### Planar Point Location

# Outline for Today

#### Plane Graphs

Subdividing 2D space into regions.

#### • Point Location

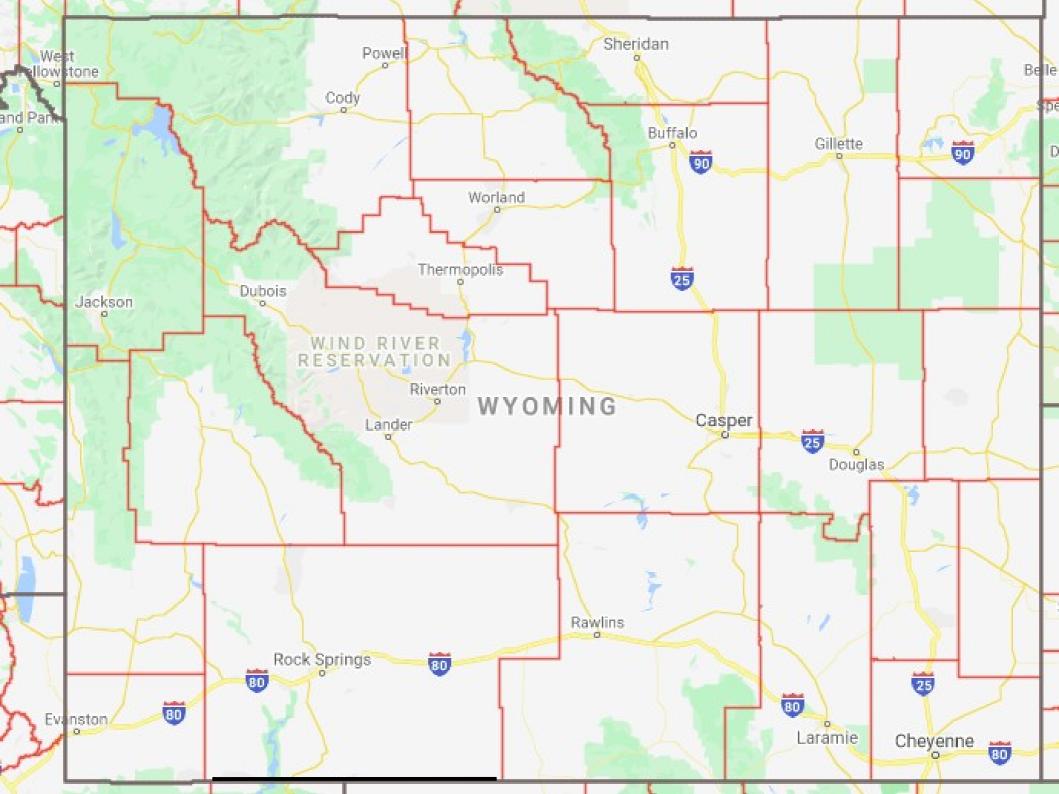
Where are you in 2D space?

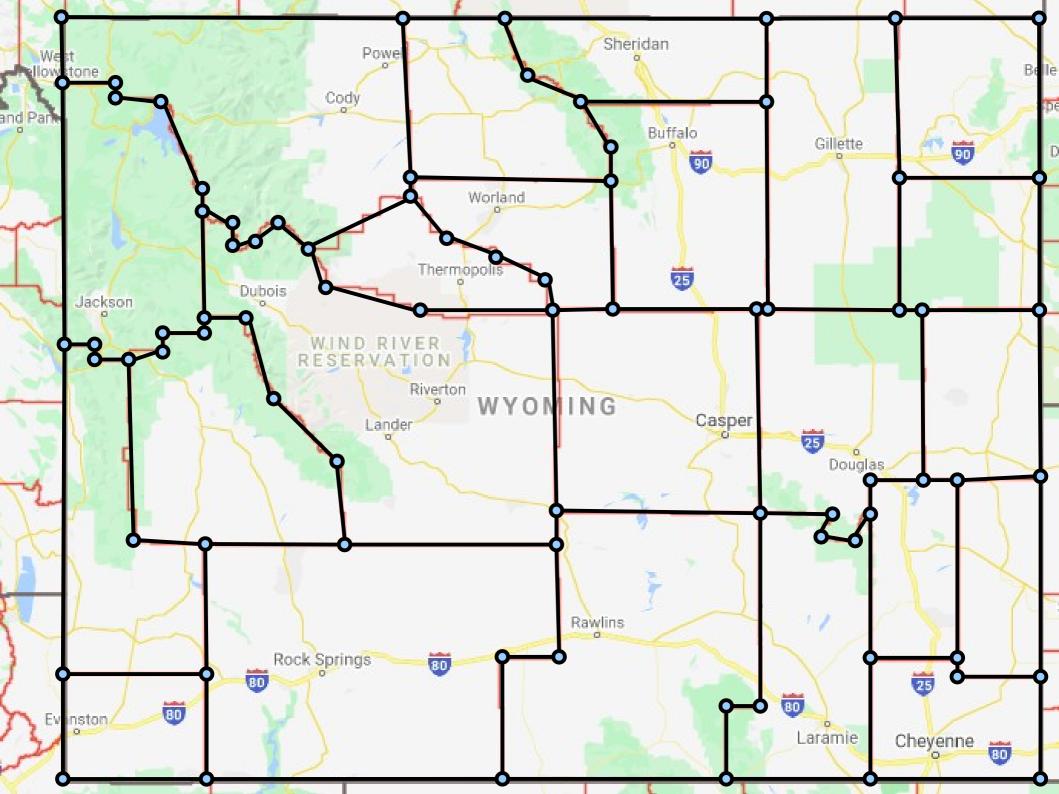
#### • Slab Decomposition

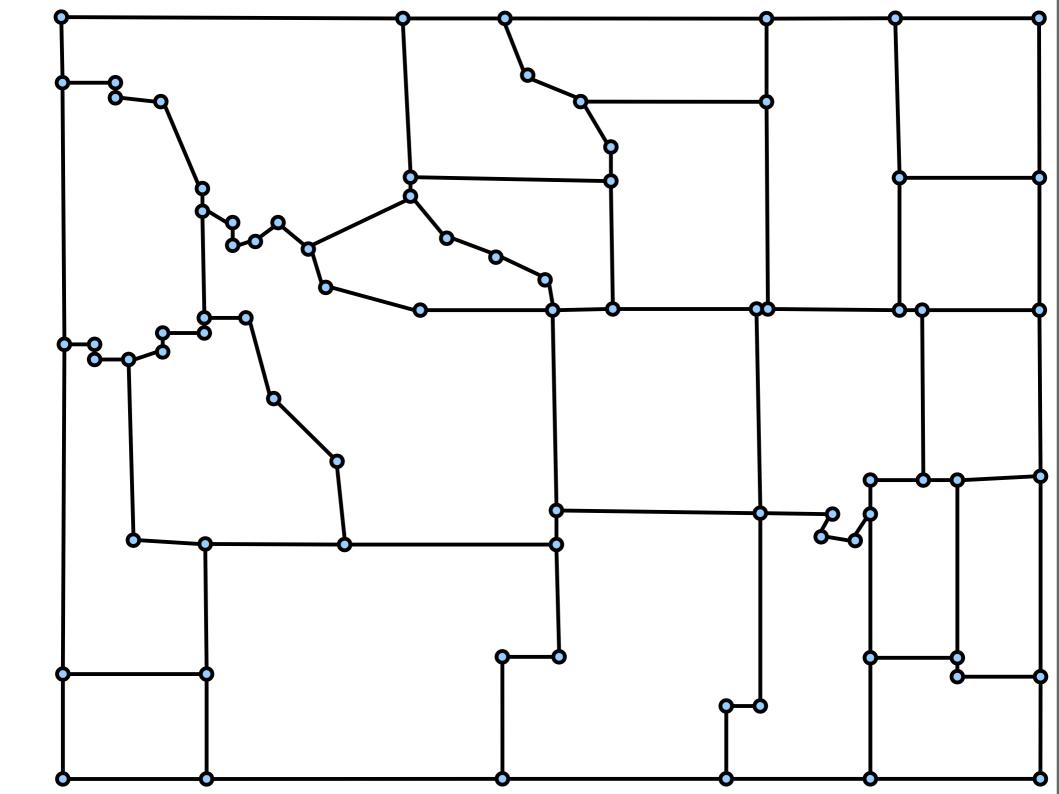
Breaking space apart for fast searches.

#### • Persistent Red/Black Trees

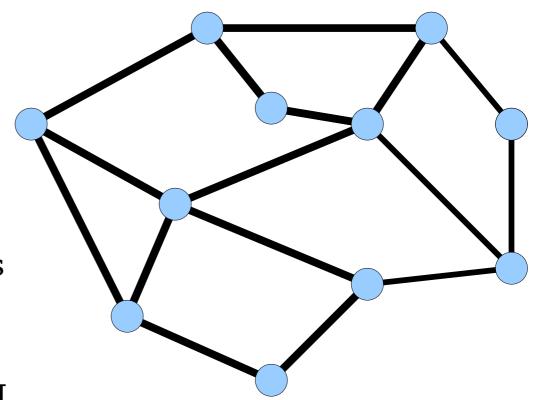
Sharing space across trees.







- A plane graph is a drawing of a graph in 2D space such that
  - all edges are represented as simple curves, and
  - excluding their endpoints, no two curves touch.
- Plane graphs are a natural way of encoding borders on a map or regions in an image.

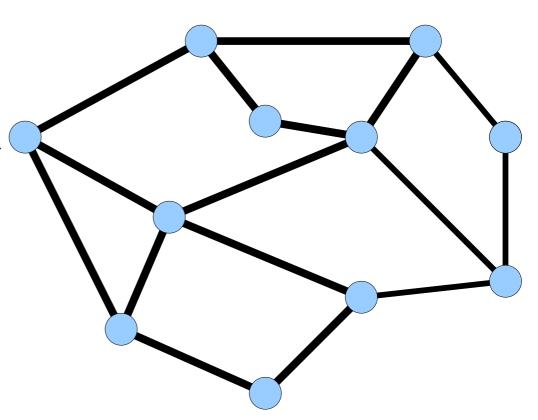


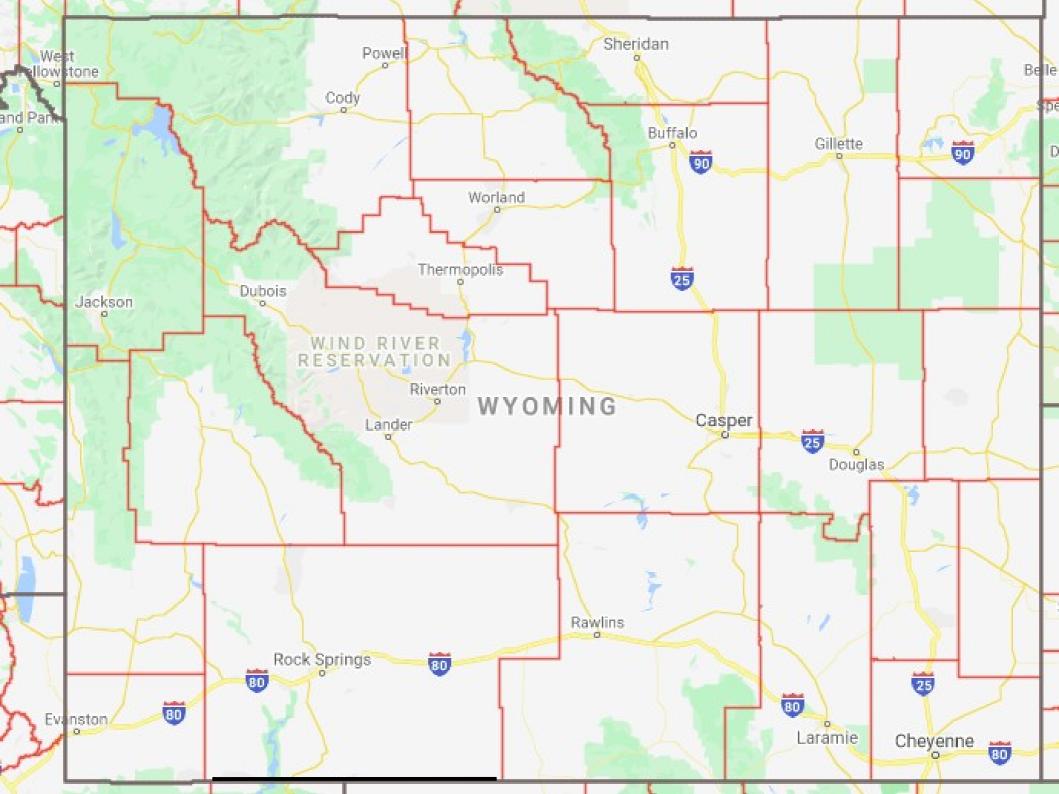
 For most of today, we'll be talking about straight-line plane graphs, plane graphs where each edge is a straight line.

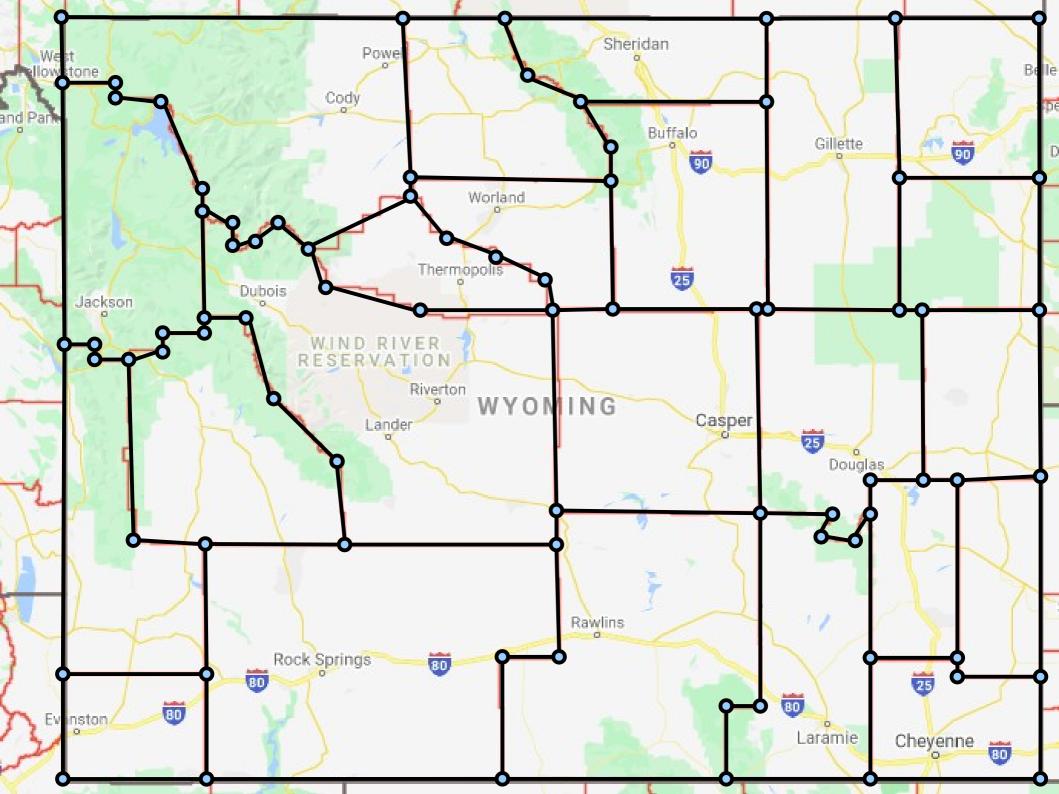
• *Fáry's theorem* says that every plane graph can be redrawn as a straight line plane graph.

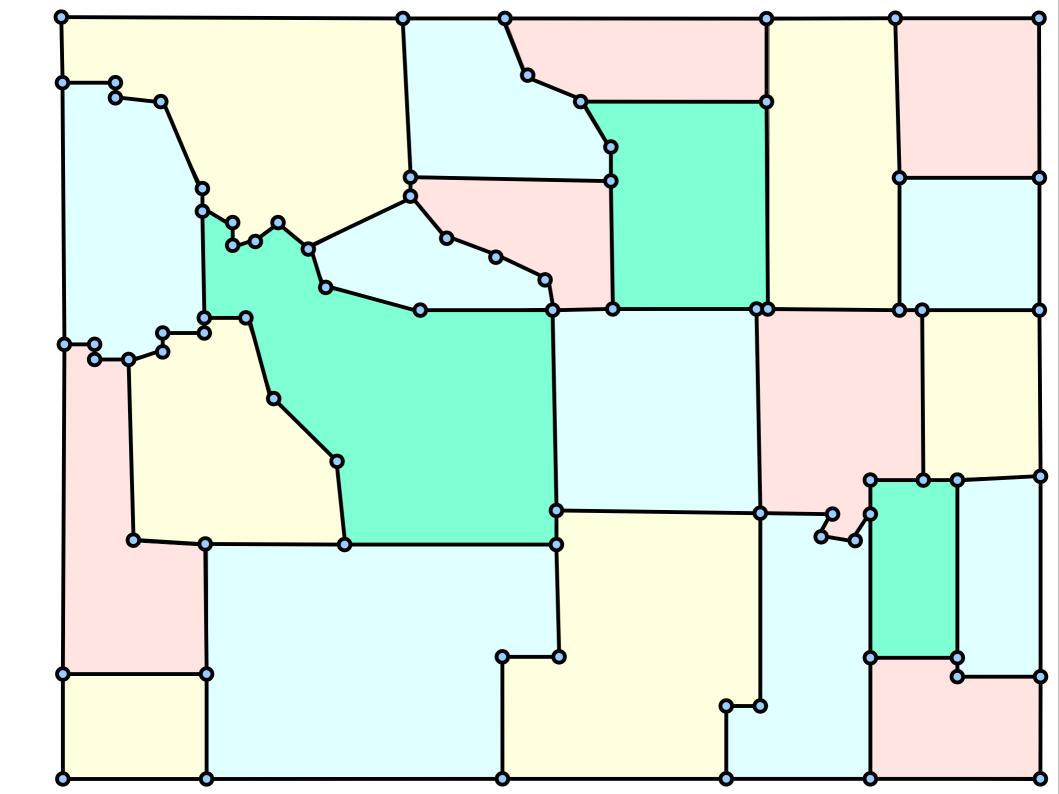
• This is a *beautiful* proof by induction; do a quick Google search for more details.

 Many of the techniques from today work in the more general case of arbitrary curves – it's a good exercise to think about how to modify them.

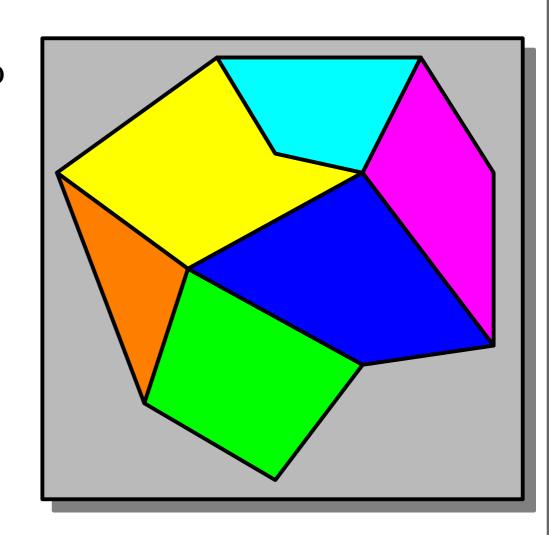




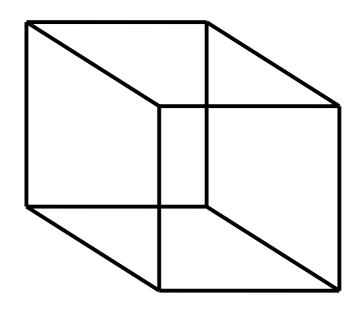




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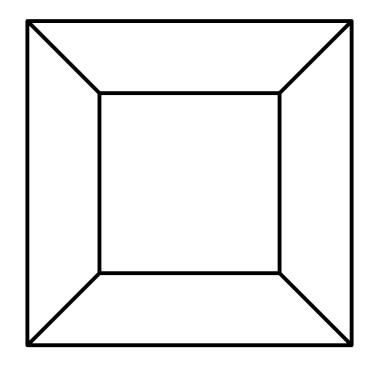


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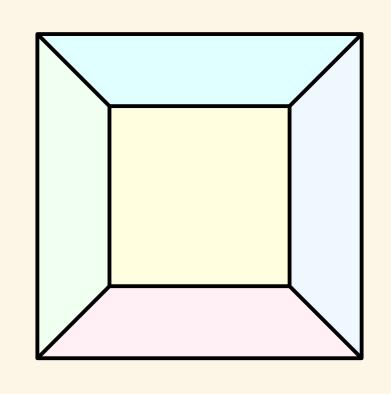




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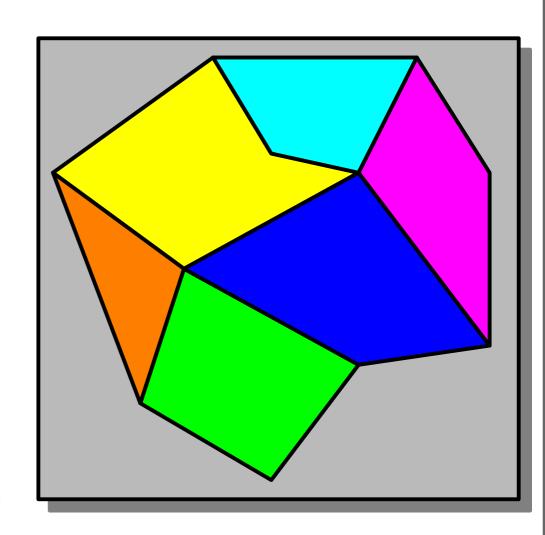


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# A Key Theorem

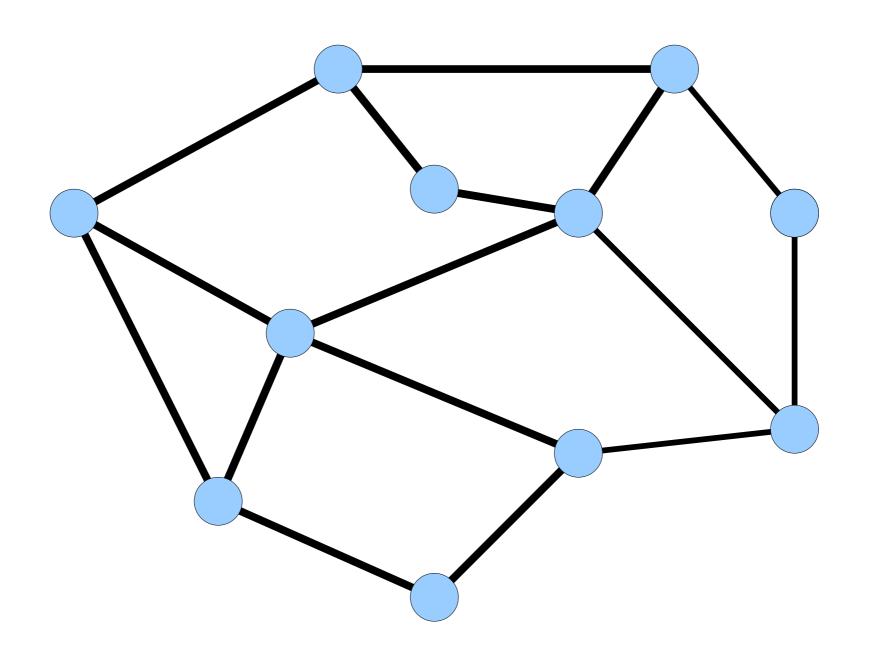
- Theorem: A plane graph with n nodes has O(n) edges and O(n) faces.
- This is a consequence of *Euler's theorem*, which relates the number of edges, vertices, and faces of a plane graph.
- This means that plane graphs are sparse.
- We will typically use *n*, the number of nodes, as a measure of the size of the input.

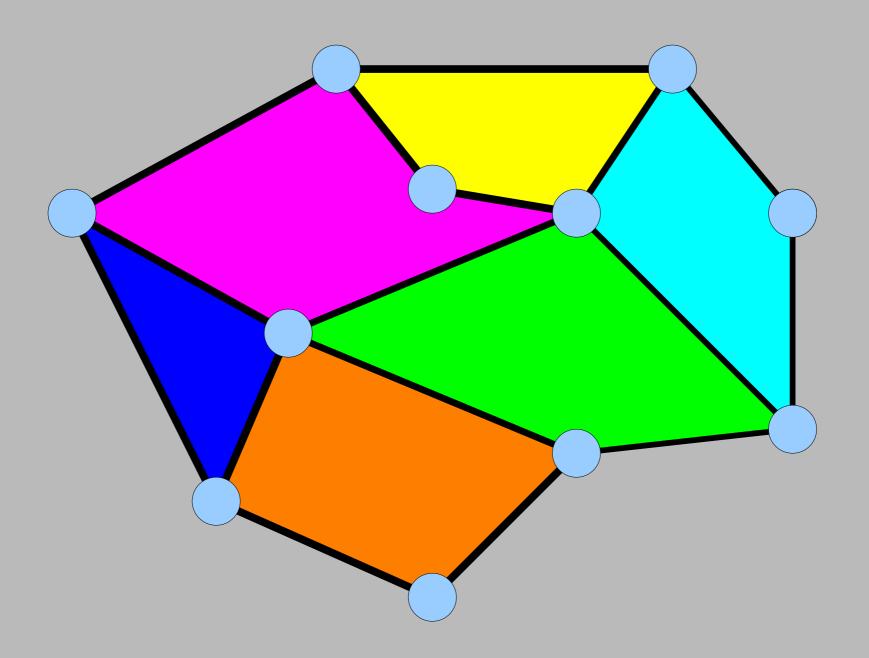


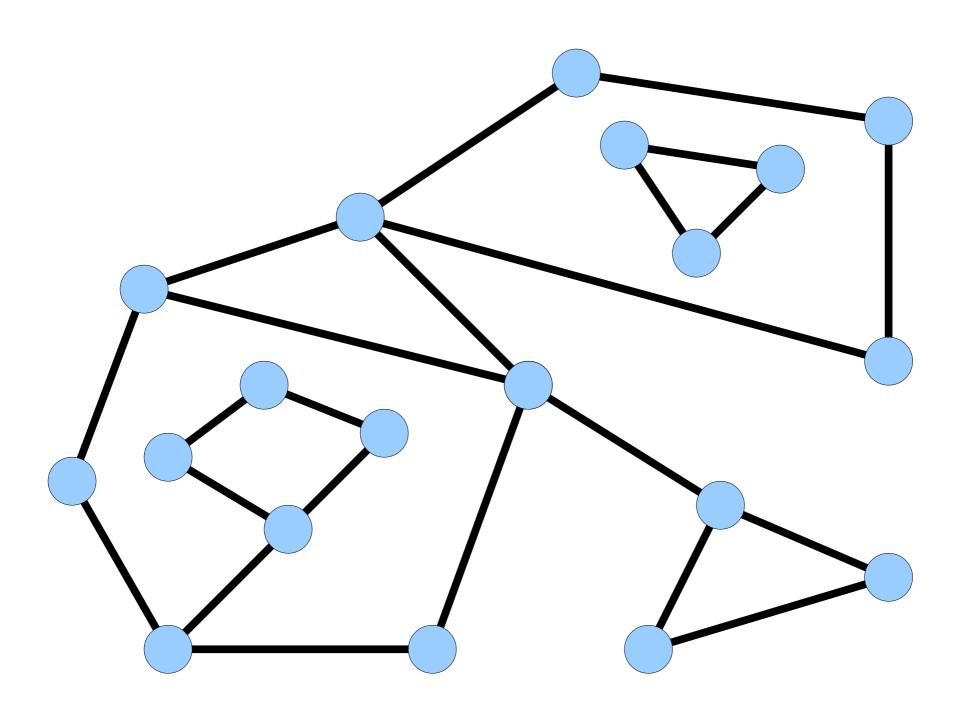
# The Story So Far

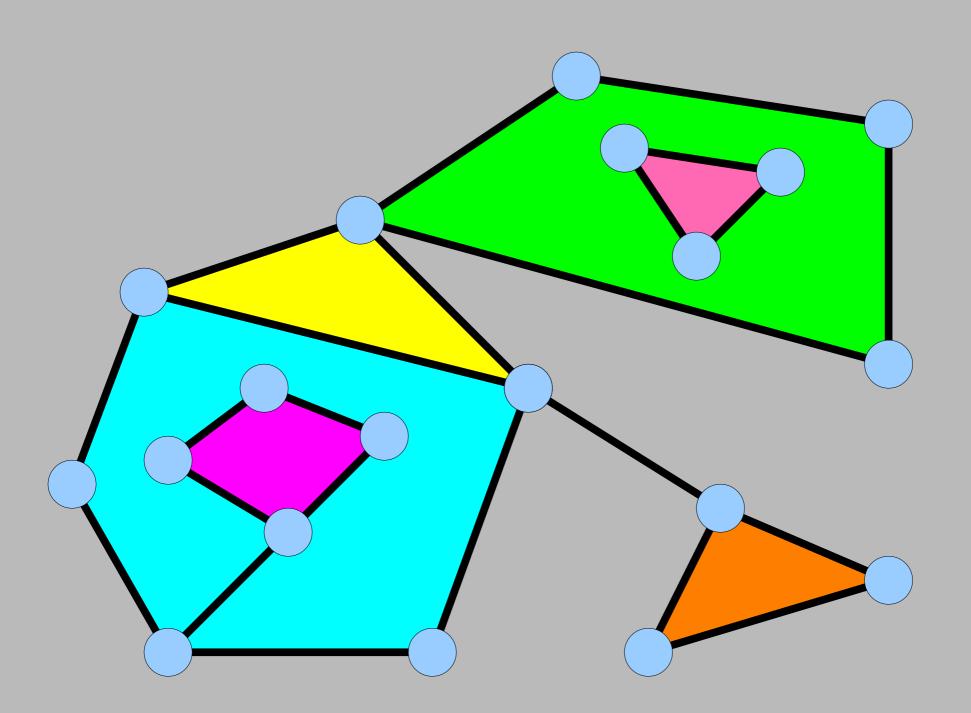
- A plane graph is a drawing of a graph in the plane. We'll assume we're working with straight-line drawings today.
- A plane graph with n nodes has O(n) edges (they're *sparse*).
- Plane graphs decompose the plane into O(n) faces, including the infinite external face.

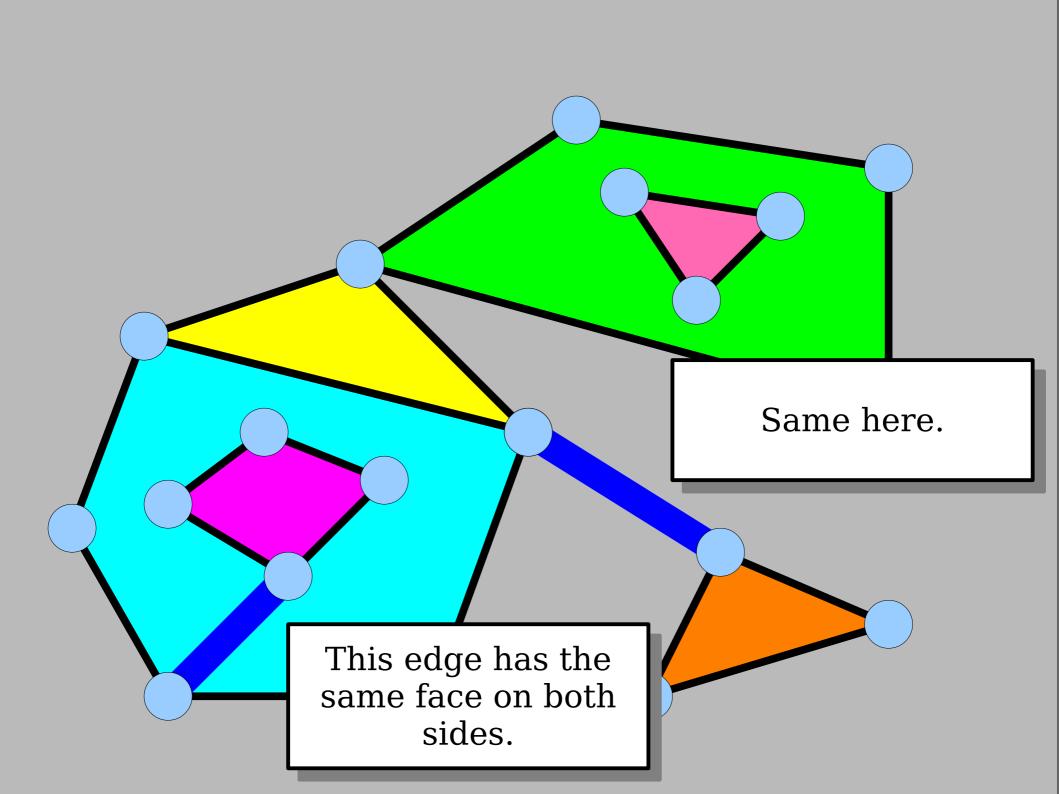
Planar Subdivisions





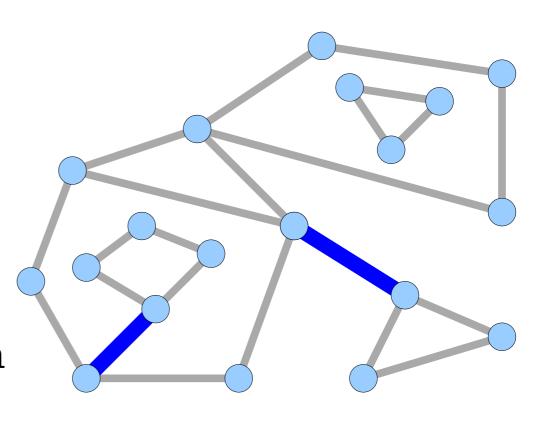






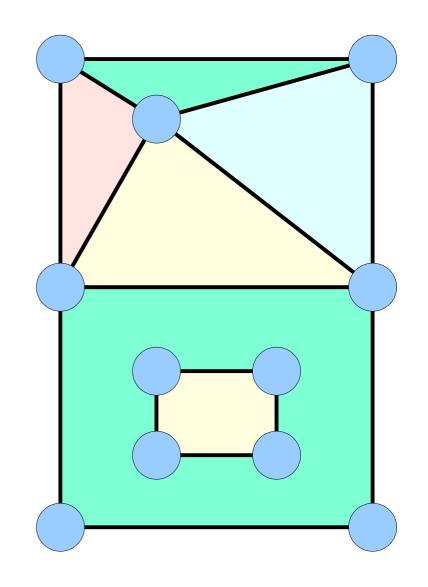
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- A bridge in a graph is an edge that, if removed, increases the number of connected components by one.
- Theorem: An edge in a plane graph is a bridge if and only if it has the same face on both sides.



