

Augmenting Polygons with Matchings

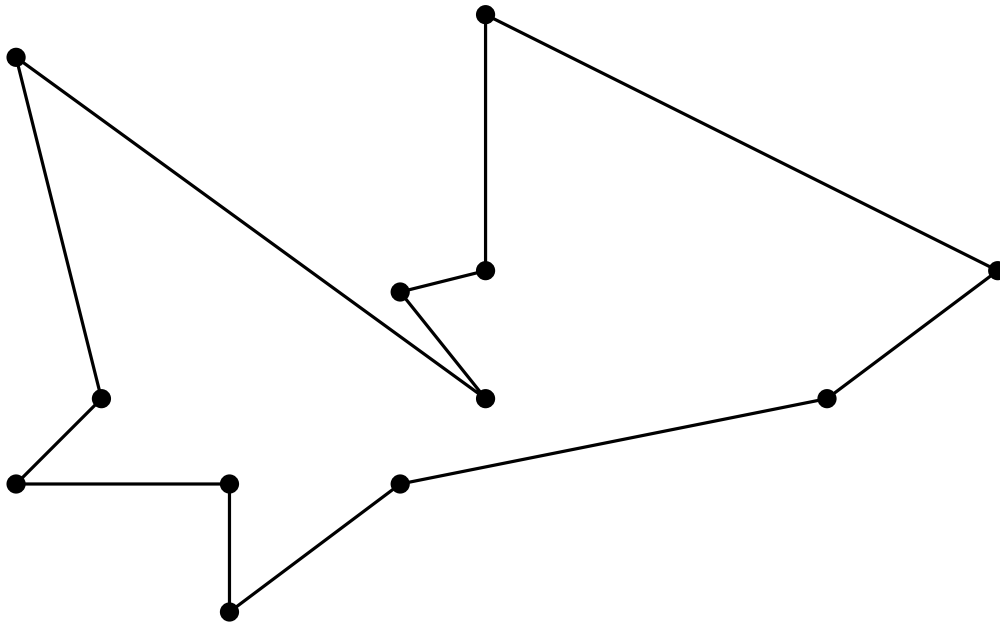
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straight-lines, noncrossing

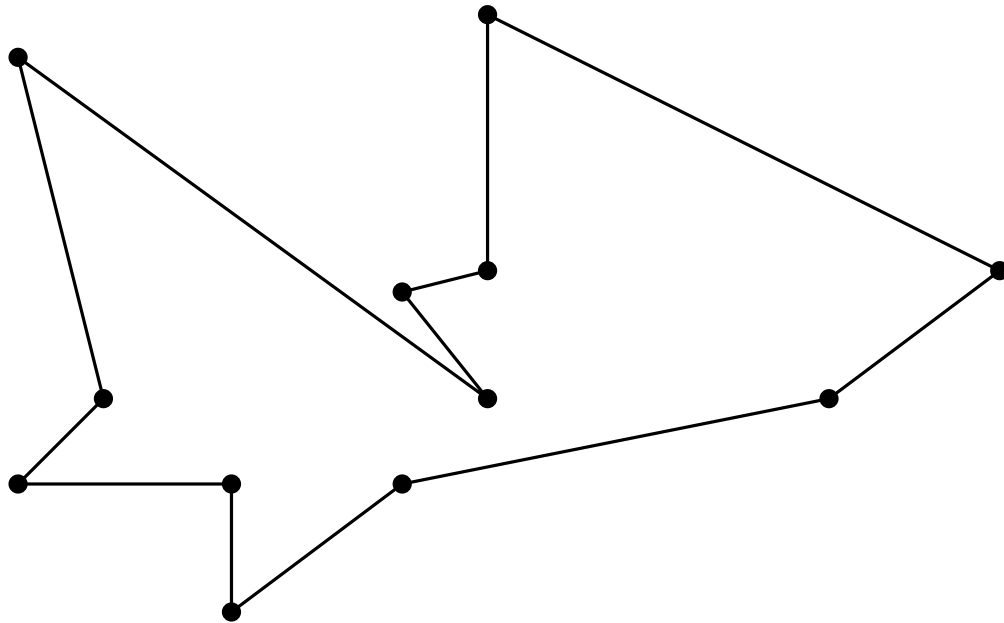


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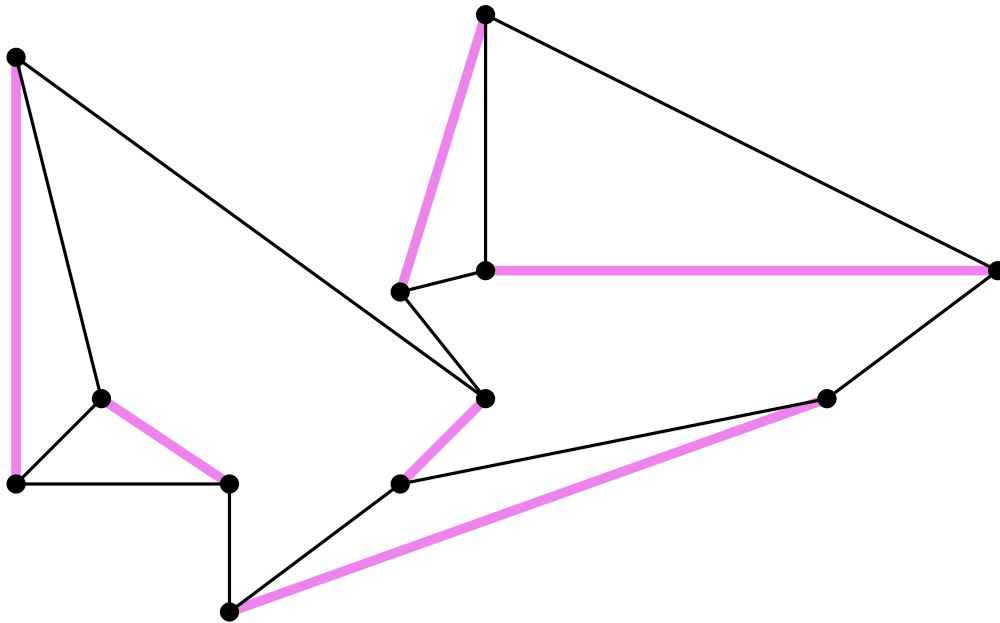


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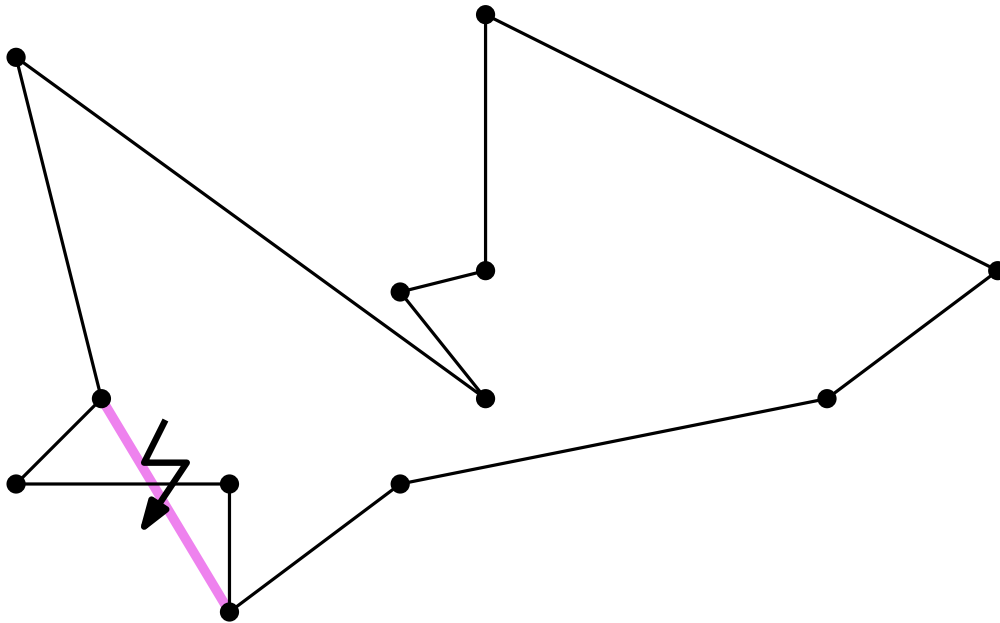


