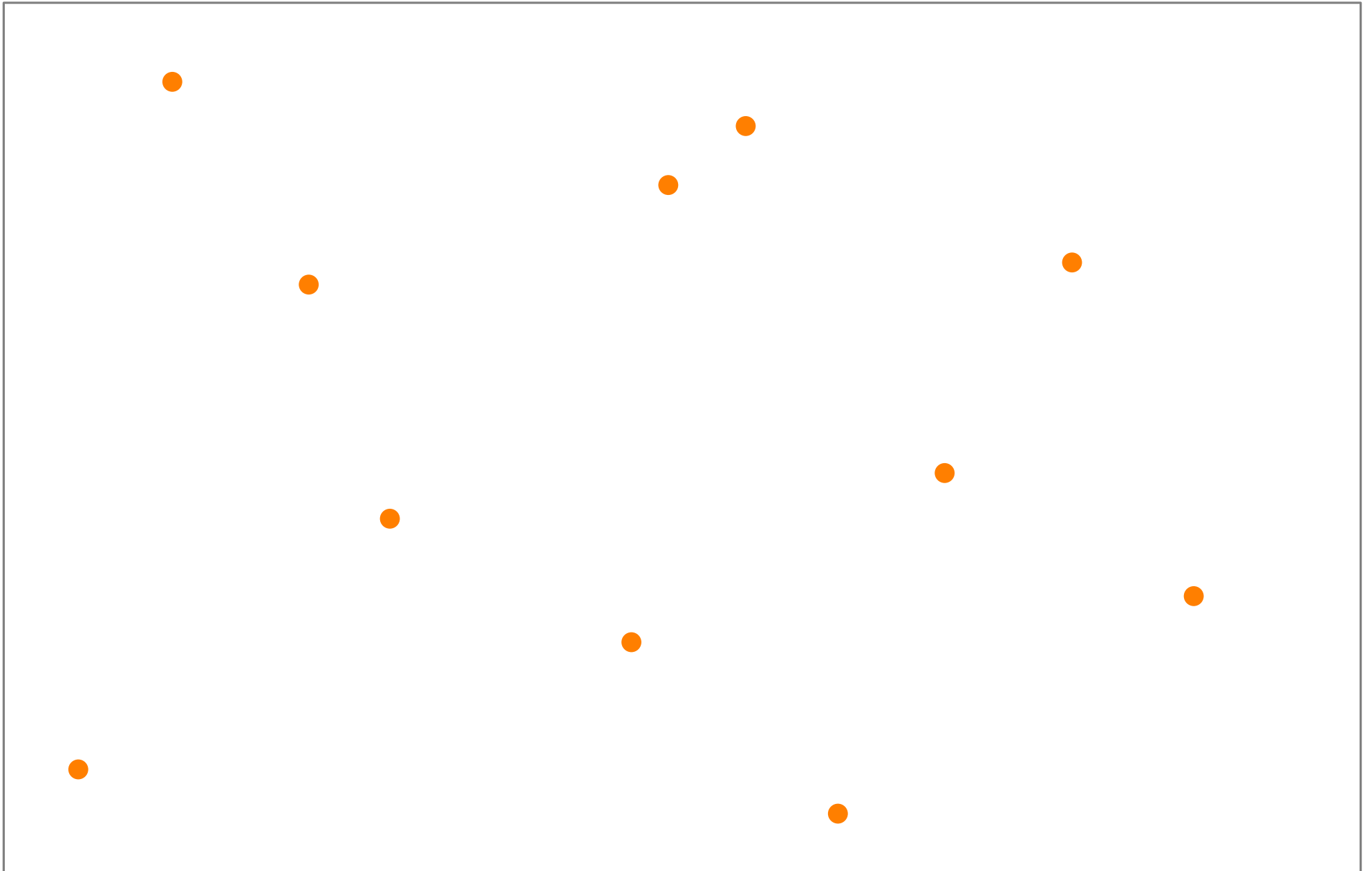


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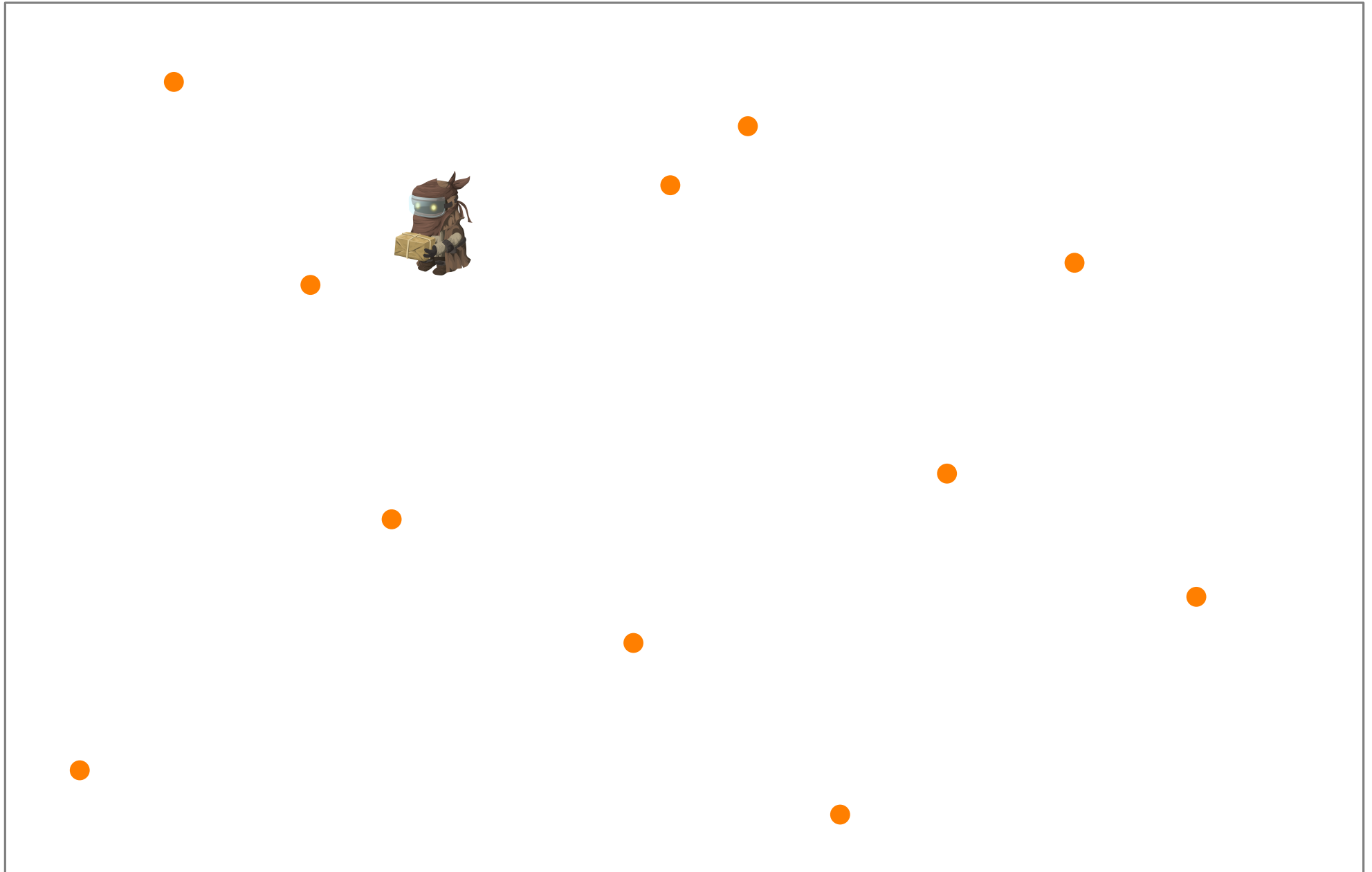
Lecture 7: Voronoi Diagrams or The Post-Office Problem

