

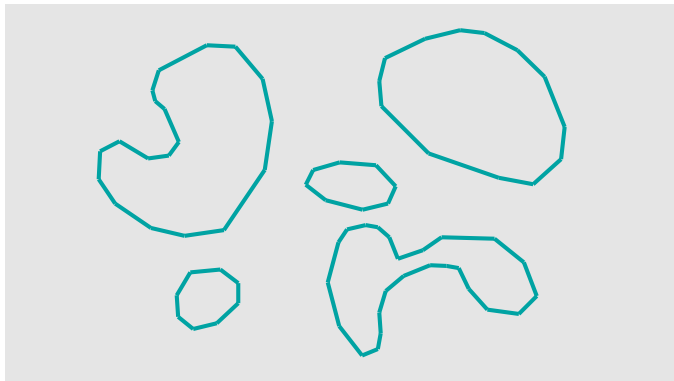
# The Possible Hull of Imprecise Points

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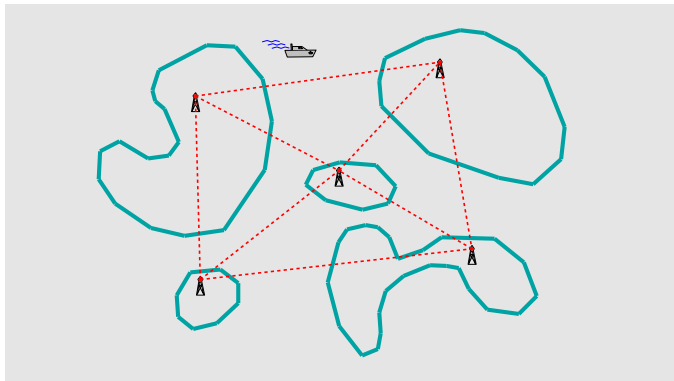
A number of islands

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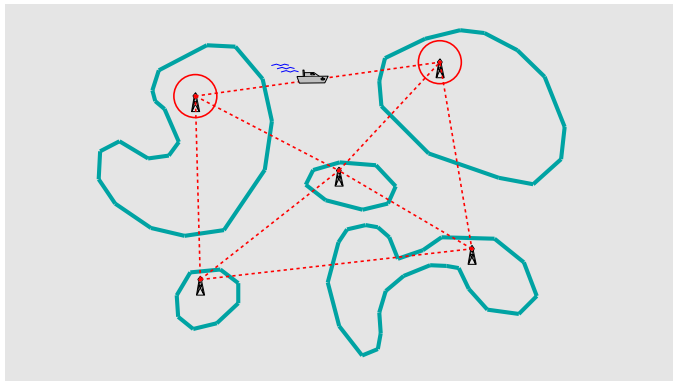
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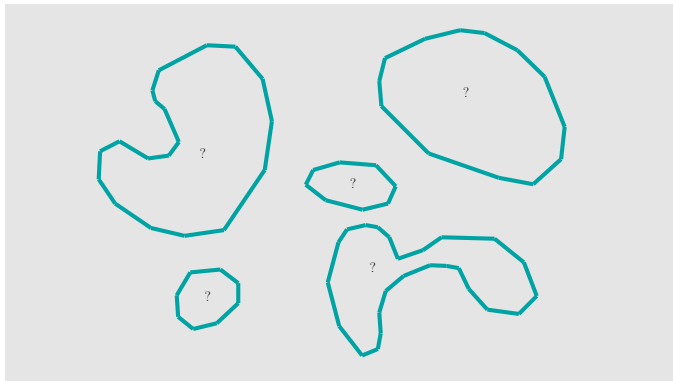
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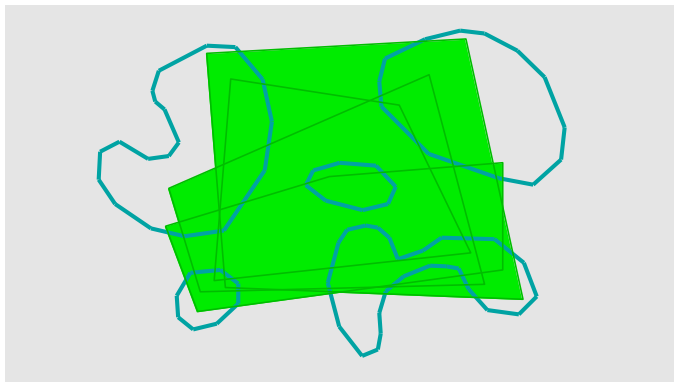
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- This is  $\text{PH}(\mathcal{R})$ , the possible hull of  $\mathcal{R}$

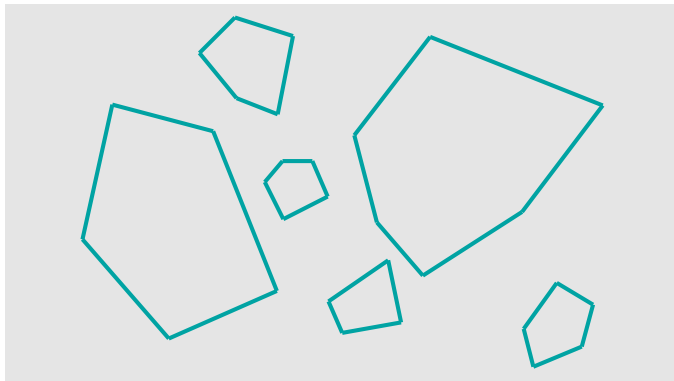
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The **possible hull** is the union of (infinitely many) **feasible convex hulls**:

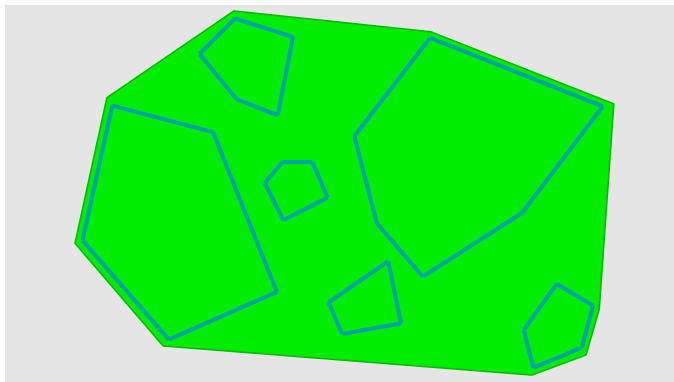
$$PH(\mathcal{R}) = \bigcup_{\{s_1 \in R_1, \dots, s_n \in R_n\}} CH(\{s_1, \dots, s_n\})$$

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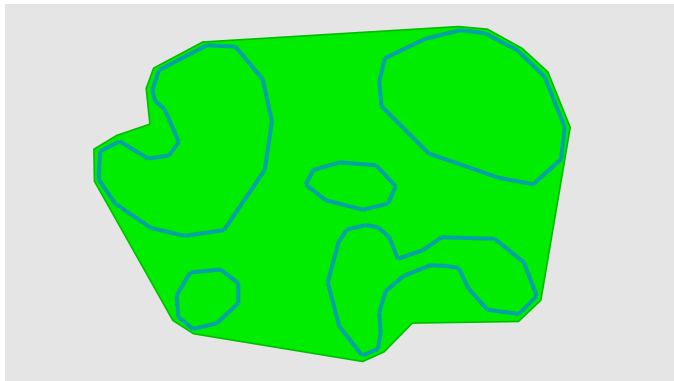
Possible hull of **convex** uncertain regions...

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...is simply the hull of the regions:  $PH(\mathcal{R}) = CH(\mathcal{R})$  [Nagai et al., 2000]

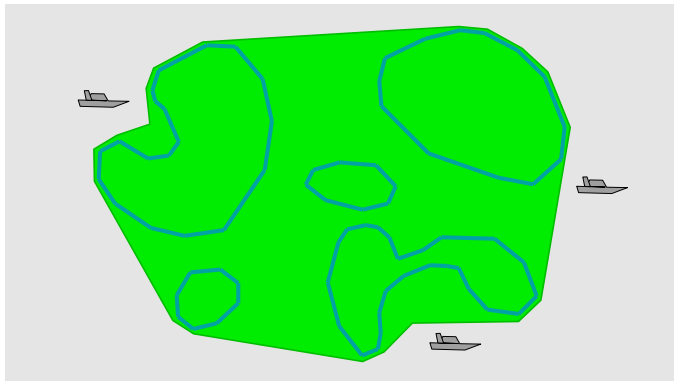
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This is not true for nonconvex uncertain regions

