

# Continuously Generalizing Buildings to Built-up Areas by Aggregating and Growing

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(Google Maps)

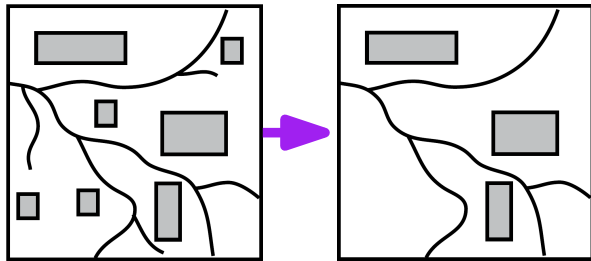
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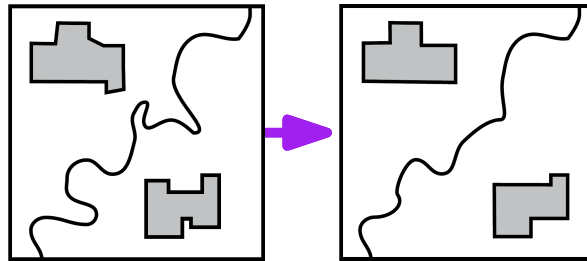
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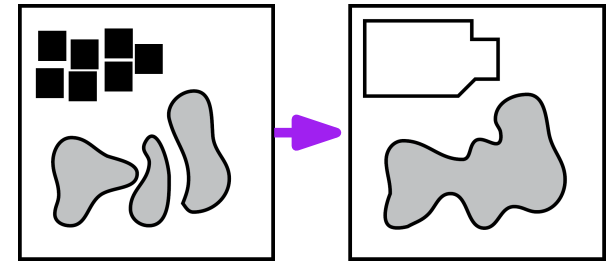
Typical **generalization operators** (ESRI 1996):



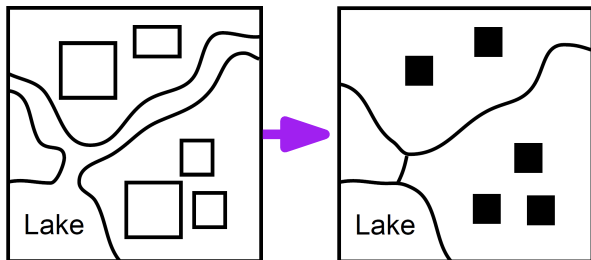
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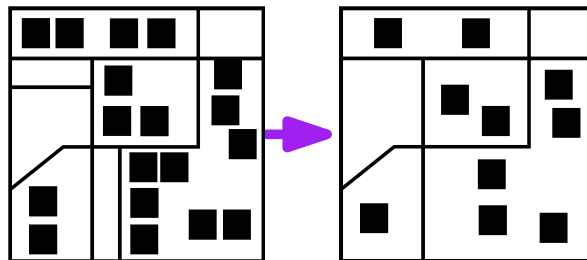
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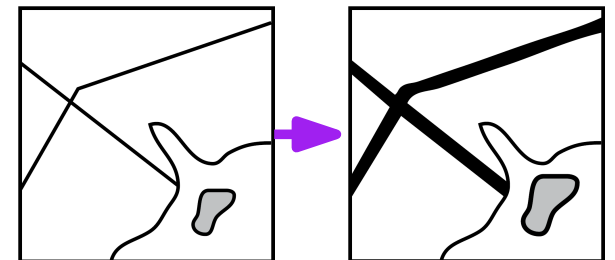
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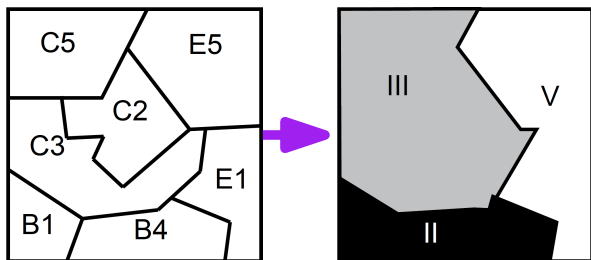
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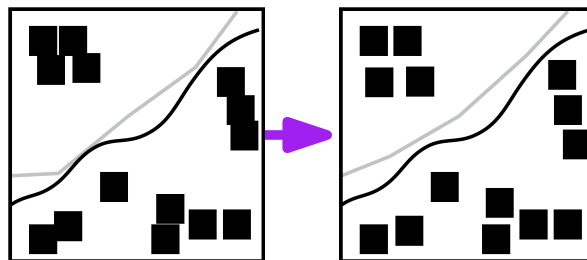
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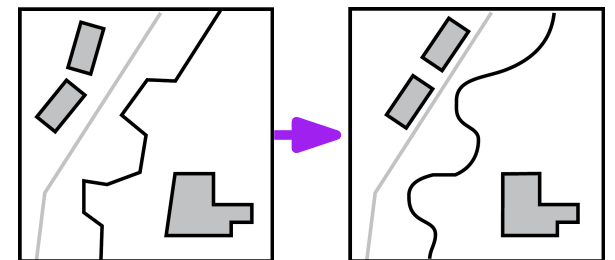
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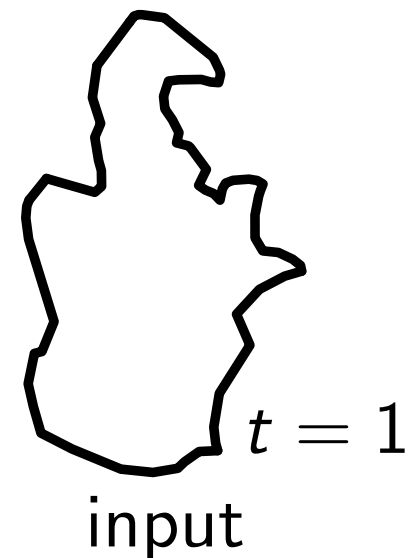
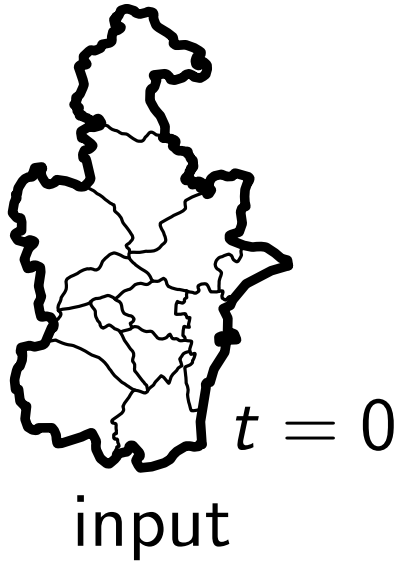
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Refinement

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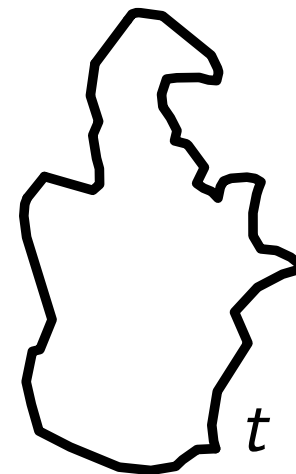
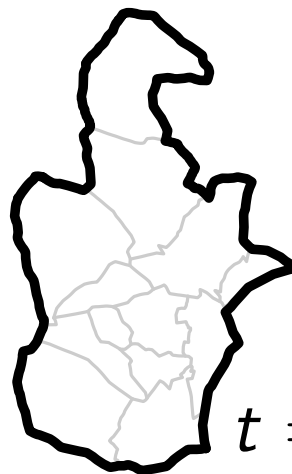
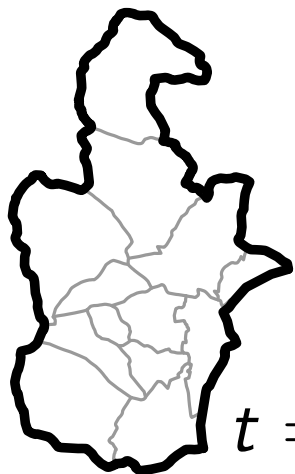


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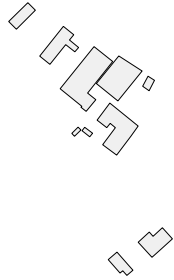
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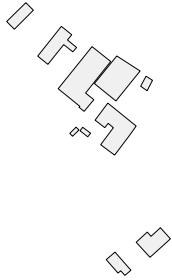
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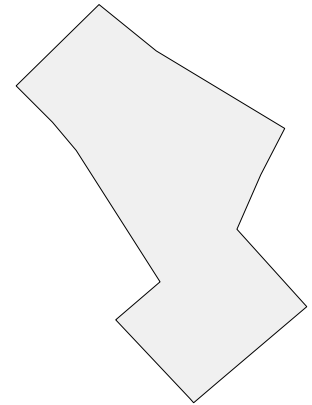


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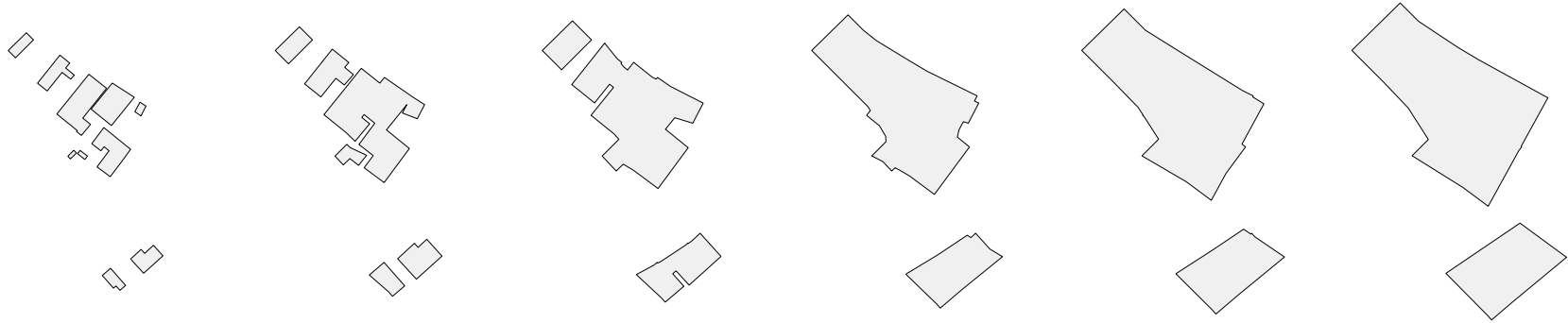
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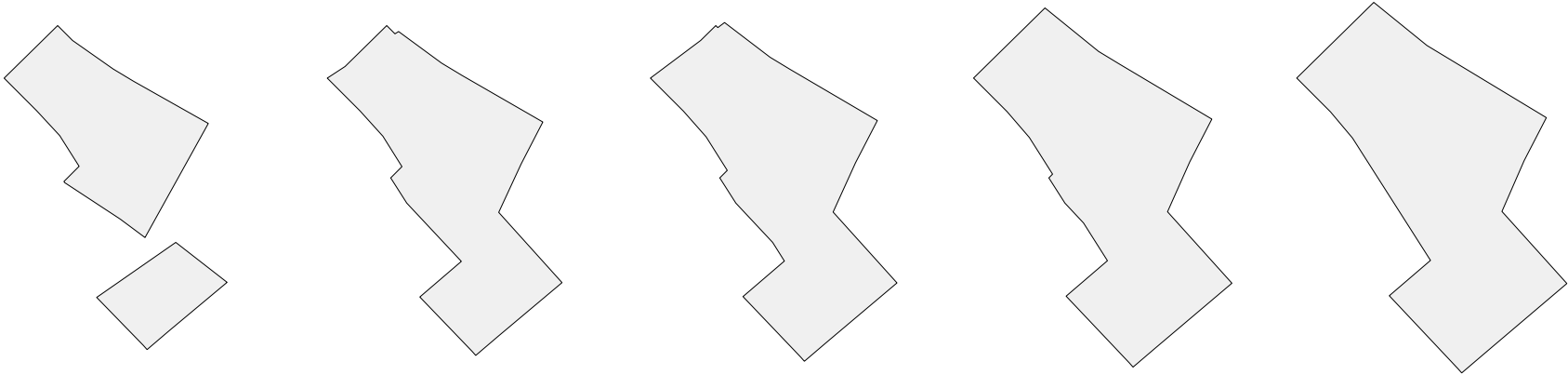


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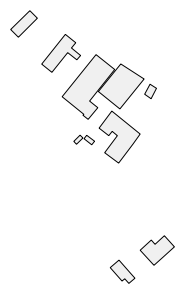


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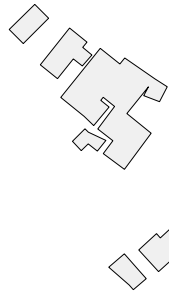


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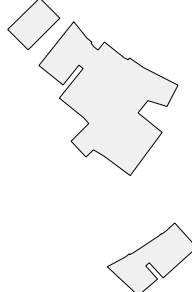
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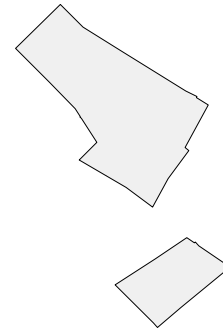
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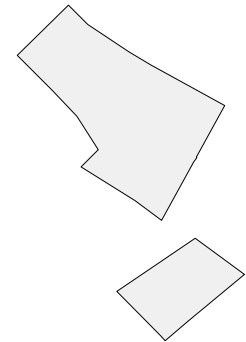
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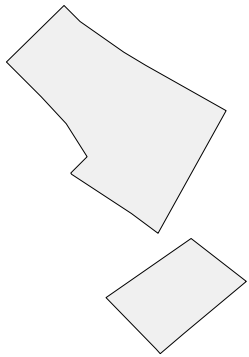


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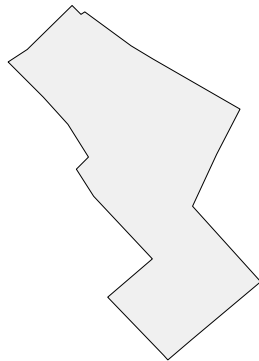


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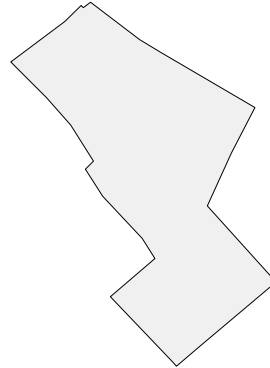
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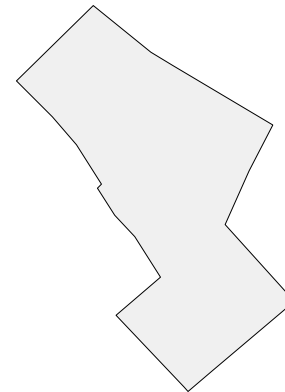
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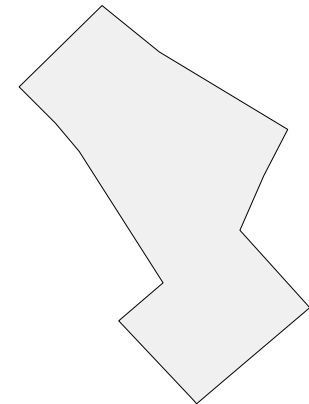
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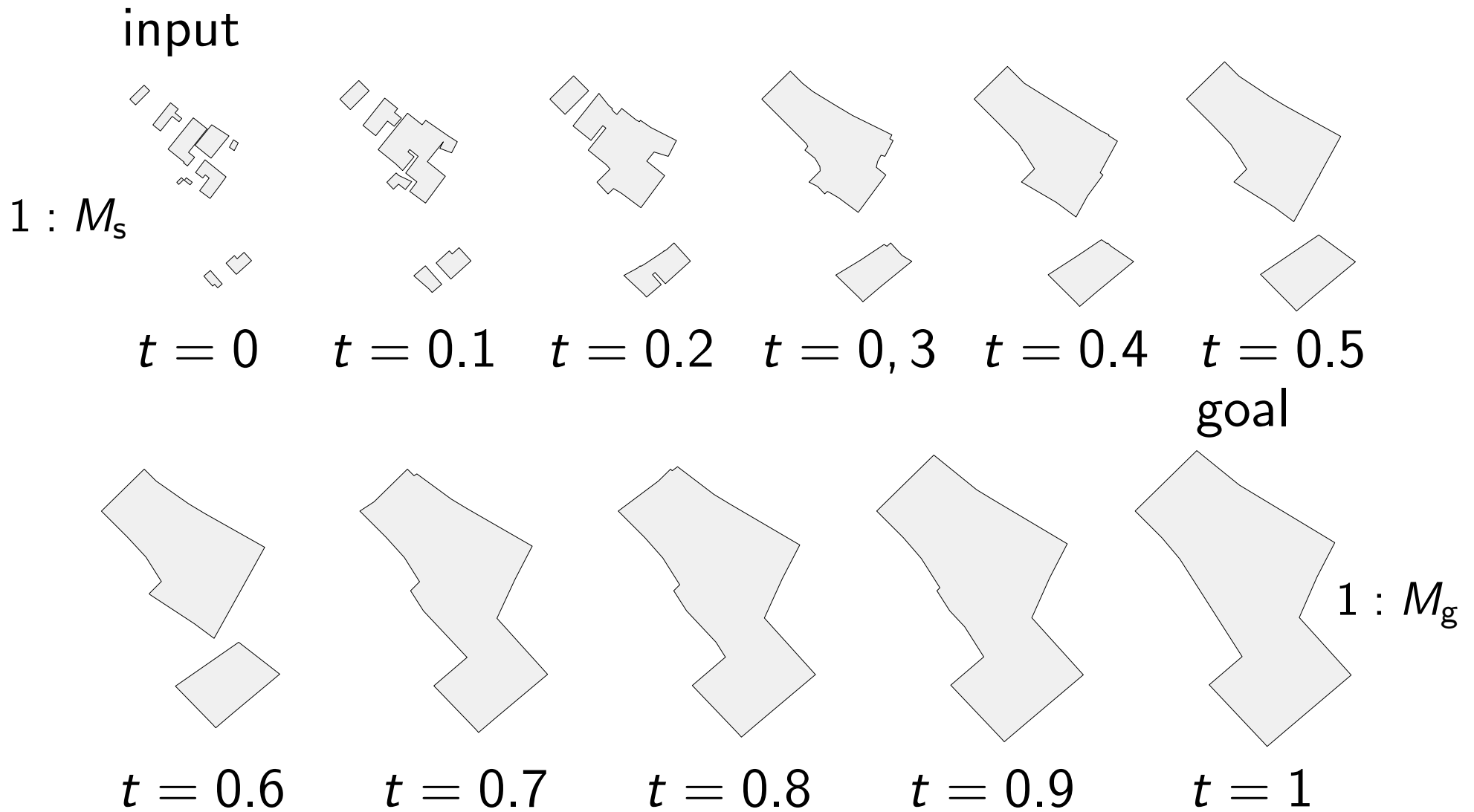


