

Algorithmical Geometry: Delaunay Triangulation

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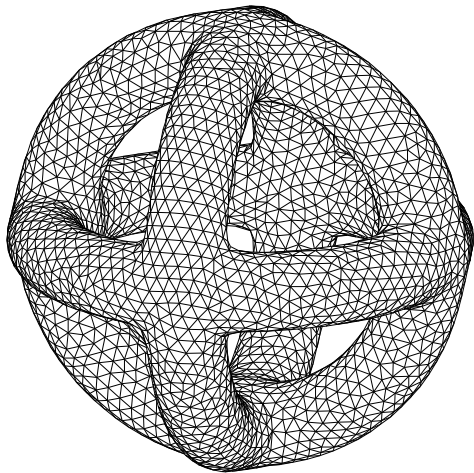
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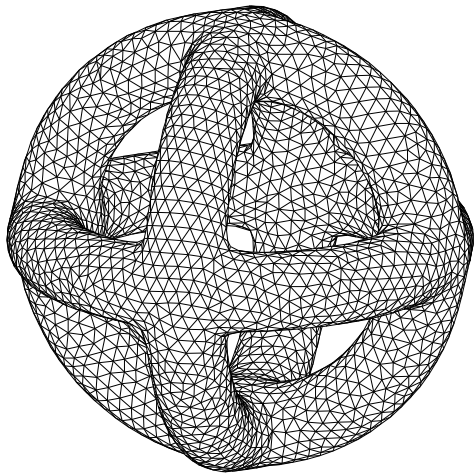
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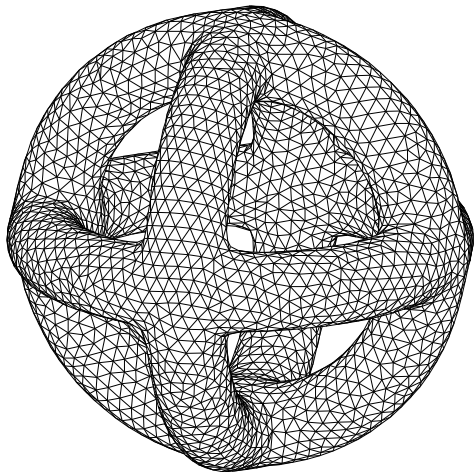
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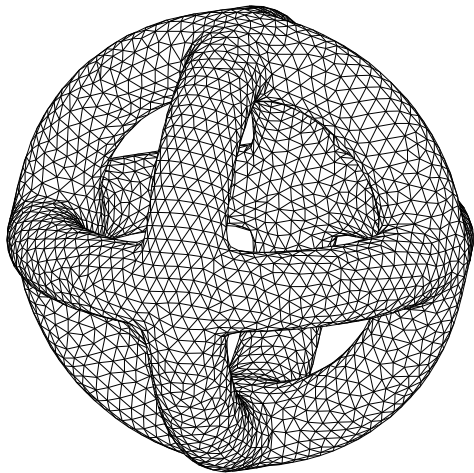
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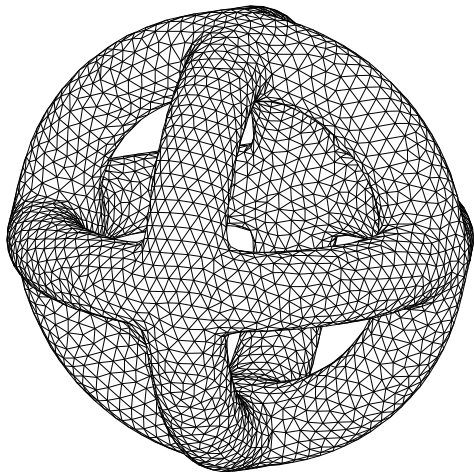
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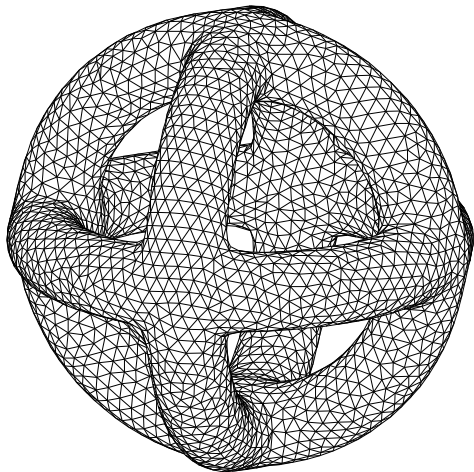
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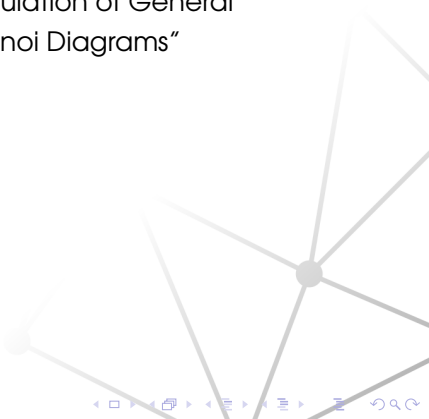
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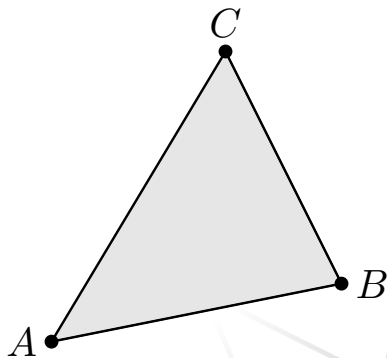