#### Planar Subdivisions

- A planar subdivision is a plane graph where each edge borders two different faces.
- Equivalently, a planar subdivision is a plane graph with no bridges.



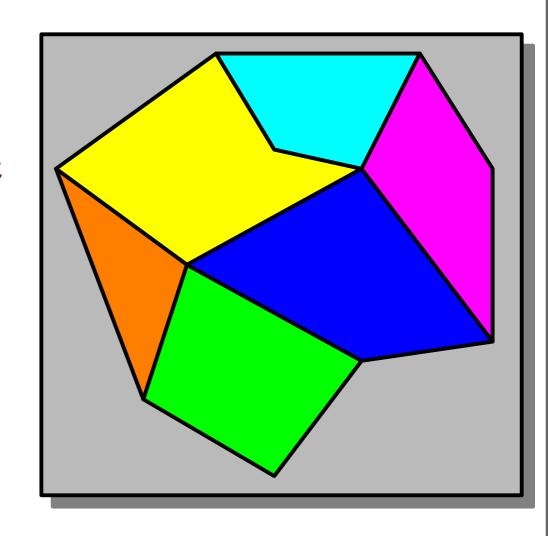
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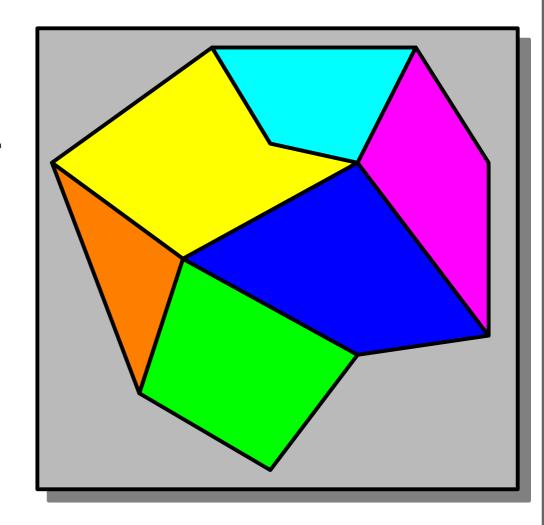
Preprocess a planar subdivision to efficiently answer queries of the form "which face is point p in?"

- It's yet another place where we'd expect to get a tradeoff between preprocessing time and runtime.
- *Question:* How quickly can we solve this problem?



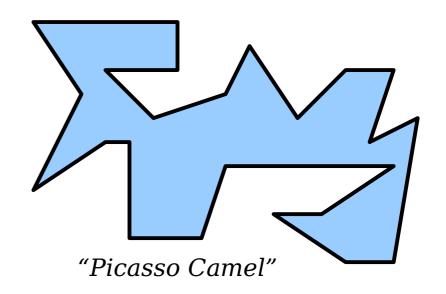
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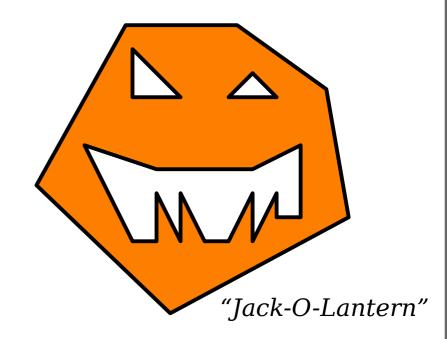
- What would the "no preprocessing" solution to this problem look like?
- **Basic idea:** Iterate over all closed faces and see if the point is in any of them. If so, return it. If not, return the external face.
- *Question:* How do you check whether a point is contained within a face?

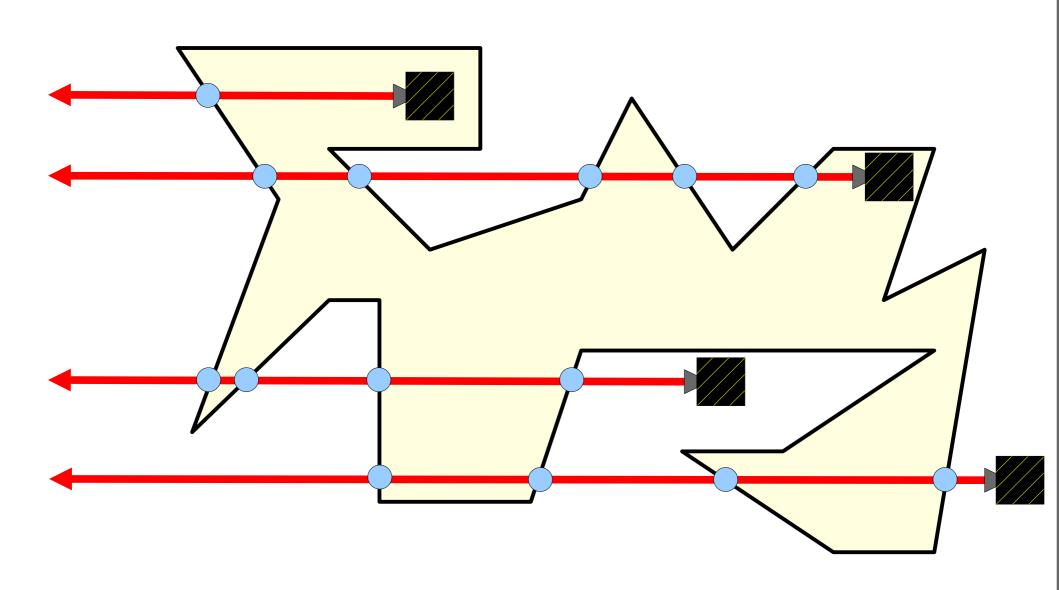


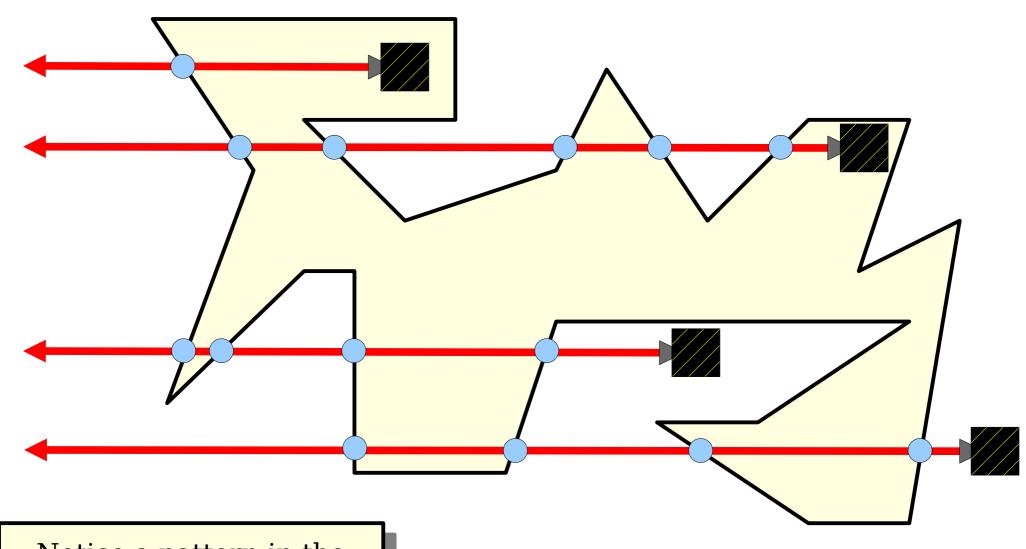
### Point-In-Face Queries

- Faces in planar subdivisions can have irregular shapes.
- Simply testing if a point is in such a polygon seems challenging!
- However, there's a really clever way to solve this problem.



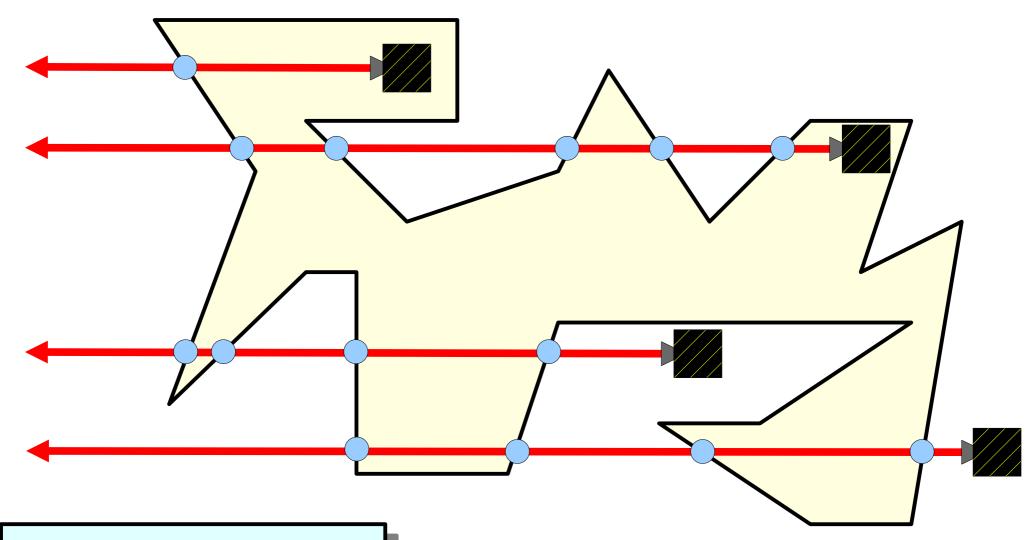






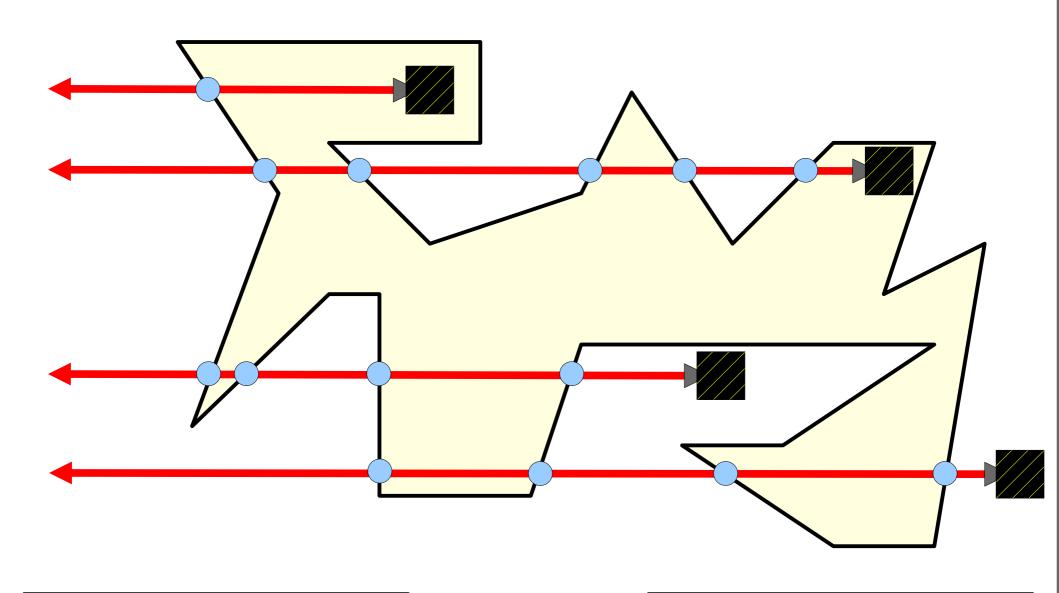
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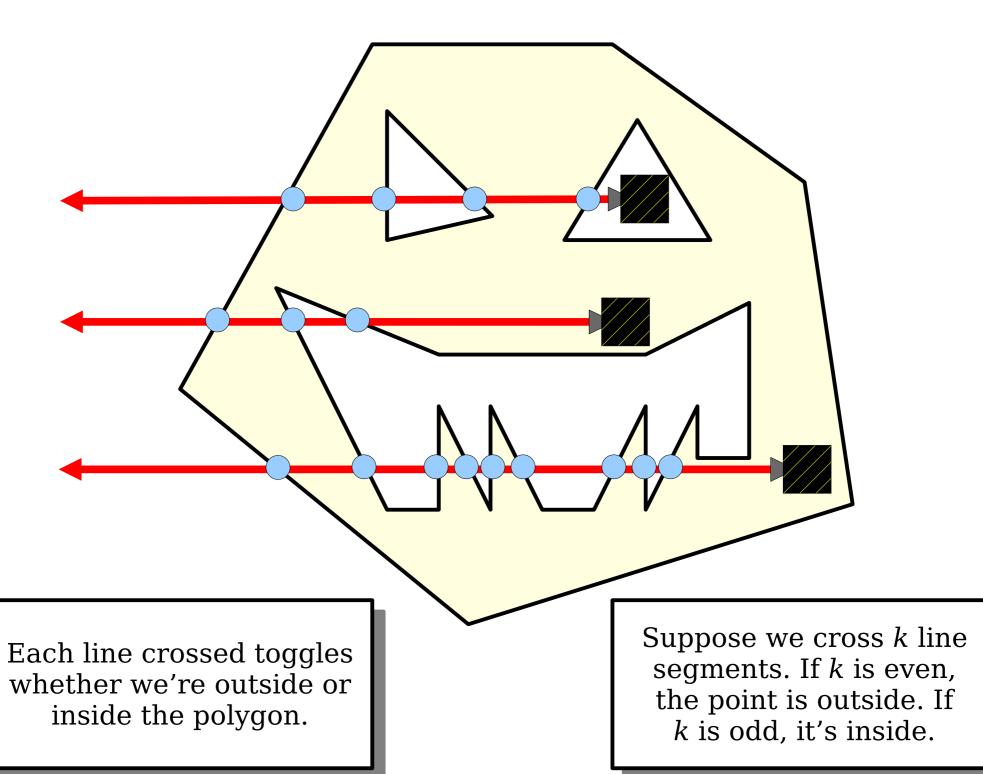
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Now, *private chat me your best guess*. Not sure? Just answer "??"



Each line crossed toggles whether we're outside or inside the polygon.

Suppose we cross *k* line segments. If *k* is even, the point is outside. If *k* is odd, it's inside.

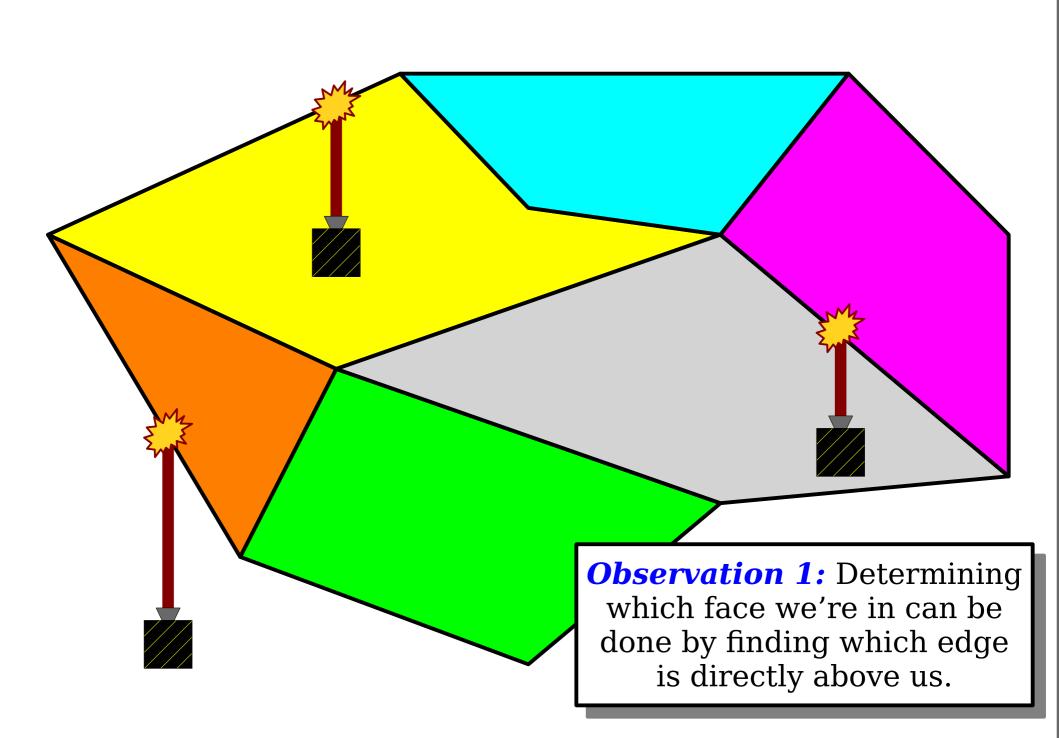


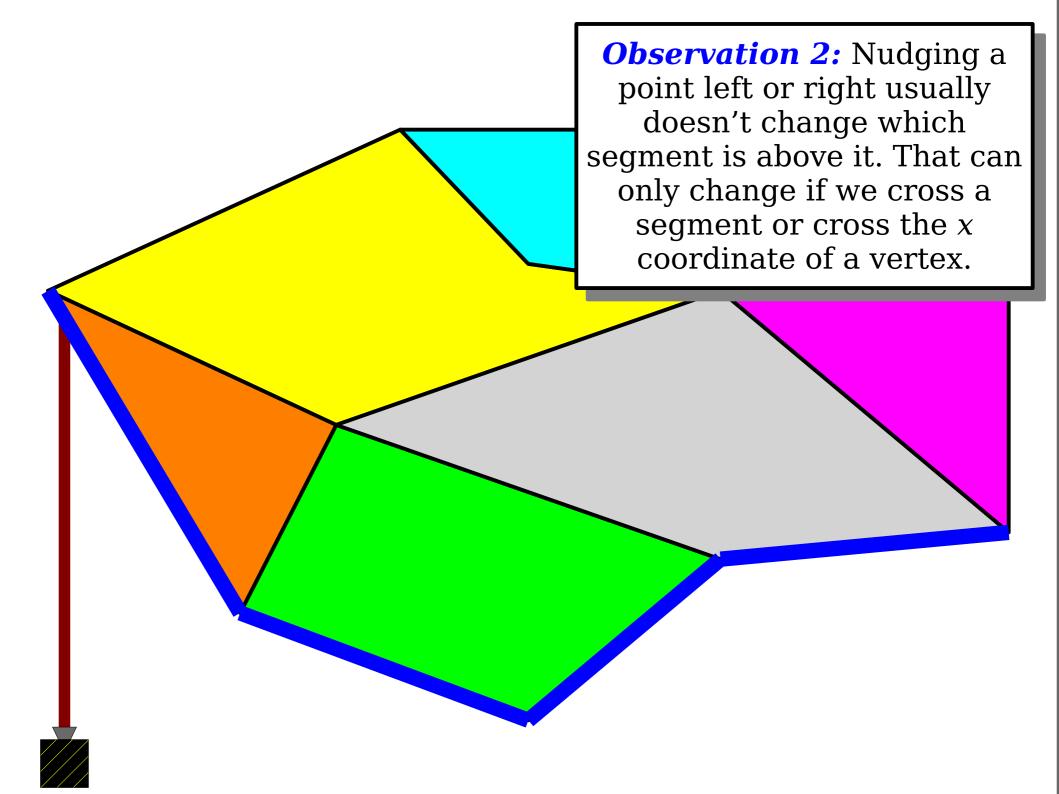
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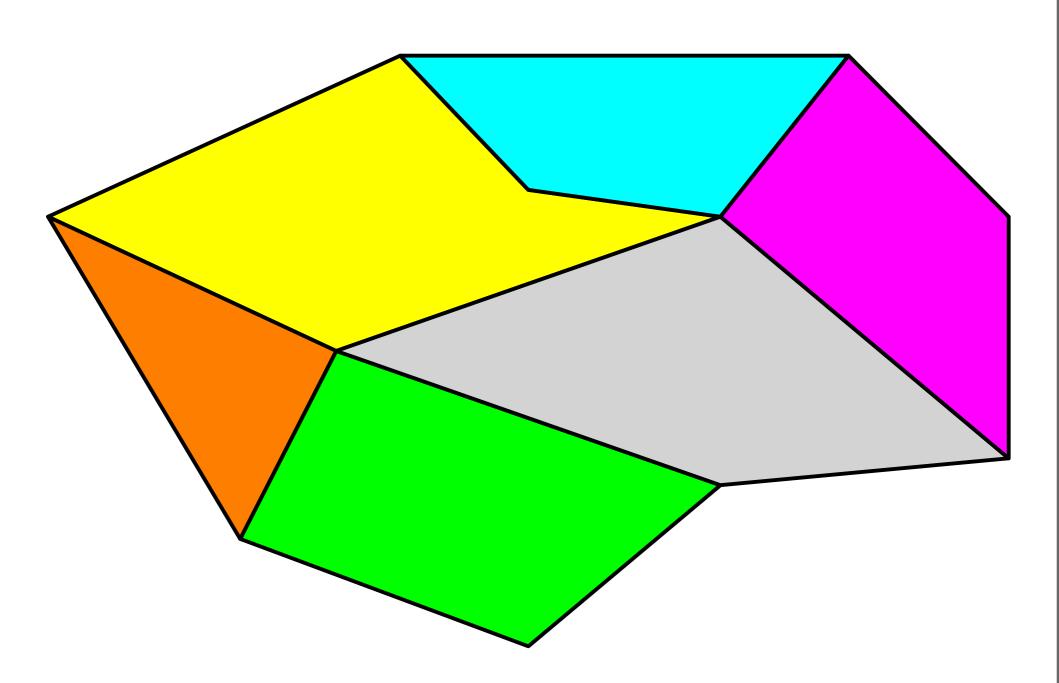
- For each polygon, count the number of edges that intersect a horizontal line passing through the query point.
  - Each edge segment can be tested in time O(1) using some linear algebra.
  - There's an edge case for when the horizontal line passes through a vertex in the graph; can fix by treating the edge as including its source but not endpoint.
- Each edge is processed at most twice, once for each face it borders.
- Total query time: O(n).
- **Question:** Can we do better?

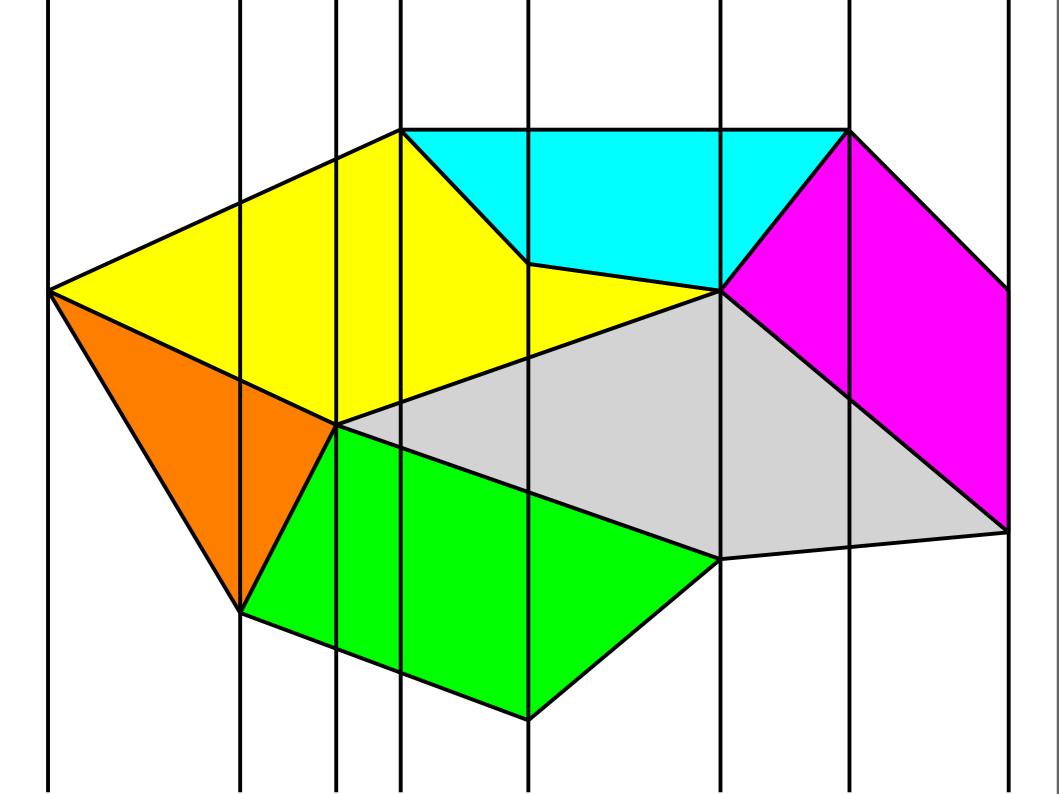
	Preprocessing	Query	Space
	Time	Time	Usage
Test All Faces	O(1)	O(n)	O(1)

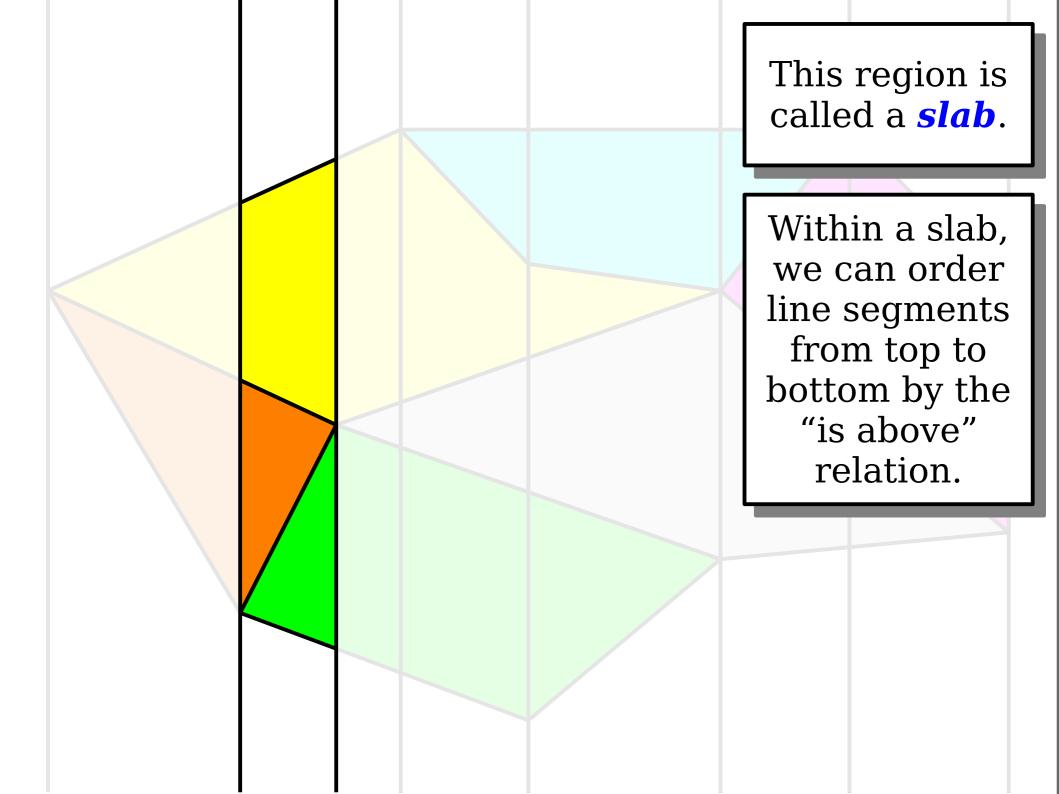
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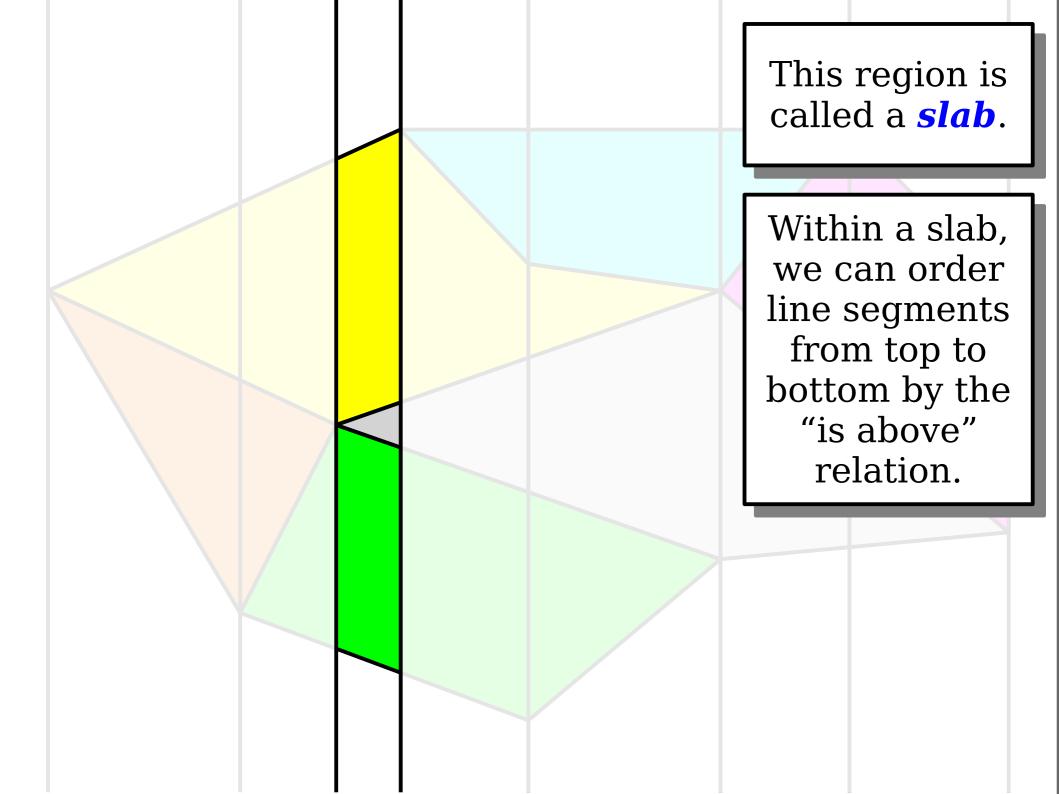


