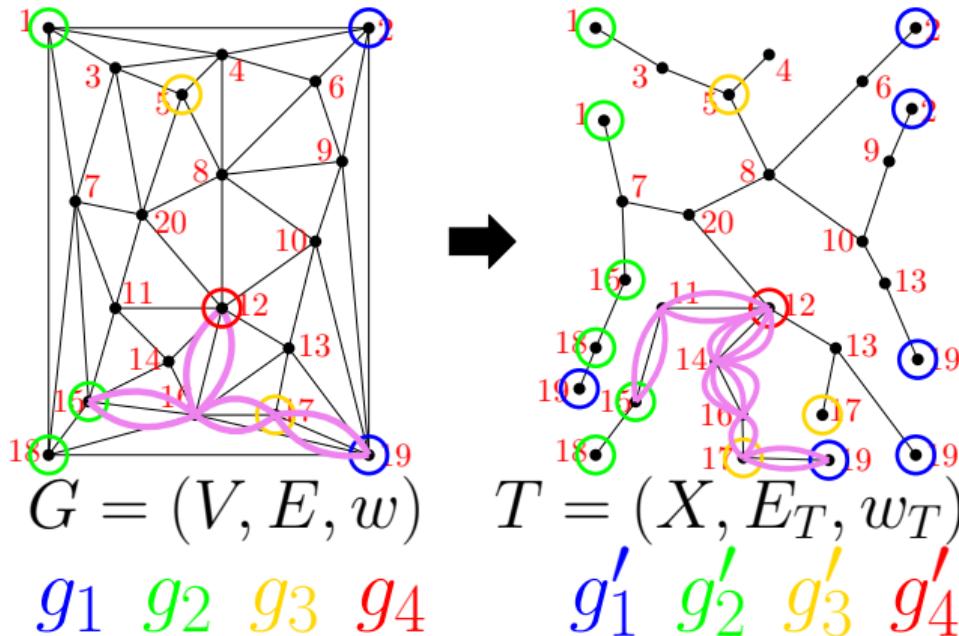
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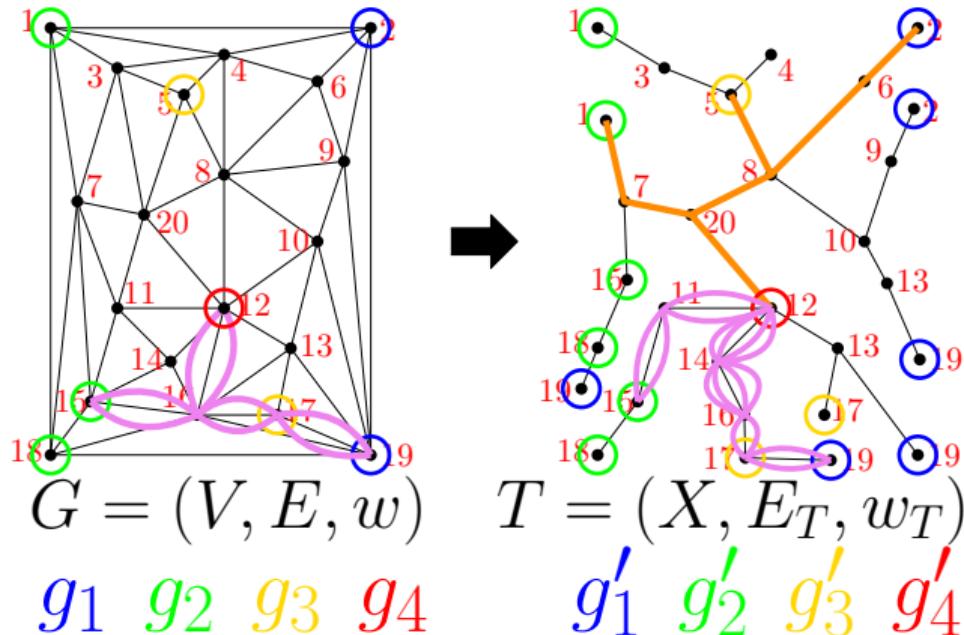
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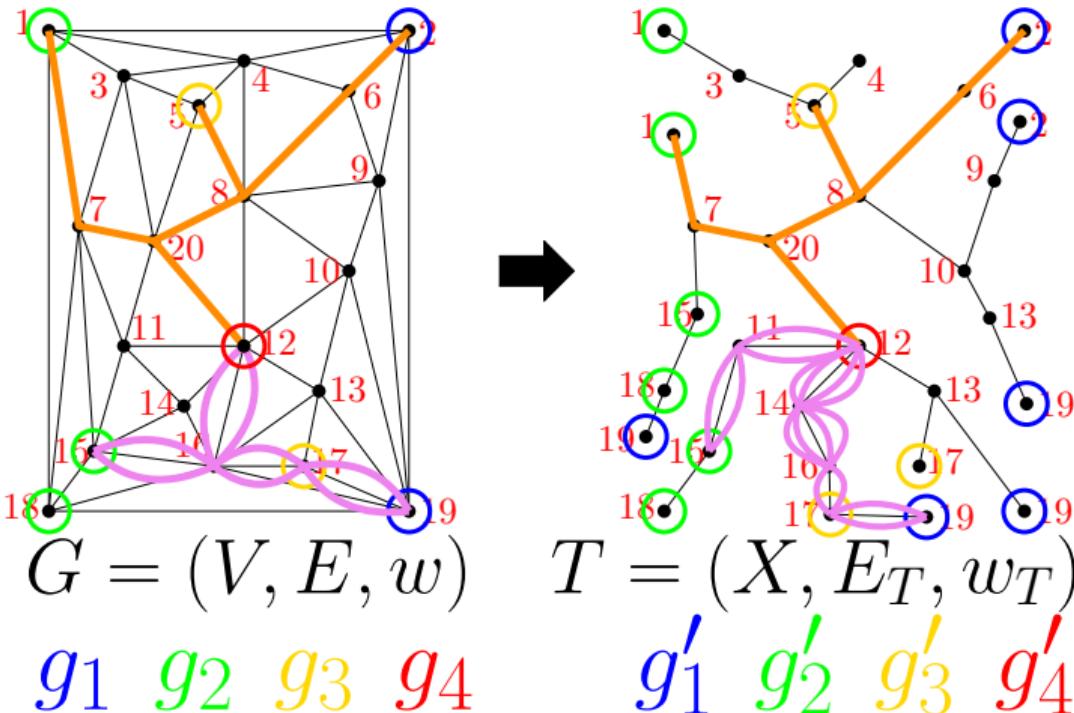
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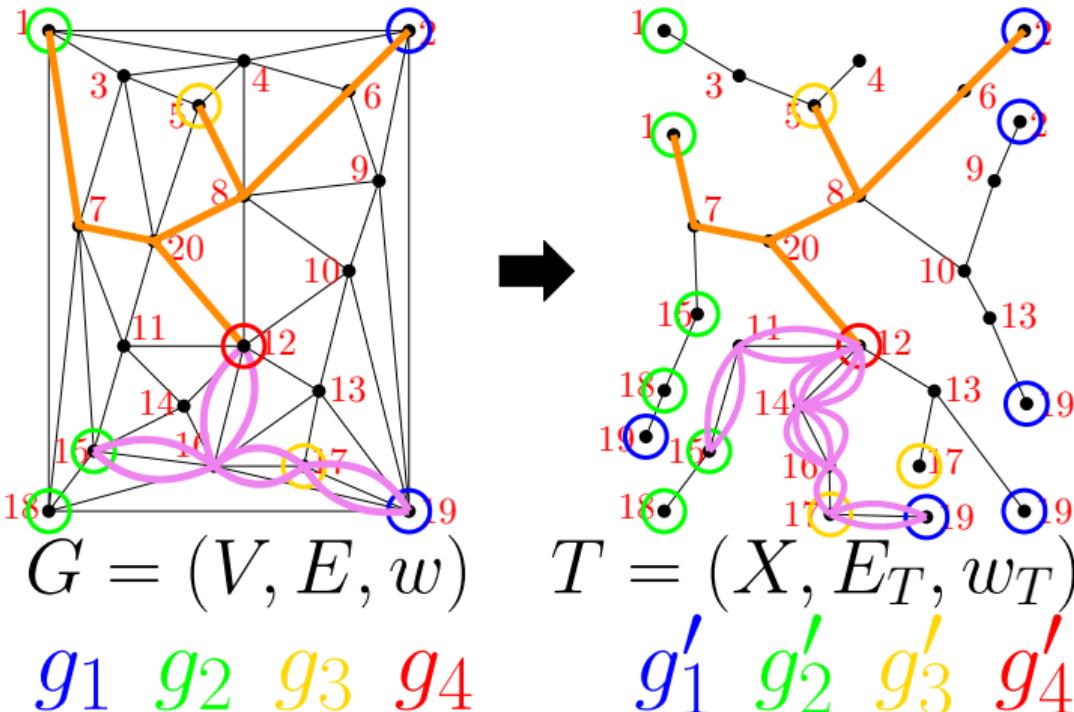
