

Polylogarithmic Approximation for Generalized Minimum Manhattan Networks

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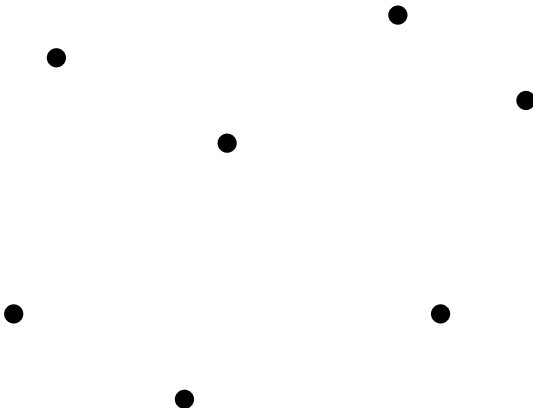
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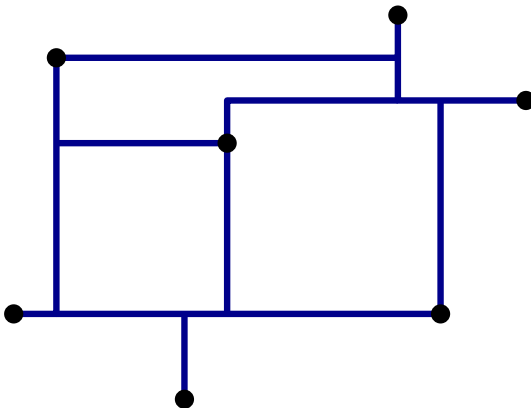
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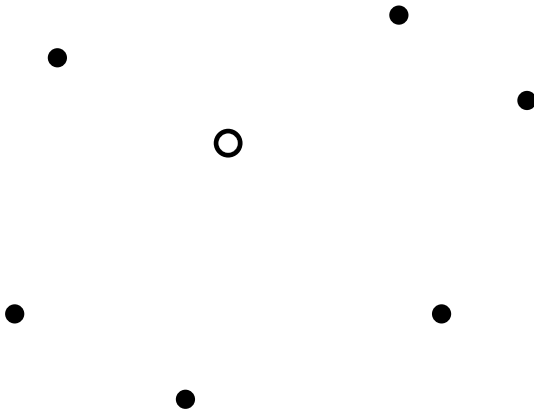
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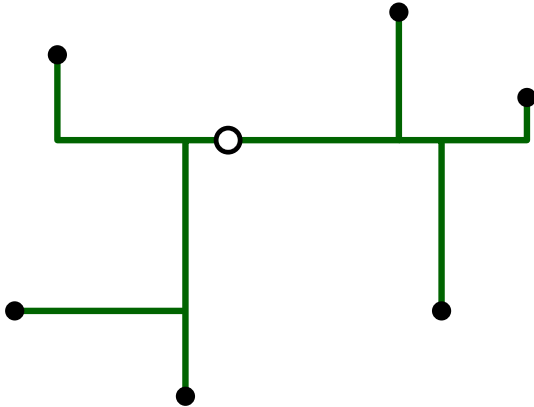
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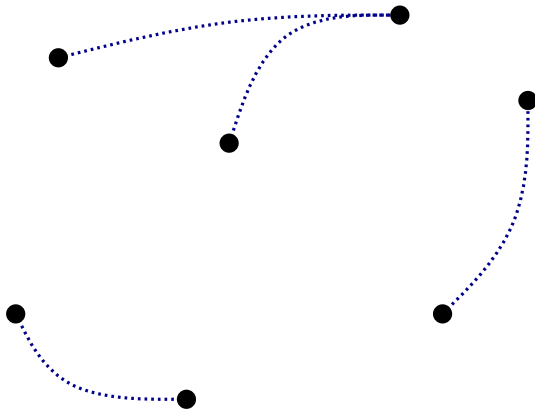
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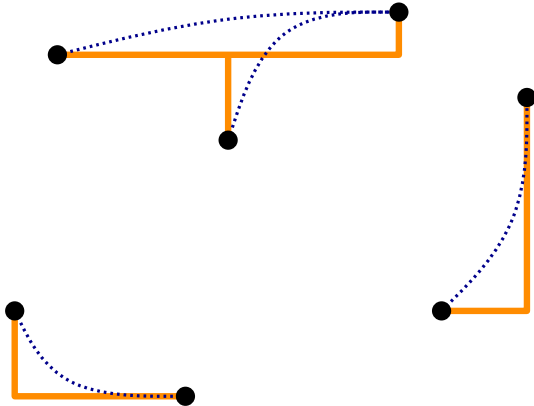
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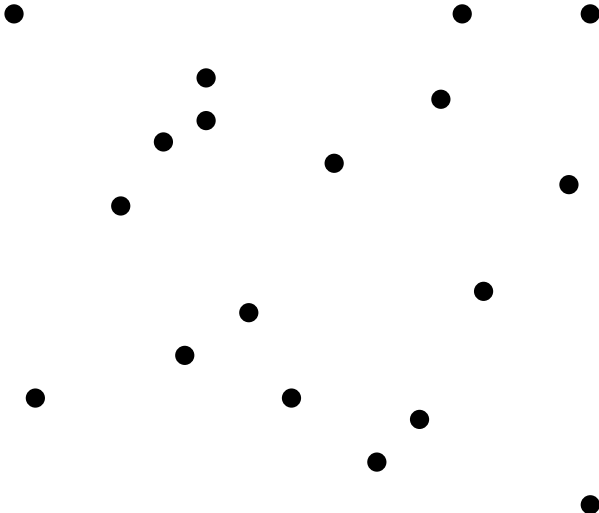
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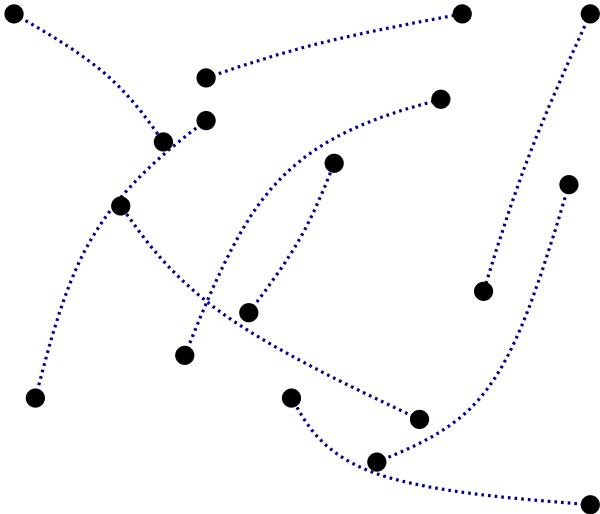
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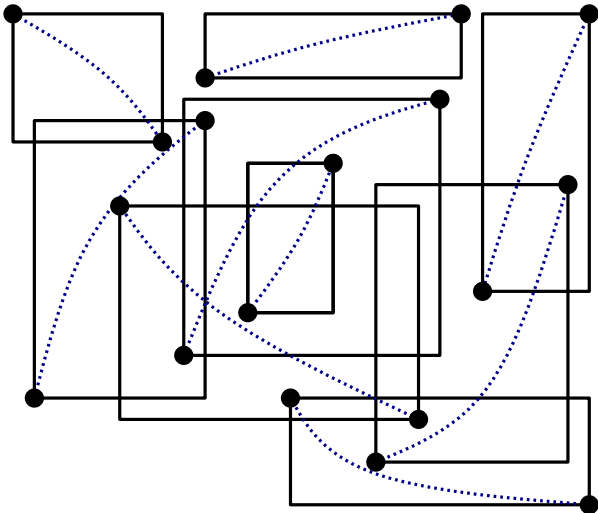
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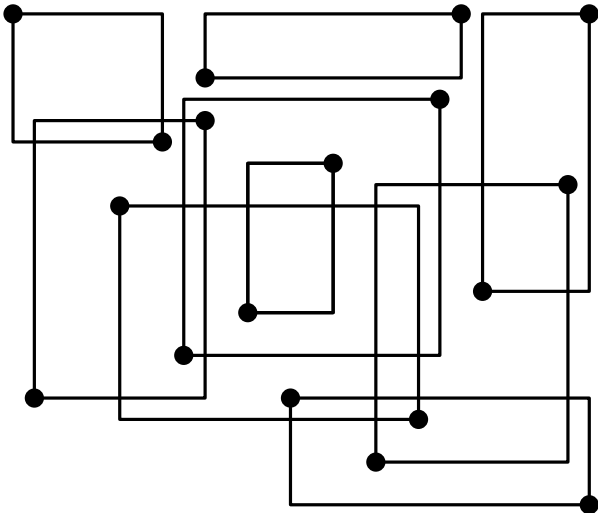
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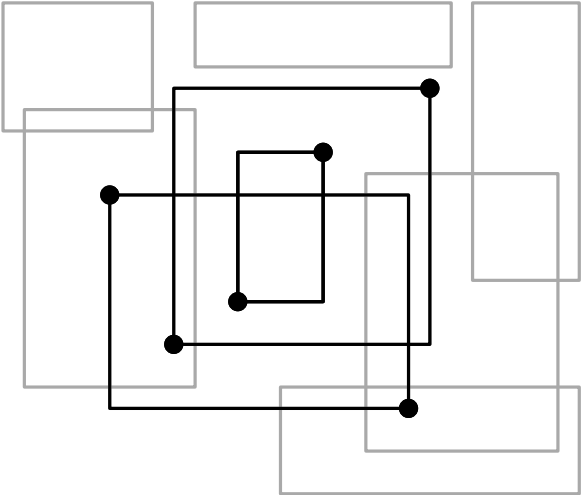
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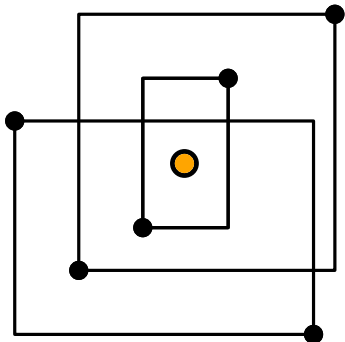
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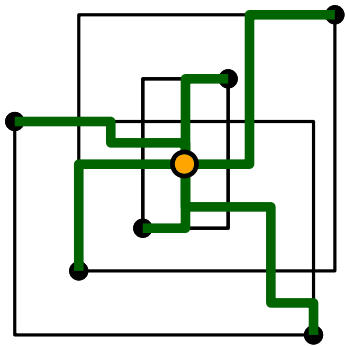
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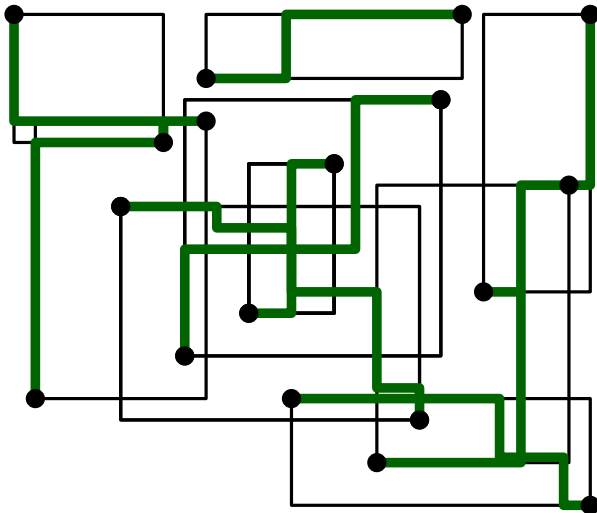
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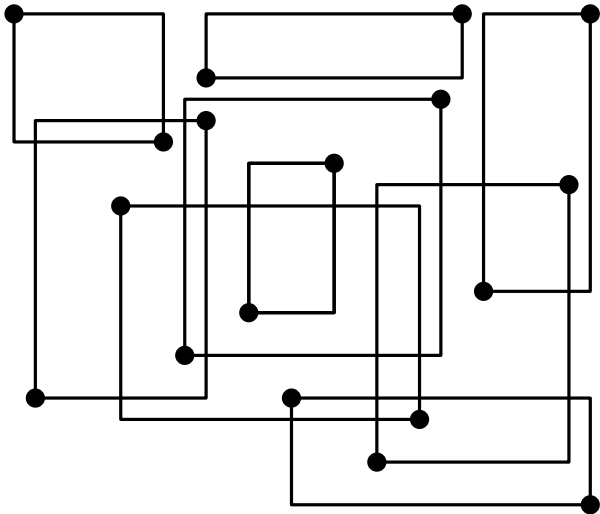


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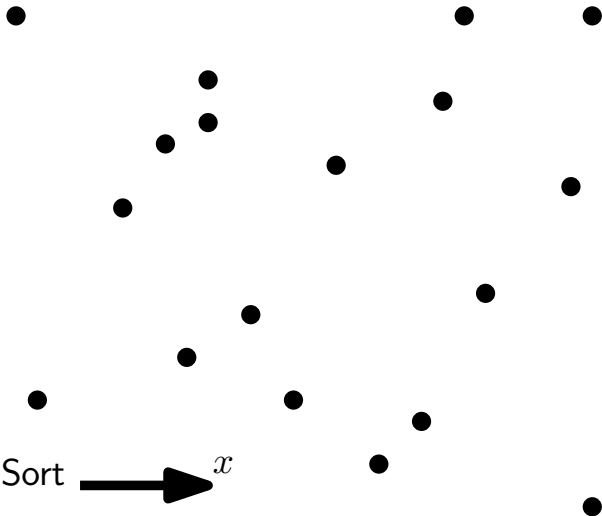
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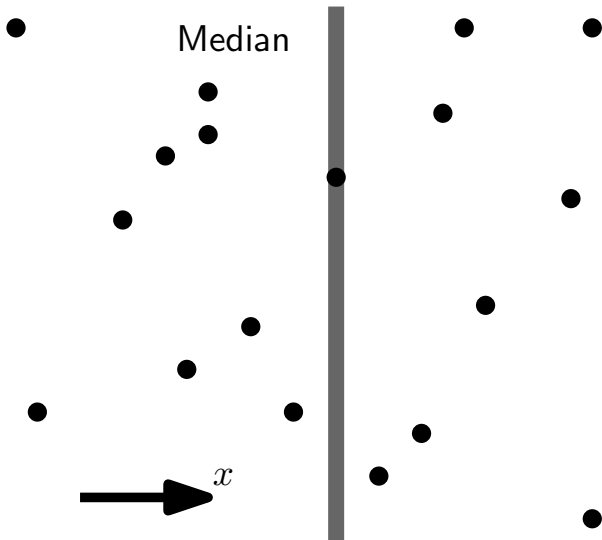
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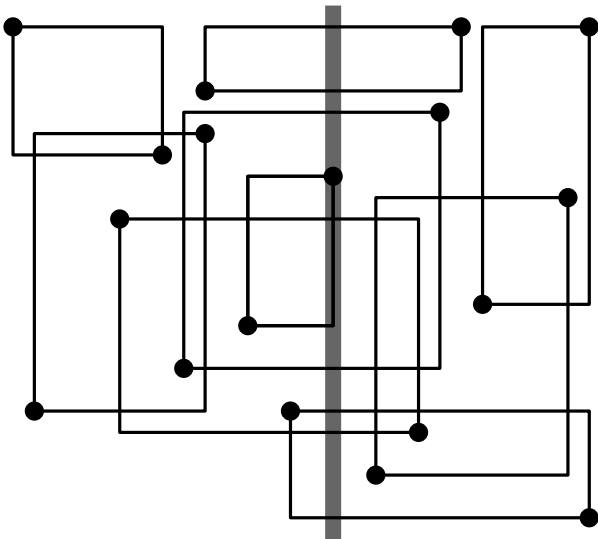
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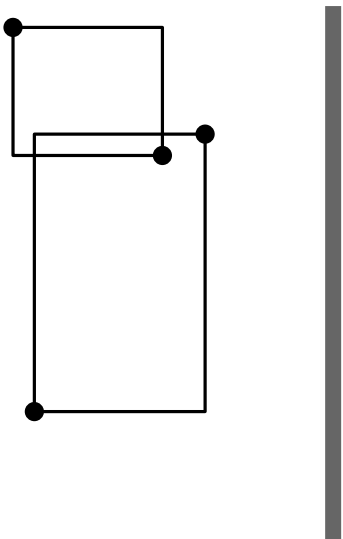
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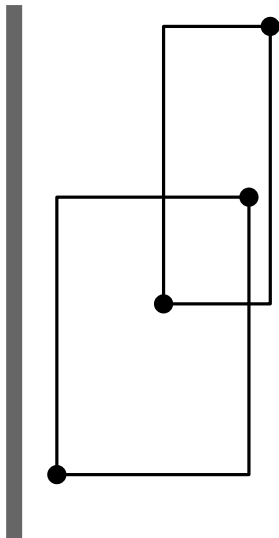
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Left Sub-Instance Construction