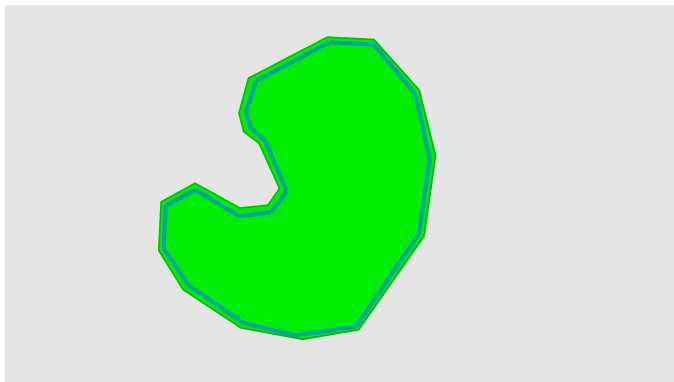


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In some areas, boat can safely approach closer to islands

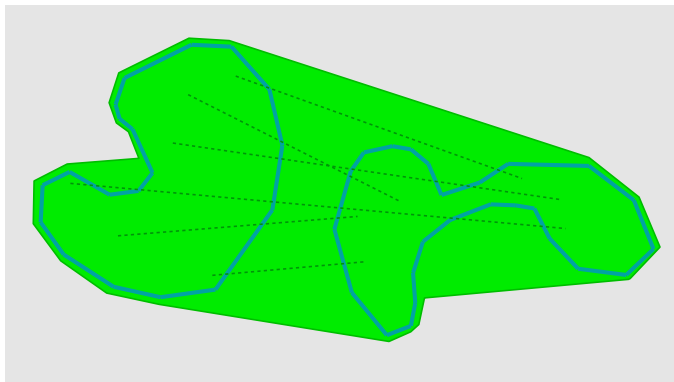
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## Lemma 1

Possible hull of a single region is equal to the region

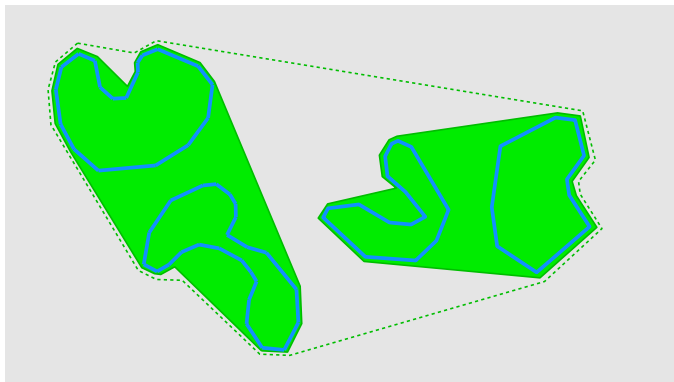
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## Lemma 2

Possible hull of pair of regions is union of line segments

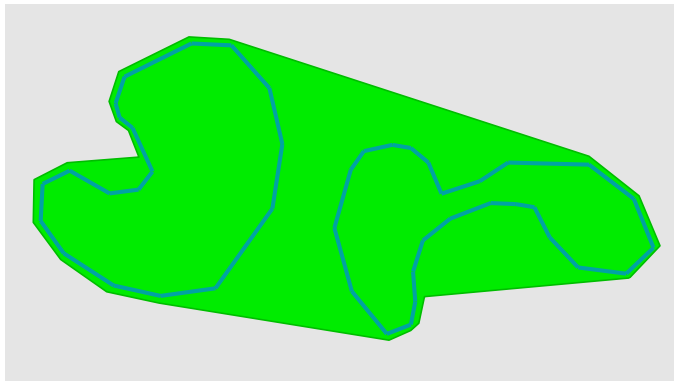
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## Lemma 4

Possible hull of regions obtained recursively by partitioning regions into two sets, constructing possible hull of each set, and constructing possible hull of possible hulls

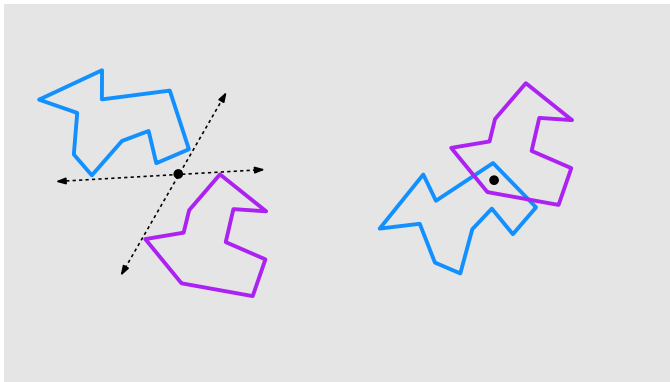
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## Lemma 5

Possible hull of ( $\geq 2$ ) regions is **simply connected** (no holes)

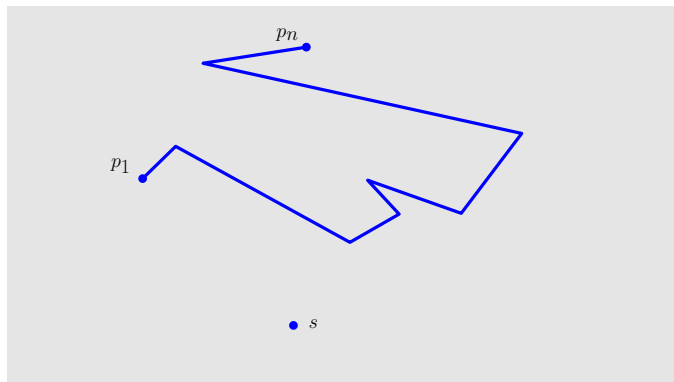
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## Theorem 7

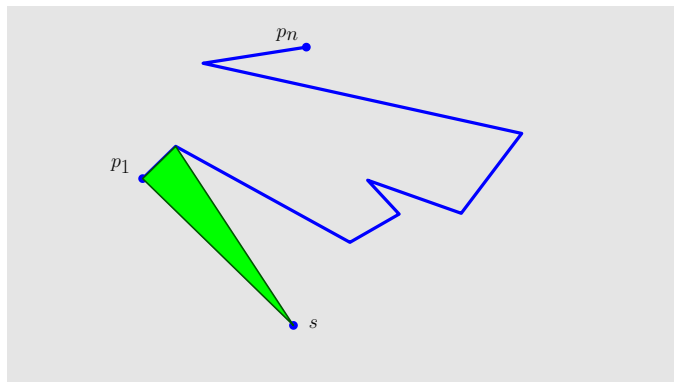
The possible hull of any two or more connected uncertain regions is star-shaped

# Point and Polygon



Possible hull of point and polygonal chain

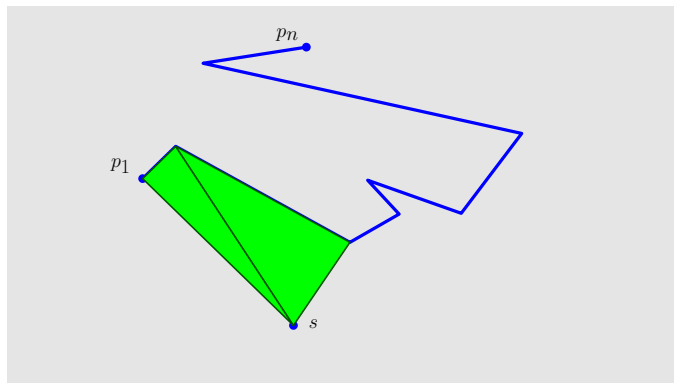
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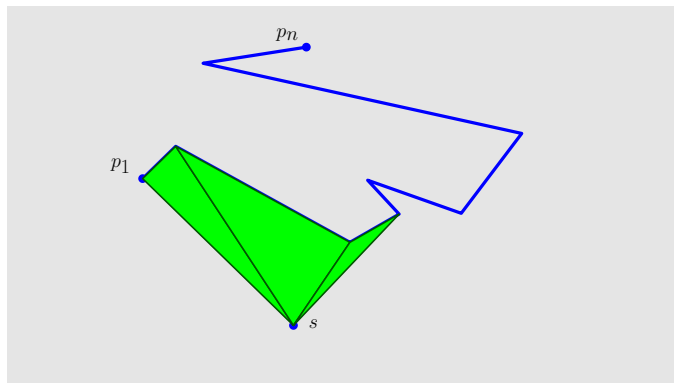