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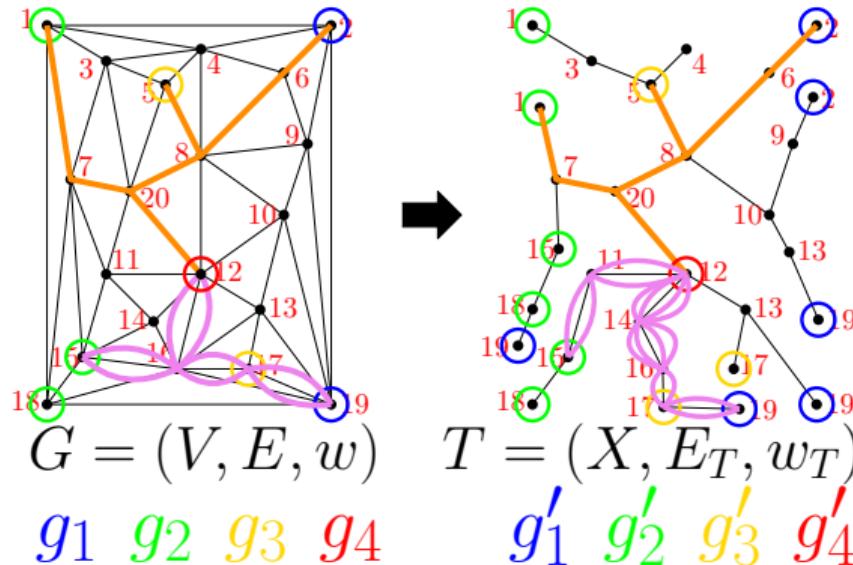
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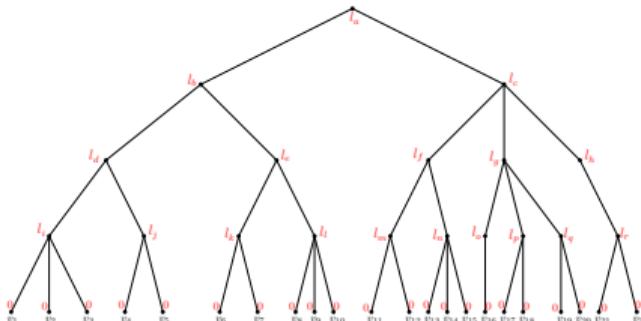
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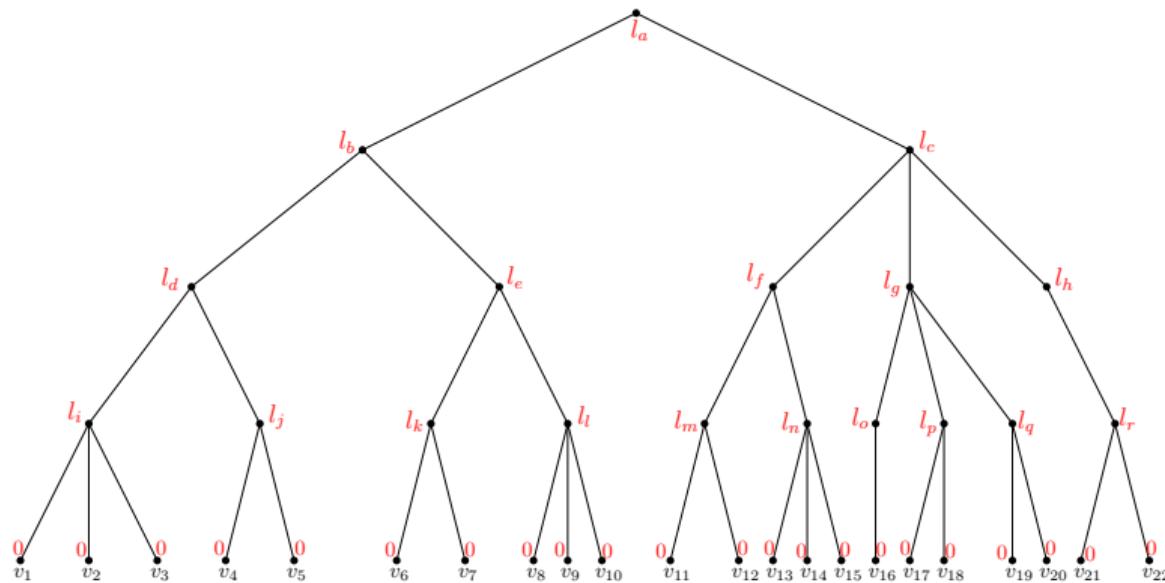
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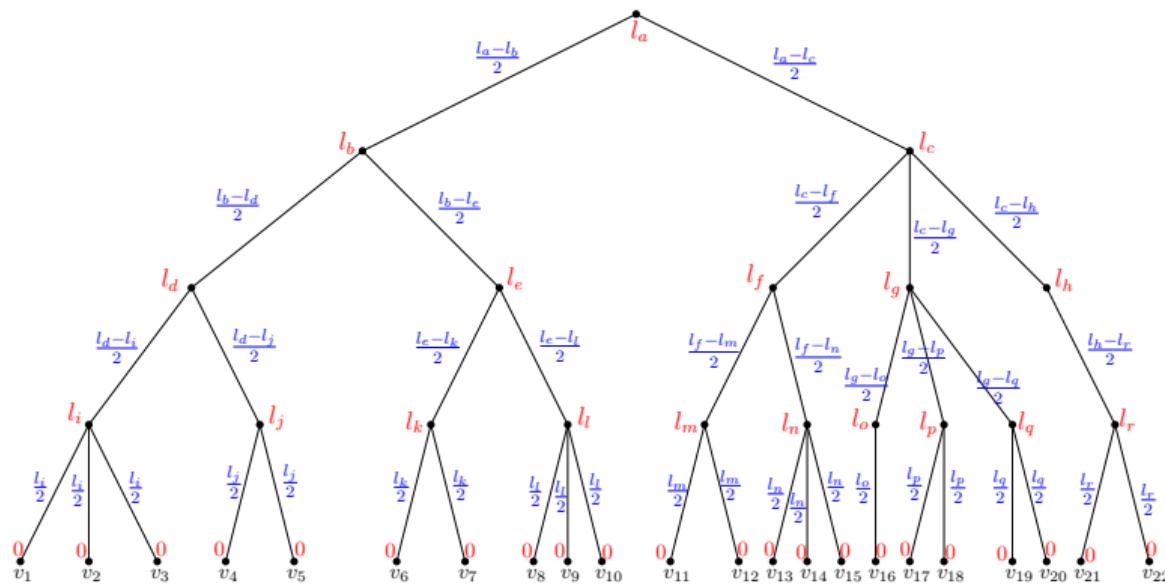
