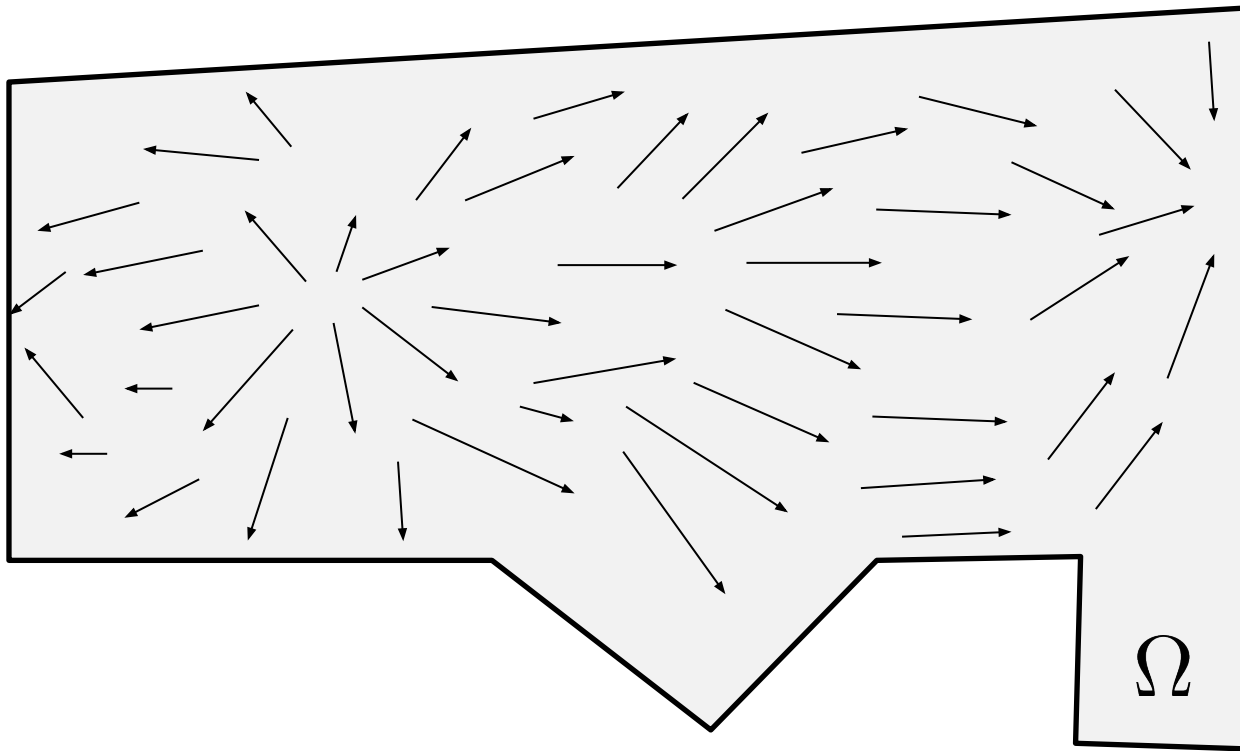


Geometry for Competitive Programming

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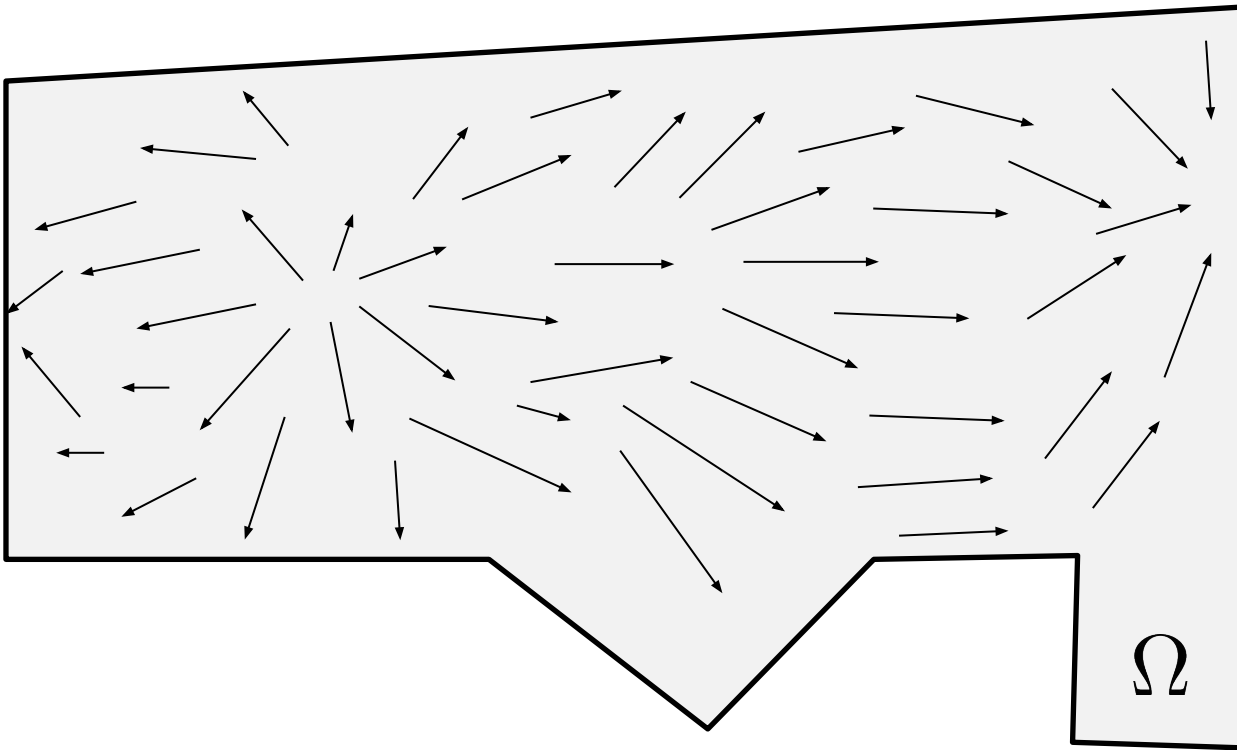
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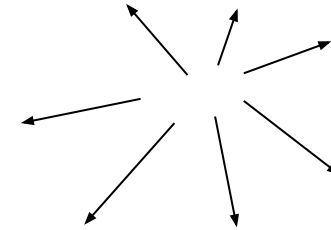
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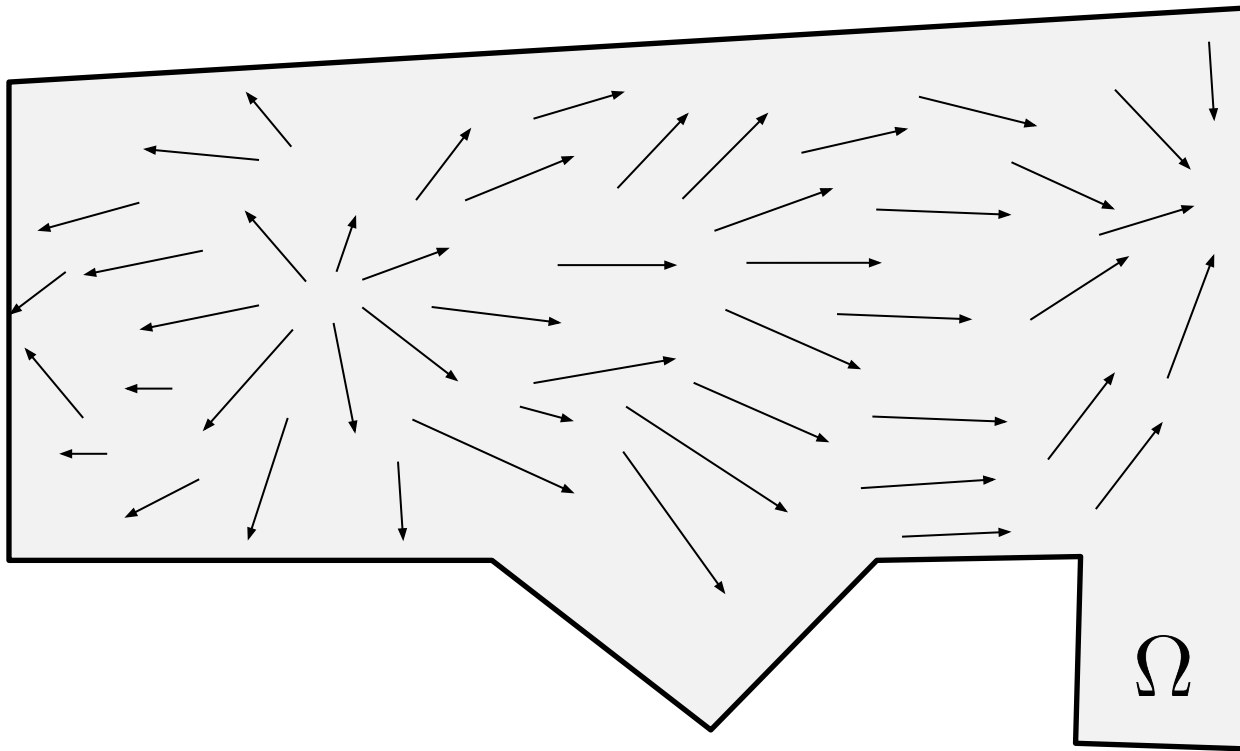
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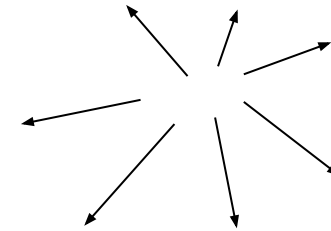
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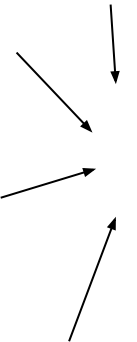


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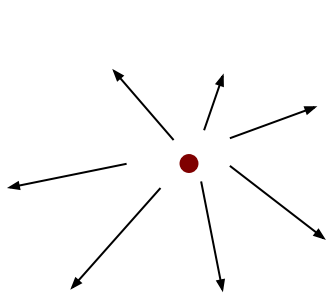


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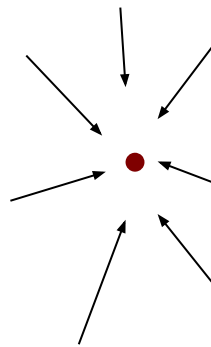
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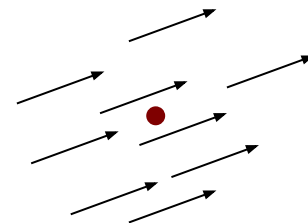
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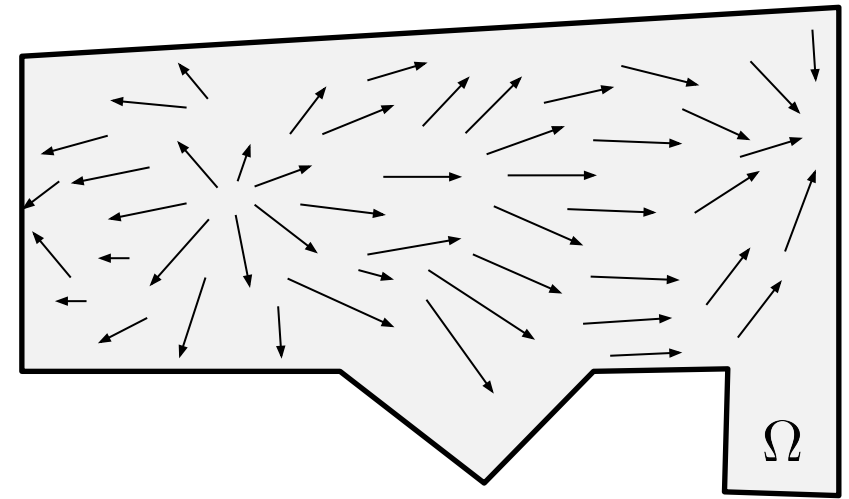
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Divergence in Other Dimensions

Generalizes in the obvious way:

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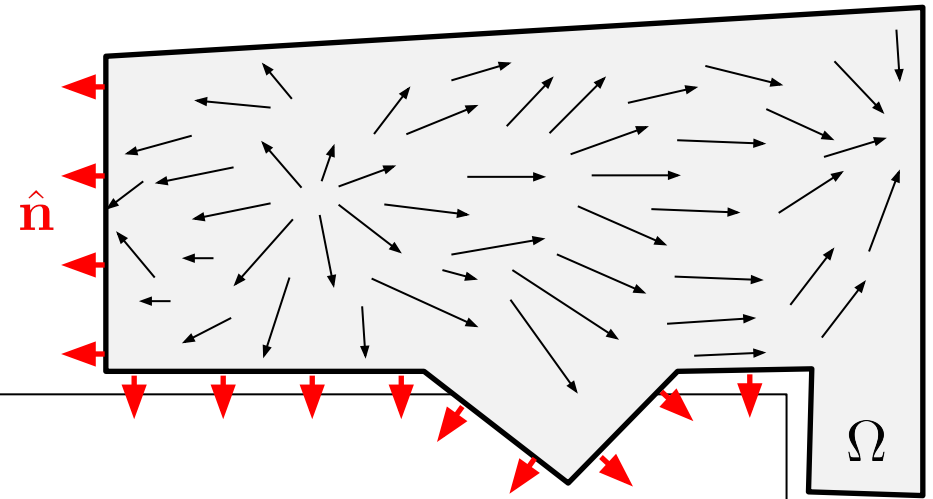