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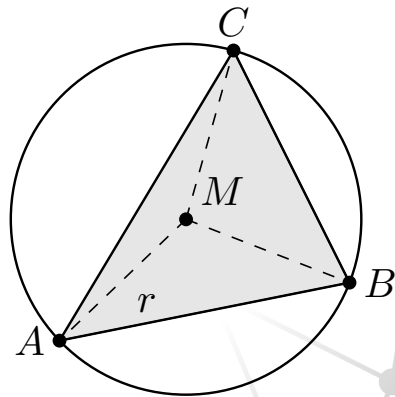
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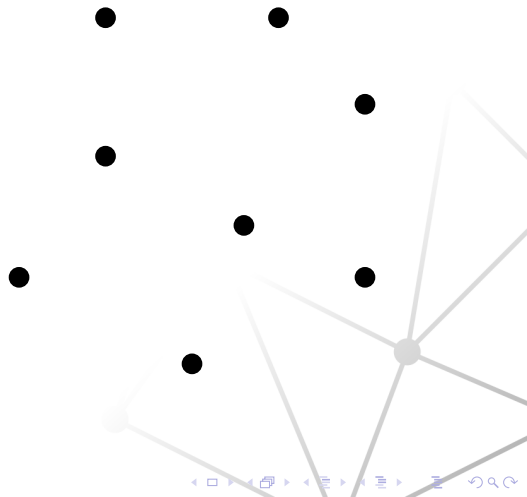
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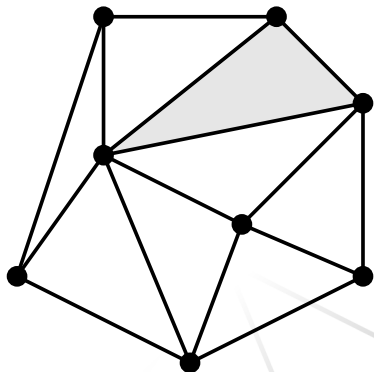
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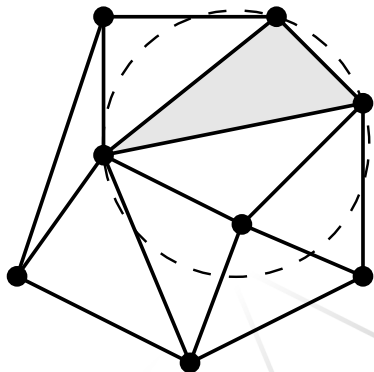
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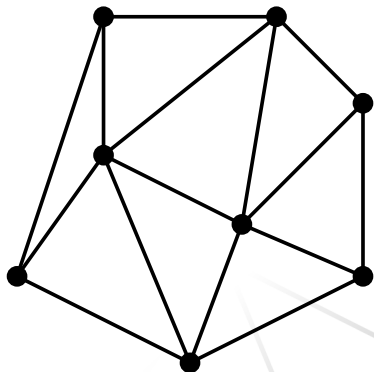
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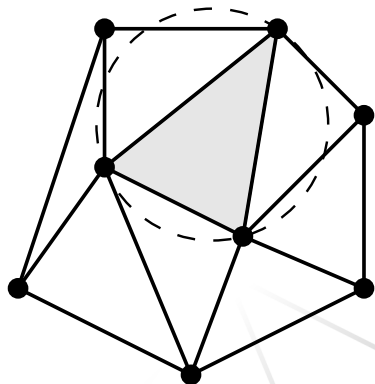
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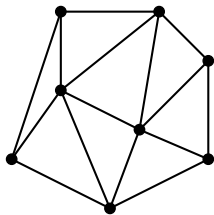
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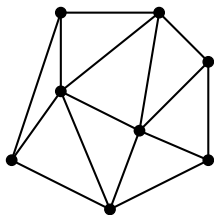
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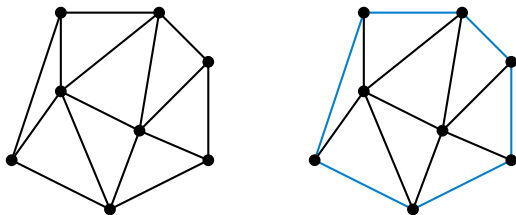