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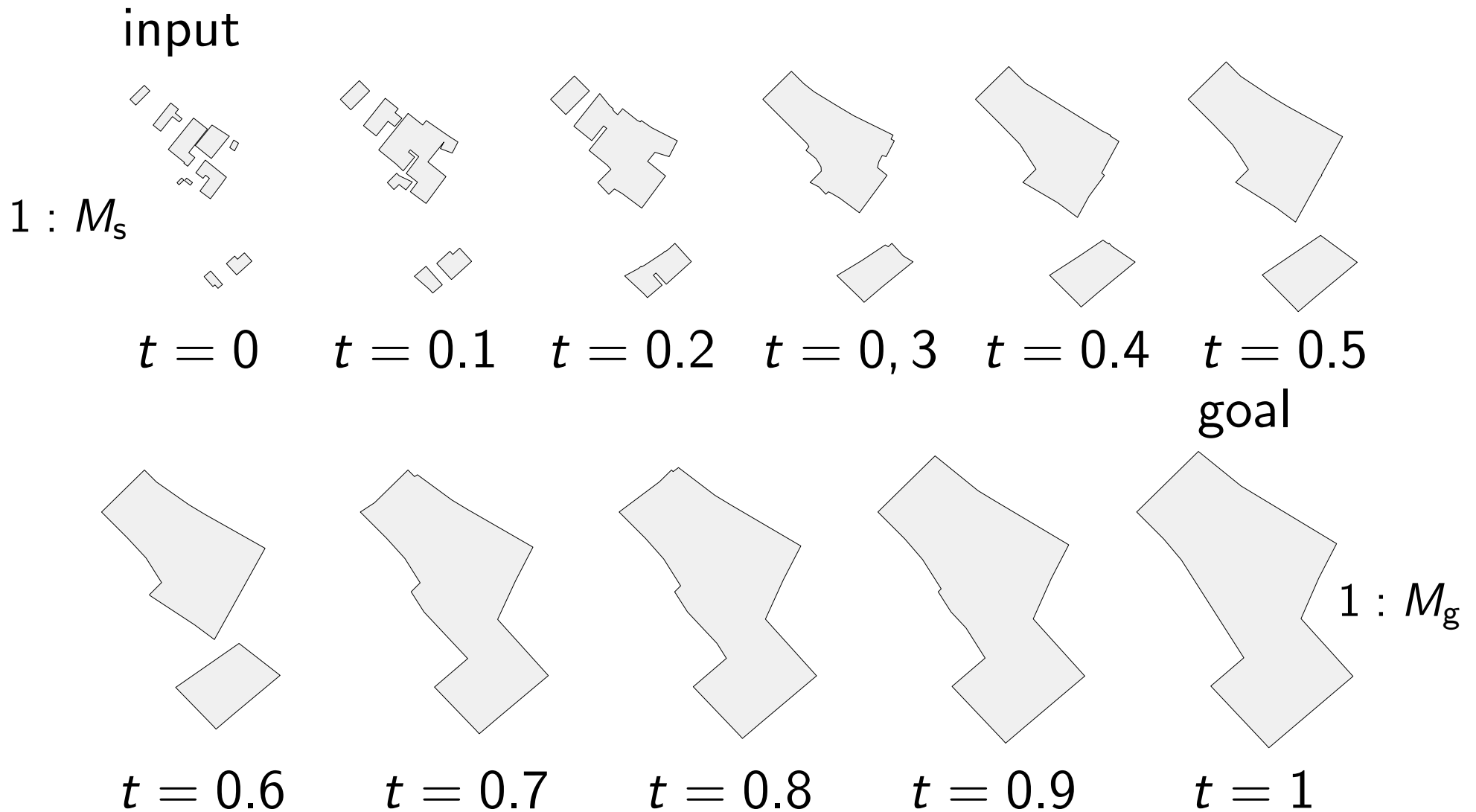


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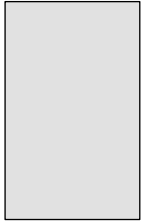


$$M_t = M_s + t \cdot (M_g - M_s)$$

# Outline

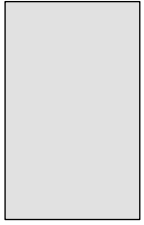
- Introduction
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- Case Study
- Concluding Remarks

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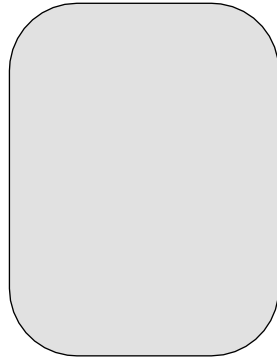


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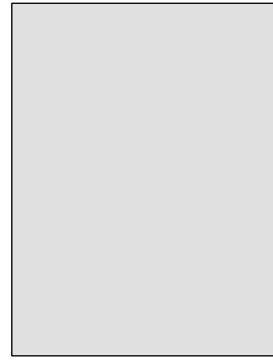
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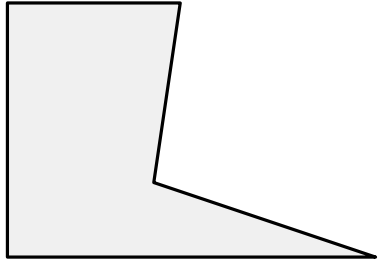


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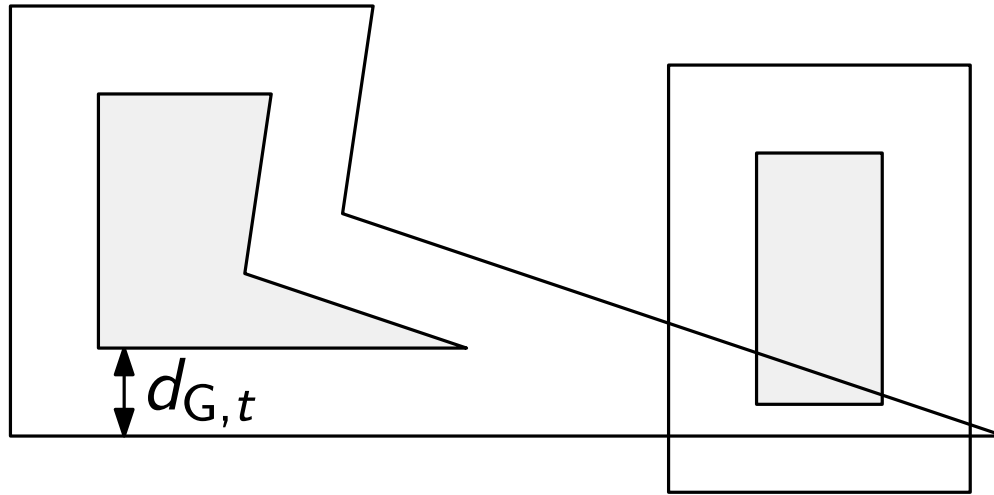
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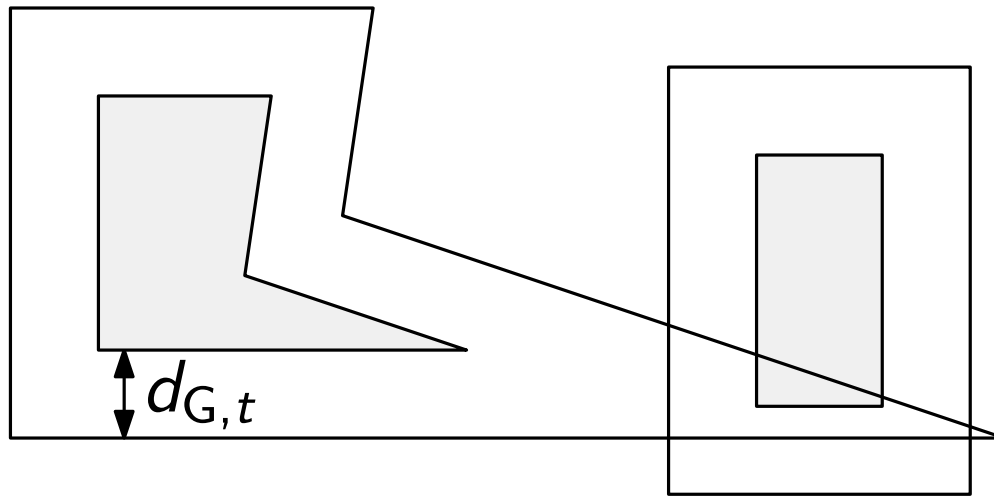


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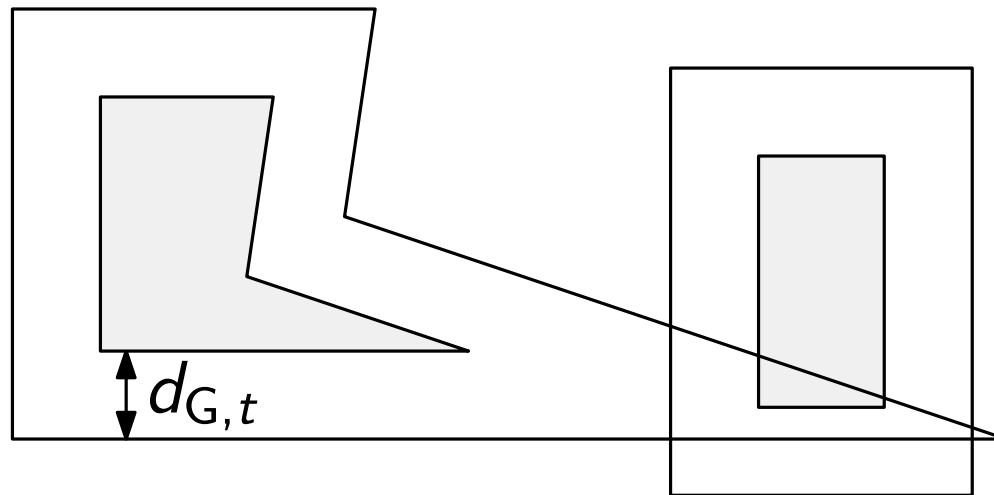


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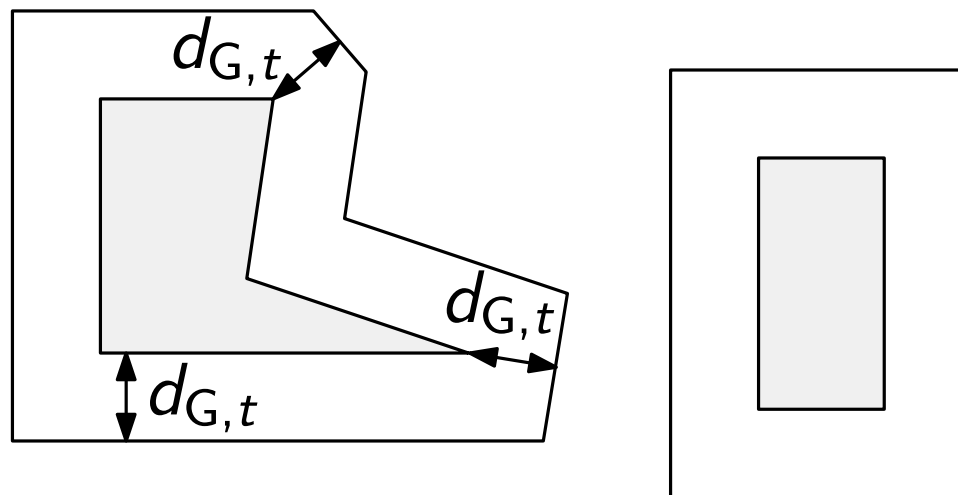
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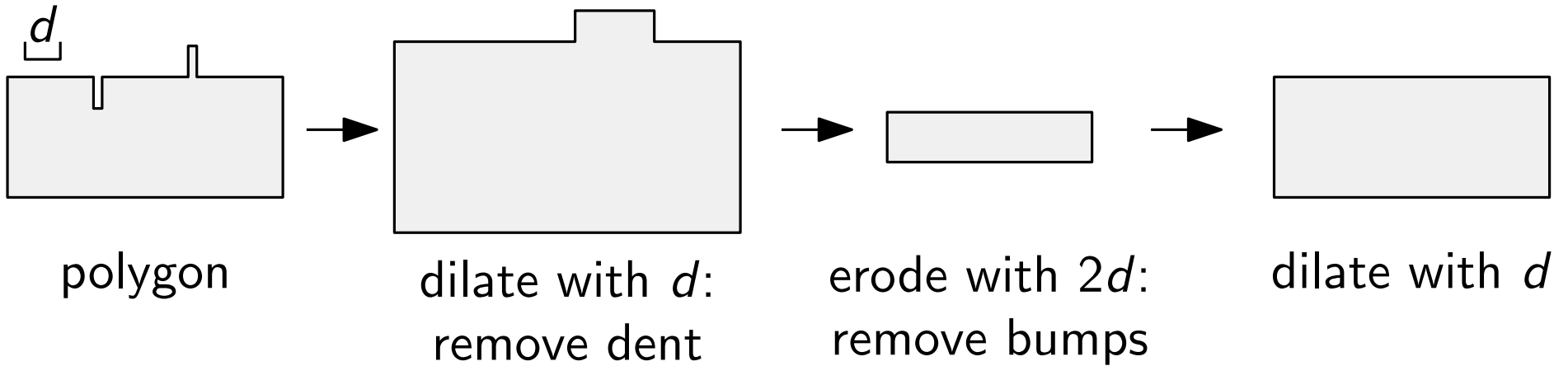
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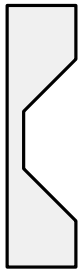
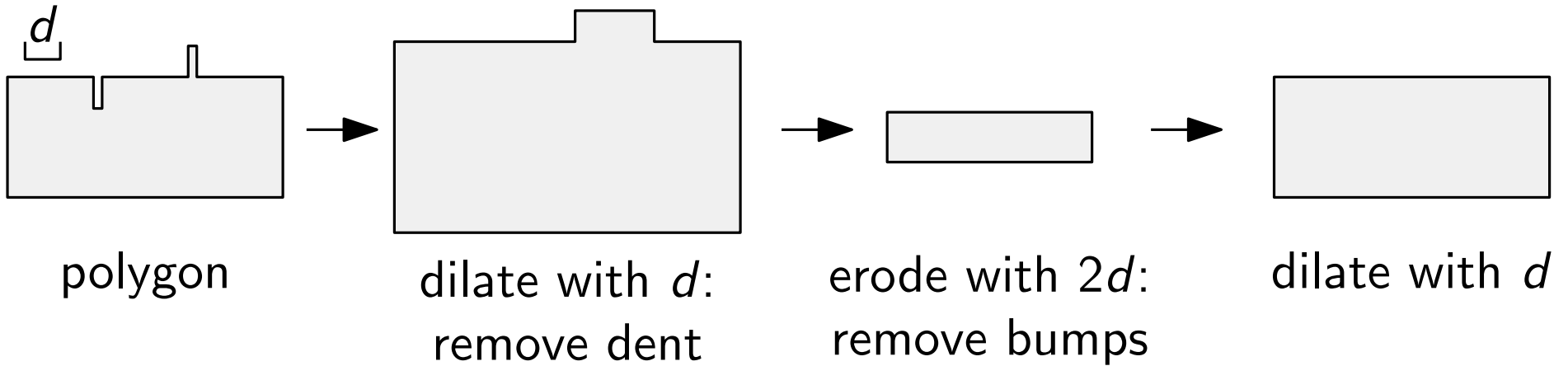
squaring if spikes are too long:

