

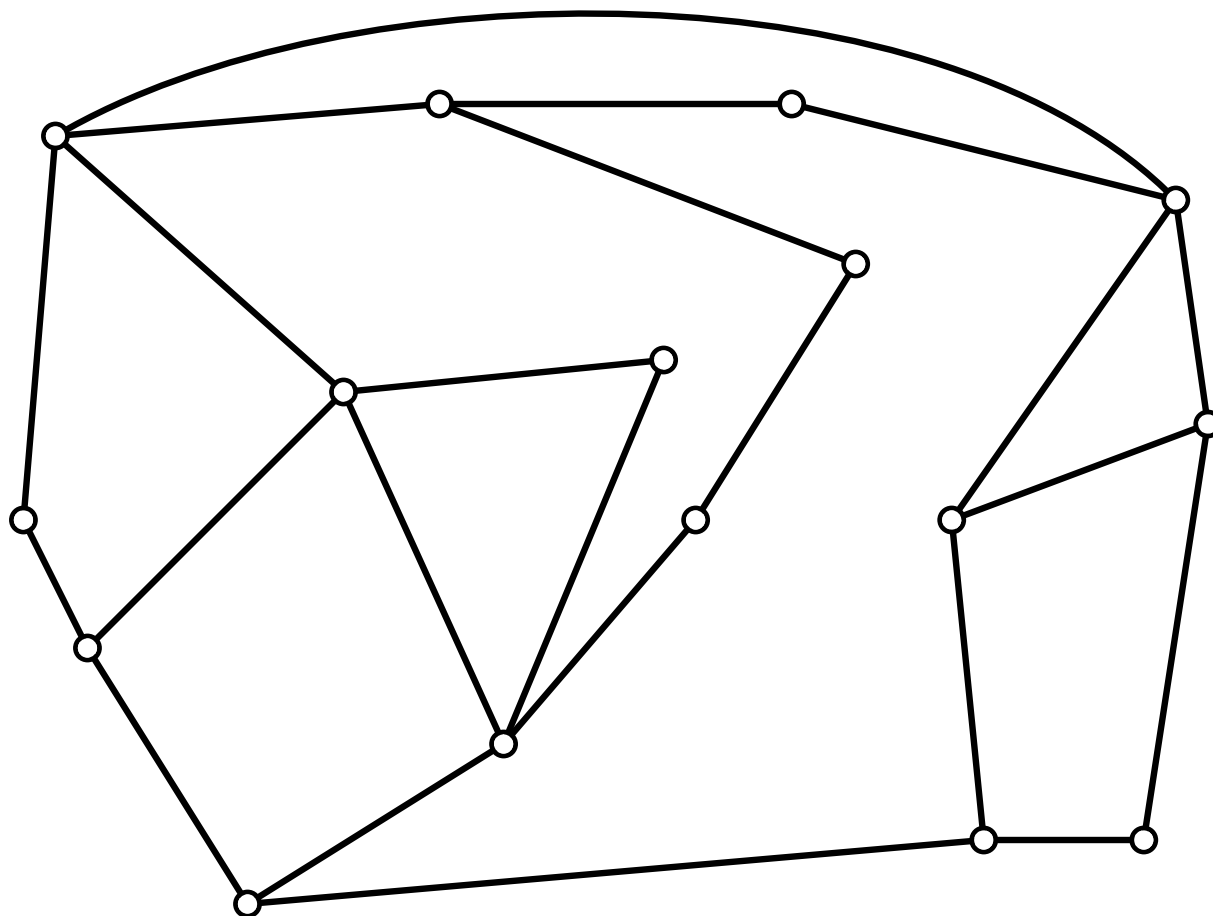
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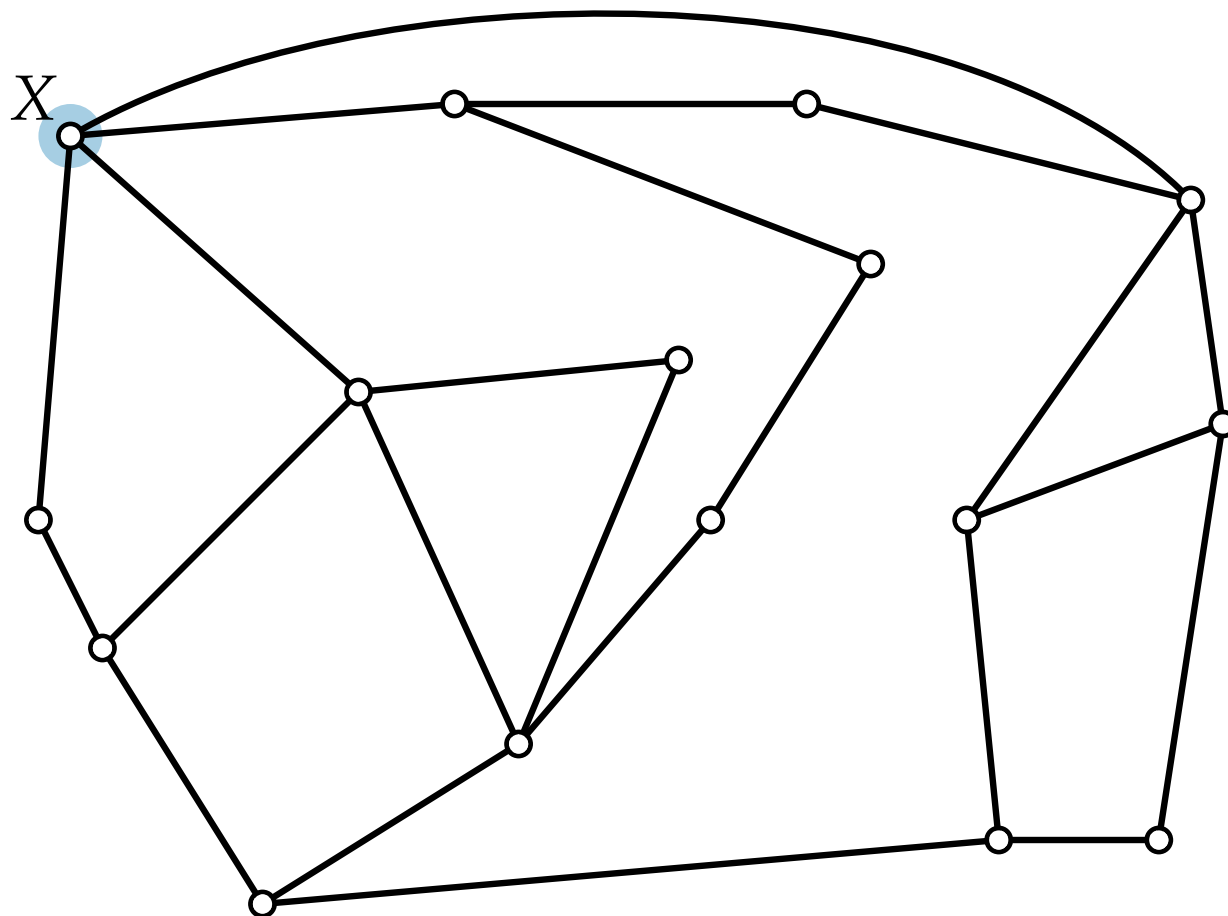


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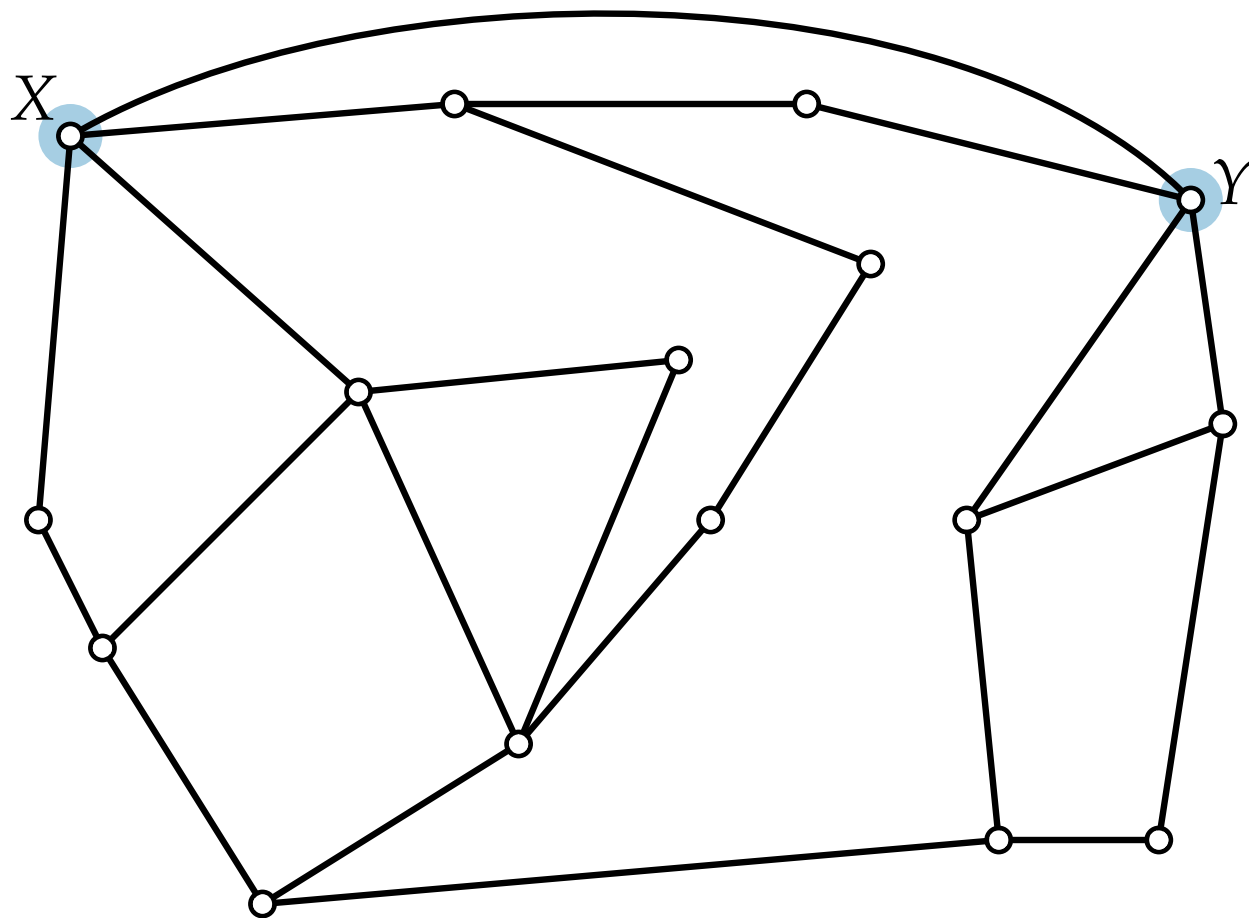
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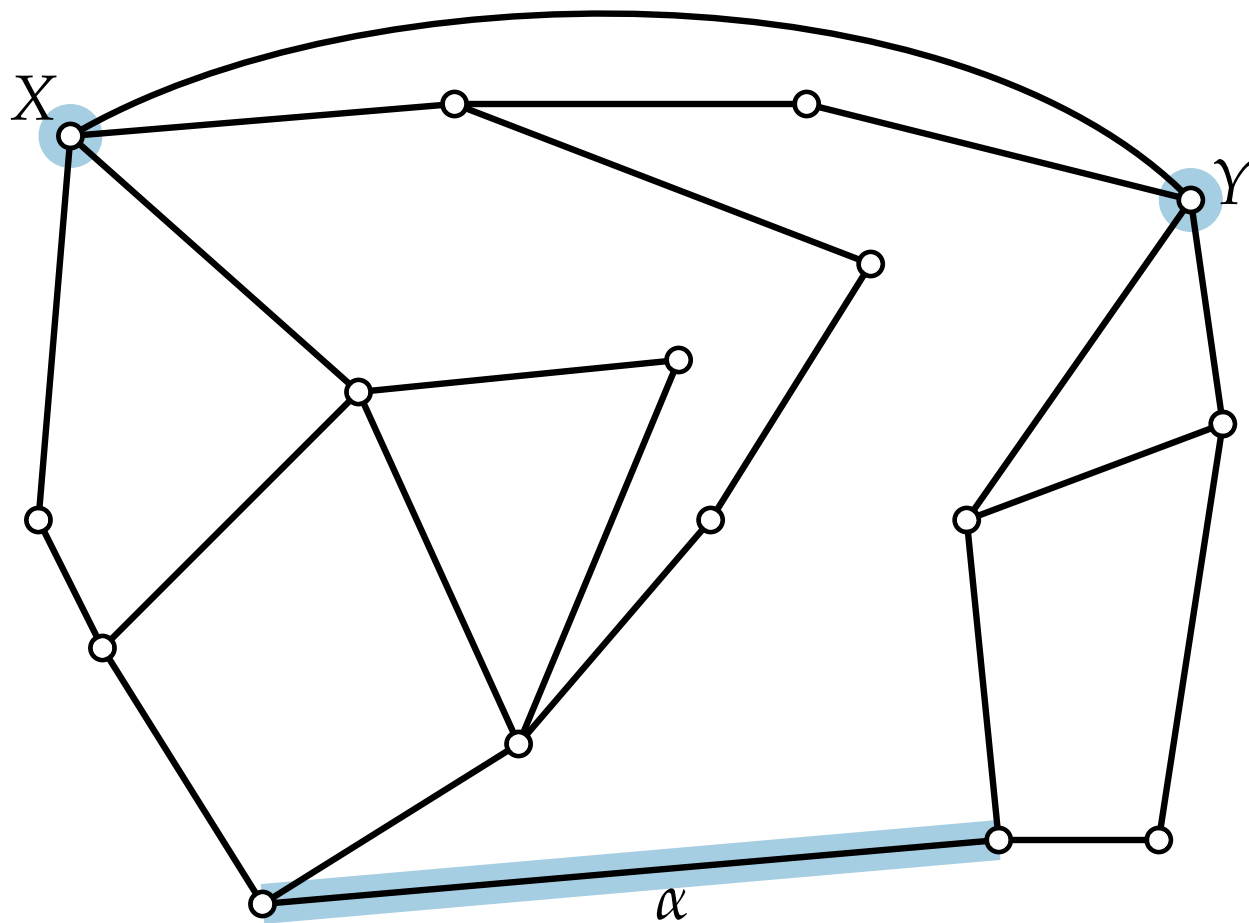
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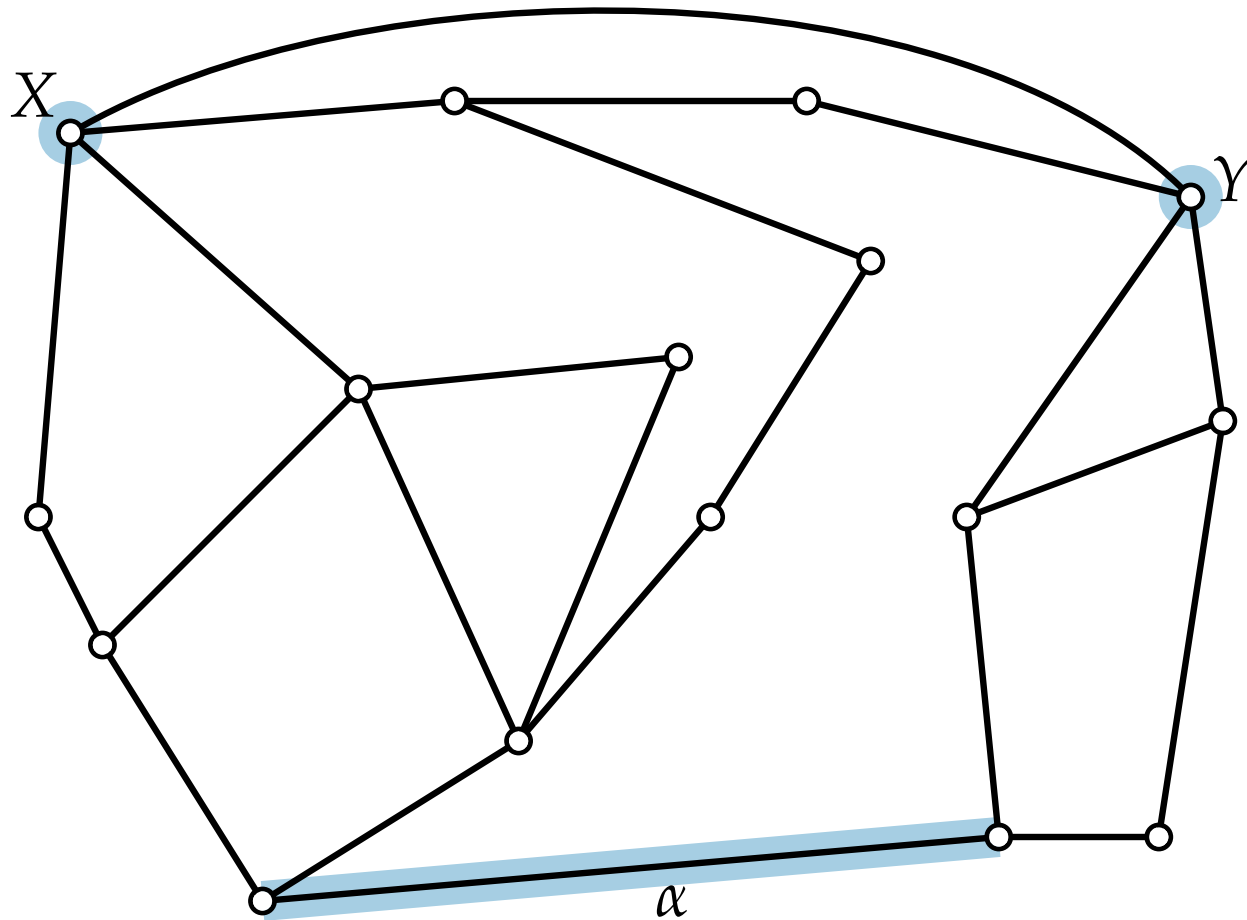
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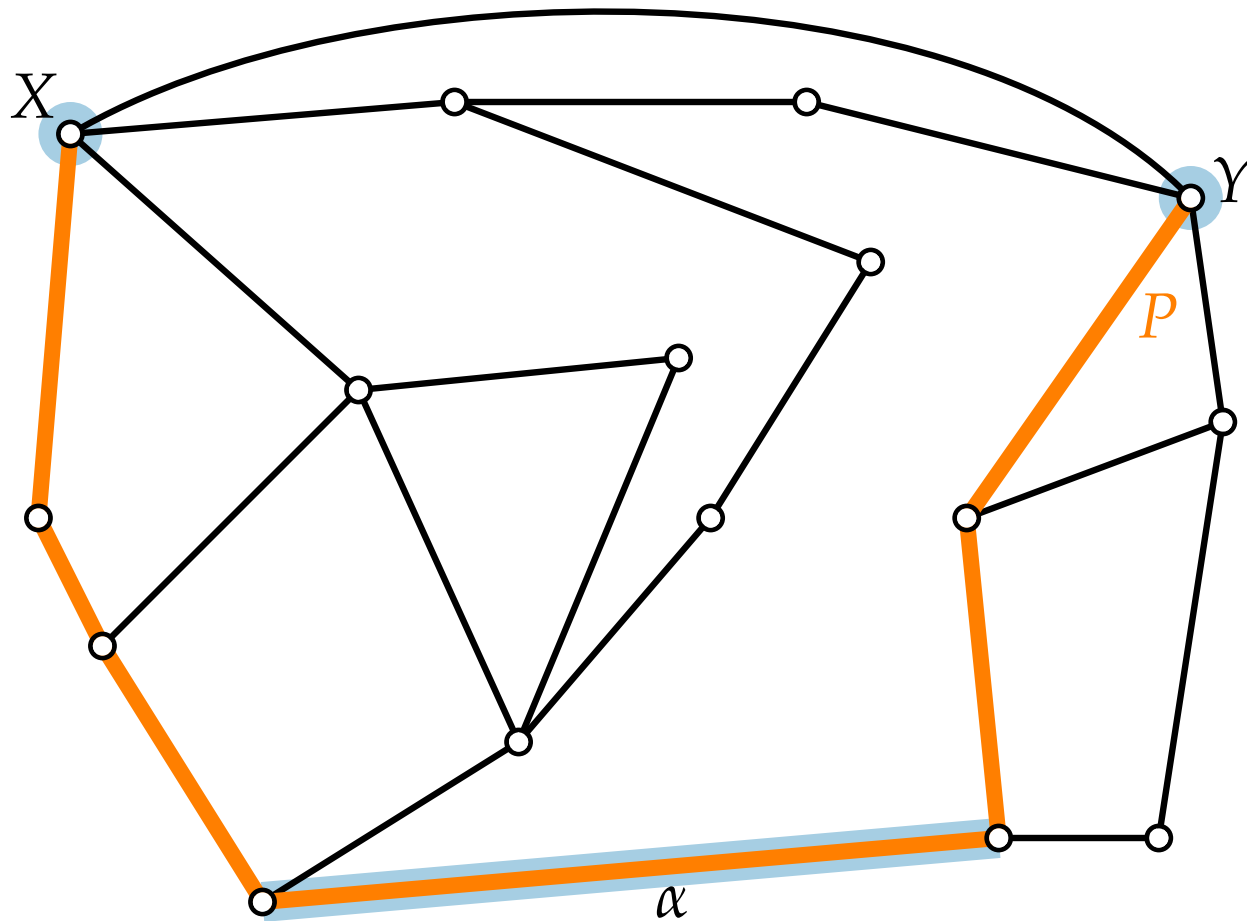
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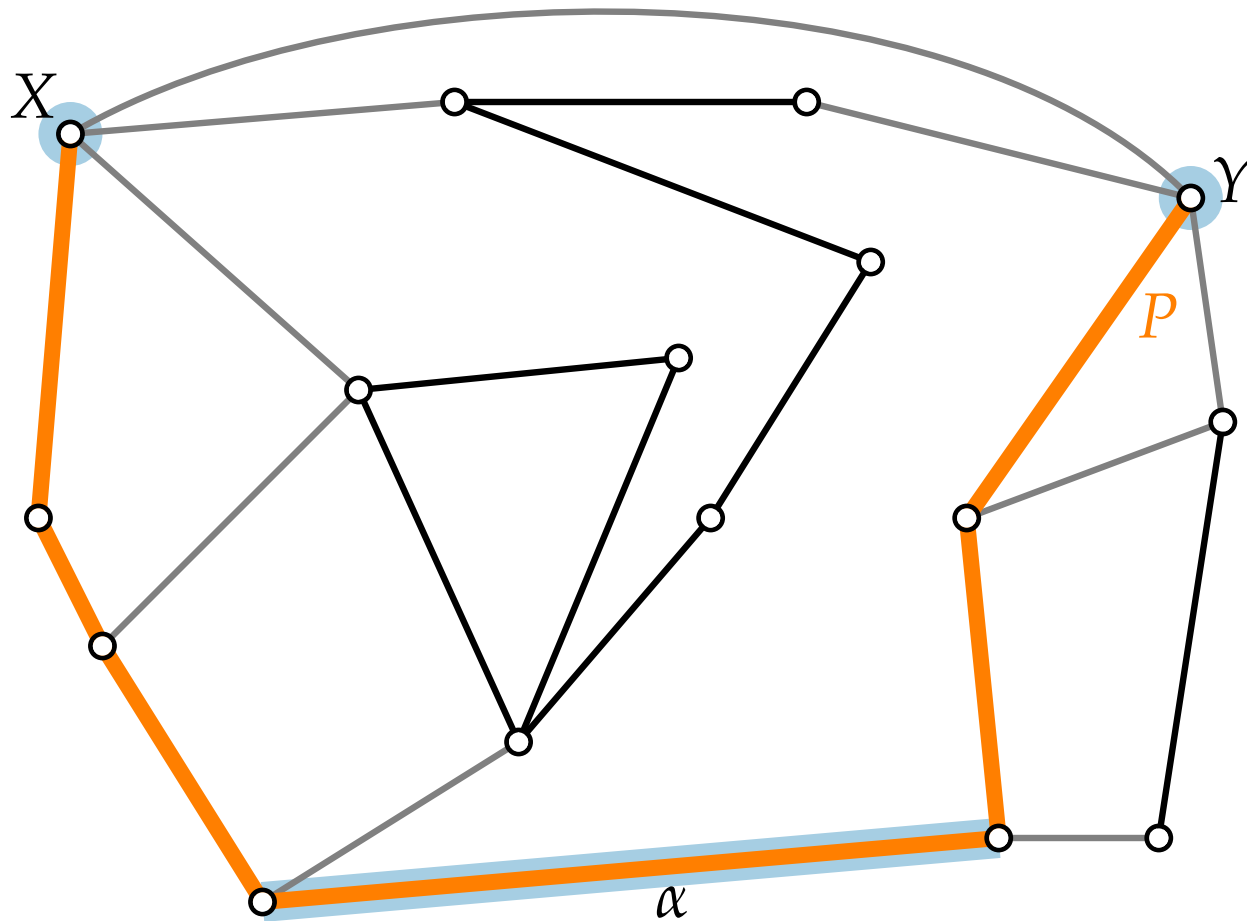
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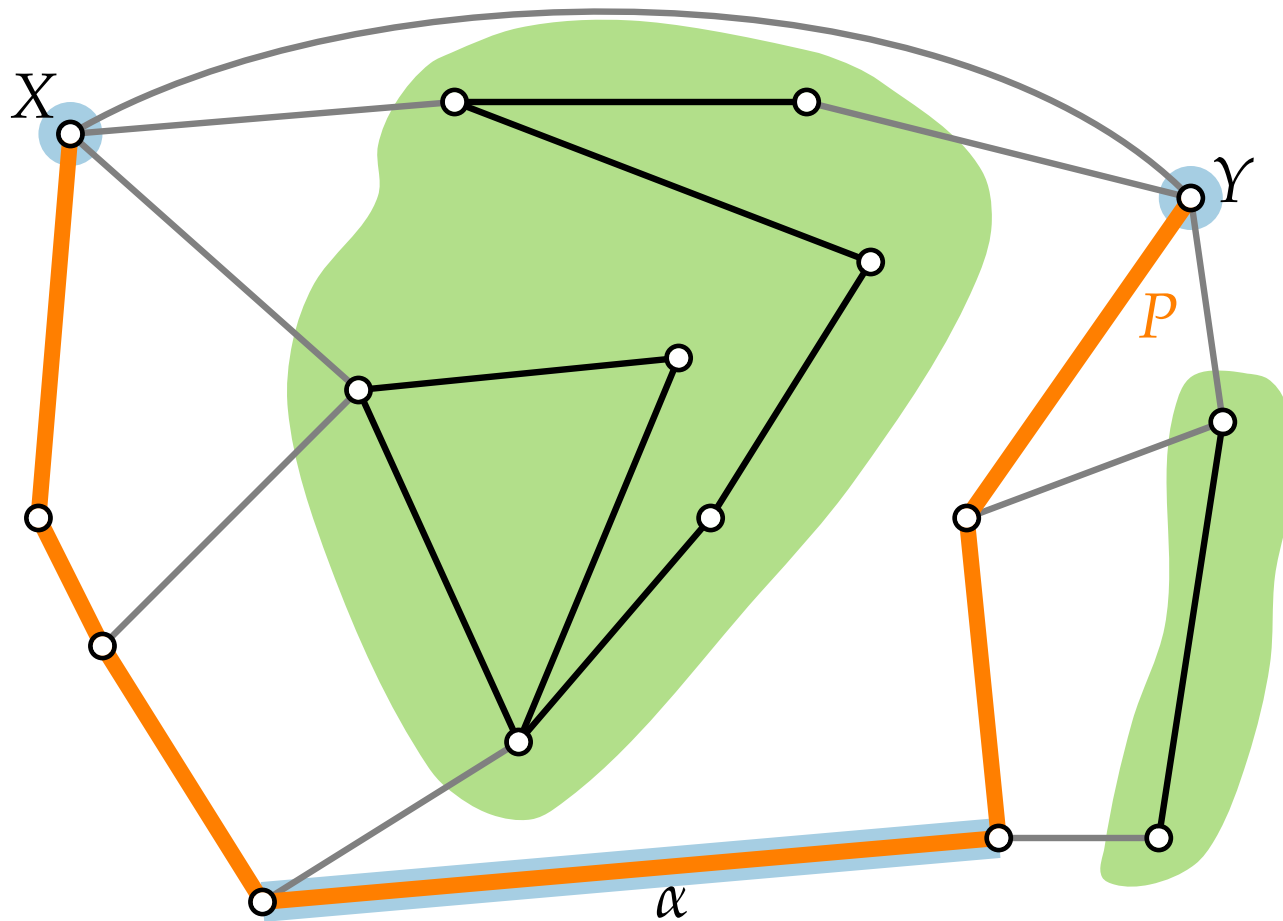