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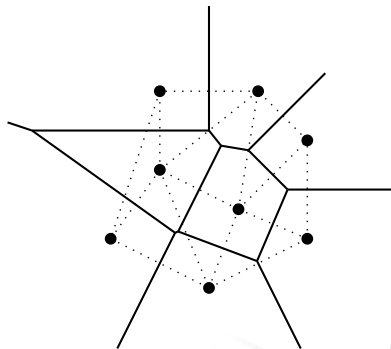
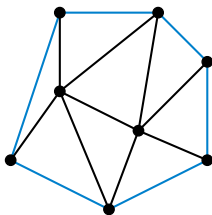
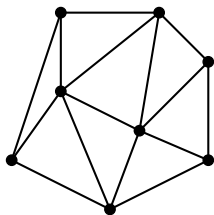
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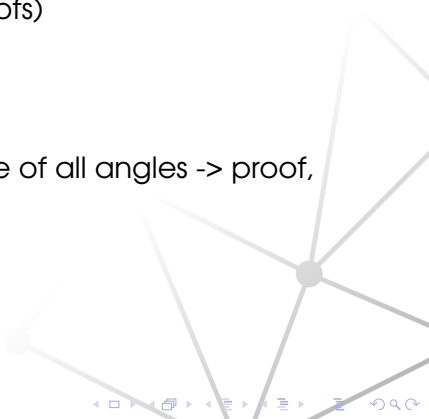
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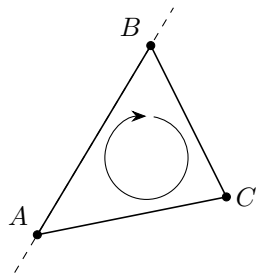
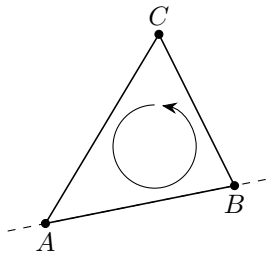
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- ▶ Duality to Voronoi Diagram (also useful for proofs)
- ▶ always exists -> proof
- ▶ If no points are cocircular, unique -> proof
- ▶ optimality: maximization of the minimum angle of all angles -> proof, reason why delaunay is good
- ▶ boundary is convex hull



