


Algorithmical Geometry: Computation of Delaunay Triangulations Using a Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

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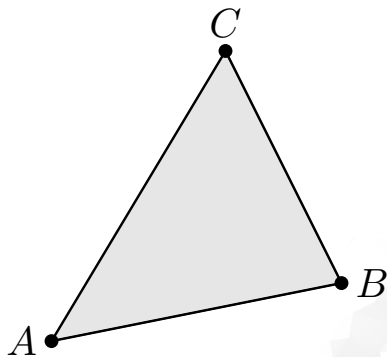


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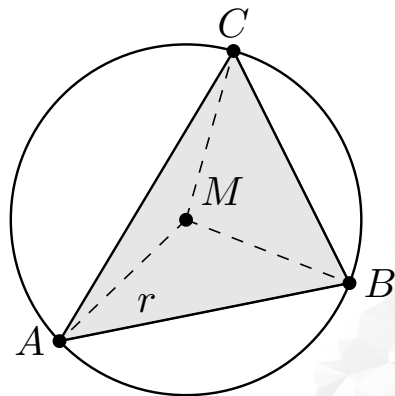
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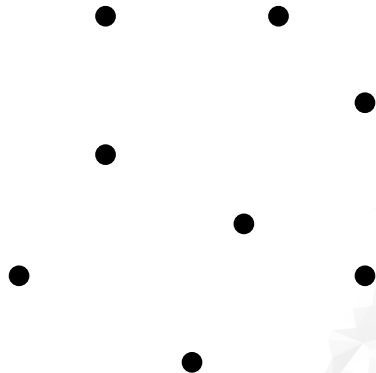
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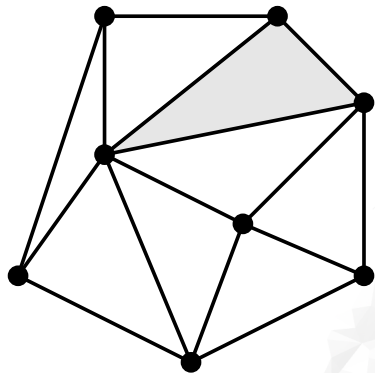
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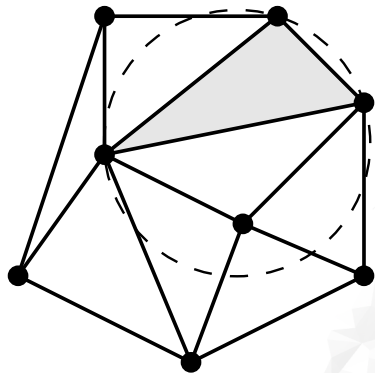
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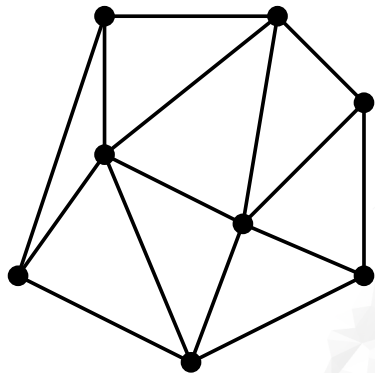
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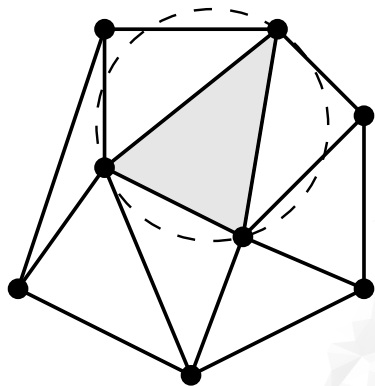
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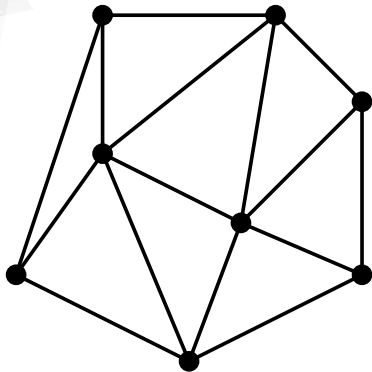
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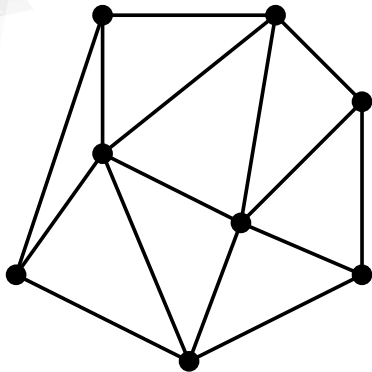
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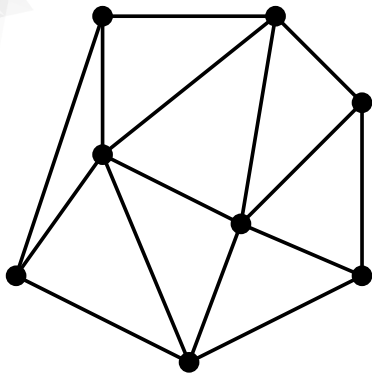