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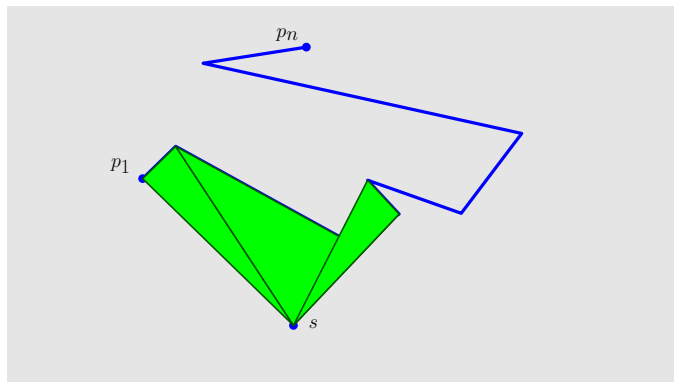
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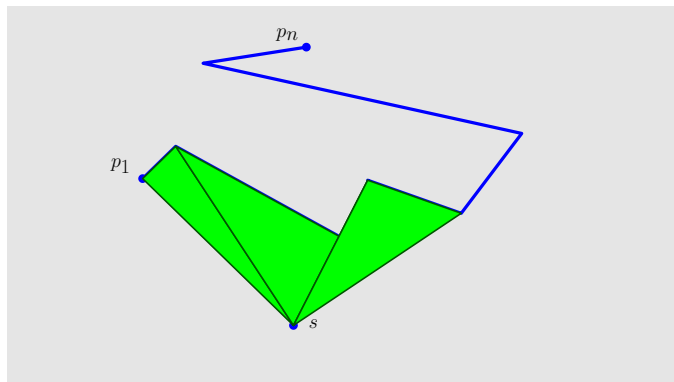
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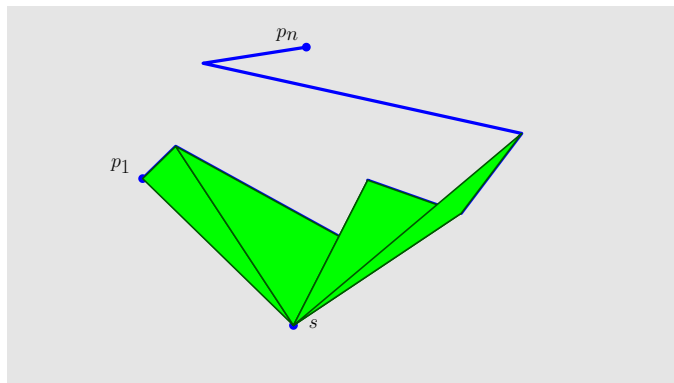
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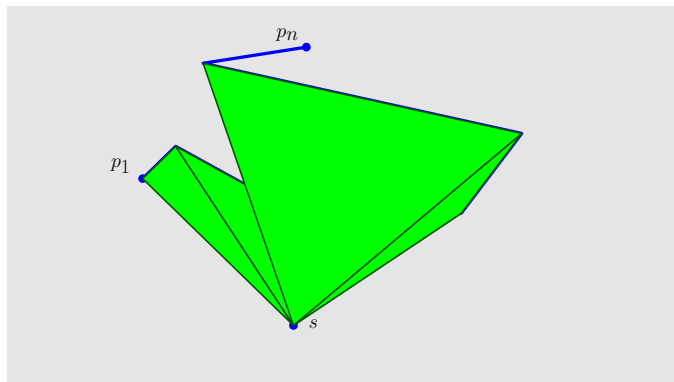
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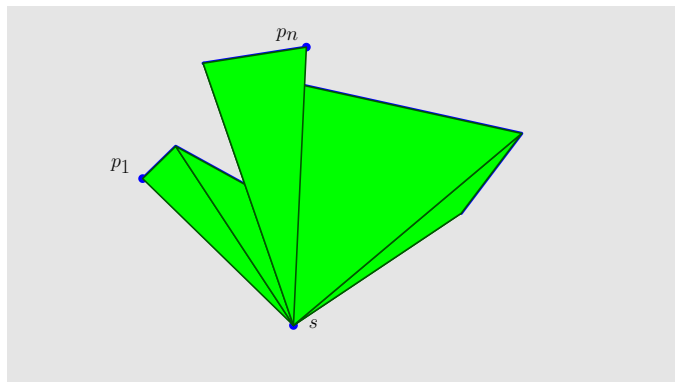
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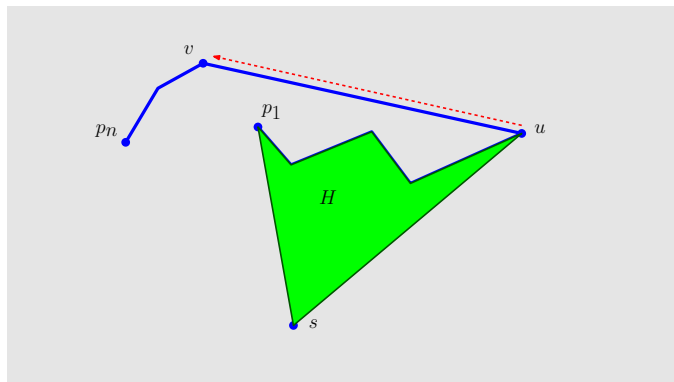
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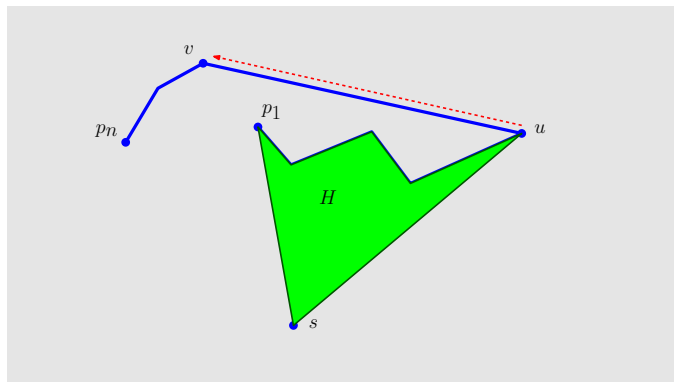
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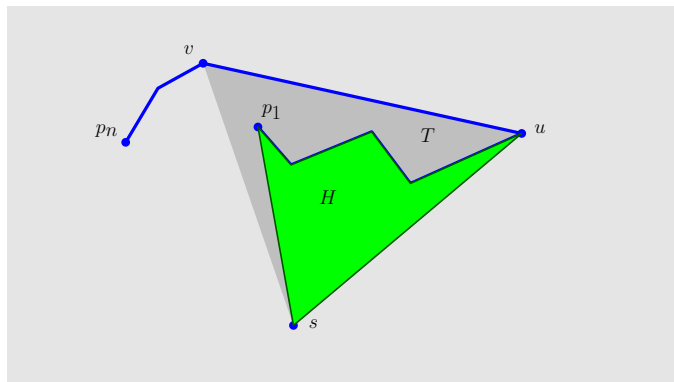


## Point and Polygon: Expansion Step



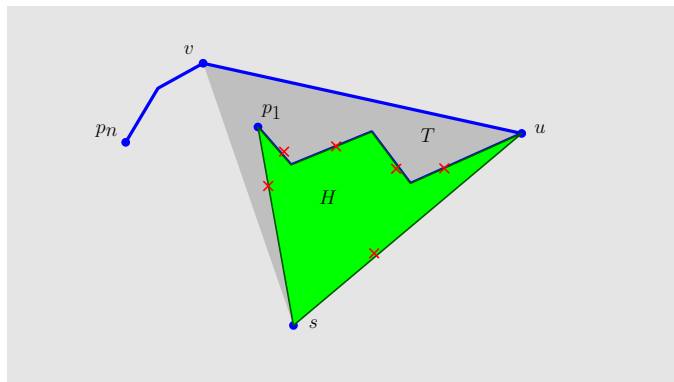
Expansion step: next chain edge lies outside of hull

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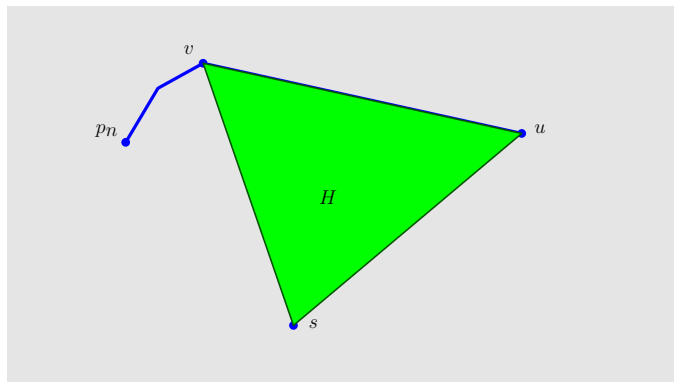
Construct triangle for next chain edge