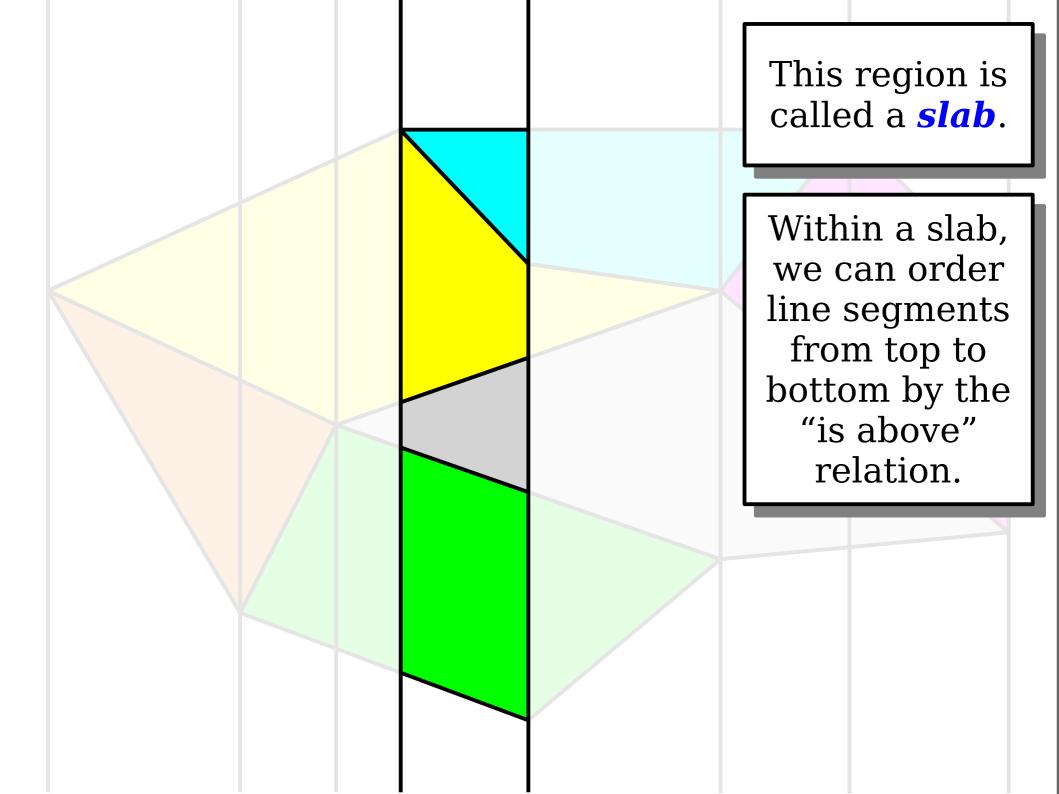


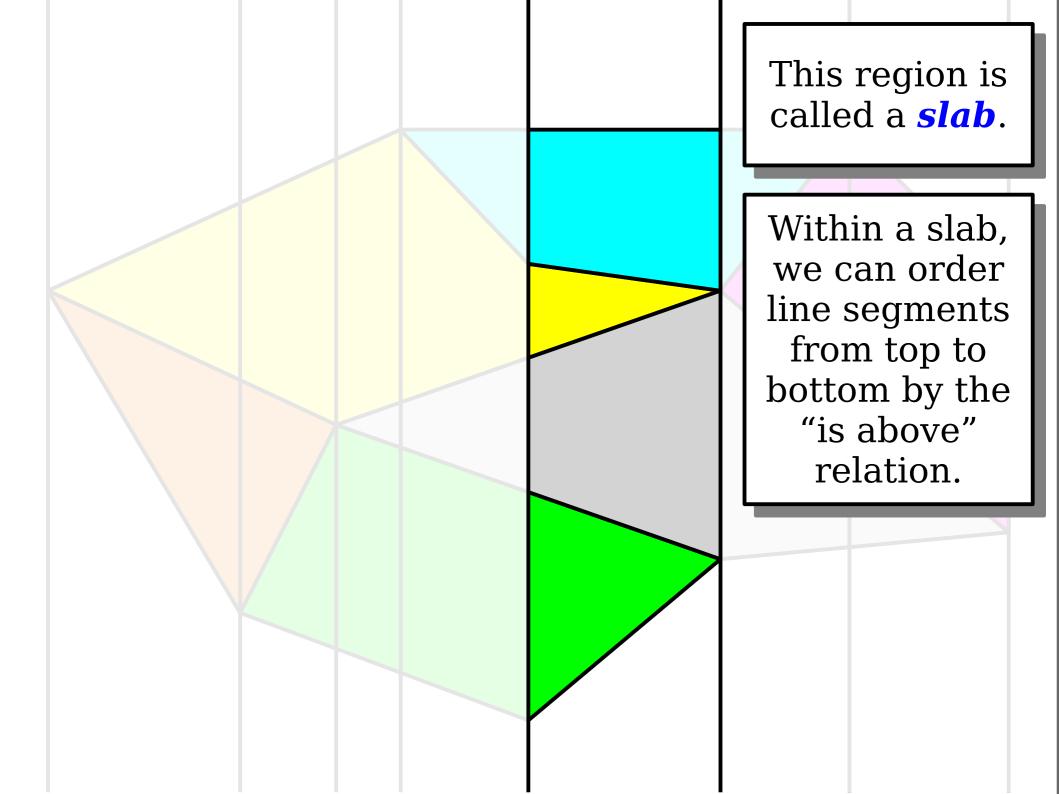


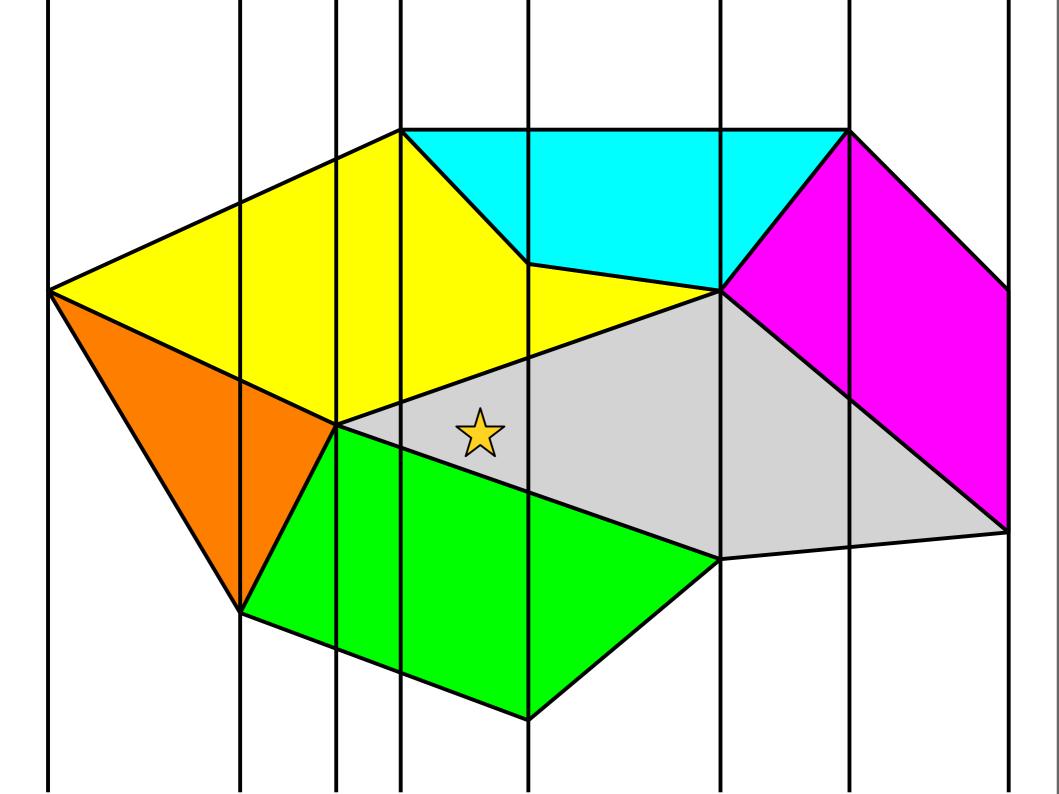


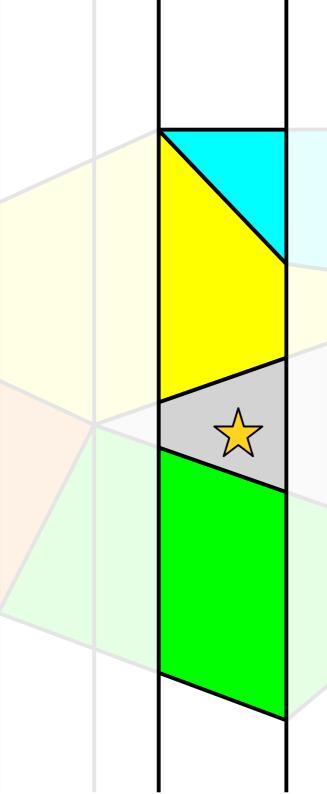












Binary search over *x* coordinates to find which slab we're in.

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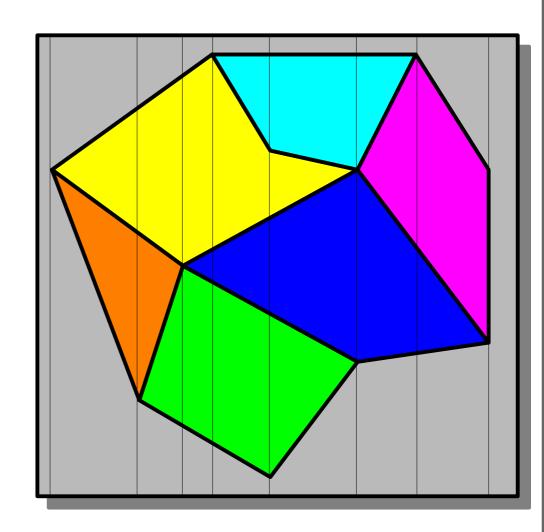
Binary search across the line segments to find the one above us.

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Total time:  $O(\log n)$ .

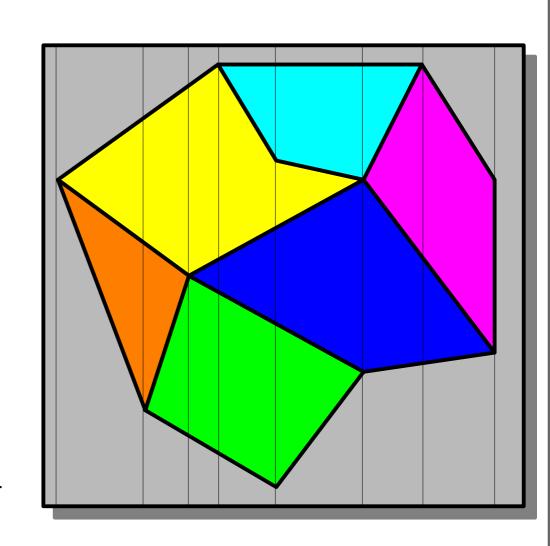
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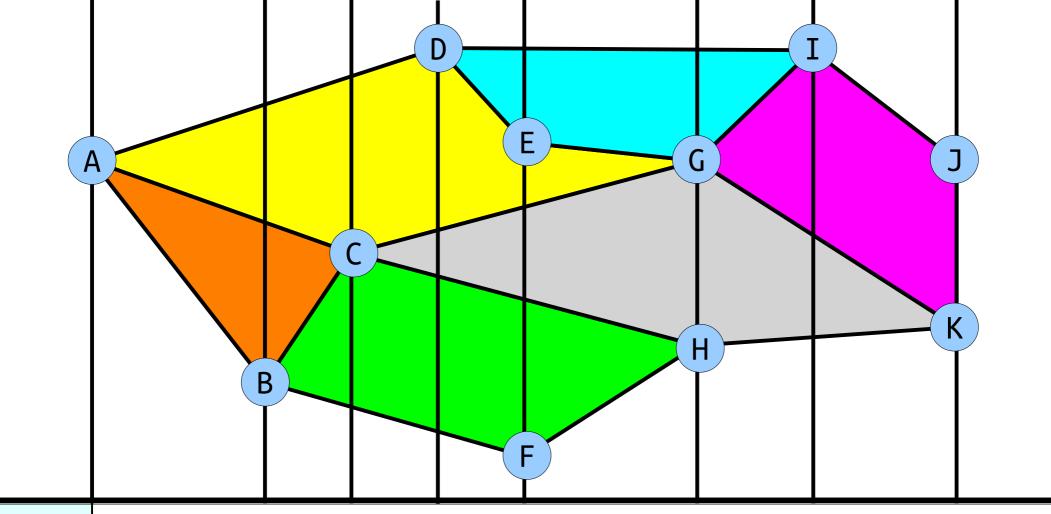
- *Idea:* Draw a vertical line through each line segment endpoint to cut the space into *slabs*.
- Each slab consists of some number of line segments, which can be ordered from top to bottom.
- We can then solve point location in time O(log n) by binary searching in the x direction to find which slab we're in, then binary searching in the y direction to see which face we're in.



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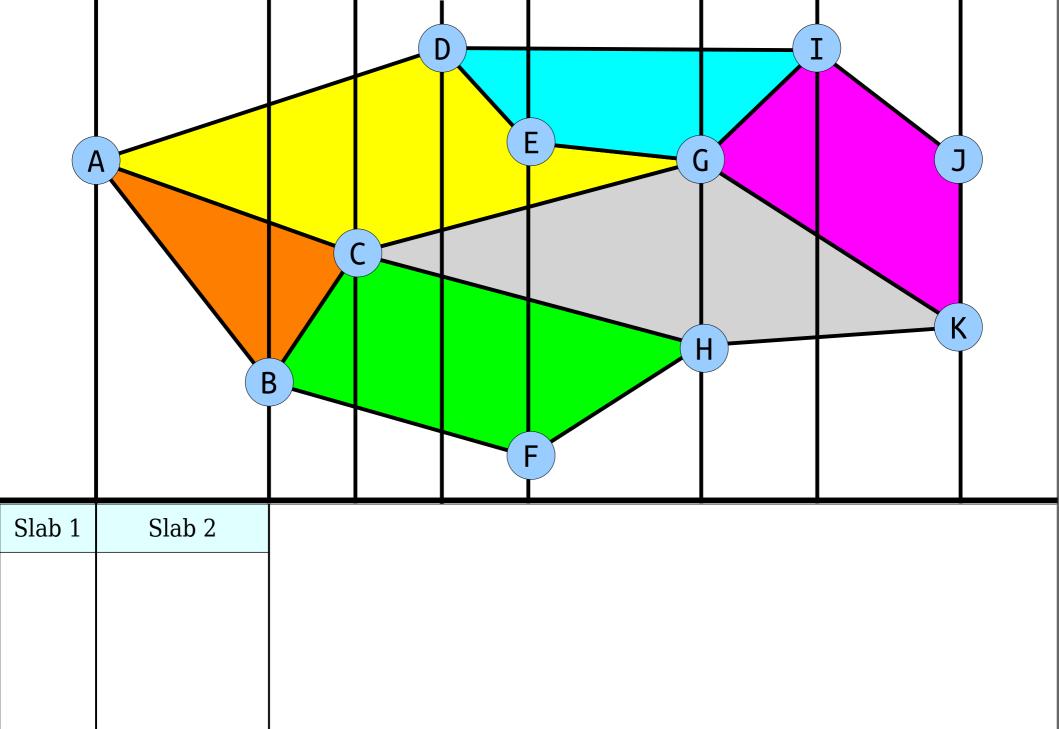
- Some remaining questions:
  - How do you construct the slabs?
  - How much preprocessing time will this take?
  - How much space is needed?
- Let's address each of these questions in turn.

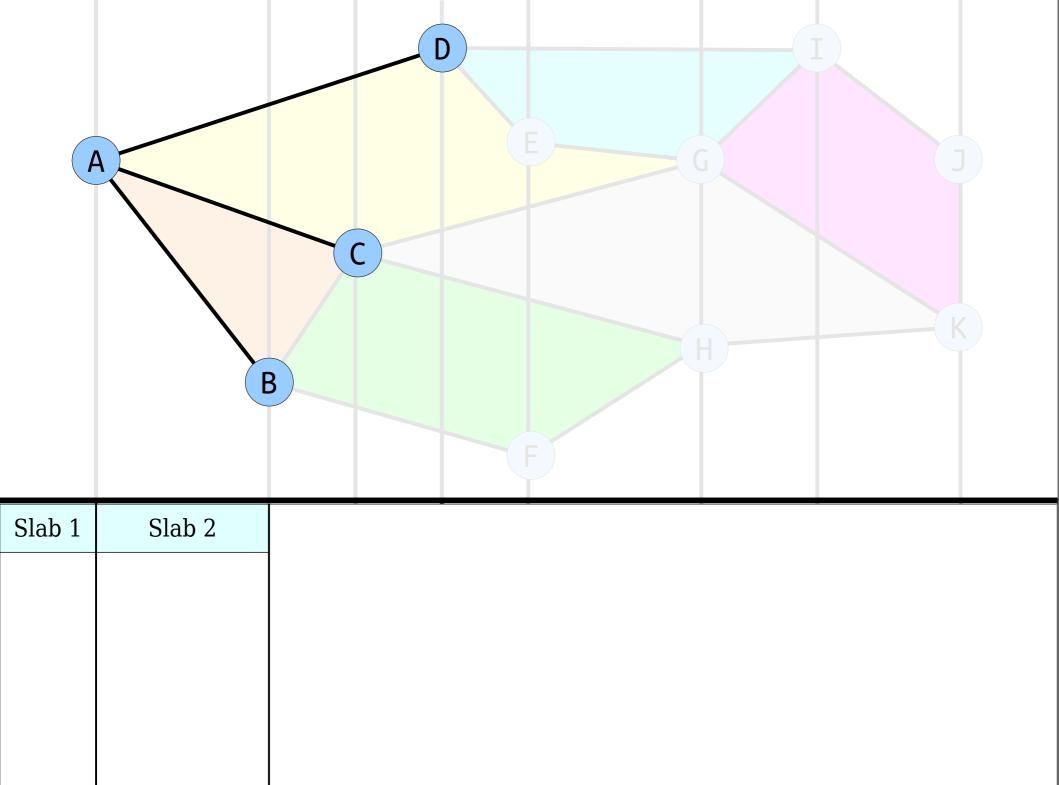


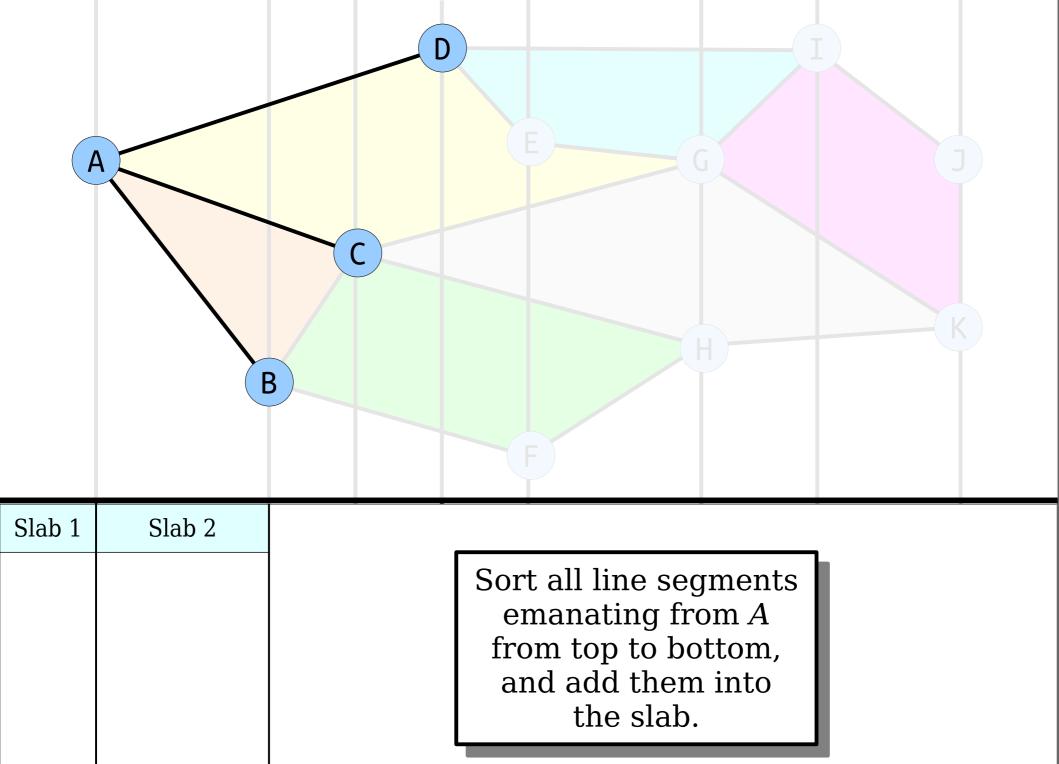


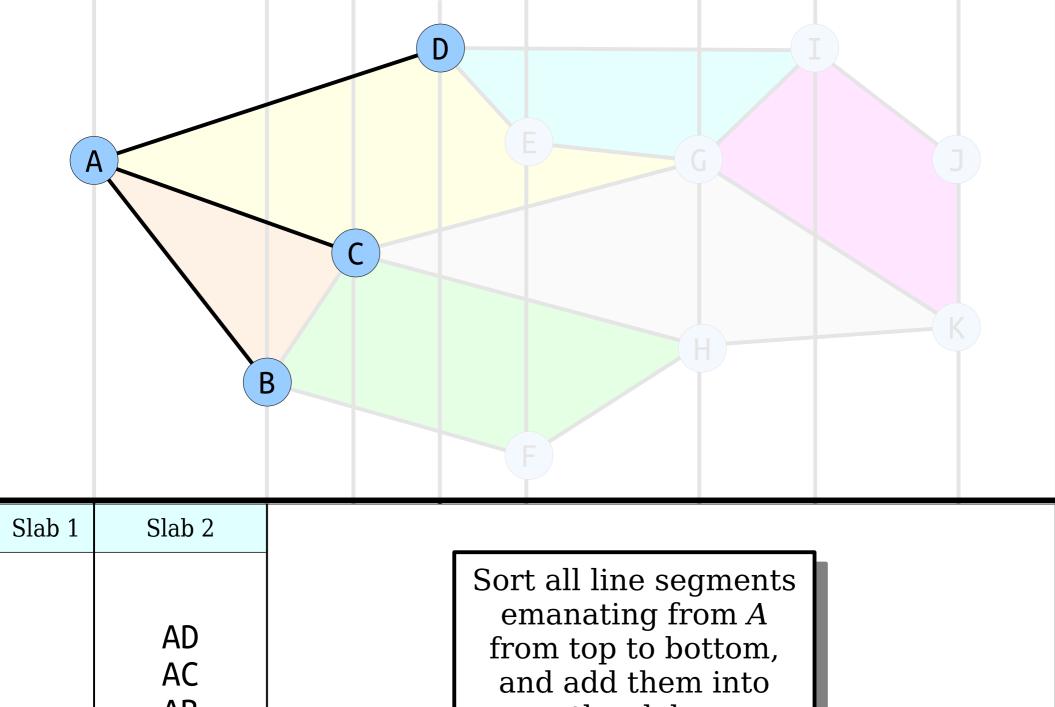
Slab 1

The slab to the left of all polygons has no line segments in it.



