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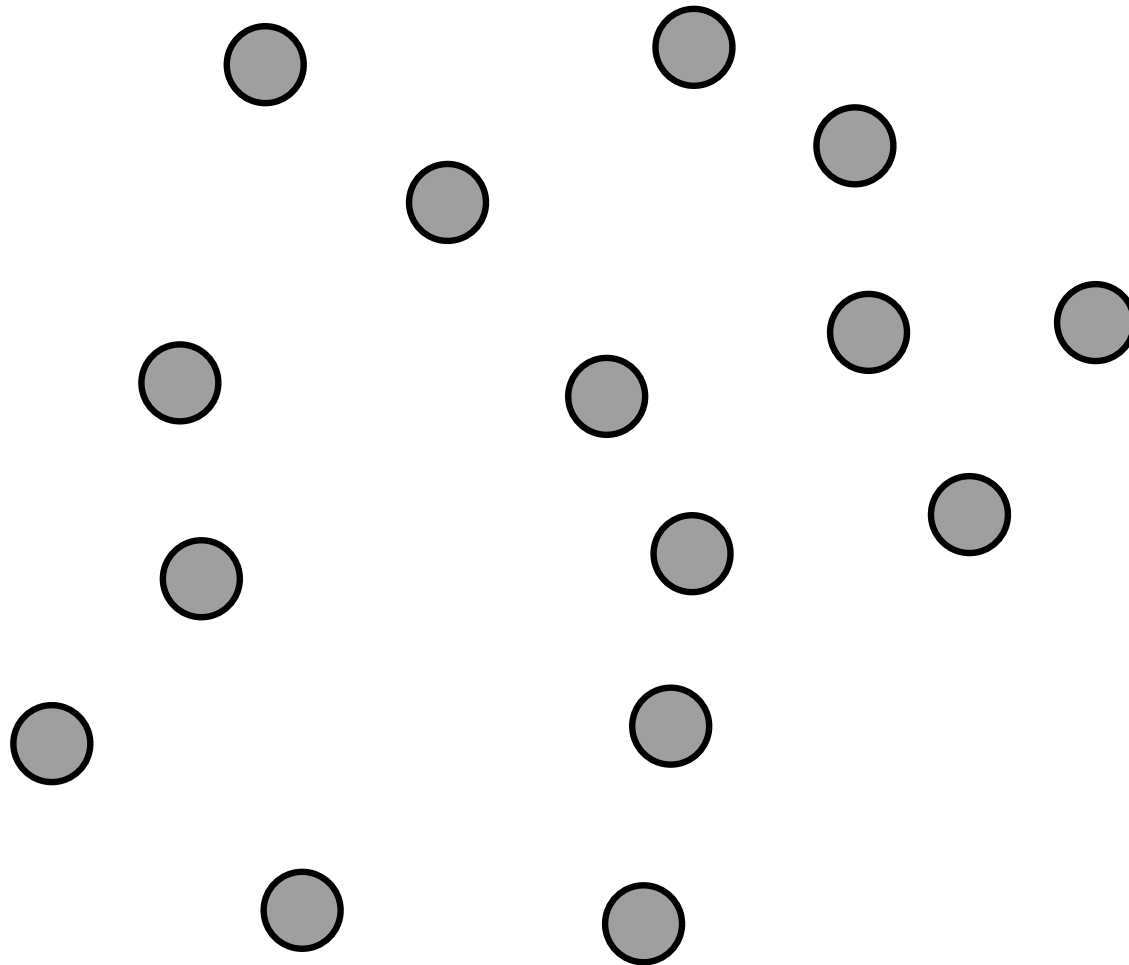


# Colored Non-Crossing Euclidean Steiner Forest

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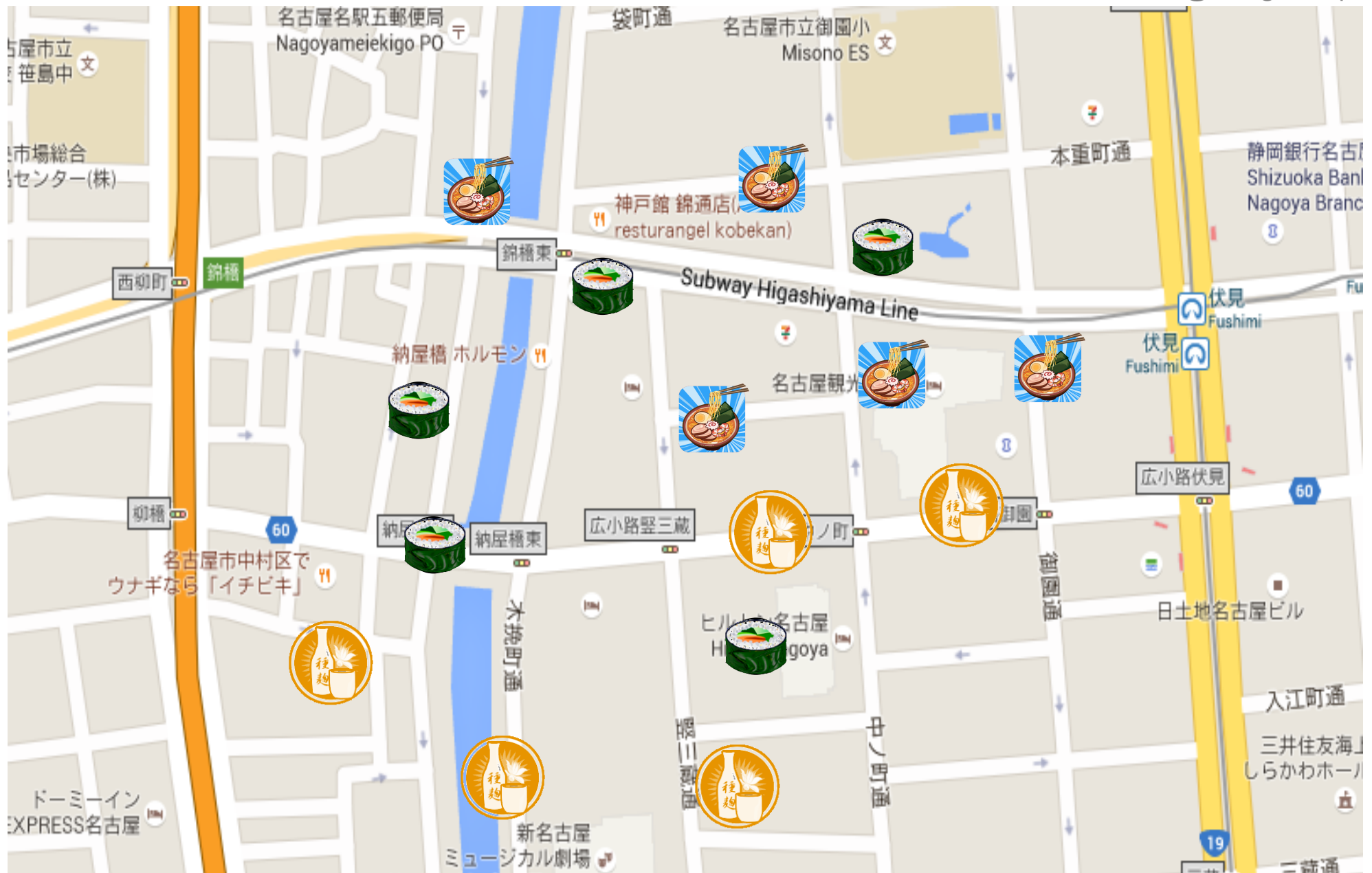


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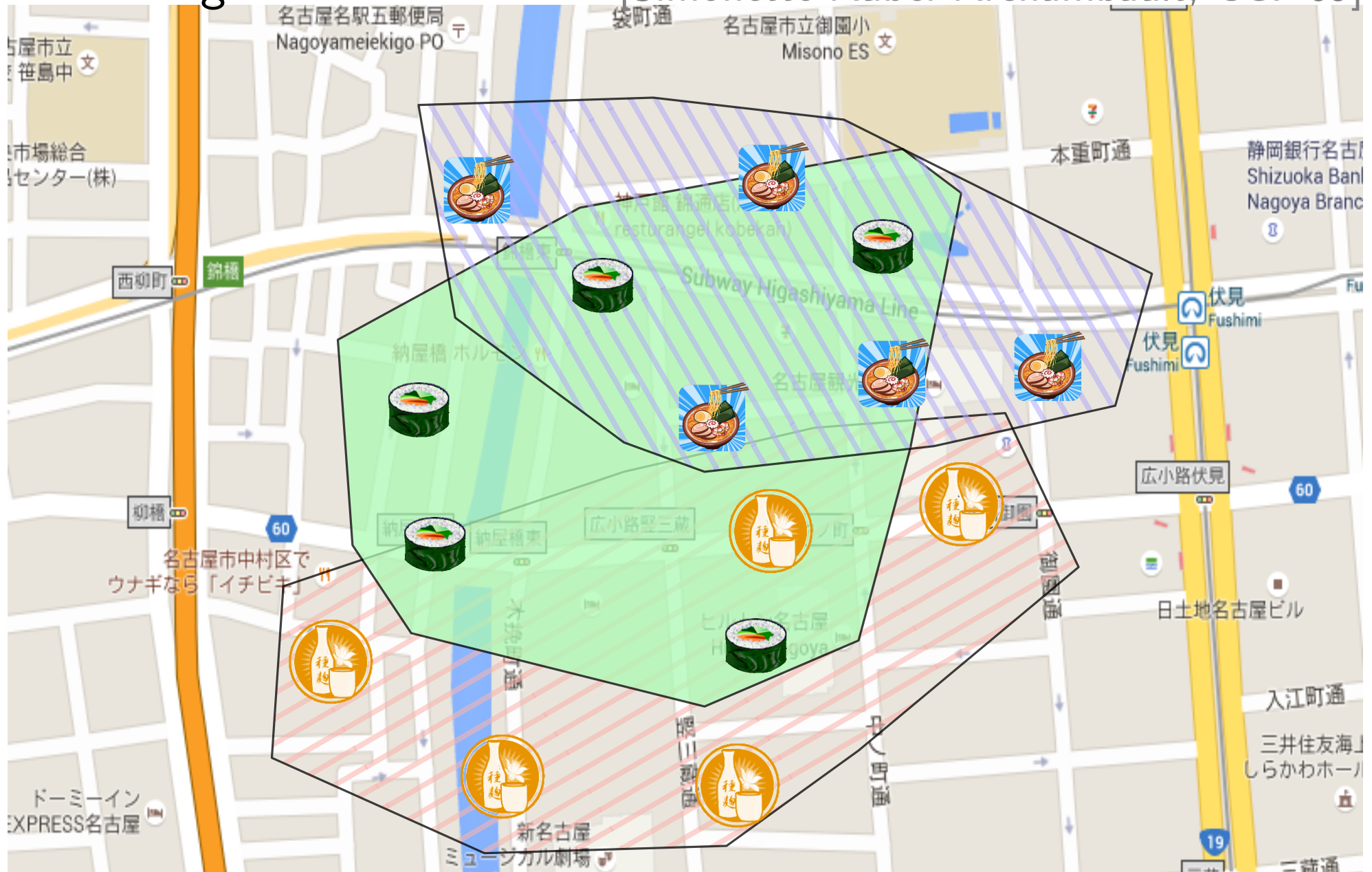


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## Euler diagrams

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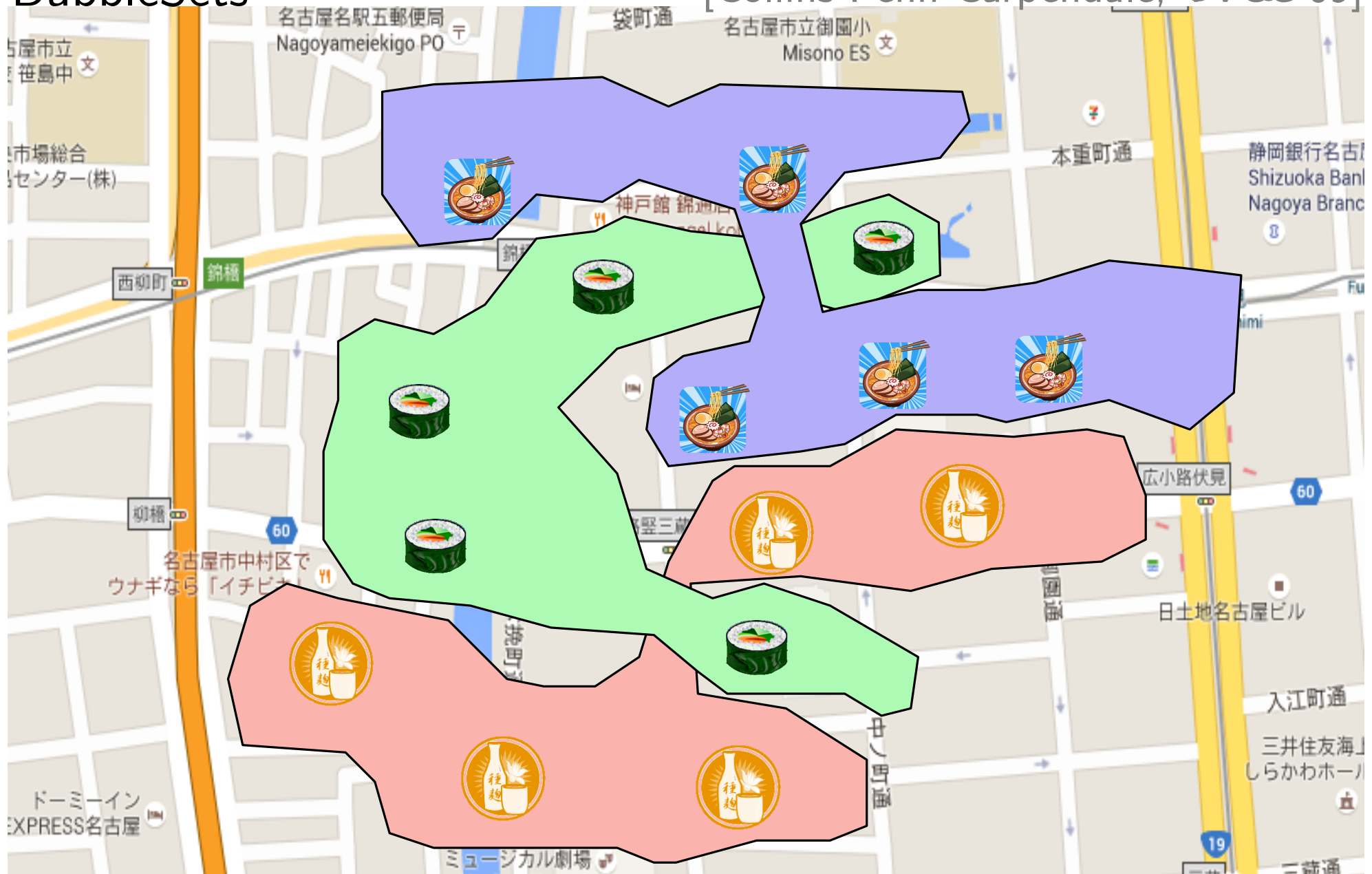


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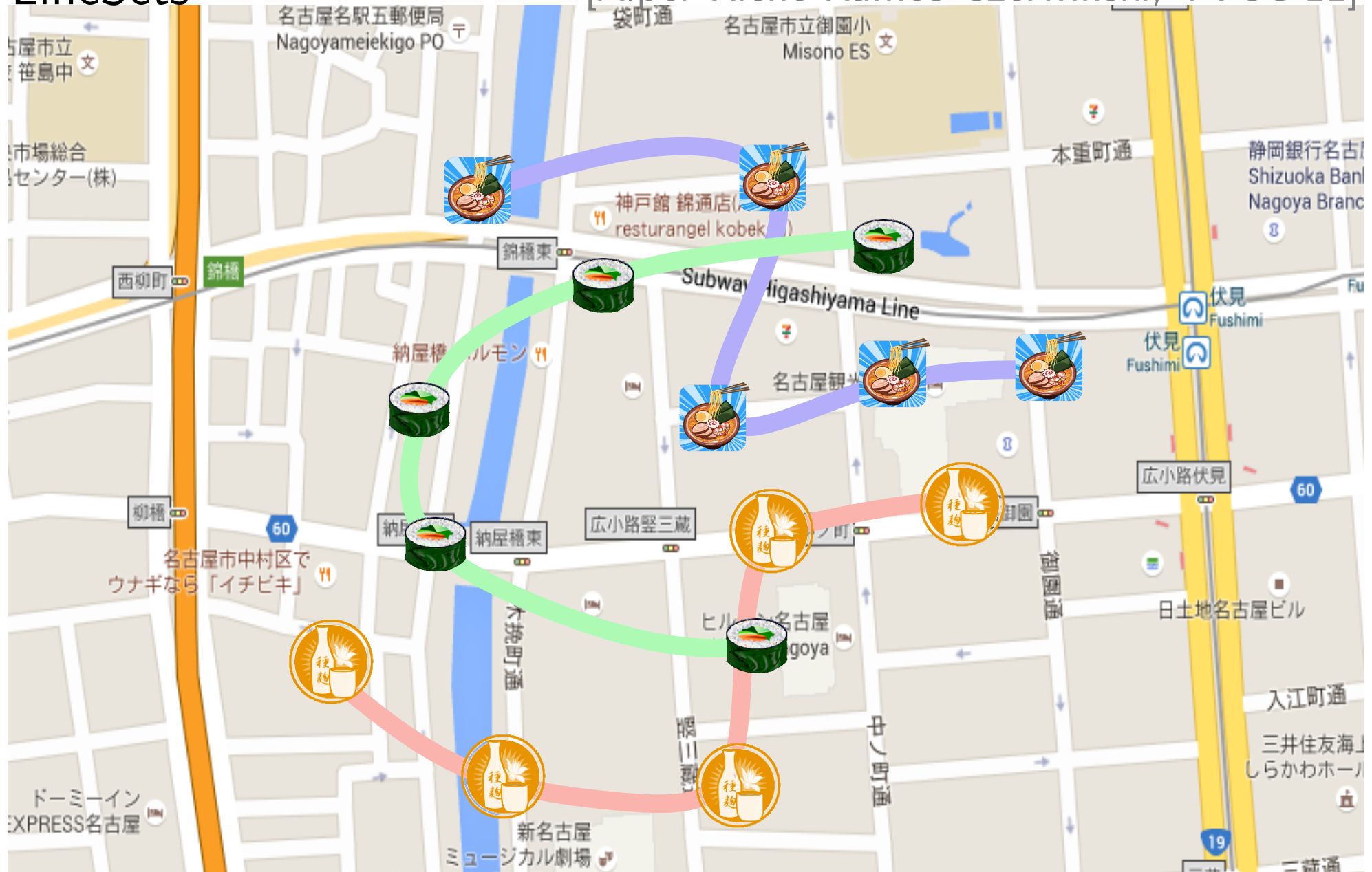
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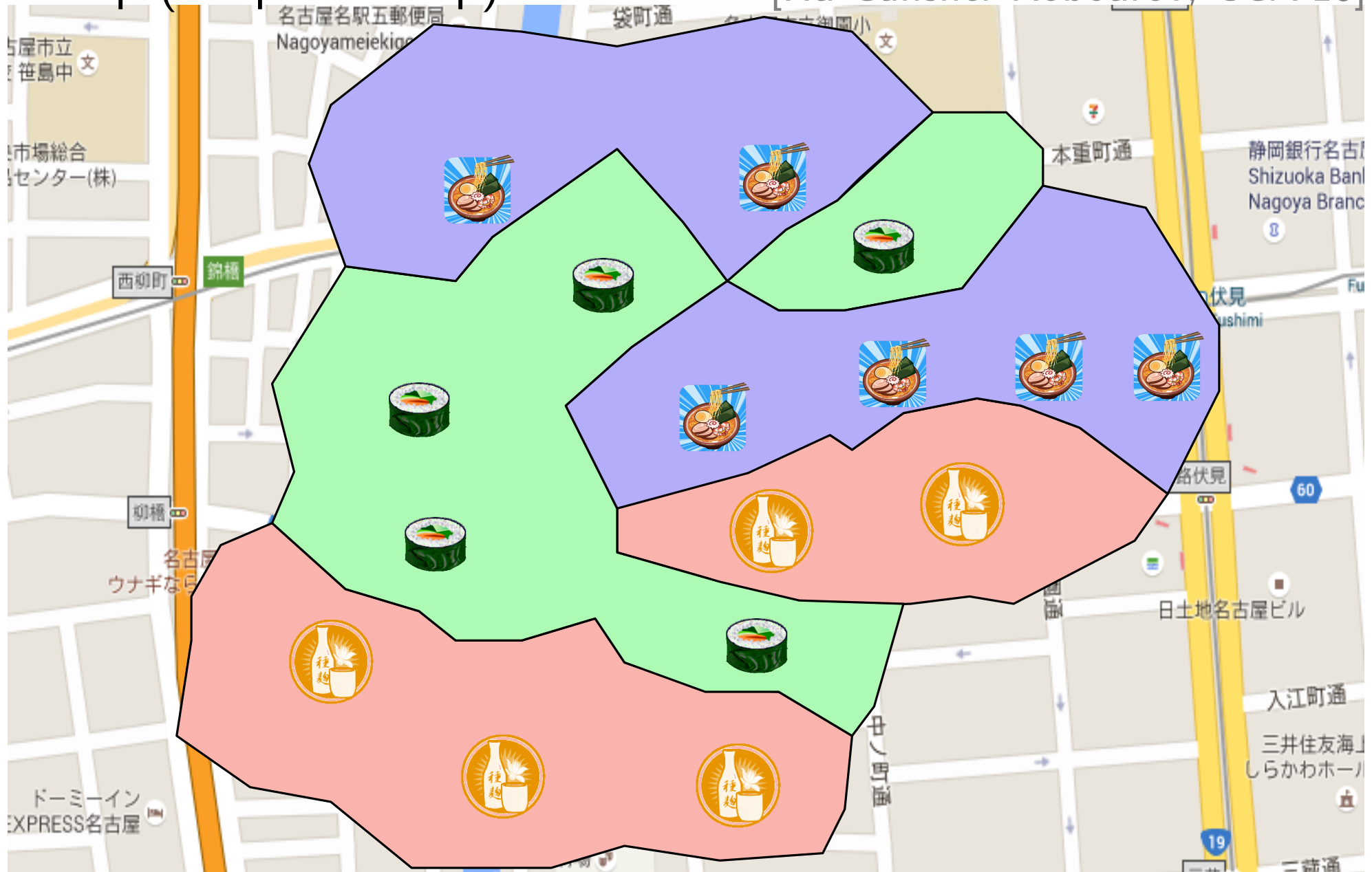
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## GMap (Graph-to-Map)

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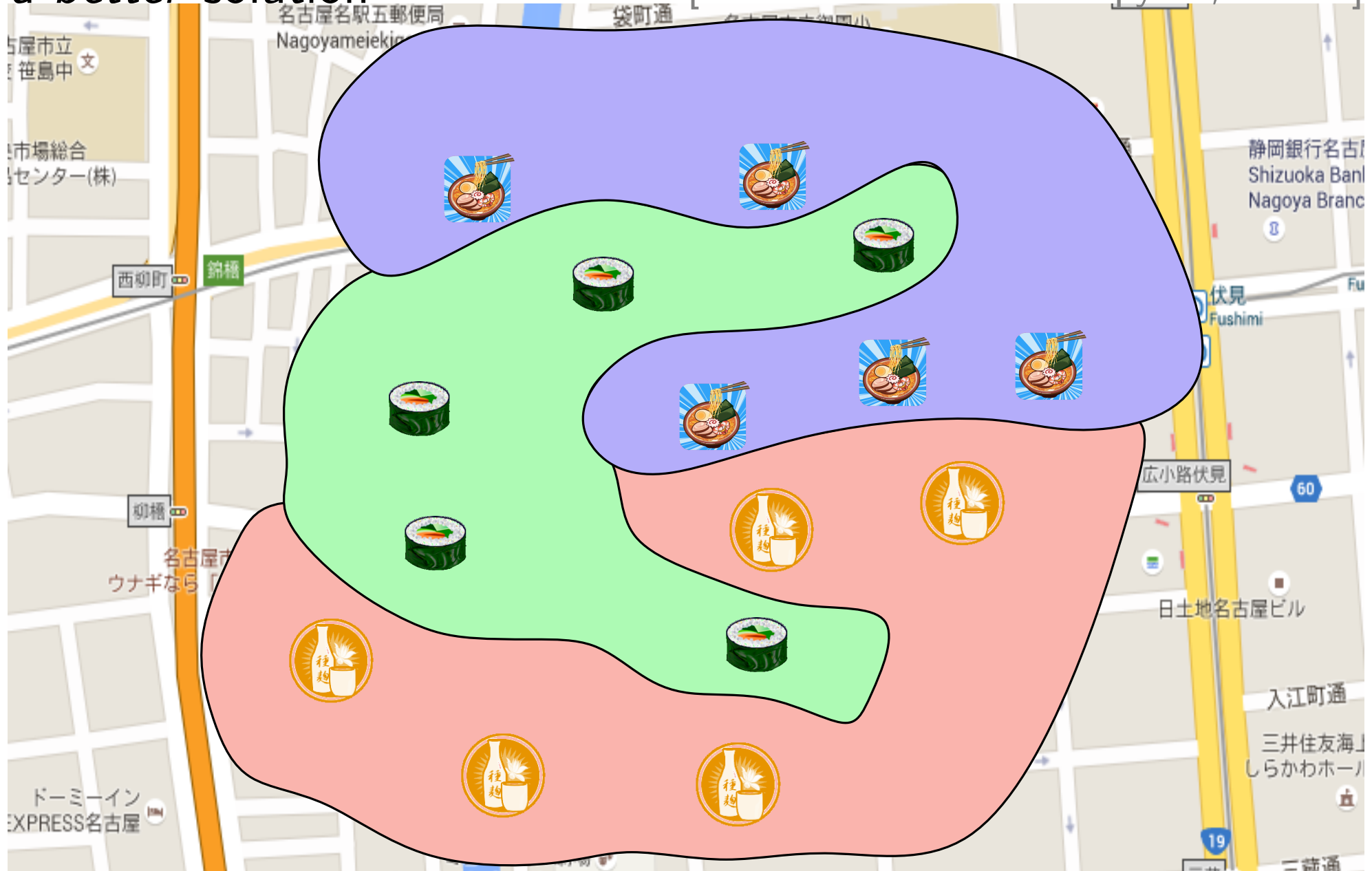


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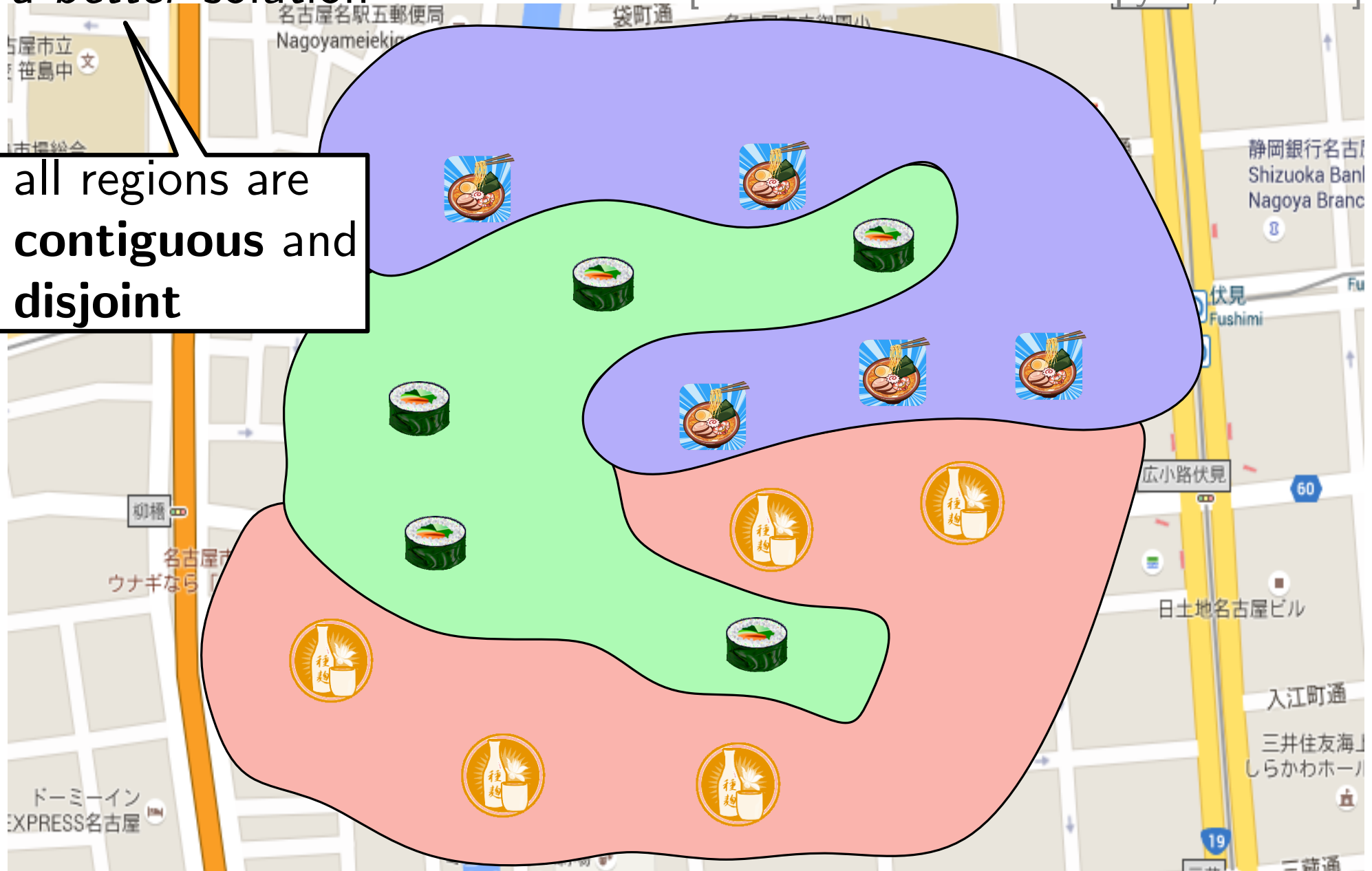


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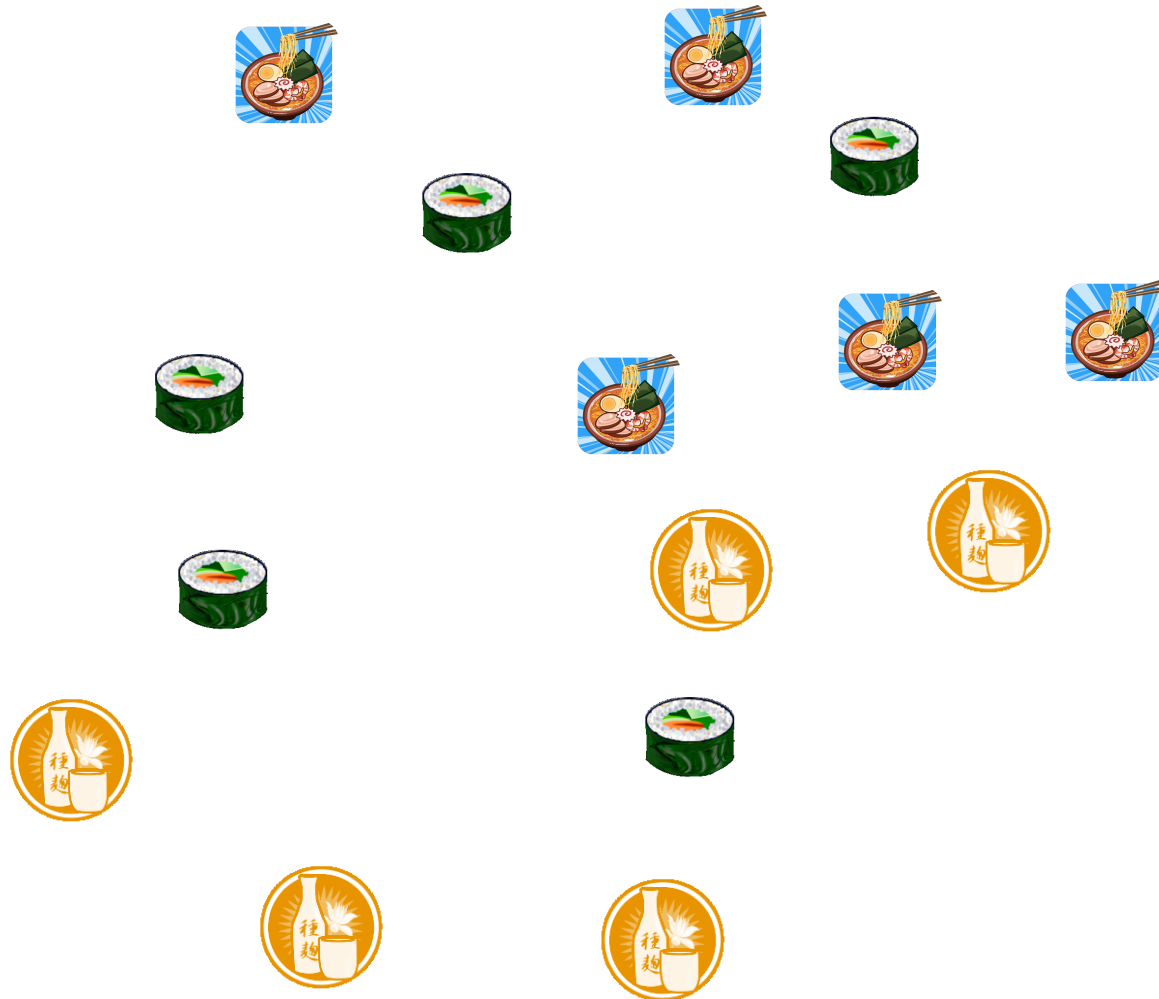
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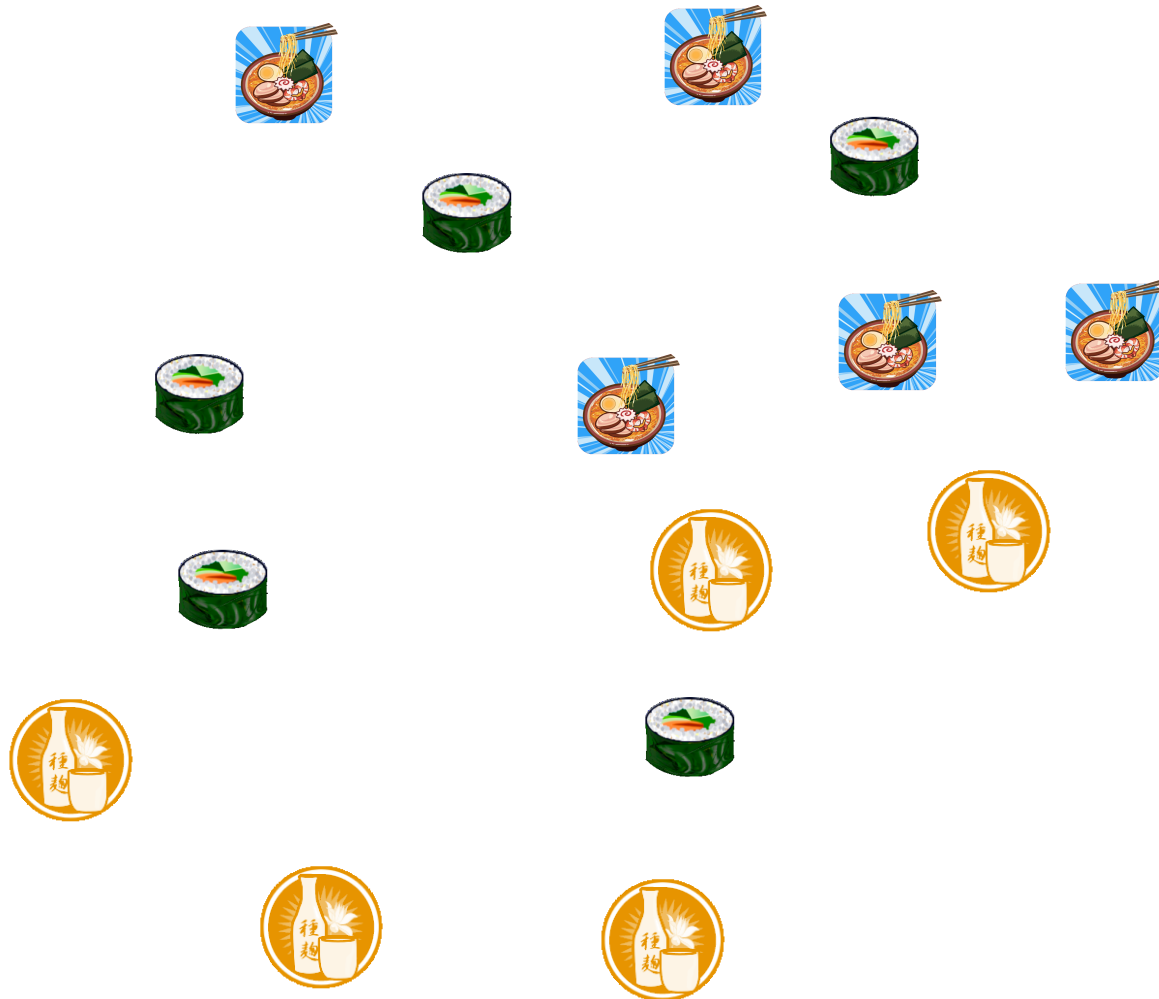
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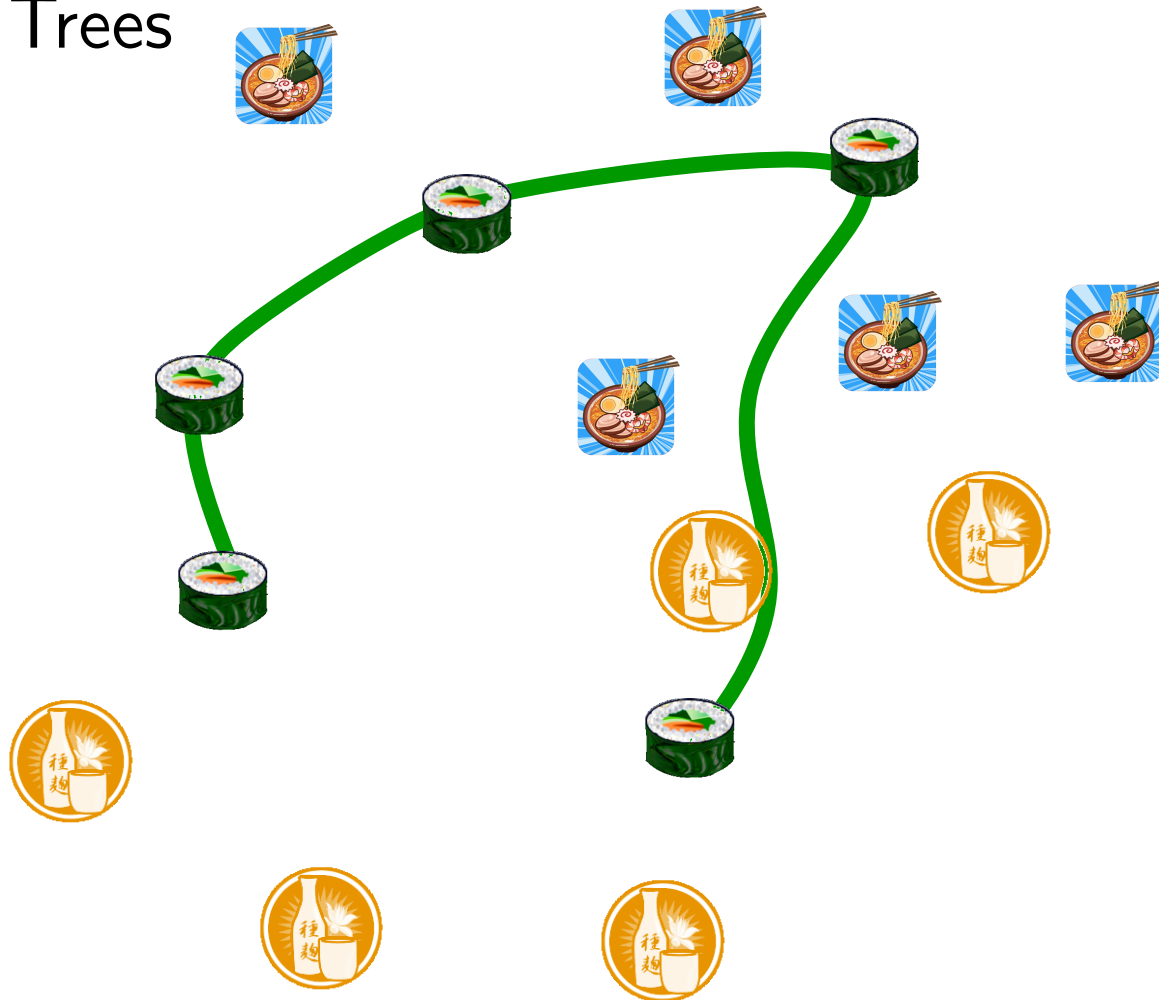