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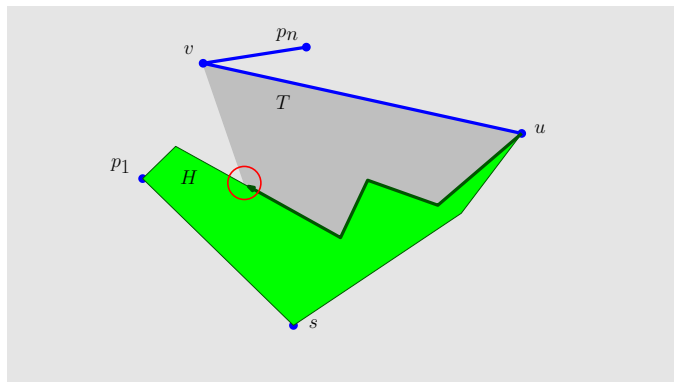
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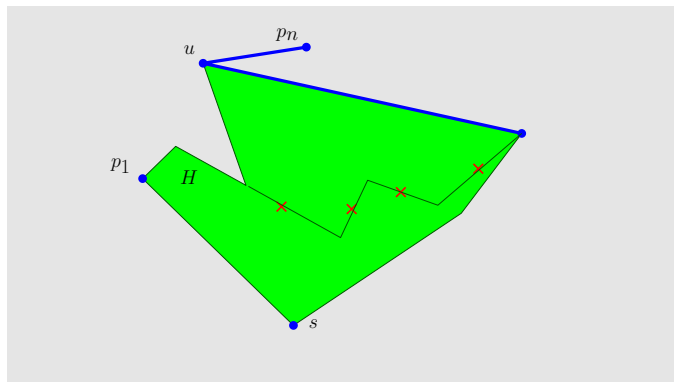
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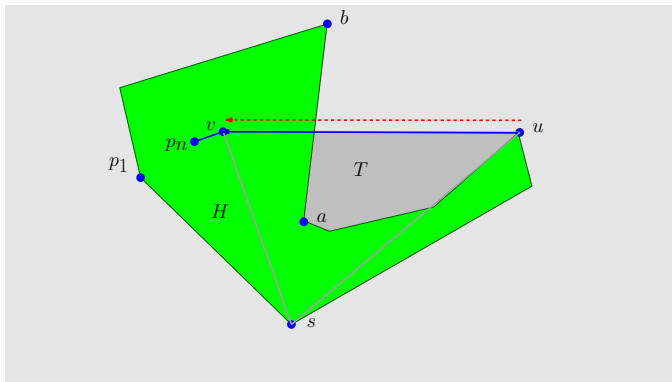
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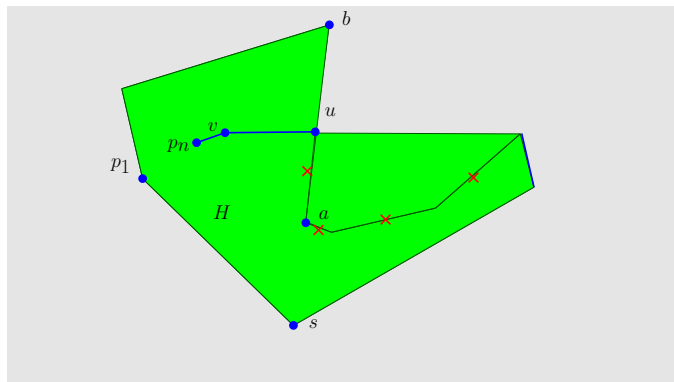
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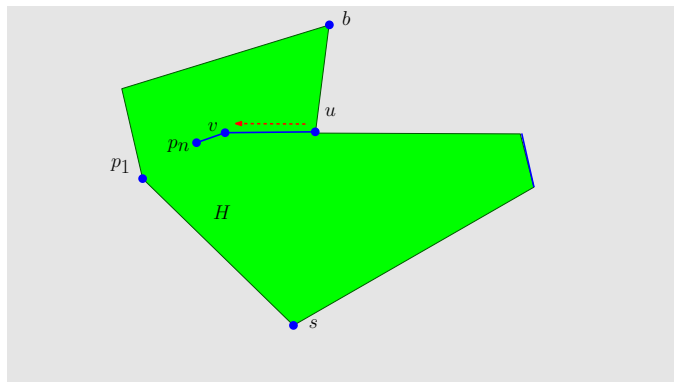
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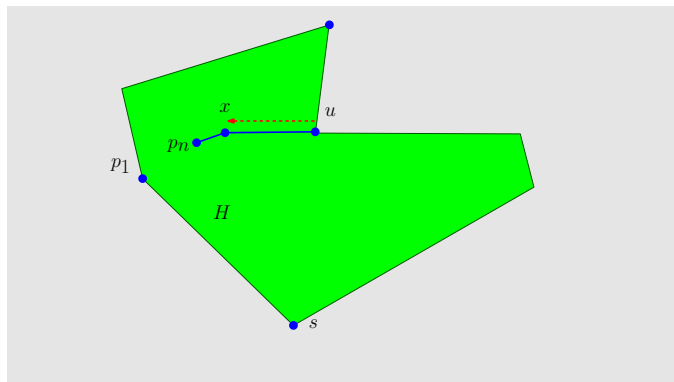


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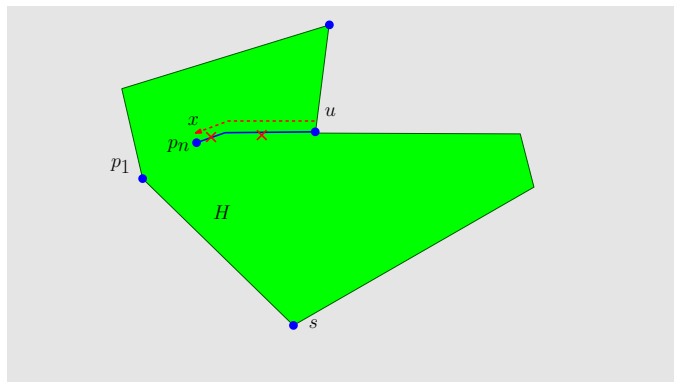
Next iteration will be [interior step](#)

## Point and Polygon: Interior Step



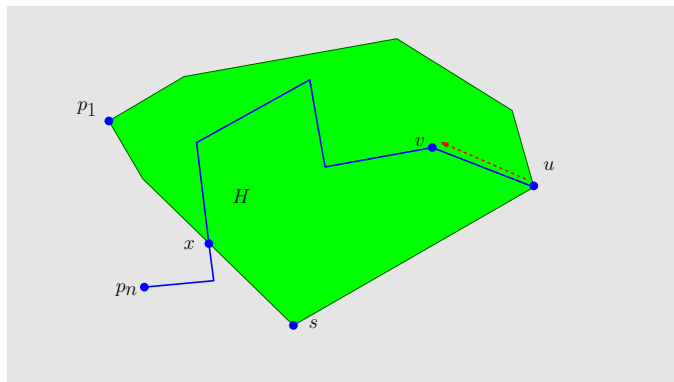
**Interior step:** advance along chain until one of two events

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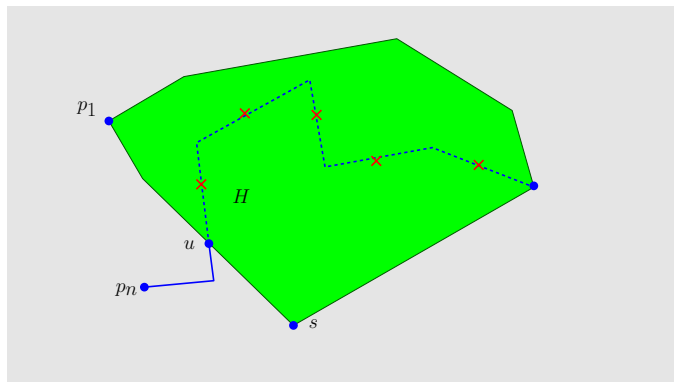
Case (i): end of chain reached; stop

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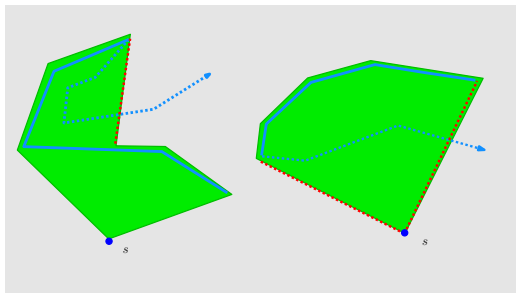
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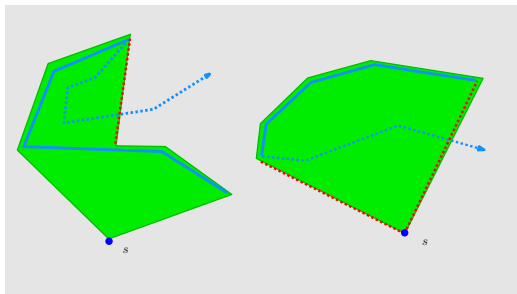
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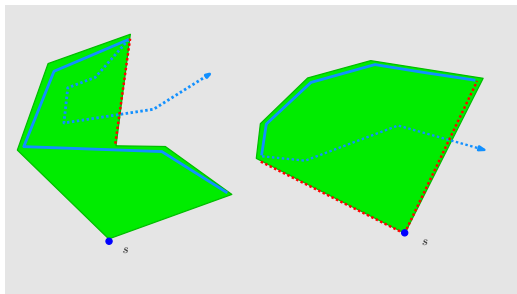


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- $\implies$  interior step runs in time linear in number of edges of chain processed



