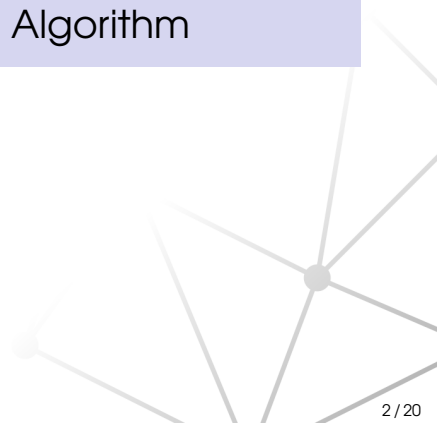


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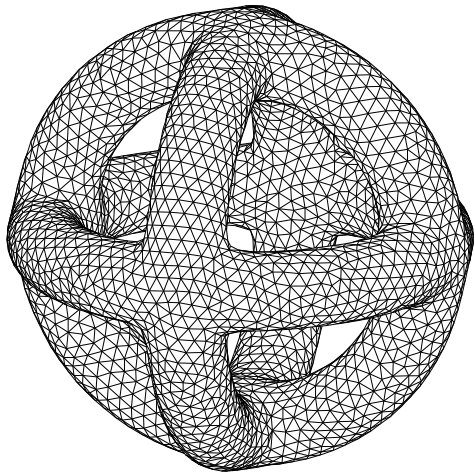
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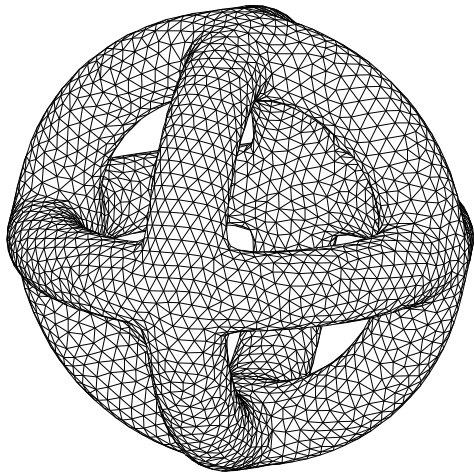


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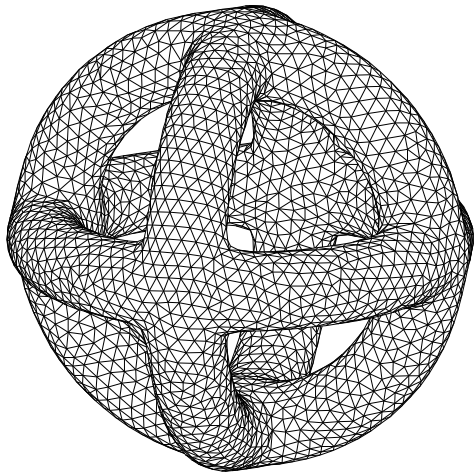
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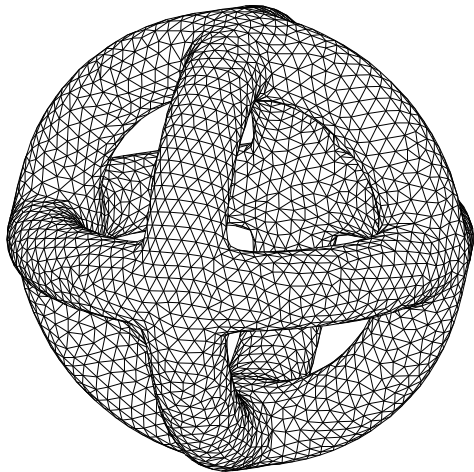