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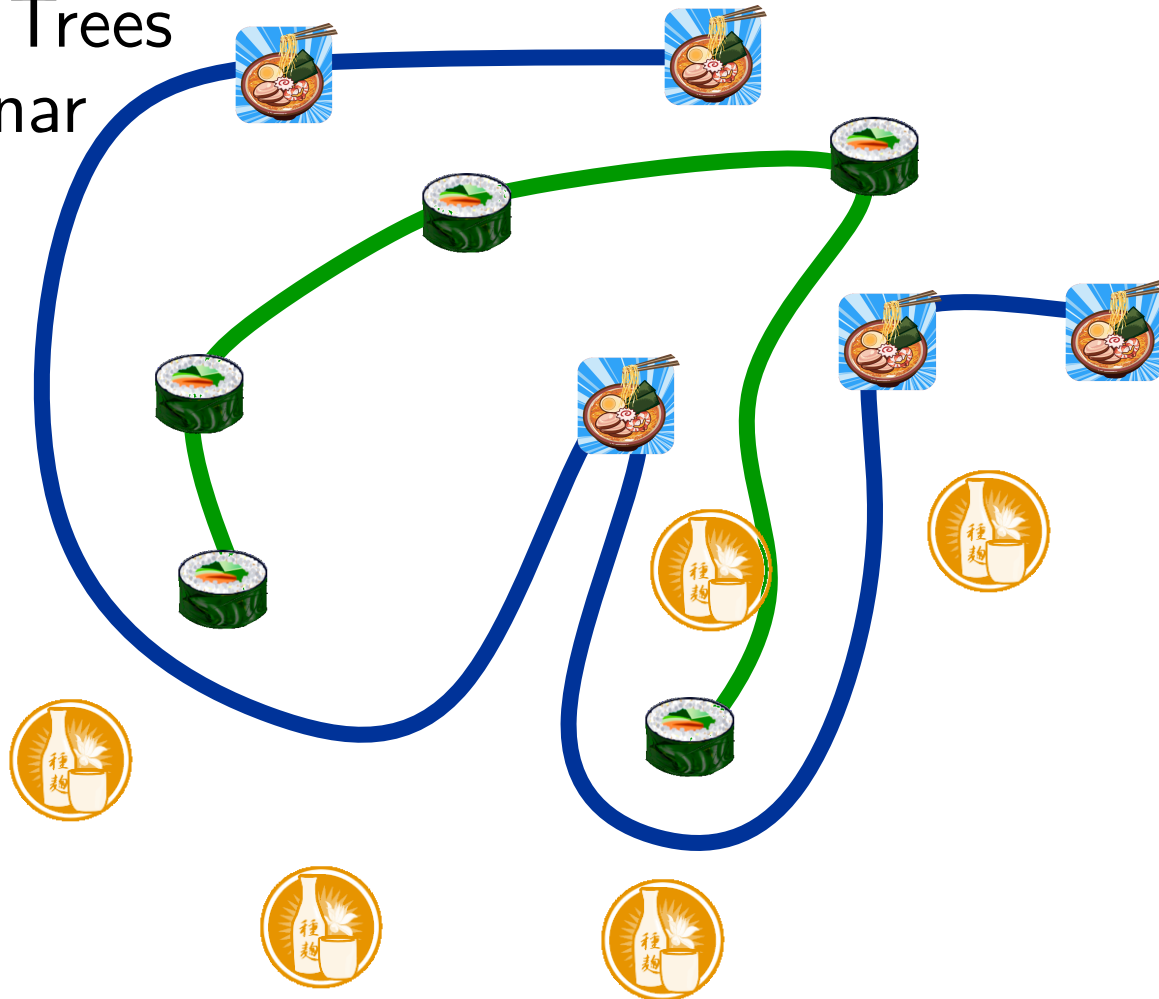
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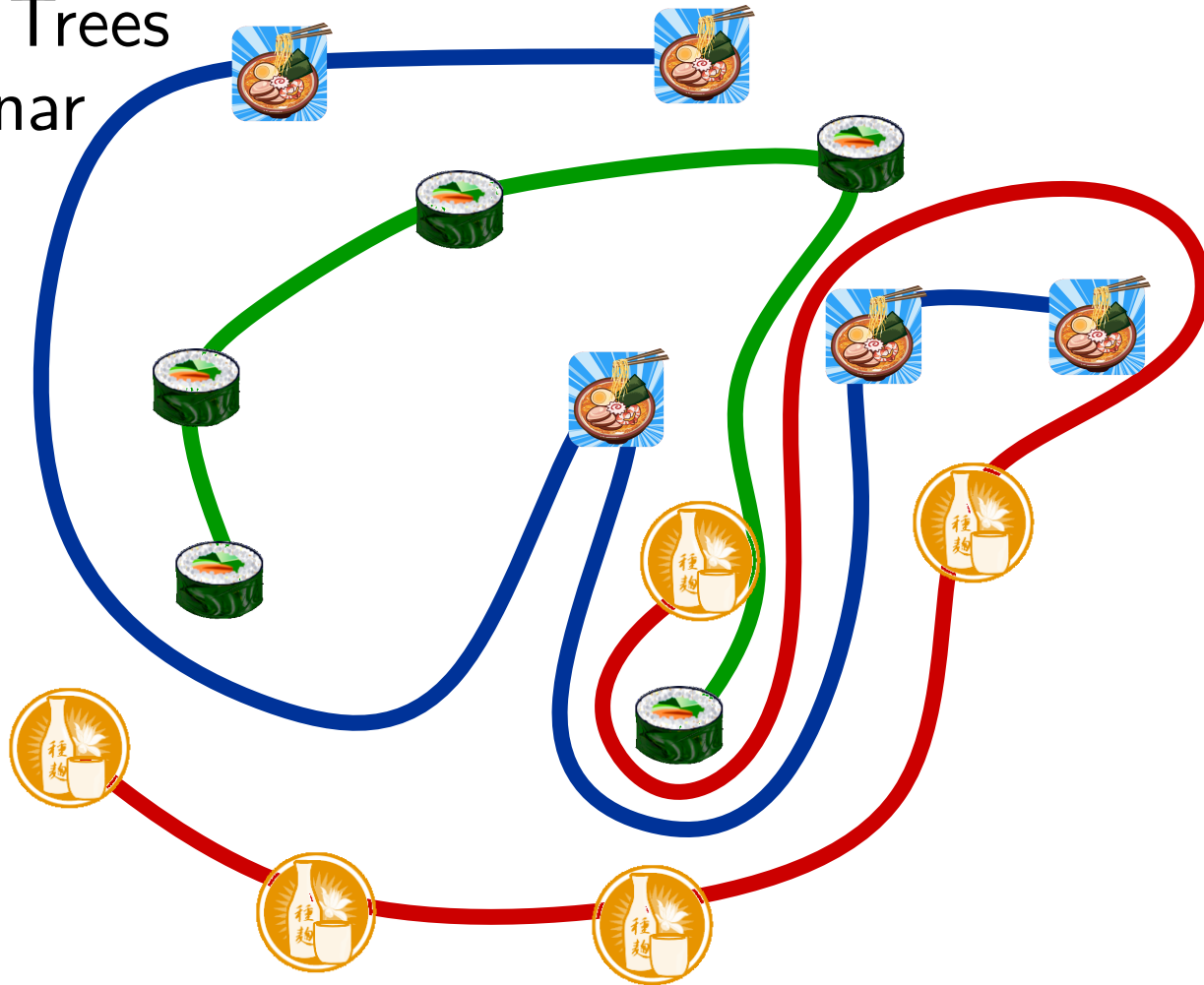
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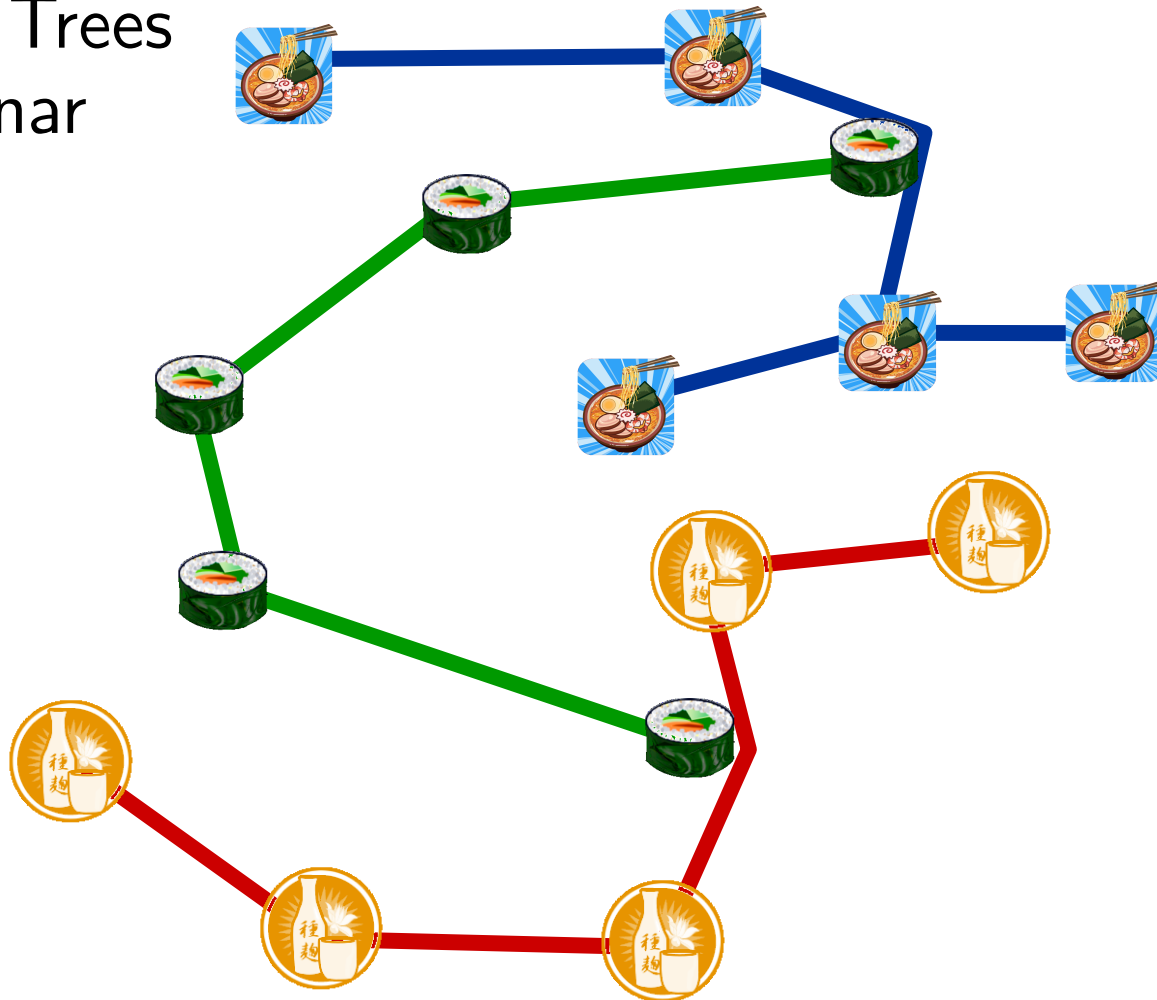
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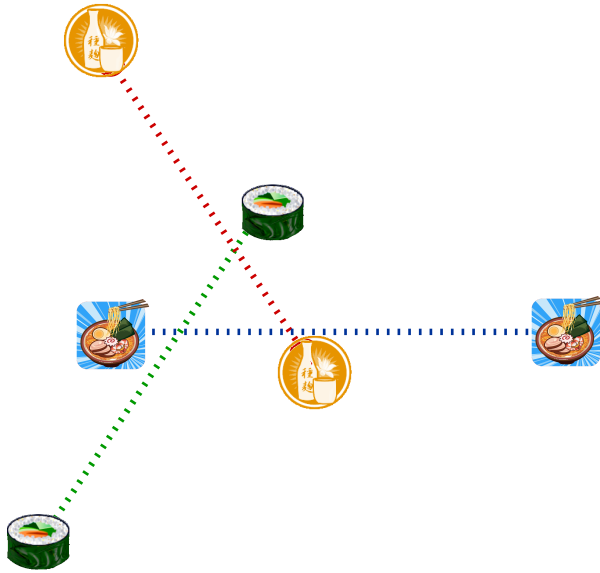
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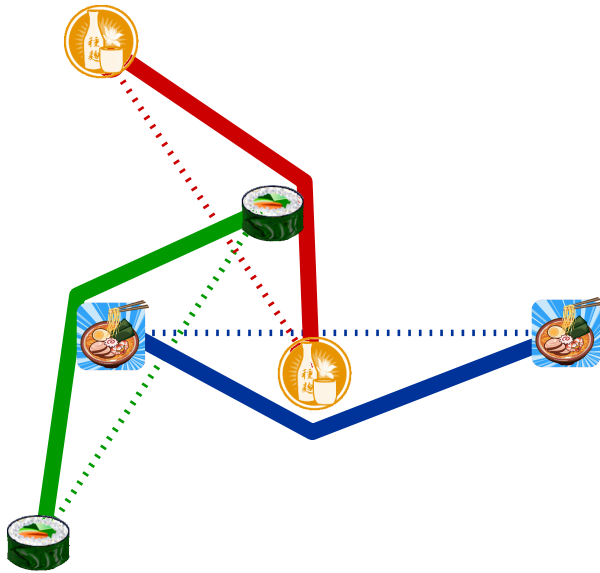




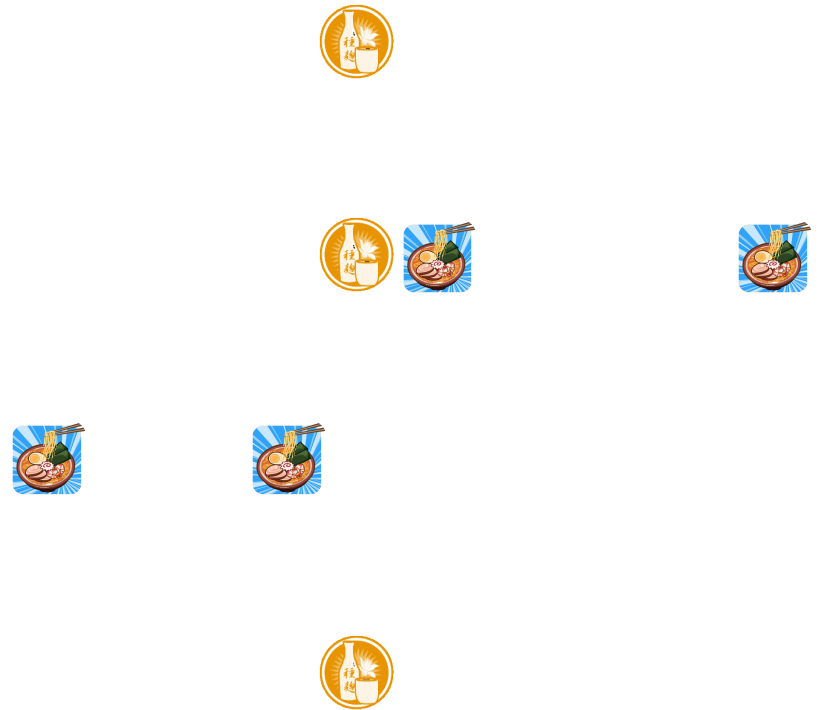
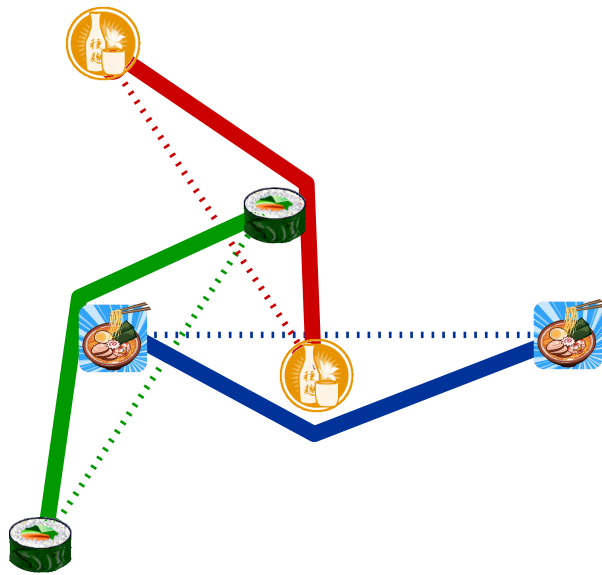
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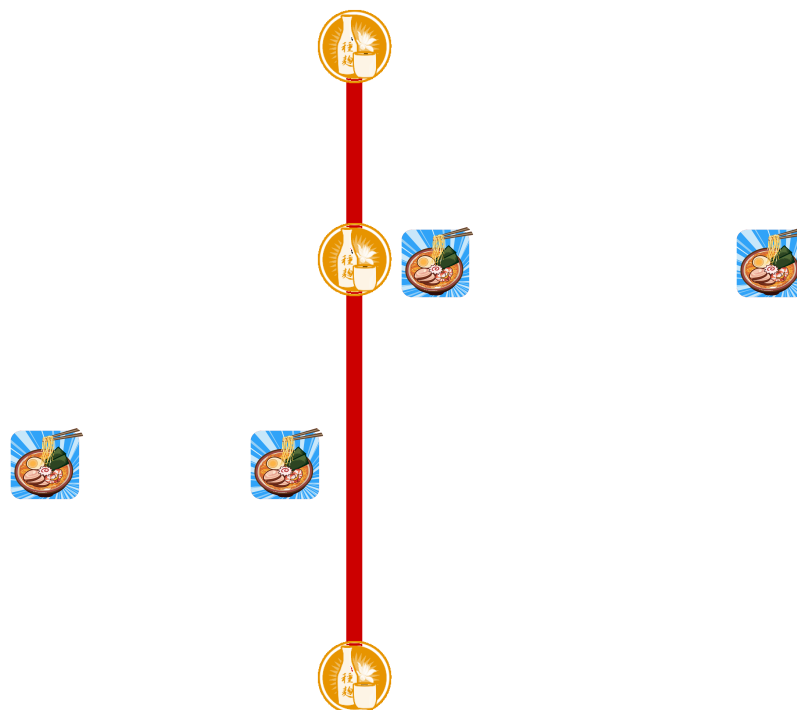
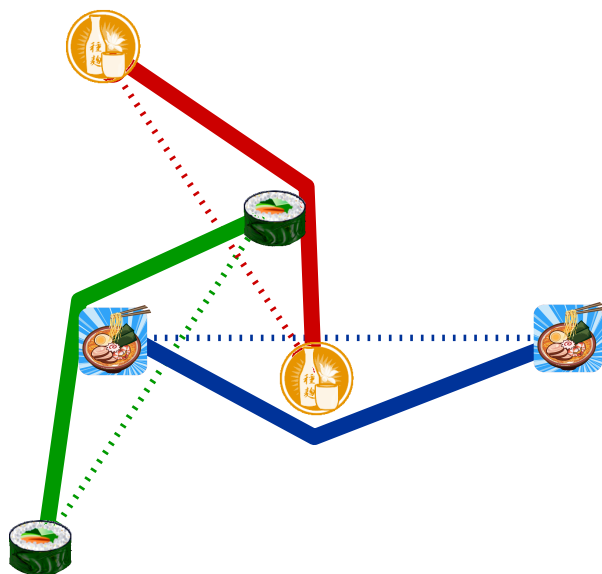
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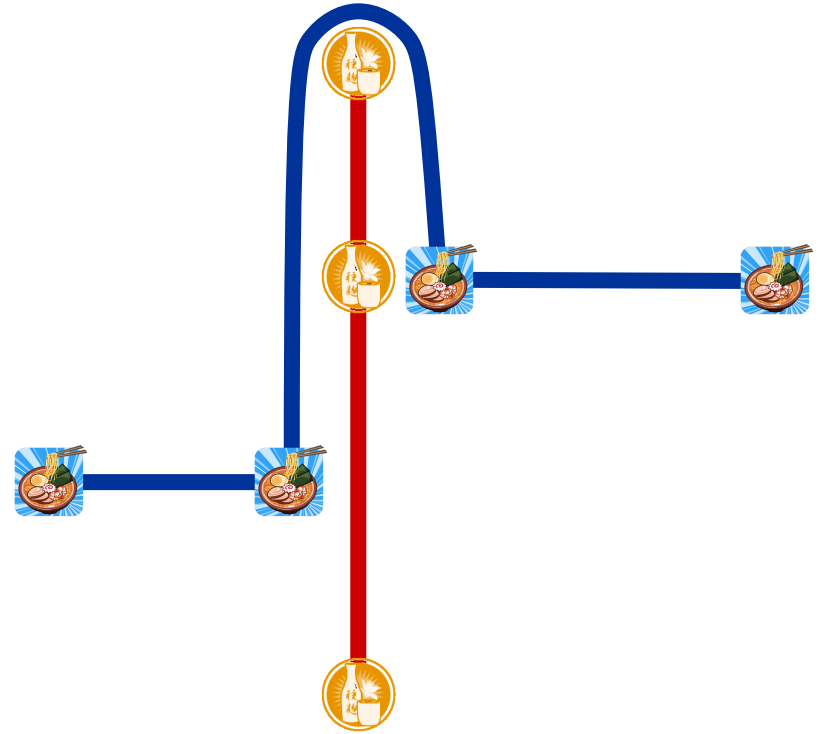
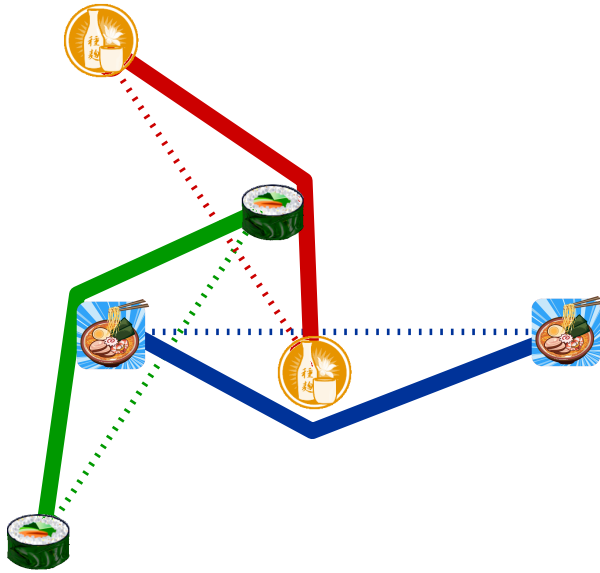


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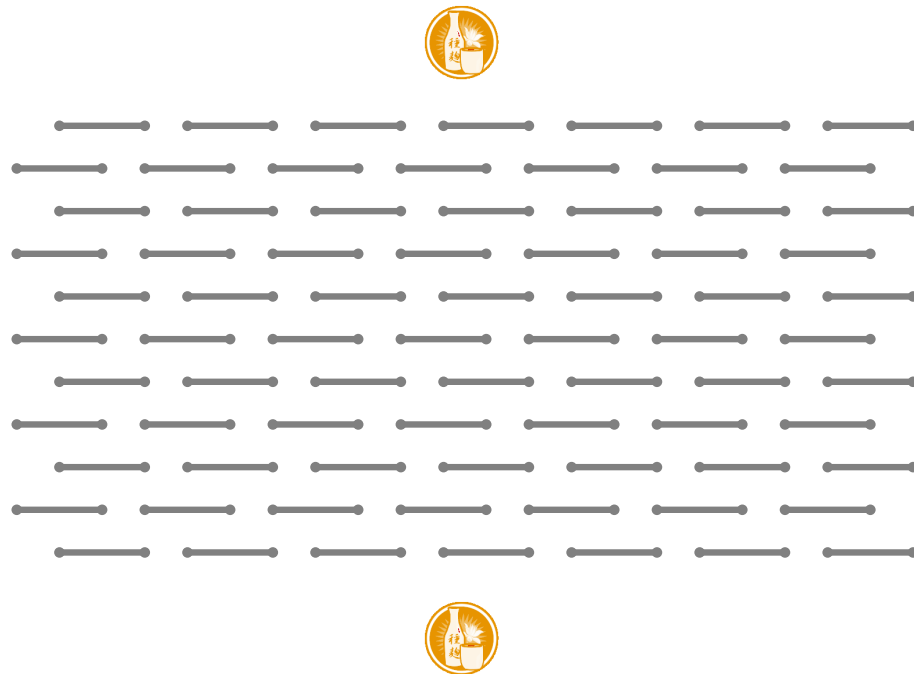
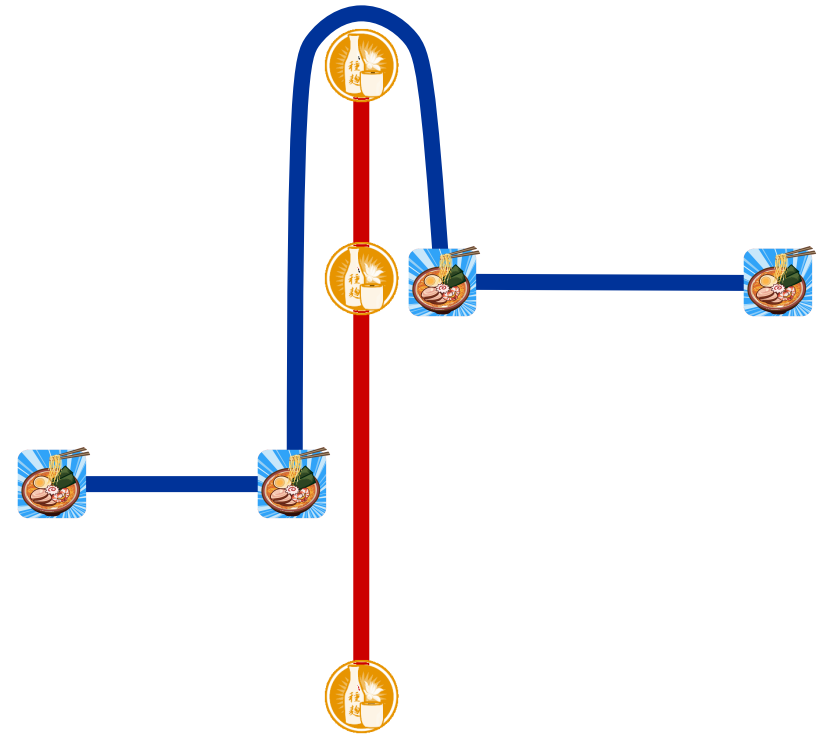
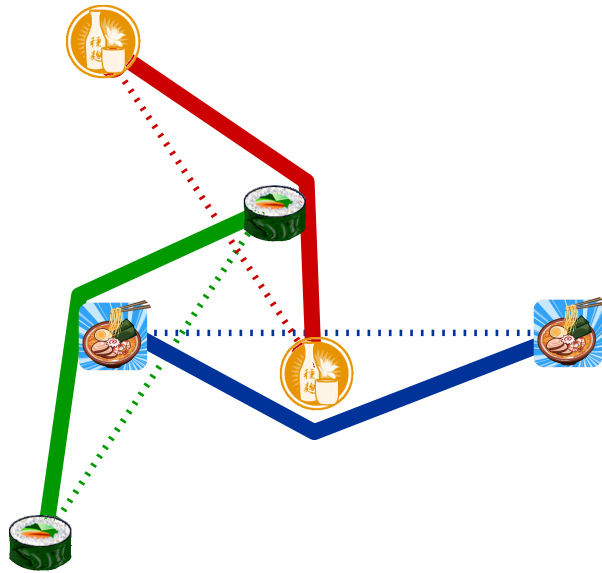




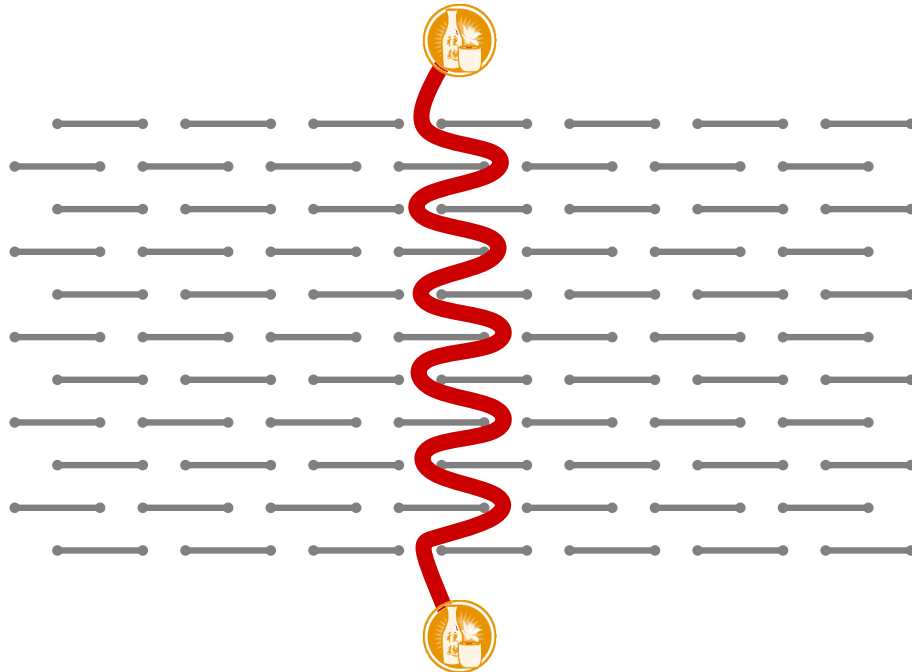
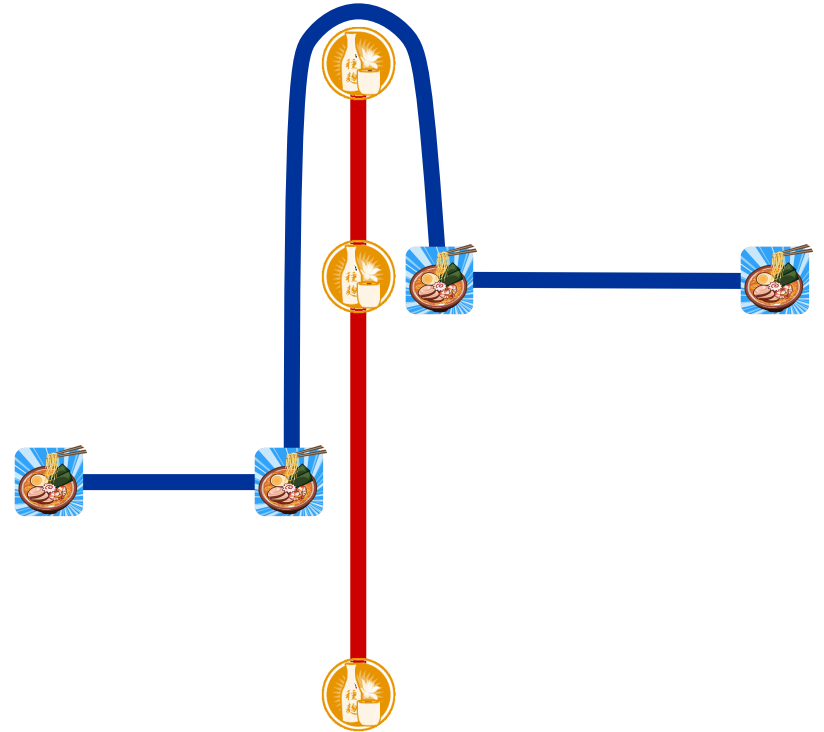
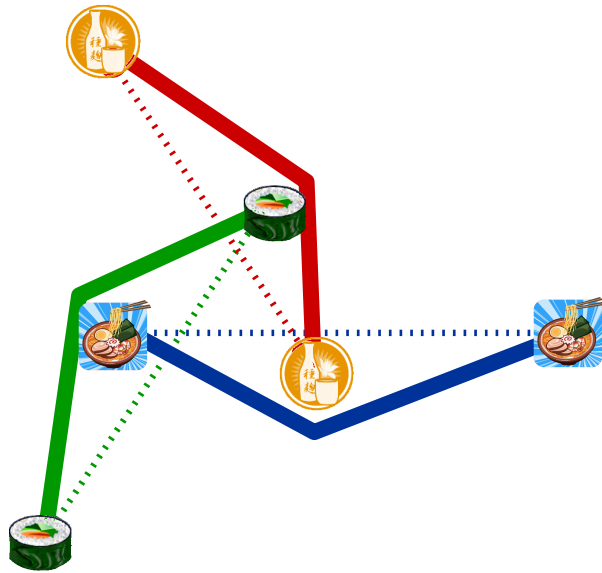
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$$\rho \leq 1.21$$