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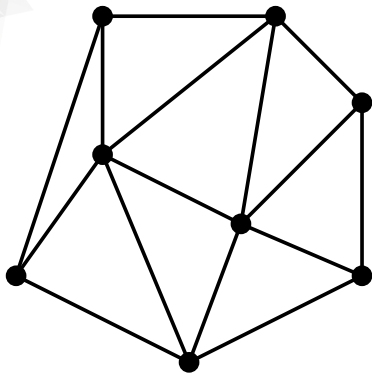
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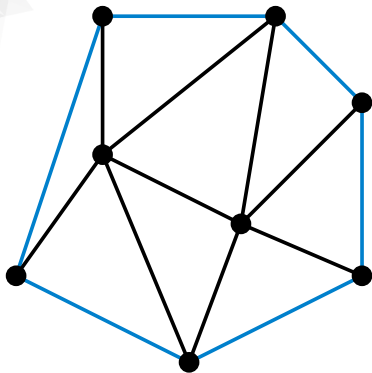
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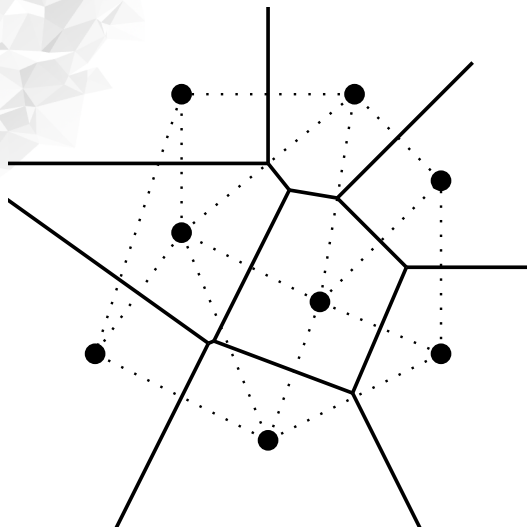
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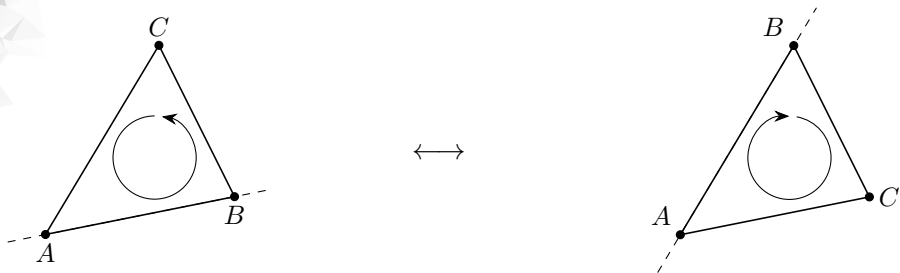


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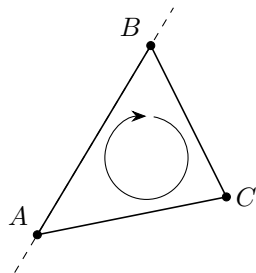
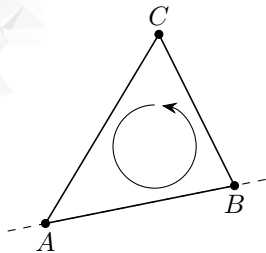


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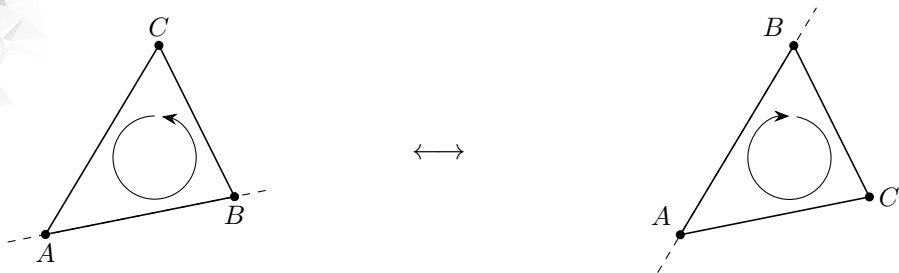