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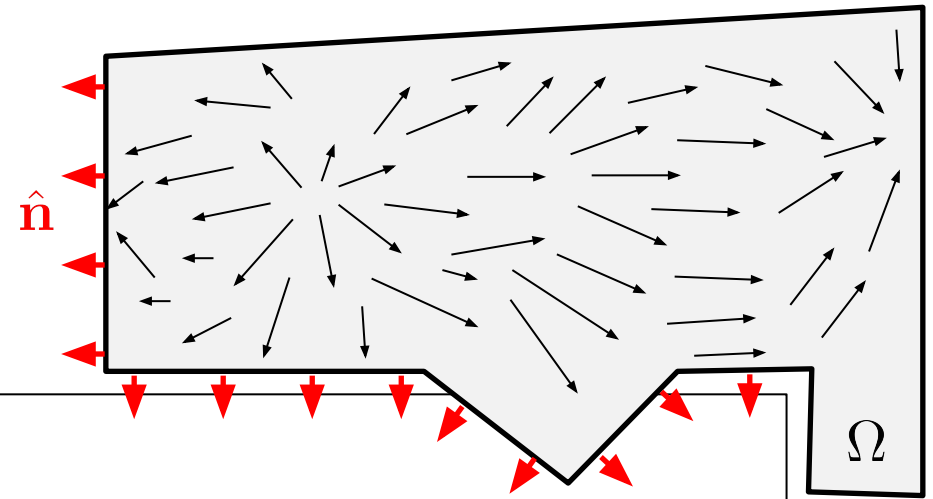


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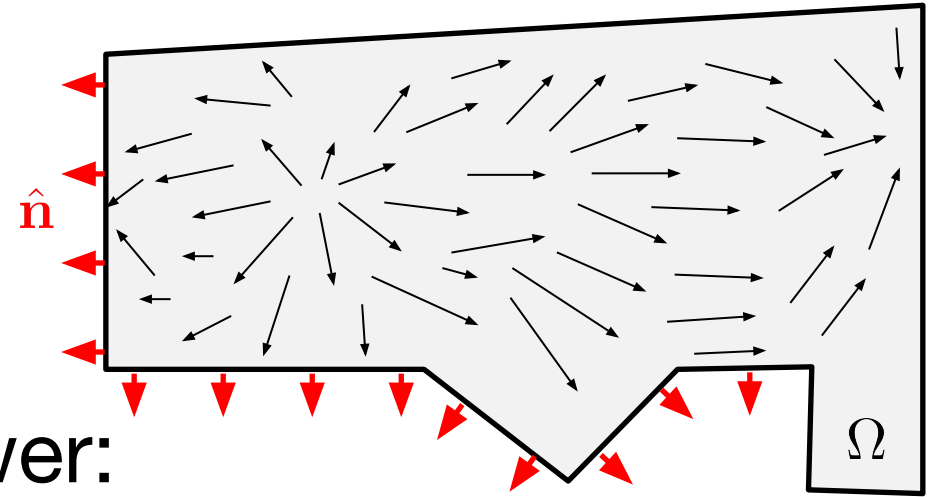
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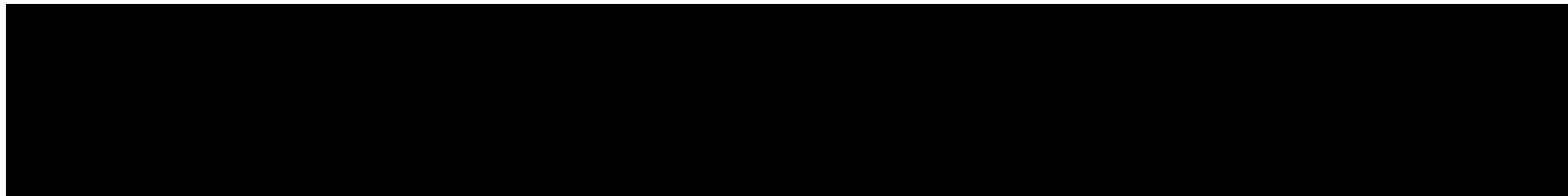
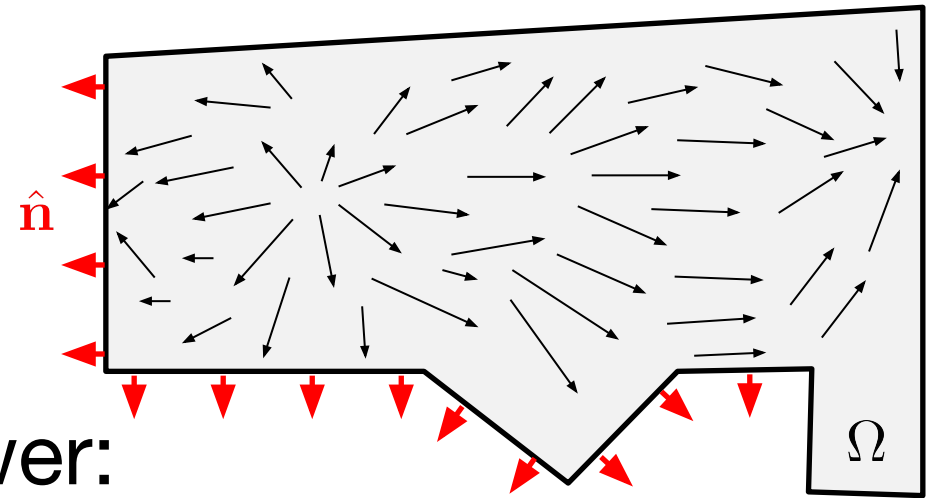
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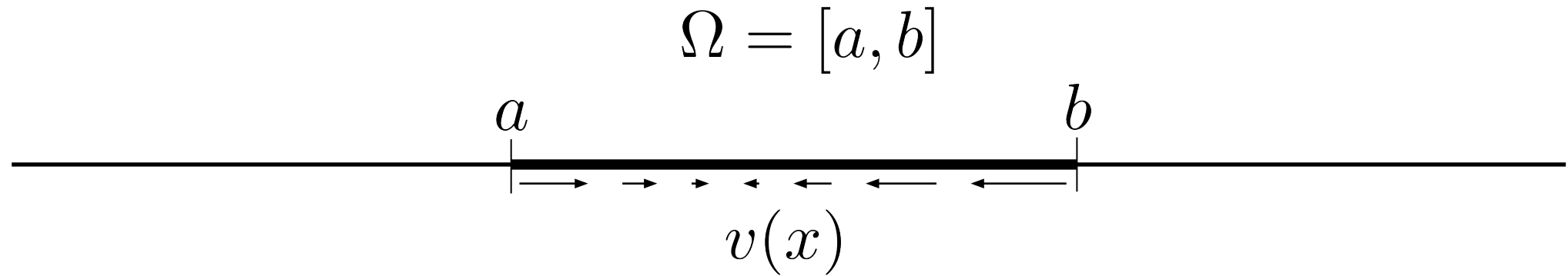
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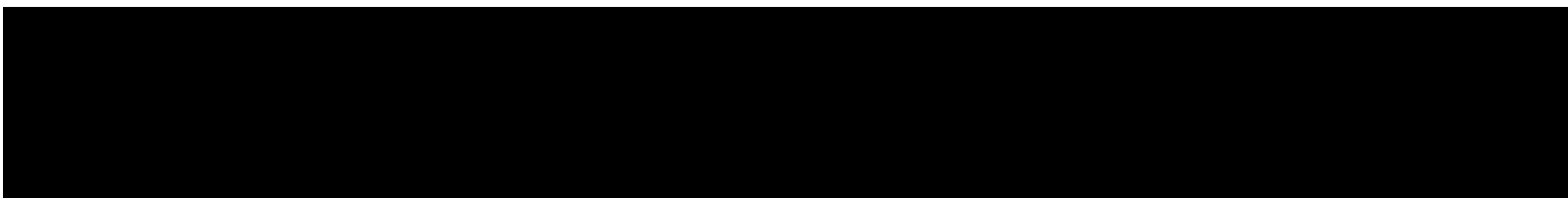
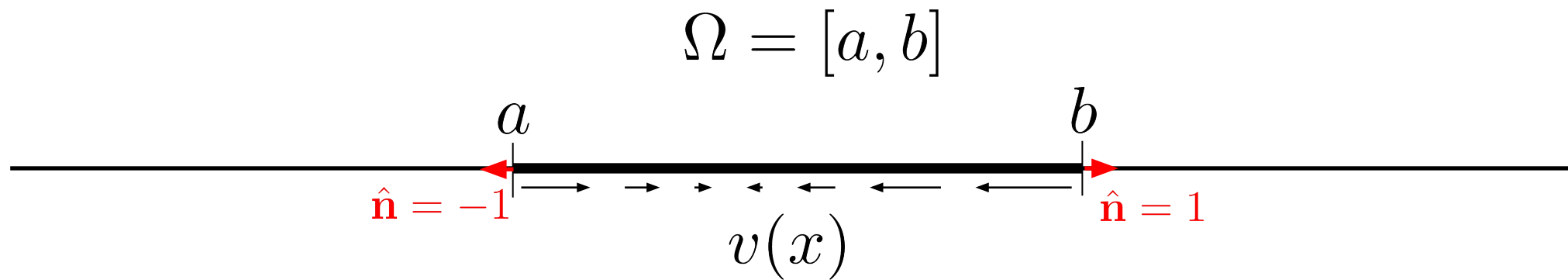
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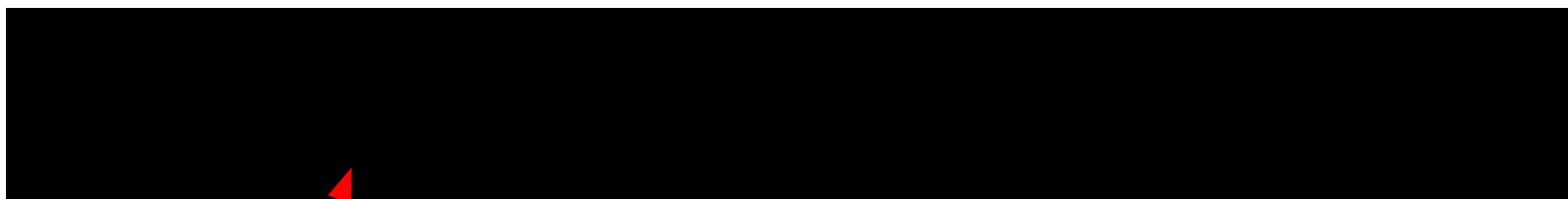
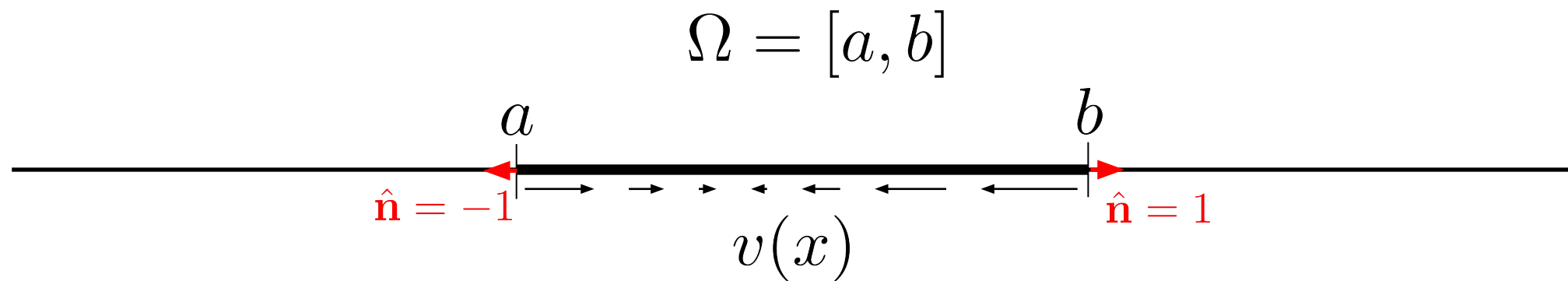
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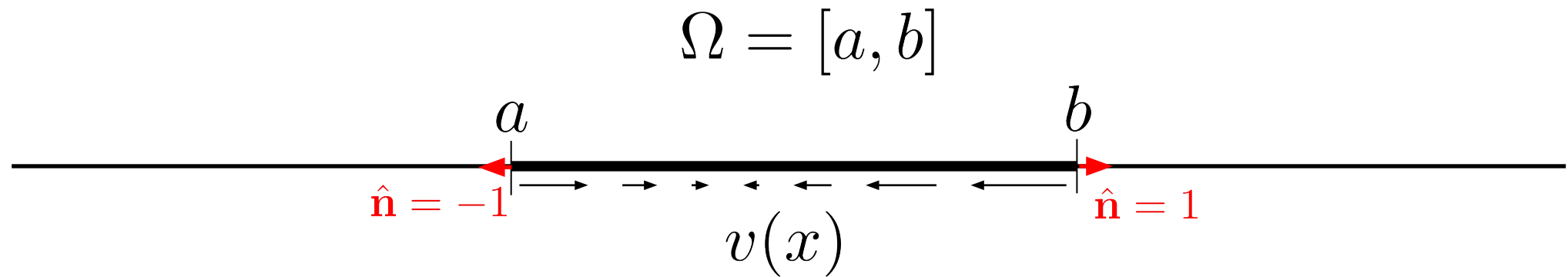
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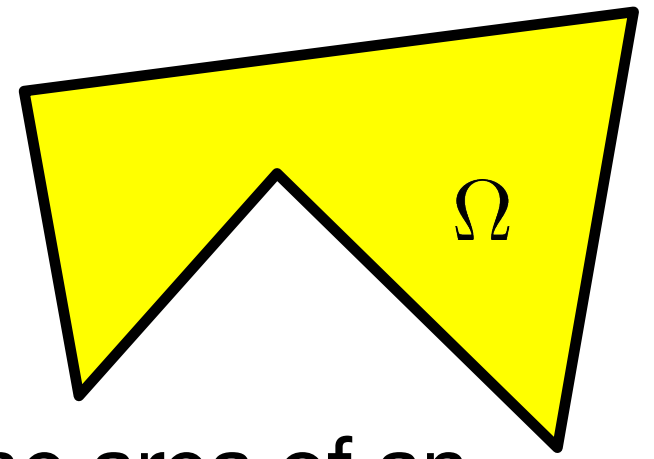
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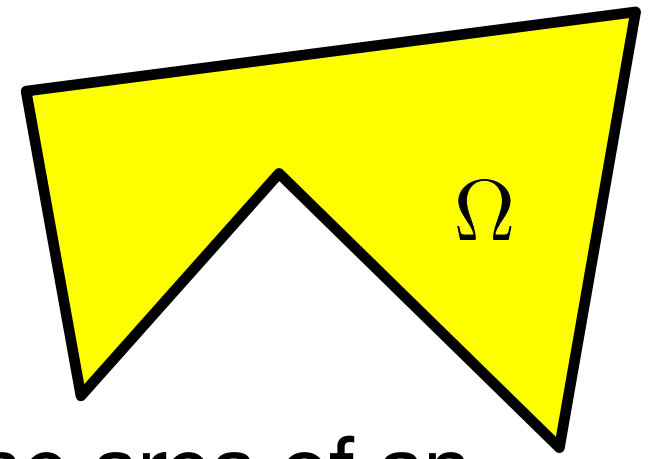
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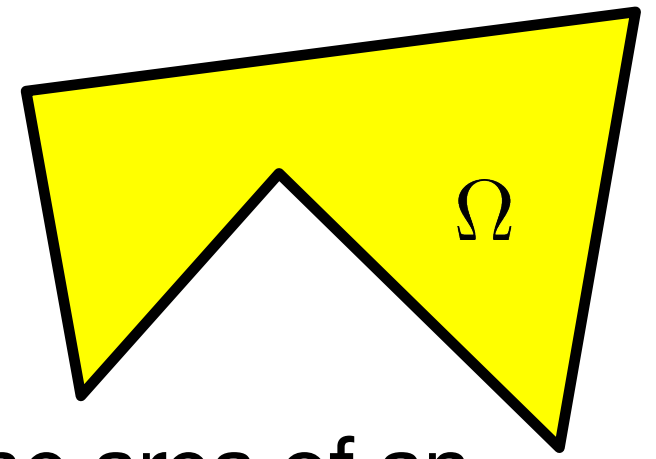