distance larger than  $\alpha d_{G,t}$ , where we set  $\alpha = 1.5$

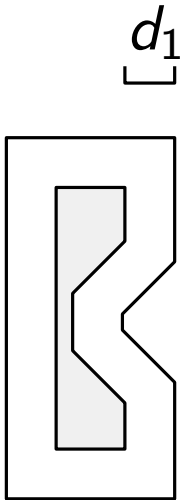
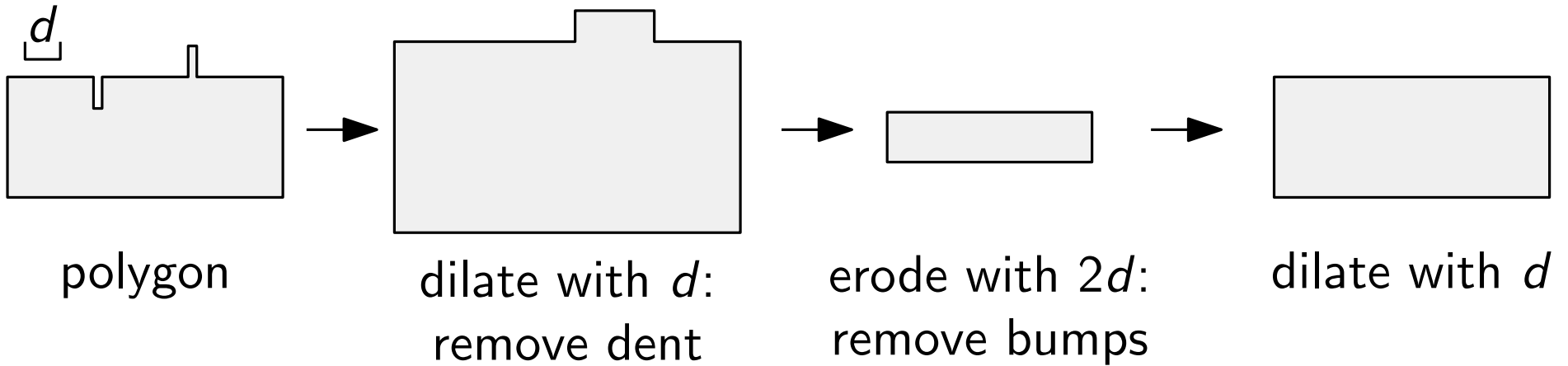
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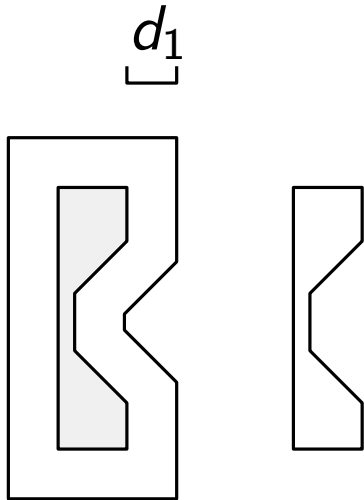
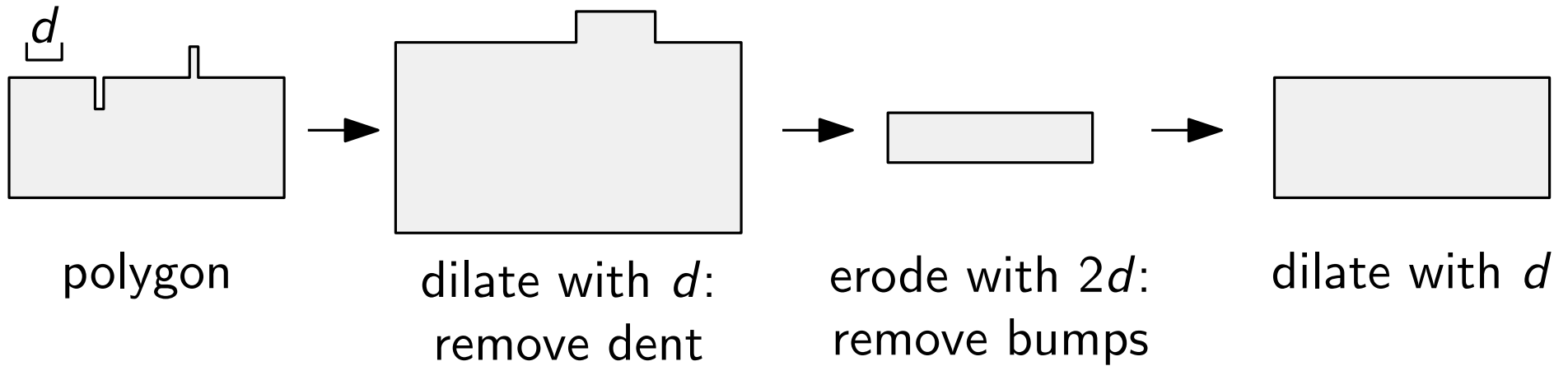
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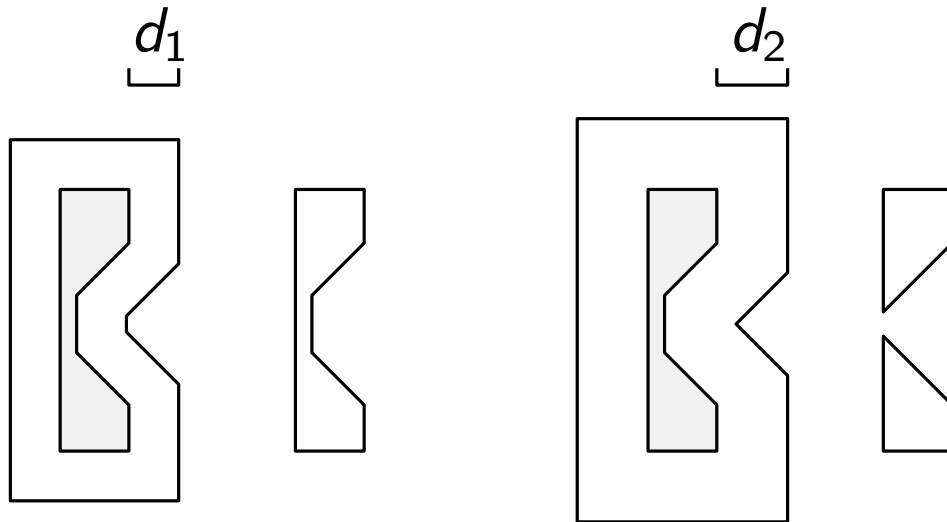
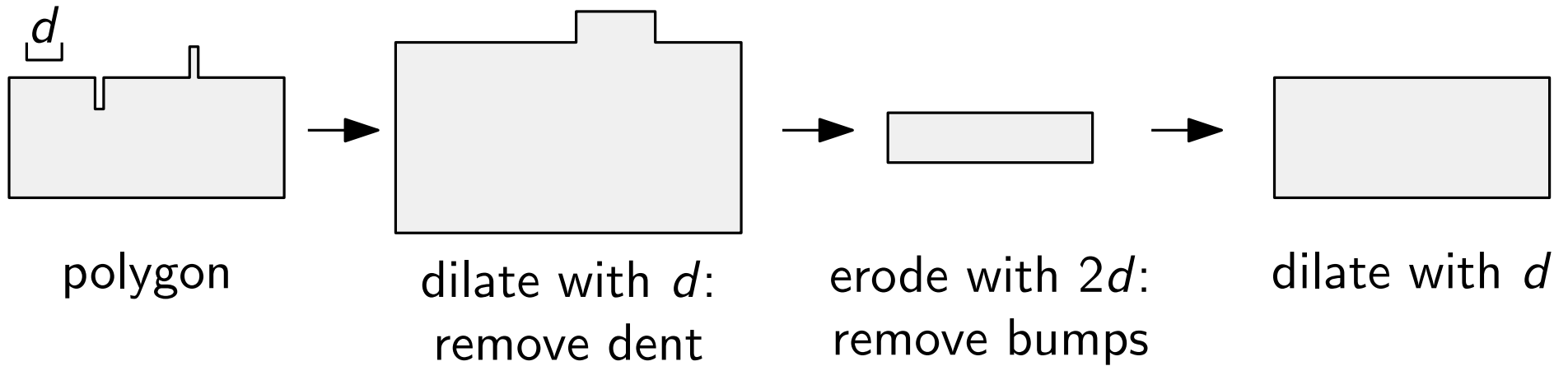
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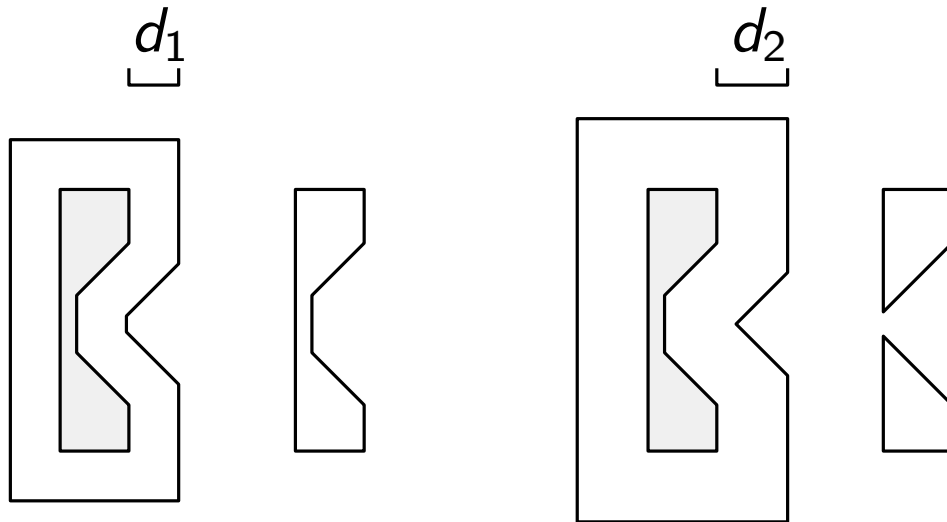
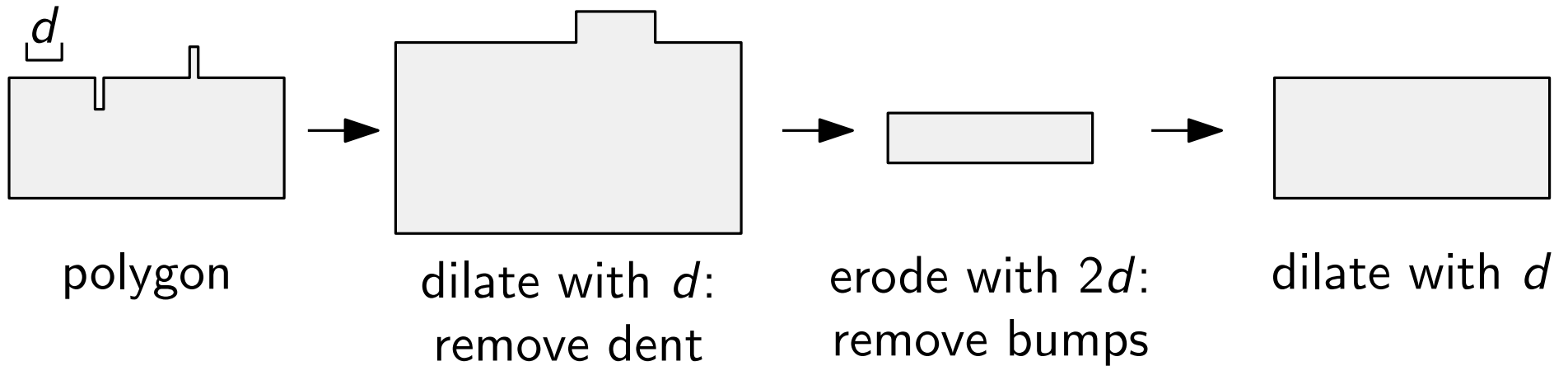


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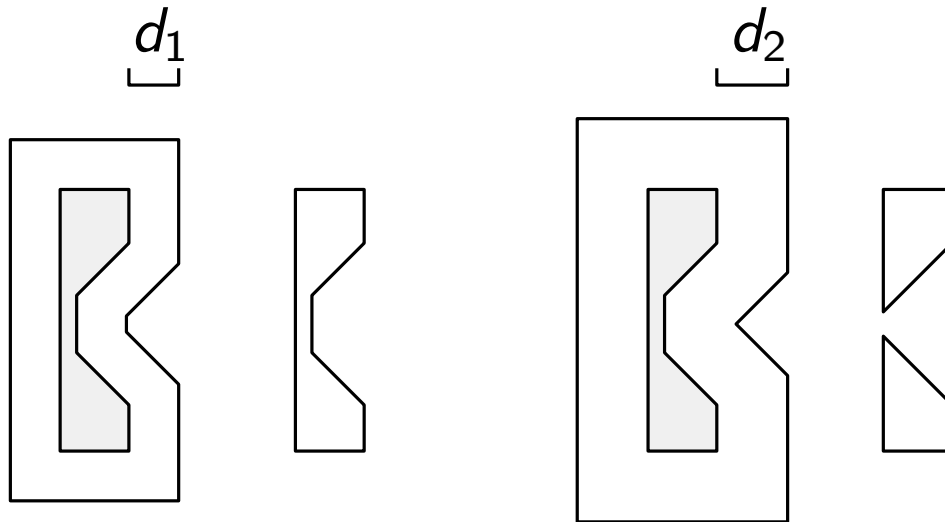
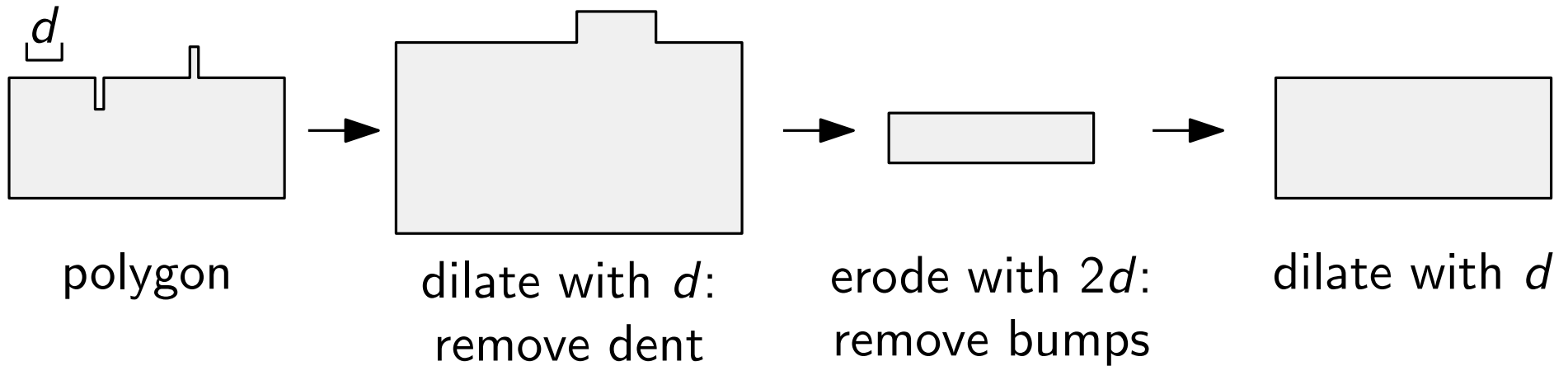


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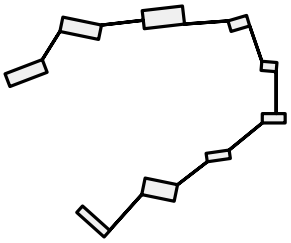
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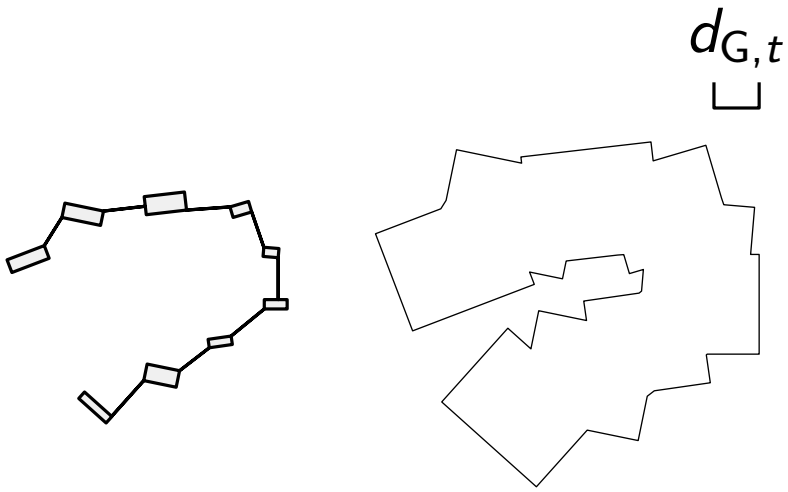
avoid breaking:

