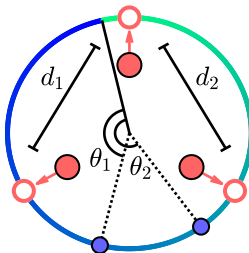


a Select 2 fixed points as initial and final positions



b Calculate slope $|\partial d_2 / \partial d_2|$ at each variable node placement