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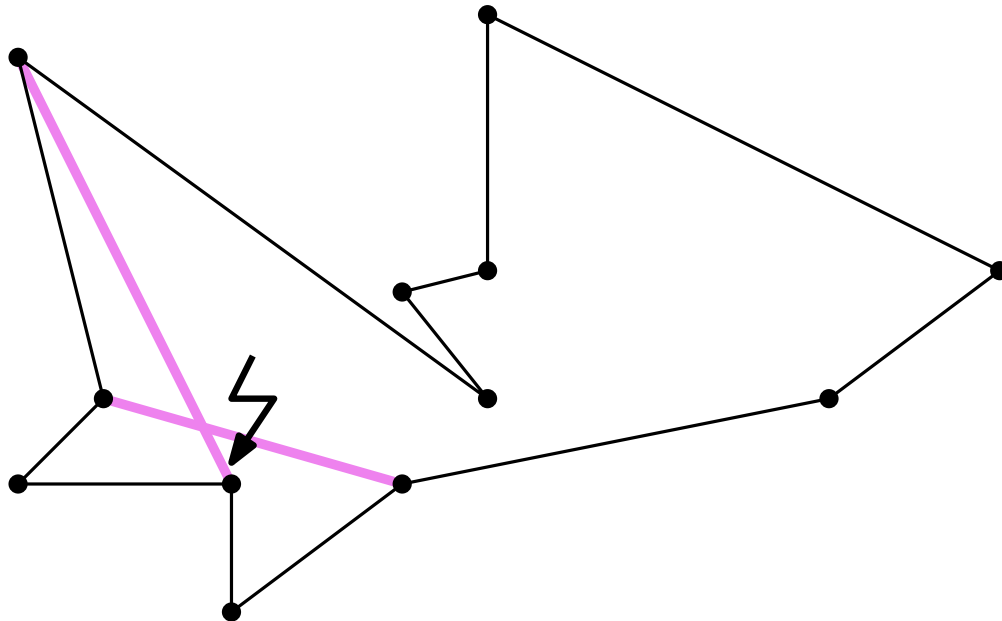


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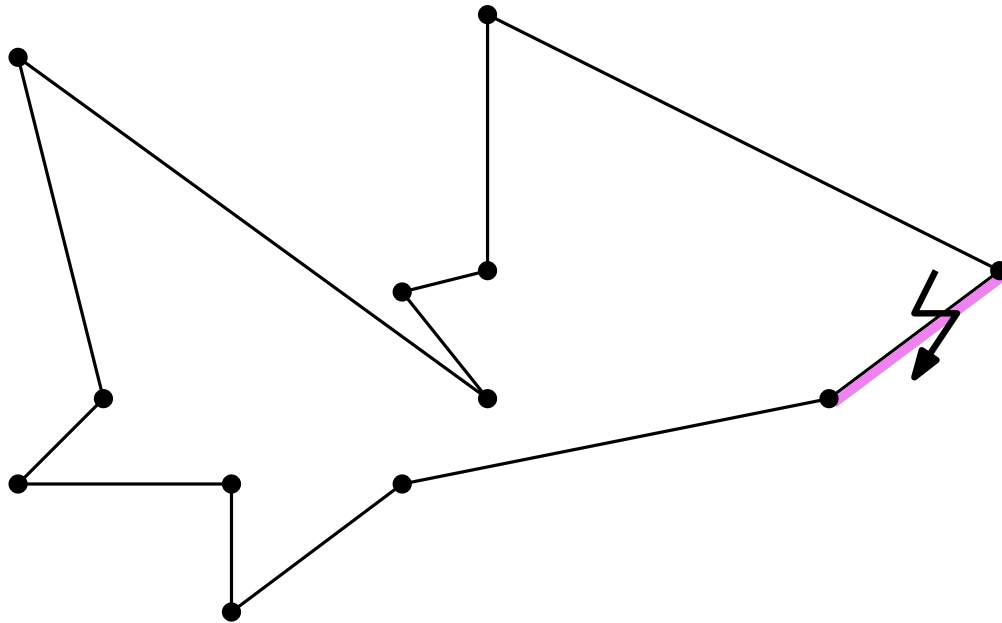


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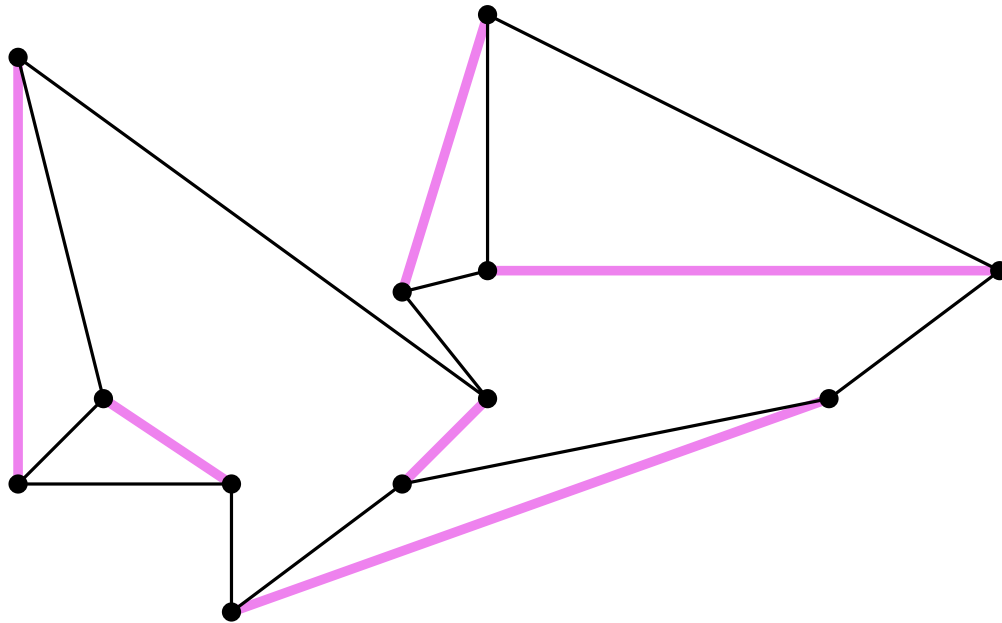
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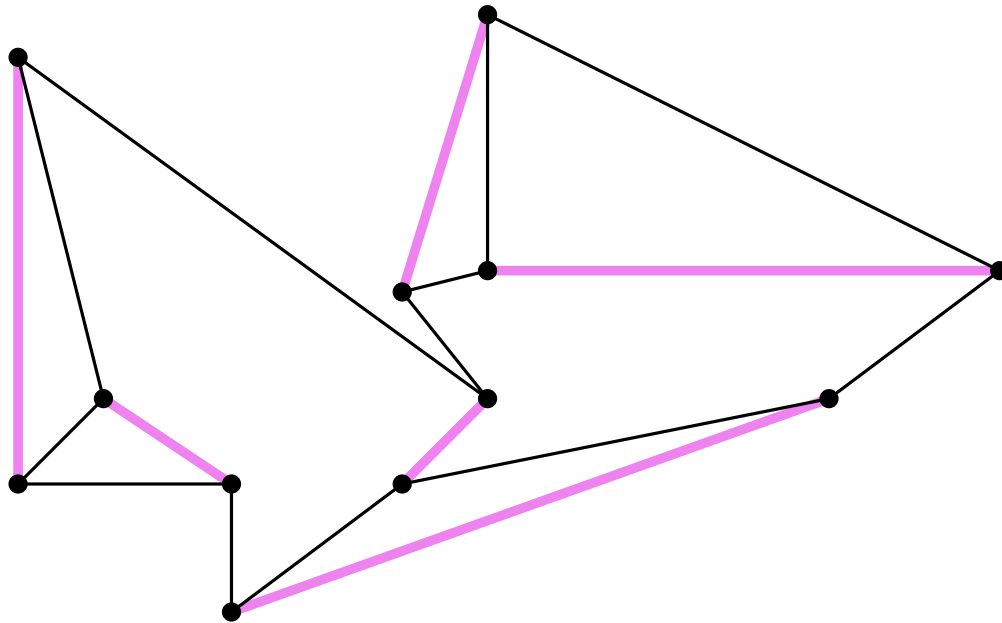
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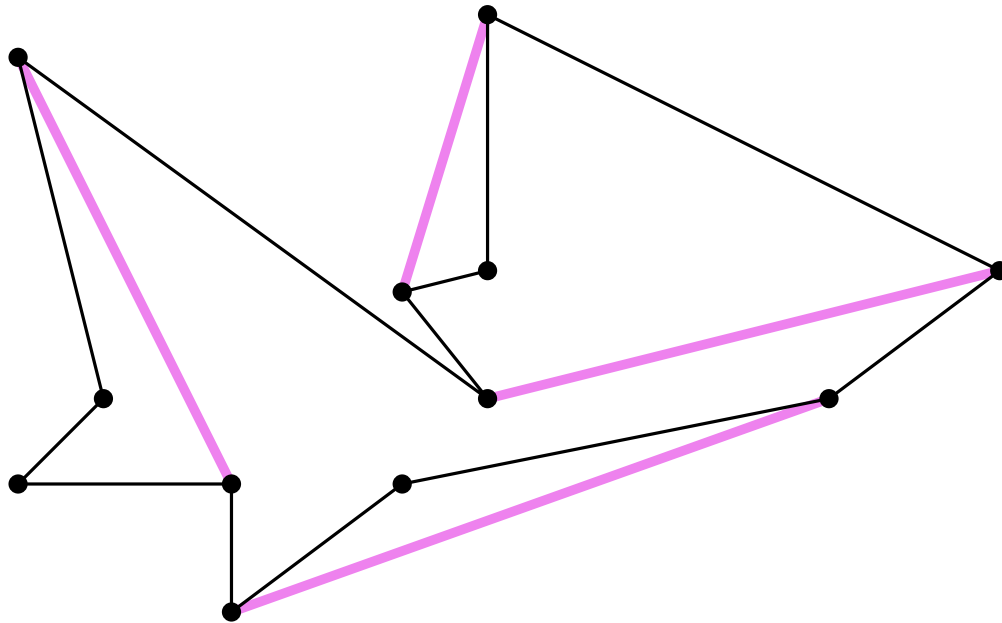
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Known results