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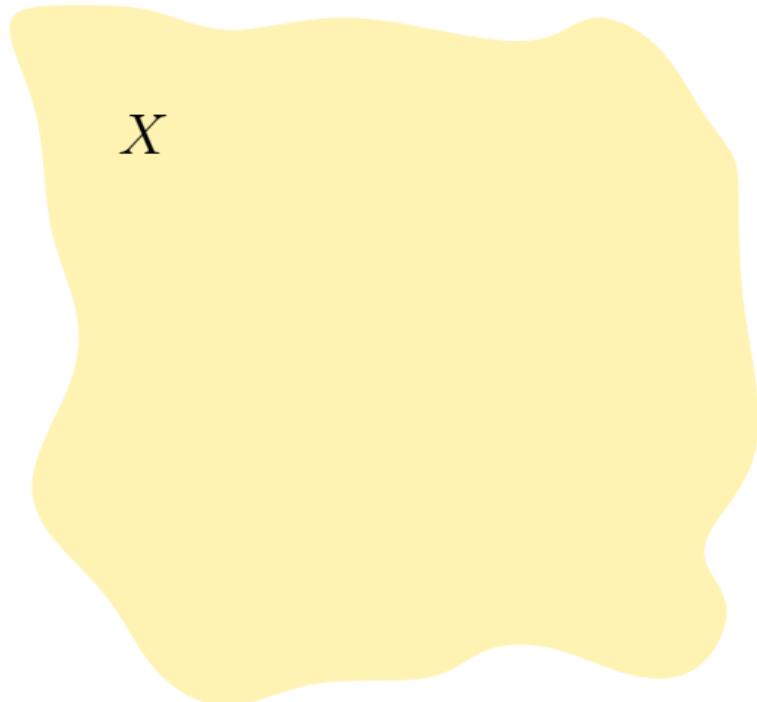
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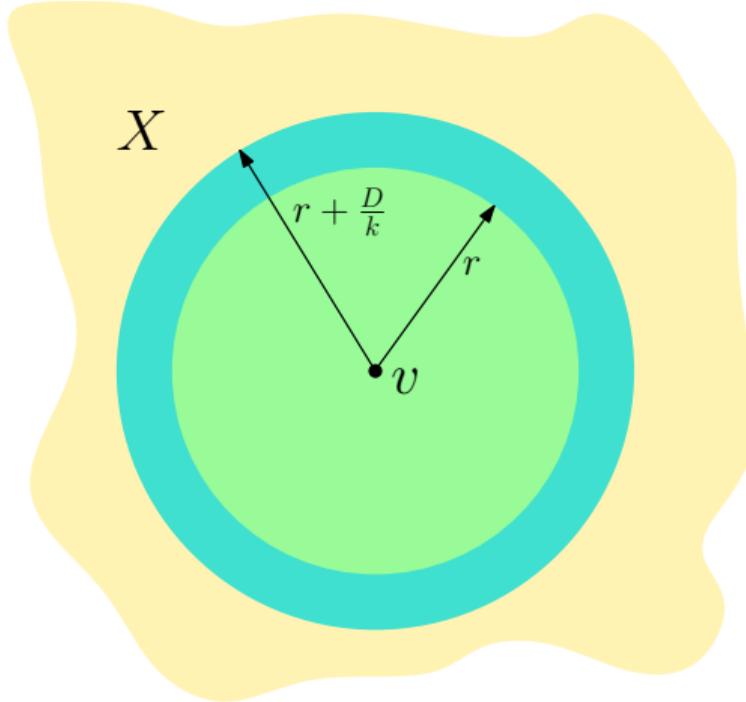


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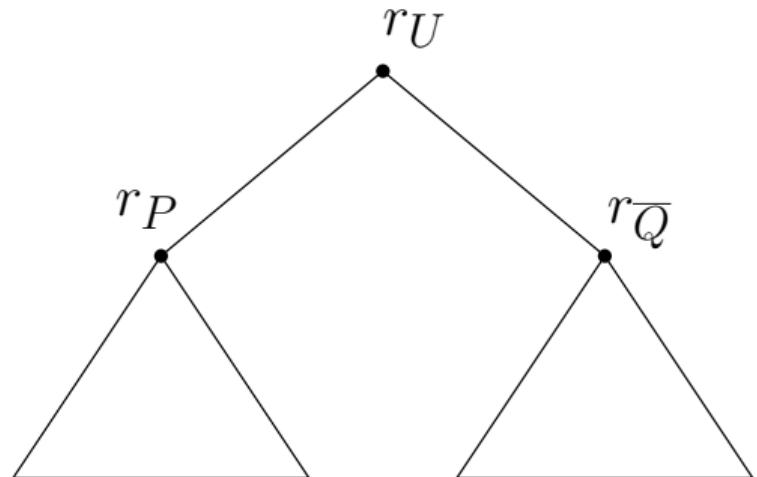