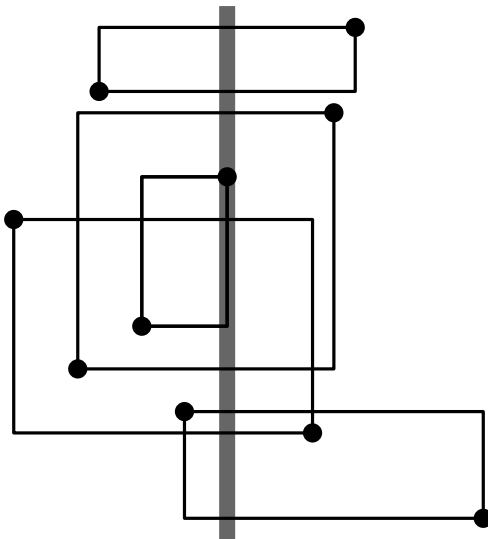


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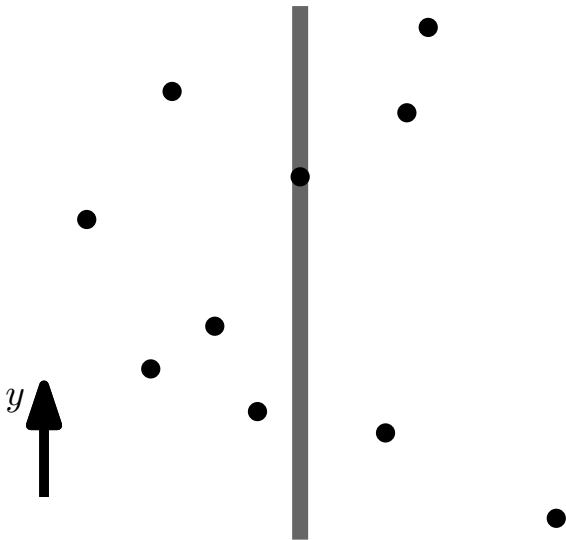


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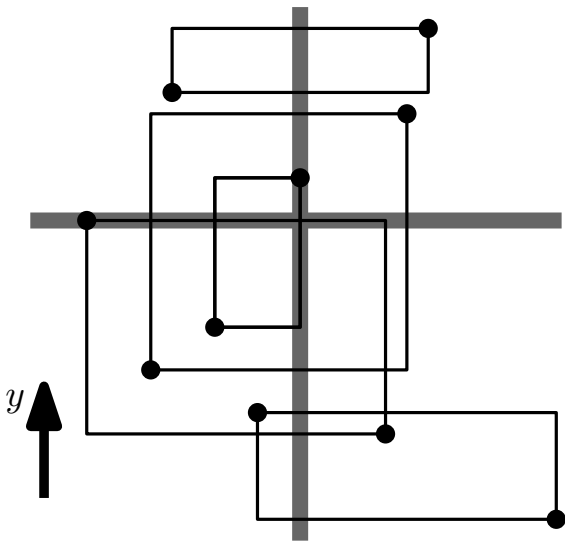
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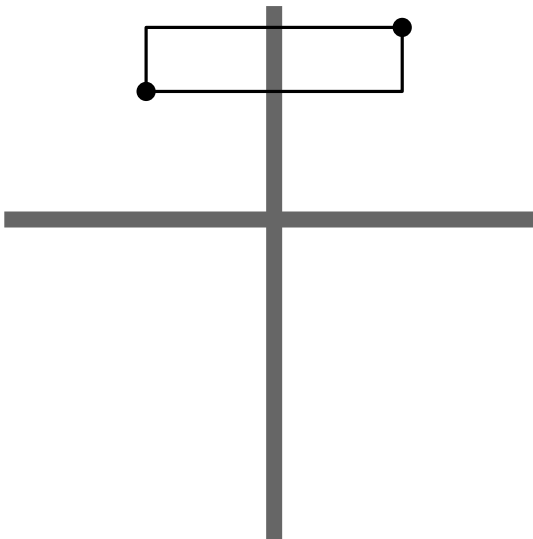


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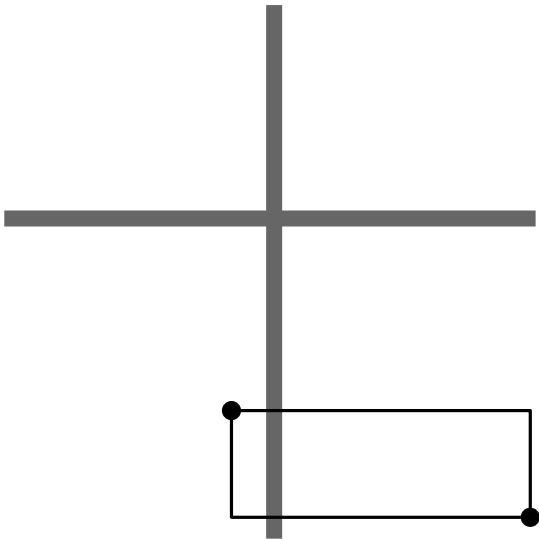
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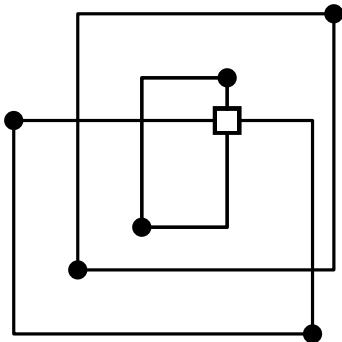
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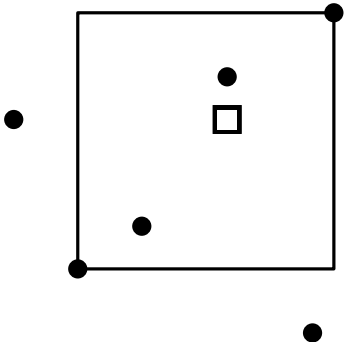
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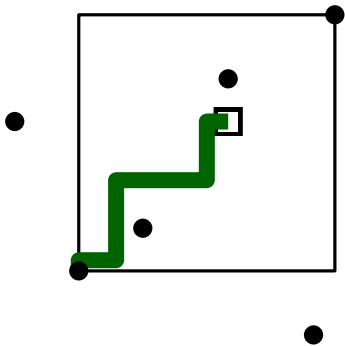
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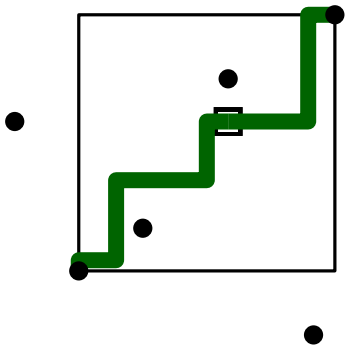
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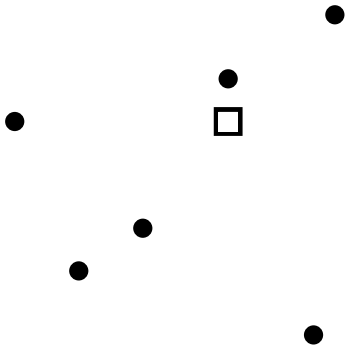
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Manhattan-Path



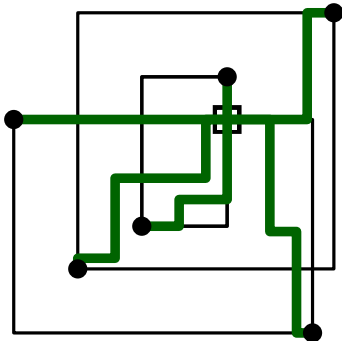
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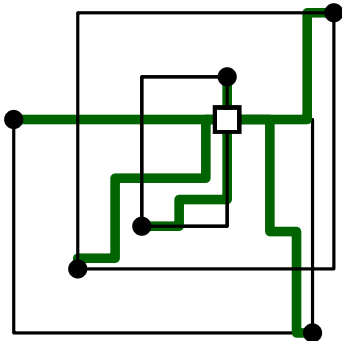
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Cost of RSA

Cost Analysis

$$\text{cost} \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{RSA}}$$

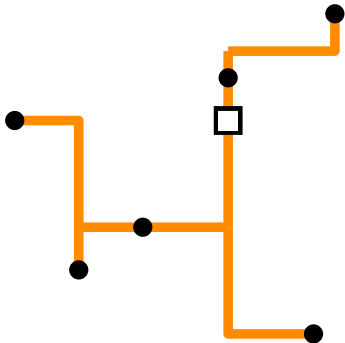


$\text{OPT}_{\text{RSA}} = ?$

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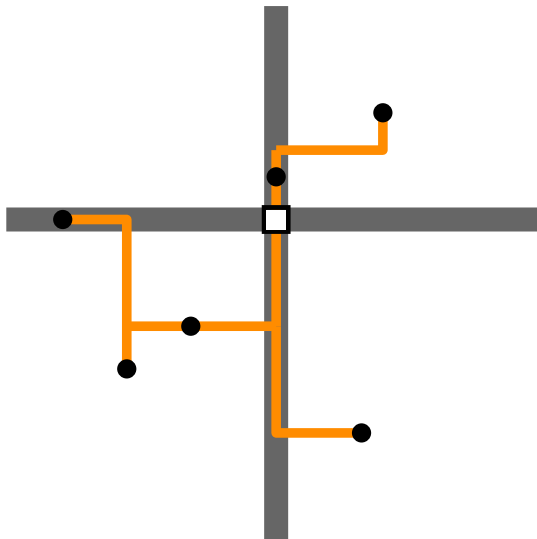
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An optimum GMMN solution



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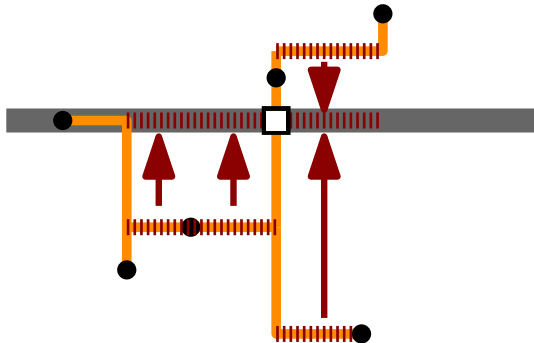
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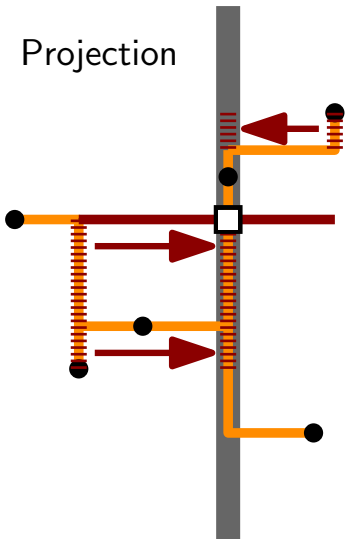
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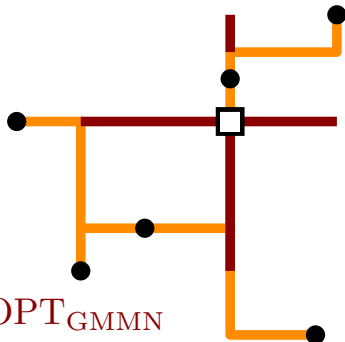
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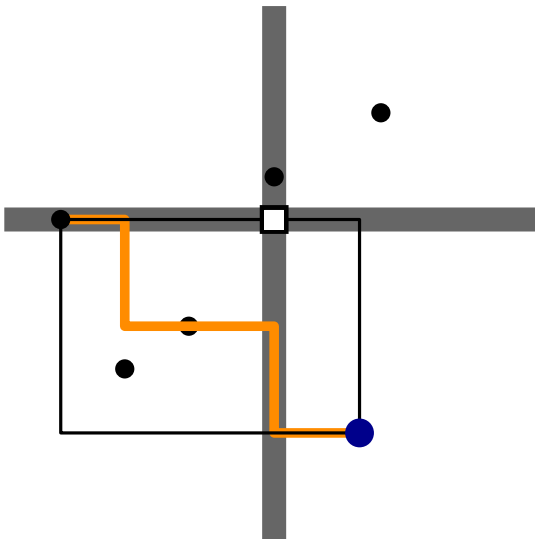
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$$\text{cost} \leq 2 \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{GMMN}}$$