- Every polygon with n vertices has a compatible matching of size $\geq \frac{n-3}{4}$ and there are polygons with compatible matchings of size $\leq \frac{n}{3}$.
[Aichholzer, García, Hurtado, Tejel '11]
- Deciding whether a geometric matching admits a compatible perfect matching such that both matchings together are a cycle is NP-complete.
[Akitaya, Korman, Rudoy, Souvaine, Tóth '19]
- Each geometric matching of even size admits a compatible perfect matching.
[Ishaque, Souvaine, Tóth '13]

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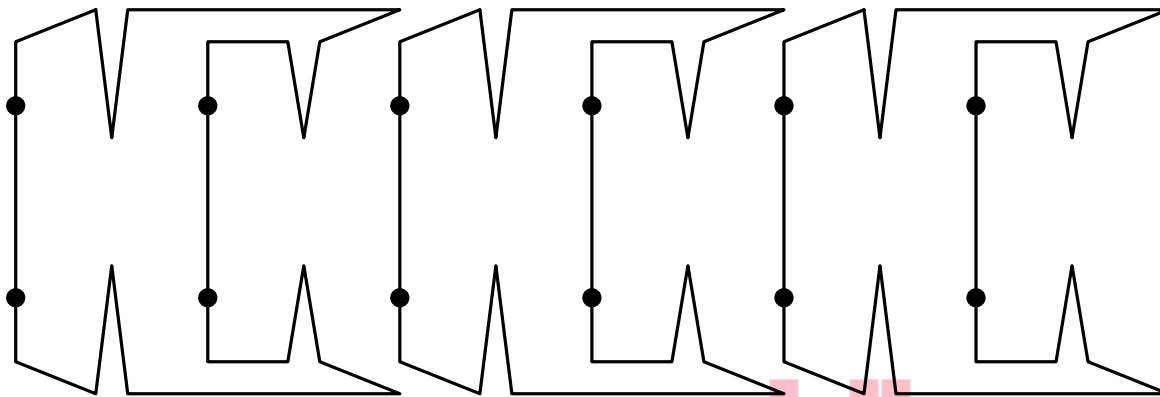
- planar variable-clause incidence graph
- only positive literals
- formula is satisfied if and only if there is exactly one true variable per clause

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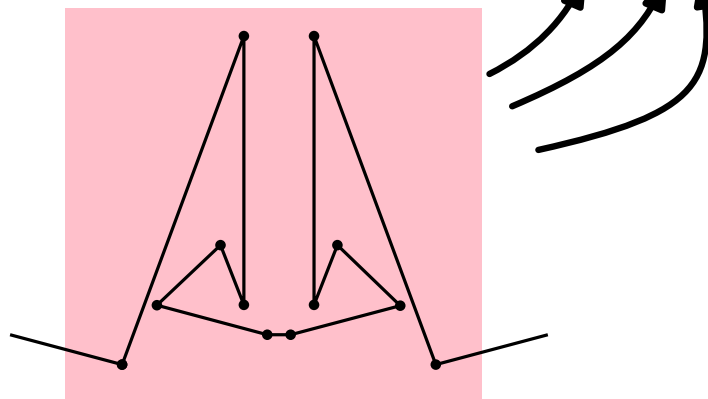
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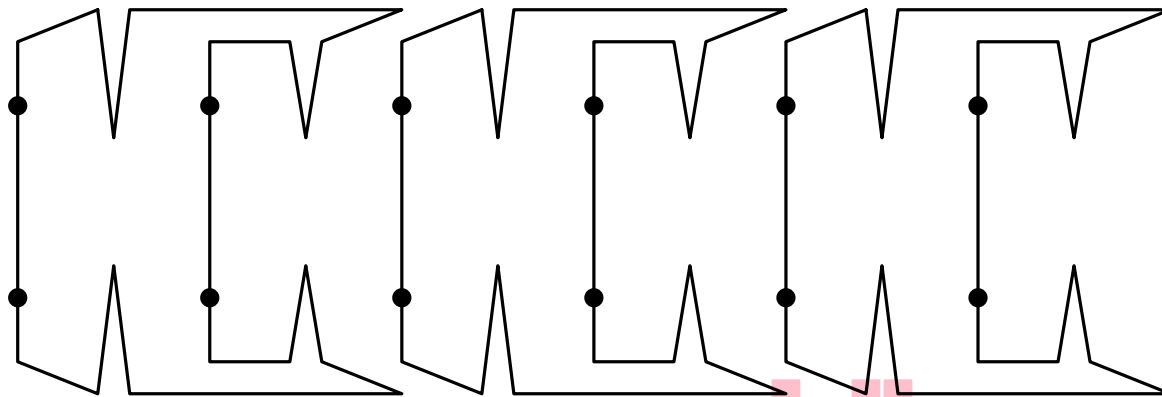