Part I: The Post-Office Problem

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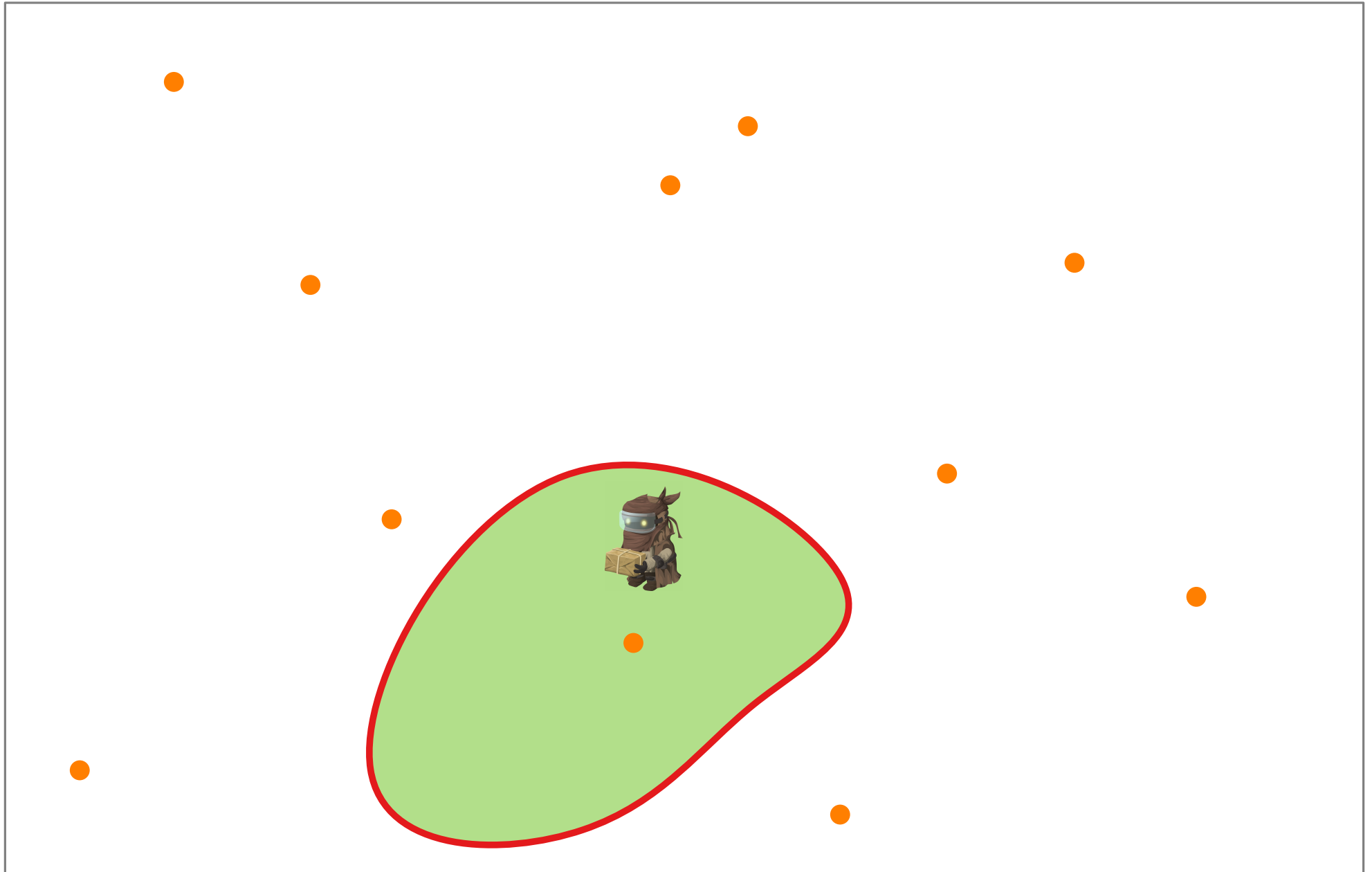
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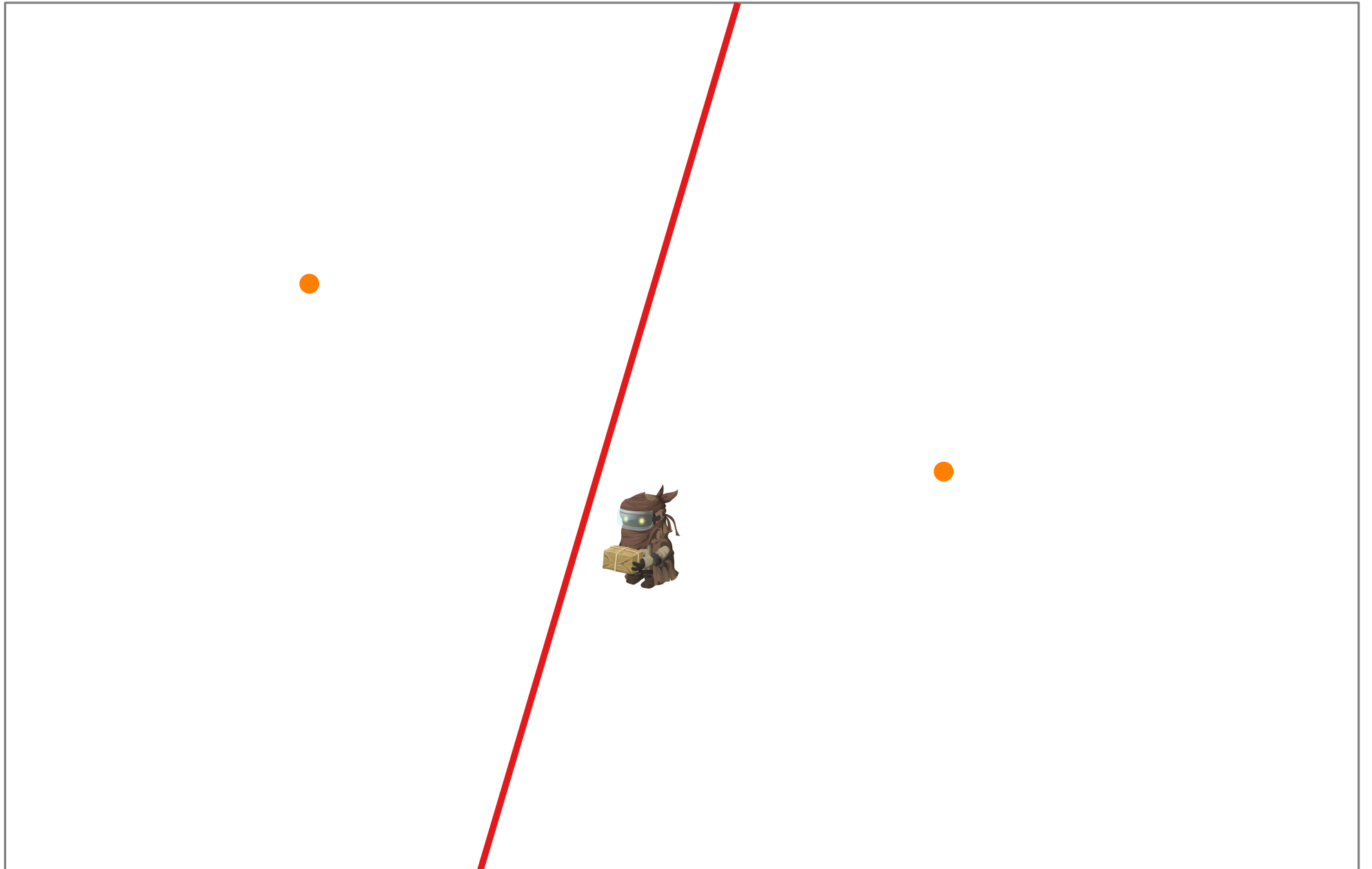
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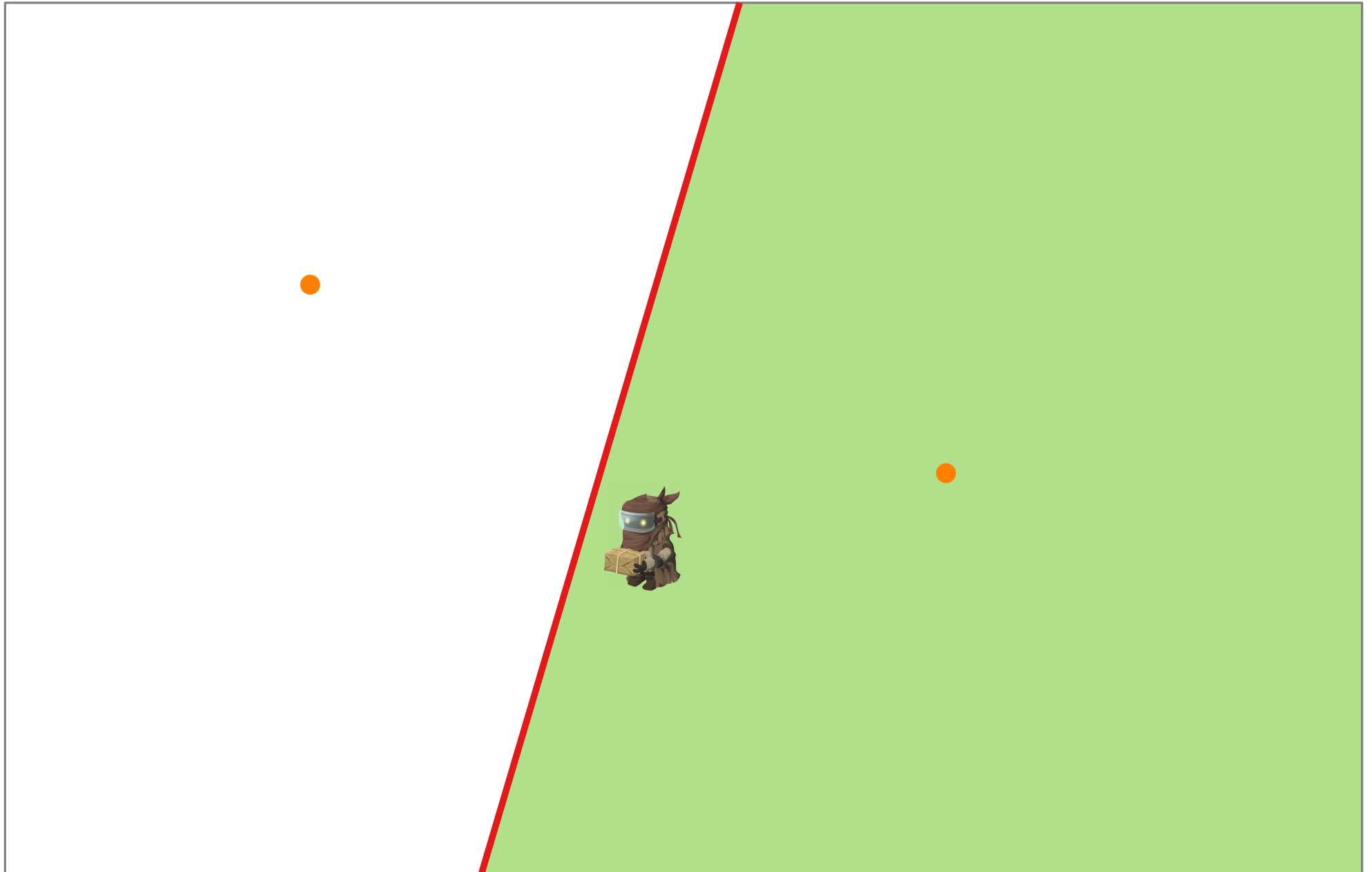
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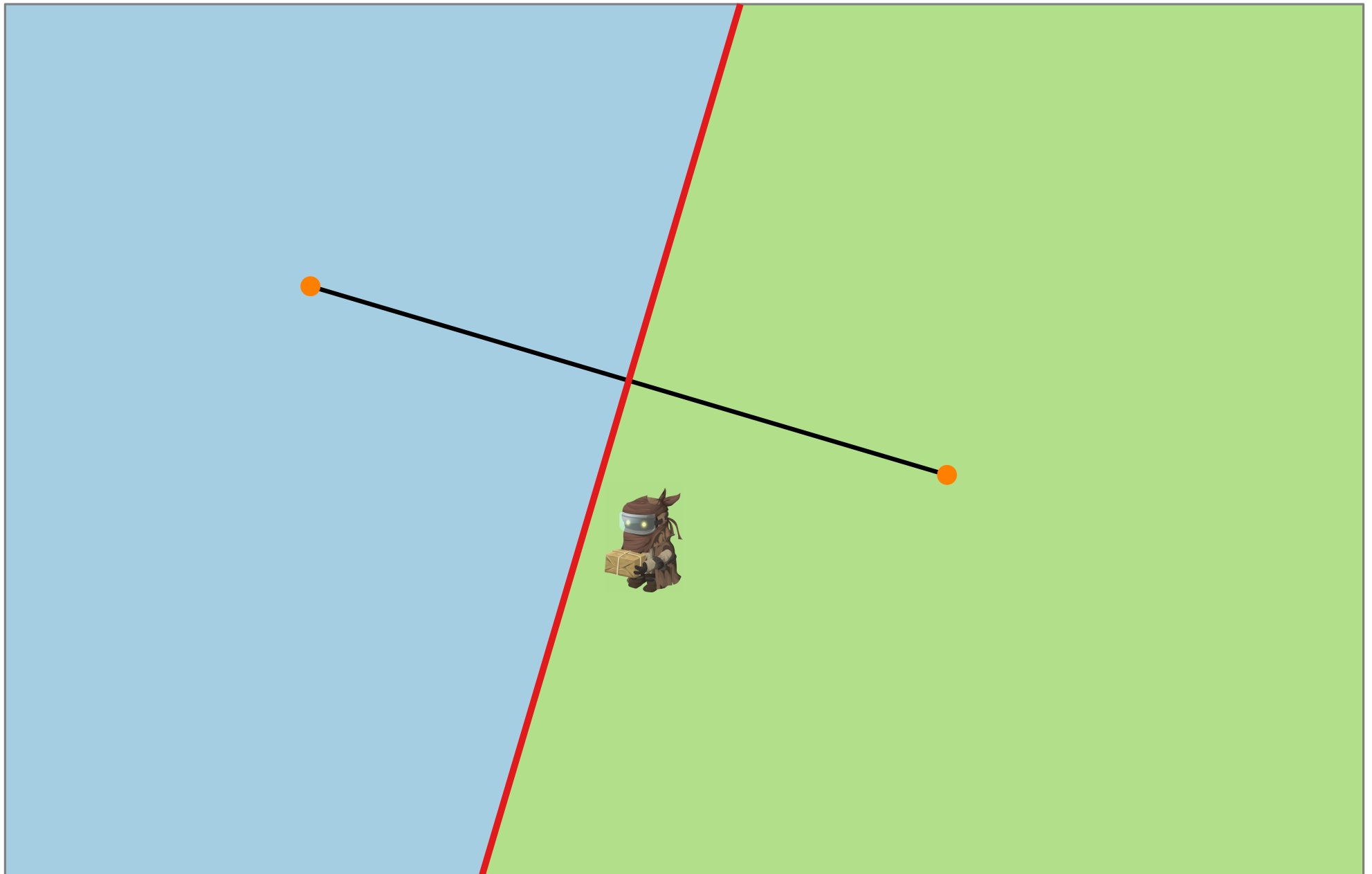
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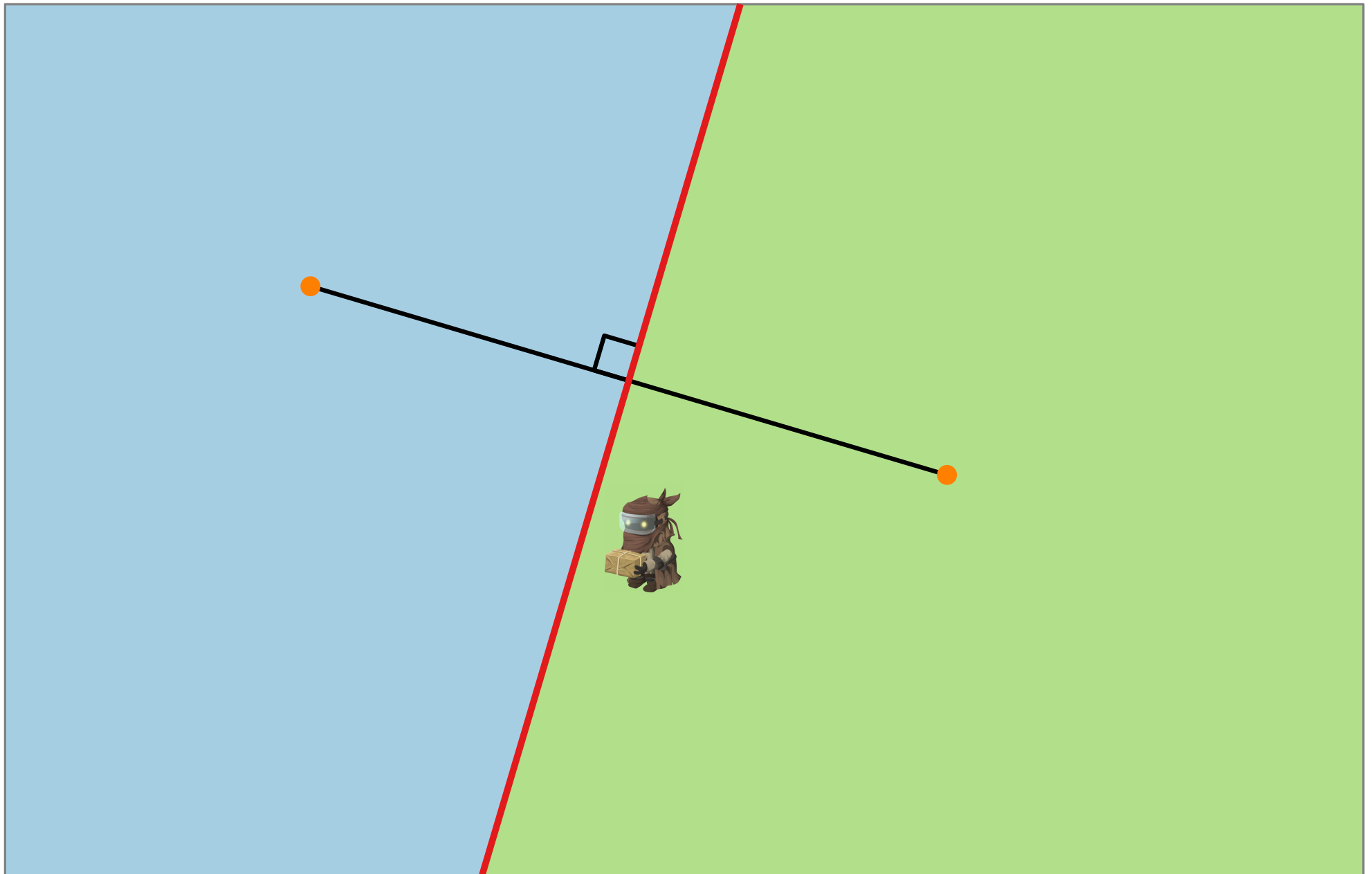
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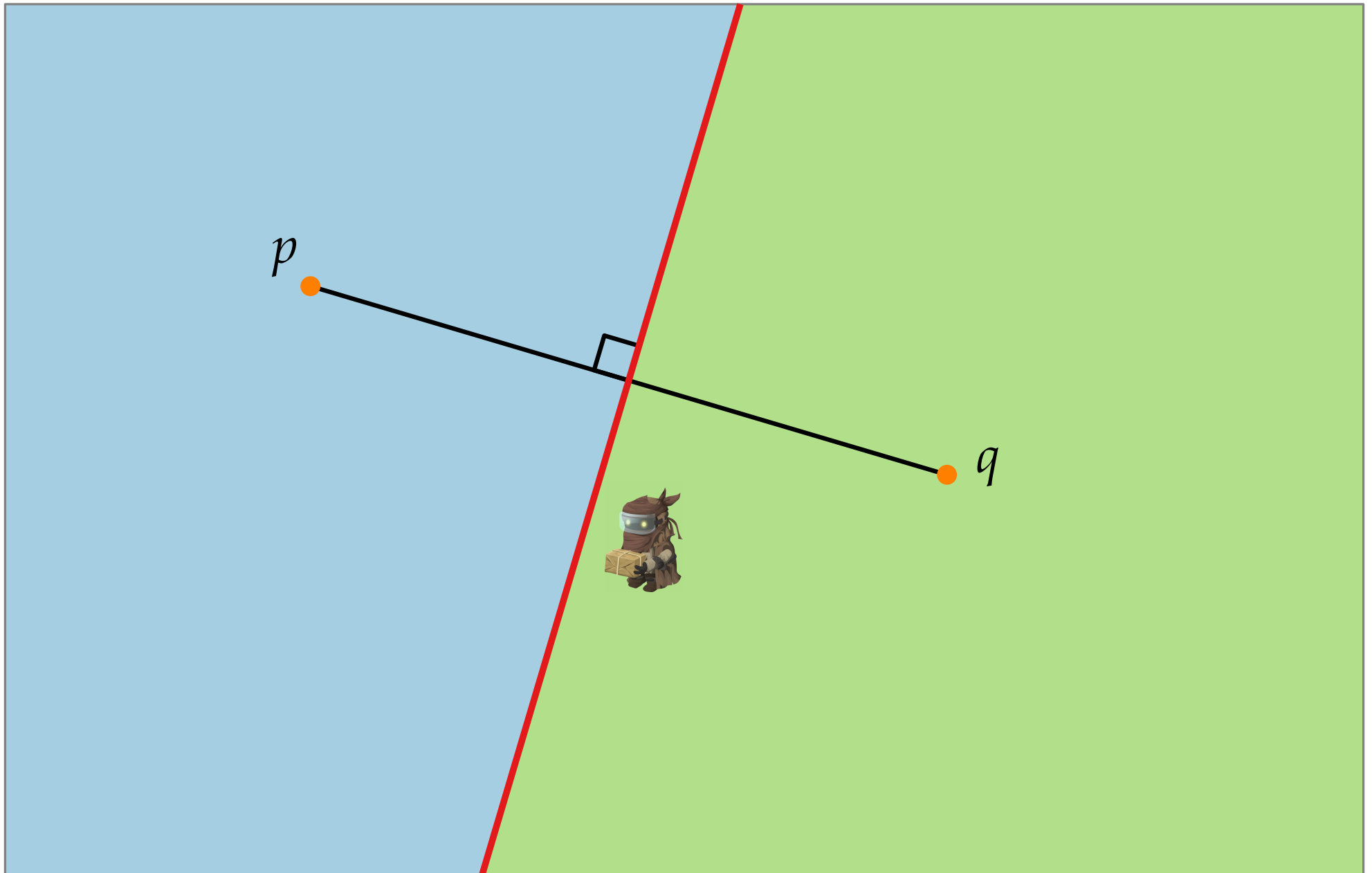
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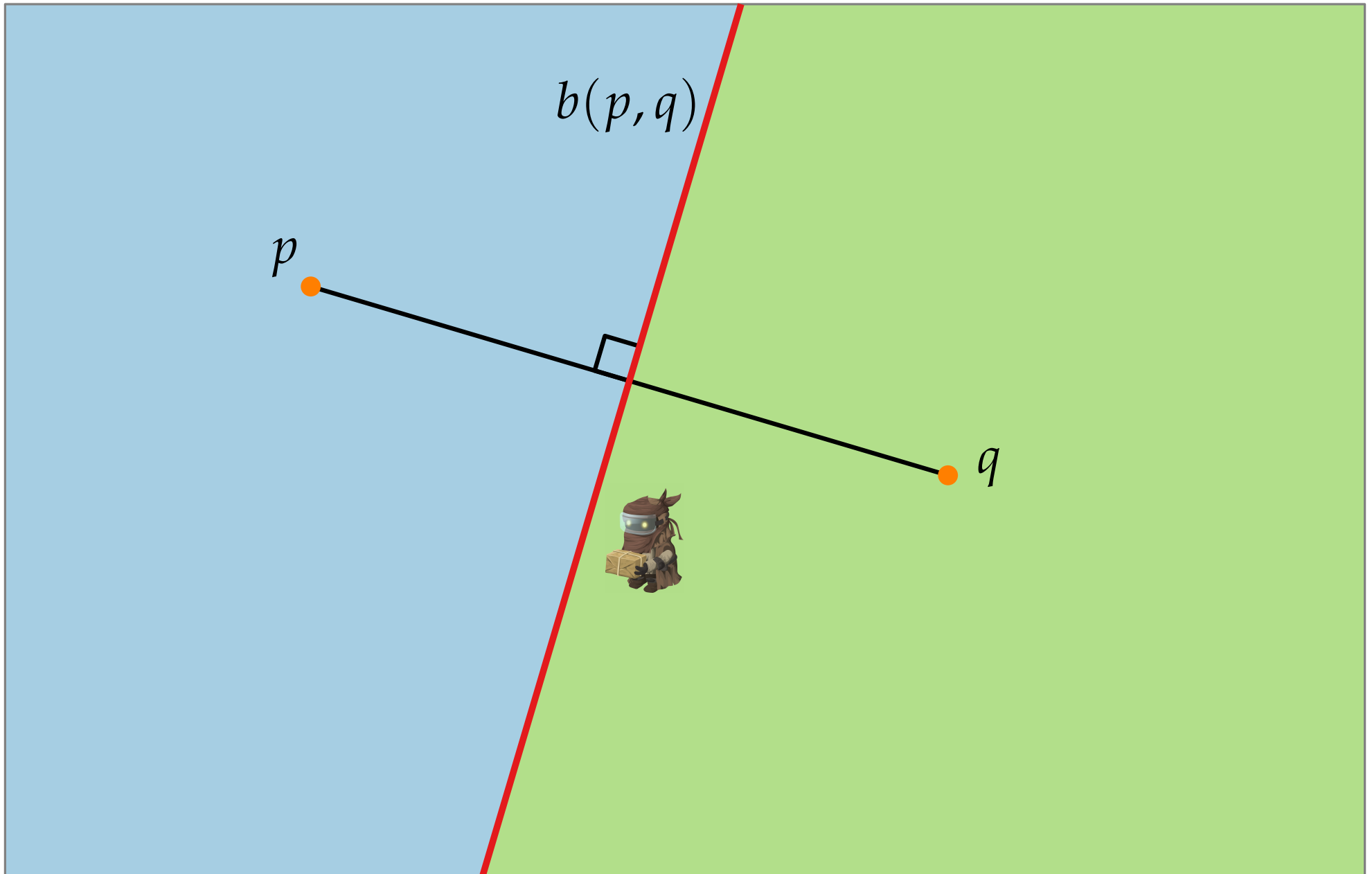
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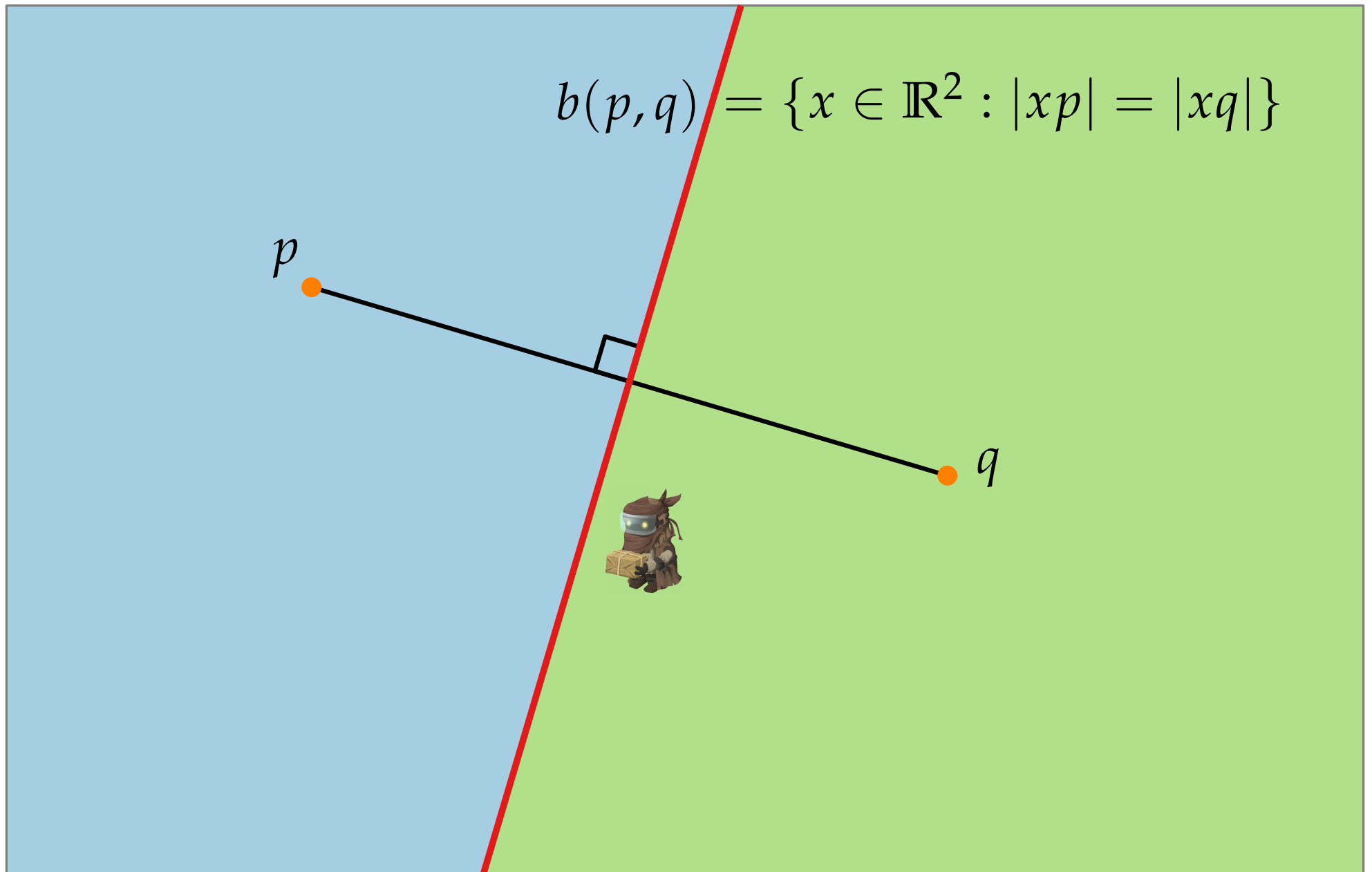
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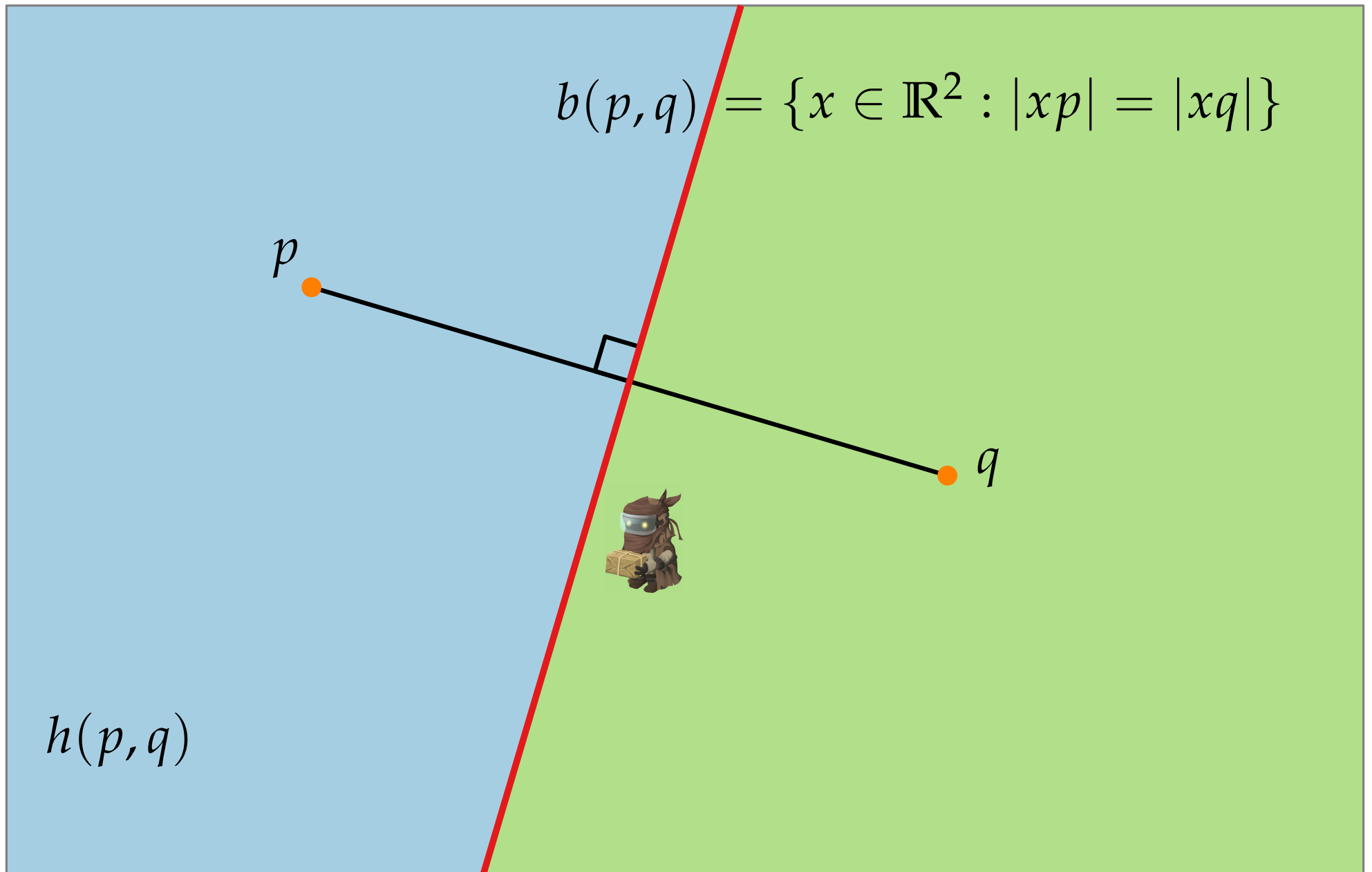
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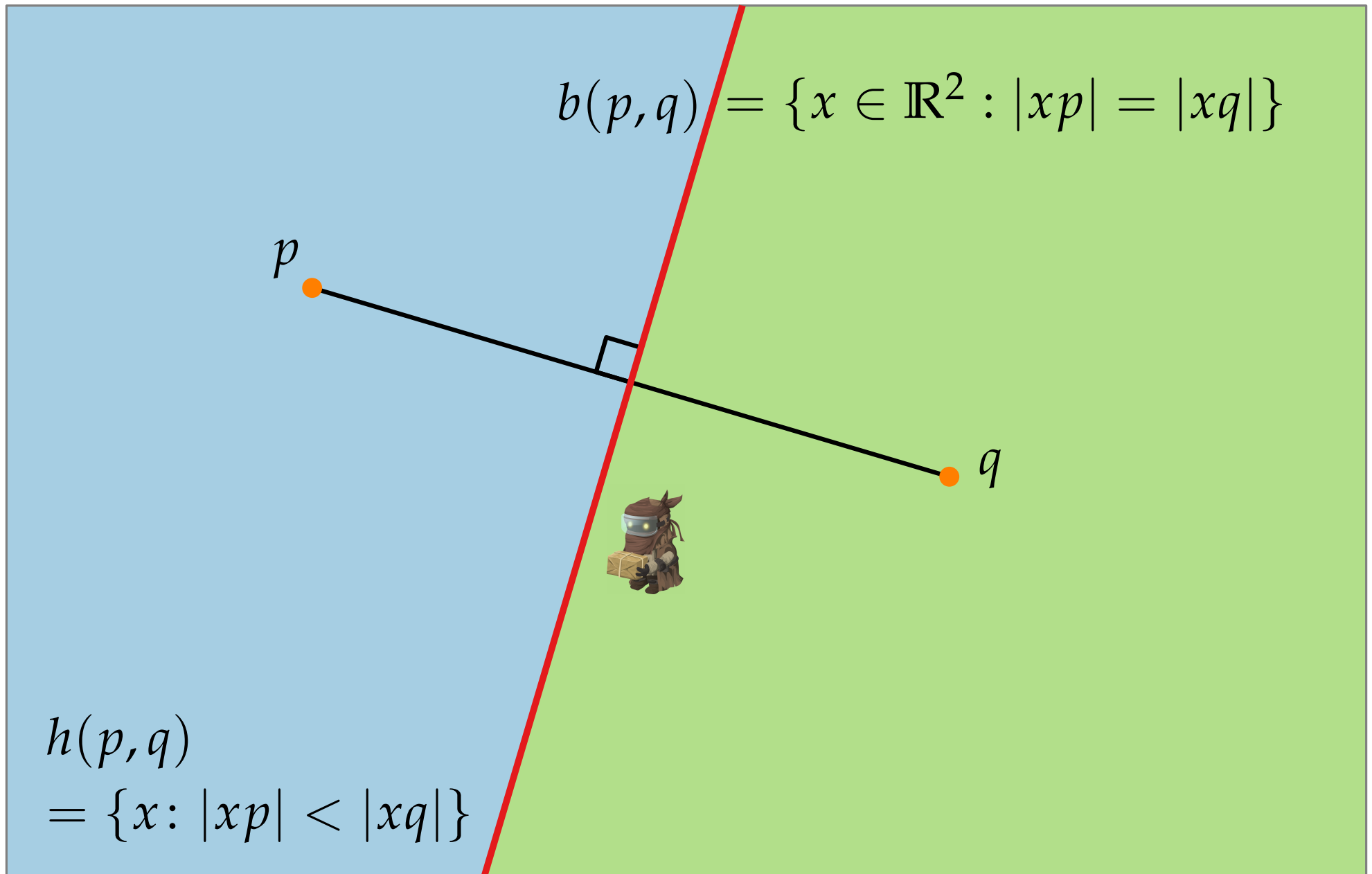
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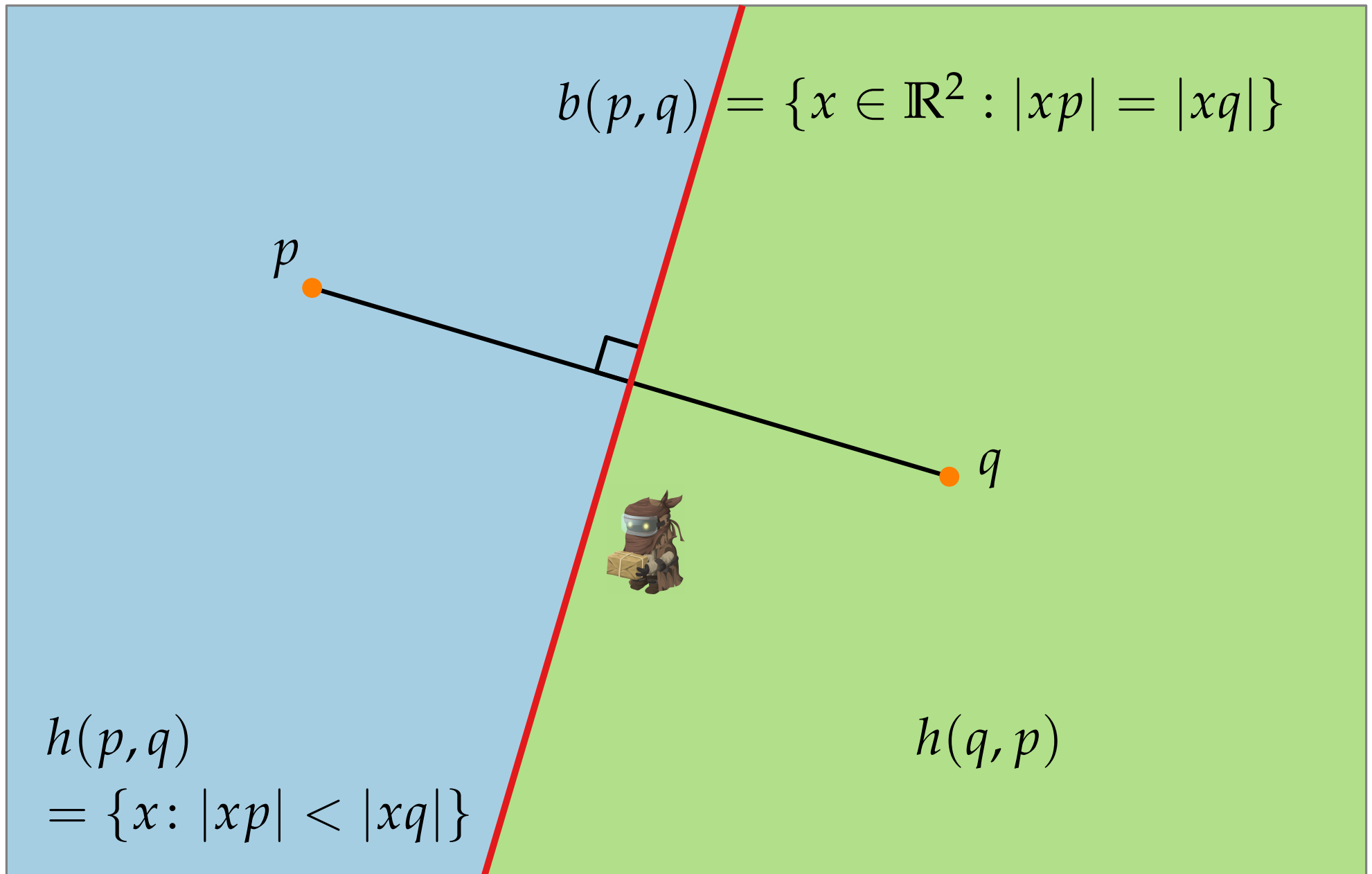
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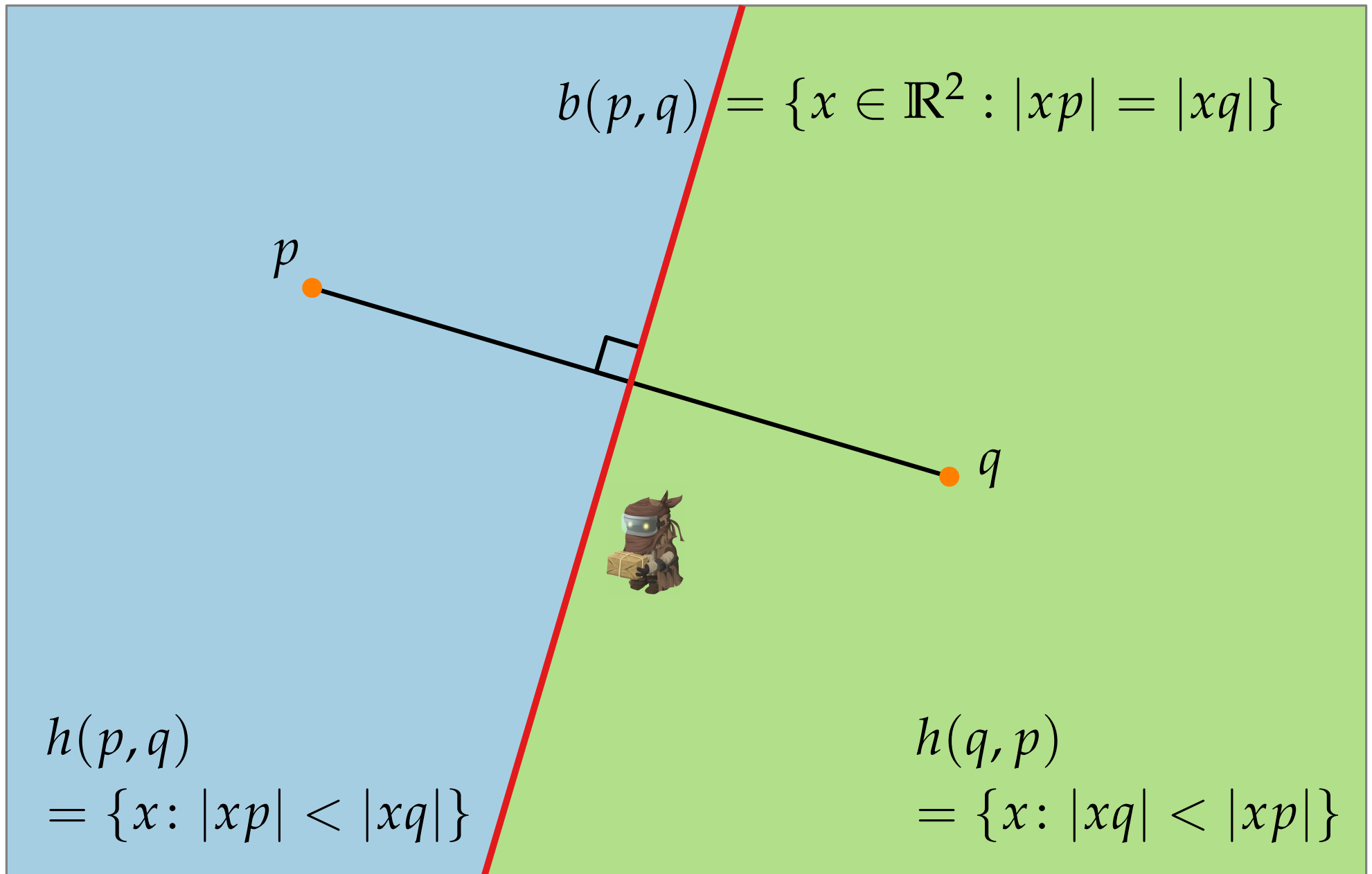
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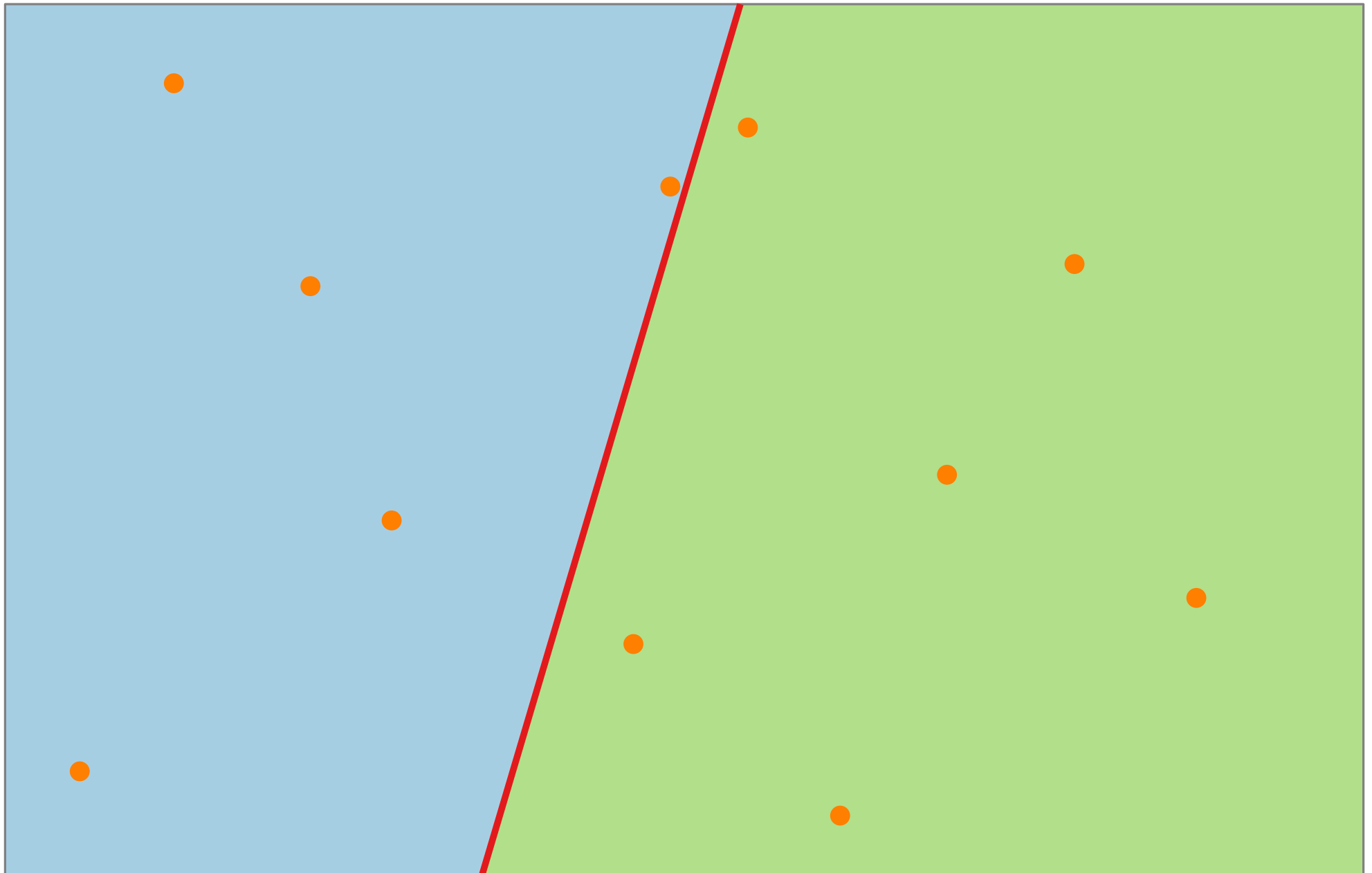
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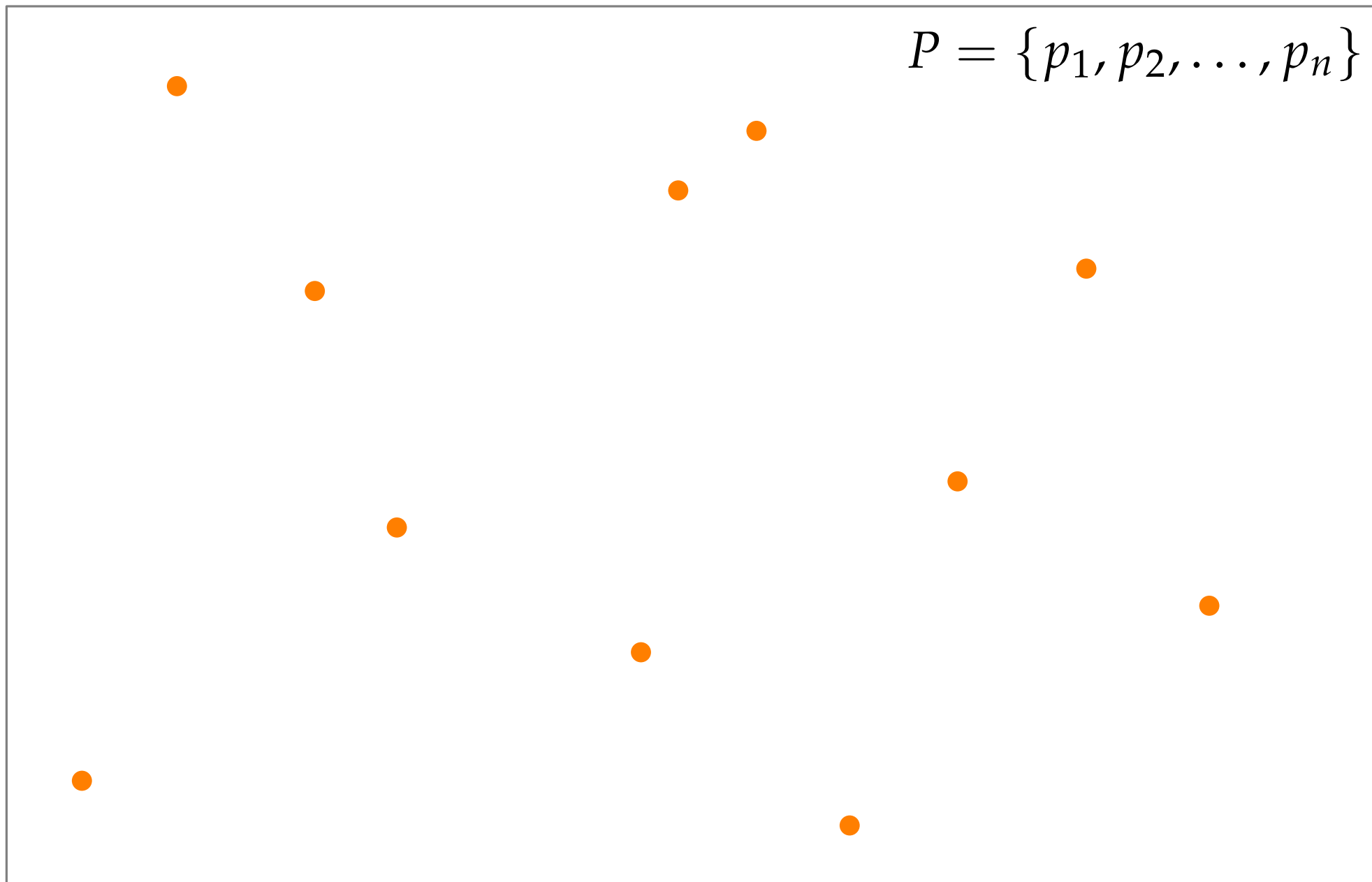
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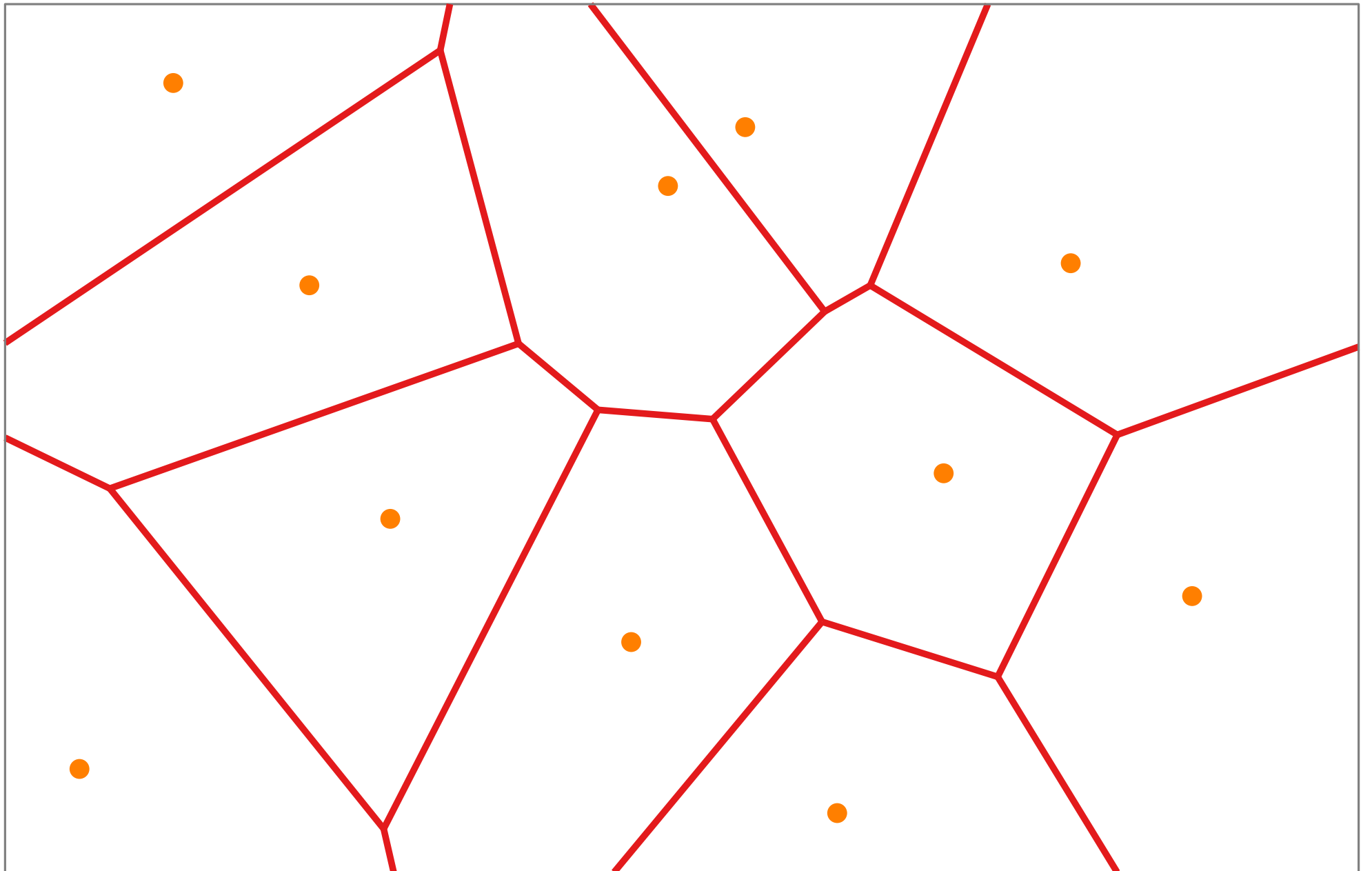
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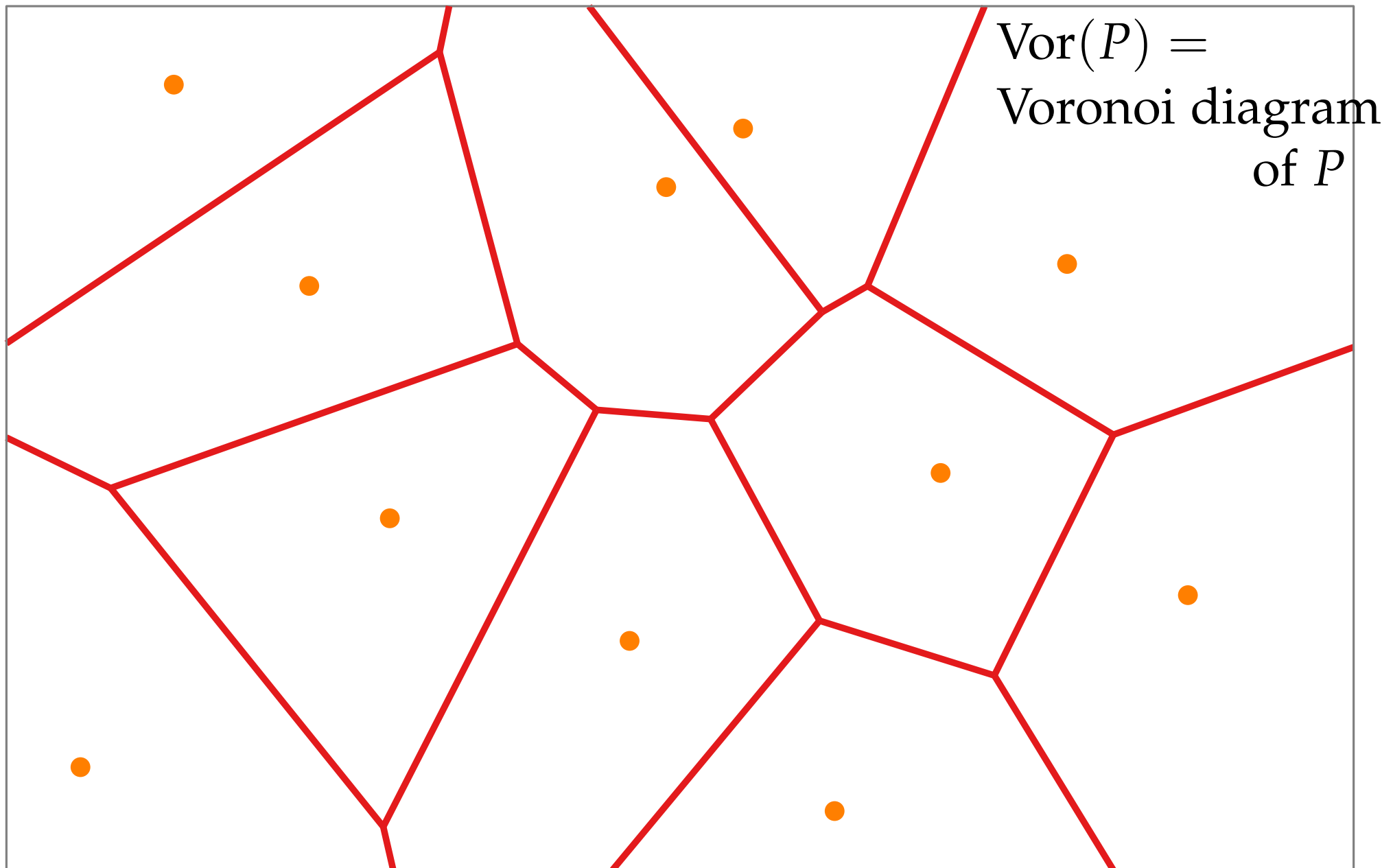
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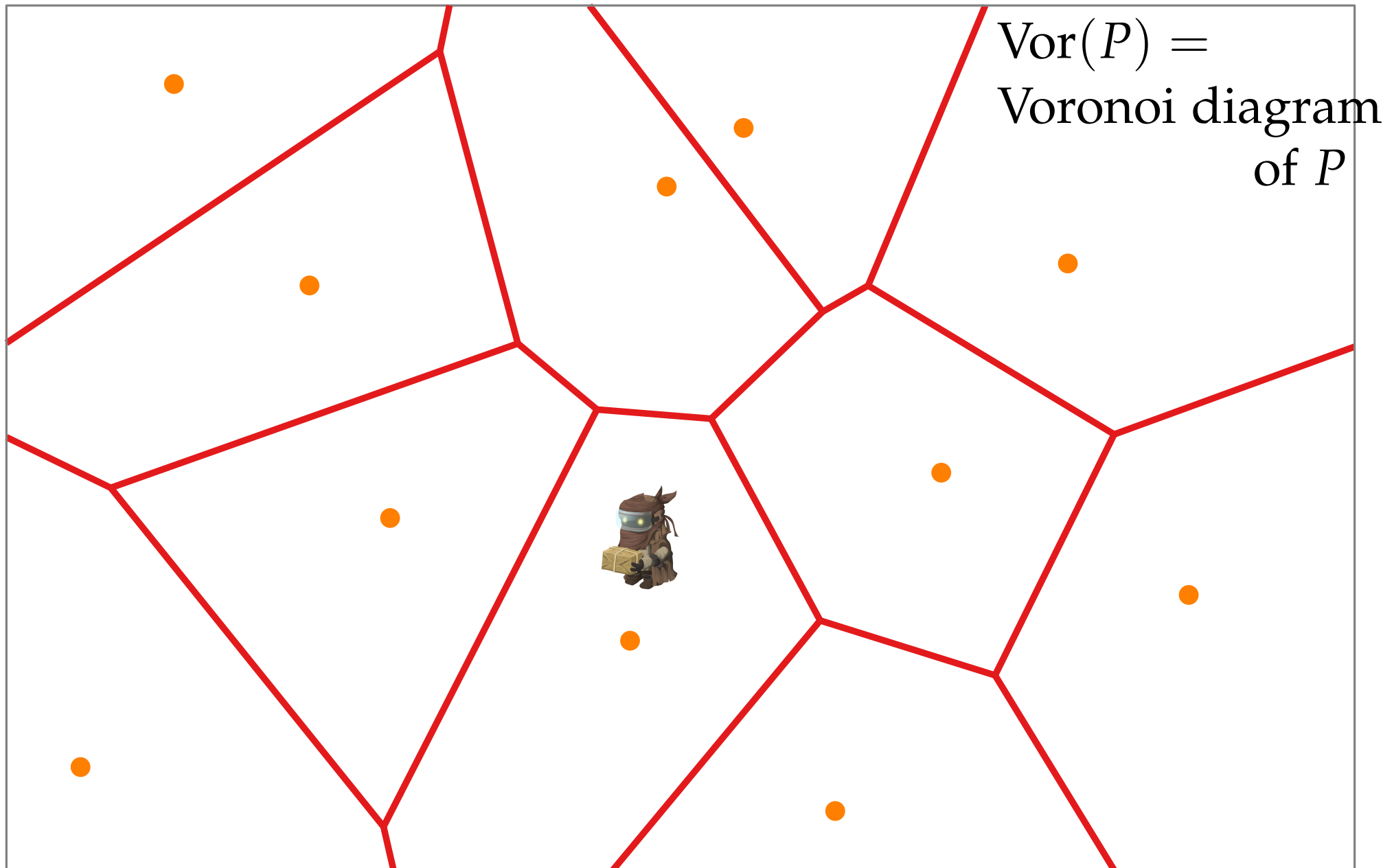
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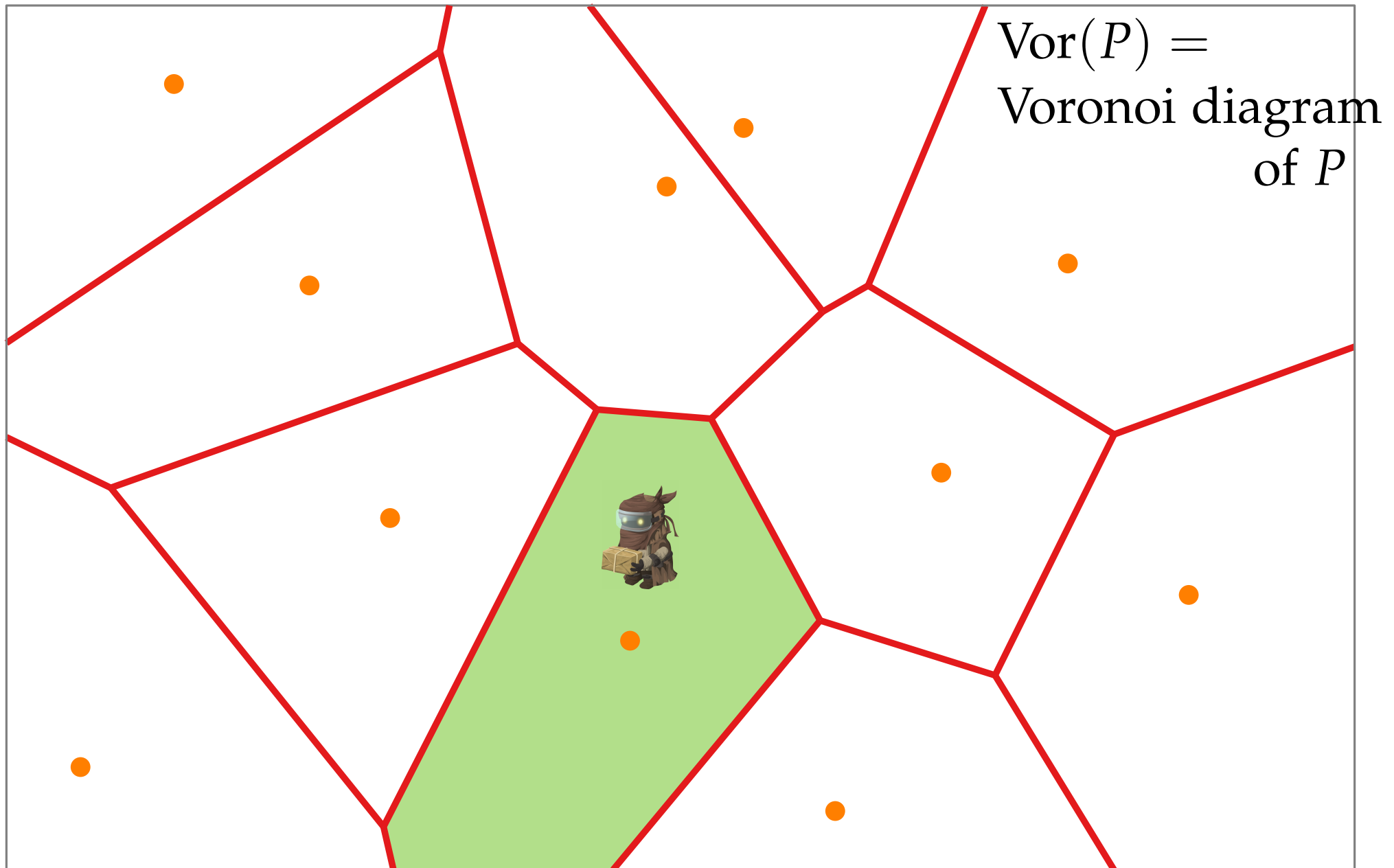
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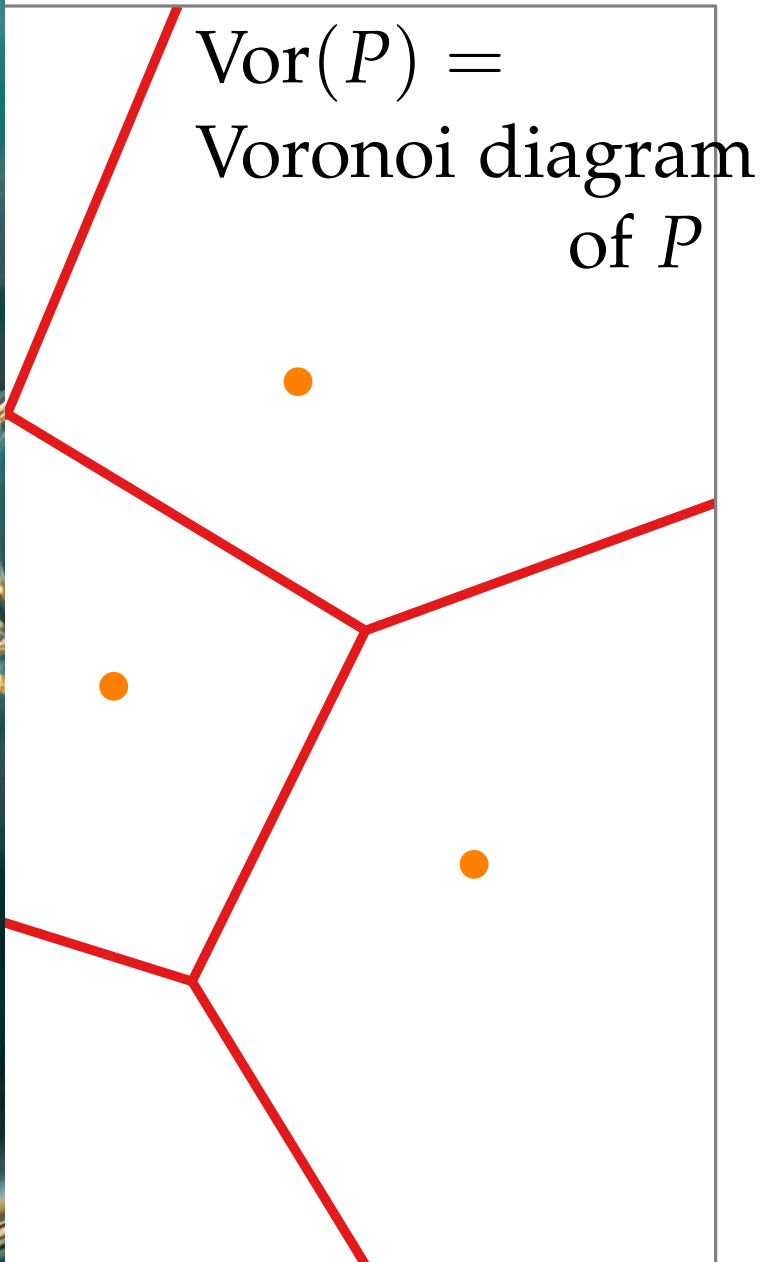
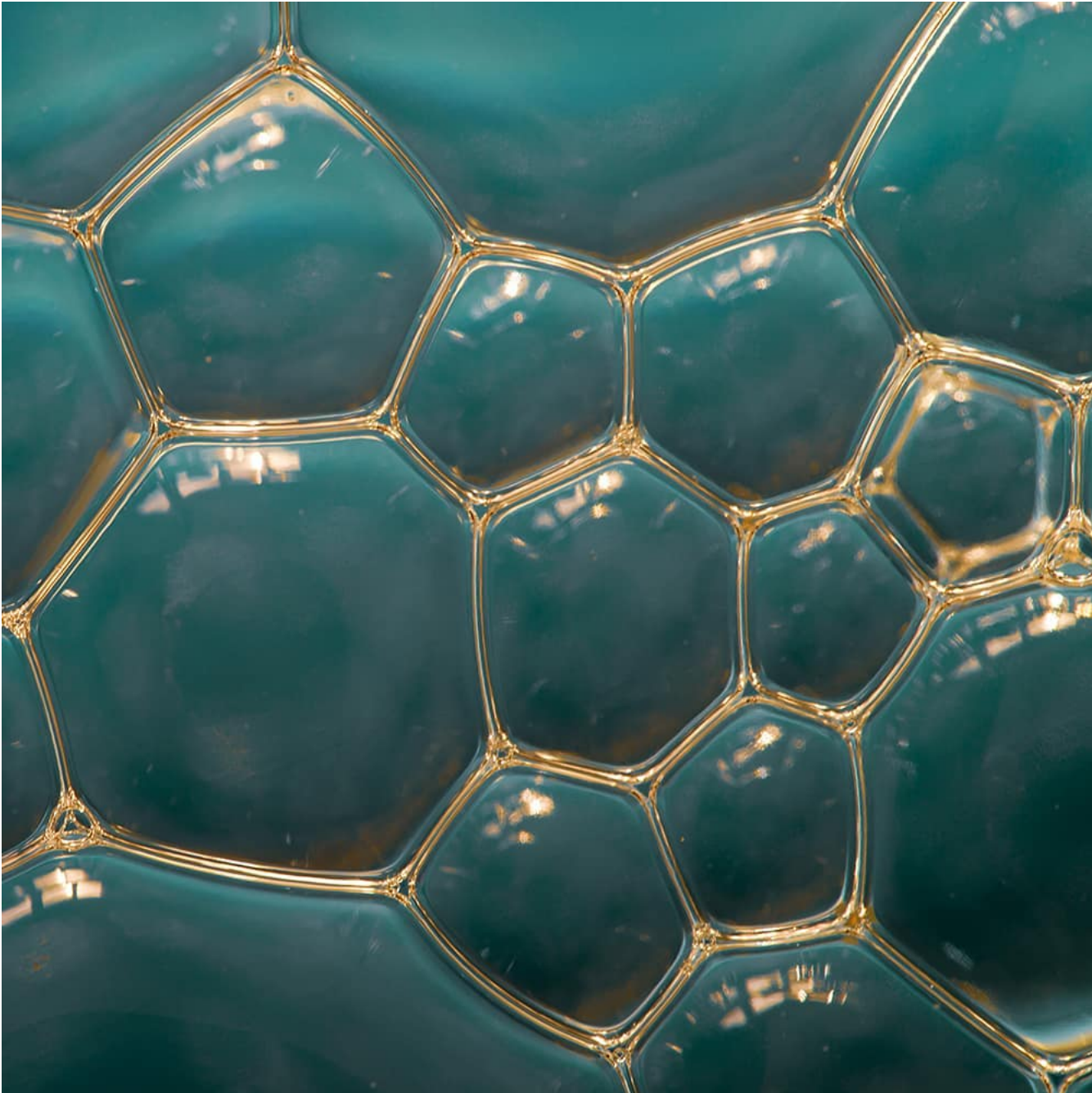
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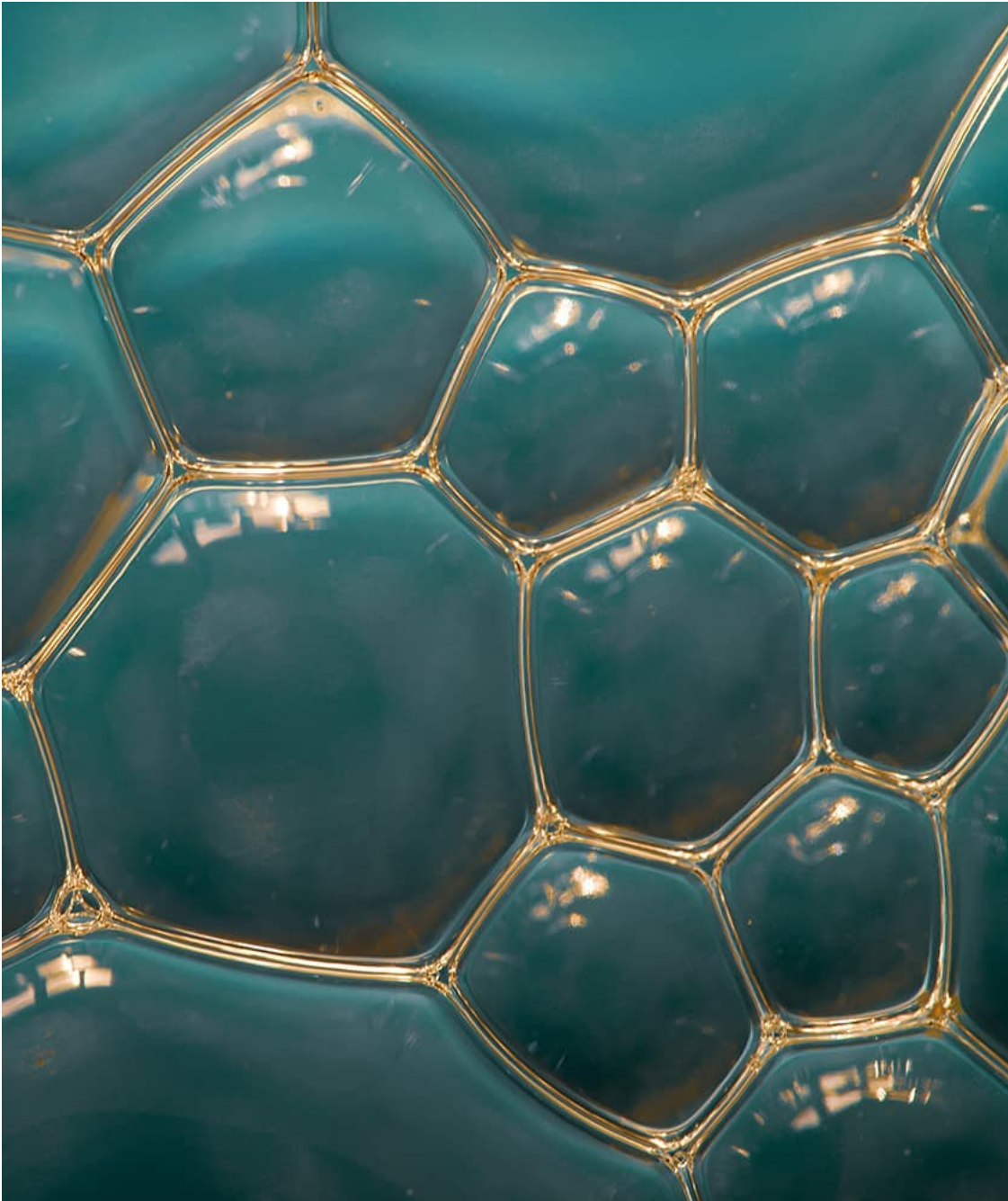
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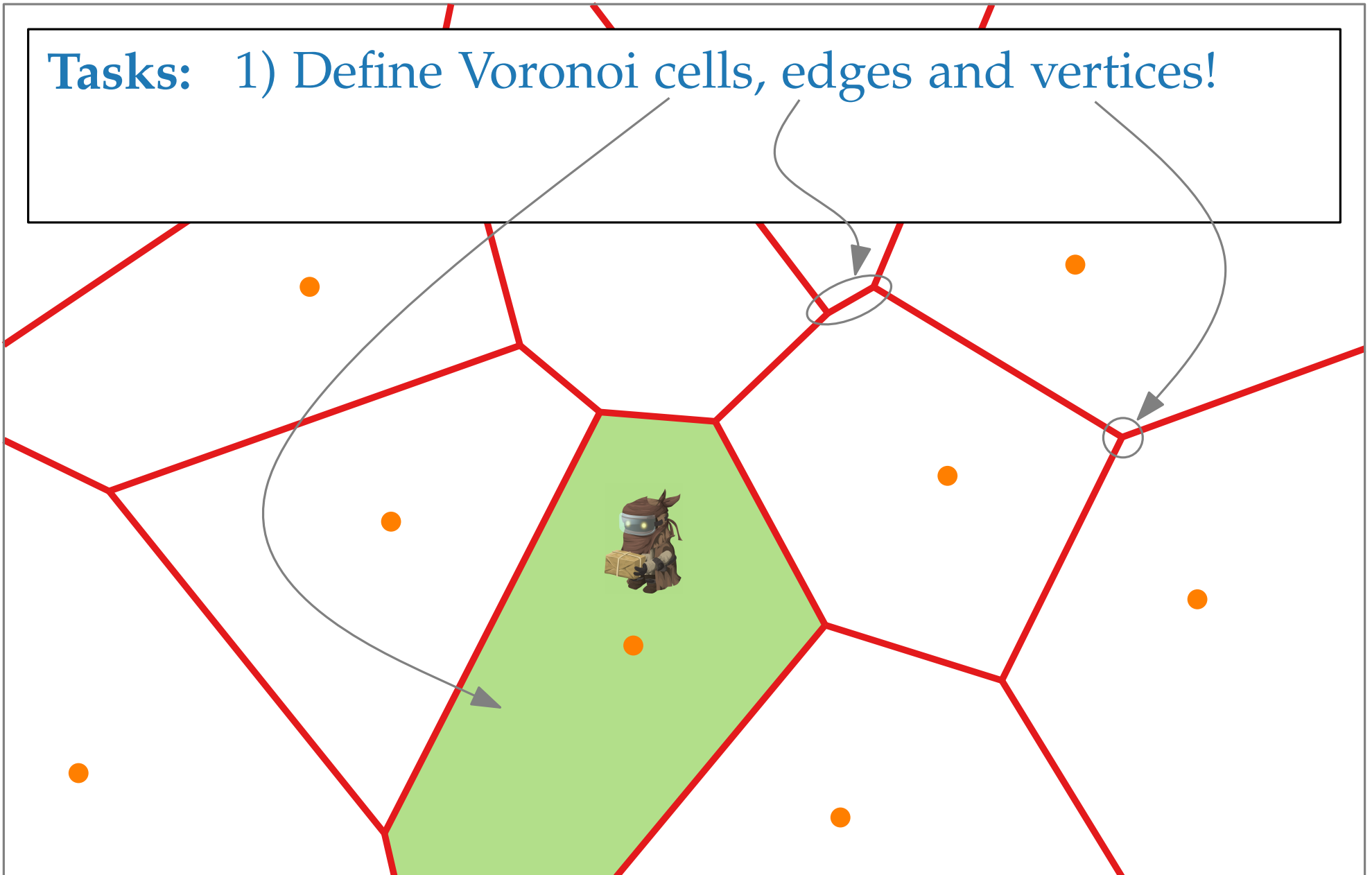