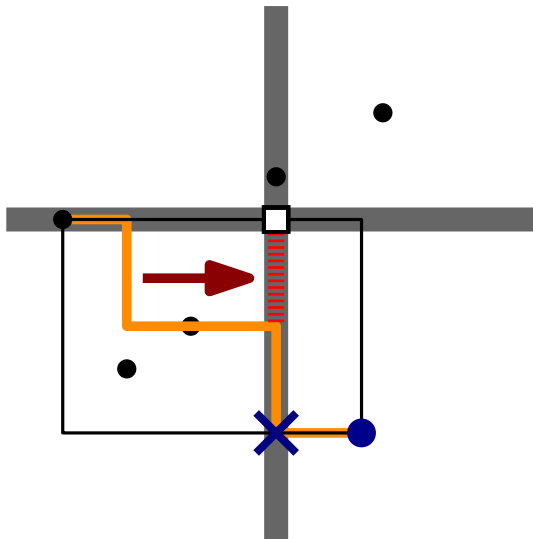
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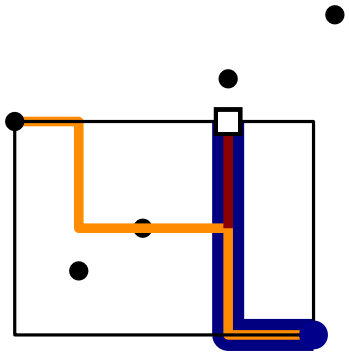
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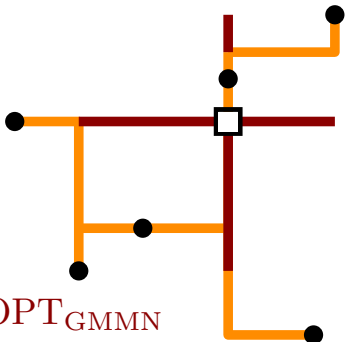
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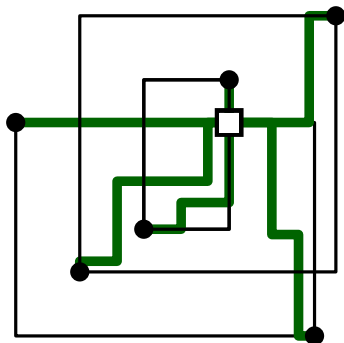
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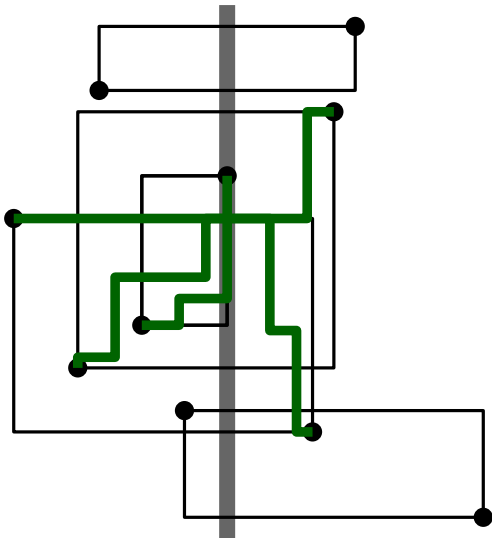


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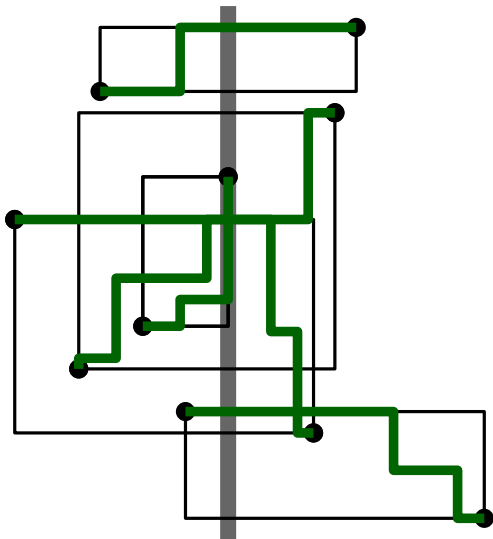
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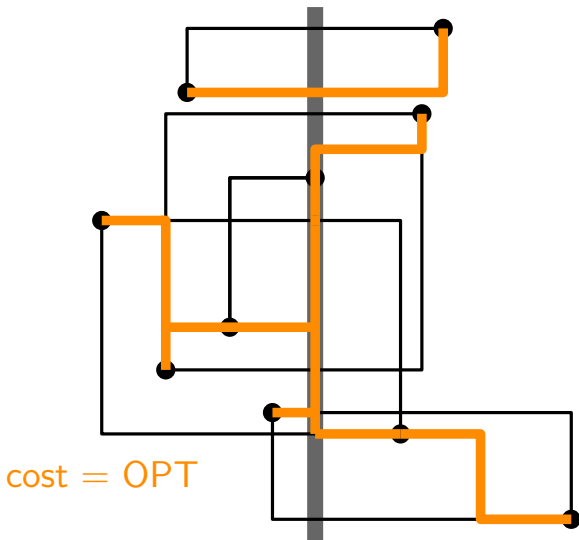
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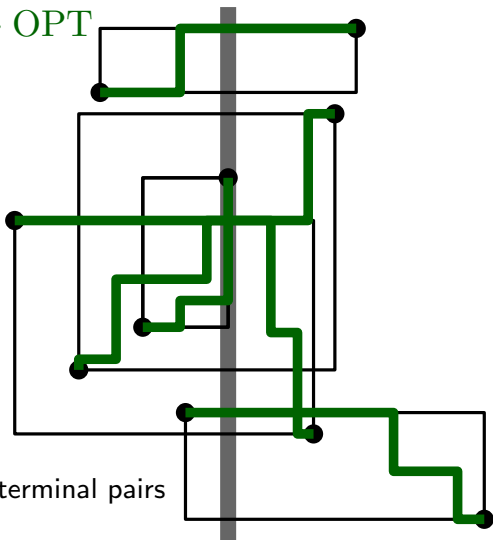
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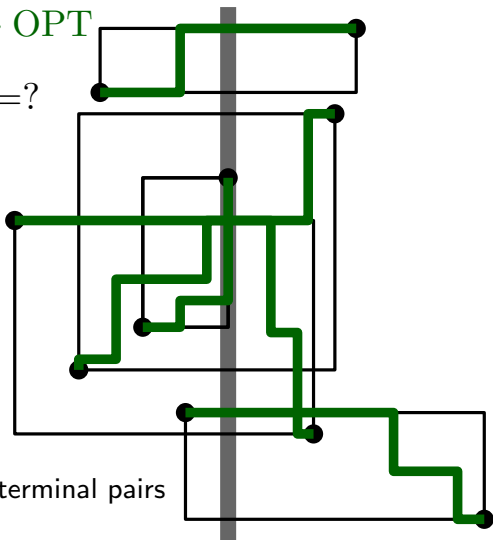
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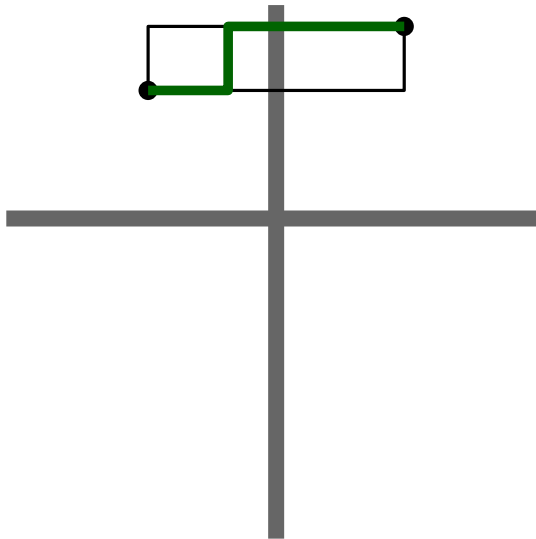
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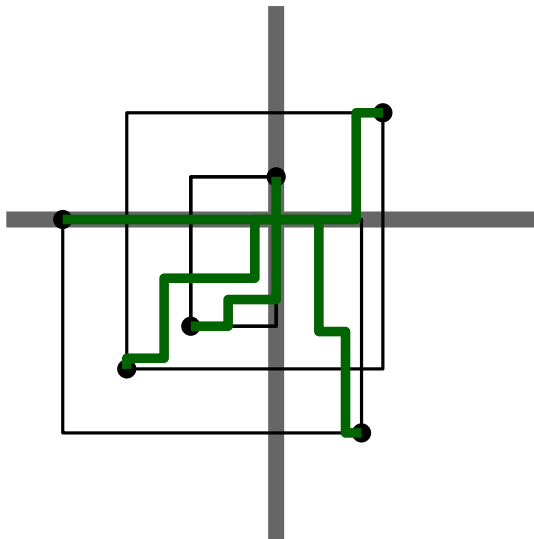
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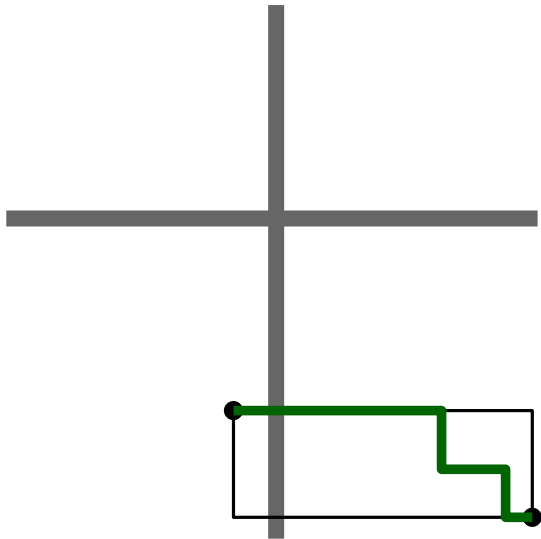
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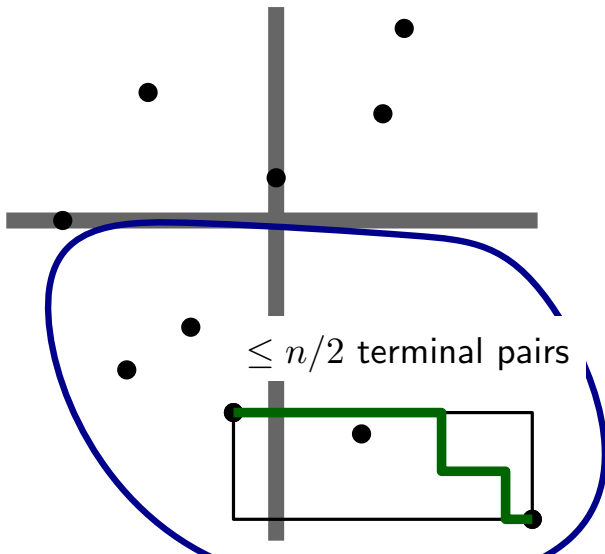
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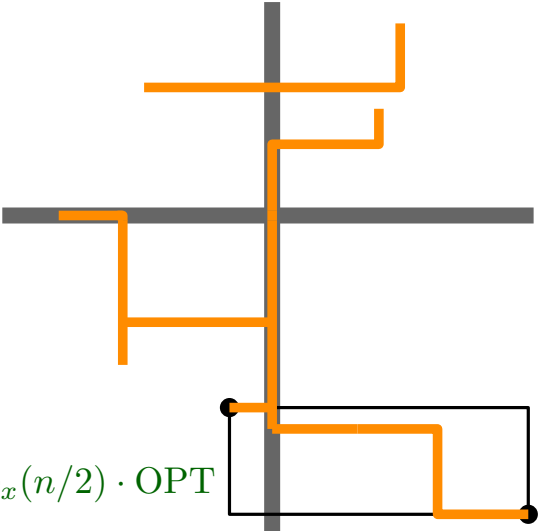
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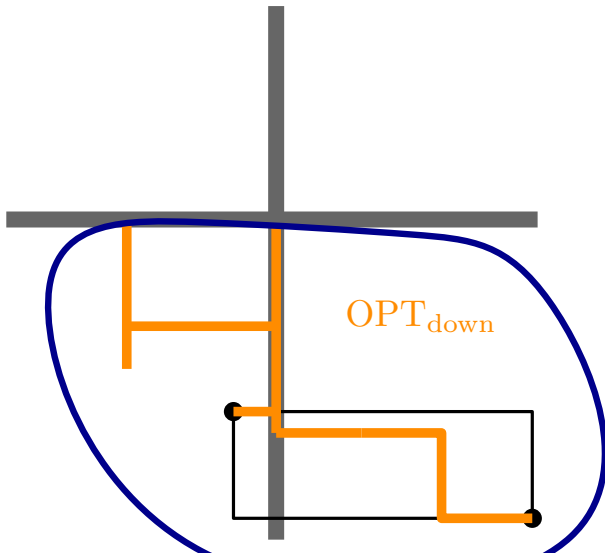
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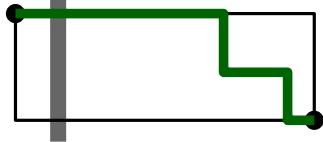
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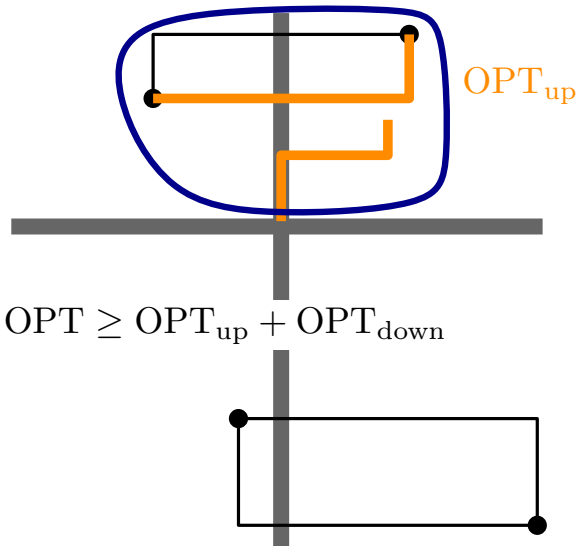
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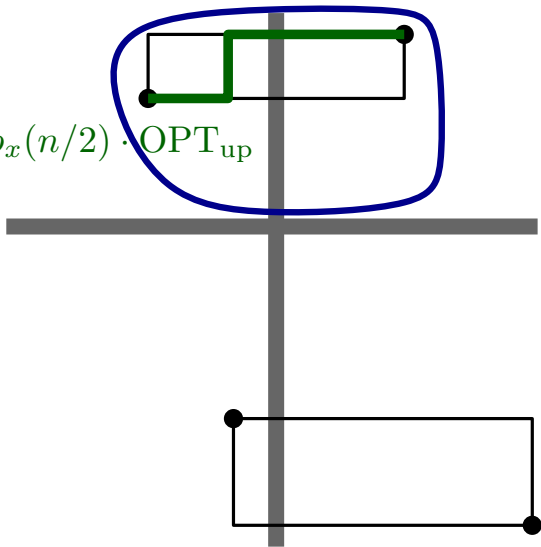
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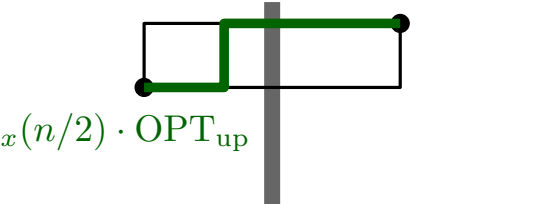
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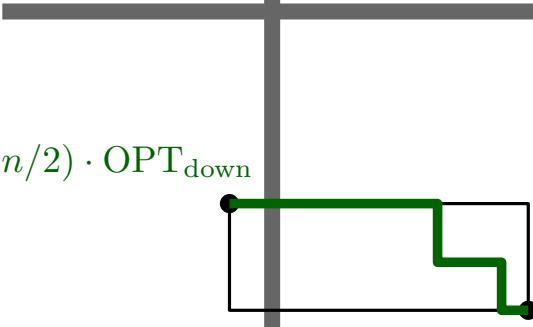
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A diagram showing a vertical grey line representing a barrier. A horizontal grey bar is positioned above the barrier. A black path starts at a black dot on the left, goes right, then up, then right, then down, then right, then down, then right, ending at a black dot on the right. A green path follows the same route but is highlighted in green.