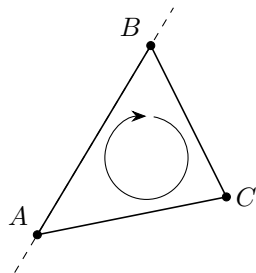
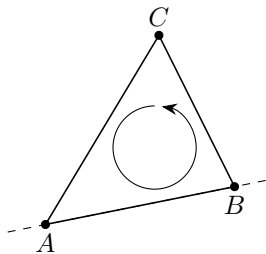
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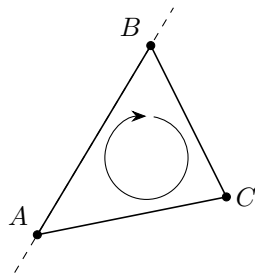
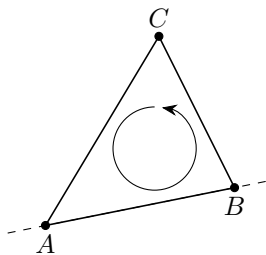
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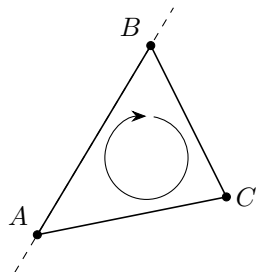
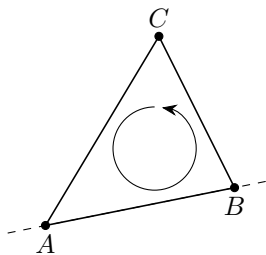
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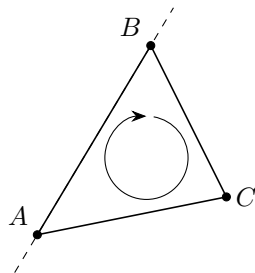
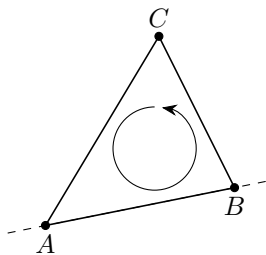
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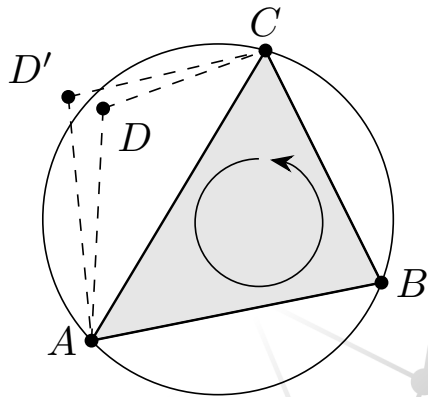
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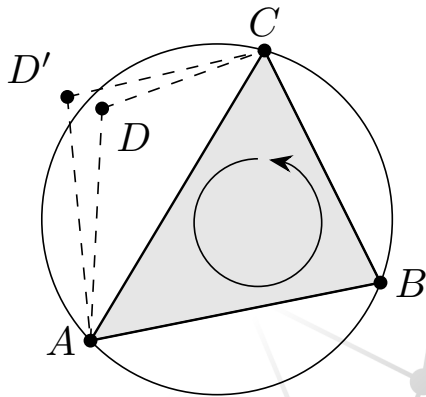
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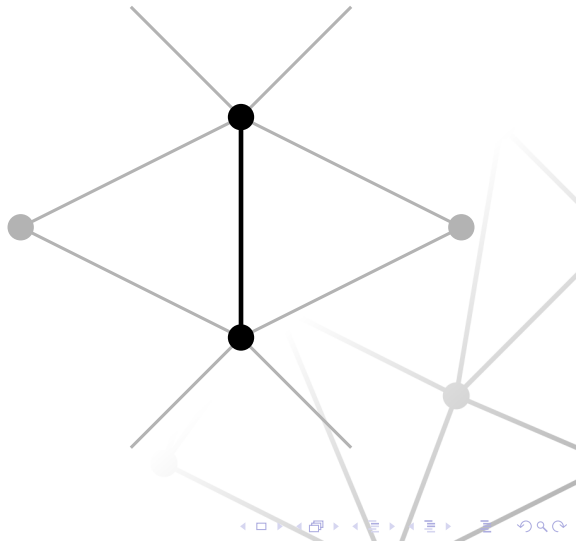