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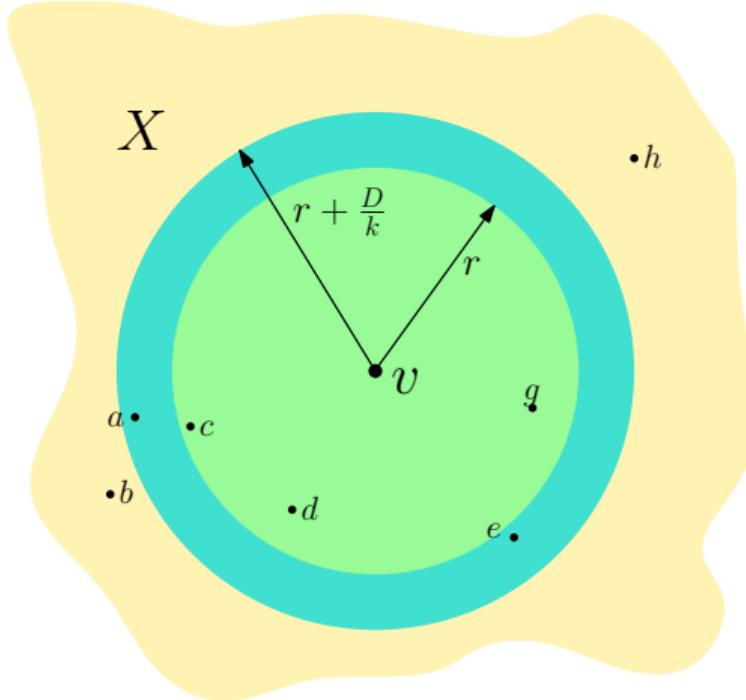
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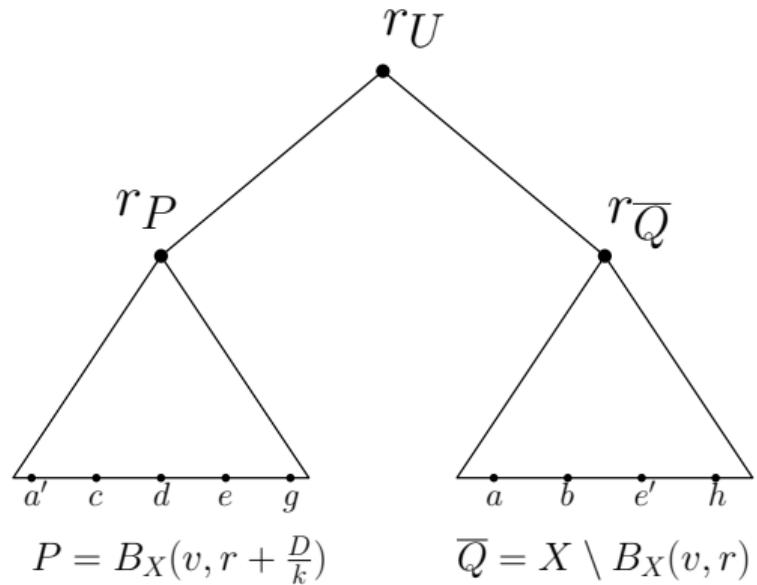
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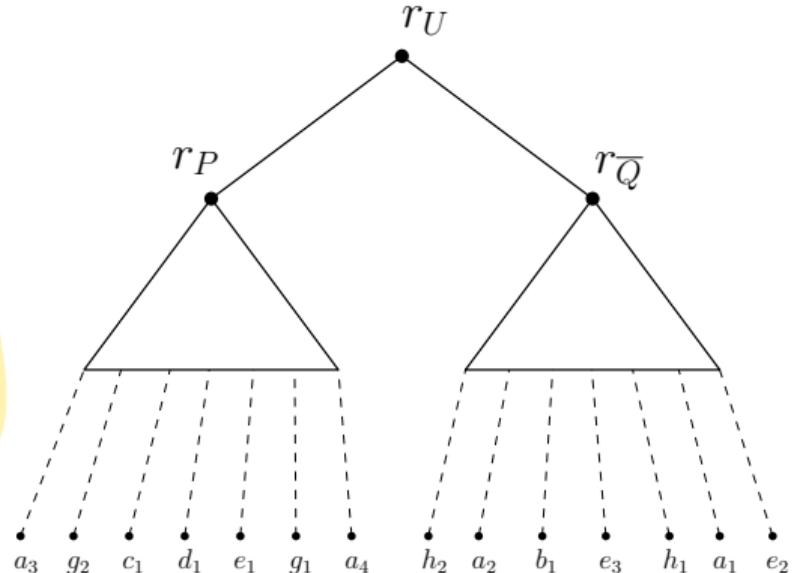
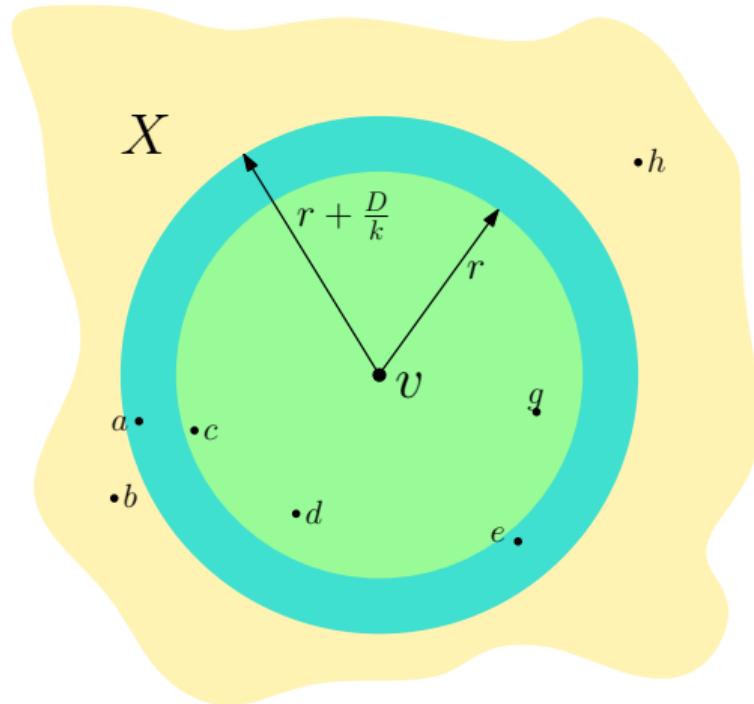
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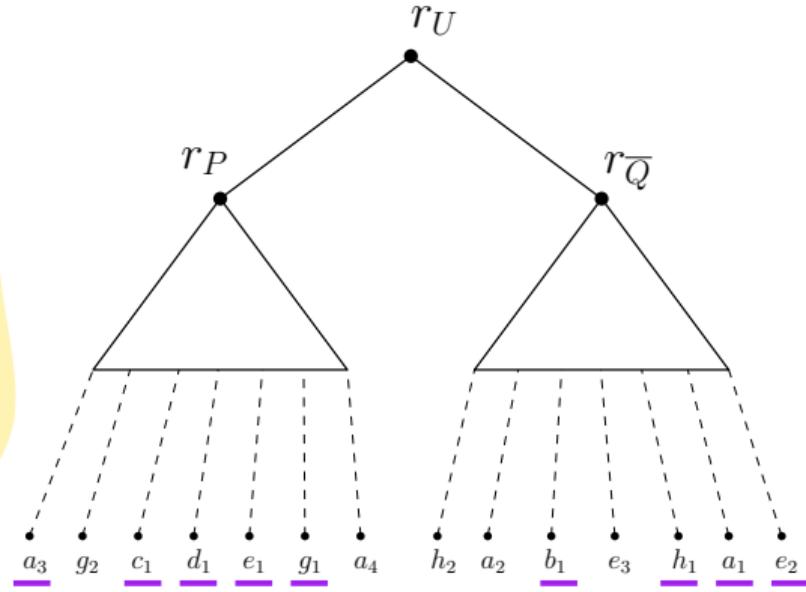