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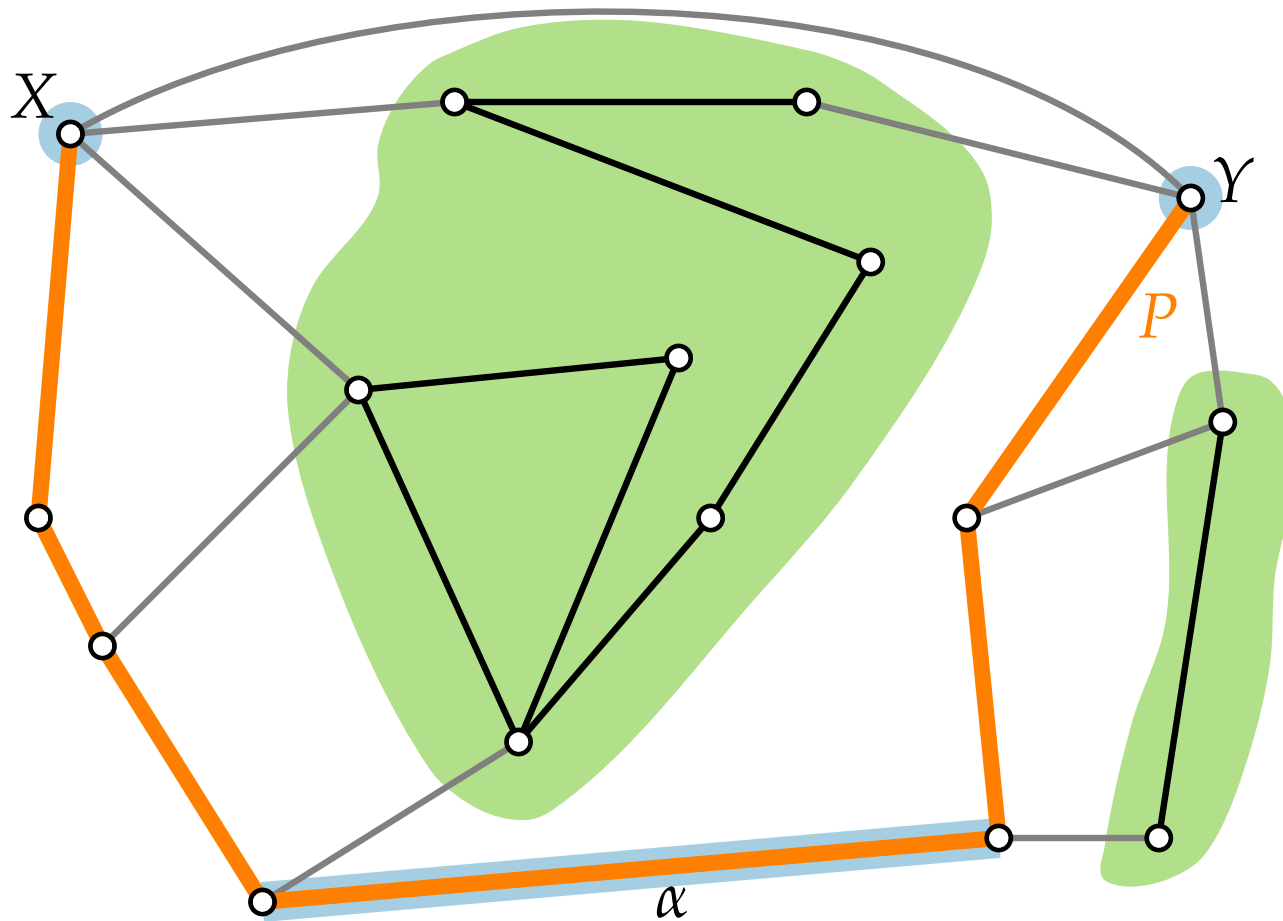
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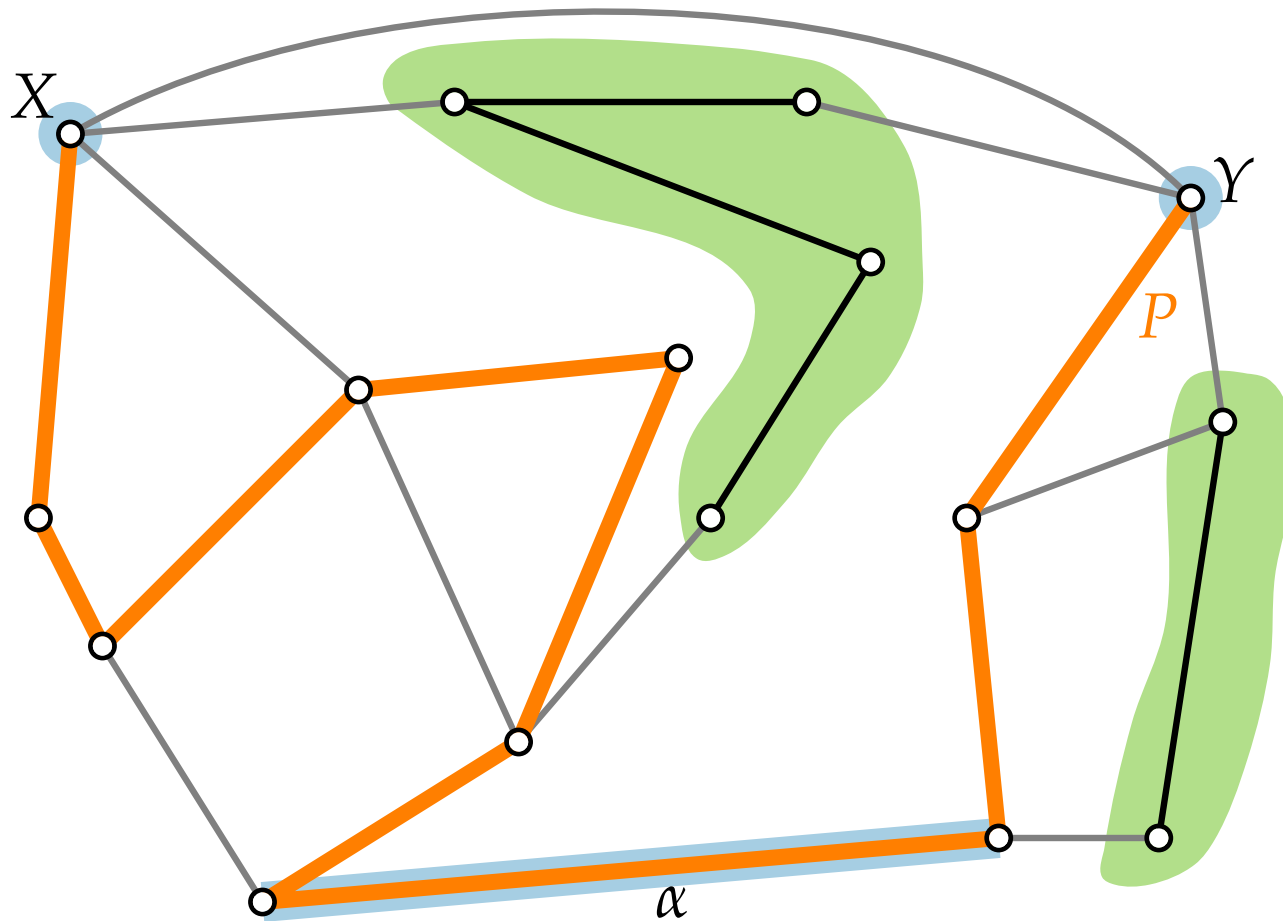
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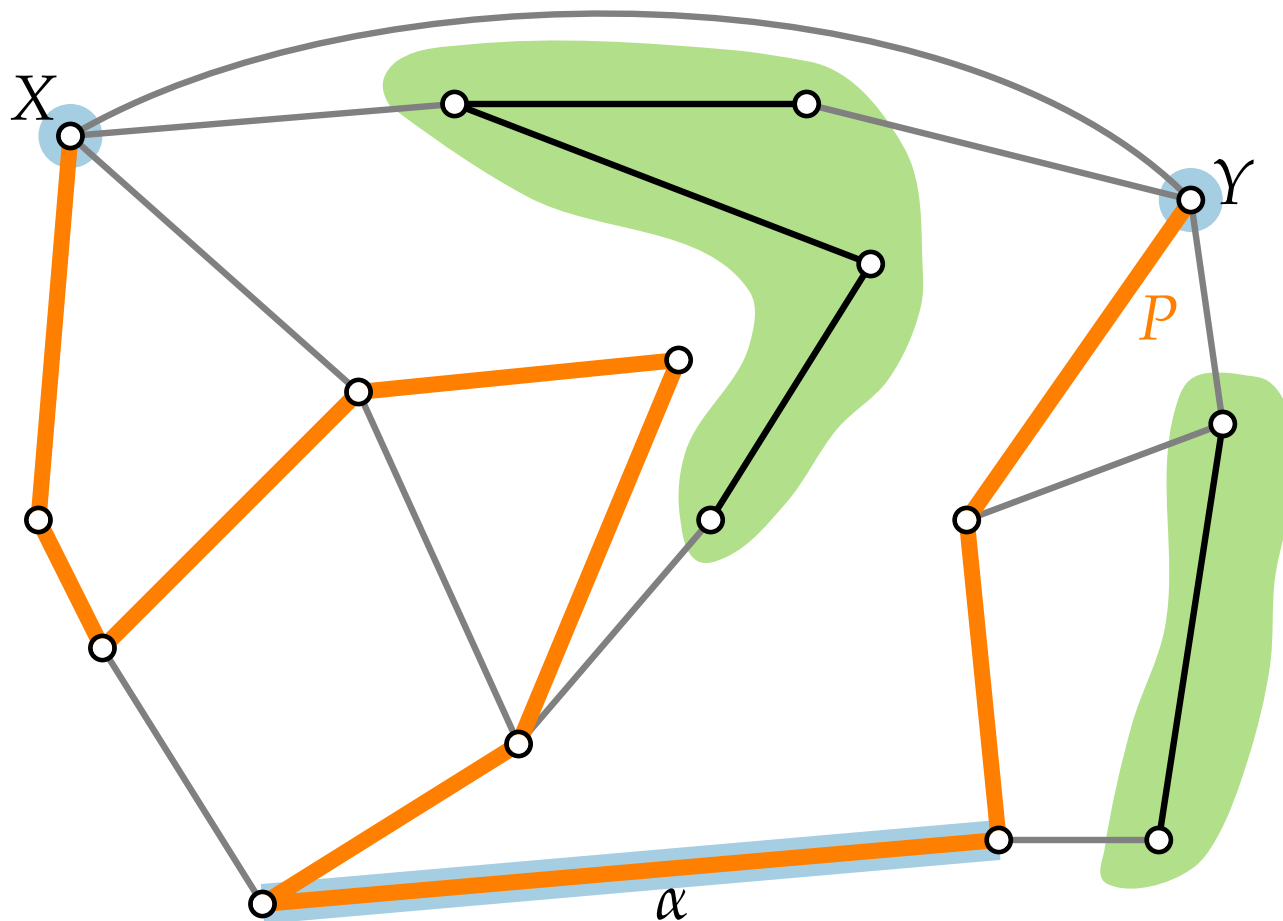
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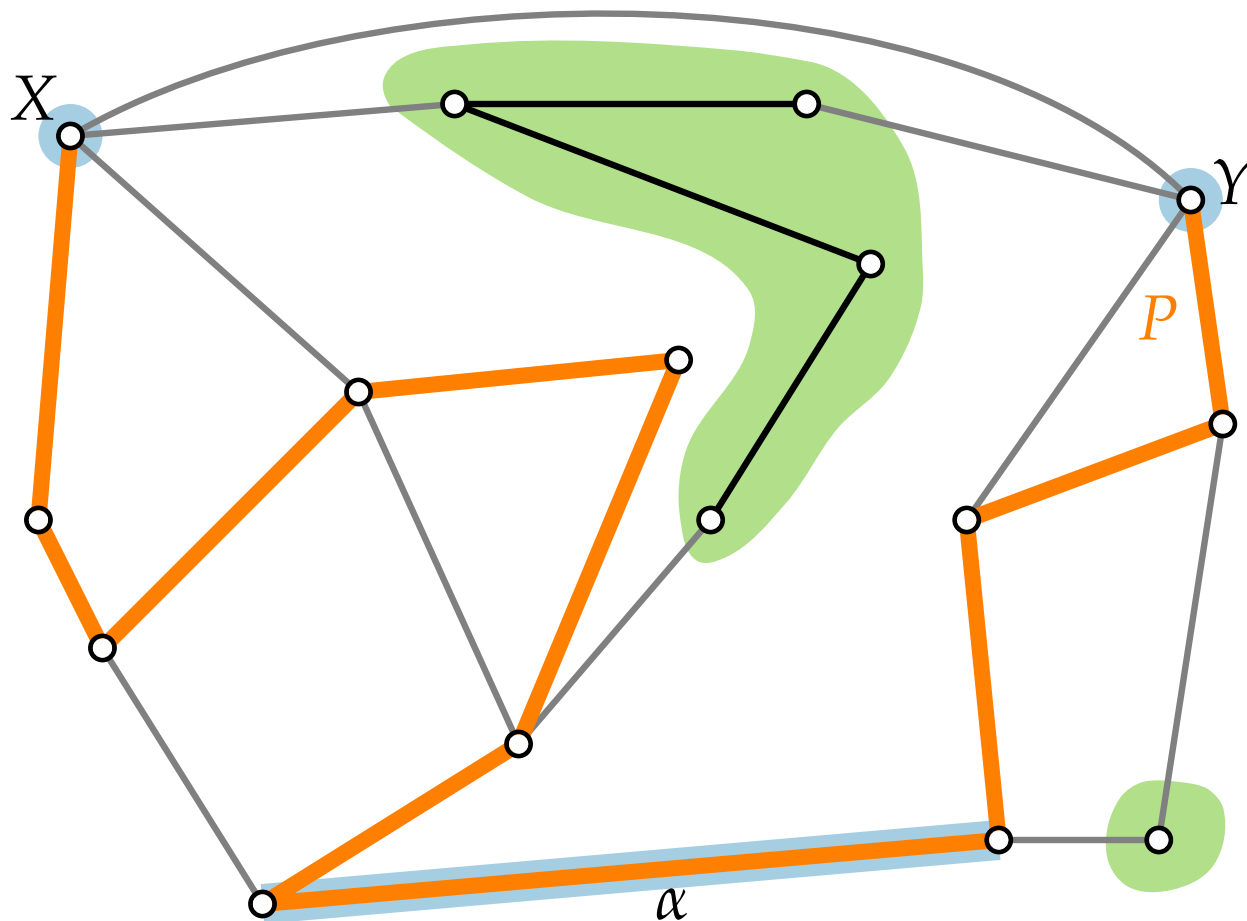
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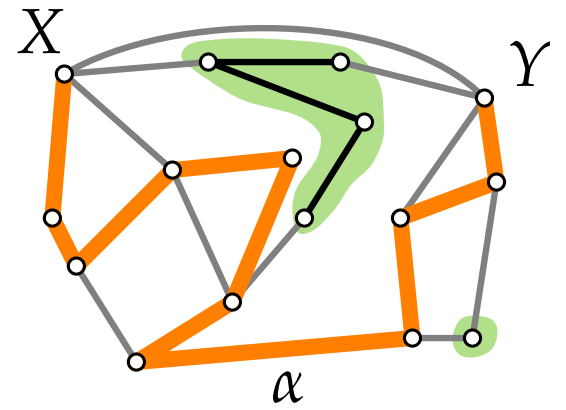
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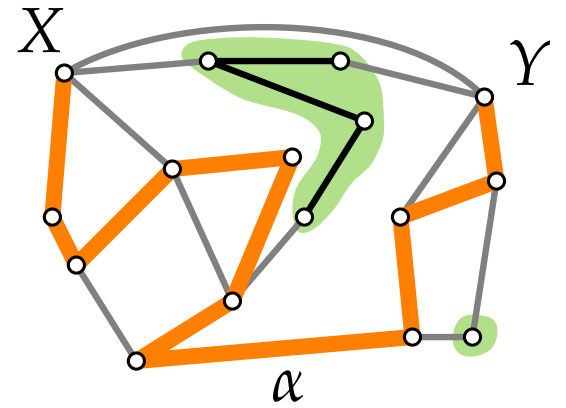
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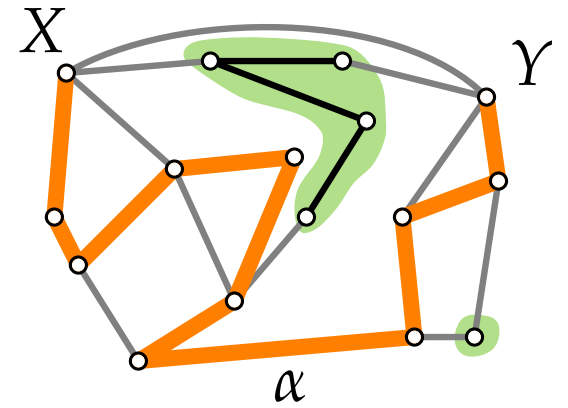
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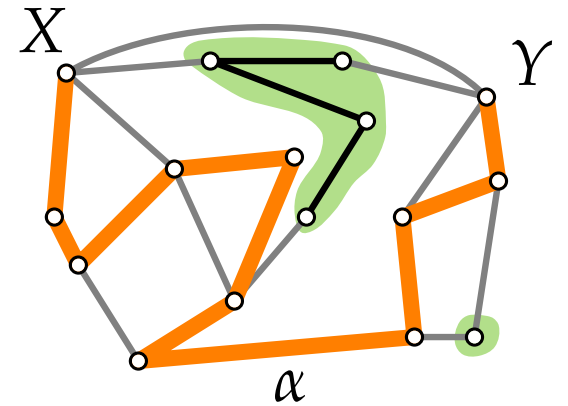
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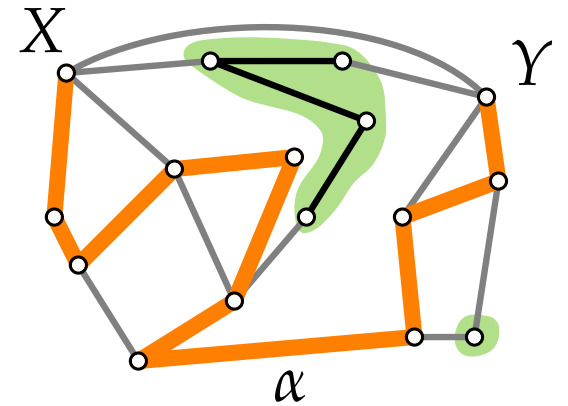
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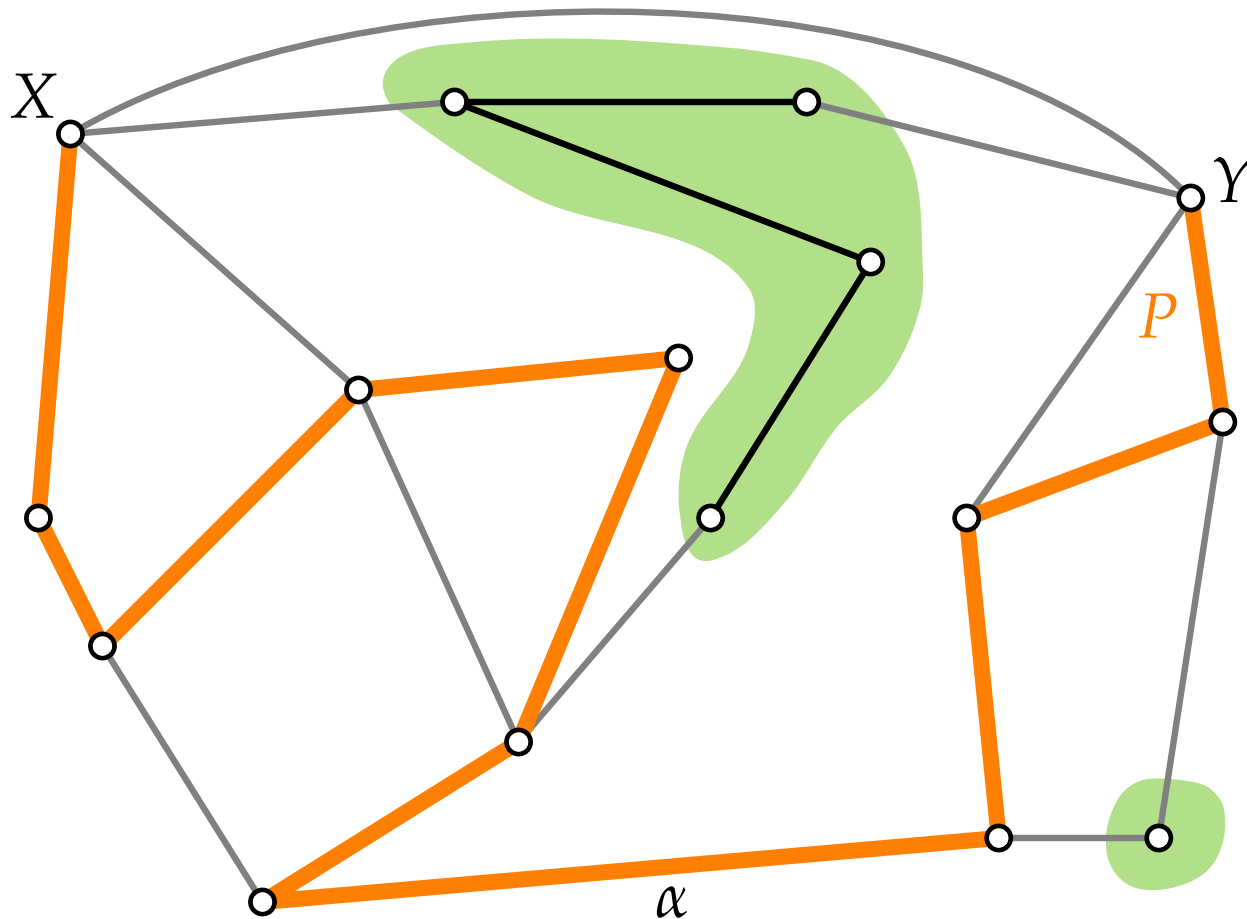
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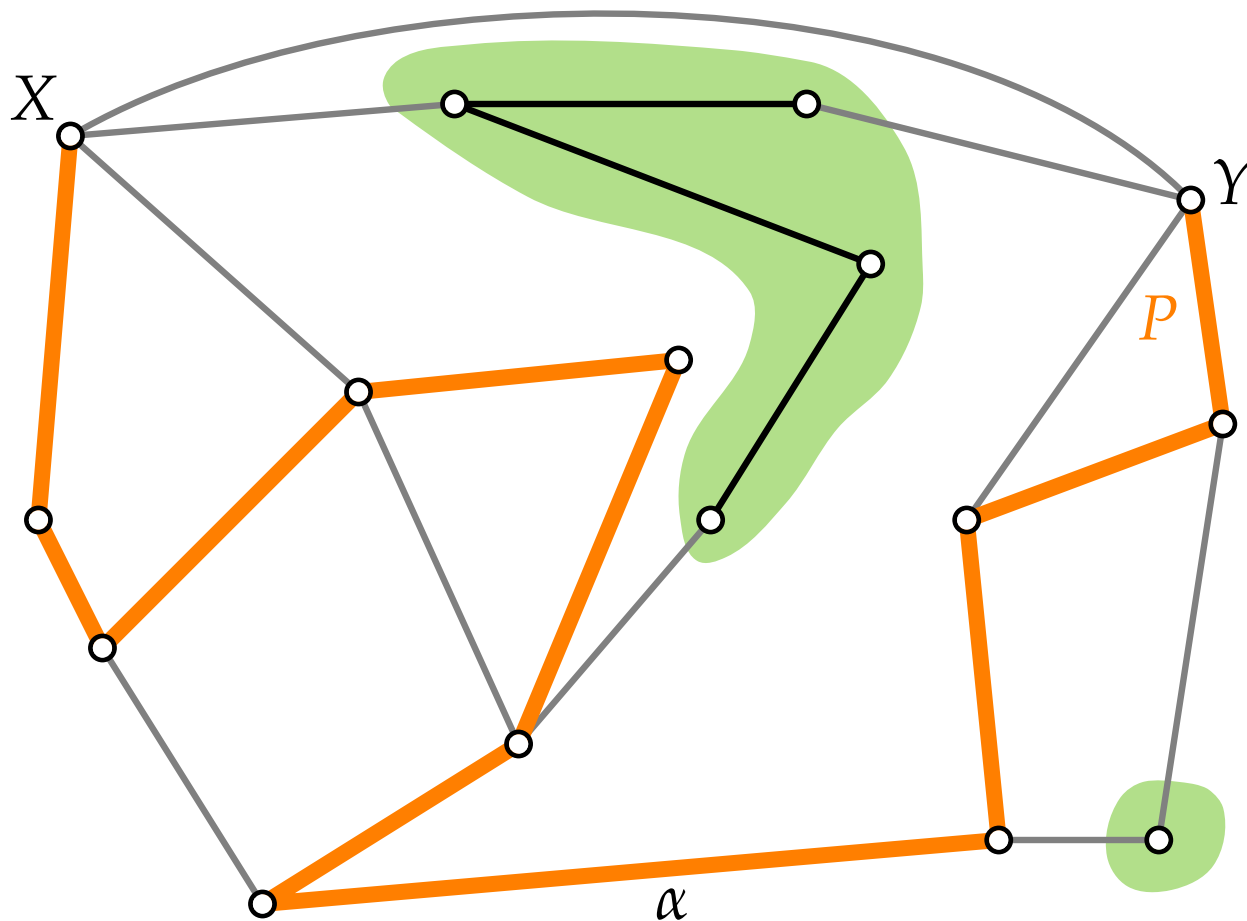
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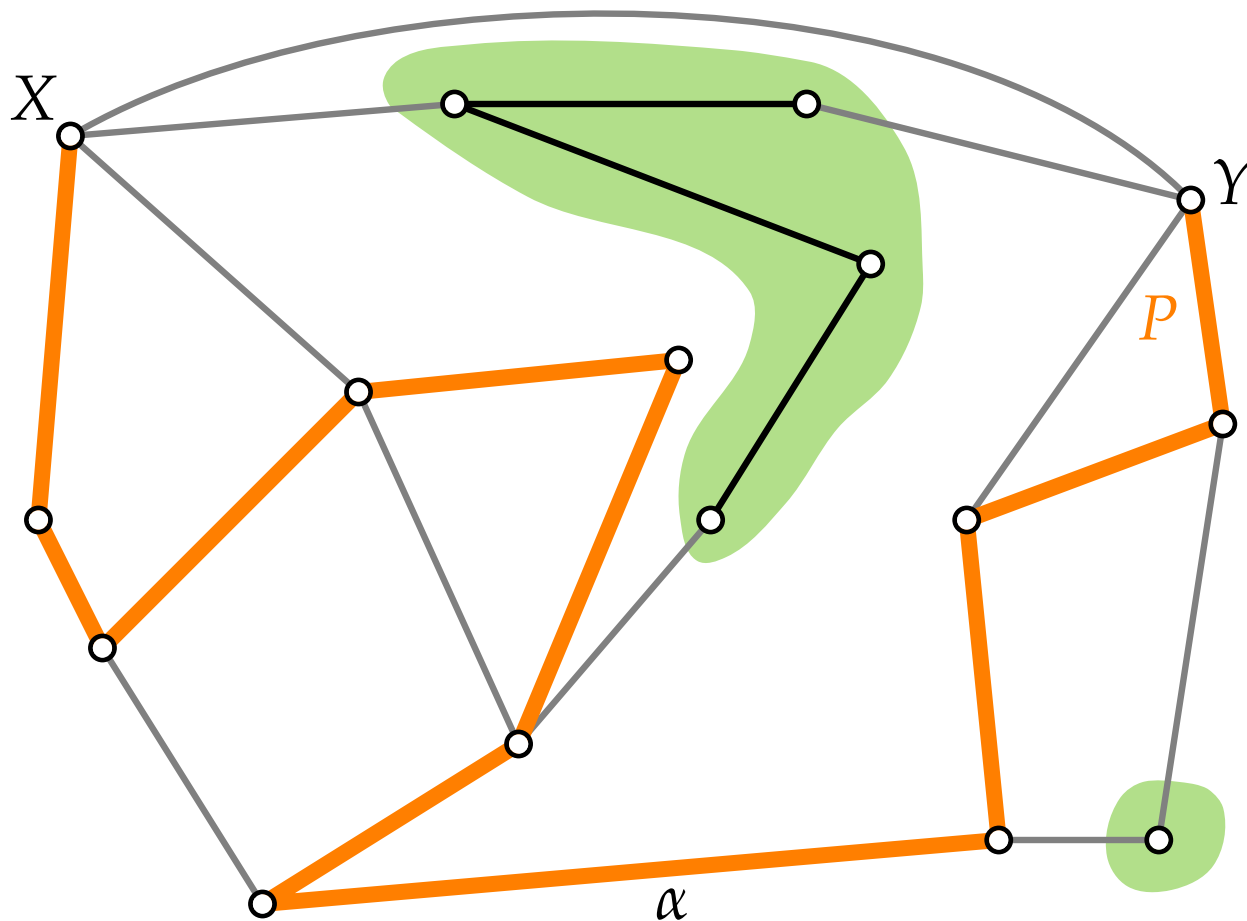
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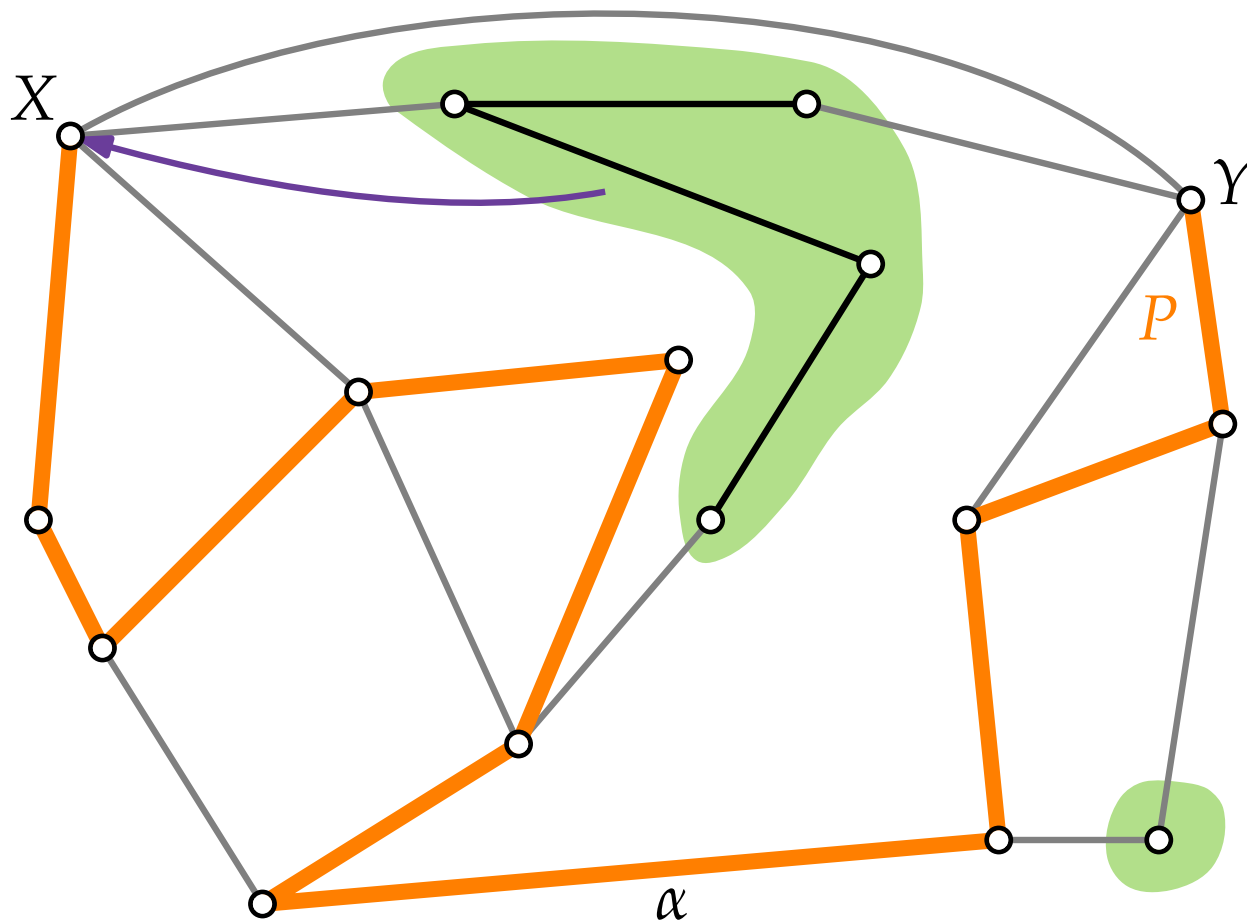
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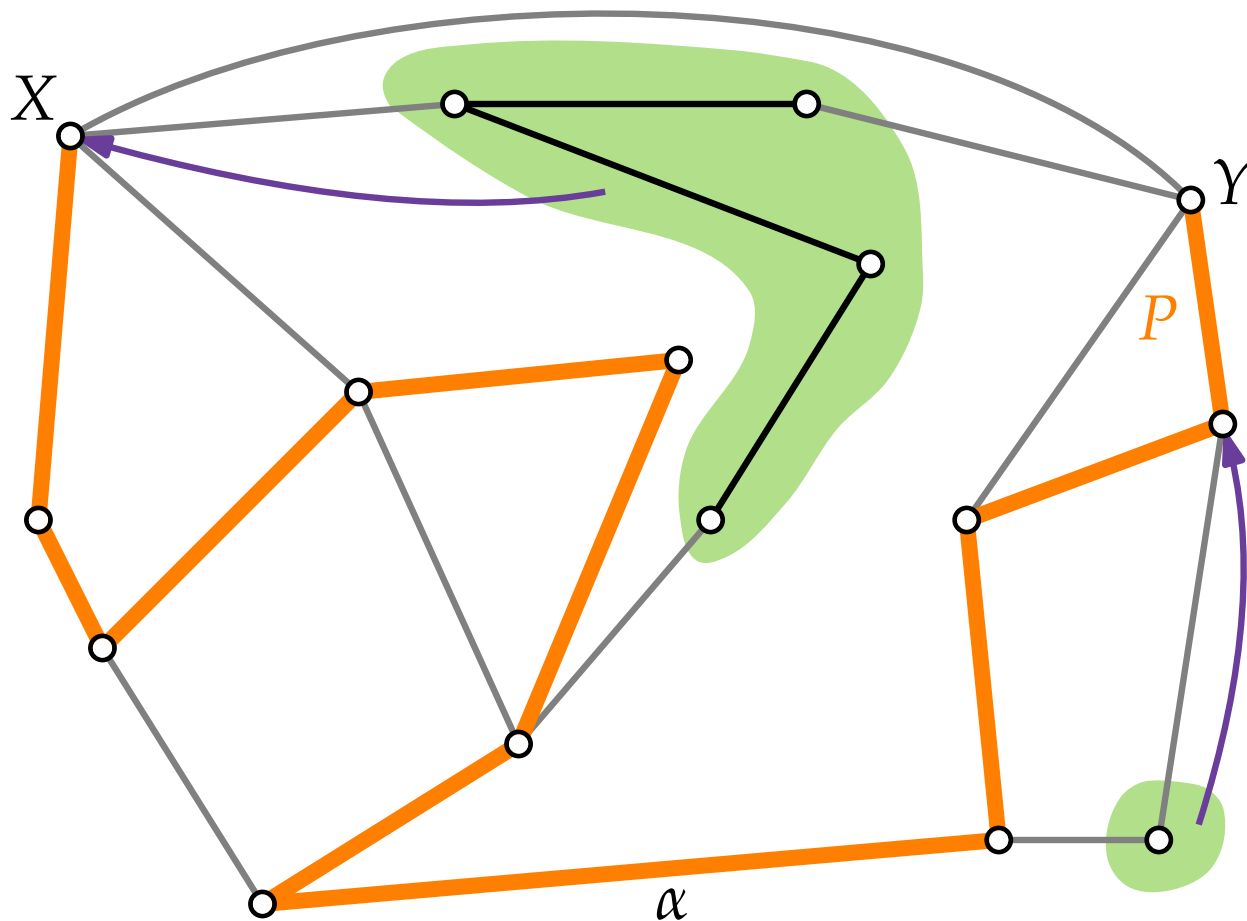
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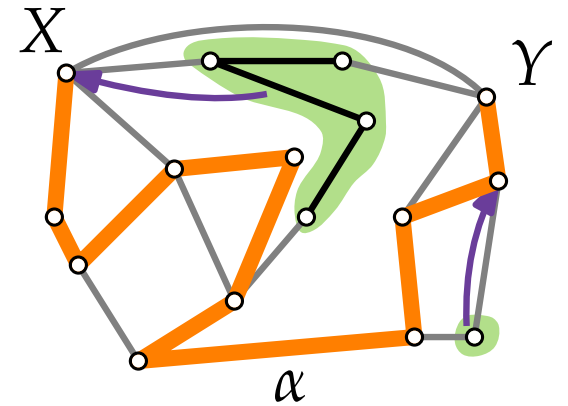
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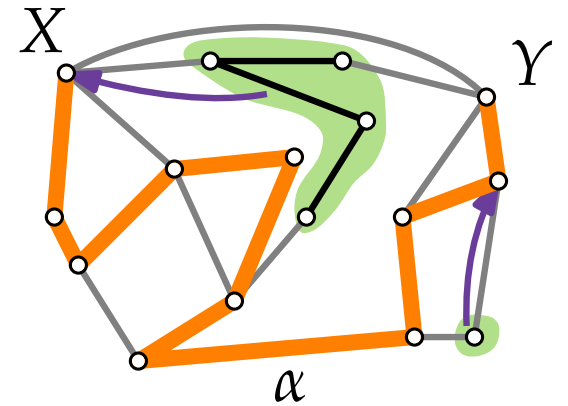
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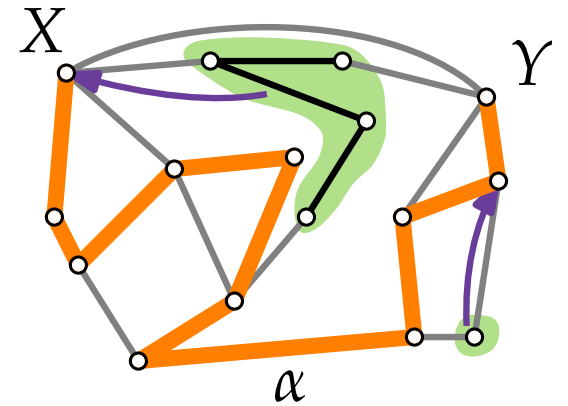
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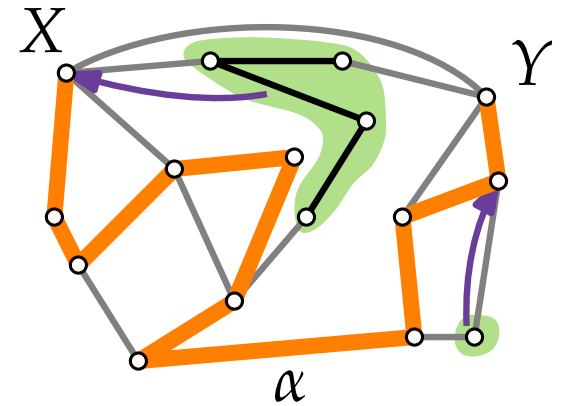
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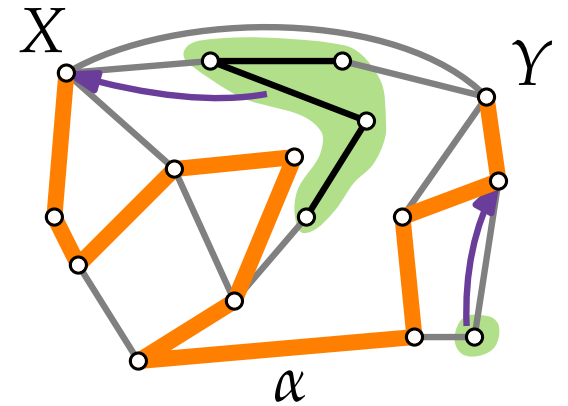
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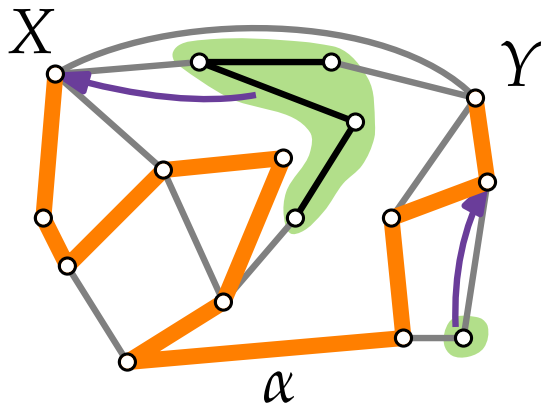
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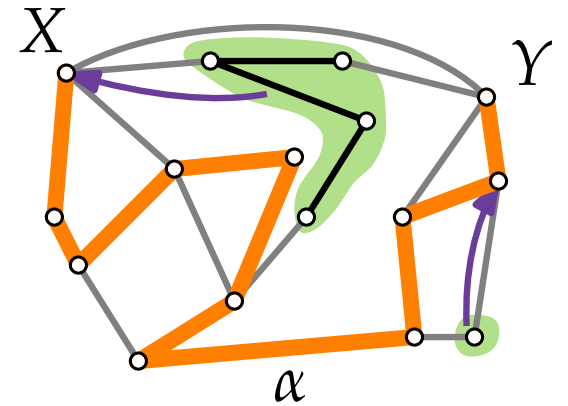
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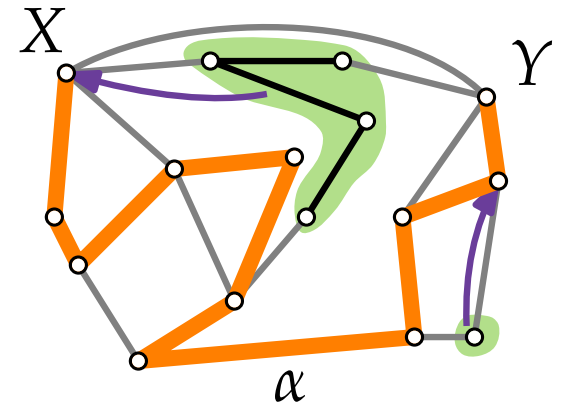
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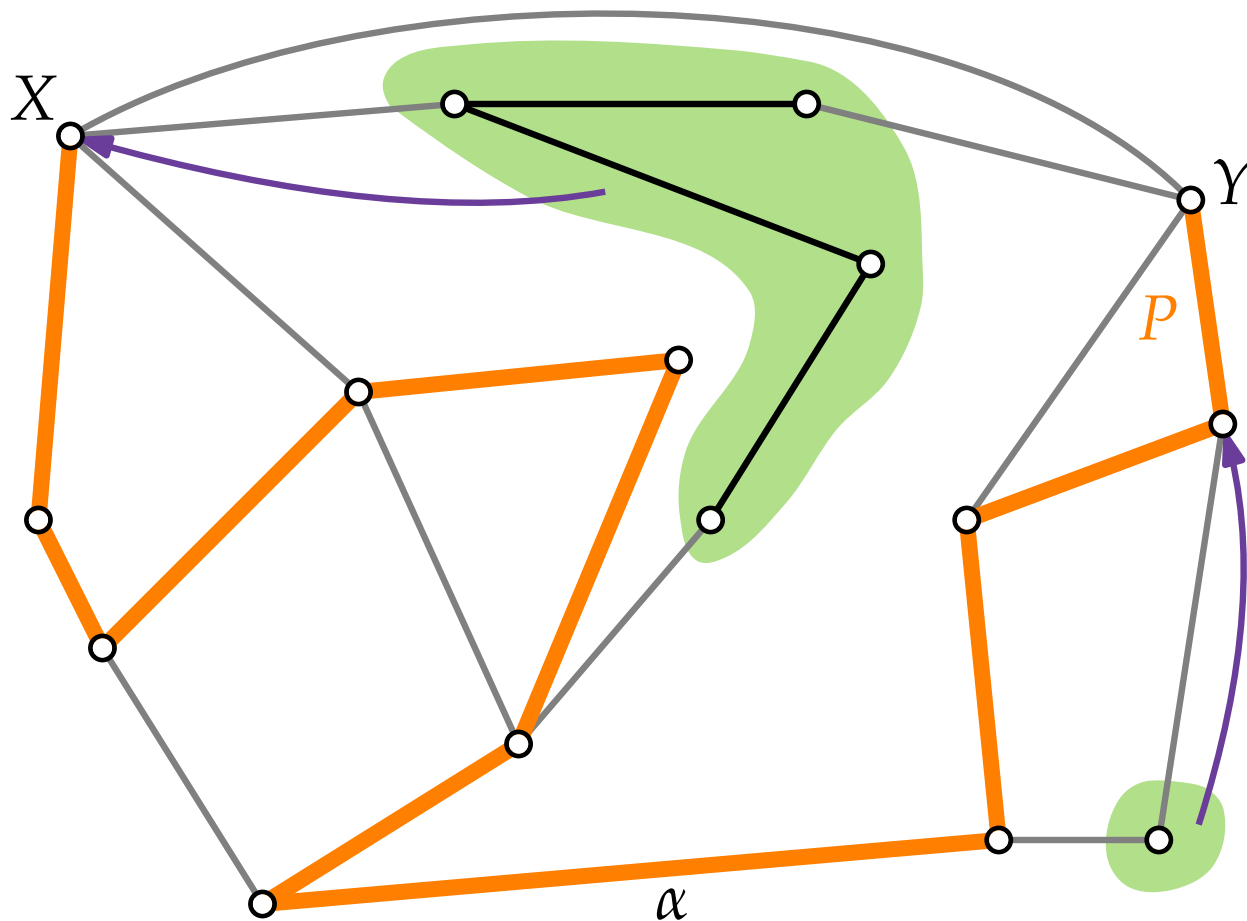
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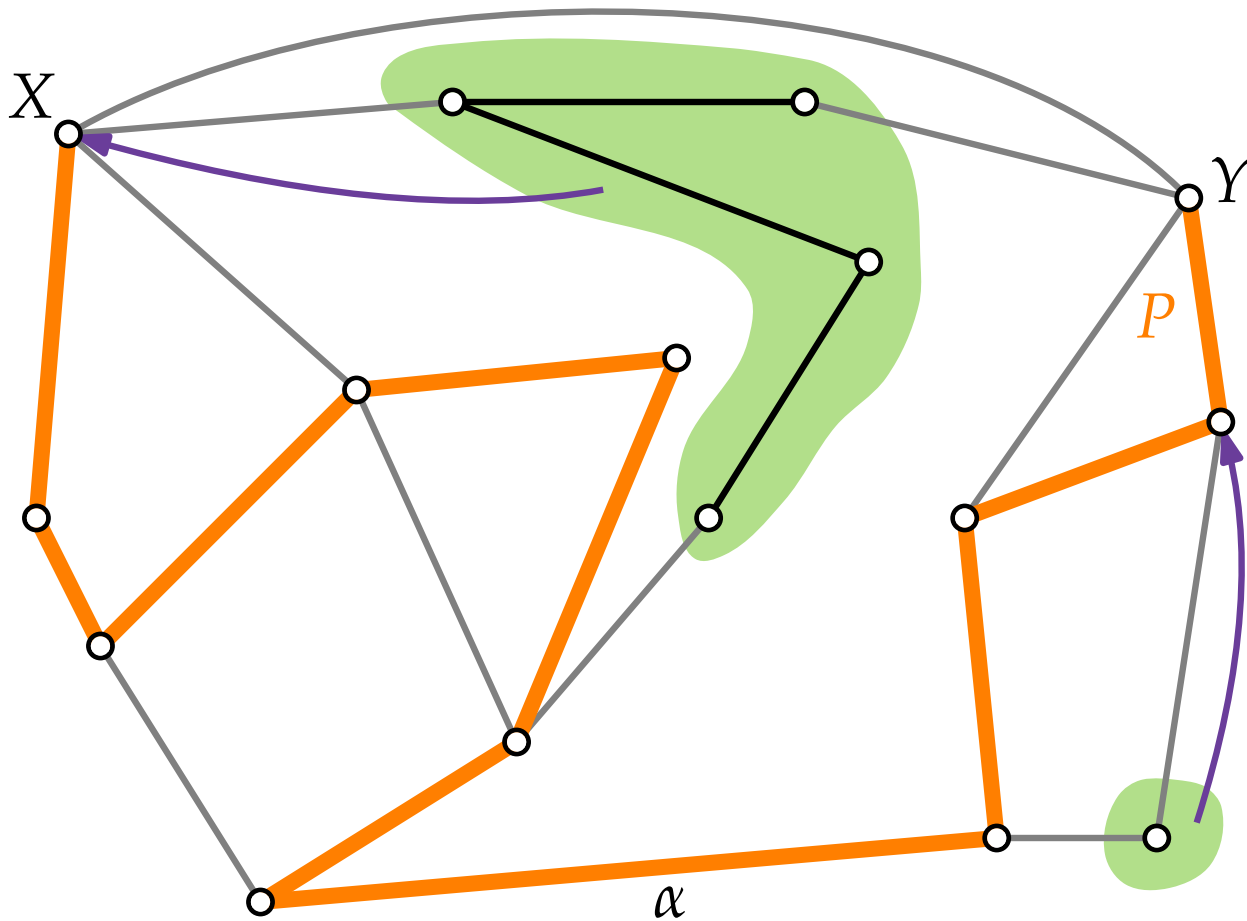
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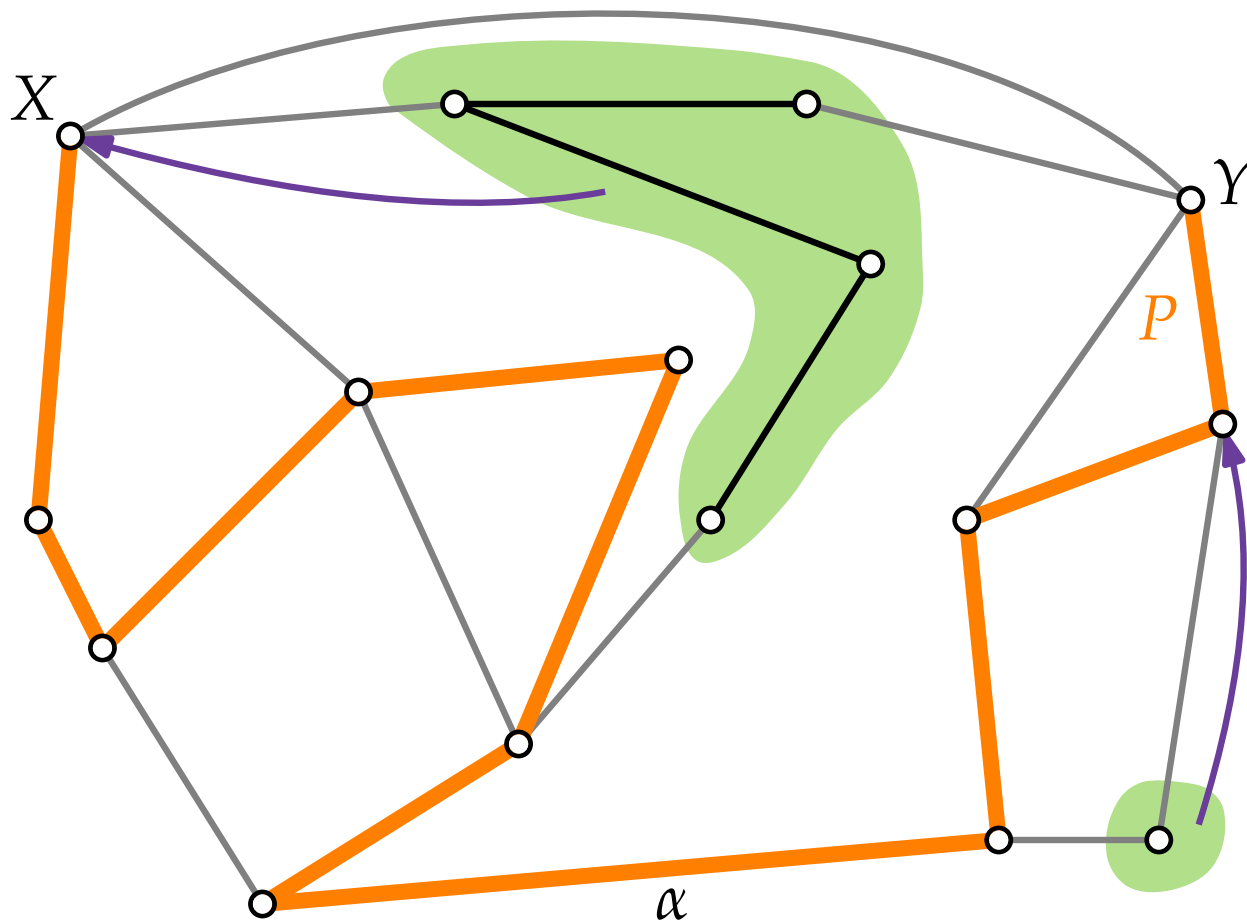
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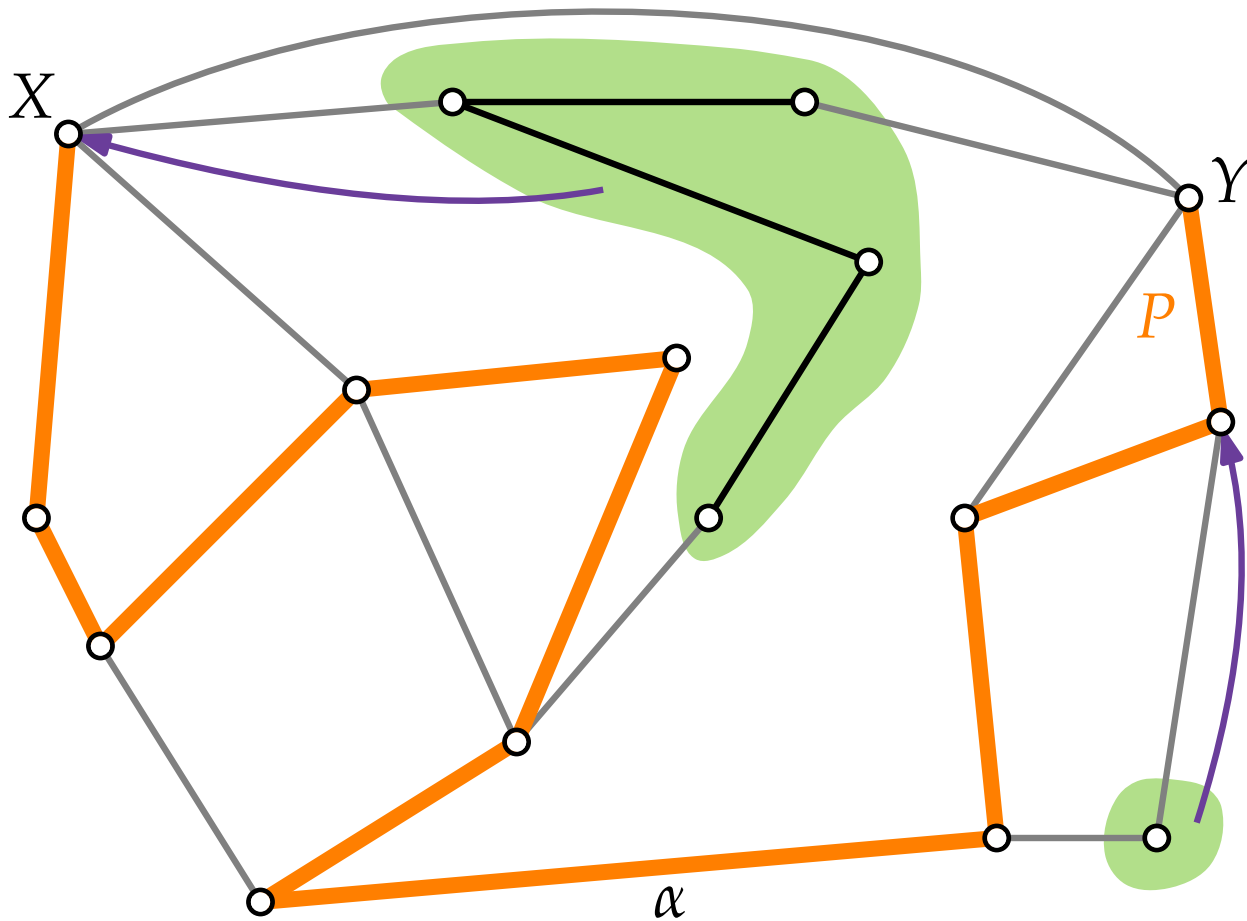
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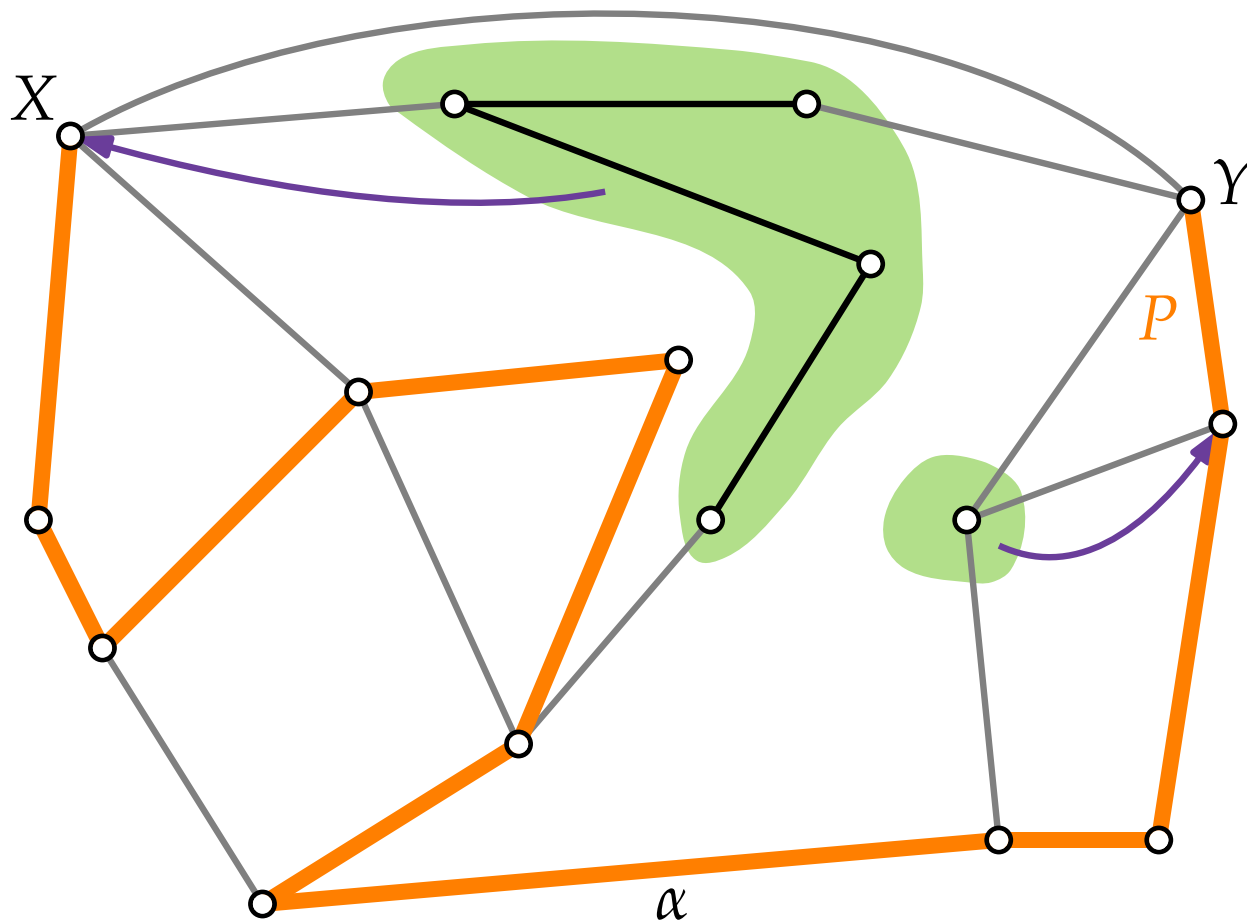
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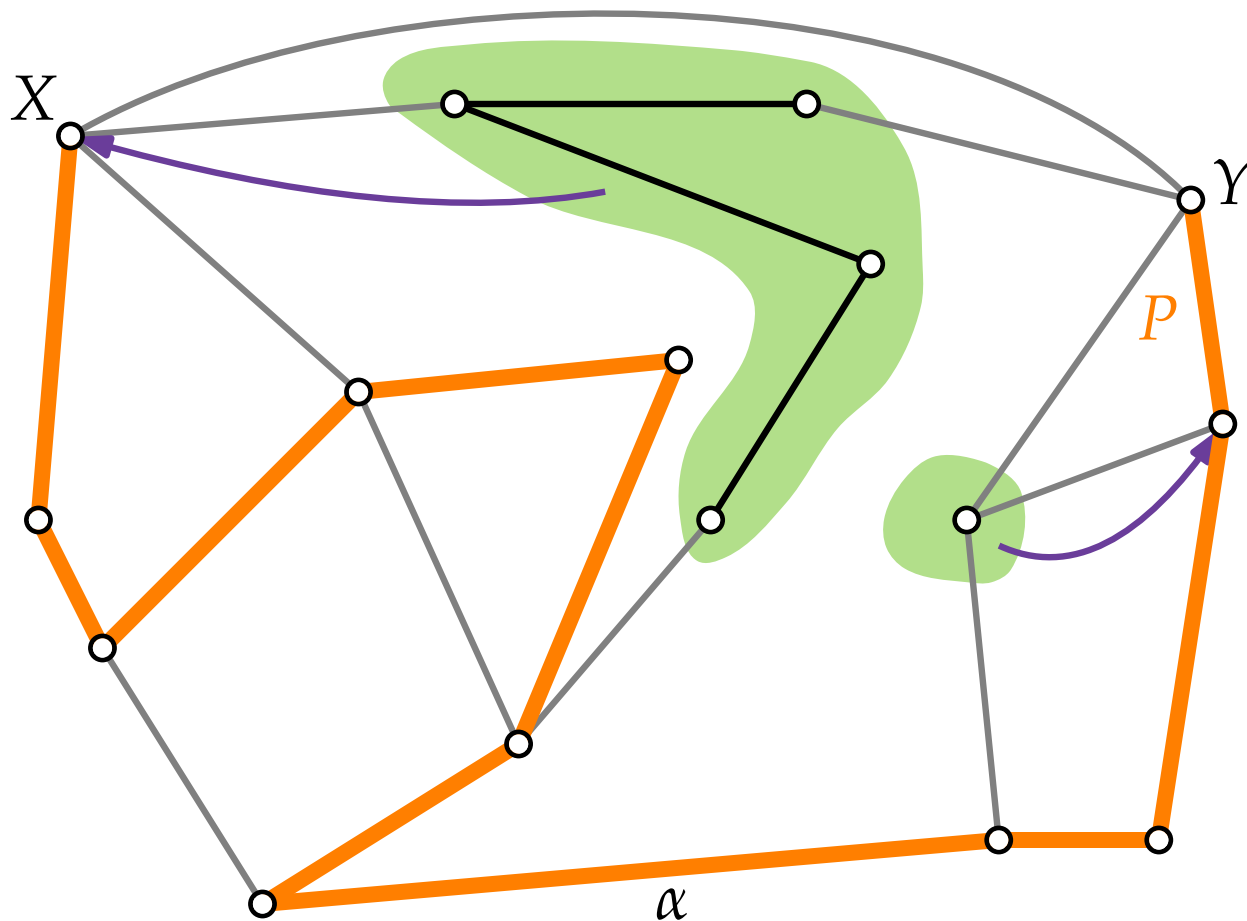
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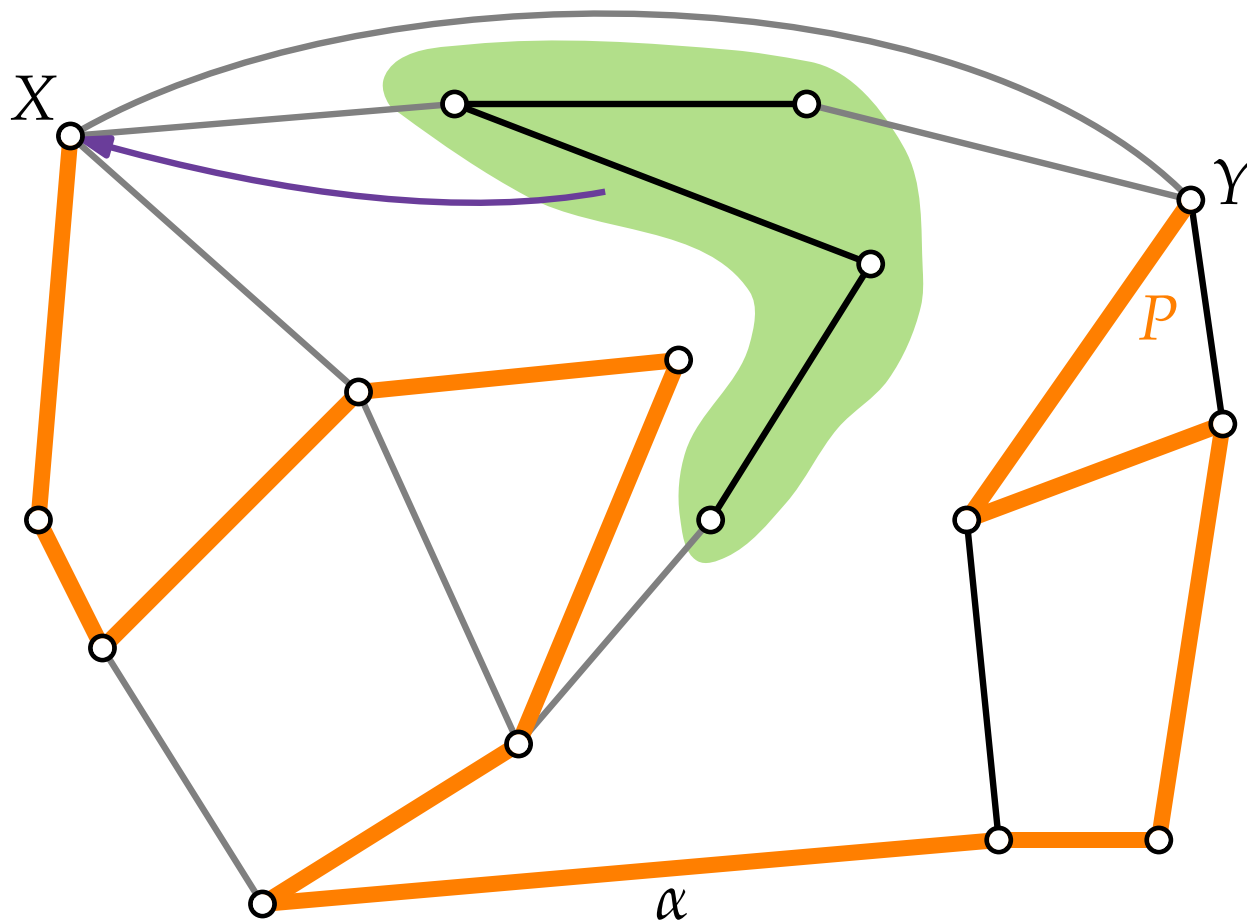
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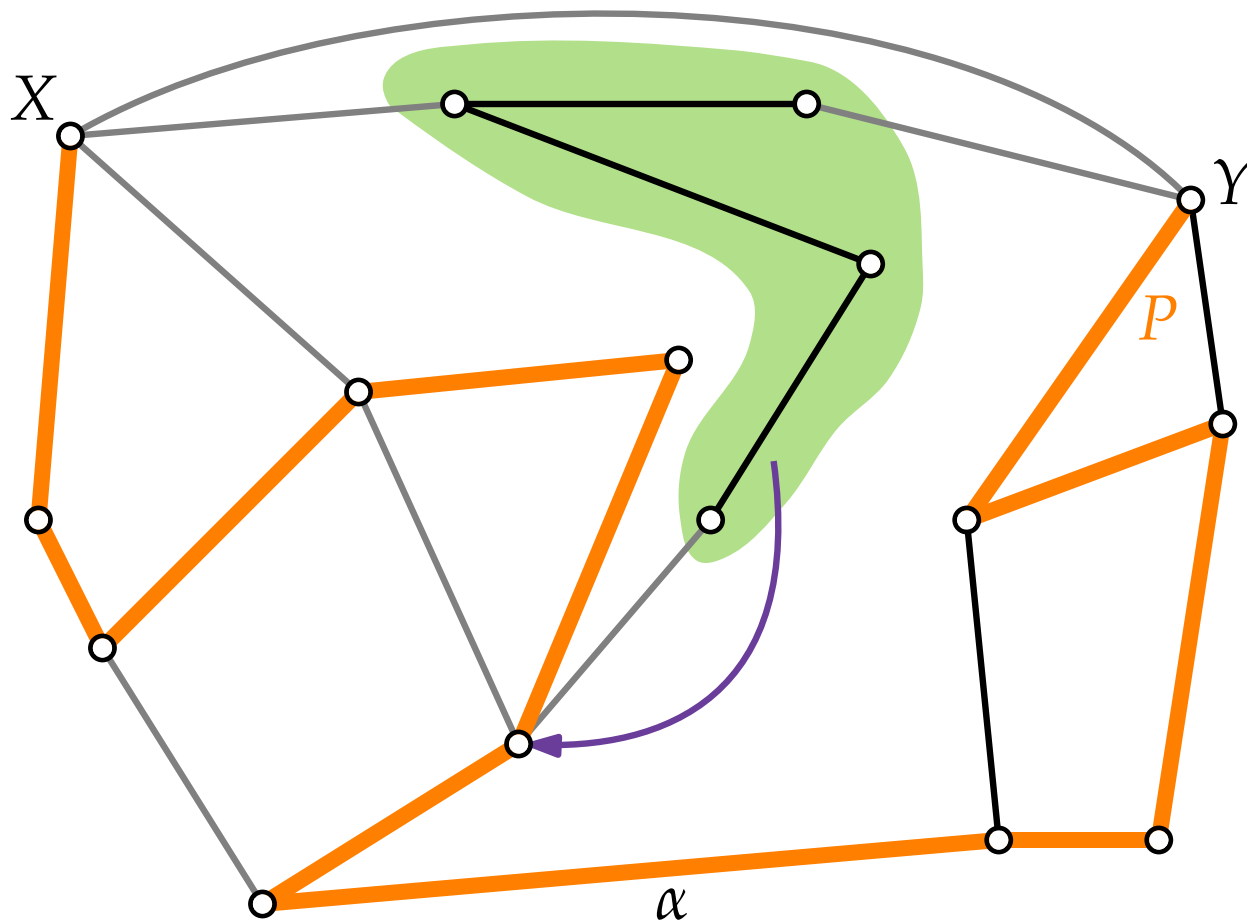
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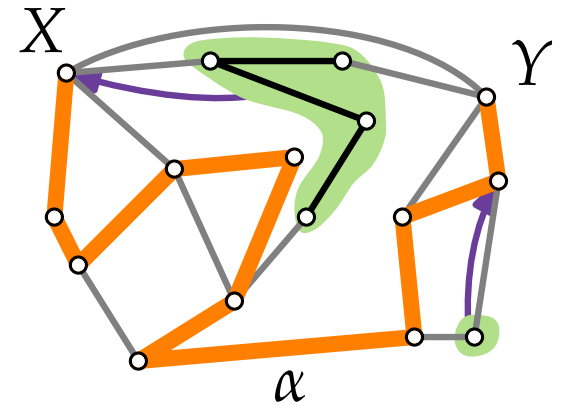
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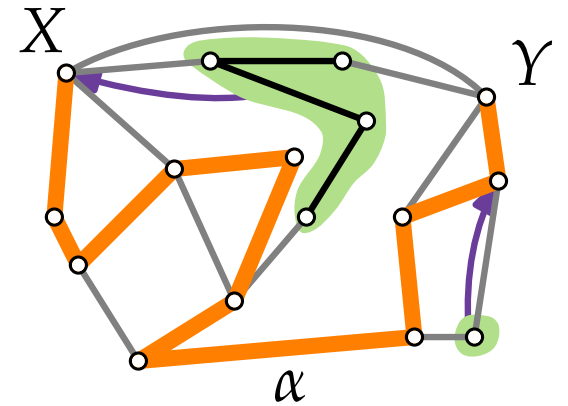
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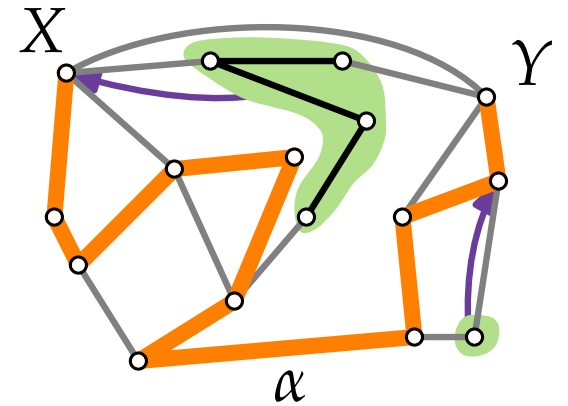
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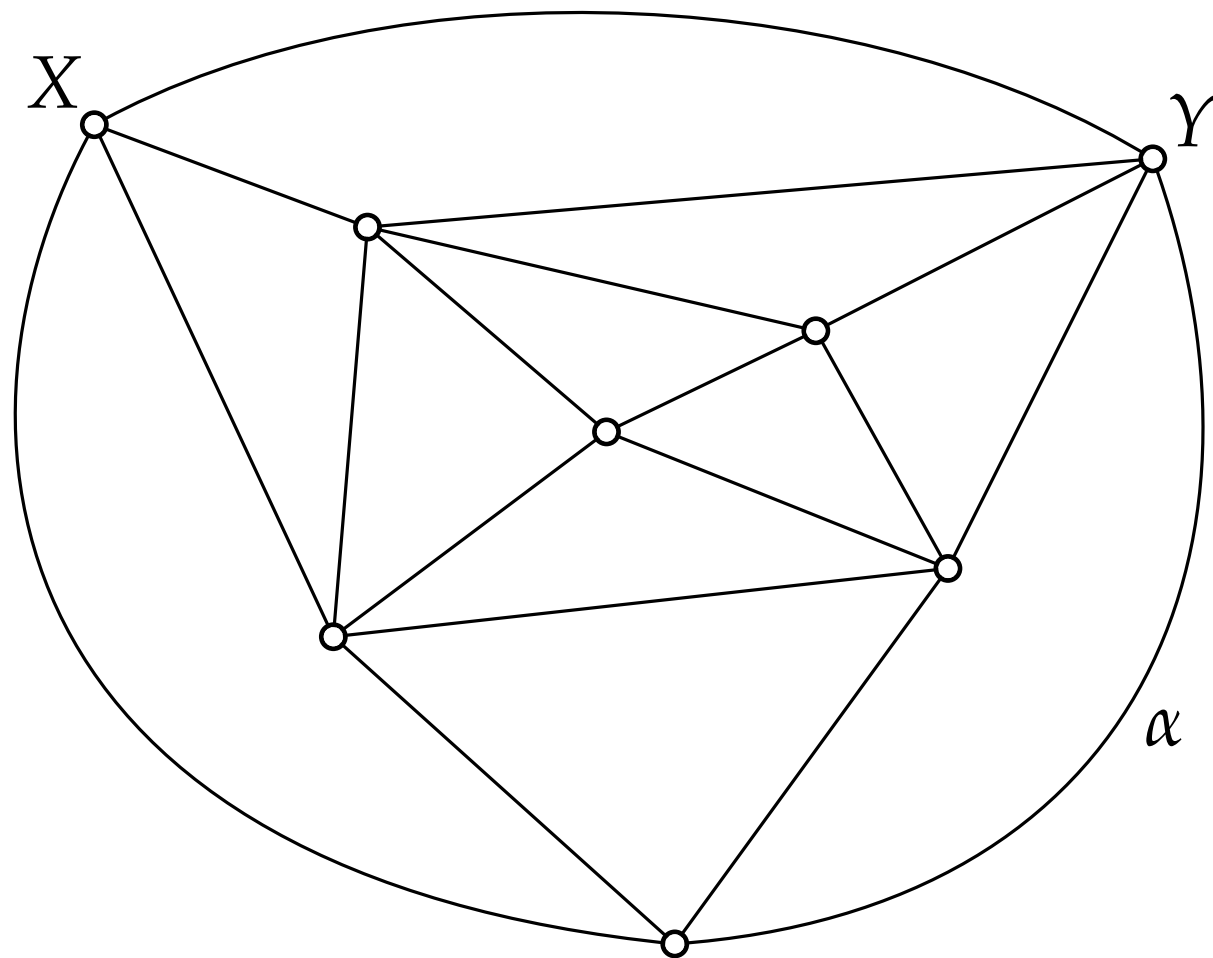
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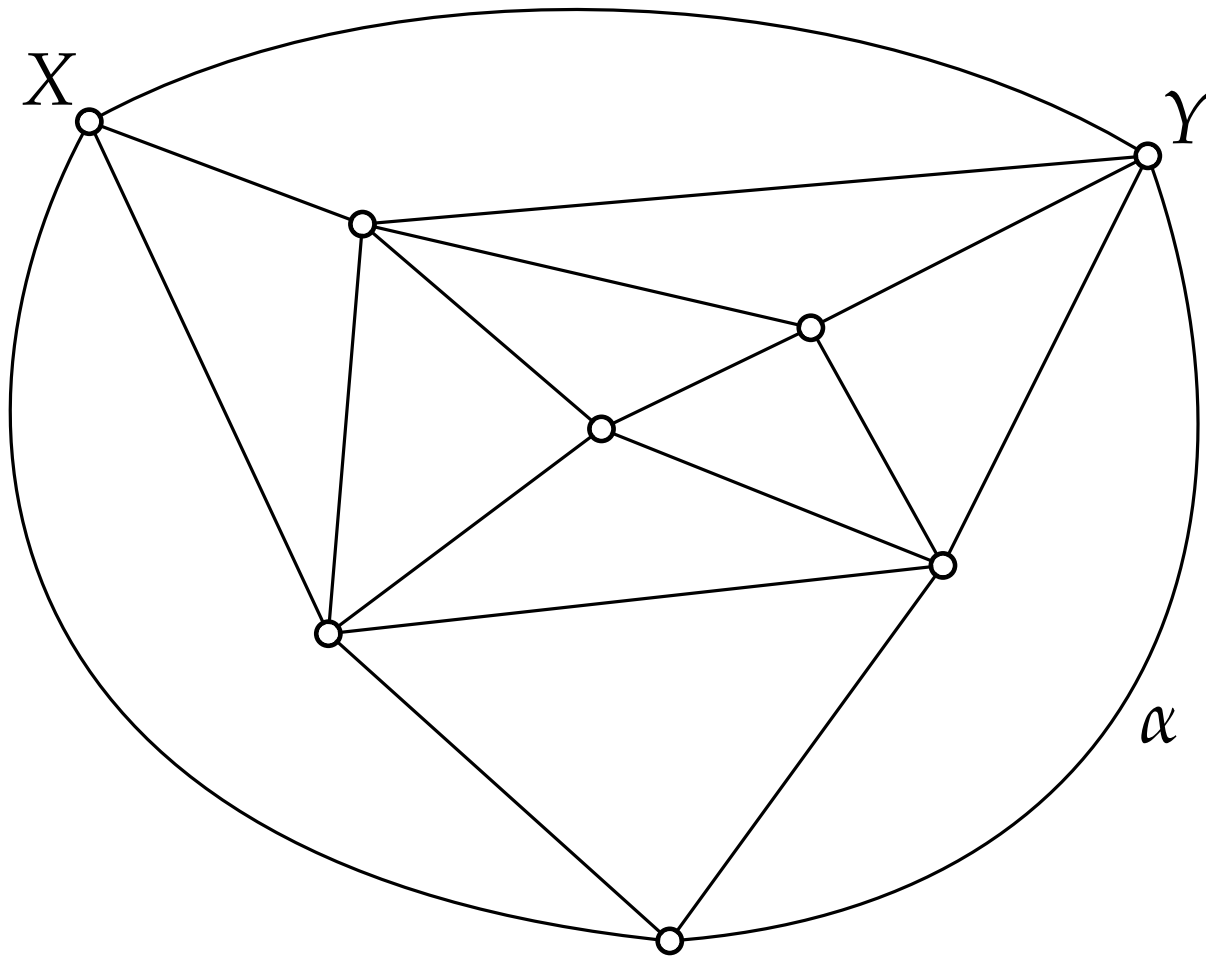