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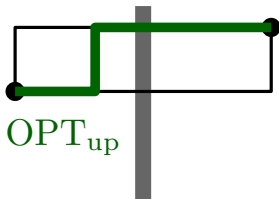


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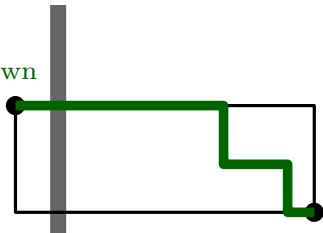


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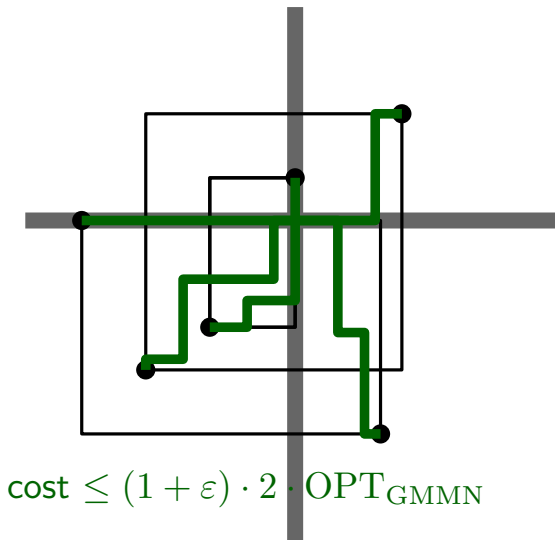
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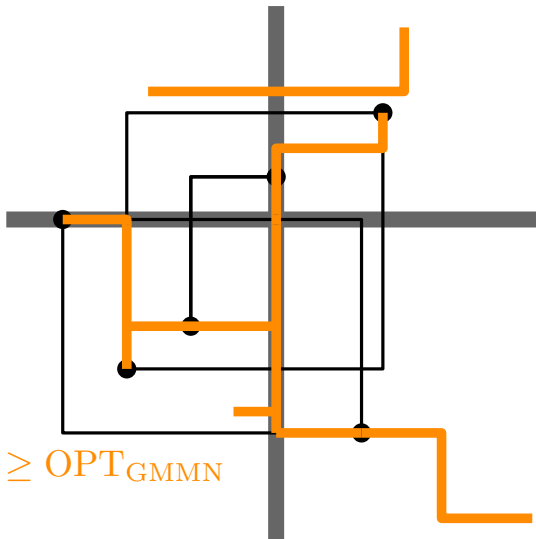
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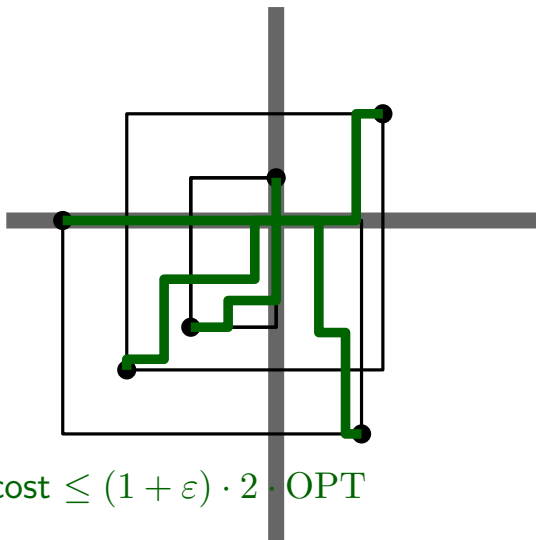
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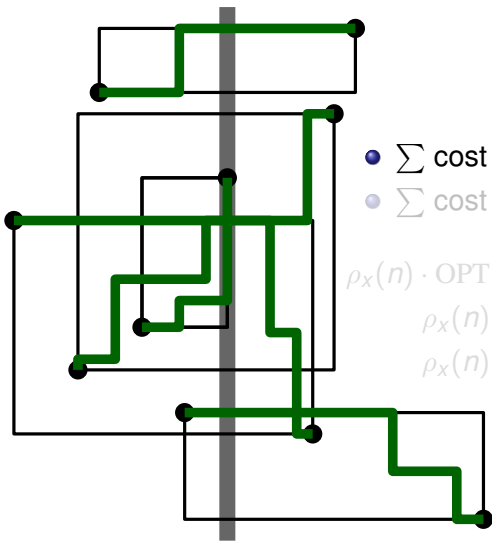
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Cost of x -Separated Instance (Summed Up)