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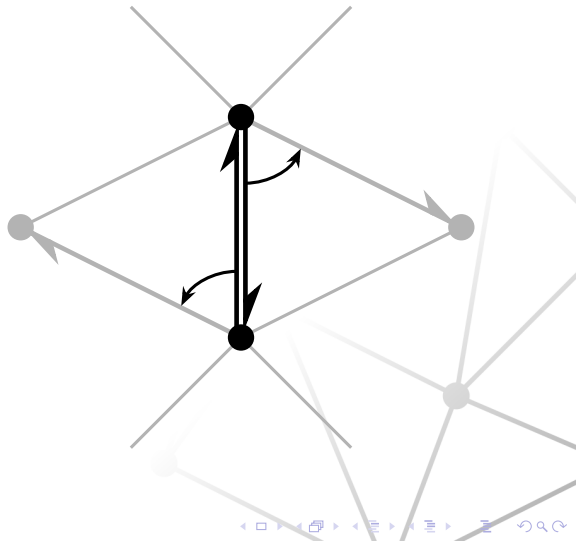
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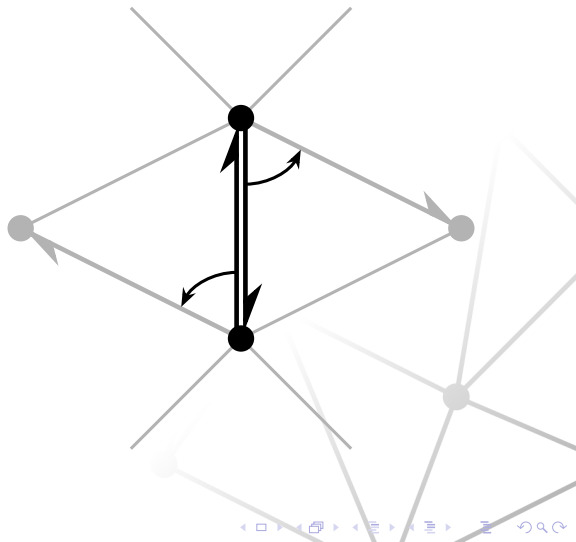
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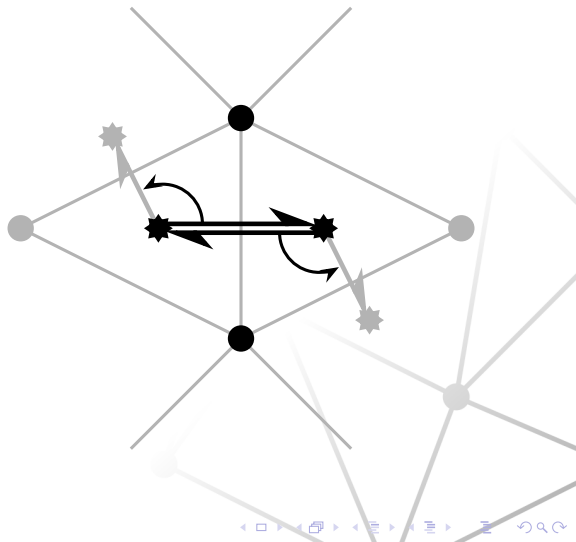
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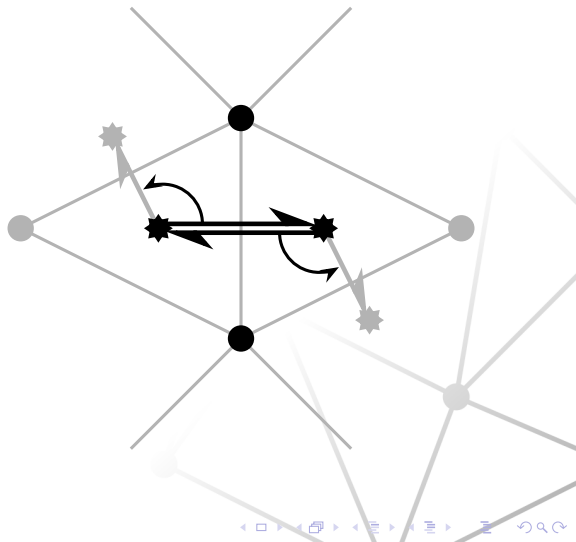
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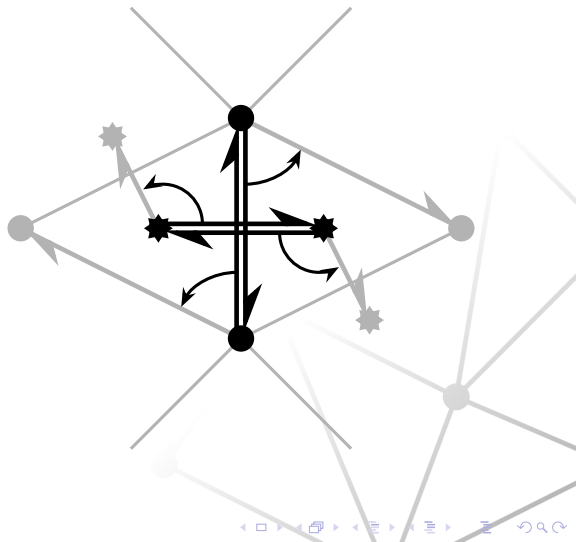
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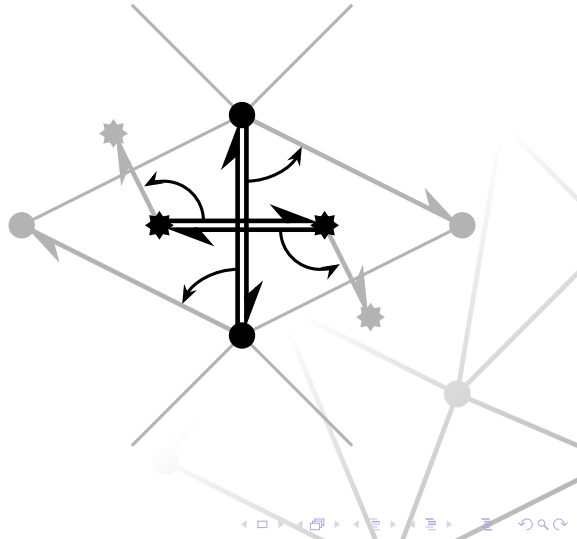
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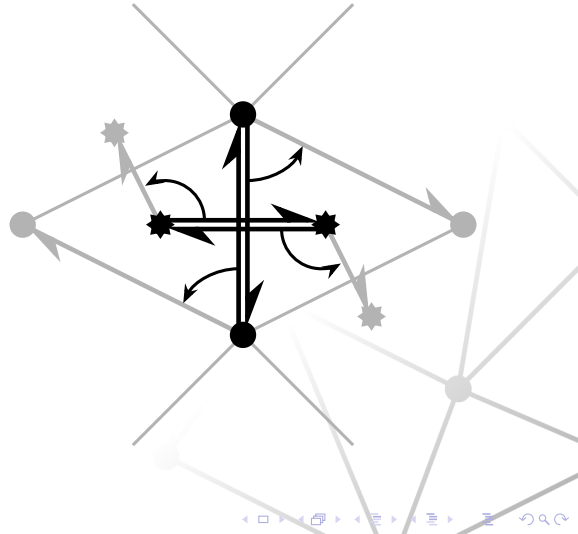
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    struct edge {  
        size_t next;  
        size_t data;  
    };  
  