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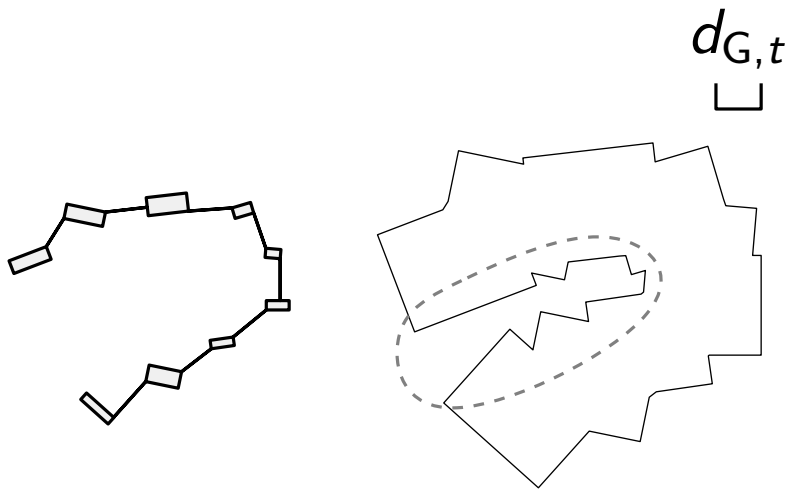
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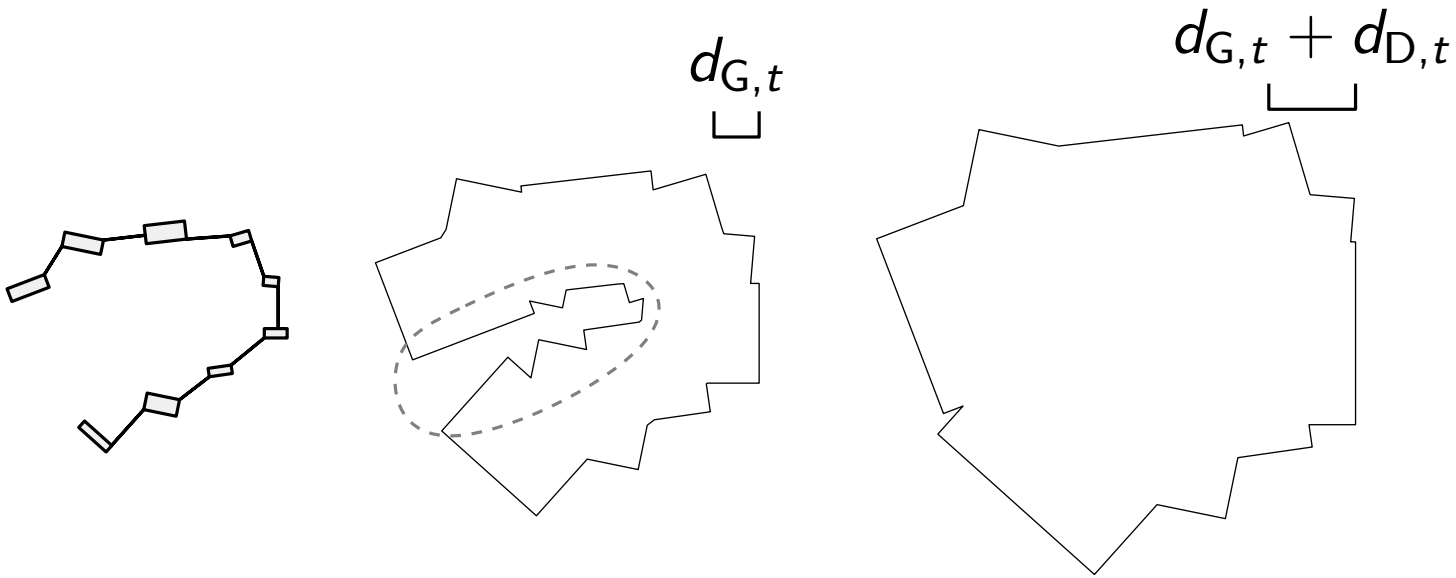
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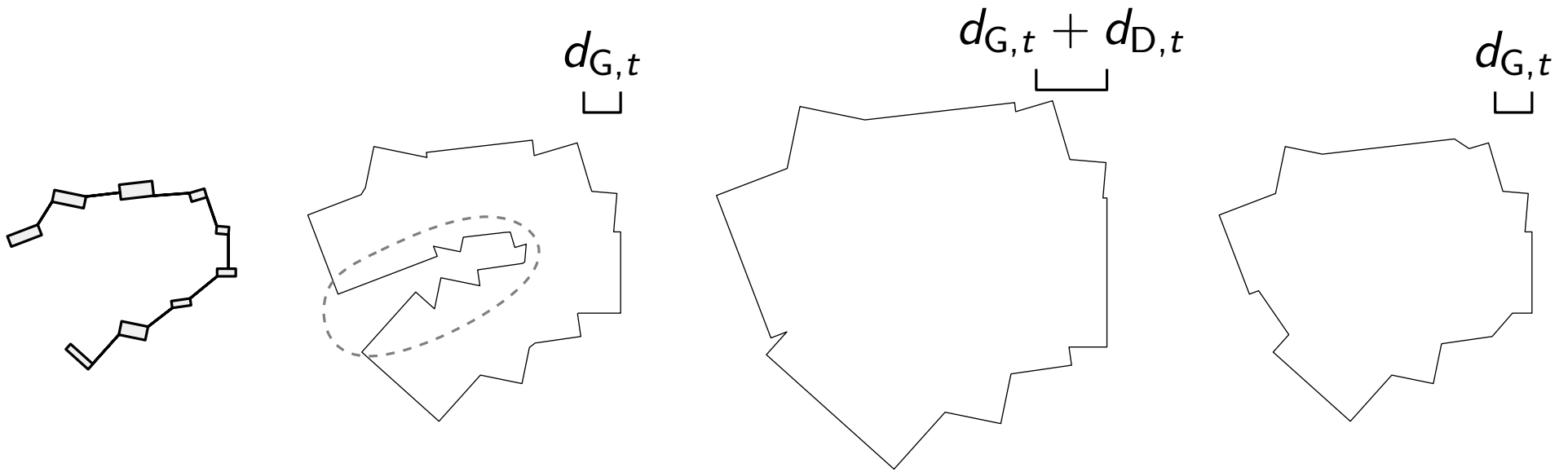
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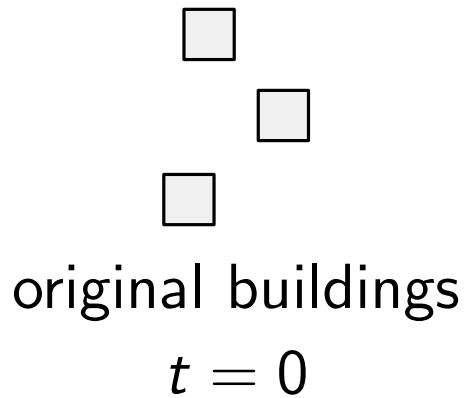


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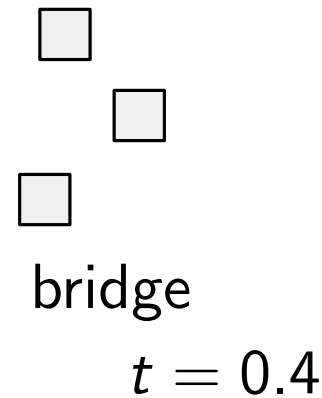
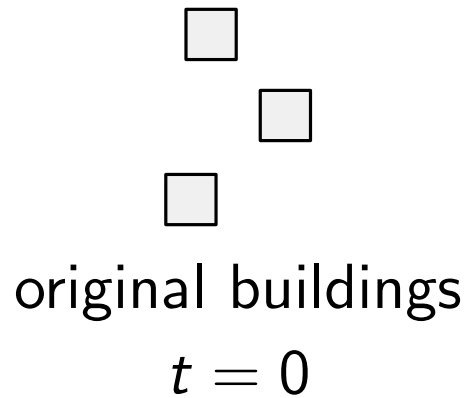
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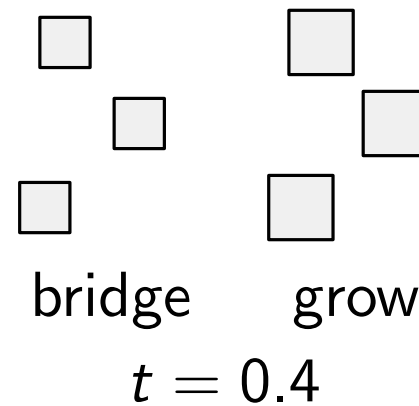
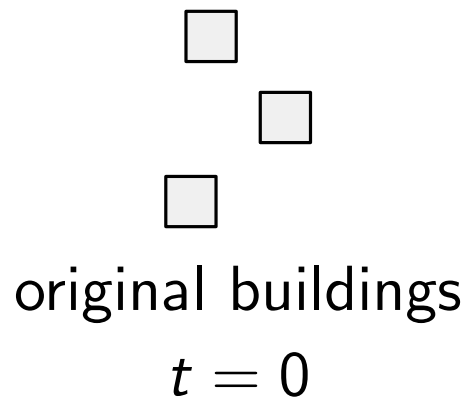
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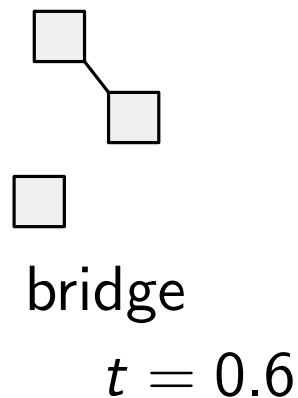
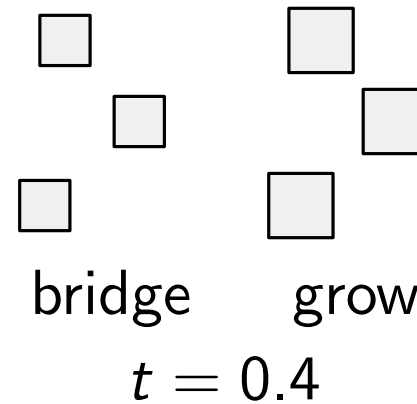
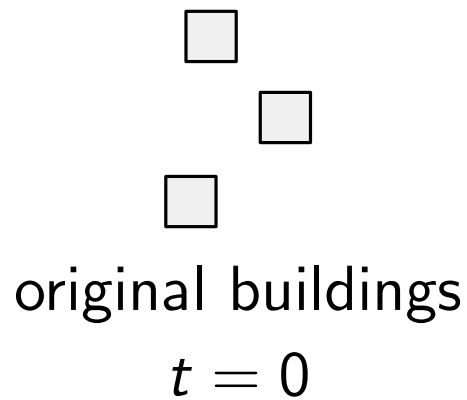
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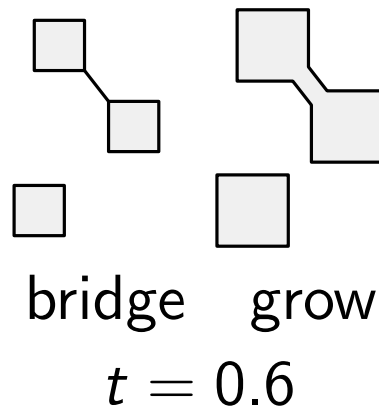
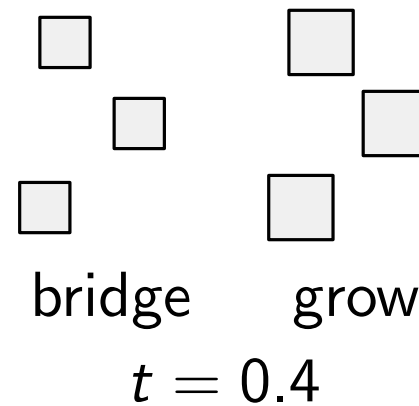
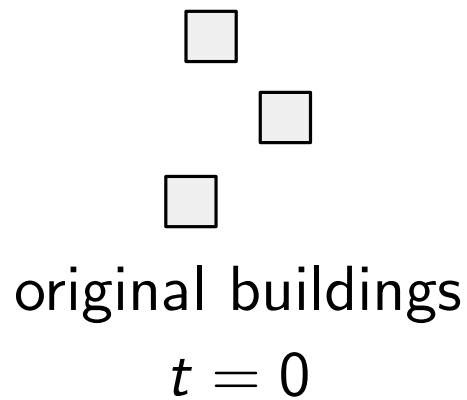
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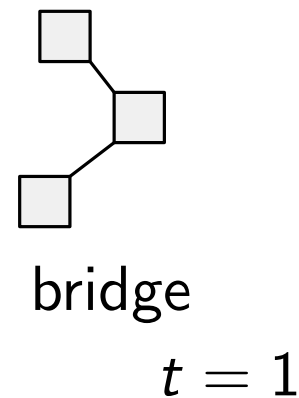
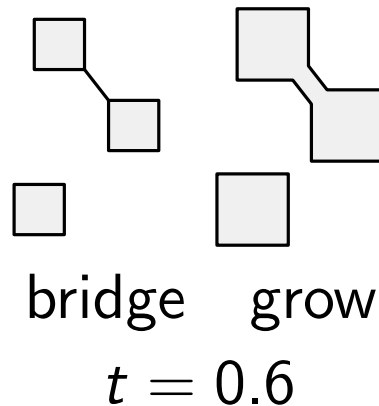
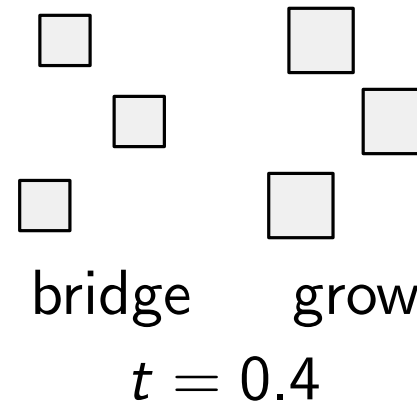
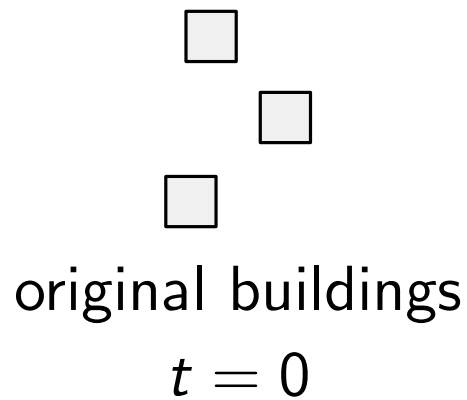
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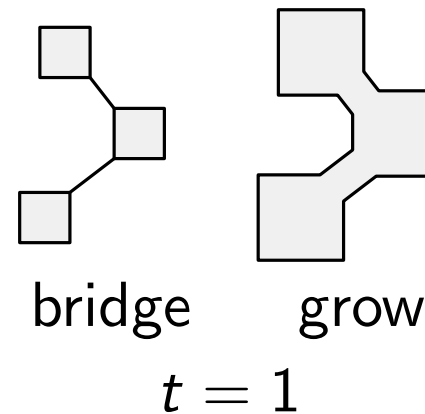
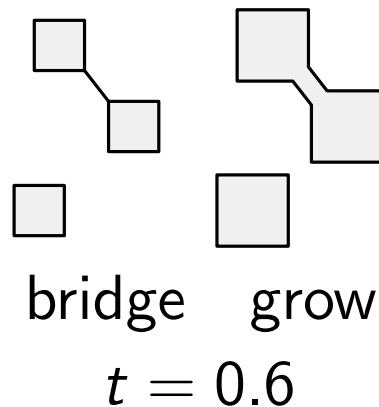
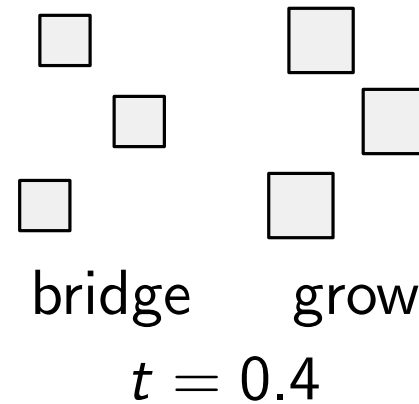
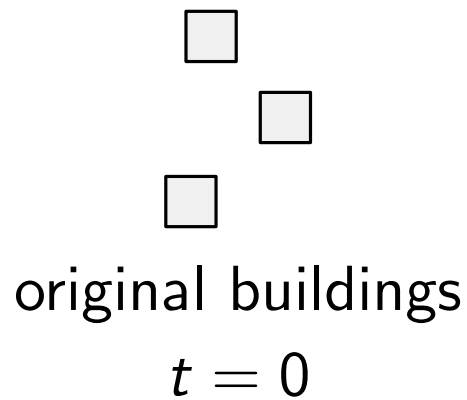
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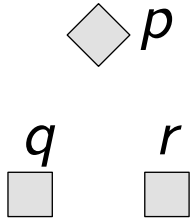