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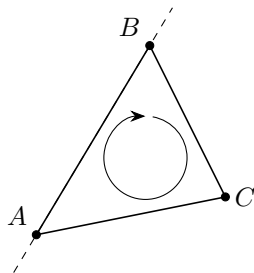
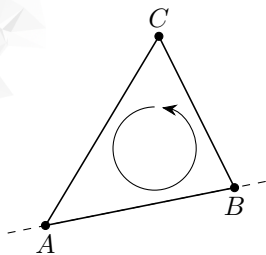
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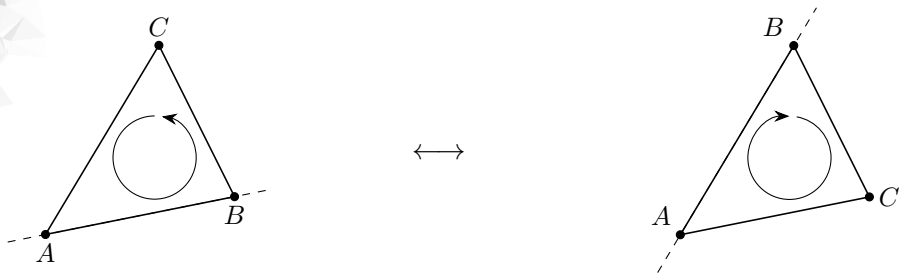
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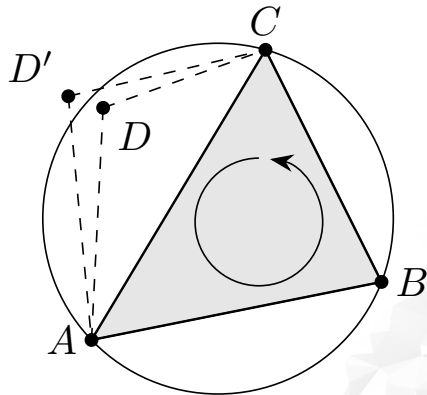
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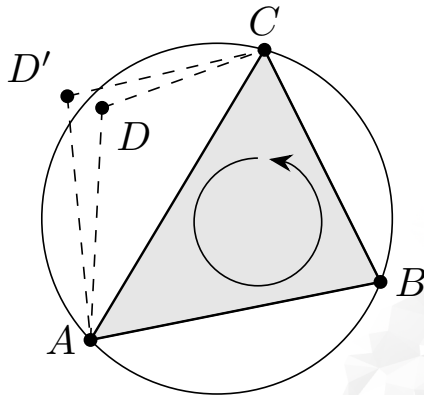
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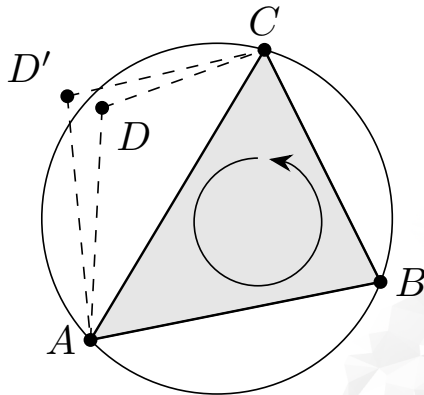
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$$= \left\langle x, \text{adj} \begin{pmatrix} u & v \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} \|u\|^2 \\ \|v\|^2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle \\ - \det \begin{pmatrix} u & v \end{pmatrix} \|x\|^2$$



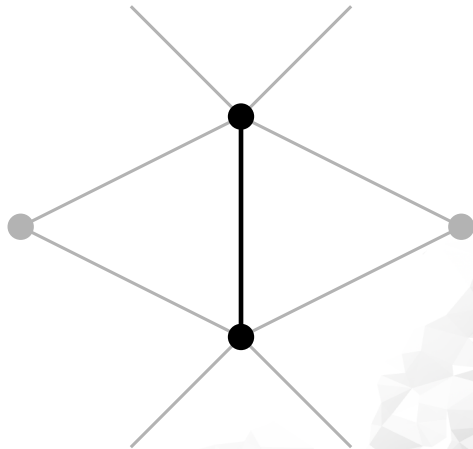
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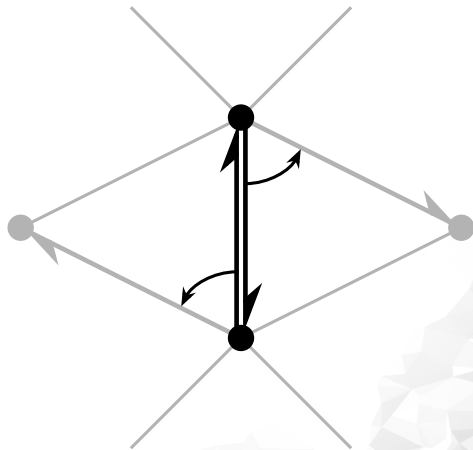
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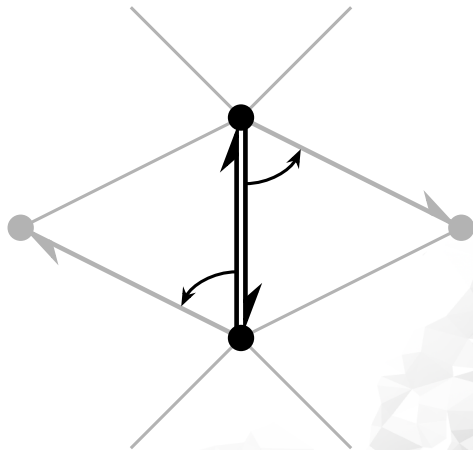
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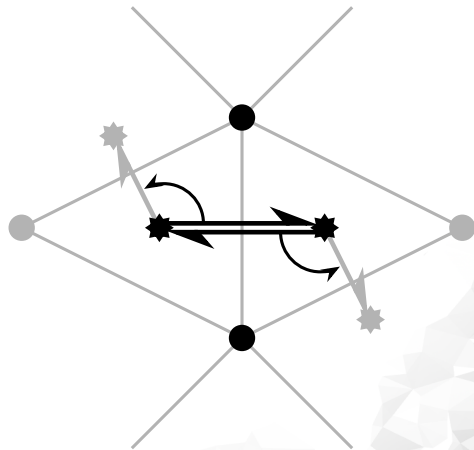
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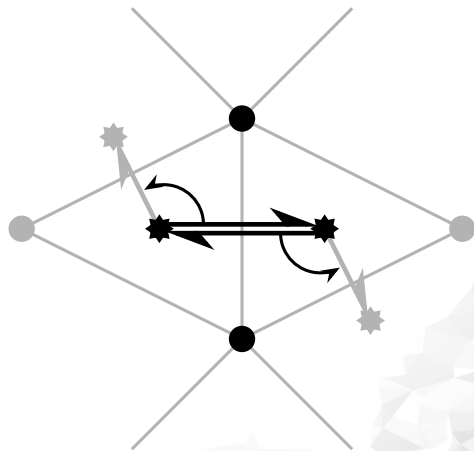
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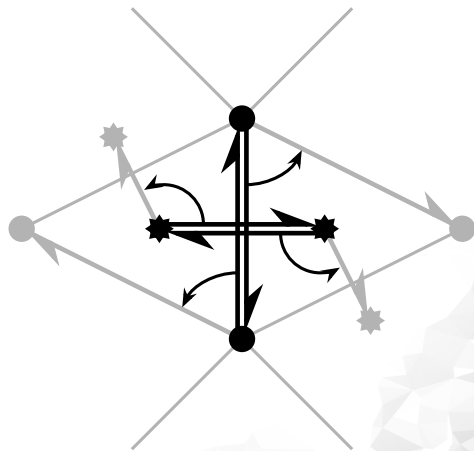
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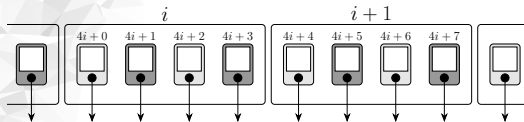
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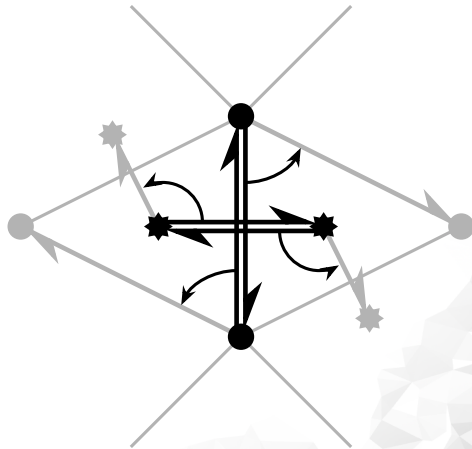
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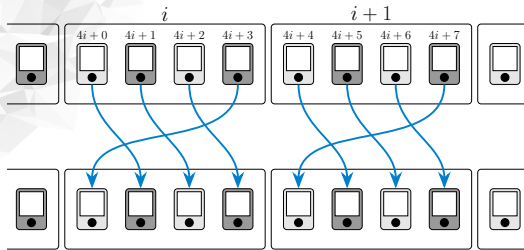
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struct edge {  
    size_t next;  
    size_t data;  
};
```