    struct quad_edge {  
        edge data[4];  
    };  
  
    vector<quad_edge> quad_edges{};  
    vector<size_t> free_edges{};  
};
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struct quad_edge_algebra {  
    // ...  
    static constexpr size_t edge_type_mask =  
        sizeof(quad_edge) / sizeof(edge) - 1;  
    static constexpr size_t quad_edge_mask =  
        ~edge_type_mask;  
  
    auto rot(size_t e, int n = 1) const -> size_t {  
        const size_t t = e + n;  
        return (e & quad_edge_mask) |  
            (t & edge_type_mask);  
    }  
  
    auto onext(size_t e) const -> size_t {  
        return ((edge*)quad_edges.data() + e)->next;  
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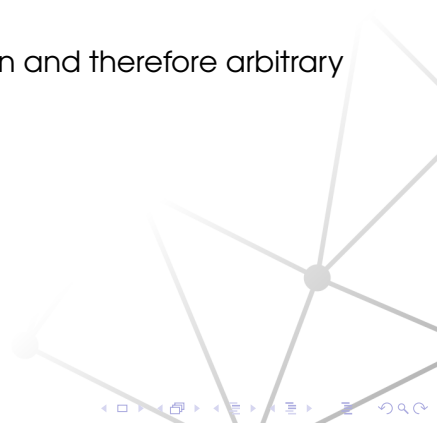


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- ▶ Geometric Primitives need exact computation and therefore arbitrary precision



Applications

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Thank you for Your Attention!

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