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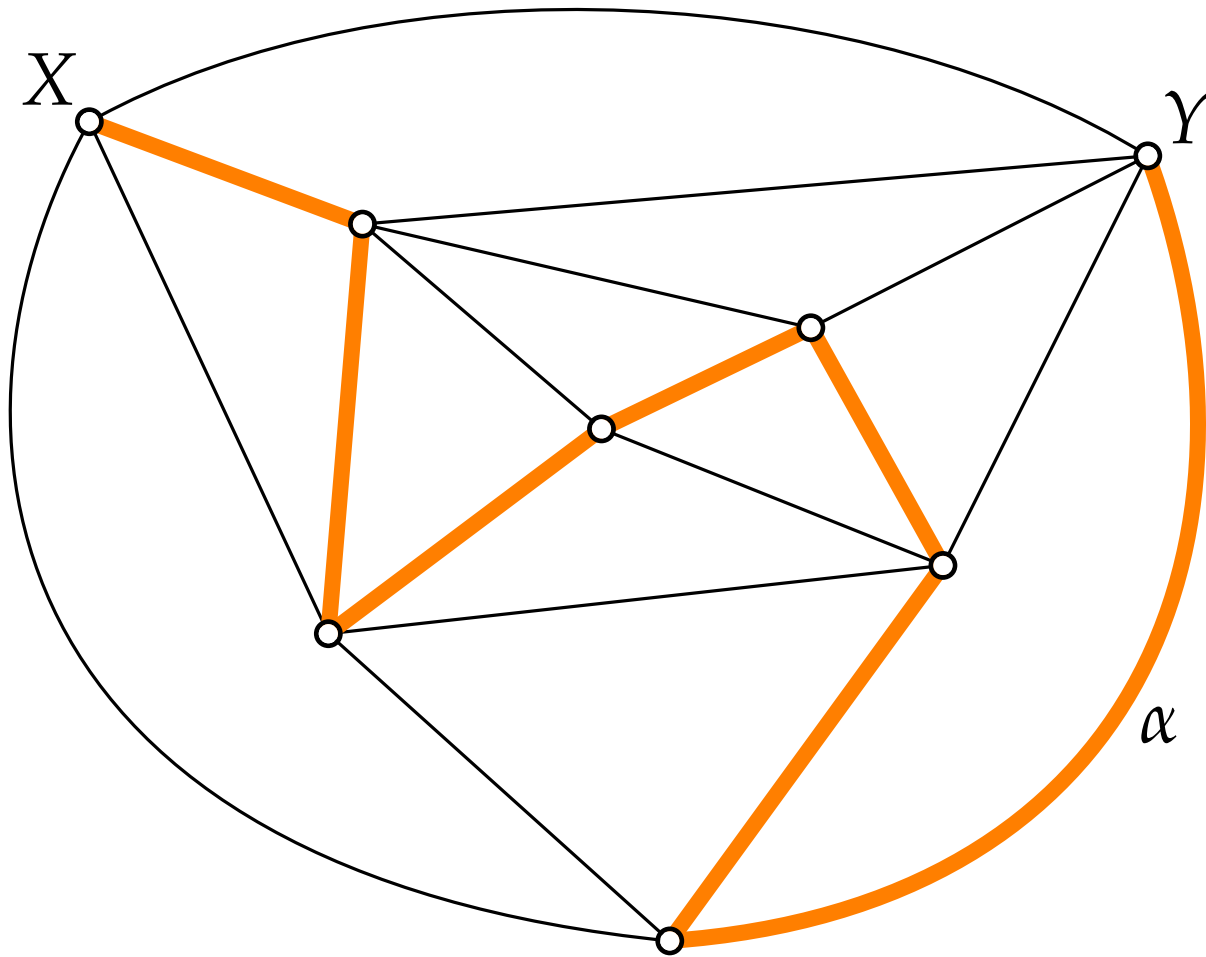
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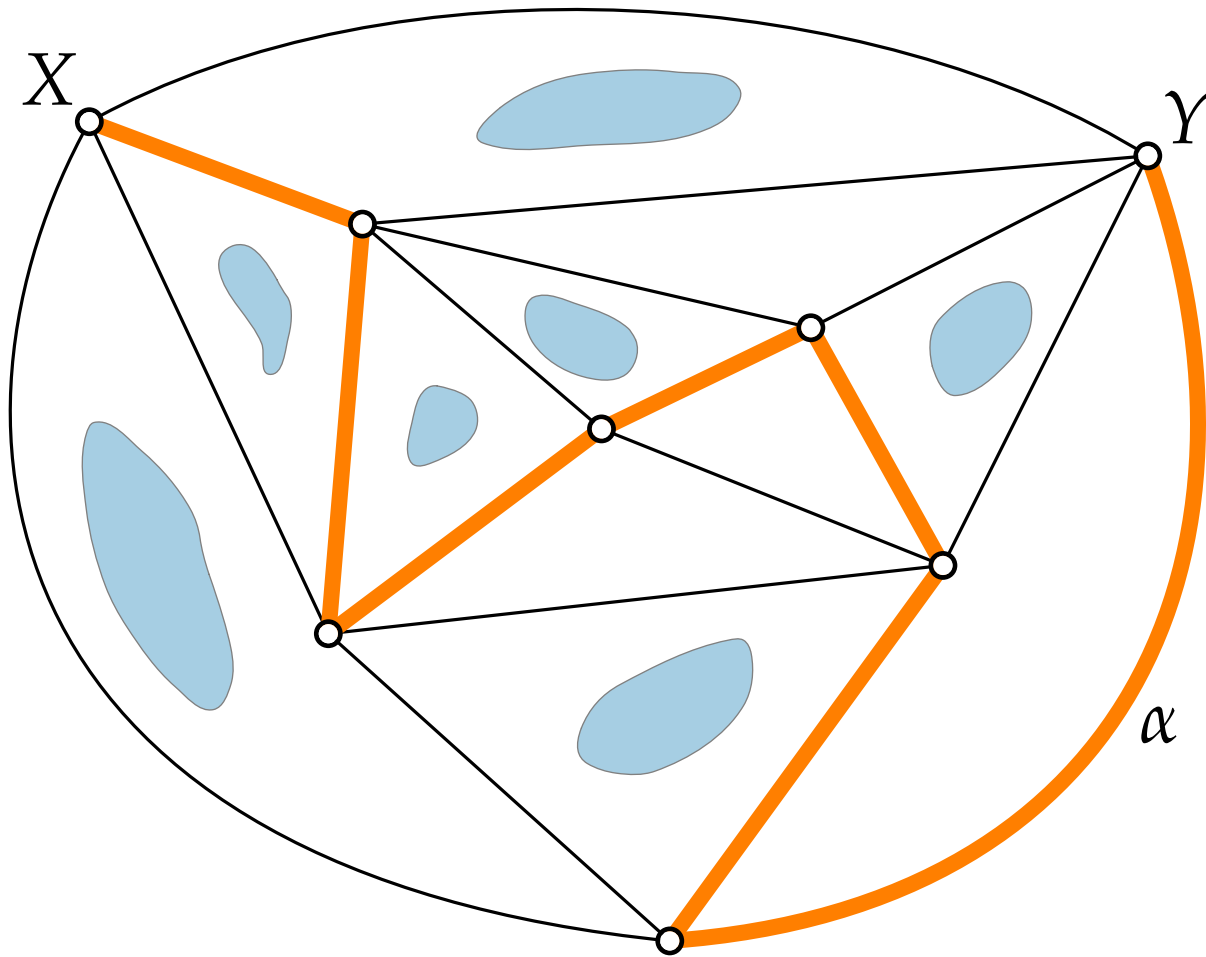
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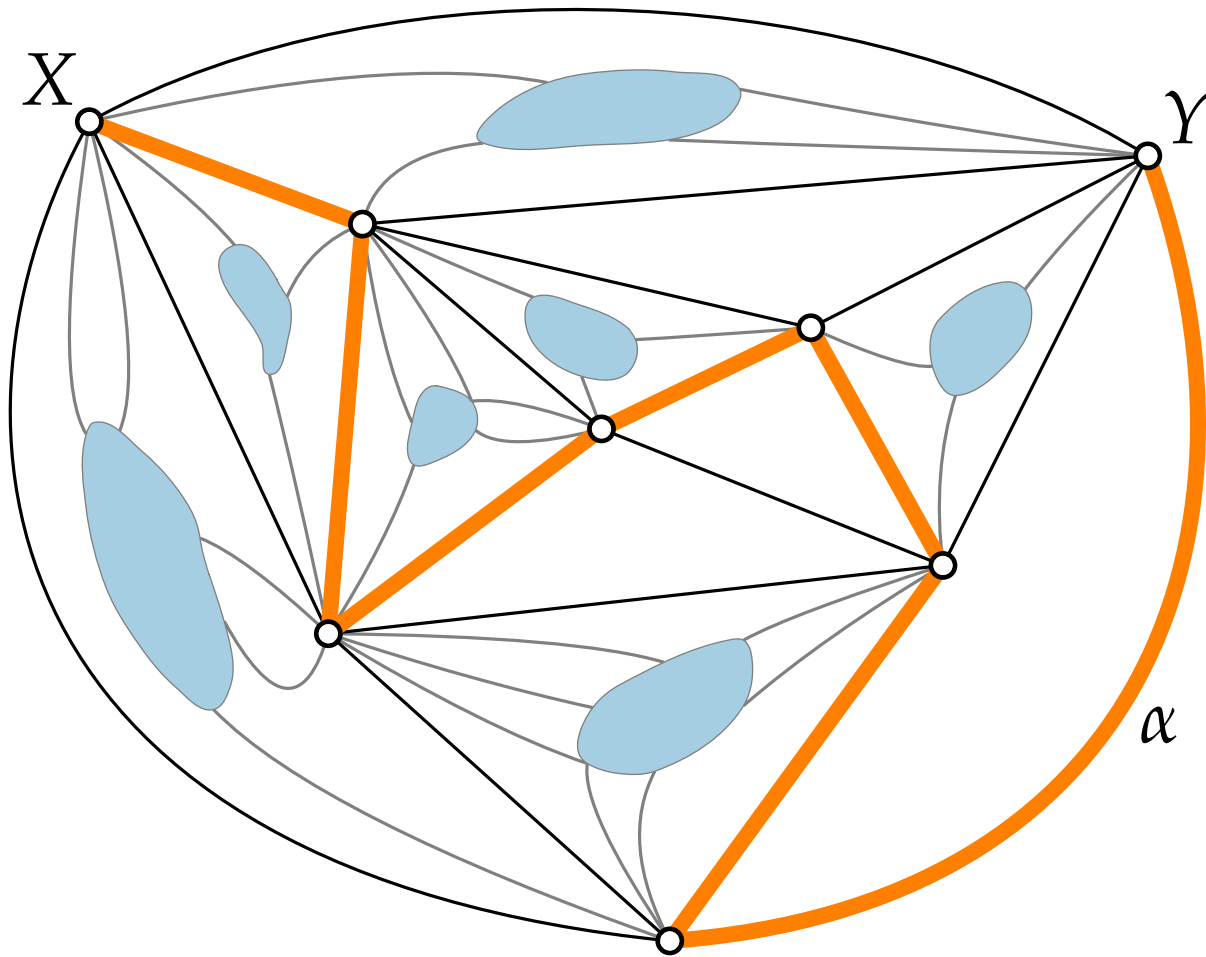
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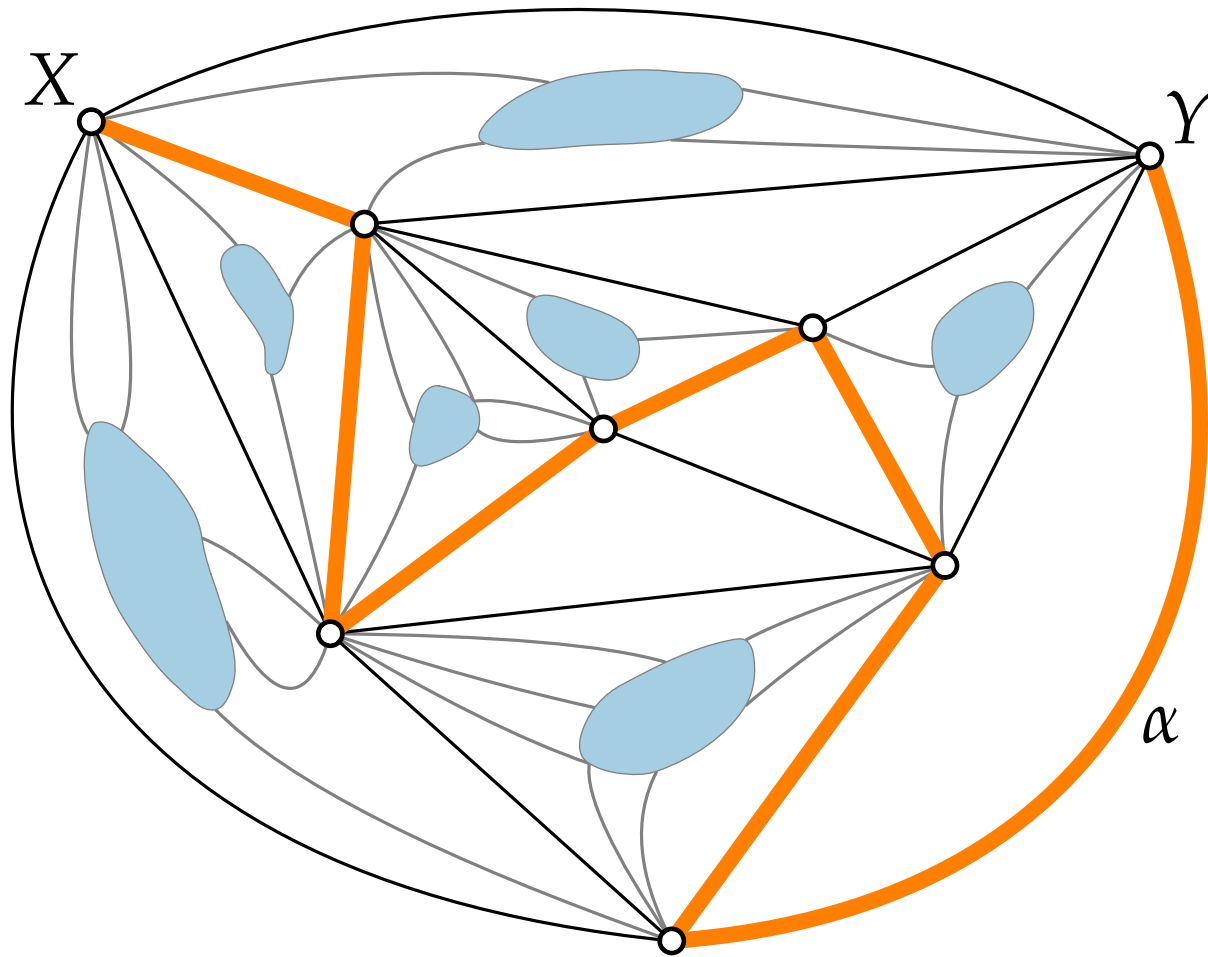
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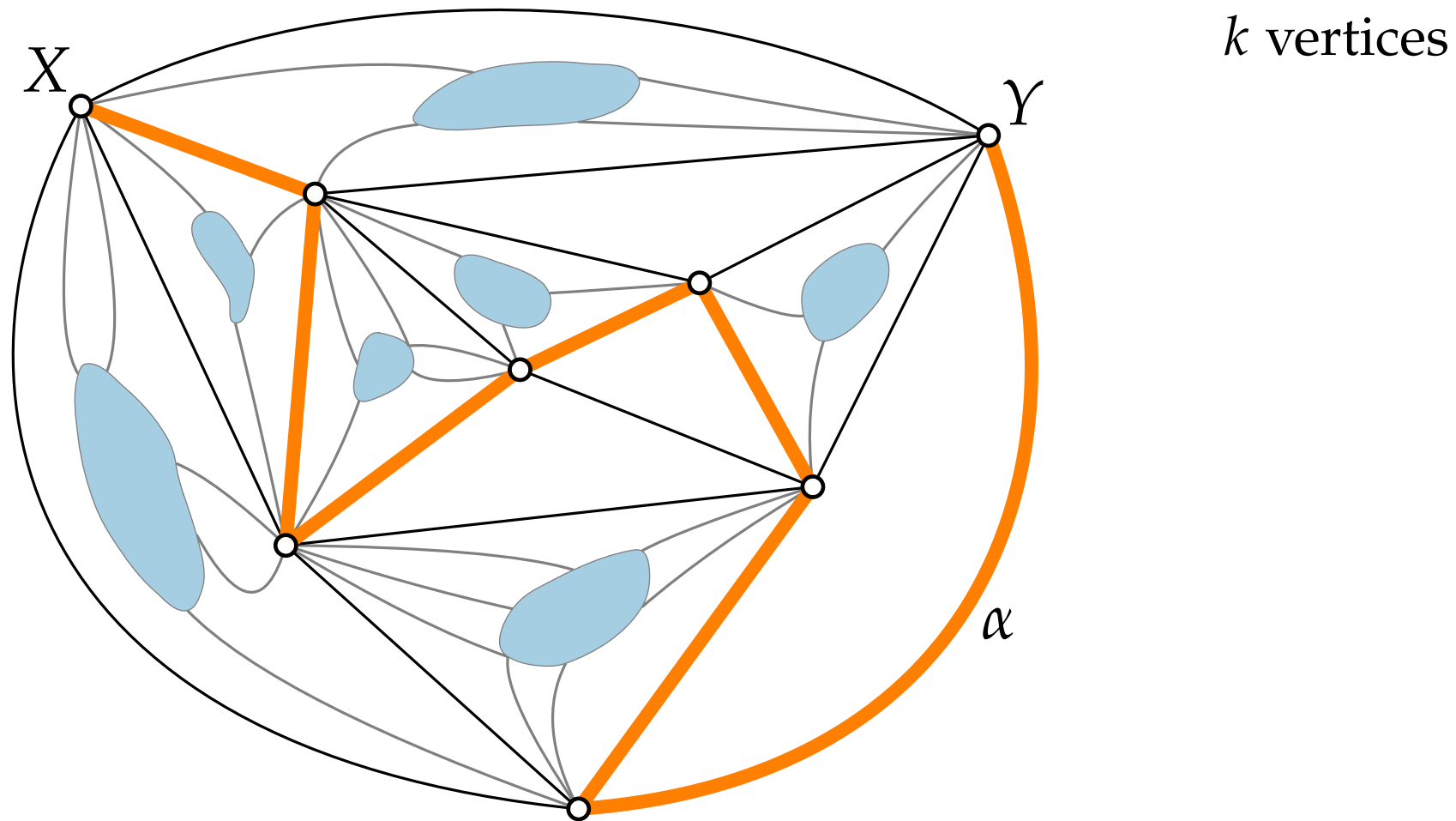
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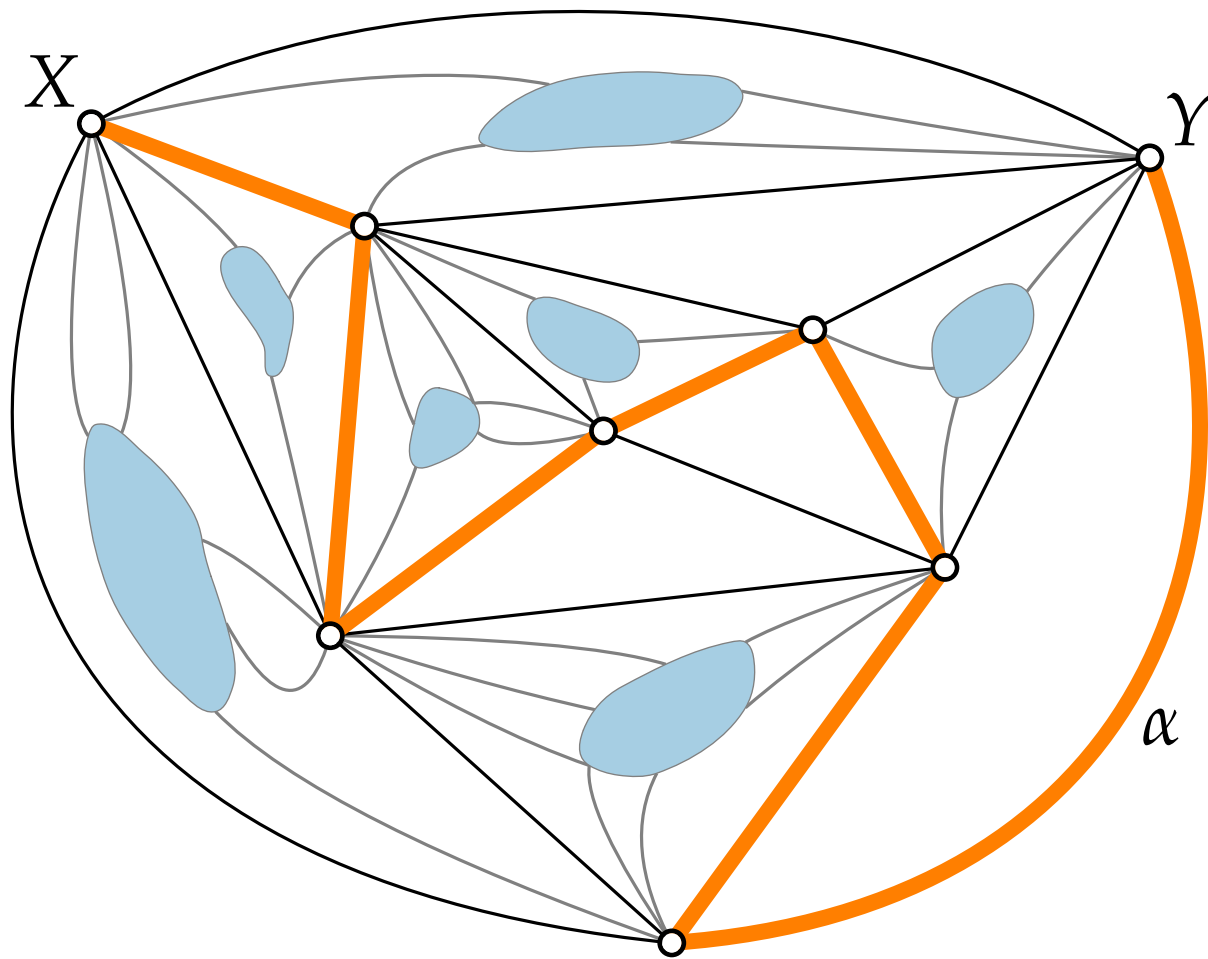


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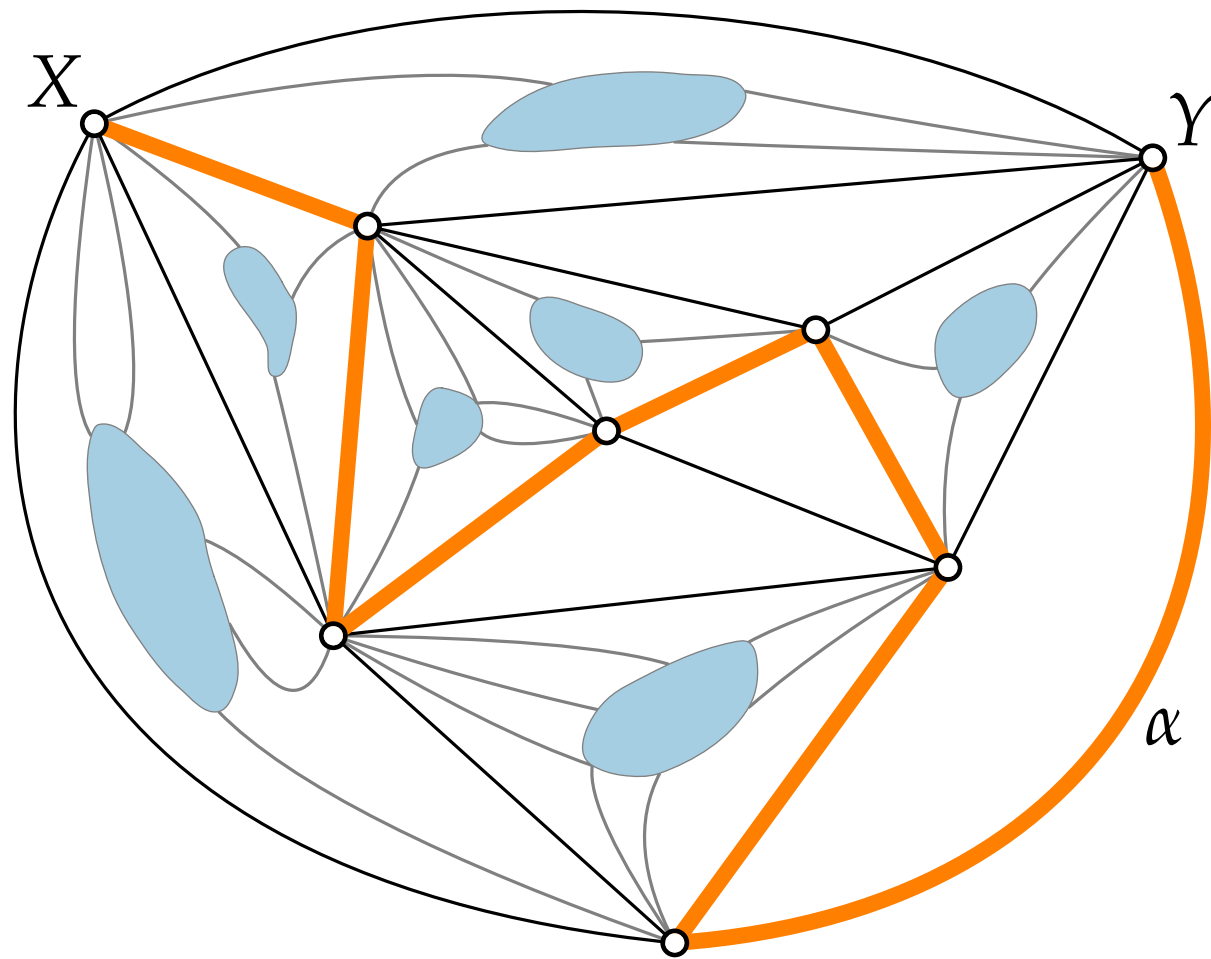
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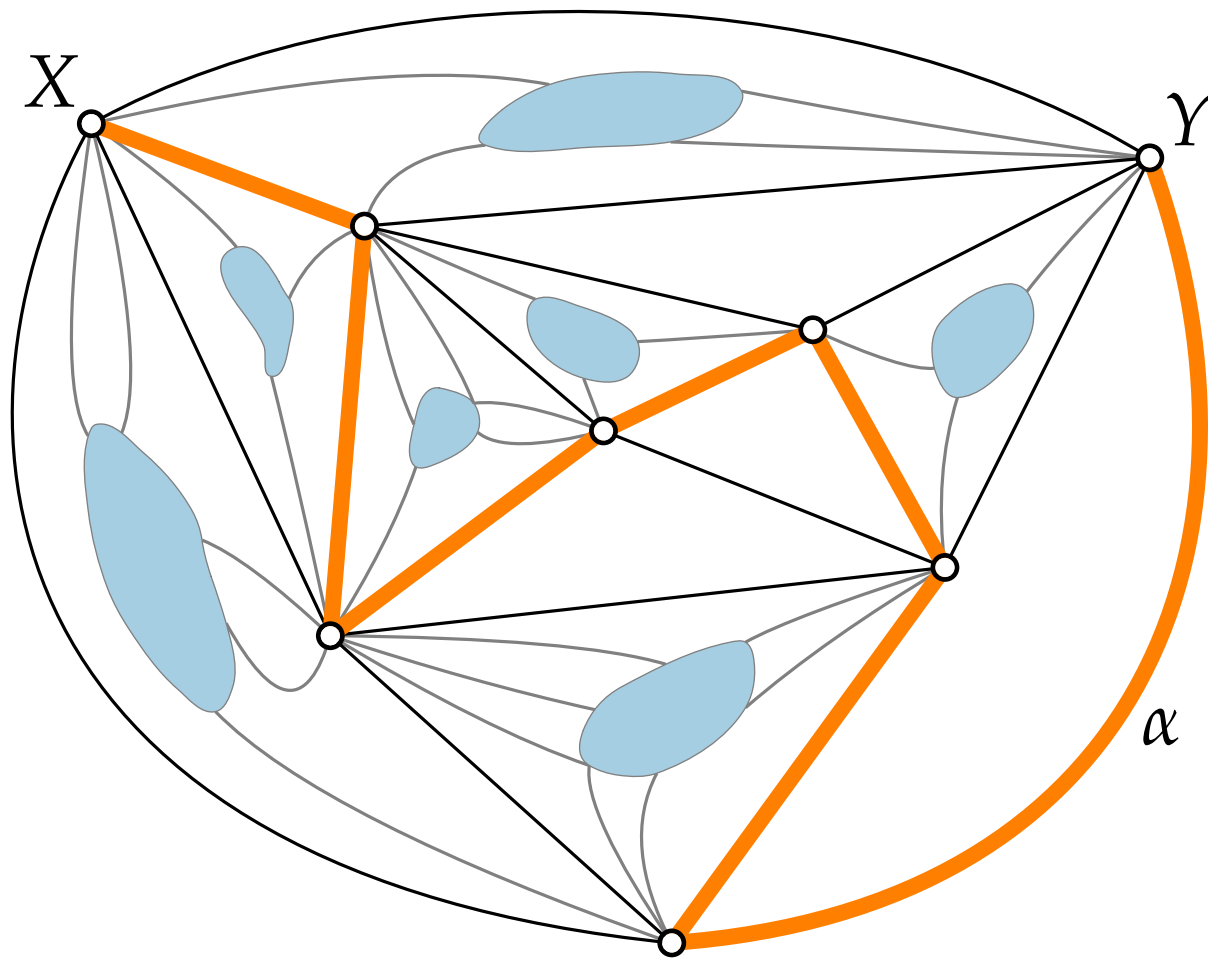
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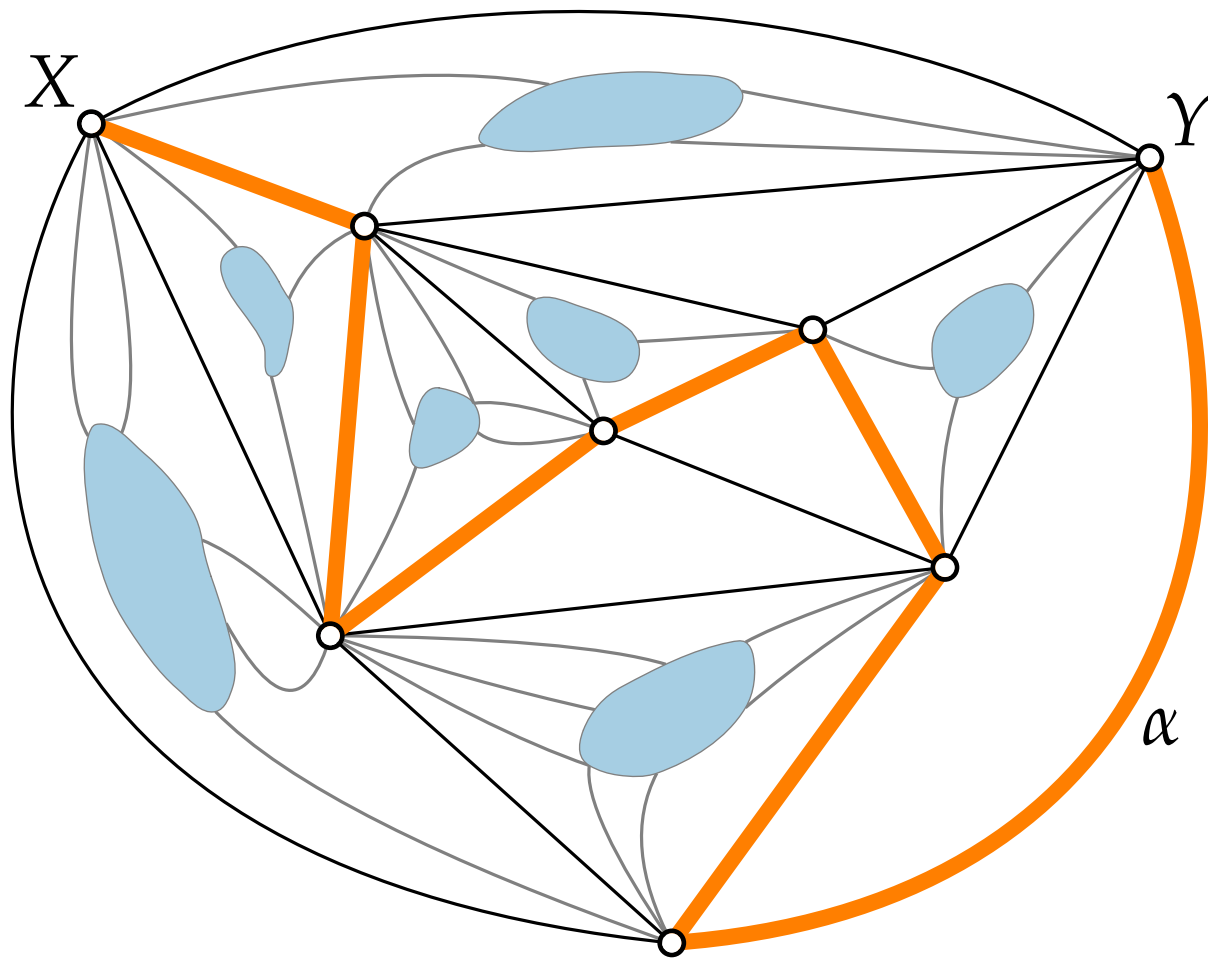
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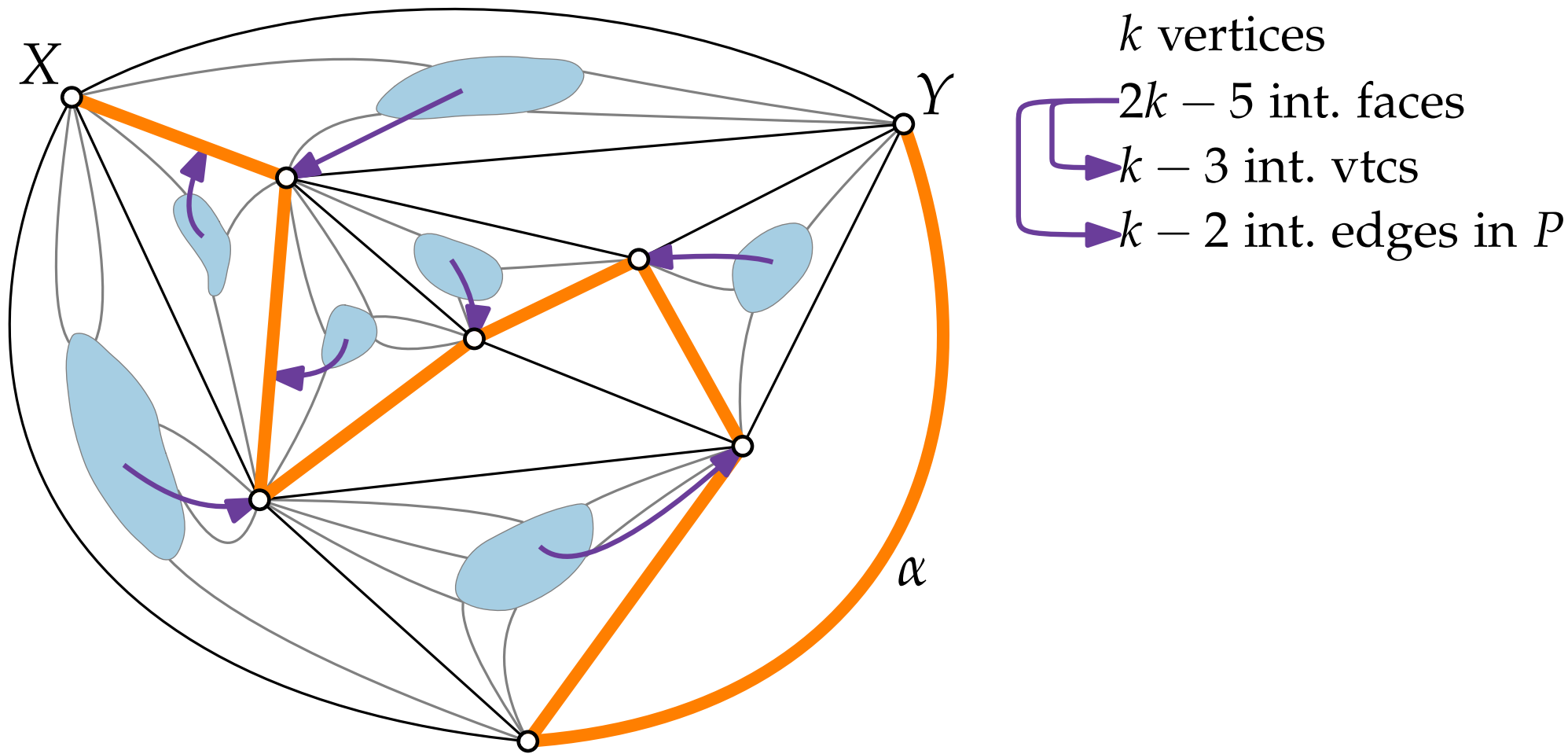
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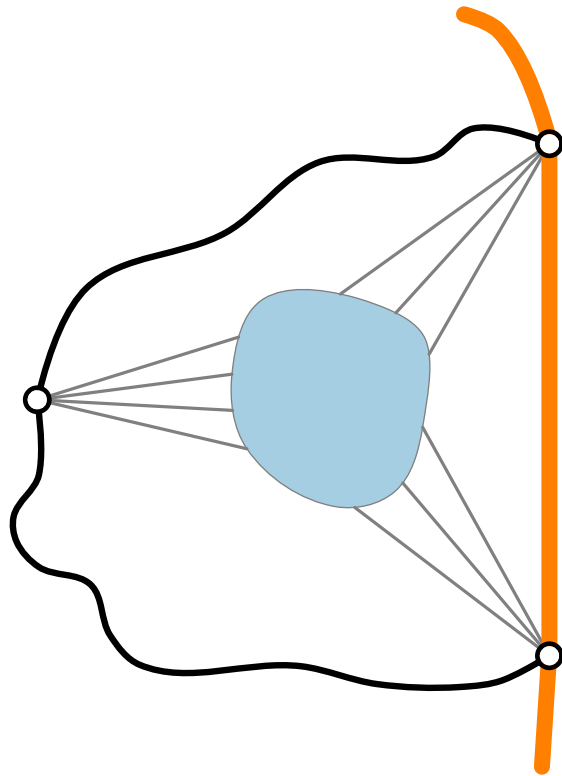


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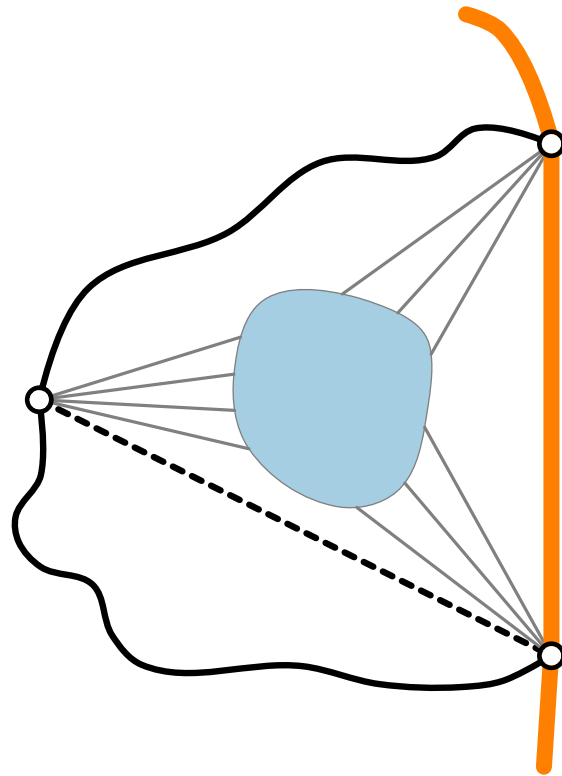
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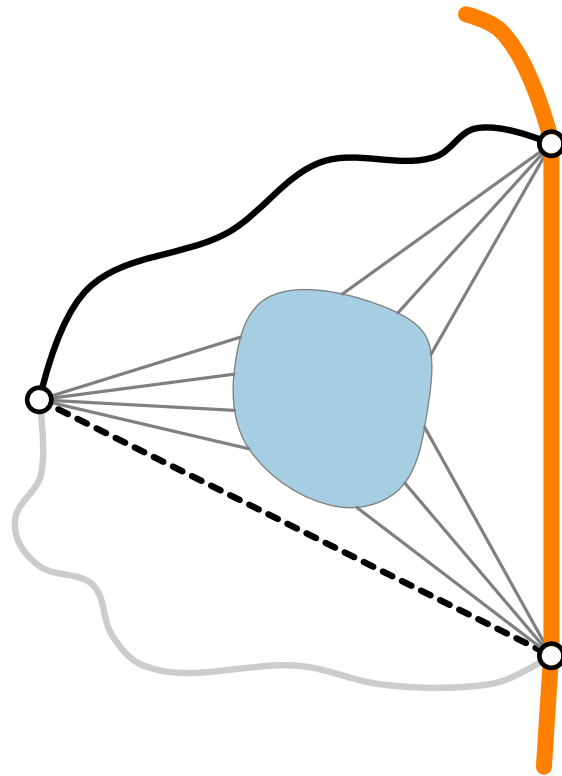


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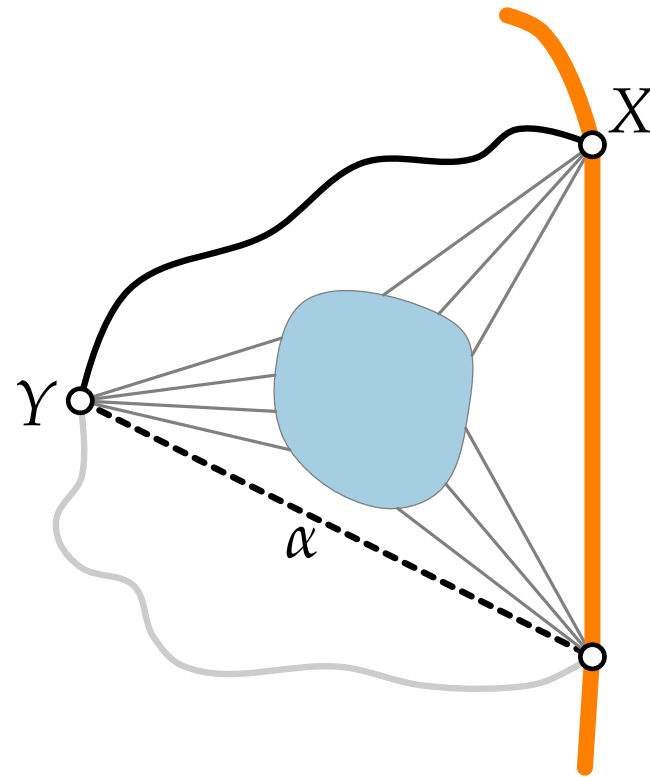