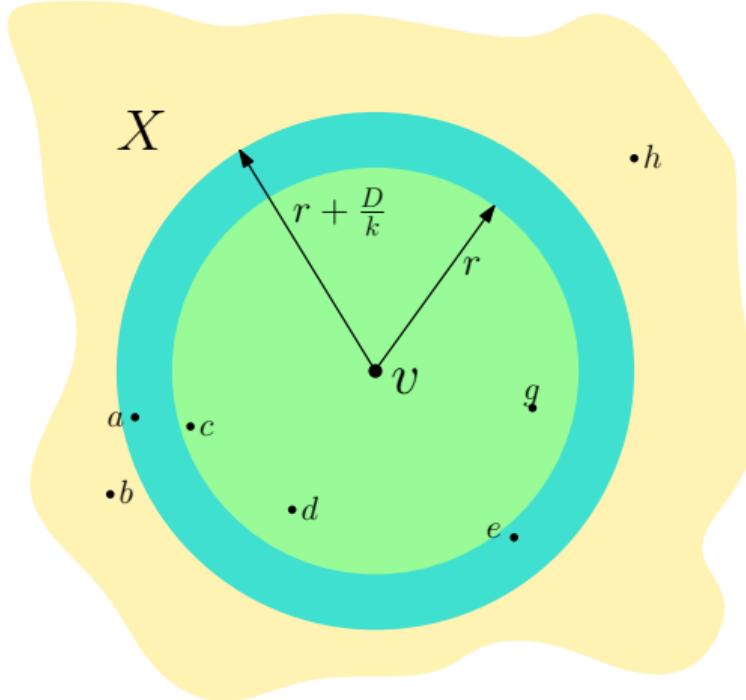
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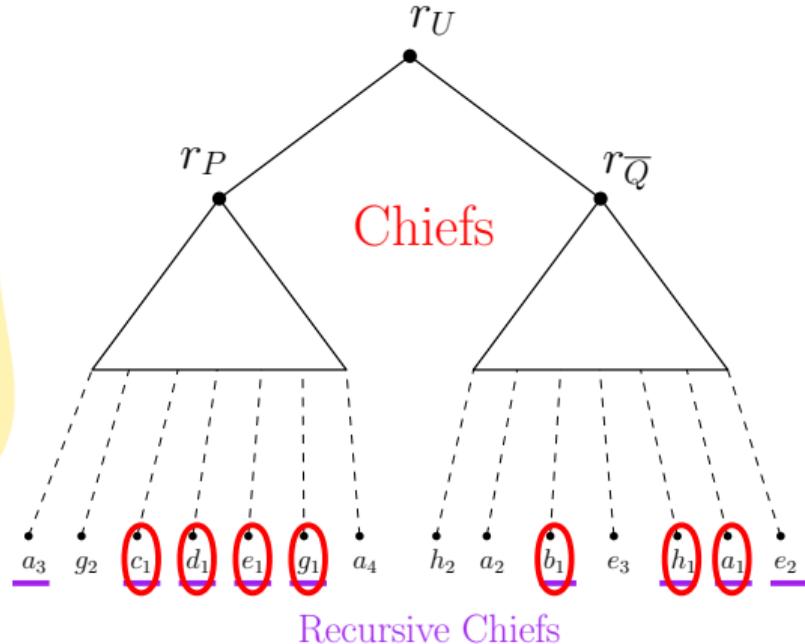
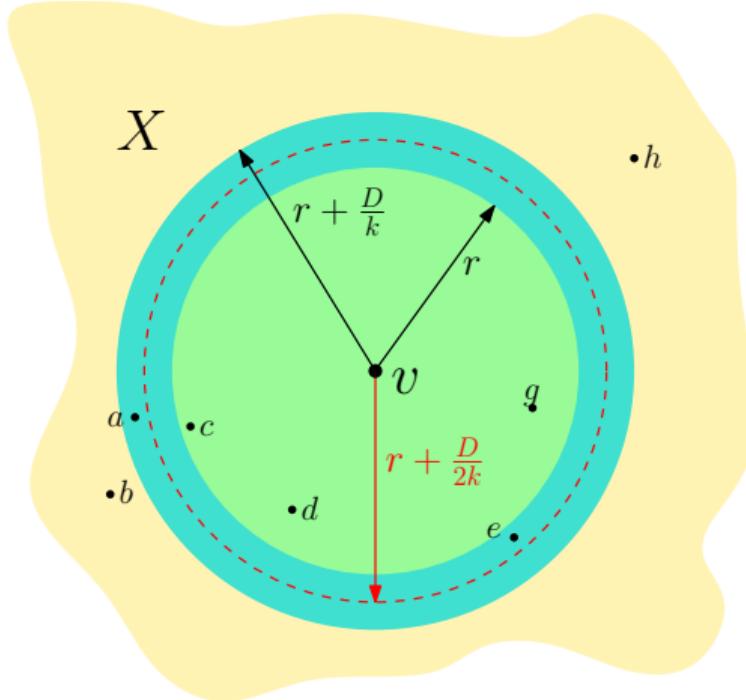


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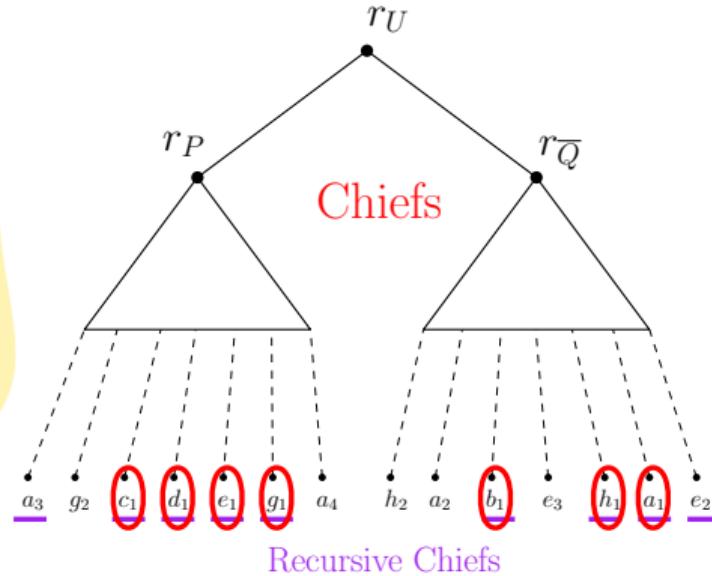
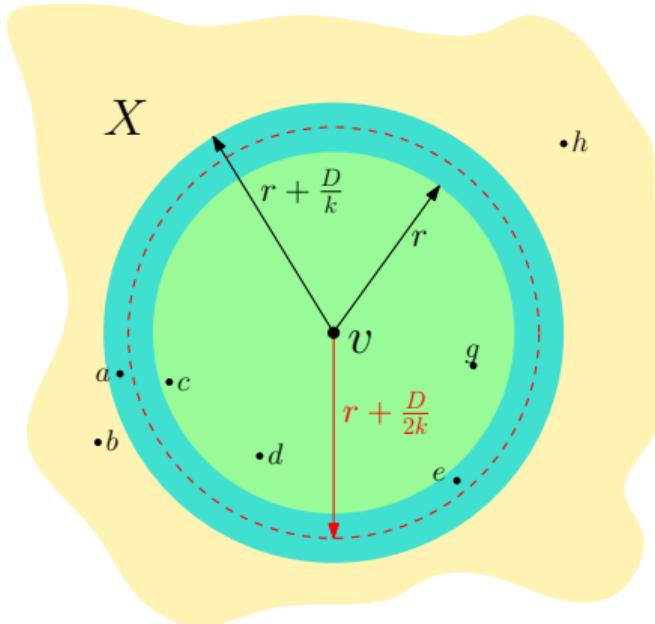