```
struct quad_edge {  
    edge data[4];  
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```

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vector<vertex>    vertices{};  
vector<quad_edge> quad_edges{};  
vector<size_t>    free_edges{};
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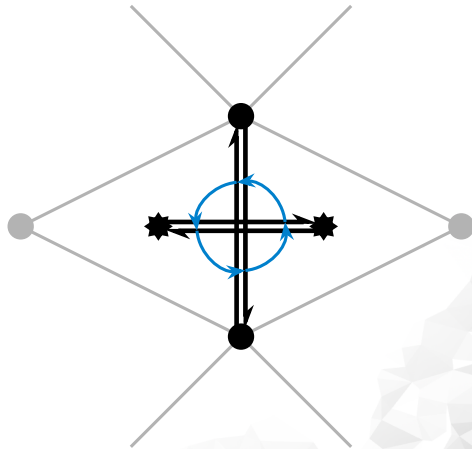


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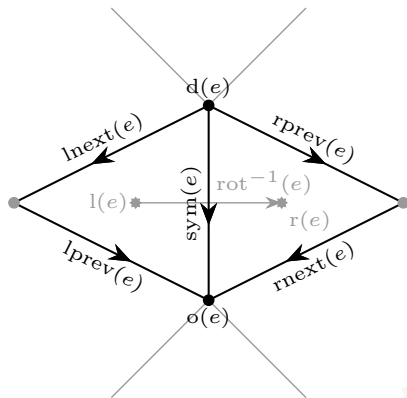
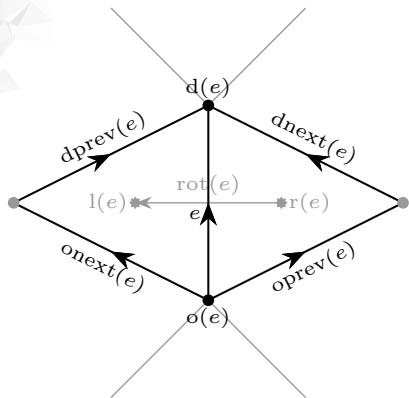