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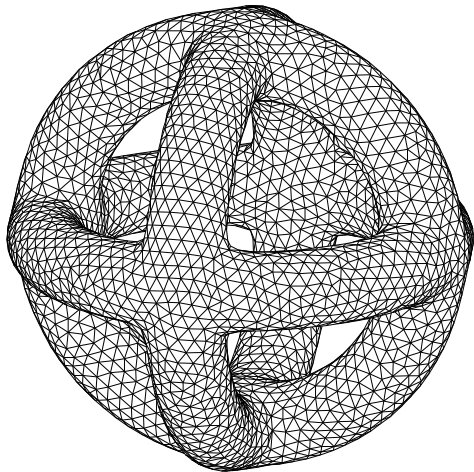
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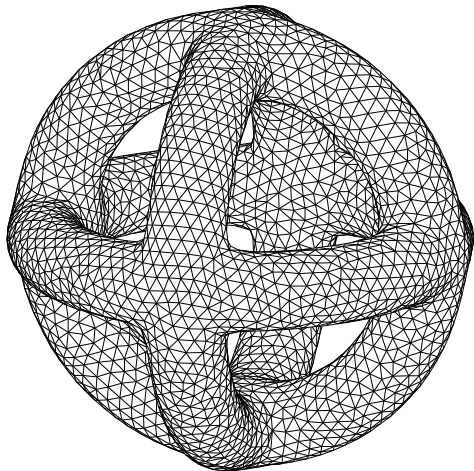
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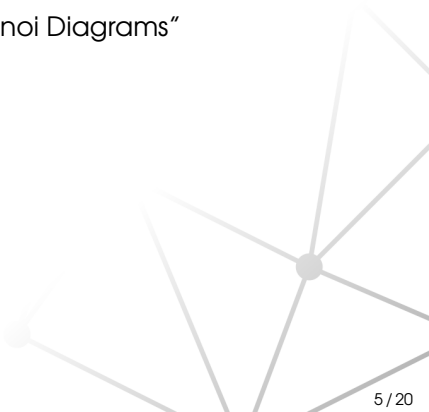
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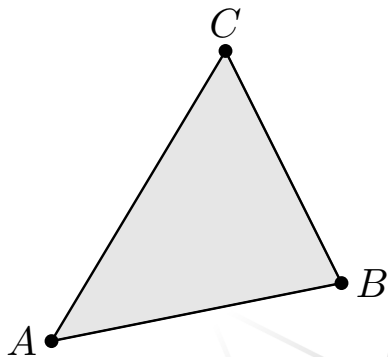
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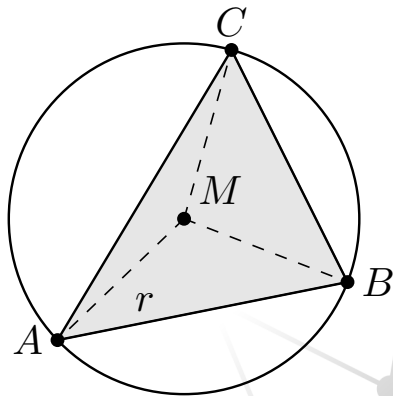
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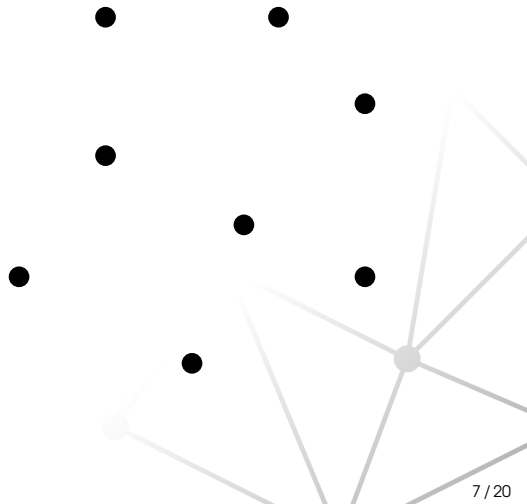
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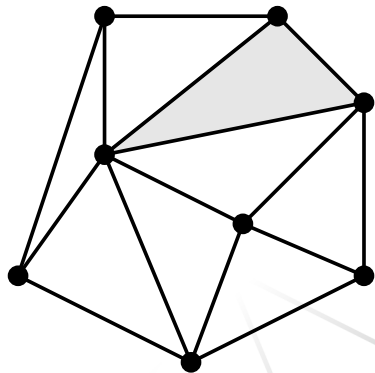
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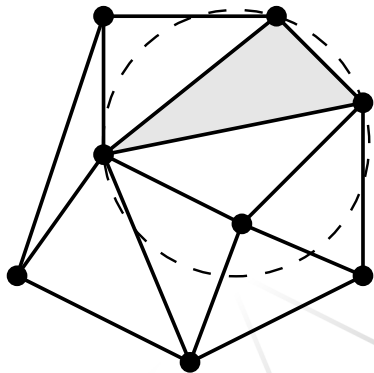
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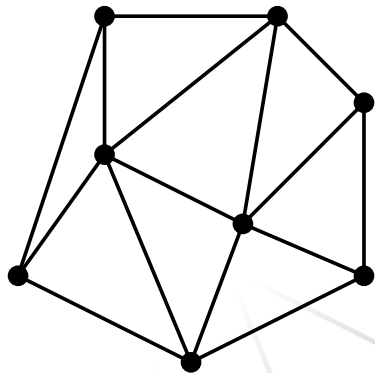
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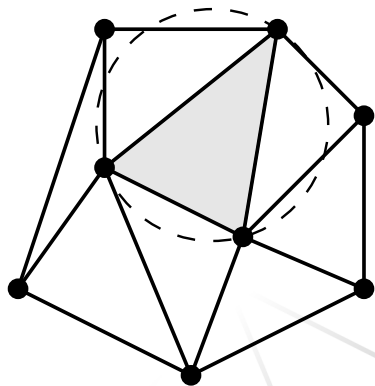
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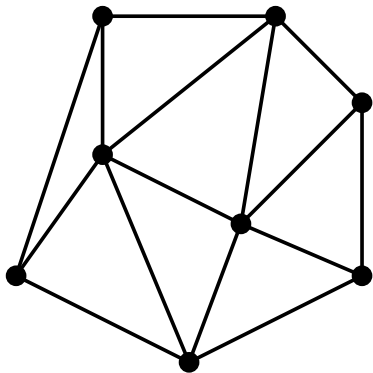
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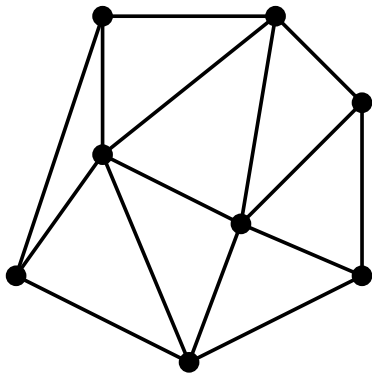
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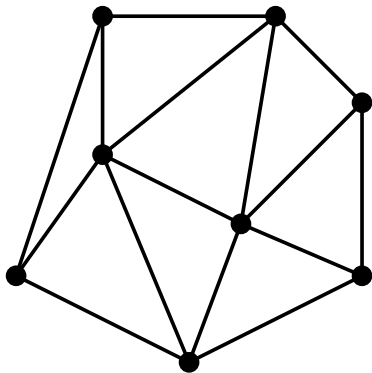
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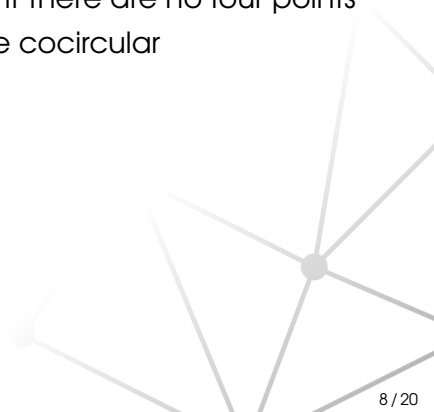
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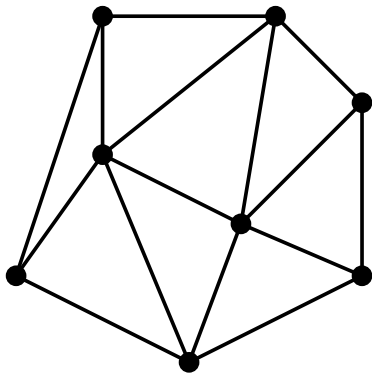
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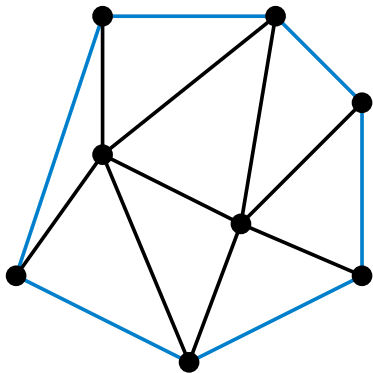


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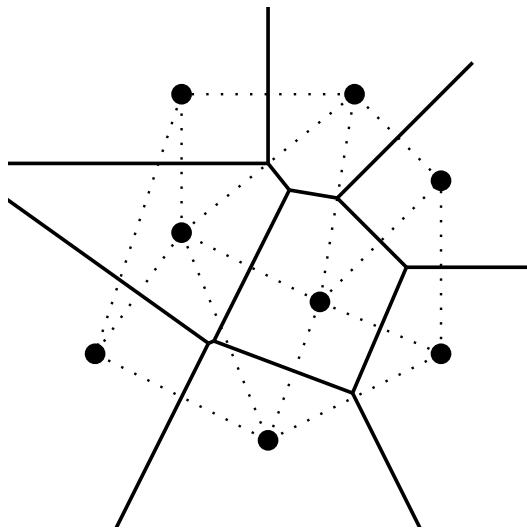
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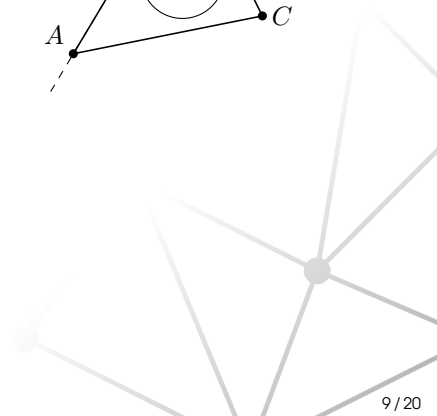
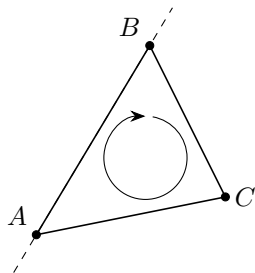
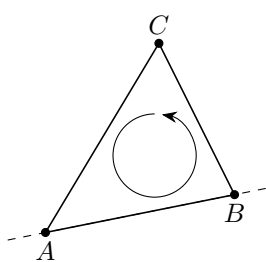
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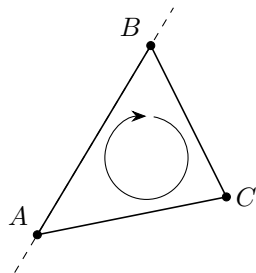
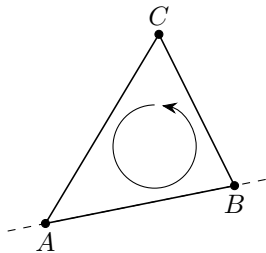