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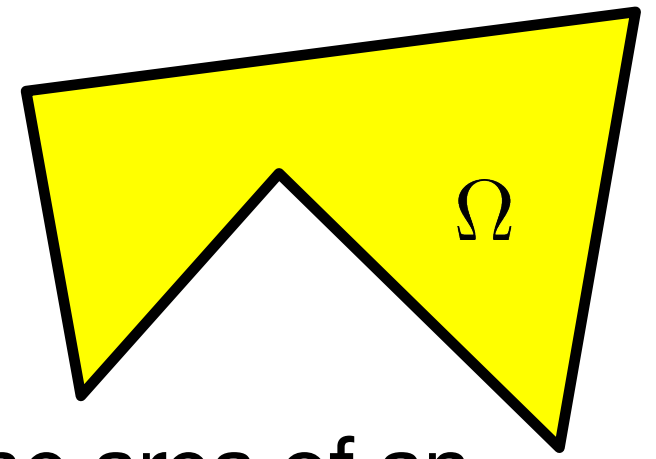
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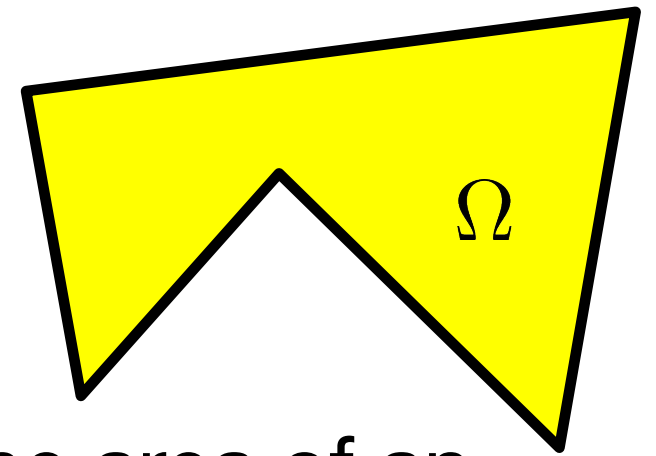


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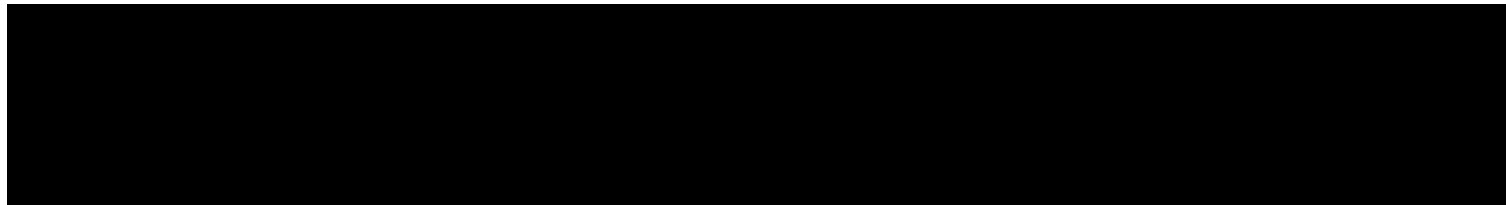
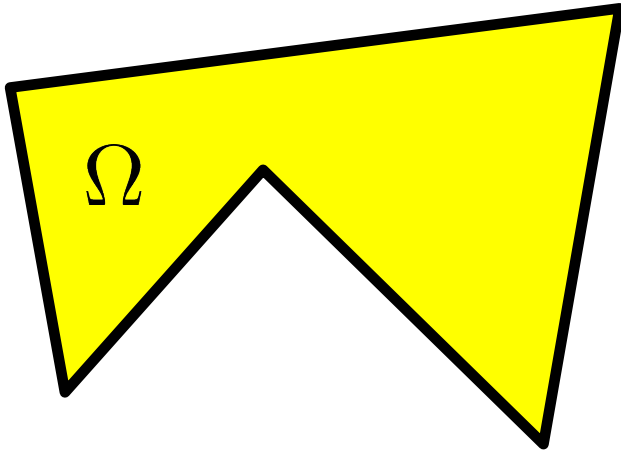


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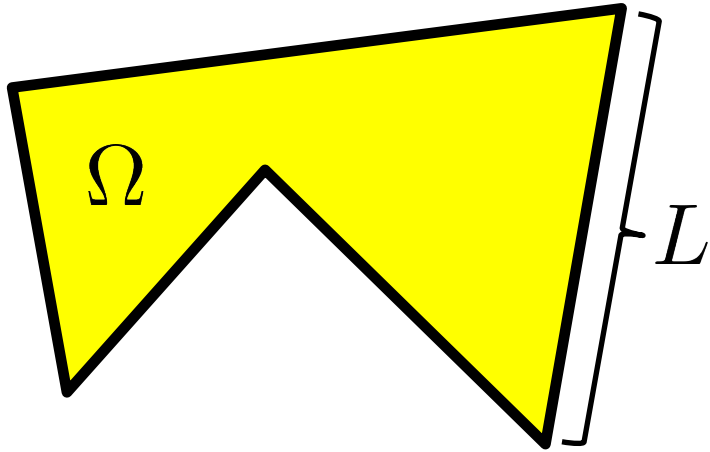
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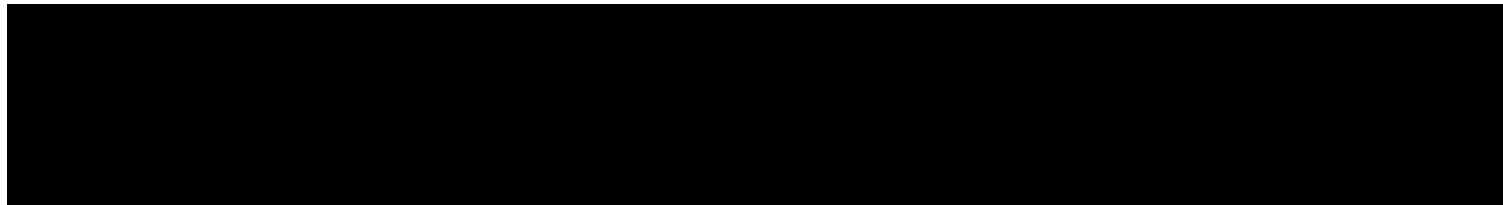