Cost Analysis



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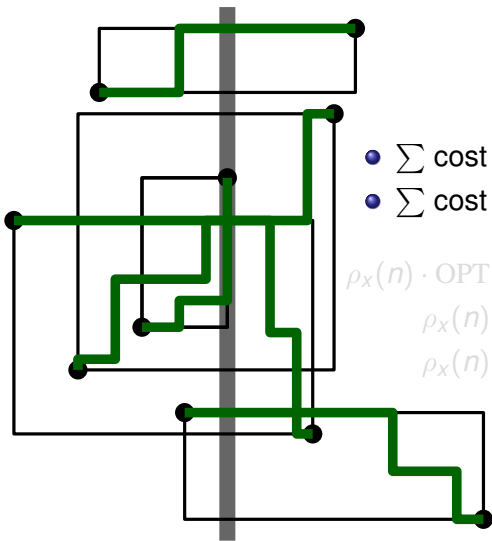
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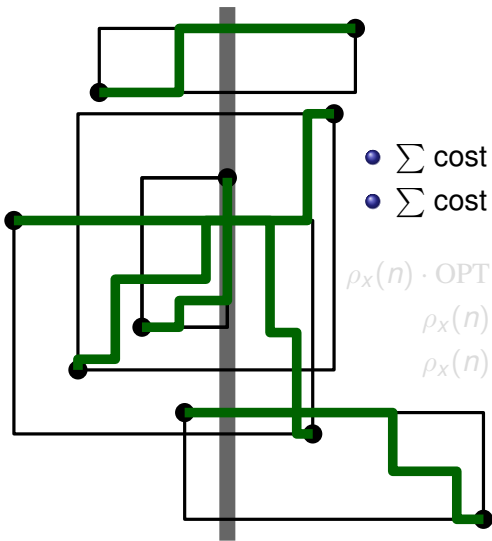
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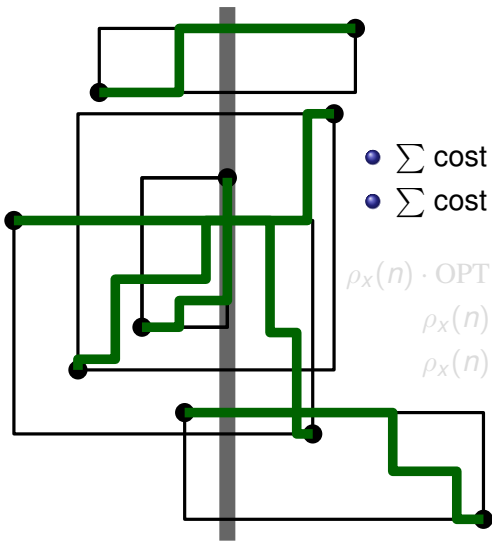
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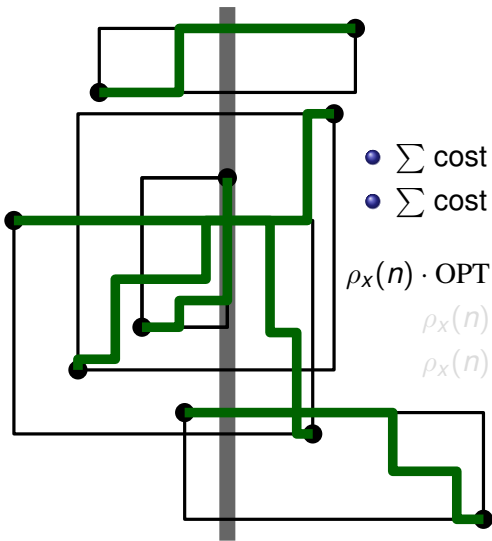
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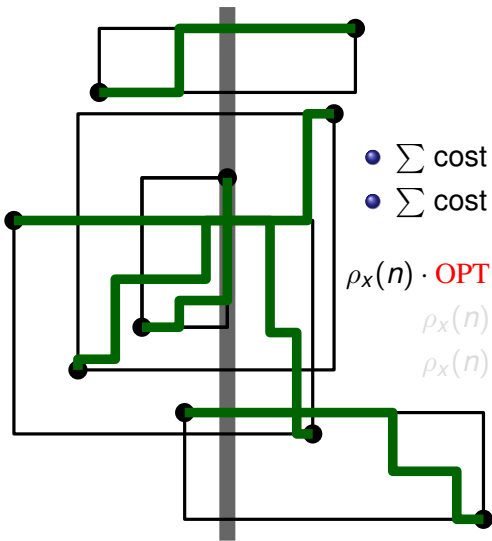
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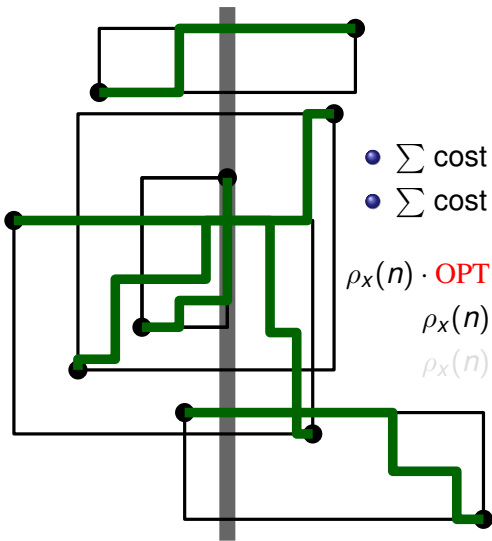
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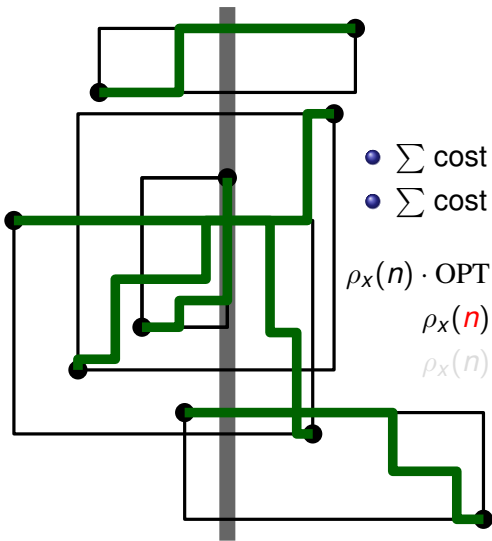
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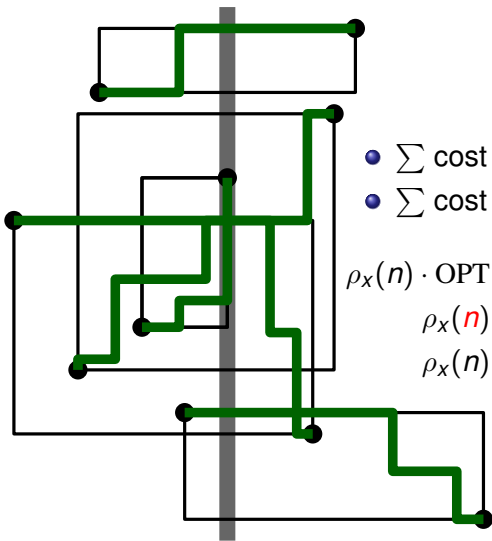
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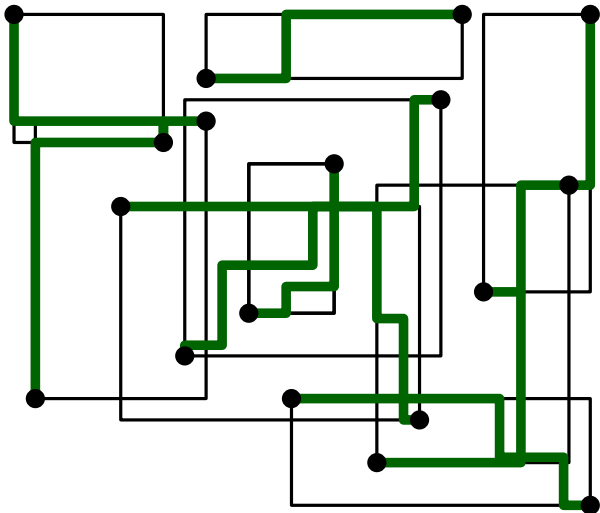
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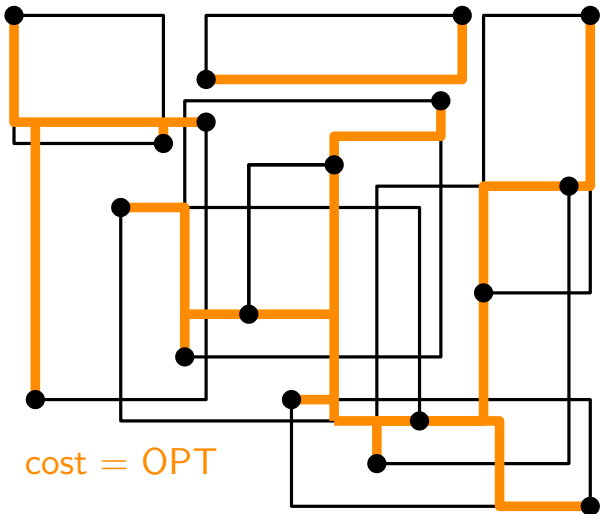
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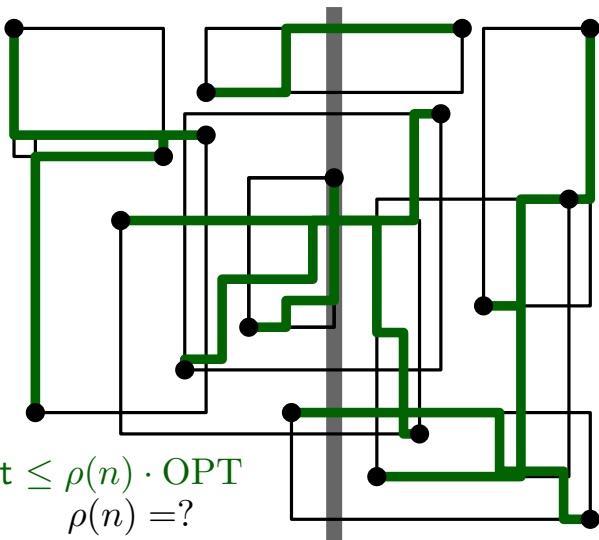
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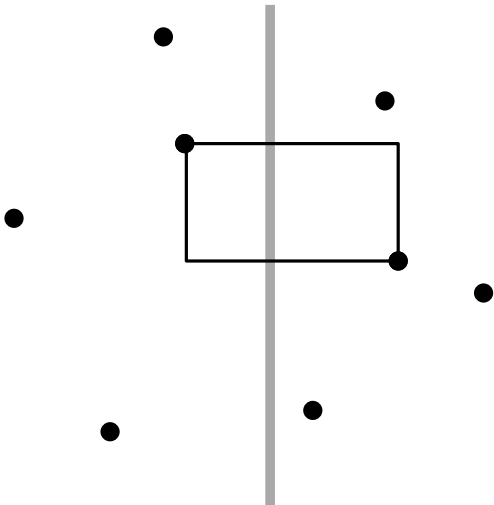
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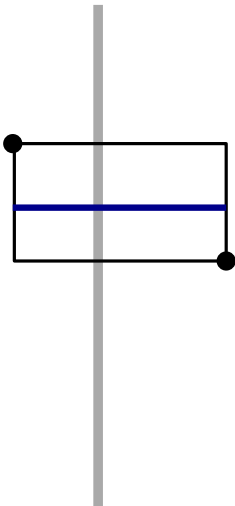
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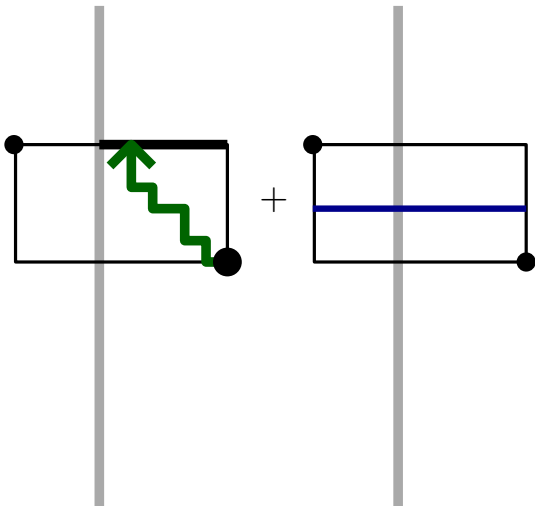
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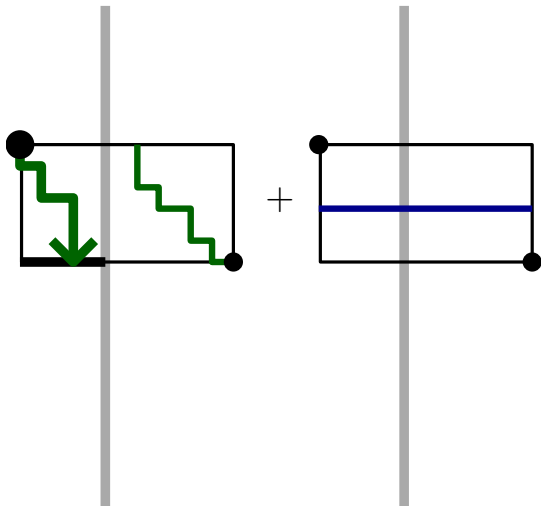
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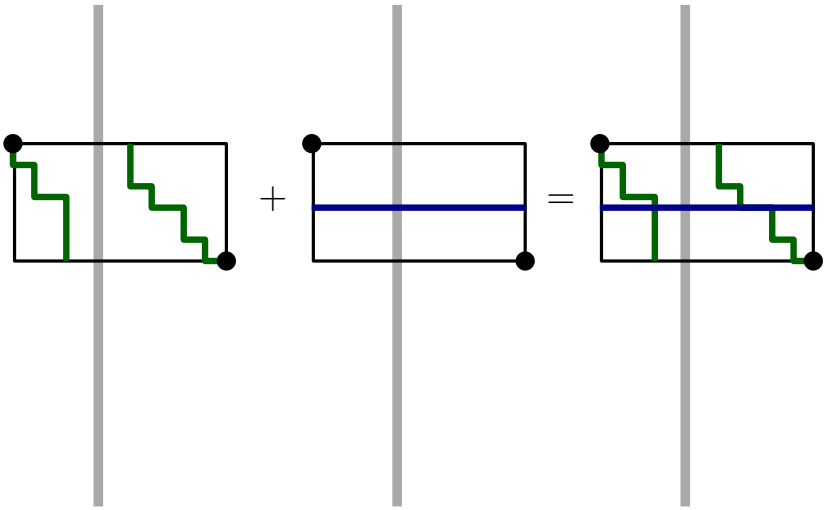
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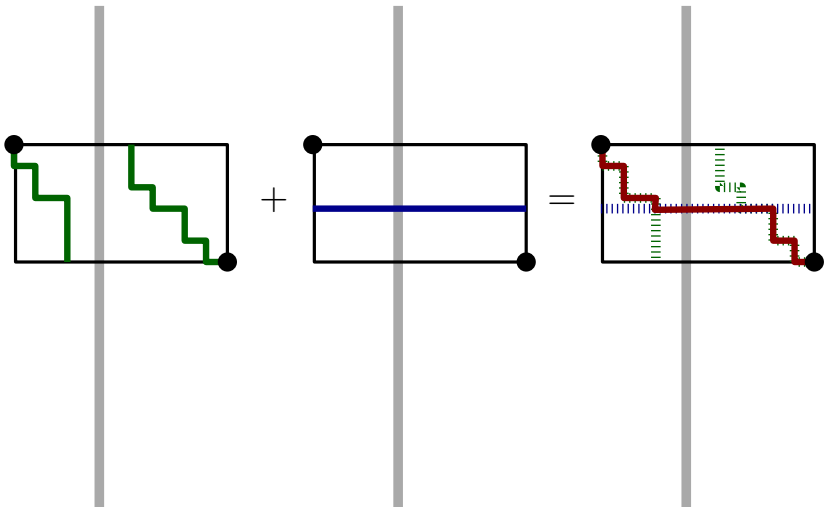
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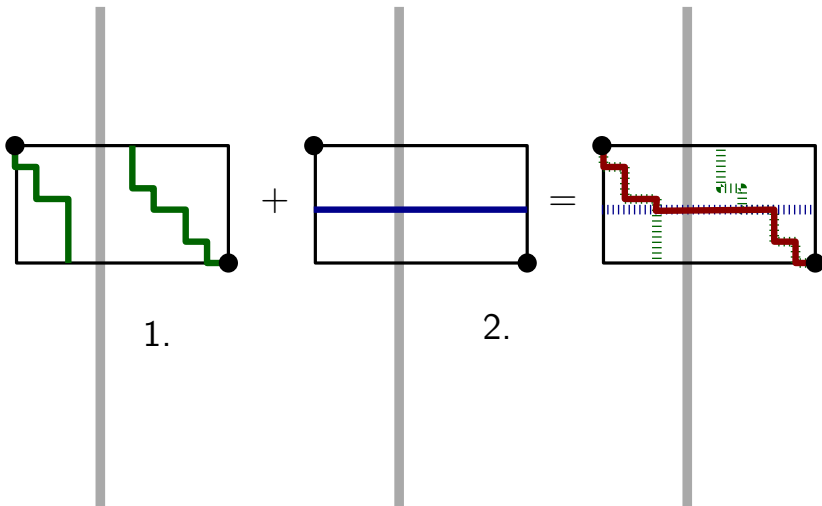
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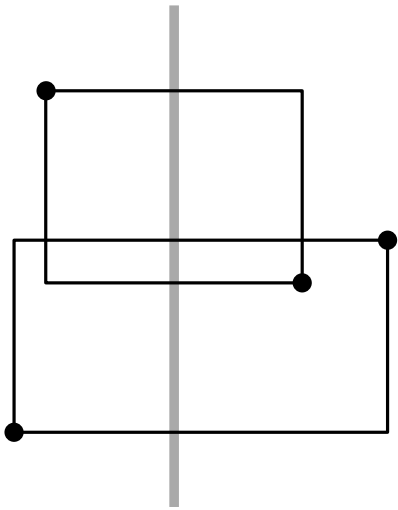
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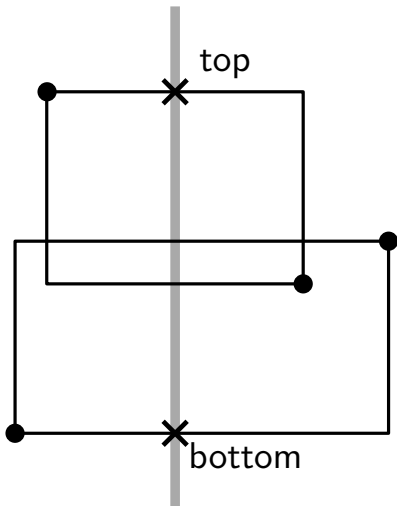
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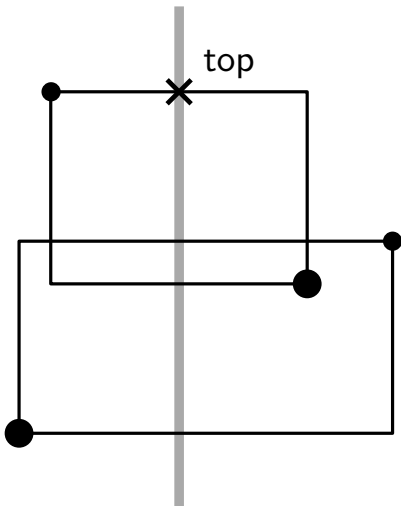
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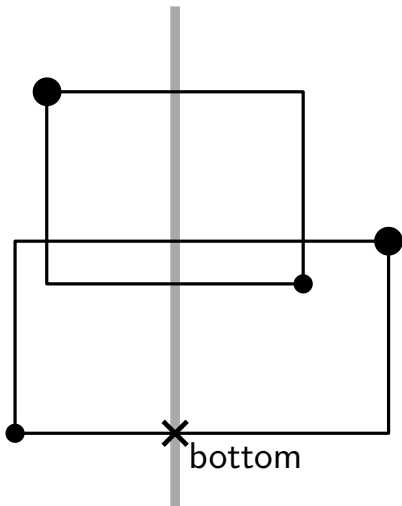
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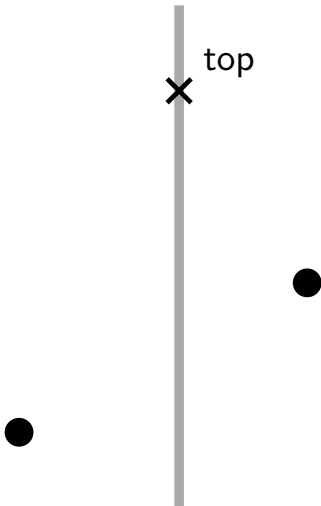
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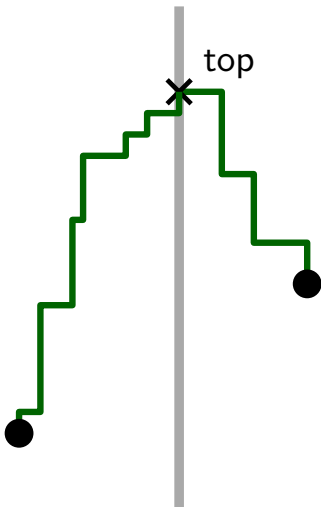
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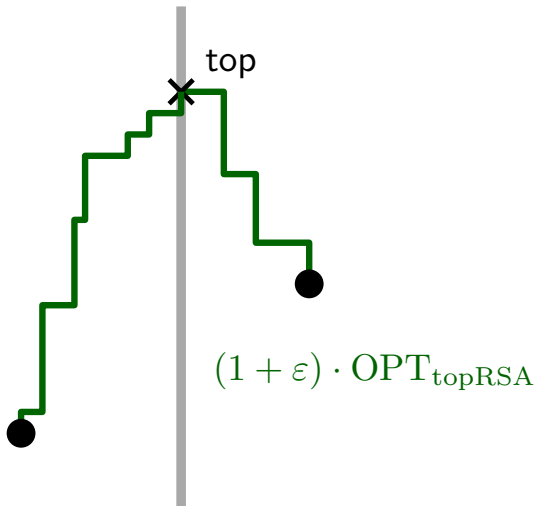
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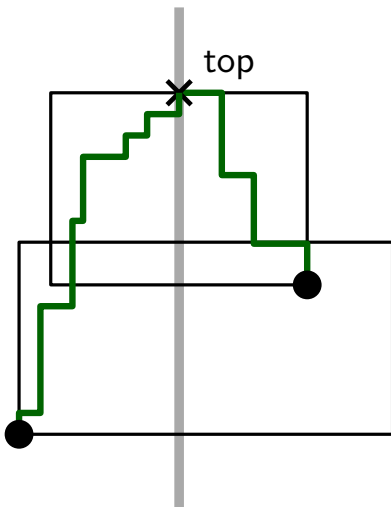
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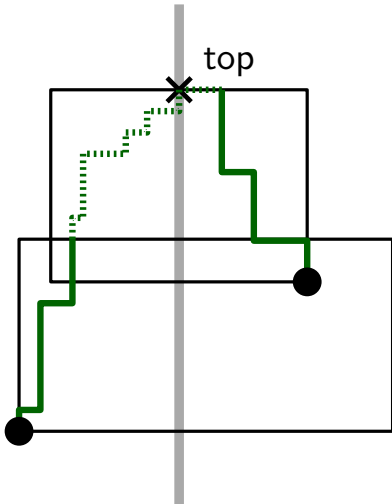
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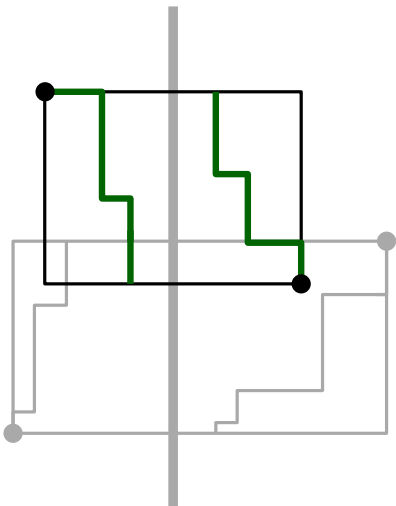
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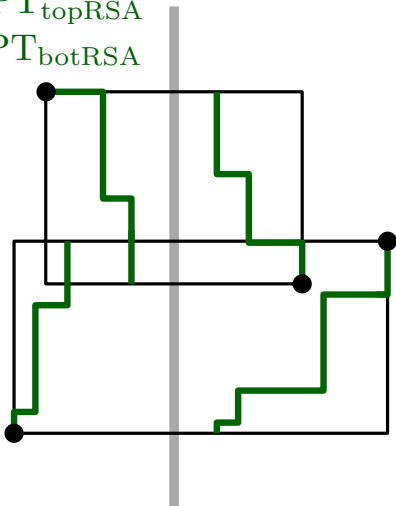
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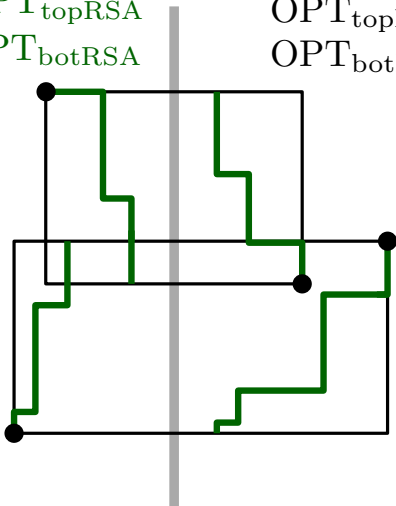