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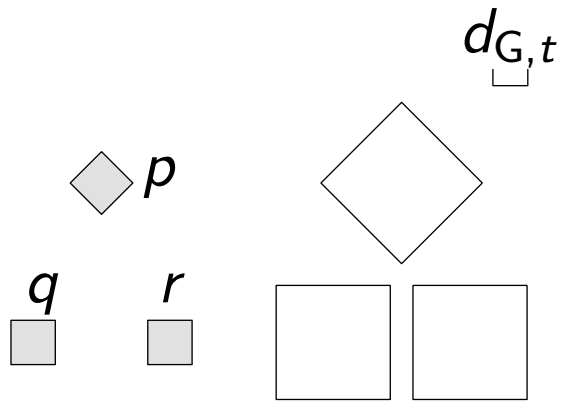
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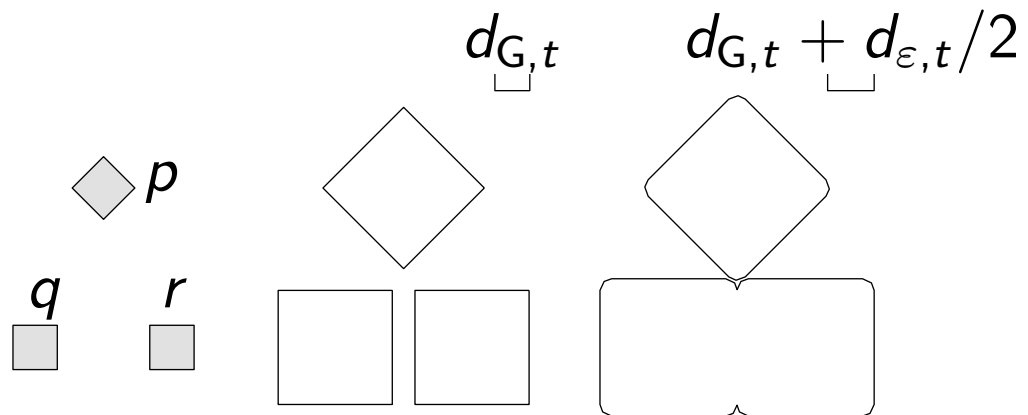


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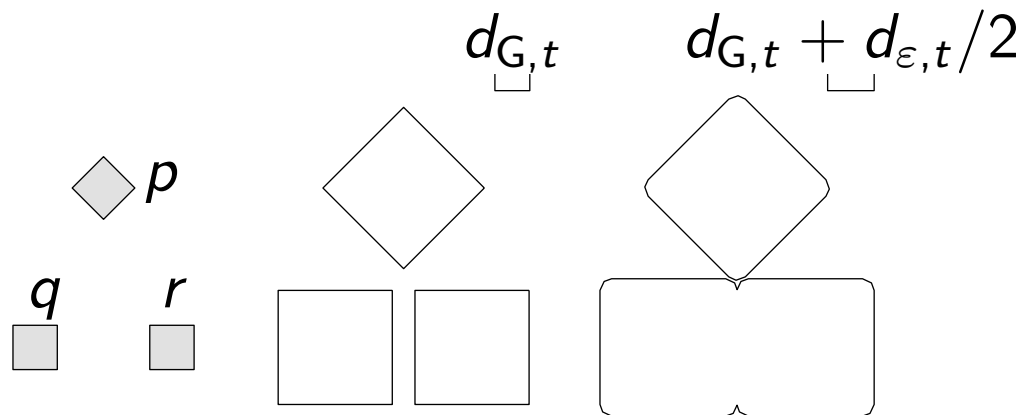




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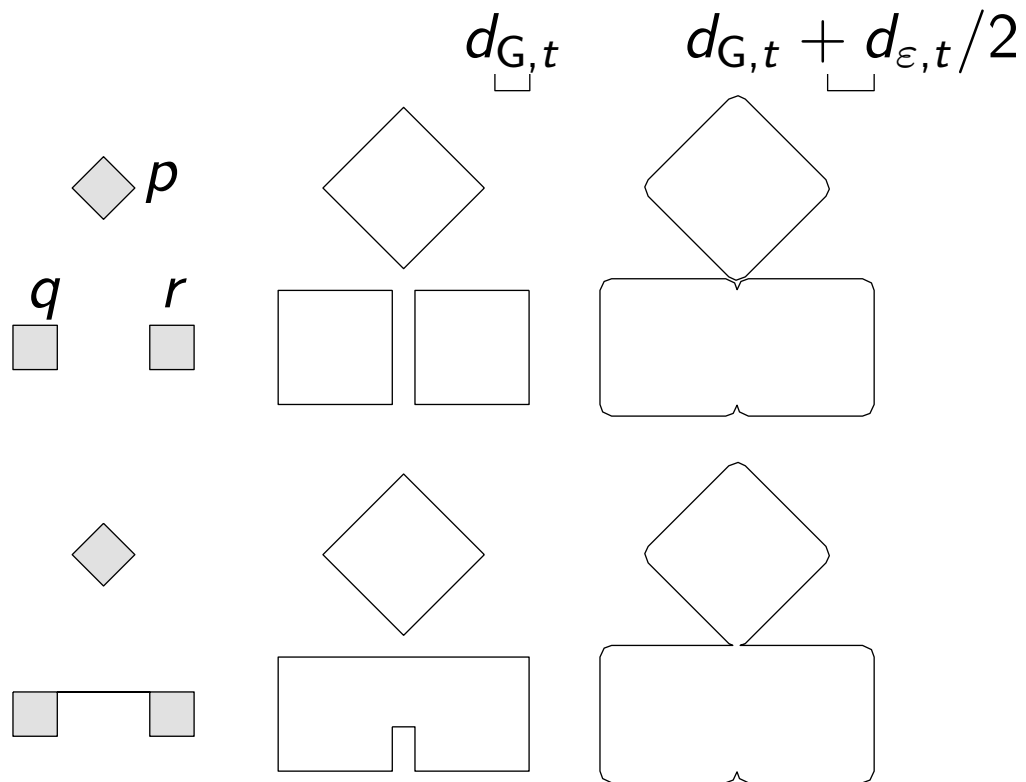