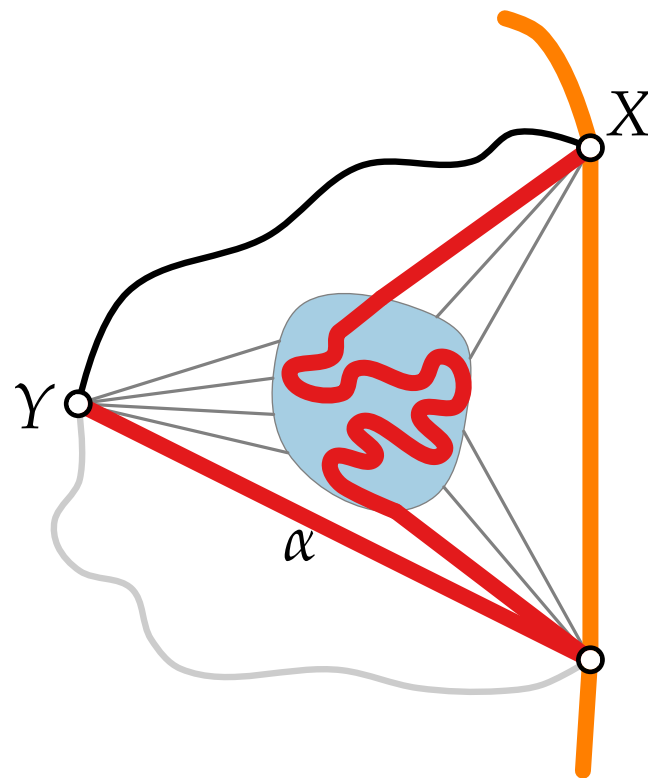
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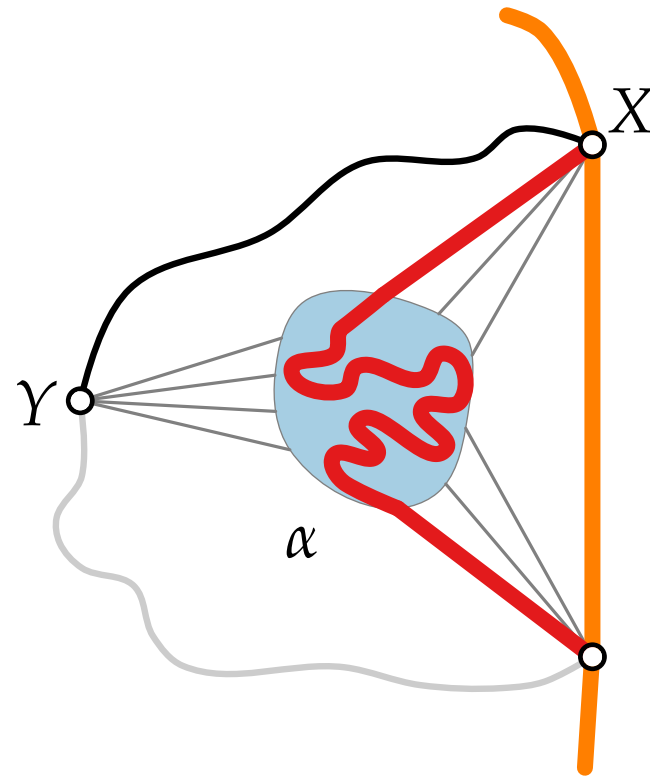
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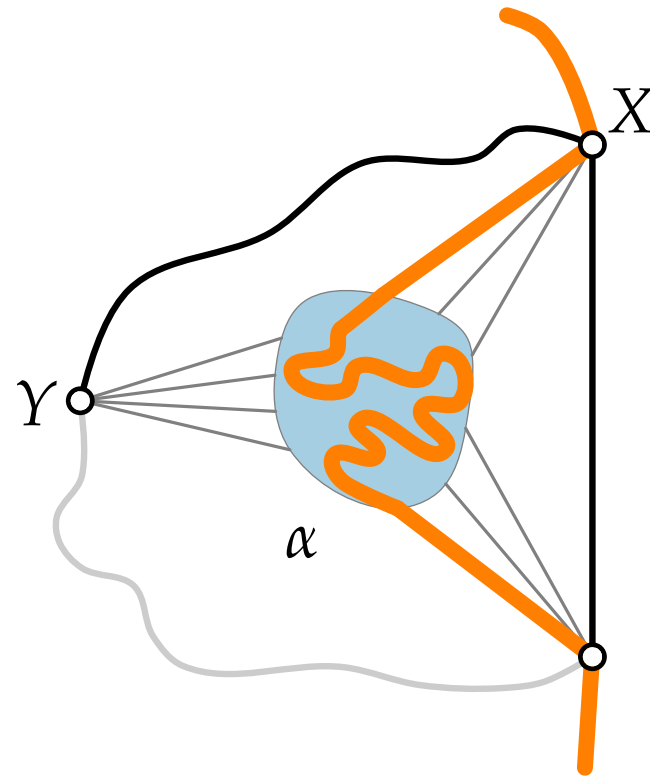
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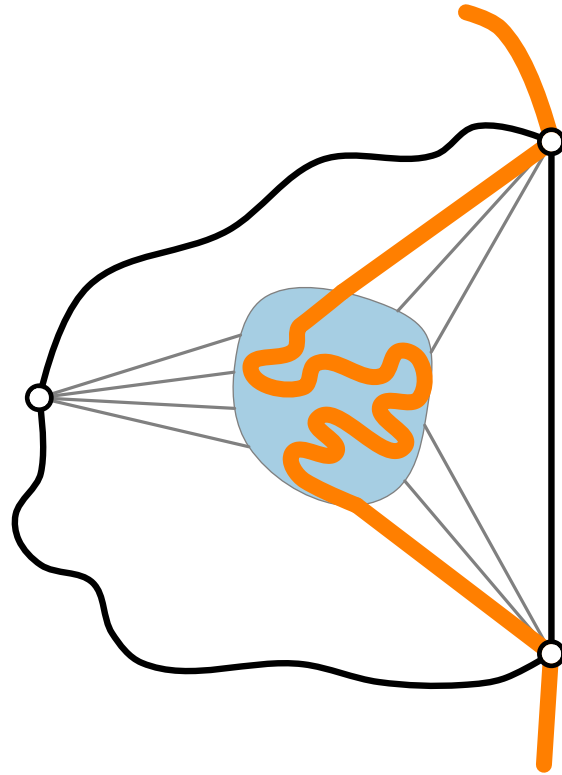
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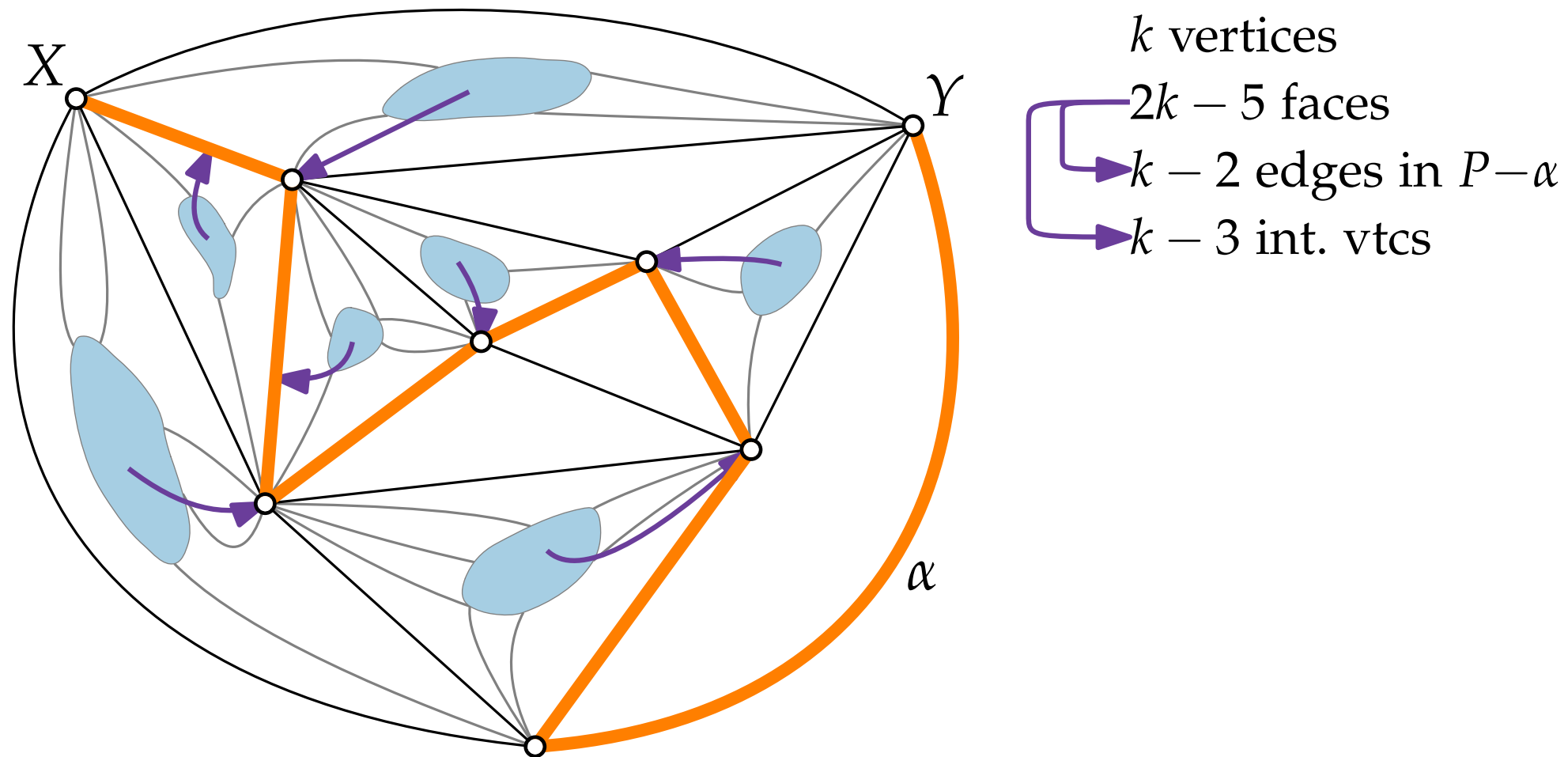
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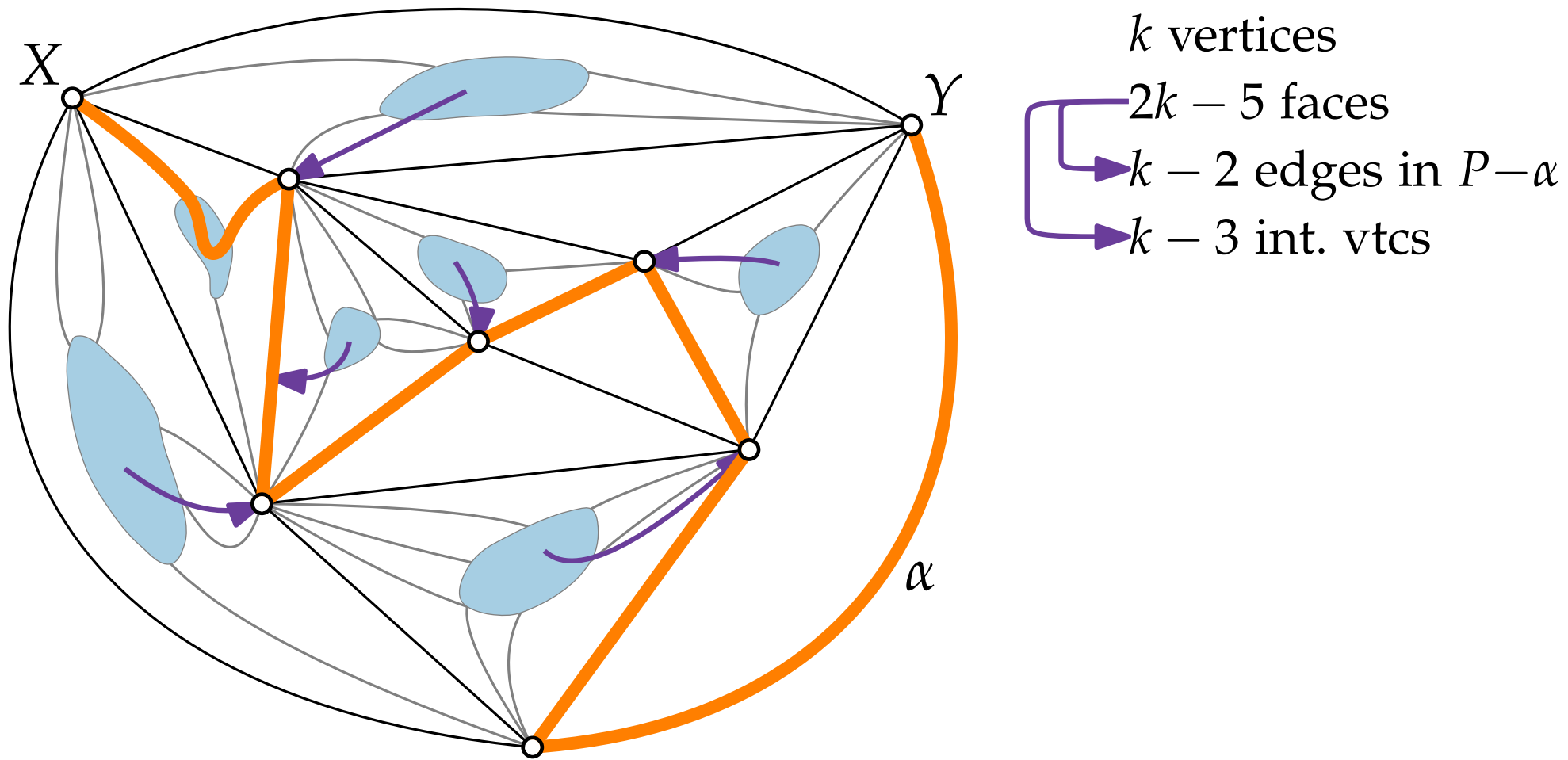


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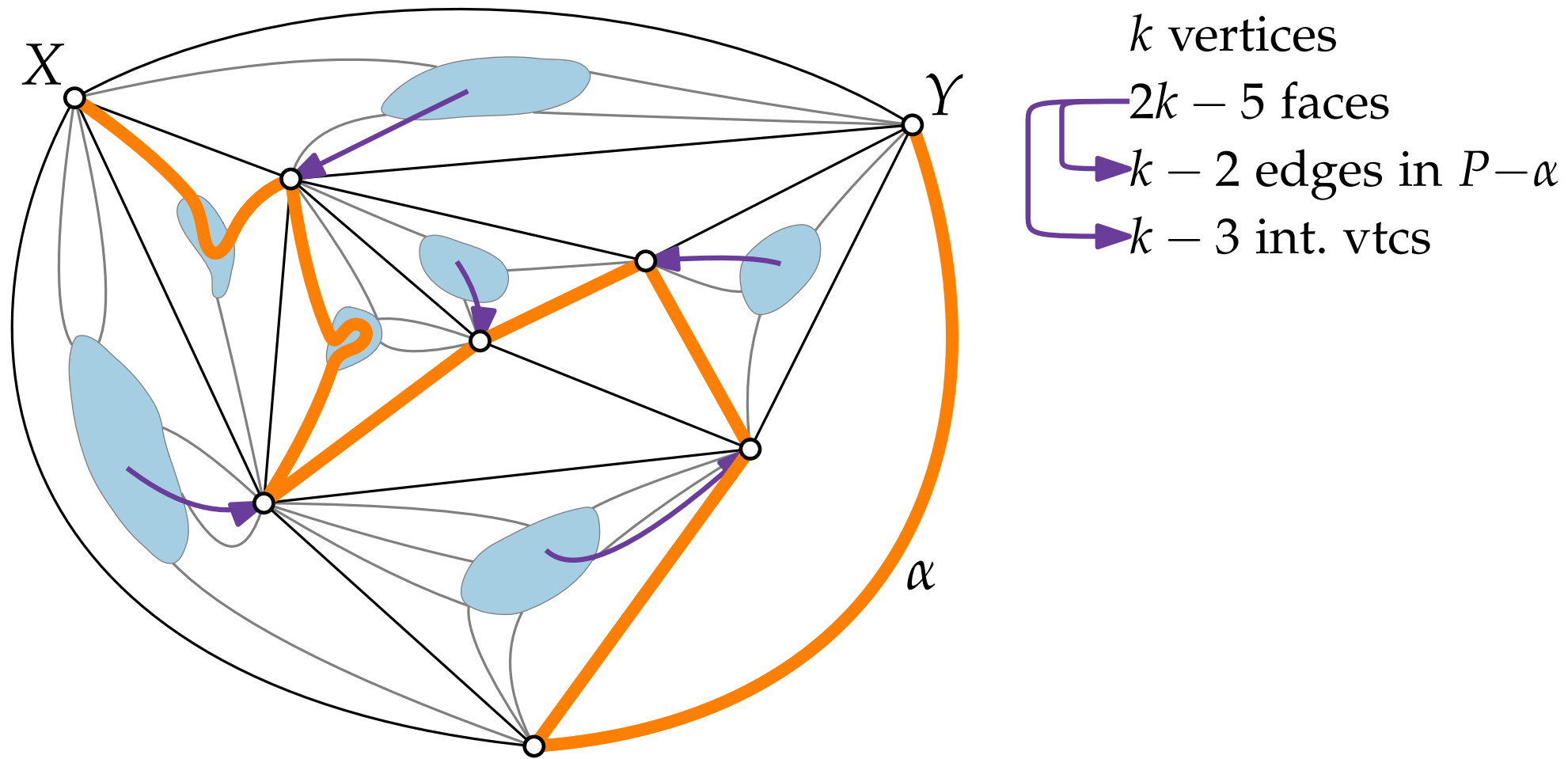
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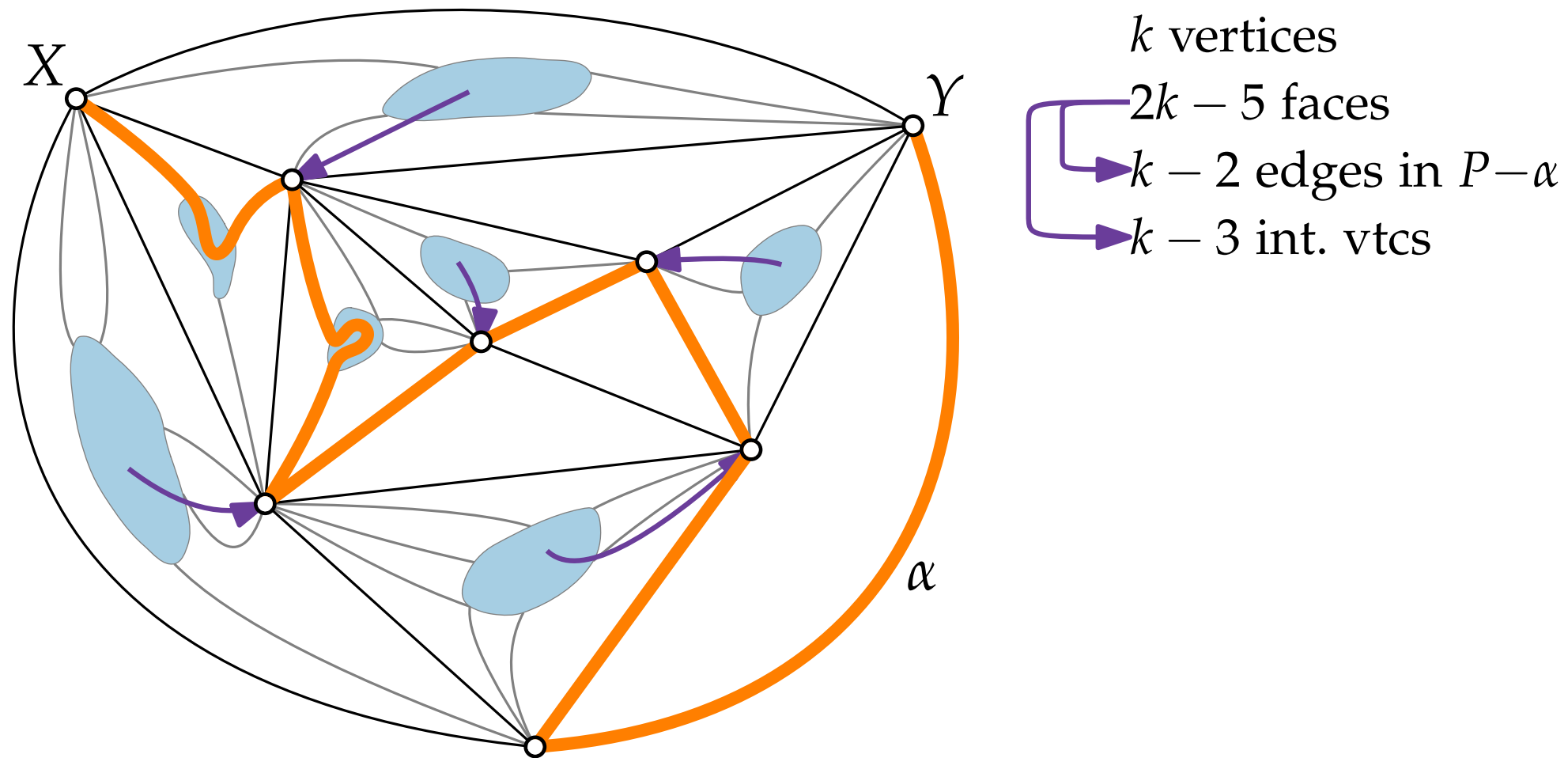


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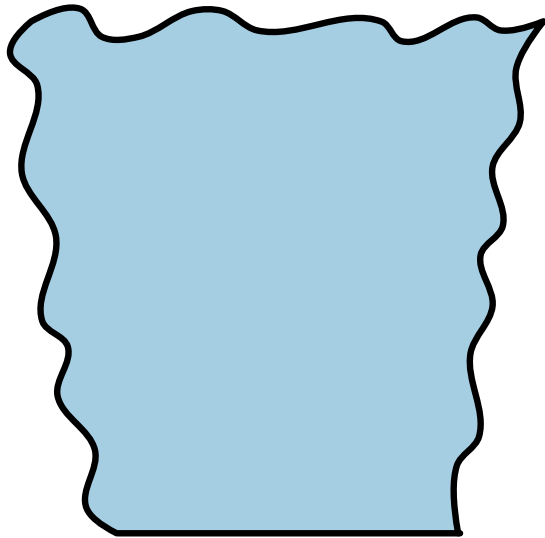
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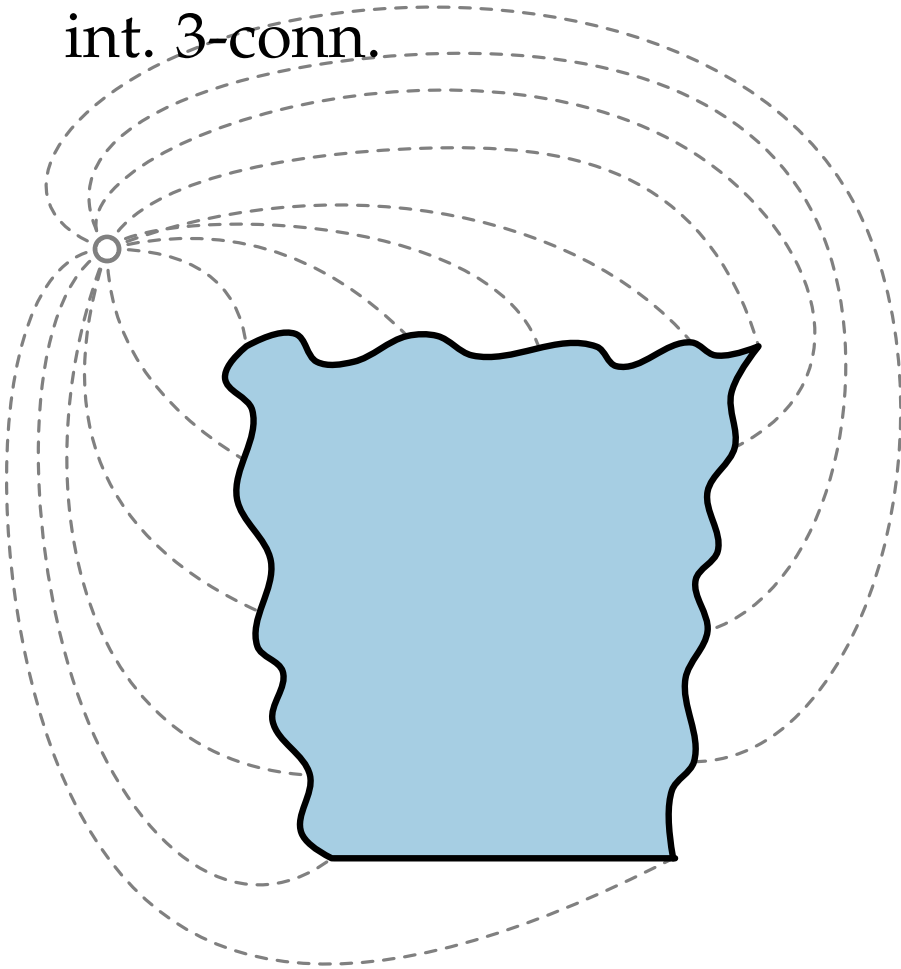
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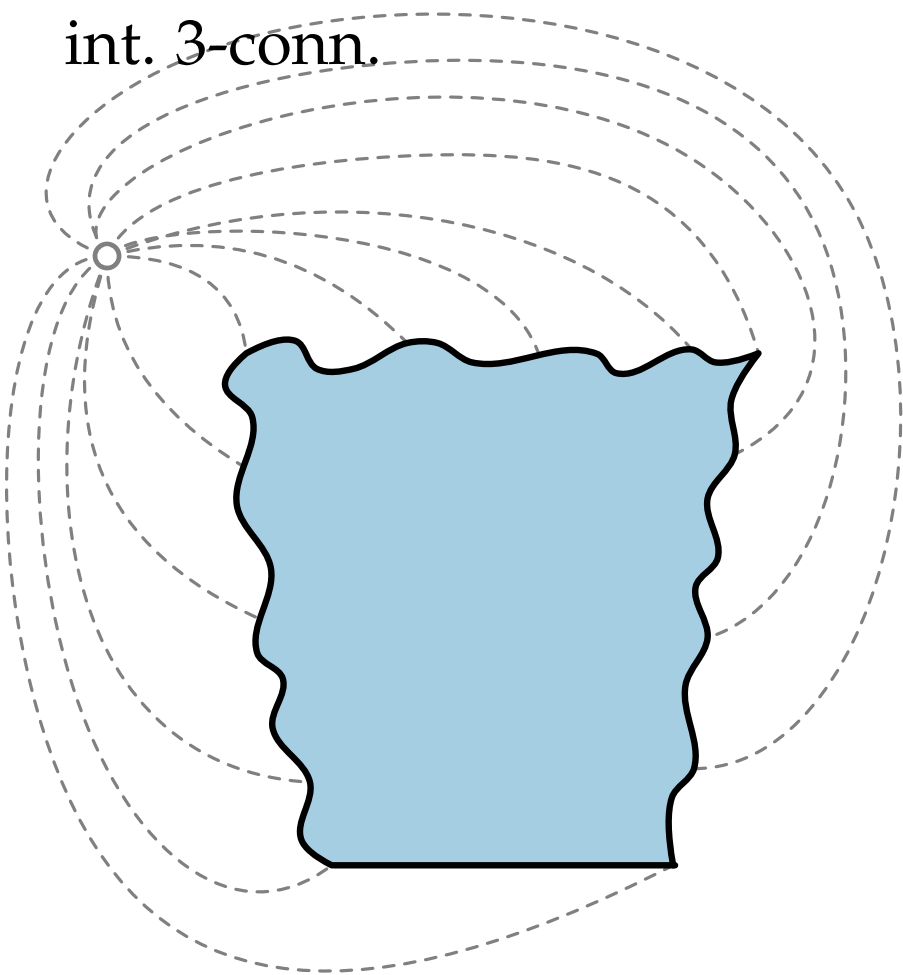
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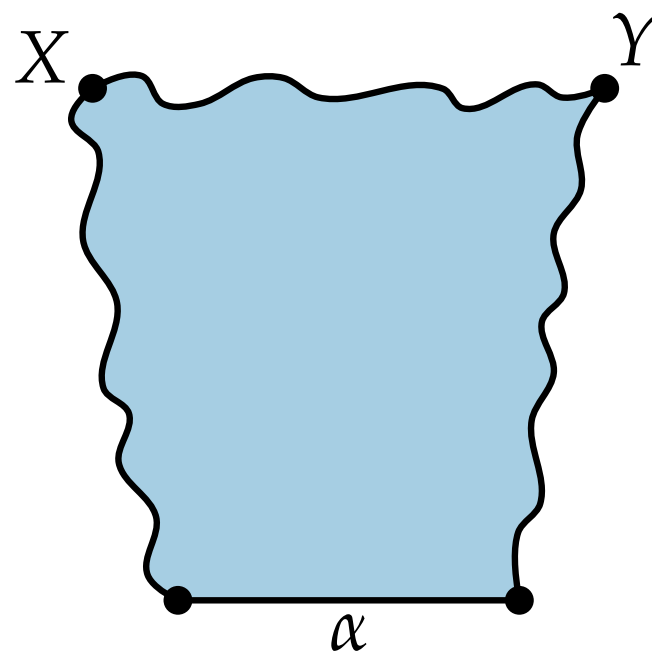


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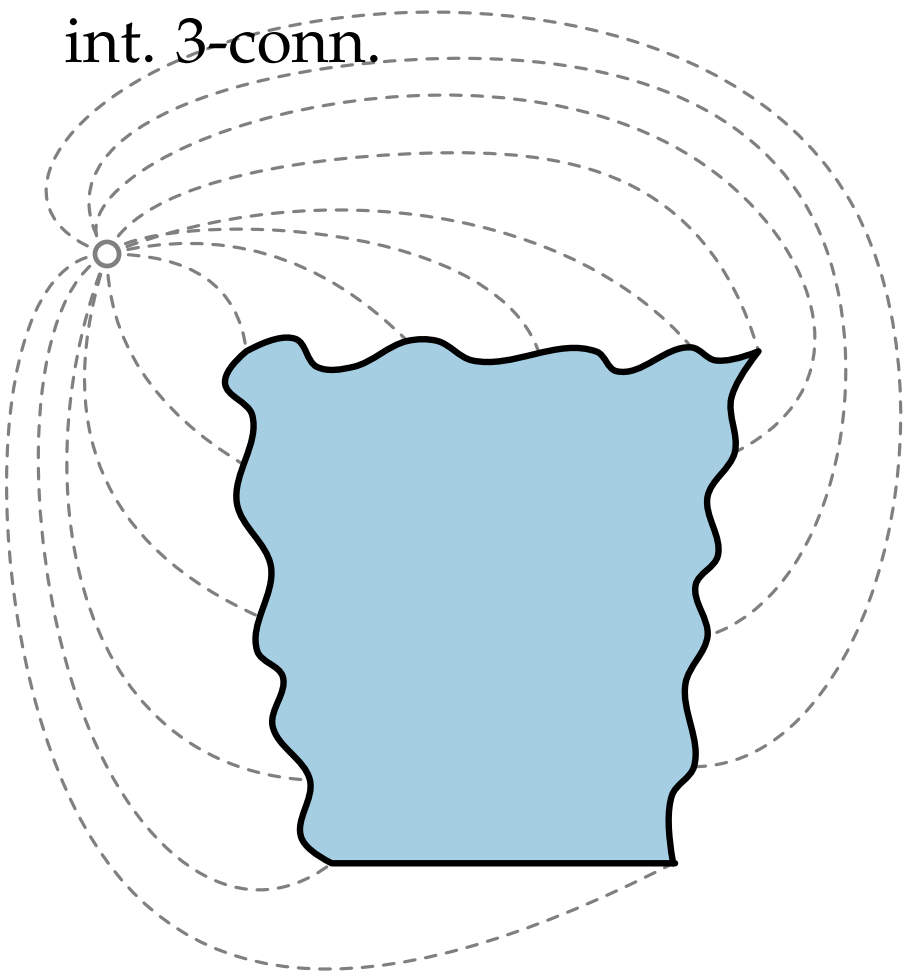


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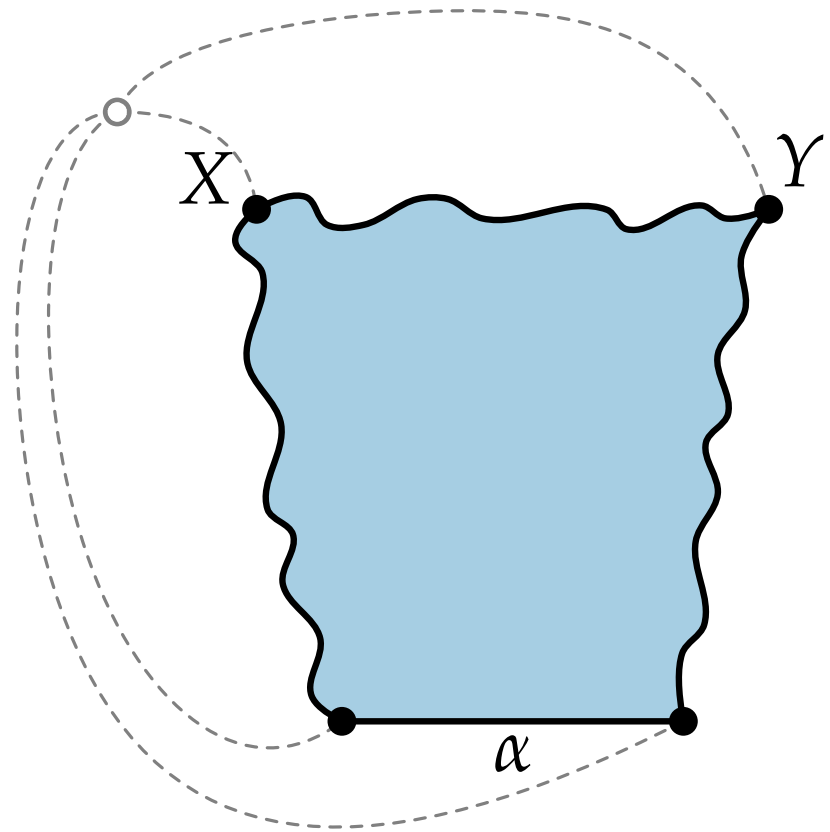


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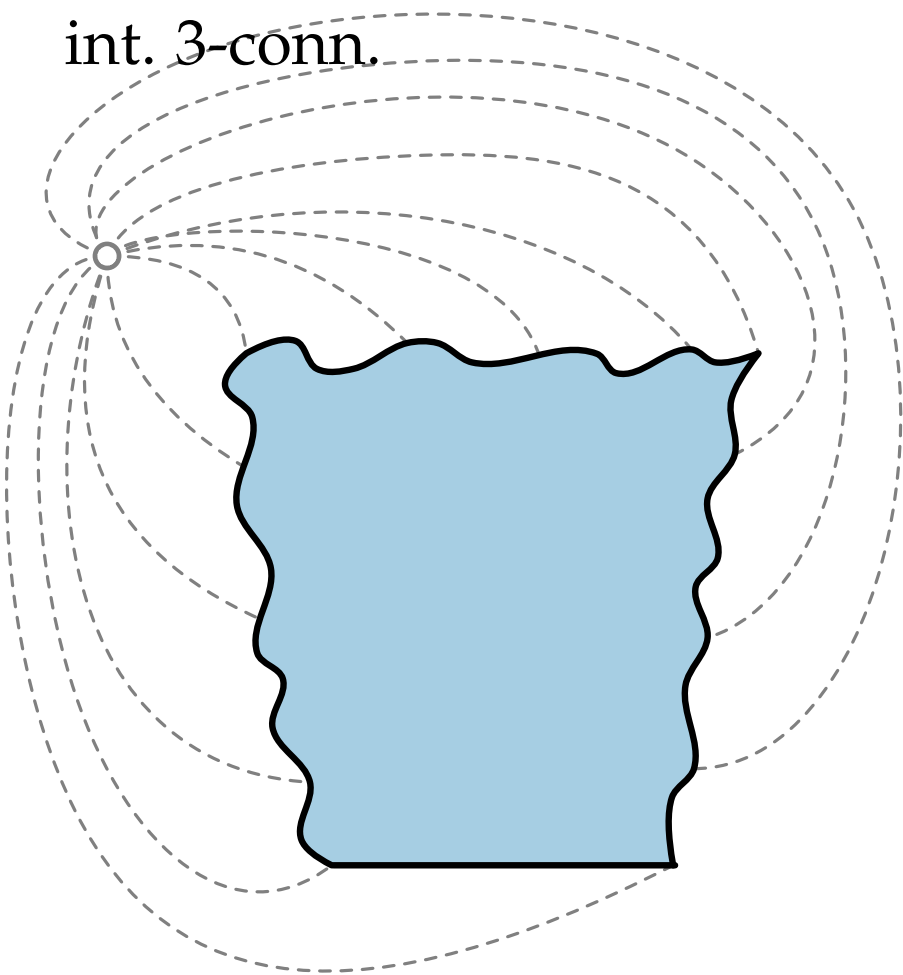


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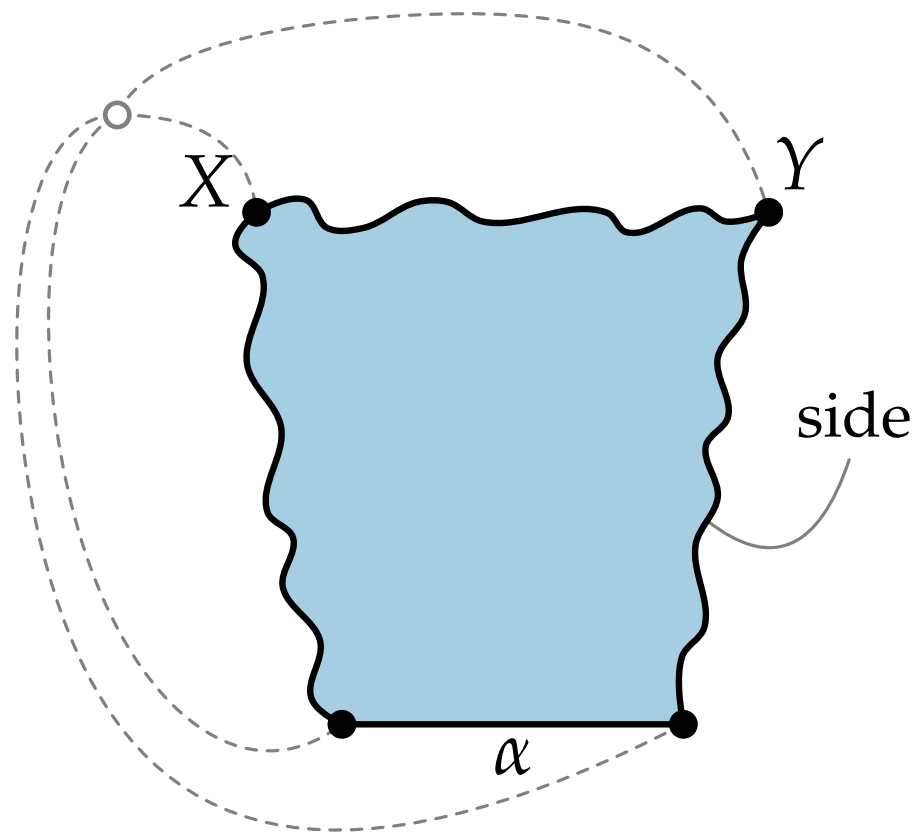


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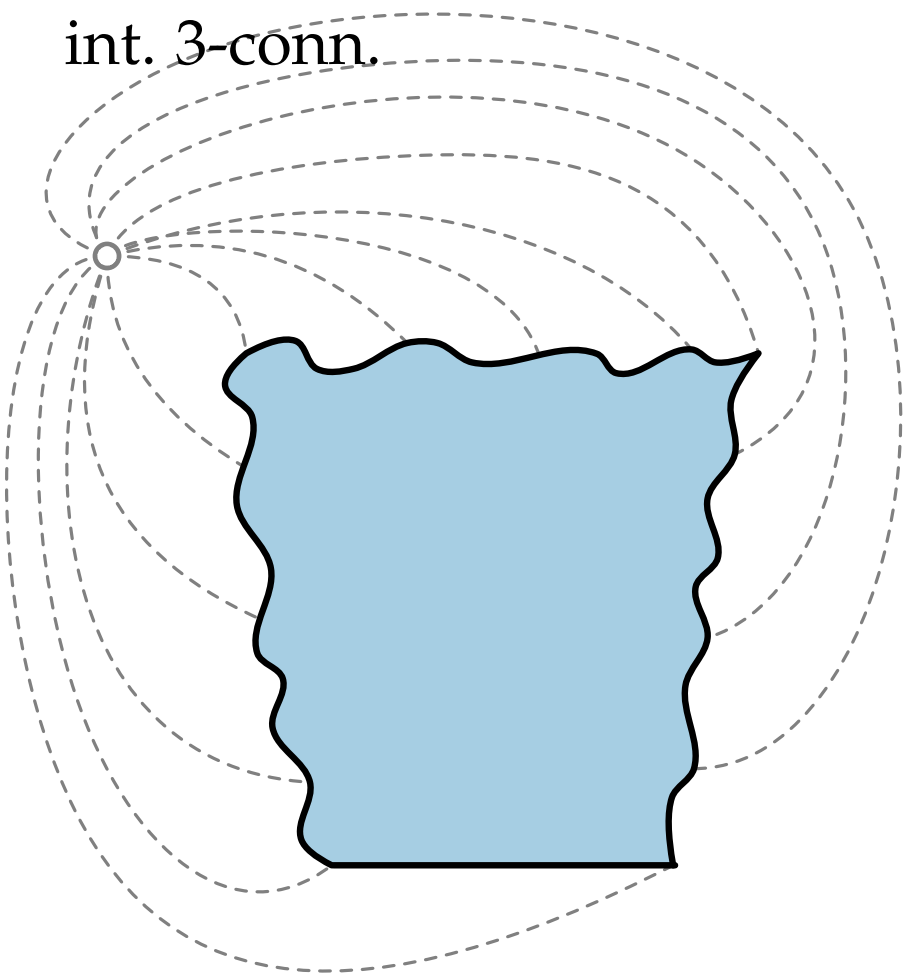


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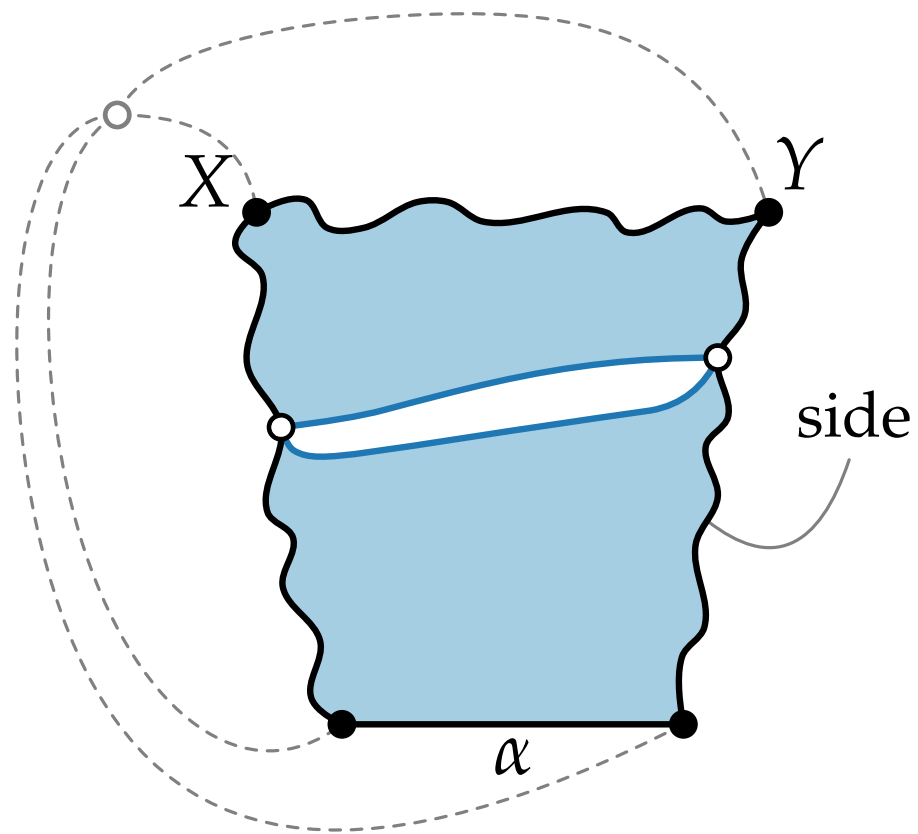


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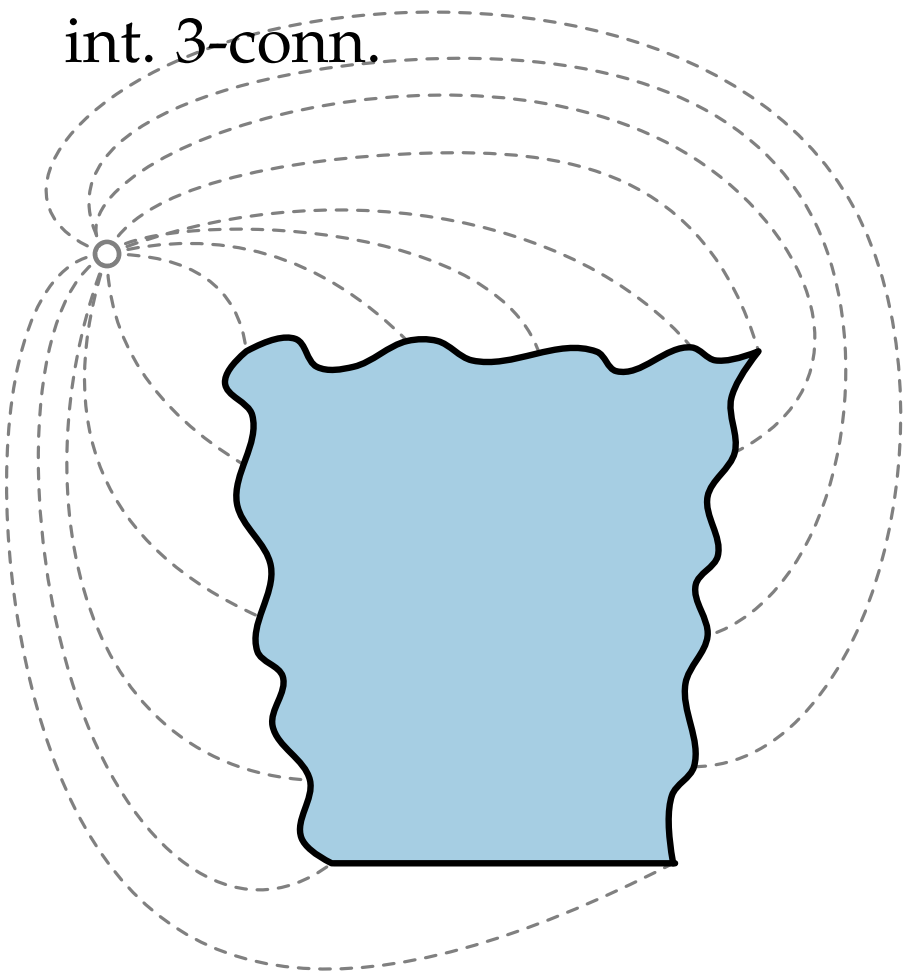
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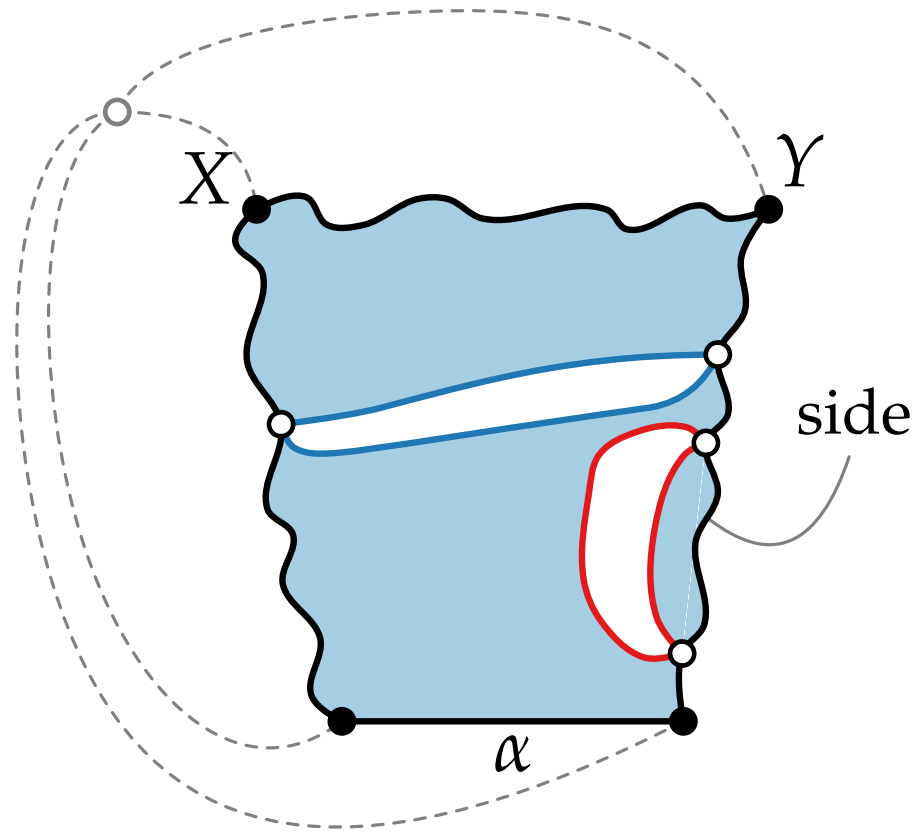