$\text{rot}: \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$

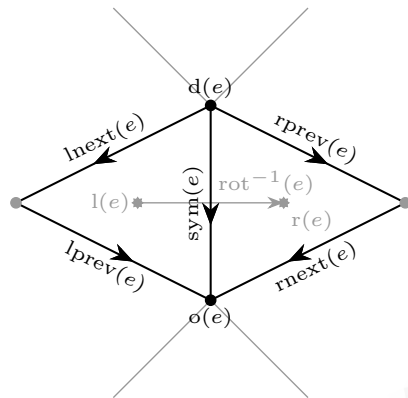
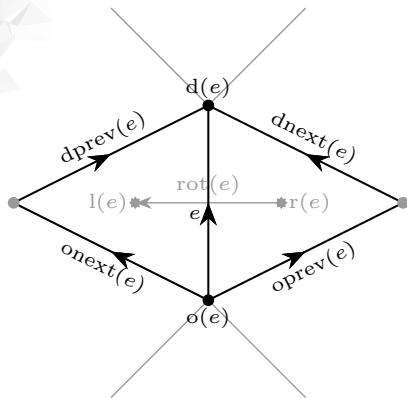
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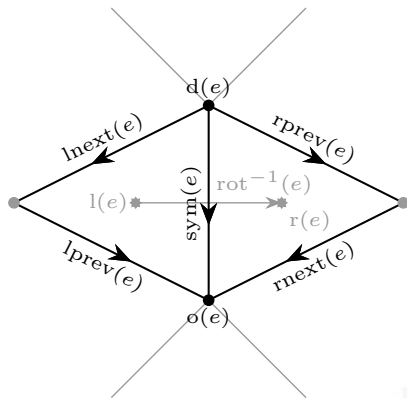
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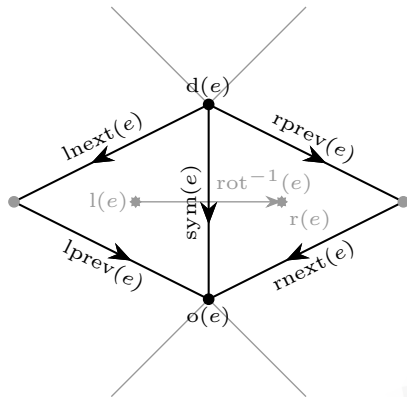
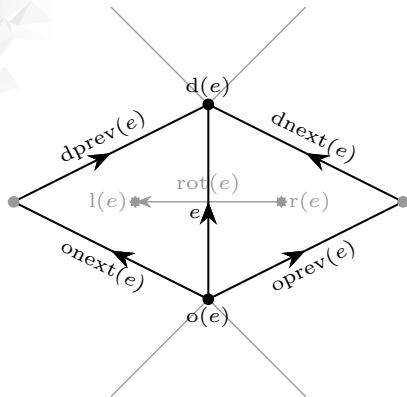


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- Diagram illustrating the next edge in a search space. A central node is labeled $o(e)$. A vertical line segment is labeled sym . A horizontal line segment is labeled $r(e)$. A diagonal line segment is labeled $rnext(e)$. The diagram shows a branching structure with a central node and several outgoing edges.