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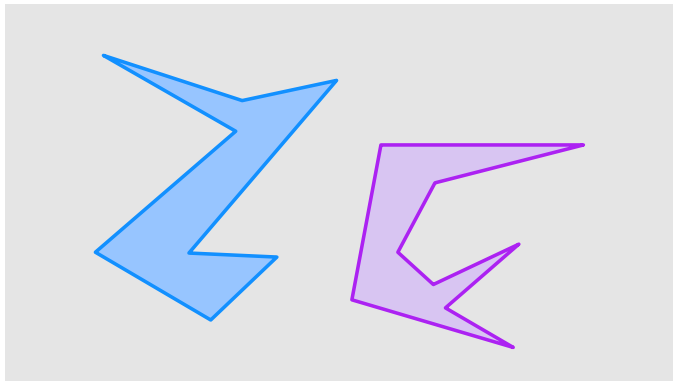
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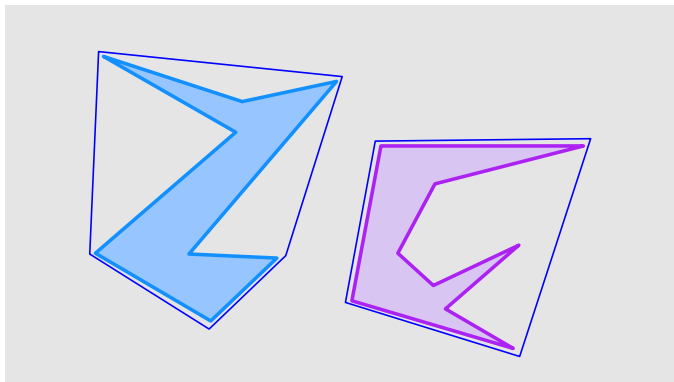
Algorithm runs in linear time

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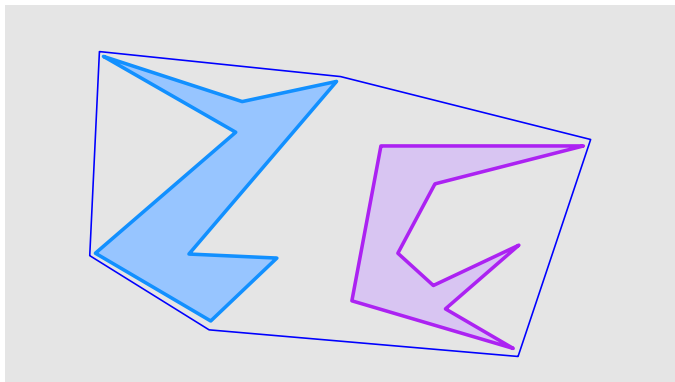
Start with two polygons

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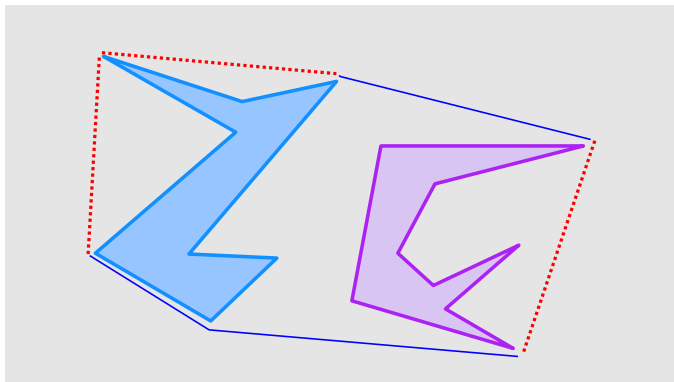
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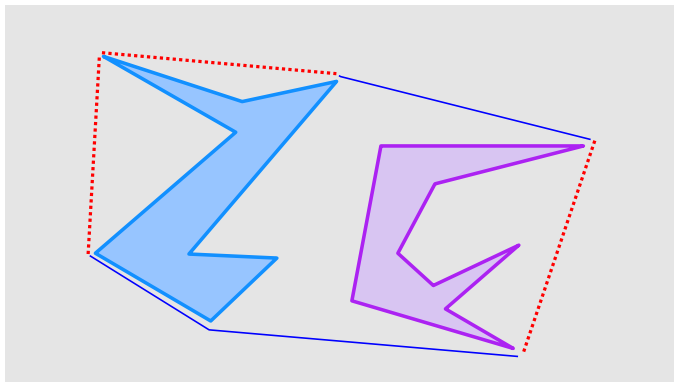


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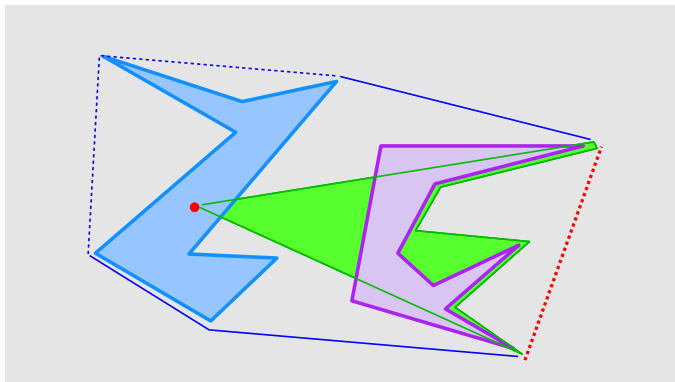
Identify **pockets**

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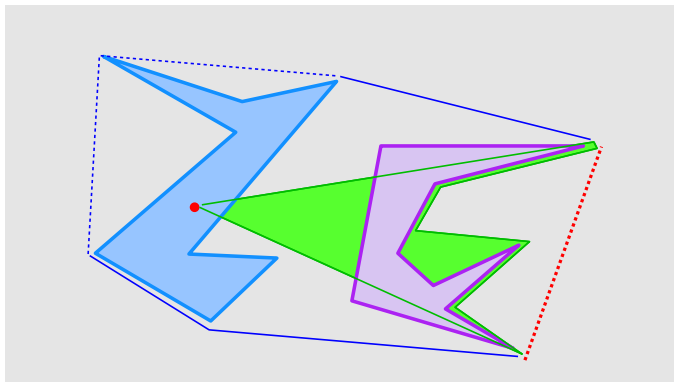
Two additional steps: [Hull Contraction](#) and [Hull Expansion](#)

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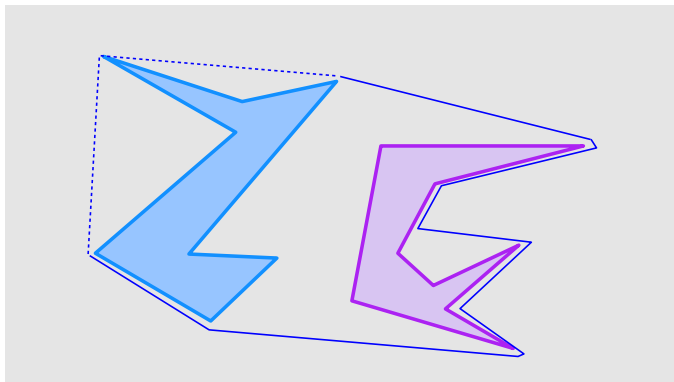
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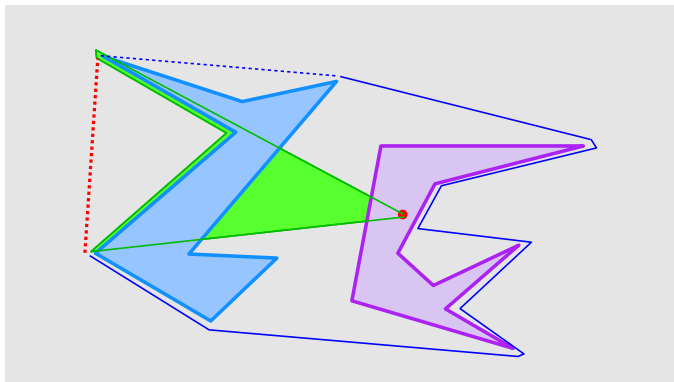
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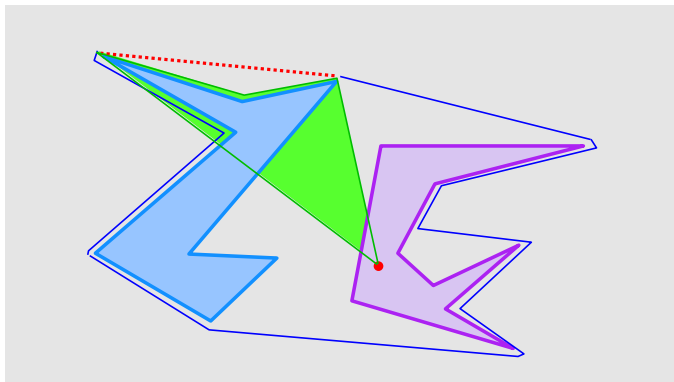
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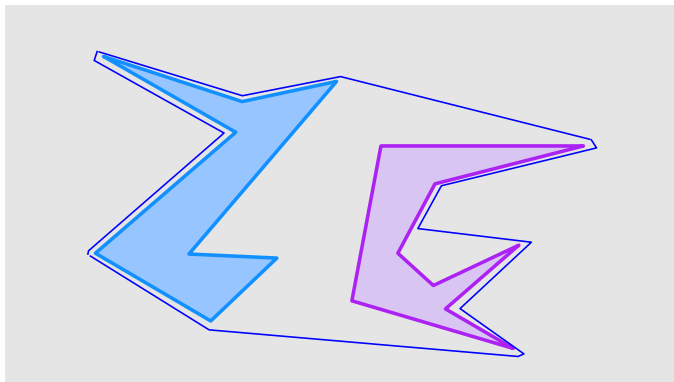
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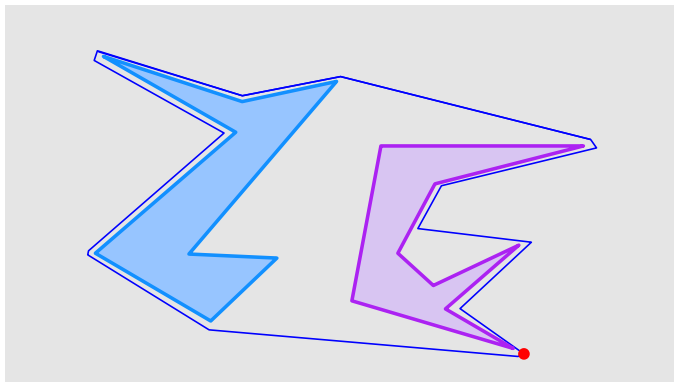
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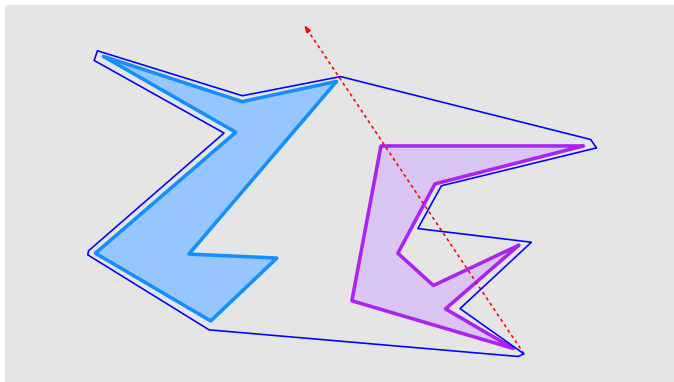