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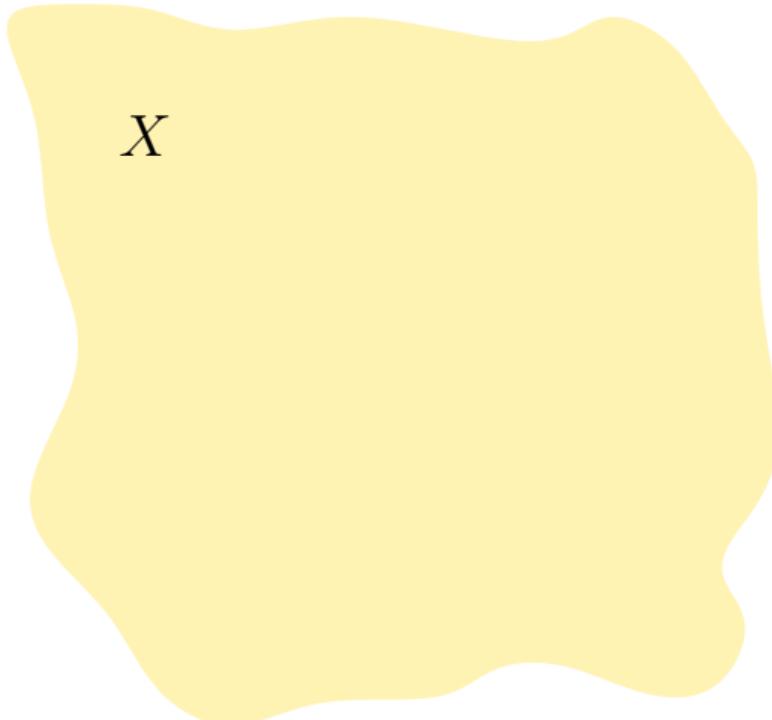


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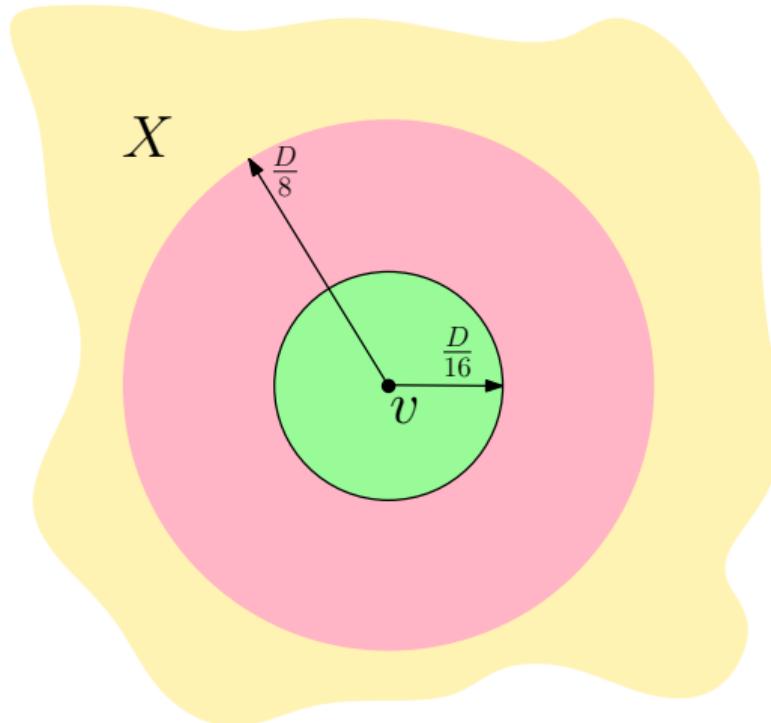
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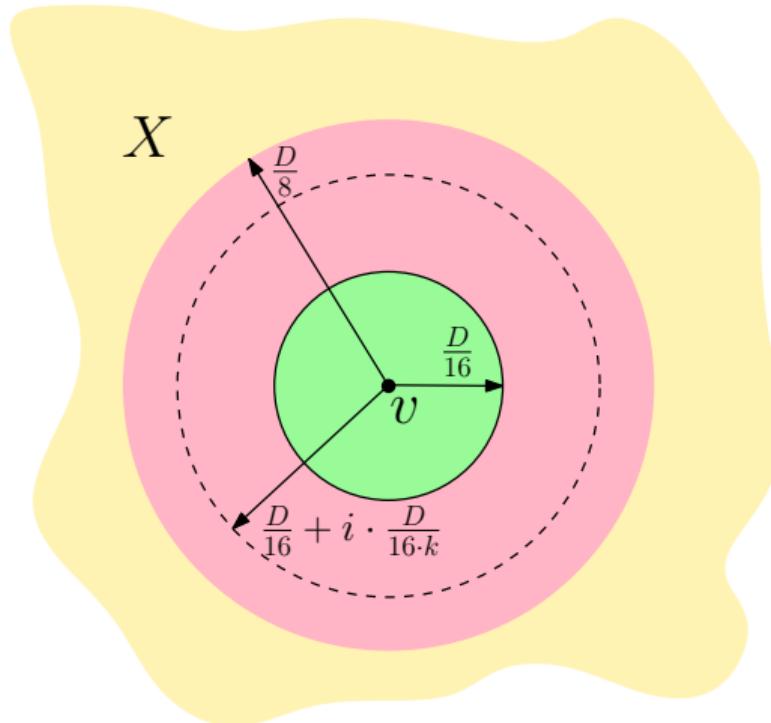