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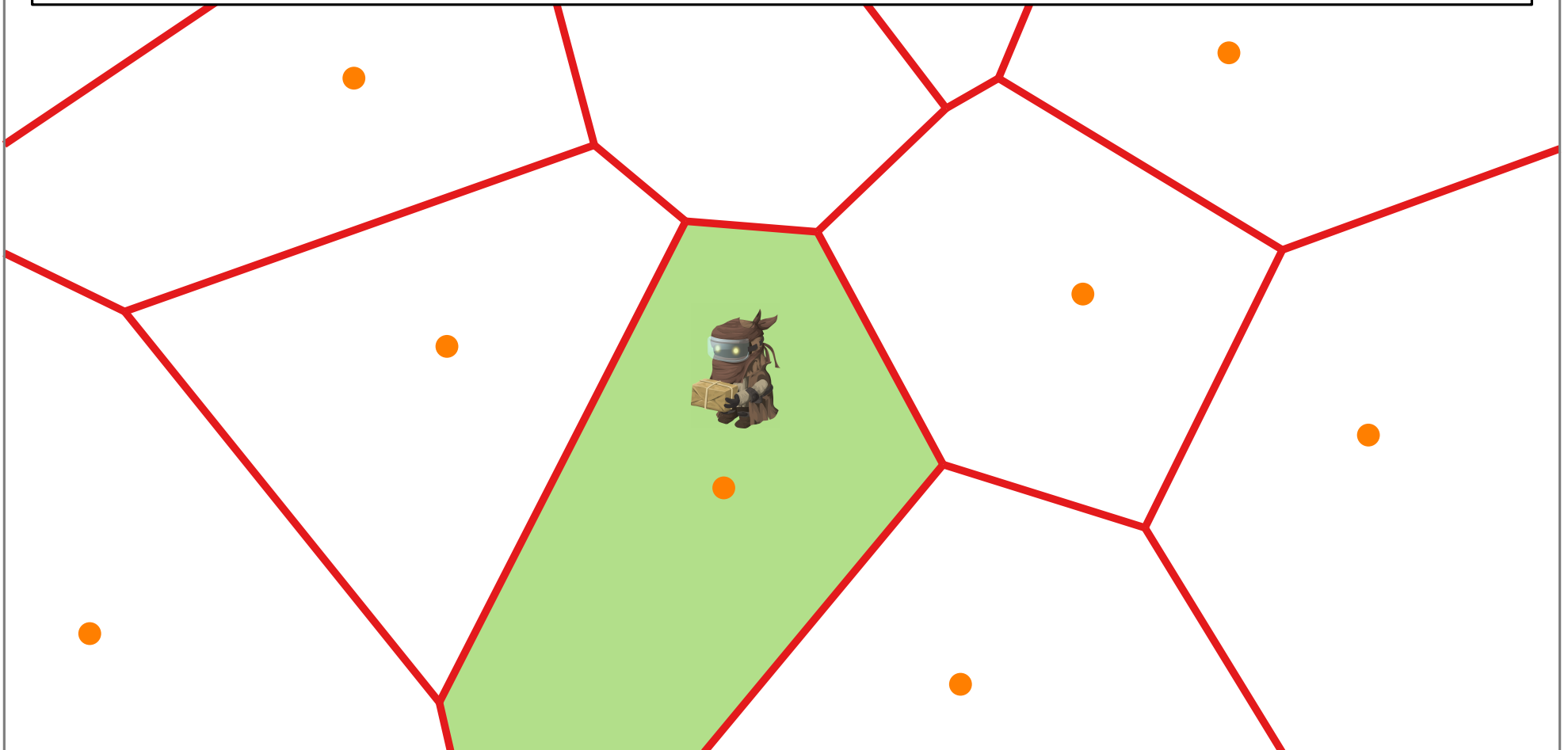
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Part II: The Voronoi Diagram