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- ▶ Create a new edge
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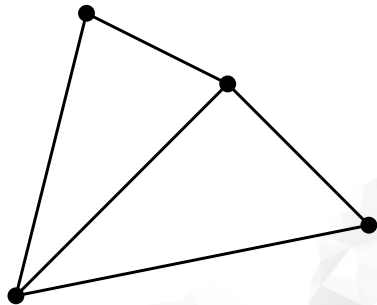
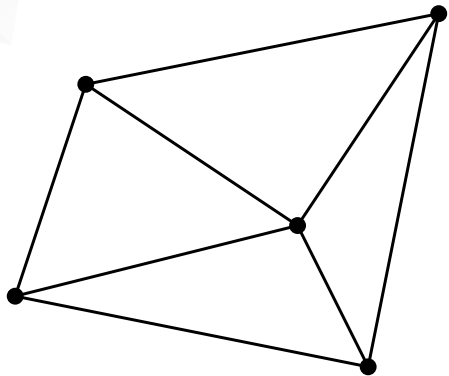
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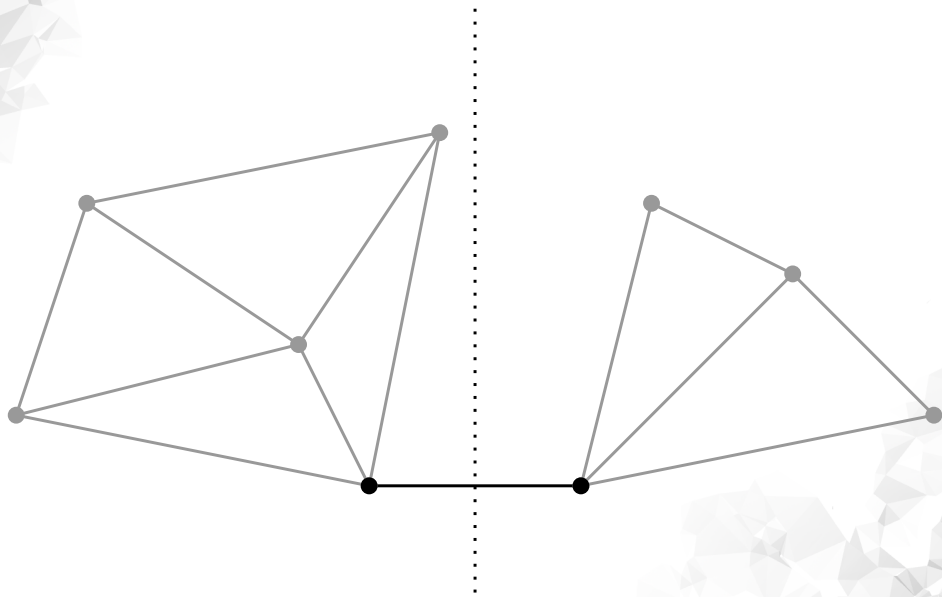
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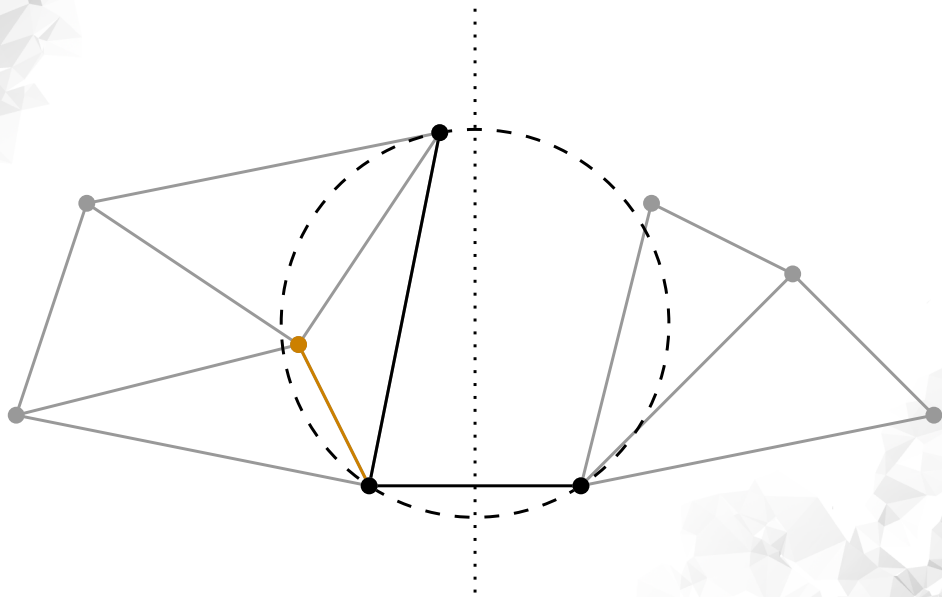