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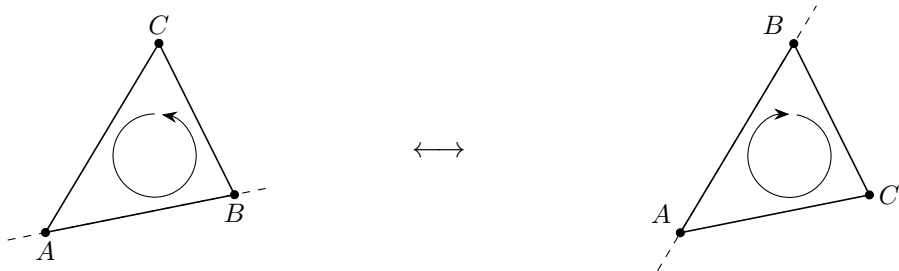


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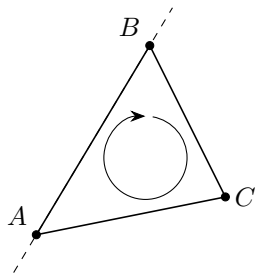
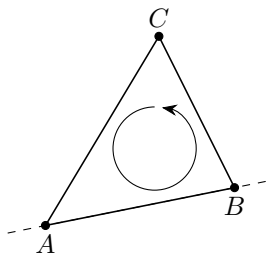
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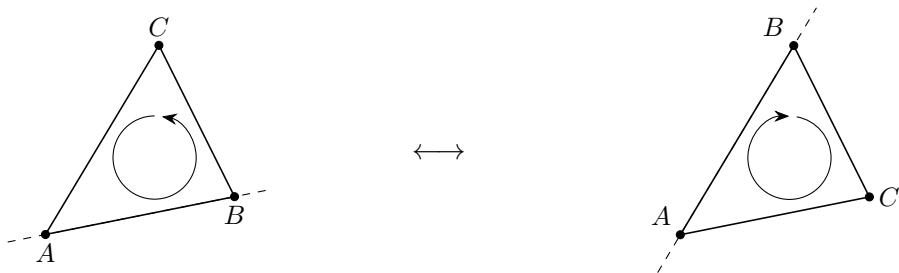
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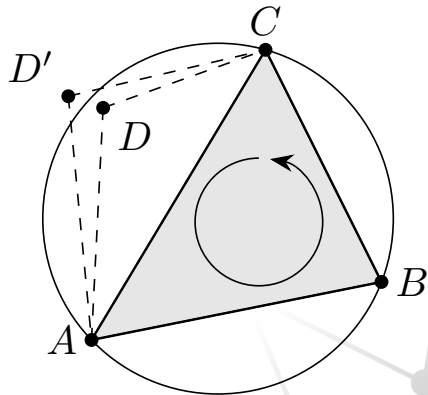
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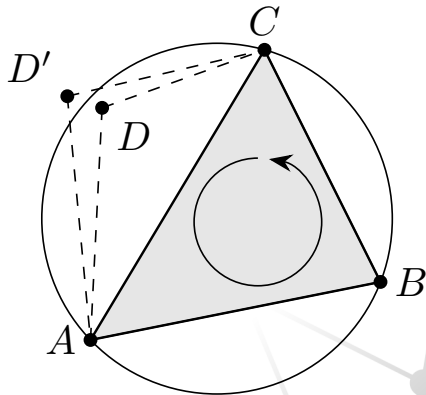
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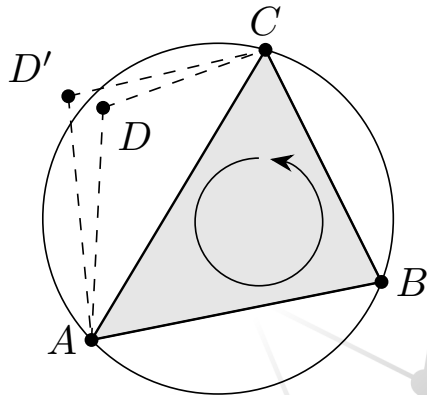
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$$u := B - A, \quad v := C - A, \quad x := D - A$$