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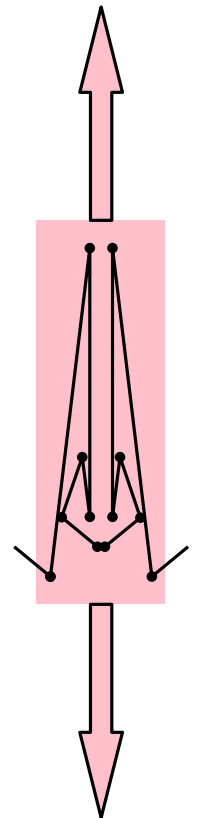
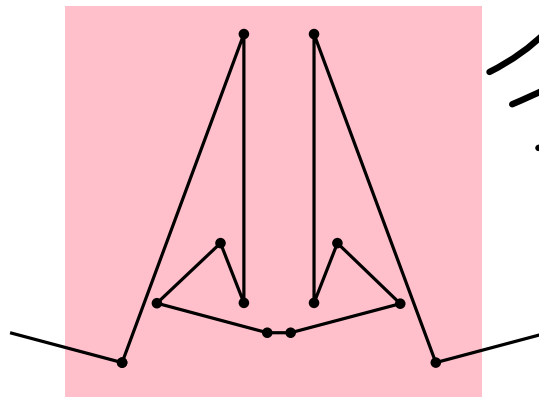
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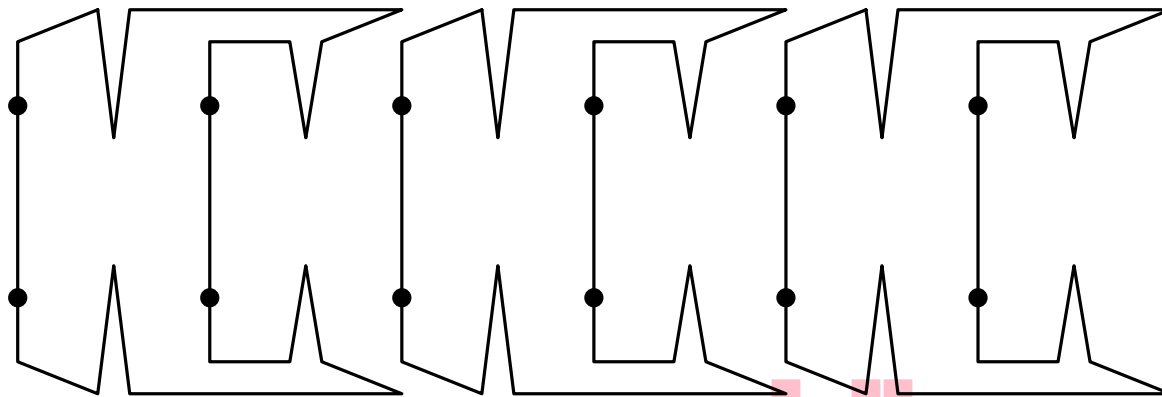


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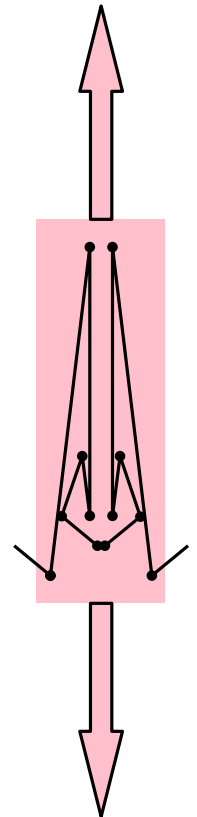
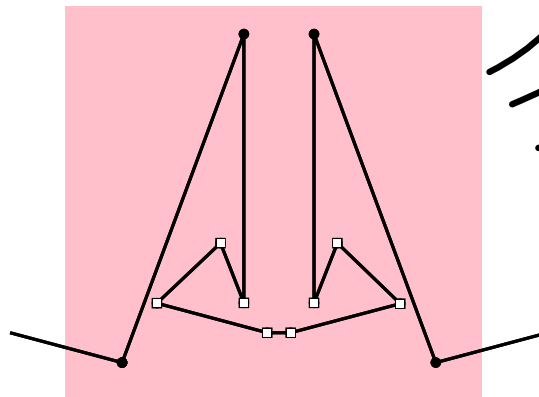
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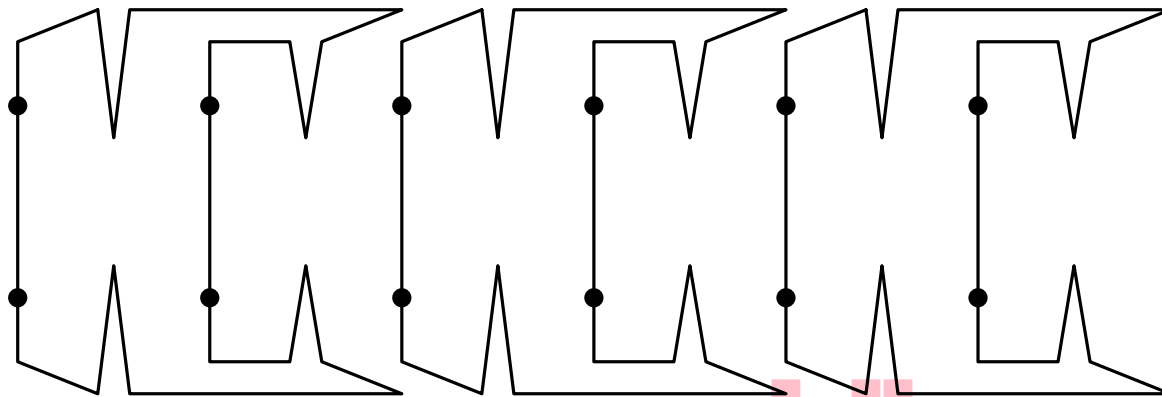


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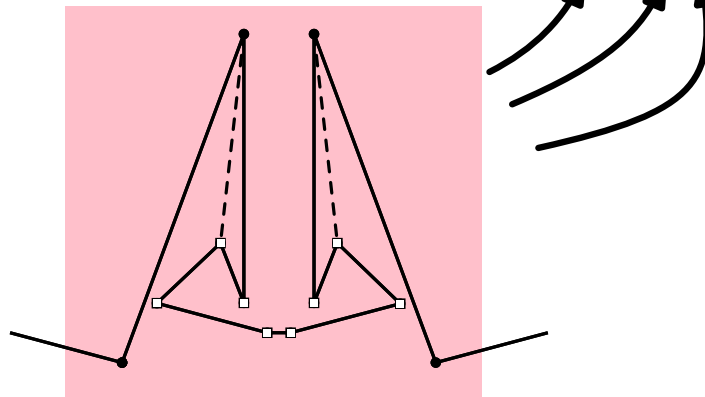
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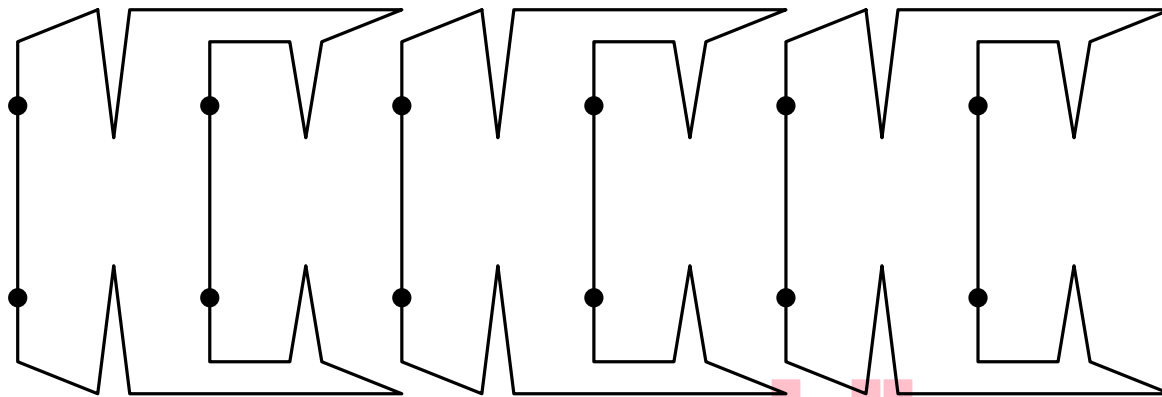