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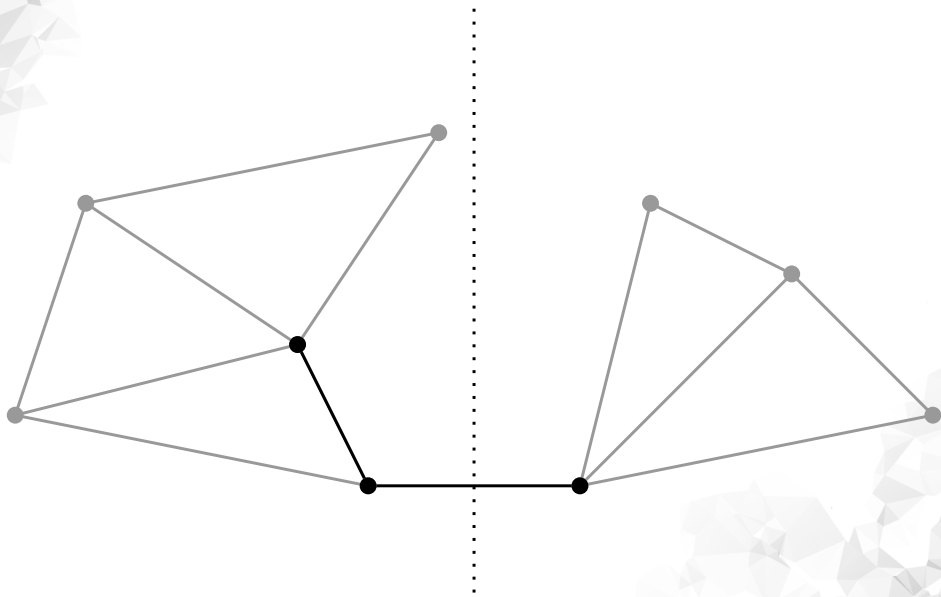
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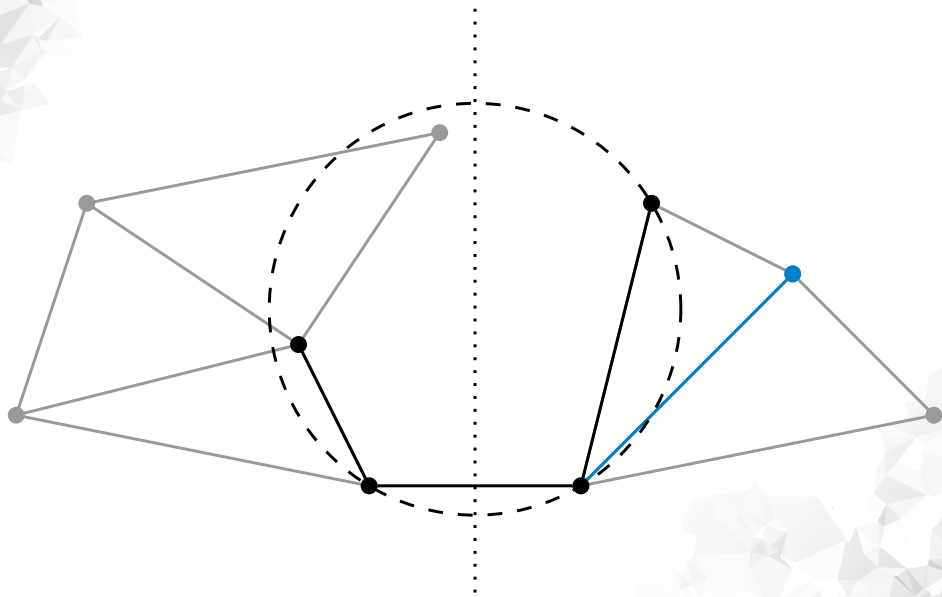
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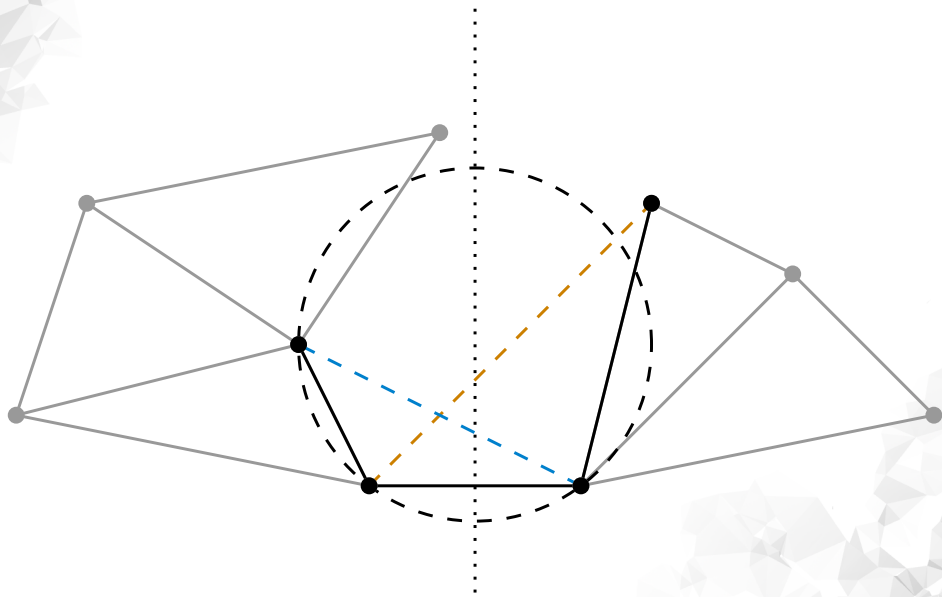
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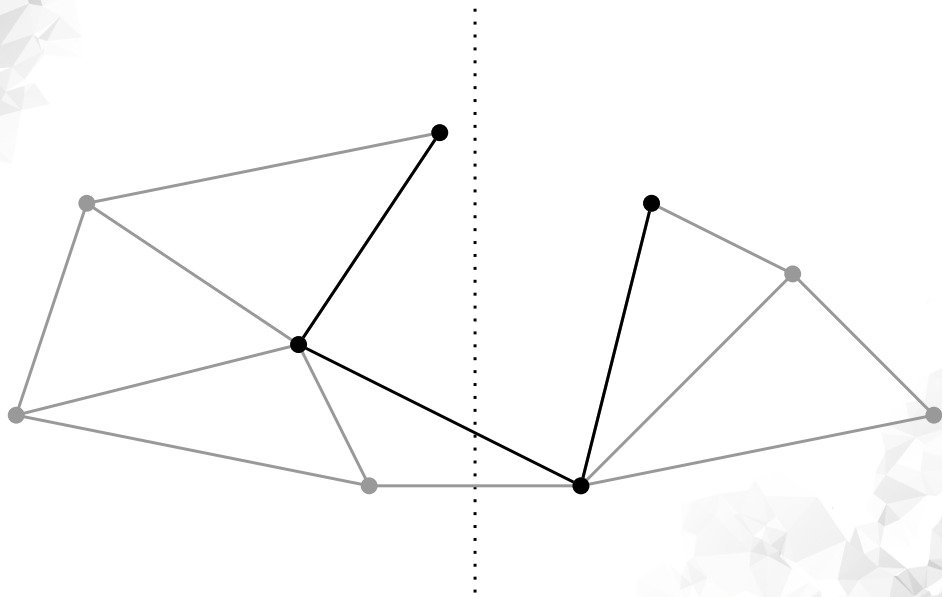