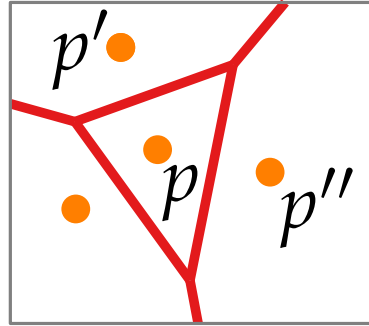
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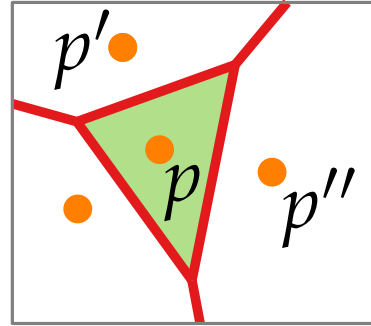


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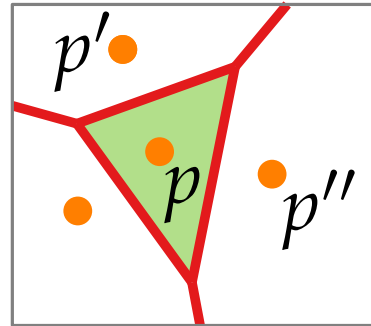


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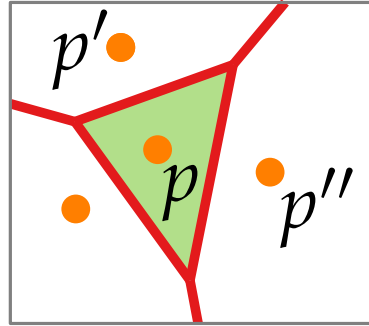
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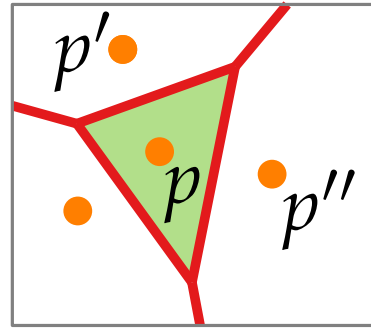
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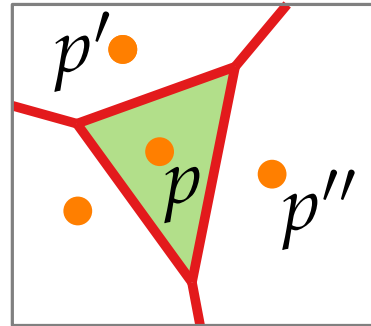
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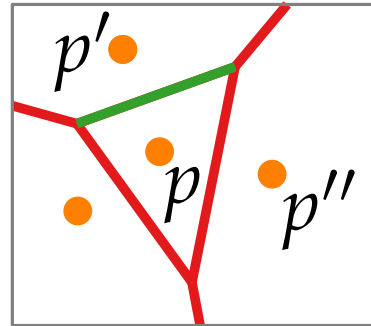
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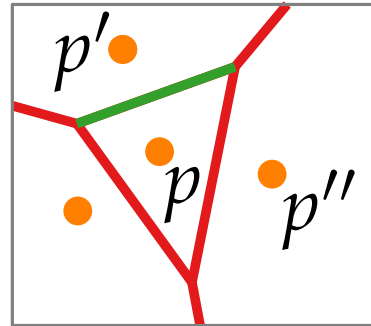
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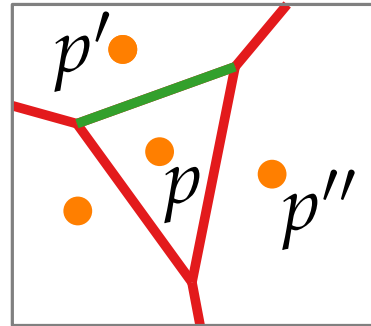
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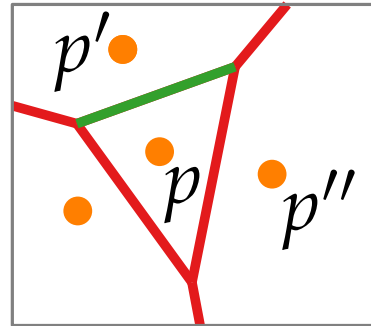
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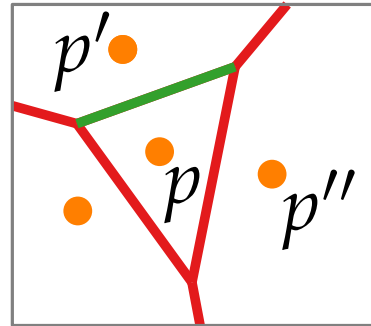
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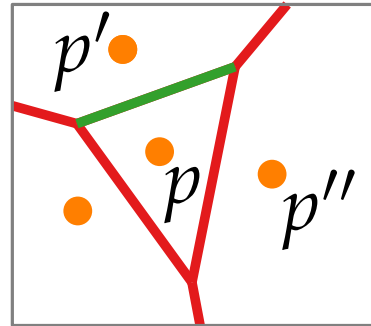
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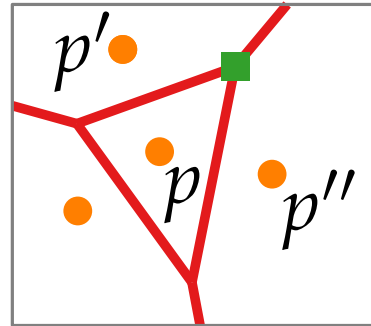
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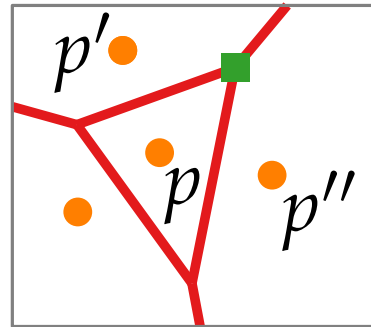
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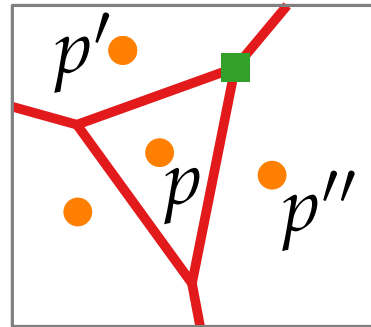
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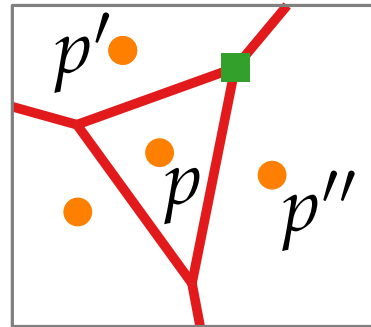
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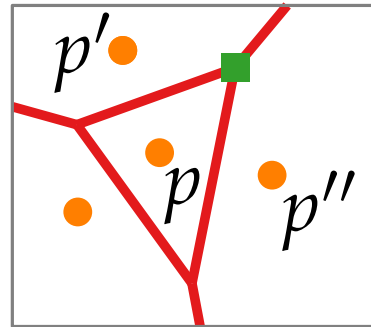
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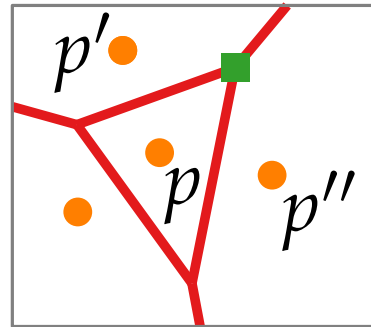
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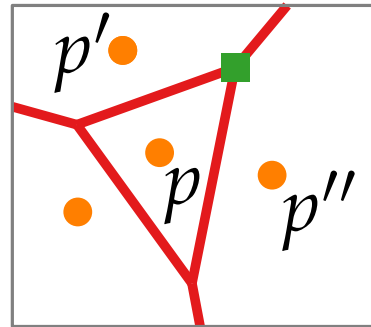
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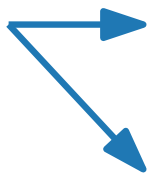
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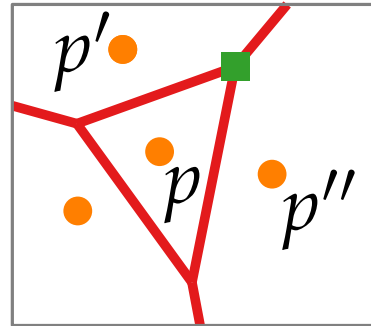
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The Voronoi Diagram