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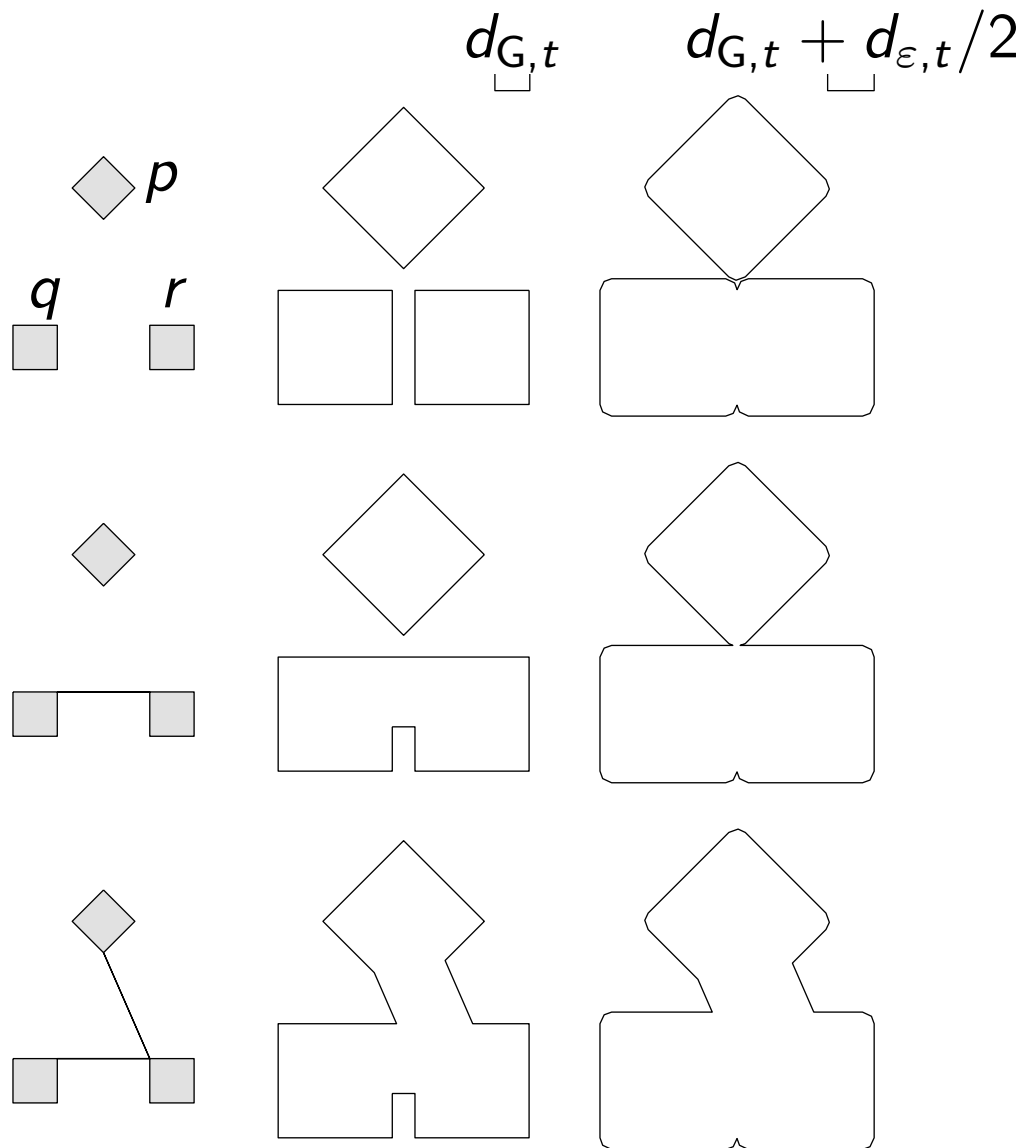
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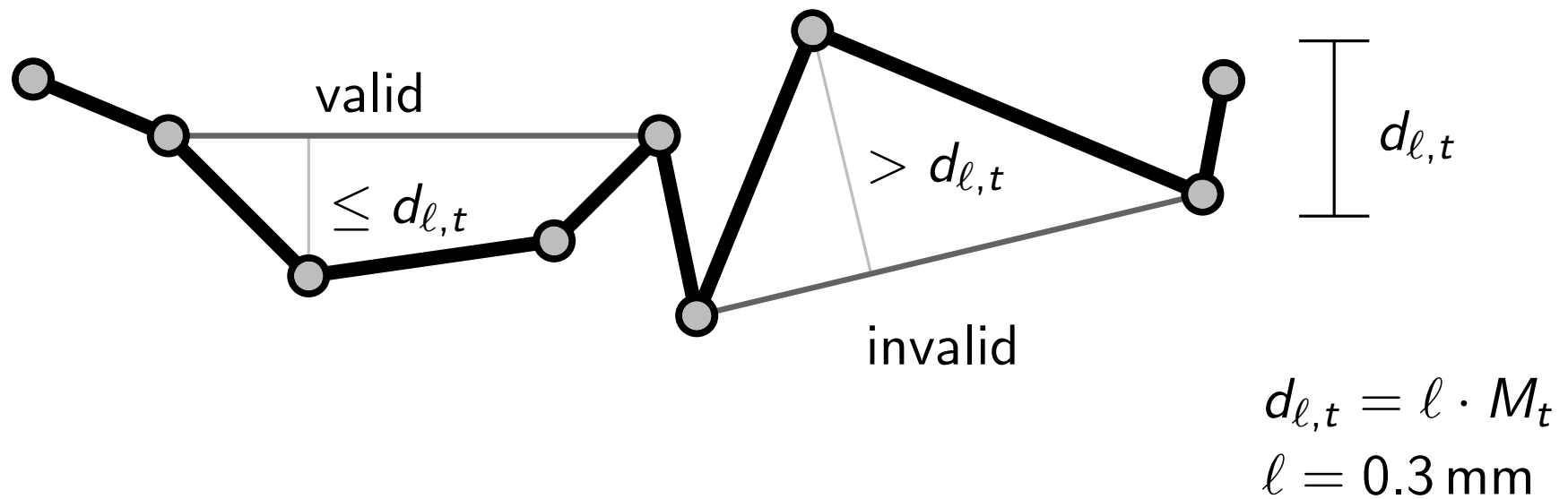
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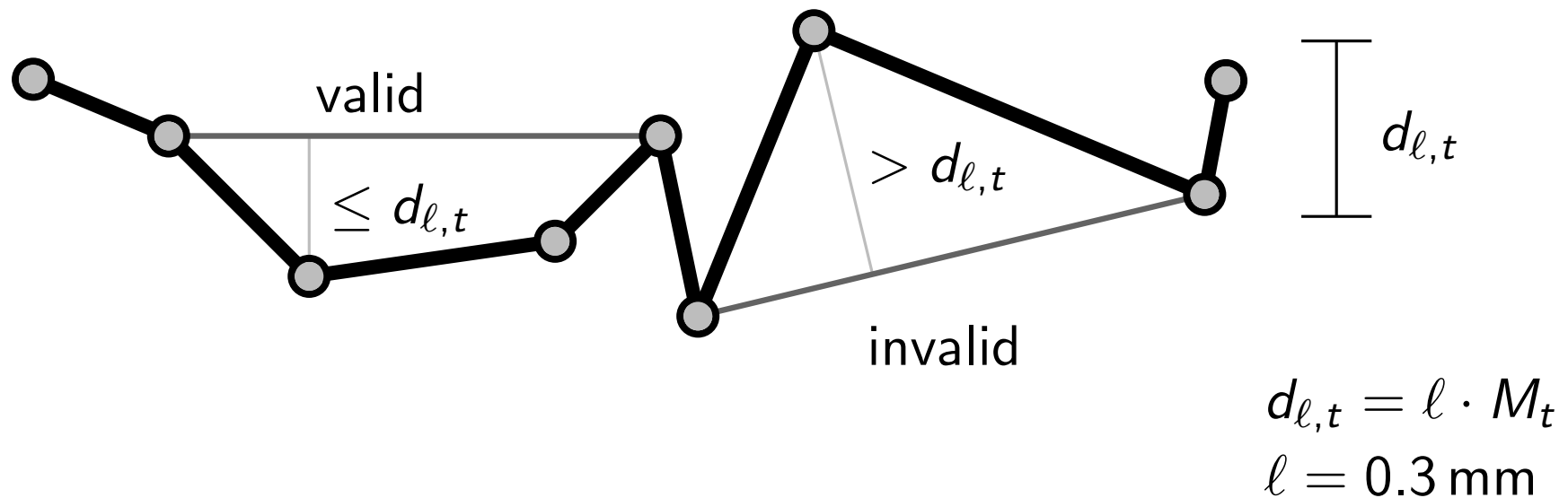
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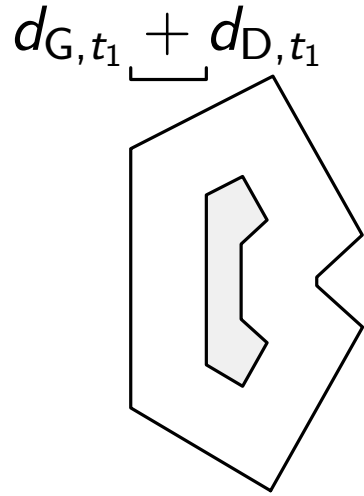
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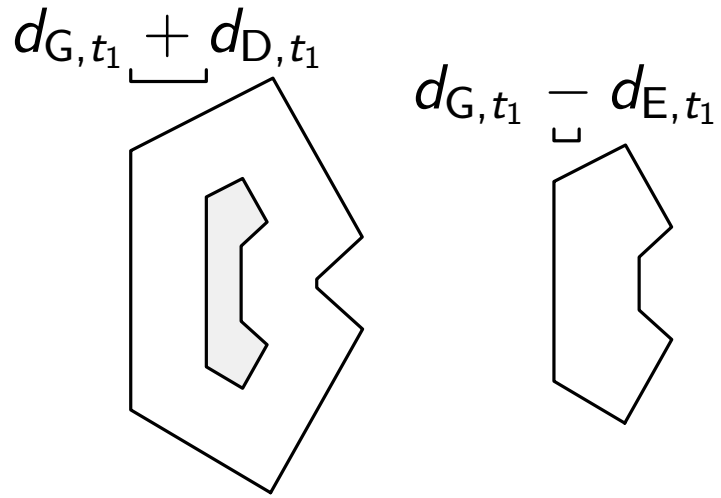
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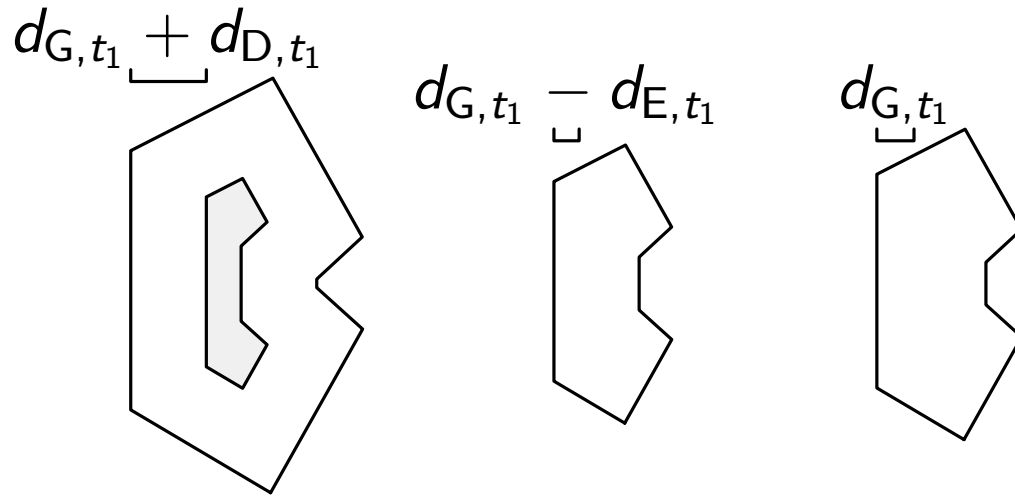
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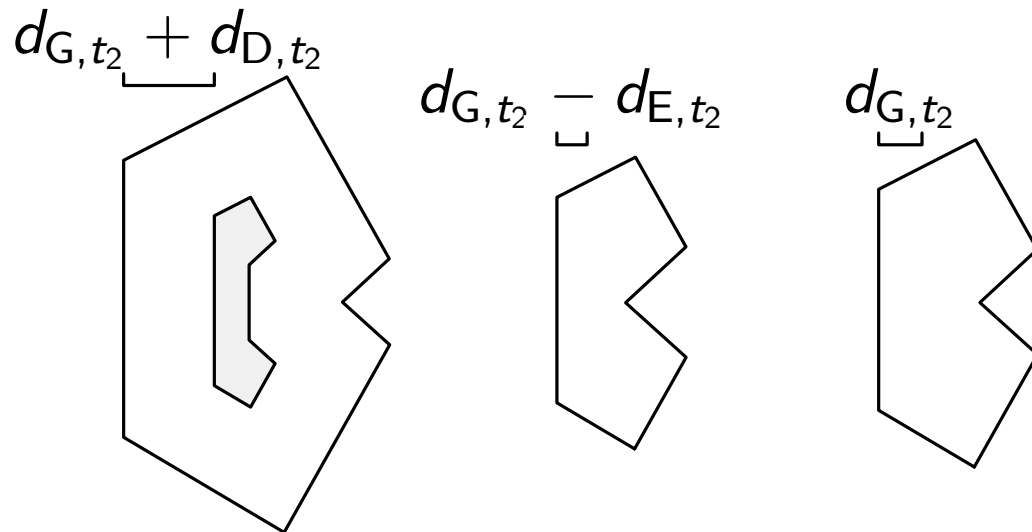
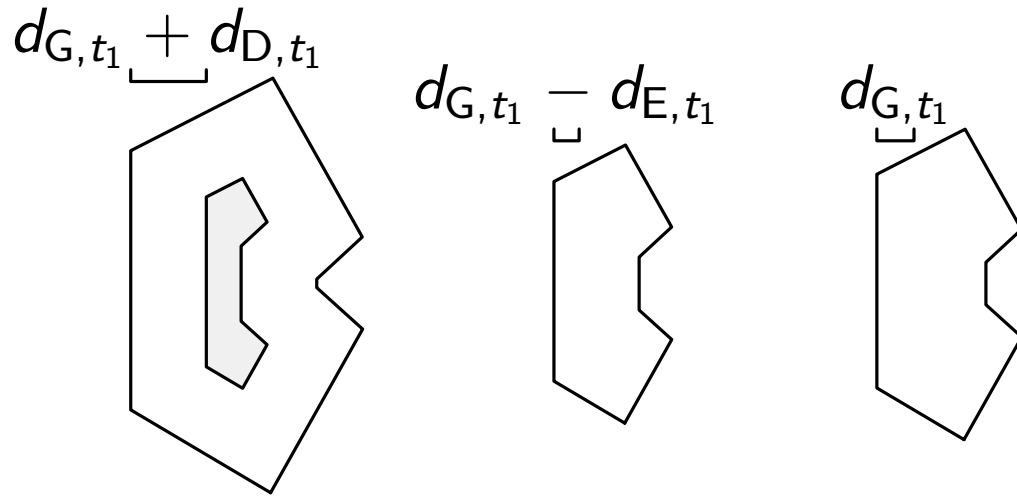
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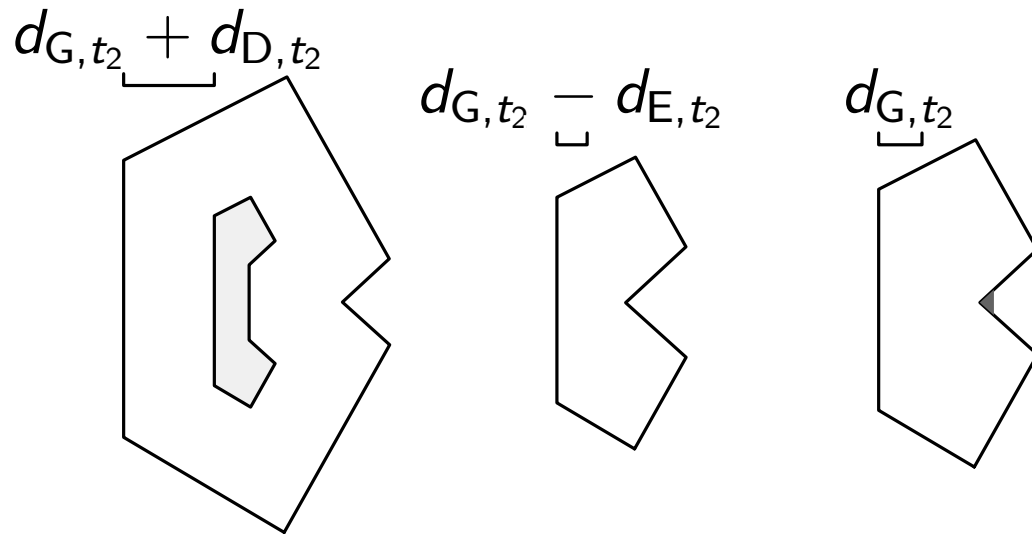
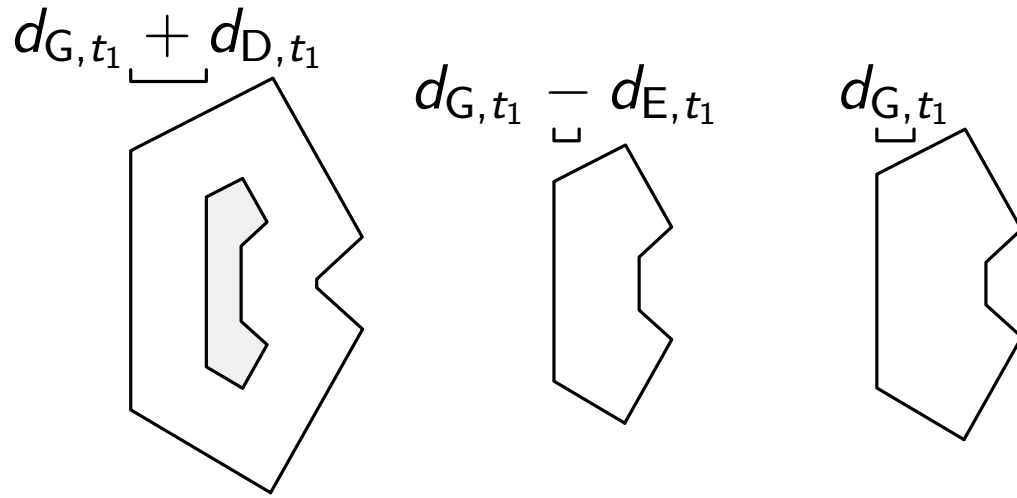
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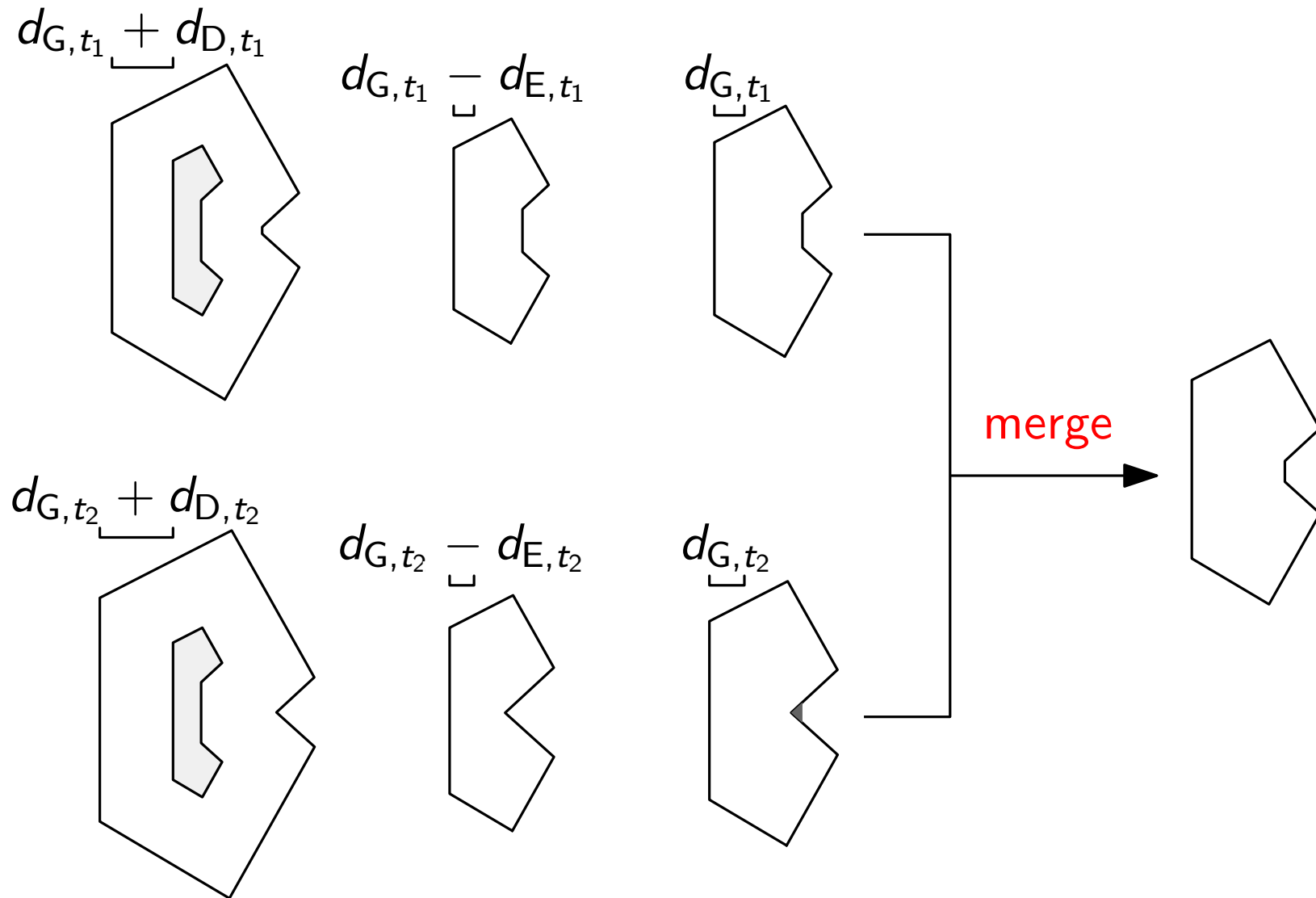
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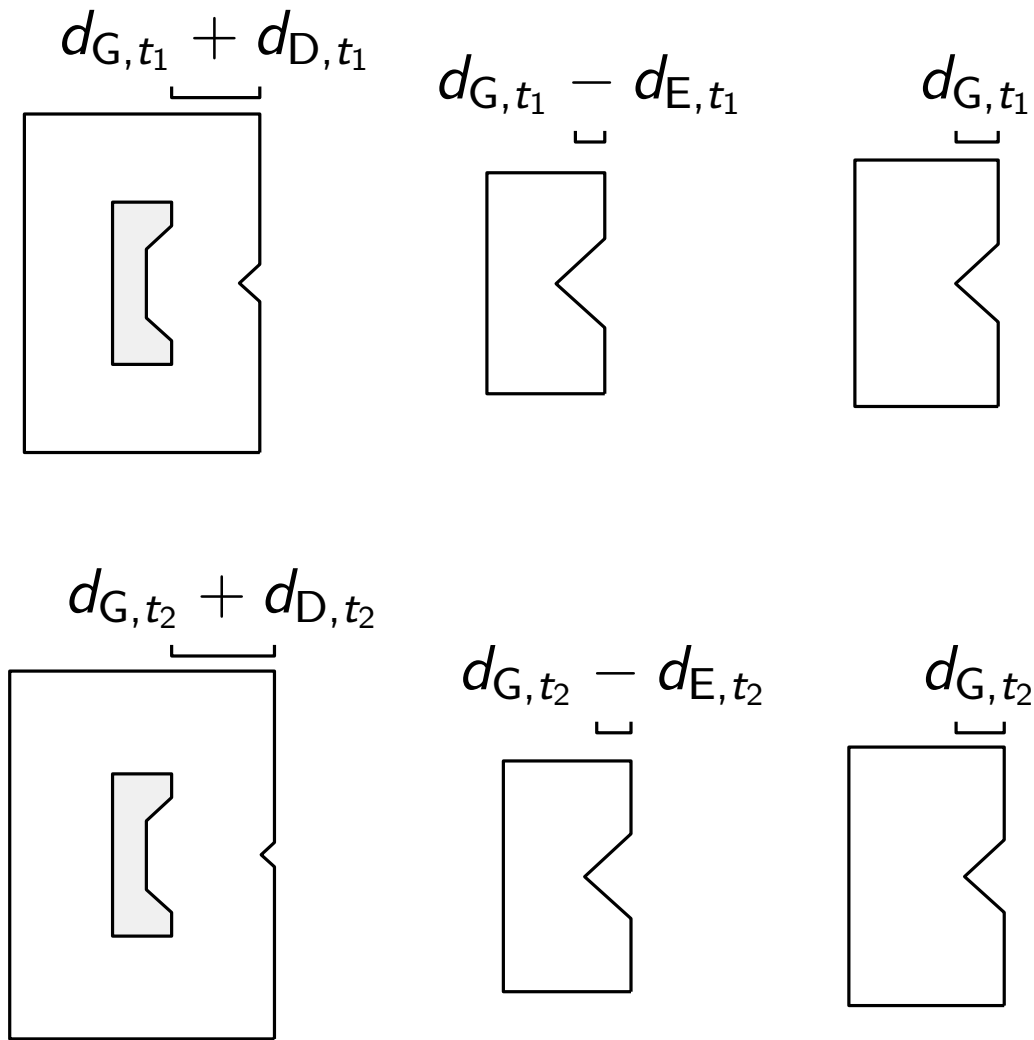
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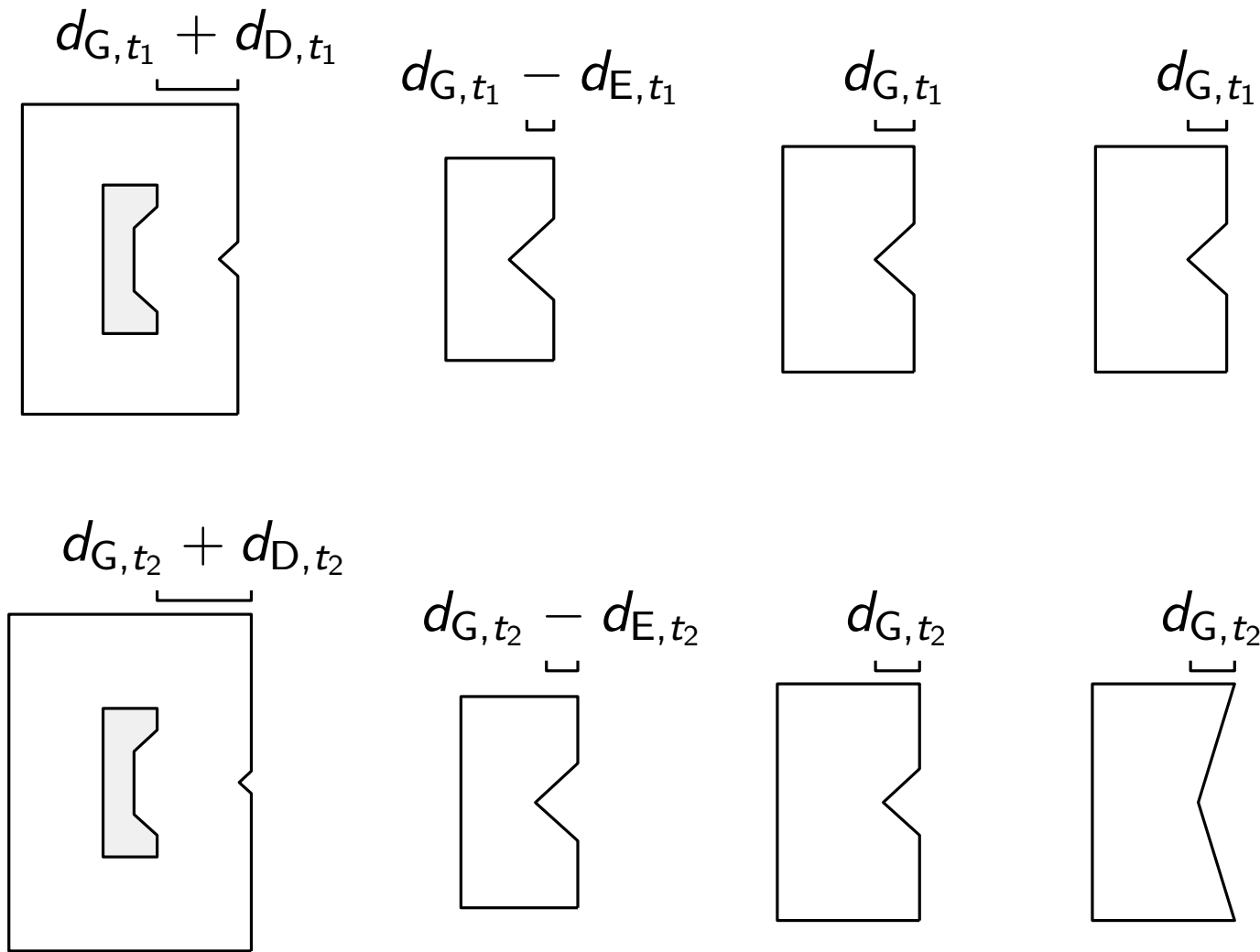
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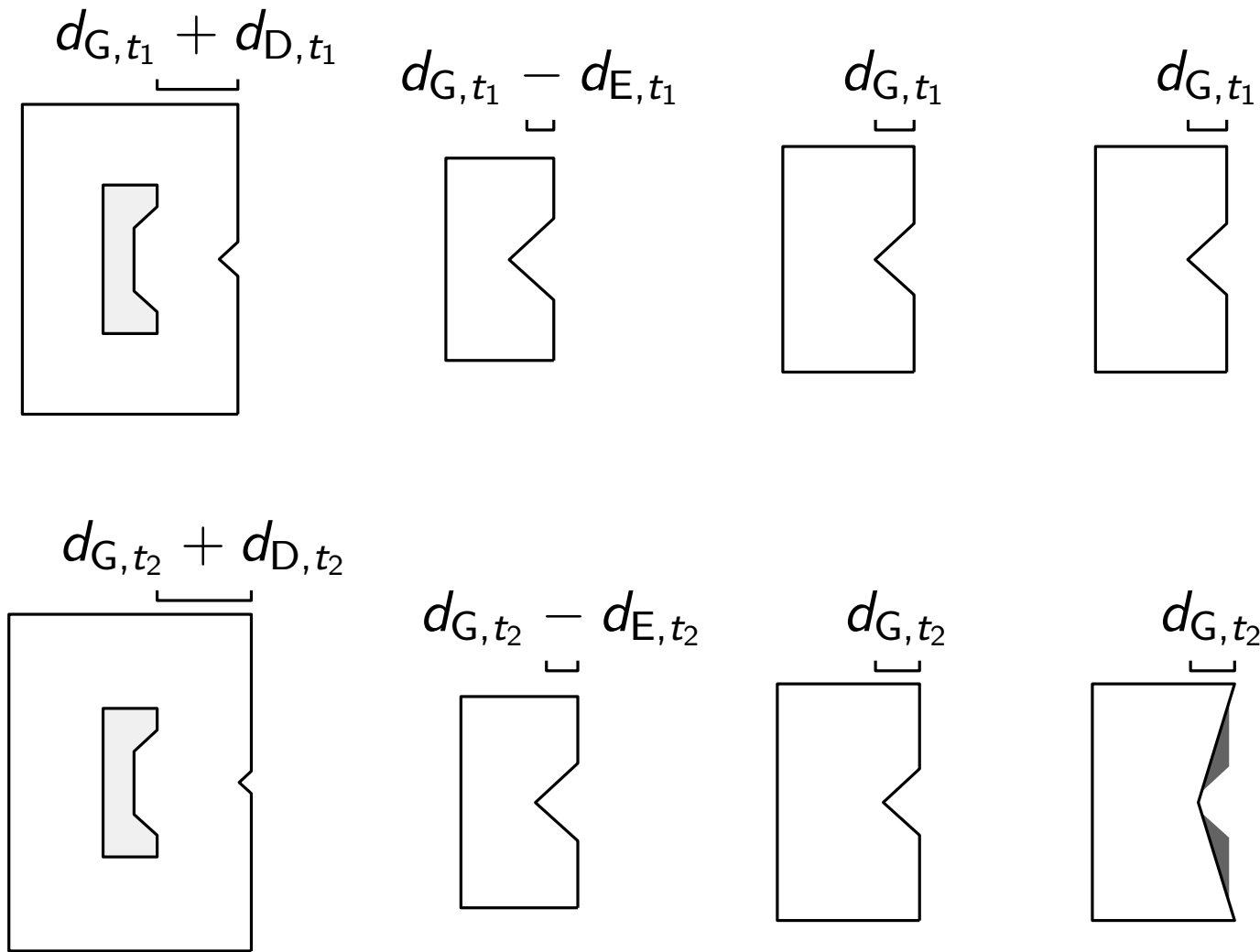
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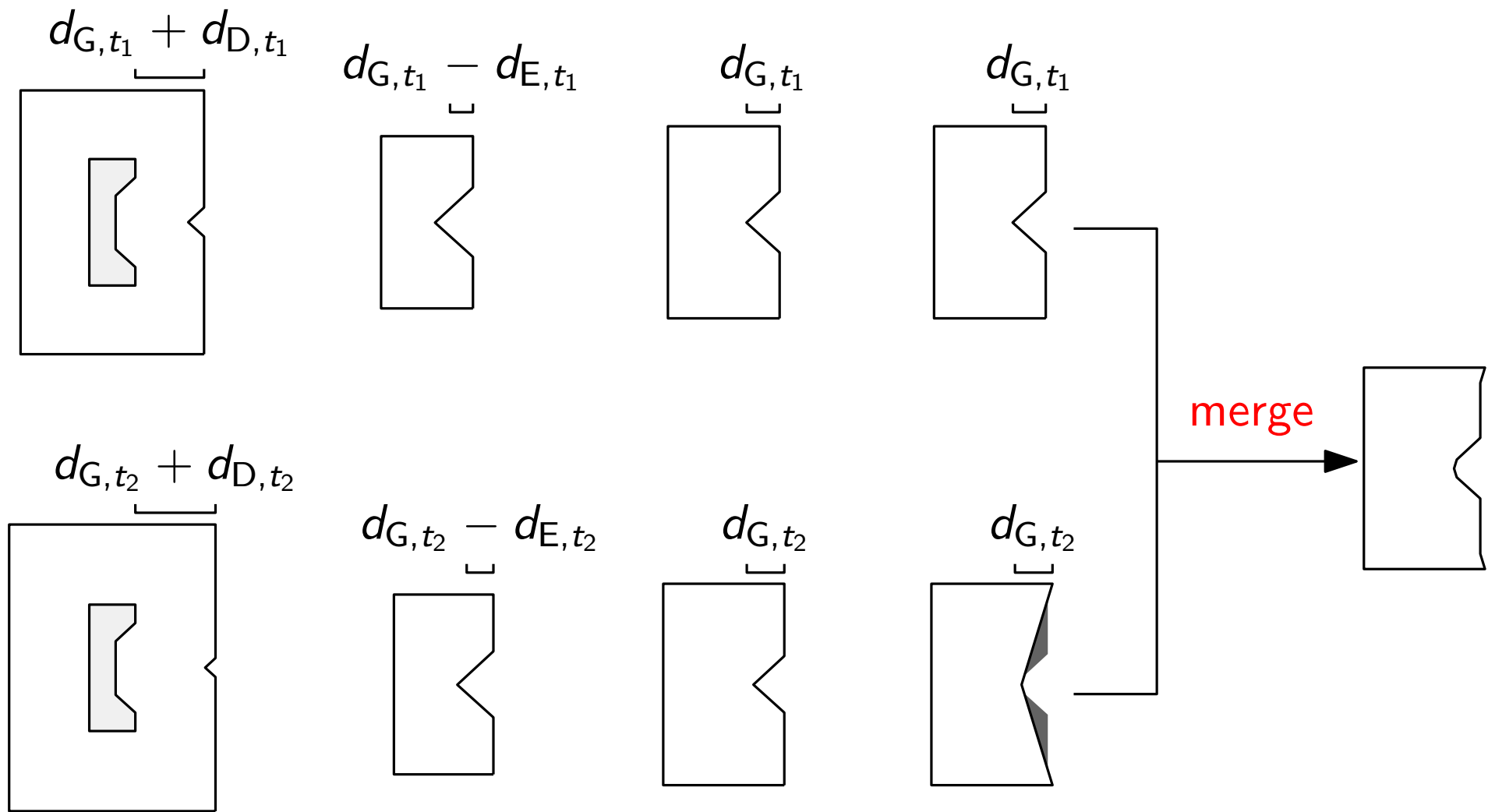
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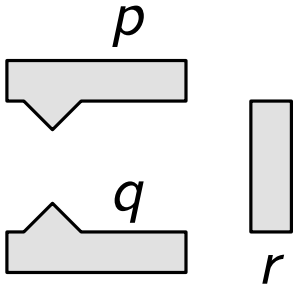