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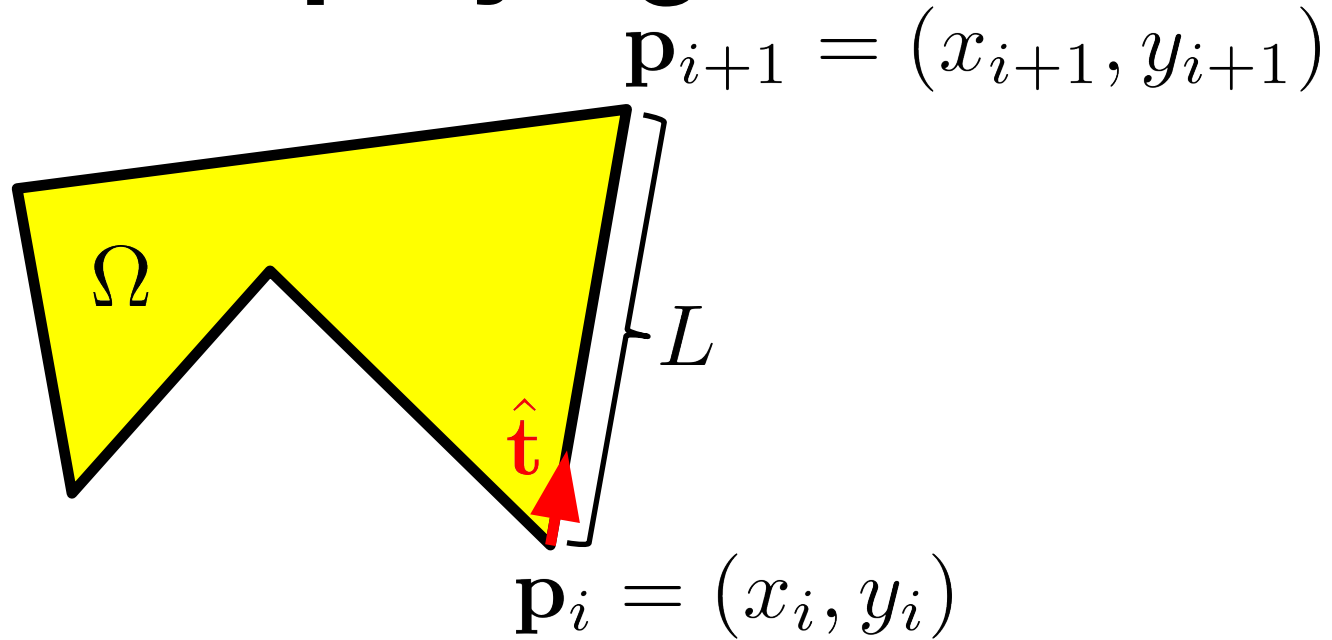
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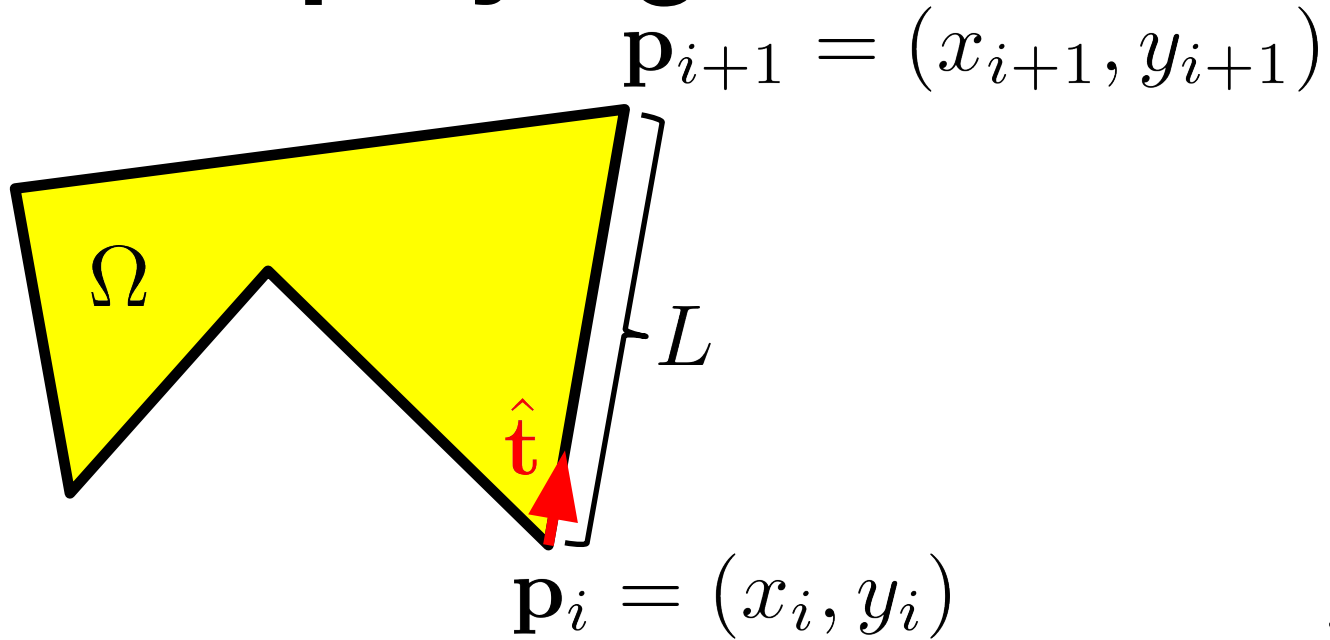
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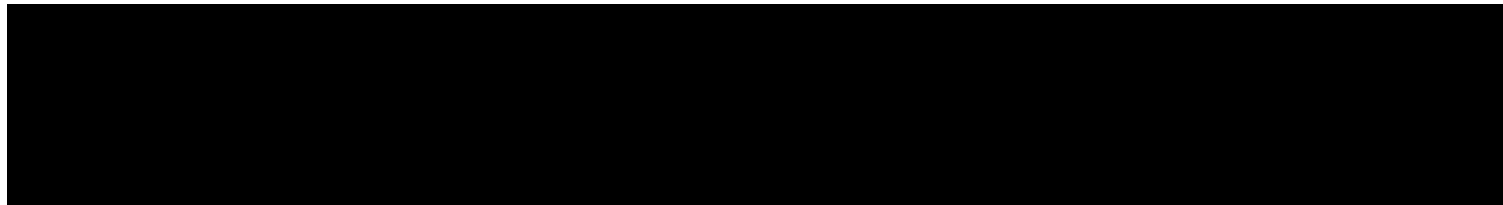


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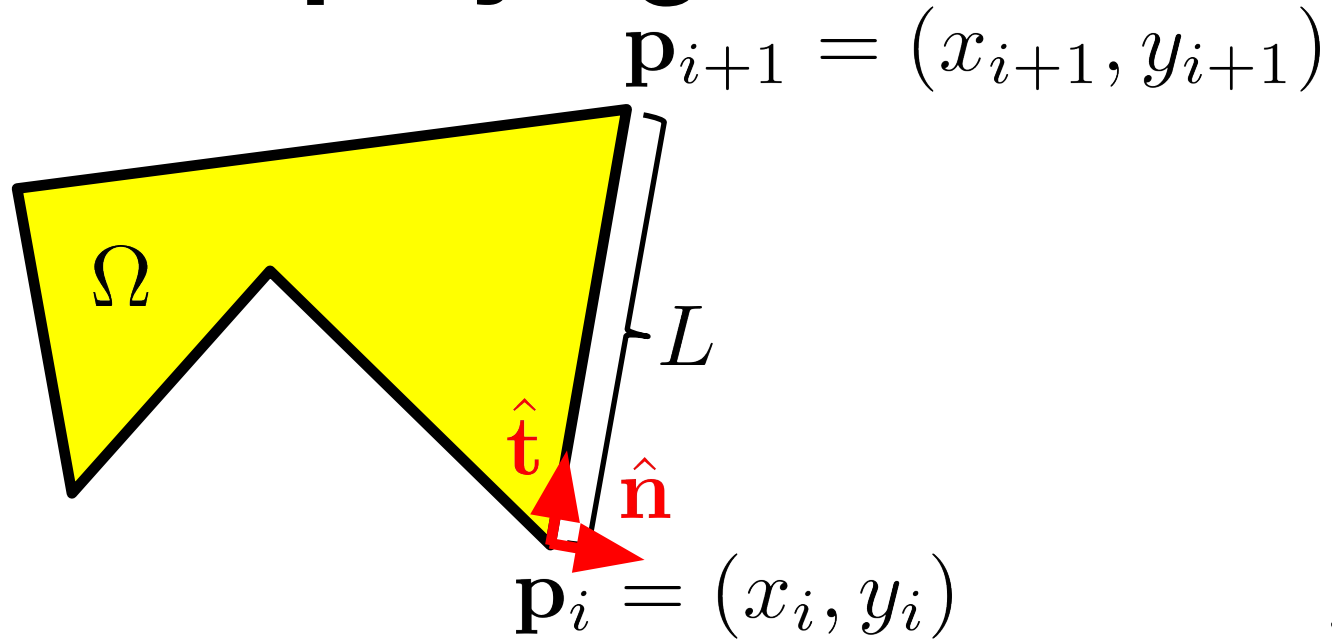


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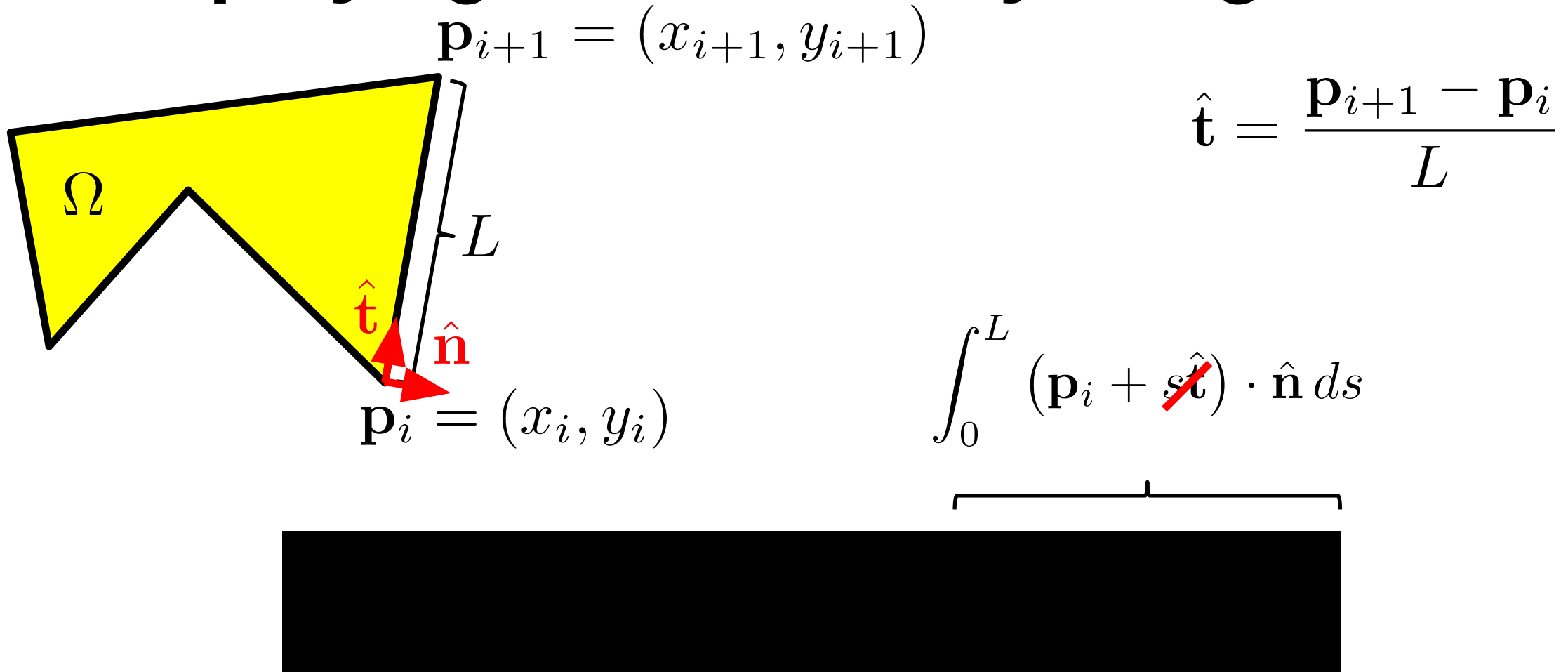
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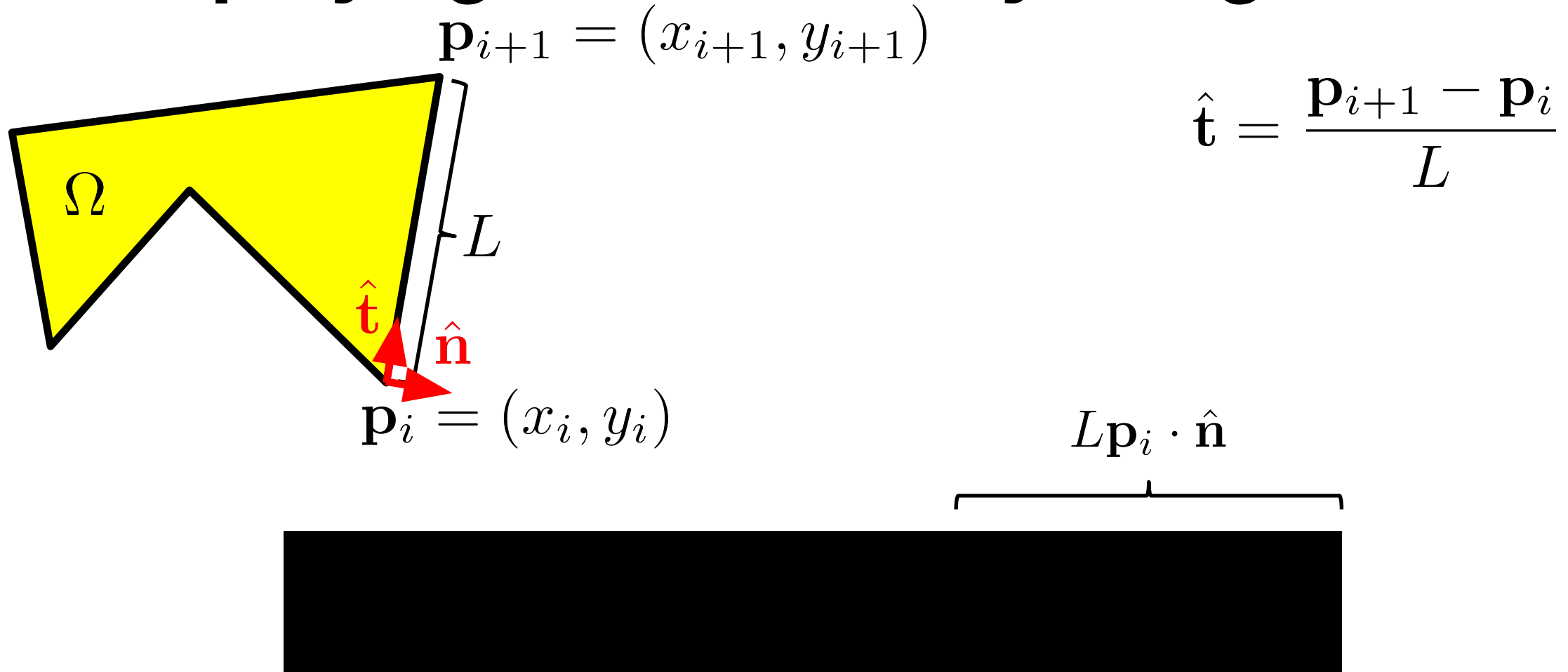
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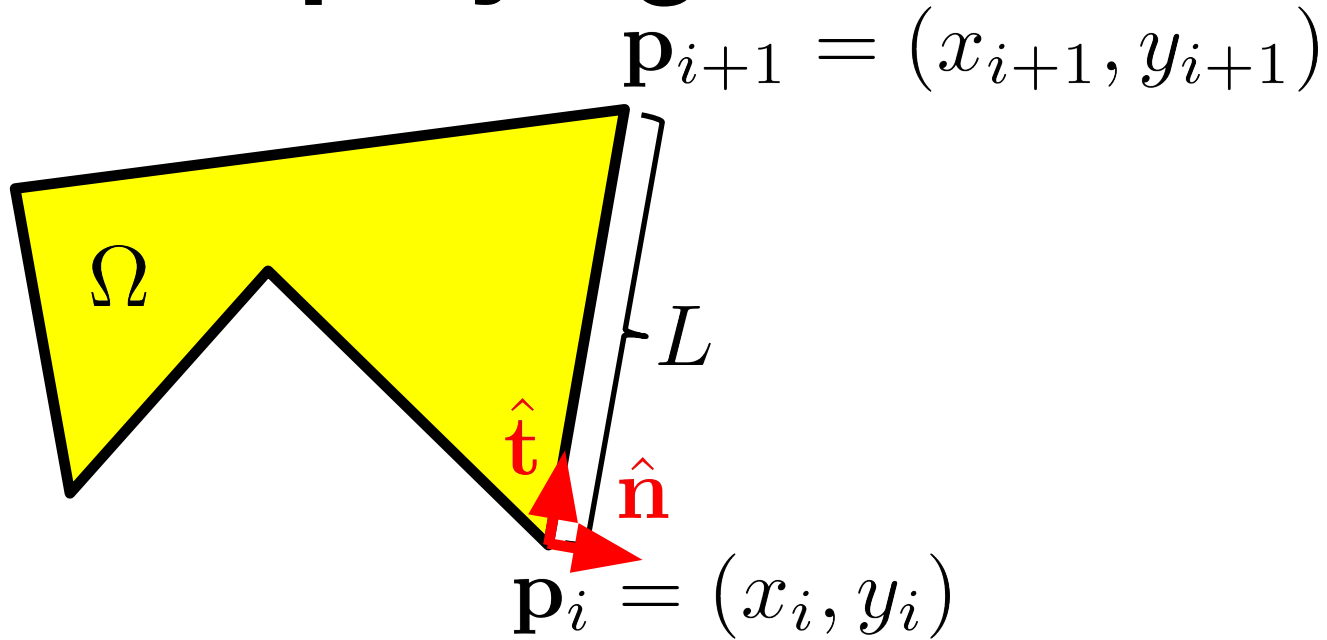
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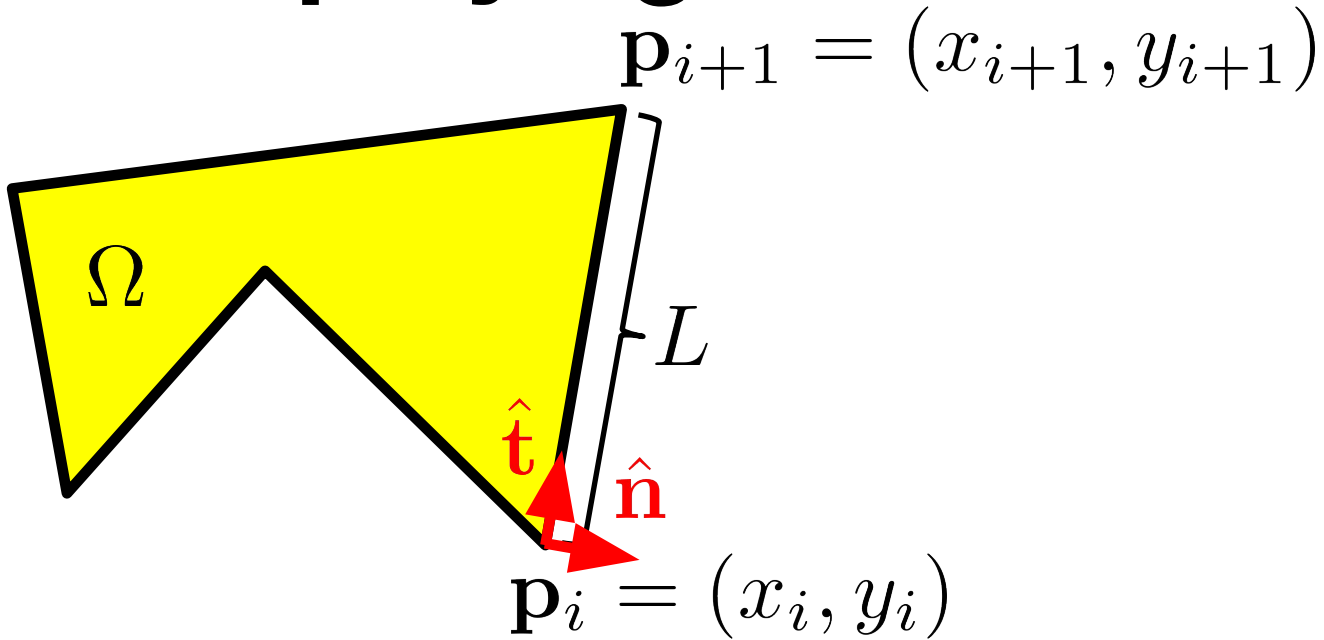


