# Approximate Minimum-Weight Partial Matching under Translation

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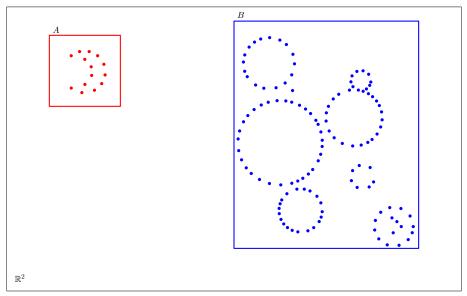
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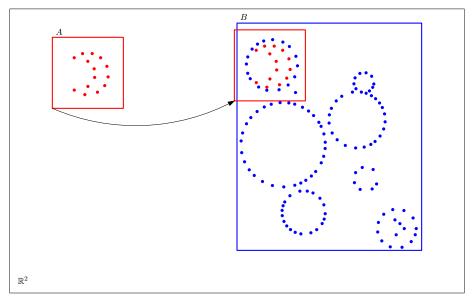
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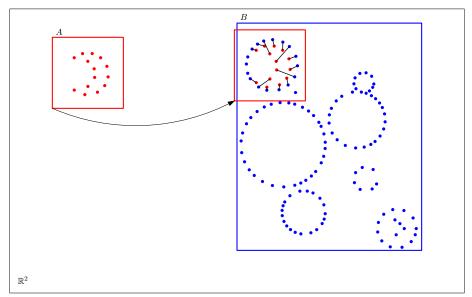
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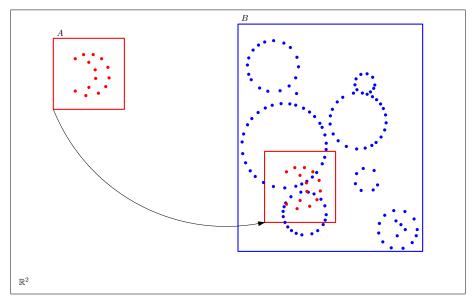
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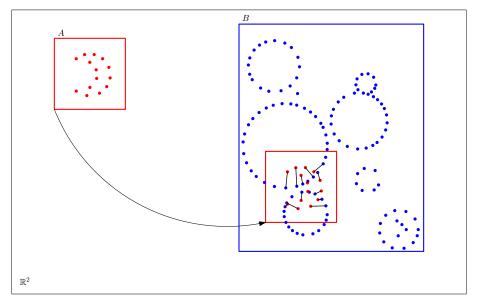


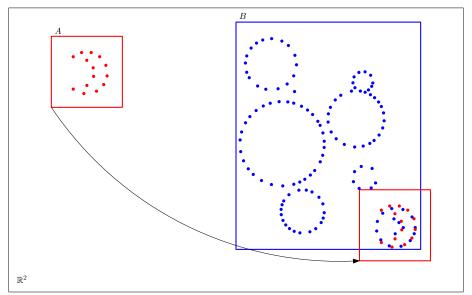


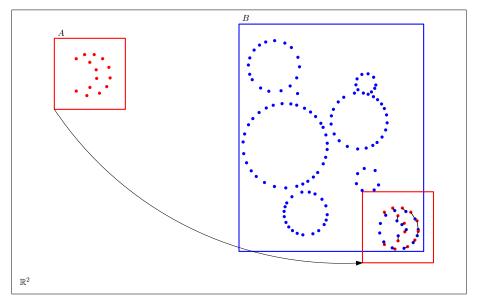












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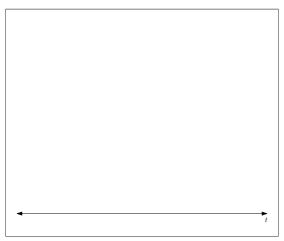
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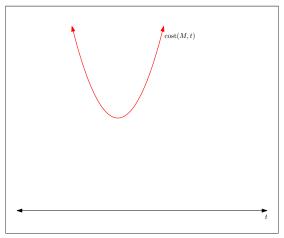
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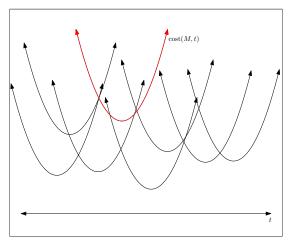
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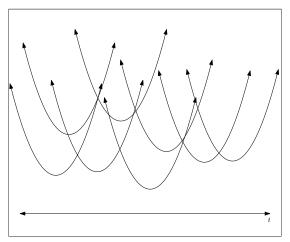
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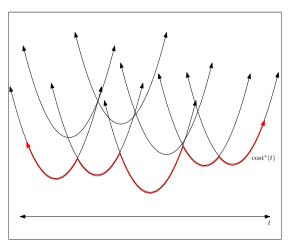
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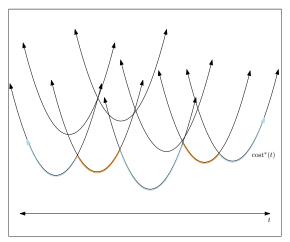
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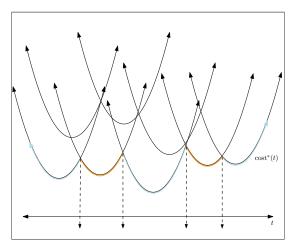
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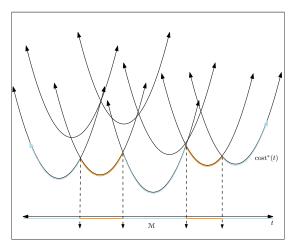
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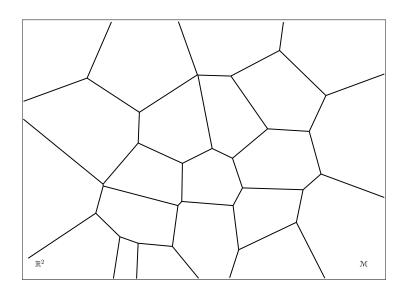
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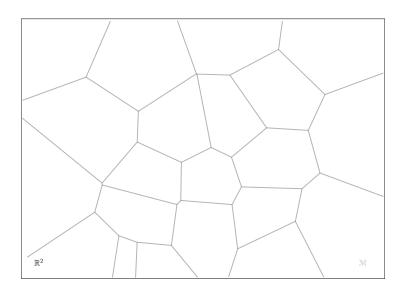