[Chung Graham, ANYAS'85]

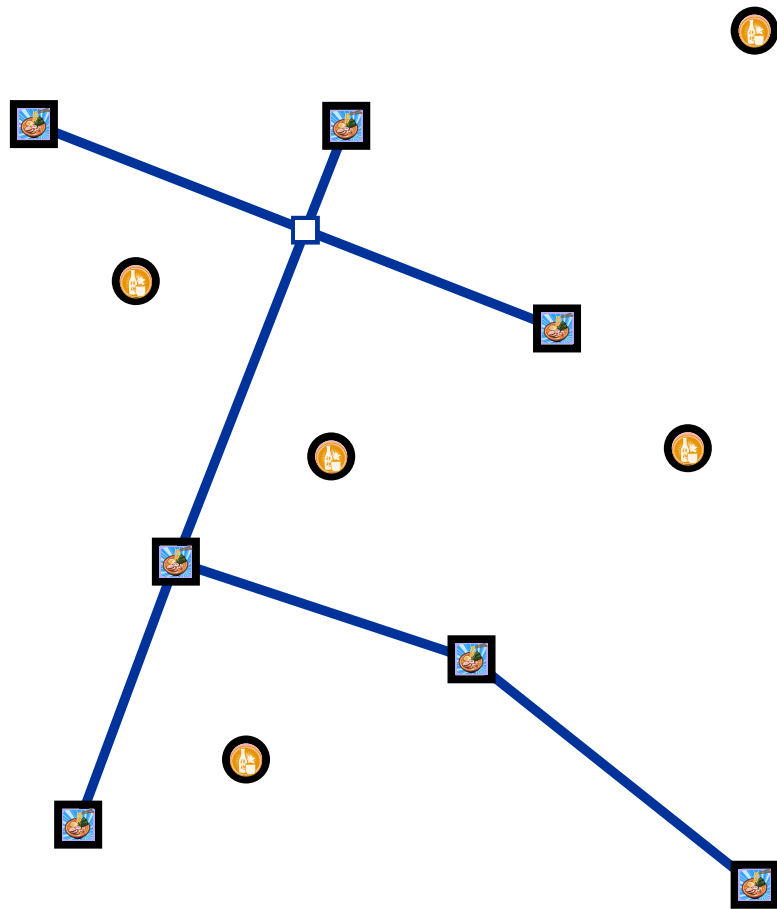
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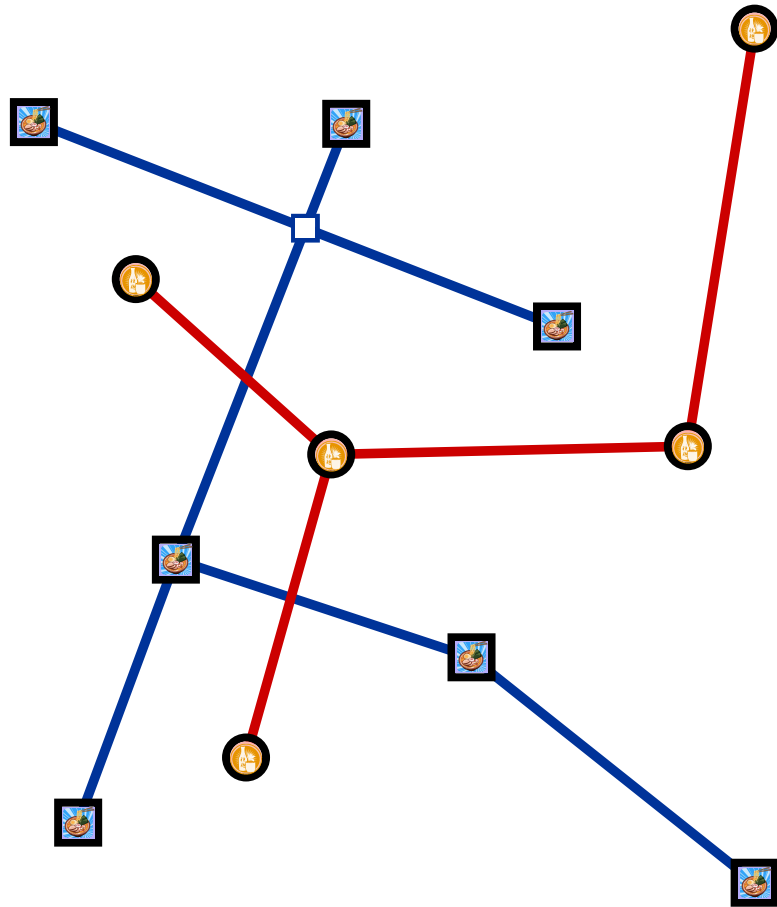
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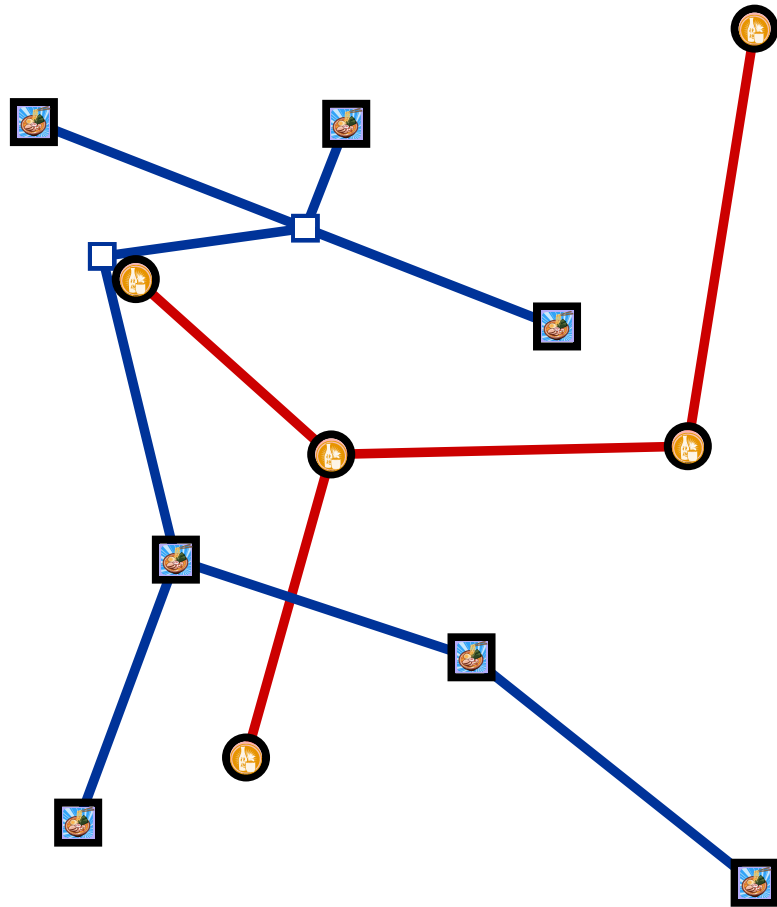
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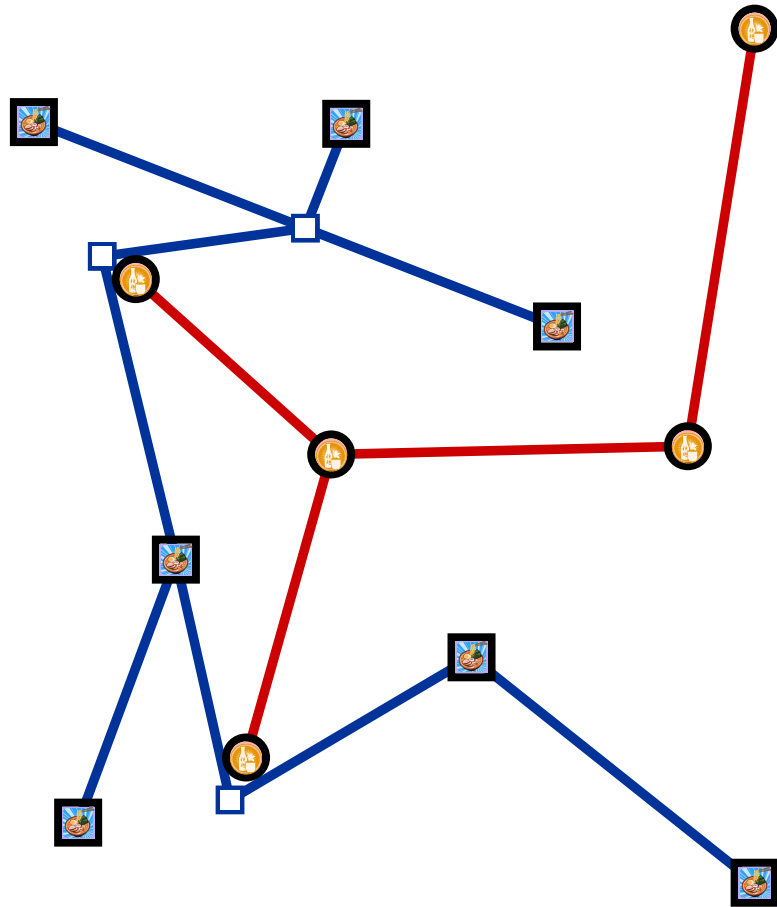


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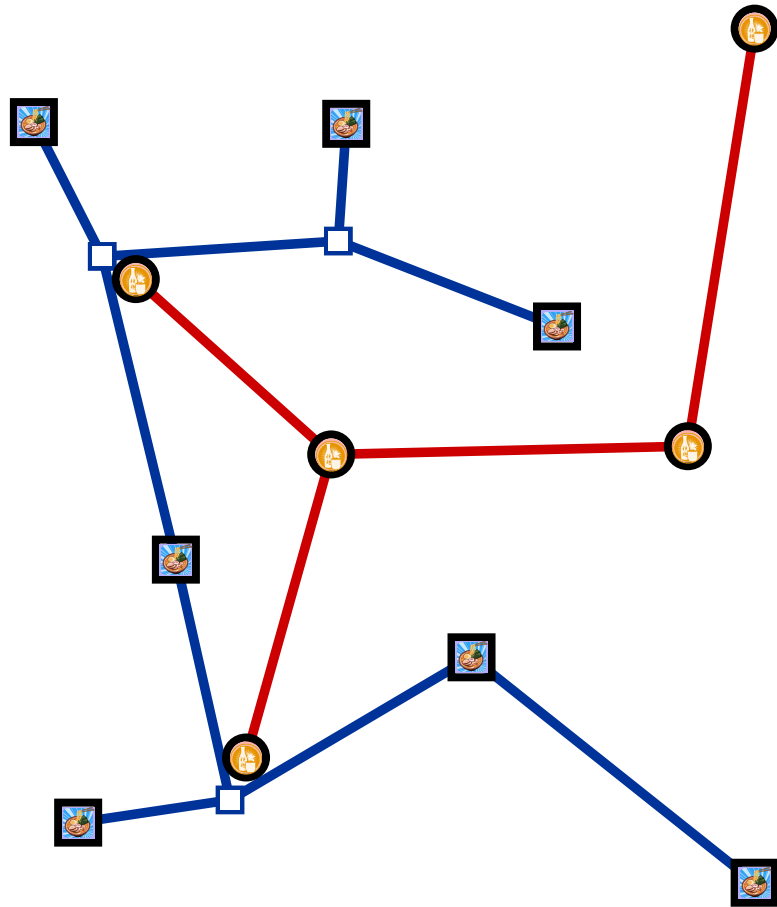




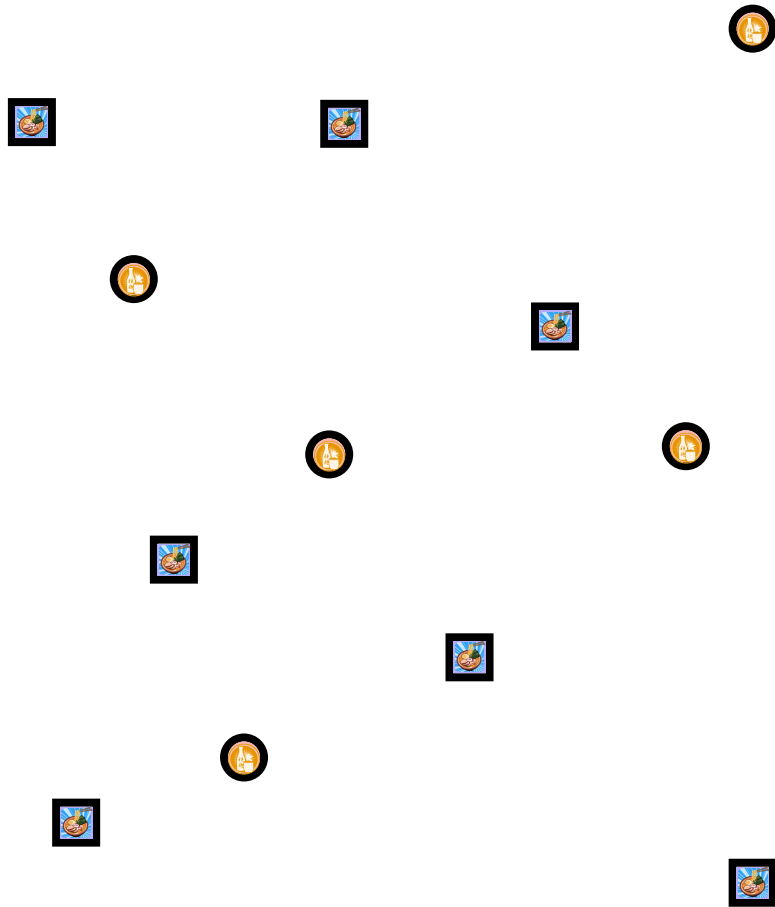
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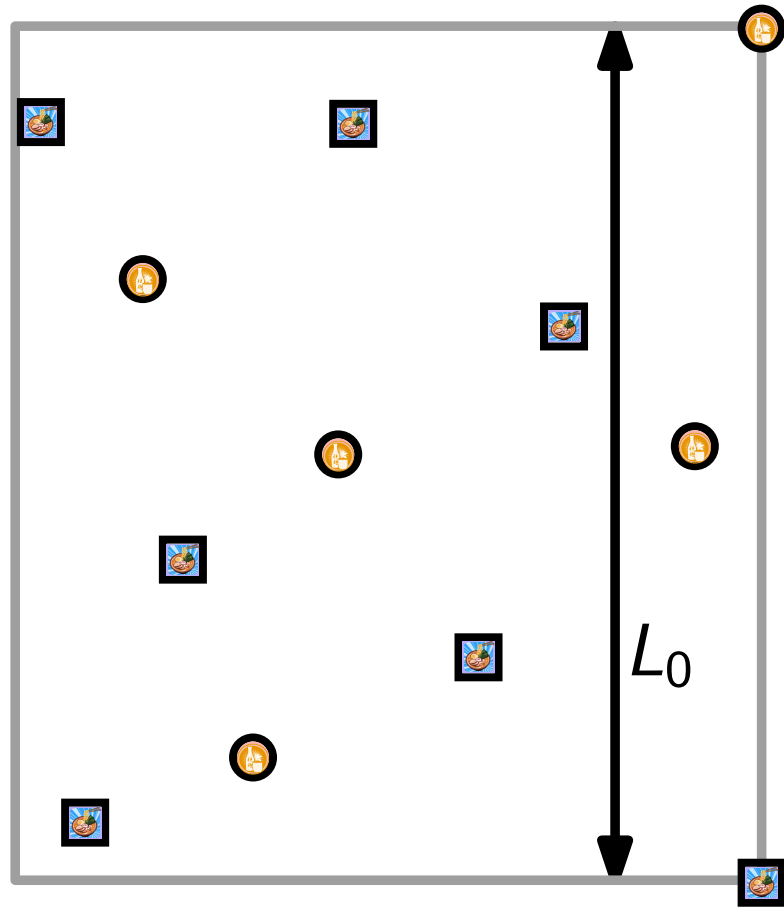
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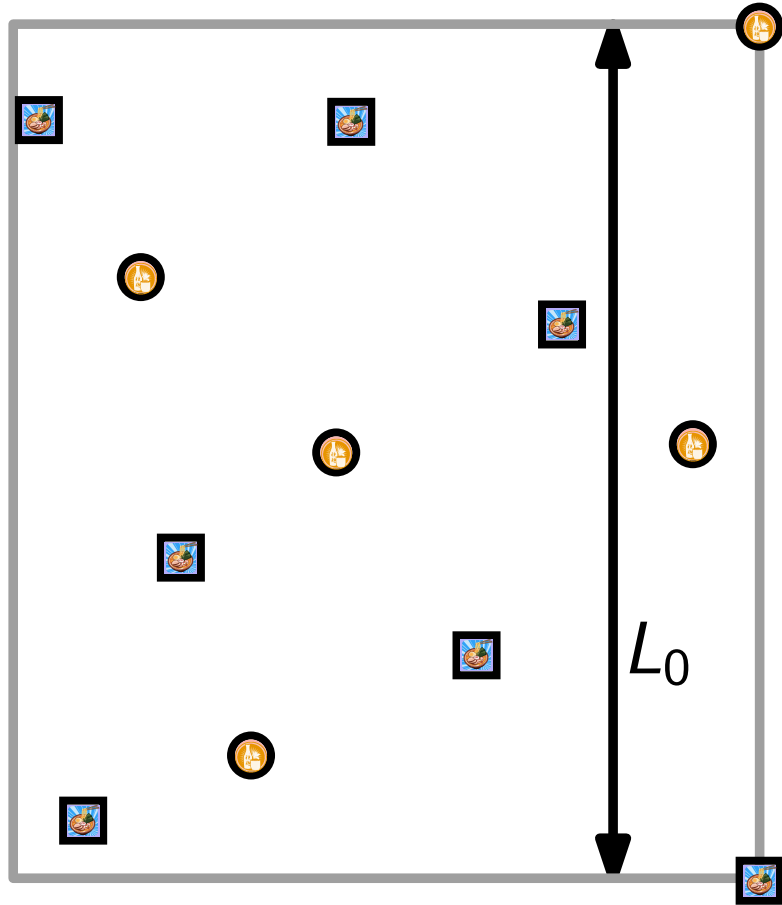


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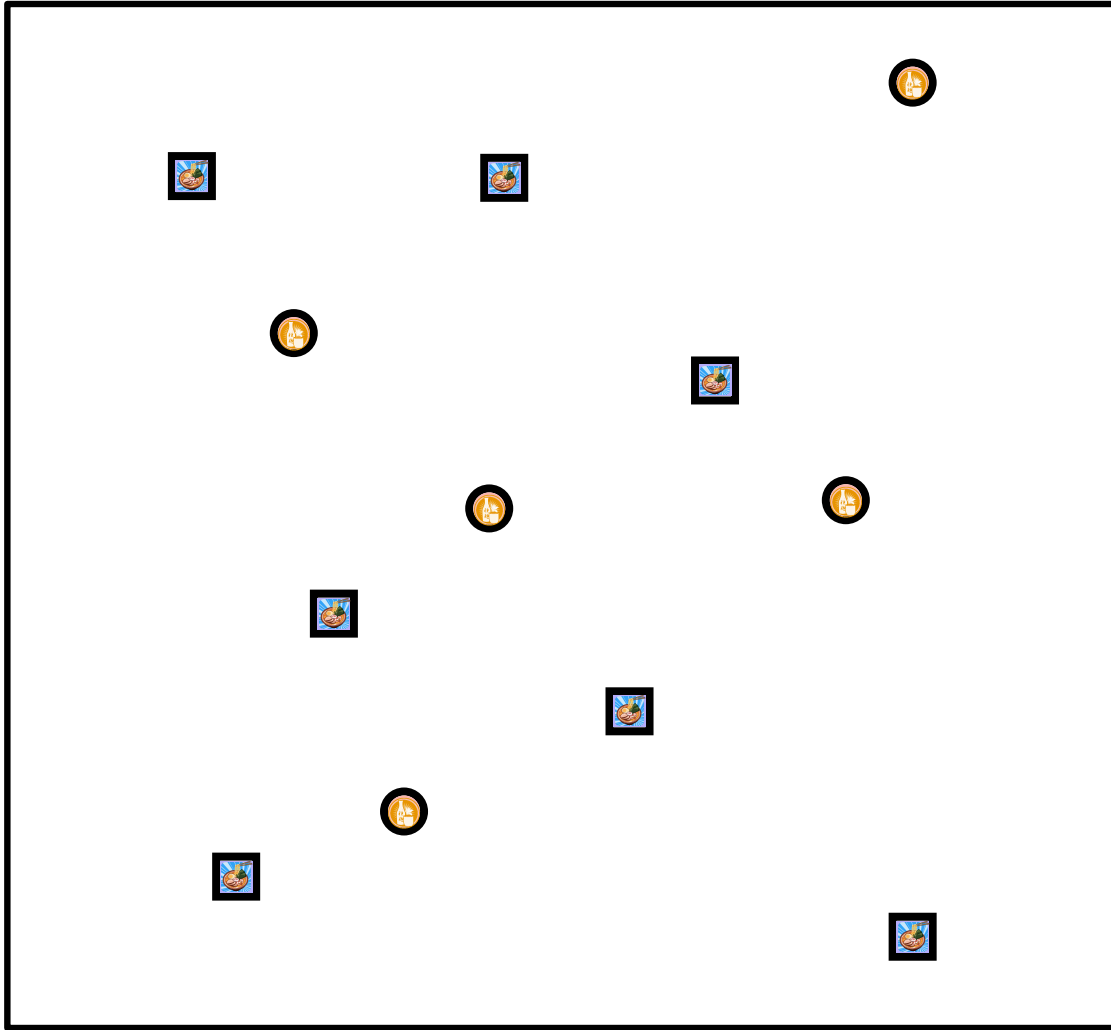
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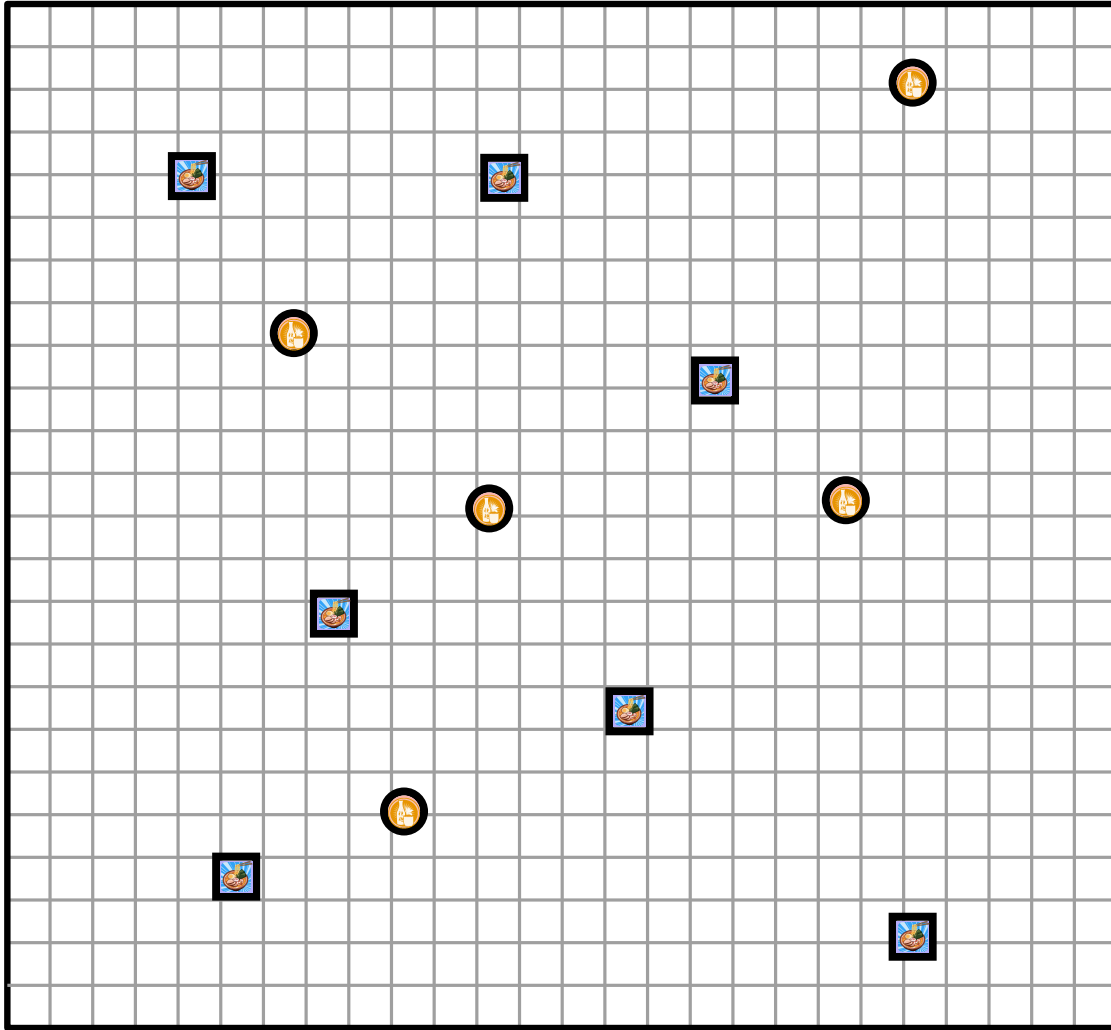
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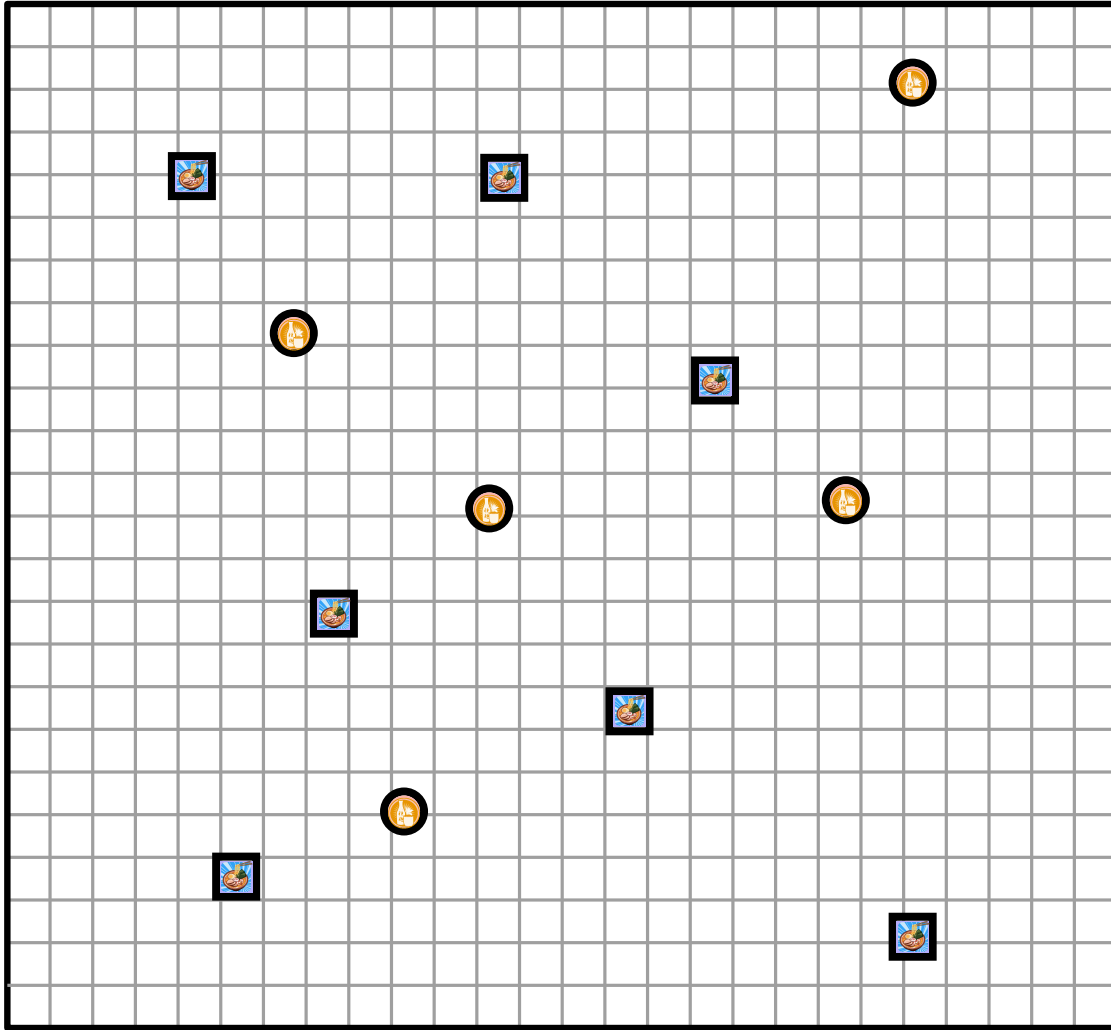


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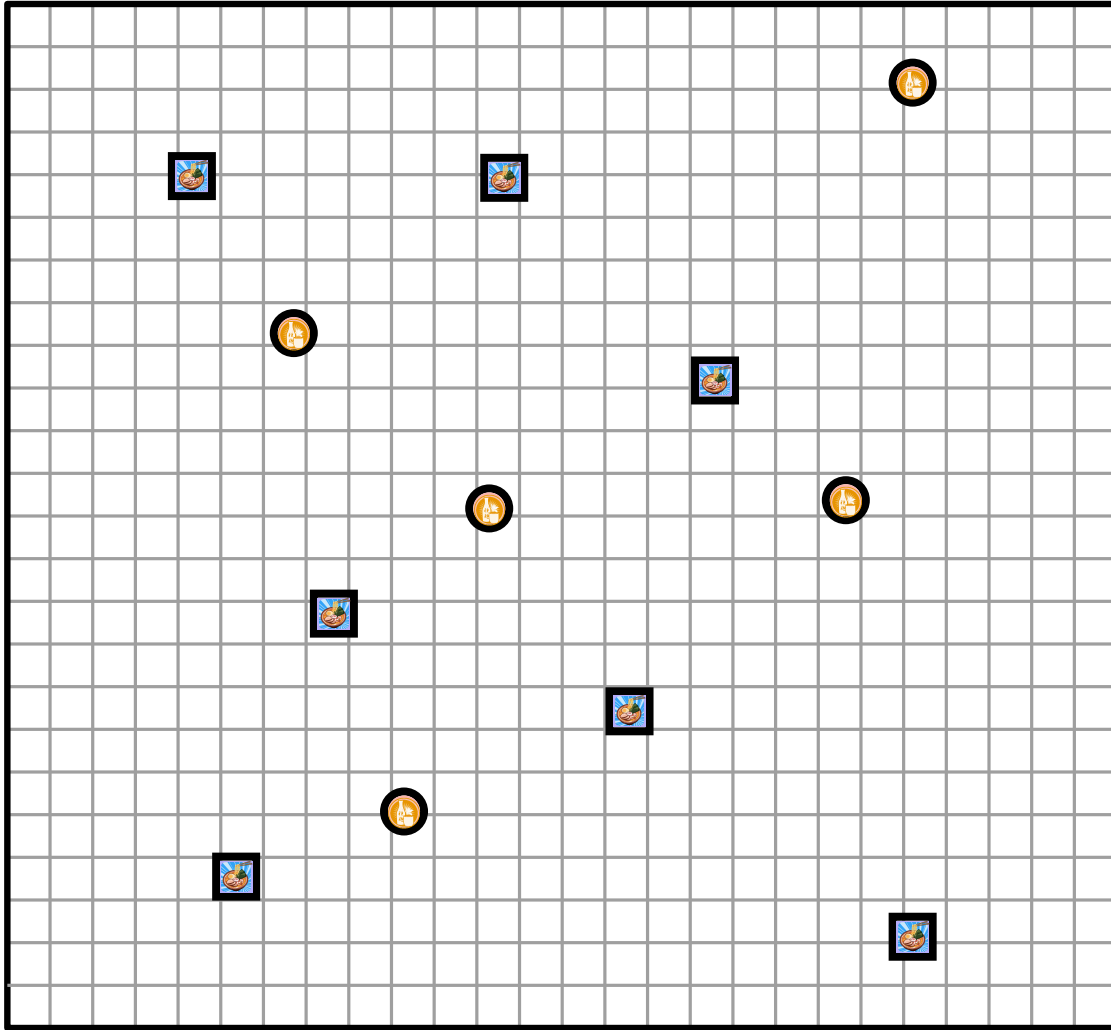
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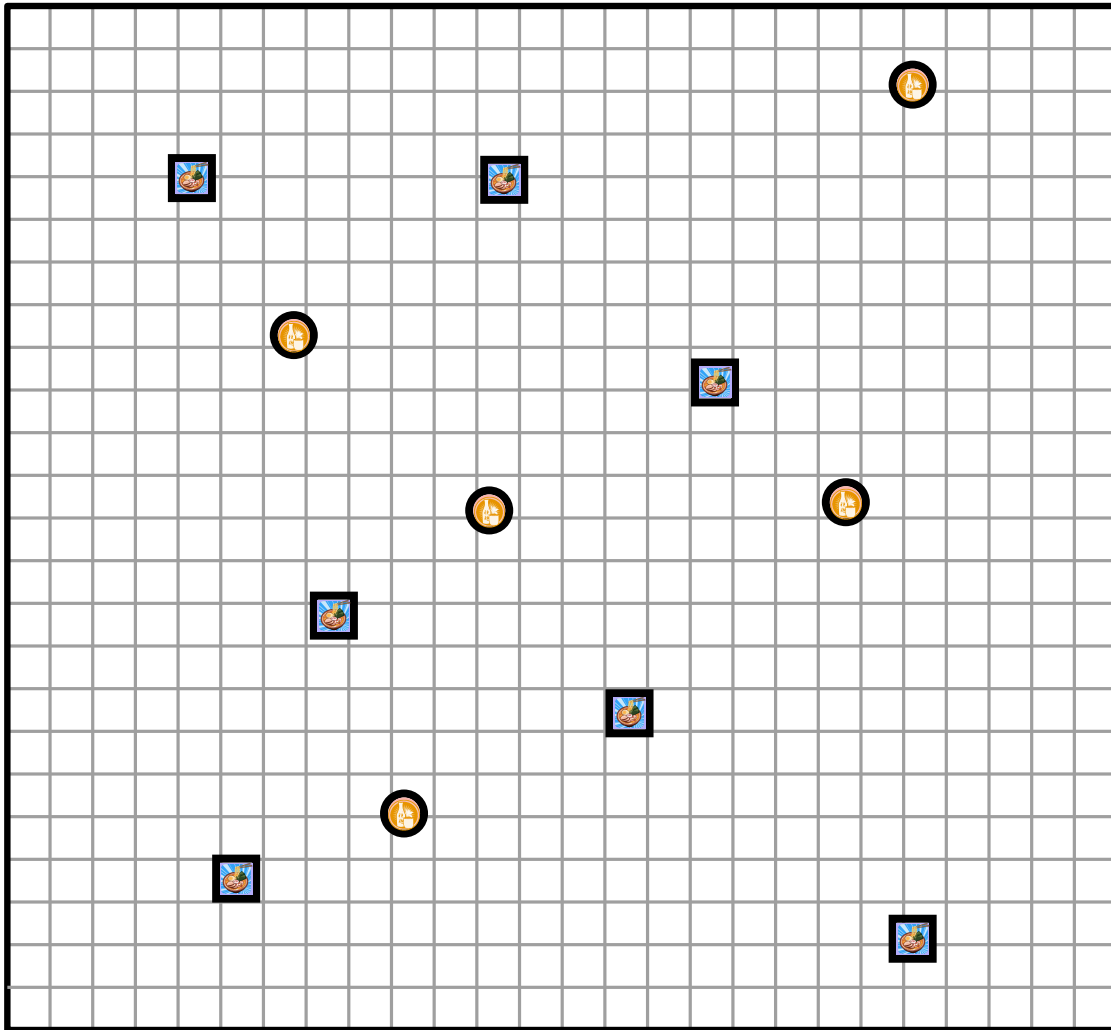
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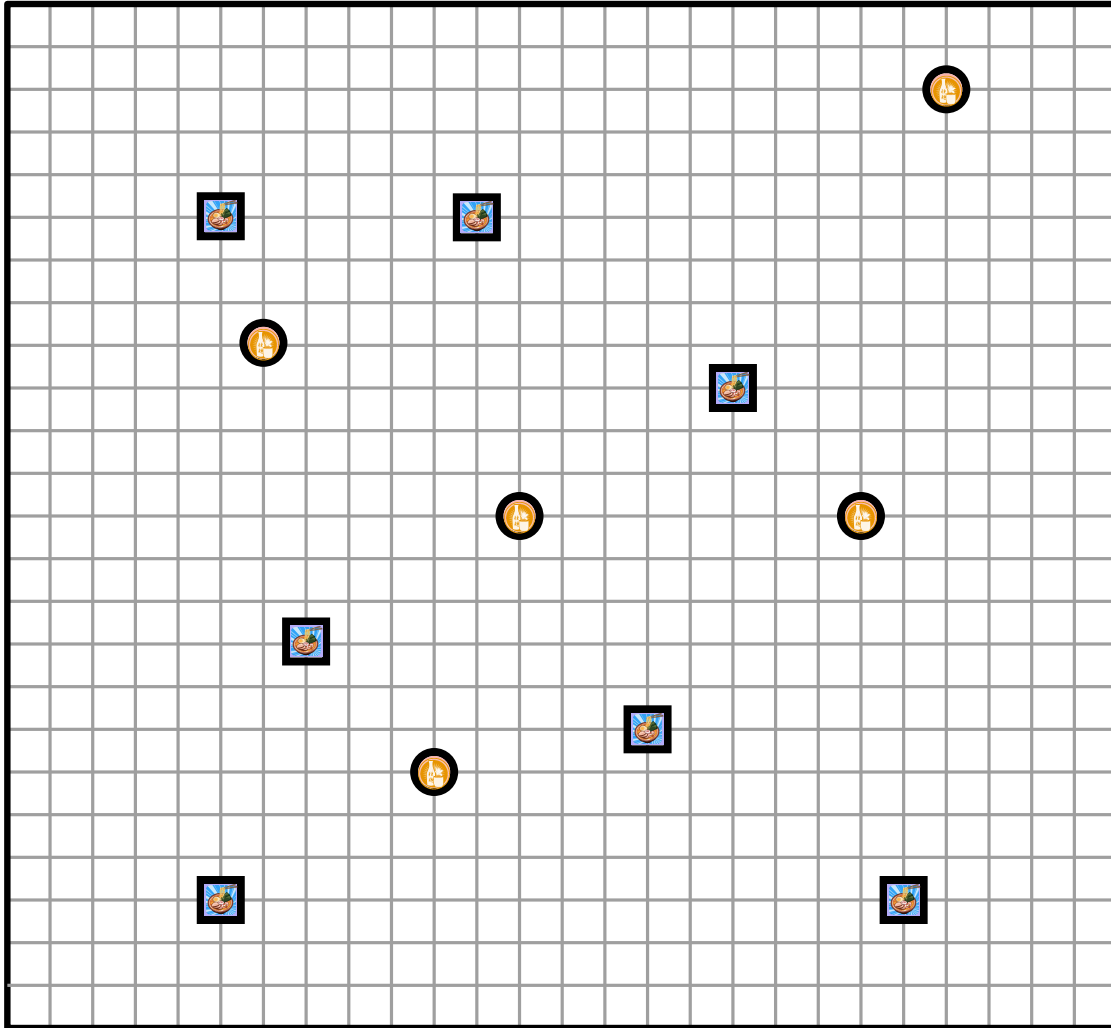