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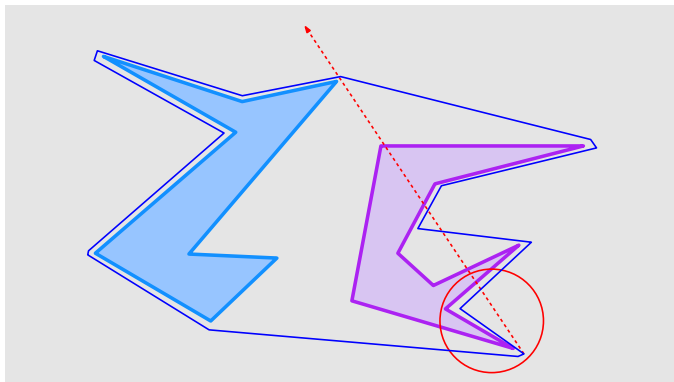
**Hull Expansion:** walk boundary ccw from any convex hull vertex

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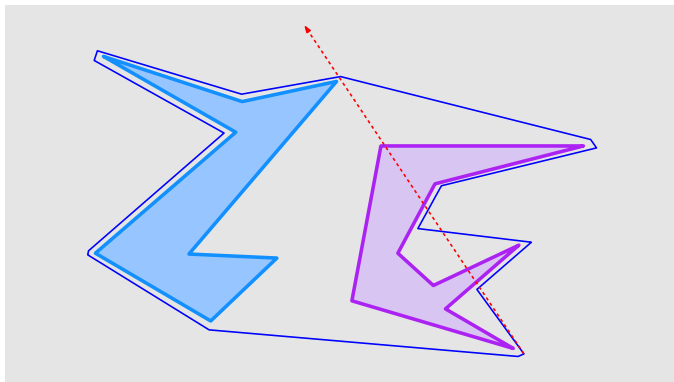
Construct line tangent to opposite polygon

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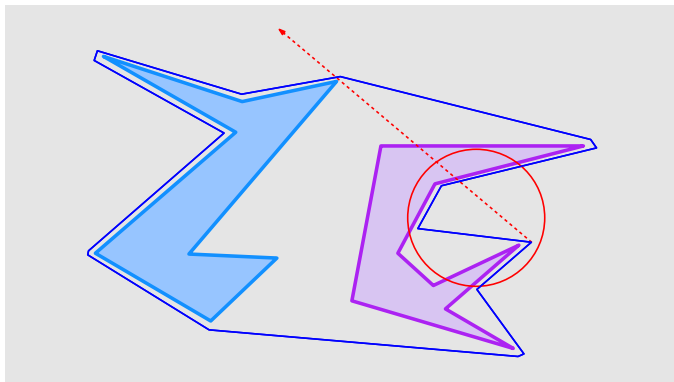
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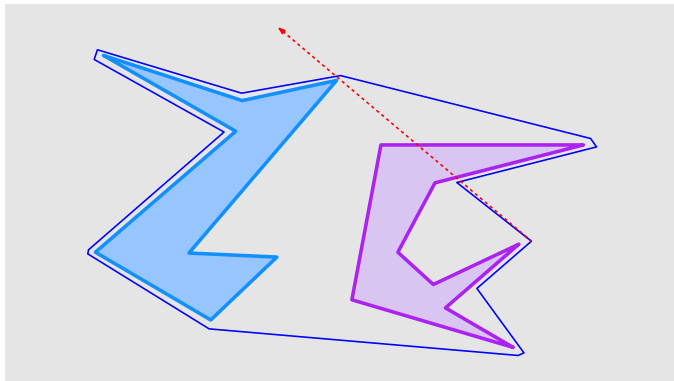
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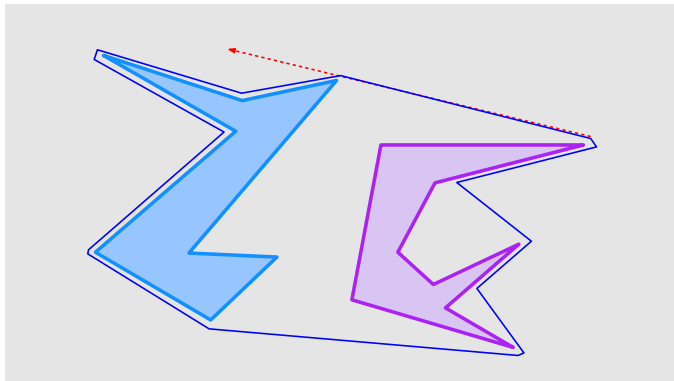
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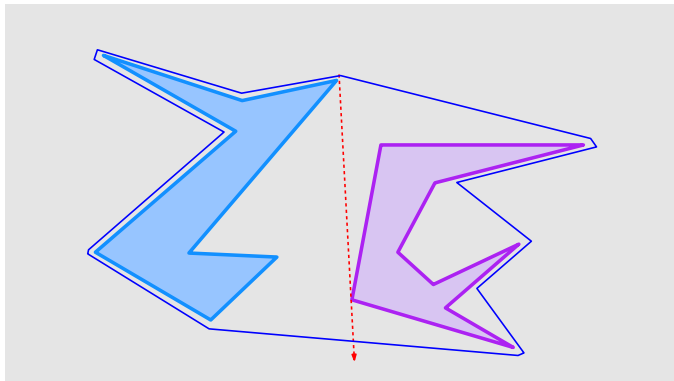
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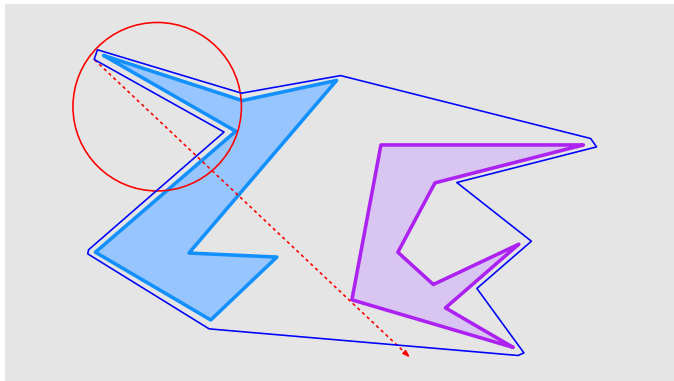
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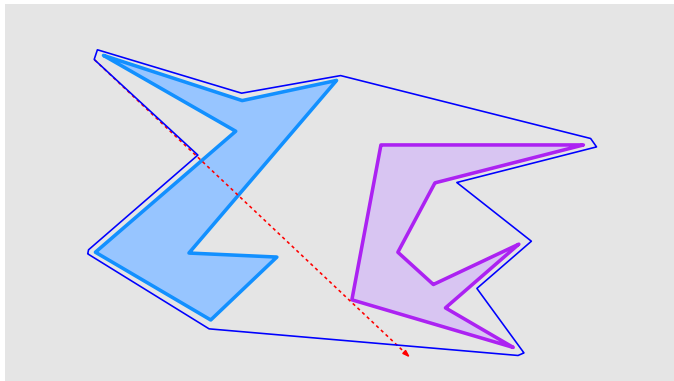