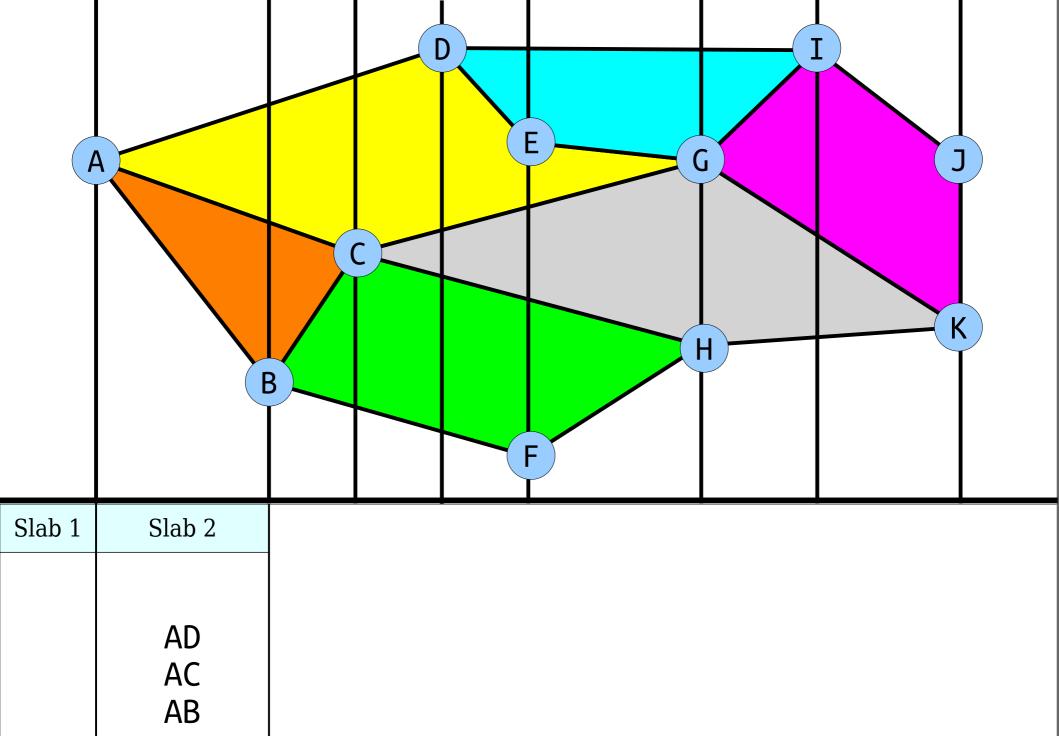


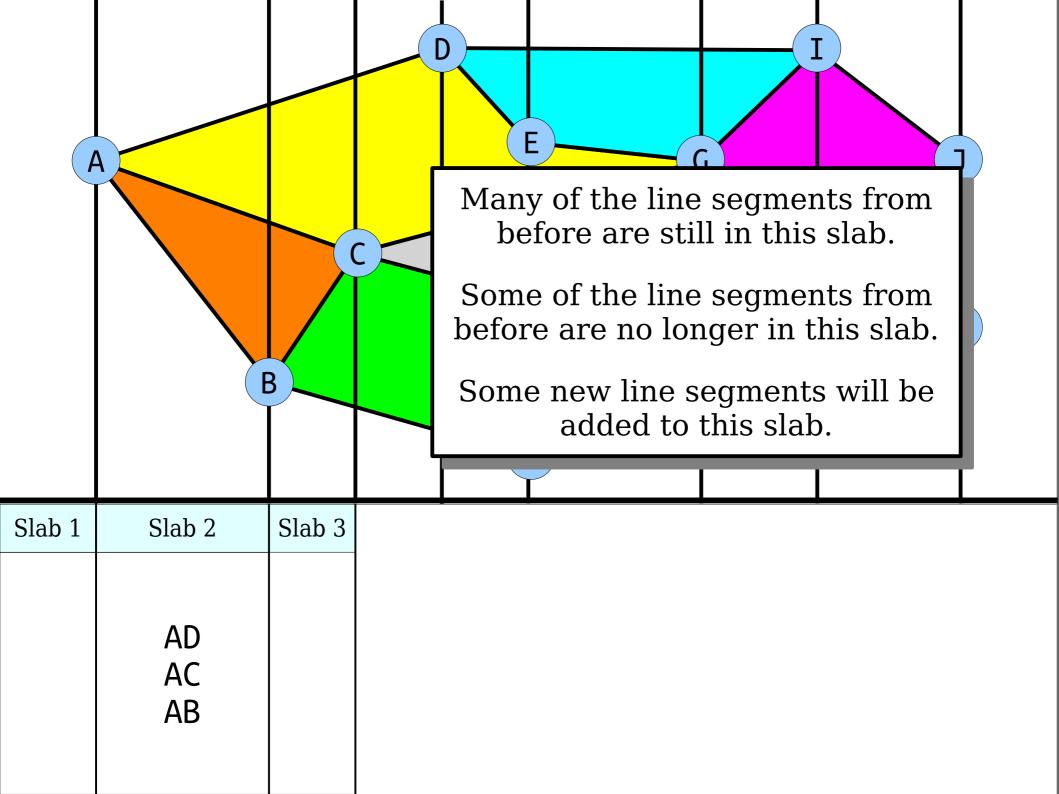


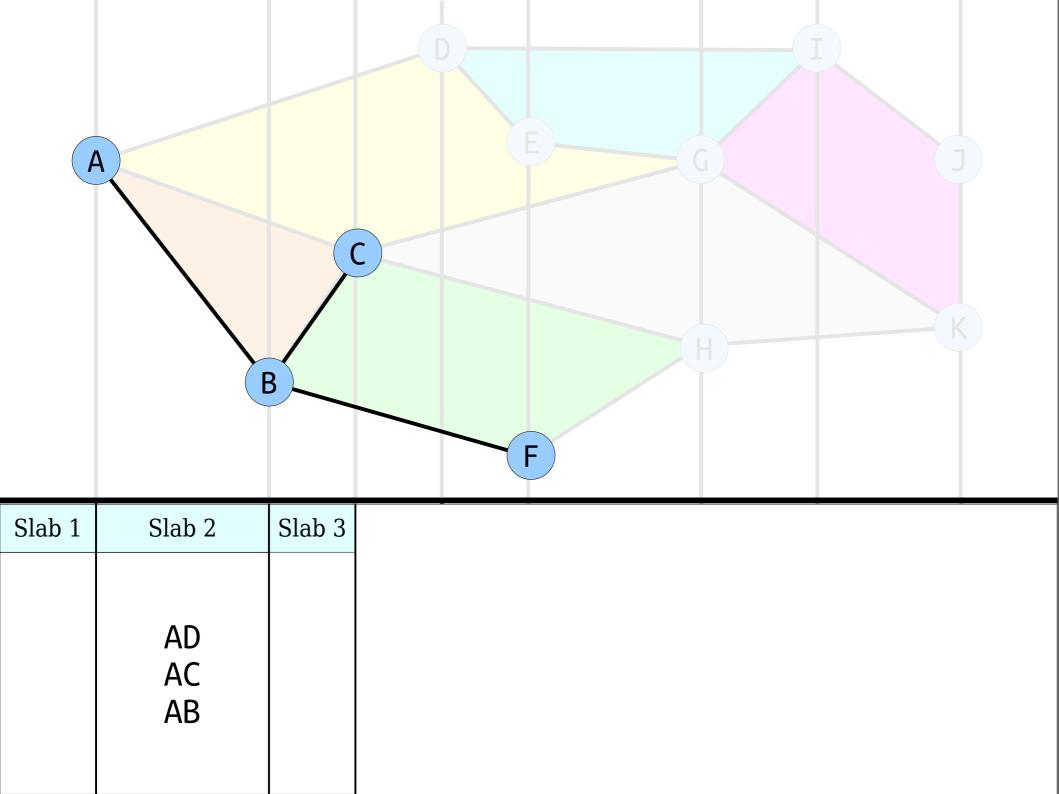


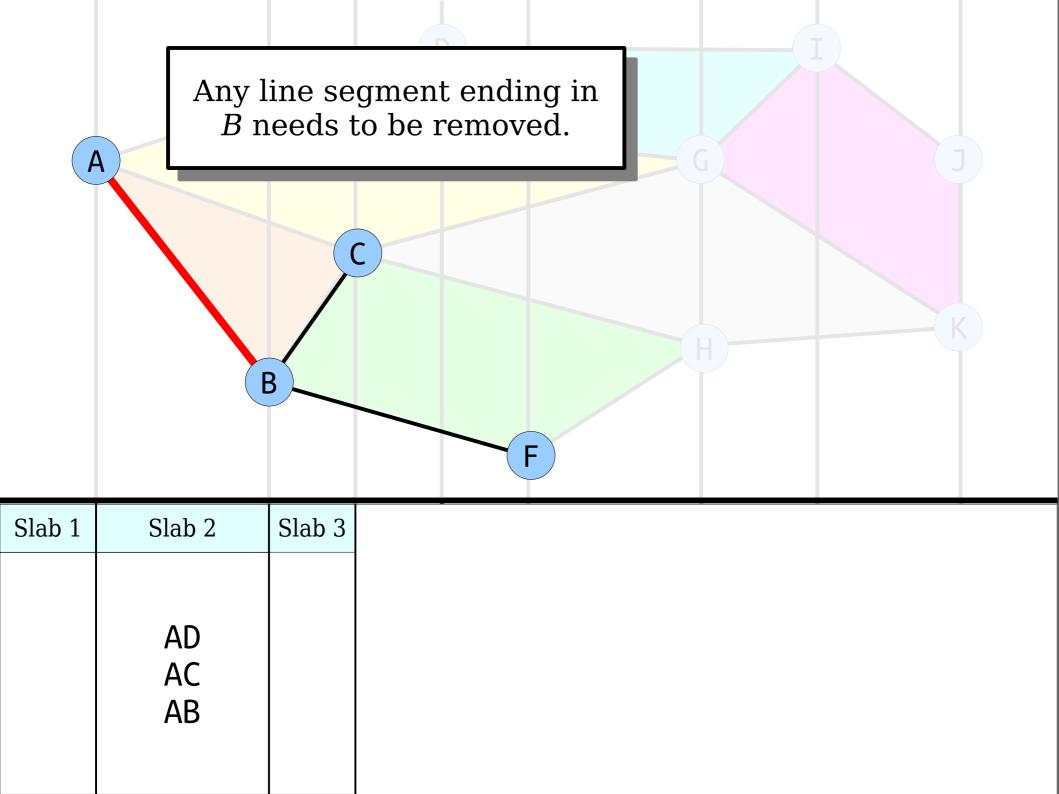
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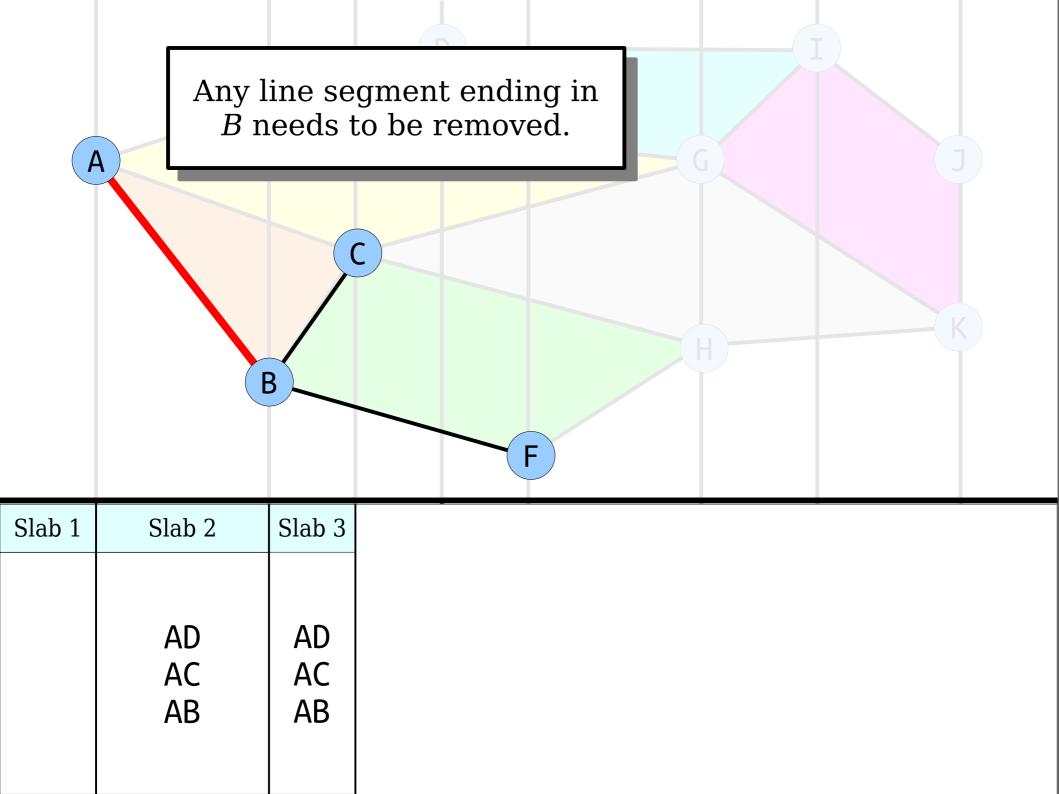
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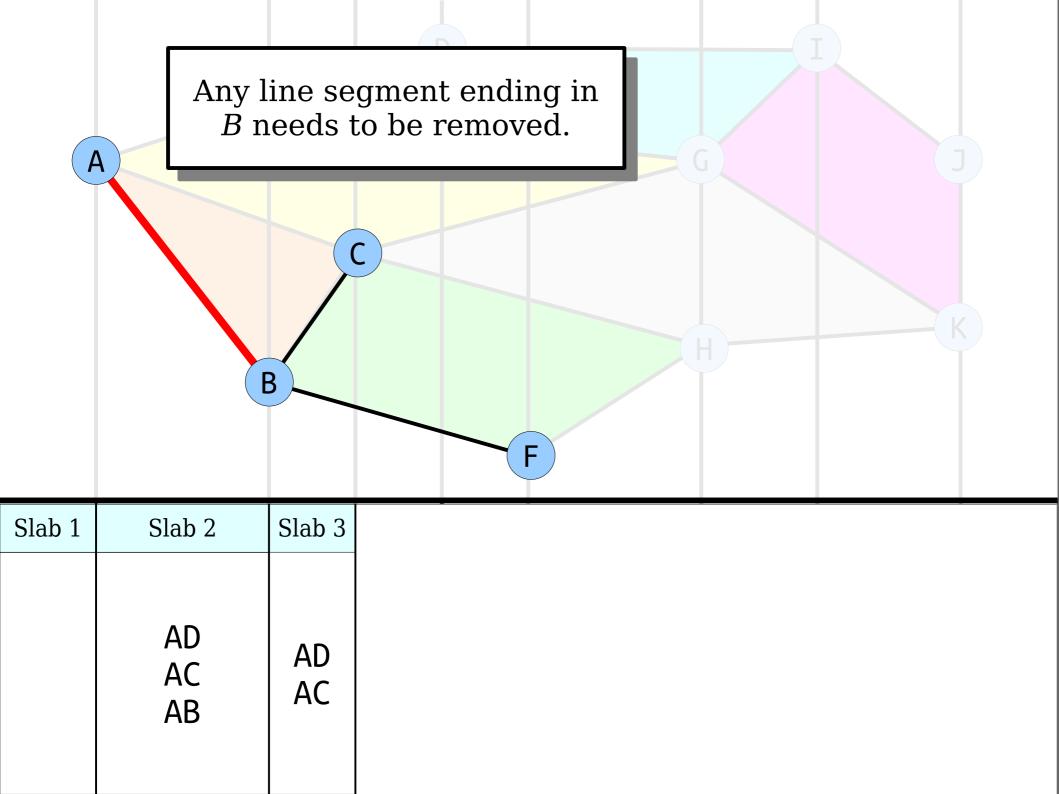