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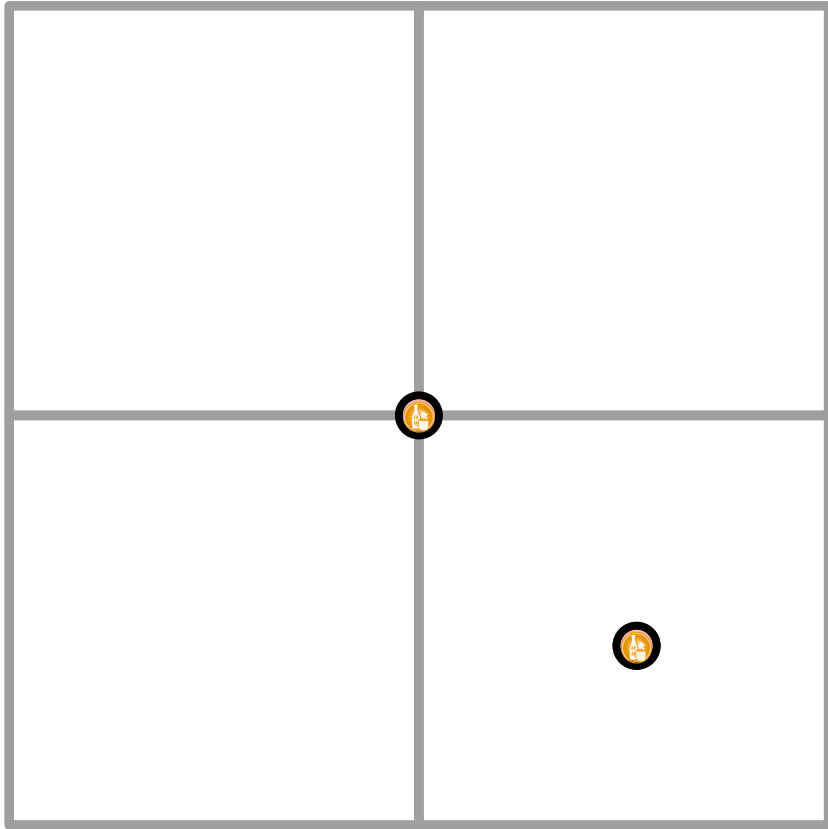


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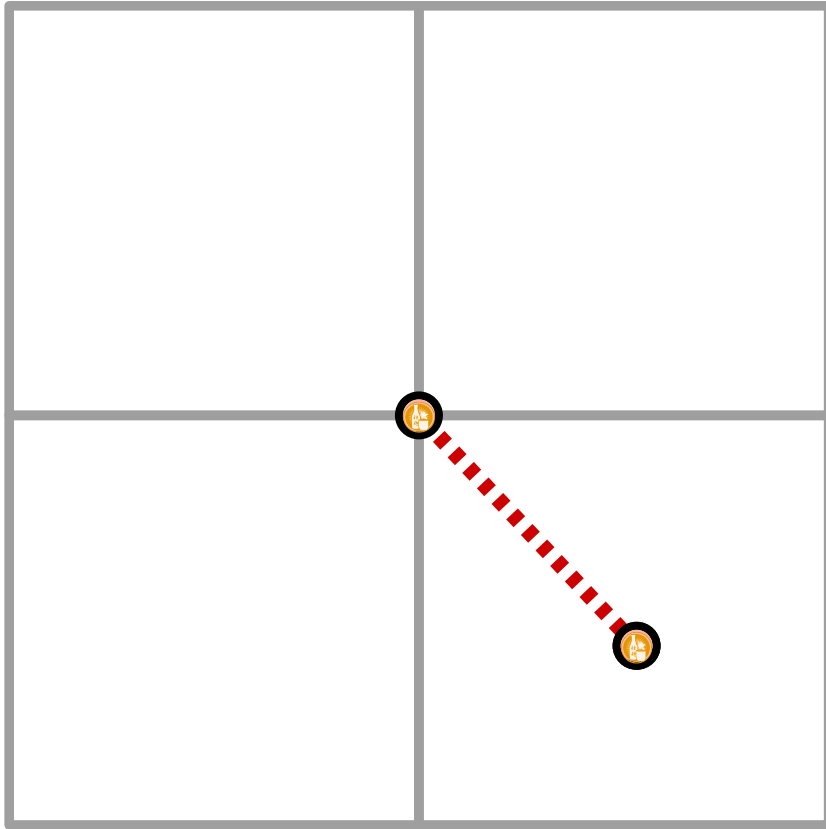
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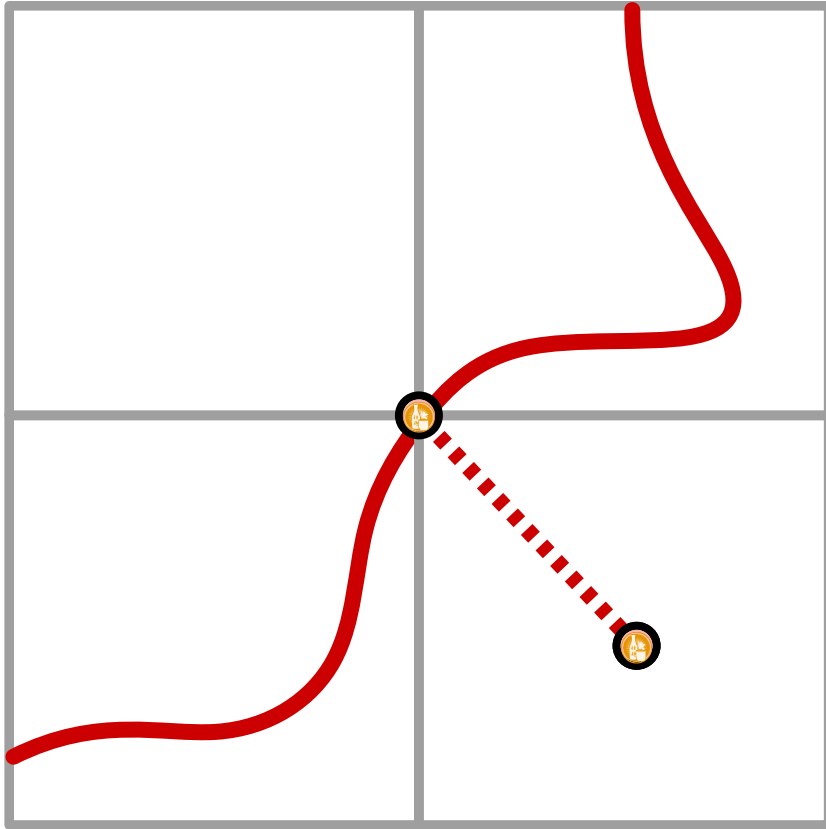
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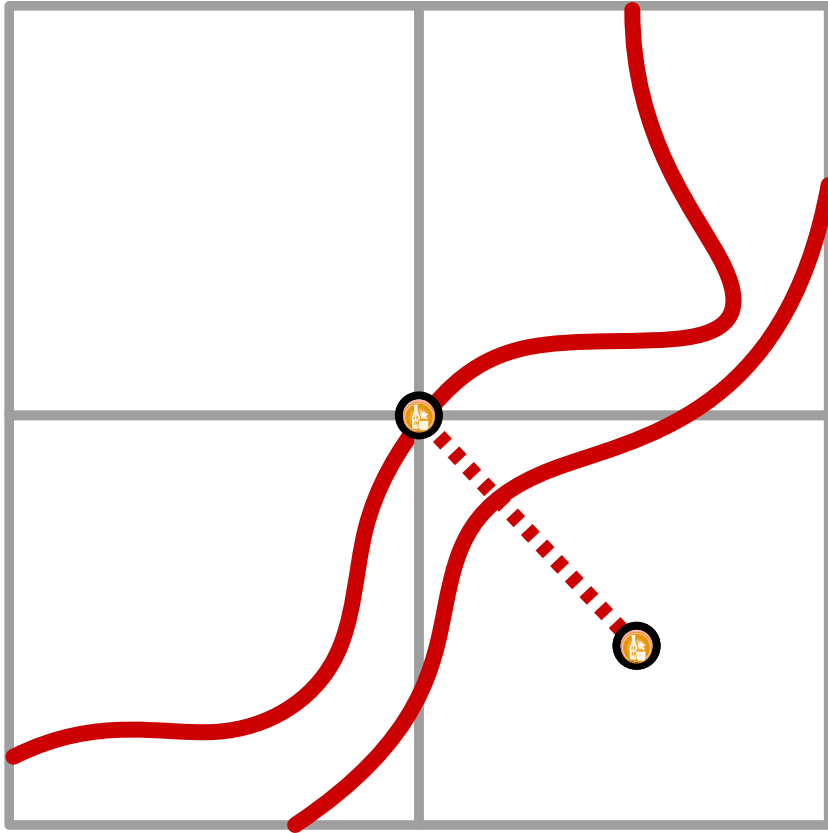
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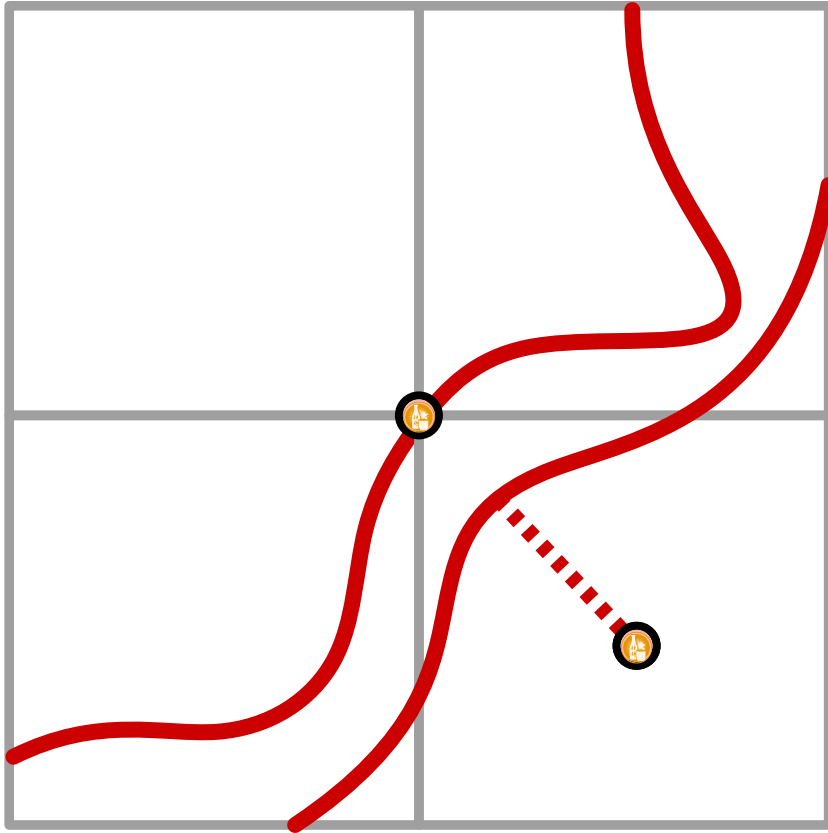


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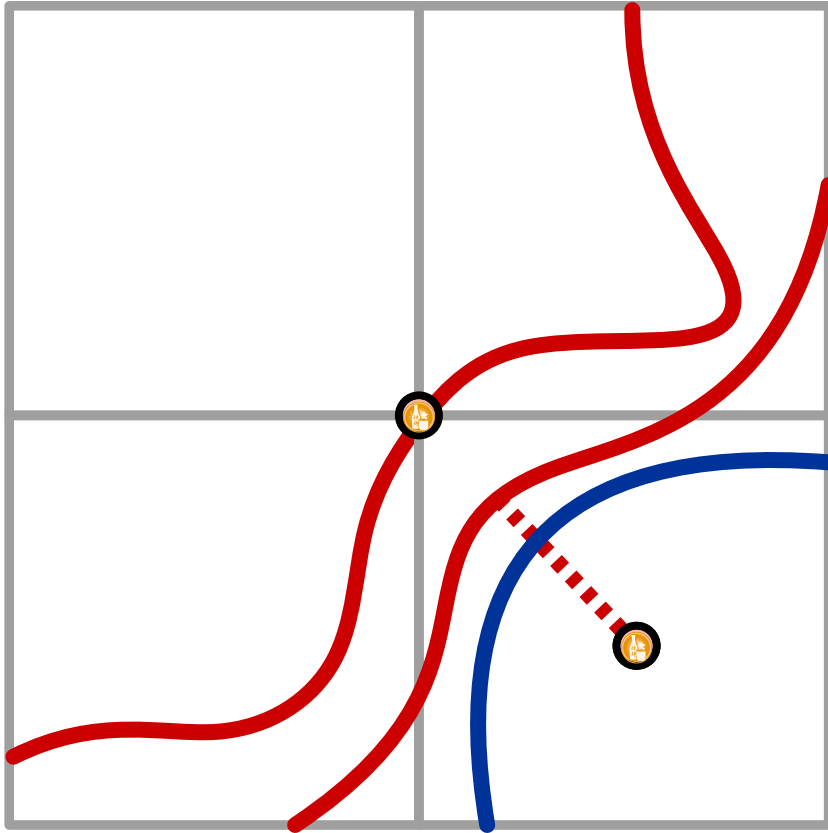
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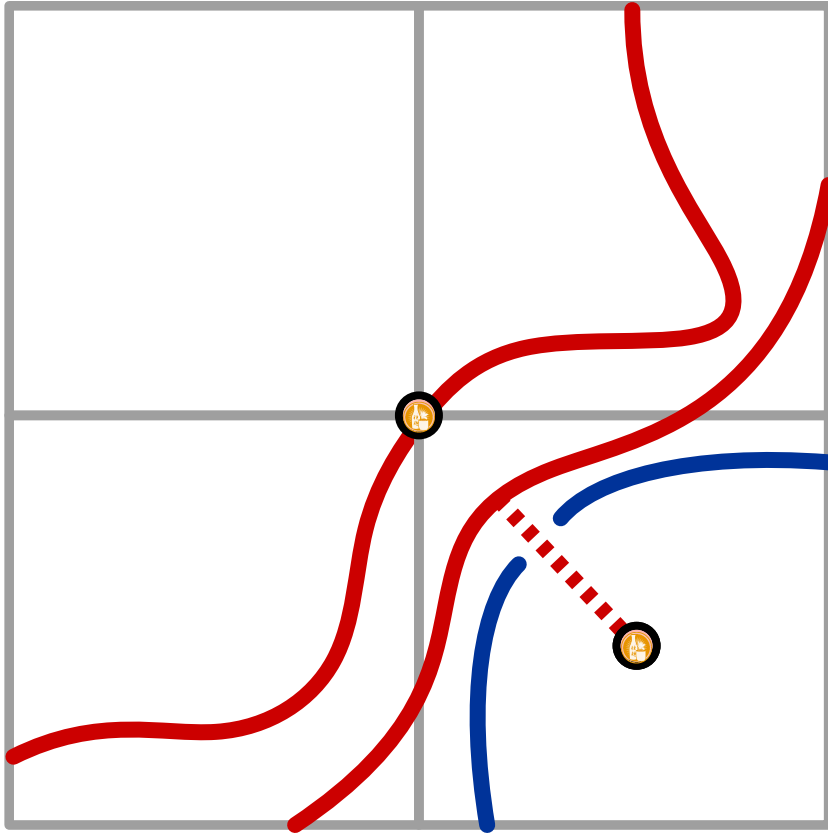
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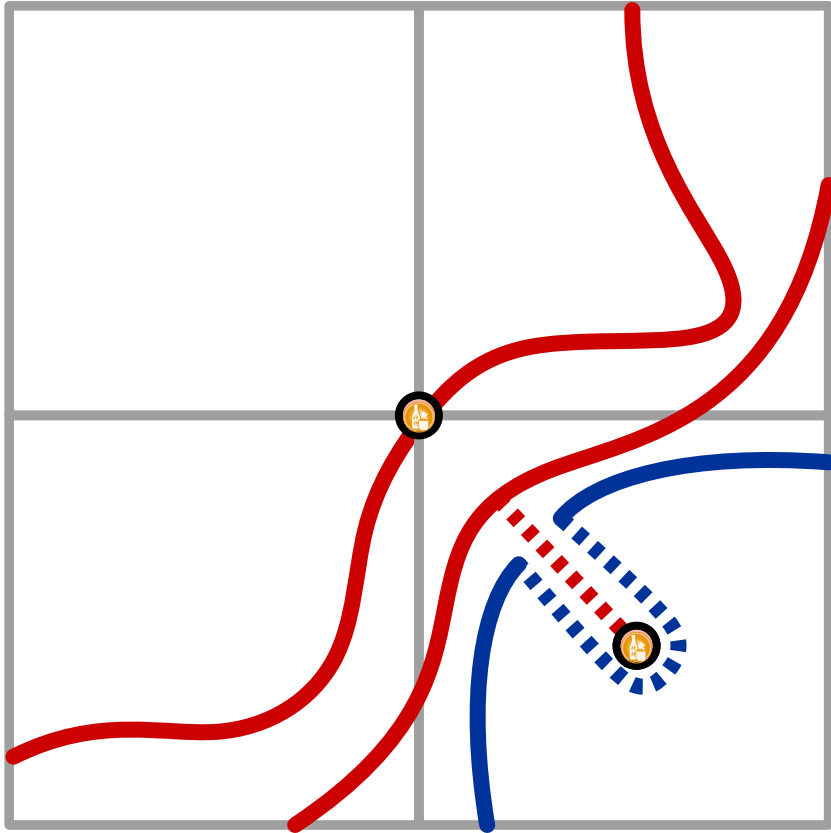
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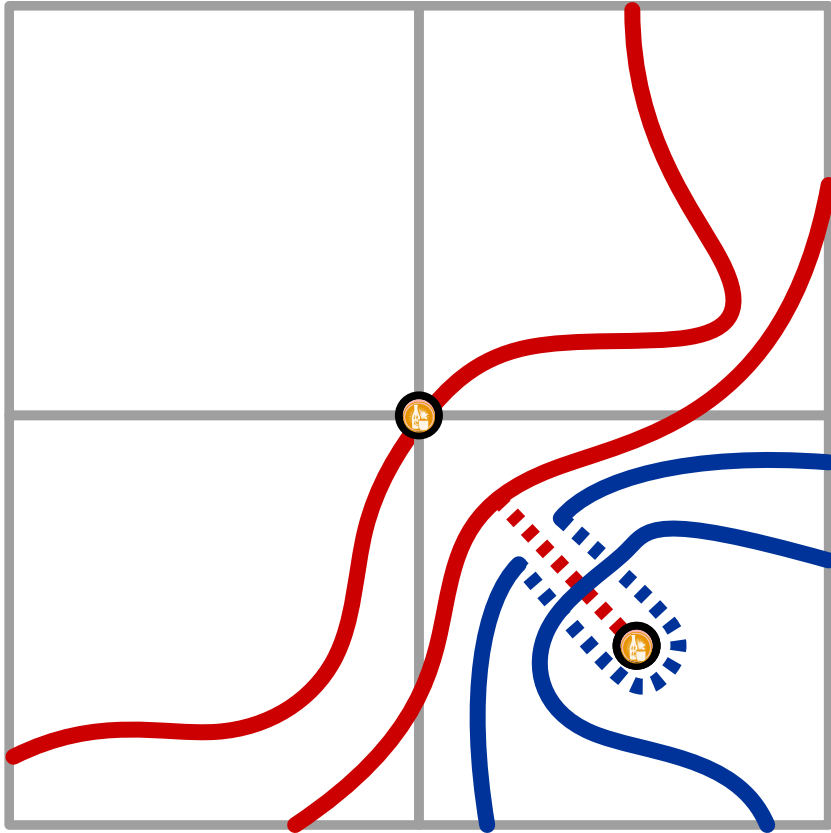
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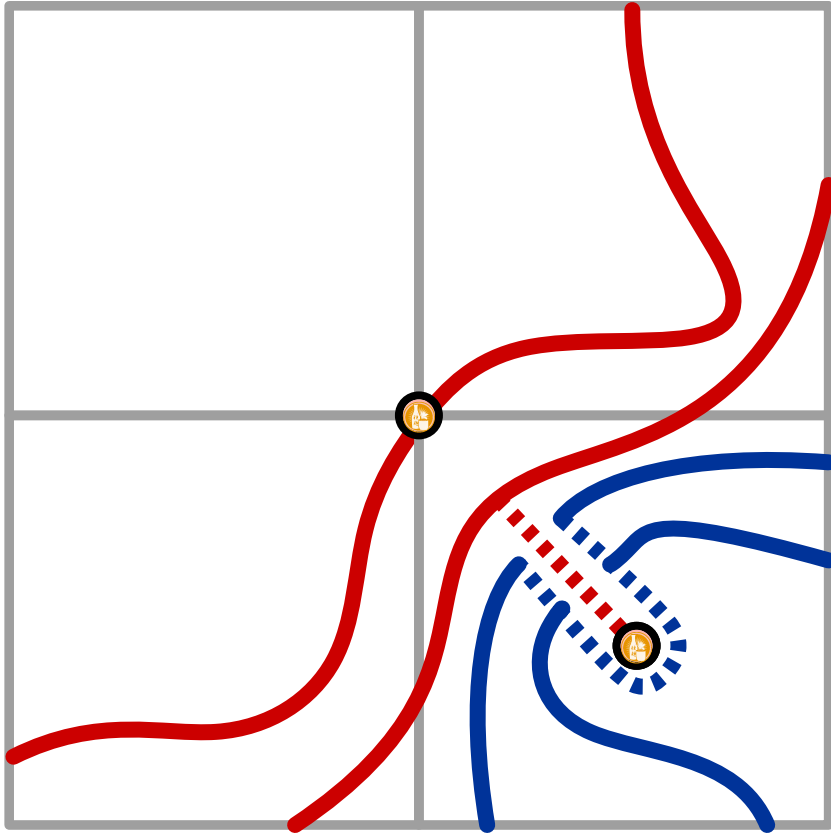
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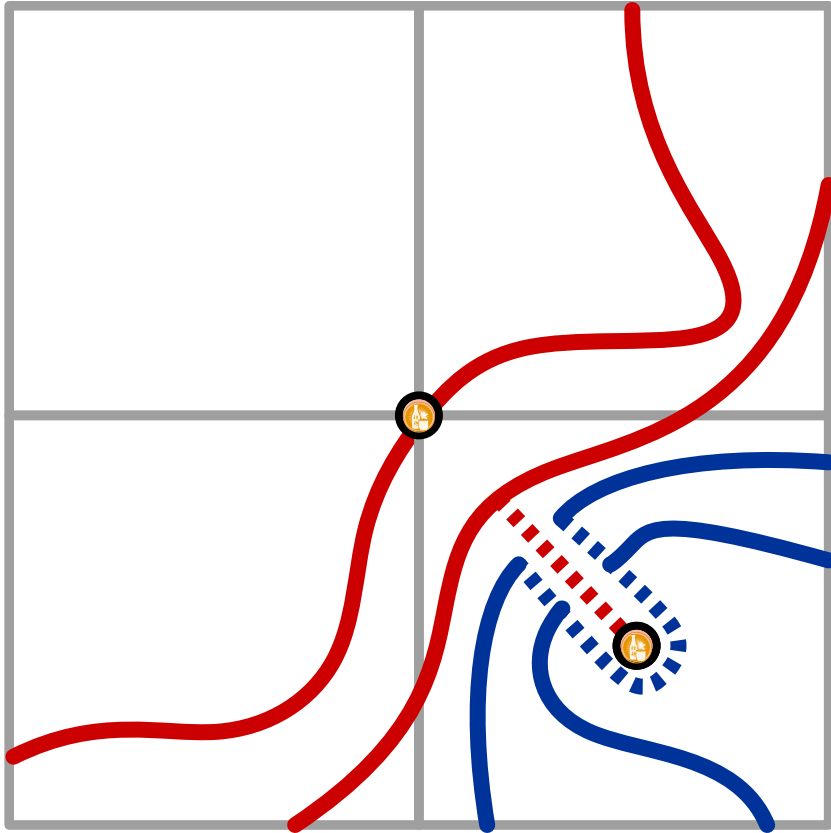
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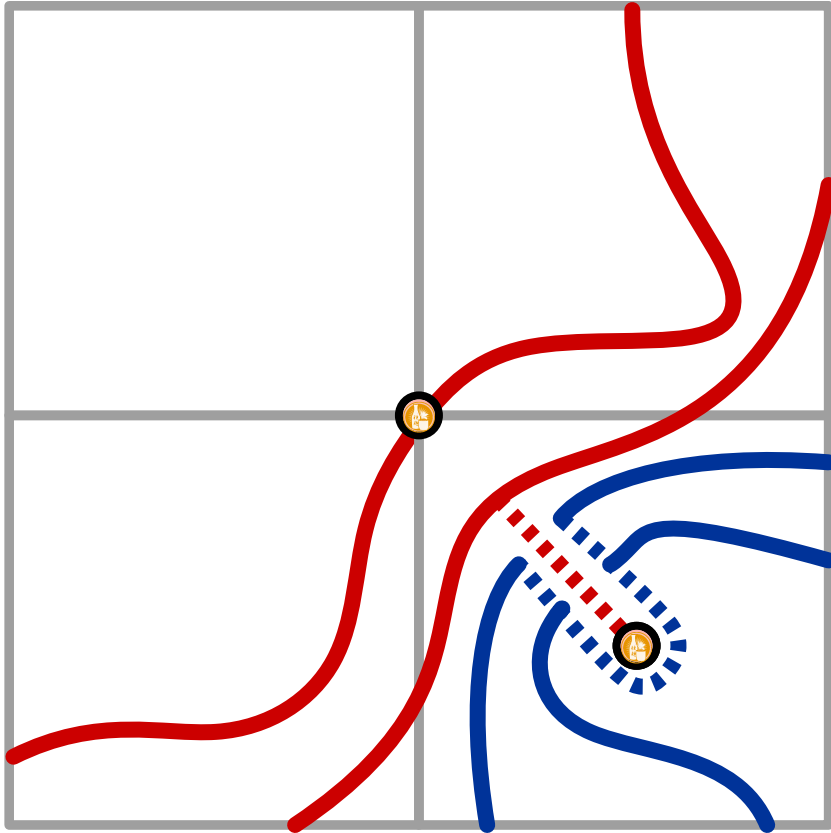


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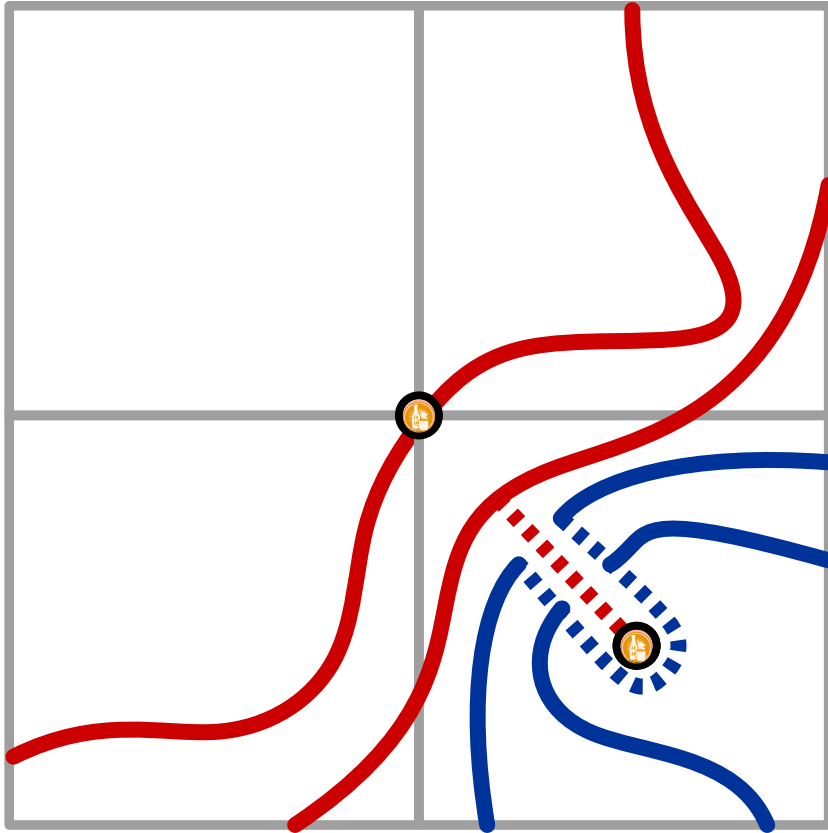