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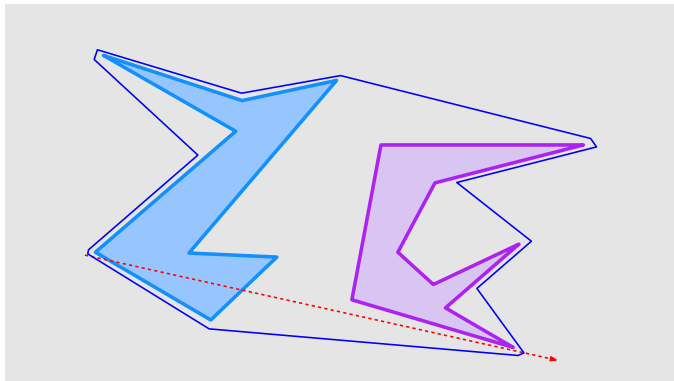
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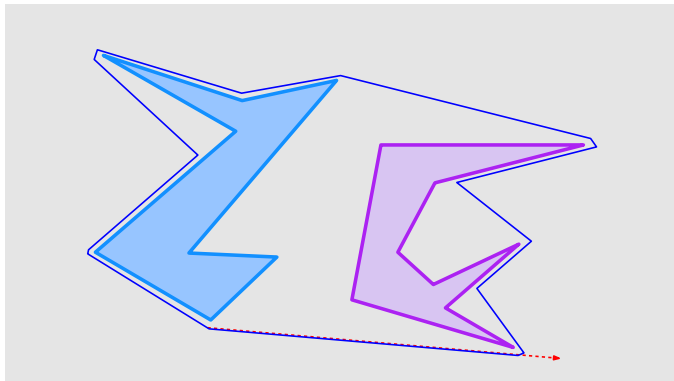
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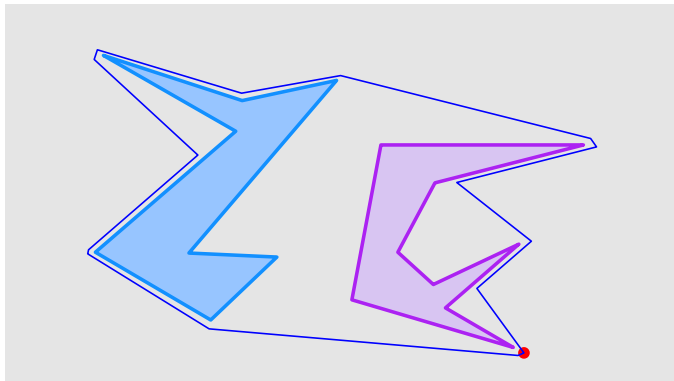
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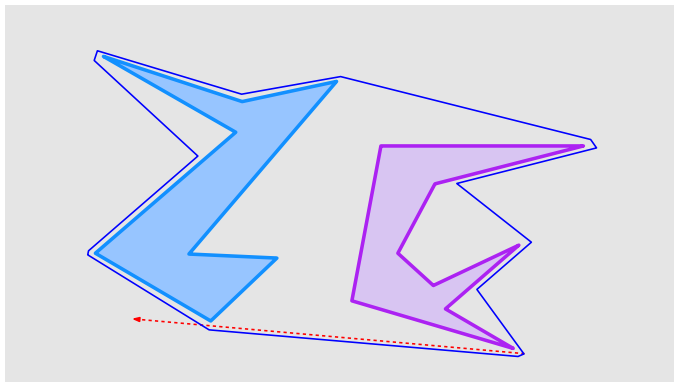
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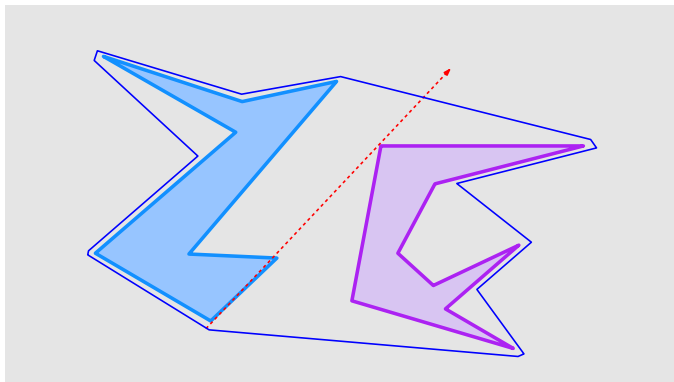
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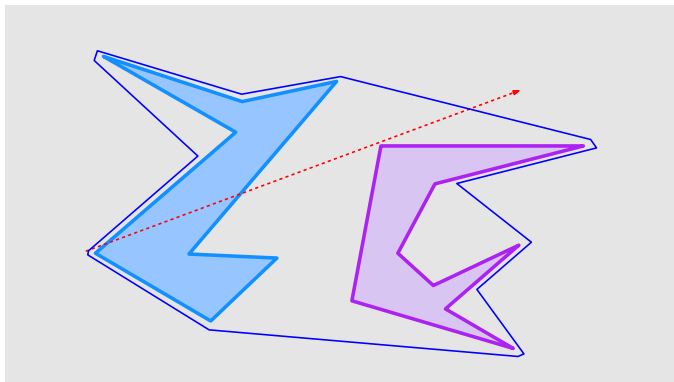
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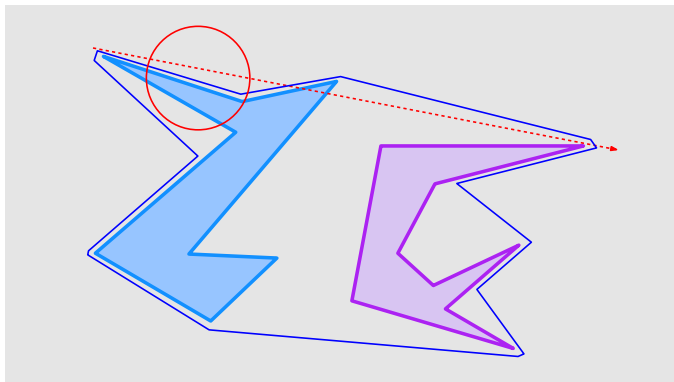
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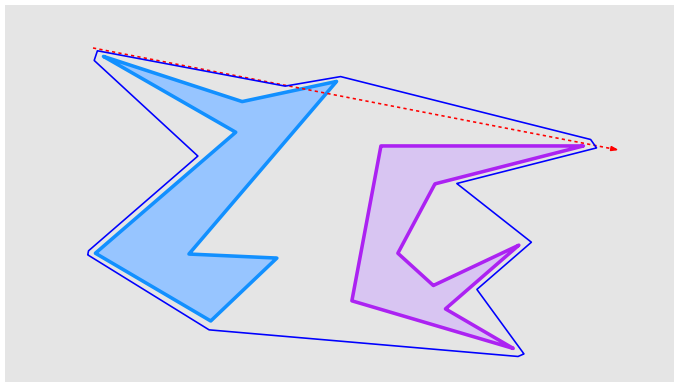