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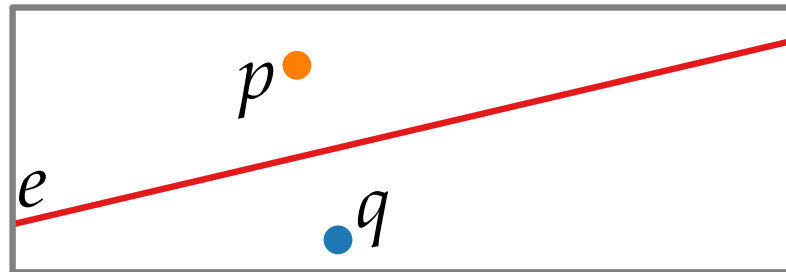
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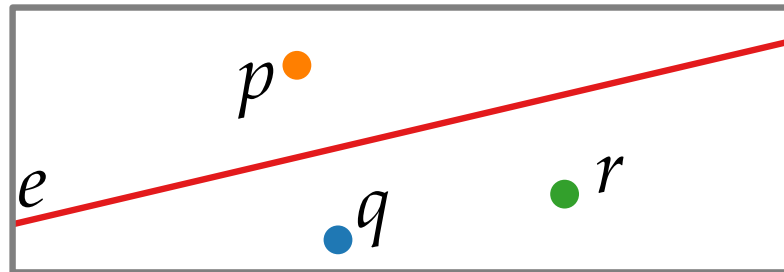
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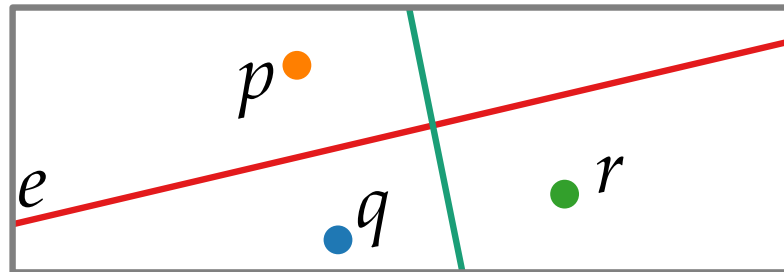


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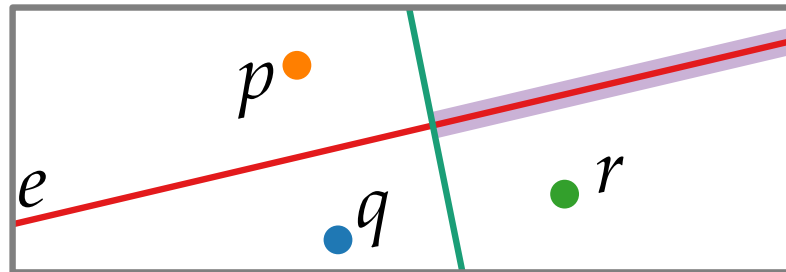


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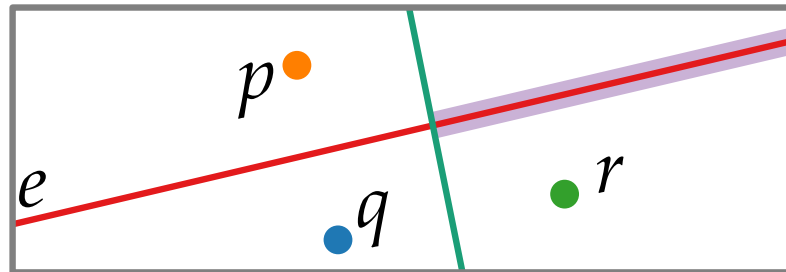
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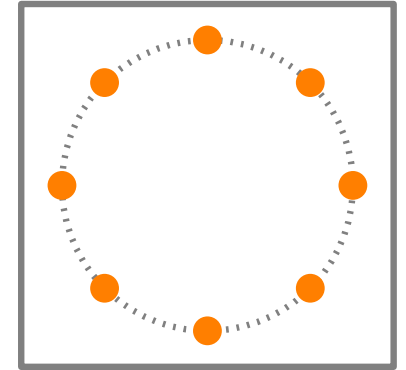
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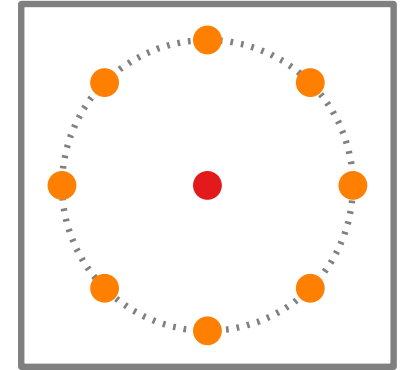
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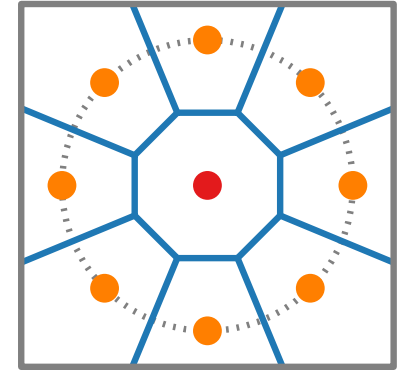
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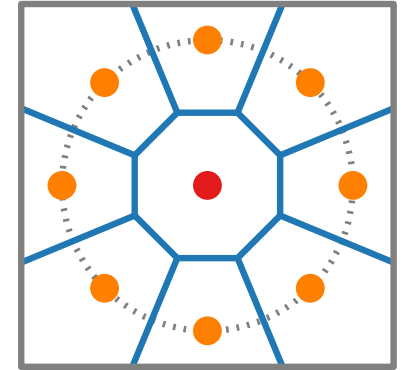
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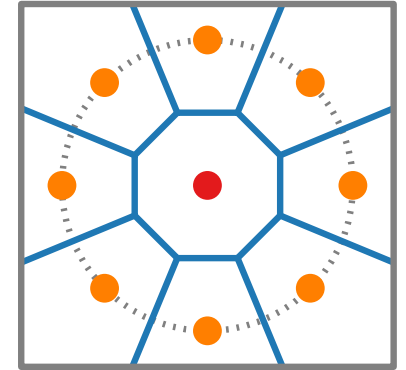
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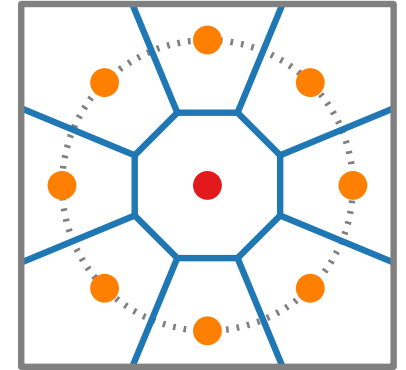
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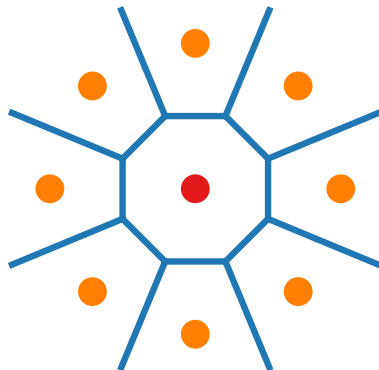
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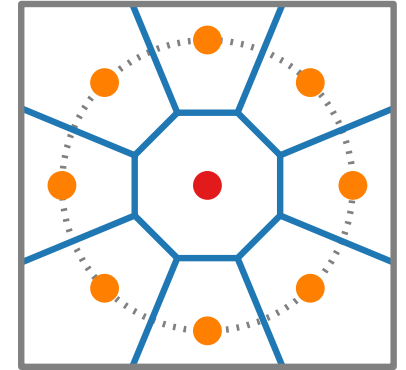
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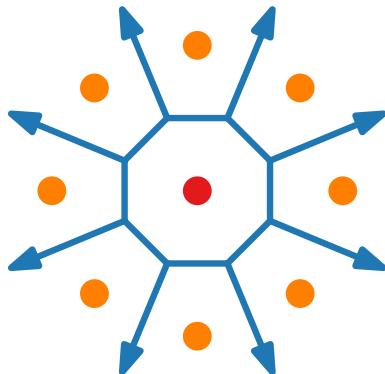
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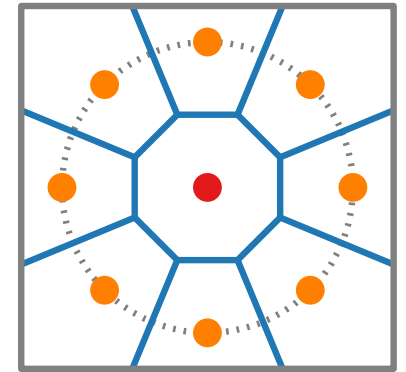
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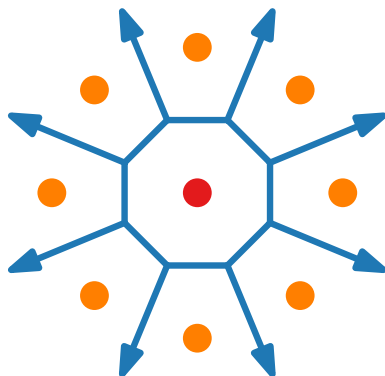
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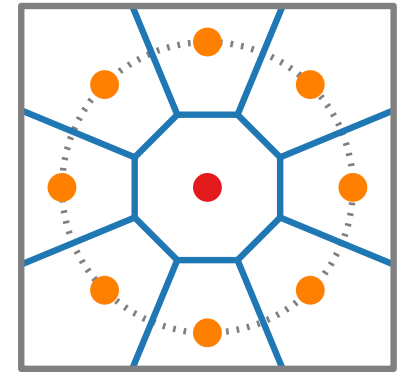
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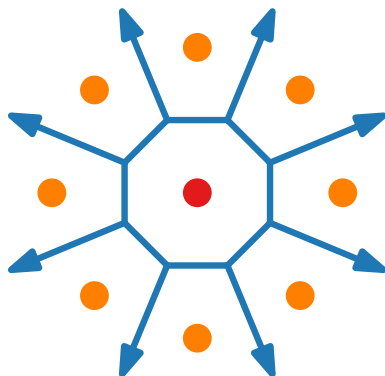
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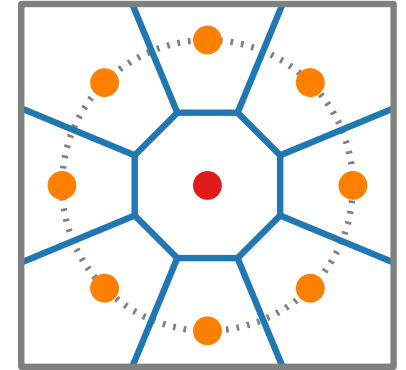
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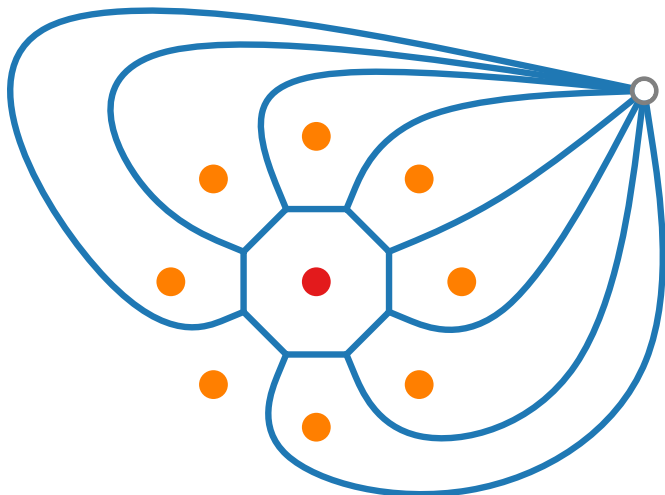
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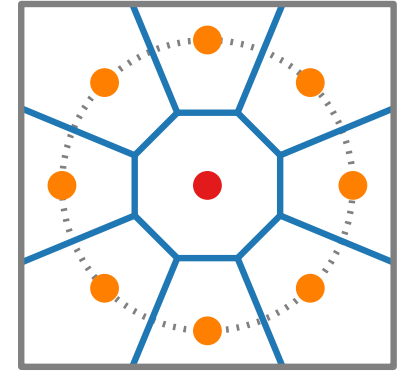
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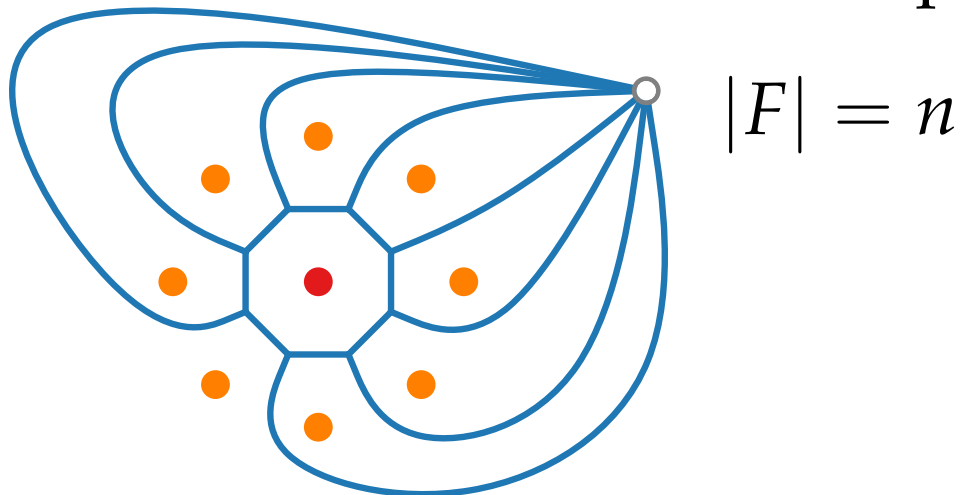
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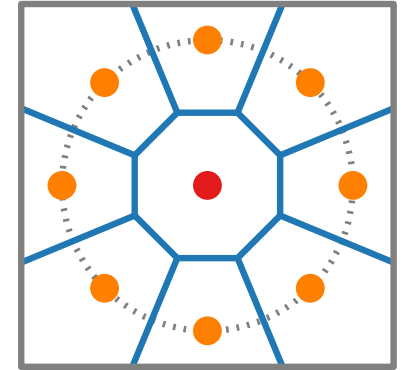
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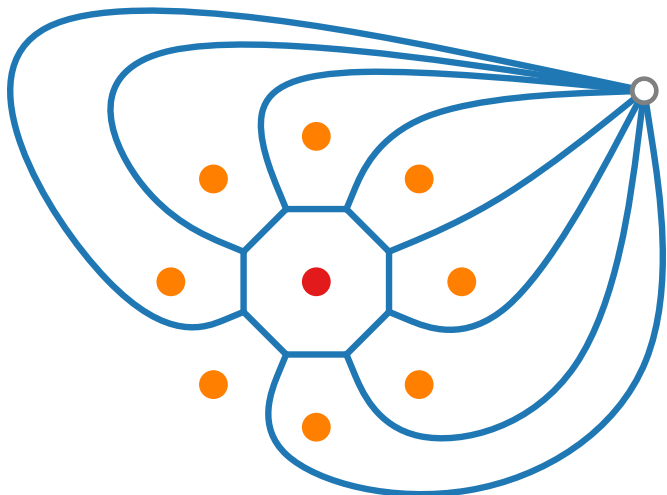
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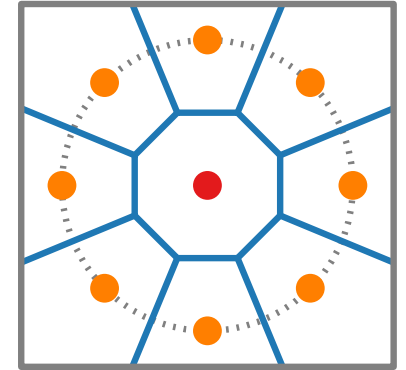
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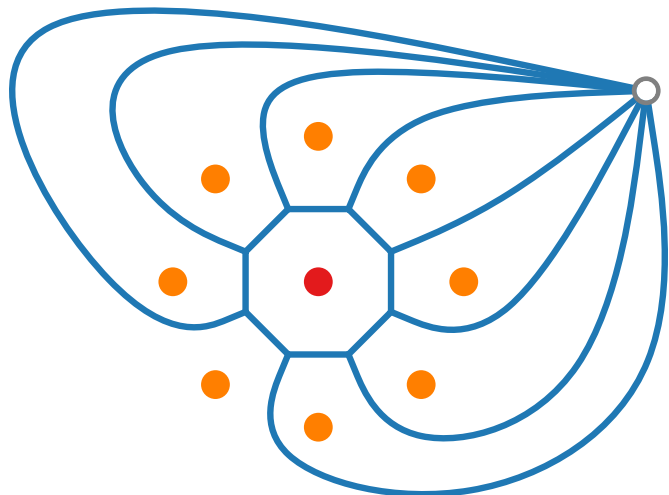
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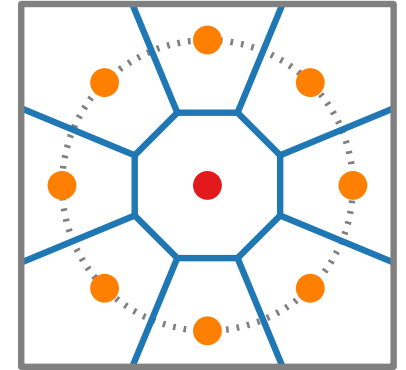