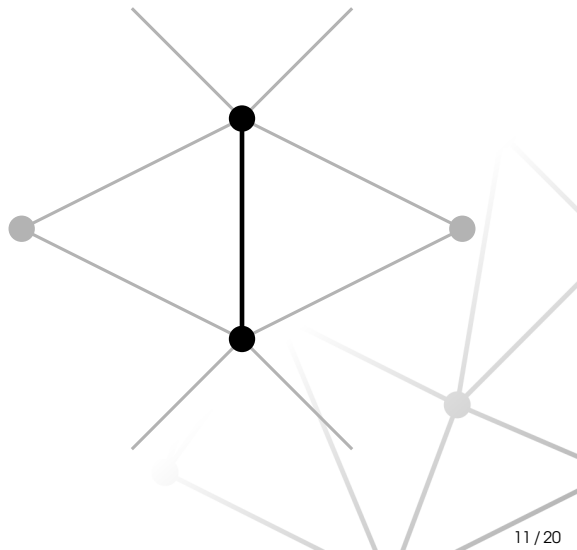


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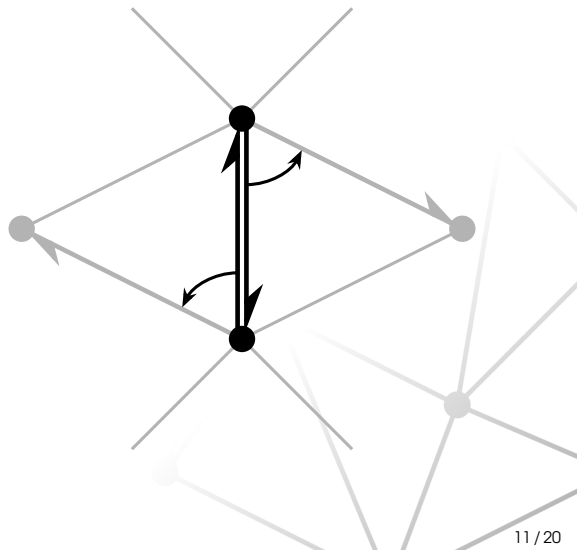
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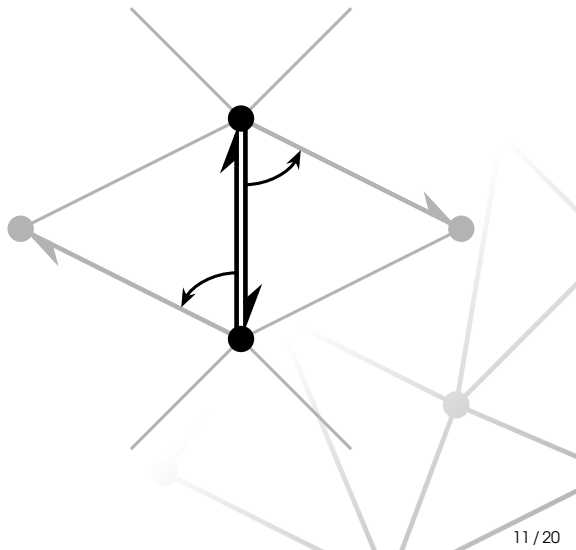
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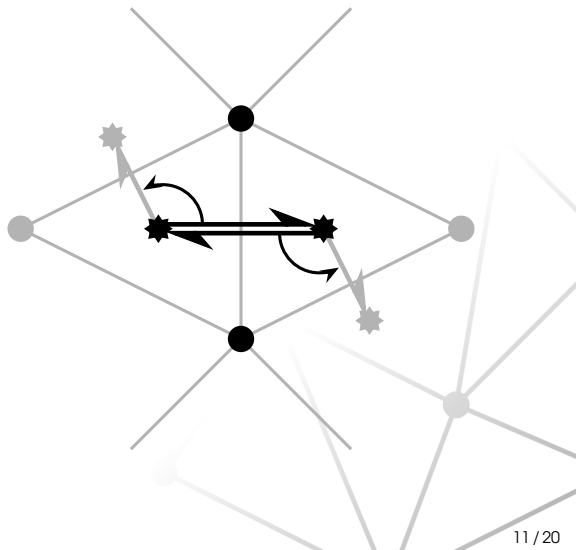
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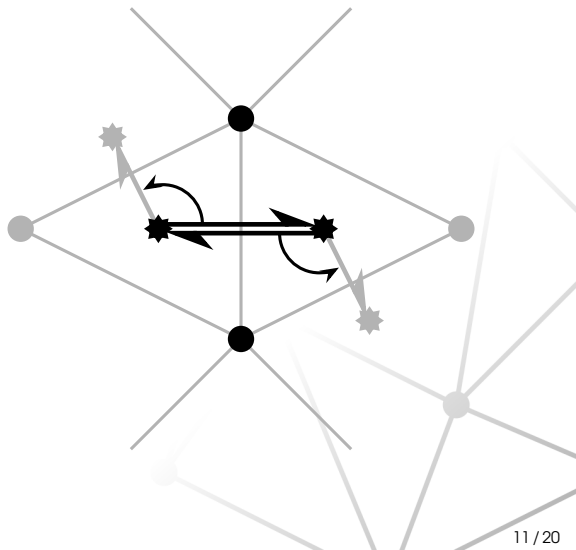
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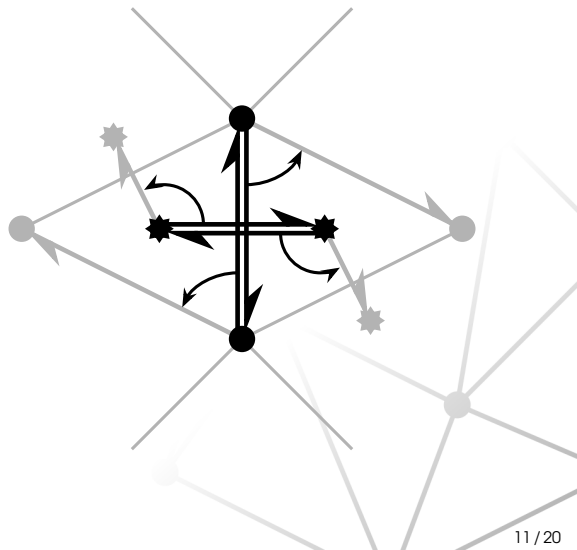
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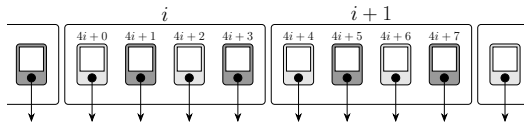
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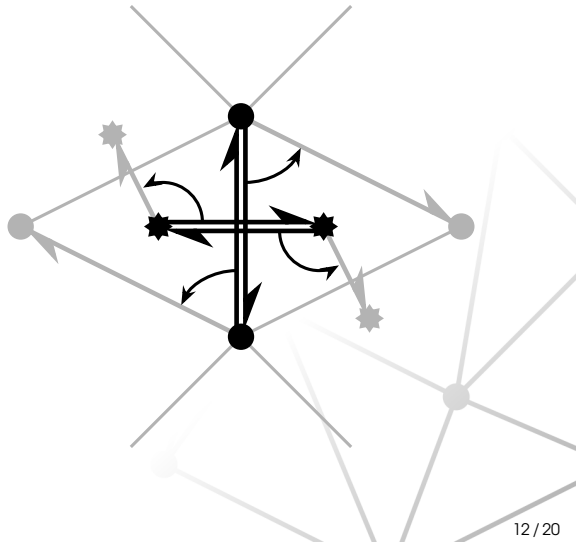
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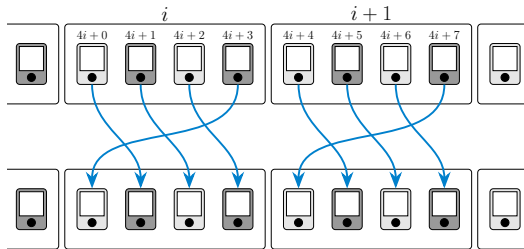


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    size_t next;  
    size_t data;  
};  
  
struct quad_edge {  
    edge data[4];  
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vector<vertex>    vertices{};  
vector<quad_edge> quad_edges{};  
vector<size_t>    free_edges{};
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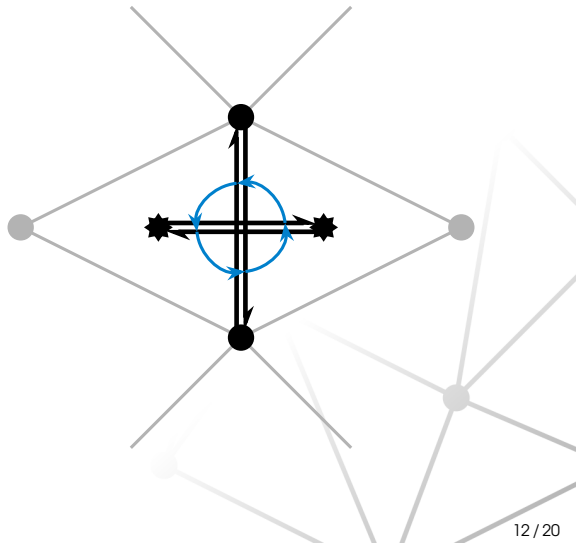