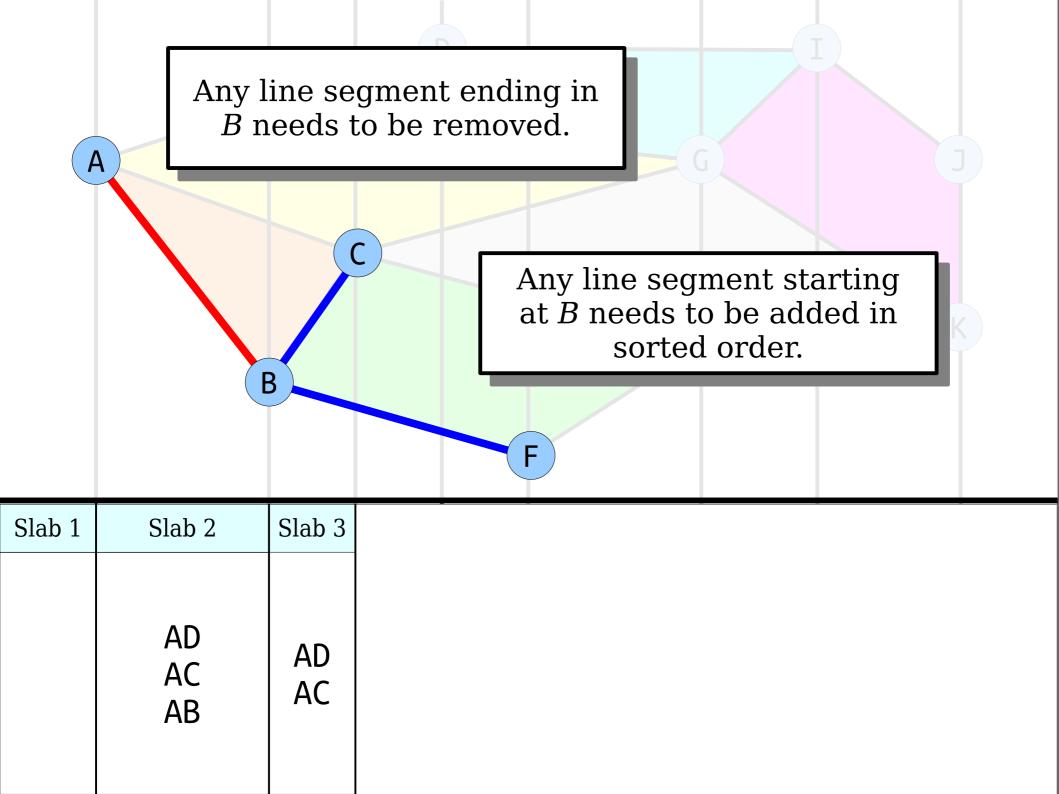


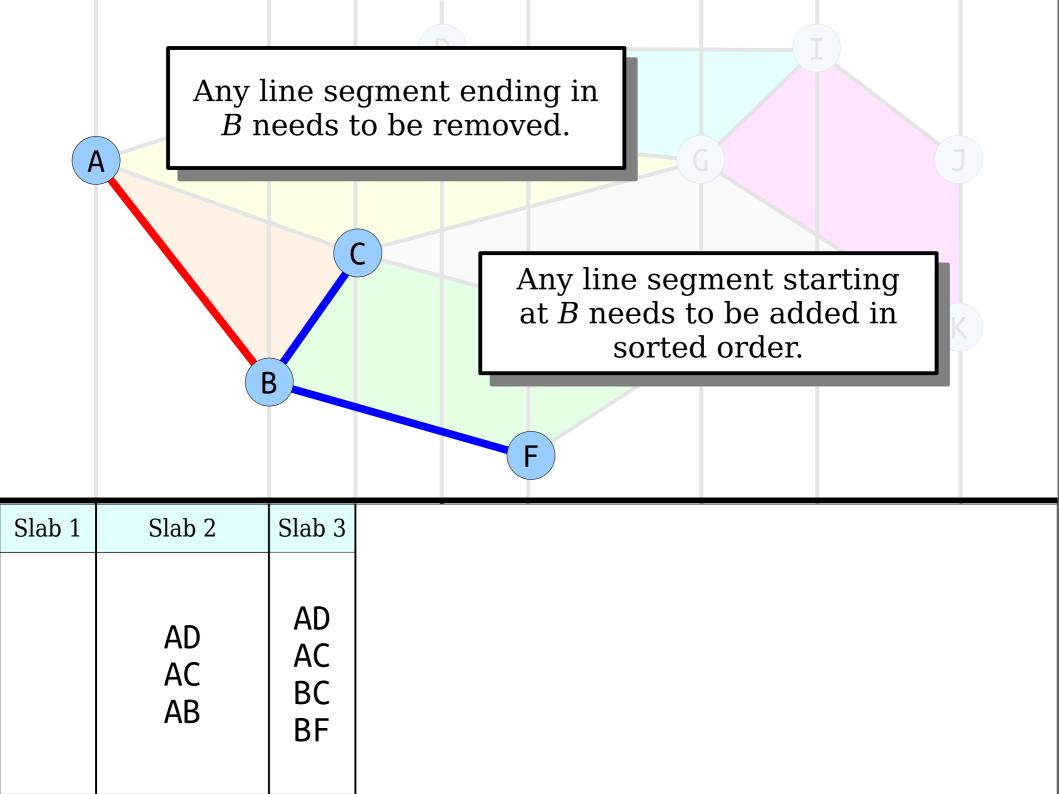


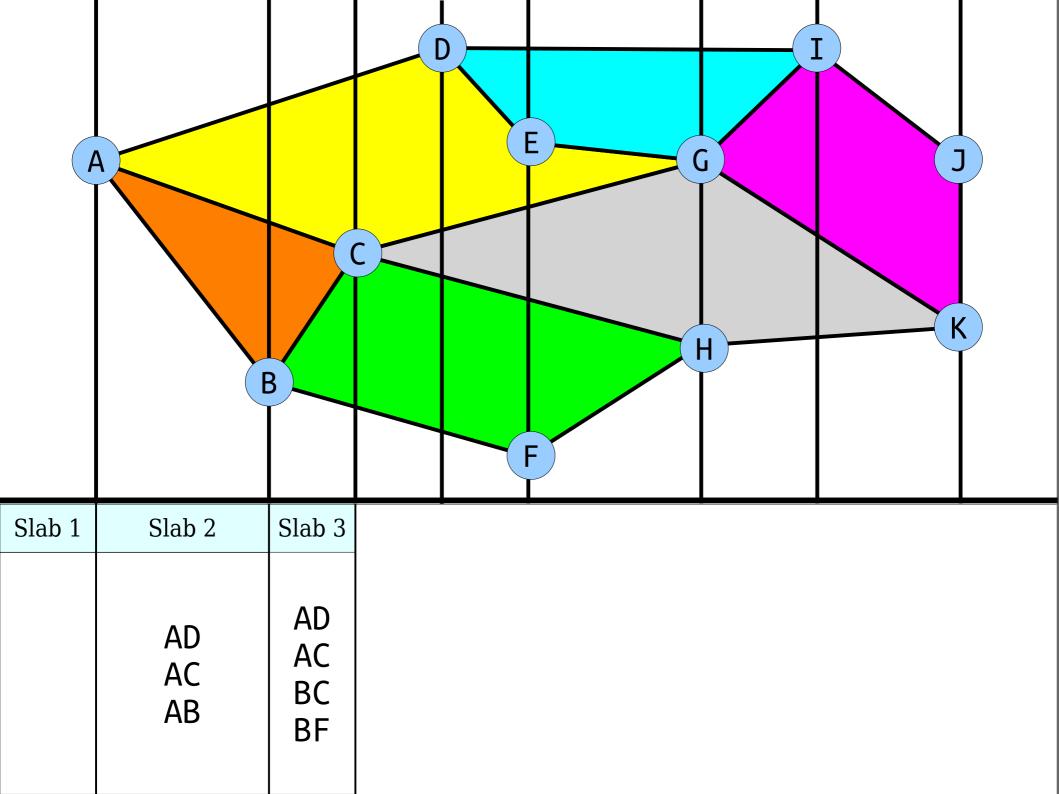


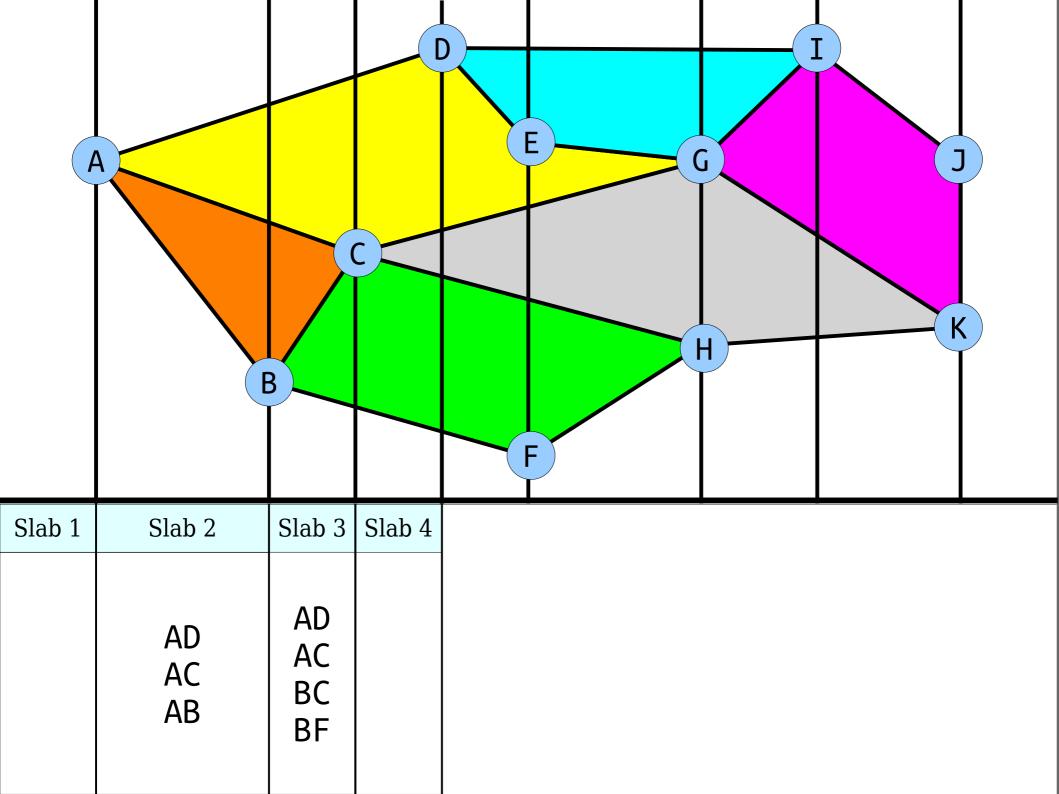


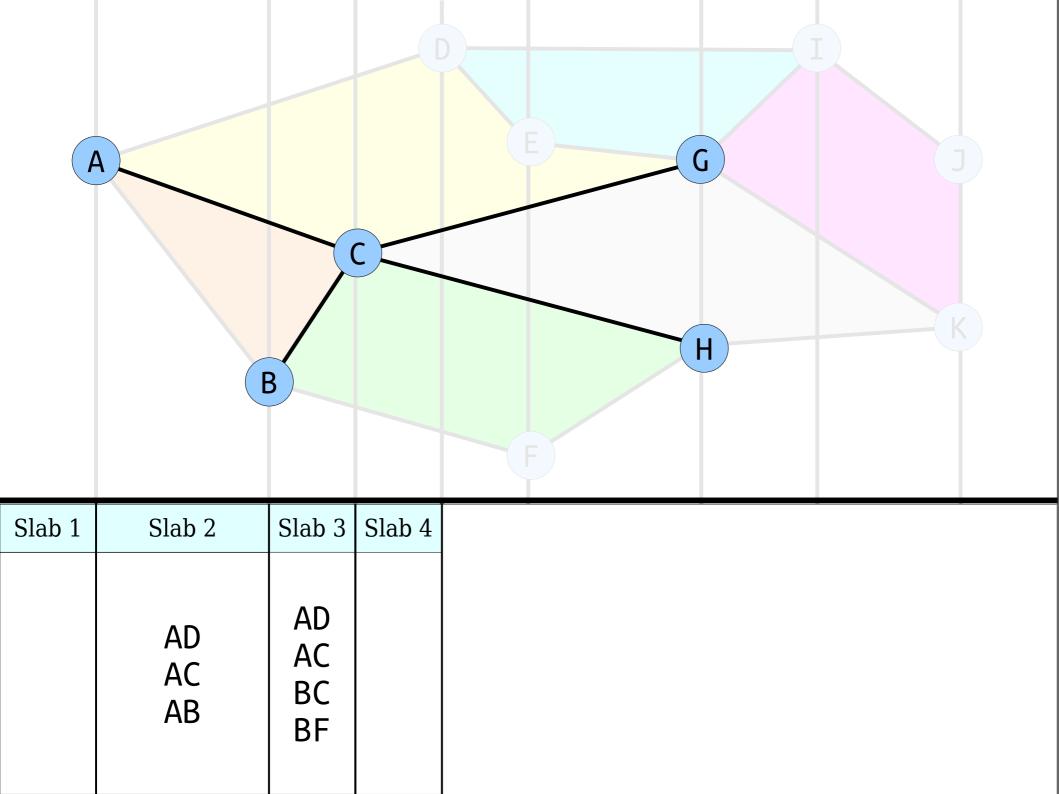


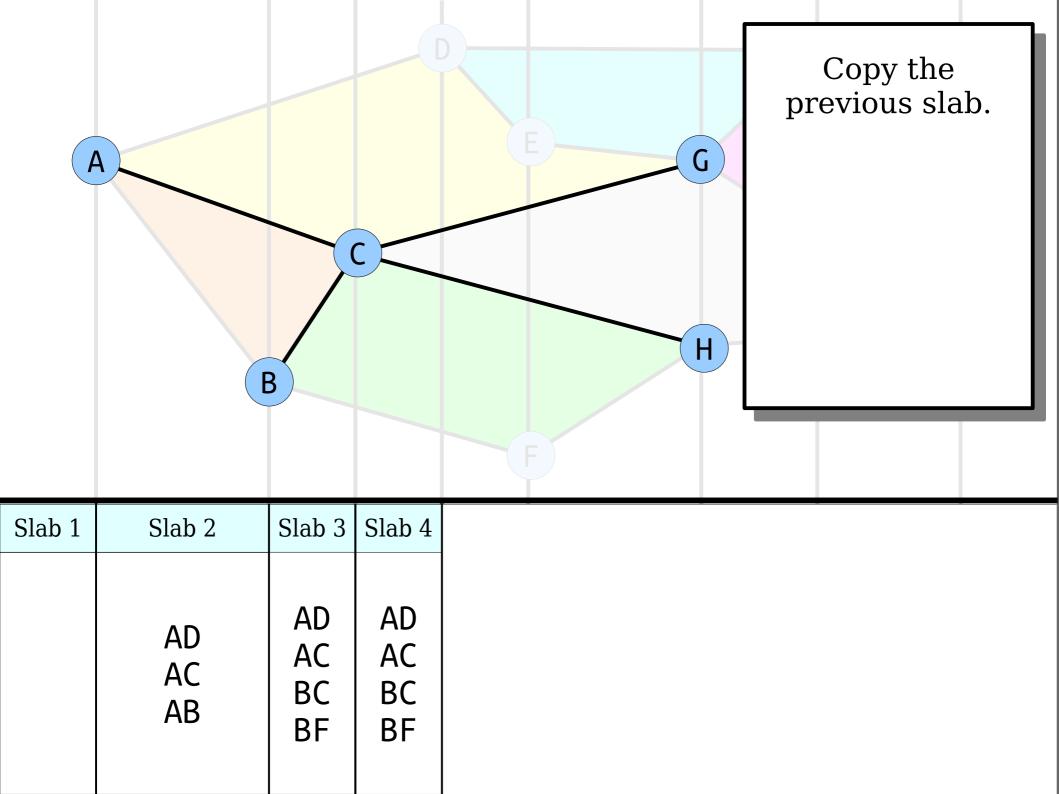


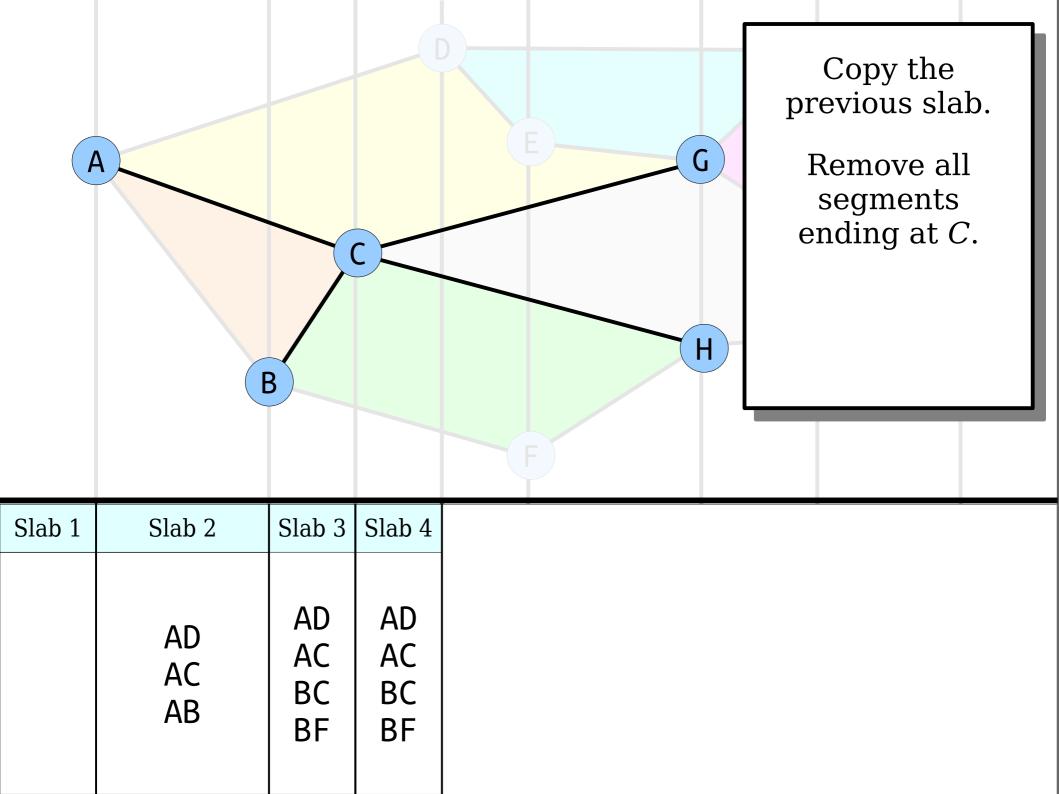


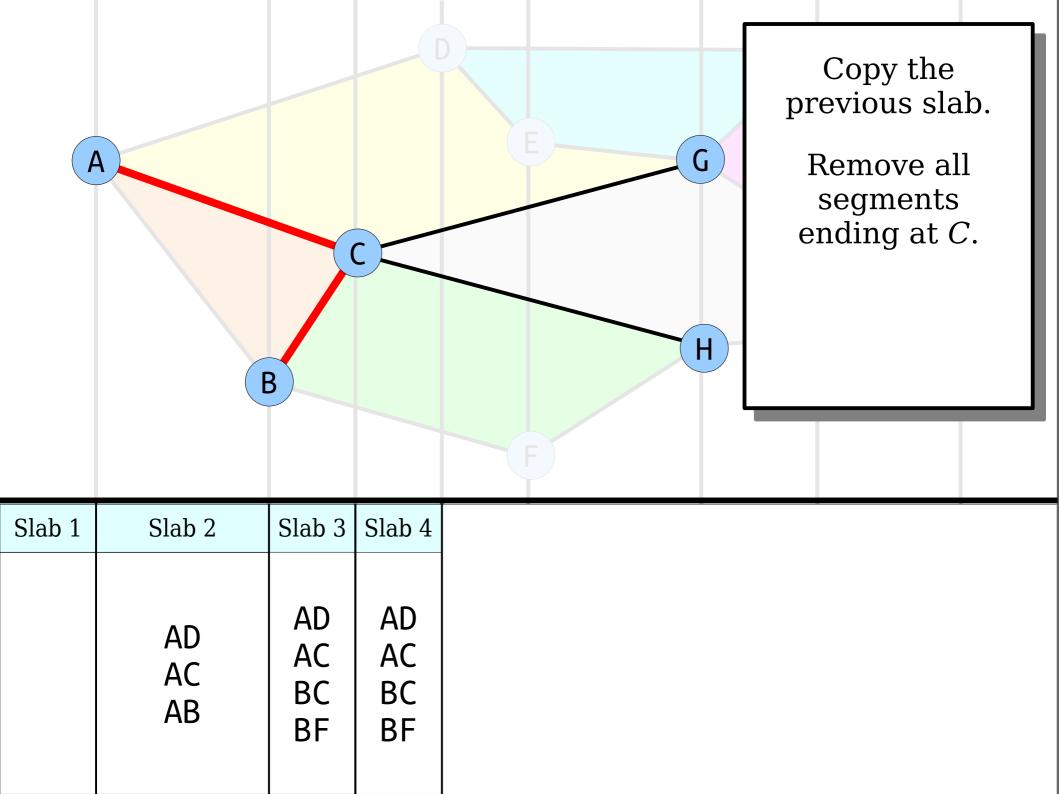


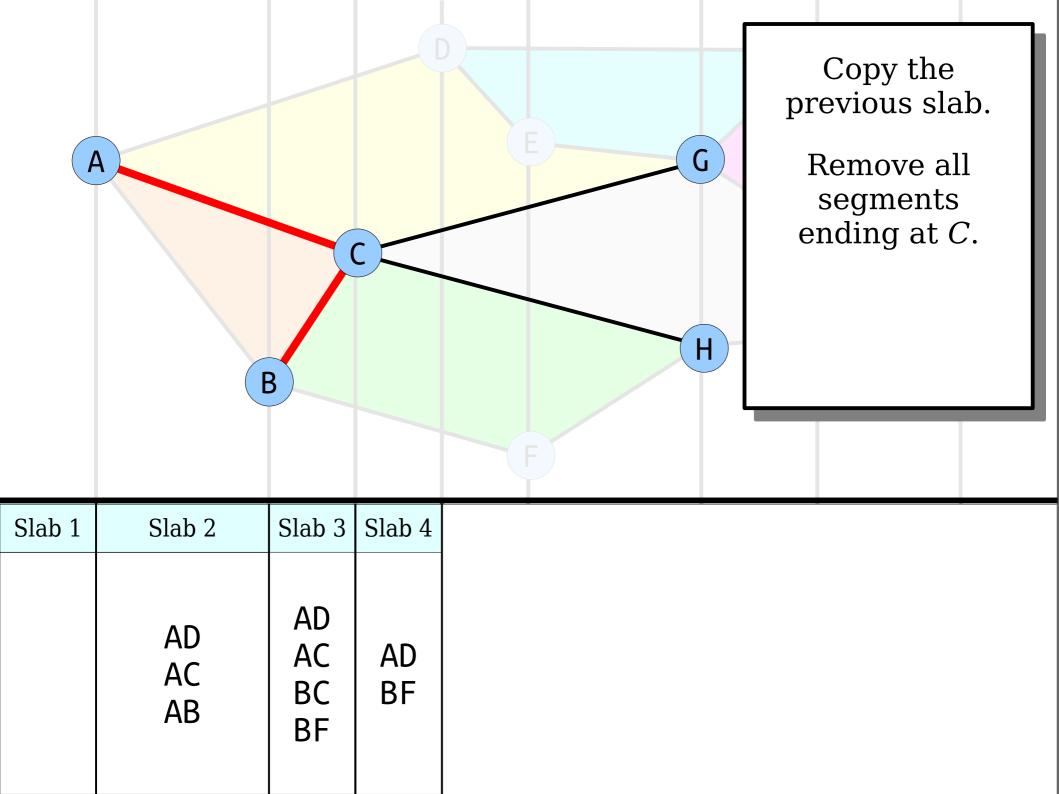


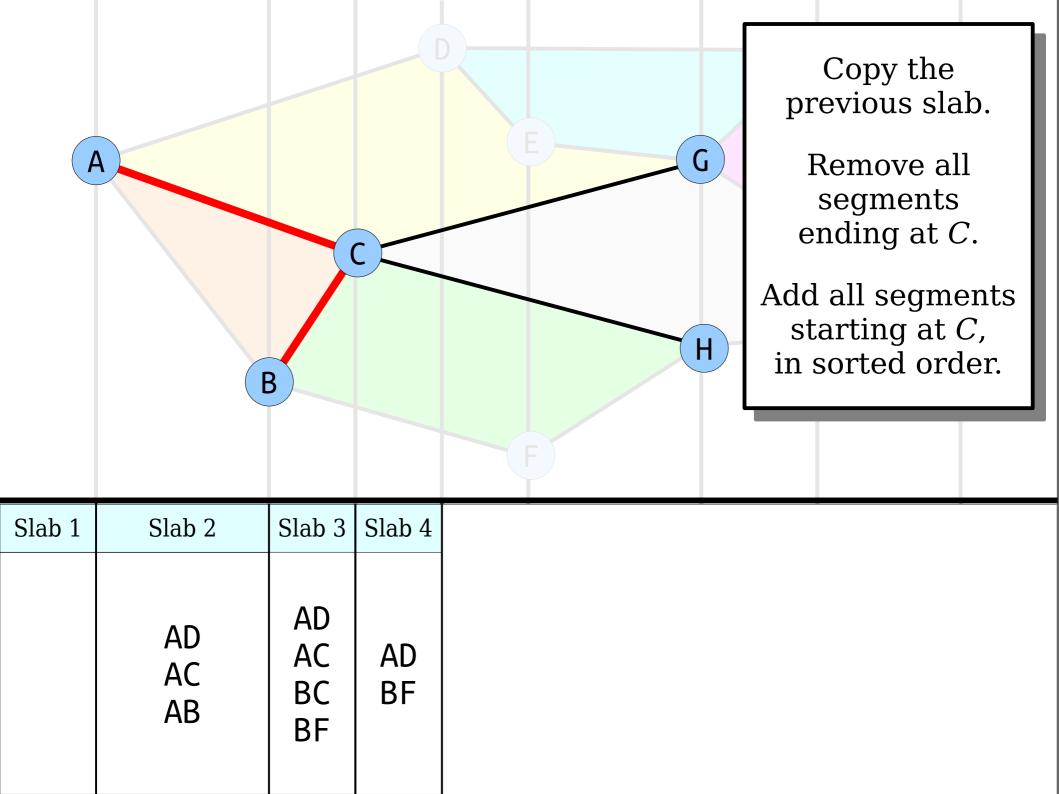


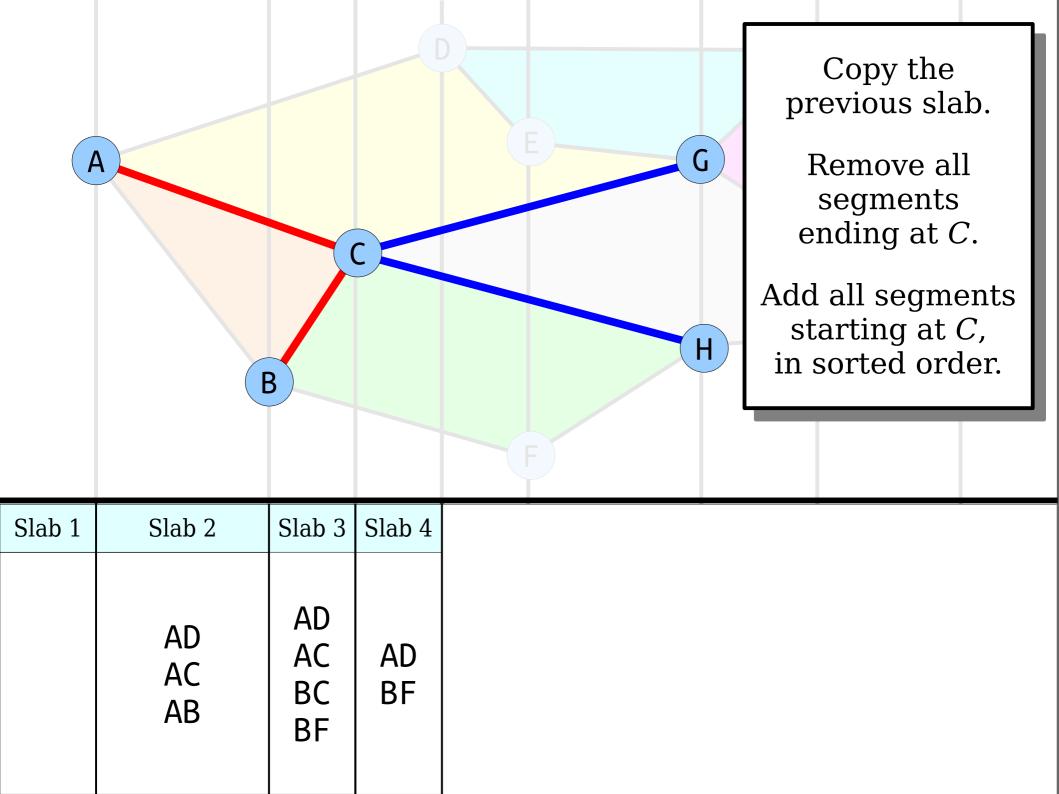


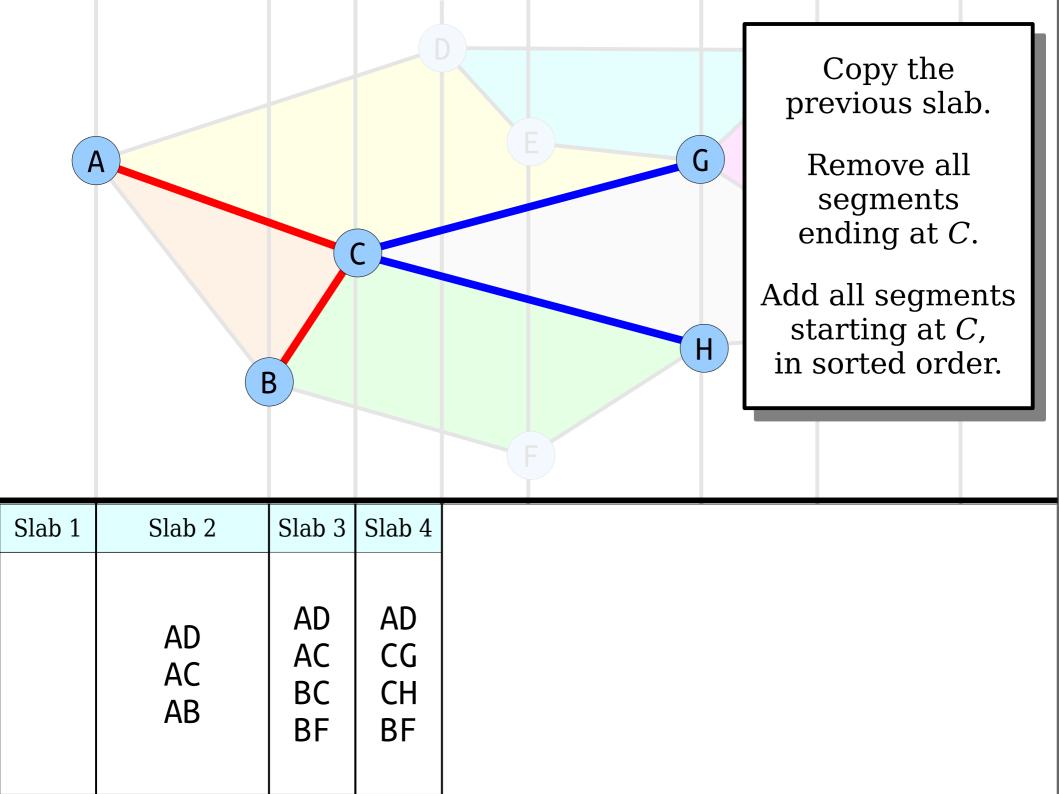


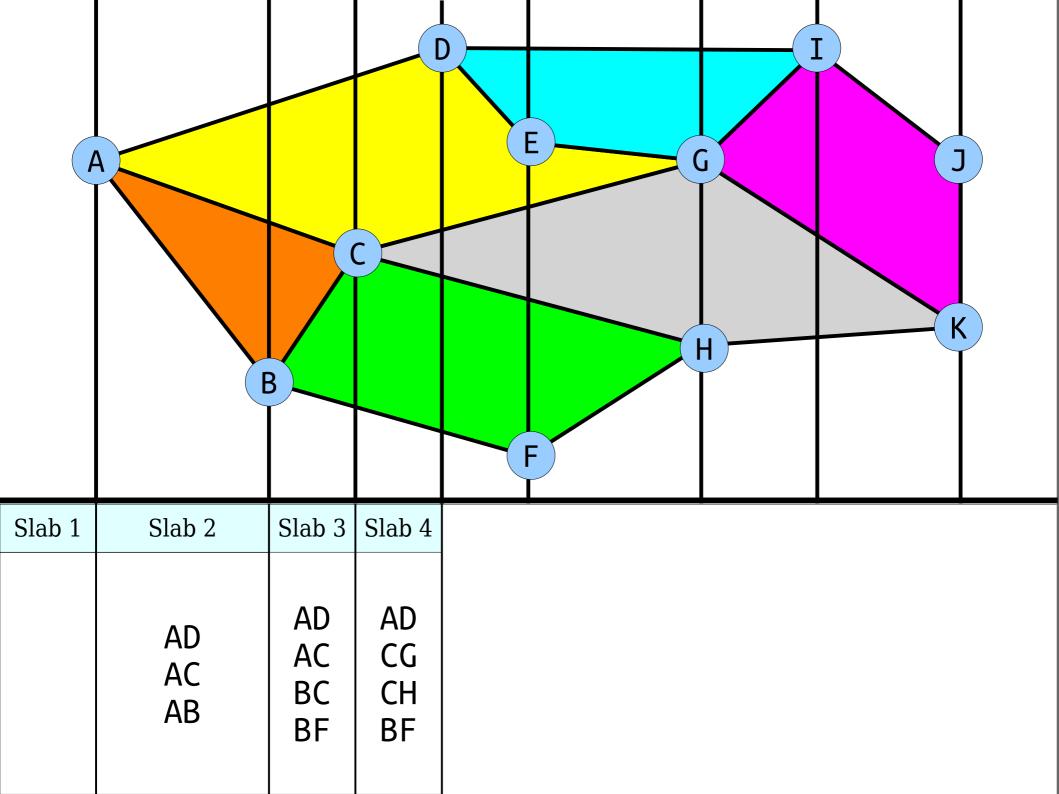


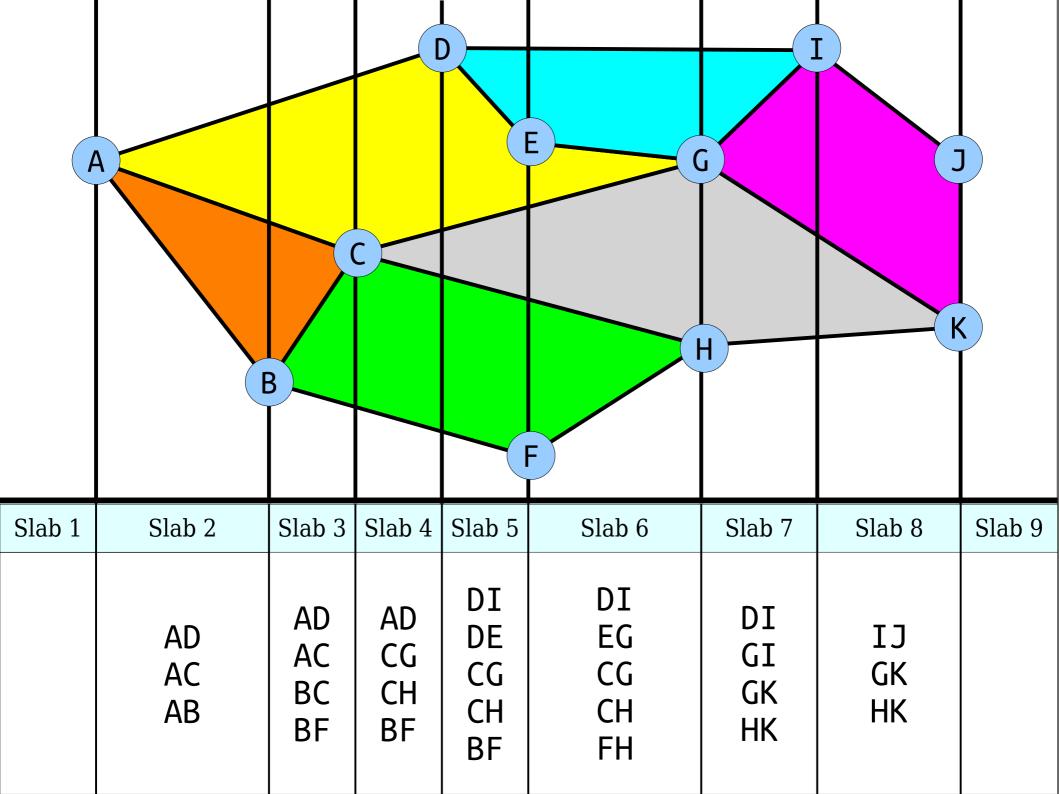






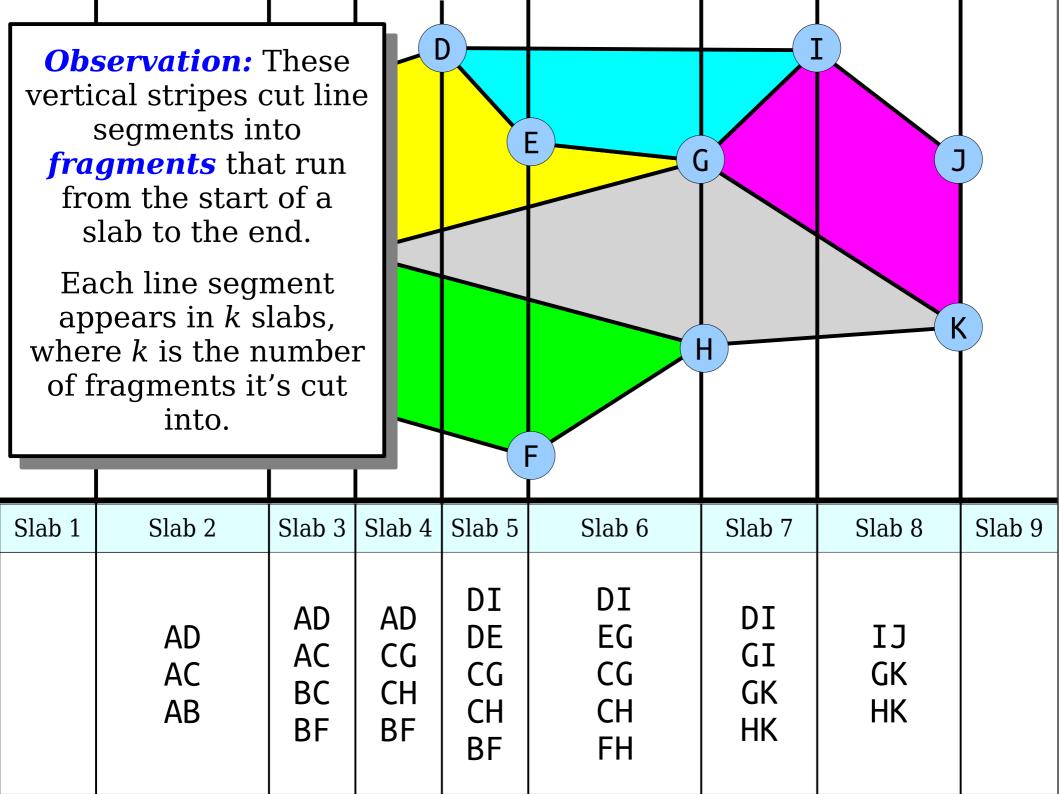






## Building Slabs

- Sort vertices from left to right, grouping vertices with equal *x* coordinates together.
- Create an initial, empty slab.
- For each distinct *x* coordinate, from left to right:
  - Copy the previous slab.
  - Delete all segments that end at this *x* coordinate.
  - Add all segments that start at this *x* coordinate, keeping segments sorted from top to bottom.
- *Question:* How fast is this algorithm?



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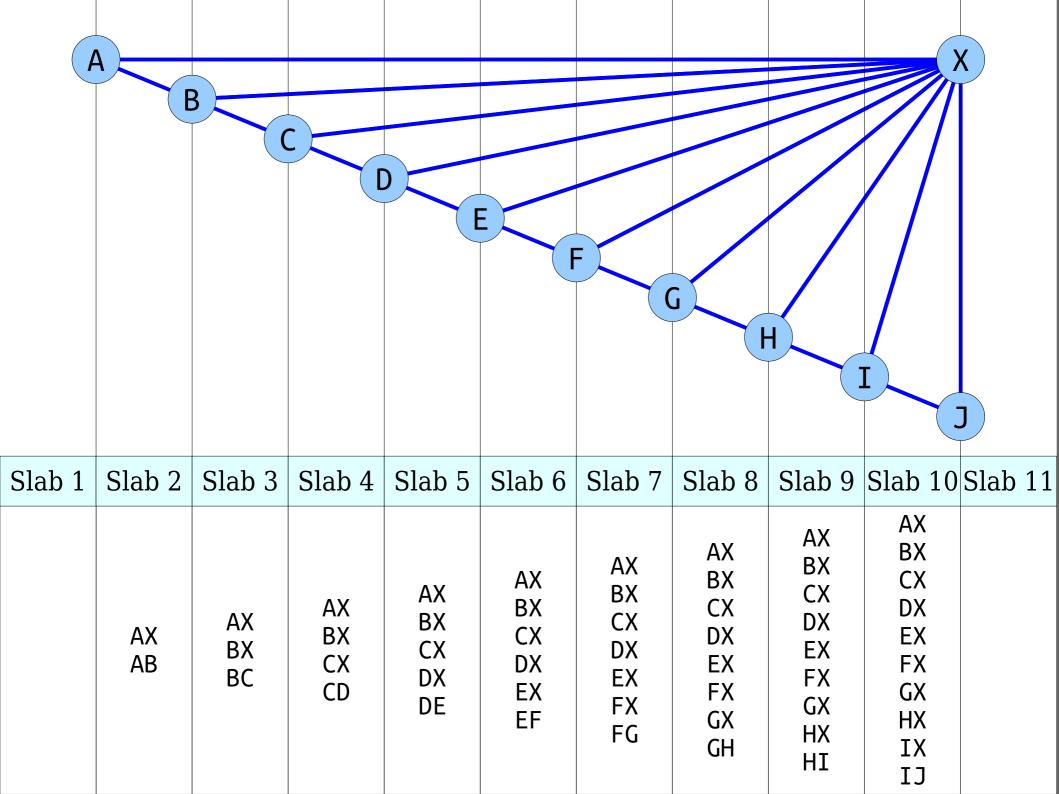
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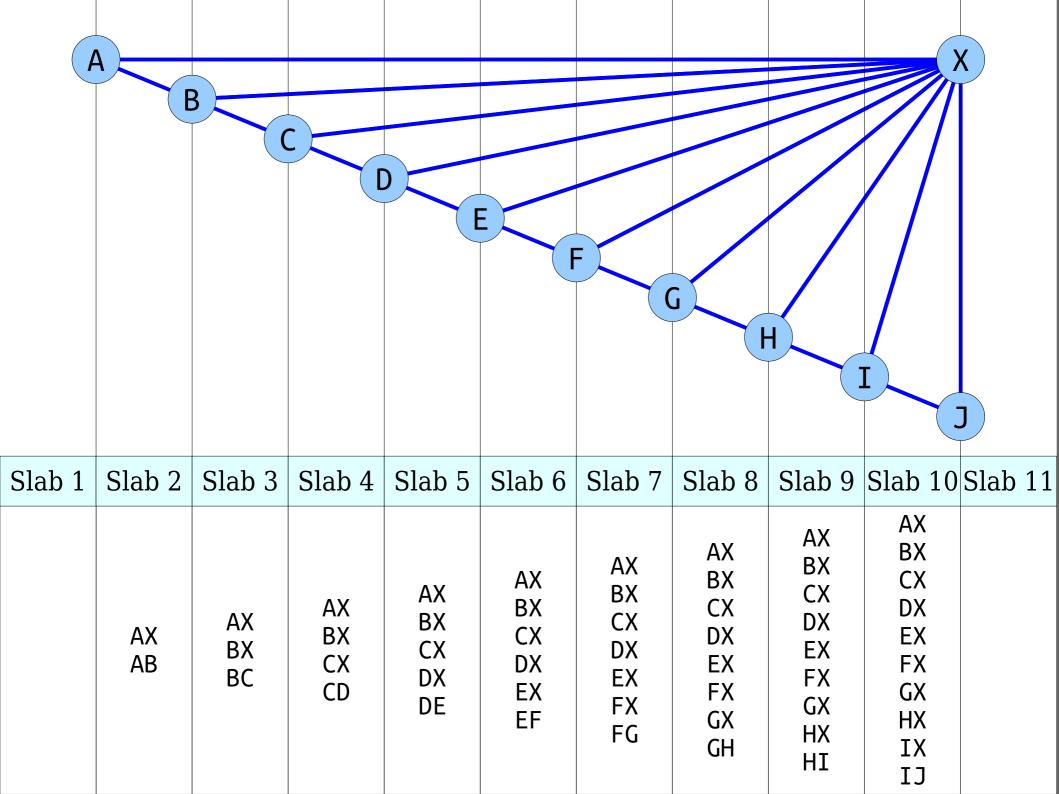
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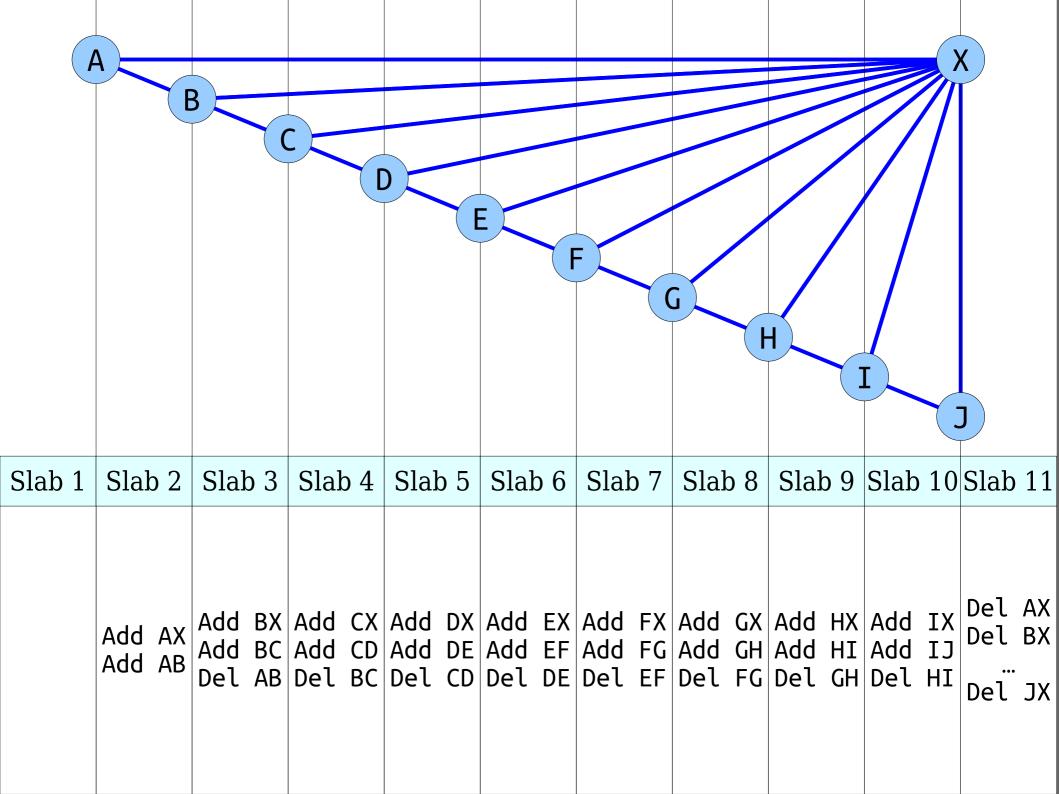
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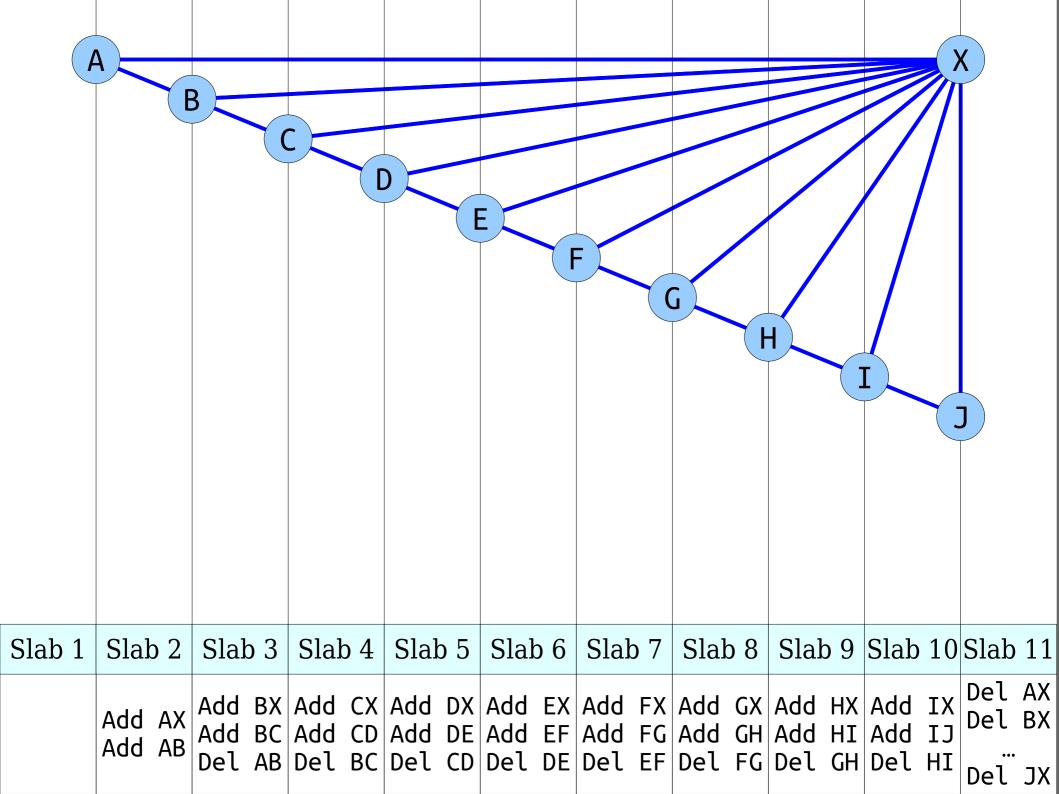
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## Saving Space

- Each segment is first added in some slab and later removed from a slab.
- Total number of edits made across all slabs: O(n).
- *Question:* Can we use O(n) storage for our slabs by just encoding the deltas?

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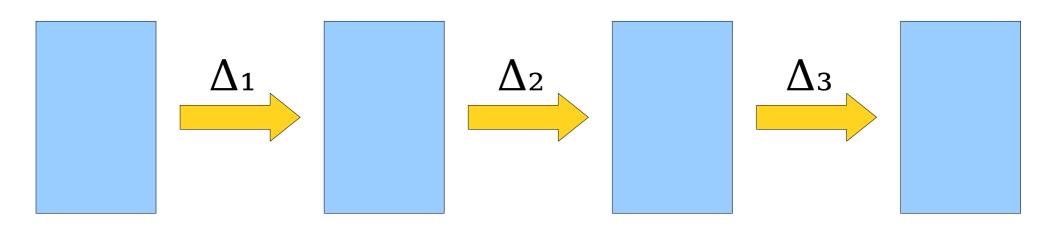
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- Just storing the deltas themselves breaks our O(log *n*) query time how can you binary search over a group of segments if you don't know which ones are there?
- We're going to need to change our approach.

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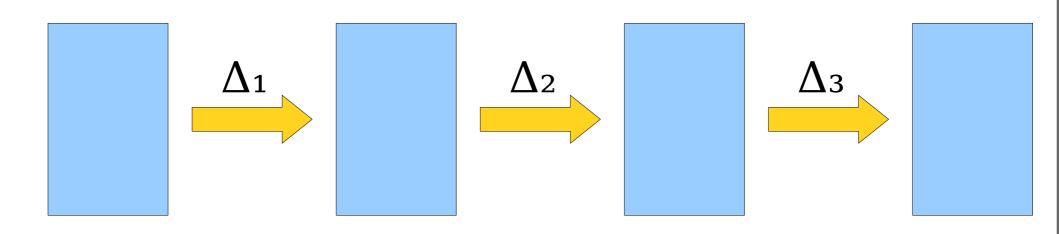
- We need to store several collections of sorted sequences.
- Each sequence is formed by making some number of edits to the previous one.
- We want to do so with space usage proportional to the number of edits.
- **Question:** How do we do this?

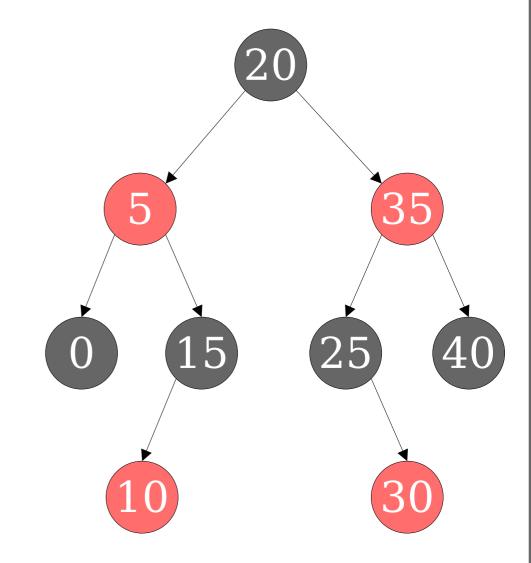


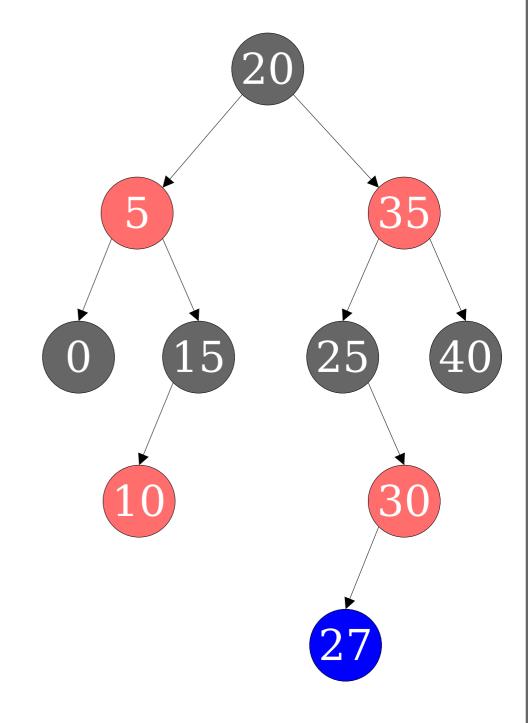
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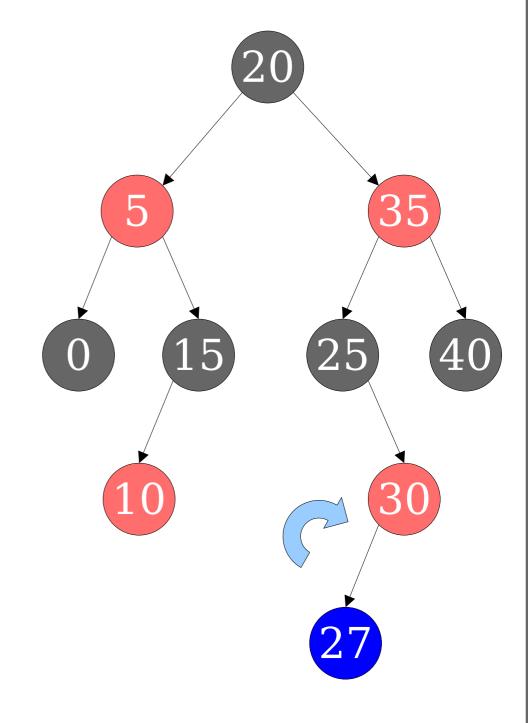
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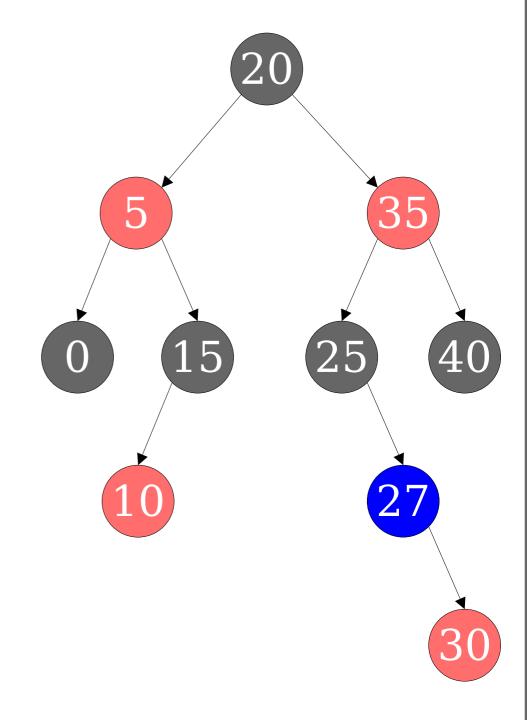
Modify a red/black tree so that, after making changes, you're left with two trees: the tree you started with, plus the resulting tree.