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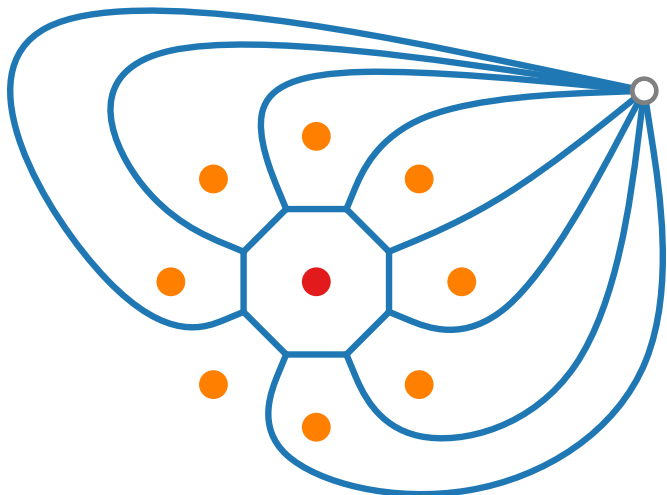
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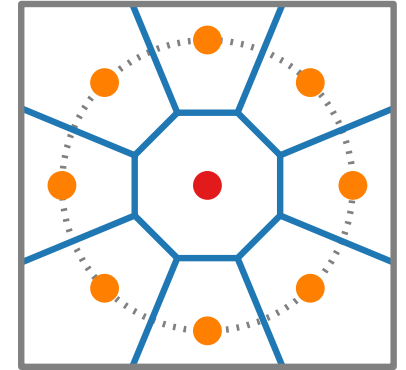
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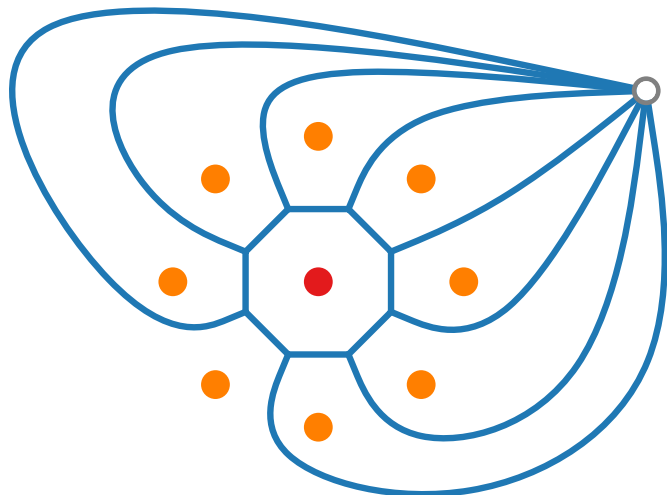
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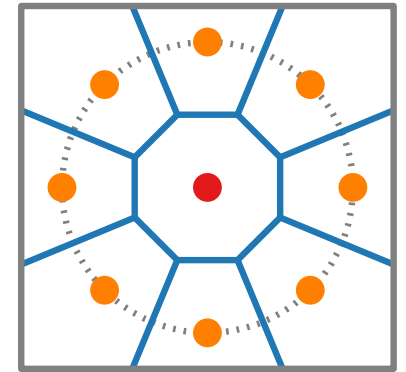
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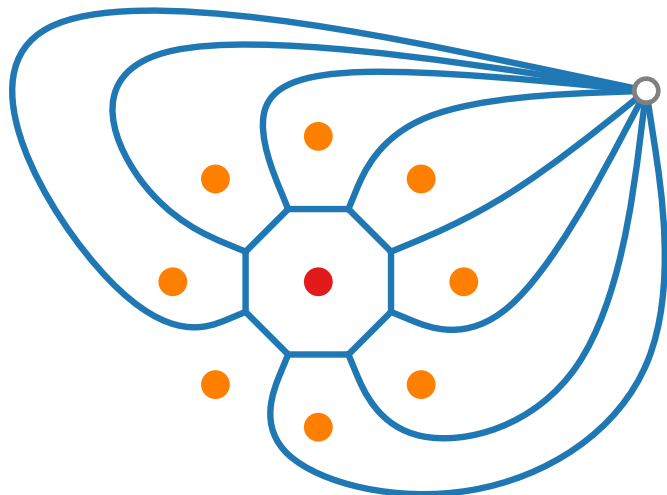
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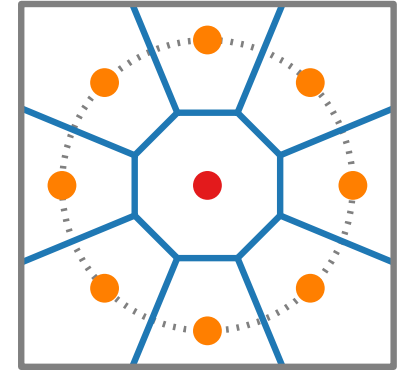
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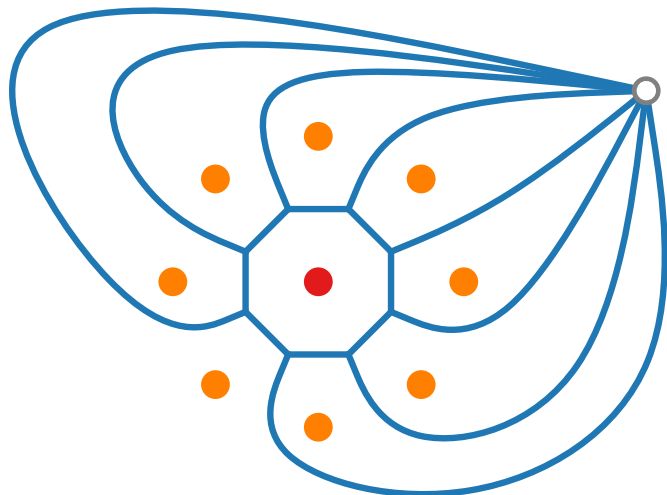
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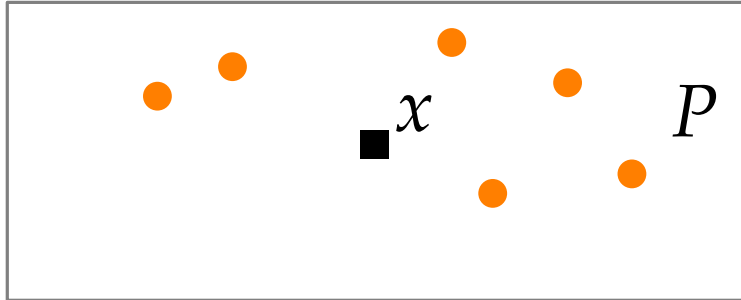
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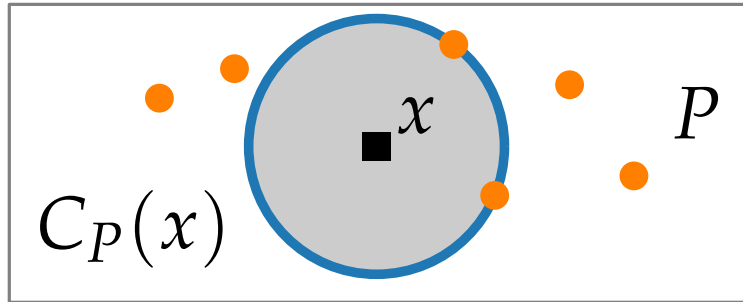
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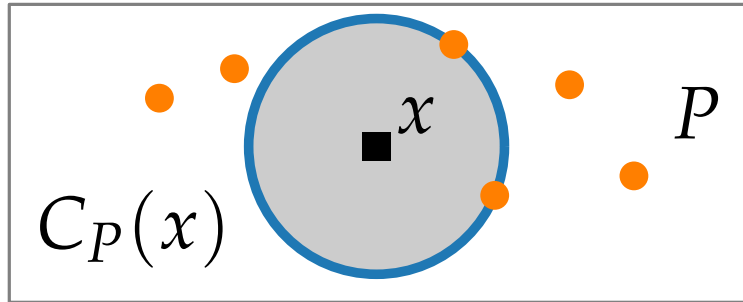
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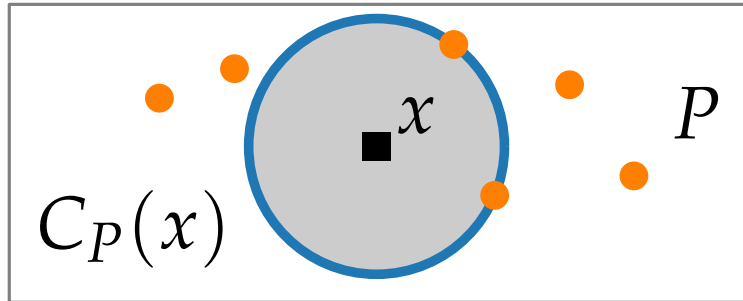
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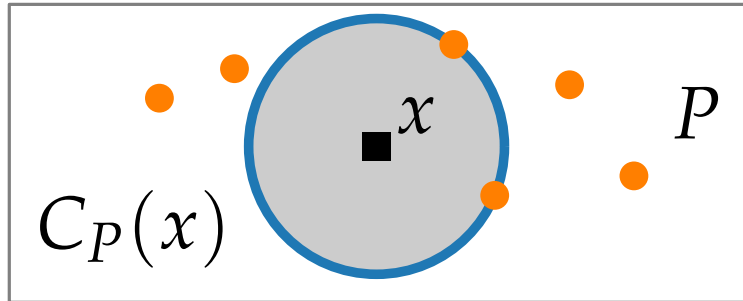
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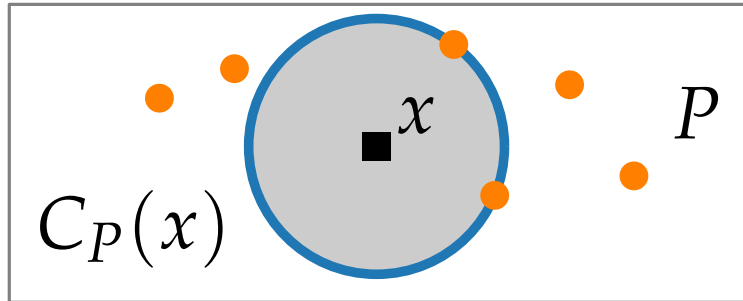
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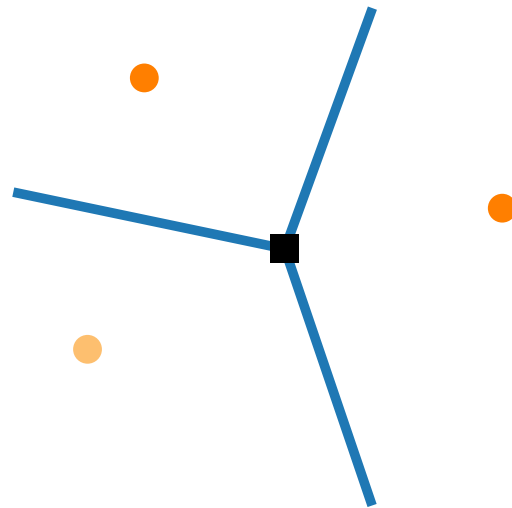
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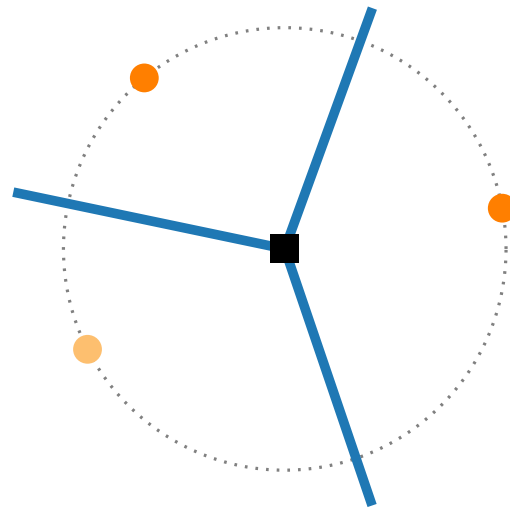
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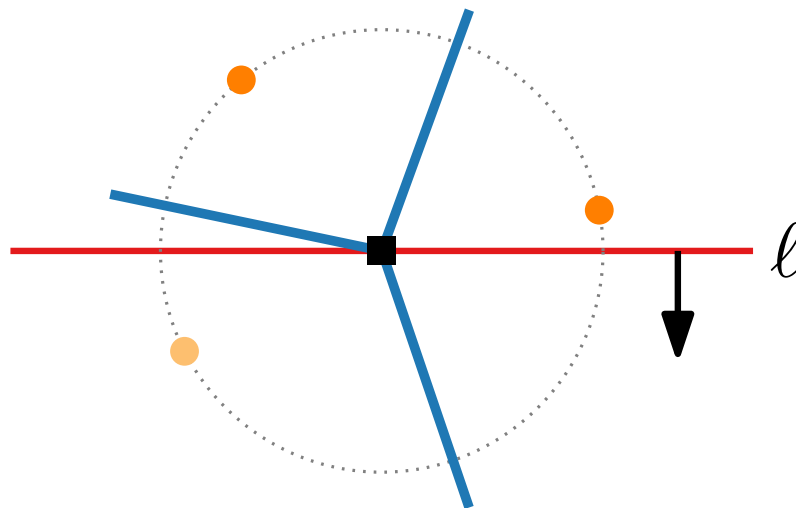
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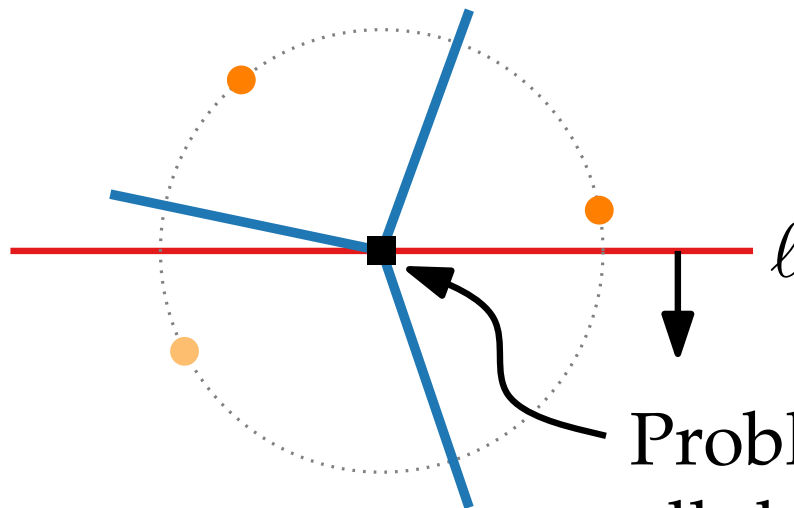
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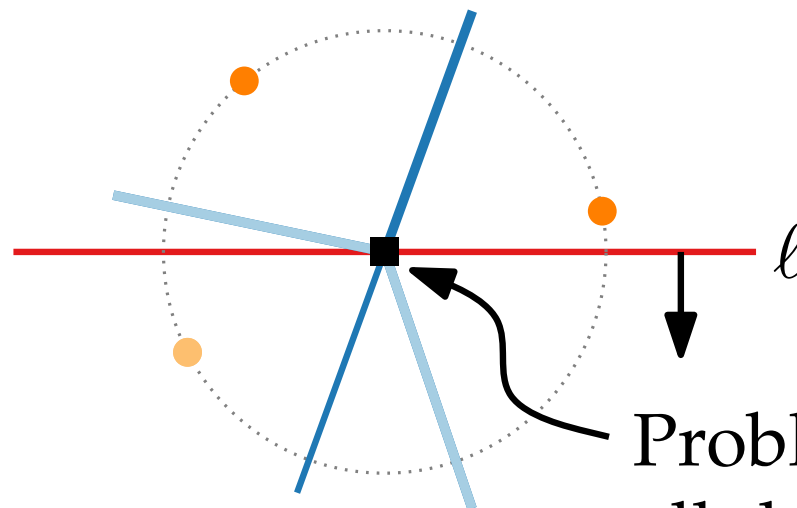
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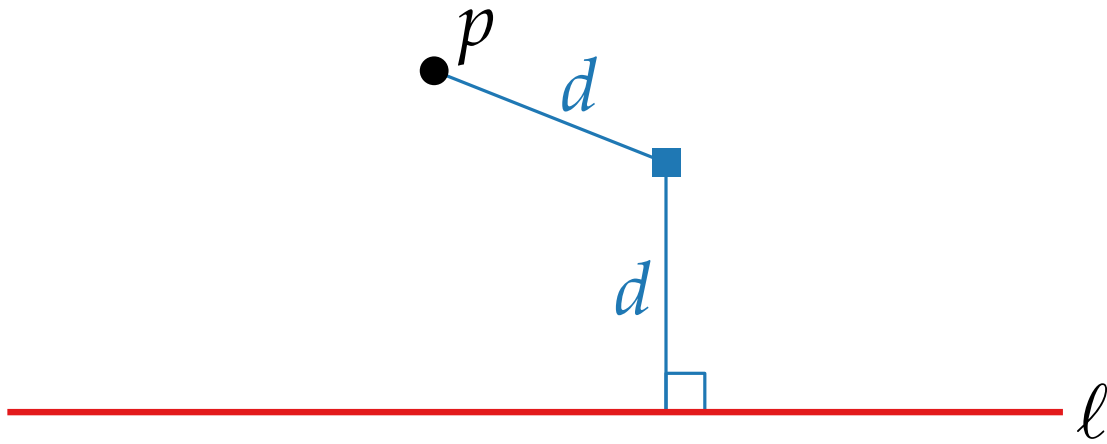
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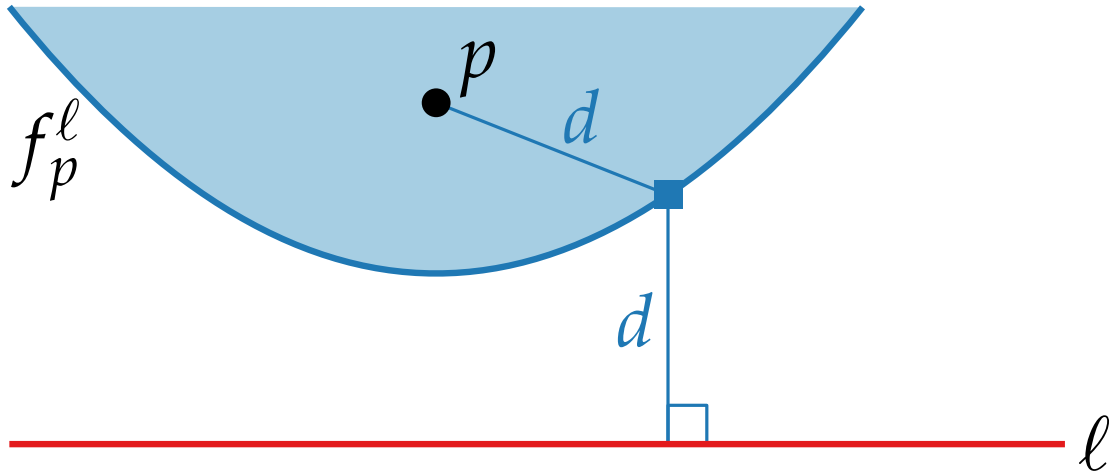
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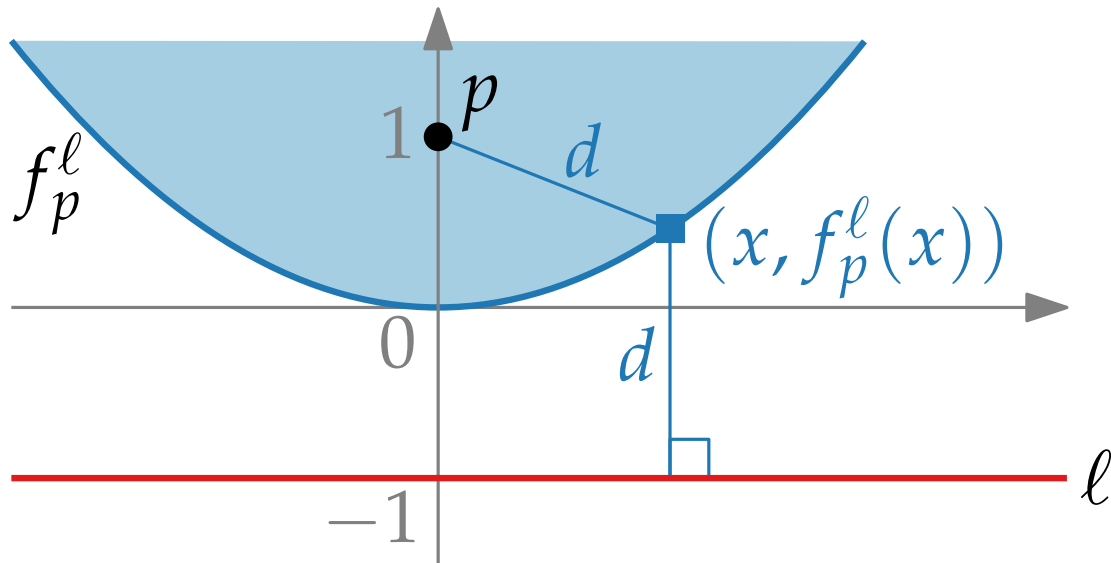
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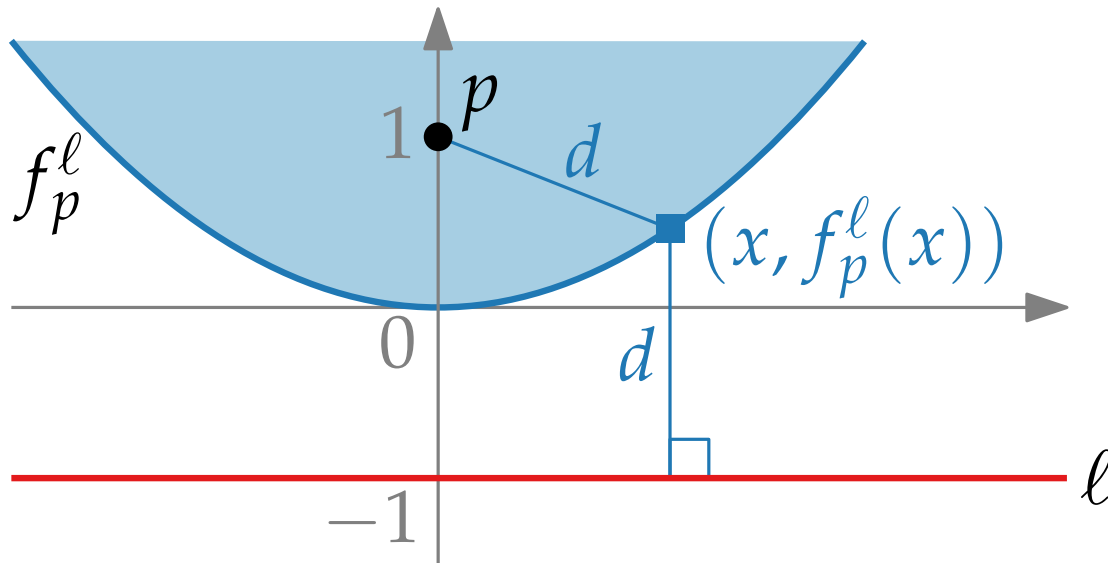
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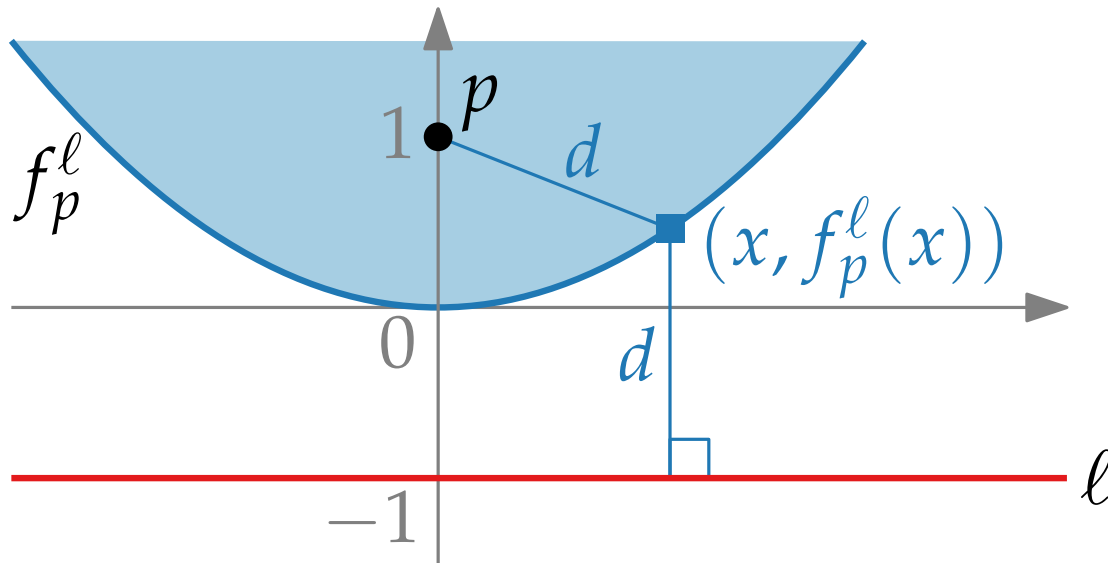
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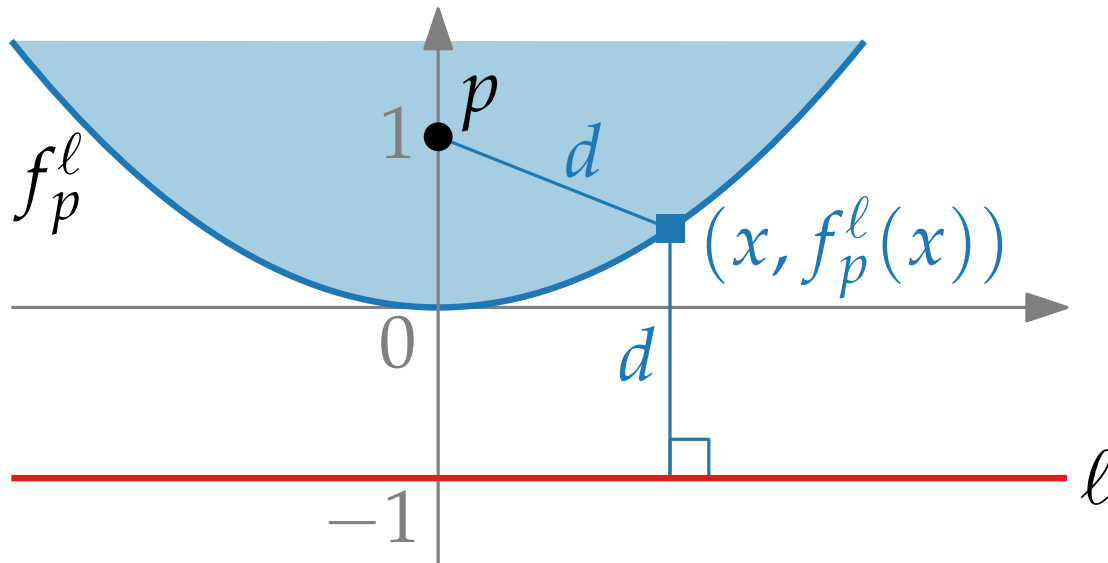
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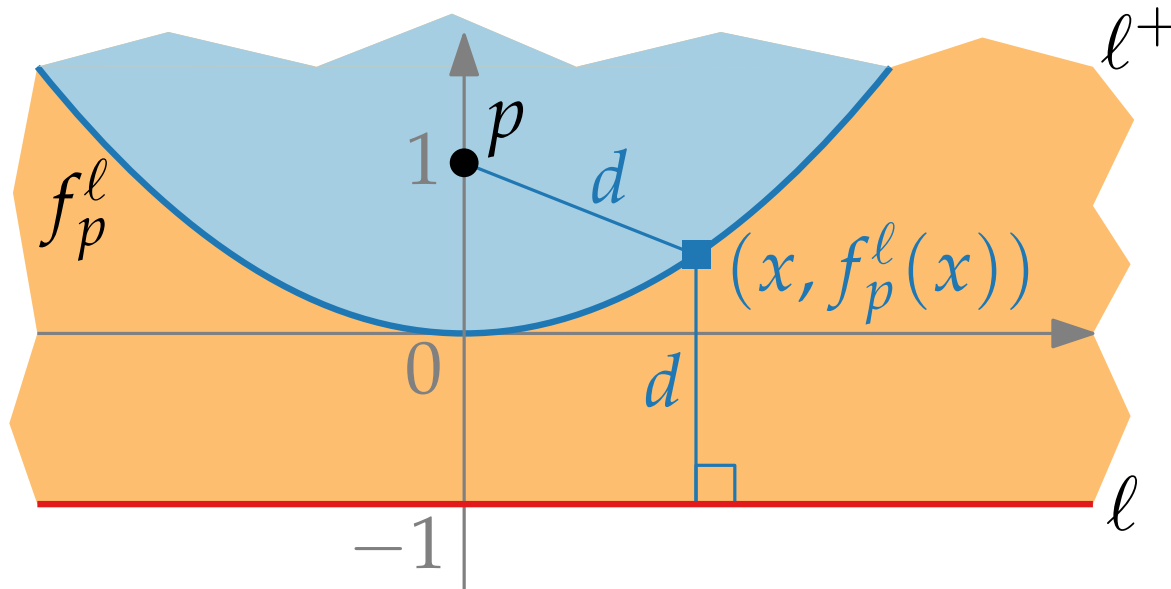
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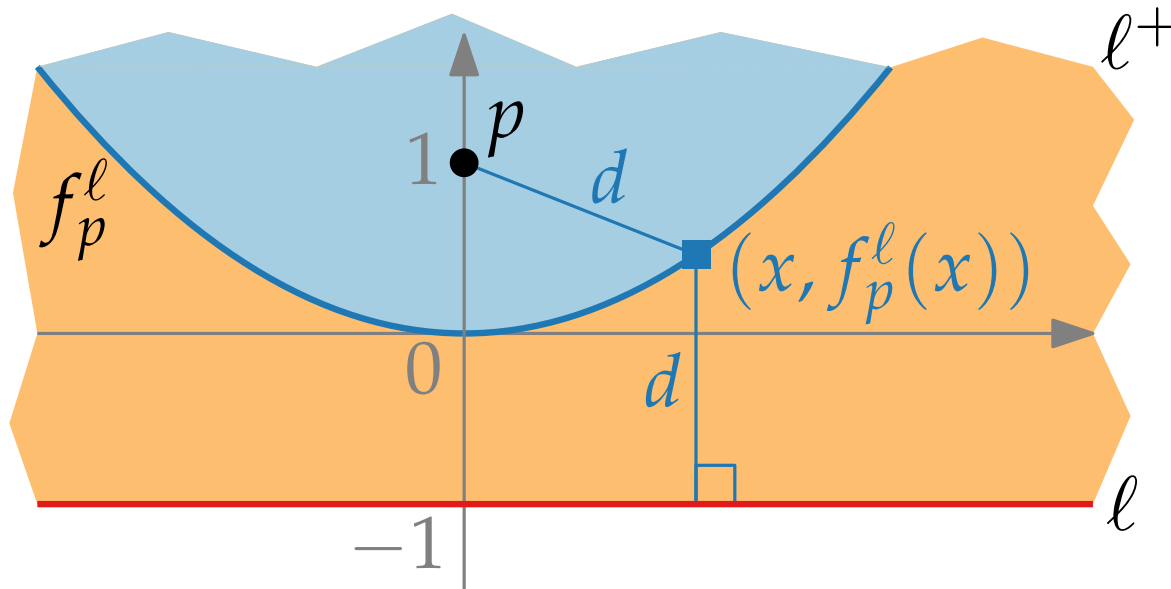
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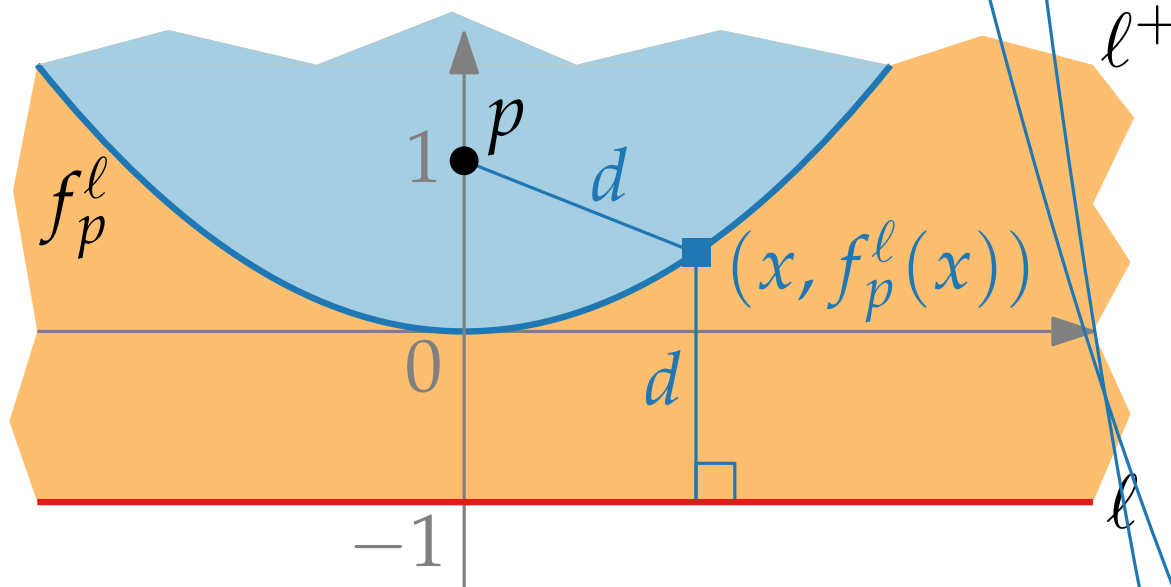
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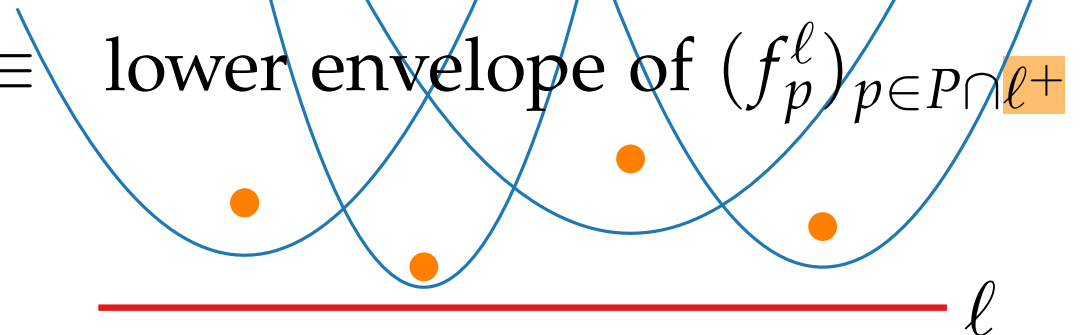
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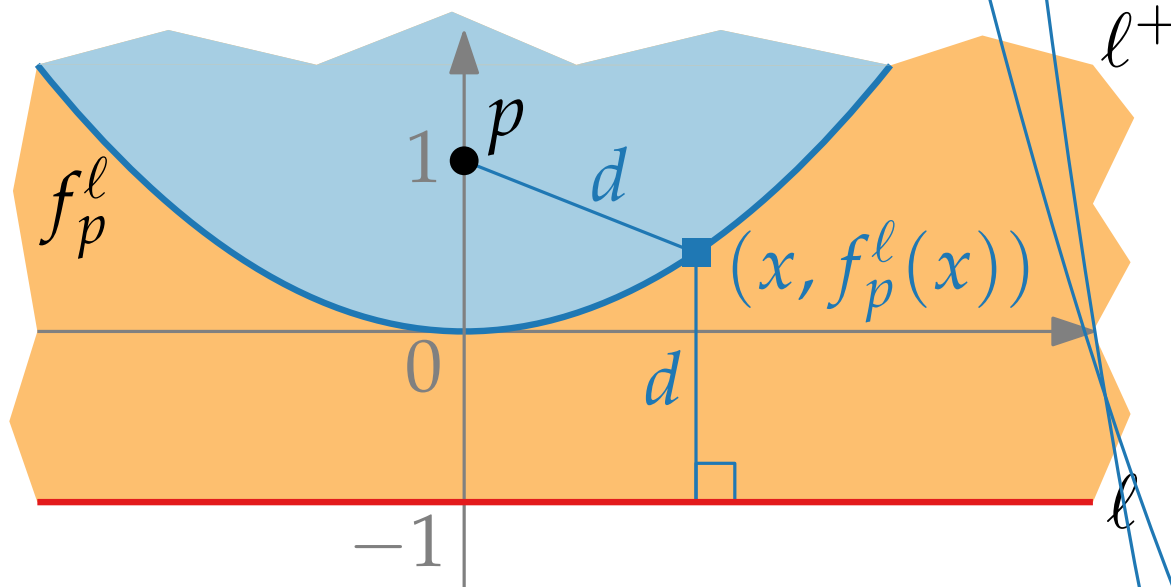
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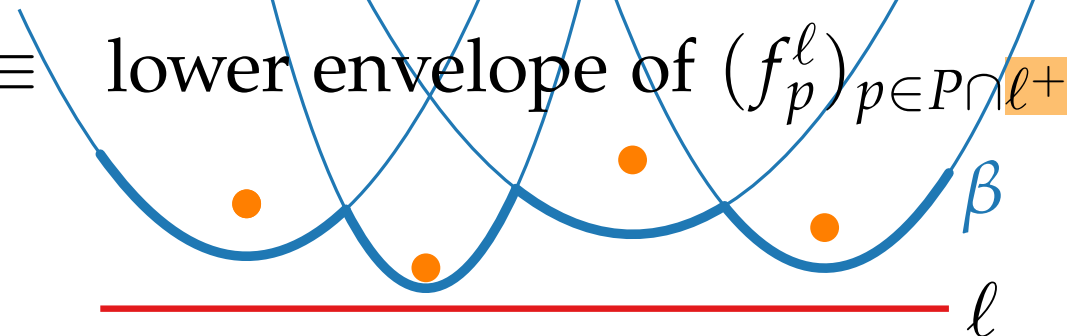
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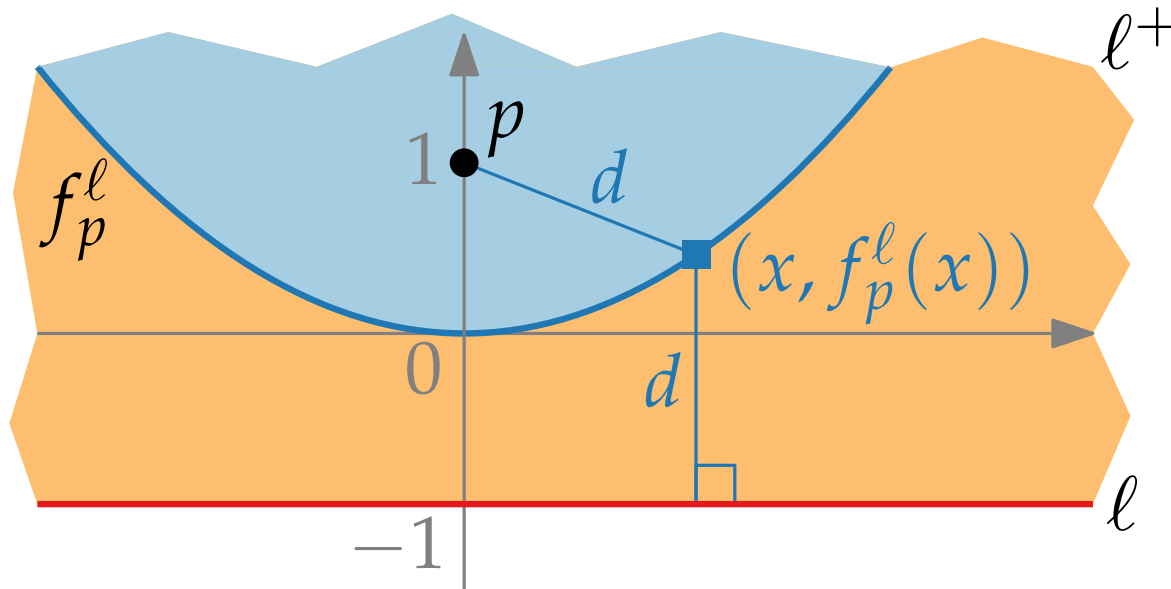
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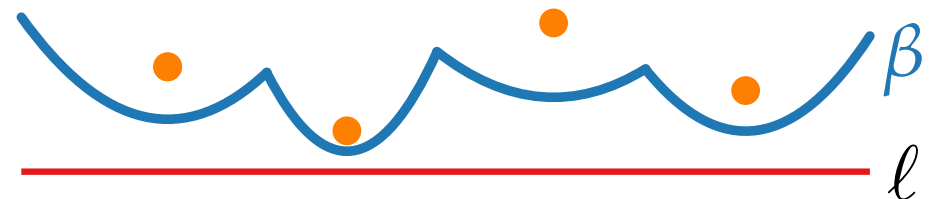