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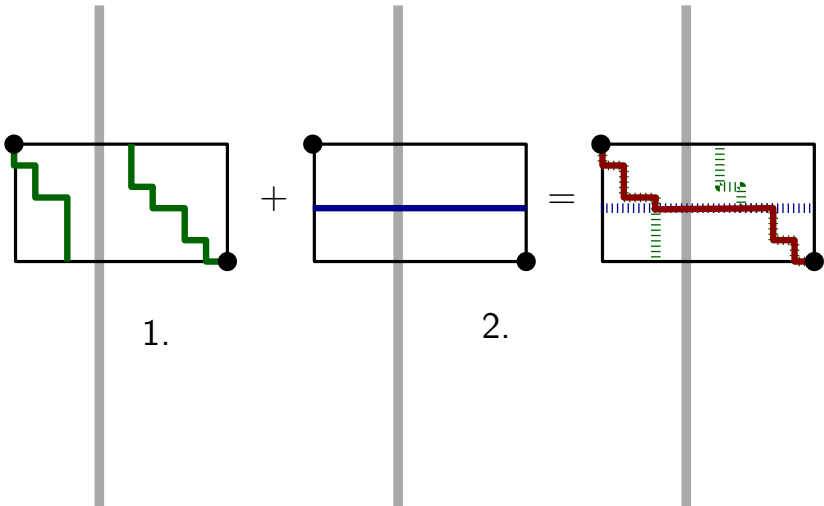
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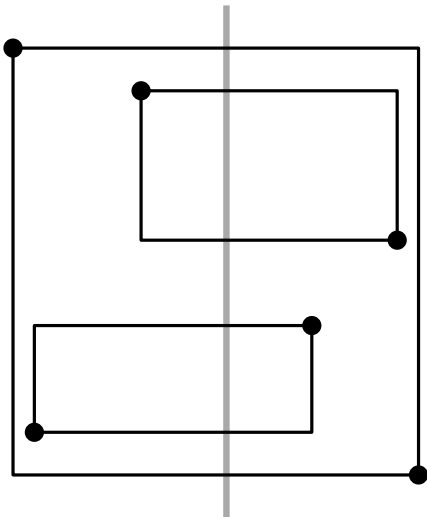
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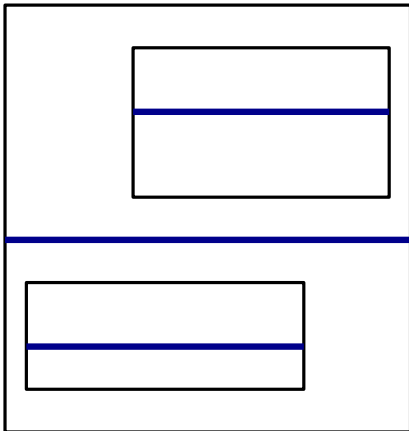
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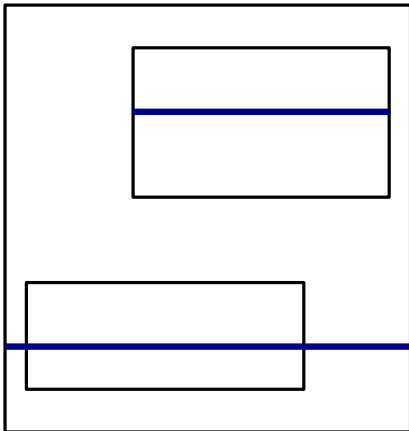
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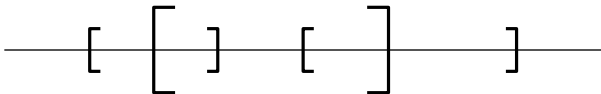
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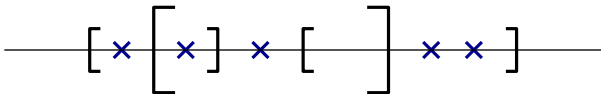
Excursion: Piercing

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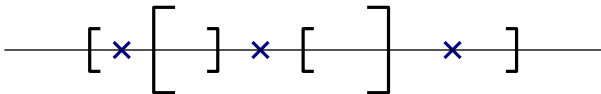
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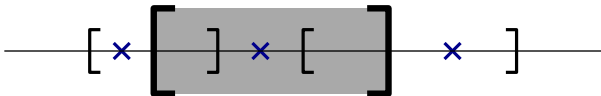
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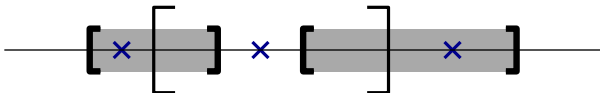
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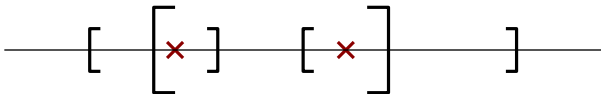
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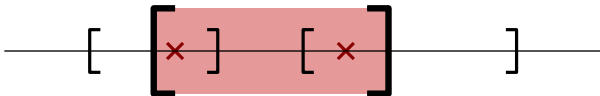
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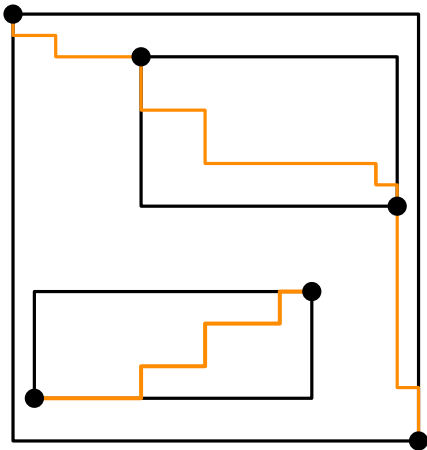
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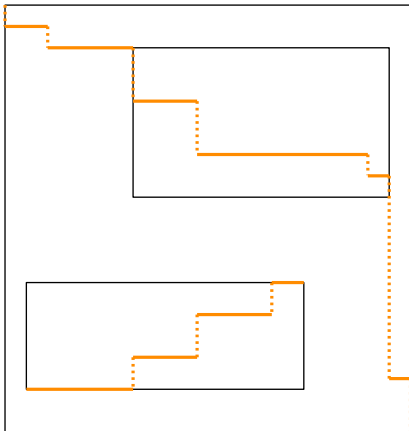
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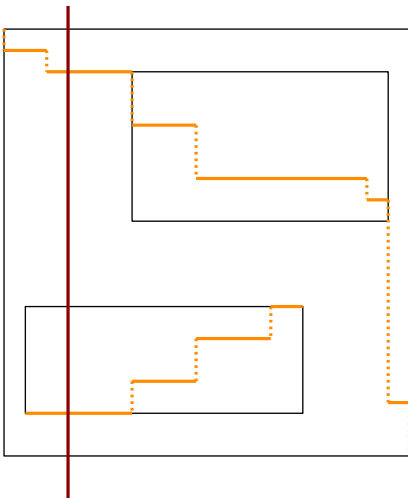
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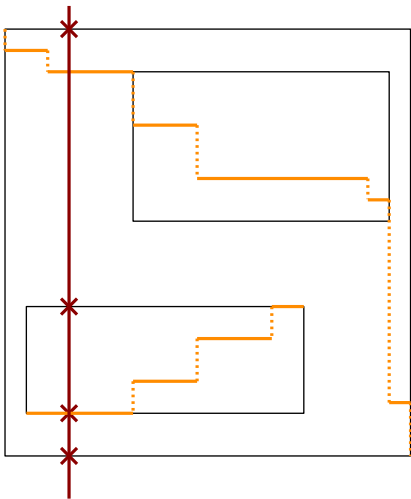
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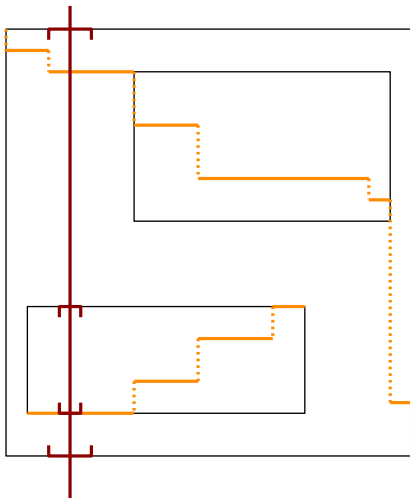
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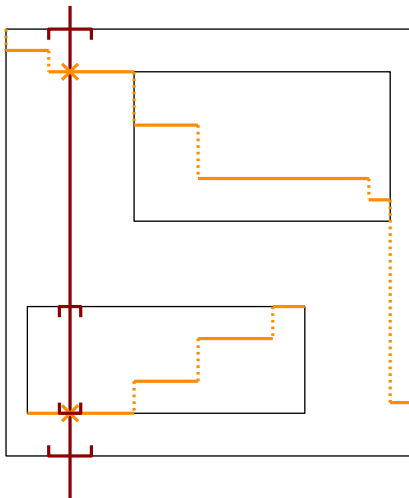
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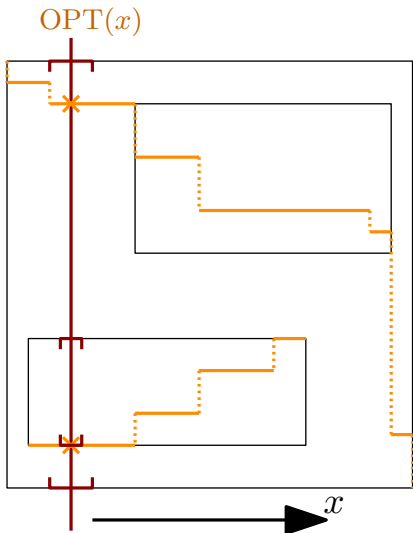
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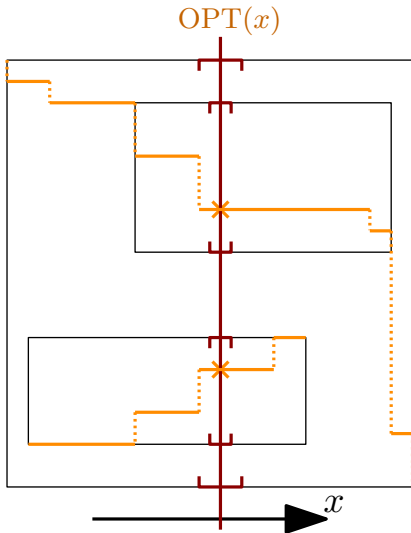
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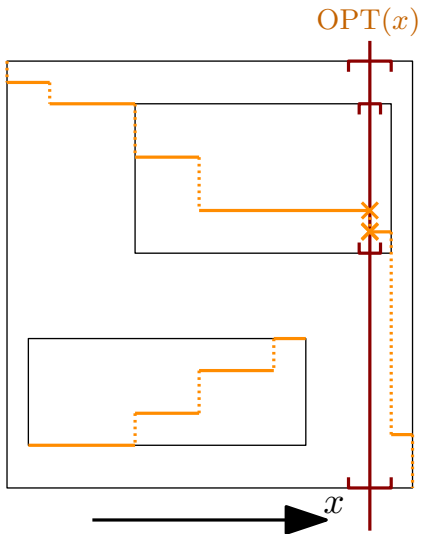
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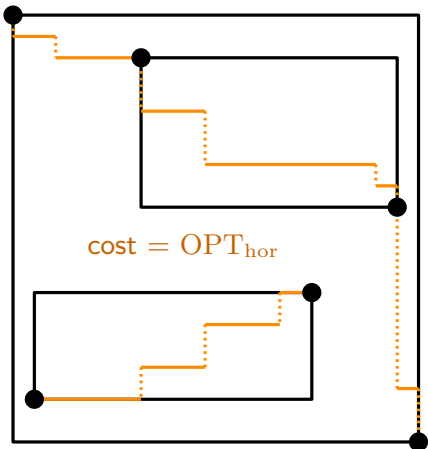
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Lemma

$\forall x : \text{optimum piercing}(x) \leq \text{OPT}(x)$

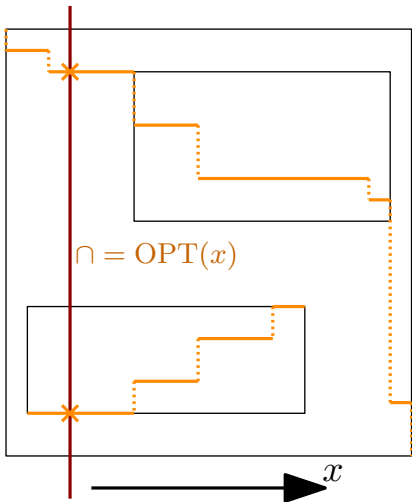
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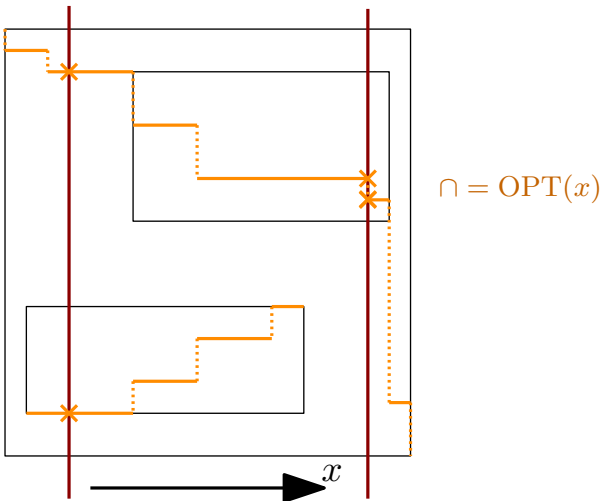
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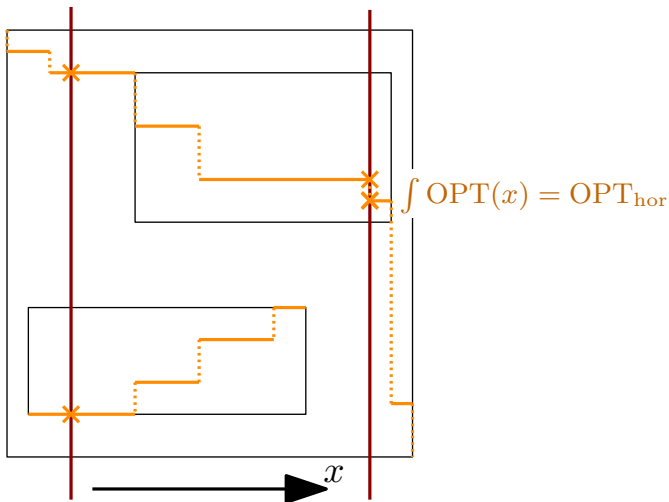
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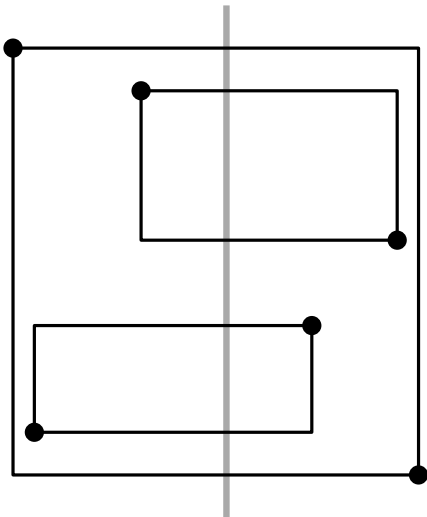
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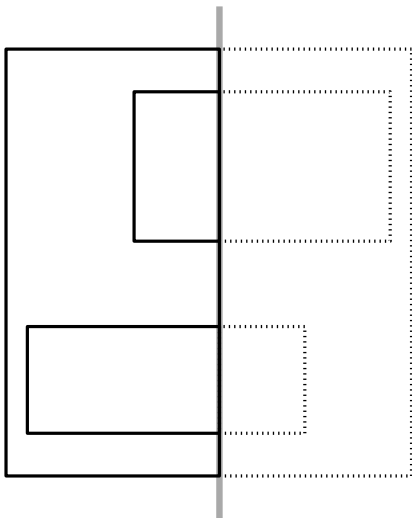
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Second Step