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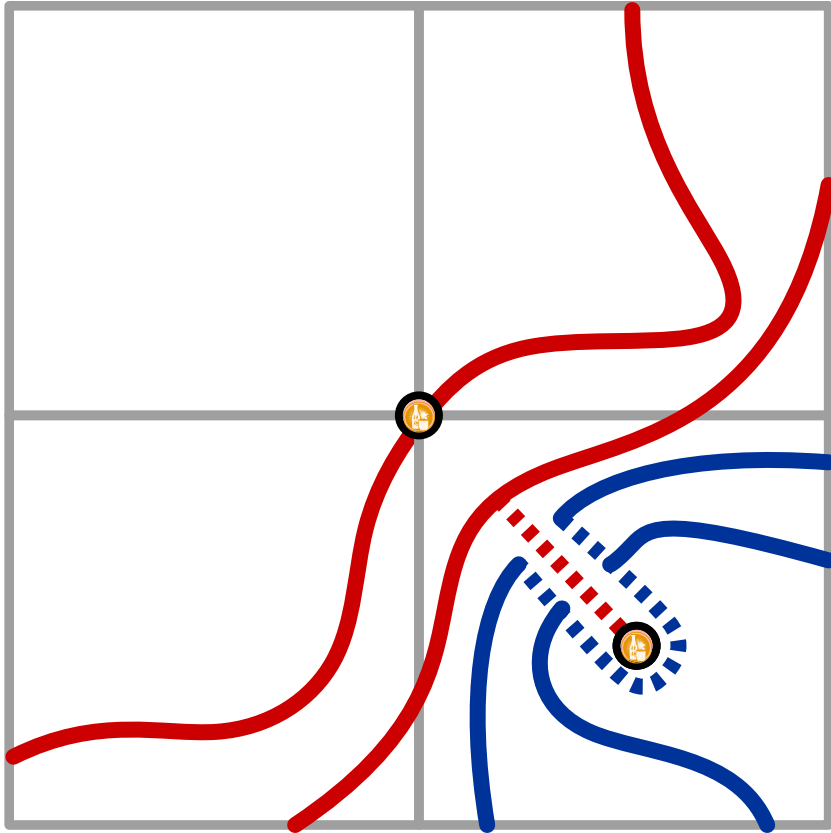
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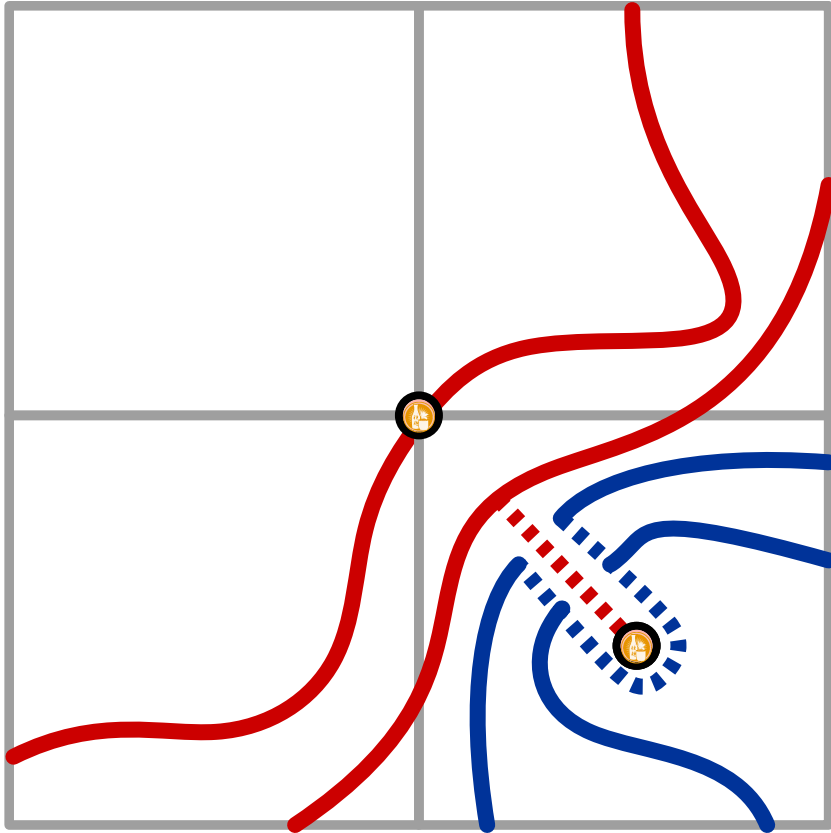
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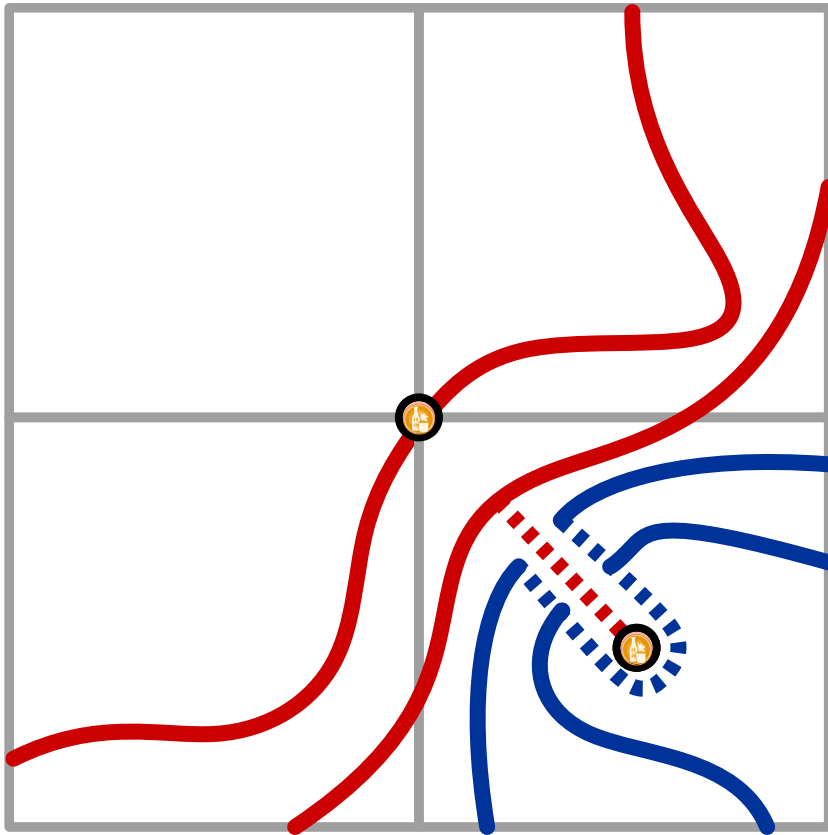
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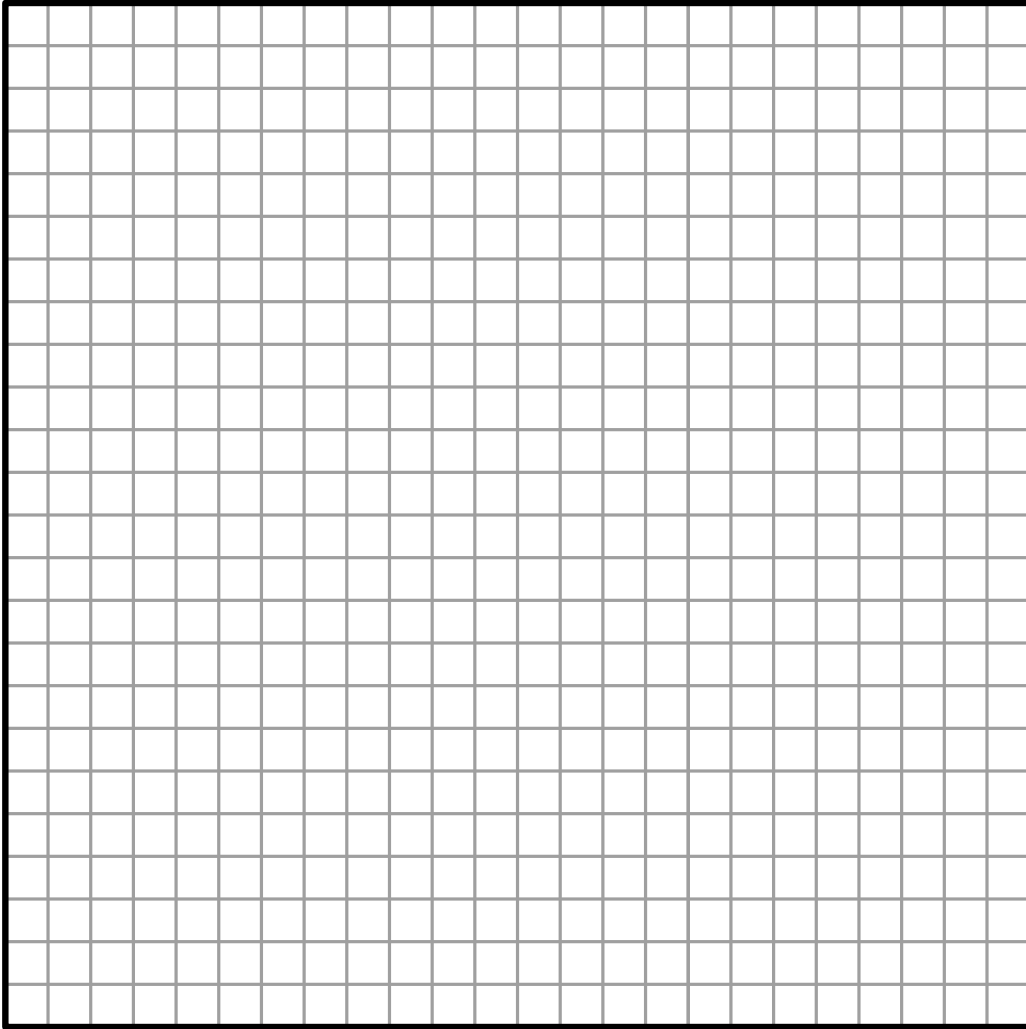
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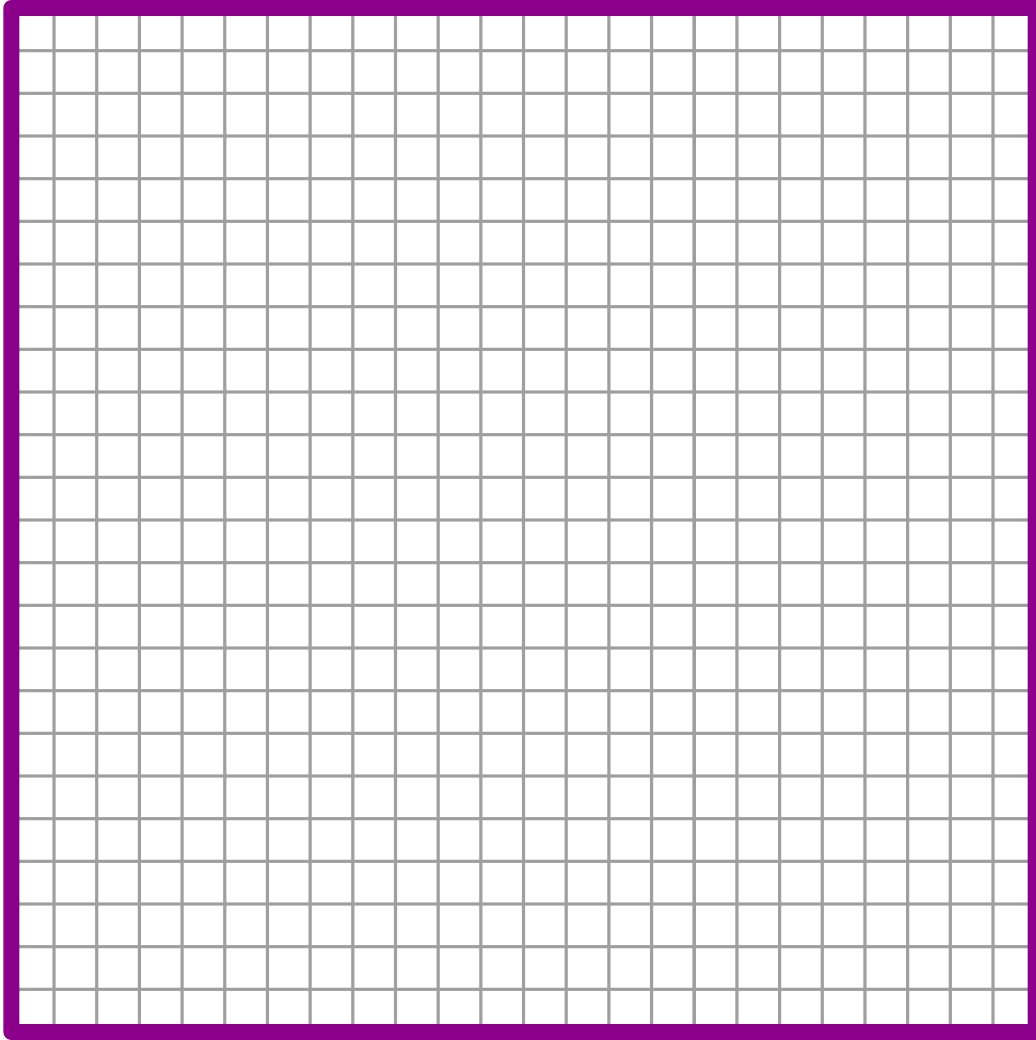
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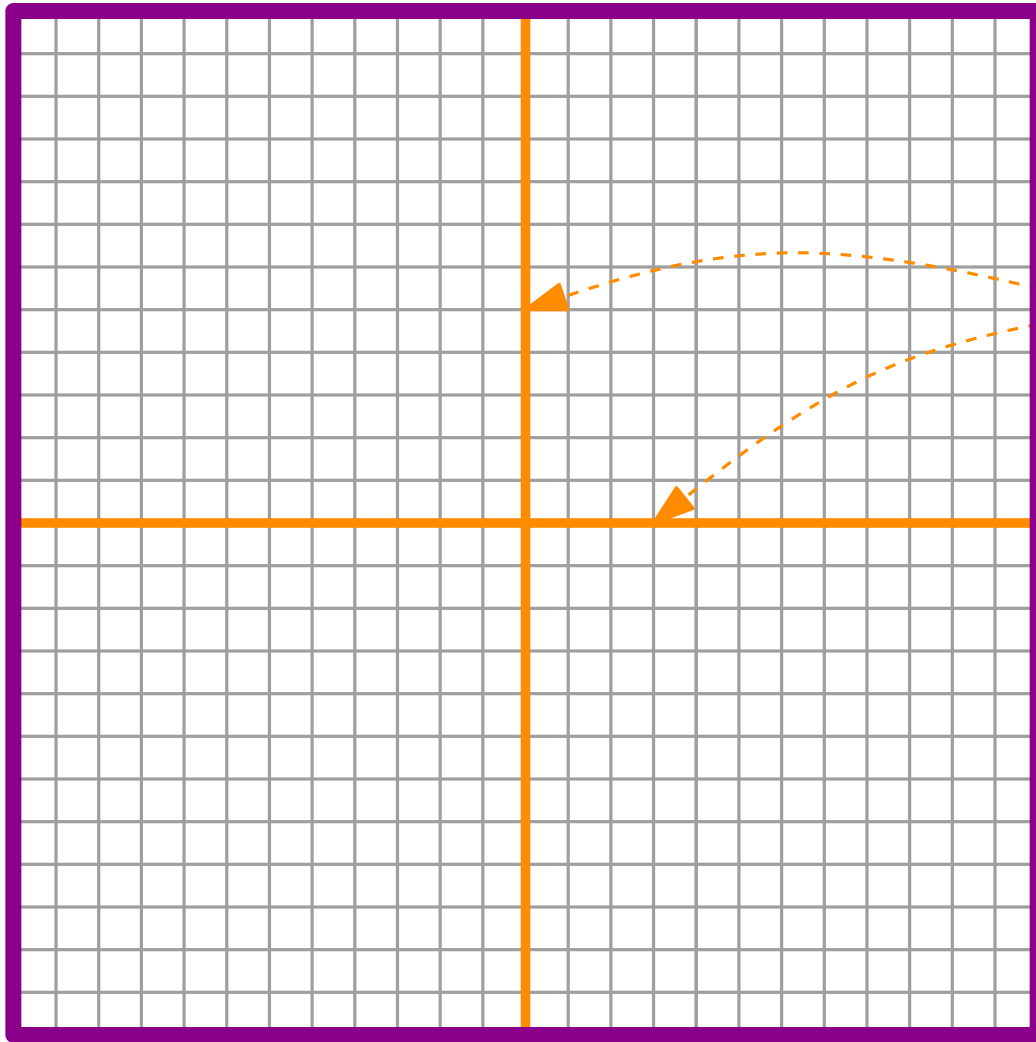
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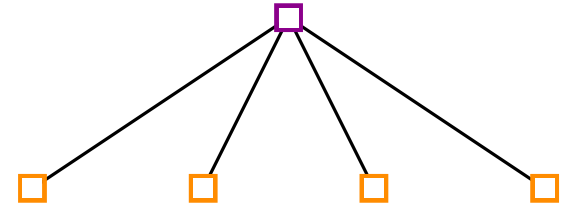


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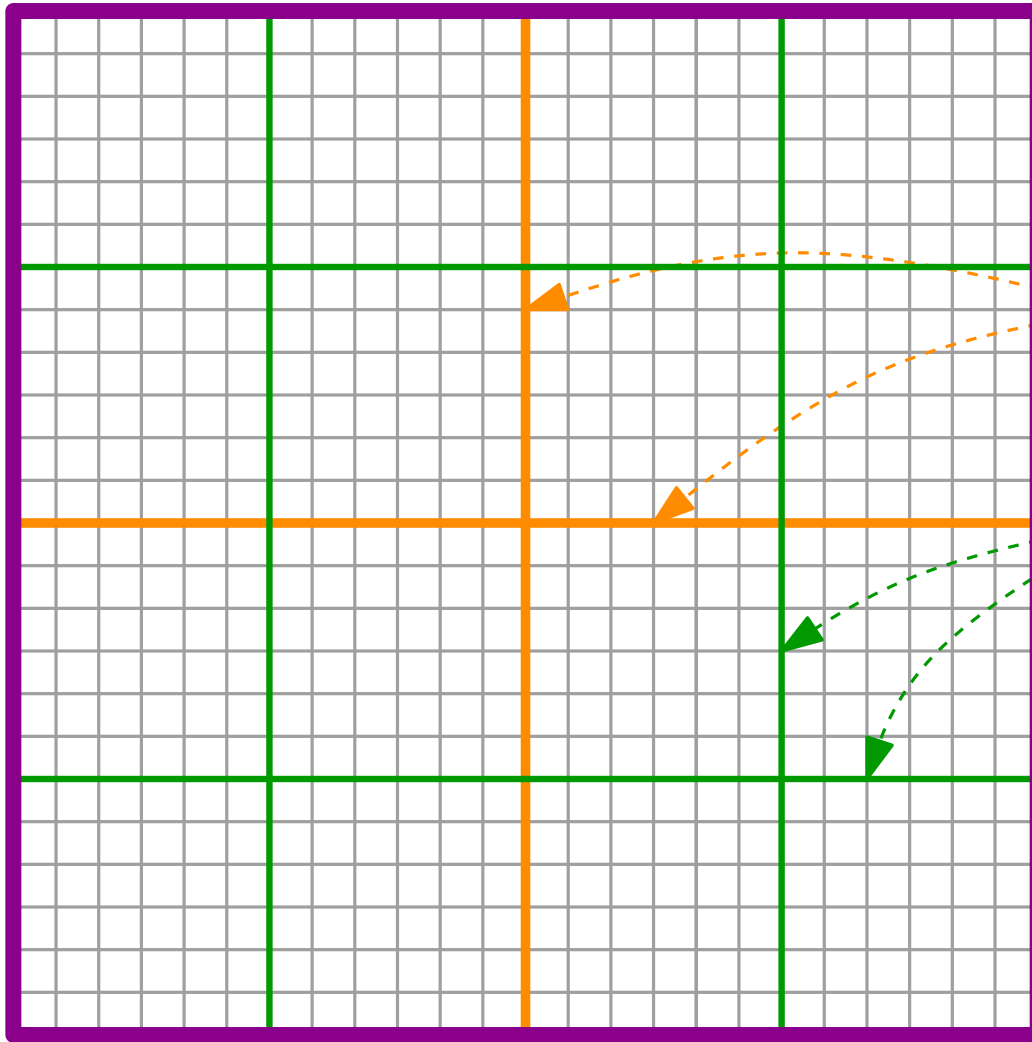
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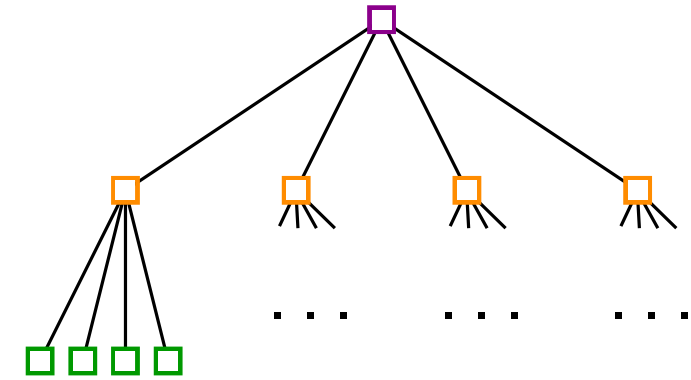
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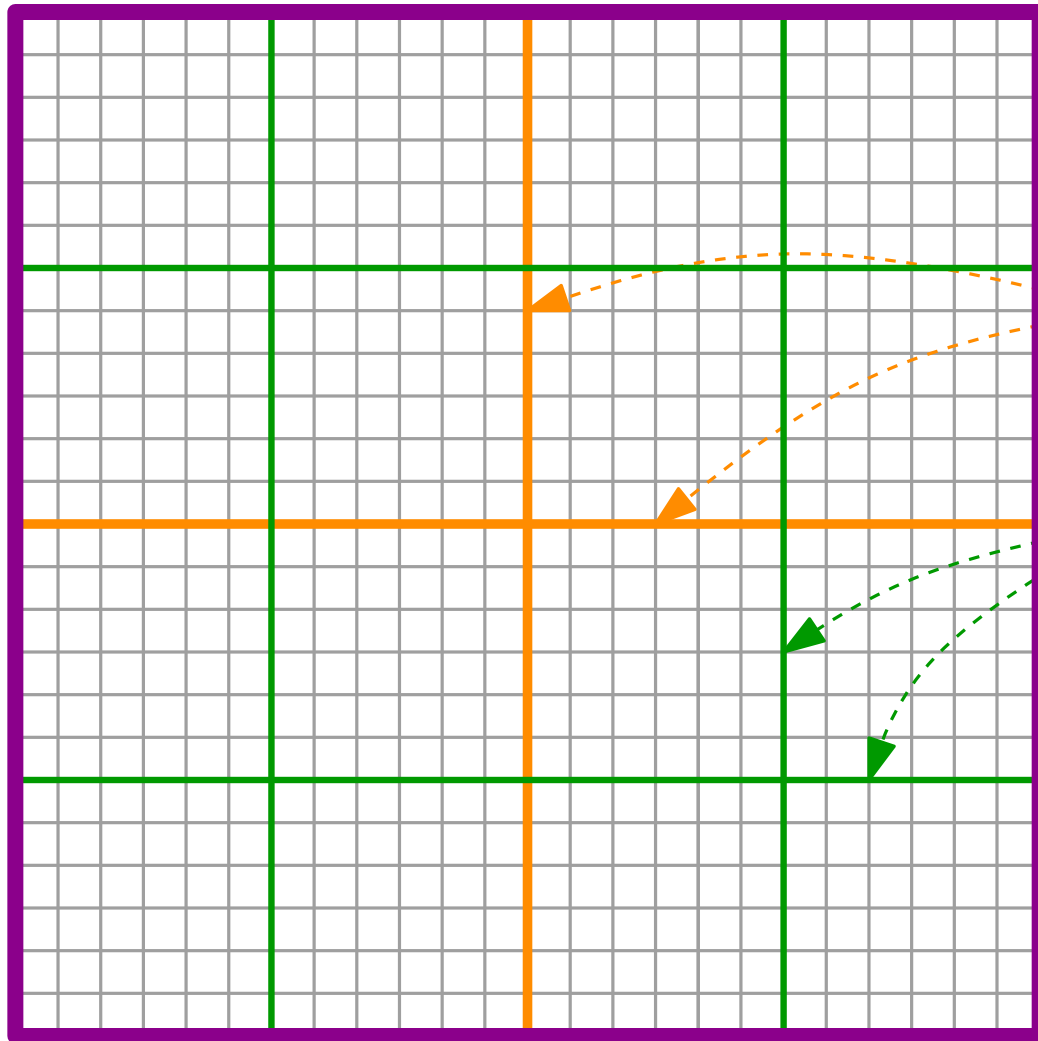
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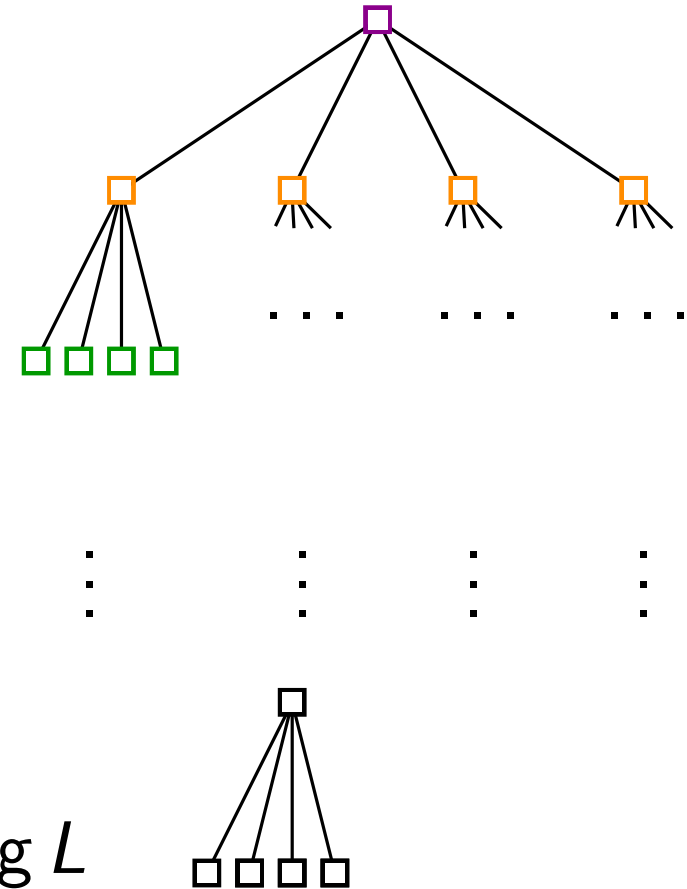


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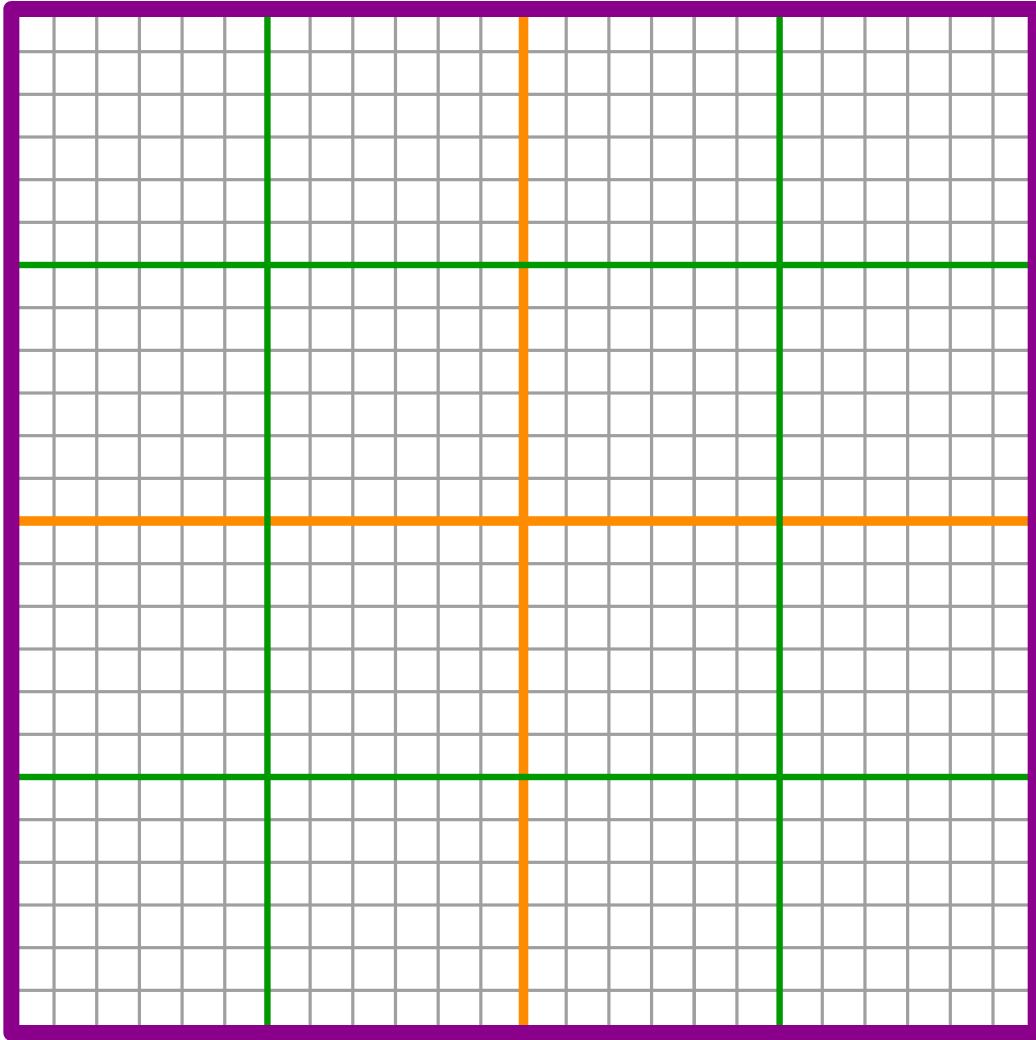
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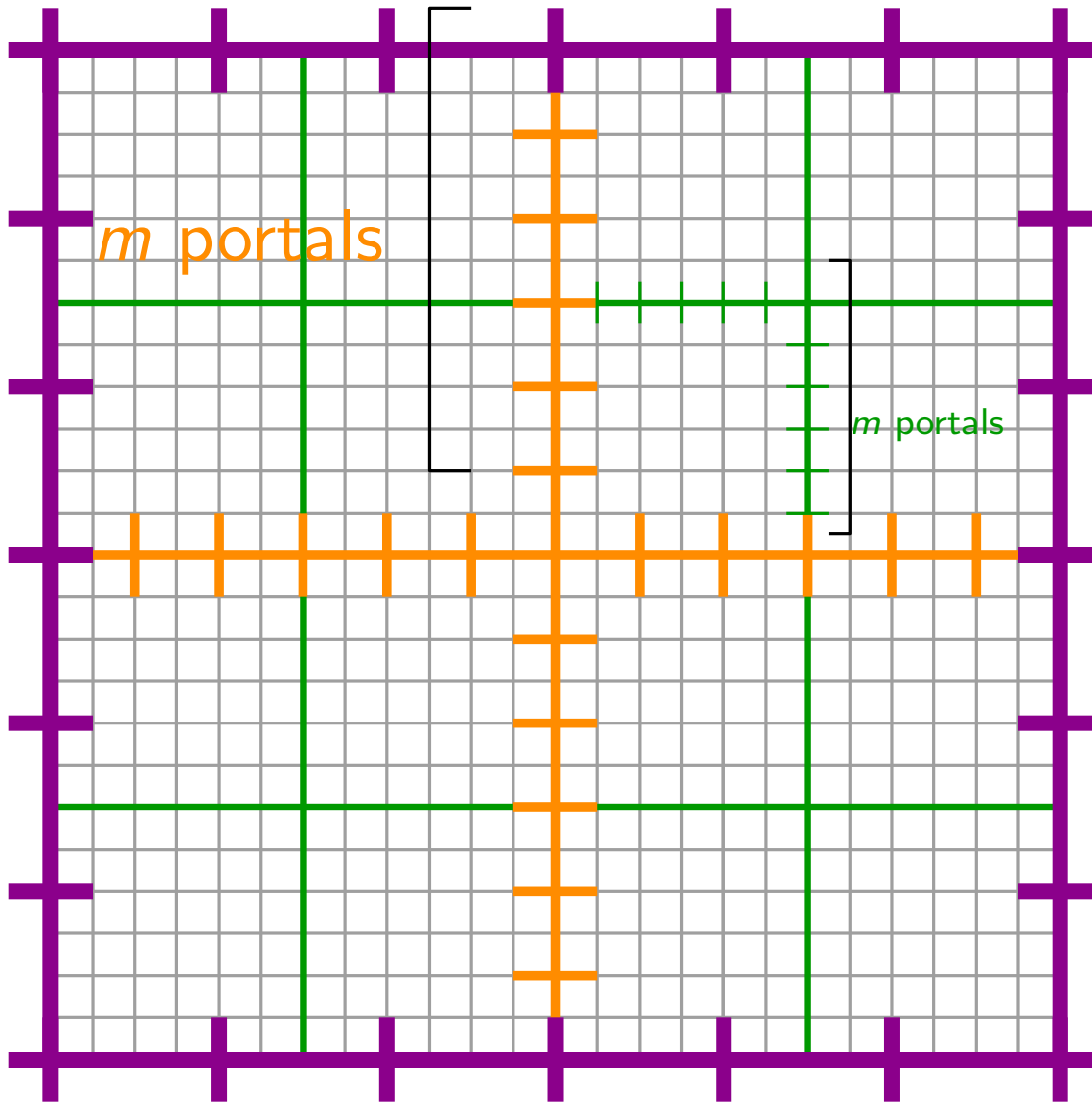