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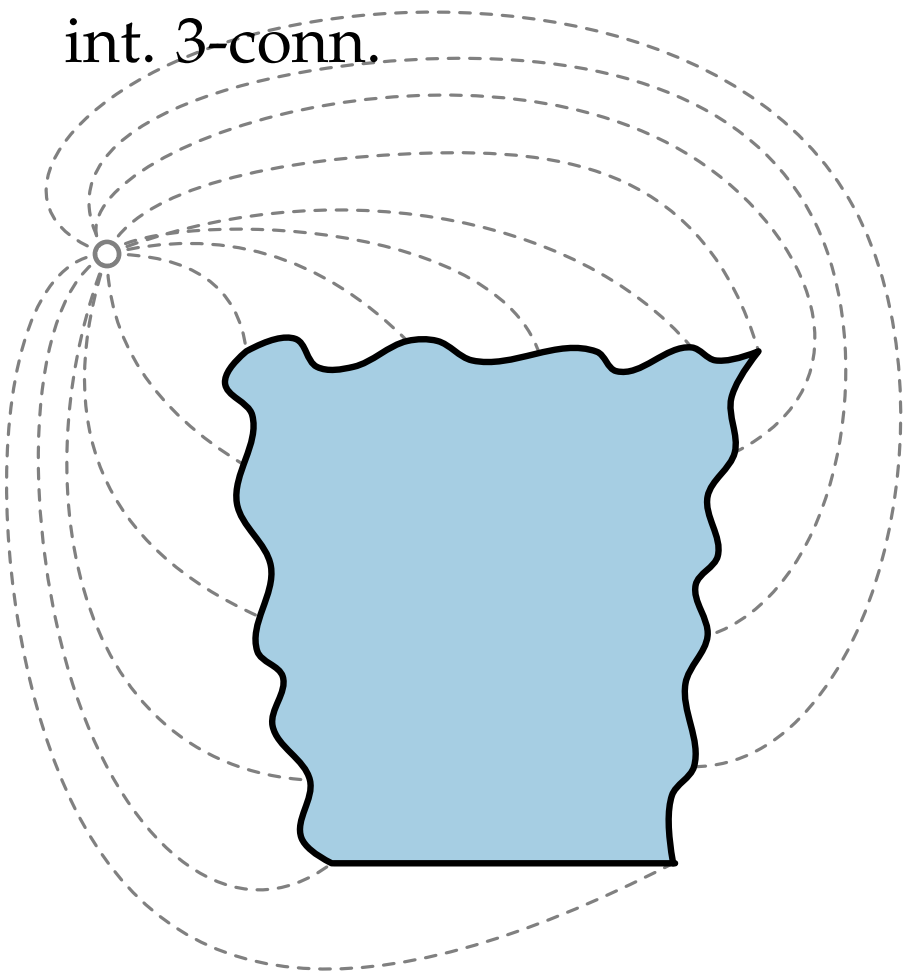


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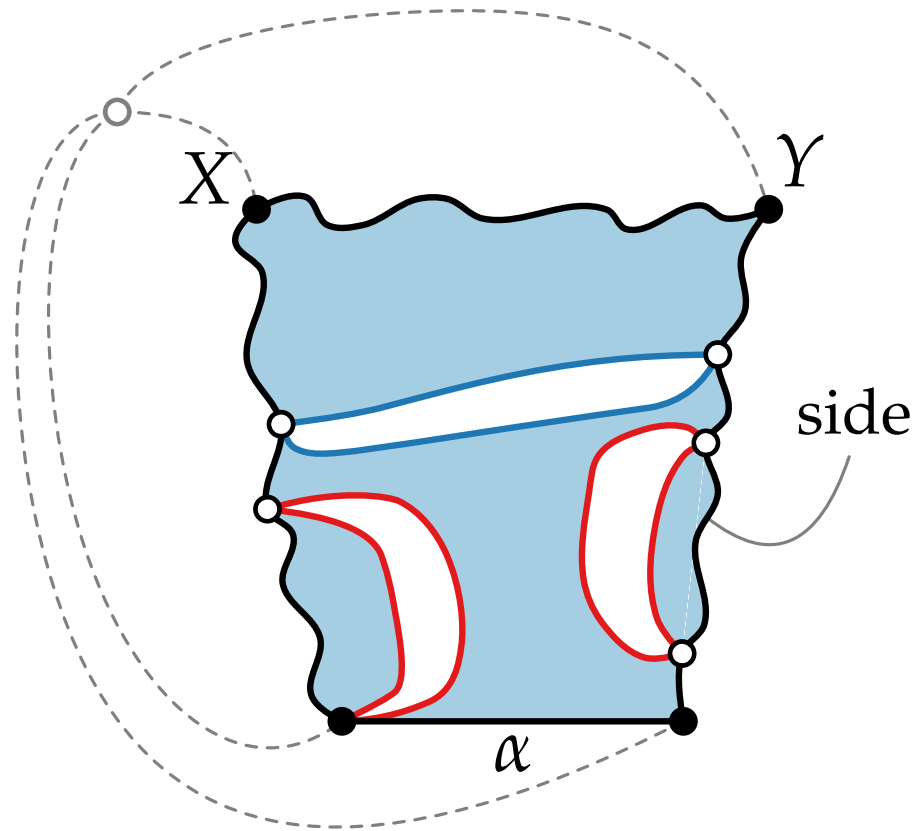


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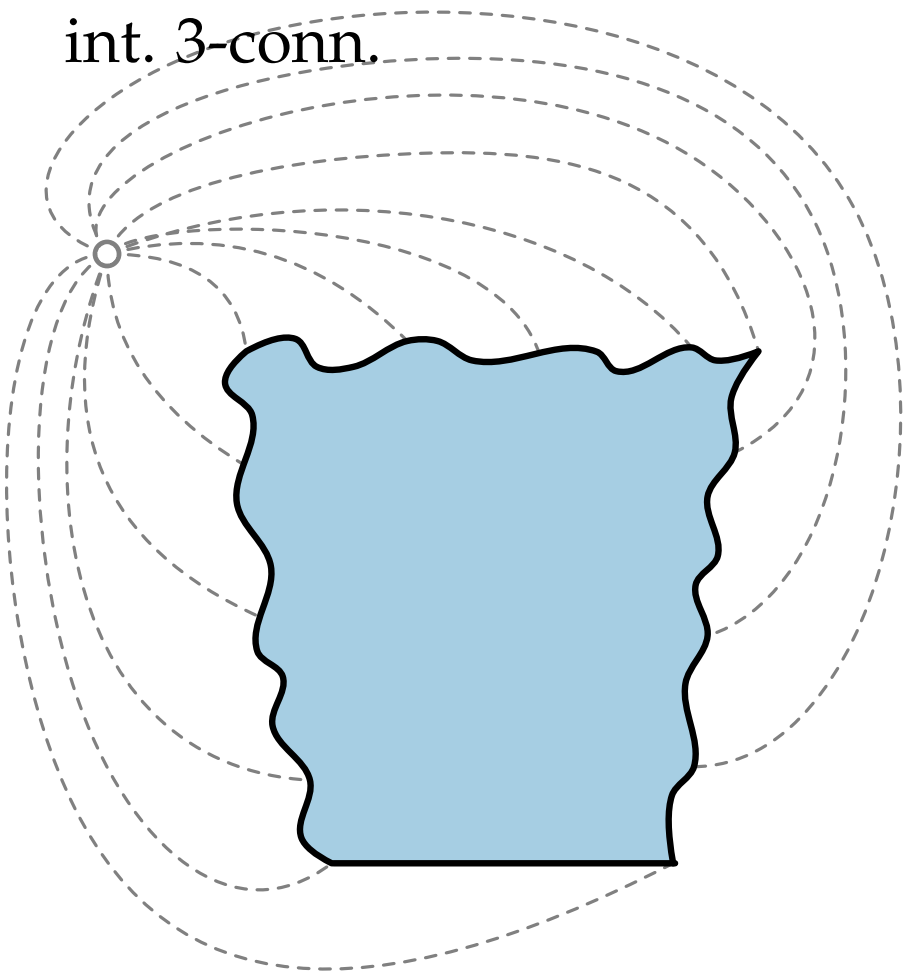


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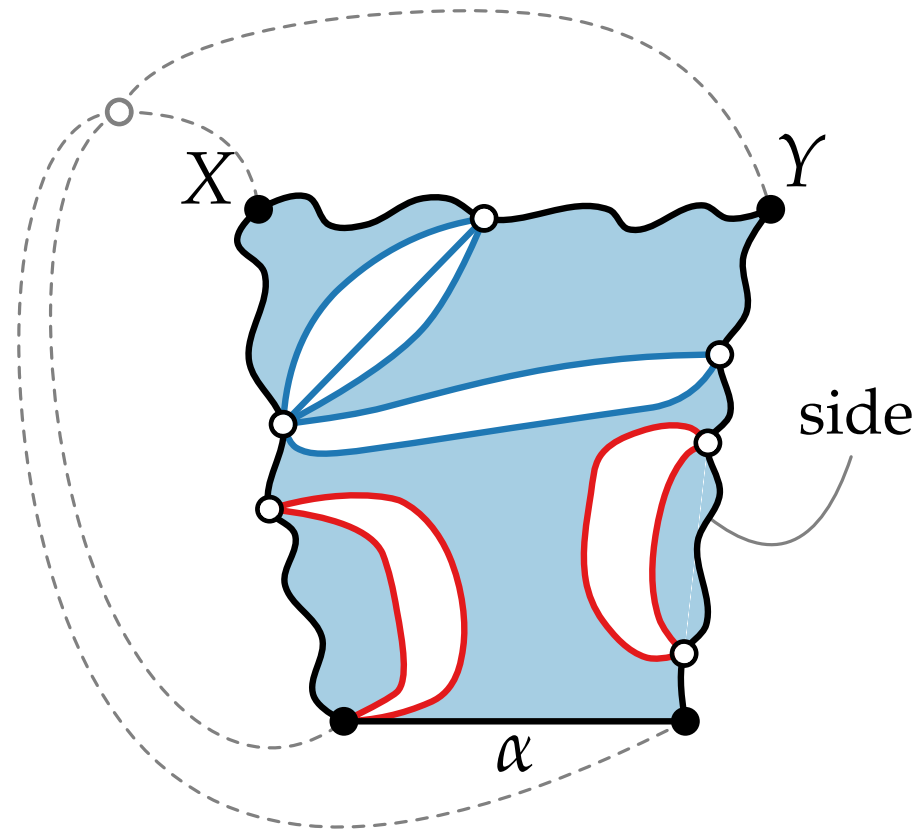


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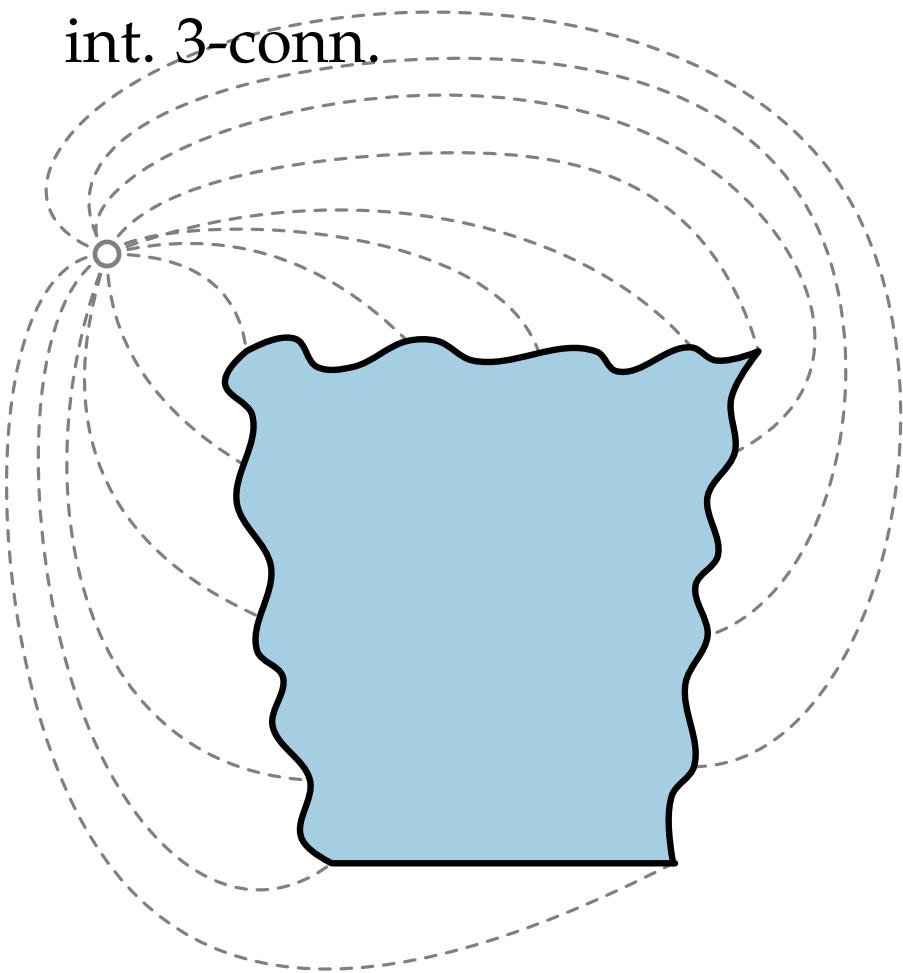


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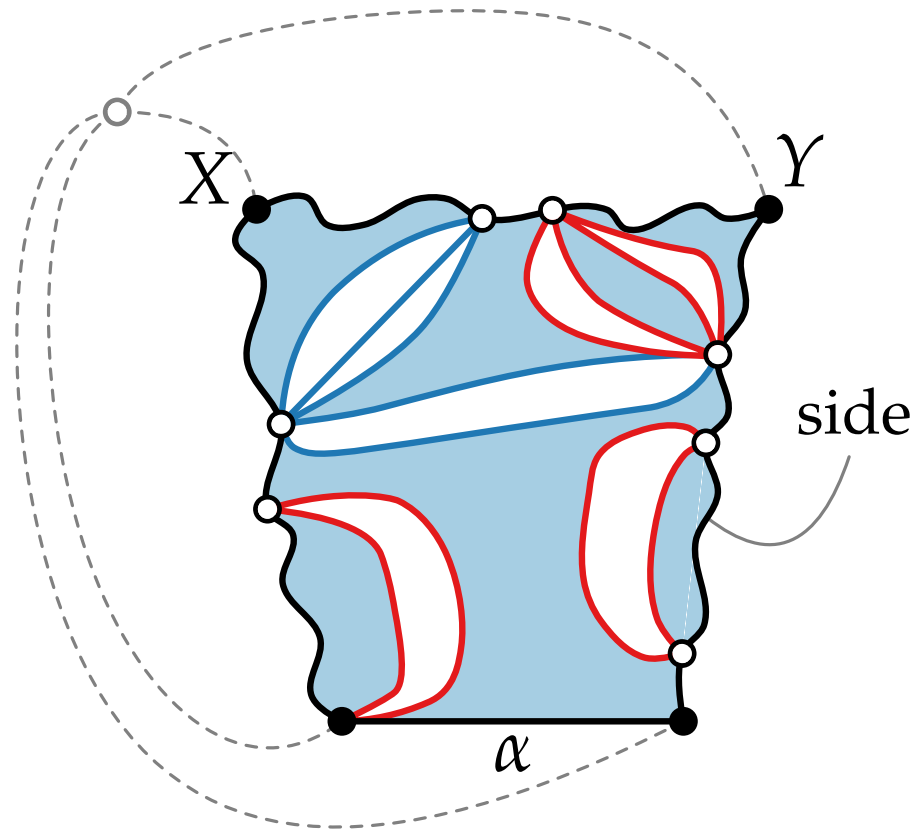


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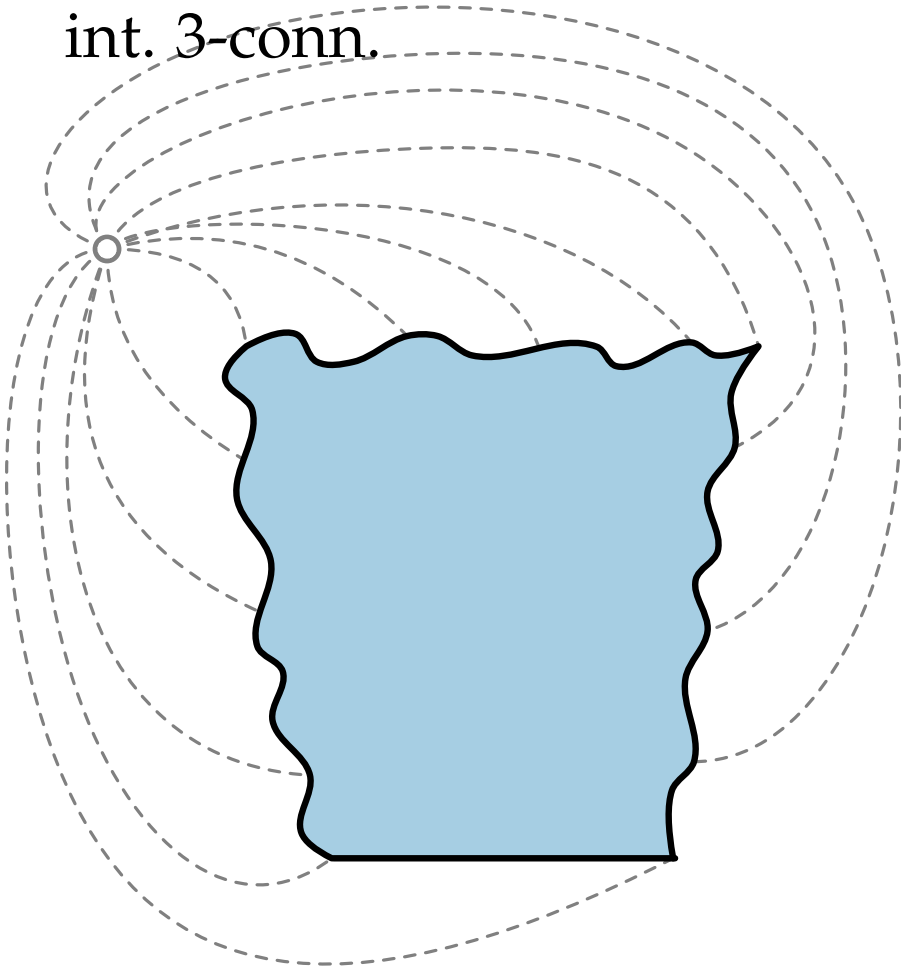


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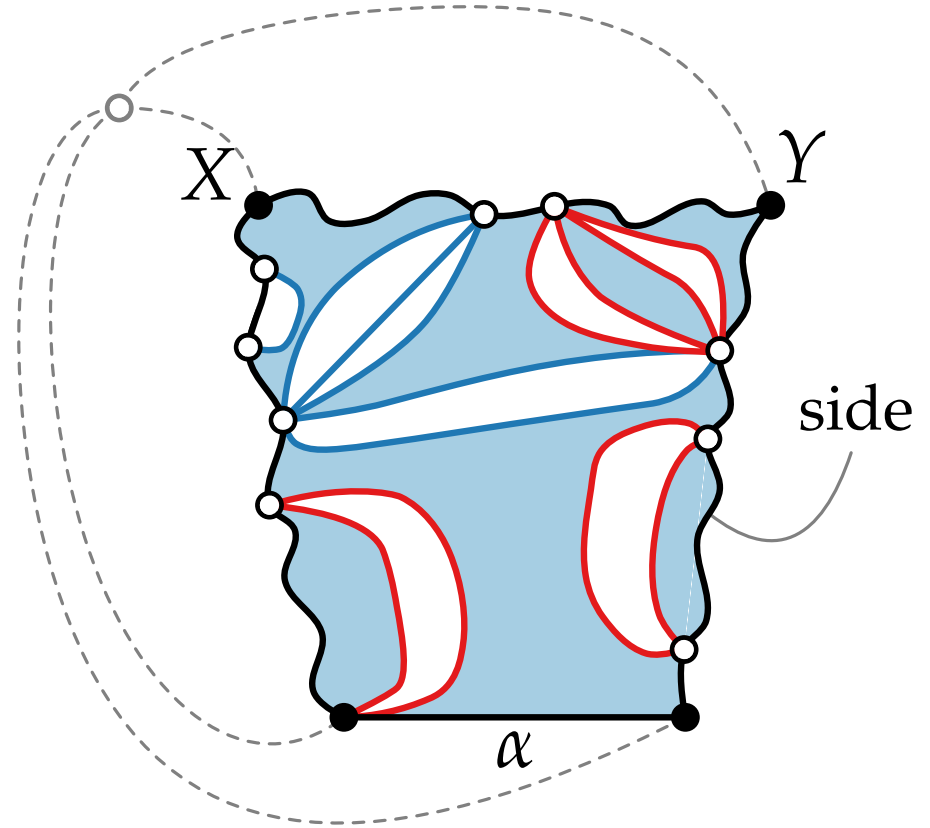


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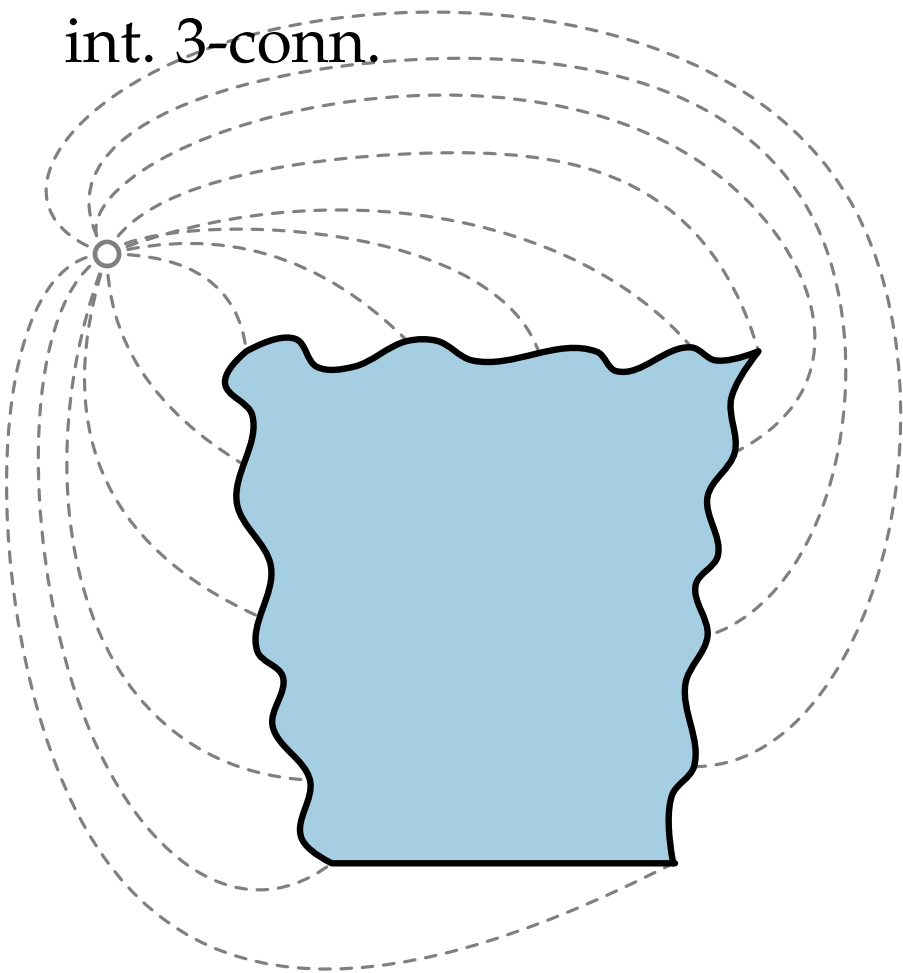


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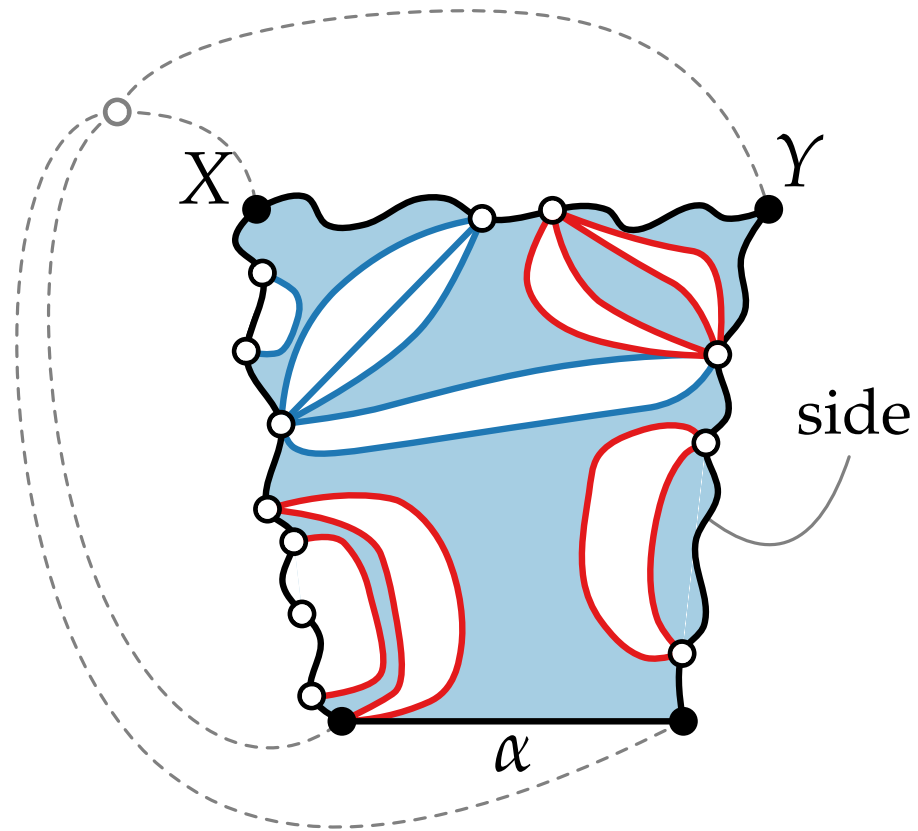


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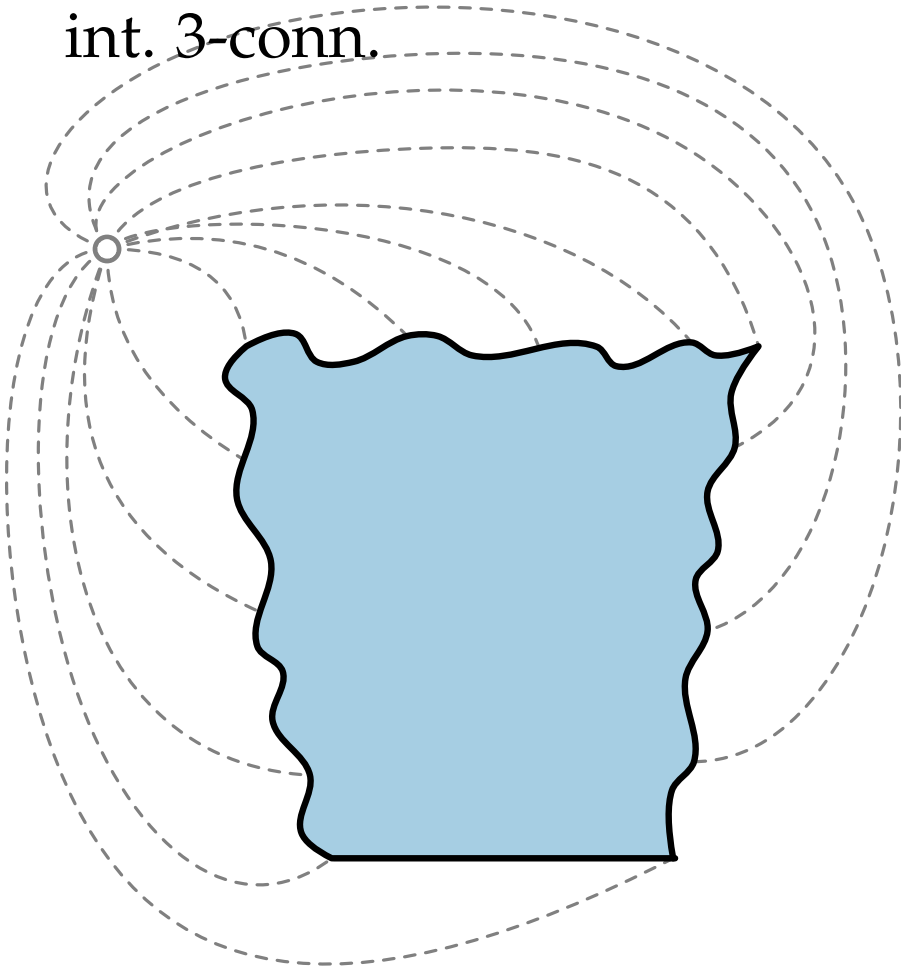


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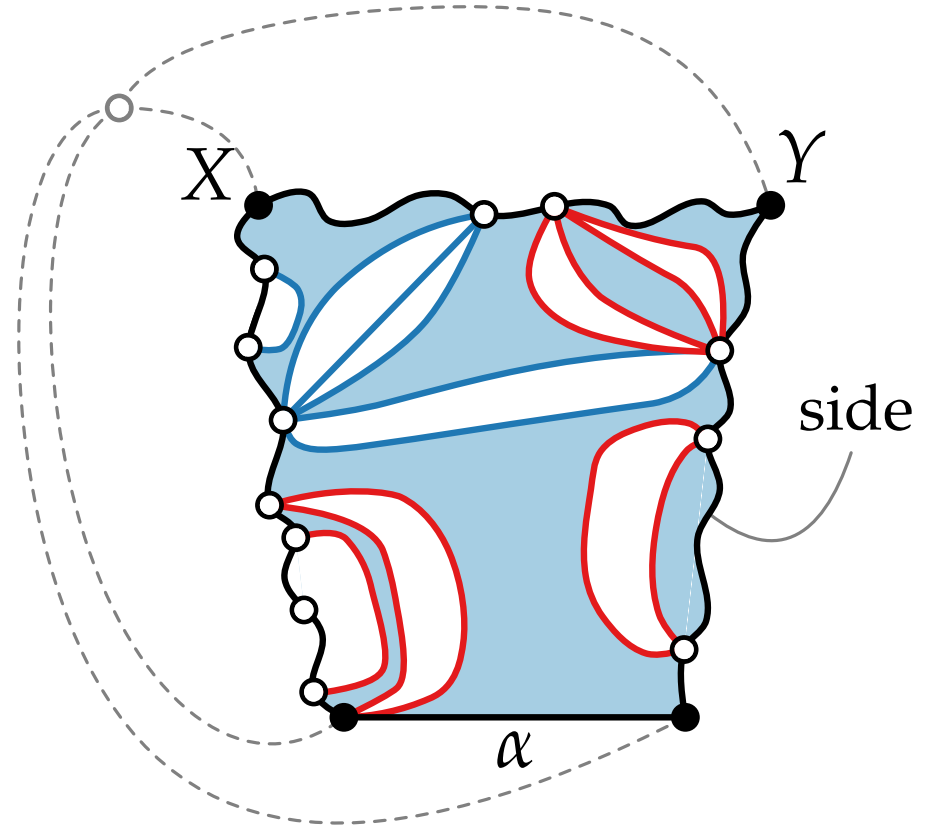


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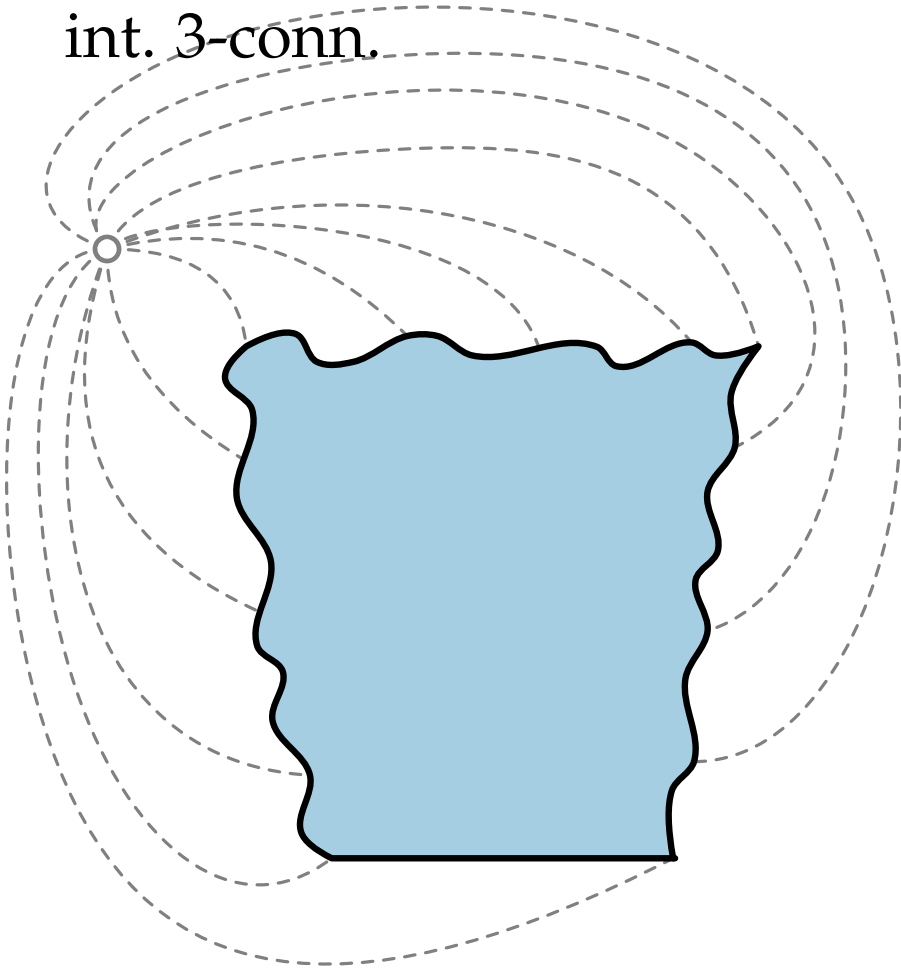
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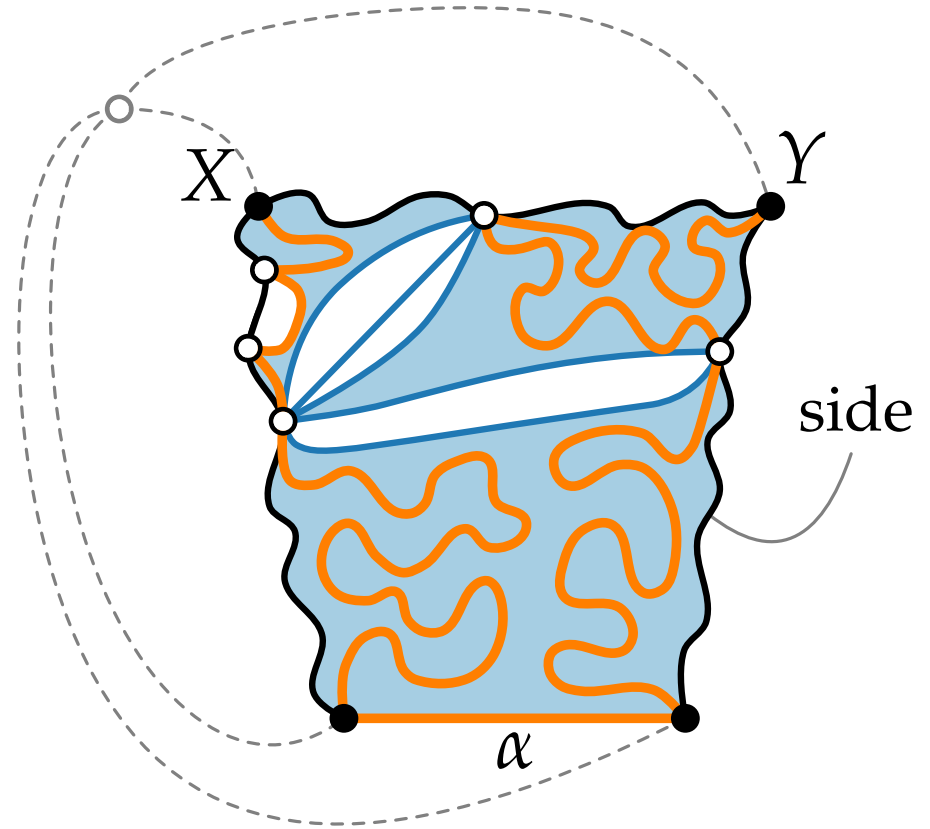
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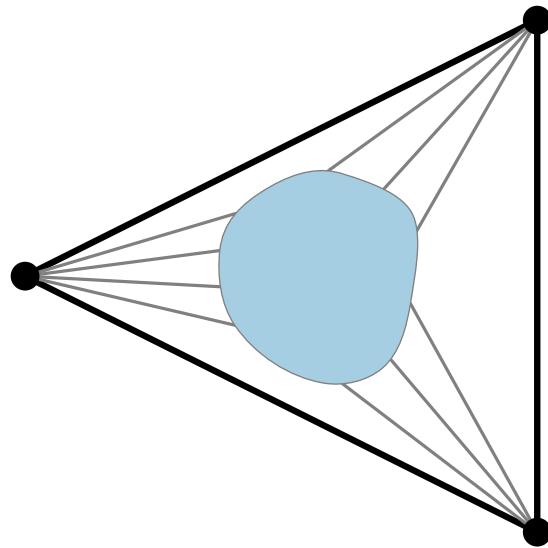
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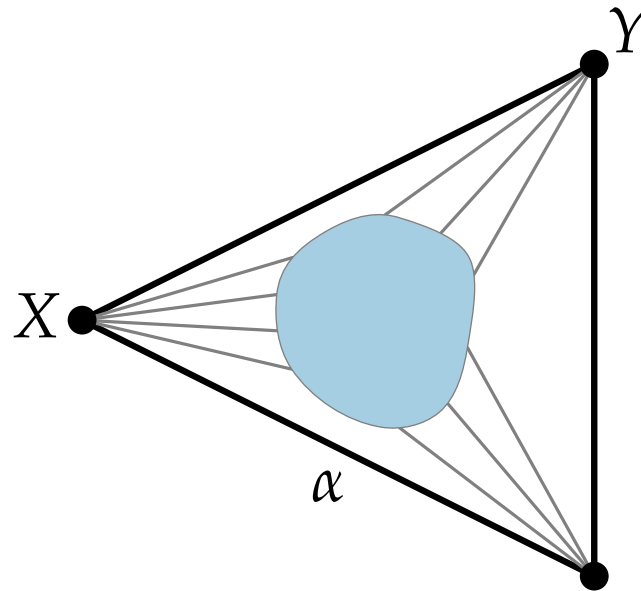
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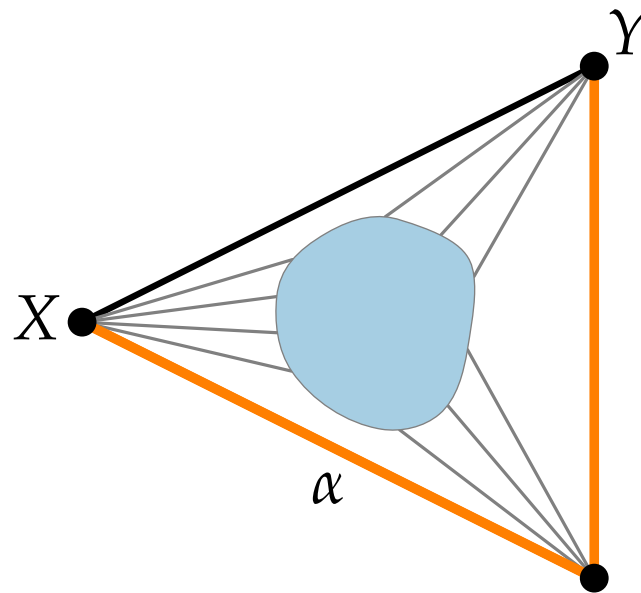
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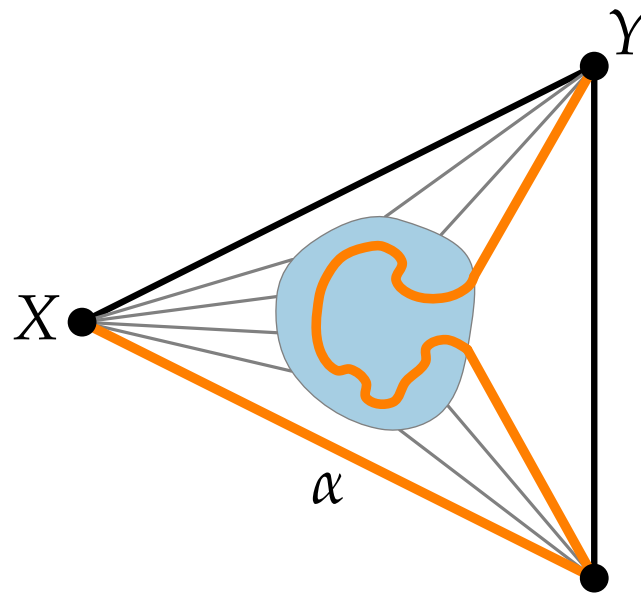
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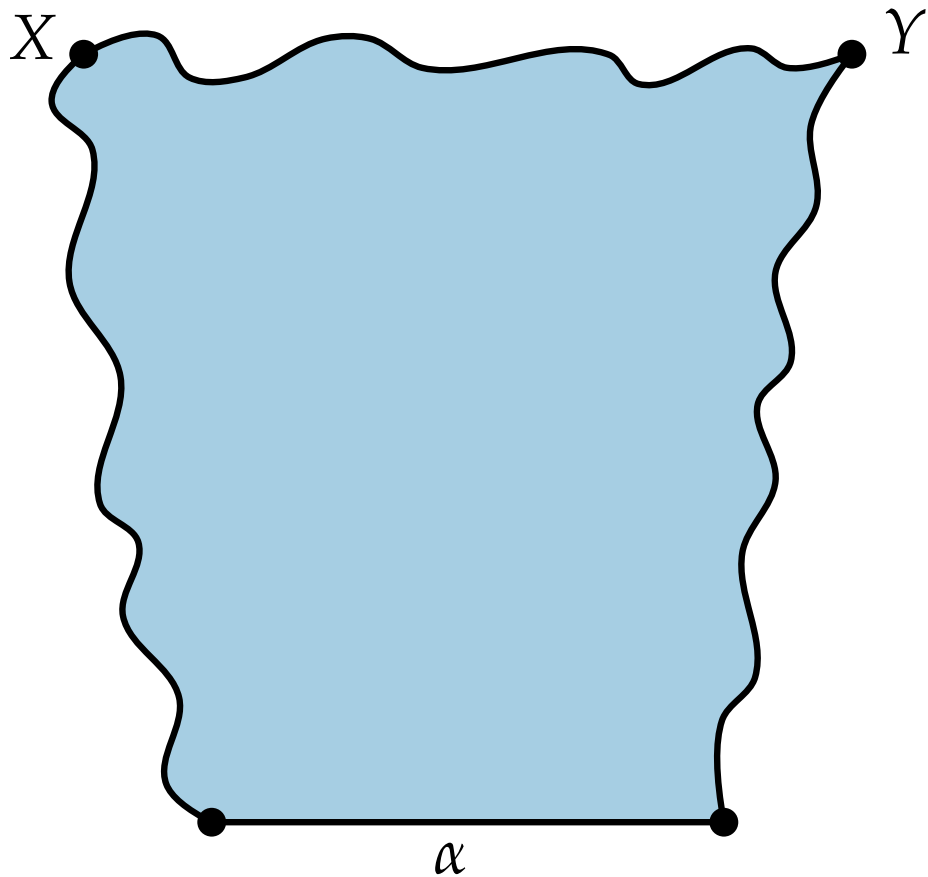
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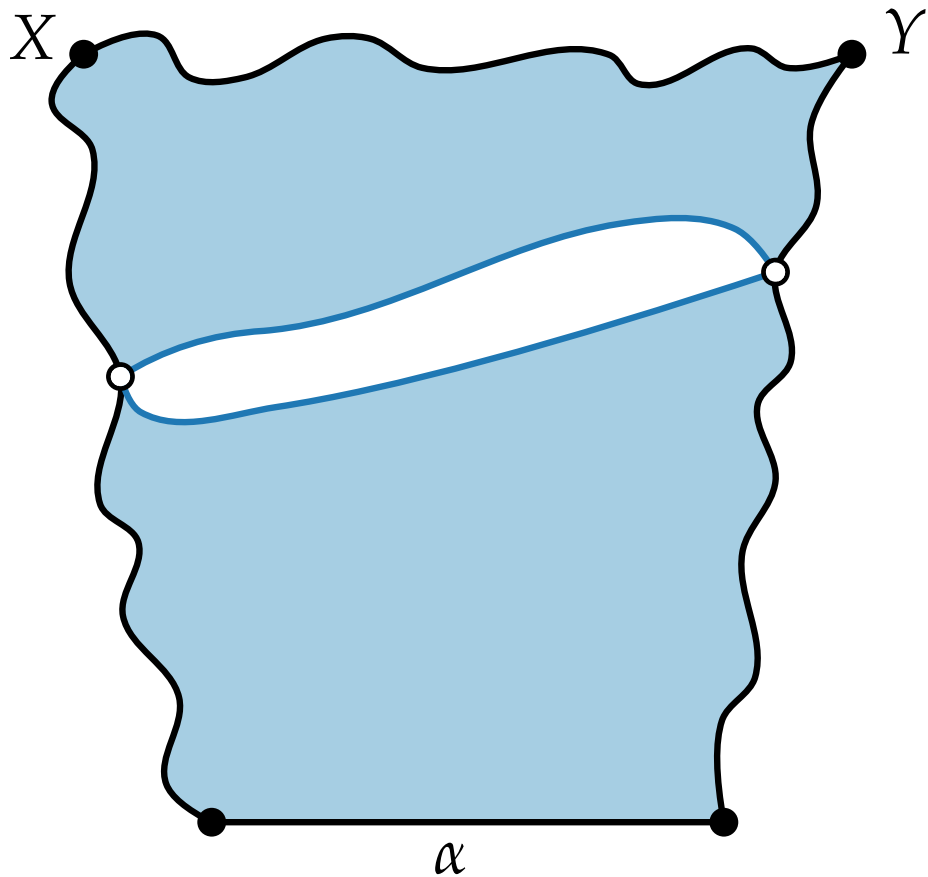
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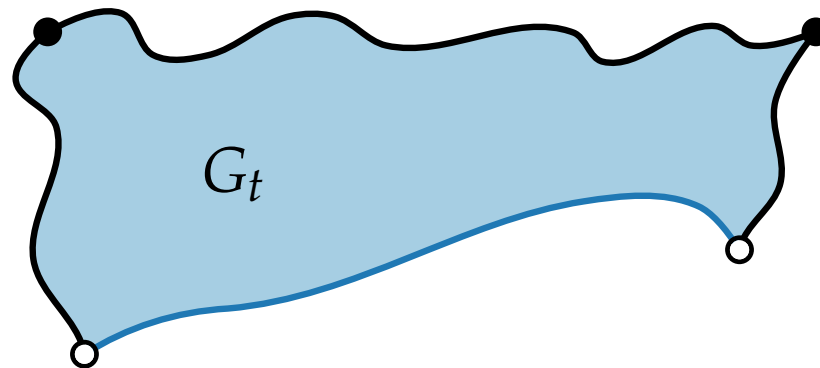
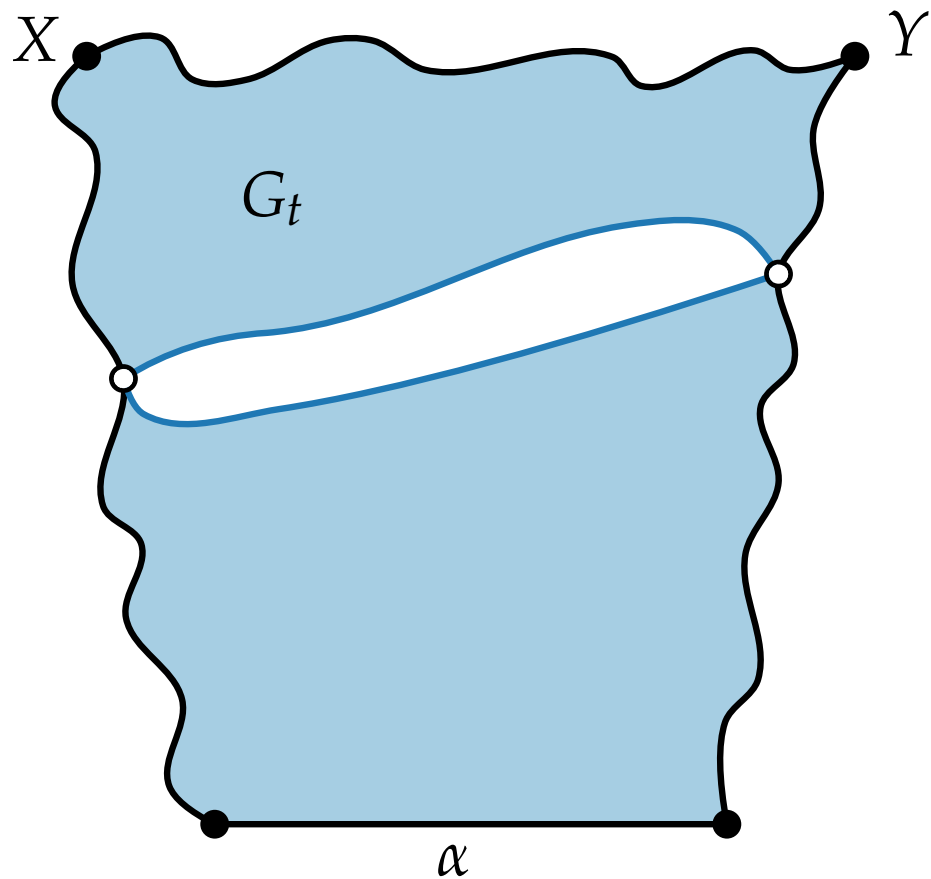
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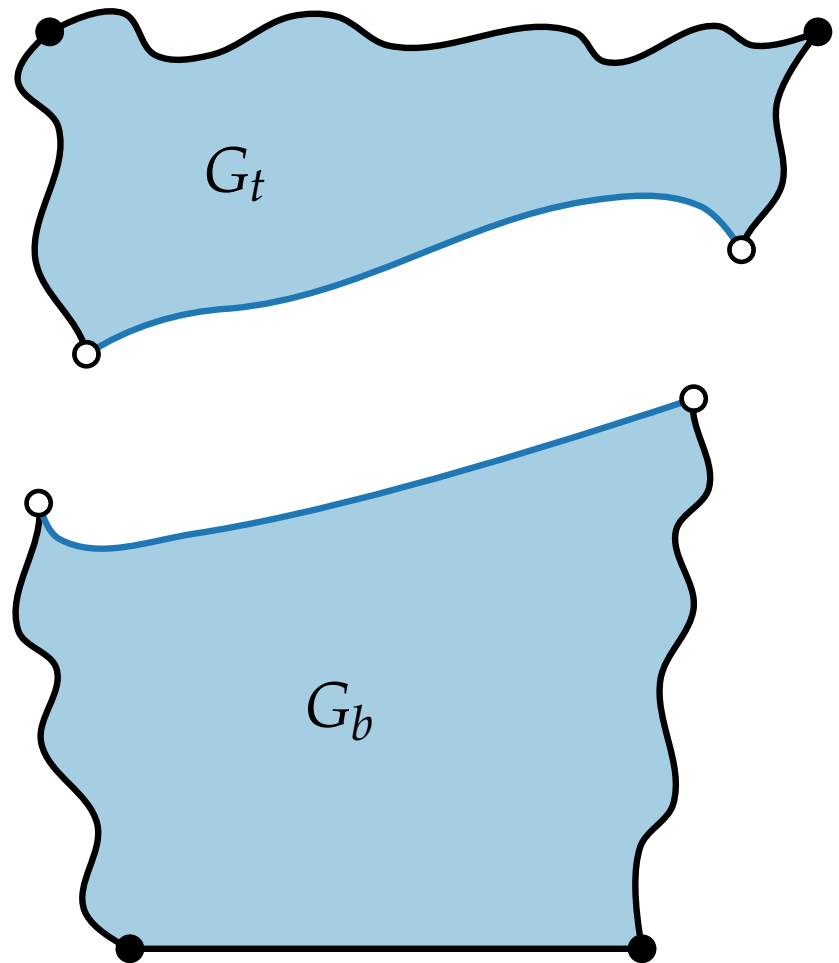
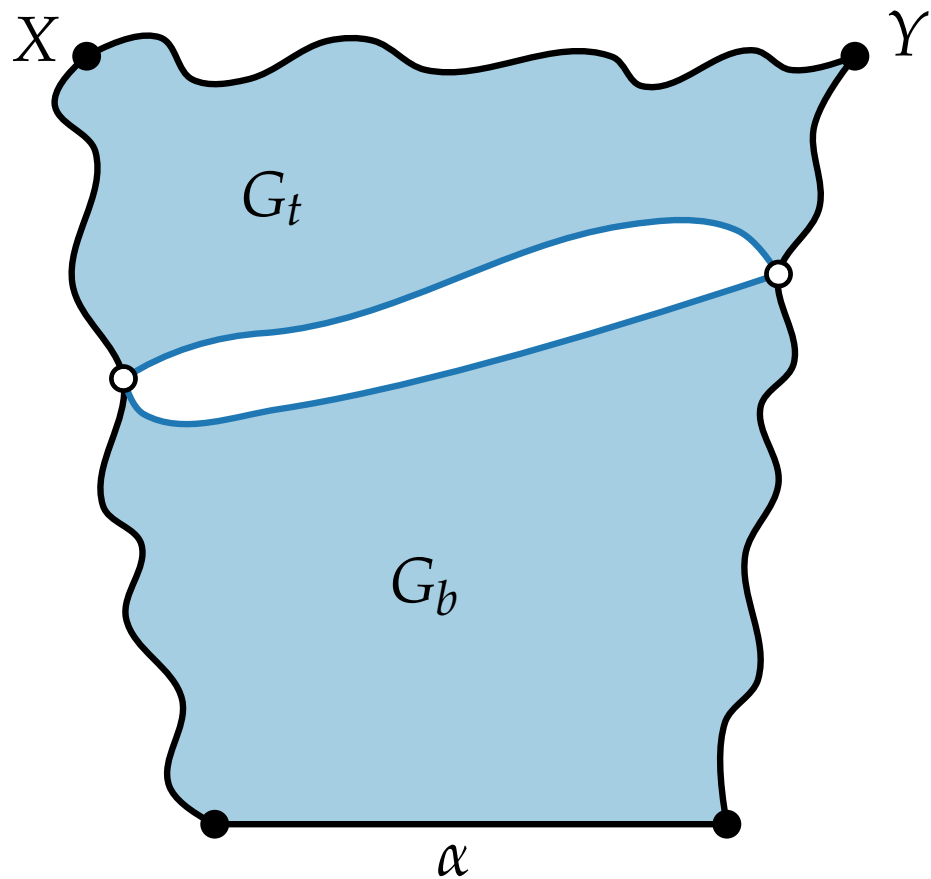
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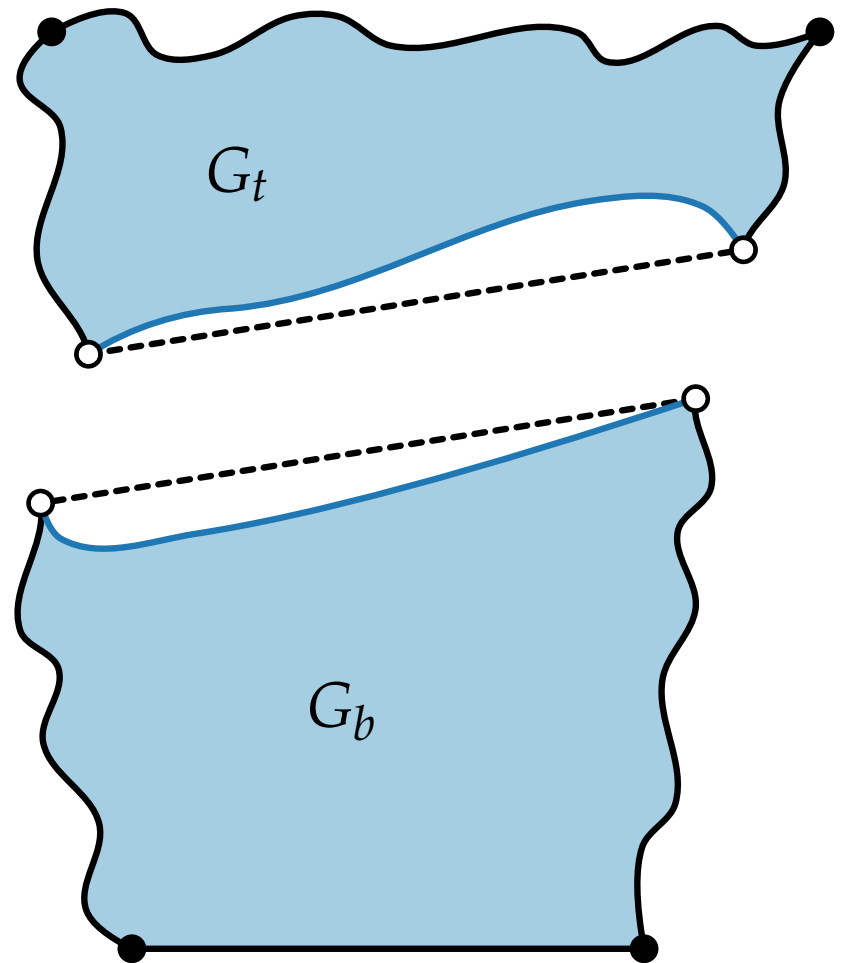
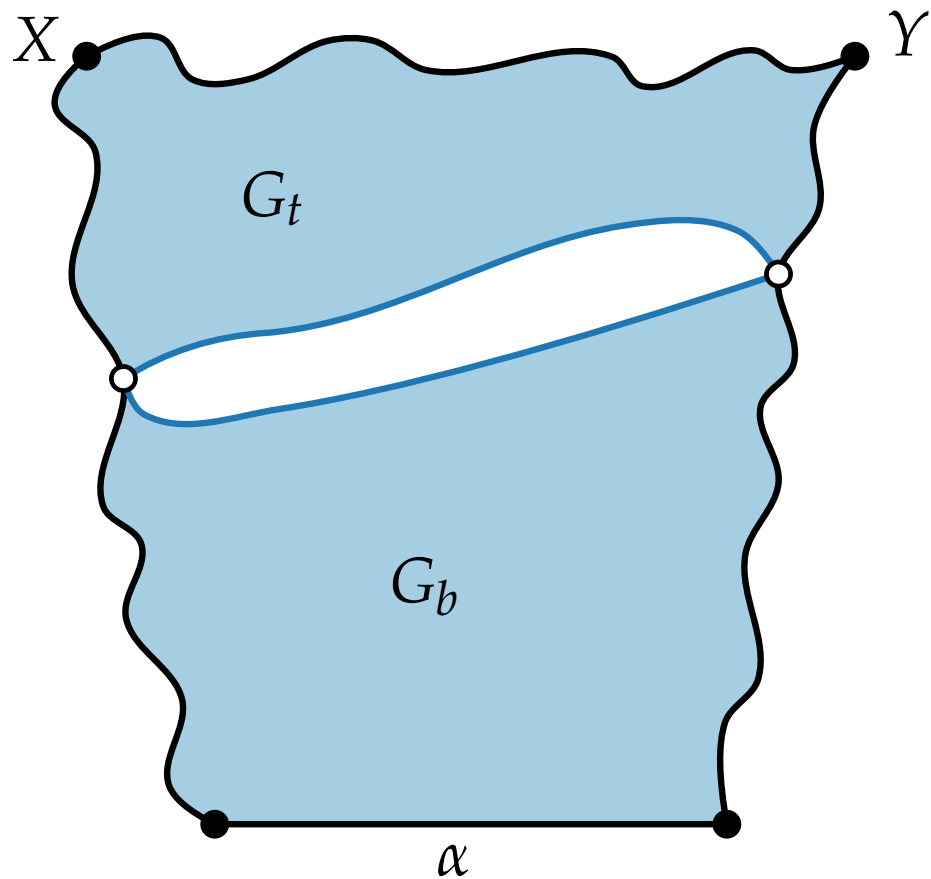