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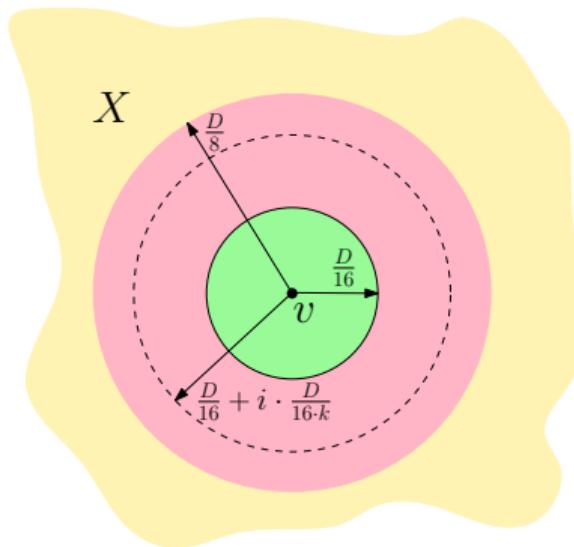
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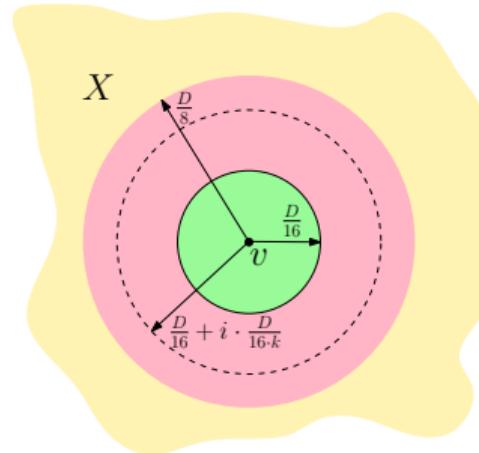


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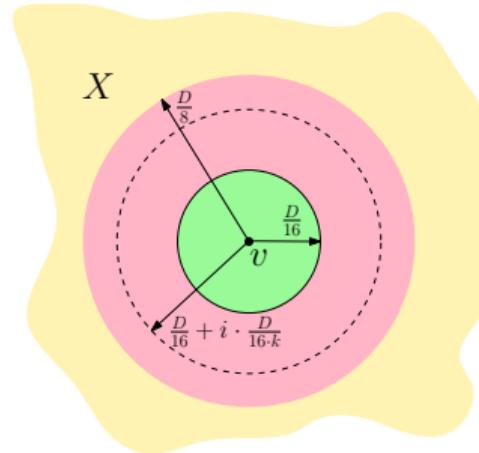
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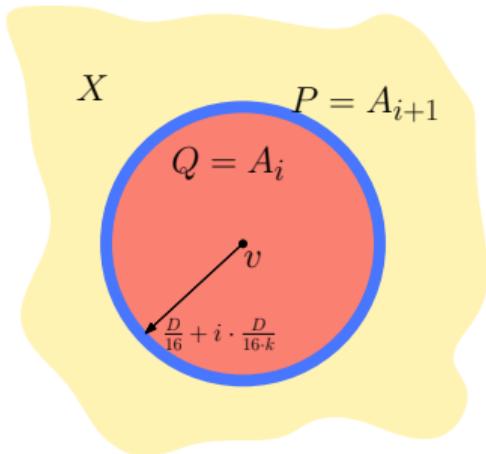