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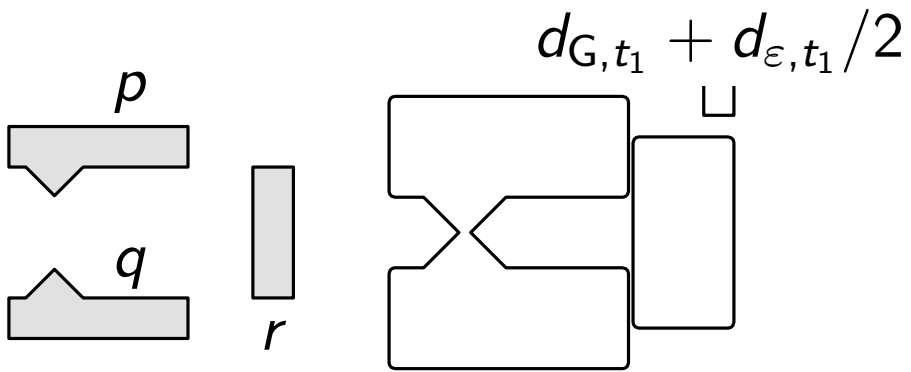
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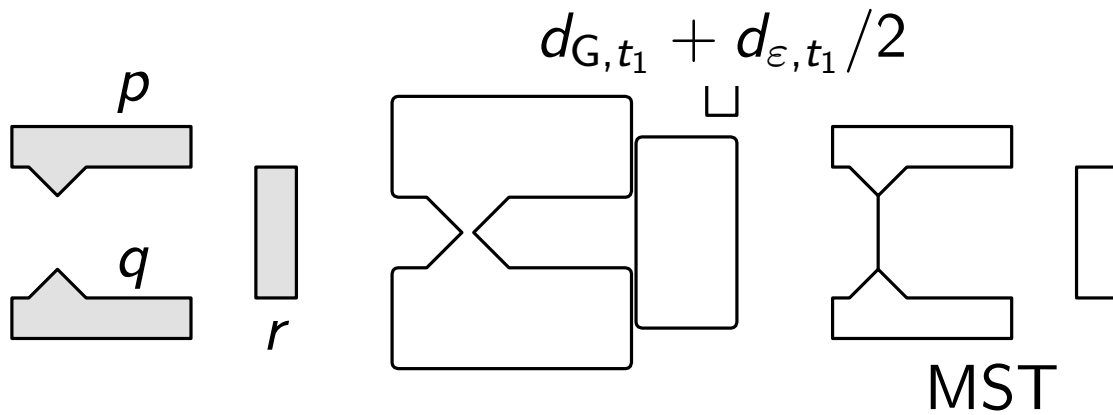
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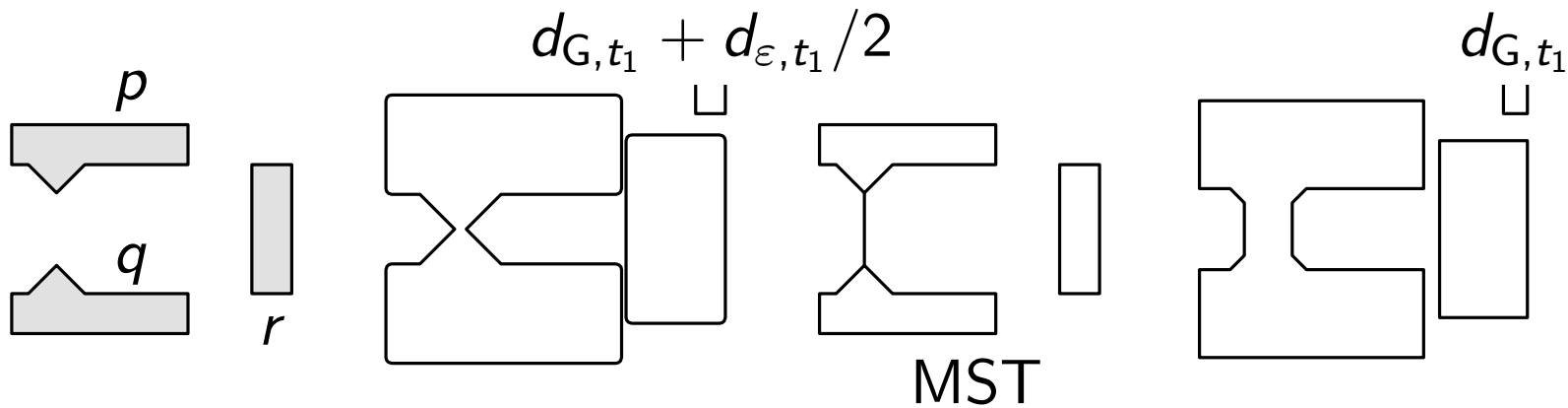
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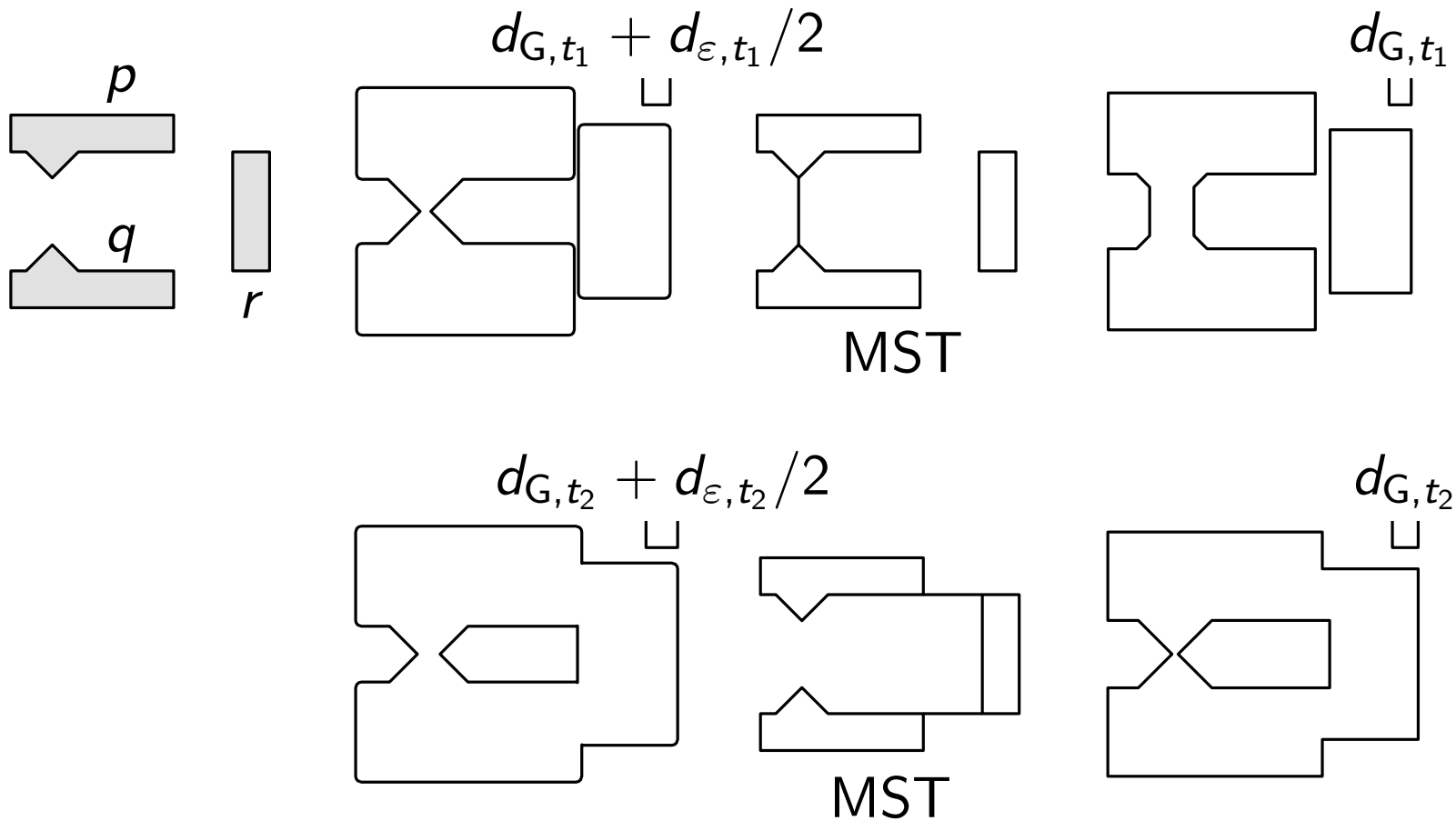
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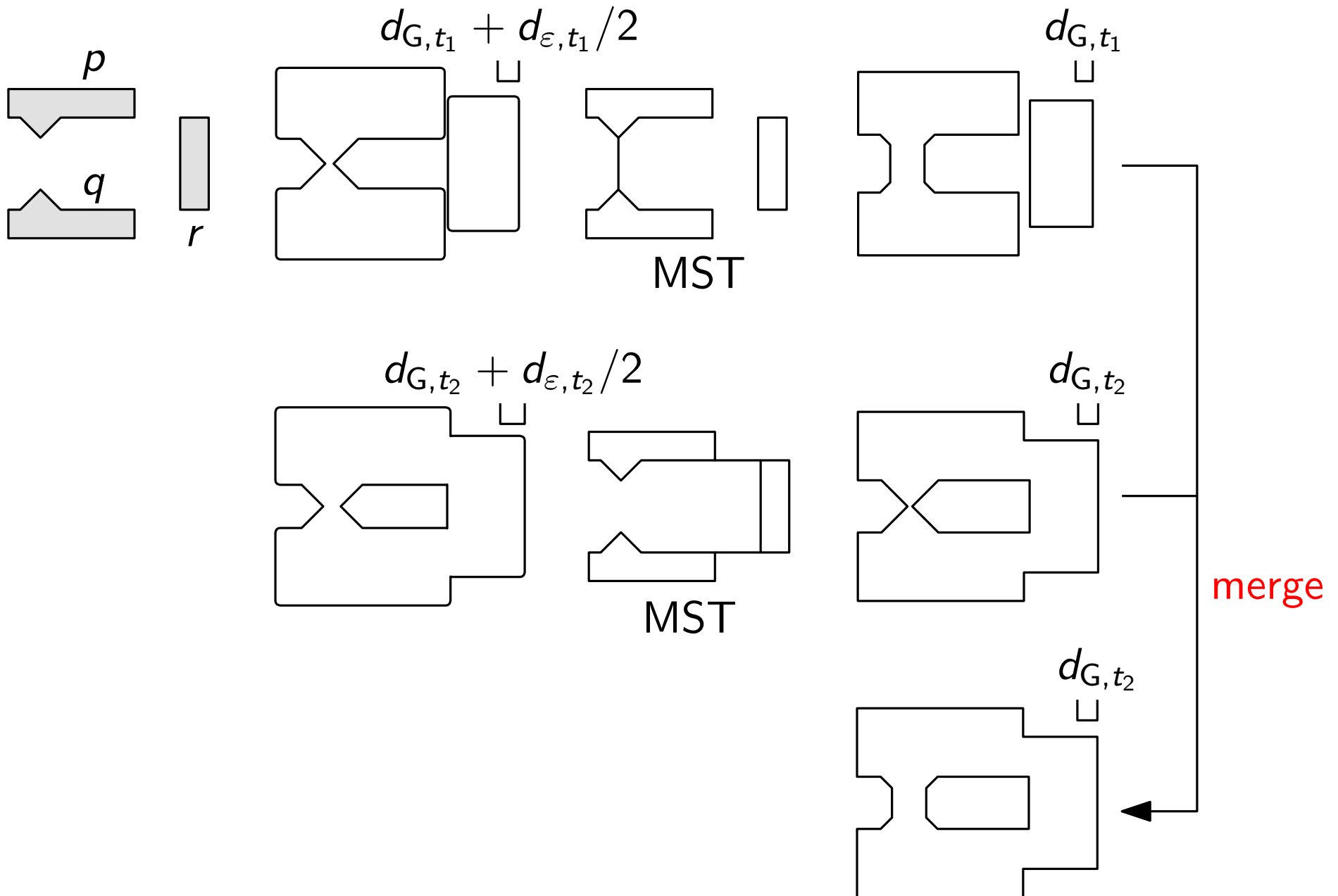