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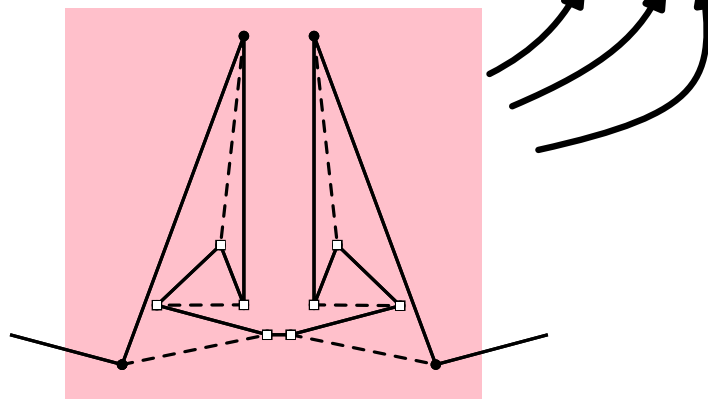
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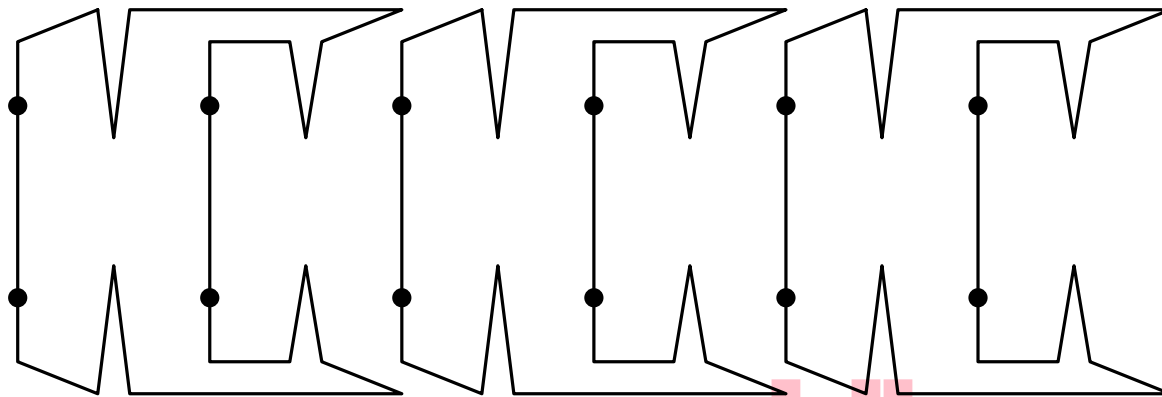


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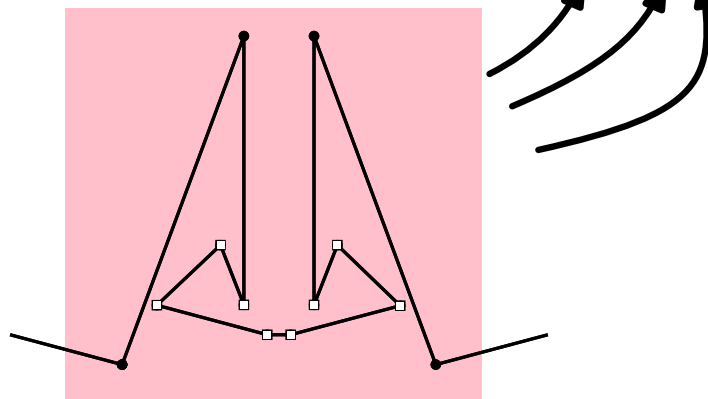
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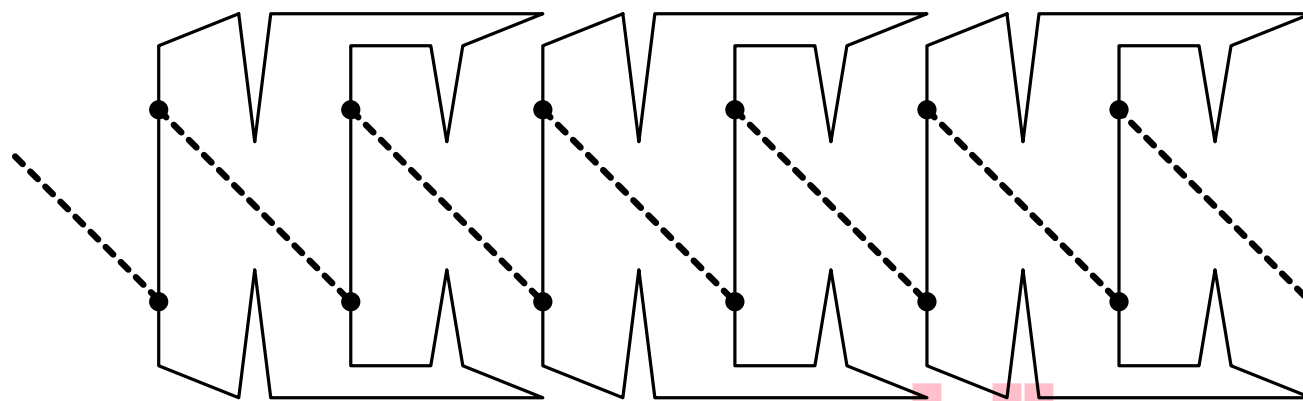


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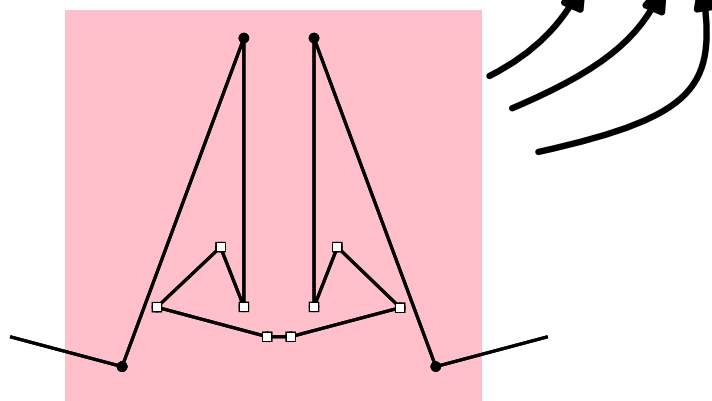
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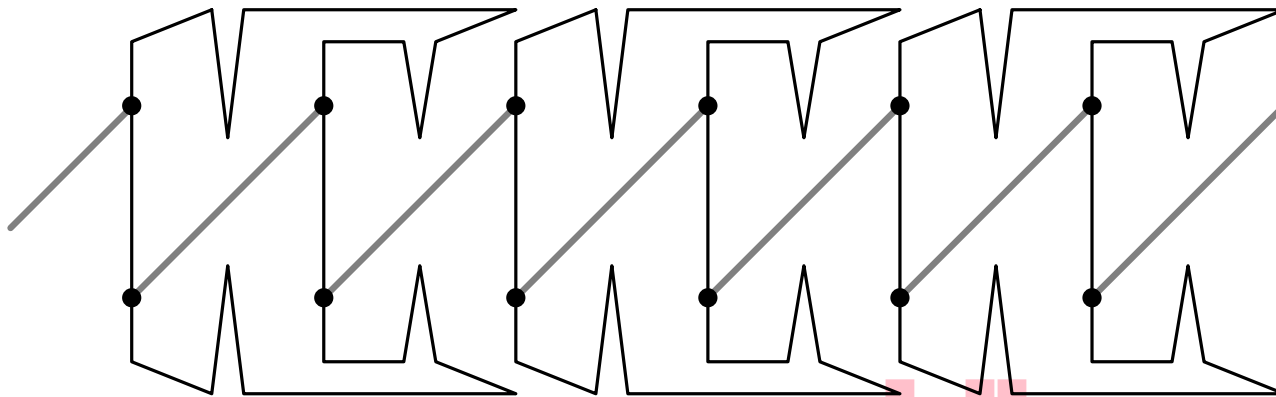