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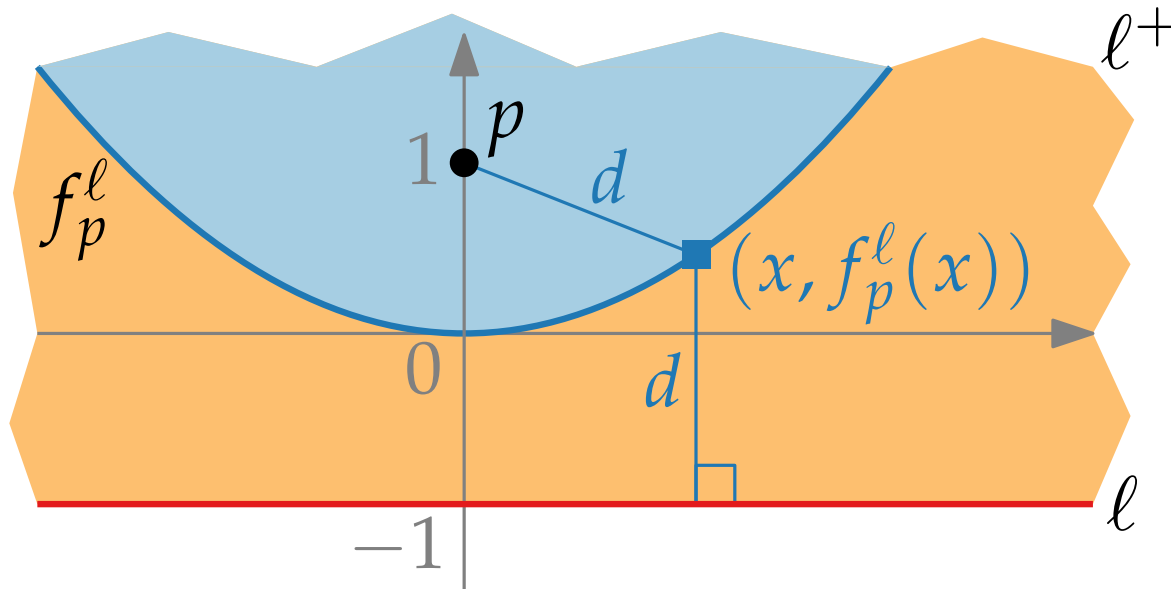
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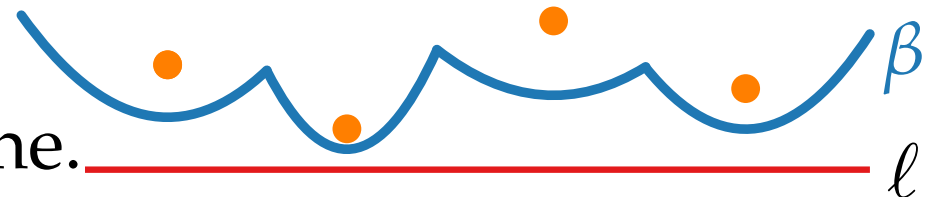
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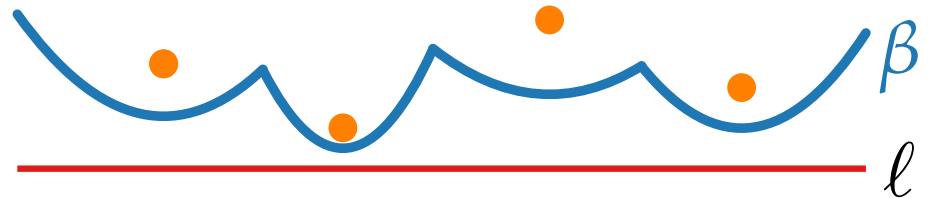
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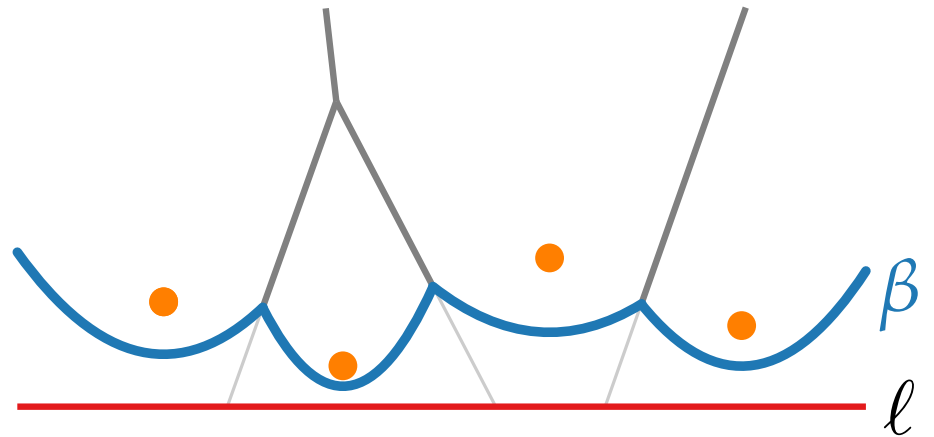
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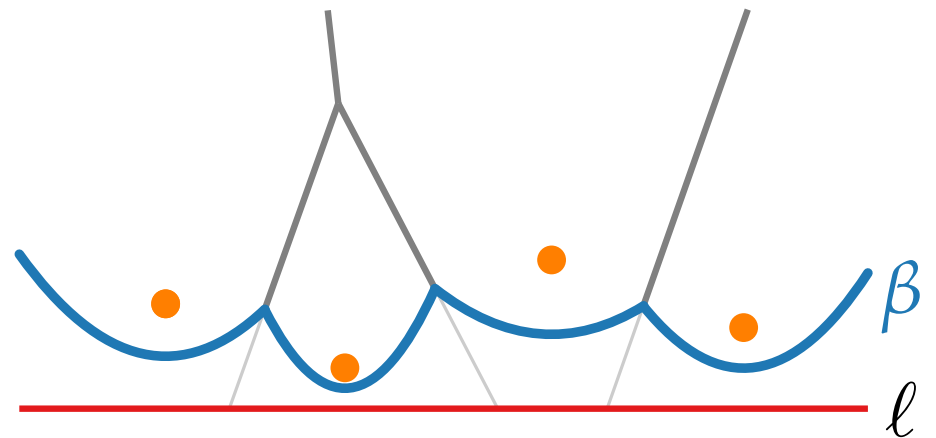
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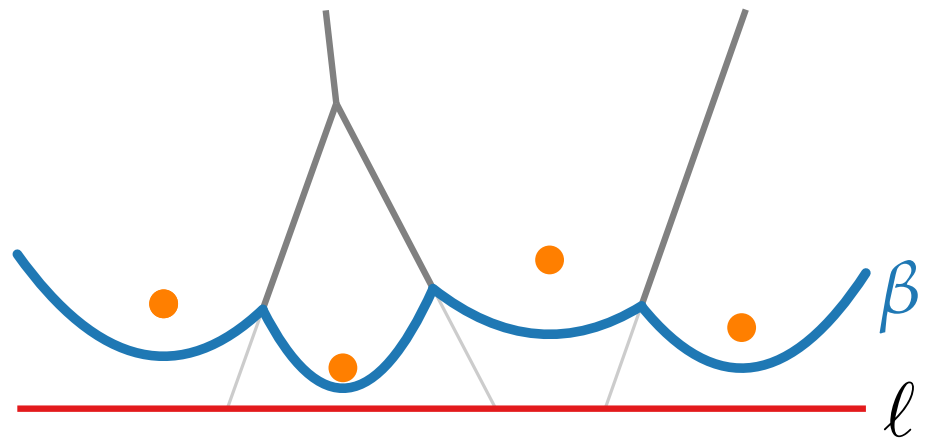


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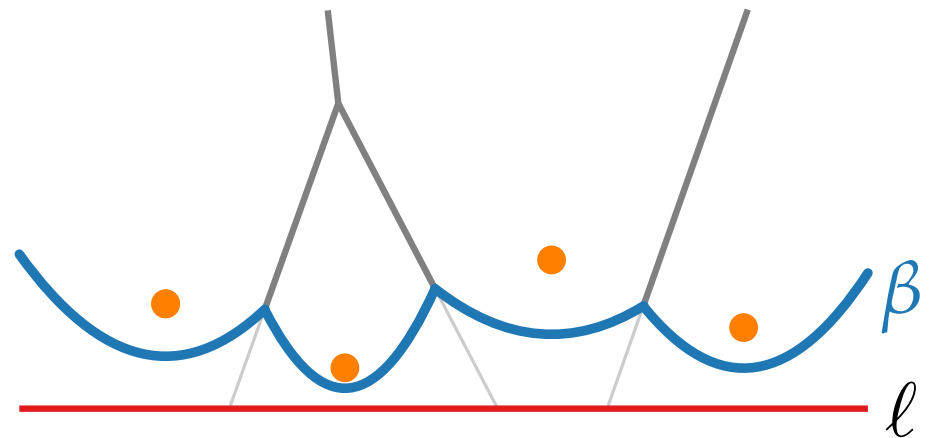


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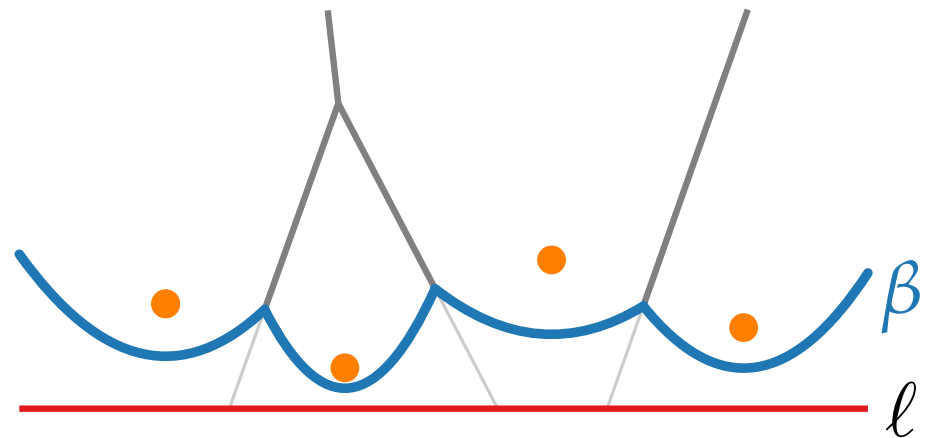
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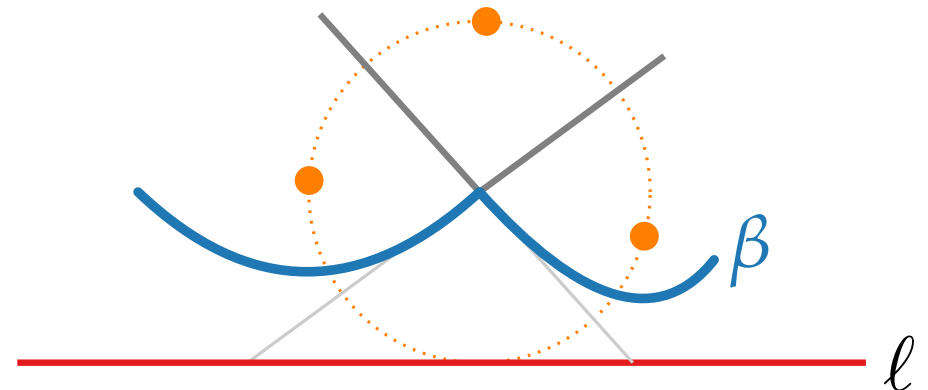
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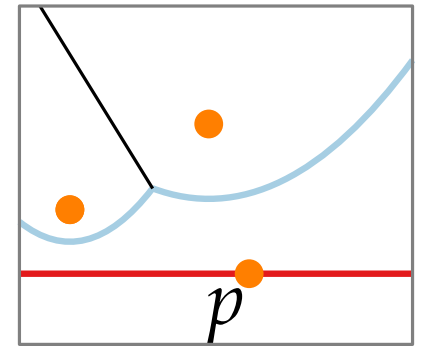
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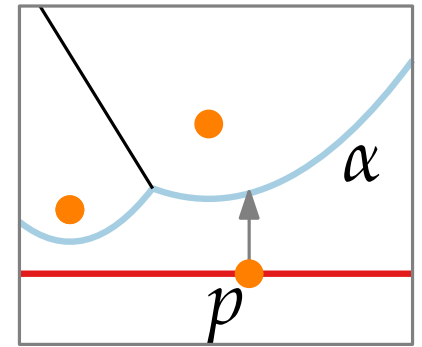


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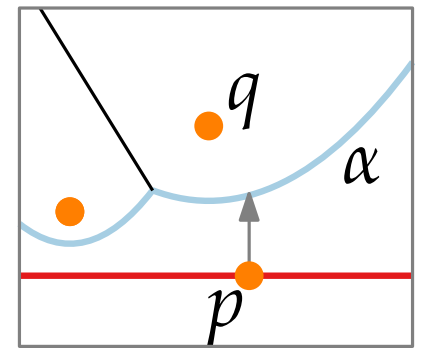


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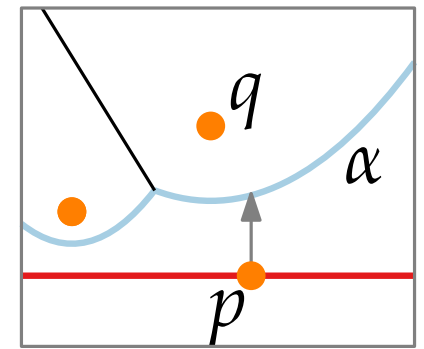
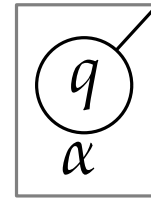
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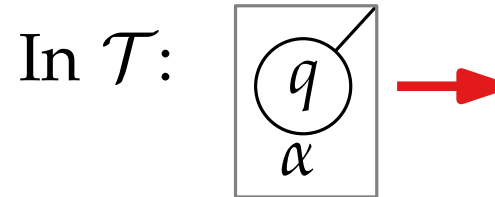
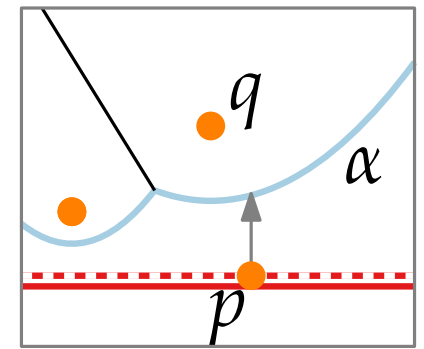