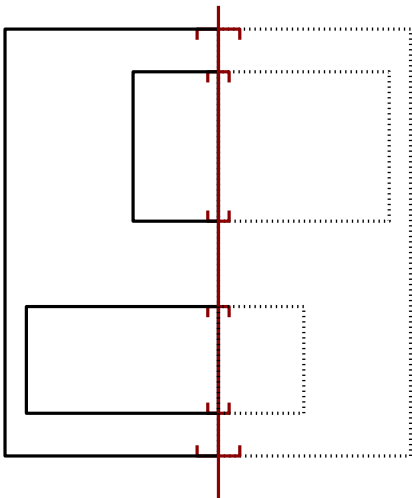
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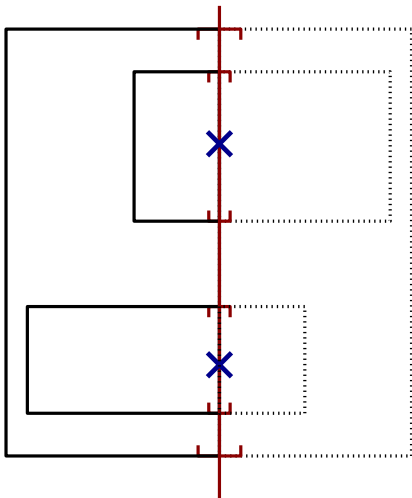
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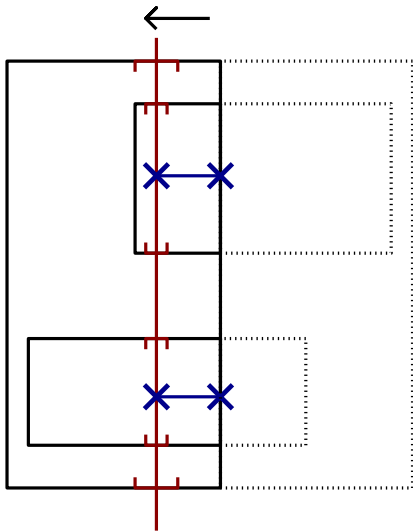
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Minimal Piercing



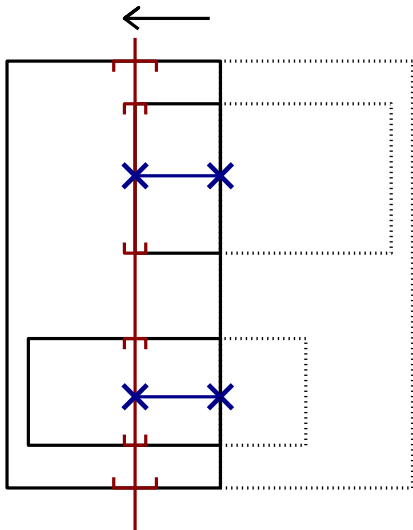
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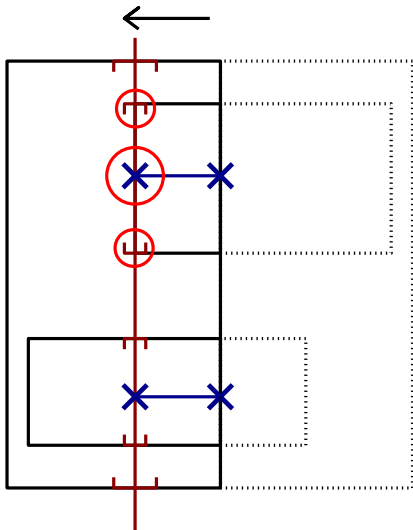
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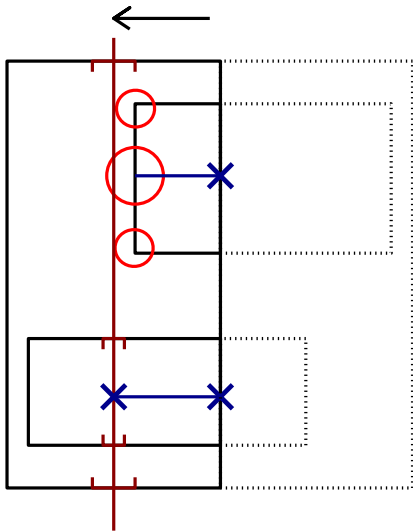
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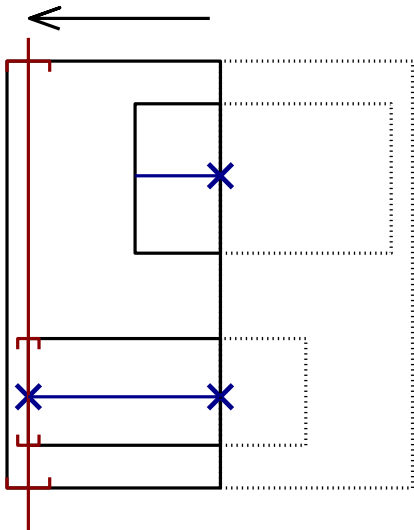
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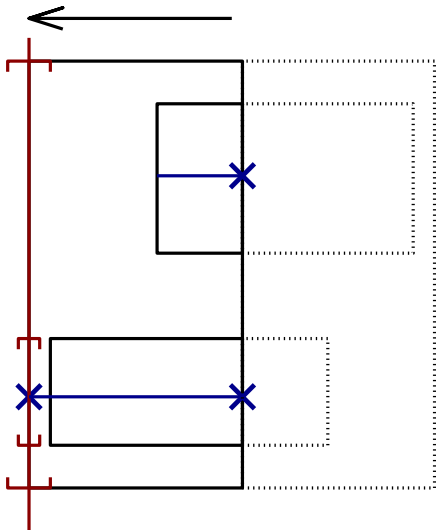
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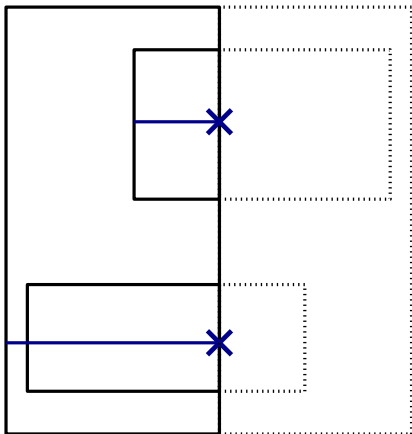
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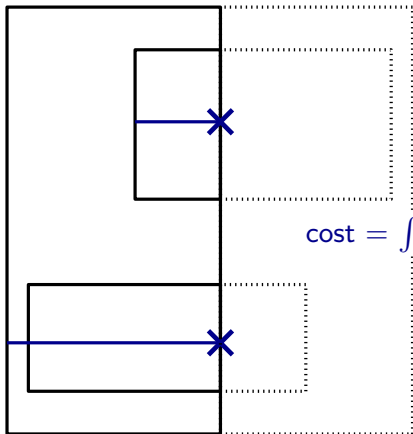
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Second Step



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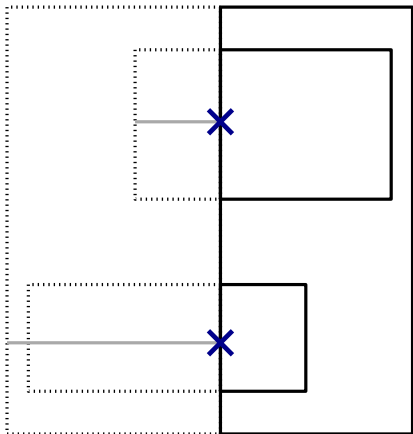
Second Step



$$\text{cost} = \int \text{piercing}(x) \\ (\text{for } x < 0)$$

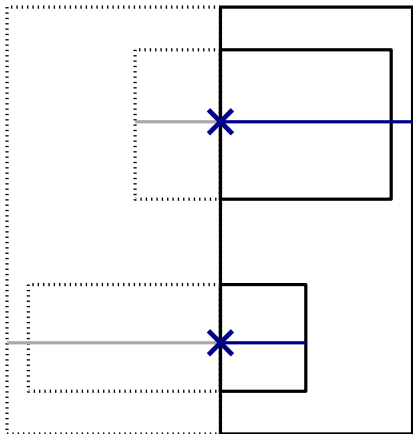
Stabbing Both Sides

Second Step



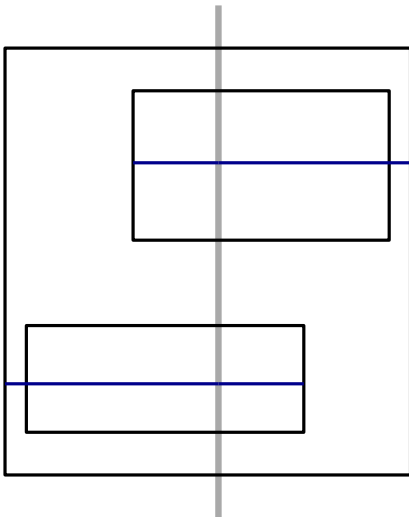
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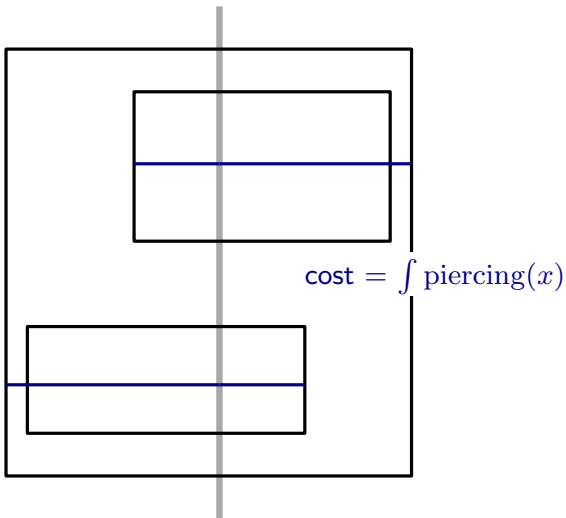
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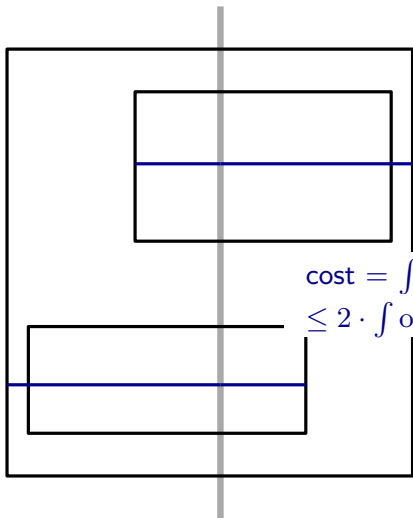
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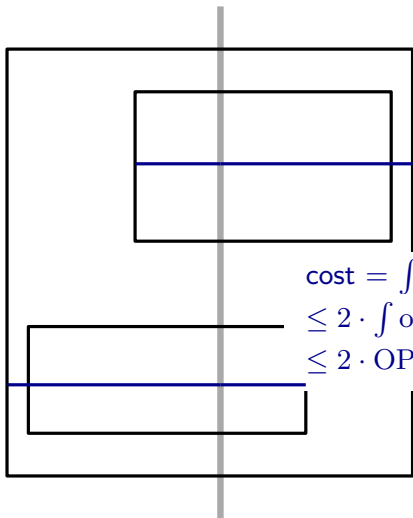
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Stabbing Both Sides

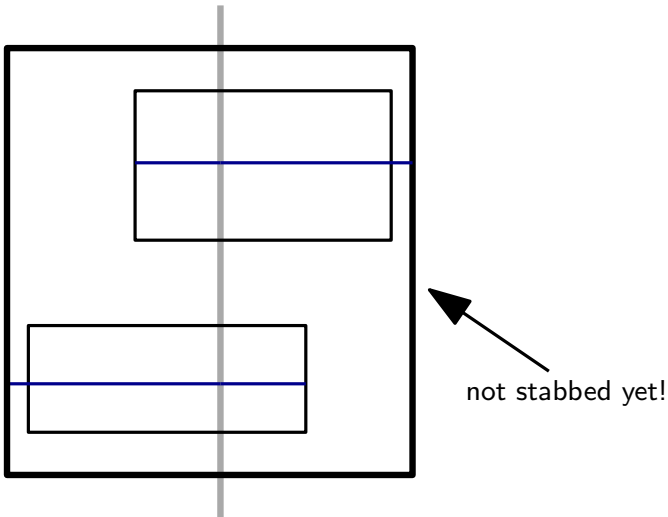
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 &\leq 2 \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{hor}}
 \end{aligned}$$