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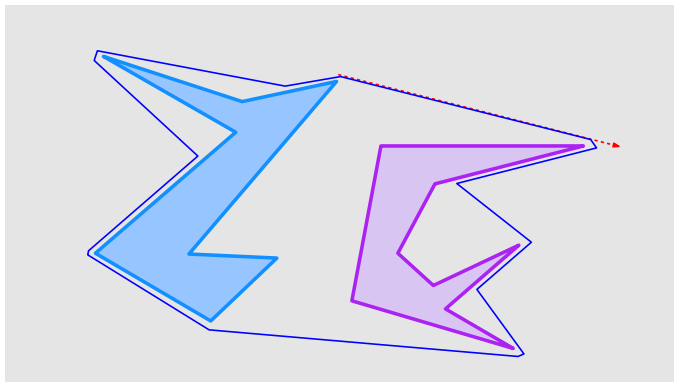
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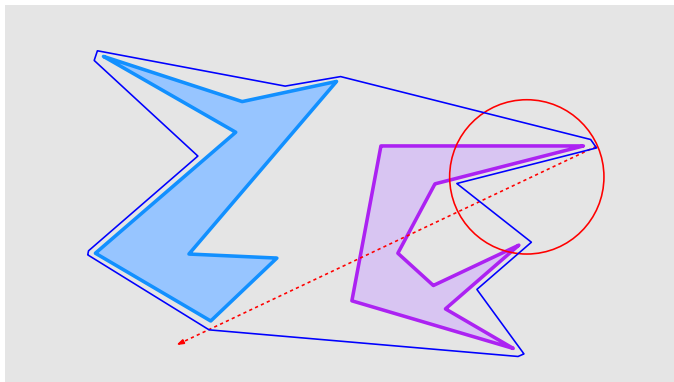
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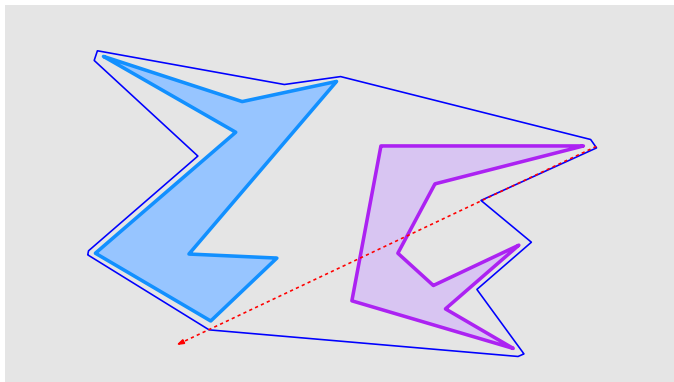
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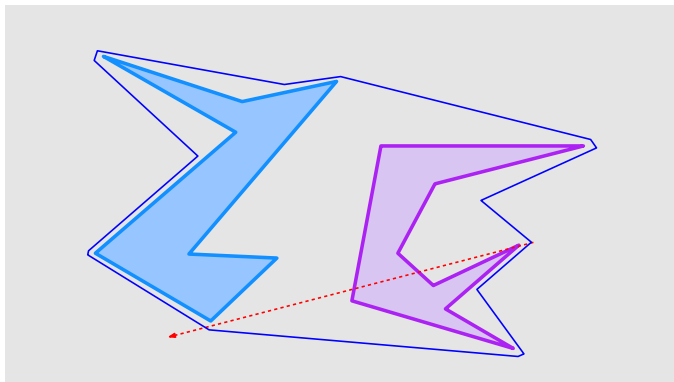
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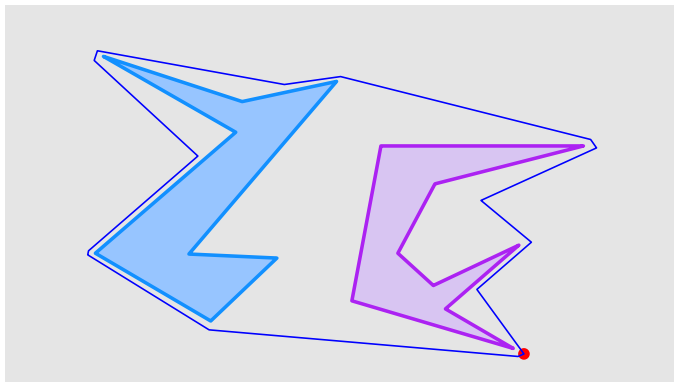
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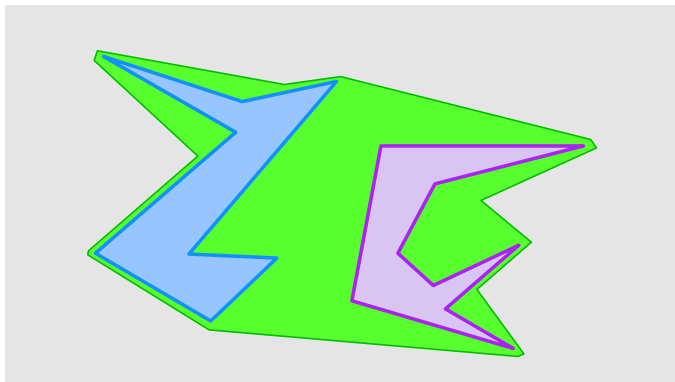
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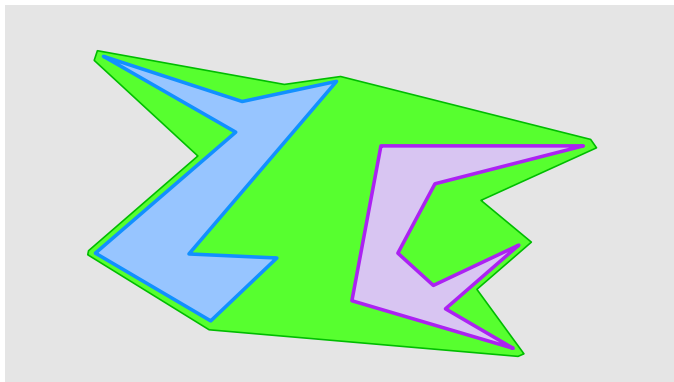
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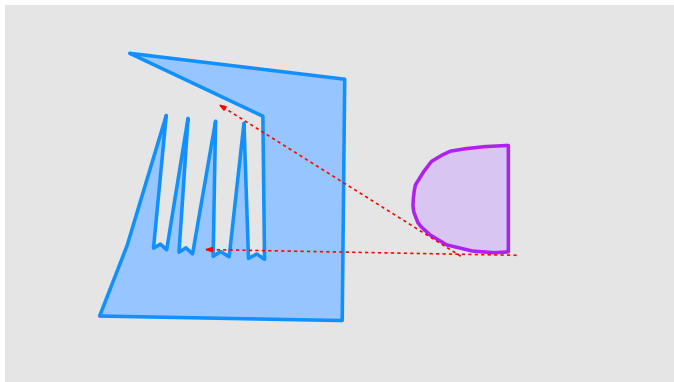


### Theorem 12

Possible hull of pair of polygons can be constructed in linear time.

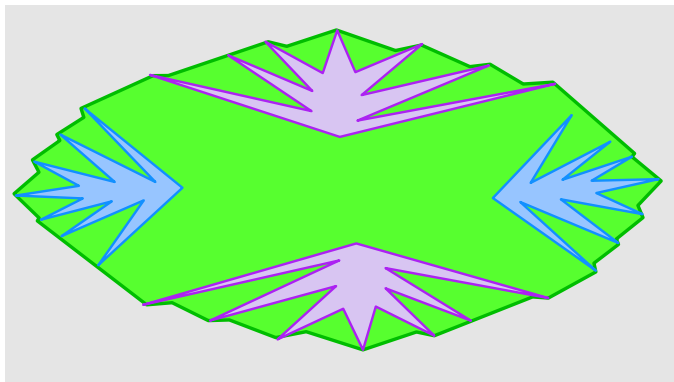


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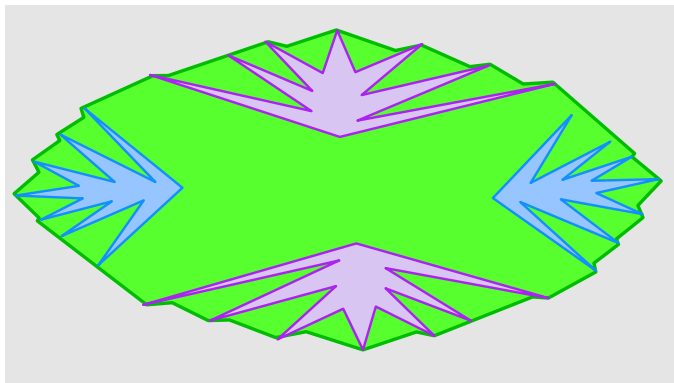
If contraction step omitted, monotonicity doesn't hold

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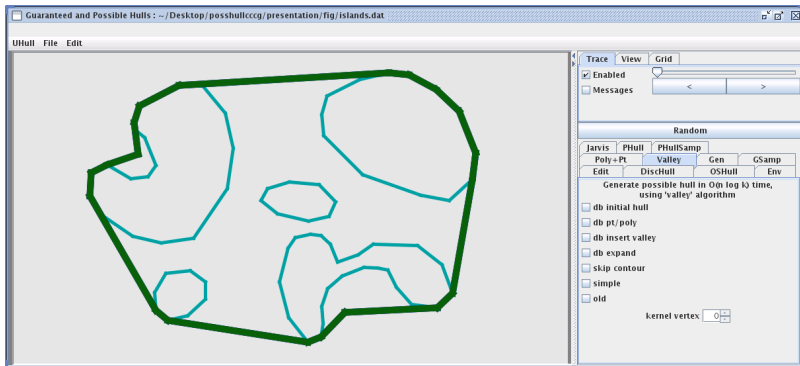
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# Thank You!



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