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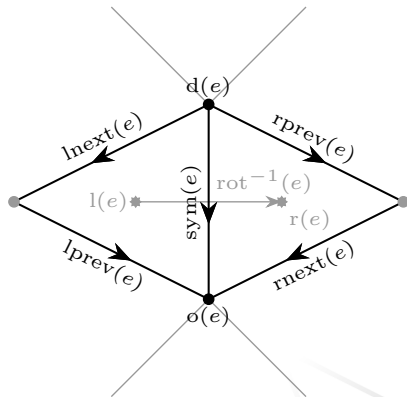
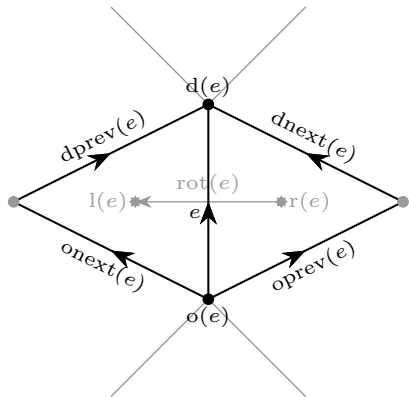


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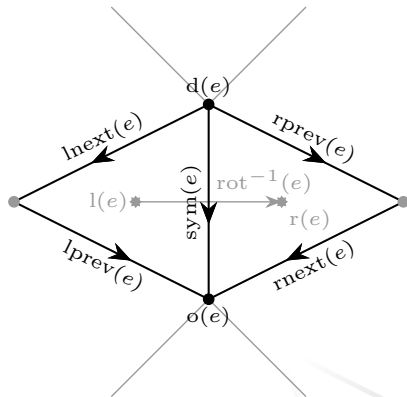
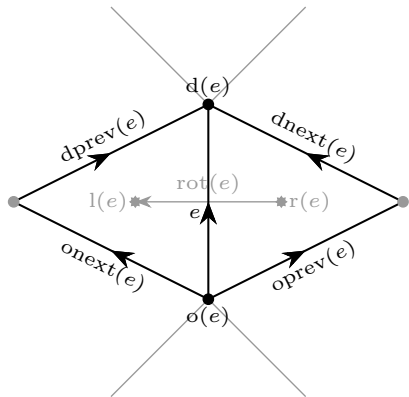
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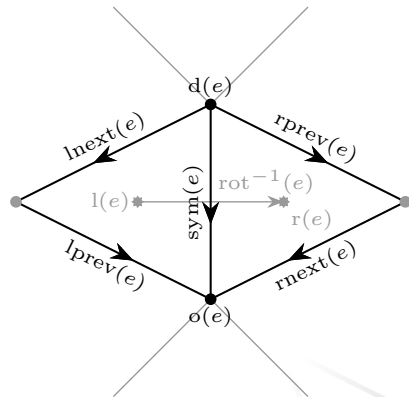
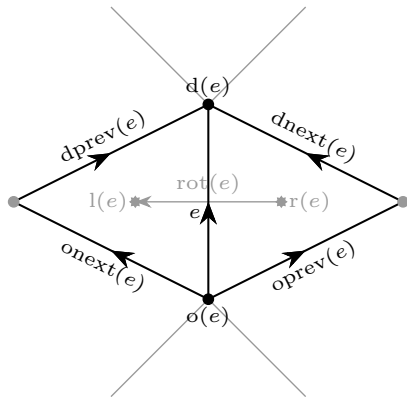


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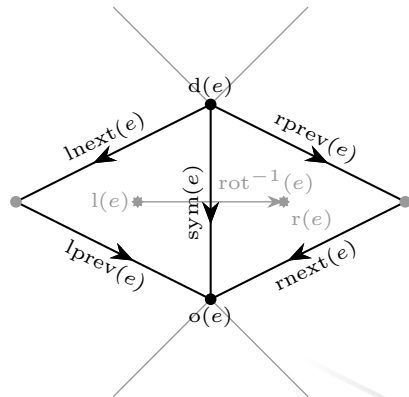
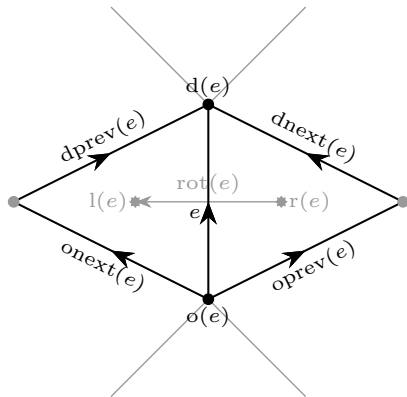
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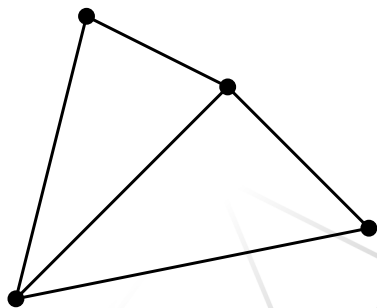
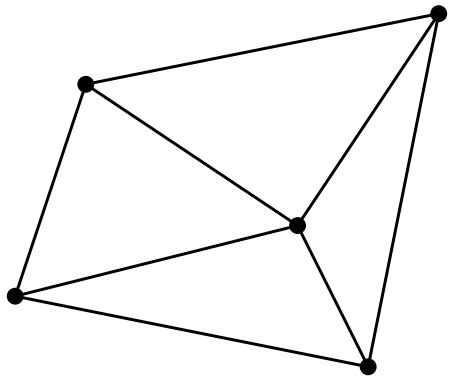
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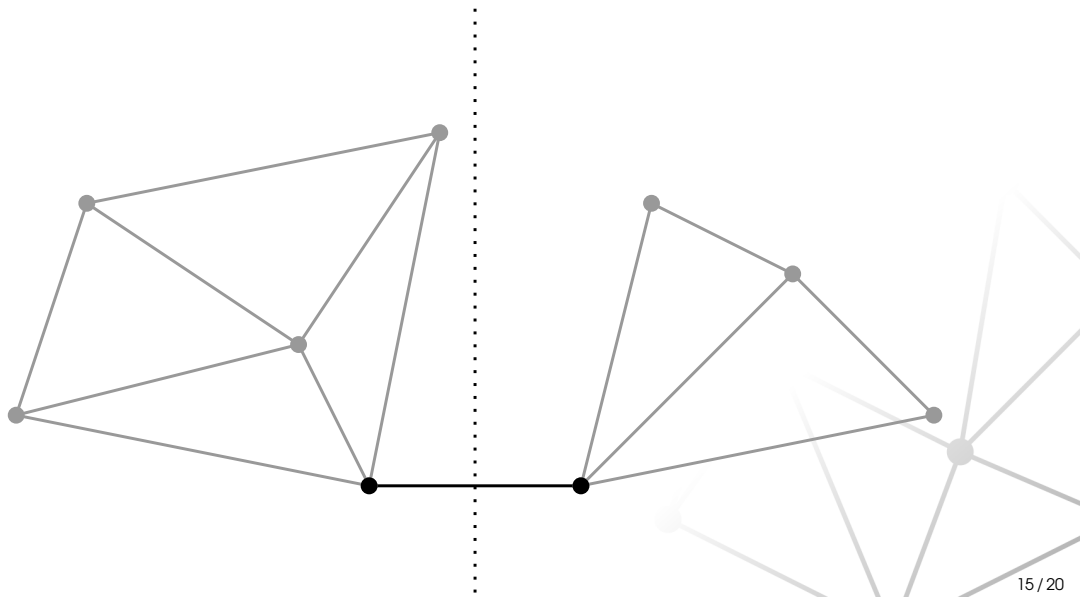
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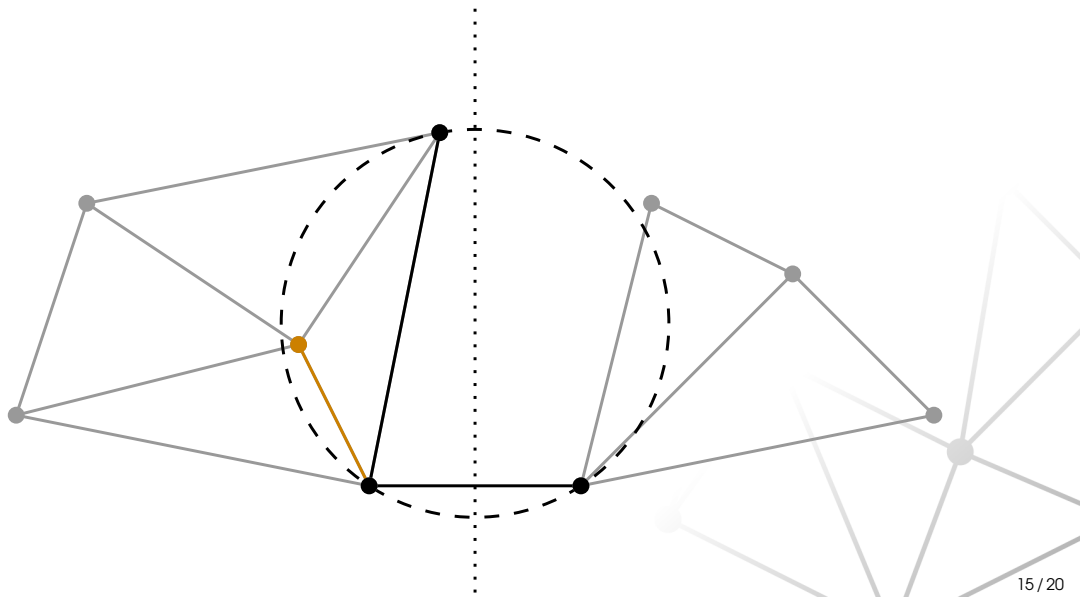