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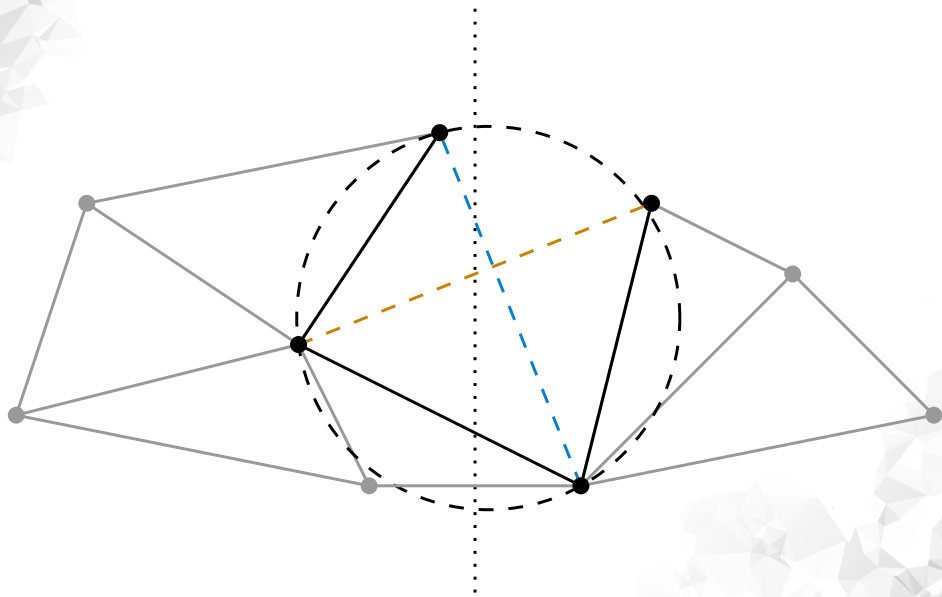
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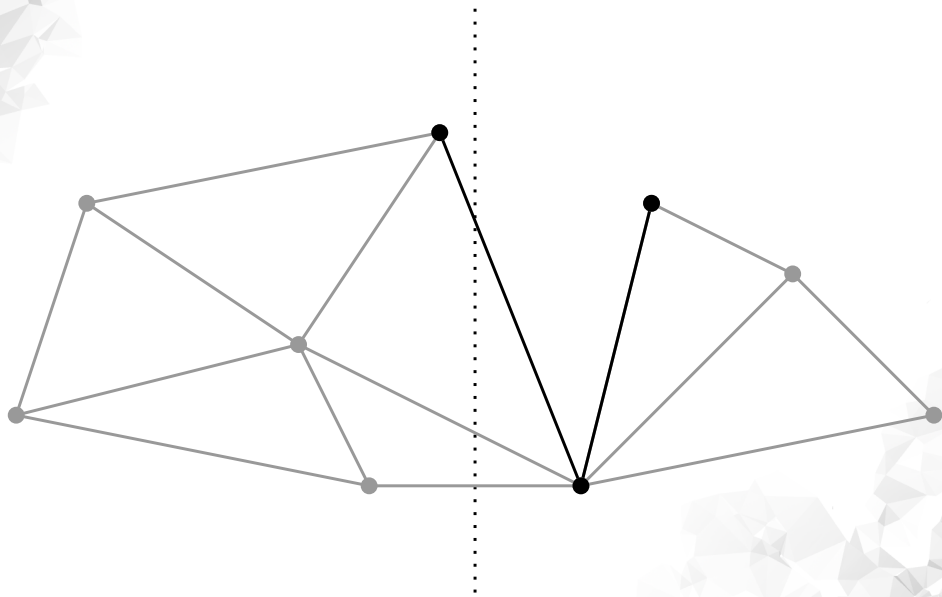
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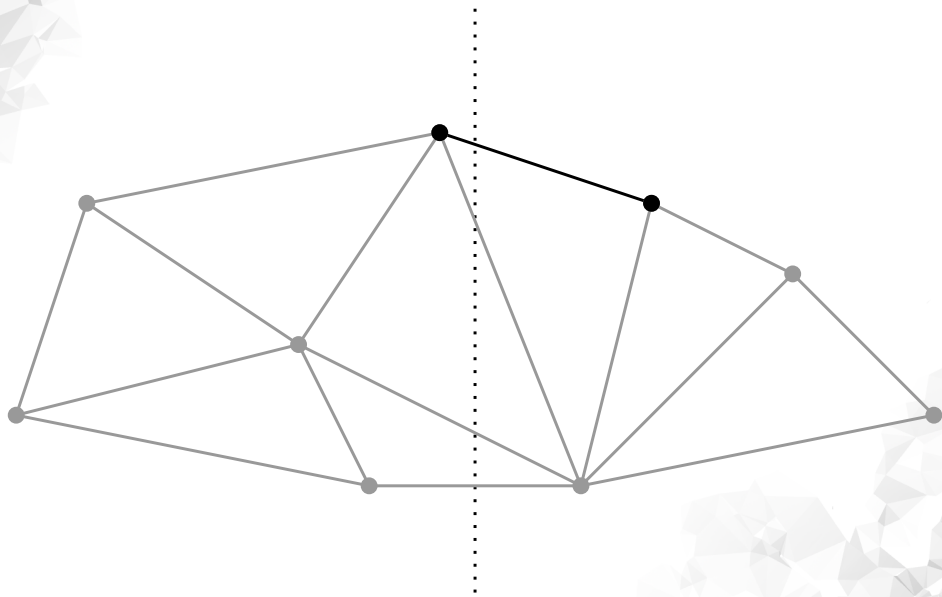
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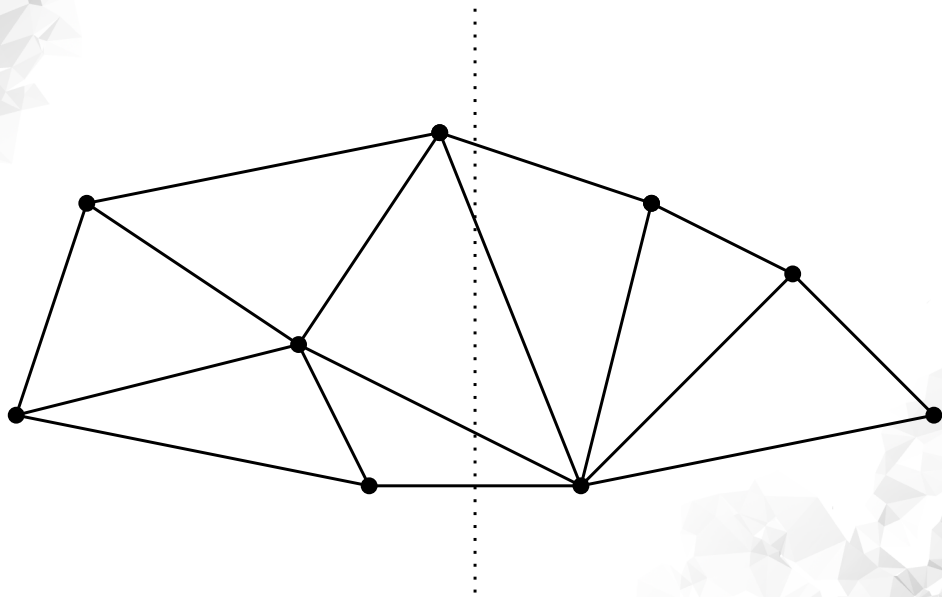
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