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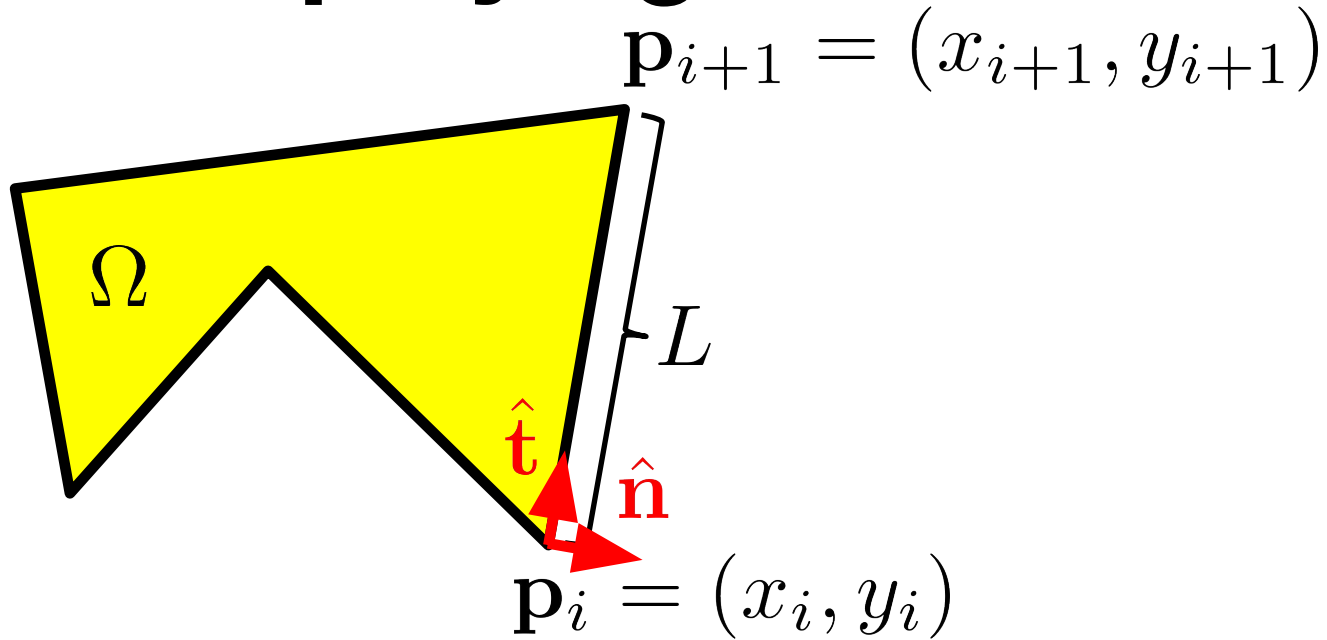


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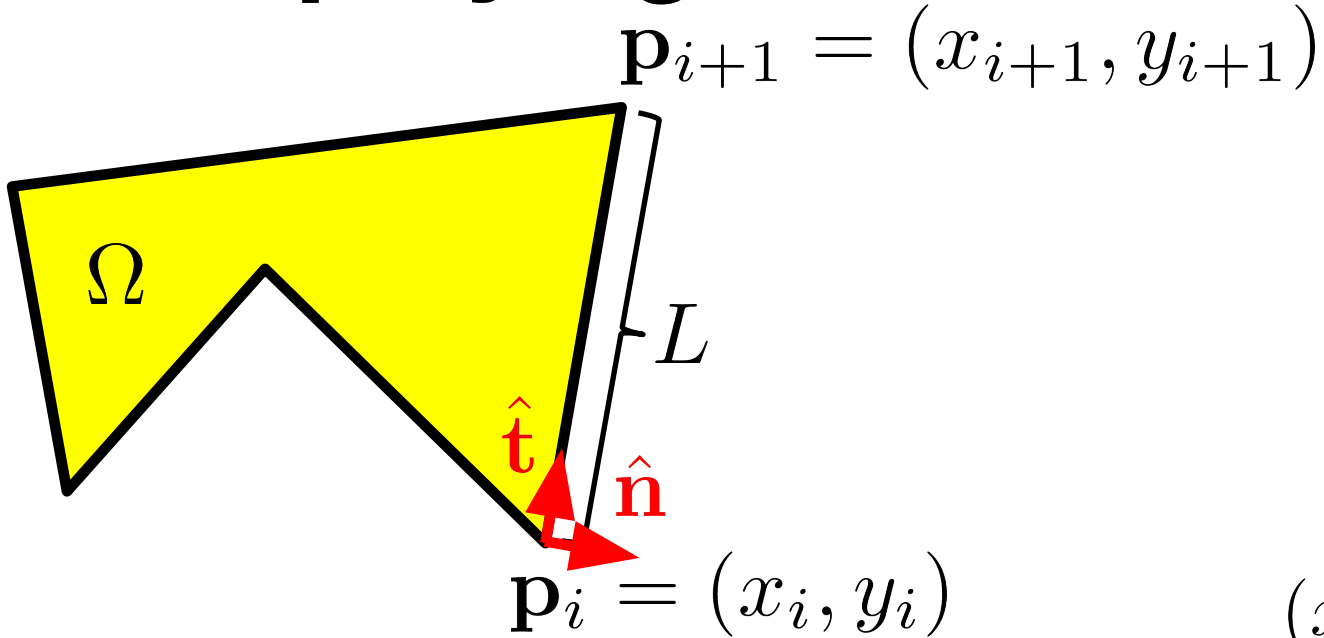


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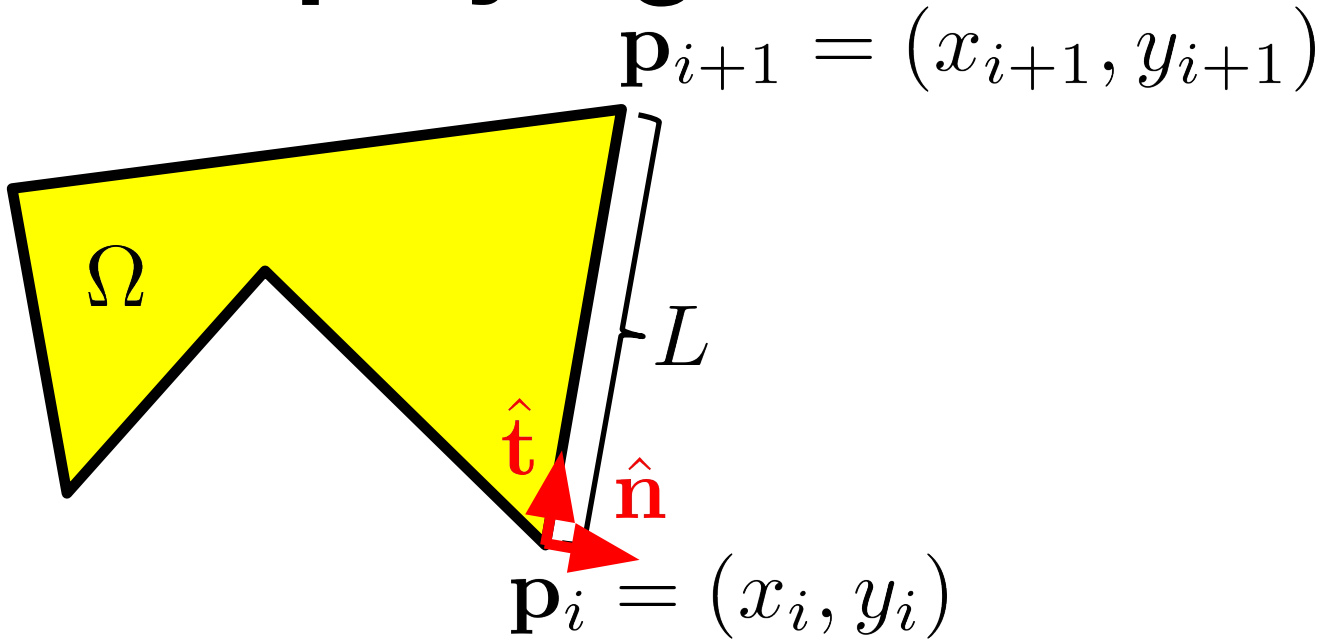