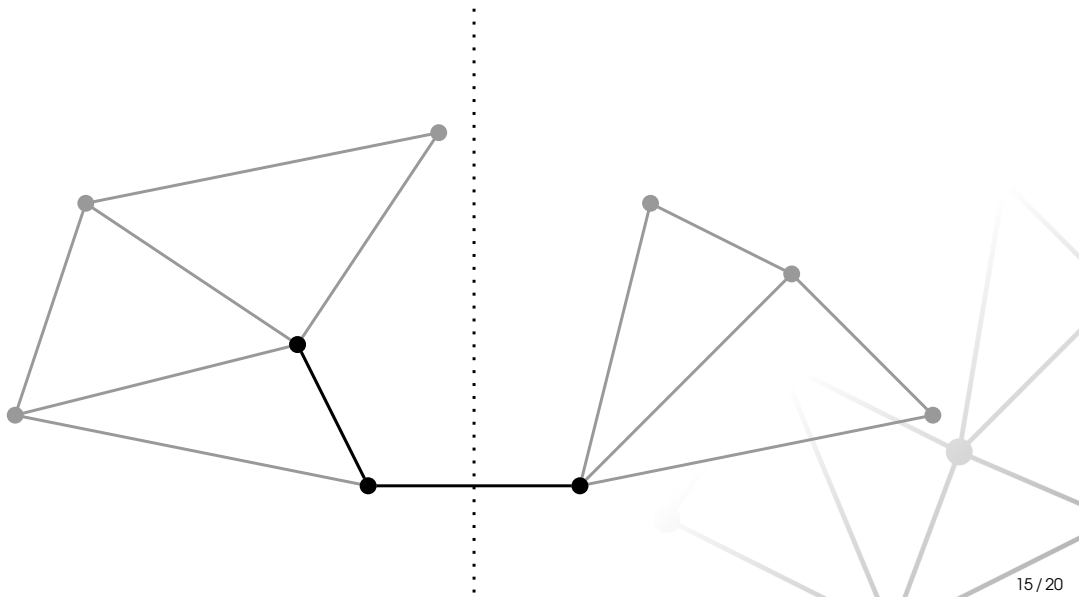
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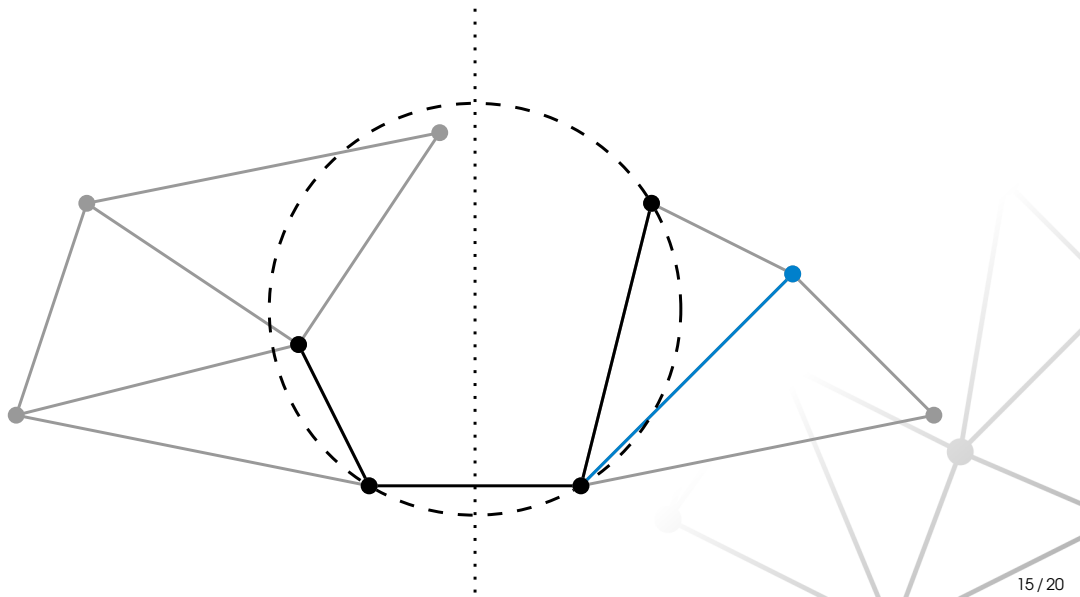
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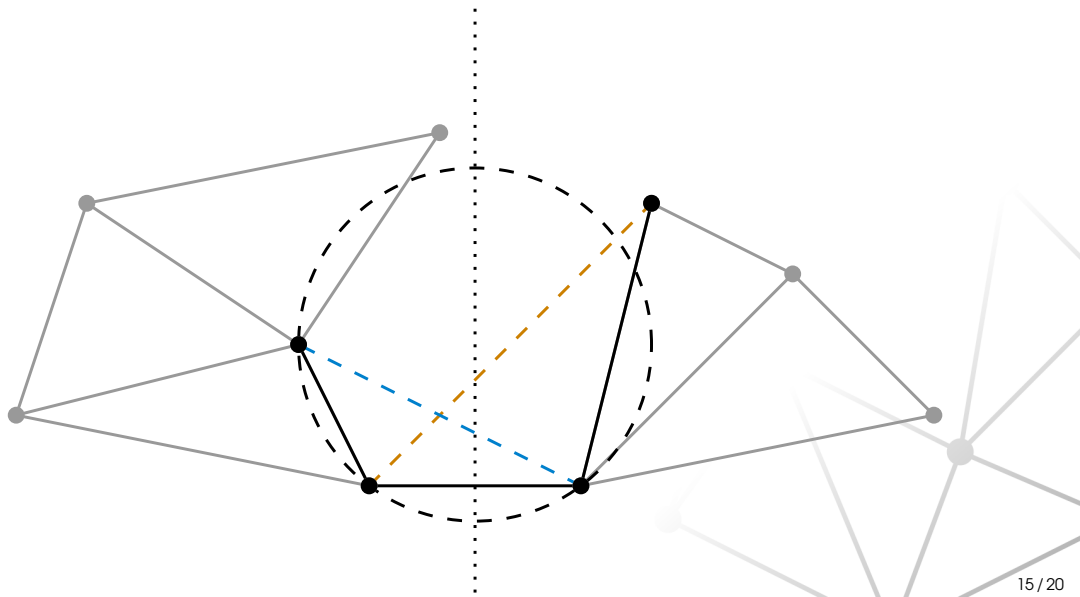
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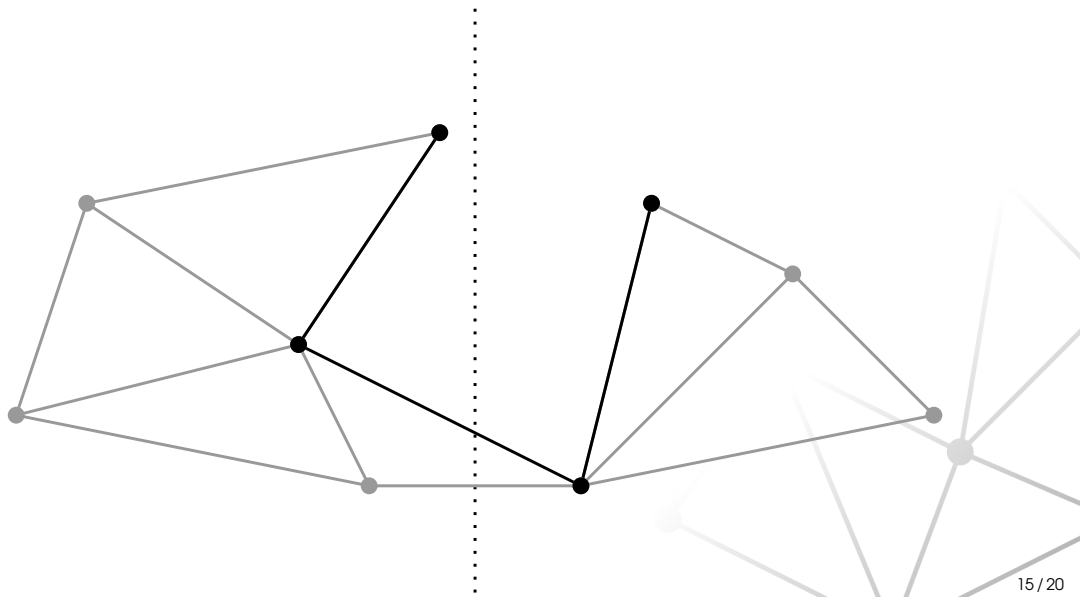
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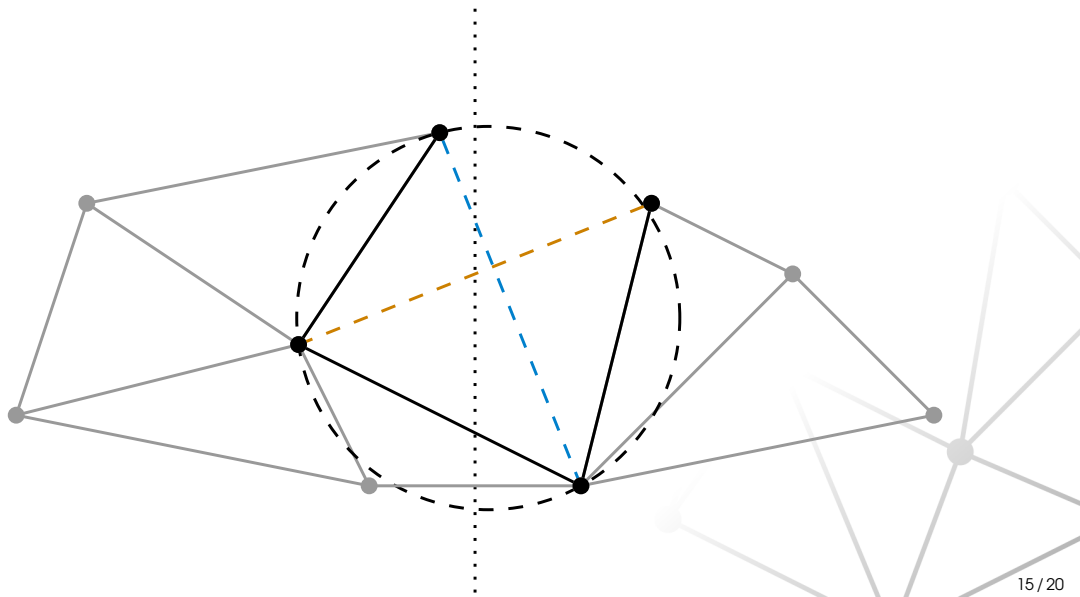
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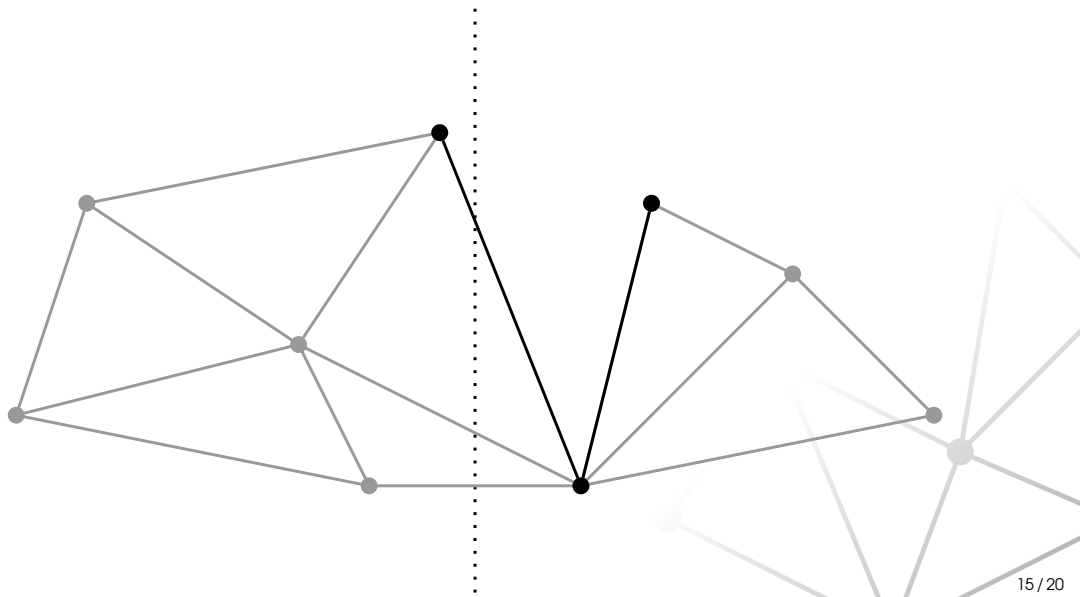
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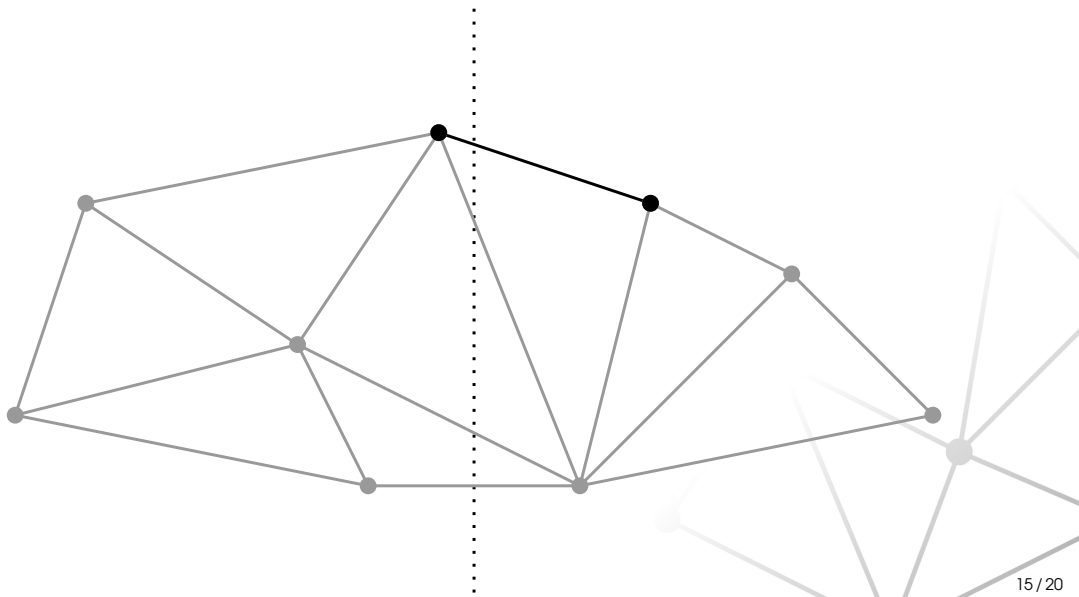