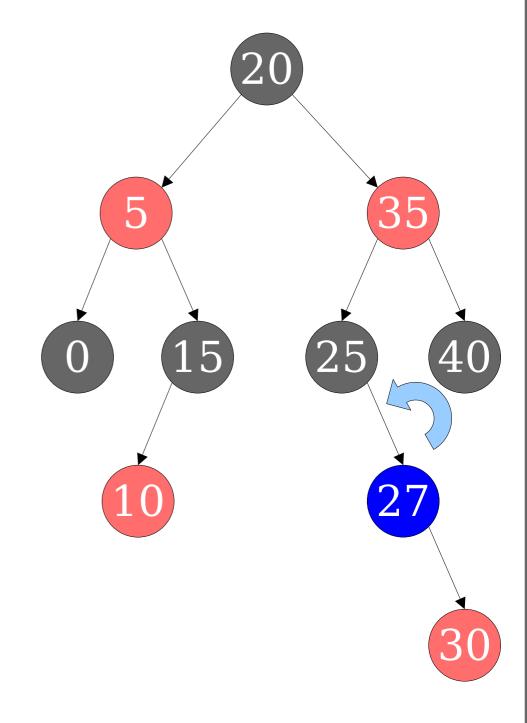


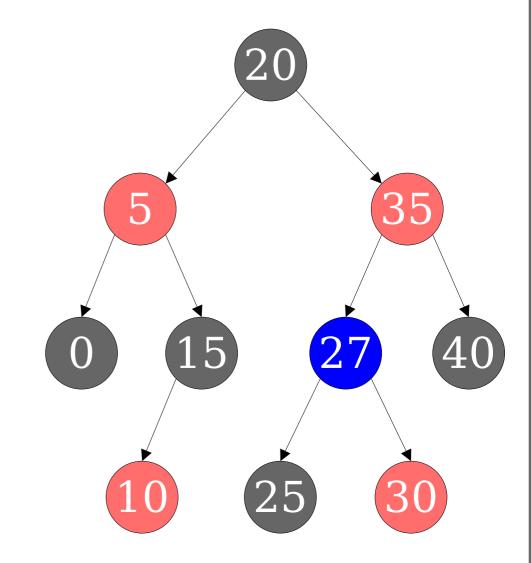


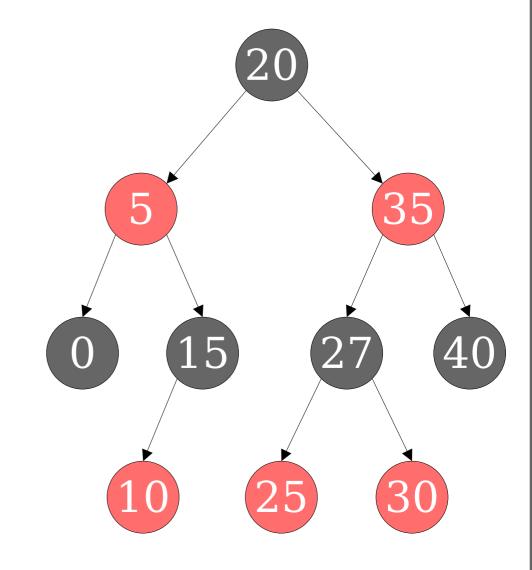


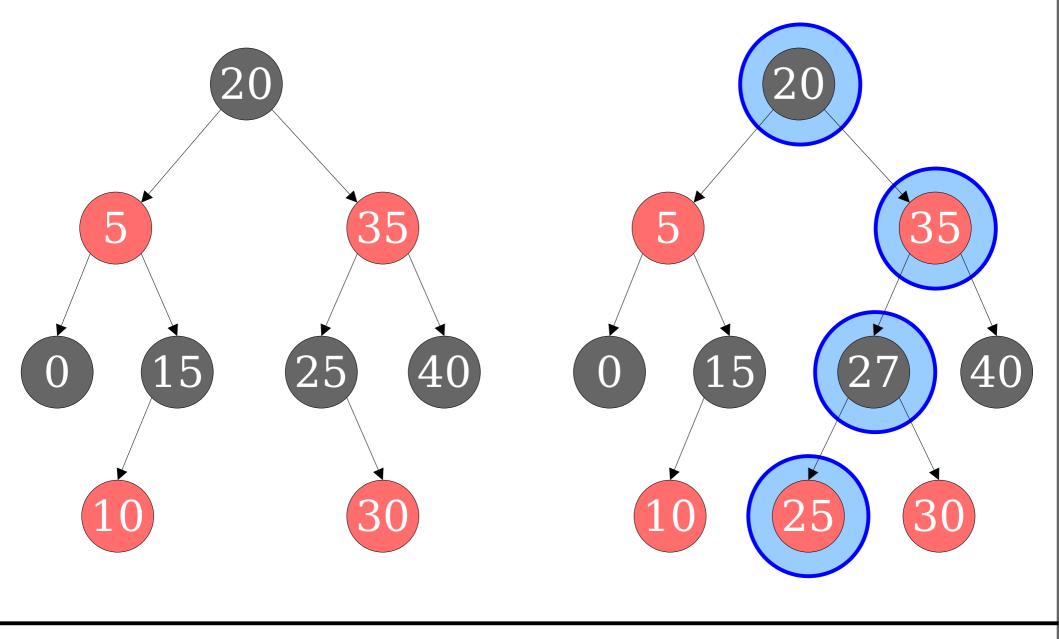




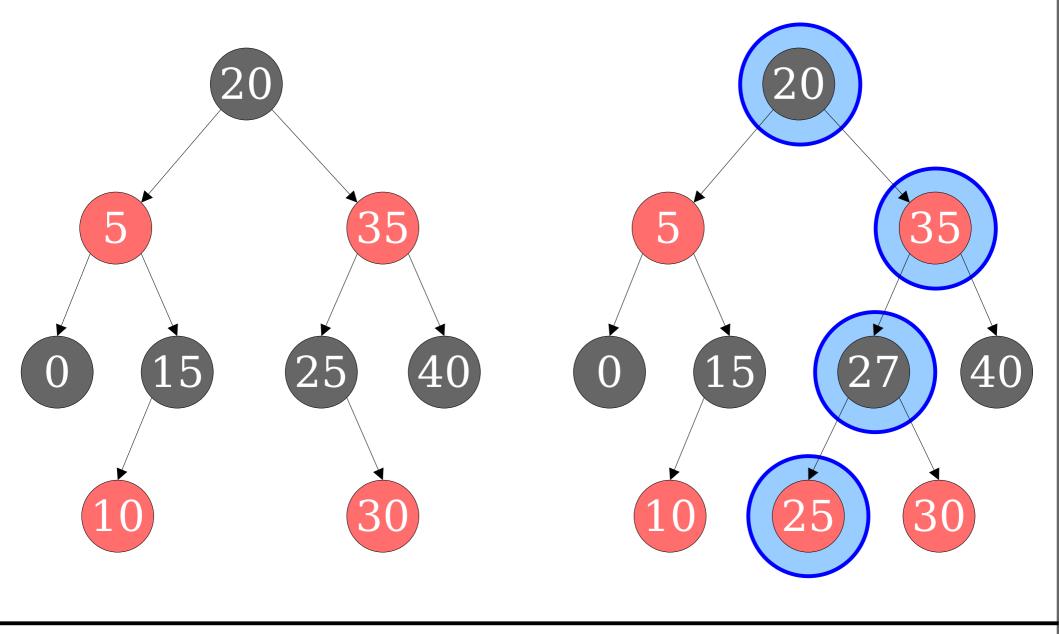


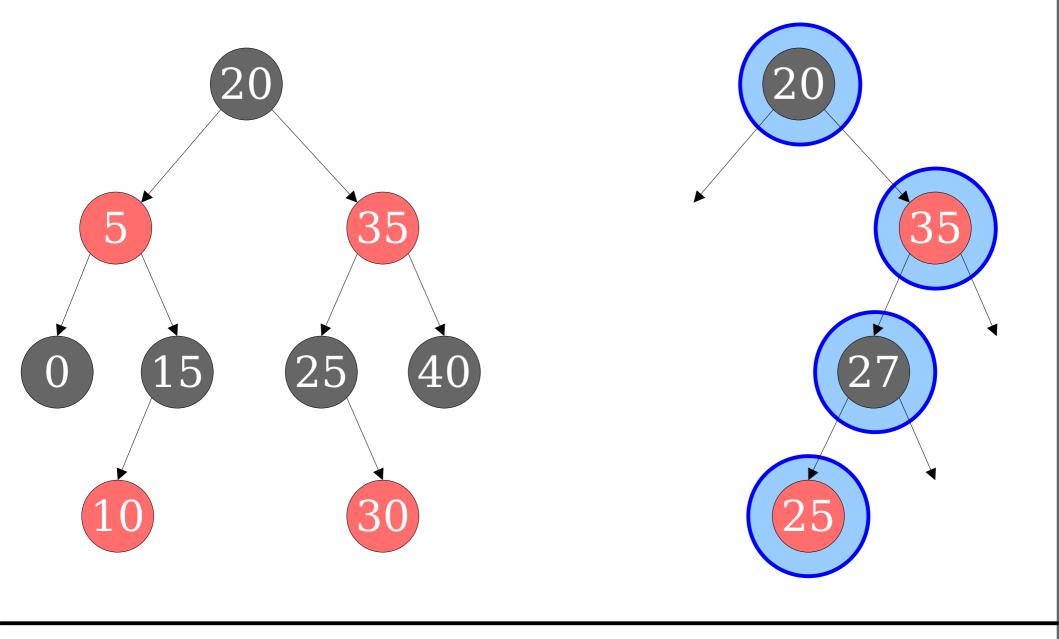


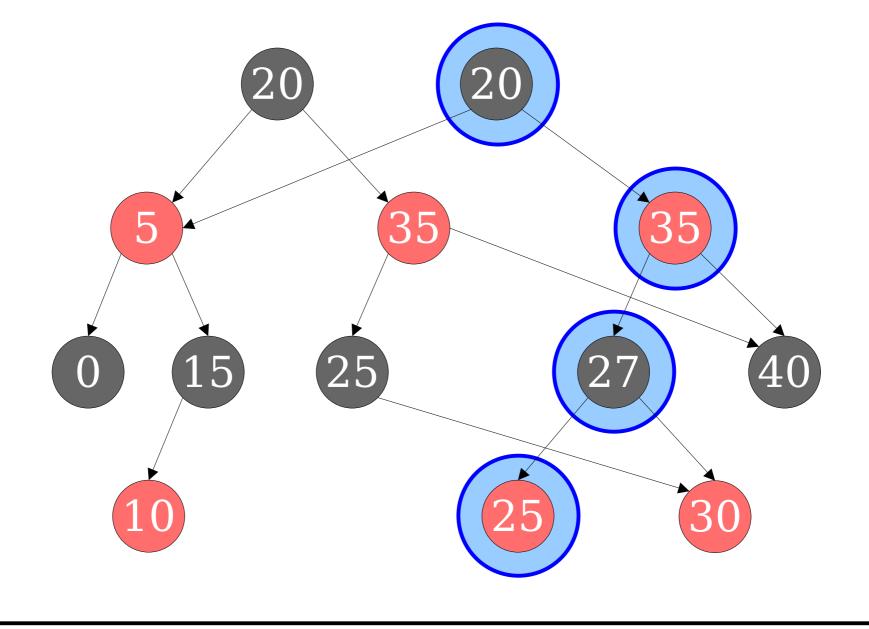


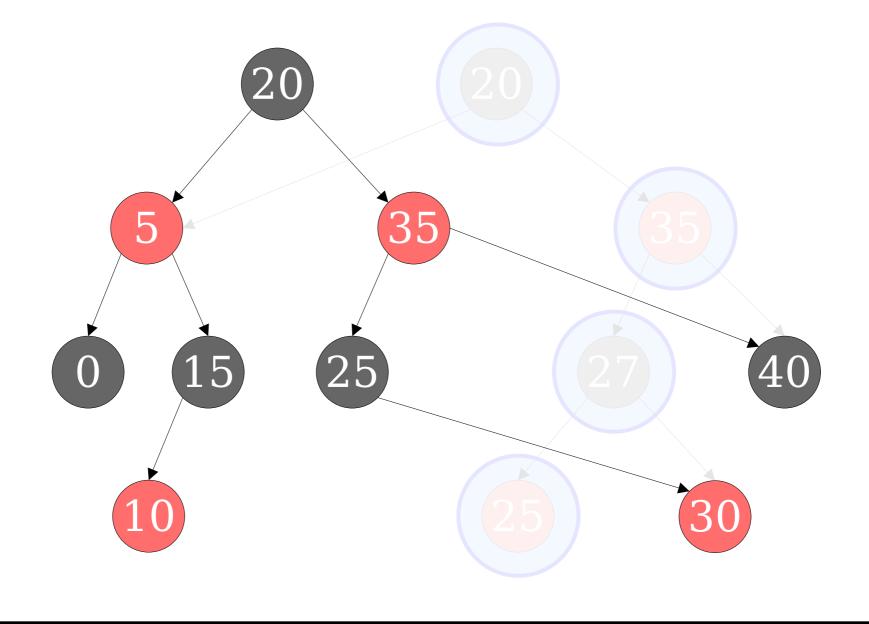


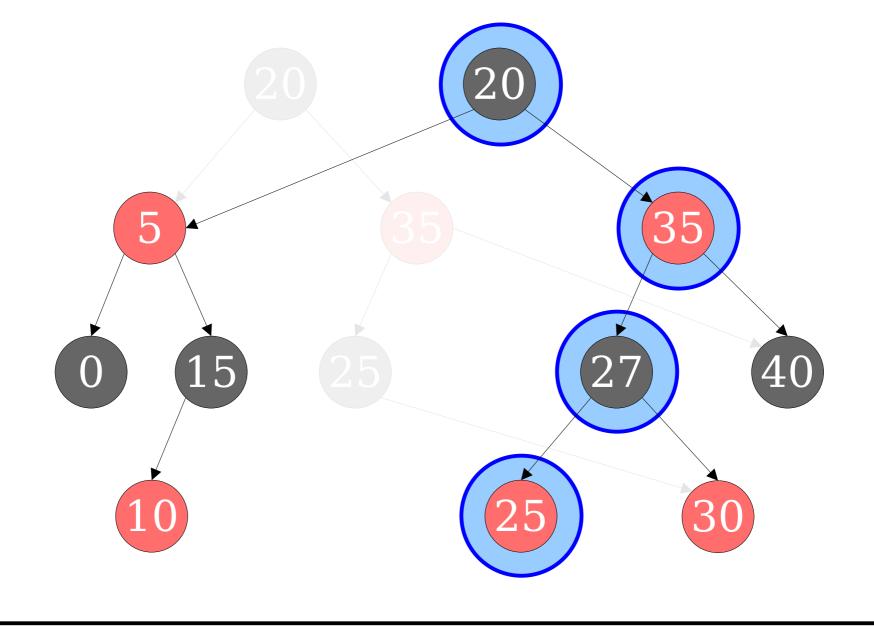
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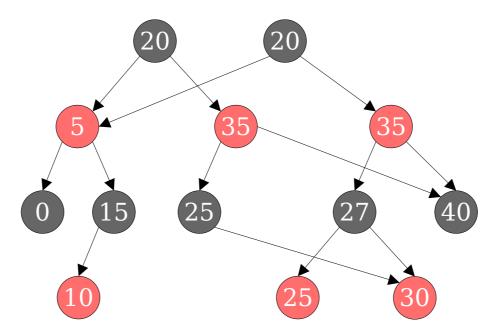




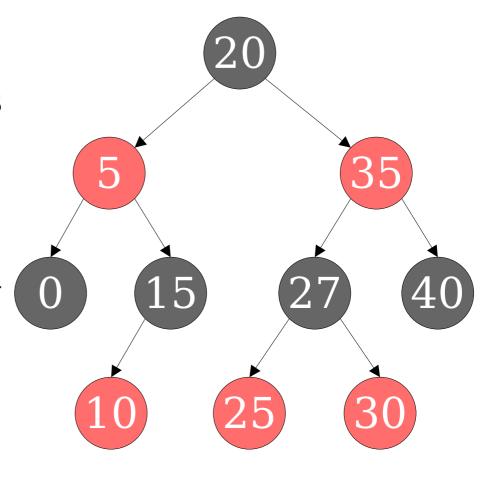




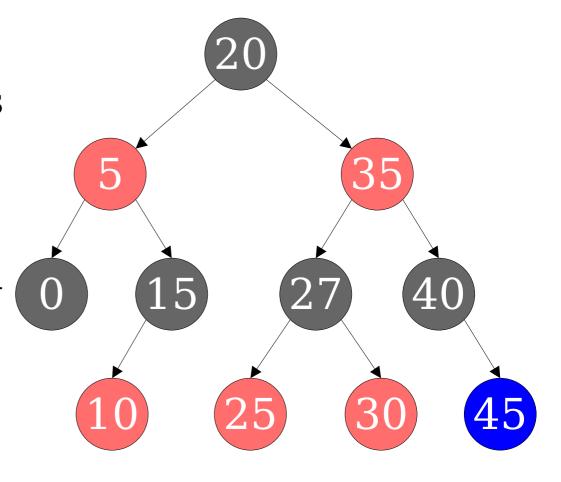
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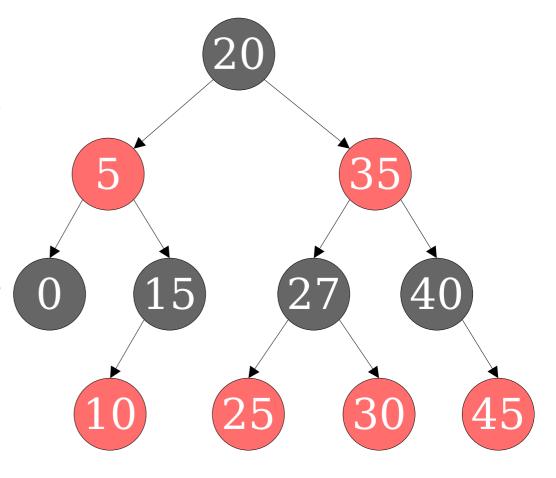
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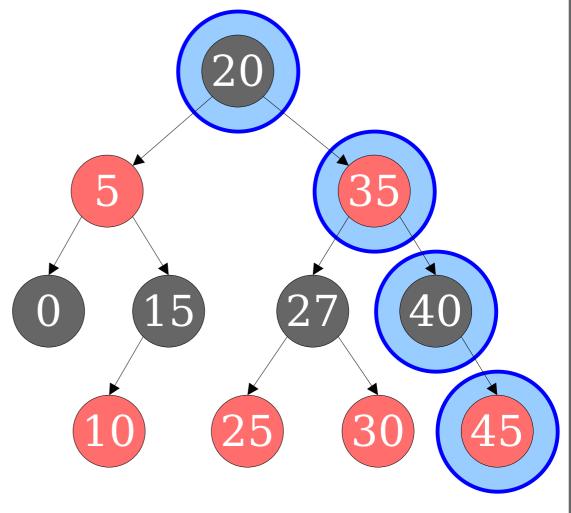
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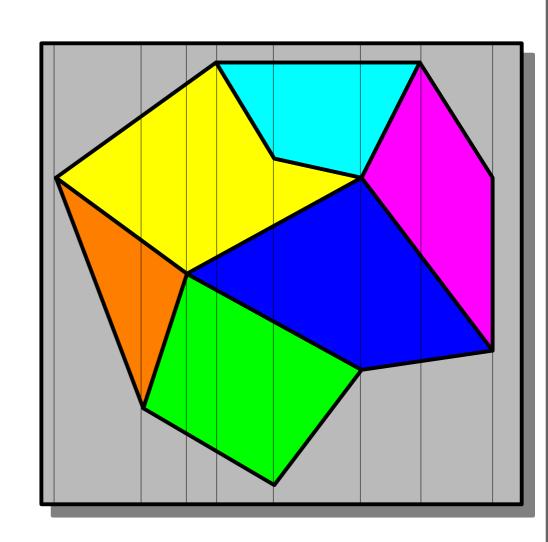


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#### **Functional Slabs**

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- Space cost per insertion or deletion: O(log n).
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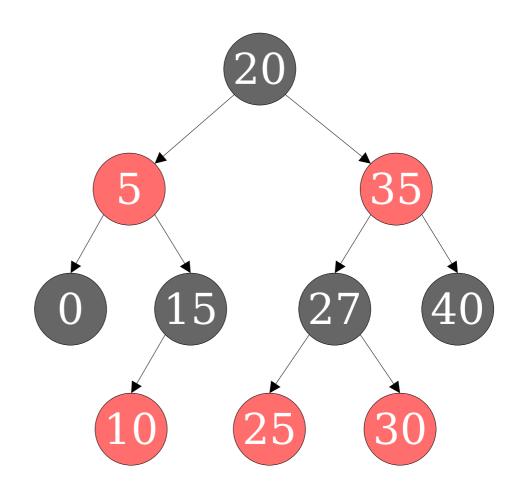
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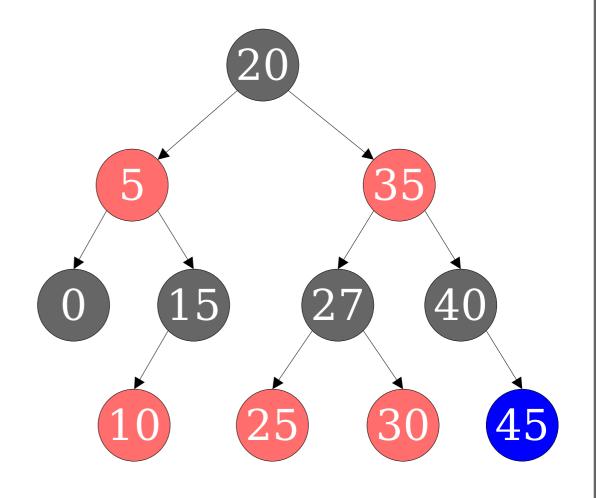
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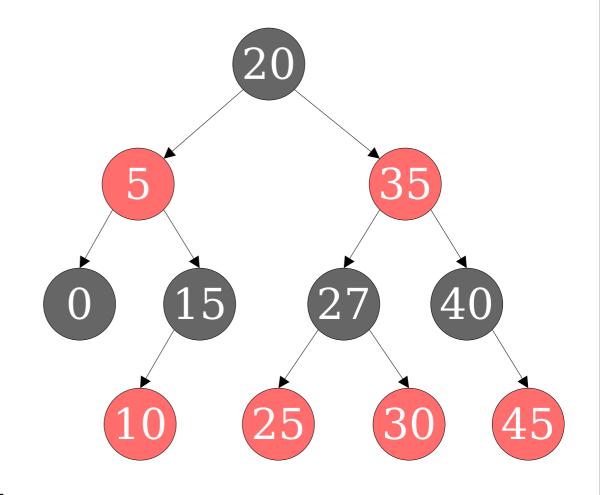
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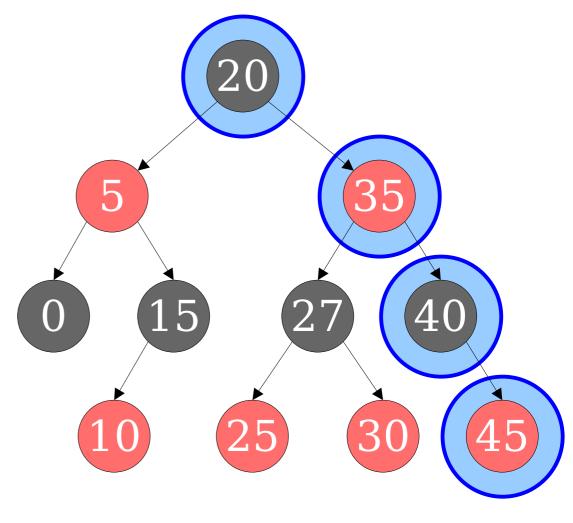
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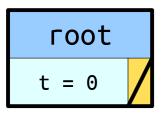
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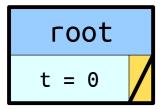
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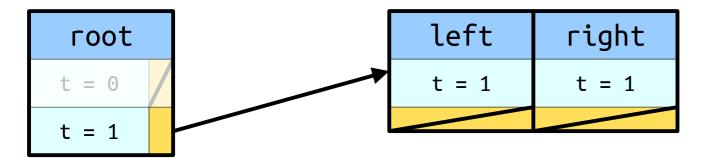


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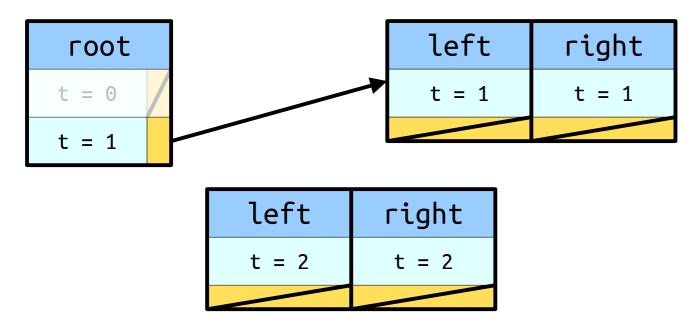


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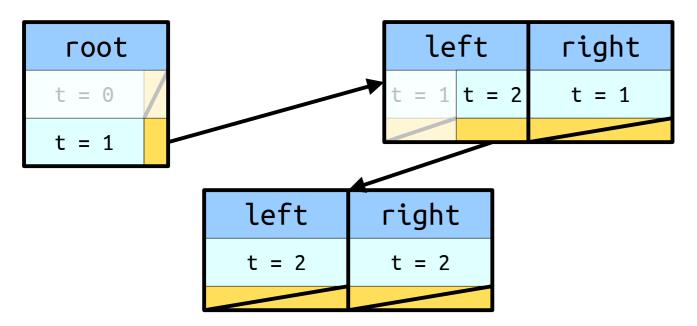
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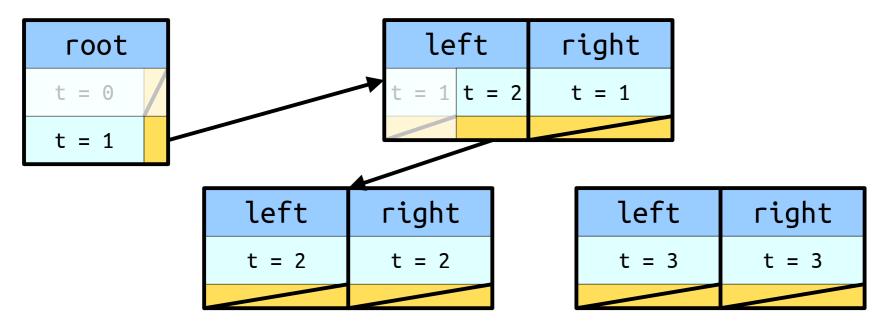
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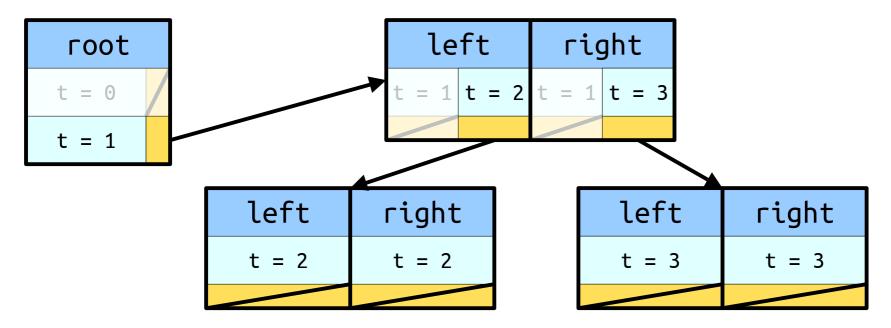
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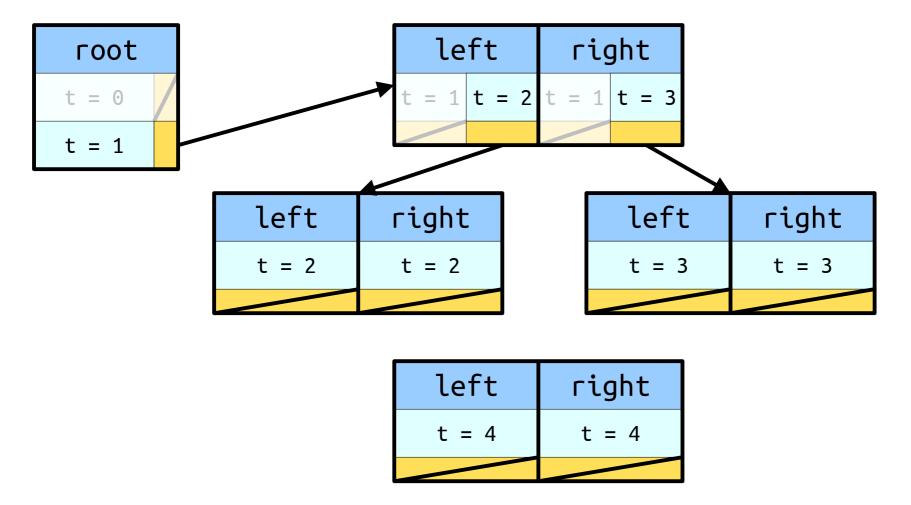
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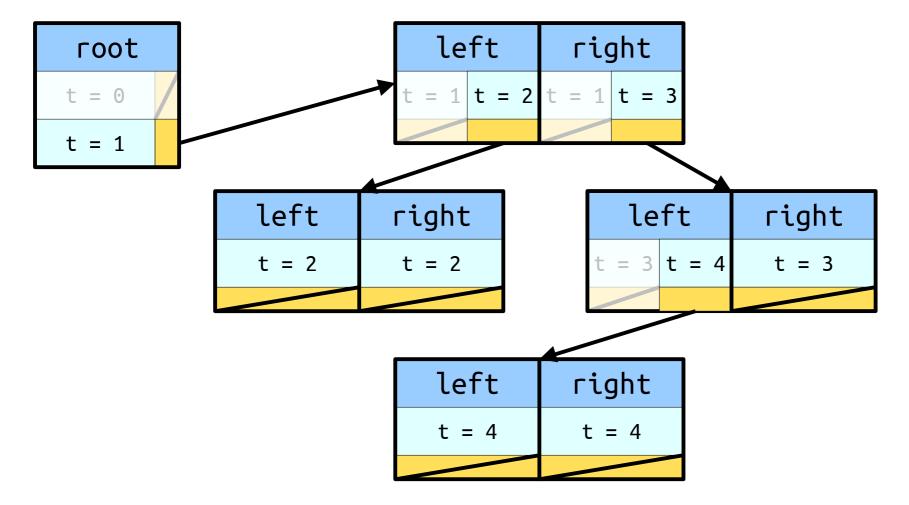
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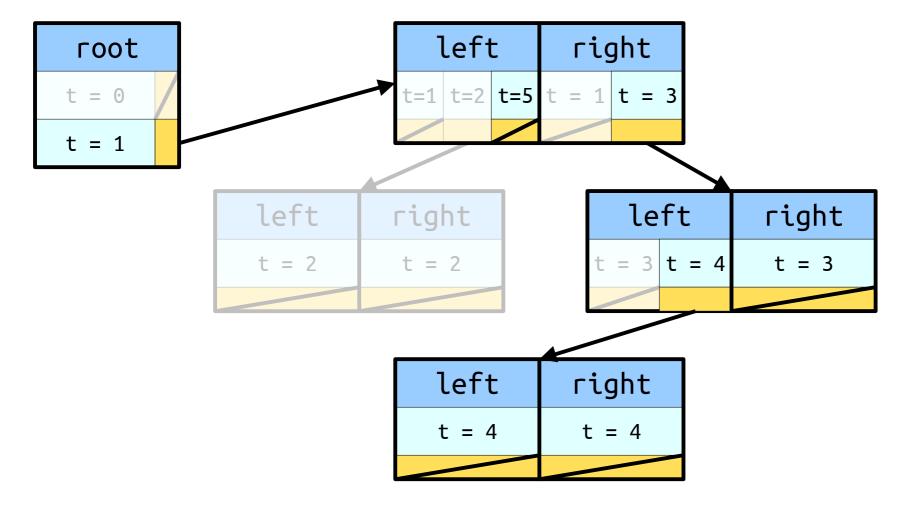
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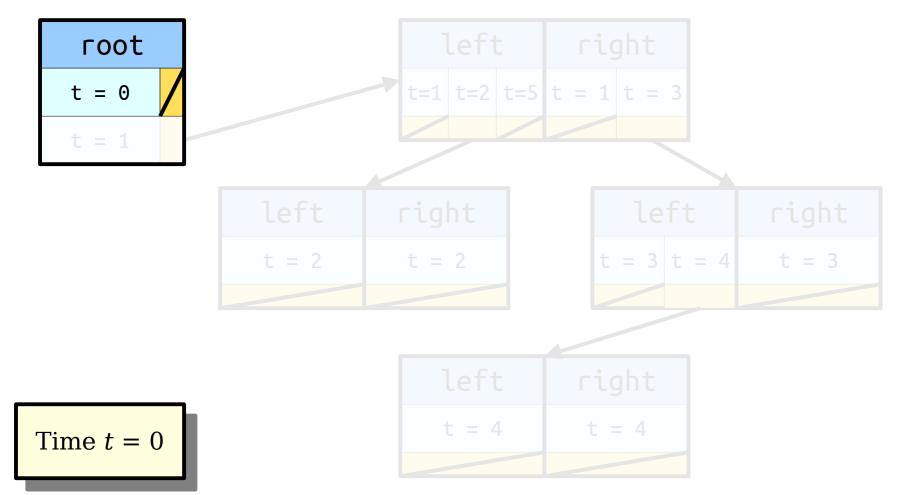
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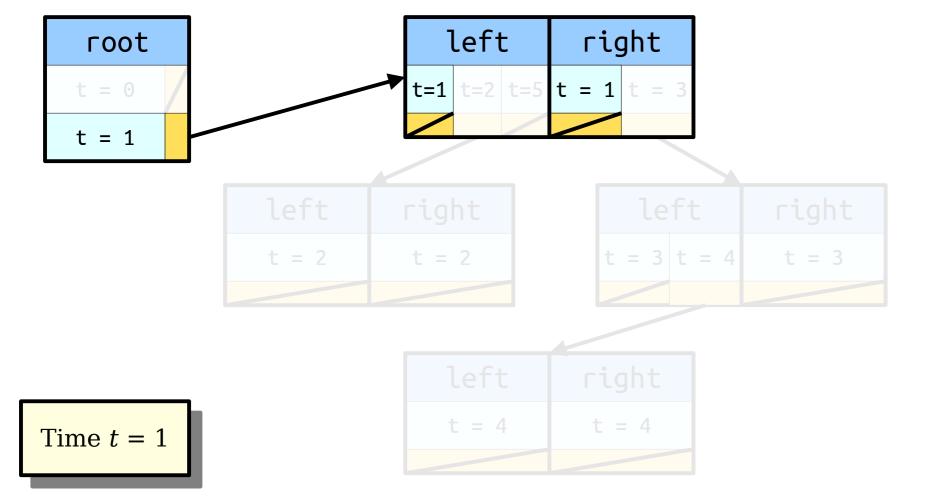
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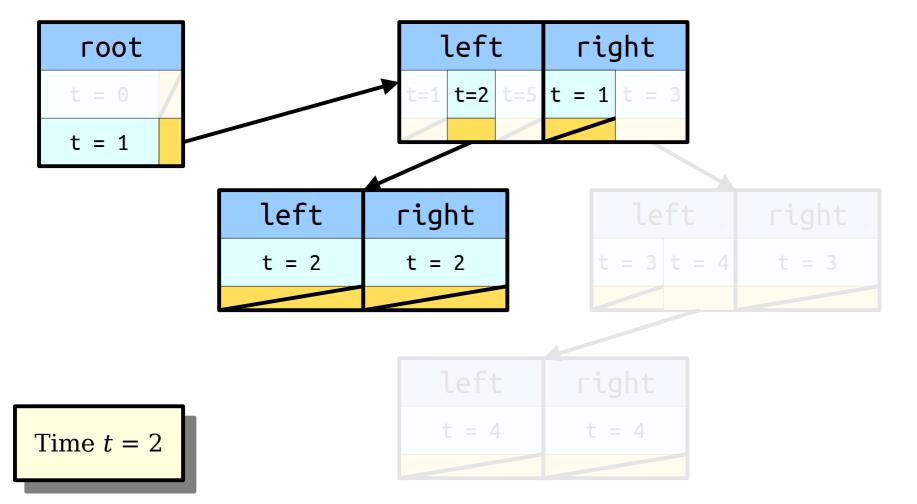
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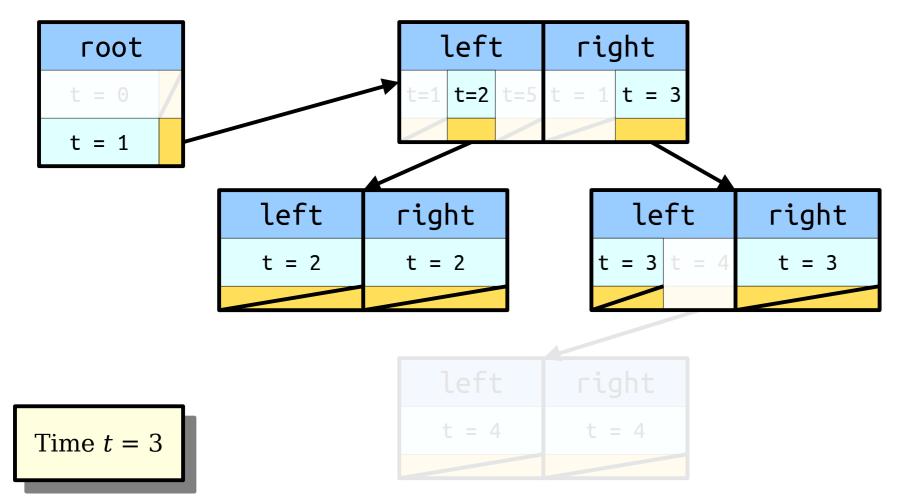
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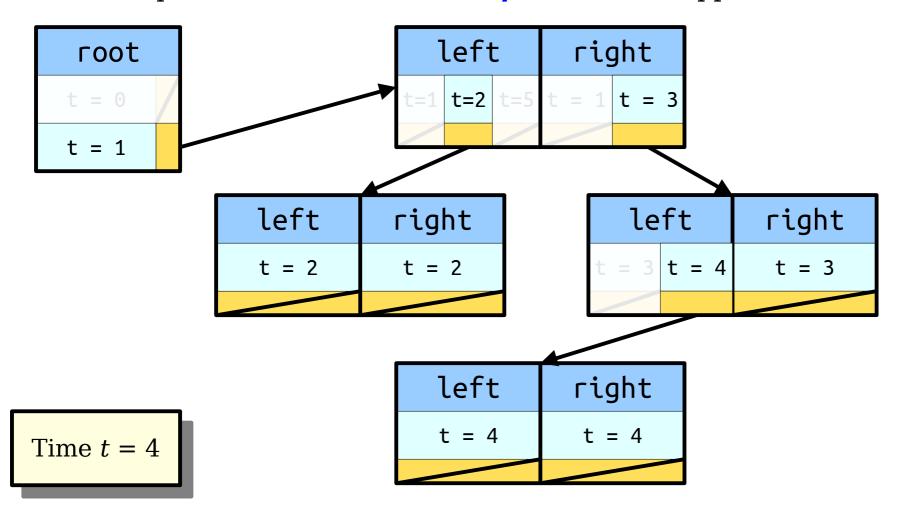
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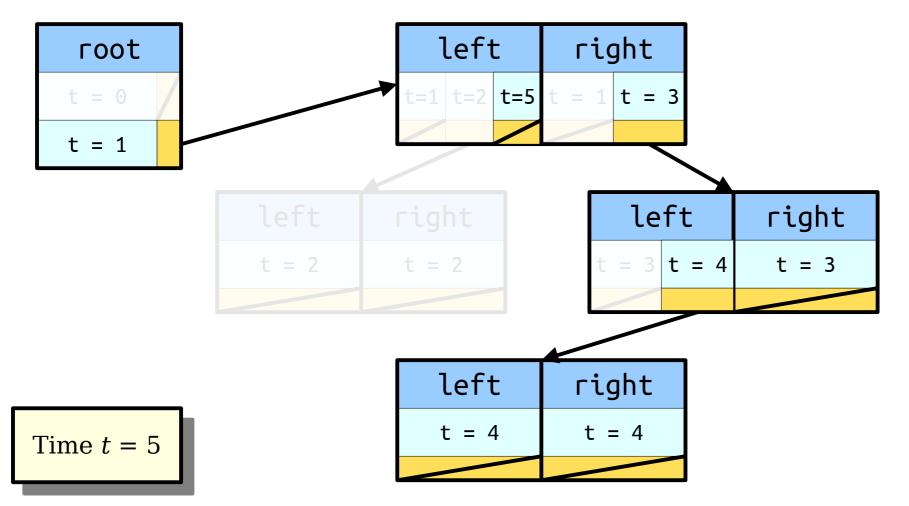
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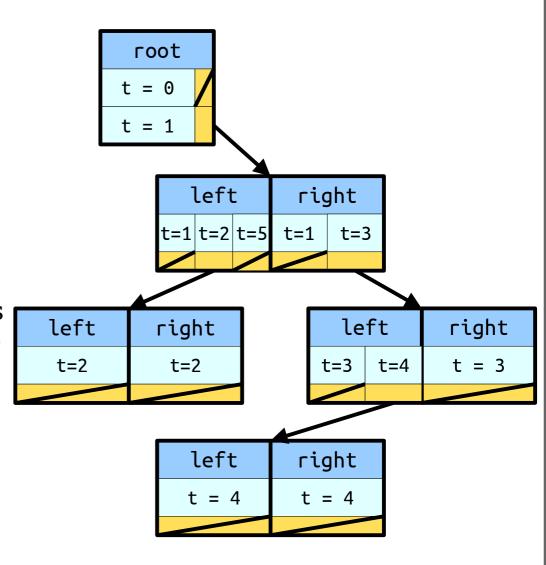
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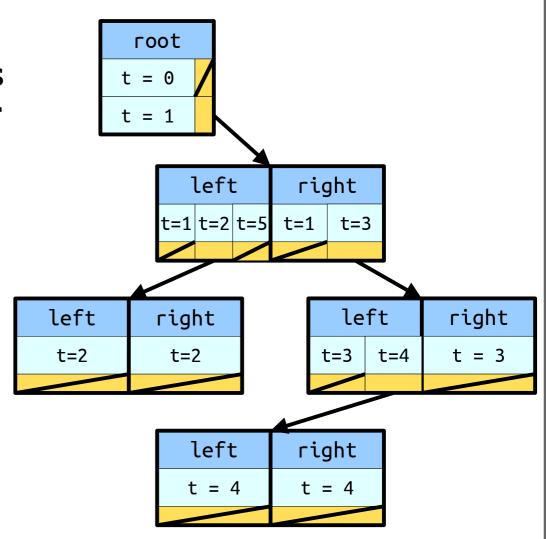
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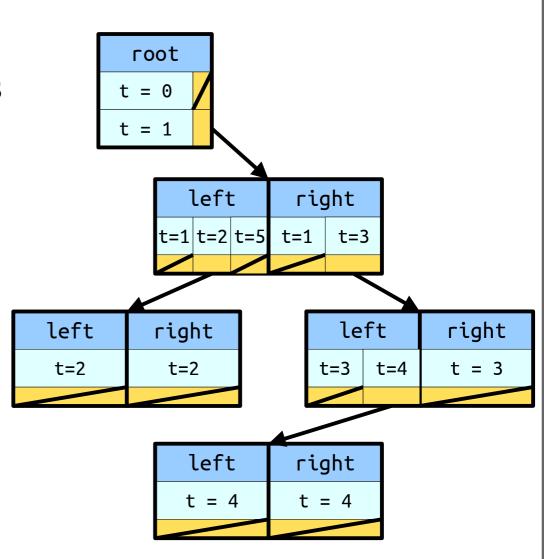