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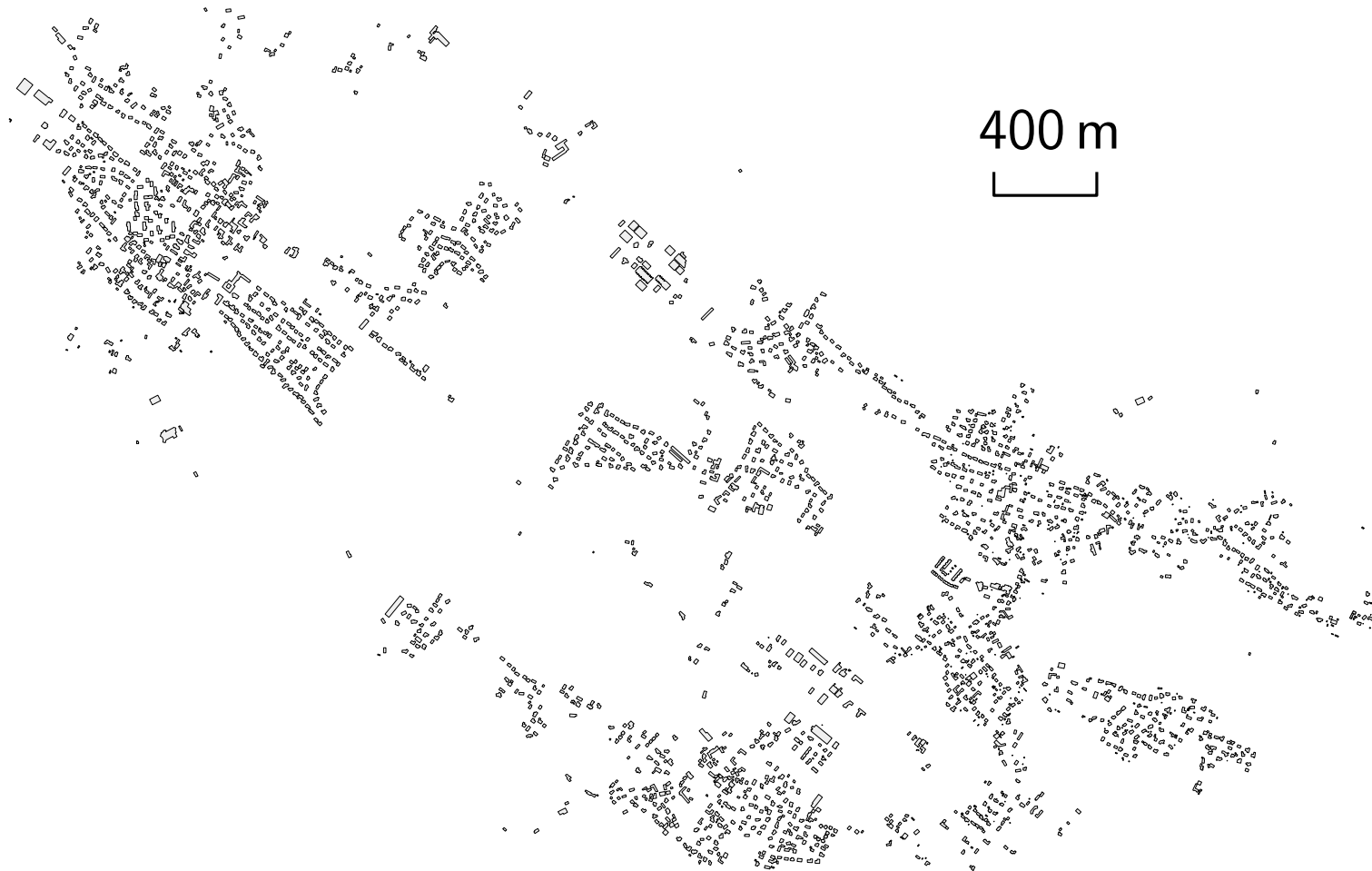
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- ArcObjects SDK 10.4.1
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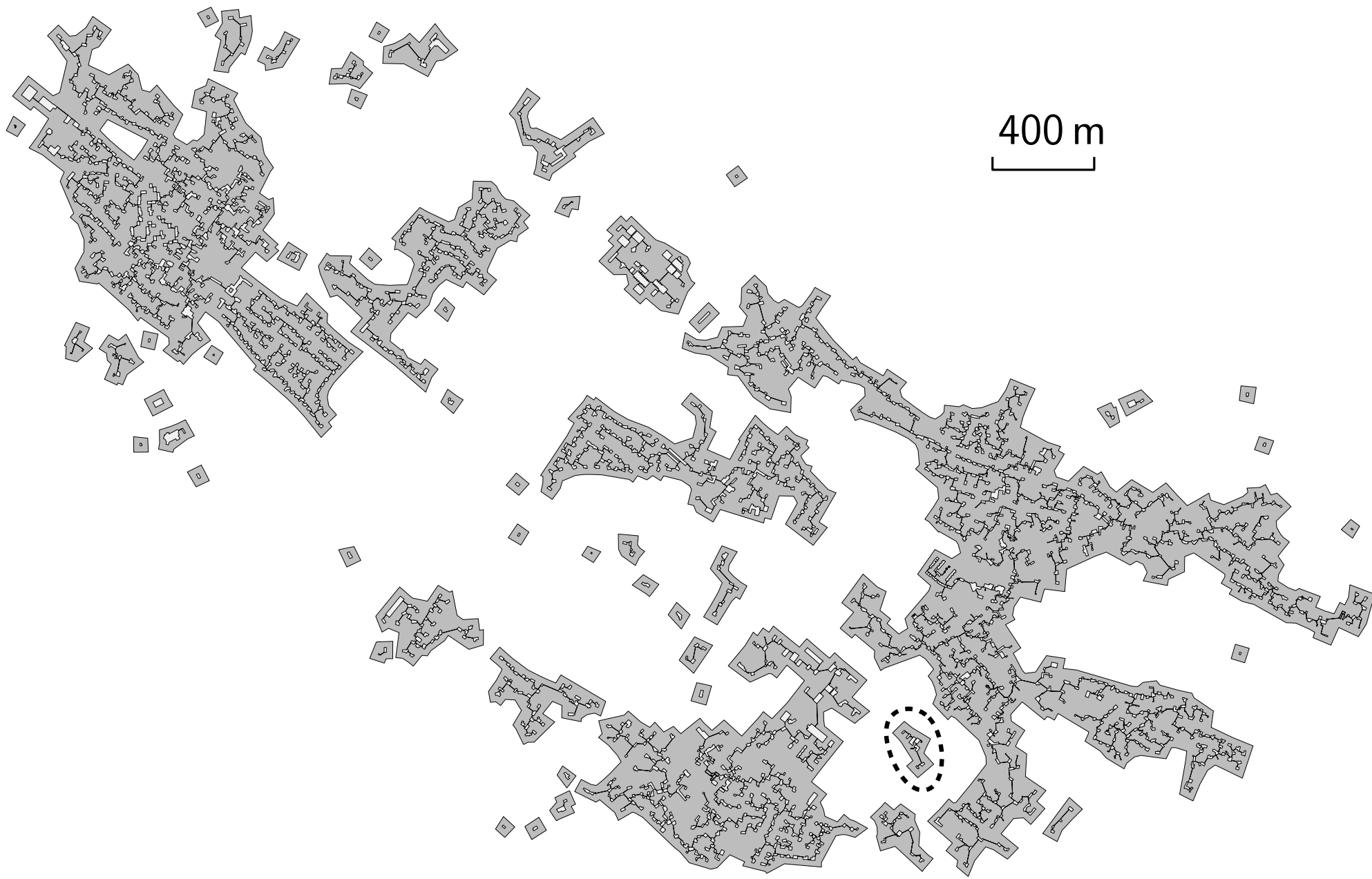
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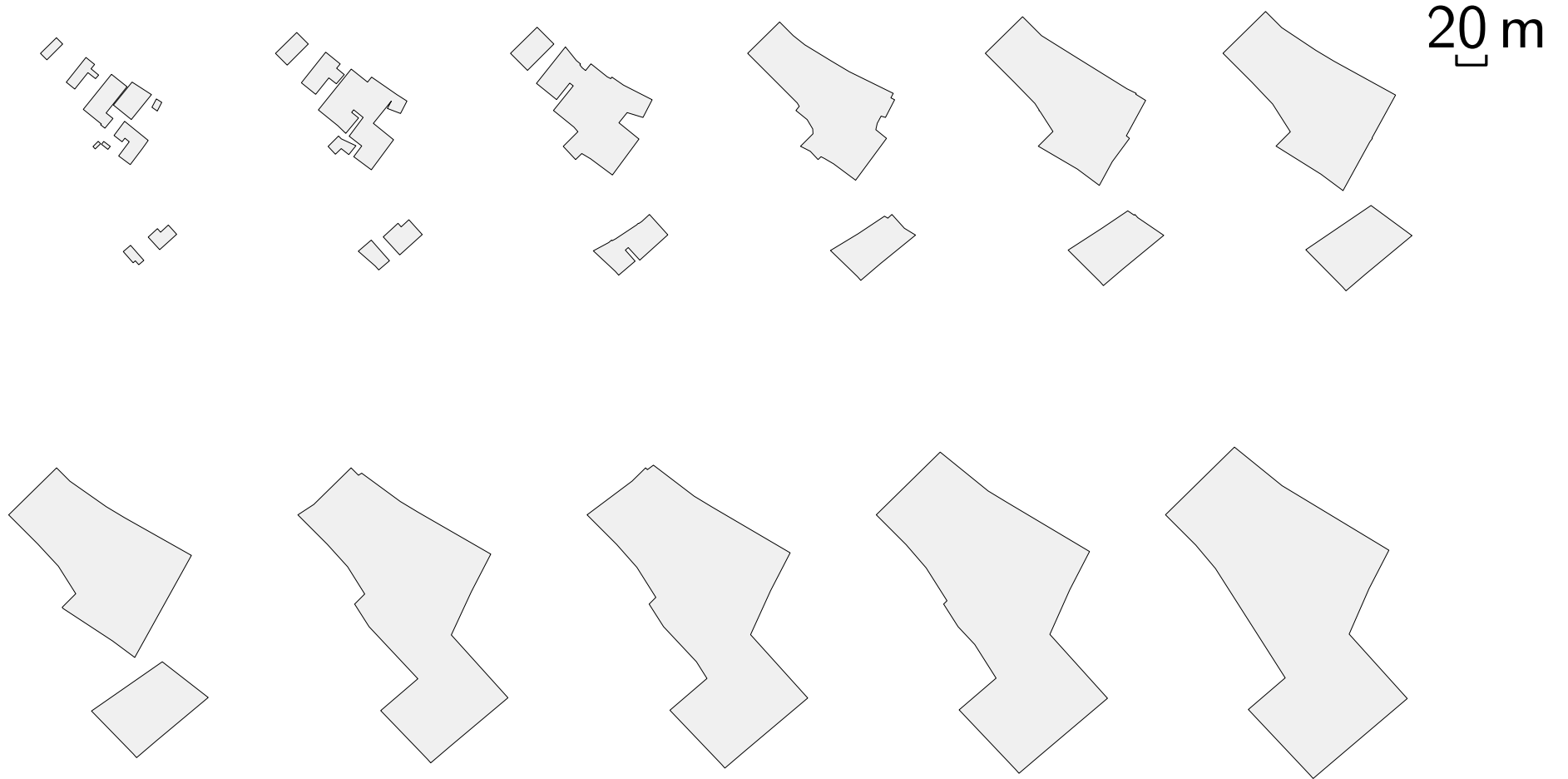
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