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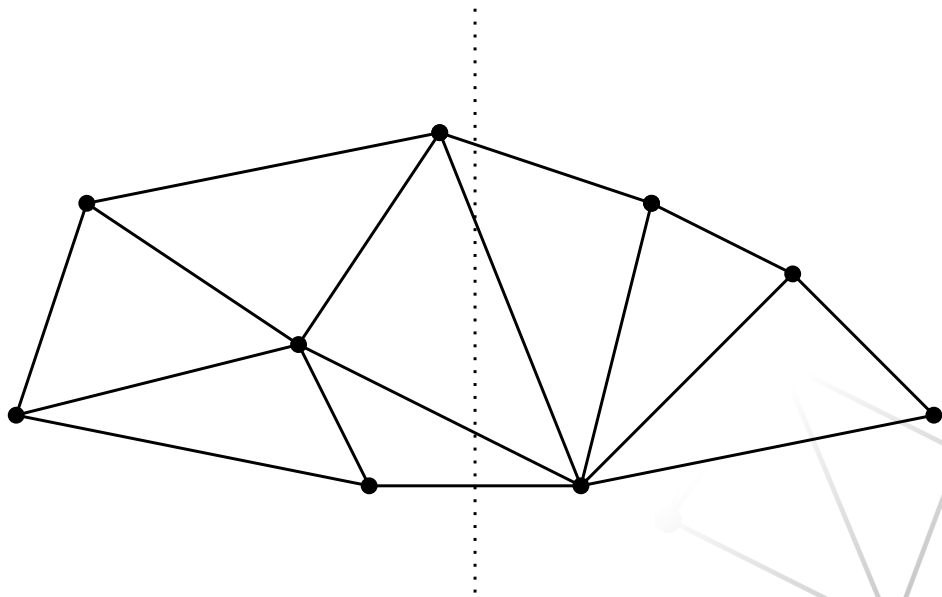