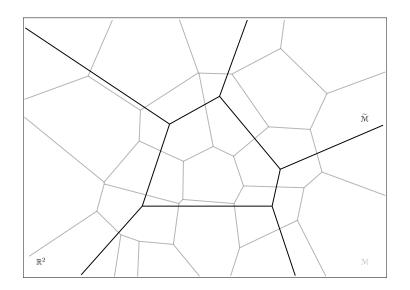
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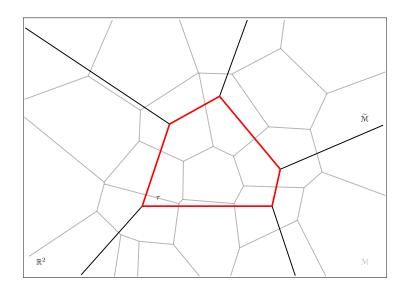
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  - ightharpoonup Explore  $\mathfrak{M}$ , use static algorithm within cells.

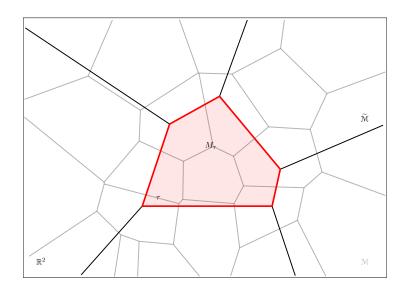
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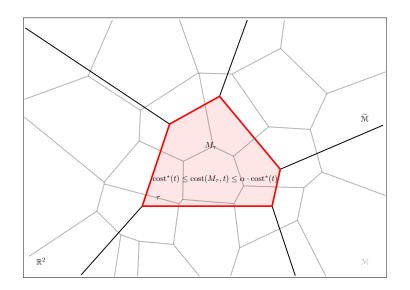








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# Our results (approximation helps)

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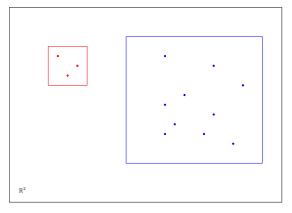
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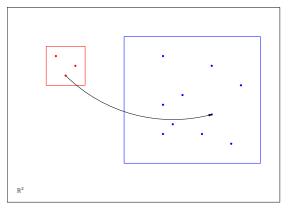
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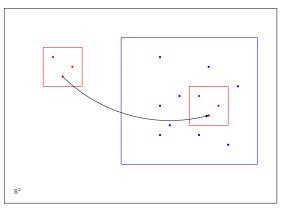
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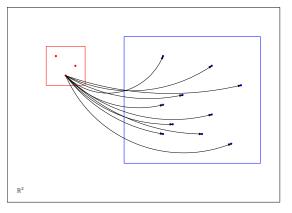
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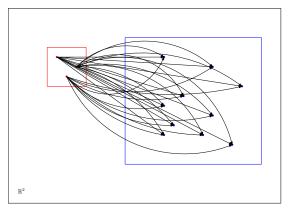
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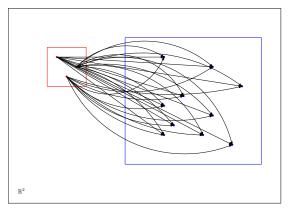
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 $\triangleright$  Claim: Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be Vor(T), with each  $VorRegion(t_{ba})$  assigned the optimal k-matching at  $t_{ba}$ . Then,  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a O(1)-approximate diagram.

# Lipschitz continuity for $L_p$ -cost

$$cost(M, t) := \left[ \frac{1}{k} \sum_{(a,b) \in M} ||a + t - b||^p \right]^{1/p}$$

### Lemma (Lipschitz condition)

Given  $t, \Delta \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , let  $M_t$  be the optimal k-matching at t.