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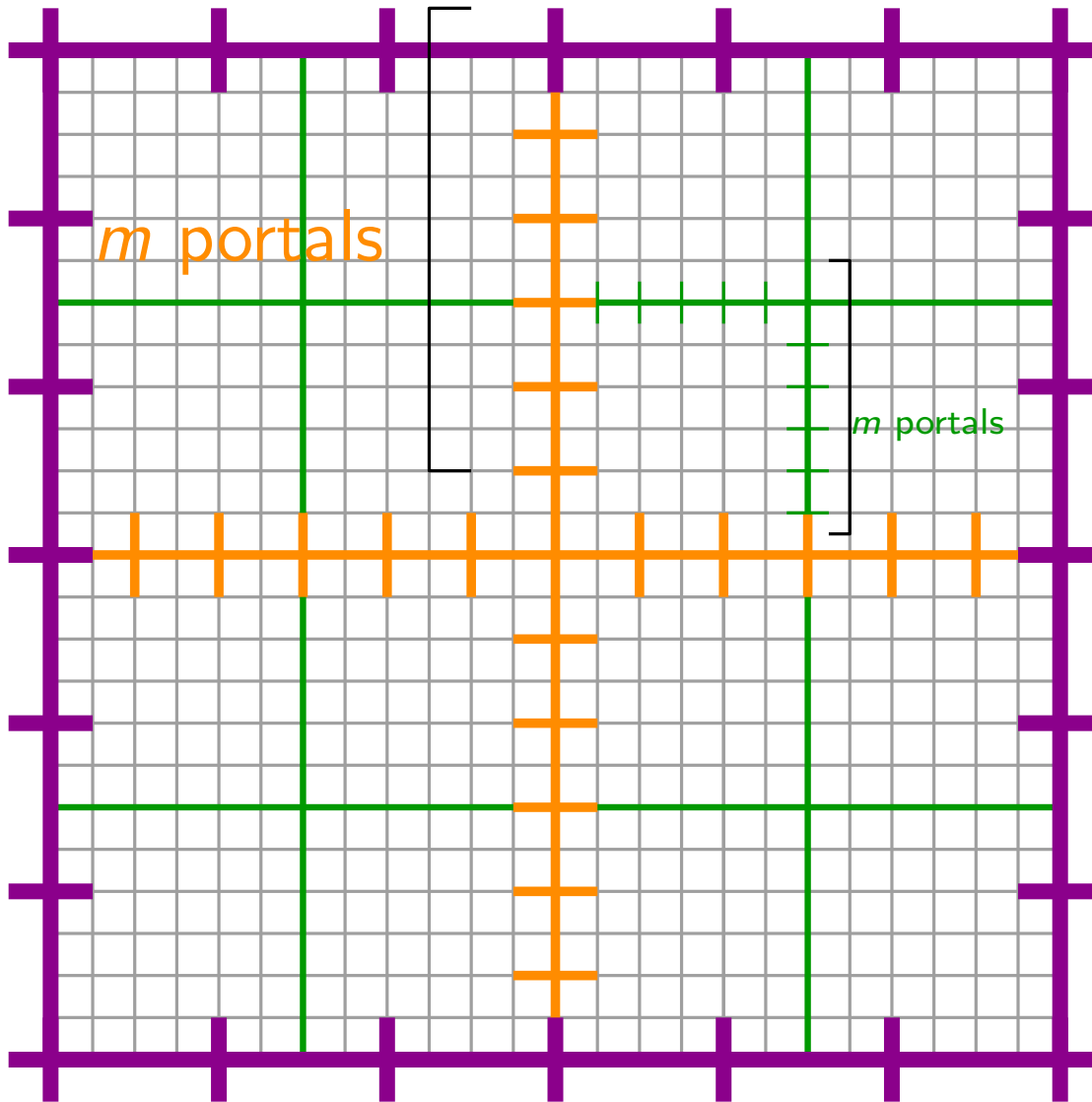
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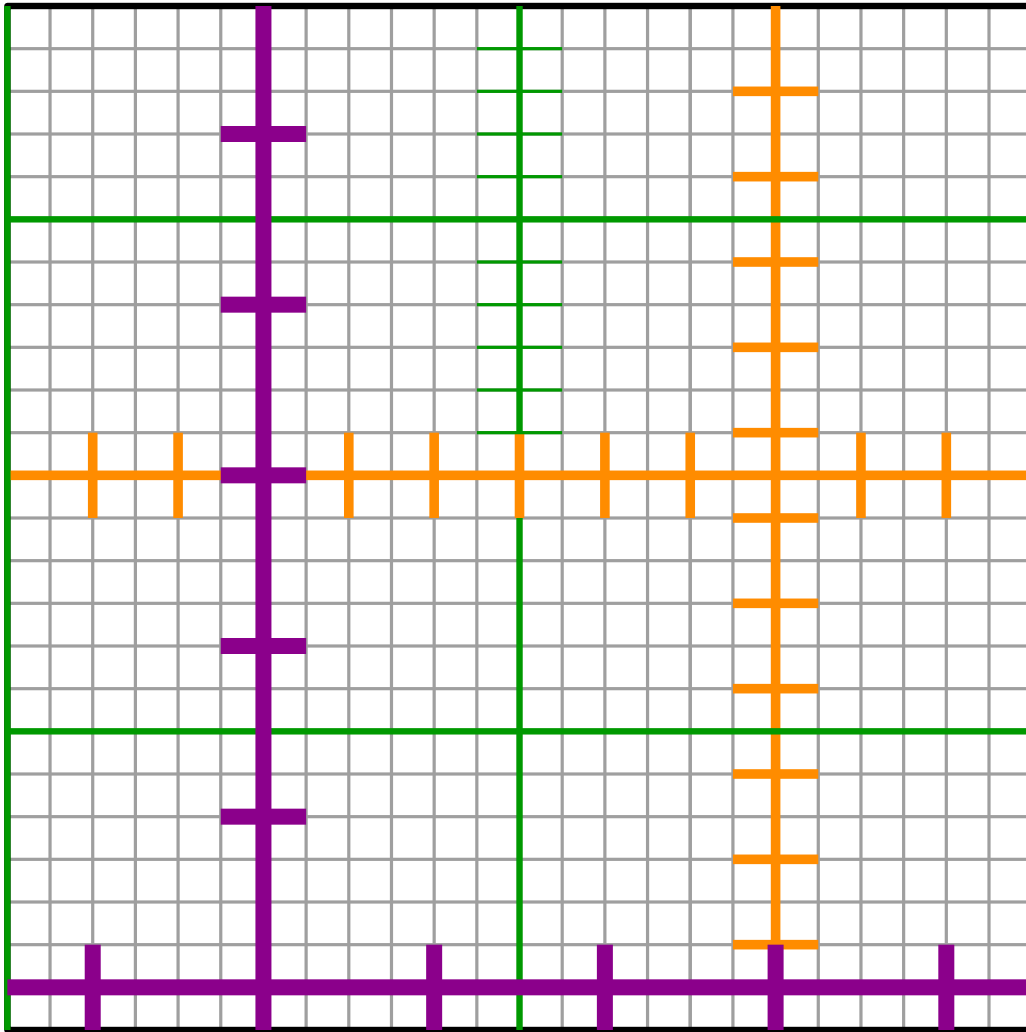
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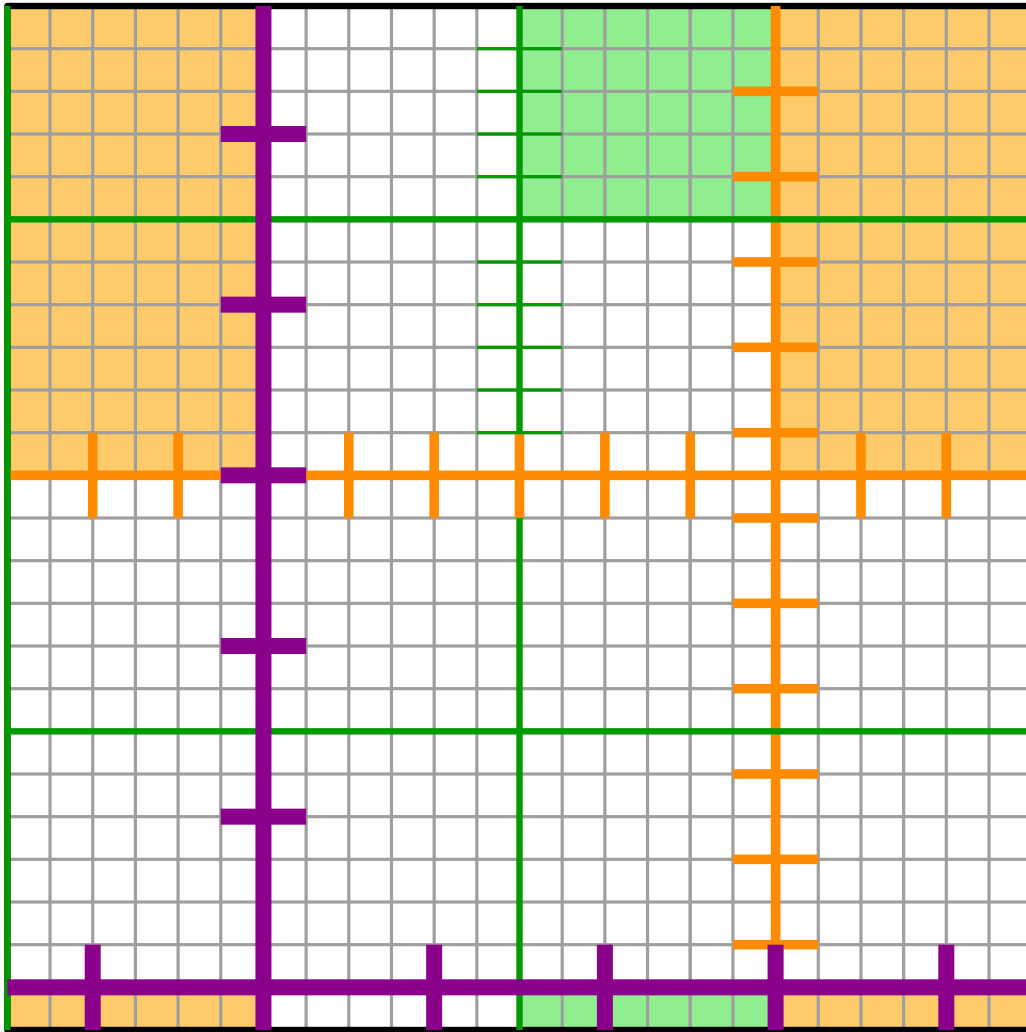
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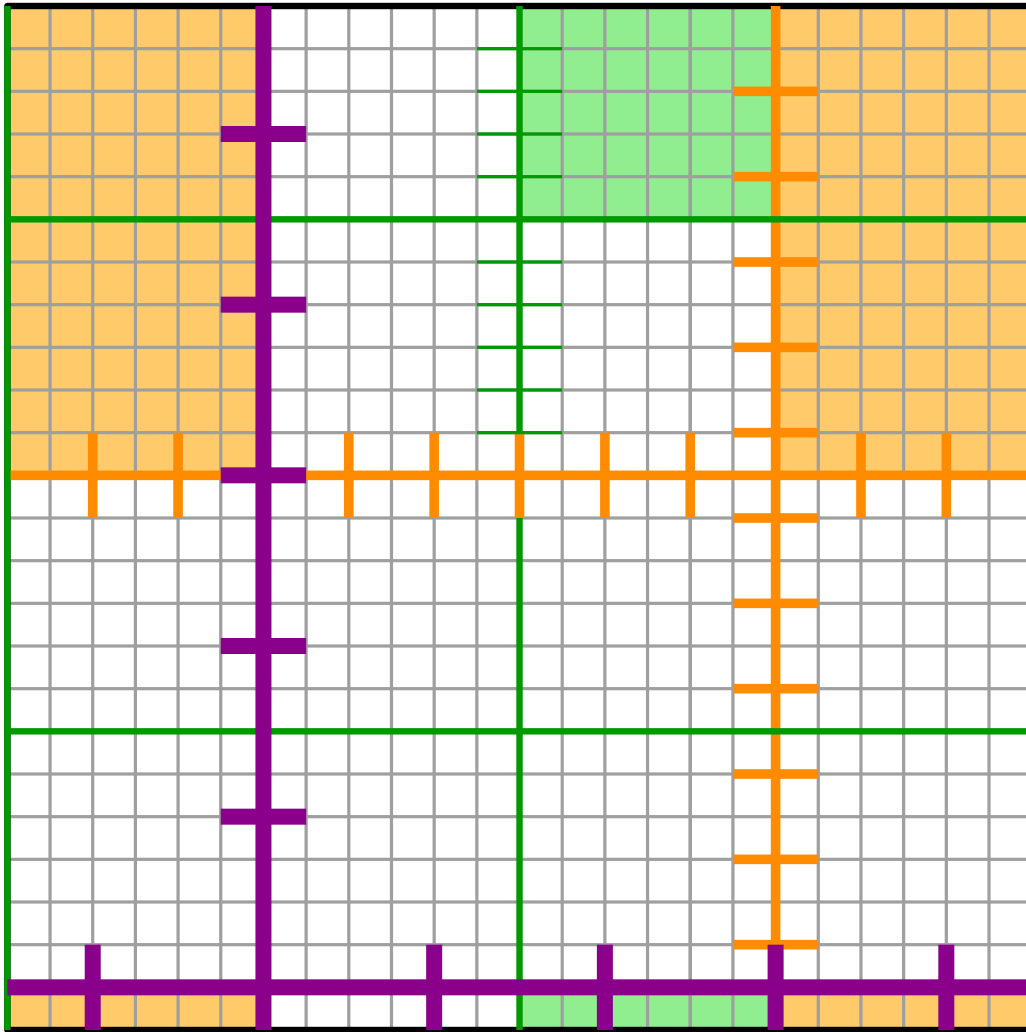
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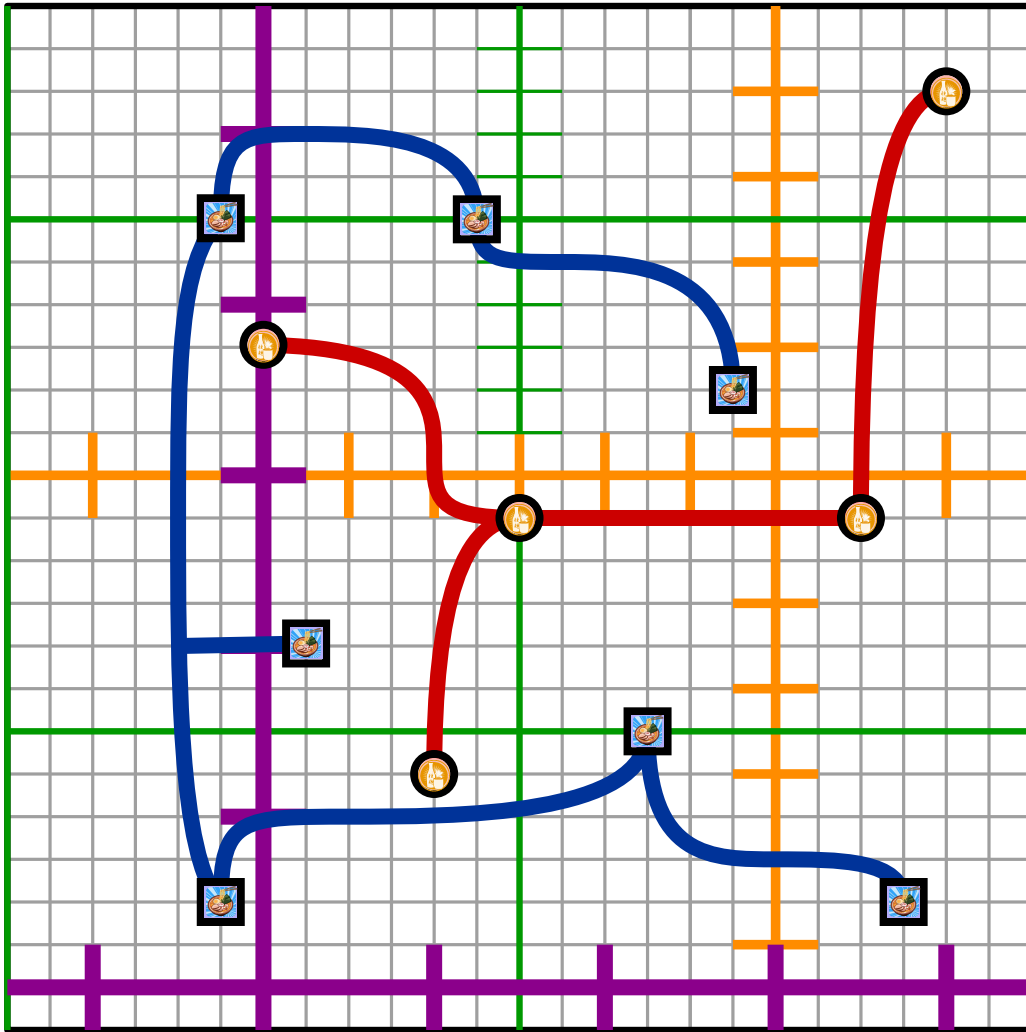


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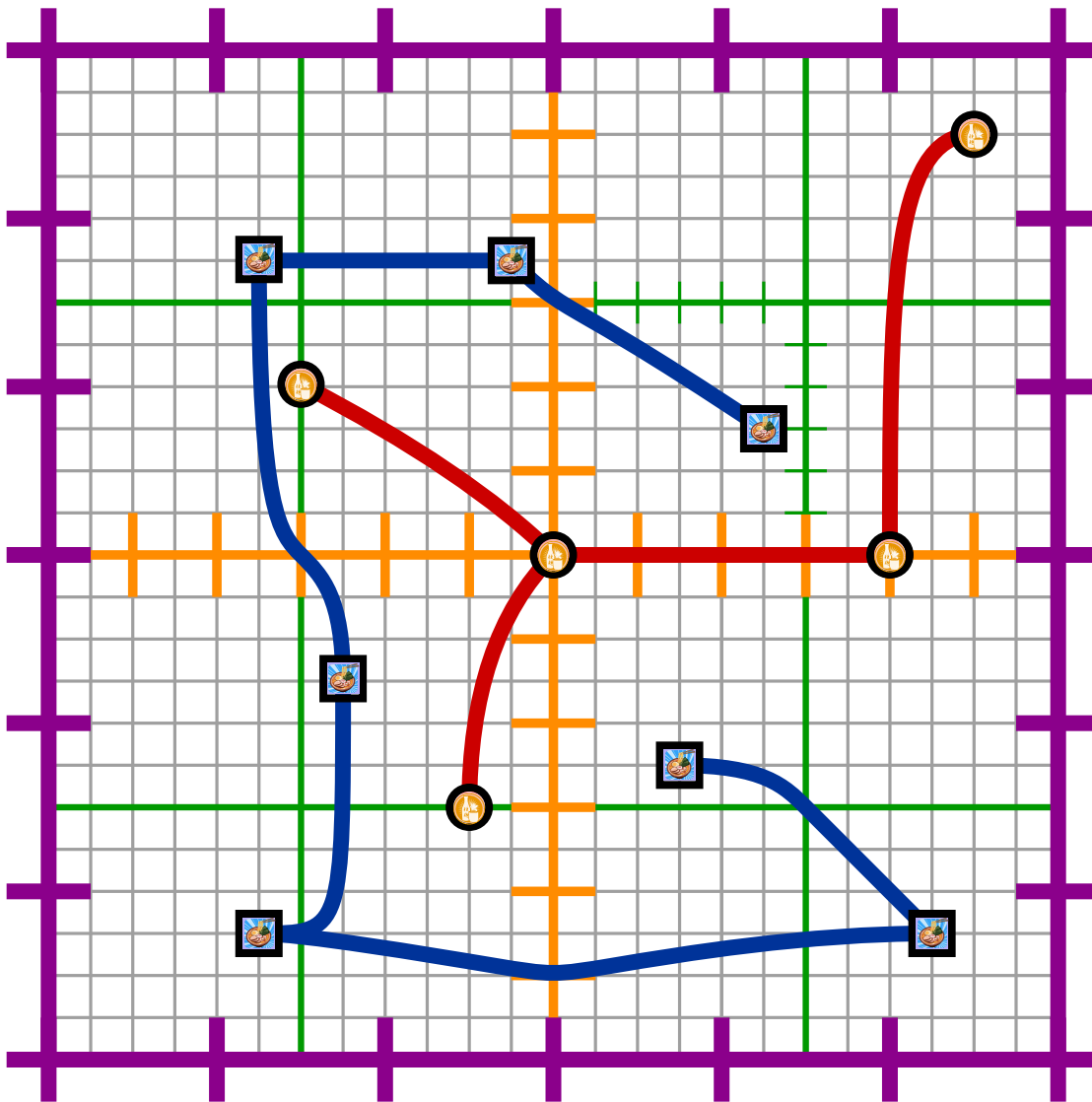
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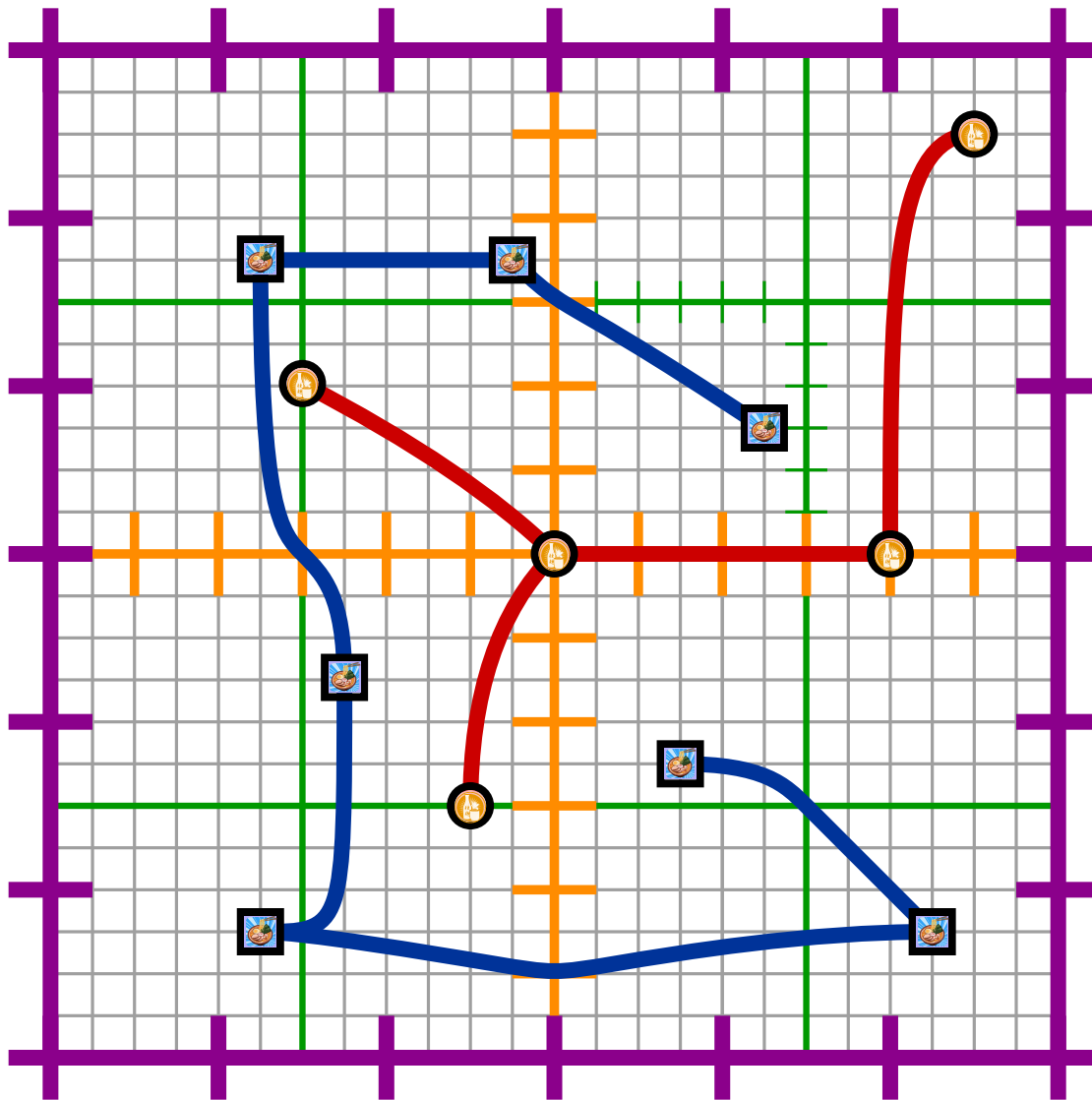