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# Algorithm: Complexity

- ▶ Use master theorem
- ▶ Merge step is linear in point count

$$t(n) = 2t\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(n)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$$

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# Algorithm: Correctness

Proof by induction:

Show that for two given Delaunay triangulations  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{L})$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{R})$  separated by a vertical line the merge subroutine generates a Delaunay triangulation  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{L} \cup \mathcal{R})$ .

- ▶ For two Delaunay triangulations separated by a vertical line, it is enough to remove inner edges and insert cross edges.
- ▶ Common tangents are elements of the Delaunay triangulation.
- ▶ Removed edges are indeed not Delaunay.
- ▶ Insertion of cross edges generates new Delaunay triangle.
- ▶ There are no other edges that have to be removed.
- ▶ Theorem: Algorithm is correct.

## Implementation Notes



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- ▶ Geometric Primitives need exact computation and therefore arbitrary precision
- ▶ still no robust split, use Dwyer instead (no sorting, parallelization)
- ▶ triangular data structure increases speed but algorithm is more complicated
- ▶ Divide-and-conquer variant seems to be most powerful and robust

# Applications



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## Summary:

- ▶ Delaunay triangulation can be generated by given divide-and-conquer algorithm in  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$
- ▶ Data structure needs to store neighbor information

## Future Work:

- ▶ Use triangular data structure instead of quad-edge data structure
- ▶ Use Dwyer's approach to make algorithm more robust
- ▶ Parallelization

Thank you for Your Attention!



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