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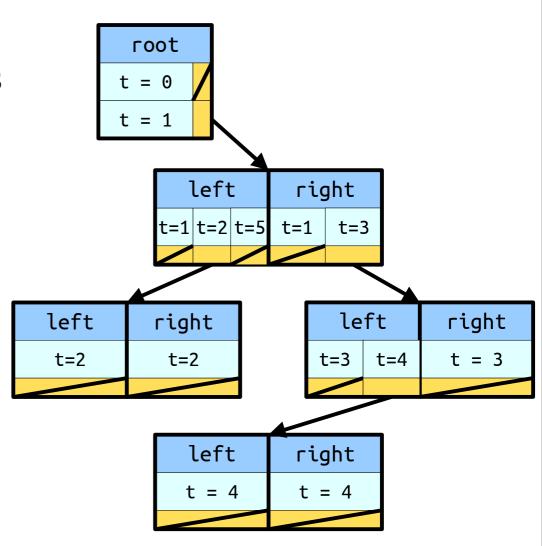
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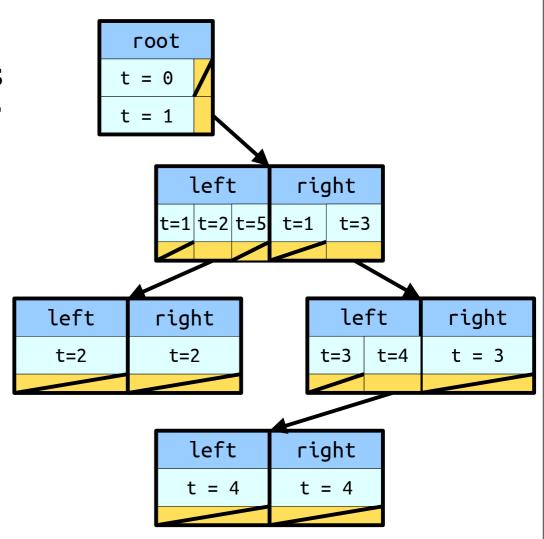


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Now, private chat me your best guess. Not sure? Just answer "??".



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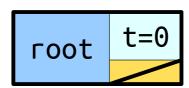
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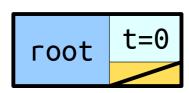
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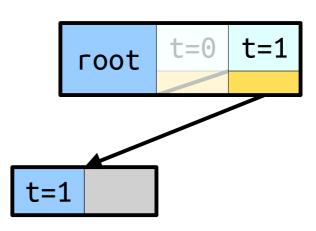
- With a purely functional tree, each node sees only one version of itself, but we copy lots of extra nodes on each operation.
- With a journal tree, we never copy nodes, but each node in the tree sees all versions of itself.
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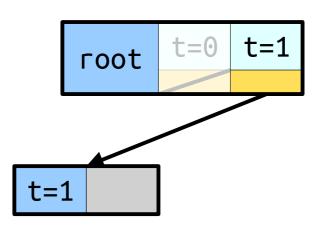
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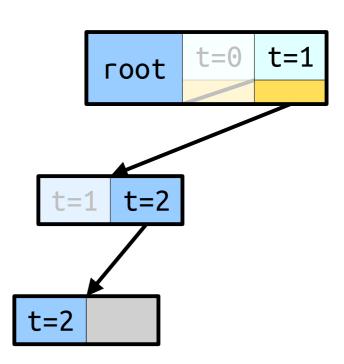


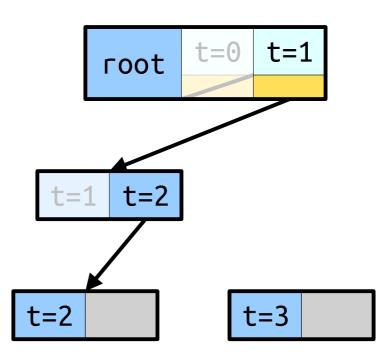


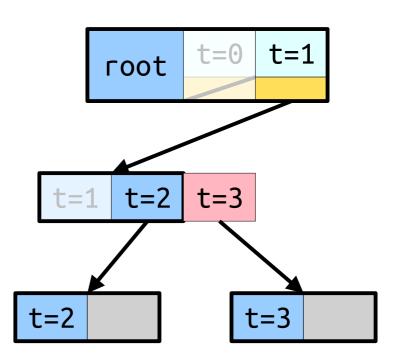


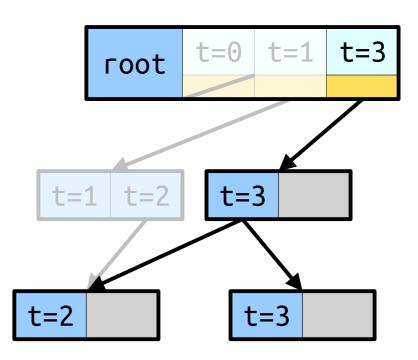


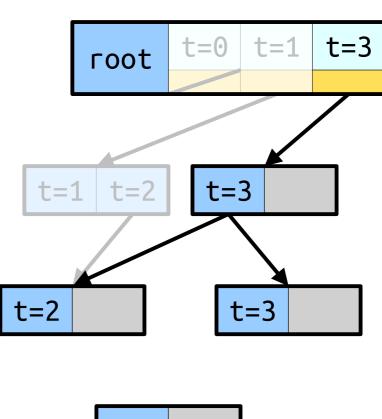




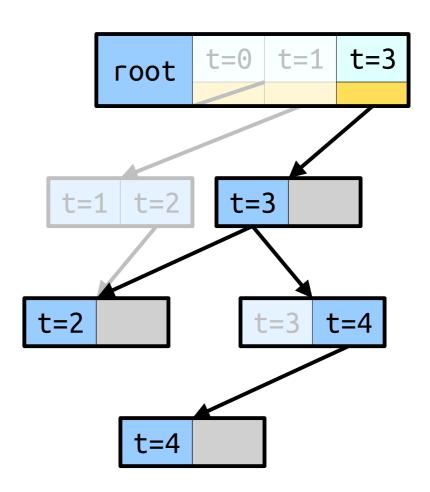


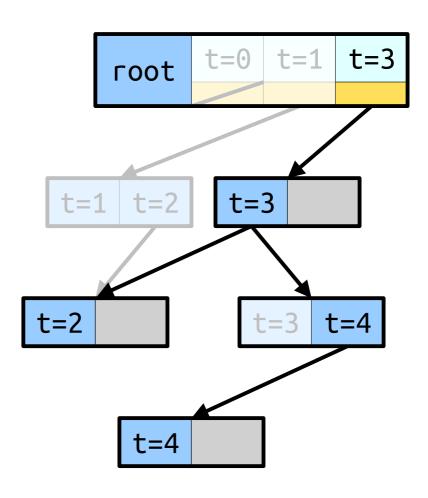




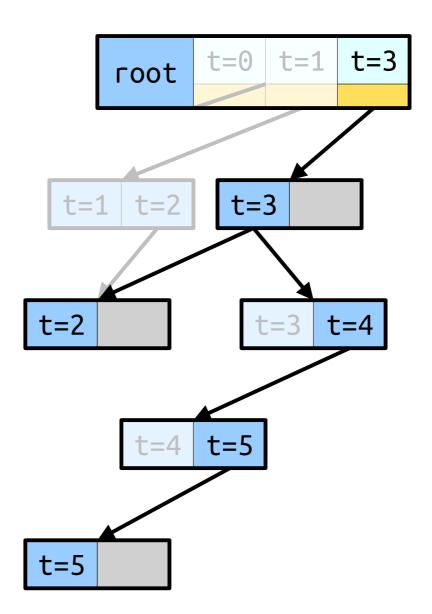


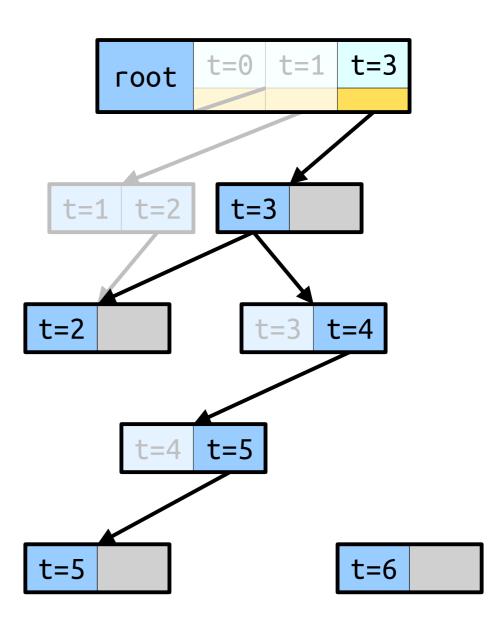


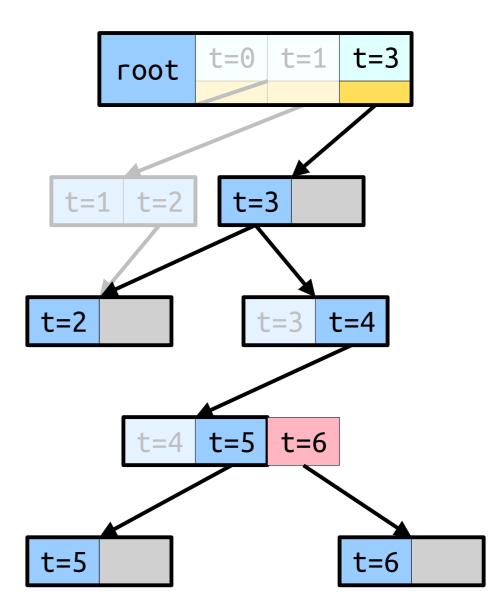


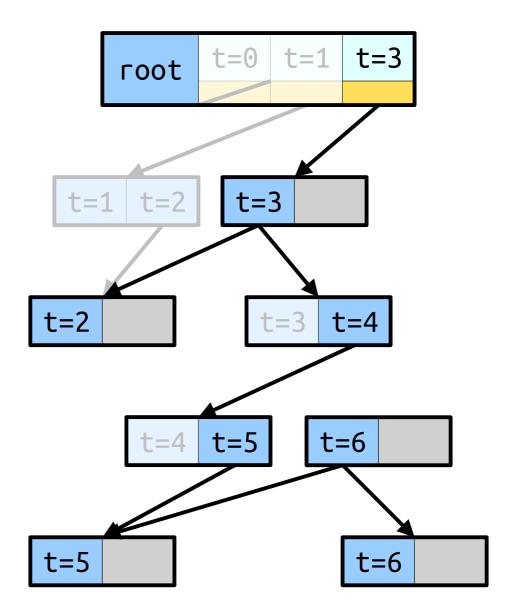


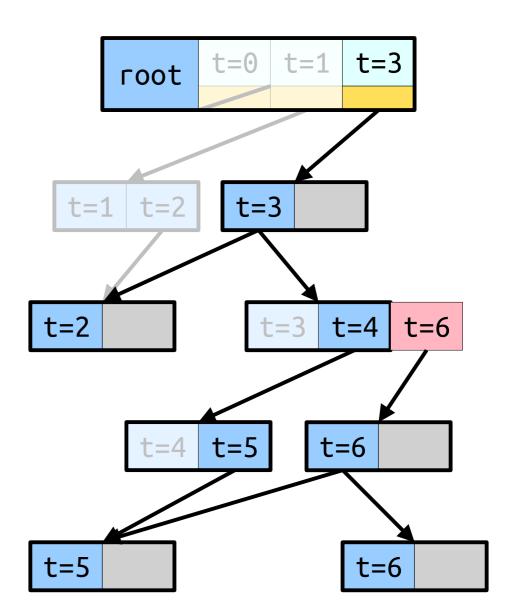


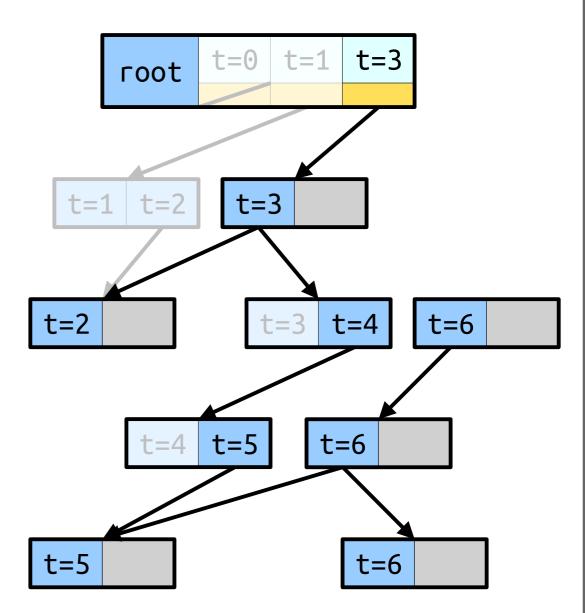


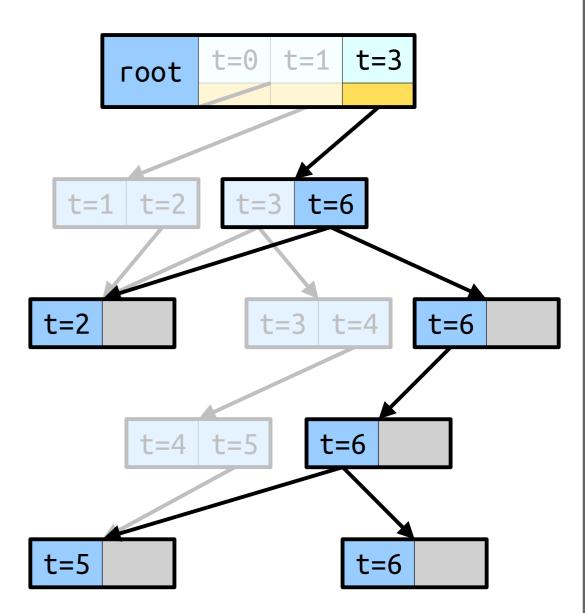




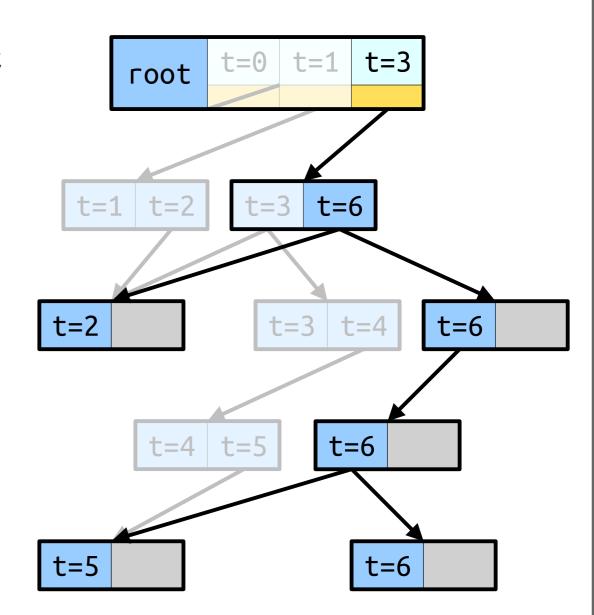






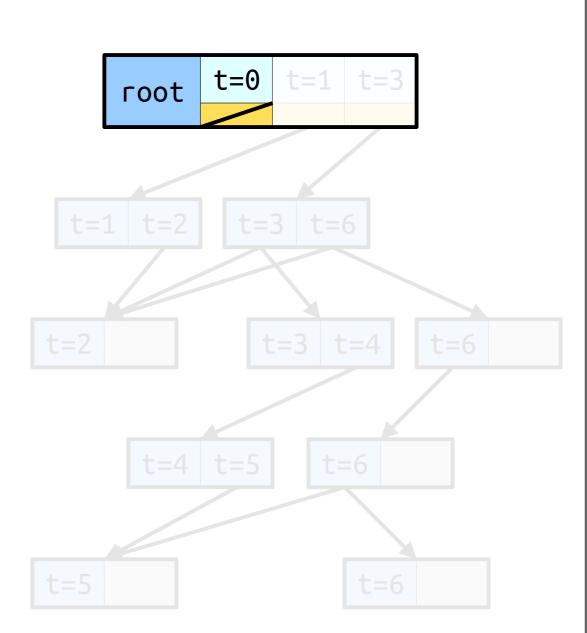


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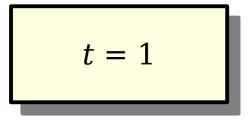


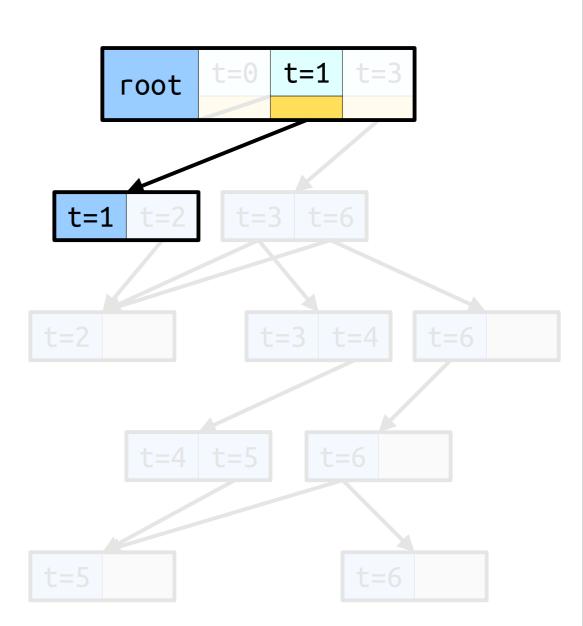
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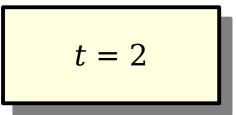


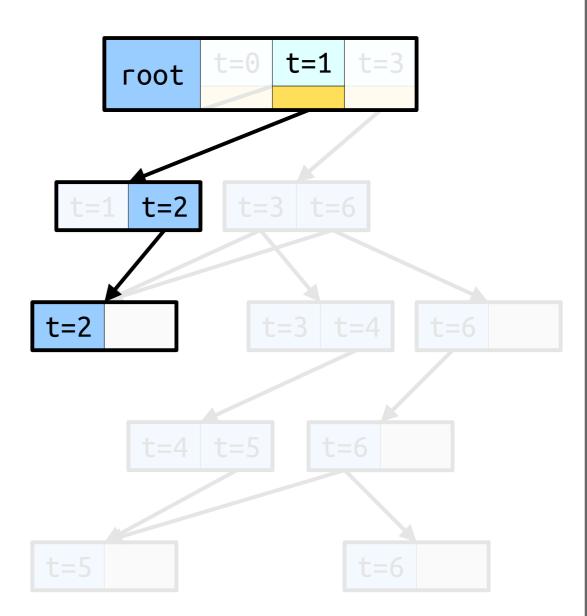
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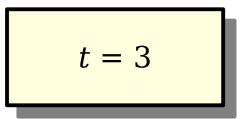


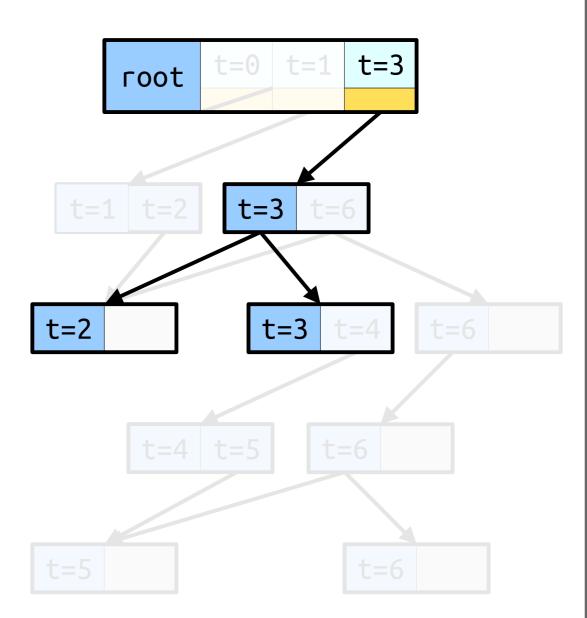
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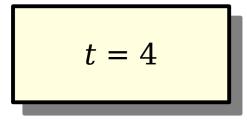


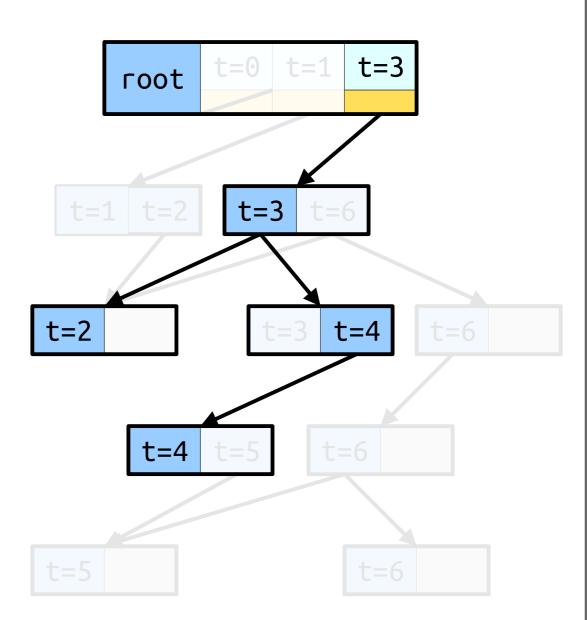
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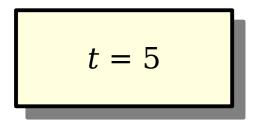


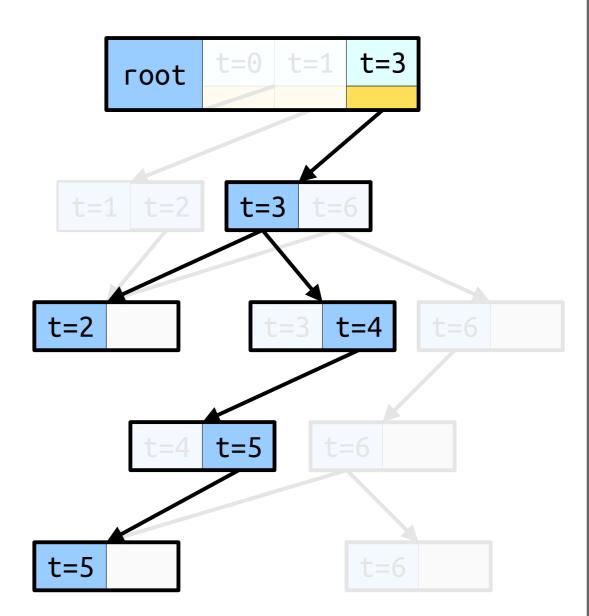
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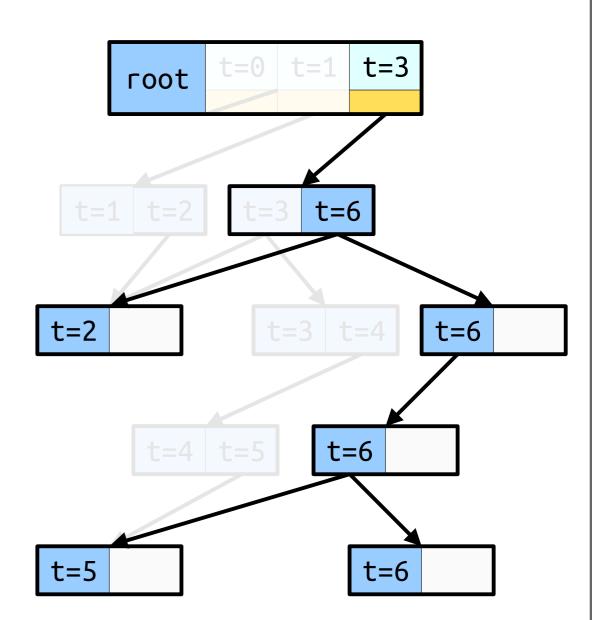
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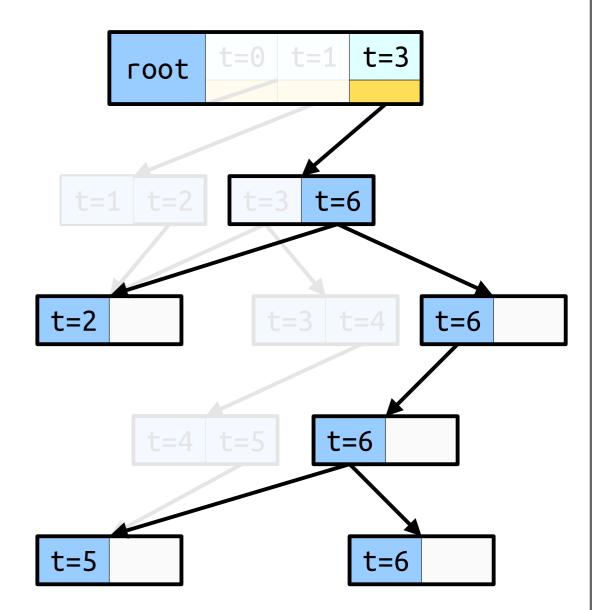


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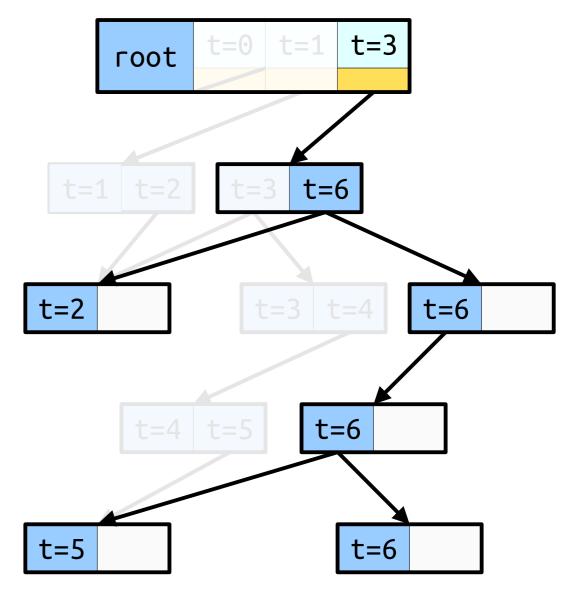


- Intuition: Use journaling to keep the space usage low, but don't let the journals get so large they slow down lookups.
- Intuition: Use path copying infrequently enough to not copy too many nodes, but enough to keep lookups fast.