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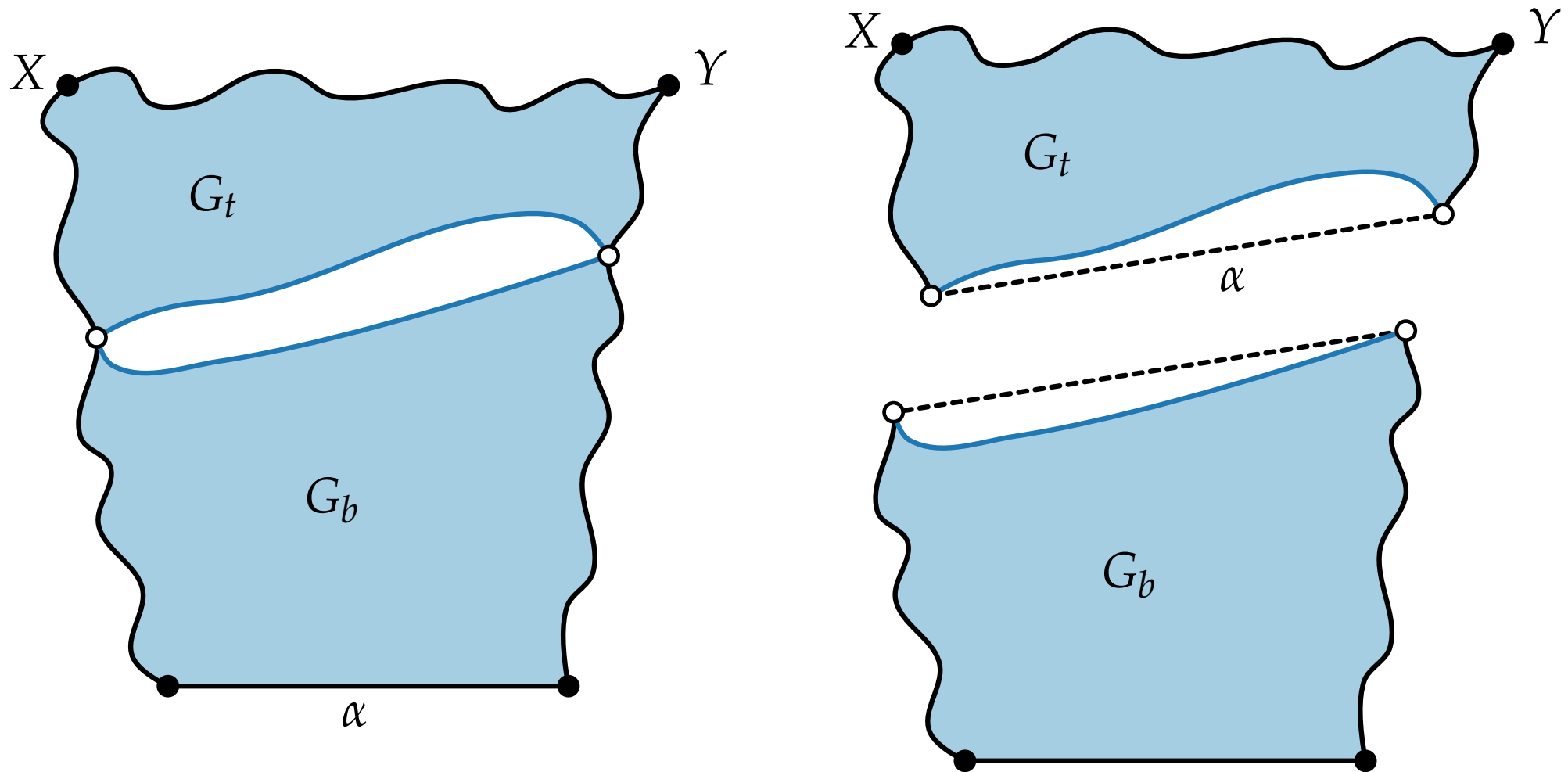




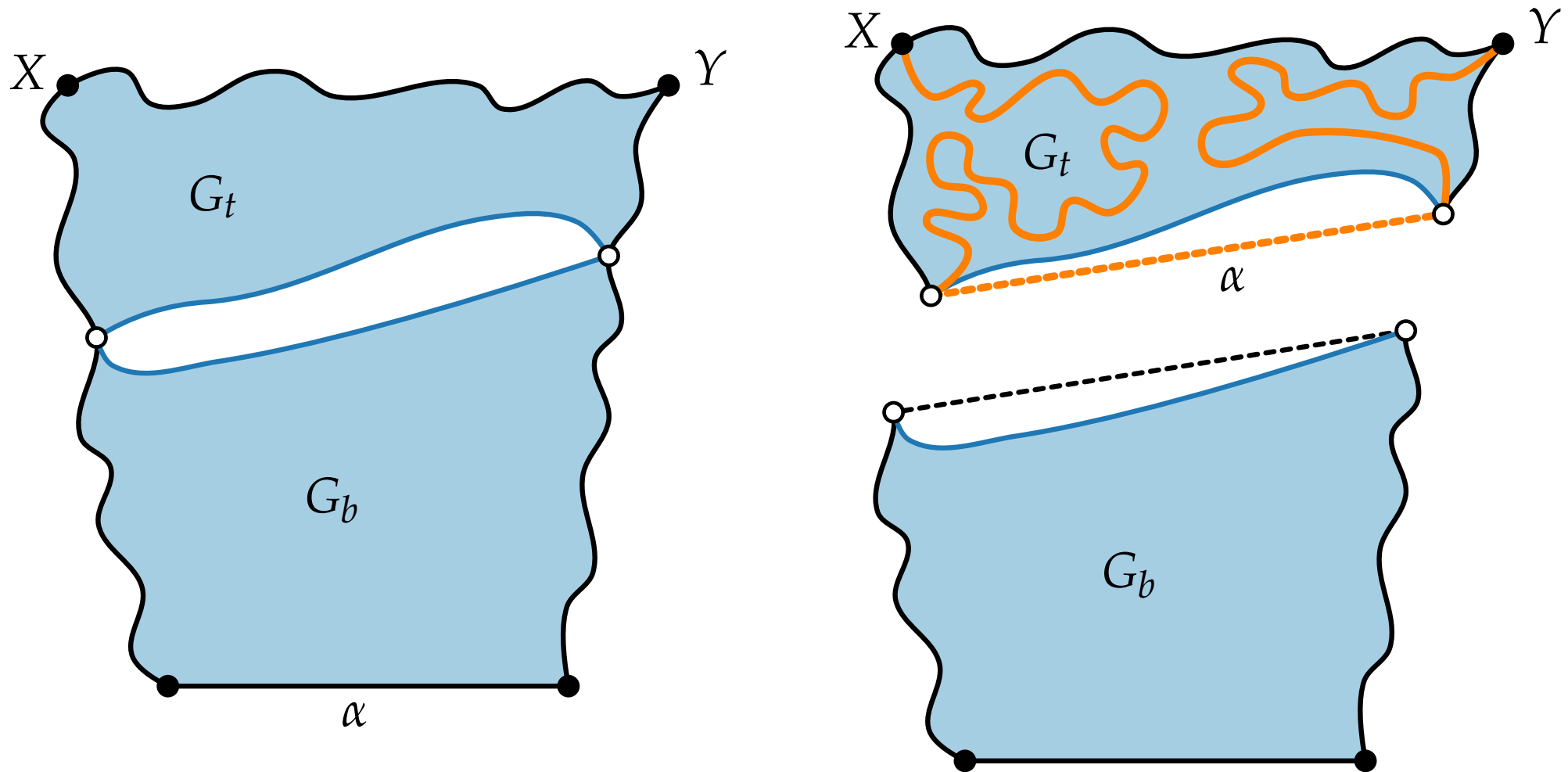
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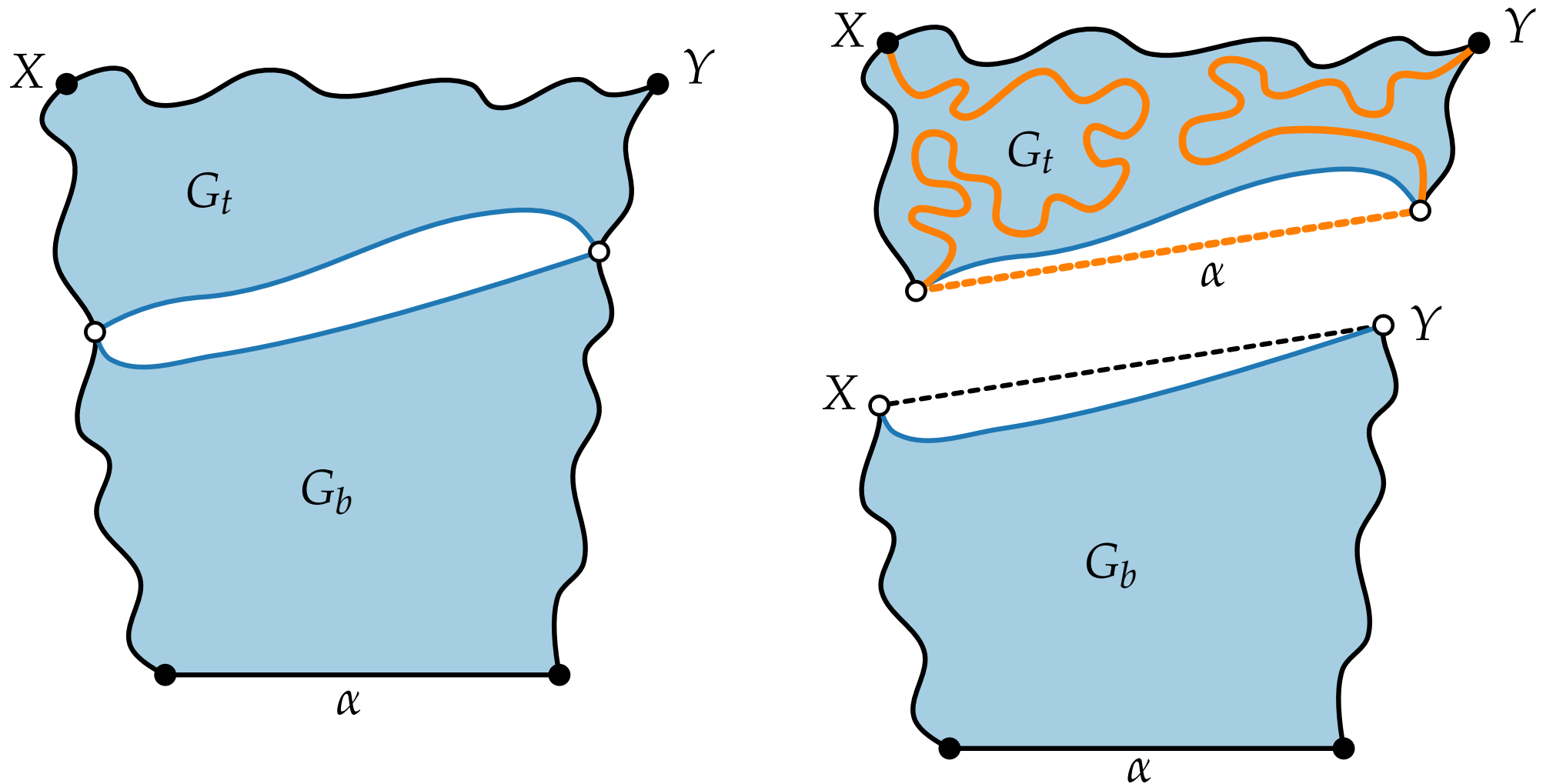
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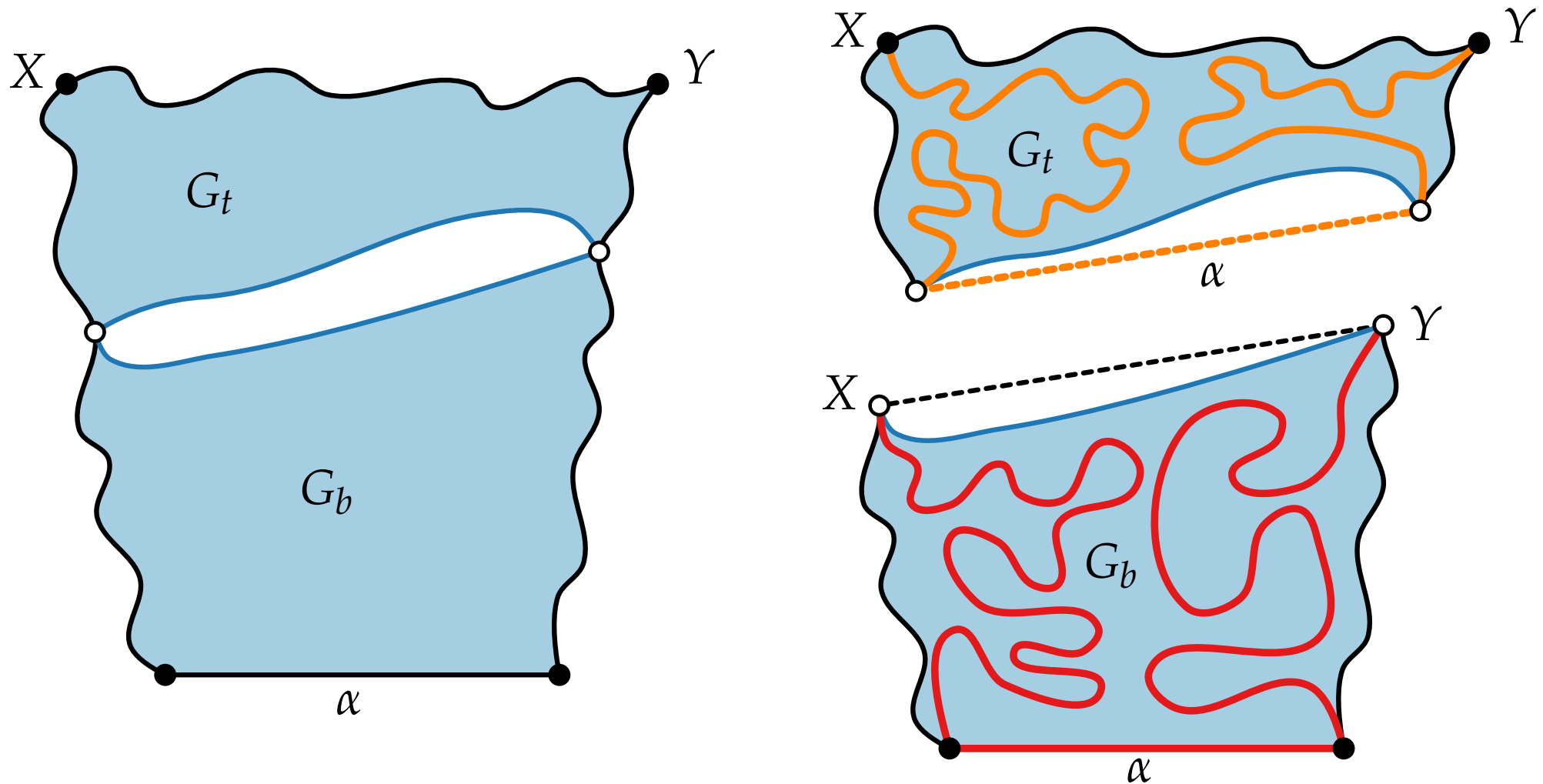
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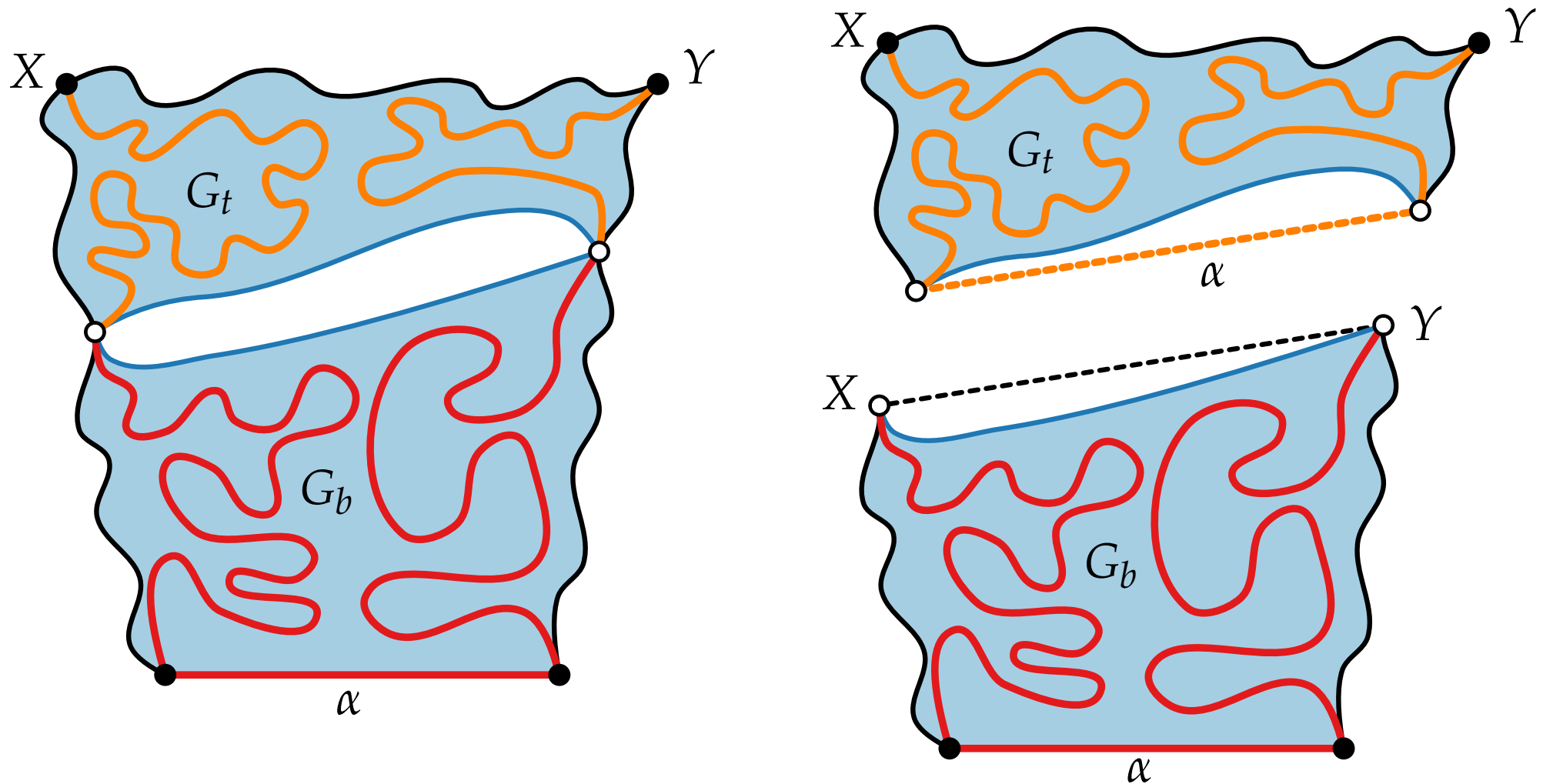
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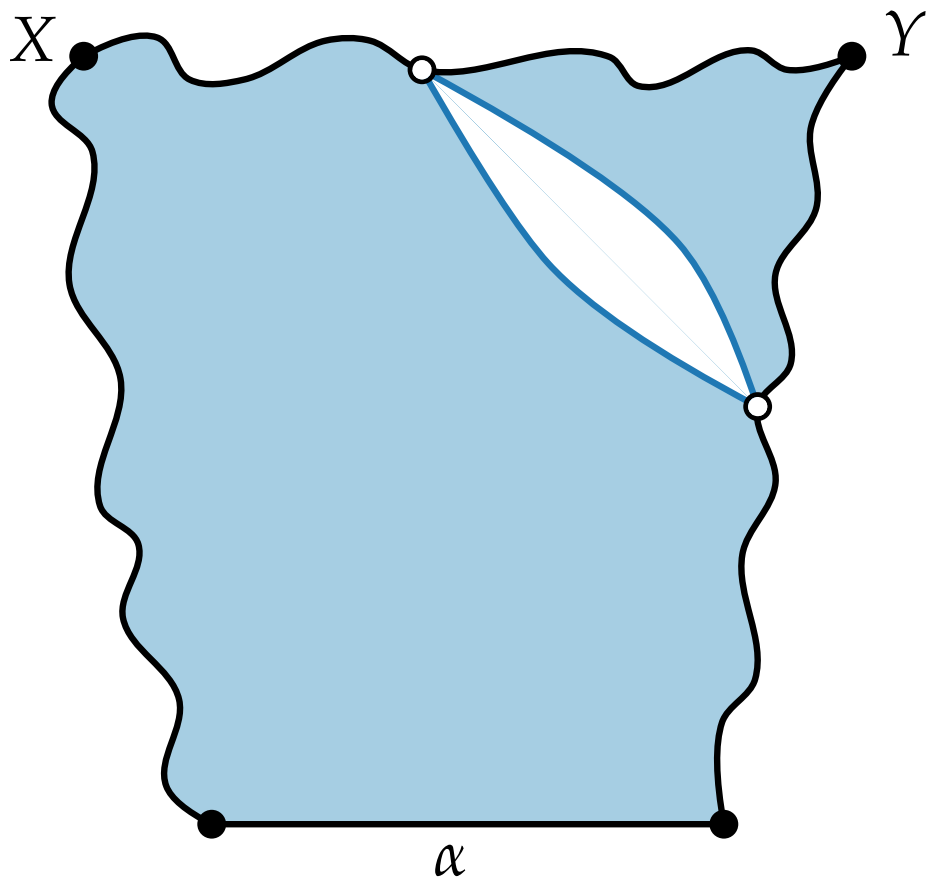
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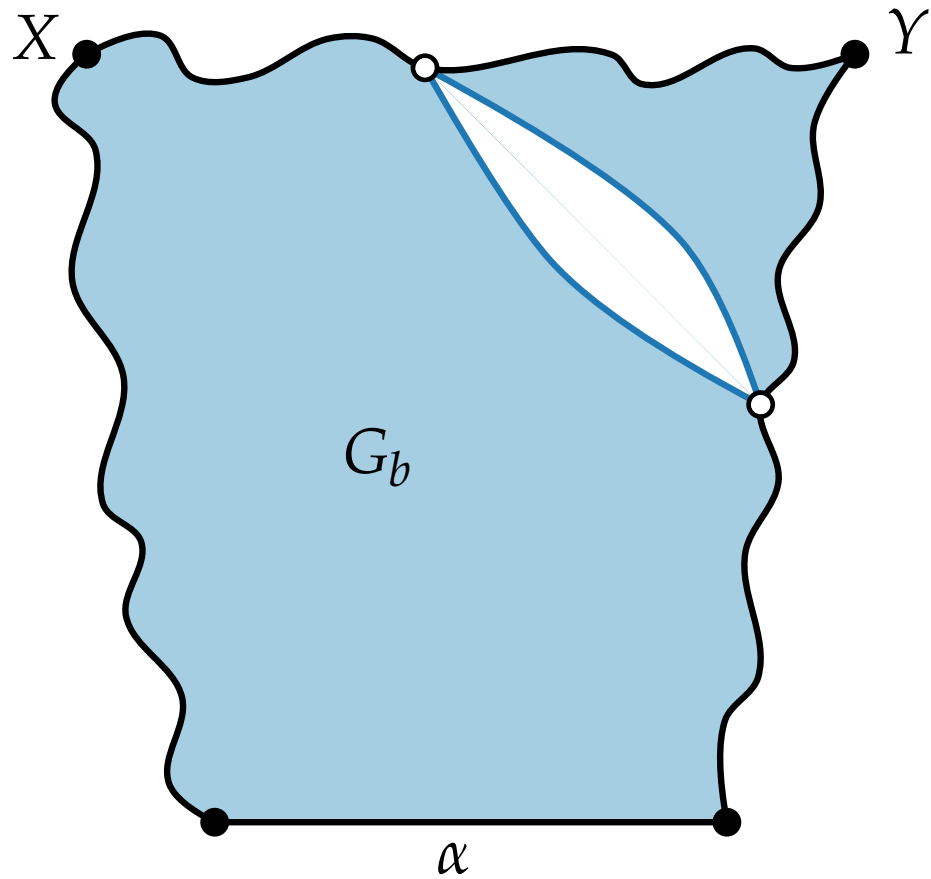
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# Case 3: top-right cutting pair

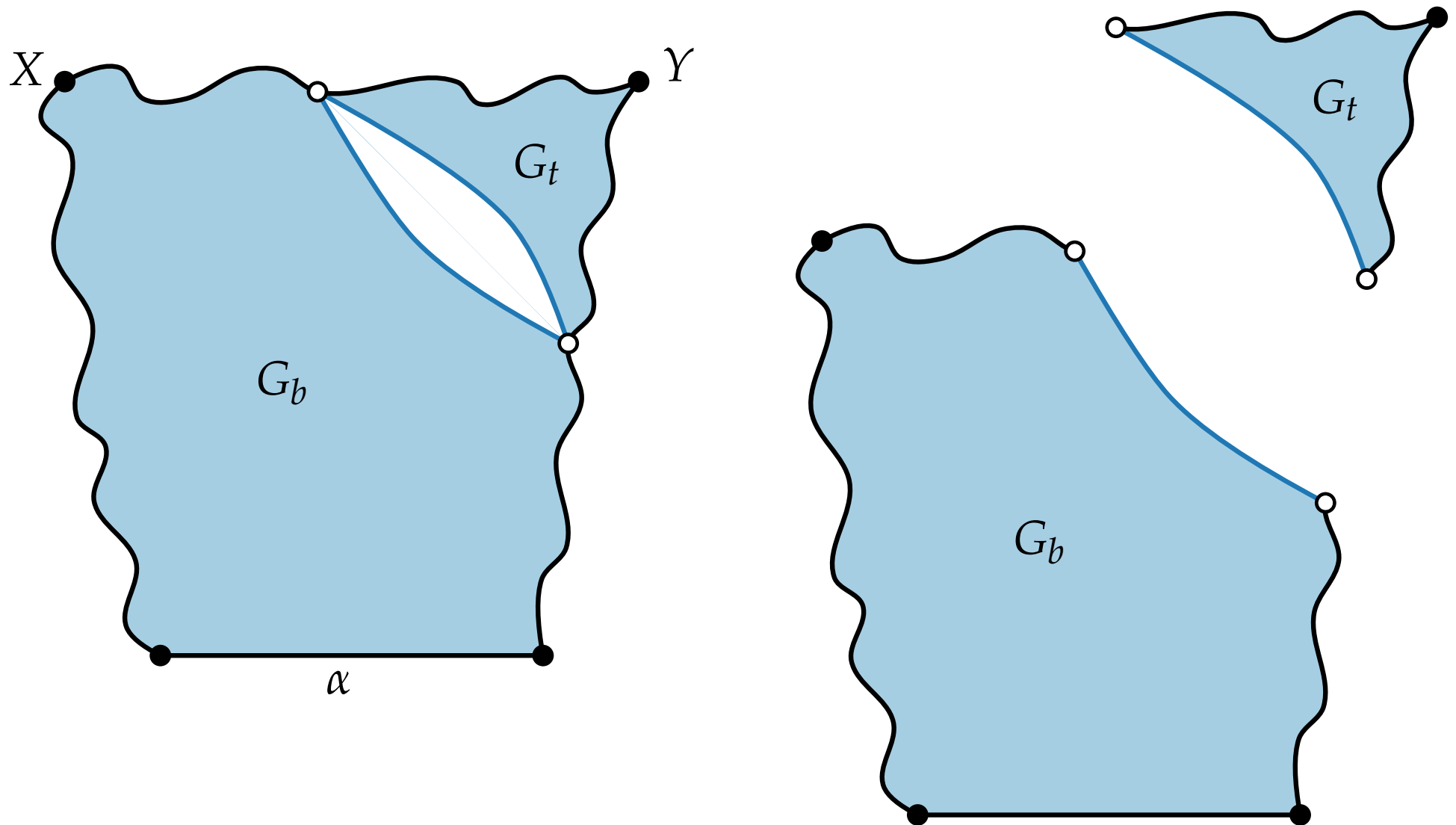


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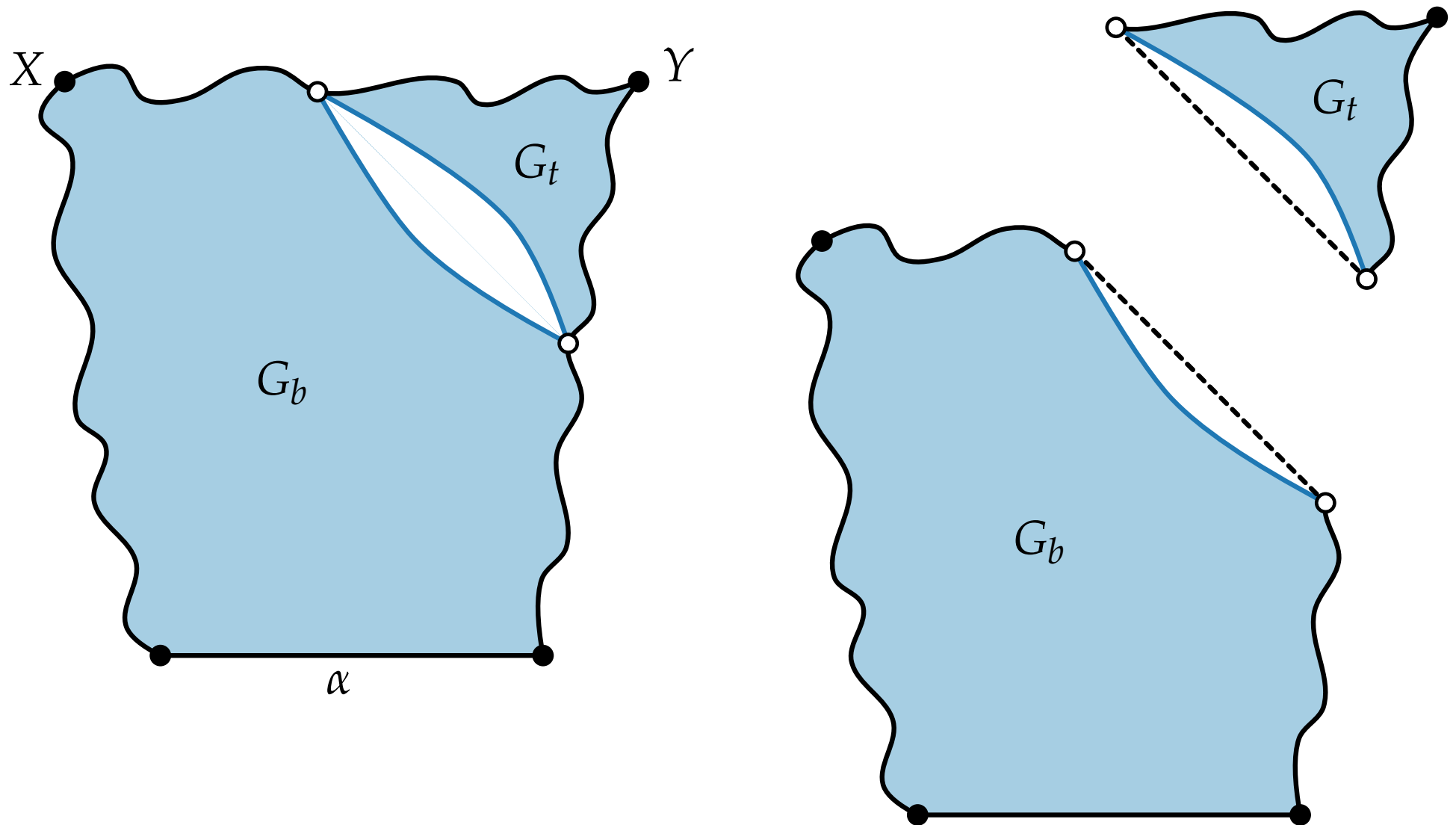