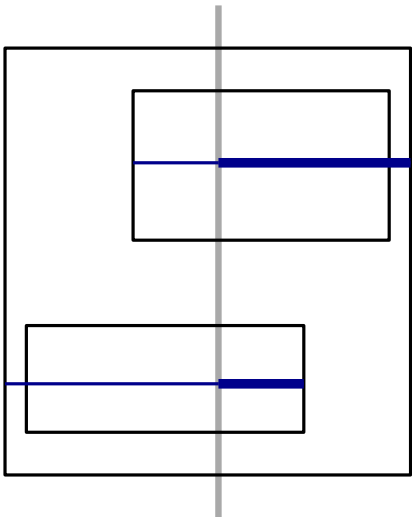
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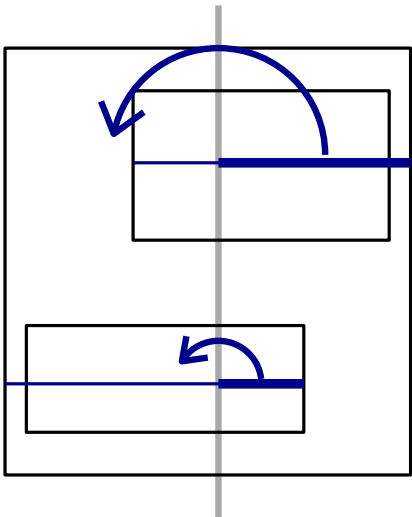
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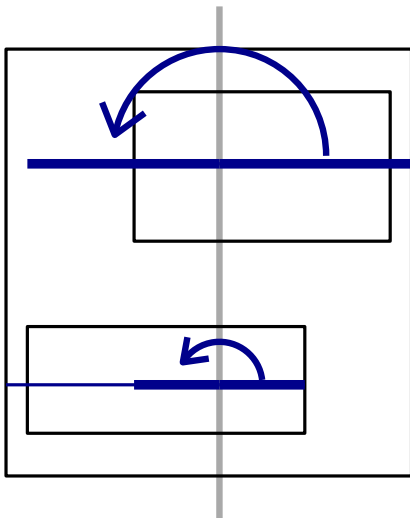
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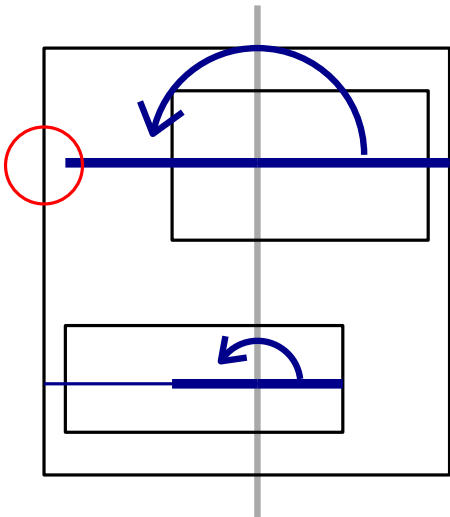
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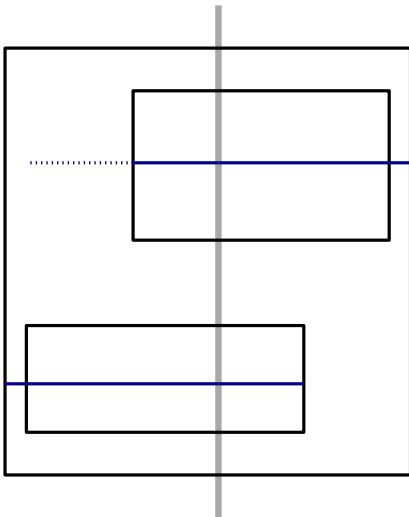
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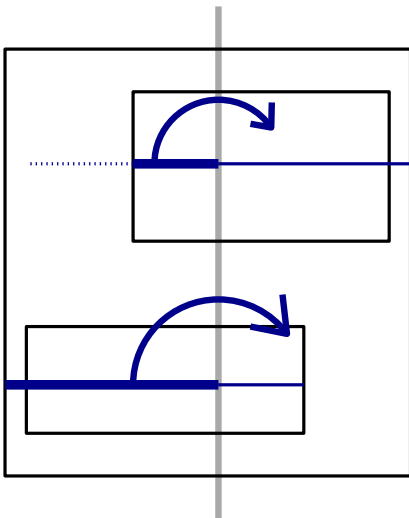
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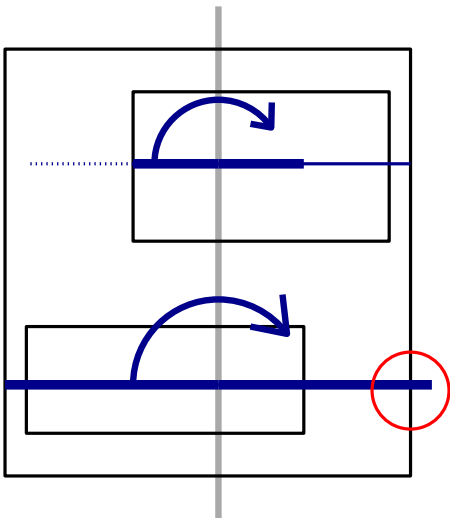
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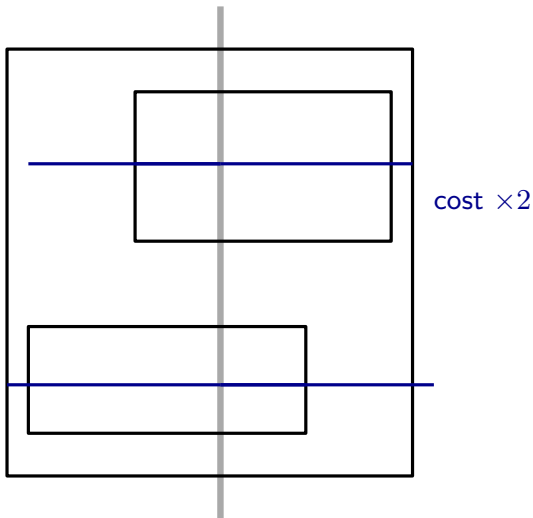
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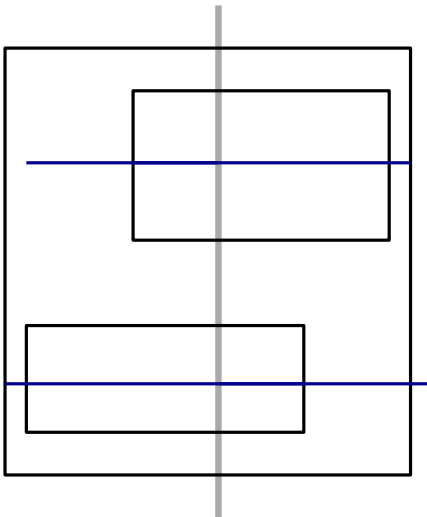
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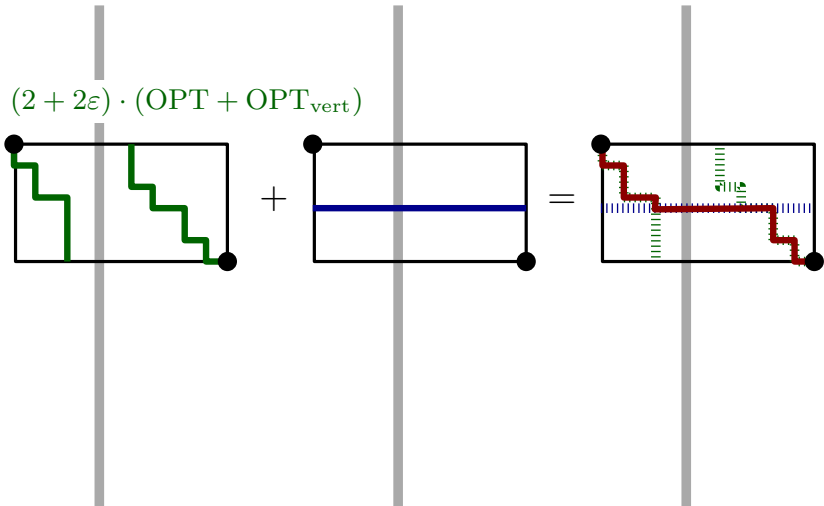


$$\text{cost} \leq 4 \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{hor}}$$

Total Cost

Both Steps Together

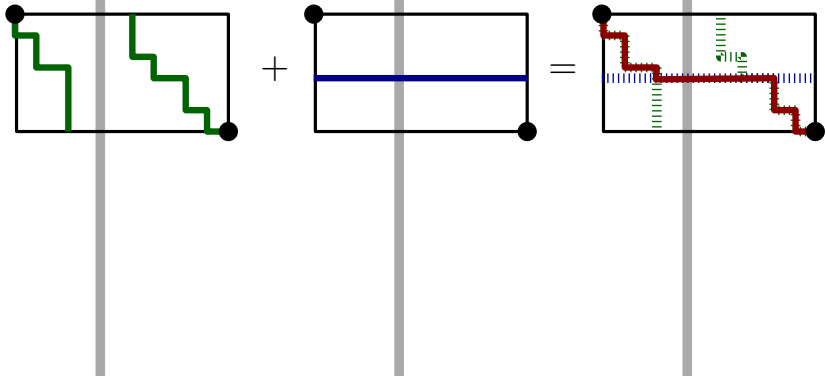
$$(2 + 2\varepsilon) \cdot (\text{OPT} + \text{OPT}_{\text{vert}})$$



Total Cost

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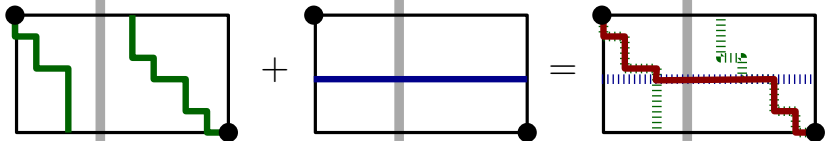
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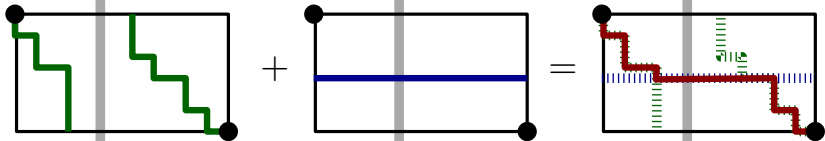


$$\leq (6 + \varepsilon') \cdot \text{OPT} \quad \text{for } \varepsilon' = \varepsilon/2$$

Total Cost

Both Steps Together

$$(2 + 2\varepsilon) \cdot (\text{OPT} + \text{OPT}_{\text{vert}}) + 4 \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{hor}}$$



$$\leq (6 + \varepsilon') \cdot \text{OPT} \quad \text{for } \varepsilon' = \varepsilon/2$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_x(n) = (6 + \varepsilon) \in O(1)$$

Optimized Result in 2D

Both Steps Together

Theorem (New)

2D-GMMN admits an $((6 + \epsilon) \cdot \log n)$ -approximation.

Theorem (Before)

2D-GMMN admits an $O(\log^2 n)$ -approximation.

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Summary

Current Results

	2D	Dimension $d > 2$
RSA	$(1 + \varepsilon)$	$O(\log n)$
MMN	2	$O(\log^{d+1} n)$
GMMN	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log^{d+1} n)$

Open Problems

Future Results?

- $O(1)$ -Approximation for 2D-GMMN?
- $O(1)$ -Approximation for 3D-RSA?
- APX-Hardness of 2D-GMMN?

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Detailed Analysis

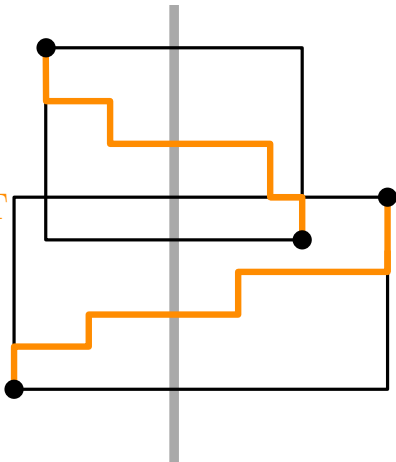
(RSA Cost Analysis)
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Cost Analysis

Detailed Analysis

An optimum GMMN solution

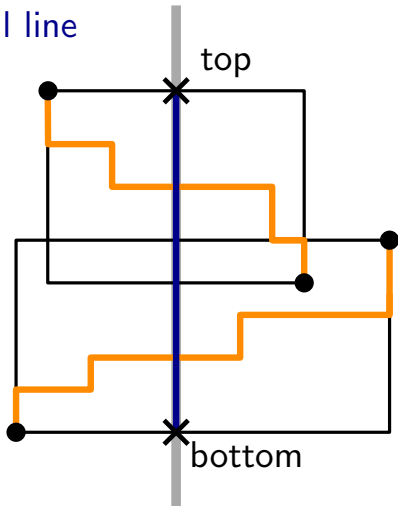
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Cost Analysis

Detailed Analysis

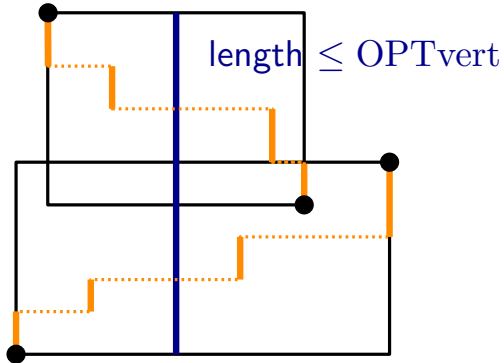
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Cost Analysis

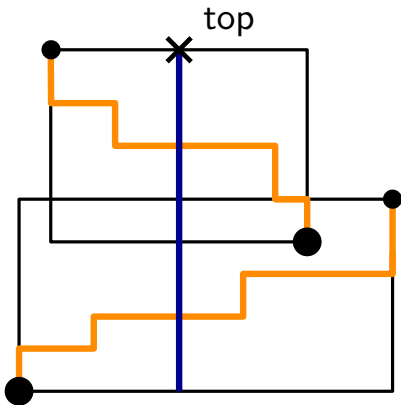
Detailed Analysis

Add vertical line



Cost Analysis

Detailed Analysis



Cost Analysis

Detailed Analysis

- $\text{OPT}_{\text{topRSA}} \leq \text{OPT} + \text{OPT}_{\text{vert}}$
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- Our solution cost:

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 & \leq 2 \cdot (1 + \varepsilon) \cdot (\text{OPT} + \text{OPT}_{\text{vert}})
 \end{aligned}$$

(Go To Short Analysis)

(Go To Open Problems)

Cost Analysis

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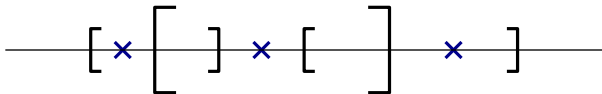
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Excursion: Piercing

Detailed Analysis

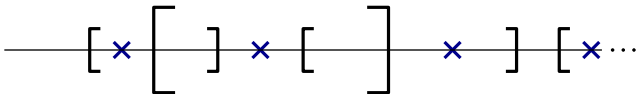
Minimal Piercing $\leq 2 \cdot$ Optimum Piercing



Excursion: Piercing

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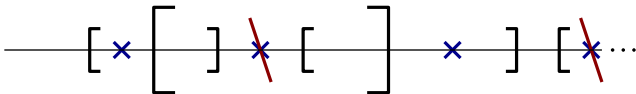
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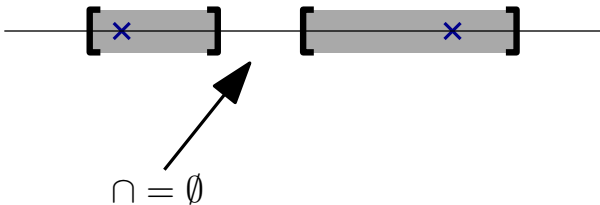
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If $n \neq \emptyset$

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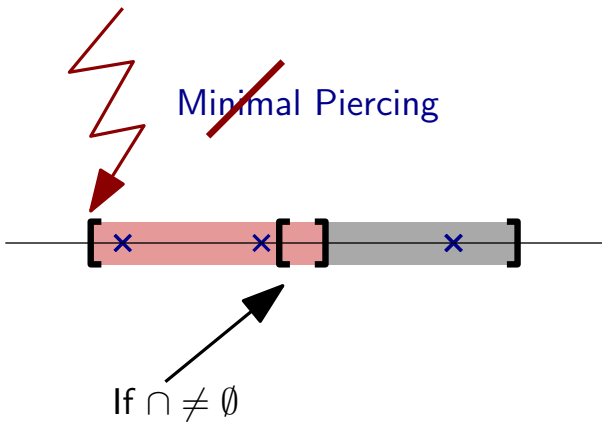
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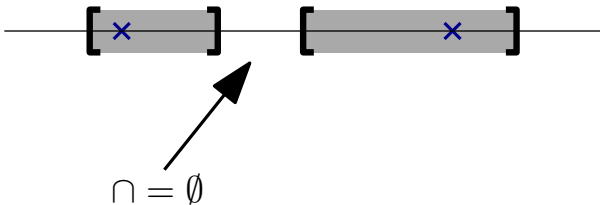
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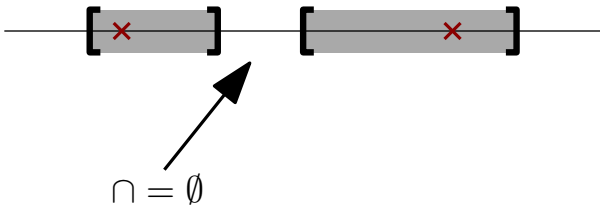
Minimal Piercing



Excursion: Piercing

Detailed Analysis

Optimum Piercing



Excursion: Piercing

Detailed Analysis

Lemma

Minimal piercing $\leq 2 \cdot$ optimum piercing.

(Continue With Piercing)

(Go To Open Problems)