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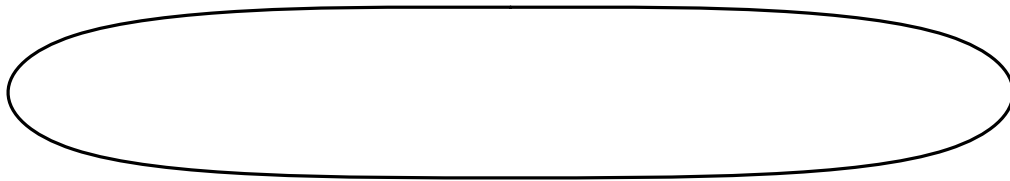
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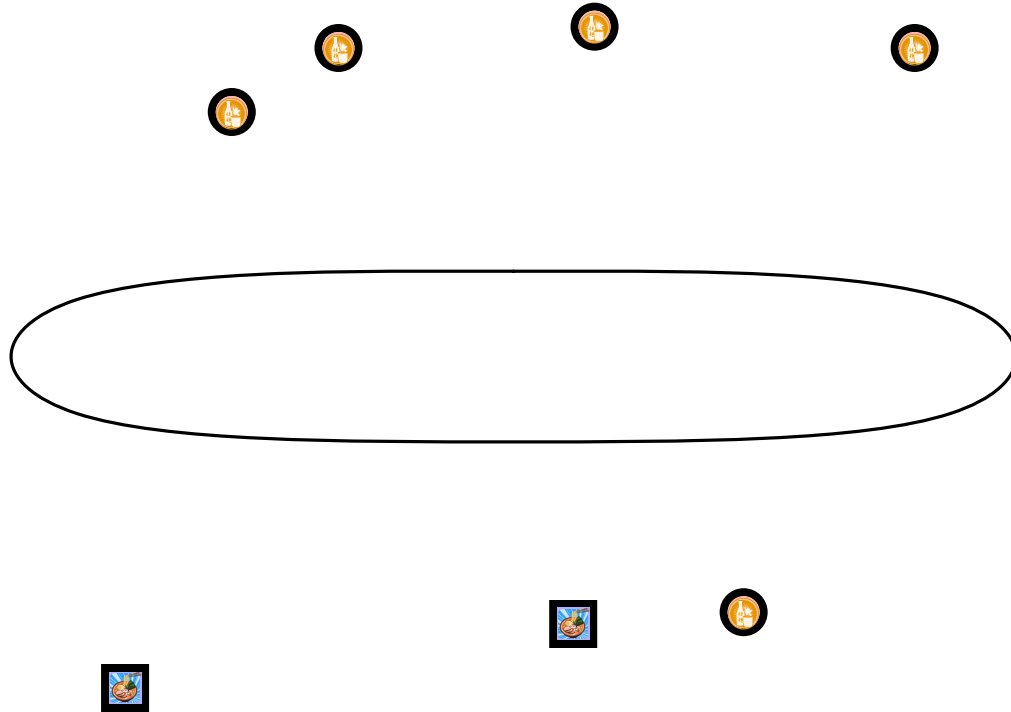
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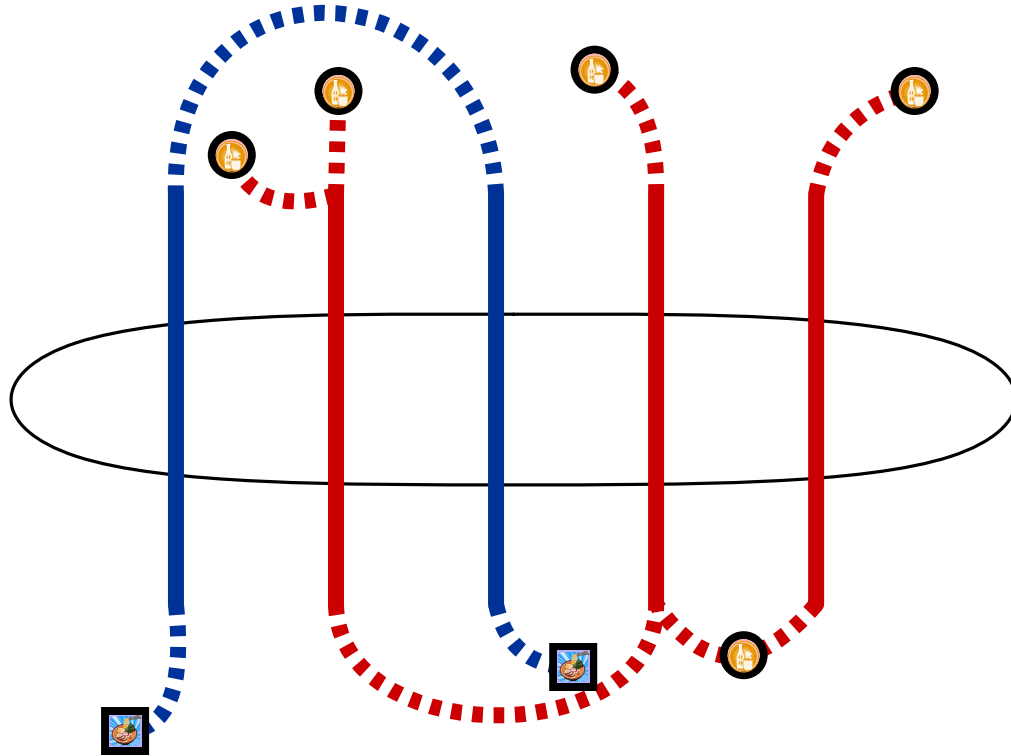
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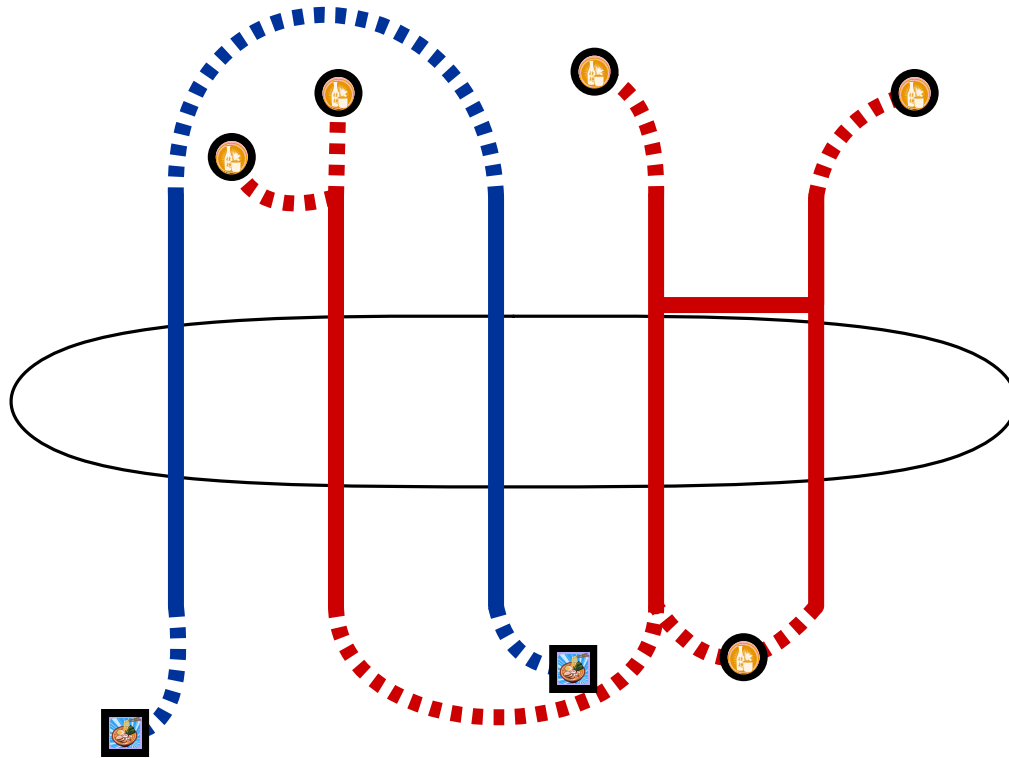
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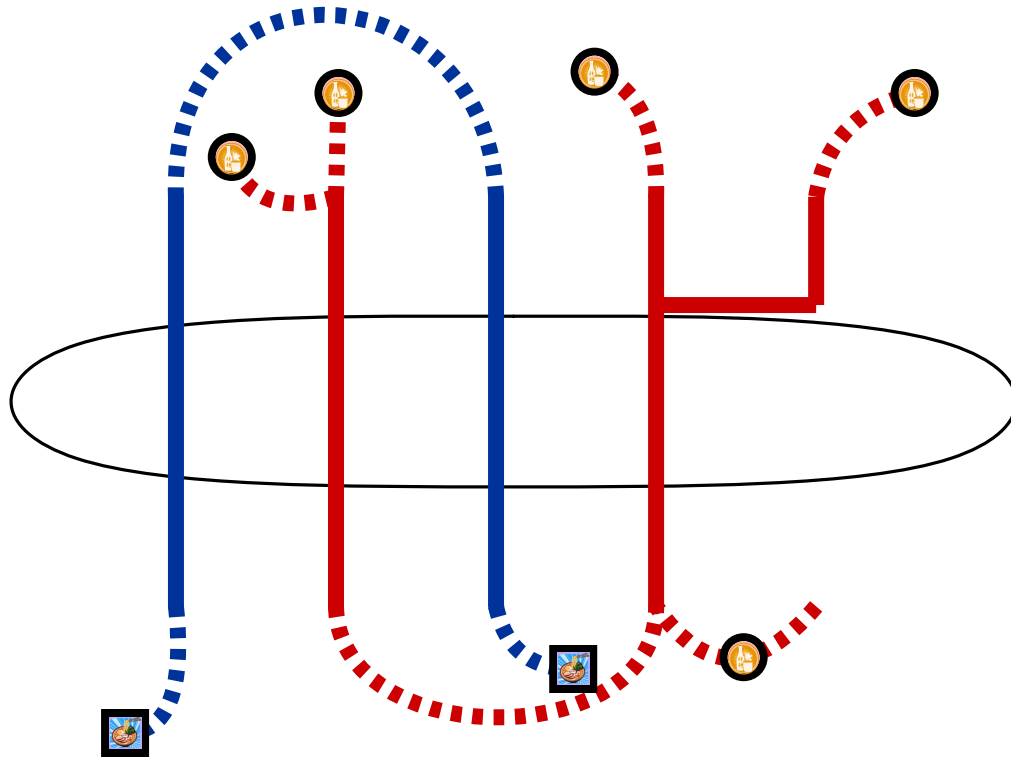
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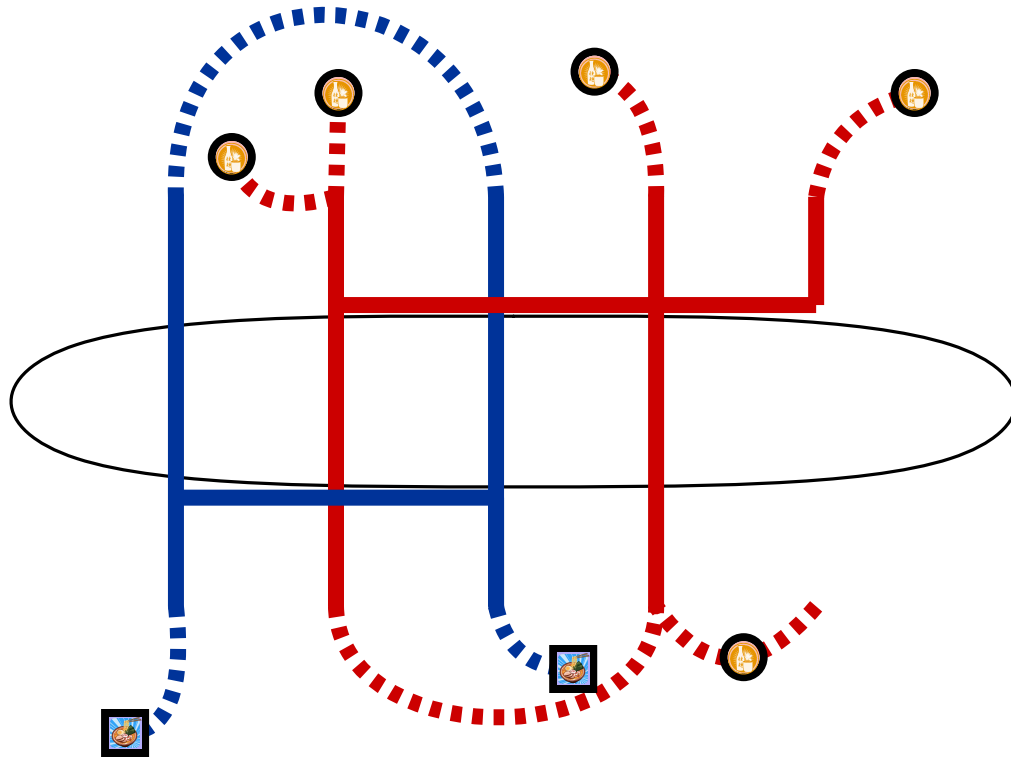
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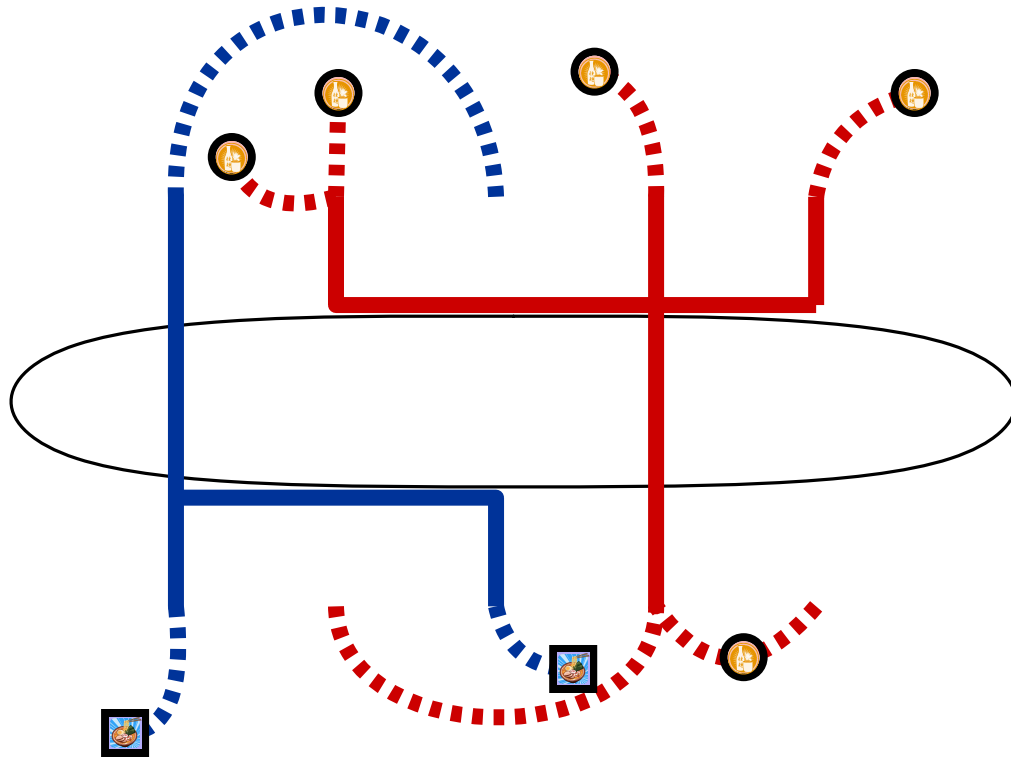
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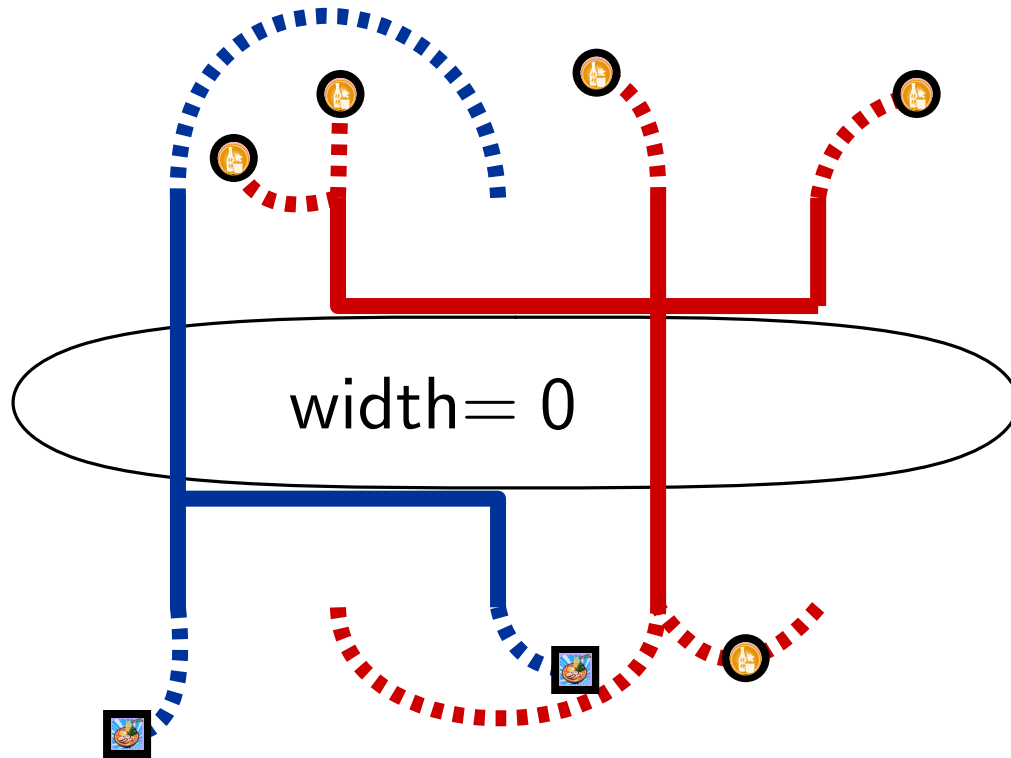
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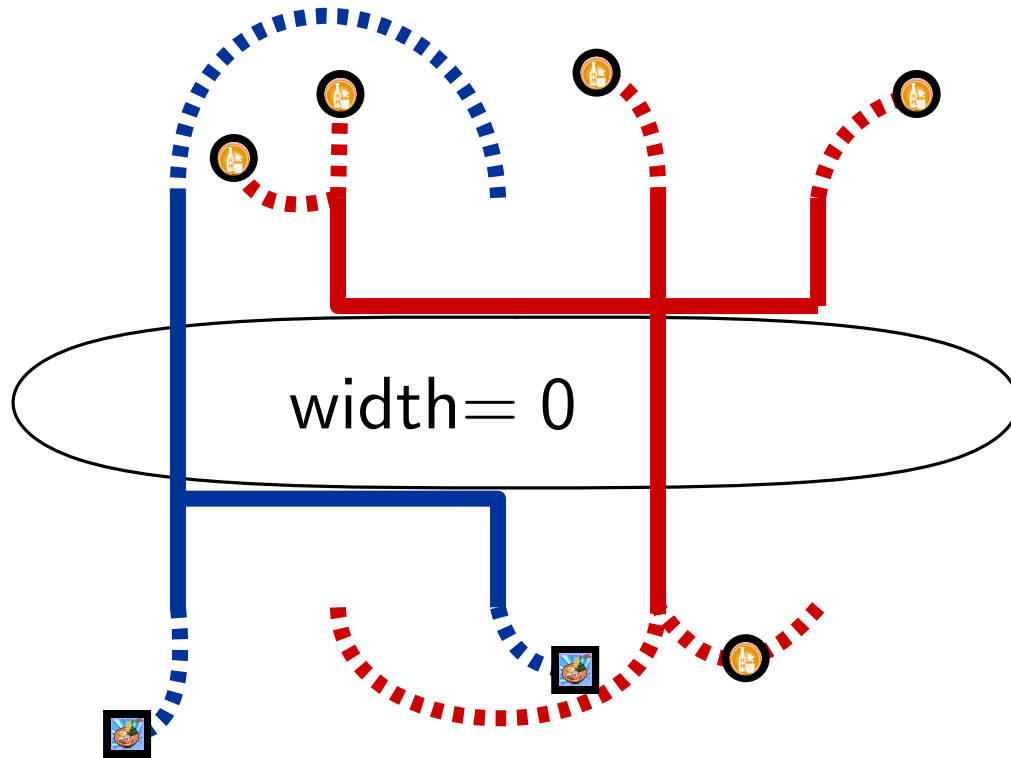
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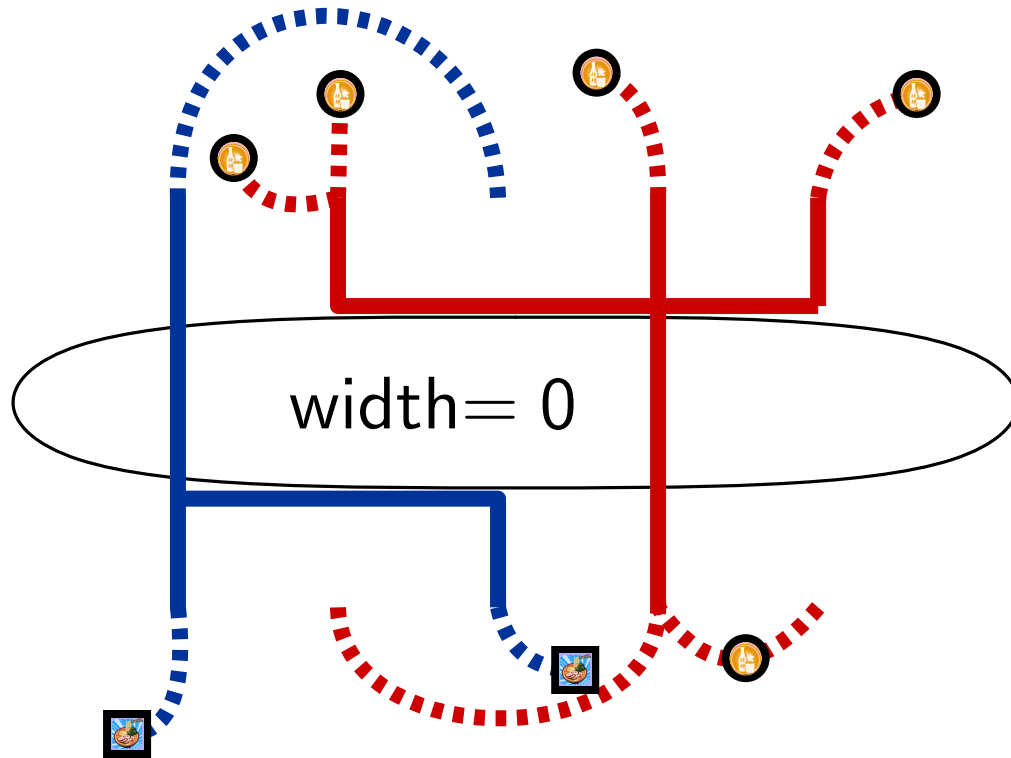
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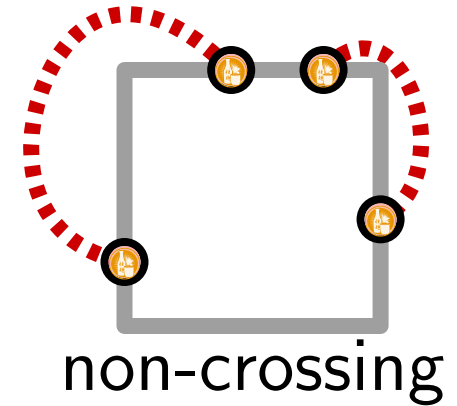
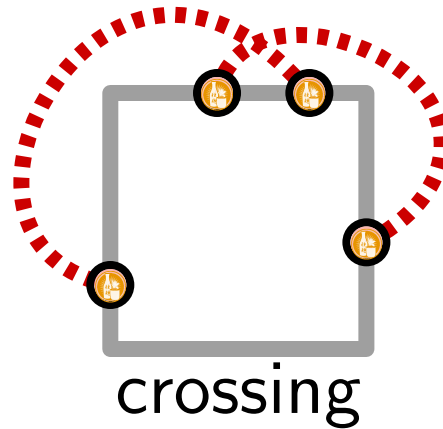
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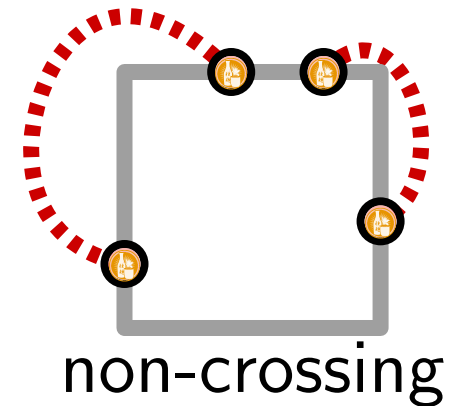
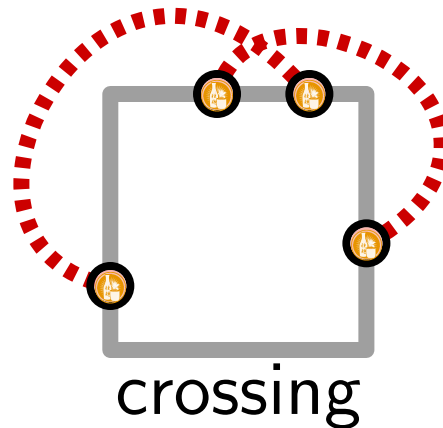
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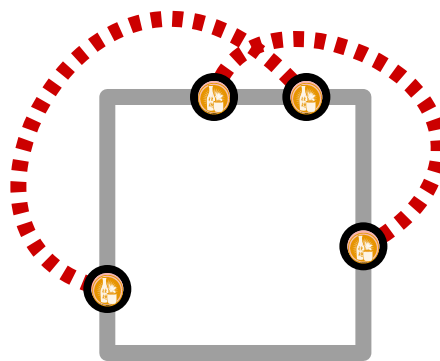
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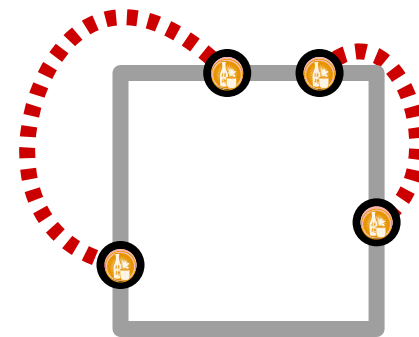
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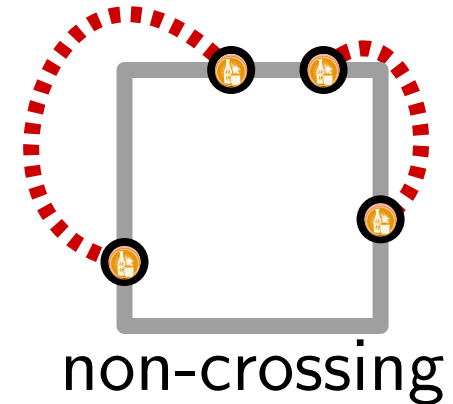
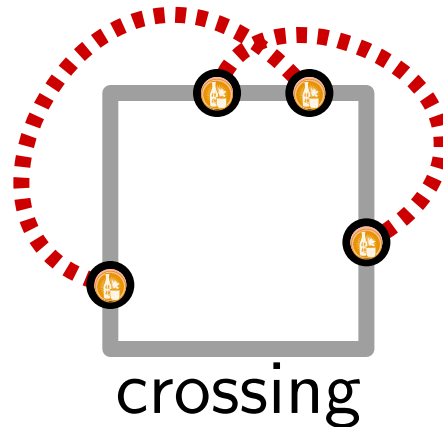
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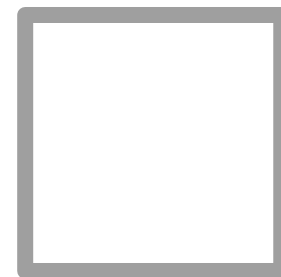
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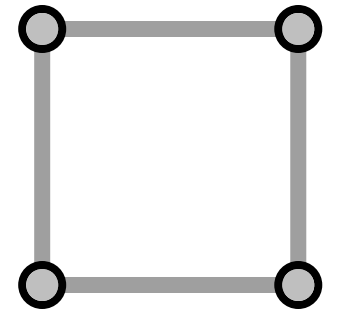
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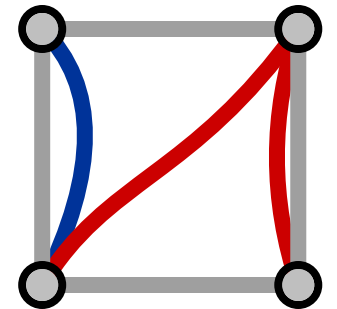
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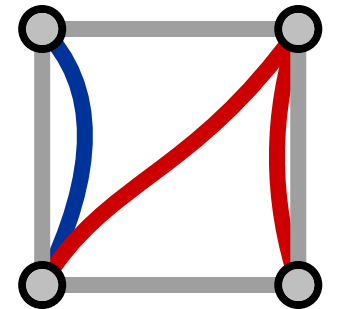
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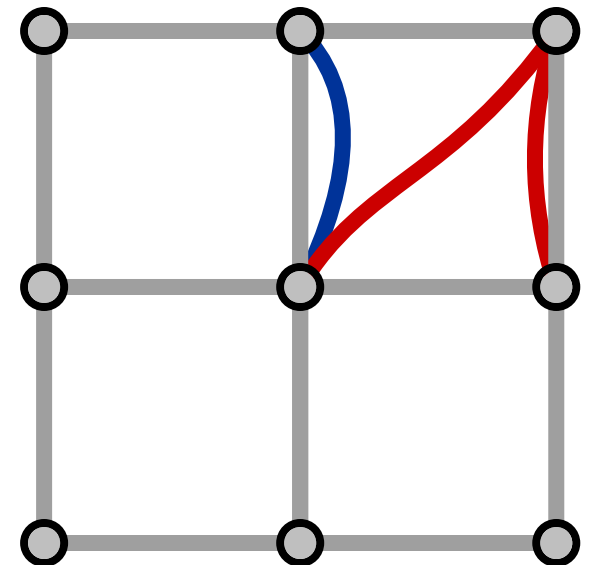
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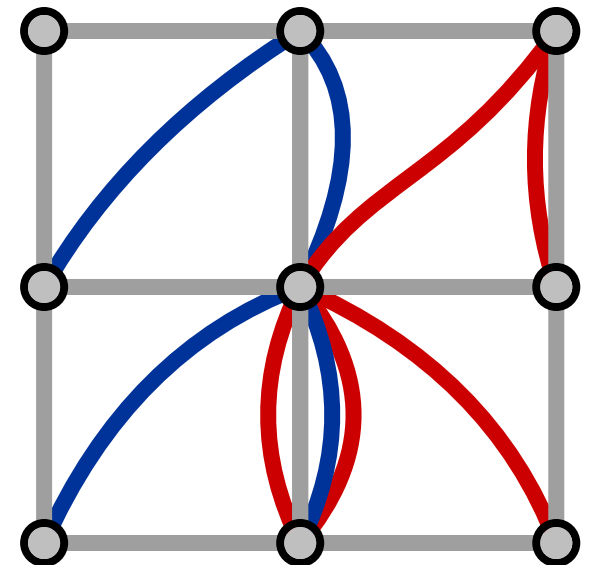
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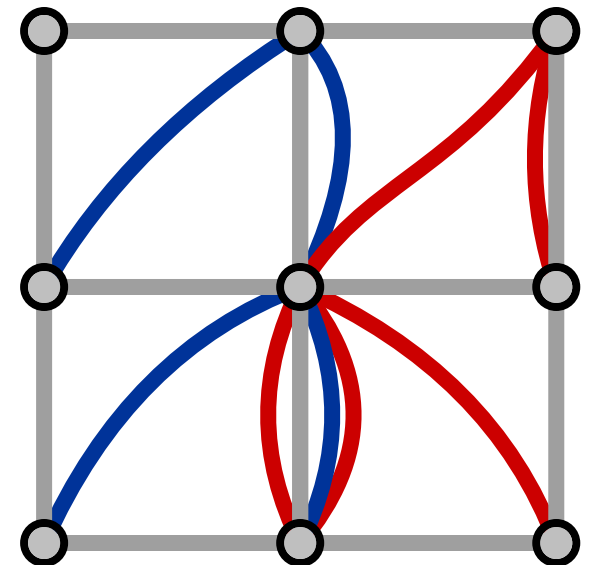
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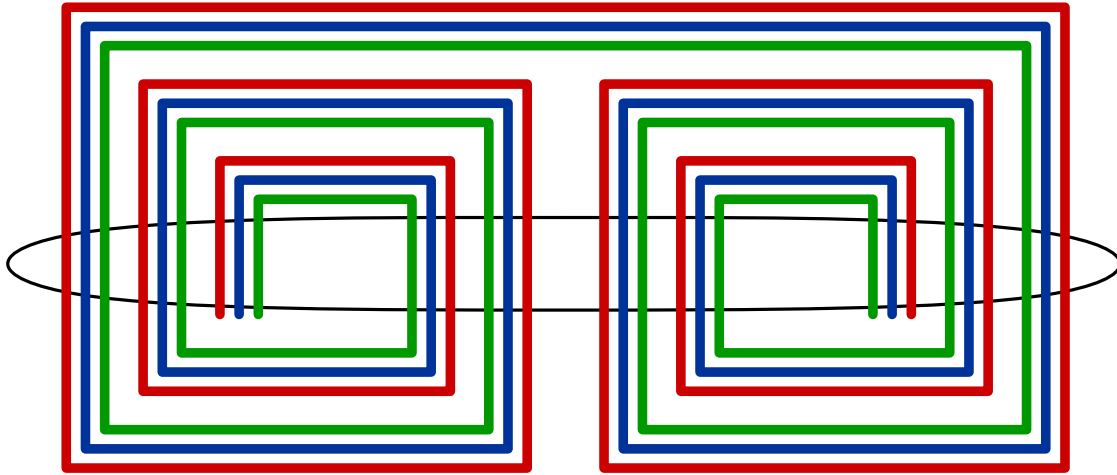
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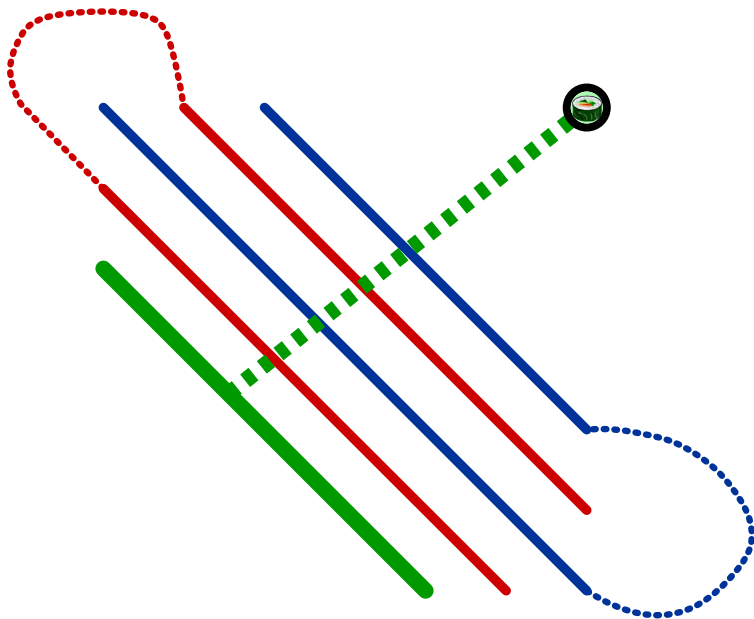
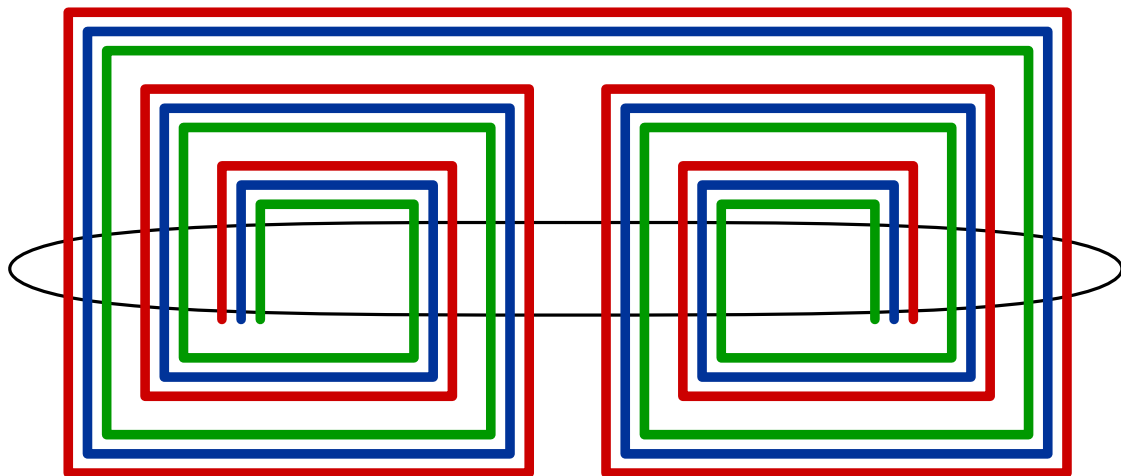
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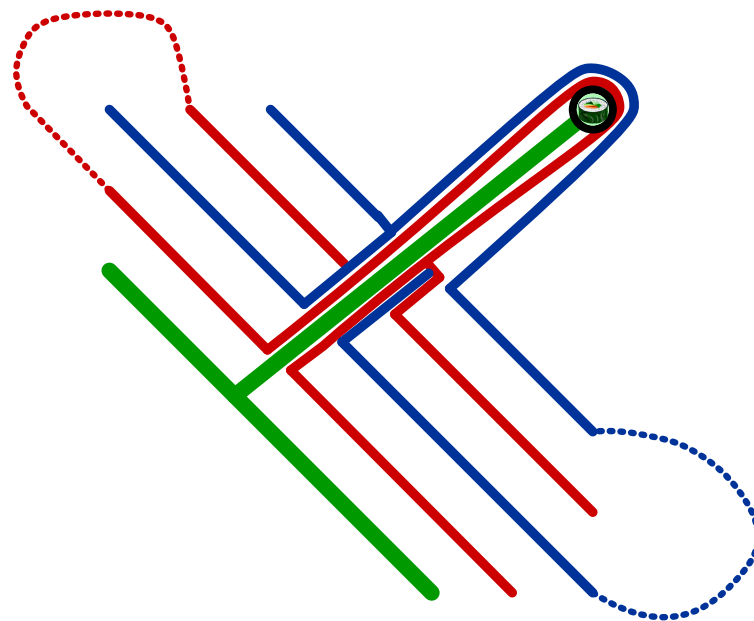
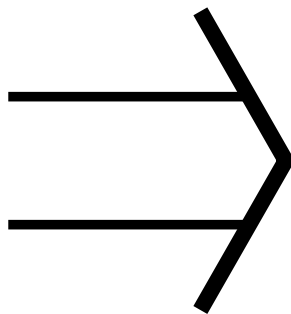
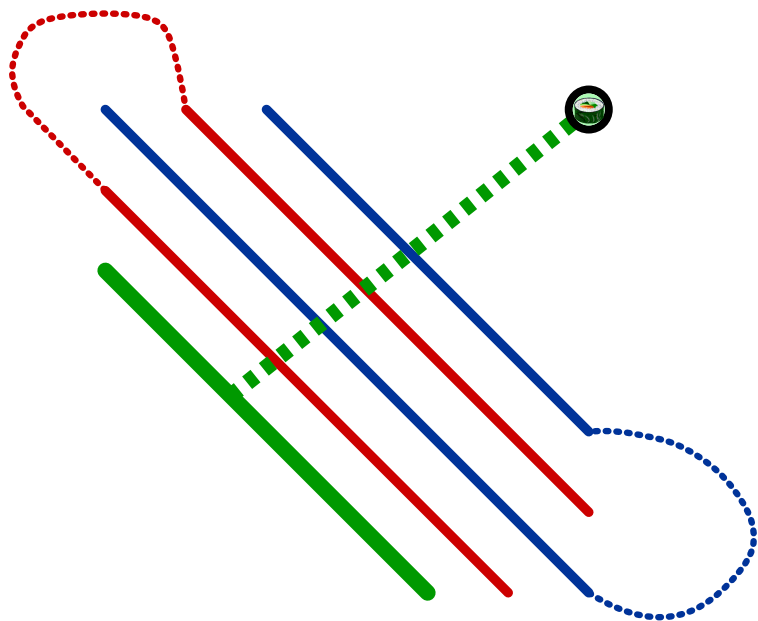
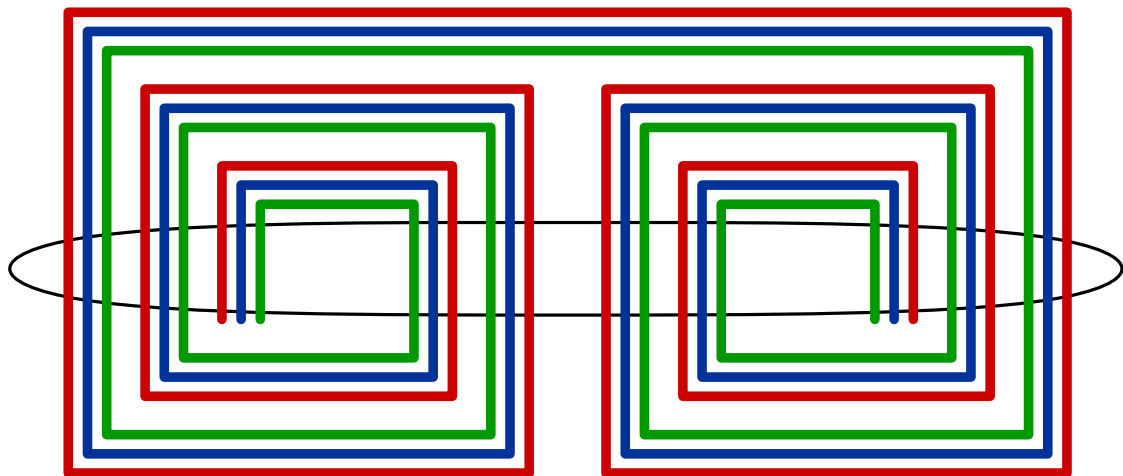




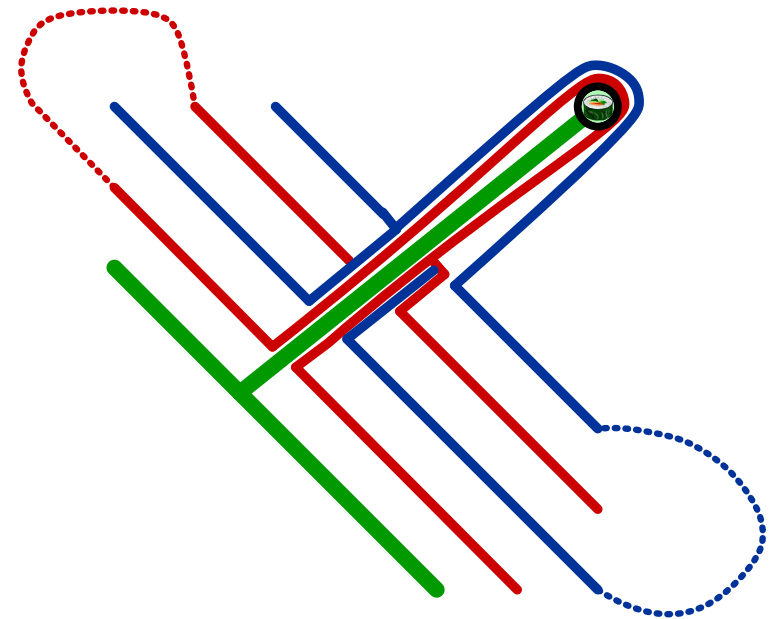
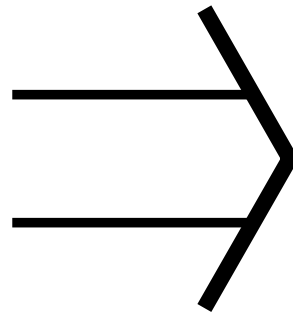
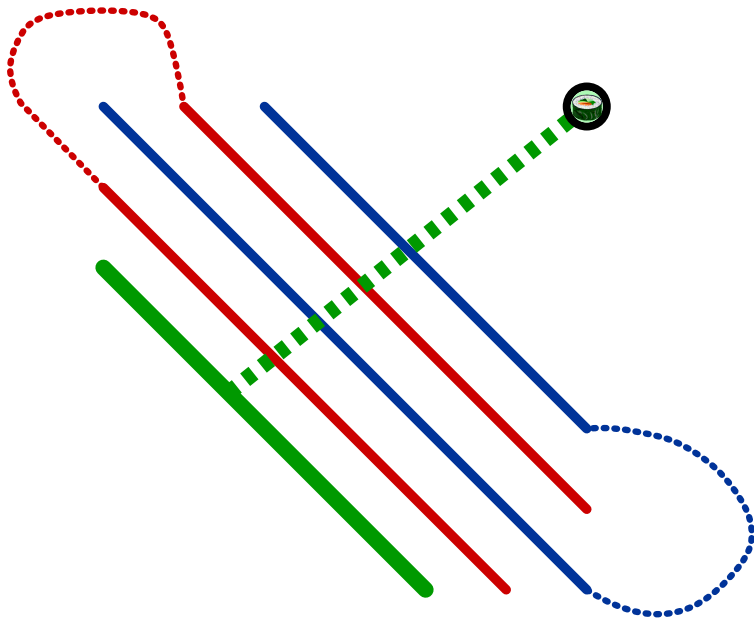
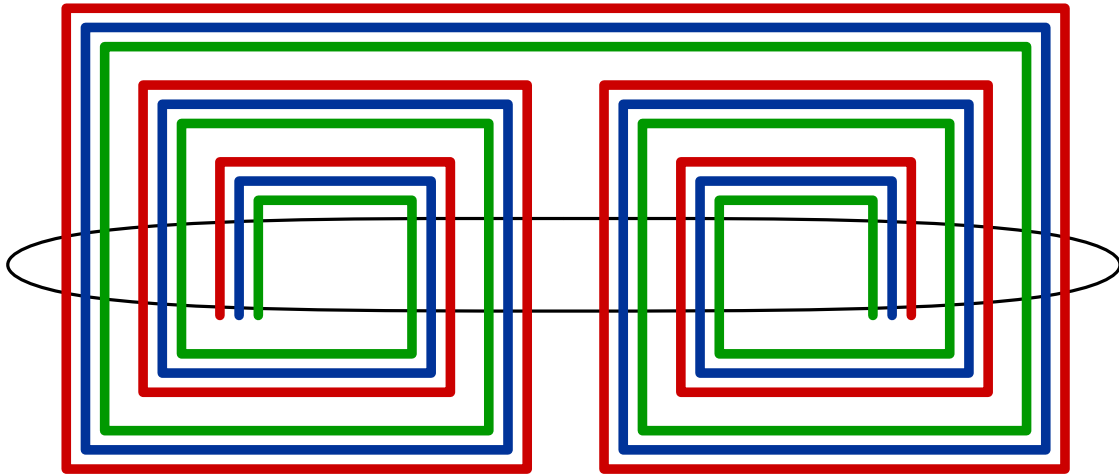
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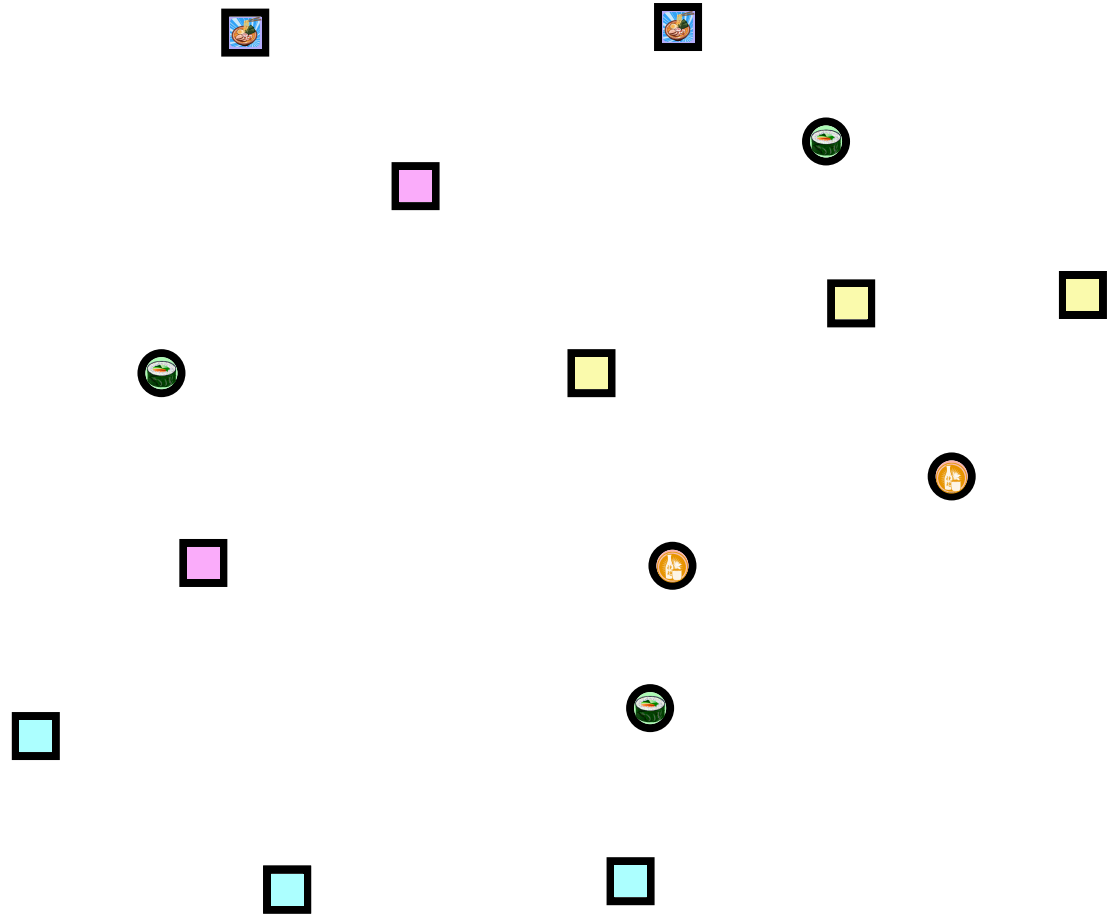