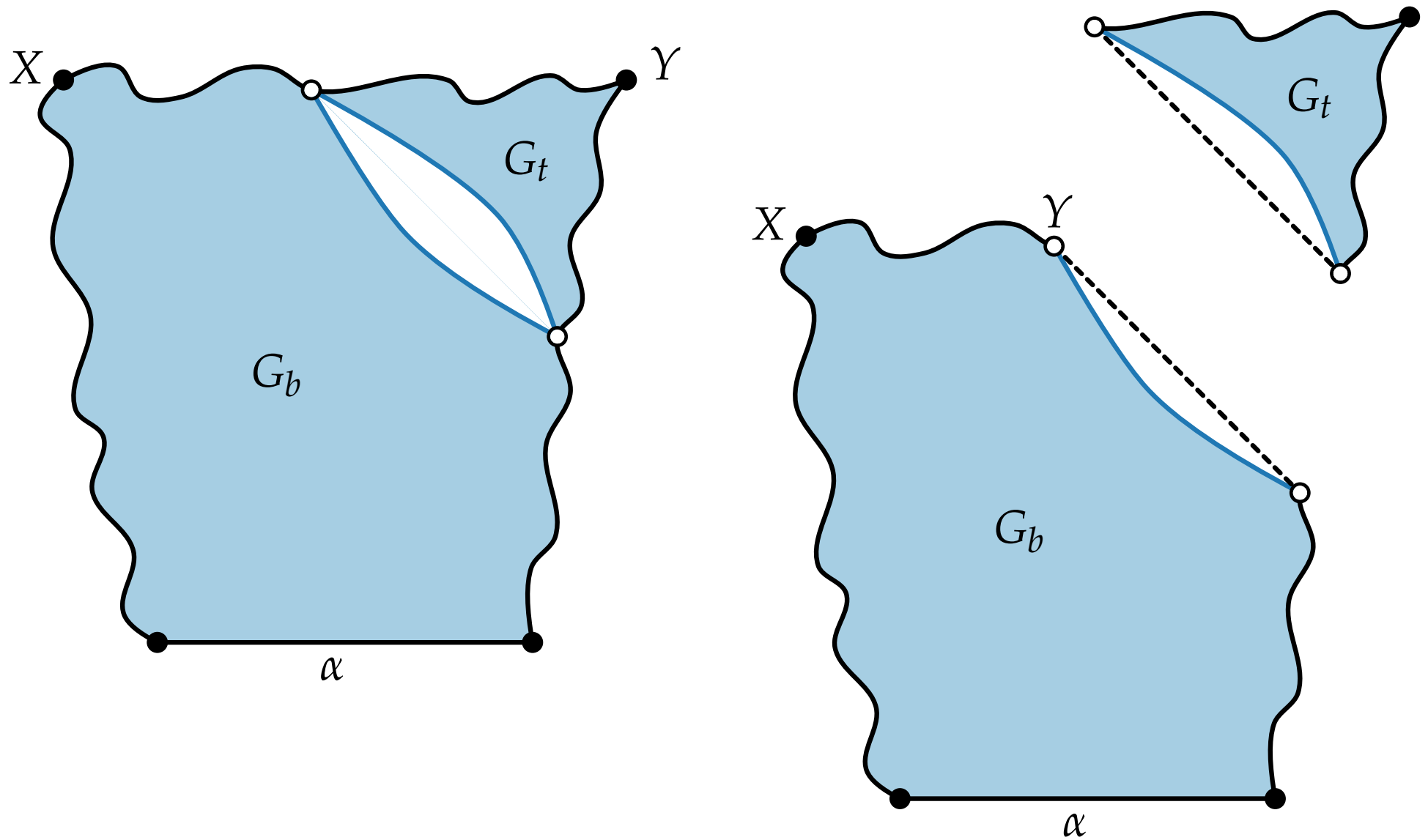
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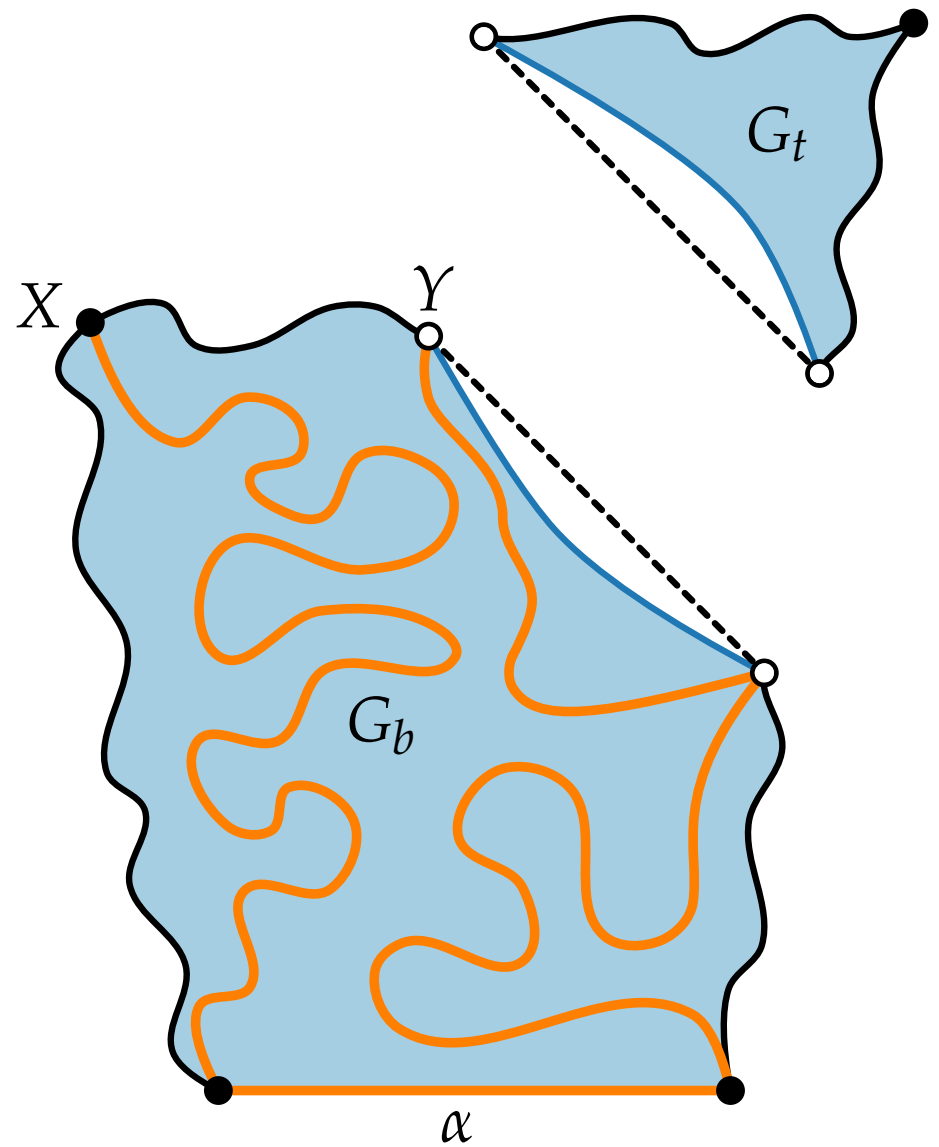
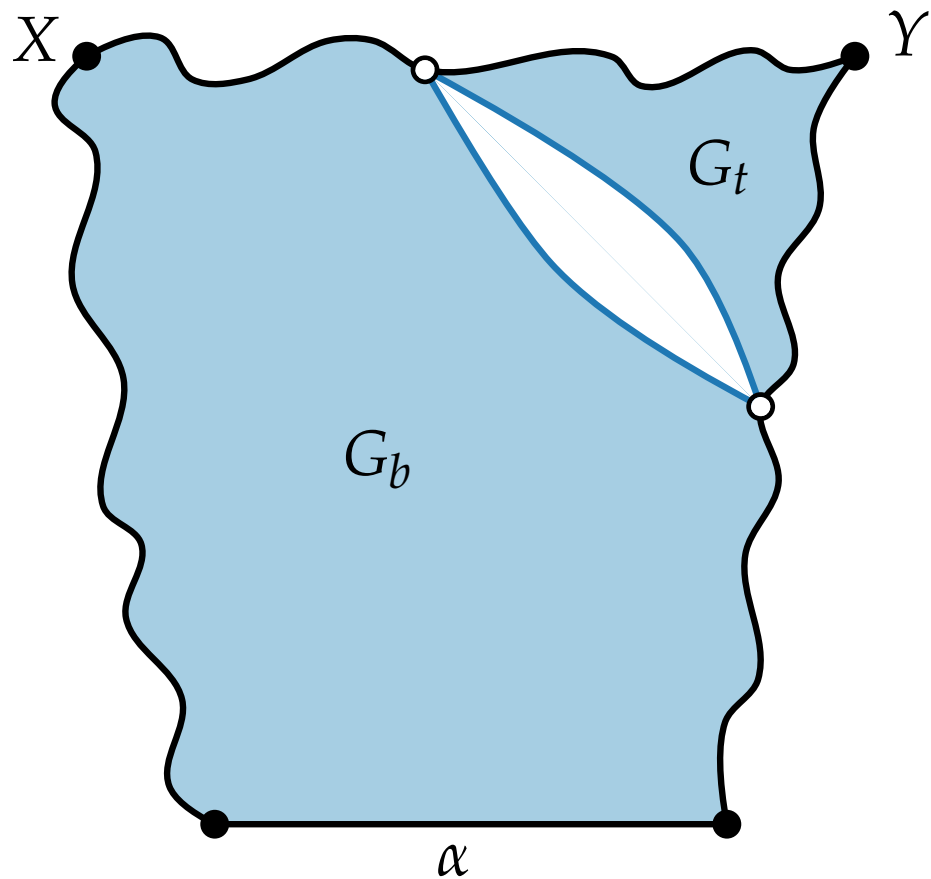
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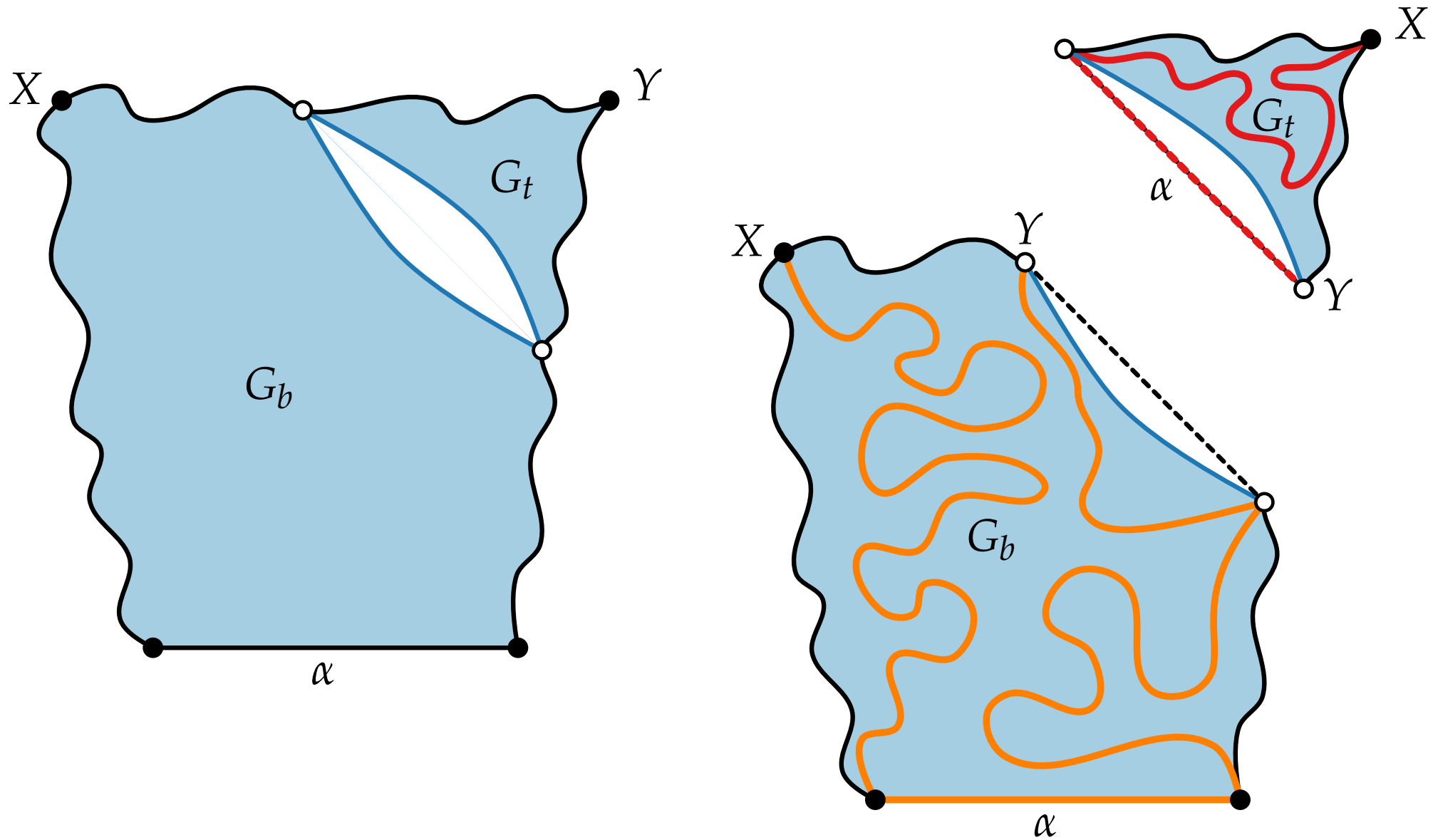
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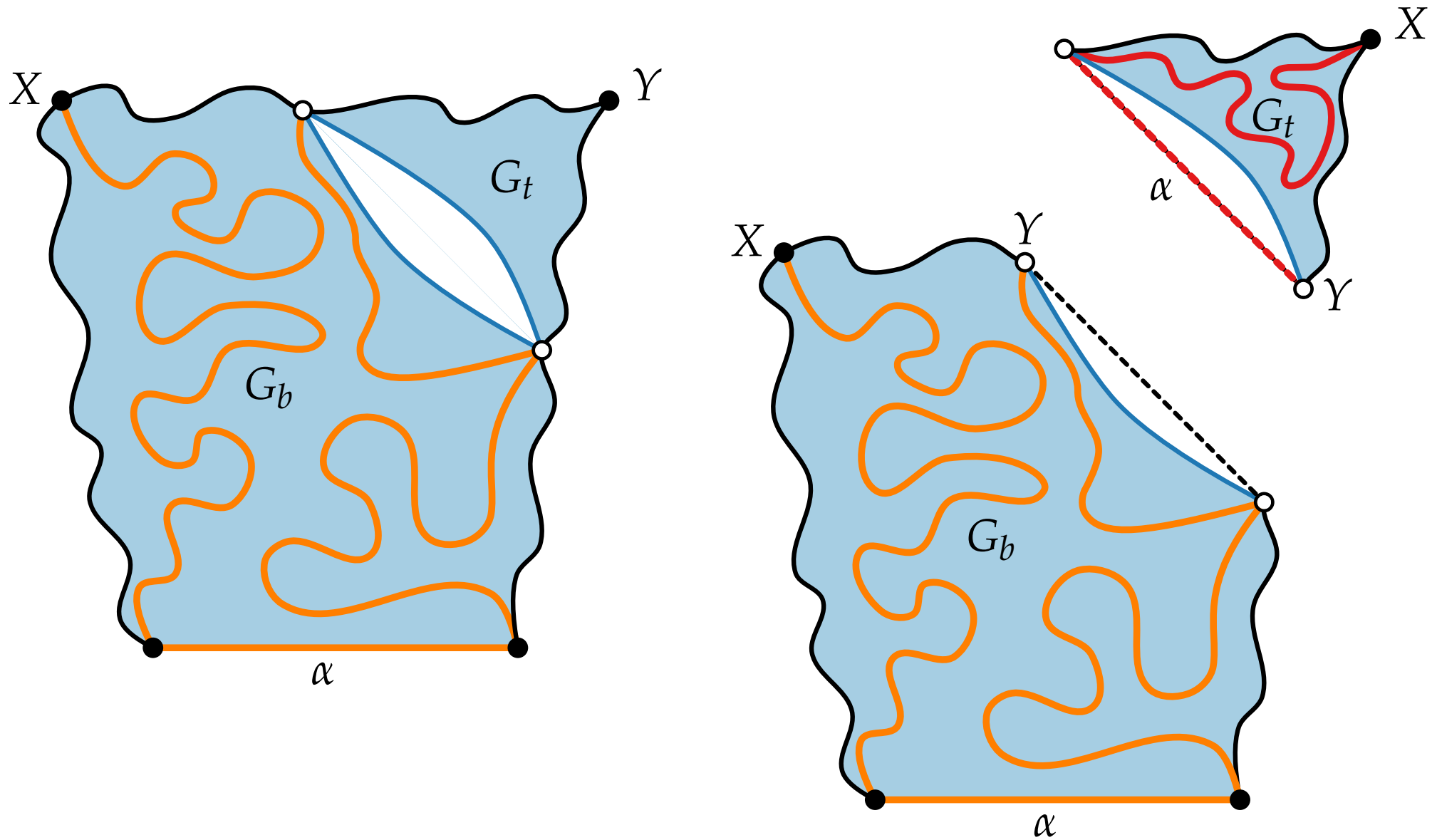
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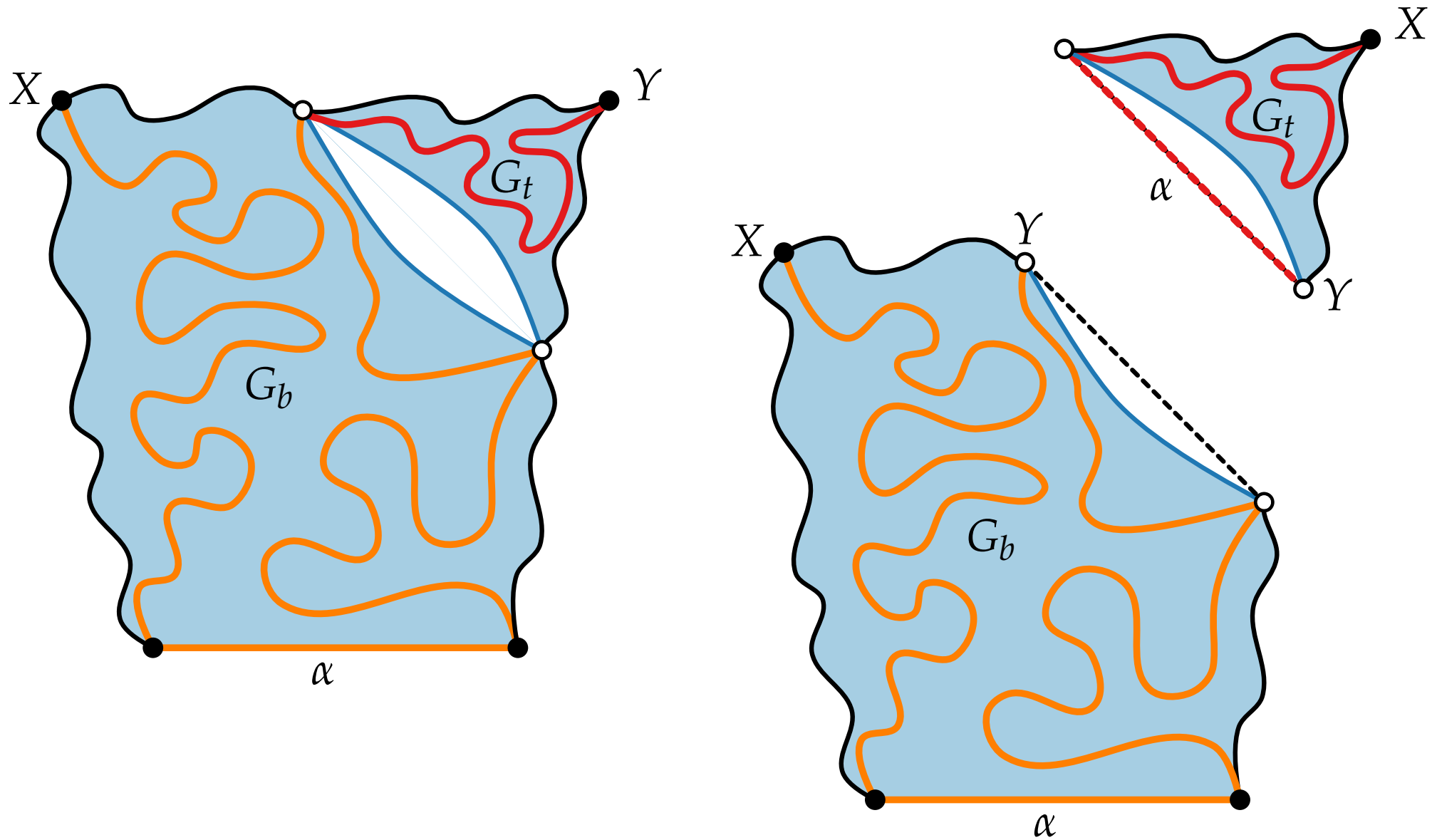
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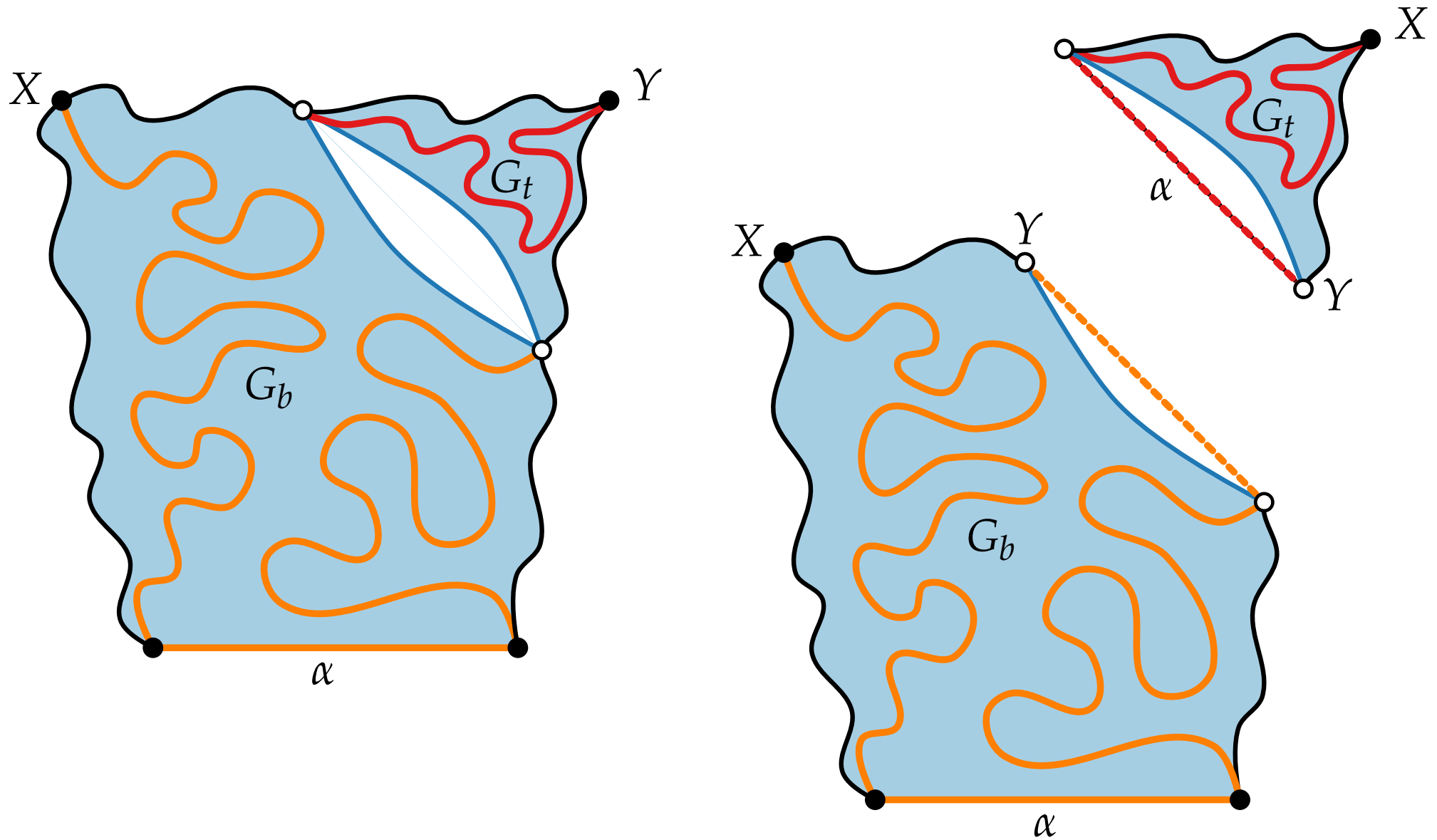
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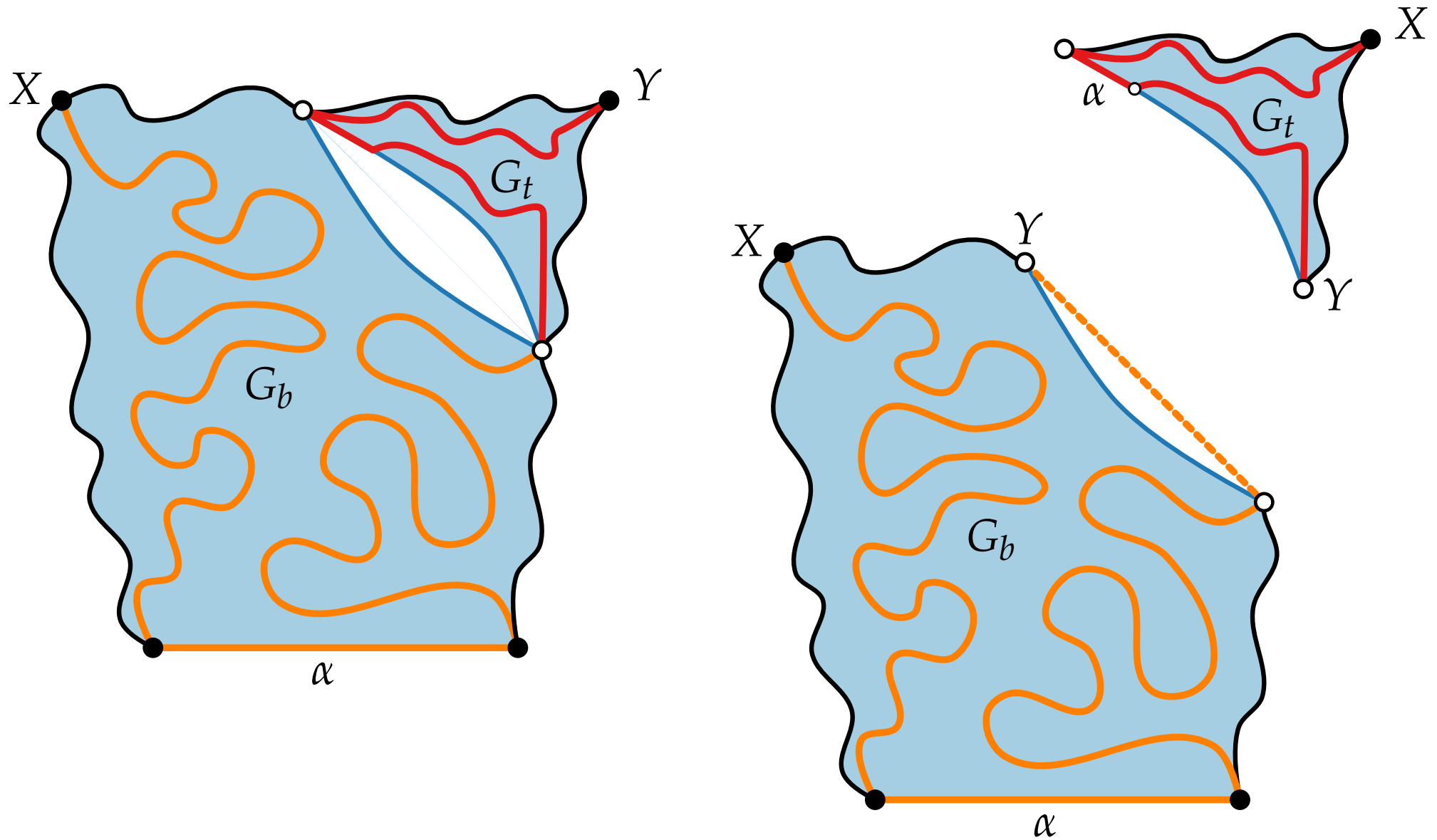


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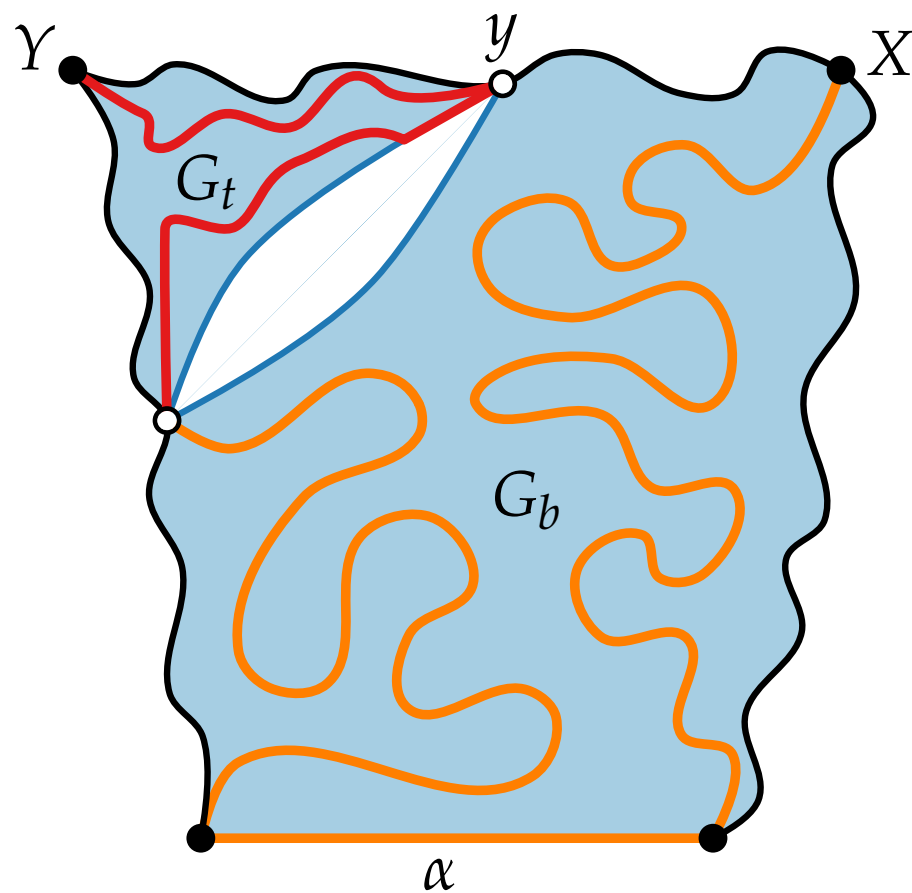
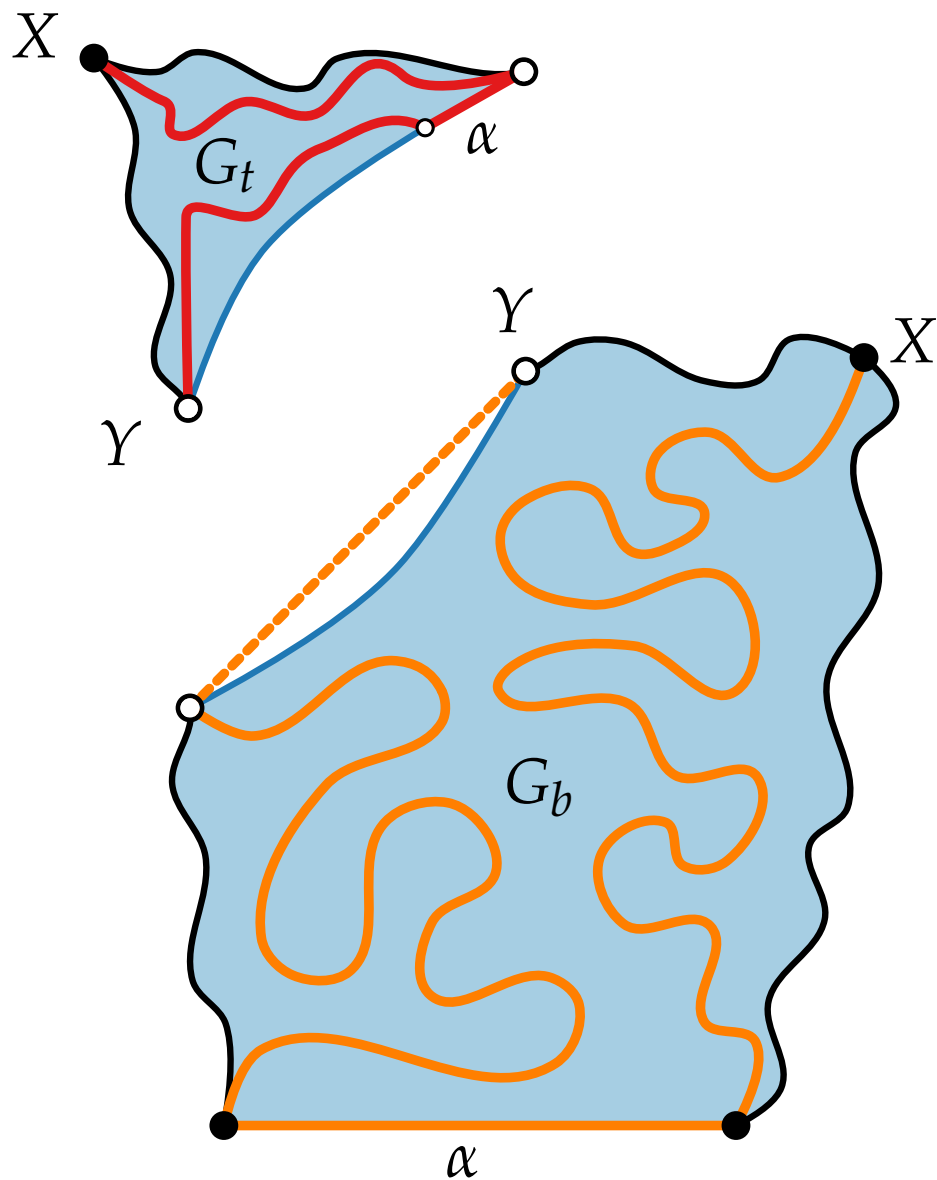




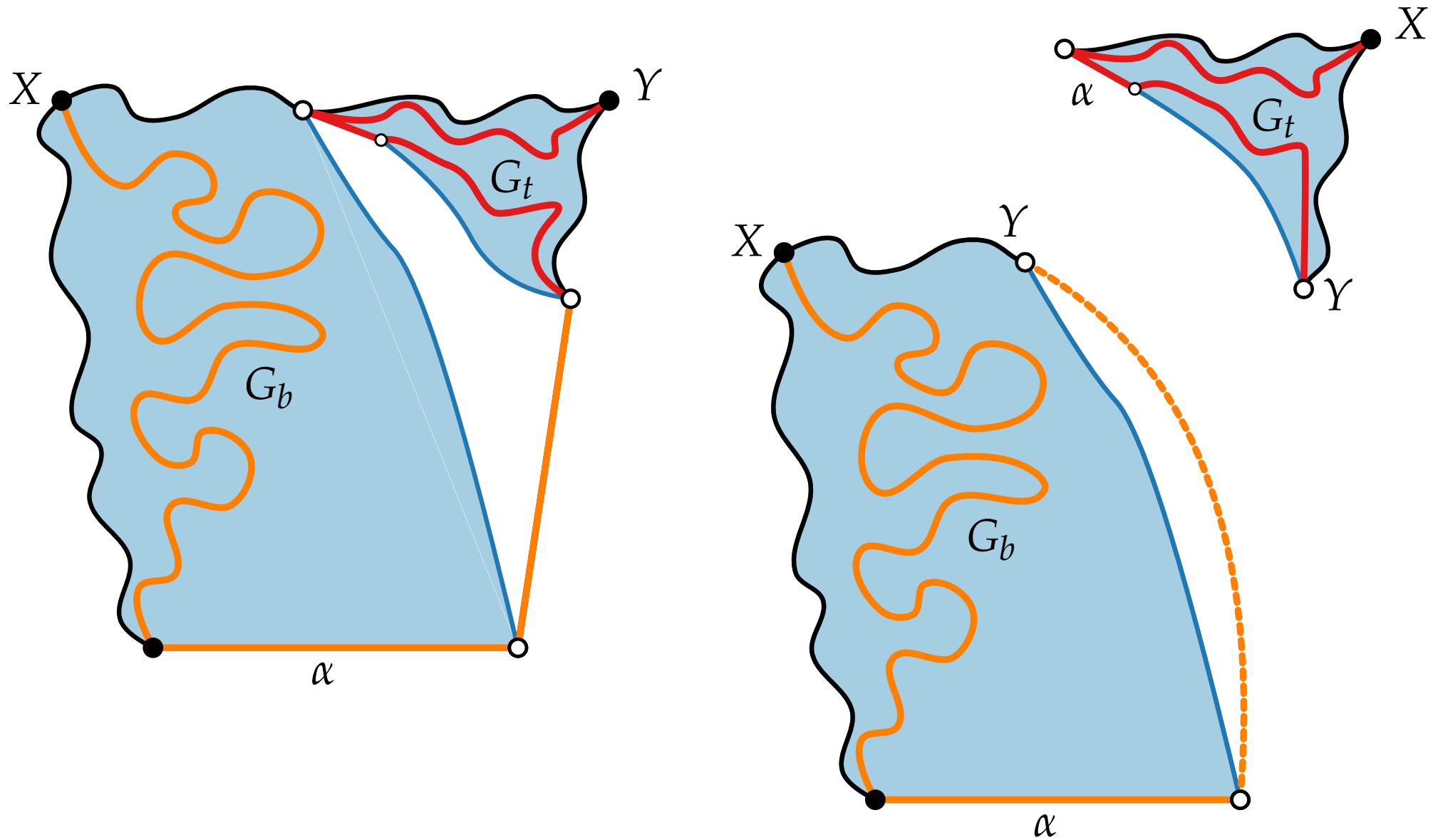
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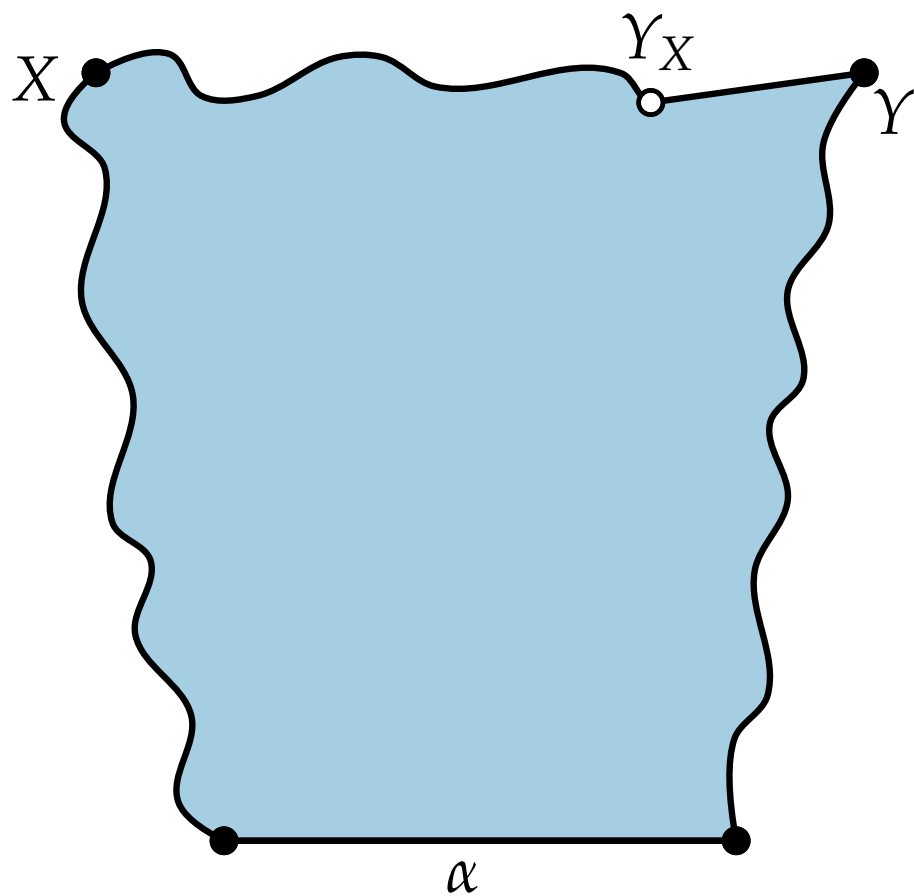
# Case 3': top-left cutting pair