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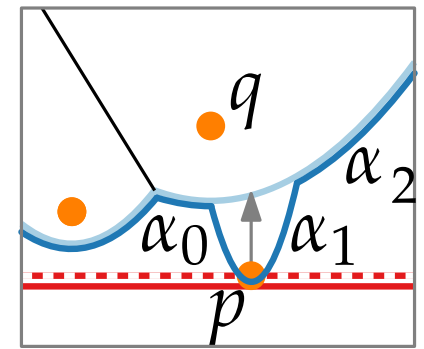


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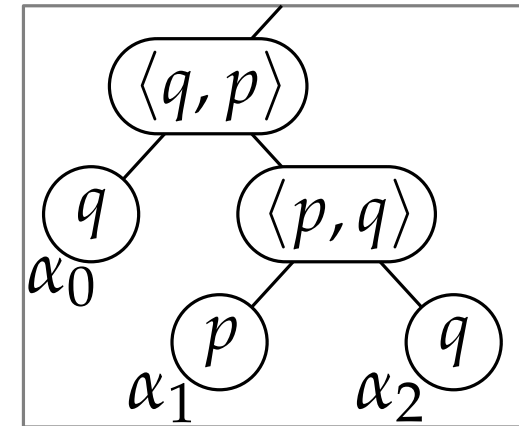
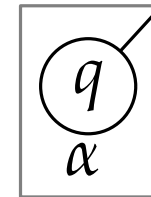
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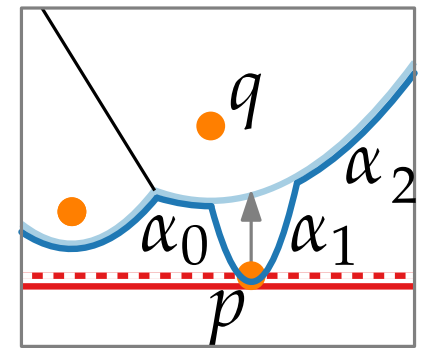


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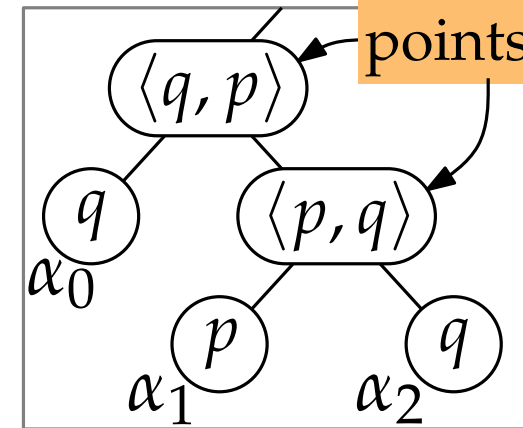
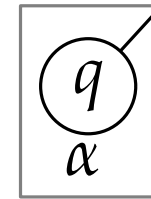
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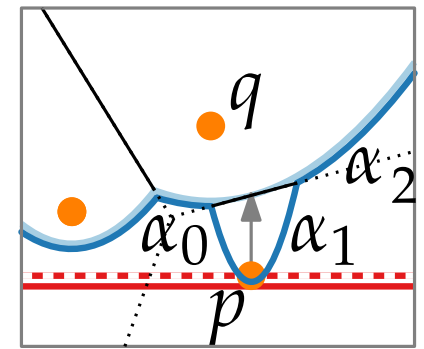


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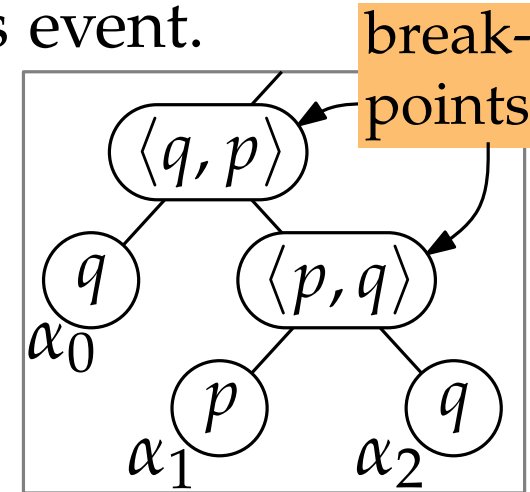
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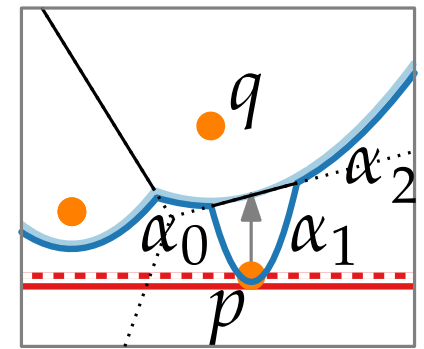


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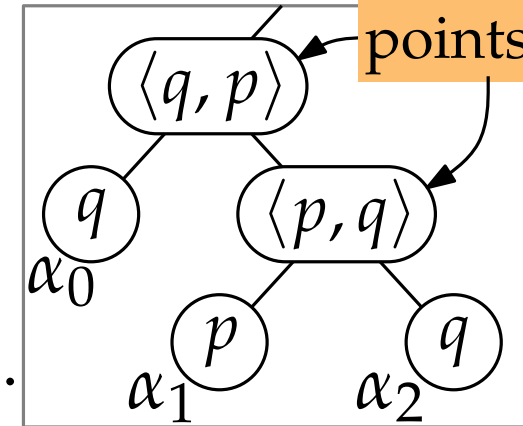
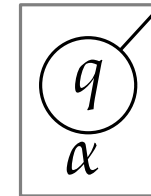
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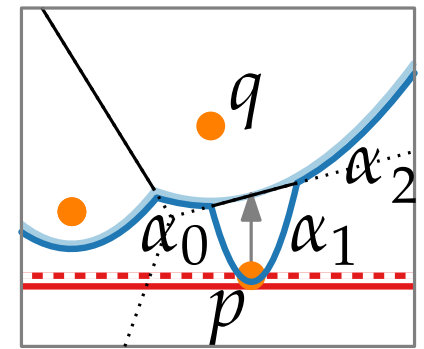


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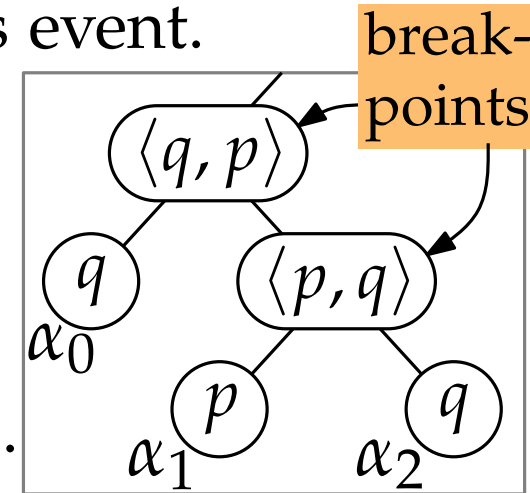
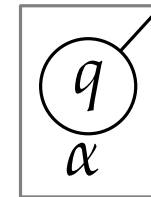
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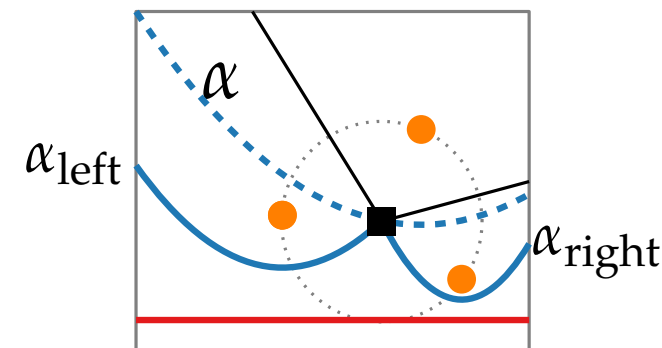
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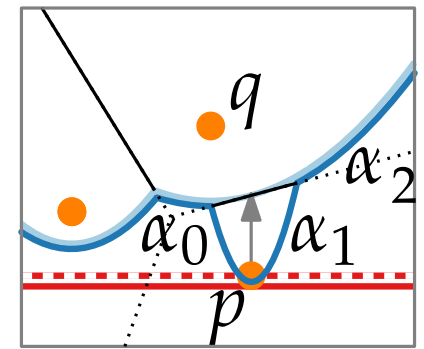
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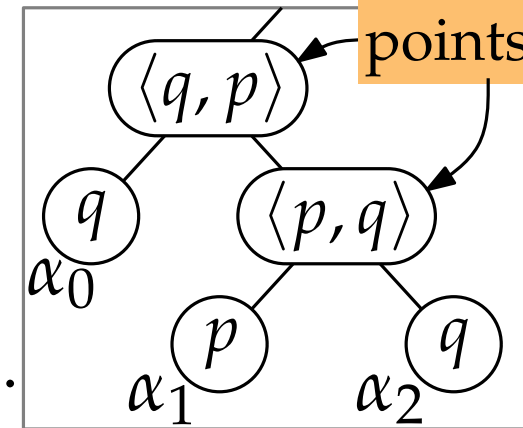
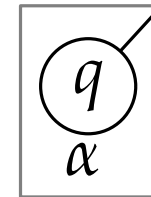
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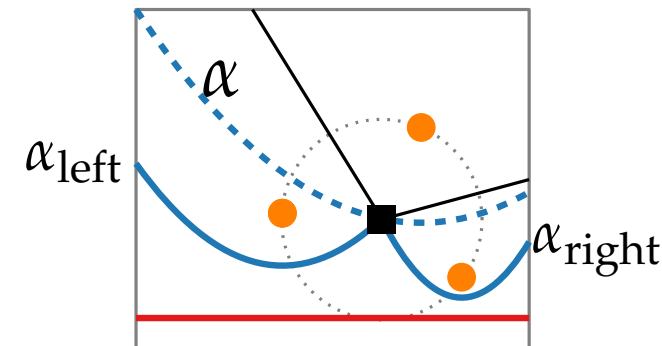


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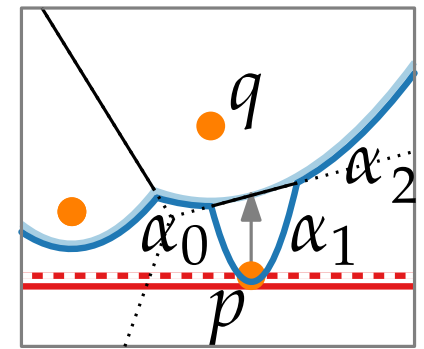
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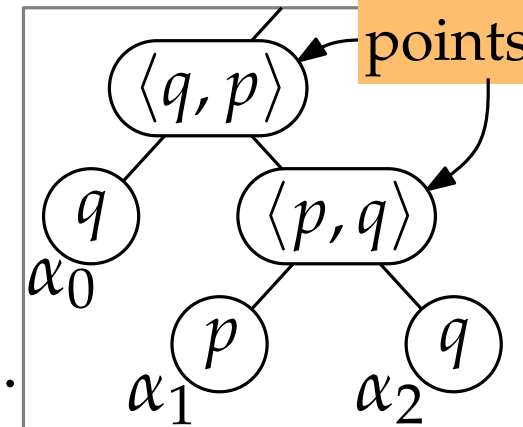
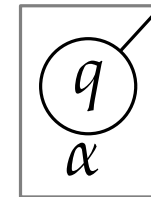
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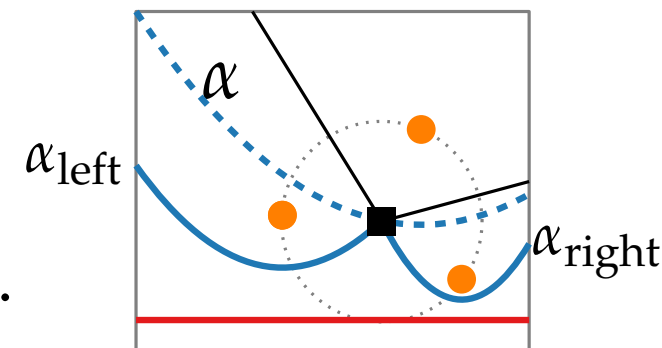


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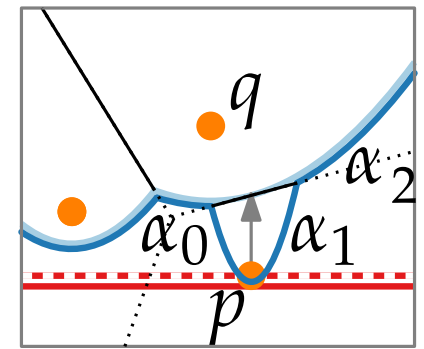
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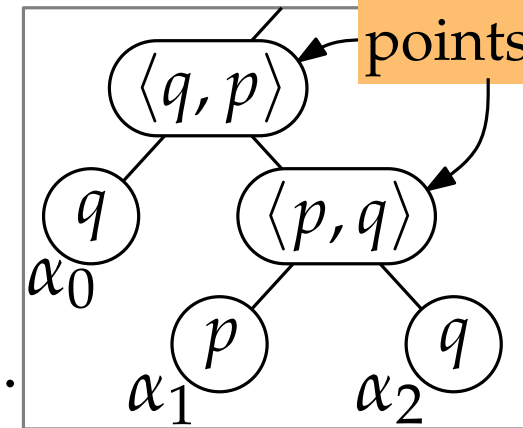
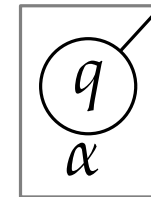
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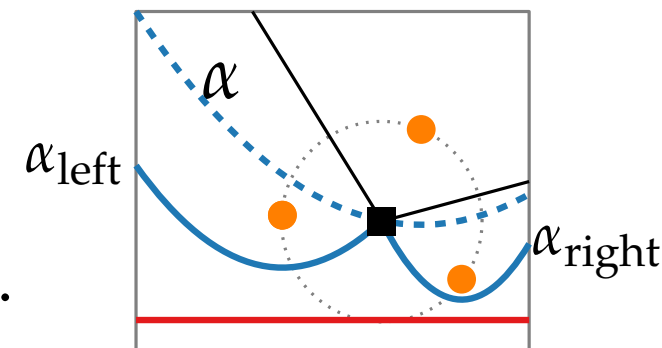


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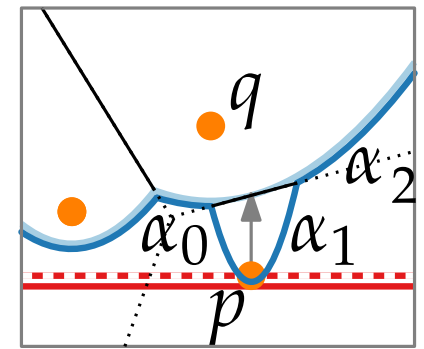
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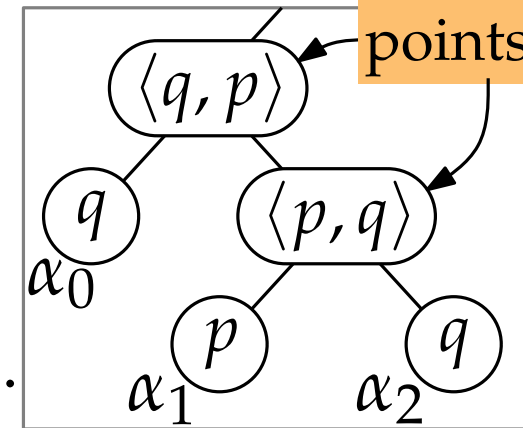
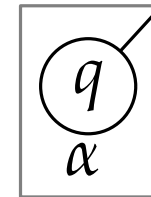
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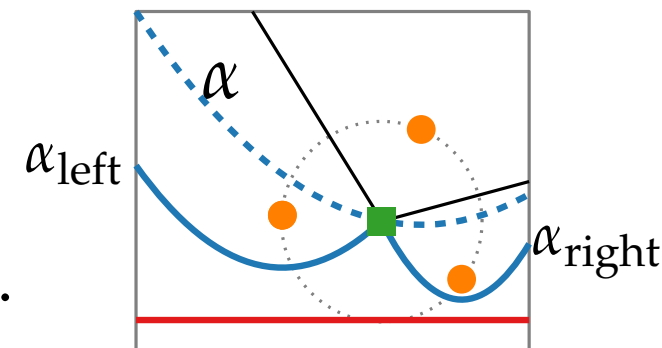


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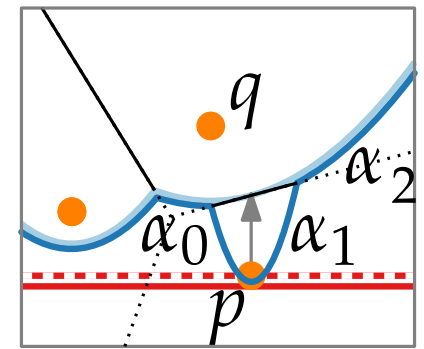
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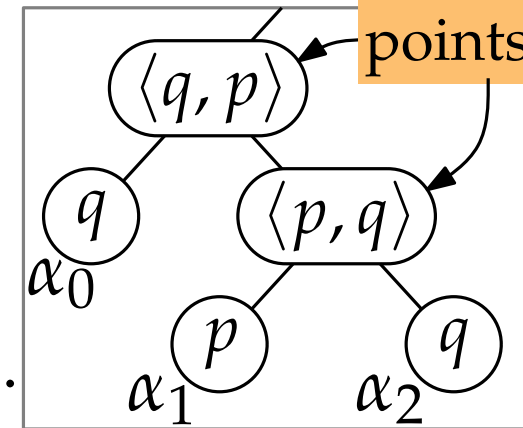
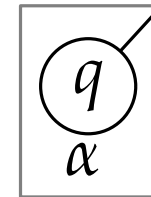
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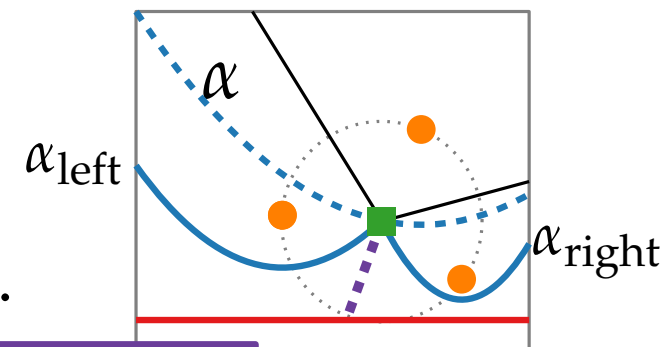


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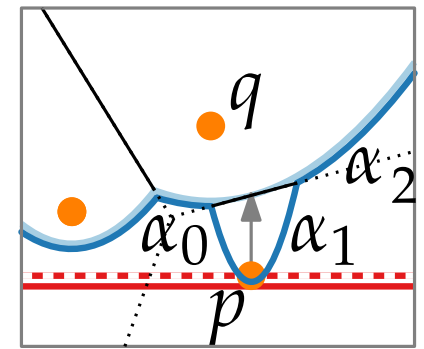
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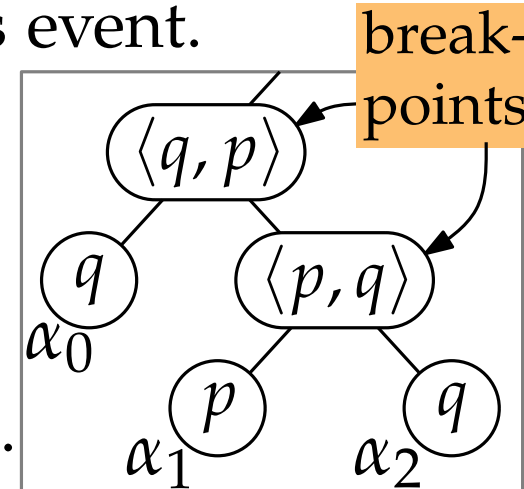
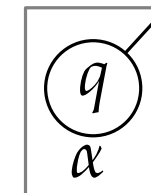
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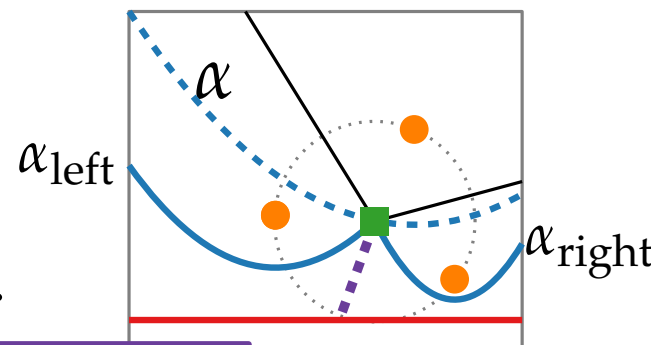


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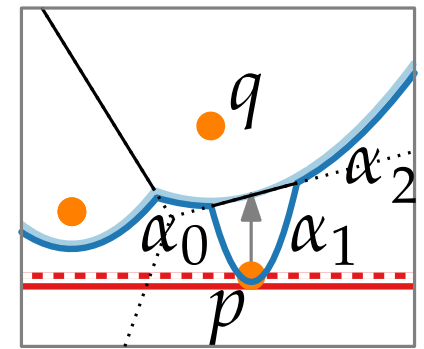
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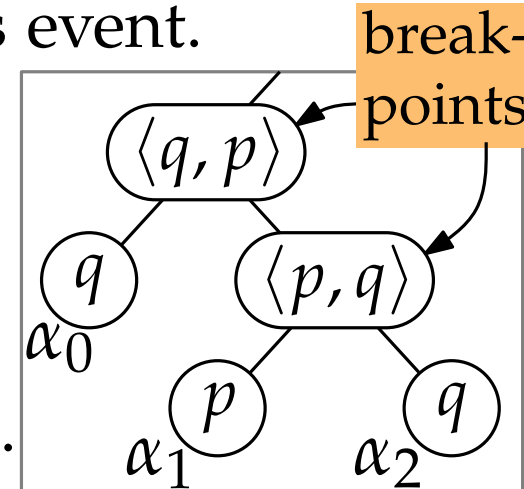
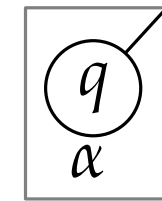
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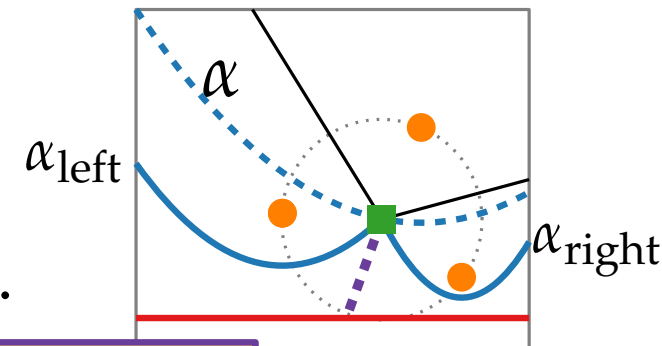


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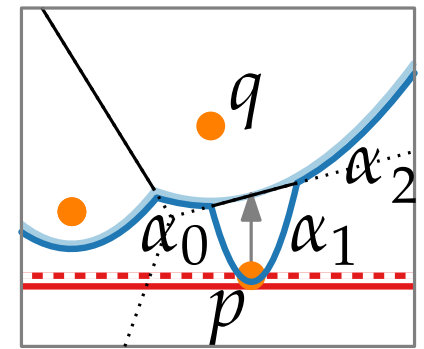


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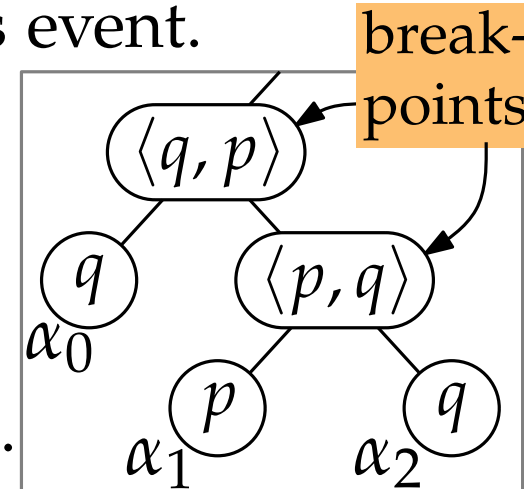
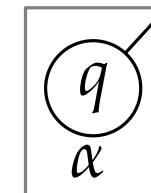
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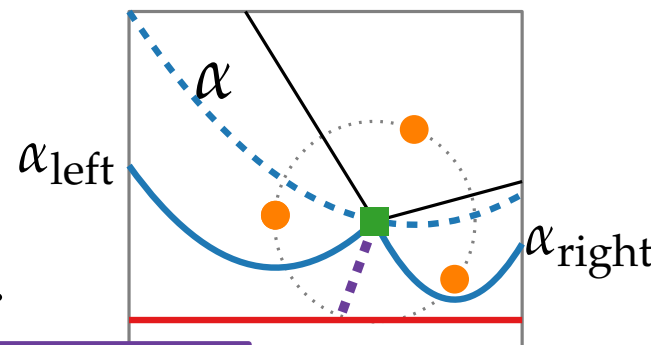


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