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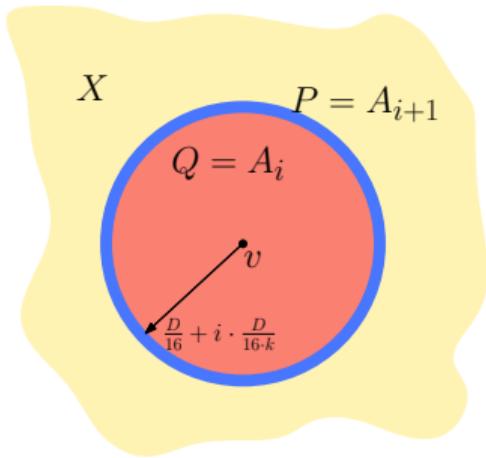
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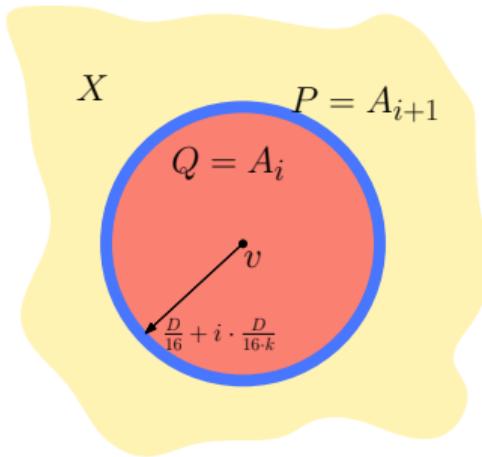


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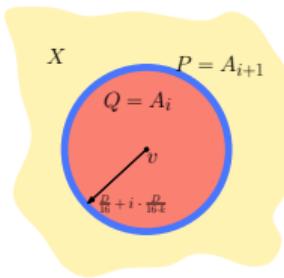
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