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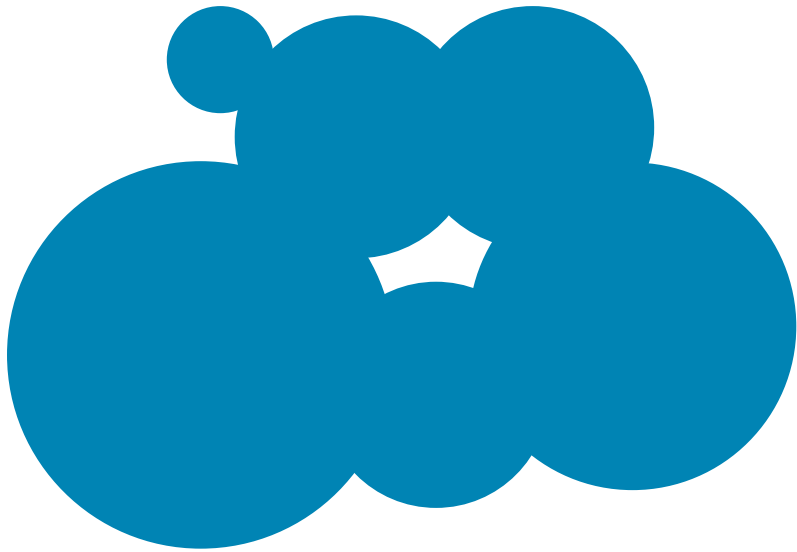
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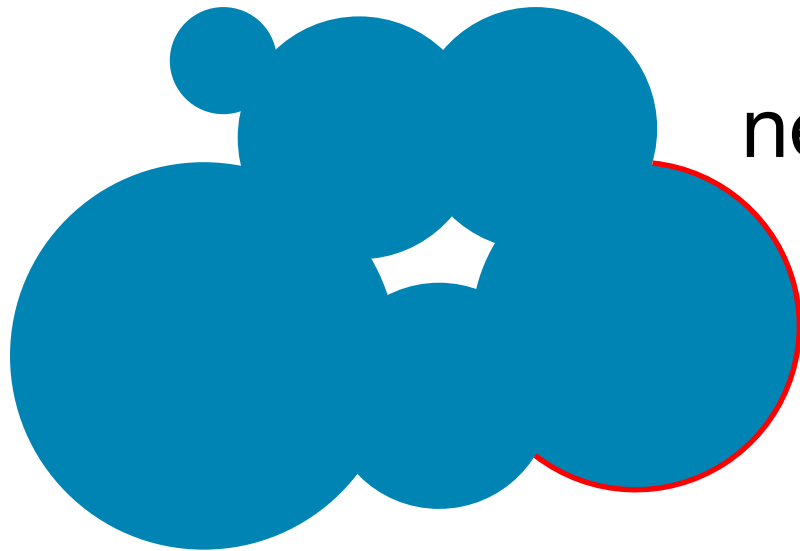
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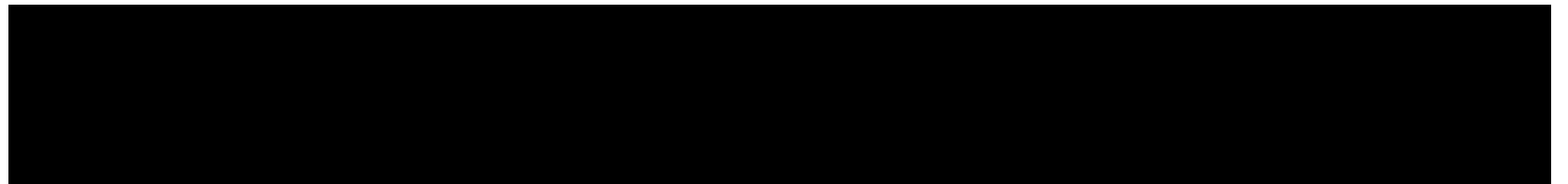
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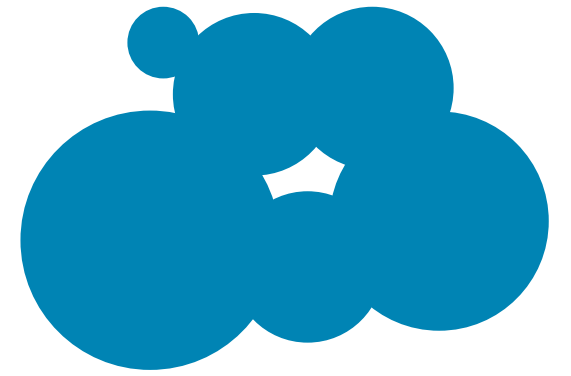


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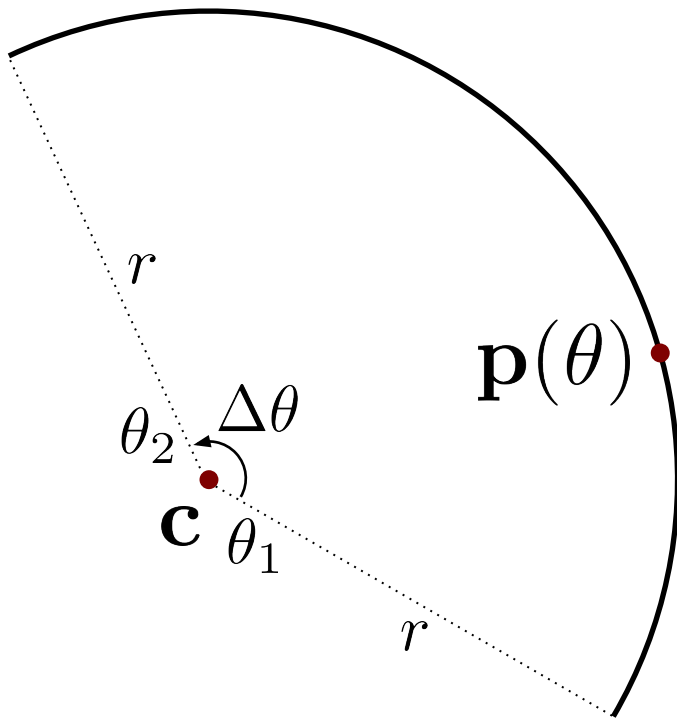
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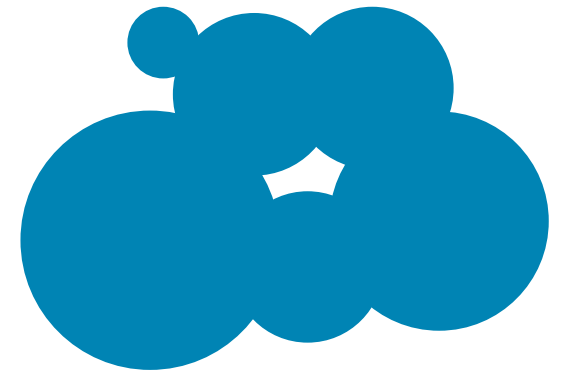