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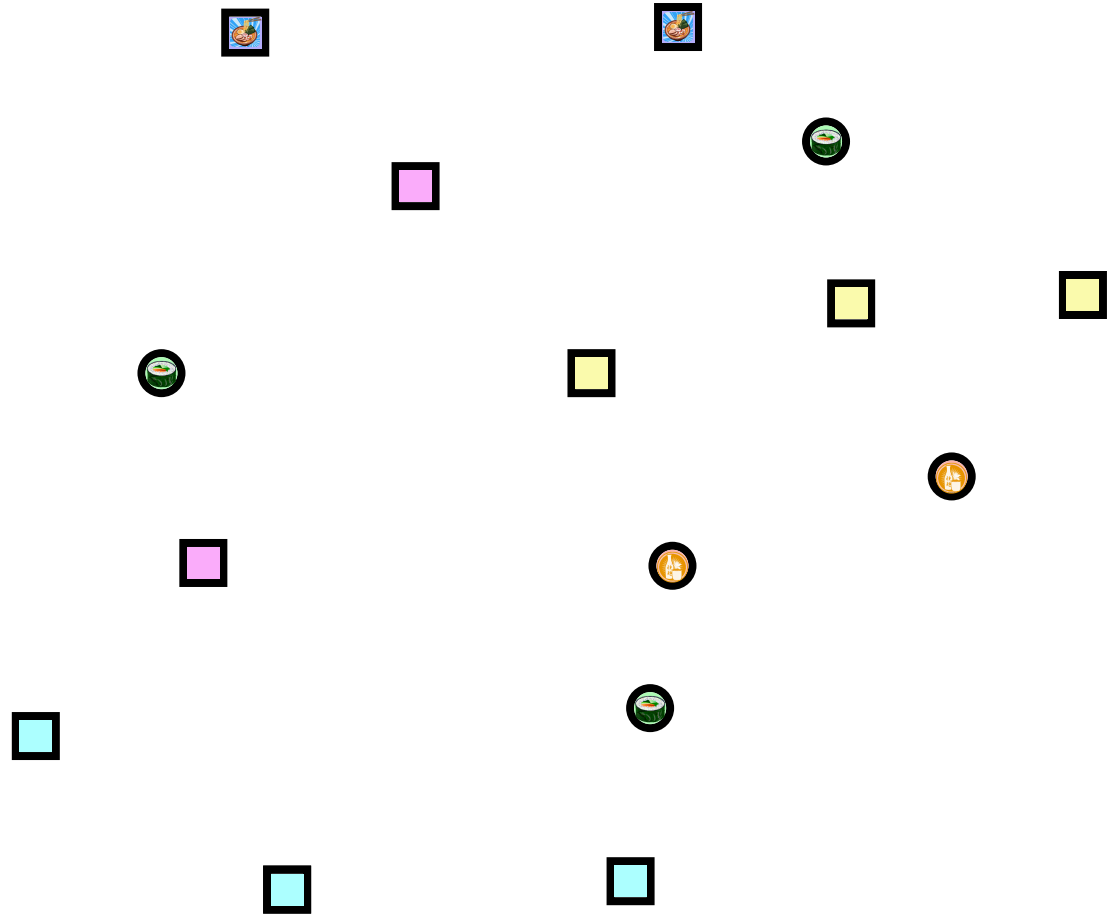
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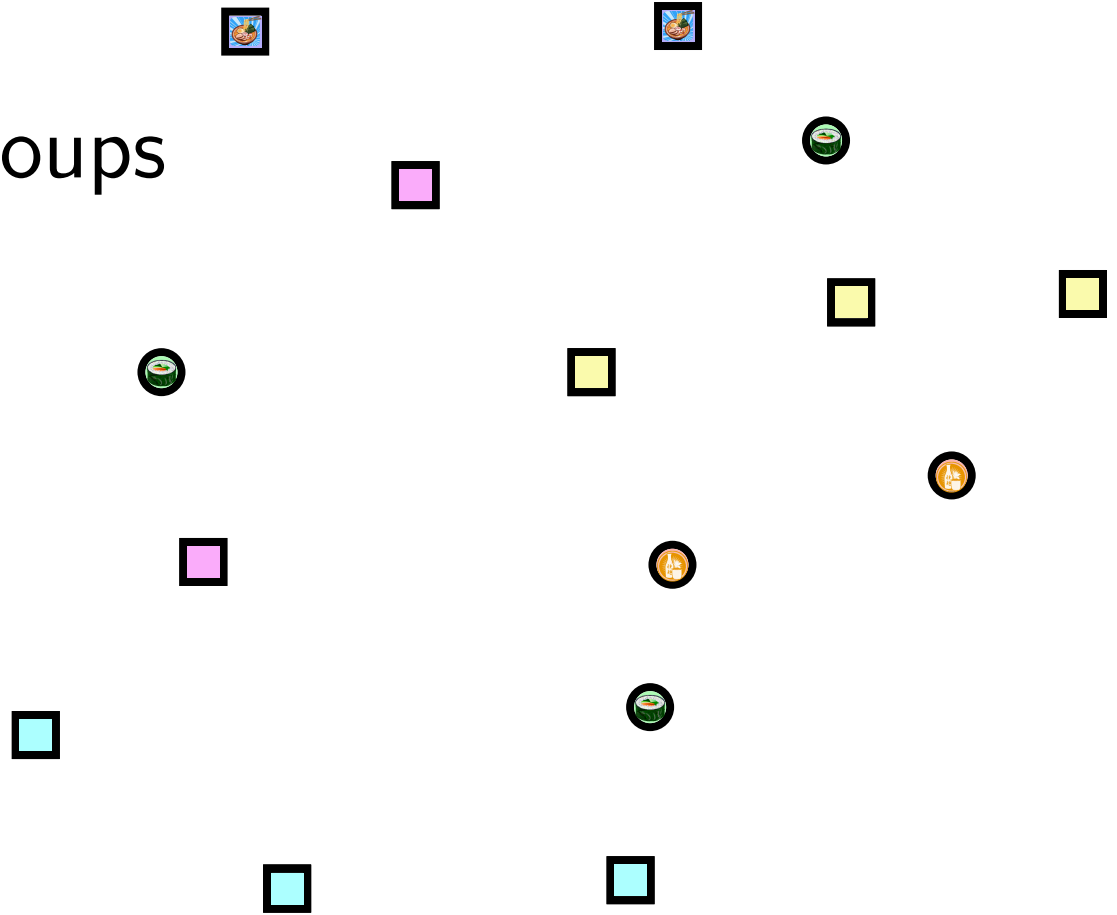
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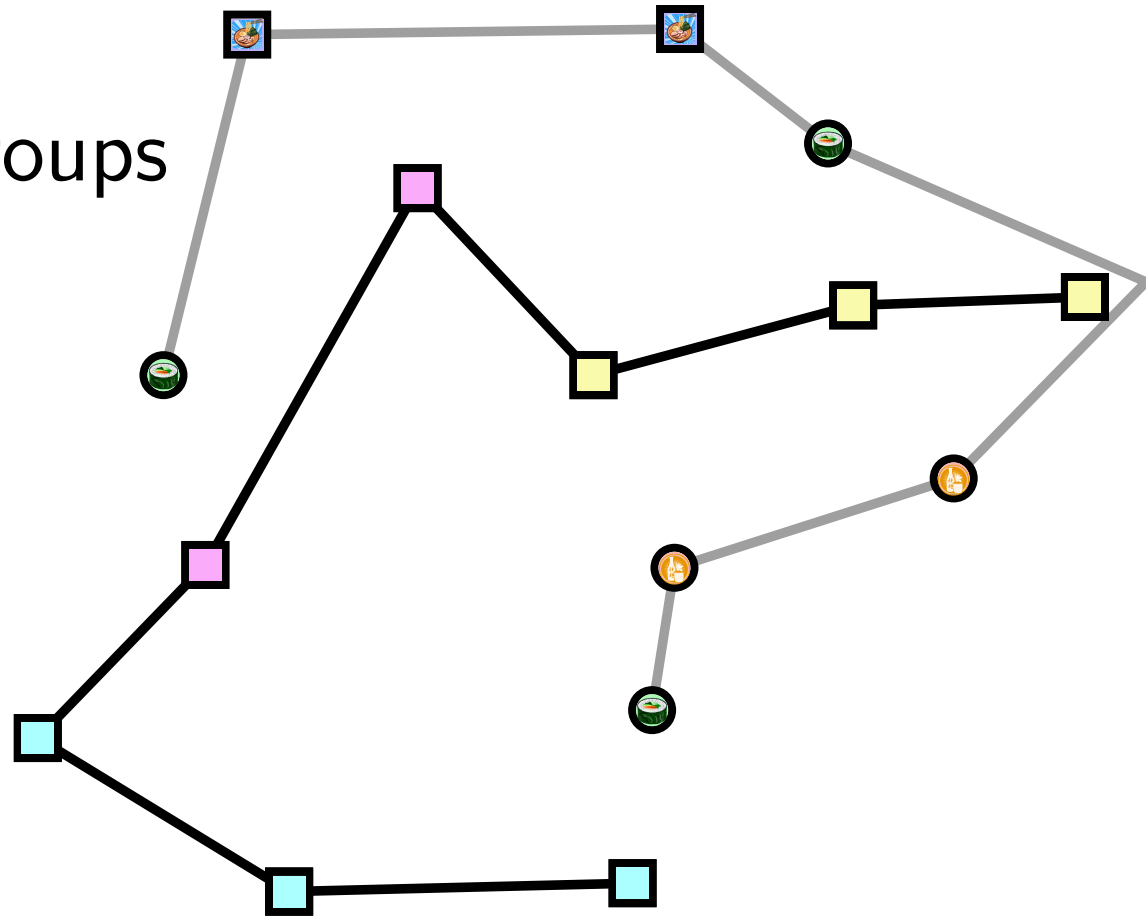
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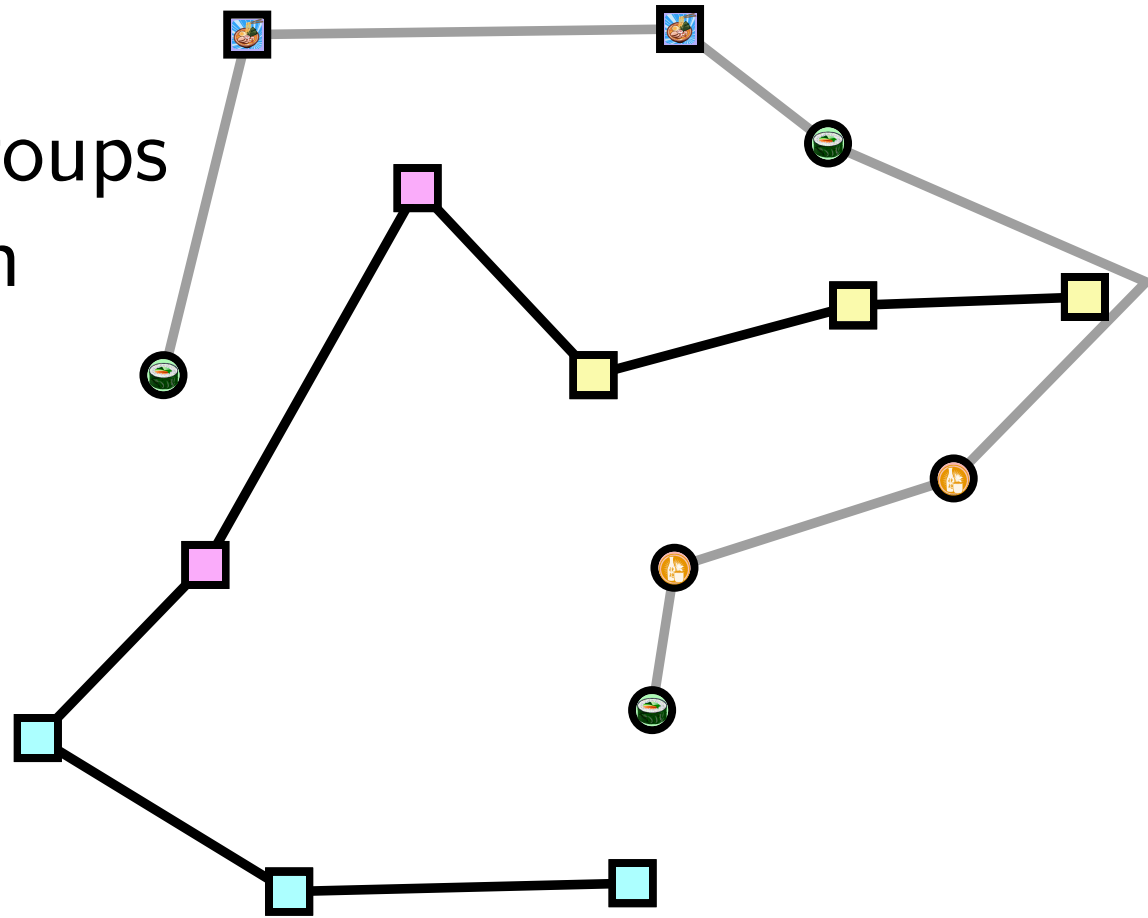
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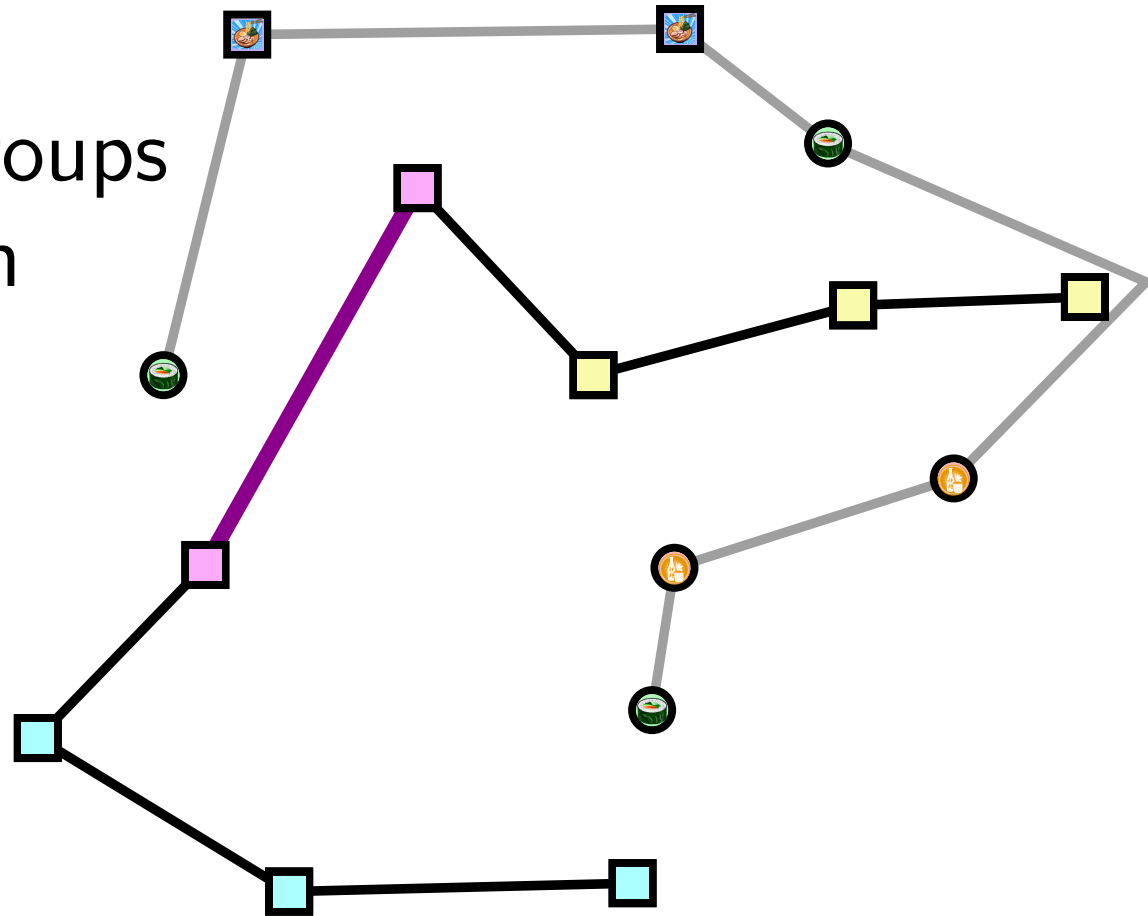
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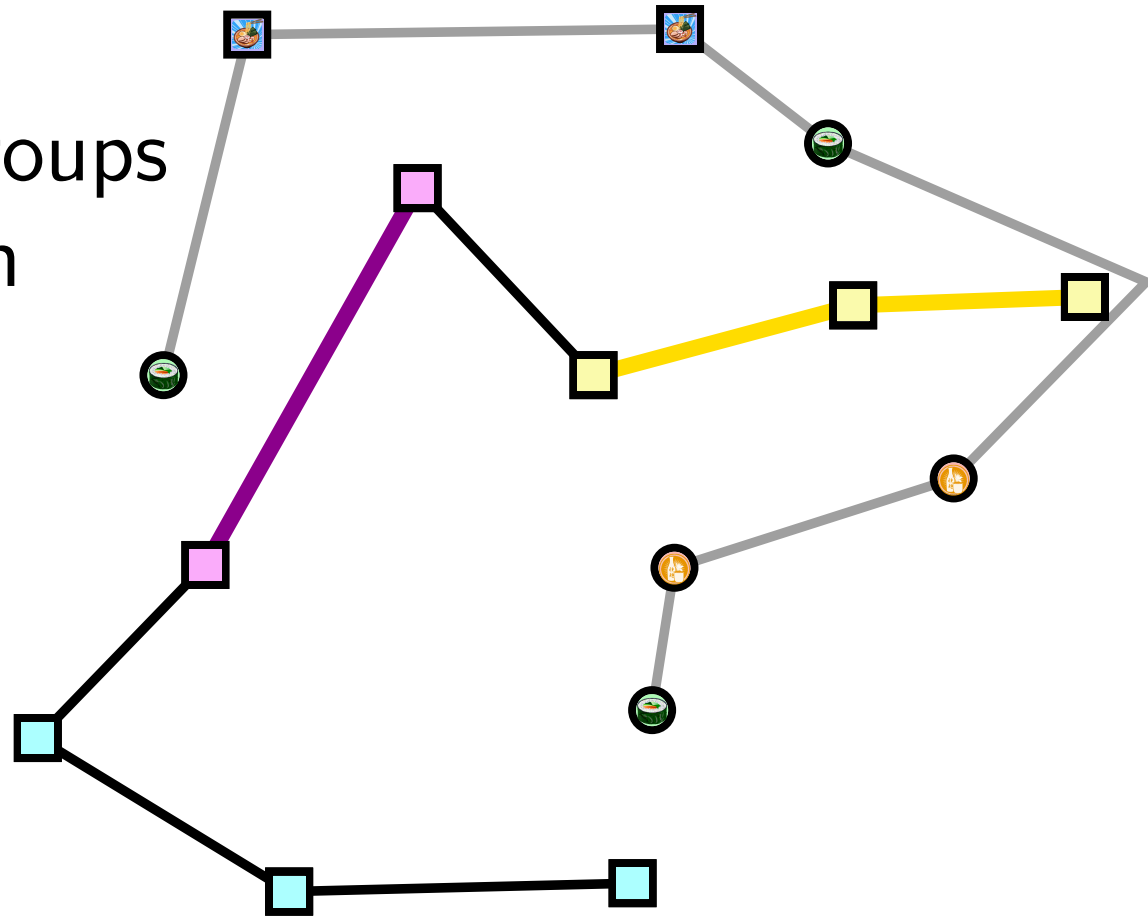
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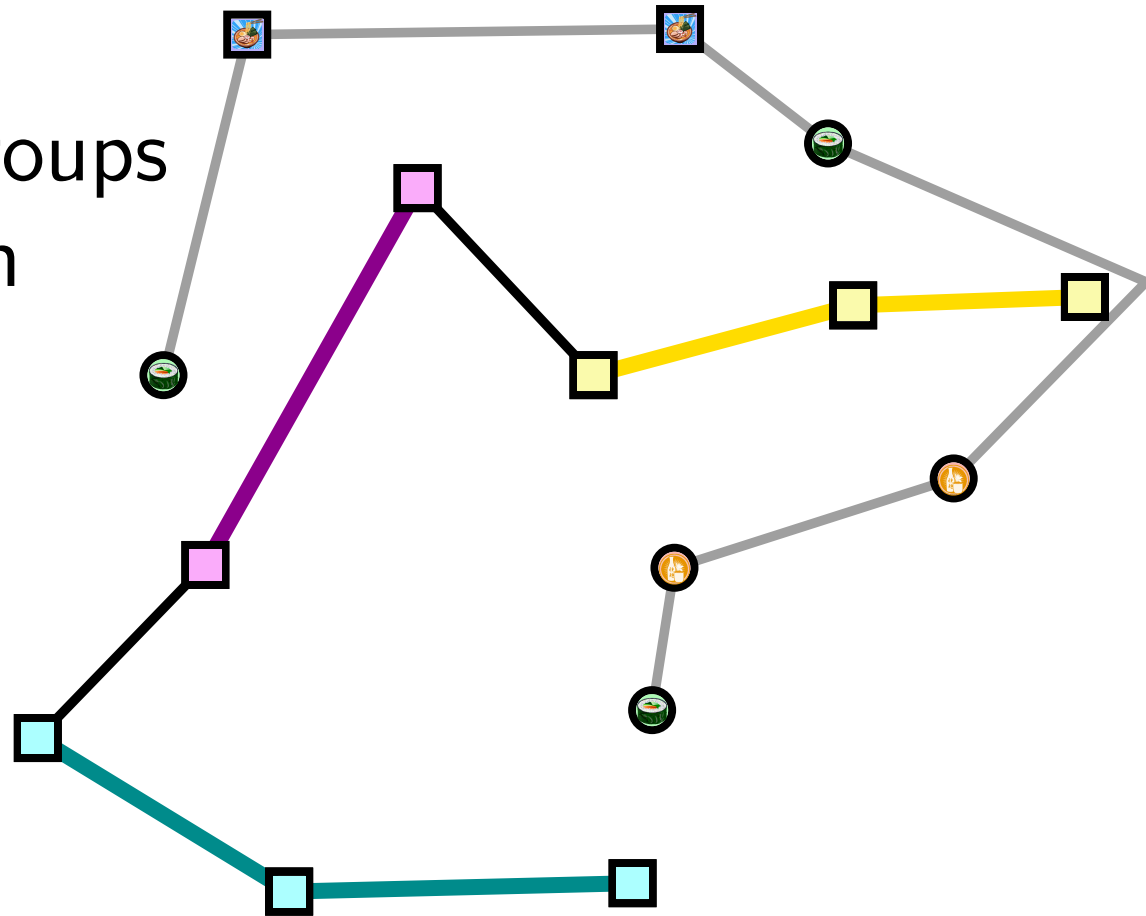
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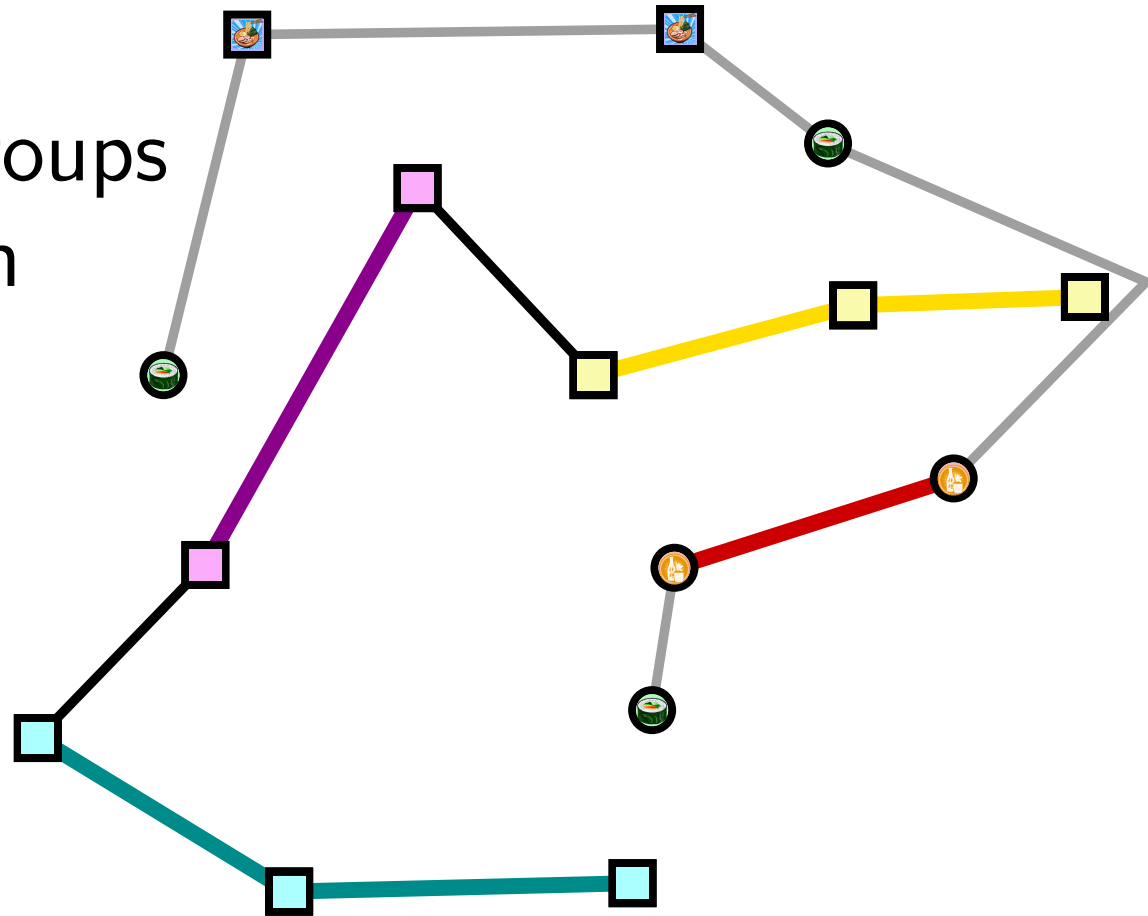
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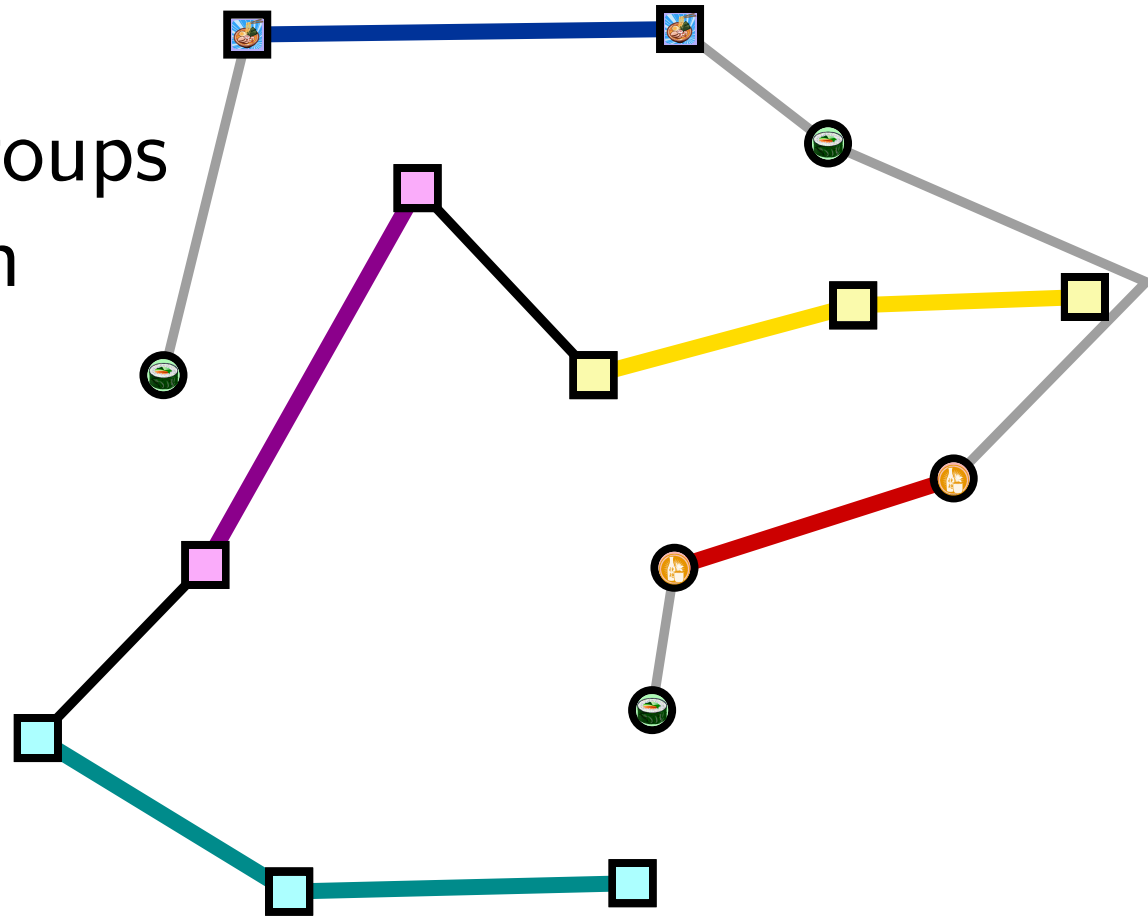
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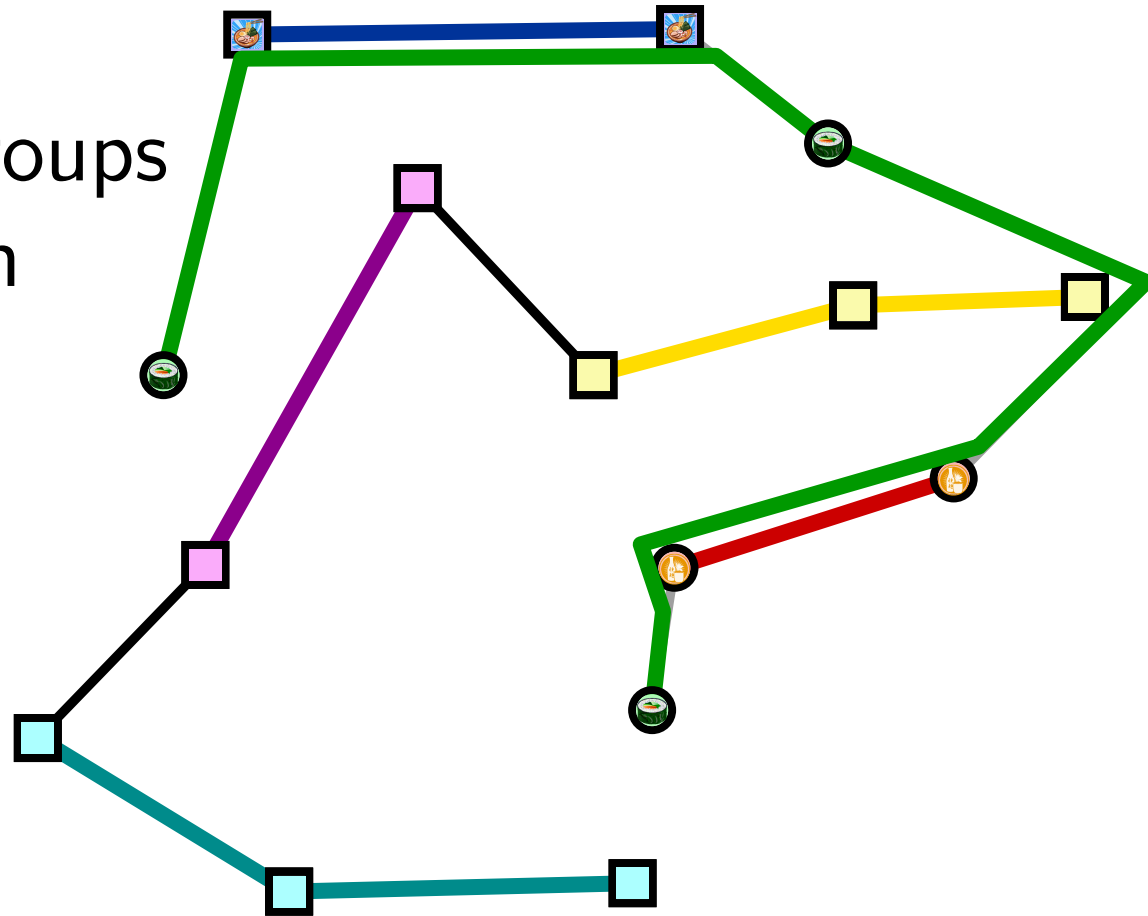
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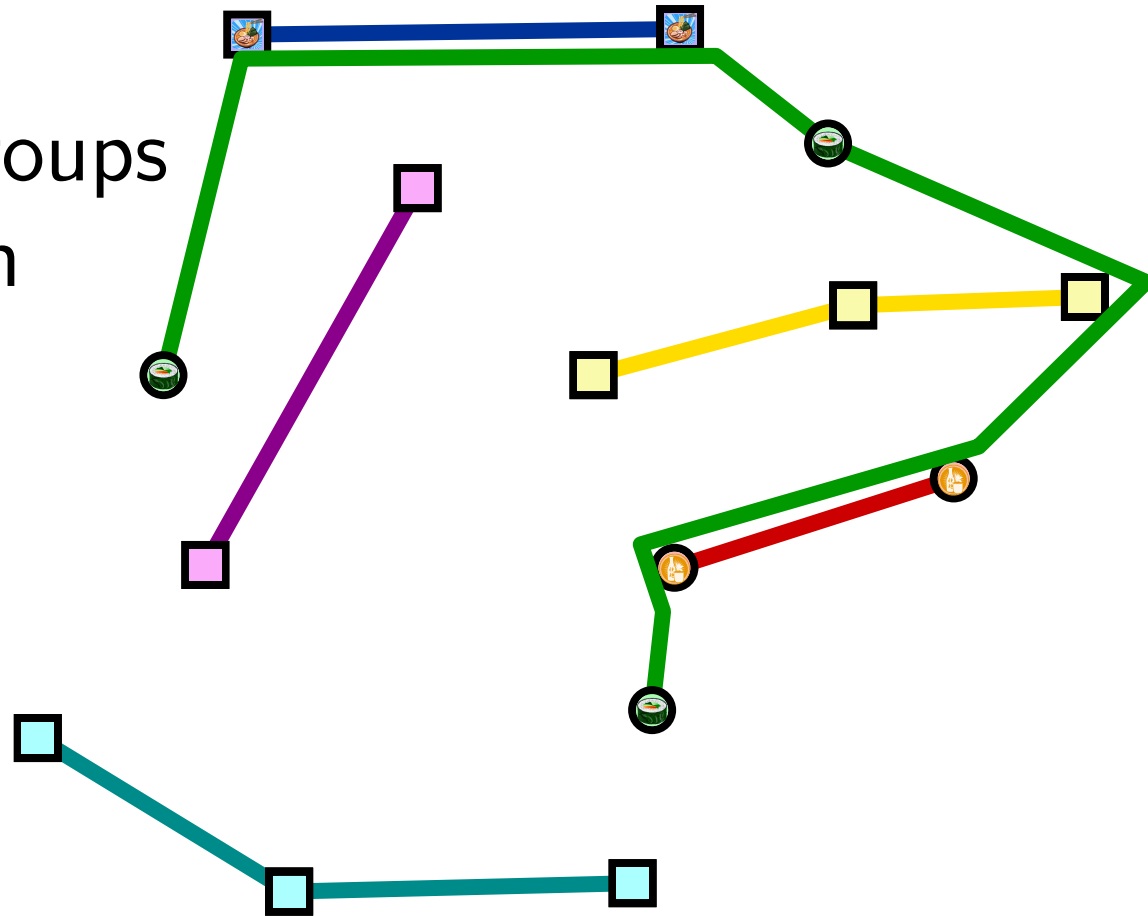
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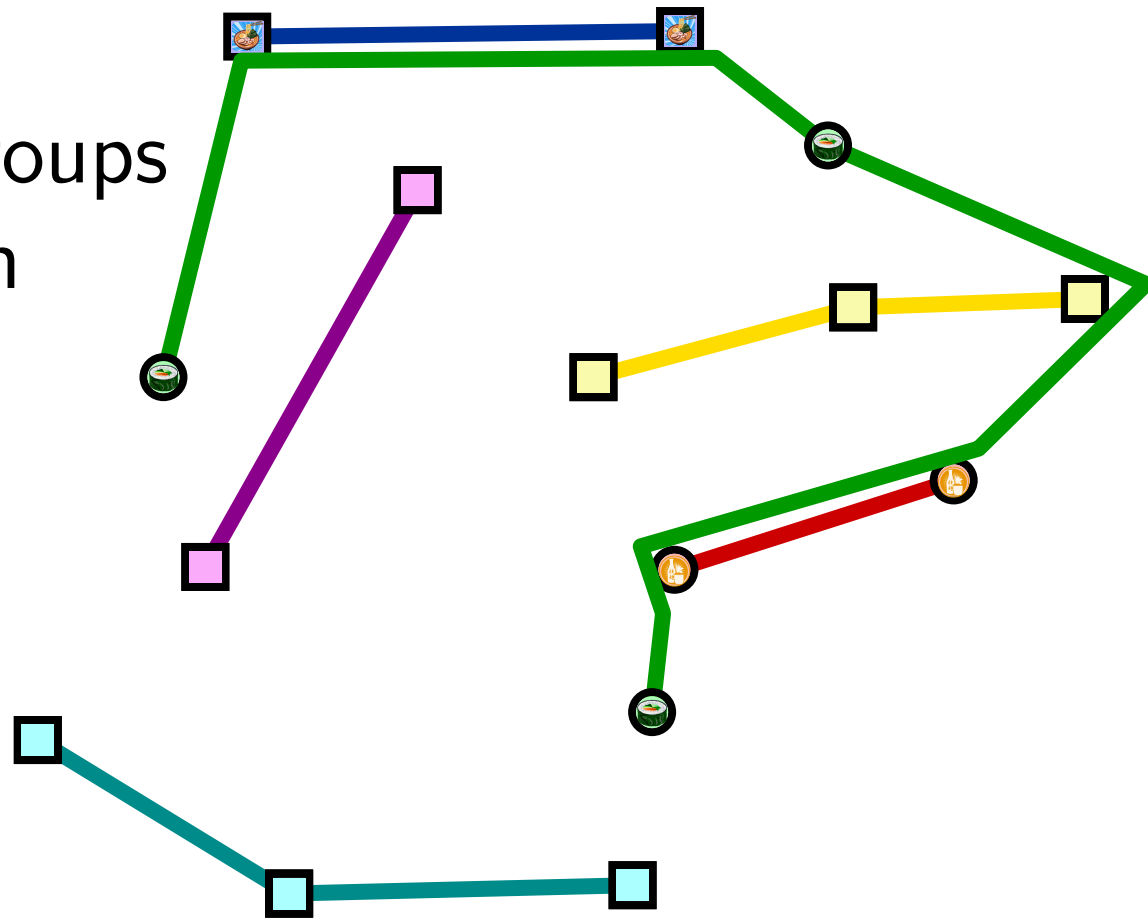
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