Then  $cost(M_t, t + \Delta) \leq cost^*(t) + ||\Delta||$ .

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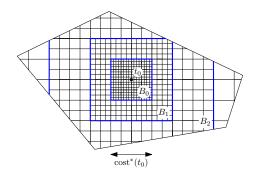
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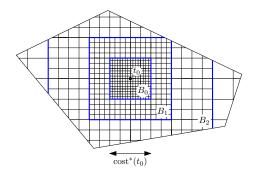


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# Compressing $\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}$

- ▶ Reduce size from  $O(mn) \rightarrow O(mn/k)$ .
- Any O(1) approx. diagram is enough for the  $(1+\varepsilon)$  diagram.
- ▶ Cluster the points of T... while keeping cluster radius small w.r.t.  $cost^*(t)$ .

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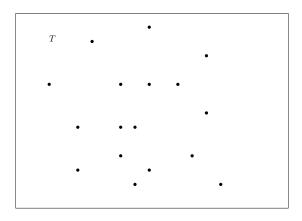
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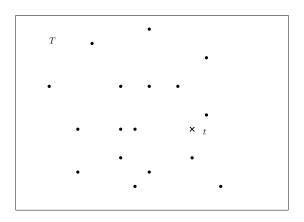
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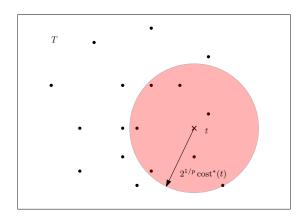
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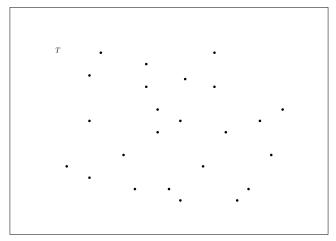
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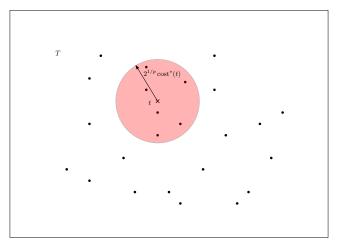
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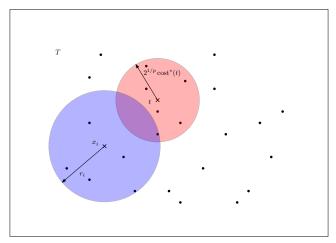
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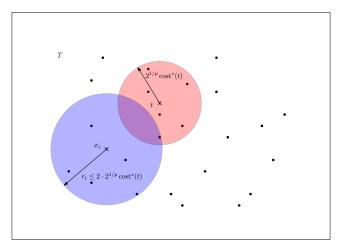
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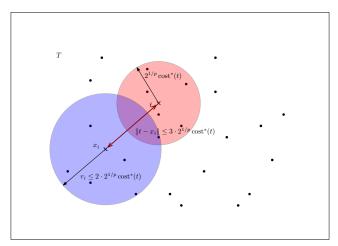
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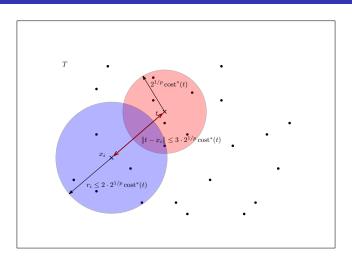




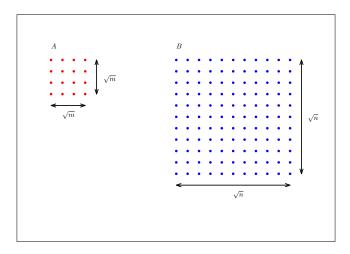


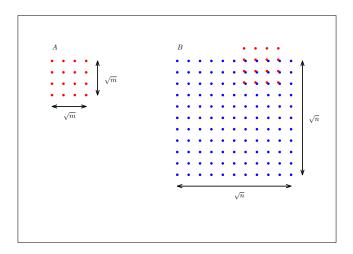


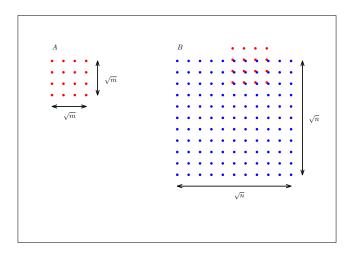


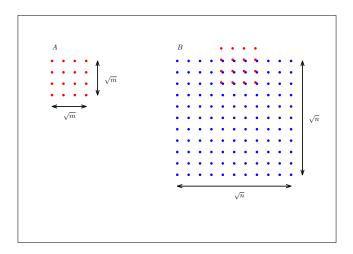


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- ▶ Using grids,  $(1+\varepsilon)$  approx. diagram of size  $O((mn/k)\varepsilon^{-2}\log\varepsilon^{-1})$ .









#### Open questions

- 1. Is the complexity of M polynomial, for any p?
- 2. Approximate diagrams for rotations? Rigid transforms?

#### The End

Thank you.