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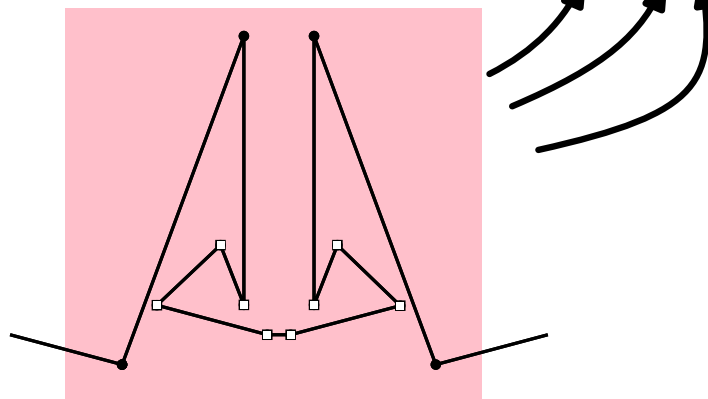
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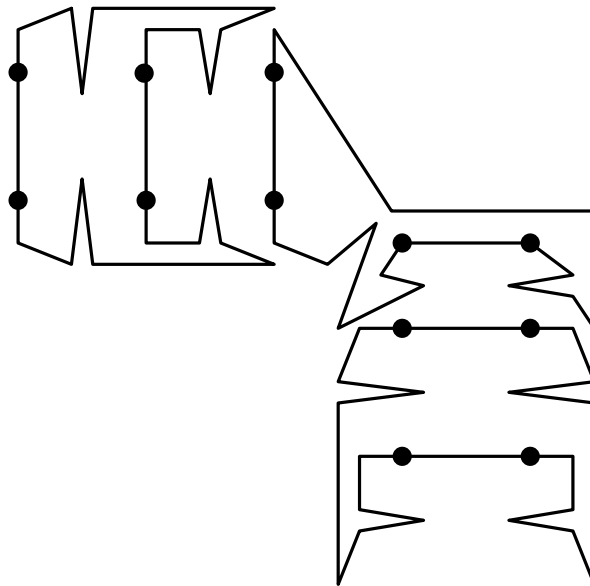


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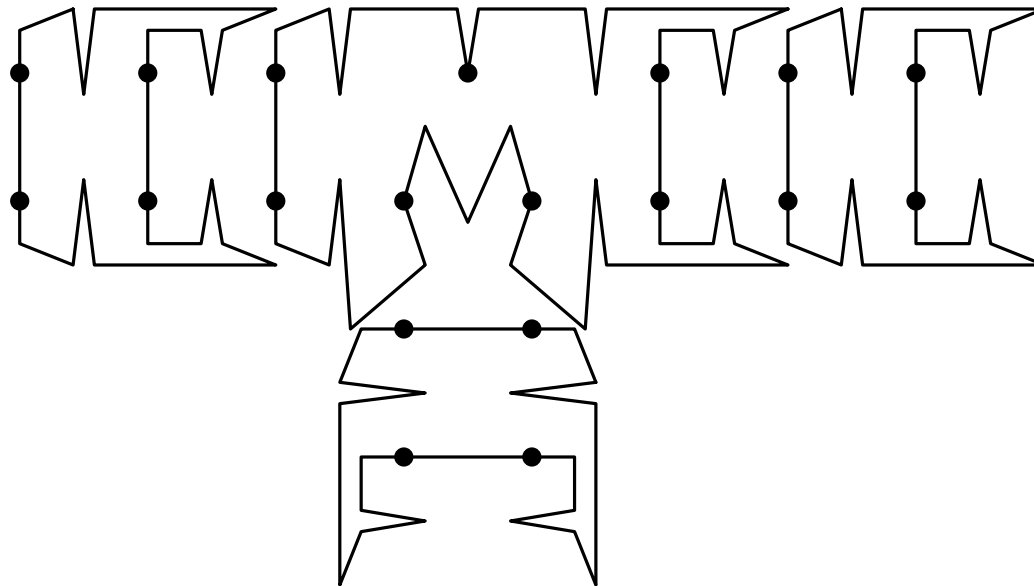