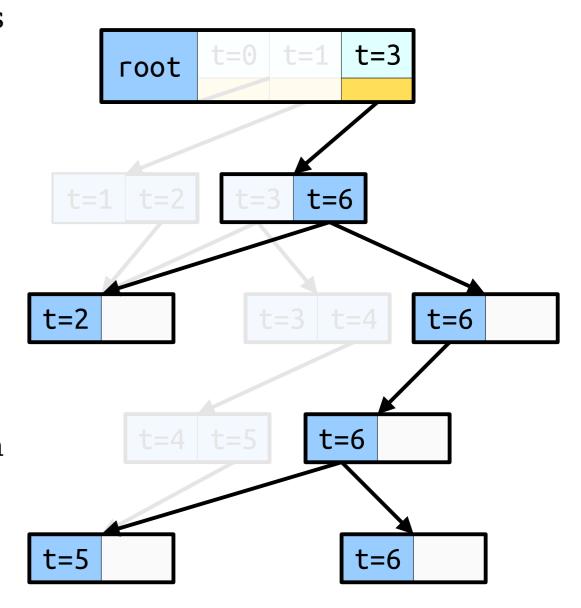
### Fat Node Queries

- The cost of a lookup in a fat node tree is at most an O(1) factor slower than a regular lookup.
  - Have to potentially check one of two journal entries per node.
- Cost of a lookup in a fat node red/black tree: O(log n).



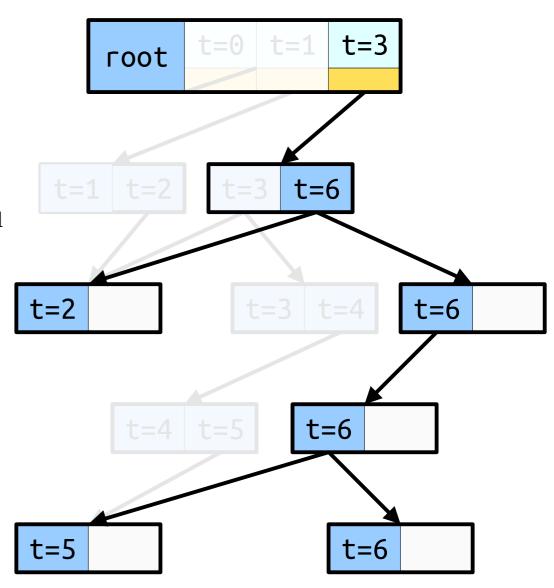
## Fat Node Updates

- Most of the time, updates to a fat node red/black tree will not require any nodes to be copied.
- Every now and then, we have to copy a node one level above us.
- Even more rarely, we have to copy a node two levels above us.
- *Claim:* The amortized work to do an update in a fat node red/black tree is O(1).



## Fat Node Updates

- Define Φ to be the number of nodes with two journal entries reachable from the most recent timestamp.
- Suppose we copy k nodes during an update, for a total of  $\Theta(k)$  work.
- If we copy a chain of *k* nodes, then
  - each of those *k* nodes had two journal entries before we started;
  - each of those k nodes is no longer reachable from the most recent timestamp;
  - each newly created node has only one journal entry; and
  - the node above the chain has one more journal entry added.
- So  $\Delta \Phi = 1 k$ , and the -k cancels with the  $\Theta(k)$  work for an amortized update cost of O(1).



### The Final Scorecard

- We've come a long way from where we started!
- Pretty much all the work went into efficiently sharing data across different versions of data structures.

	Preprocessing Time	Query Time	Space Usage
Test All Faces	O(1)	O(n)	O(1)
Slab Decomposition	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n^2)$
Slabs With PFRBTs	$O(n \log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(n \log n)$
Slabs With Journal RBTs	$O(n \log n)$	$O(\log^2 n)$	O(n)
Slabs With Fat Node RBTs	$O(n \log n)$	O(log n)	O(n)

More to Explore

#### Planar Point Location

- The *monotone chains method* breaks the planar subdivision apart into a series of left-to-right chains, then uses clever binary searches to meet the same time bounds as here.
- *Kirkpatrick's algorithm* works with fullytriangulated planar subdivisions. It repeatedly removes vertices to simplify the triangulation, giving a recursive point location algorithm.
- The *random trapezoidal method* breaks space apart into trapezoids in a manner similar to slabs. Using randomization, the query cost and space usage can be shown to be low.

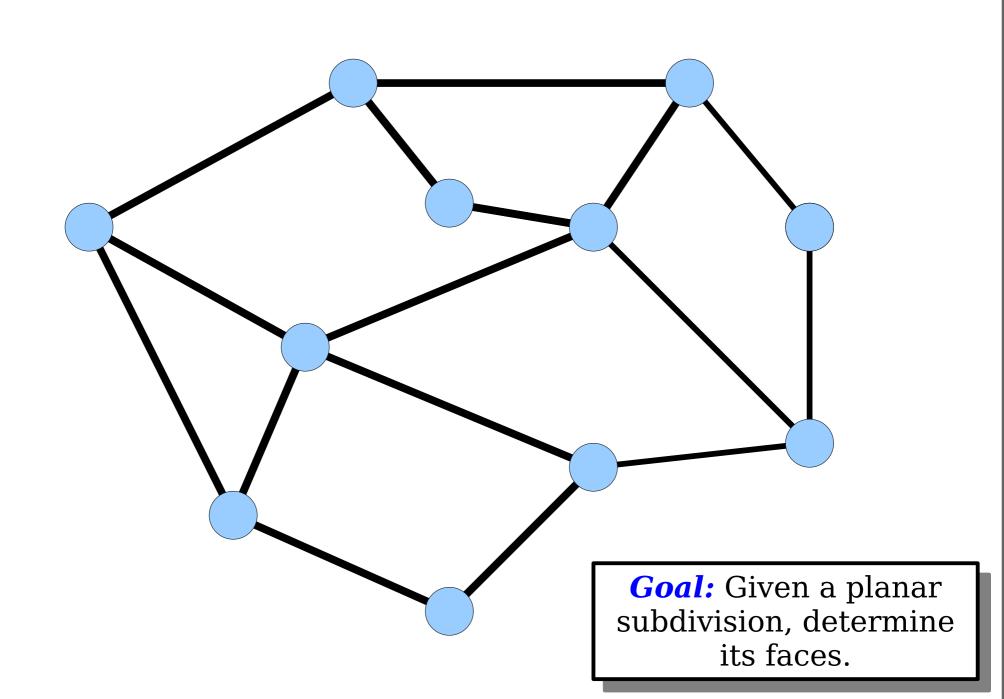
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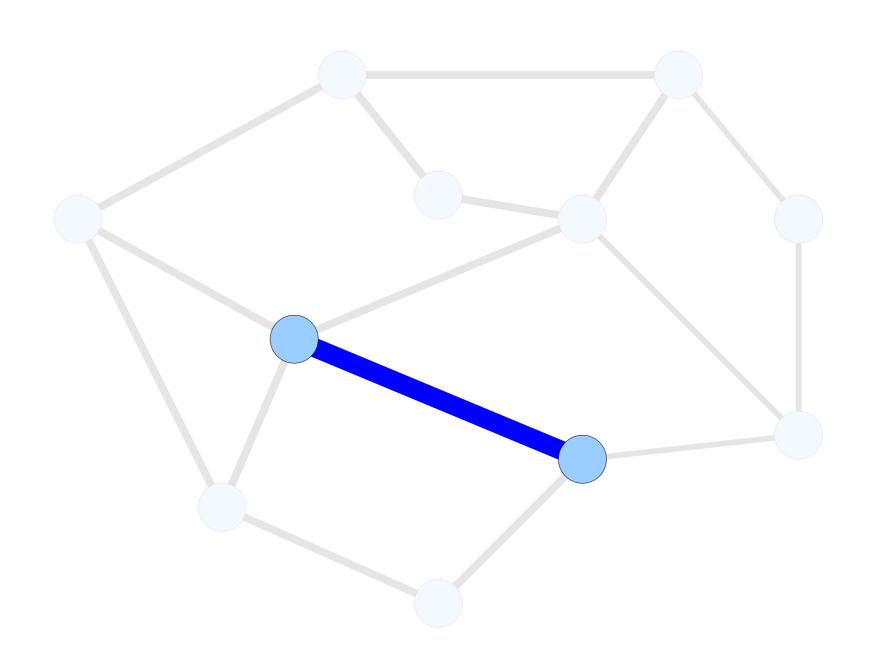
- The FPRBT, journal RBT, and fat node RBT are special cases of persistent data structures, where operations produce both a "before" and "after" version.
- The three methods shown here (purely functional, journaling, and fat nodes) generalize to many other data structures.
- With some more advanced techniques, you can design retroactive data structures, where operations can be sent back in time.
- There are also *confluent data structures*, where multiple timelines can be merged together.

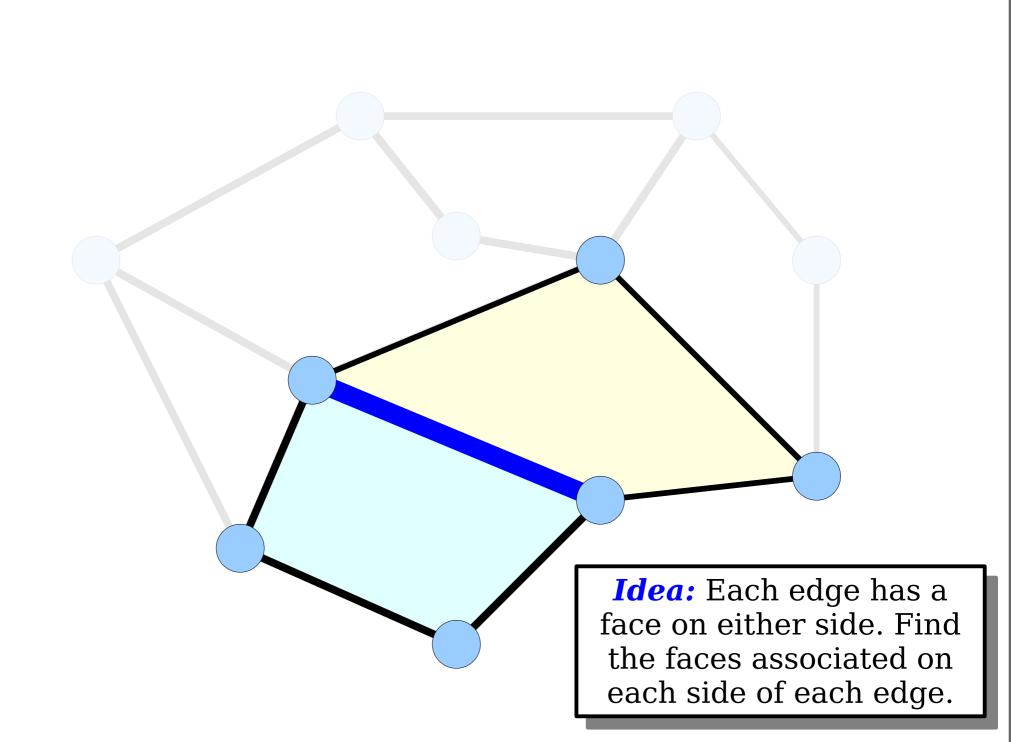
#### Next Time

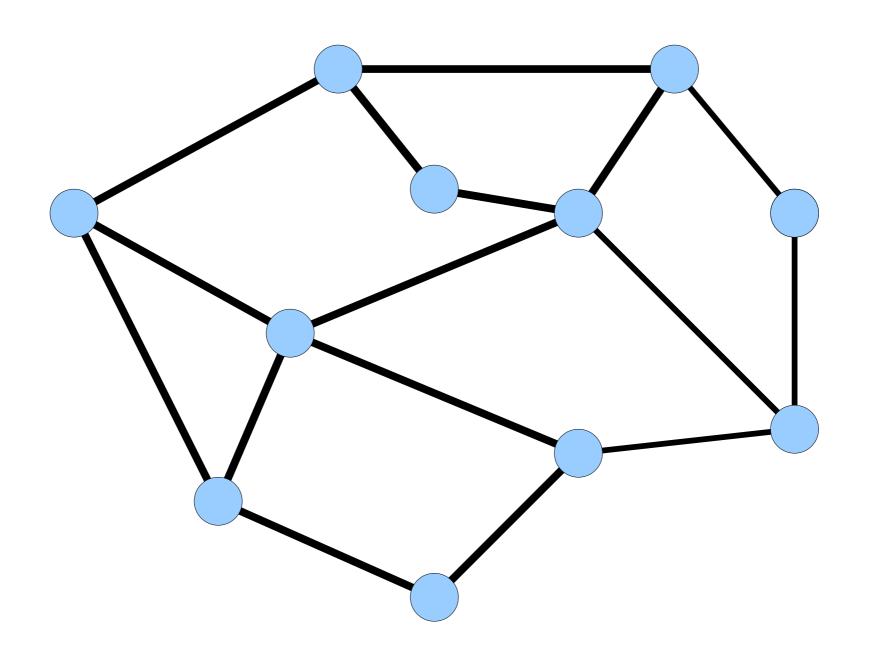
- Approximate Membership Queries
  - Storing approximations of sets to save space.
- Bloom Filters
  - The original AMQ structure, and one that's still used extensively.
- Information-Theoretic Bounds
  - How few bits are needed to store a data structure?

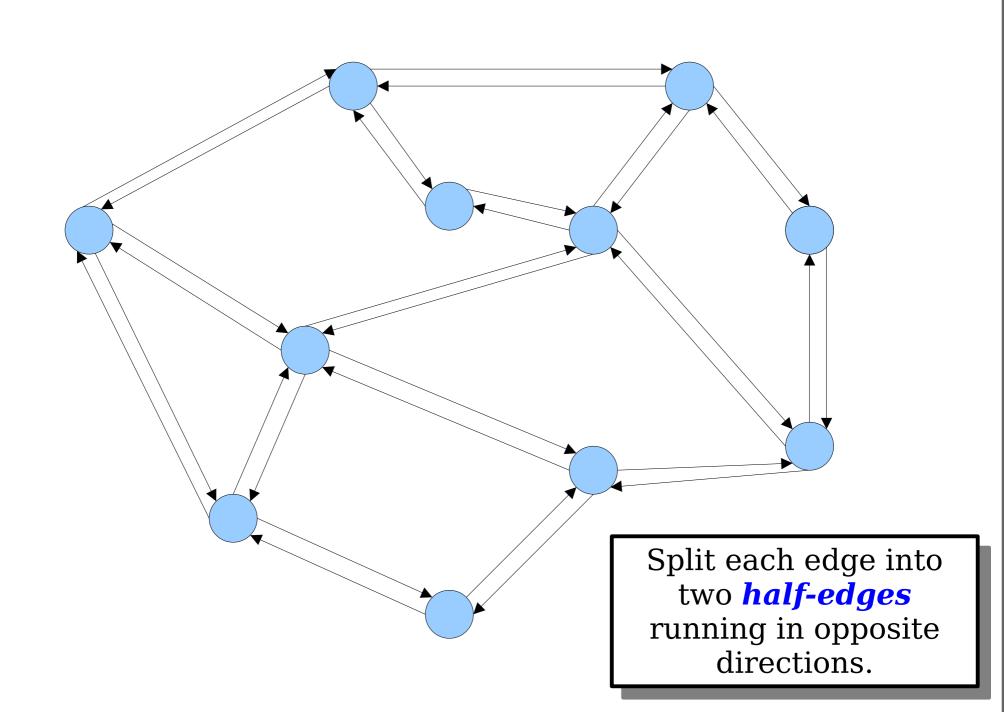
**Appendix:** Associating Faces to Edges

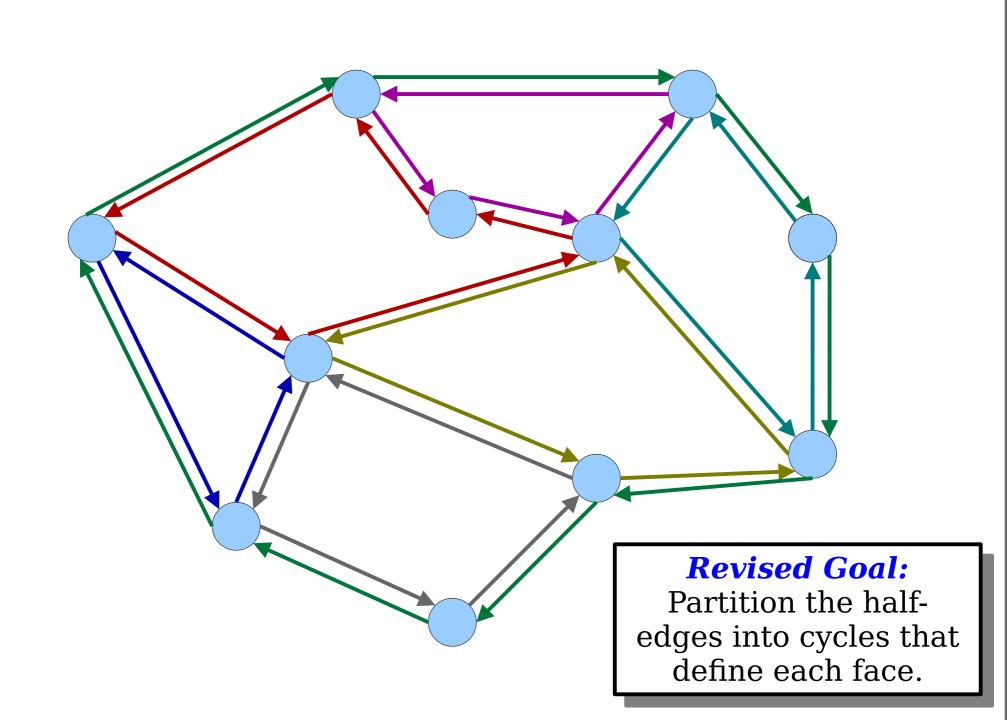




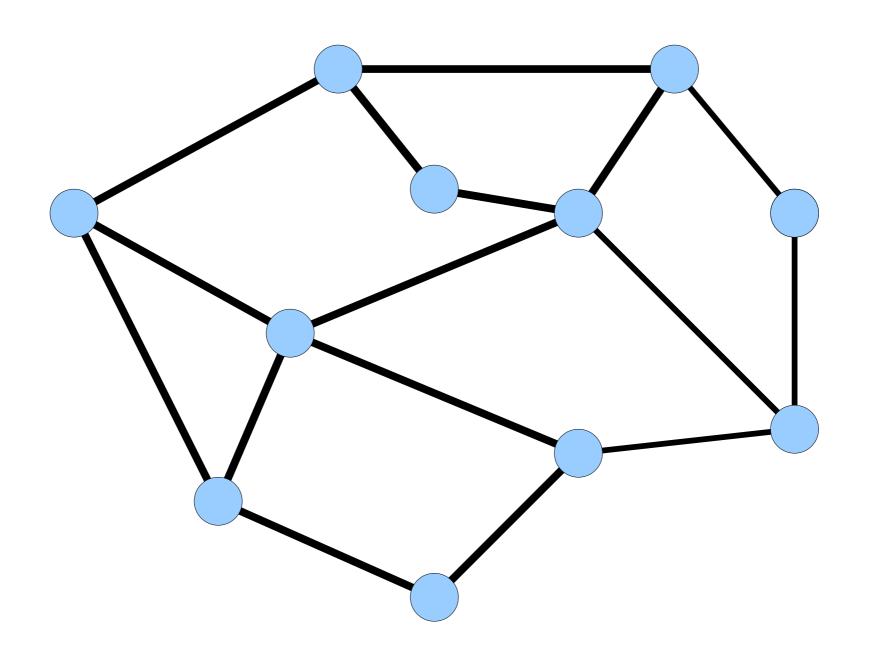


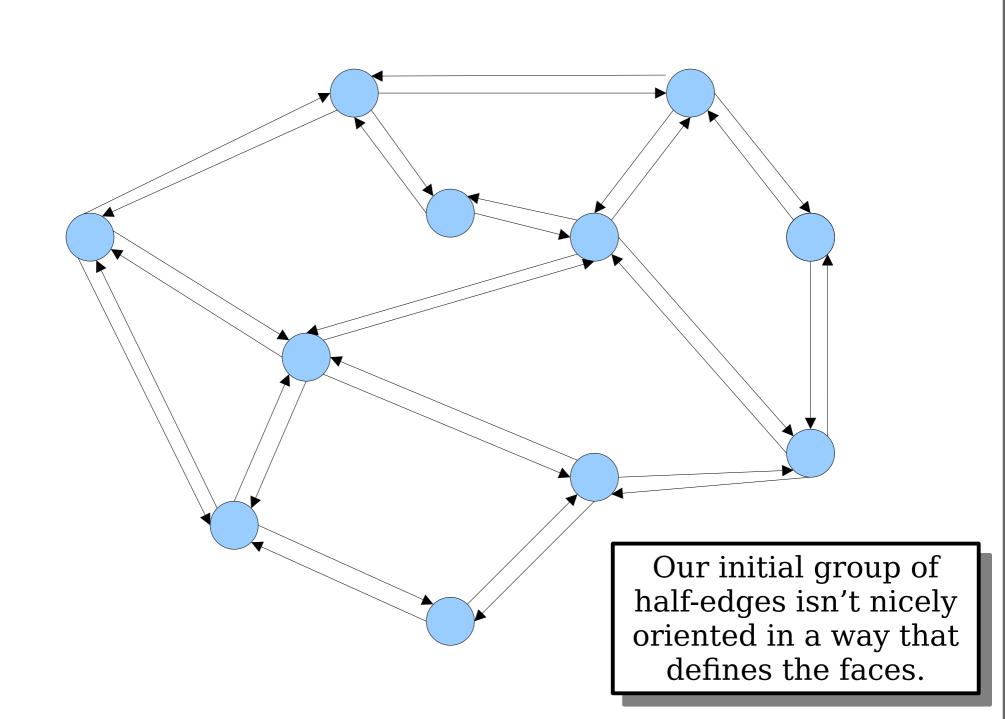


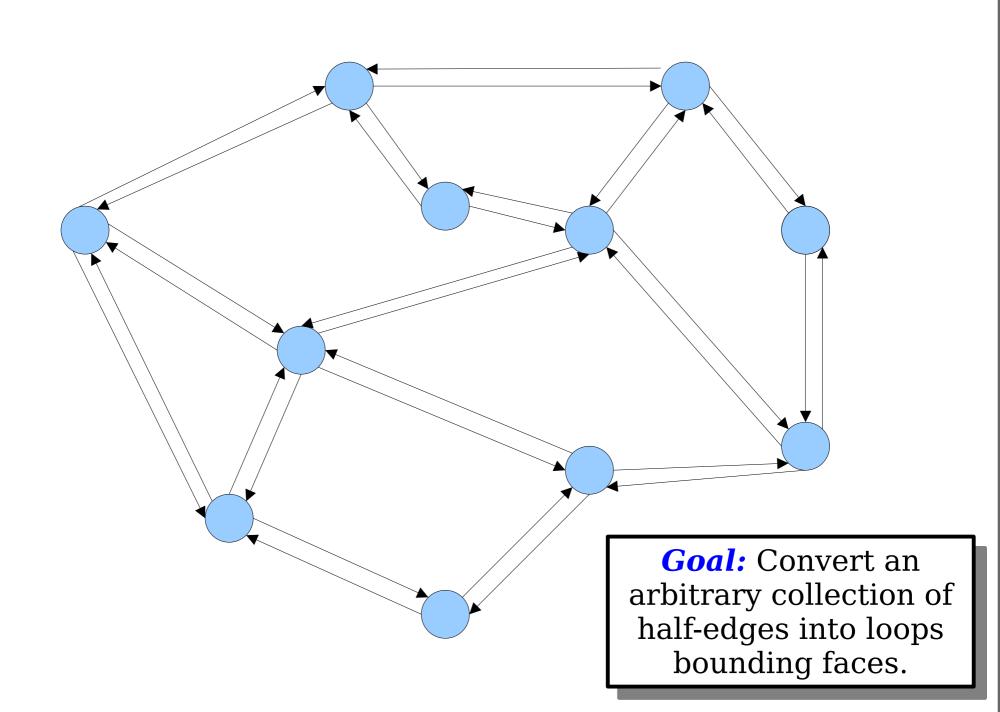


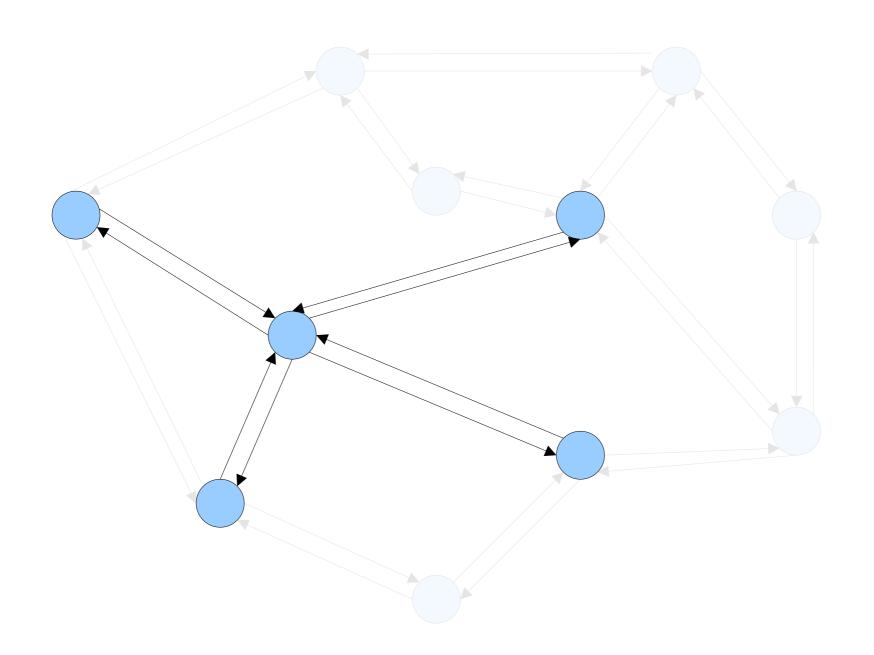


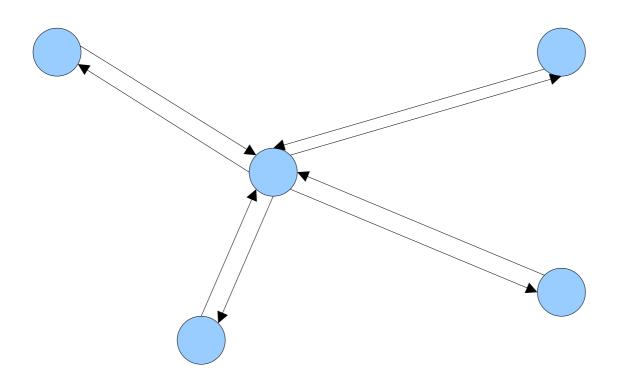
Internal faces are bounded by anticlockwise loops. The outer face is bounded by a clockwise loop.

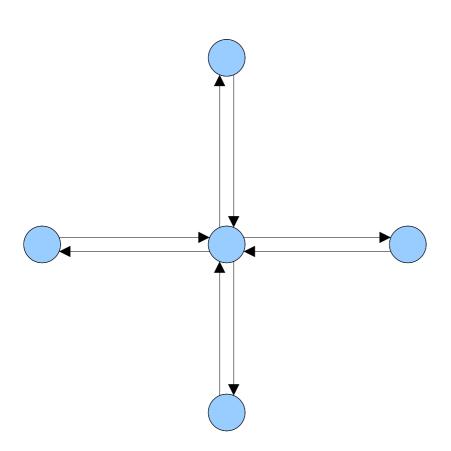


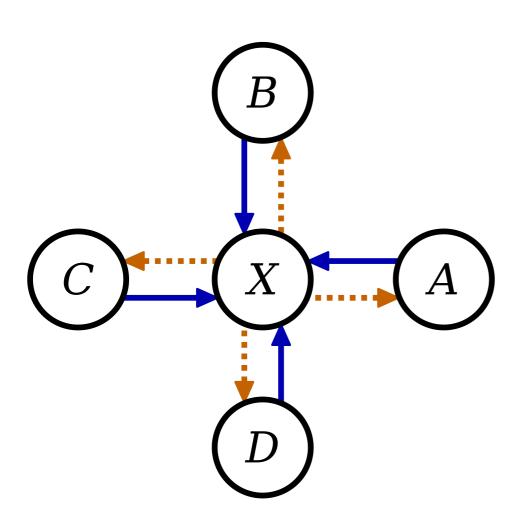




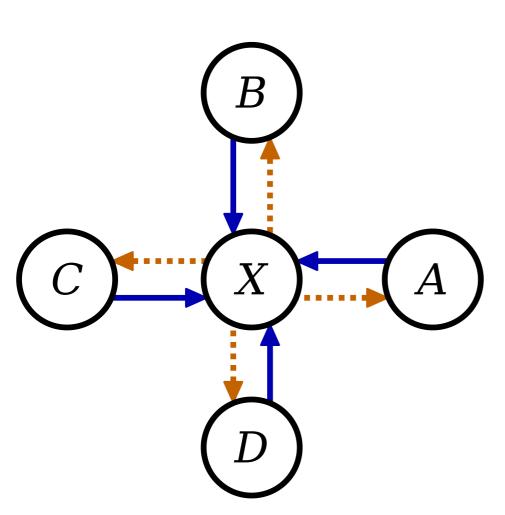






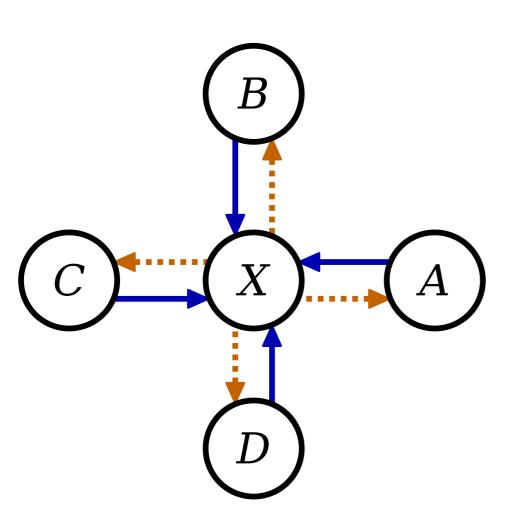


## Connecting Half-Edges



- Pick at a blue half-edge entering node X.
- Imagine you enter node
   X via that half-edge.
- Which *orange* halfedge leaving X should you follow?
- *Answer:* The one pointing at the next neighbor, moving counterclockwise around *X*.

# Connecting Half-Edges



- For each node v, sort the nodes around it in anticlockwise order.
- For each neighbor u, chain the half-edge (v, u) to be followed by the half-edge (u, x), where x is the next node after v, ordered counterclockwise.
- Time: O(e log e) work per node, where e is its number of neighbors.
  Summing over all nodes gives a runtime of O(n log n).