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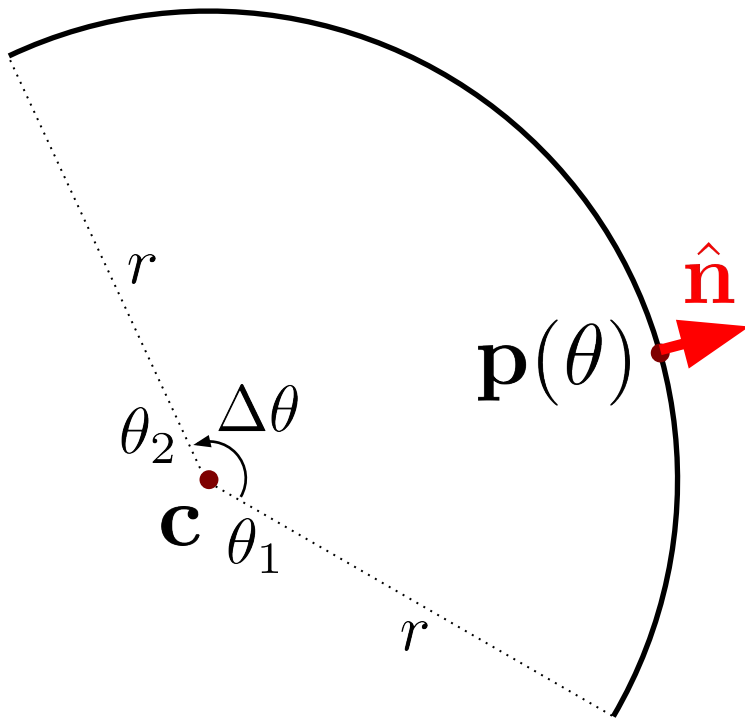
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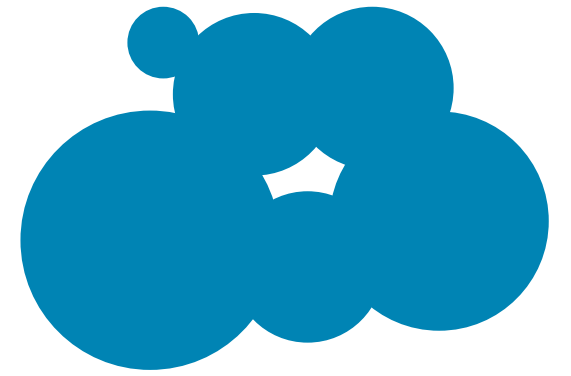
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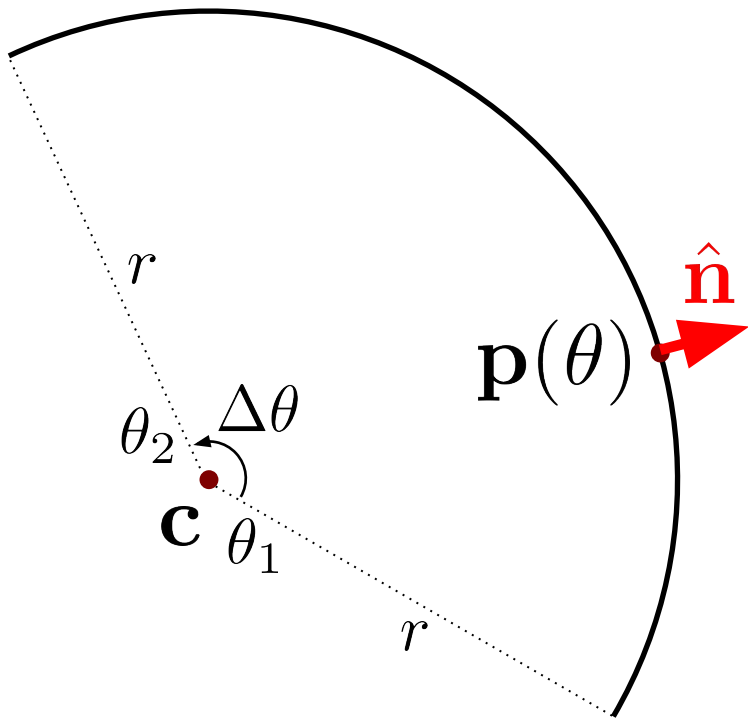
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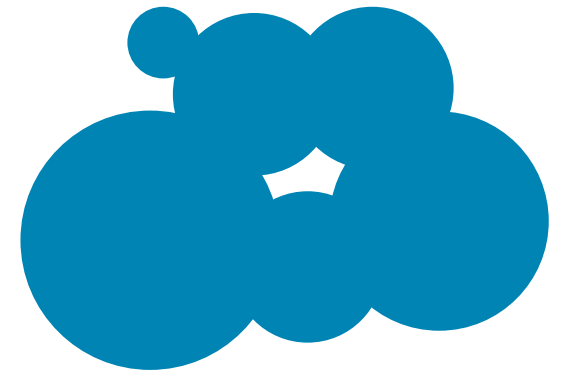
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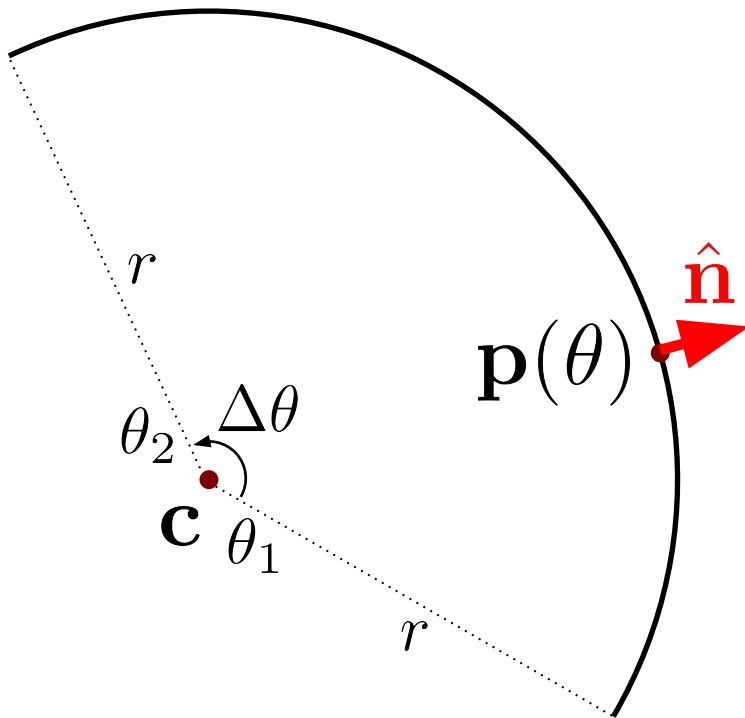
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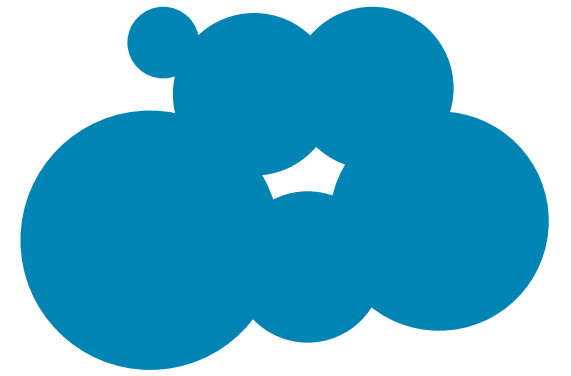
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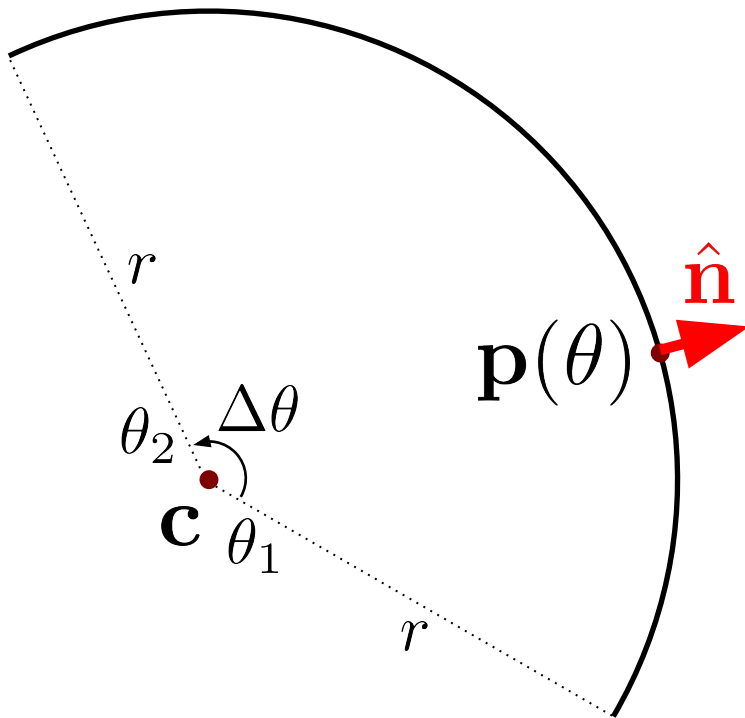
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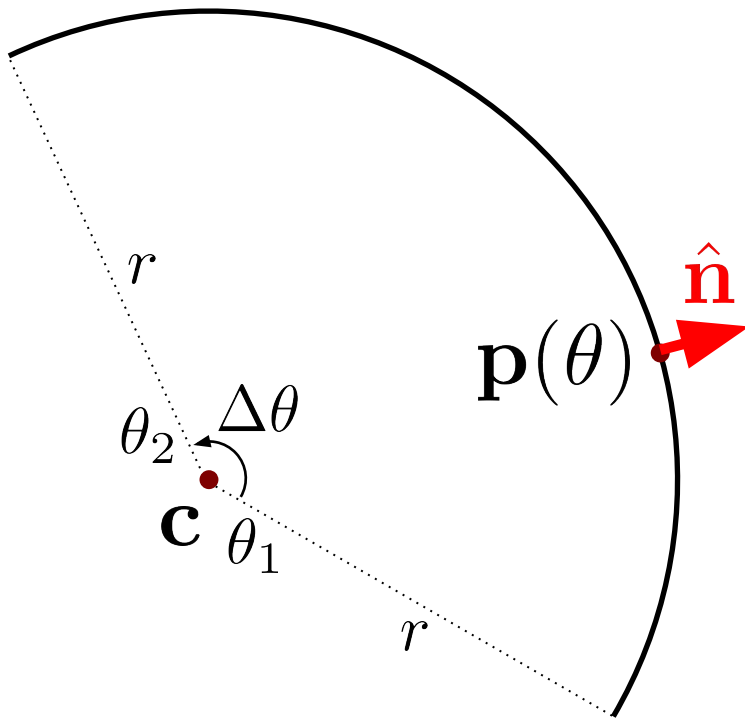
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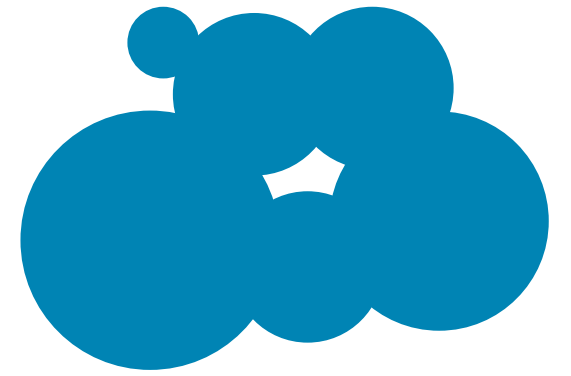


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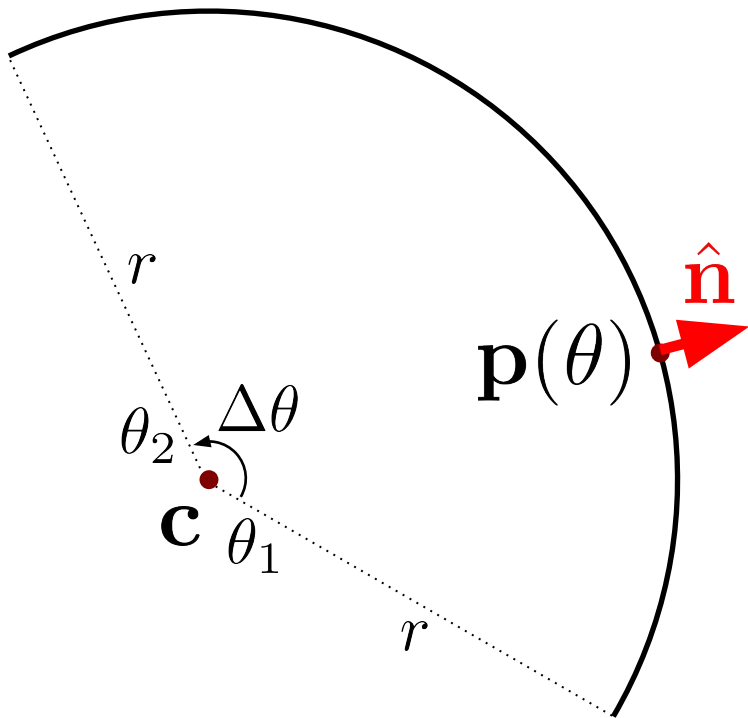
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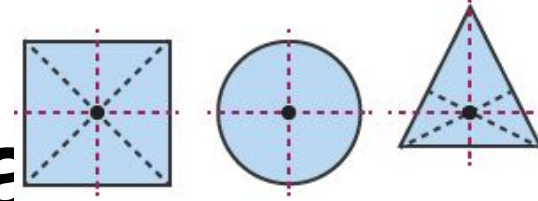


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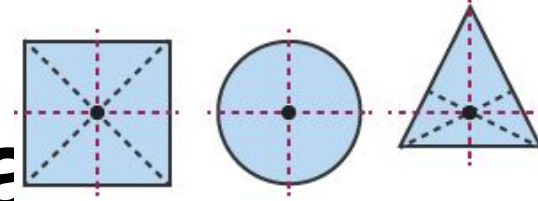
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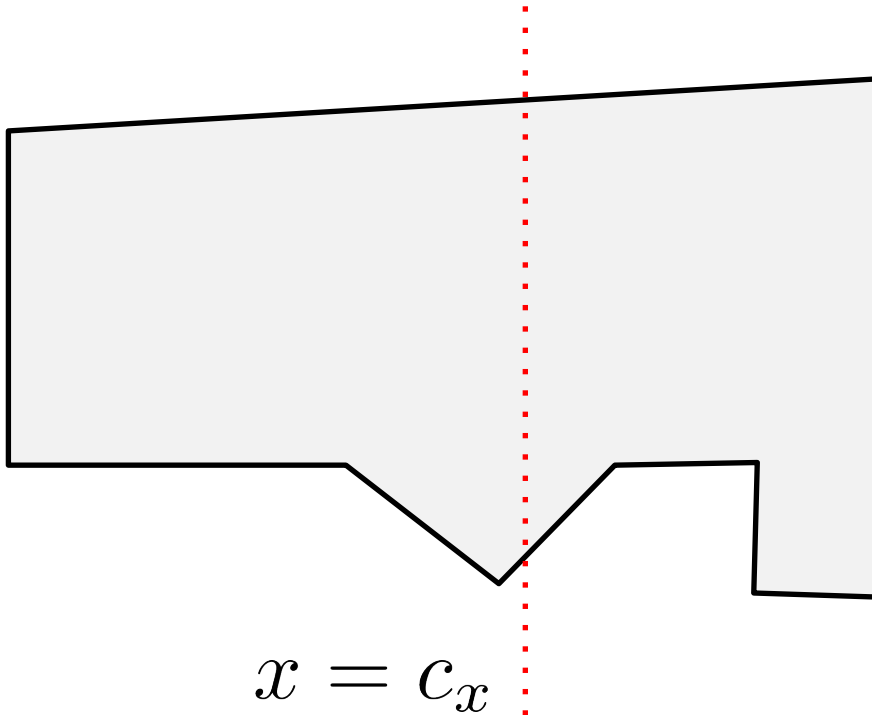


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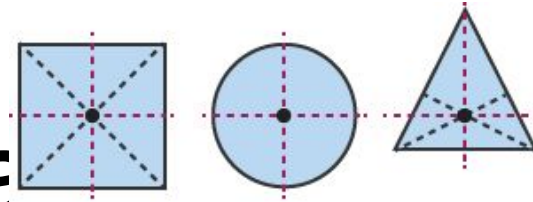
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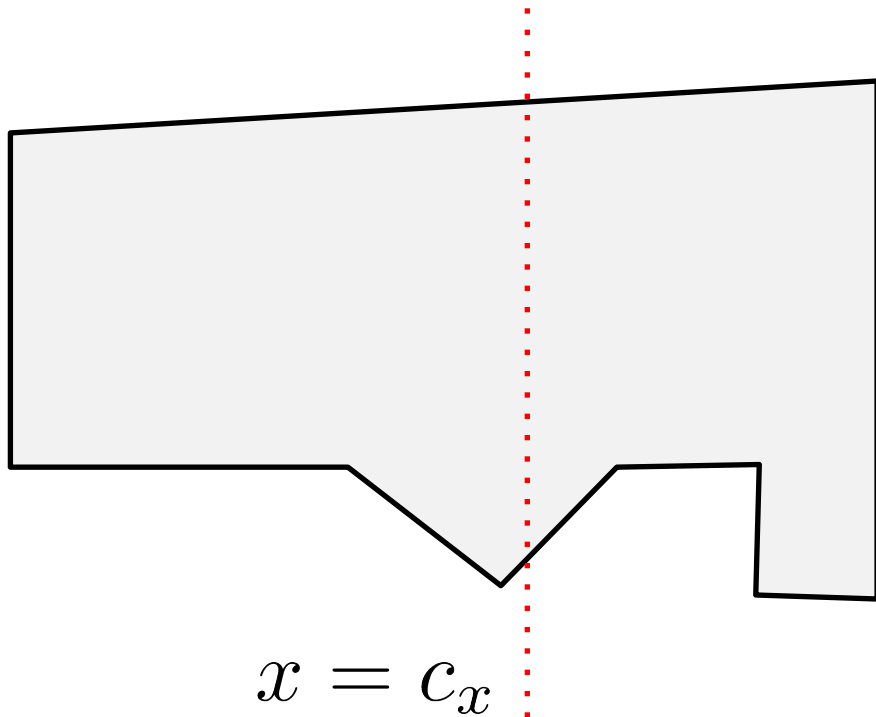
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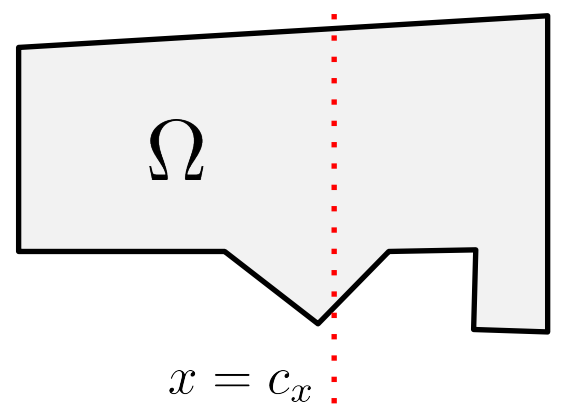
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Several methods possible:

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- binary search
- Stokes's Theorem

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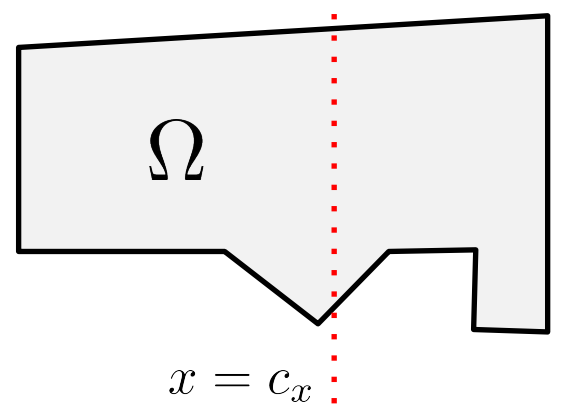


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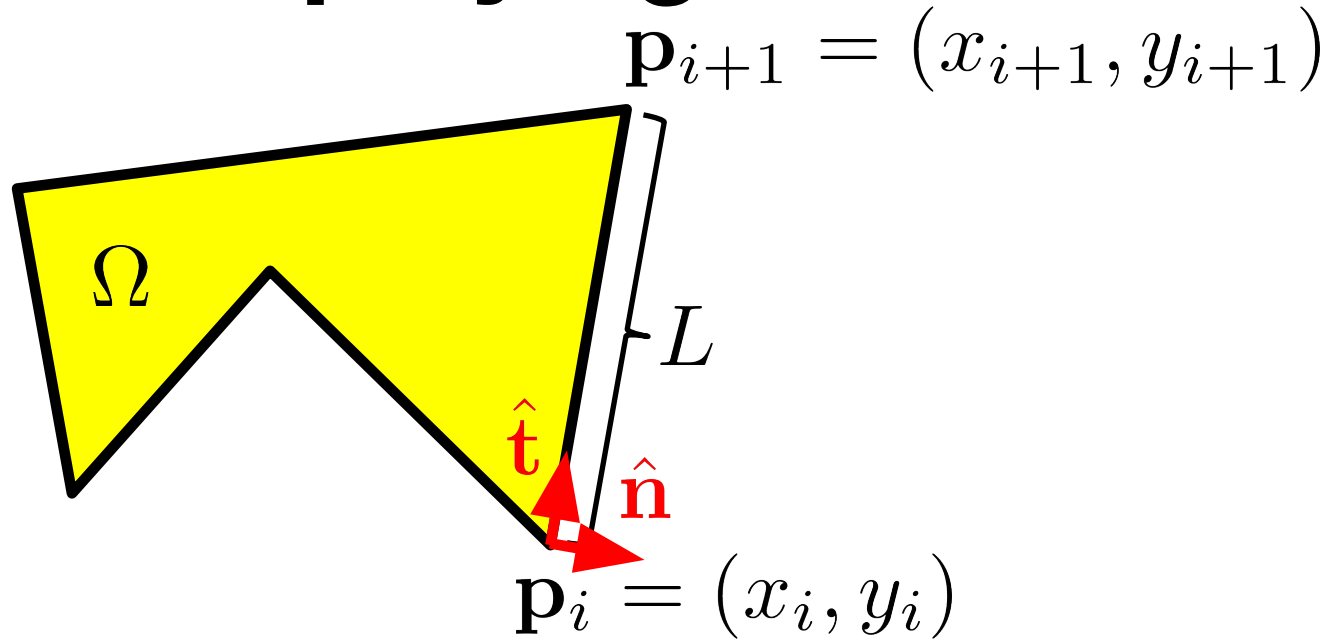
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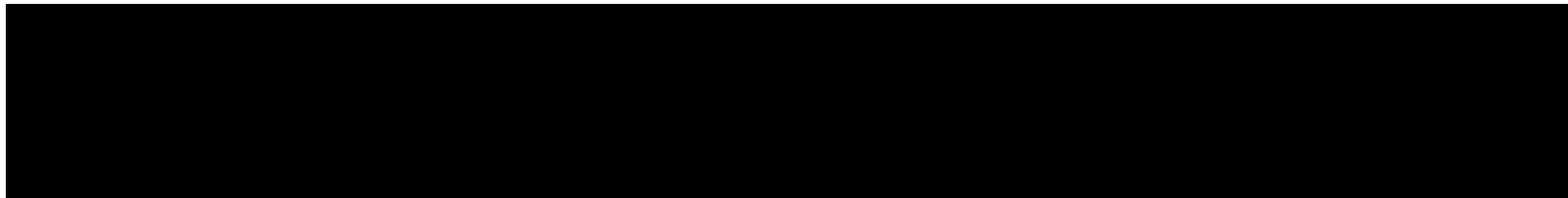
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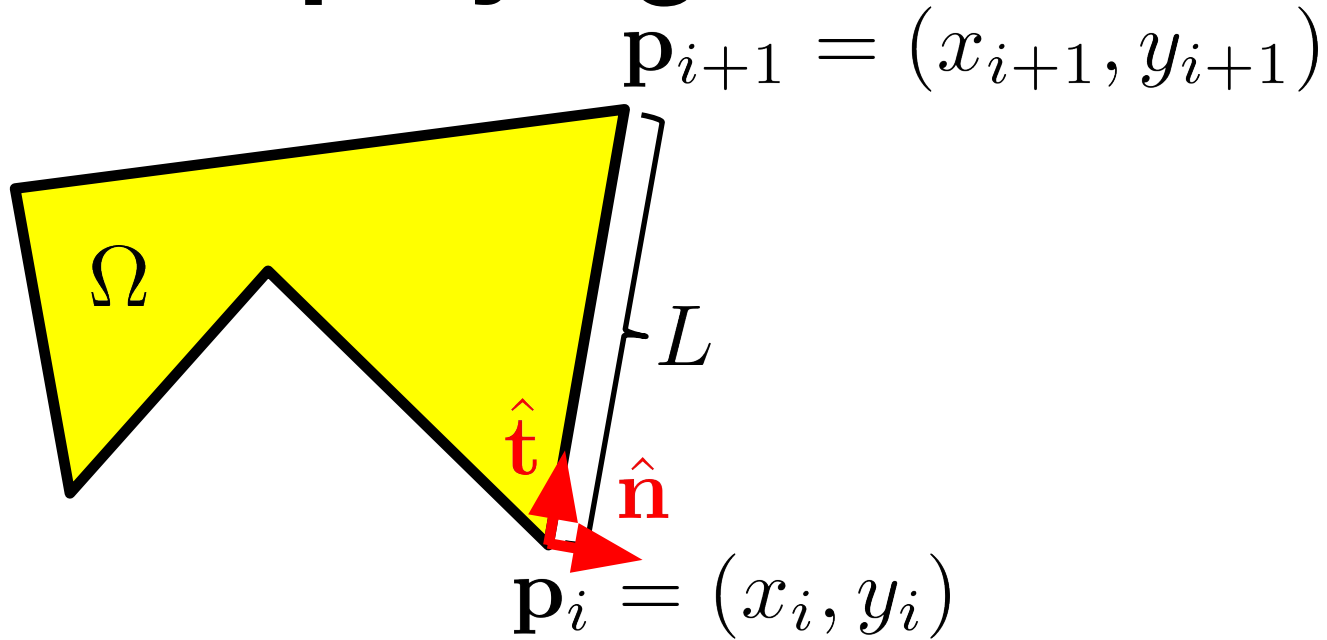
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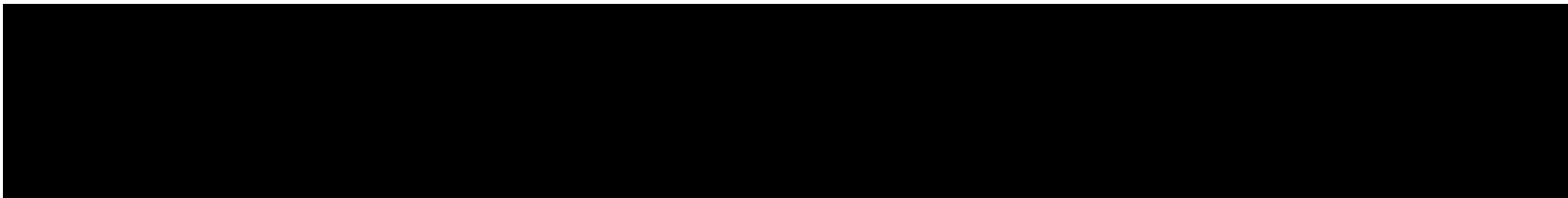


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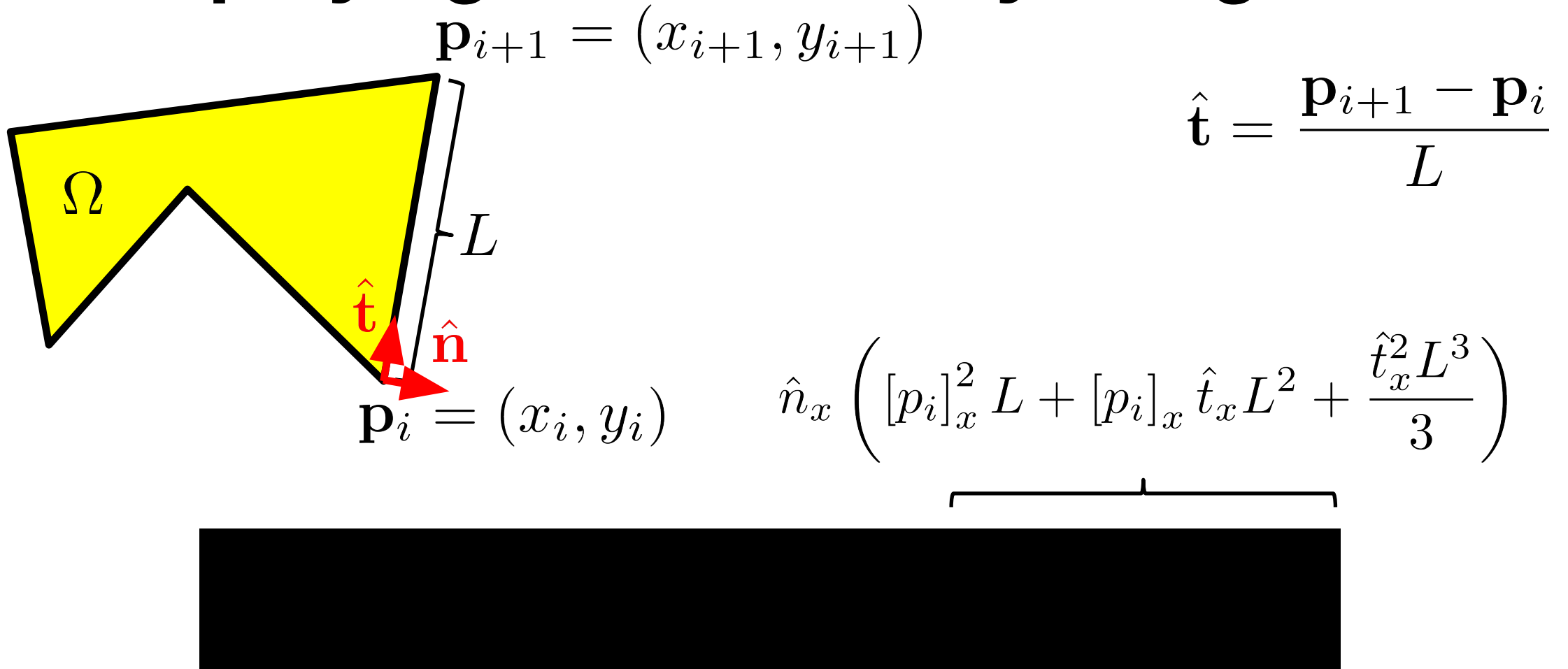


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Other Applications of Stokes's Theorem

Calculating volumes, center of mass, etc. in 3D

- “shoelace formula” for polyhedral

Determining if a point is inside or outside a polygon/polyhedron

- by computing the **winding number**