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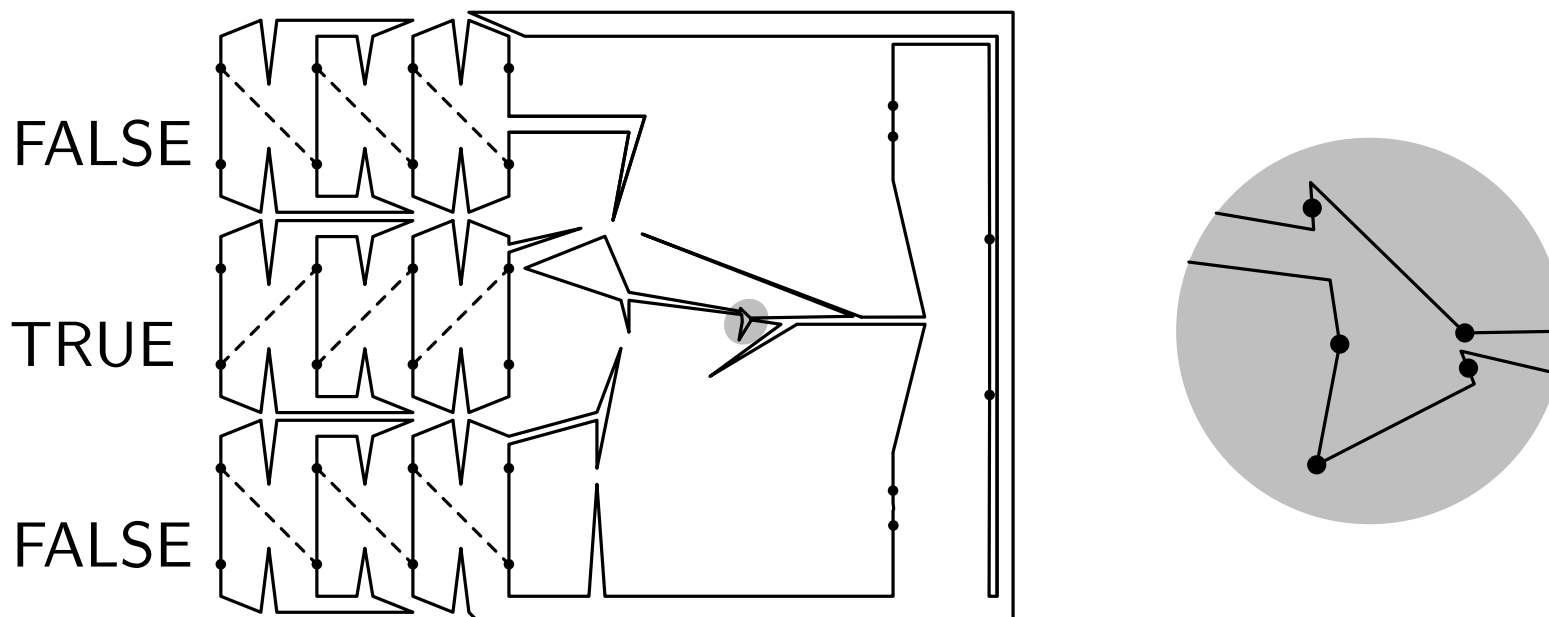
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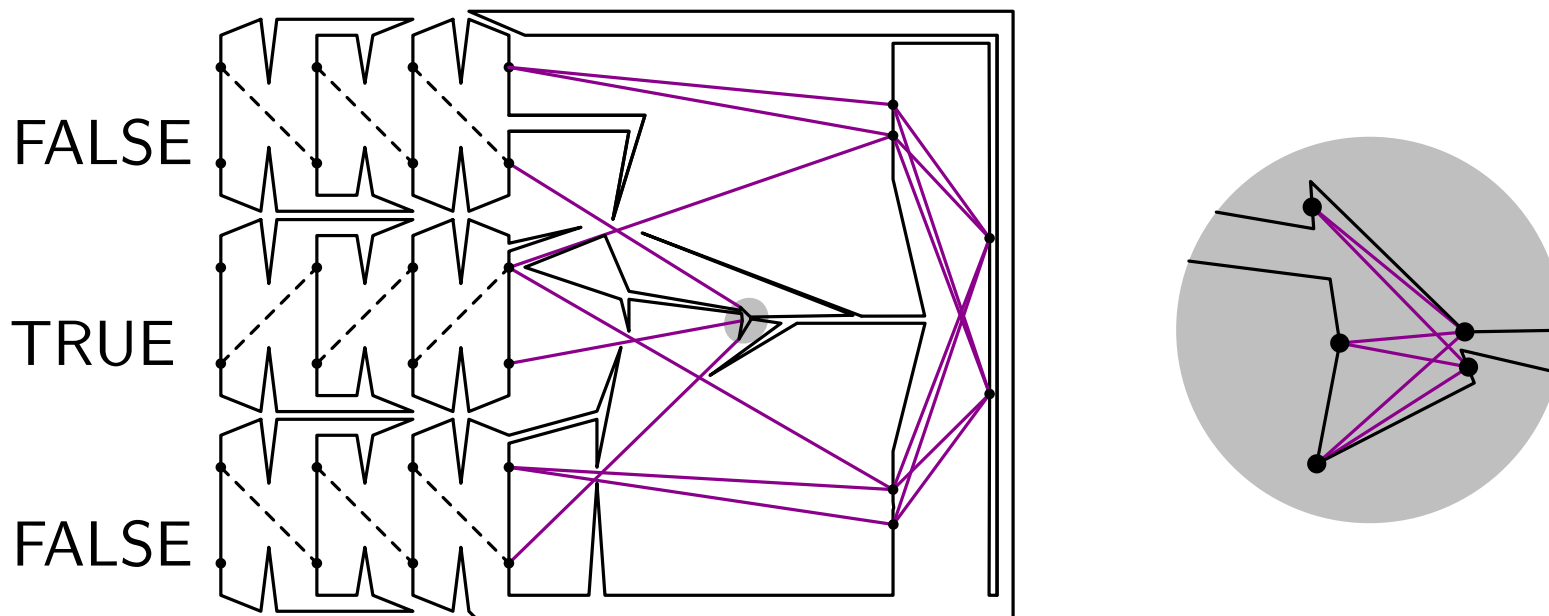
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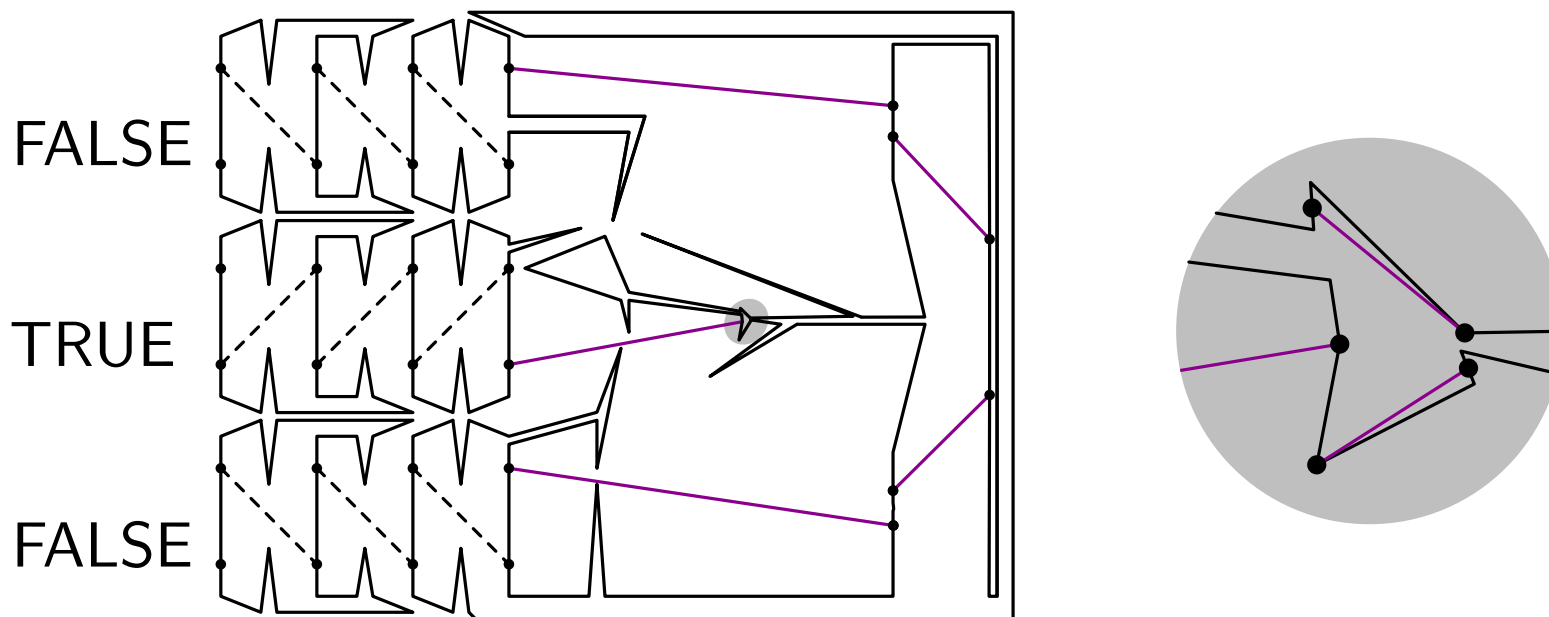
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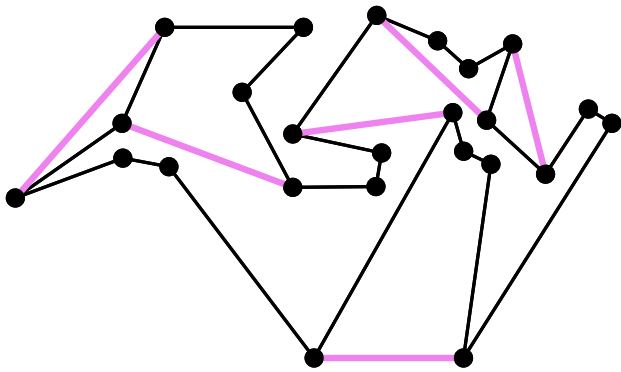
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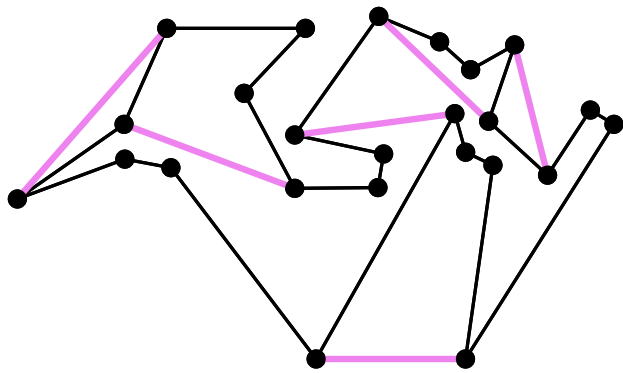
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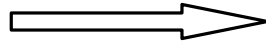
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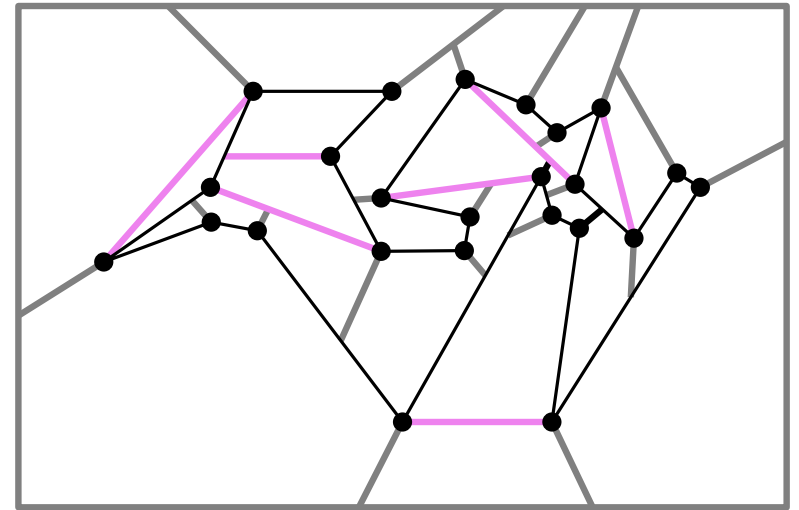
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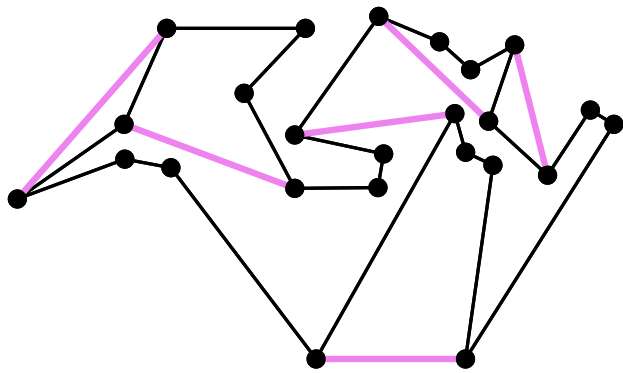
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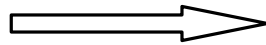
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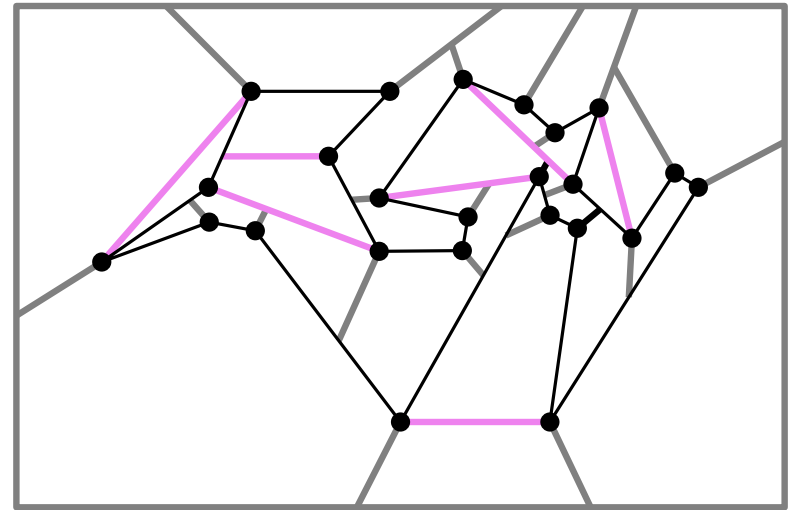
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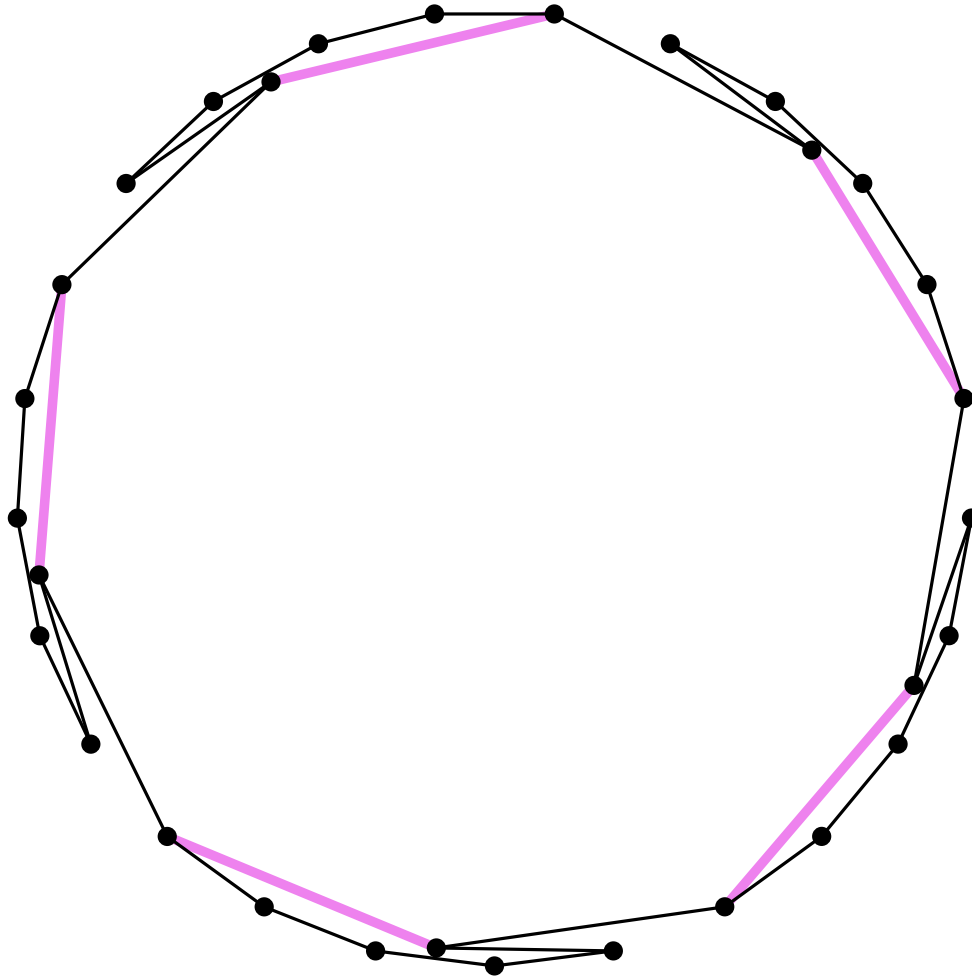
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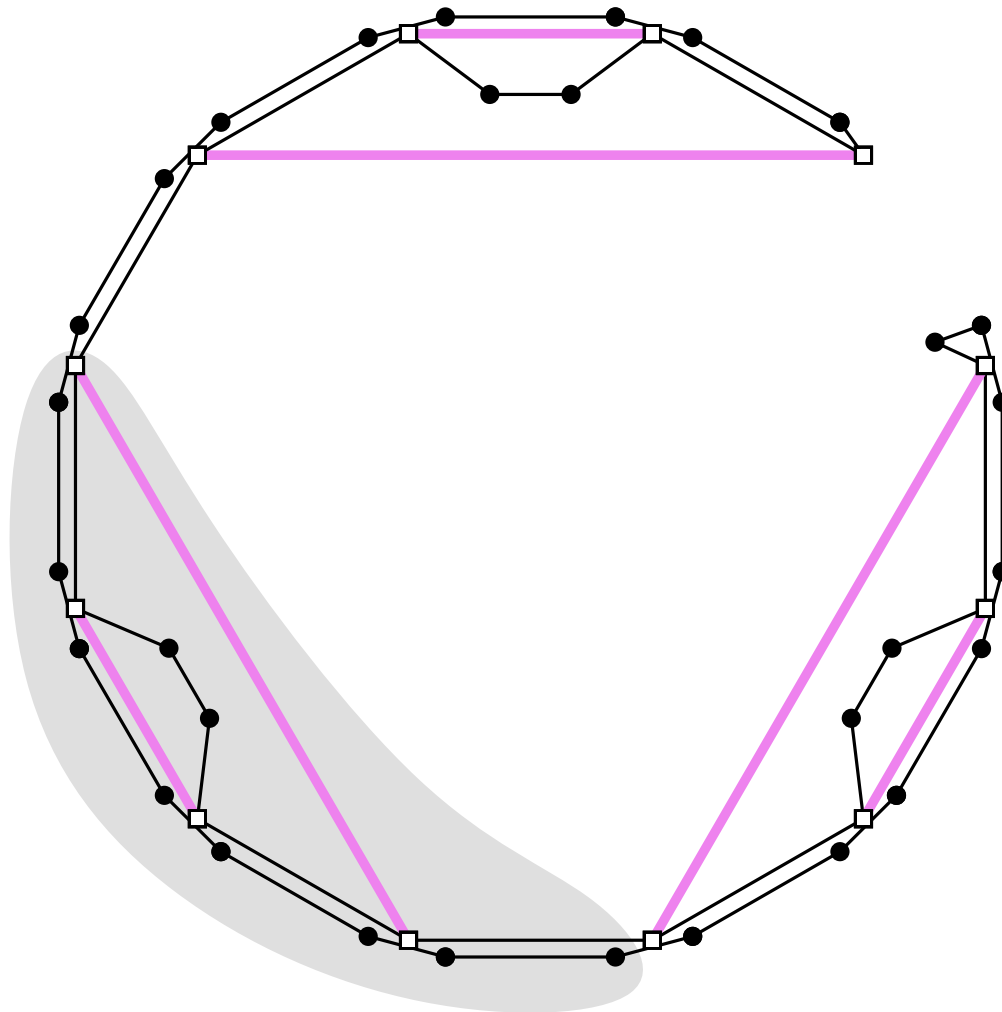
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