# Case 3'': top-bottom cutting pair

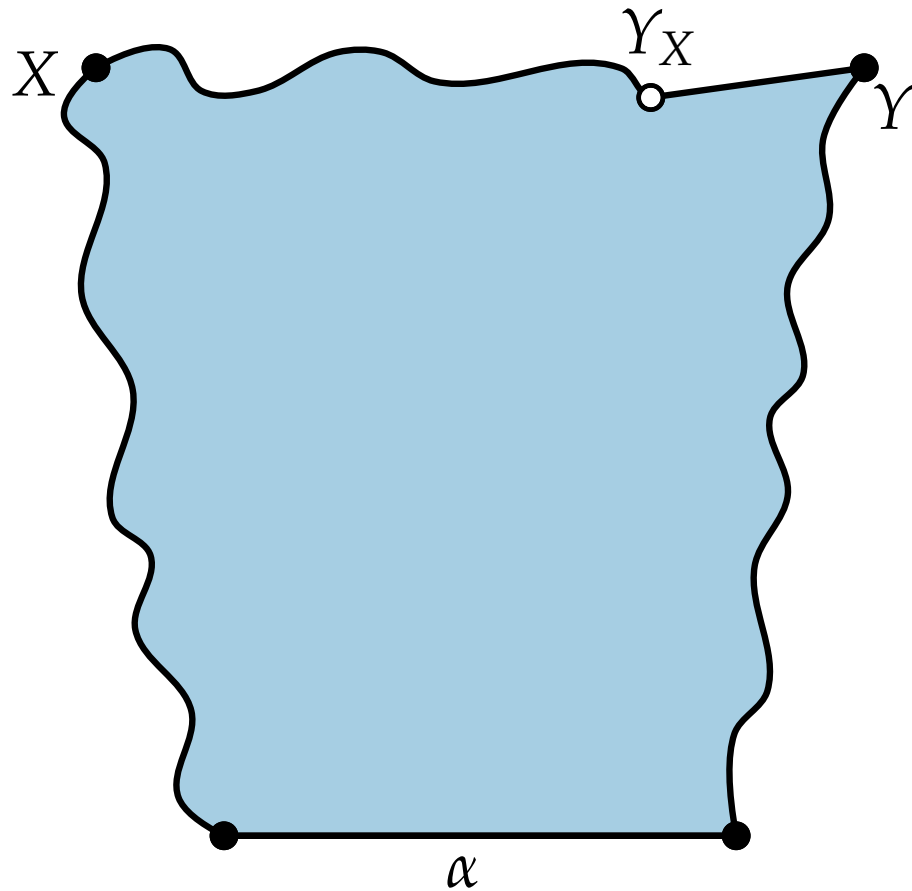


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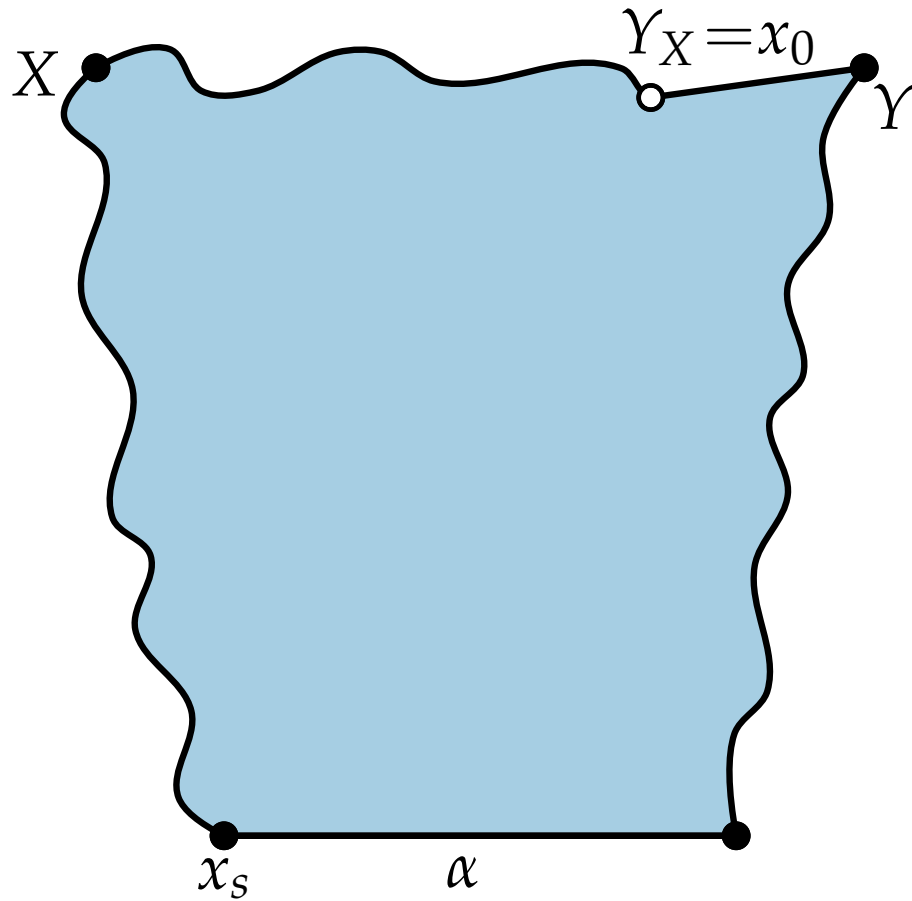
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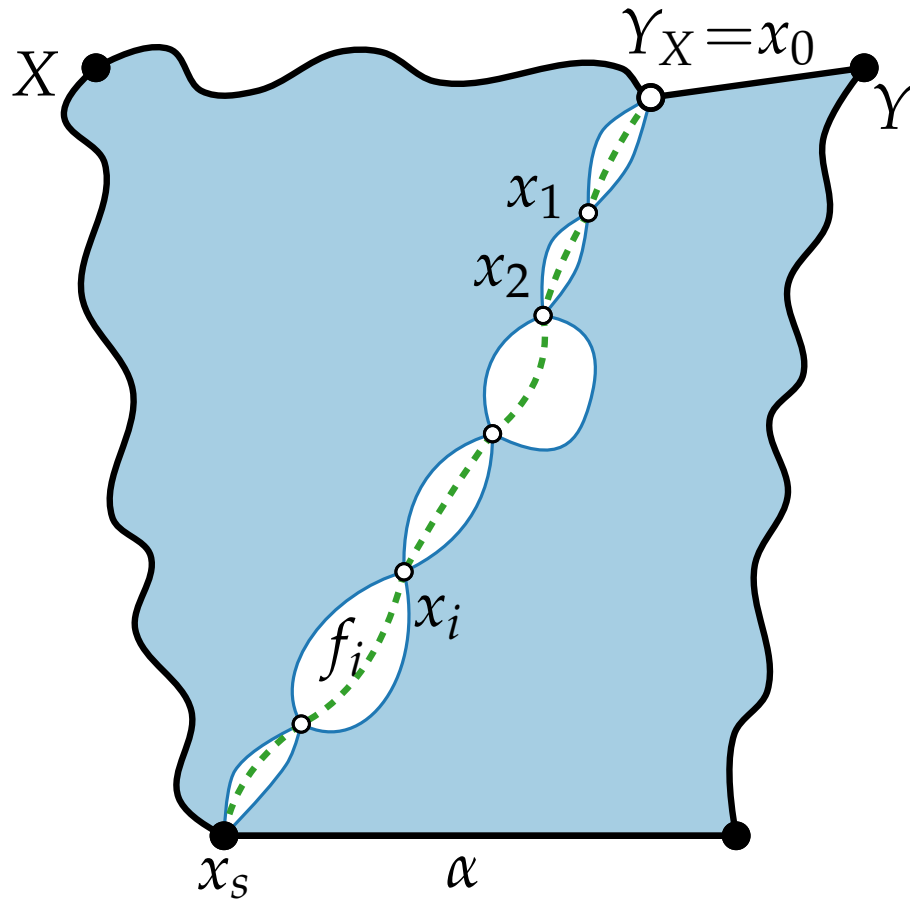
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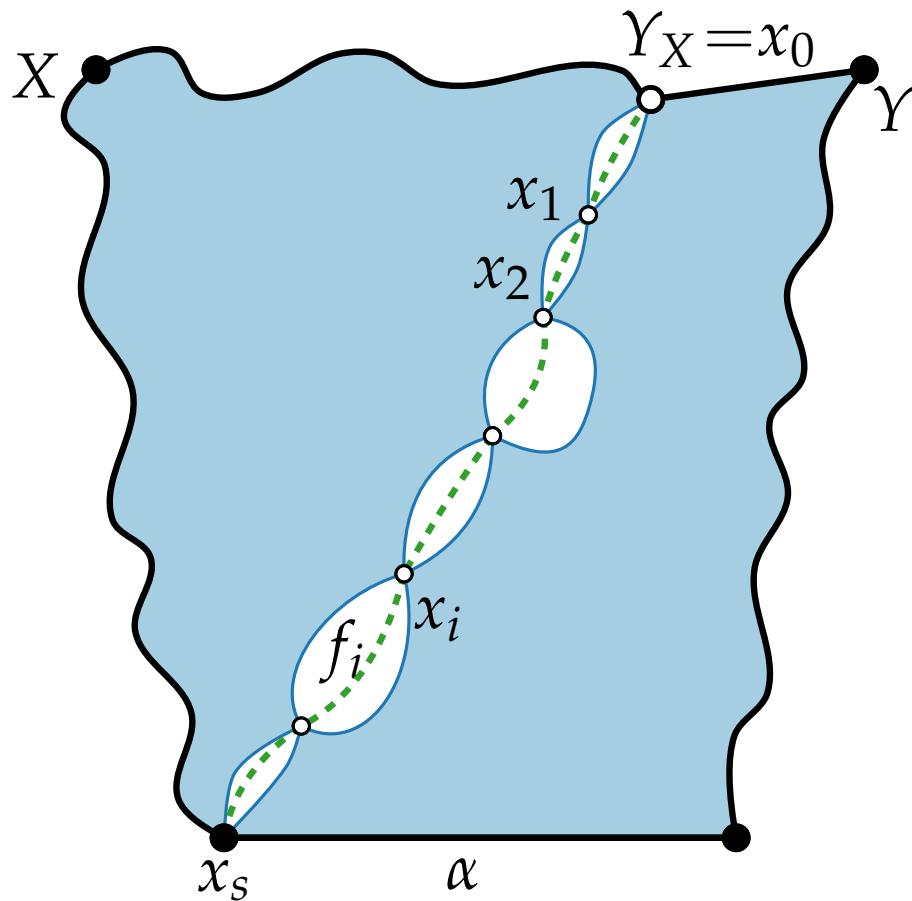
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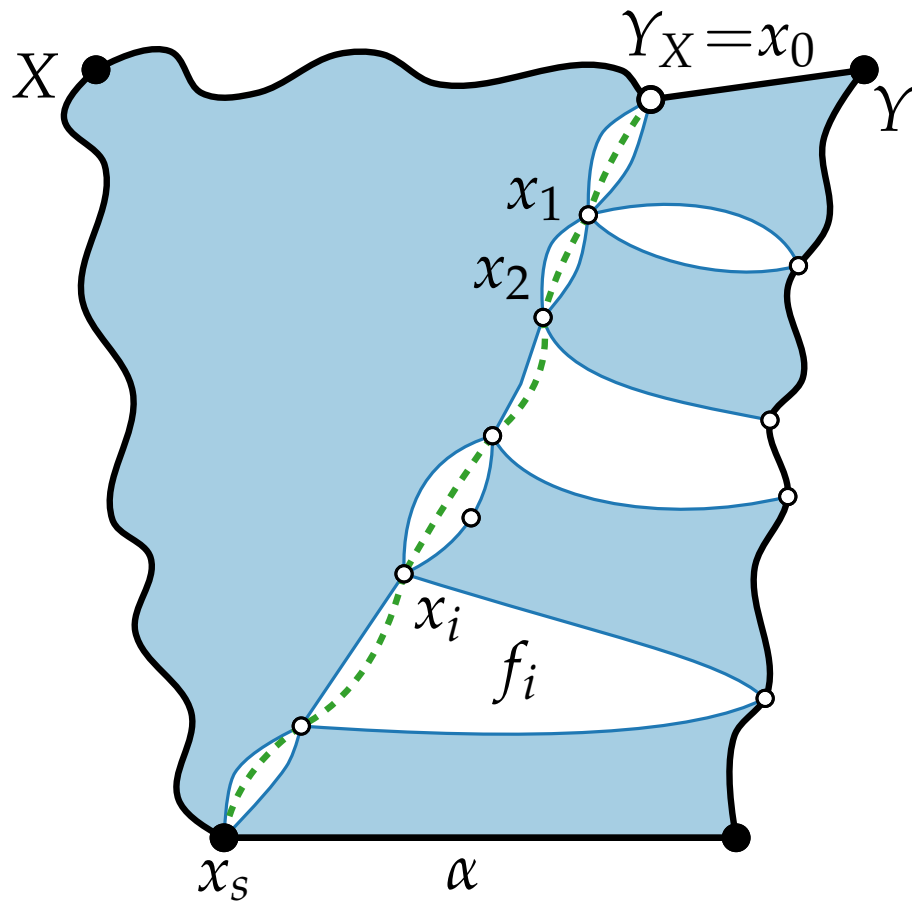
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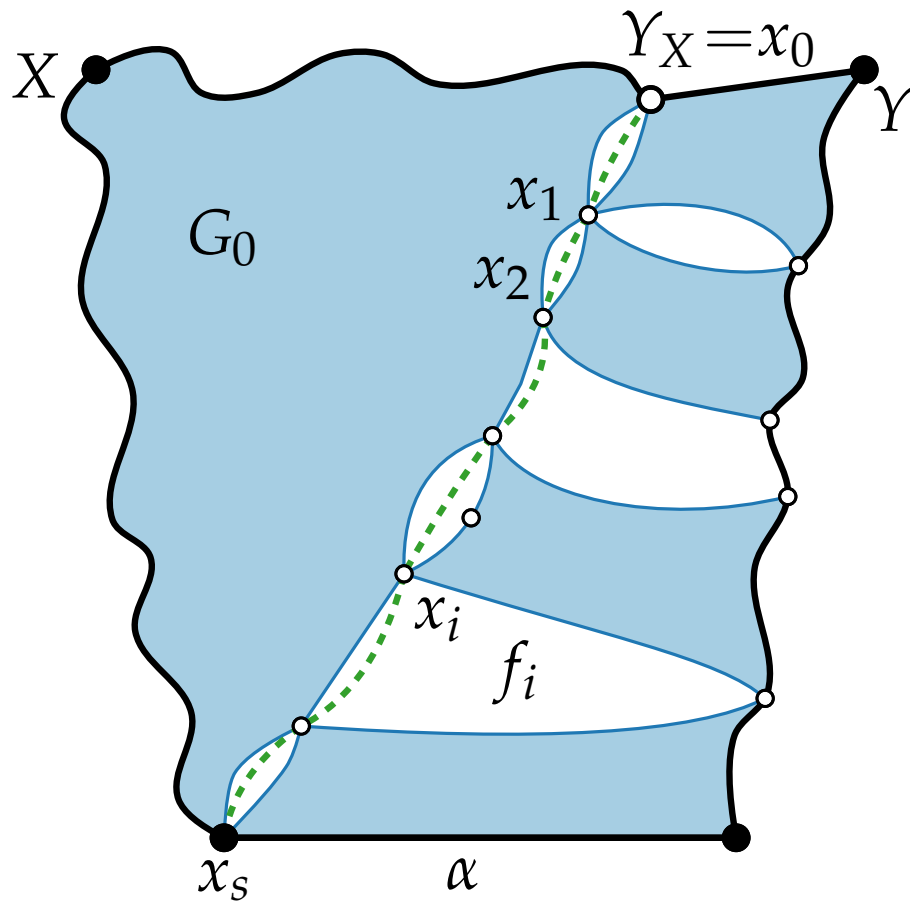
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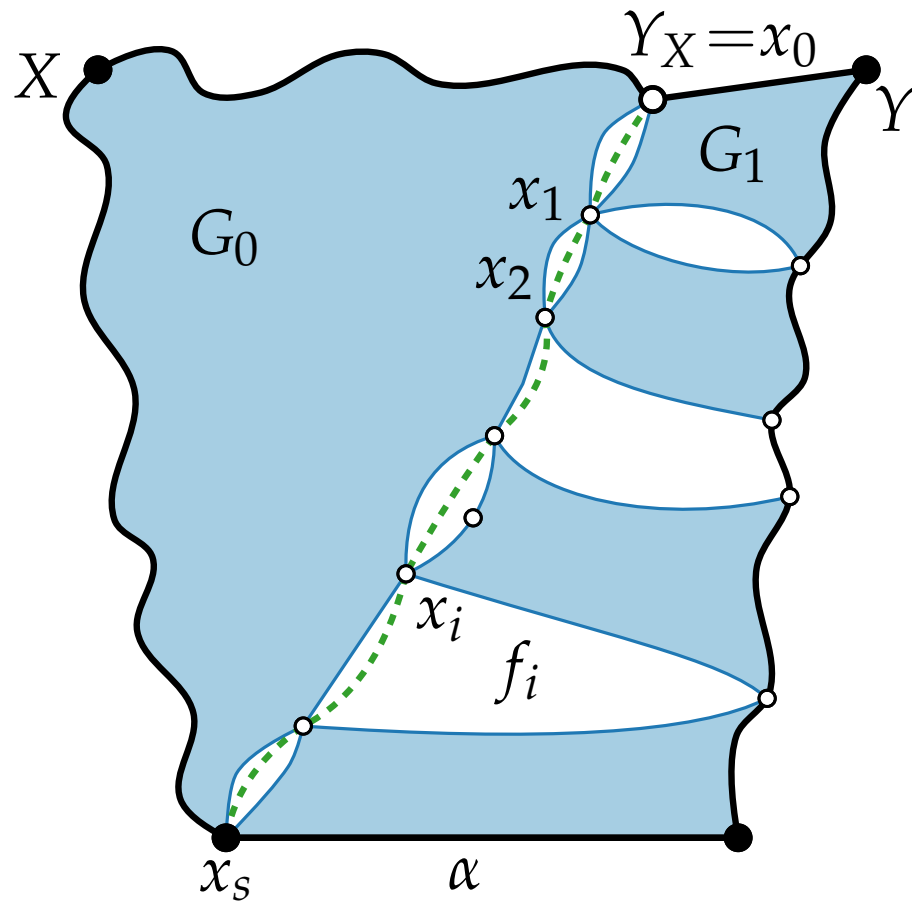
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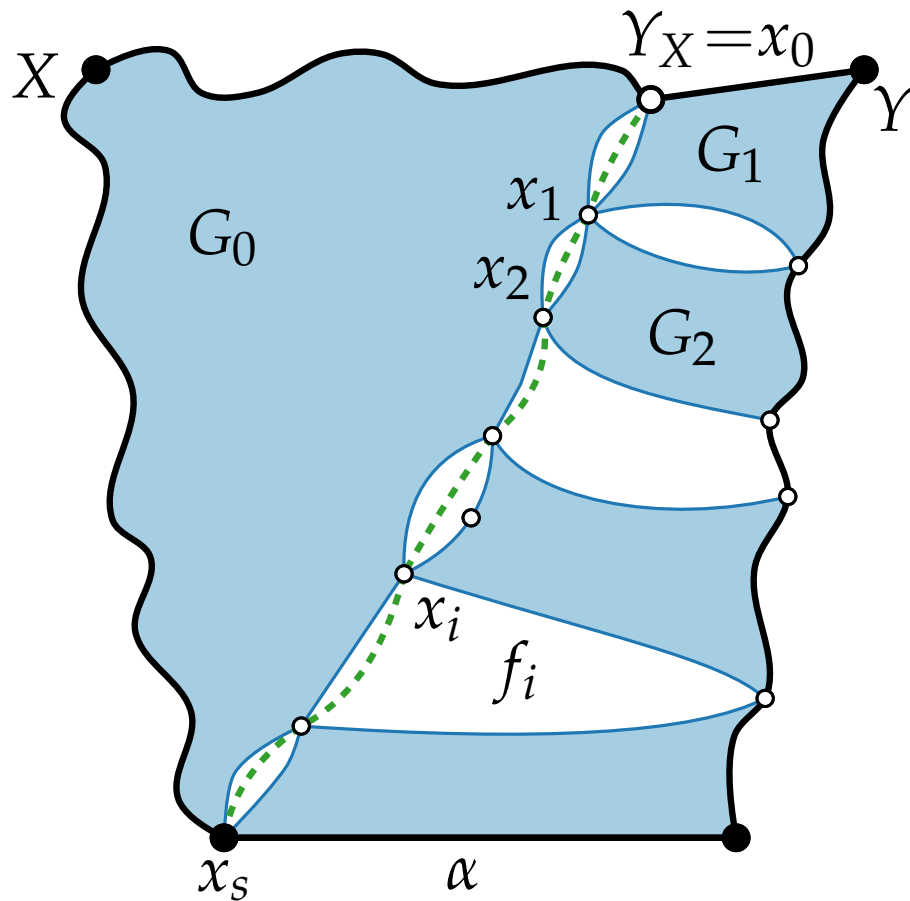
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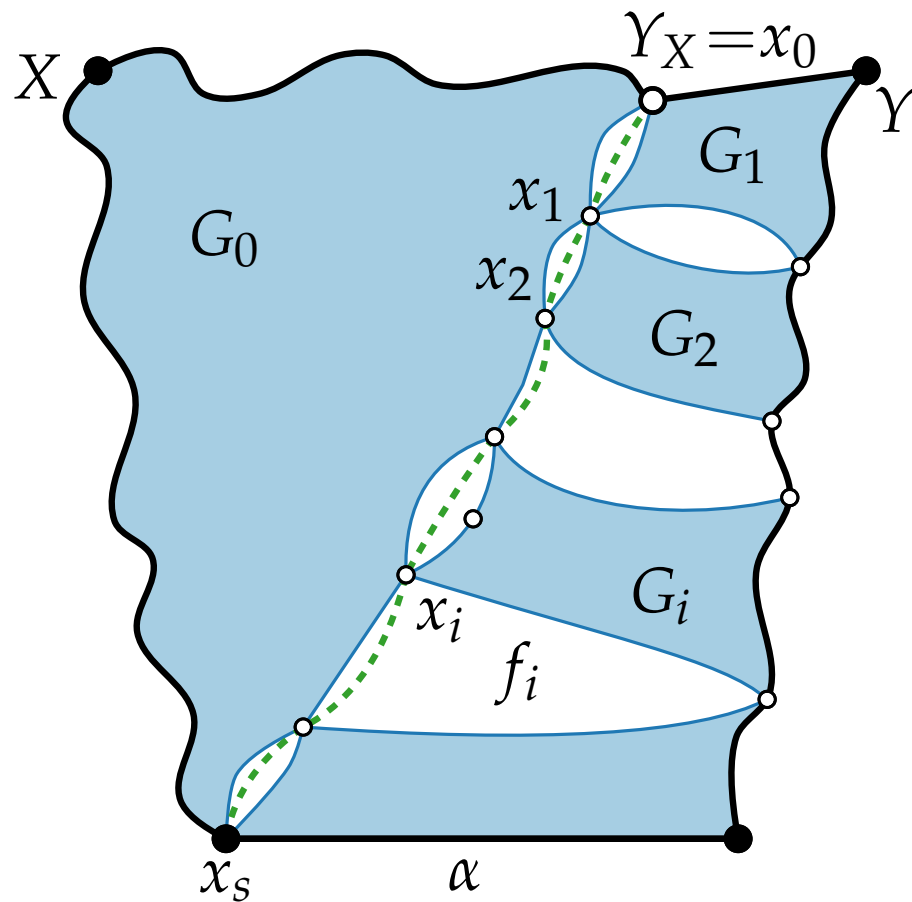
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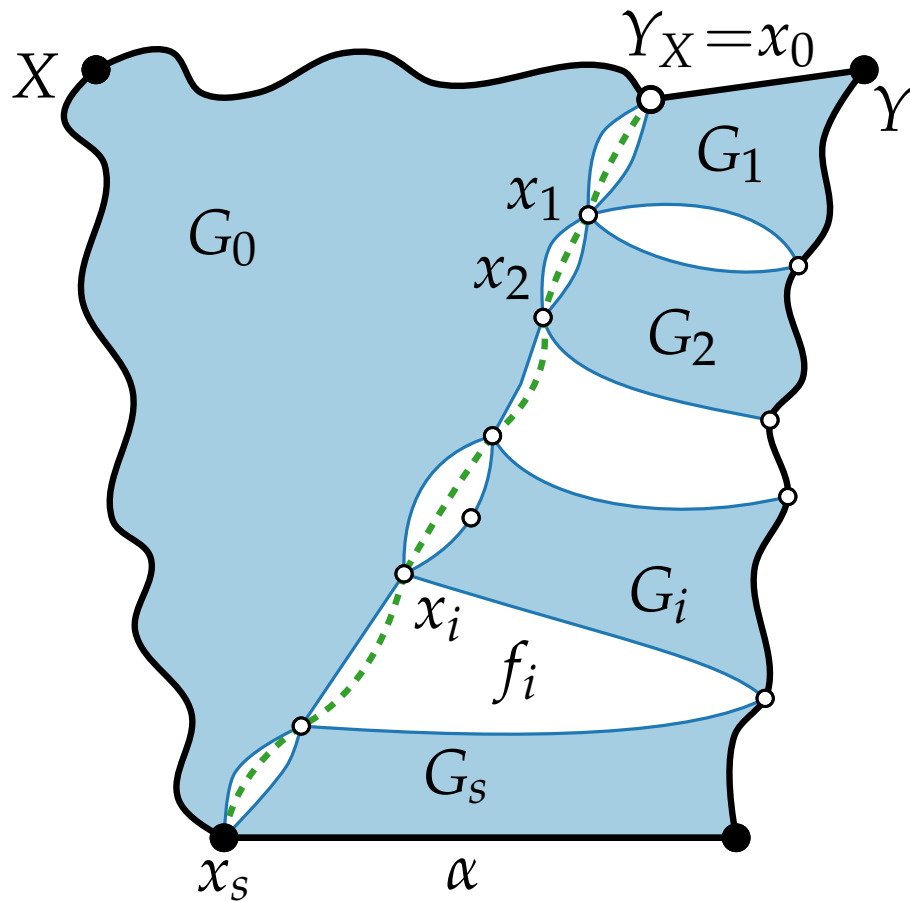
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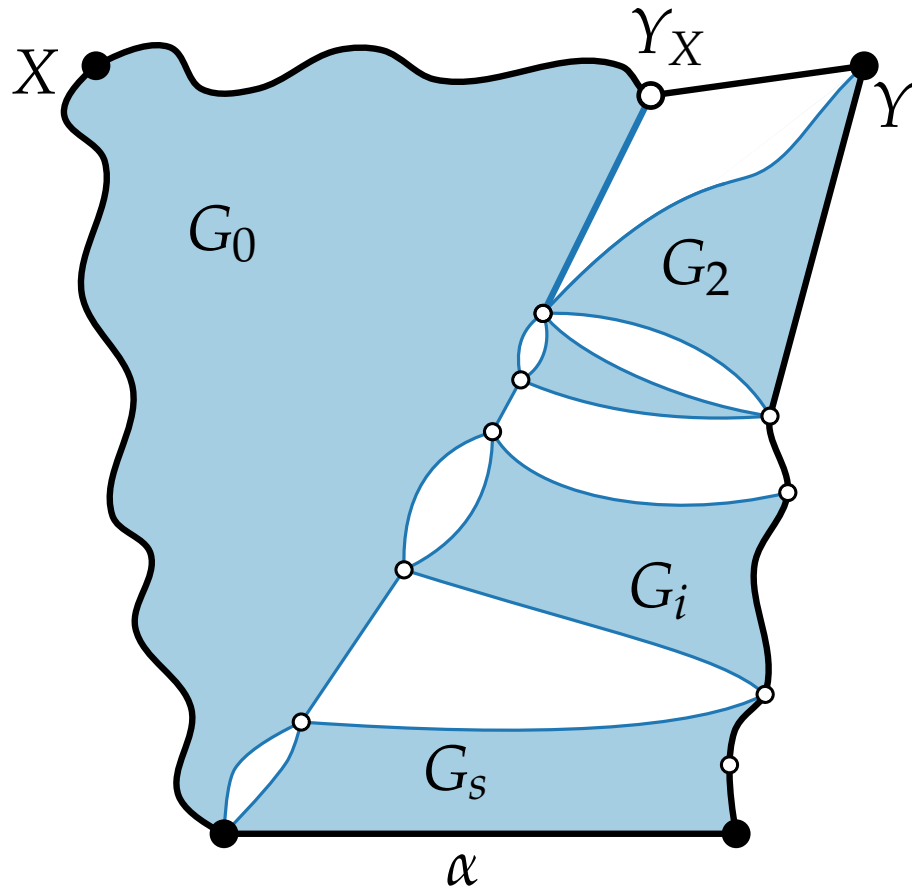
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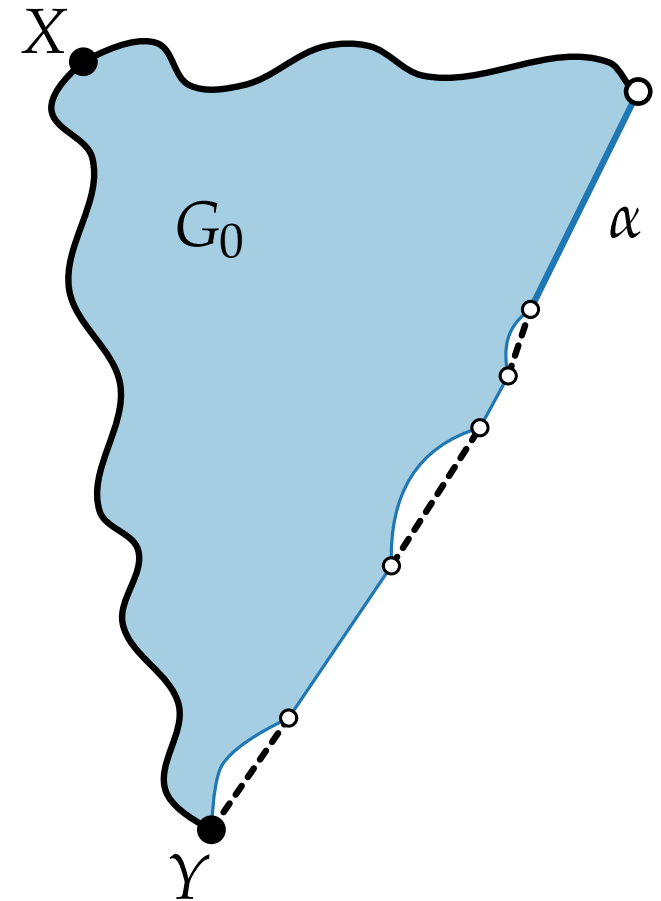
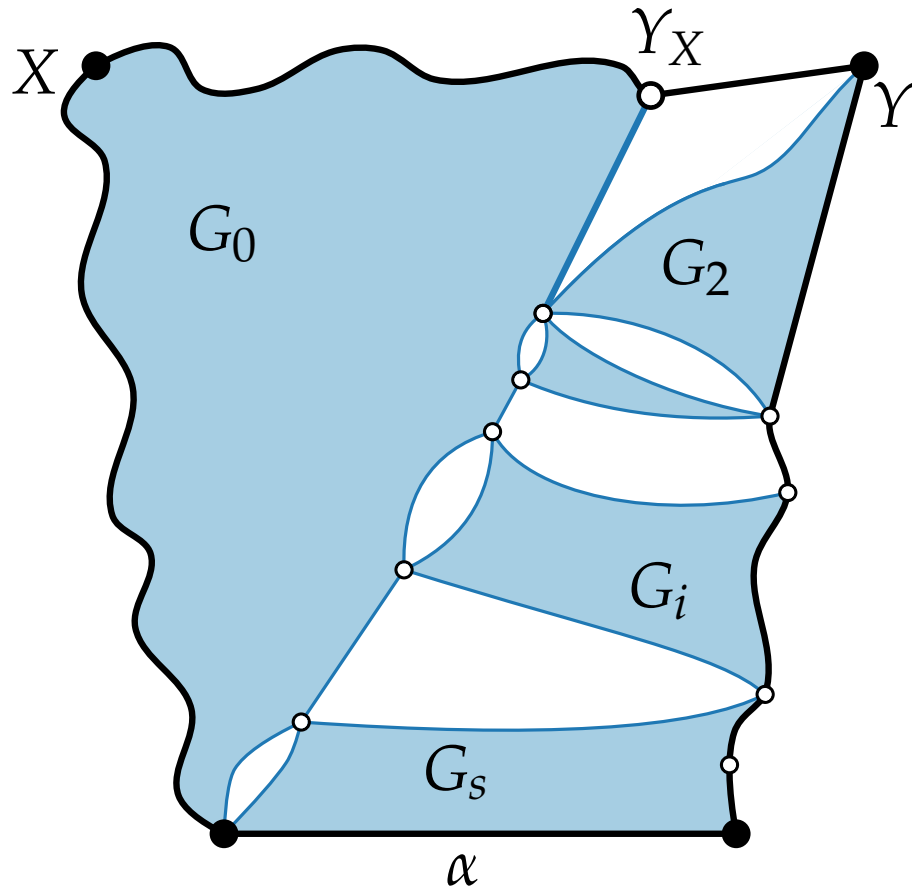
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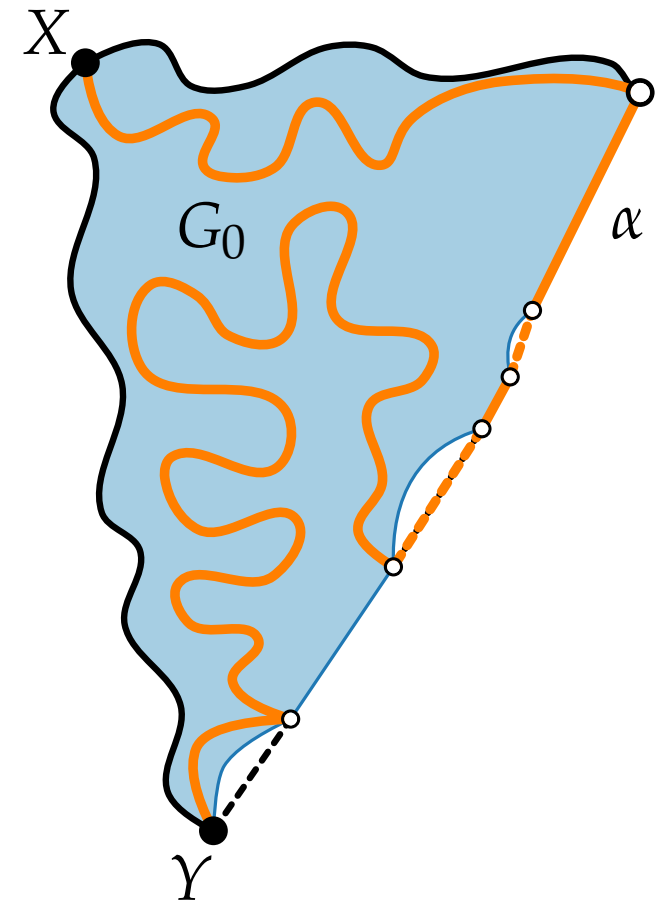
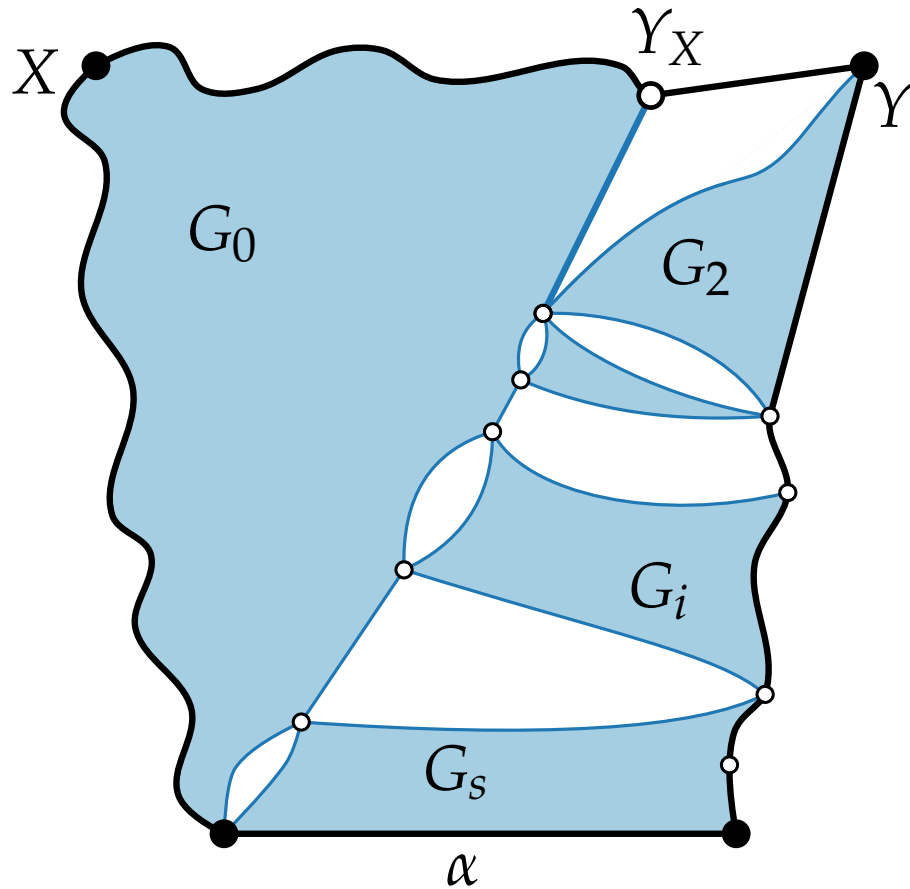
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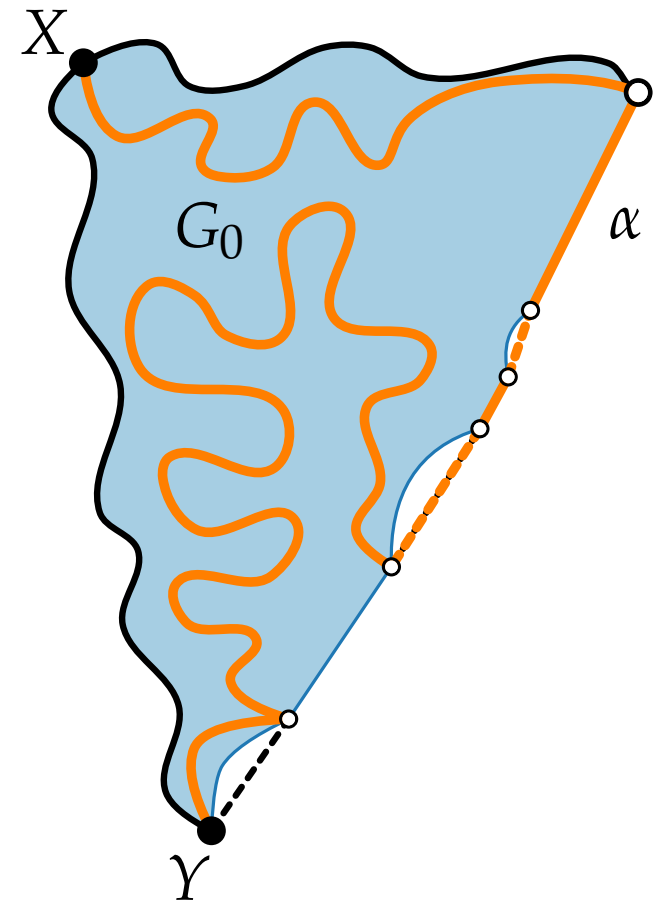
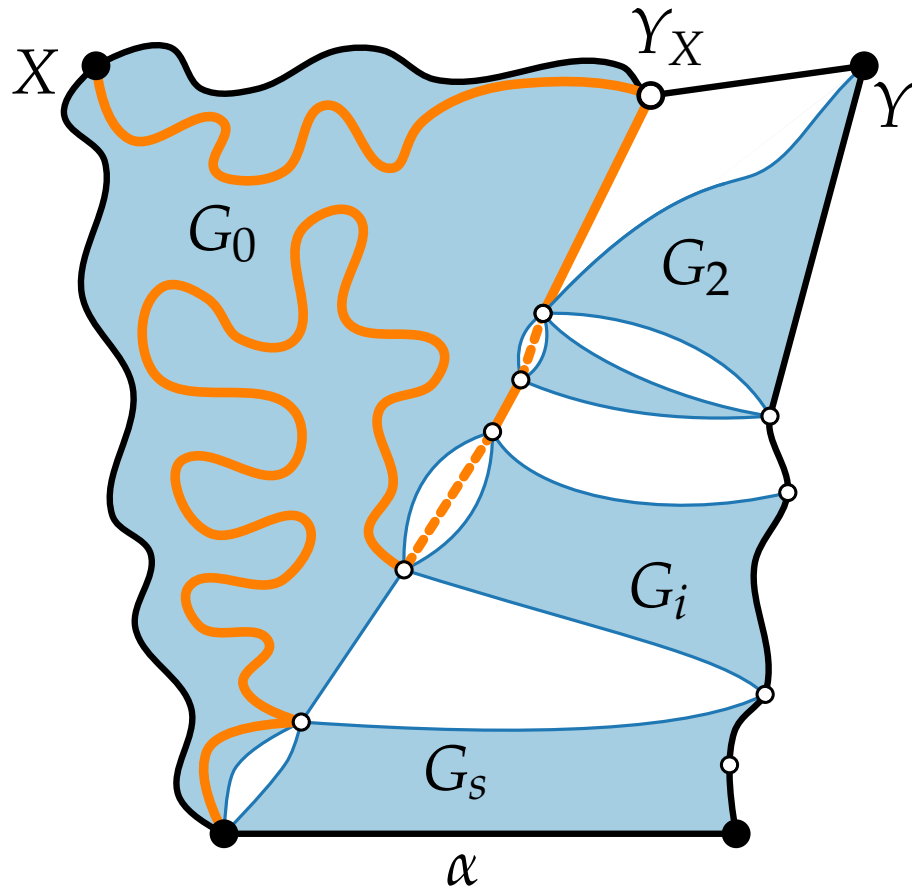
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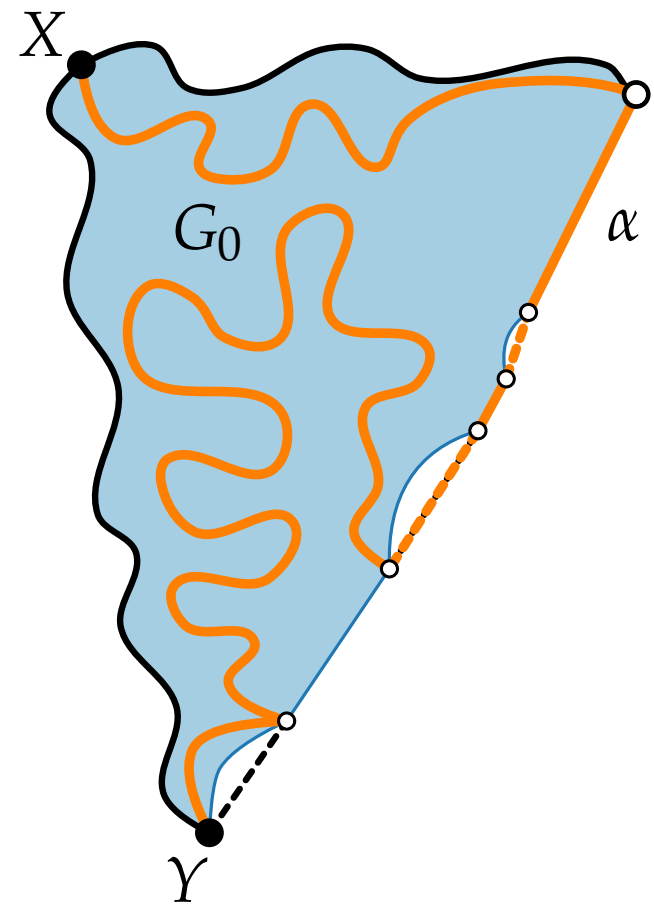
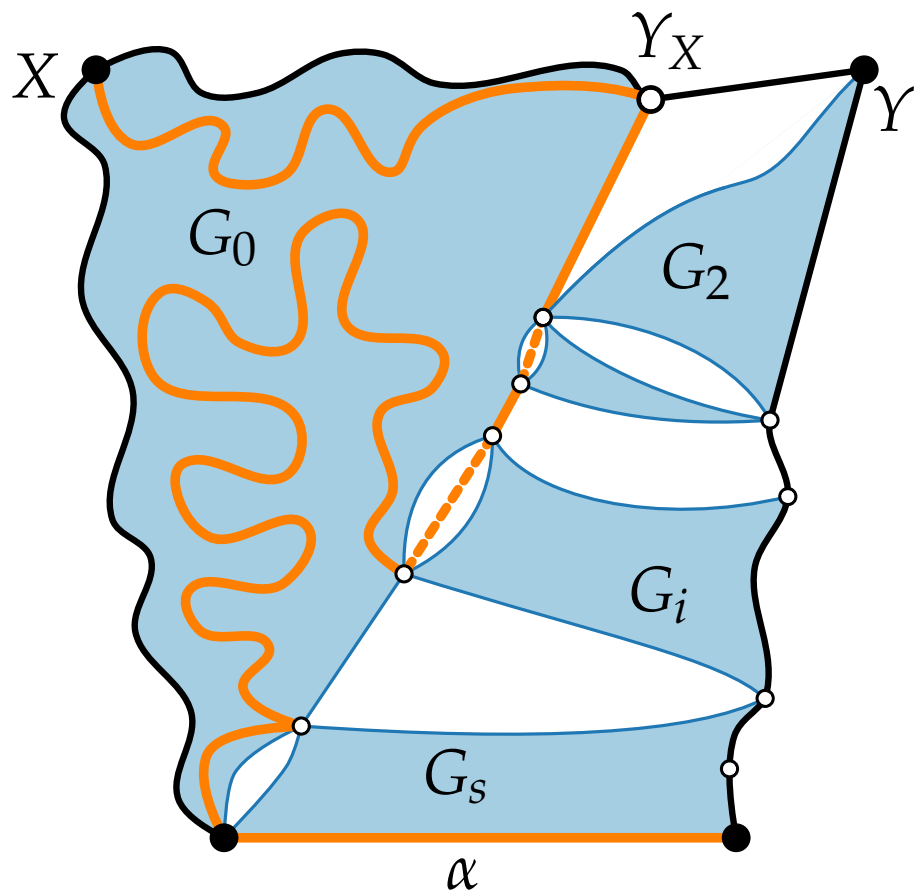
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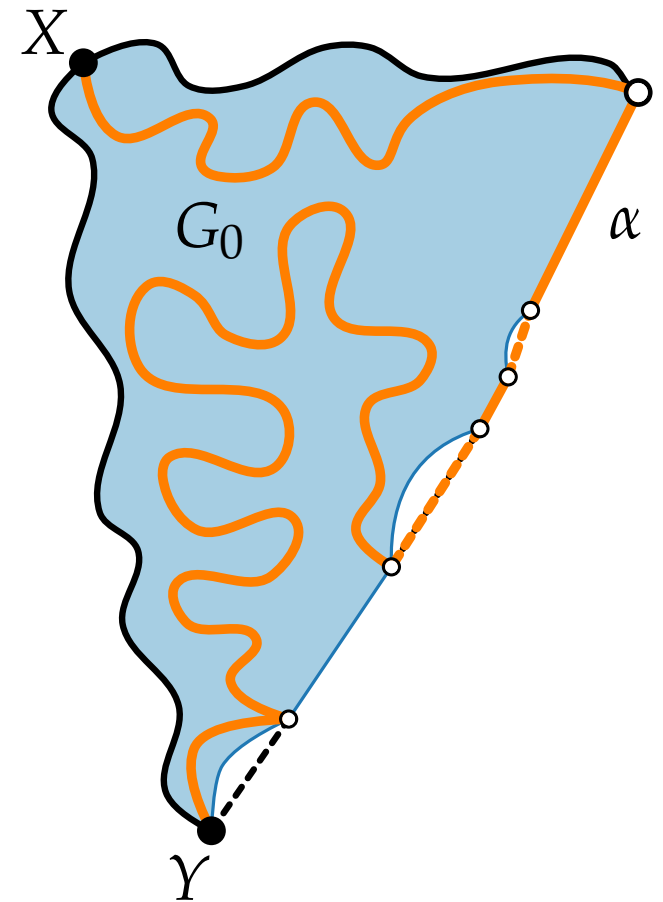
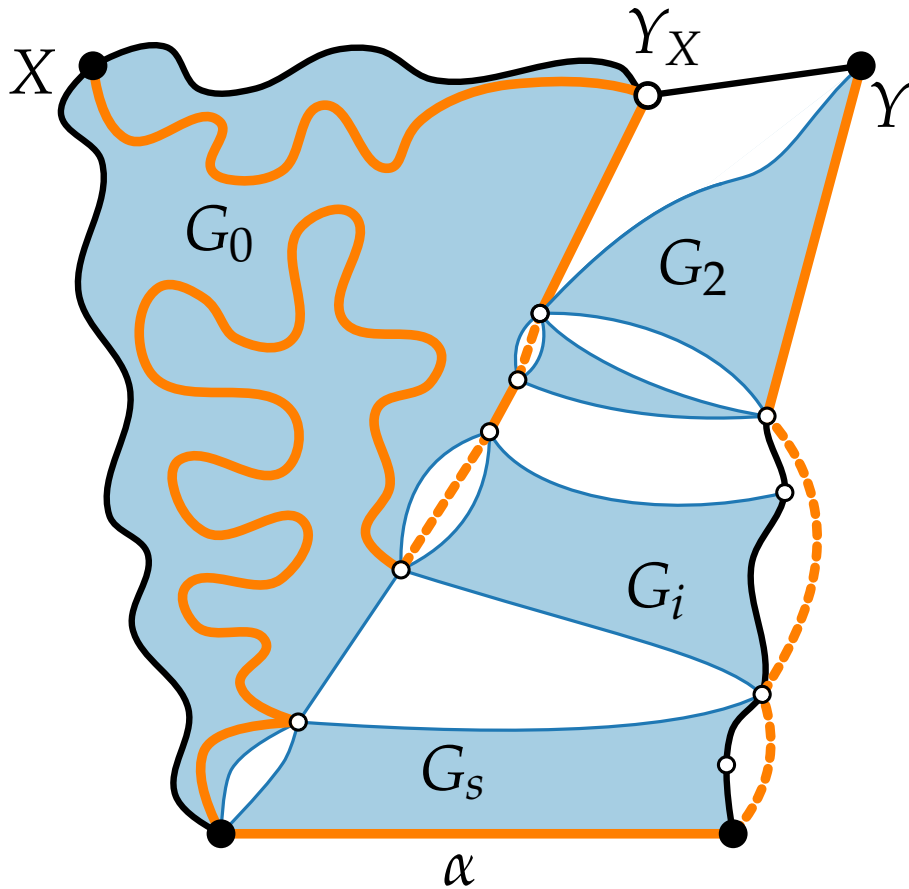
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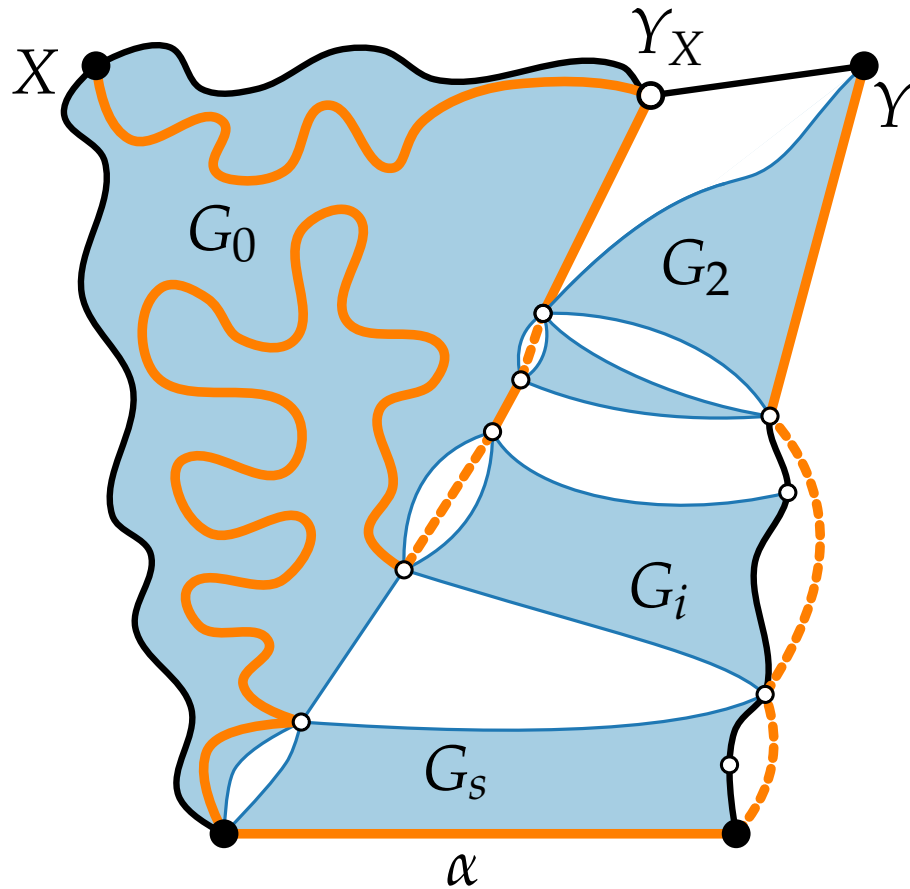
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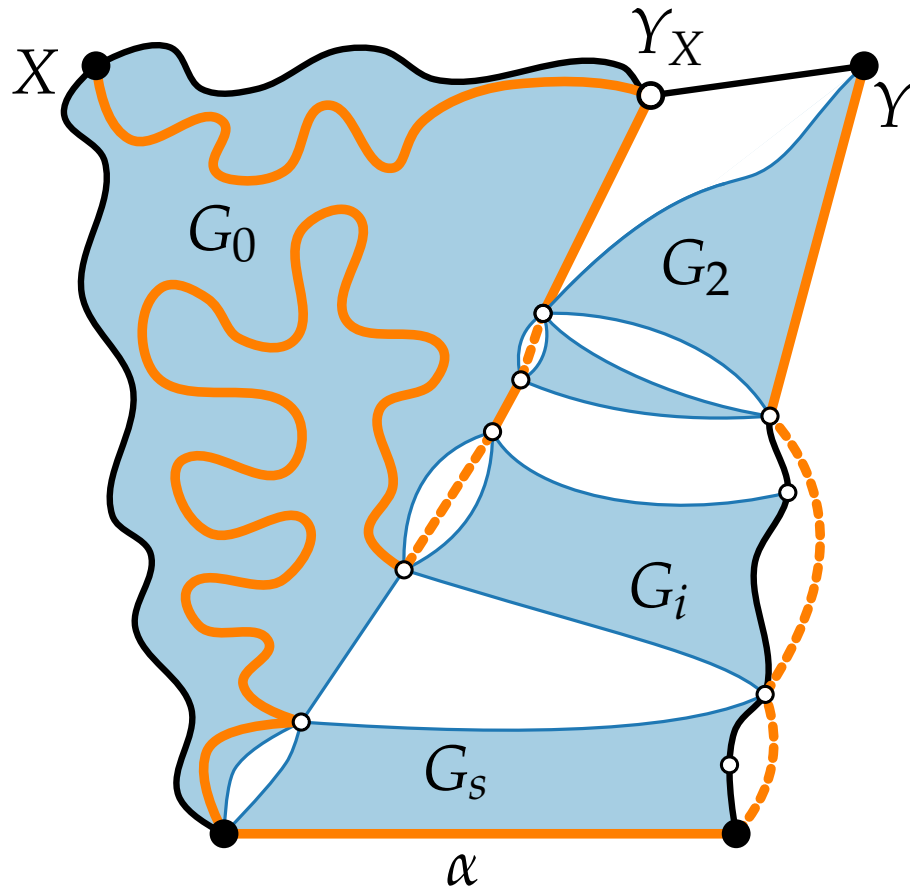
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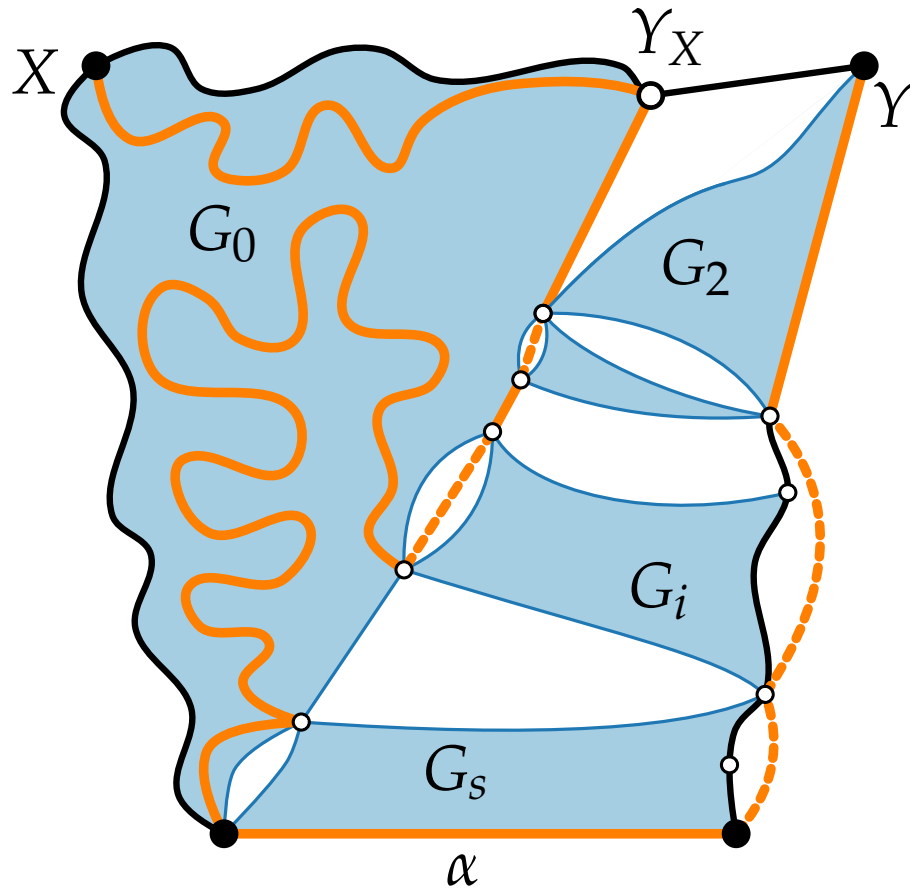
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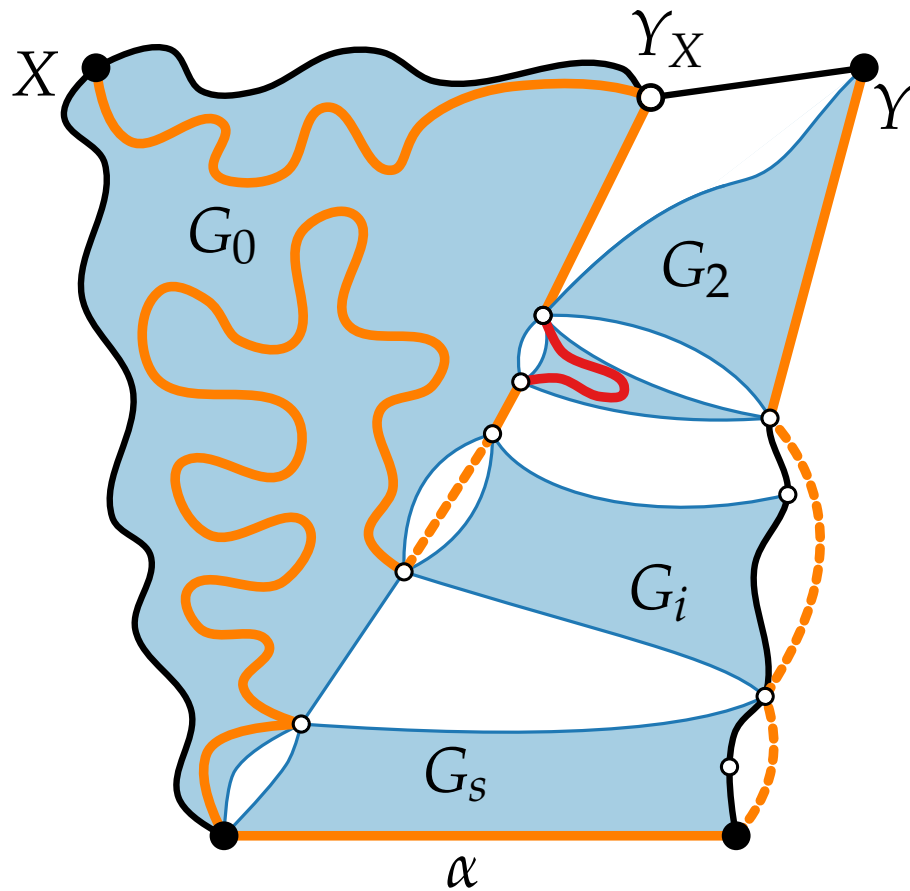
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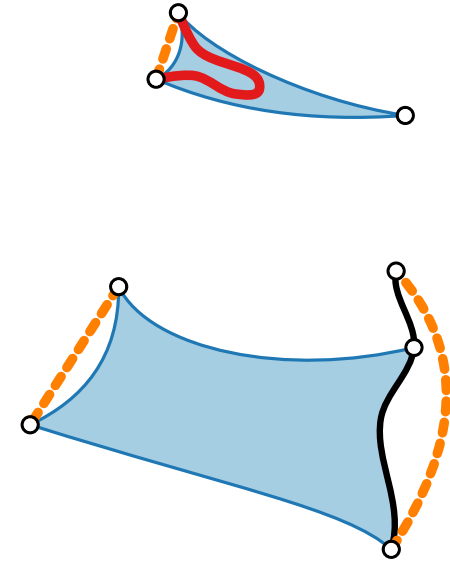
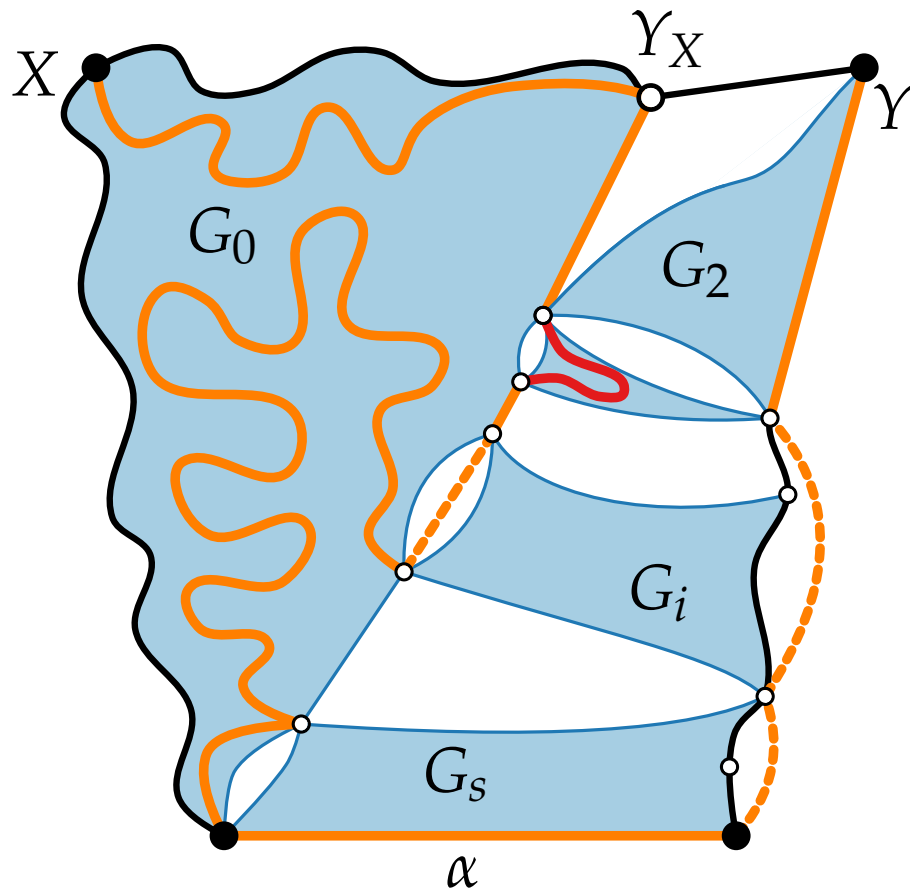
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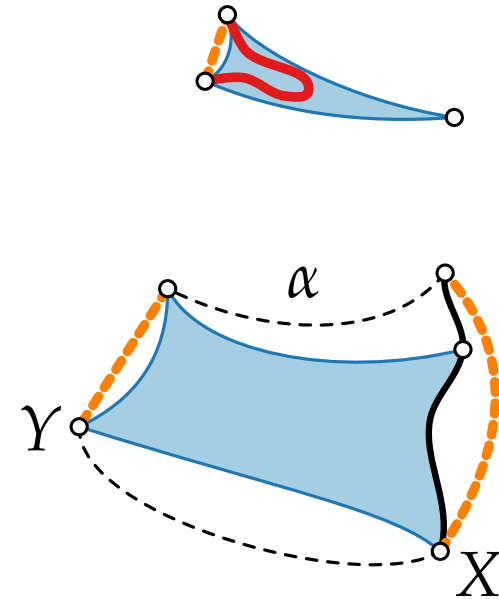
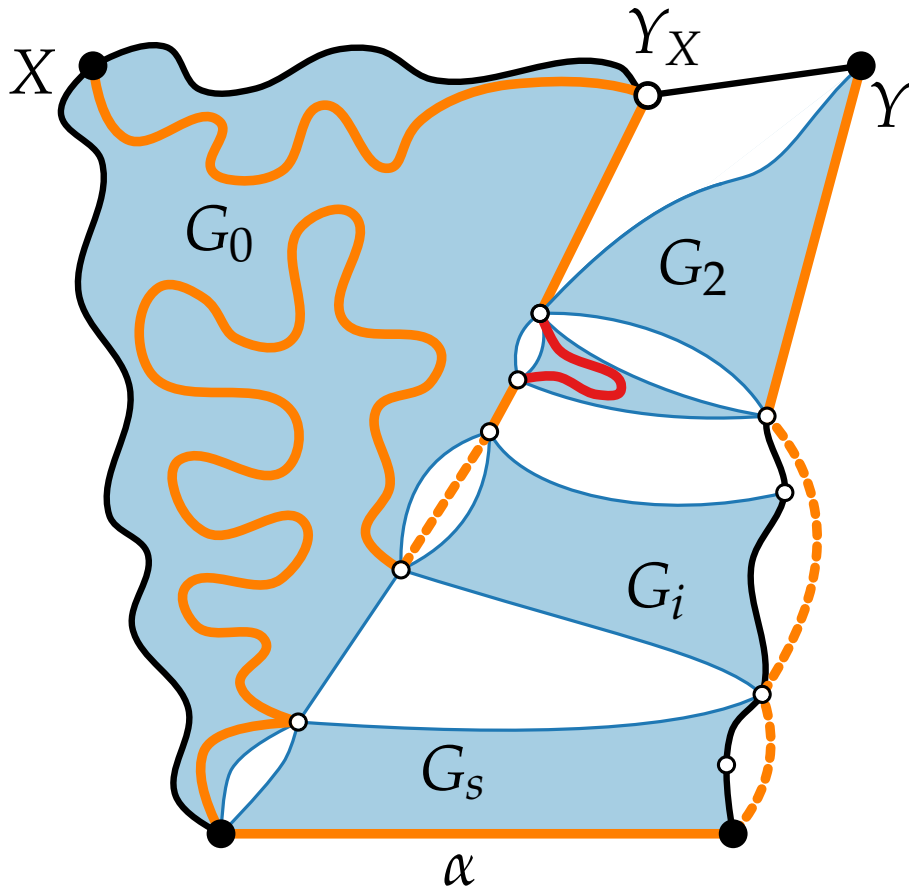
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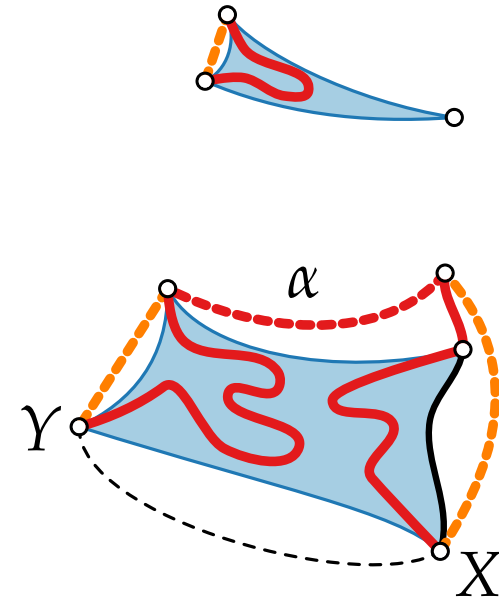
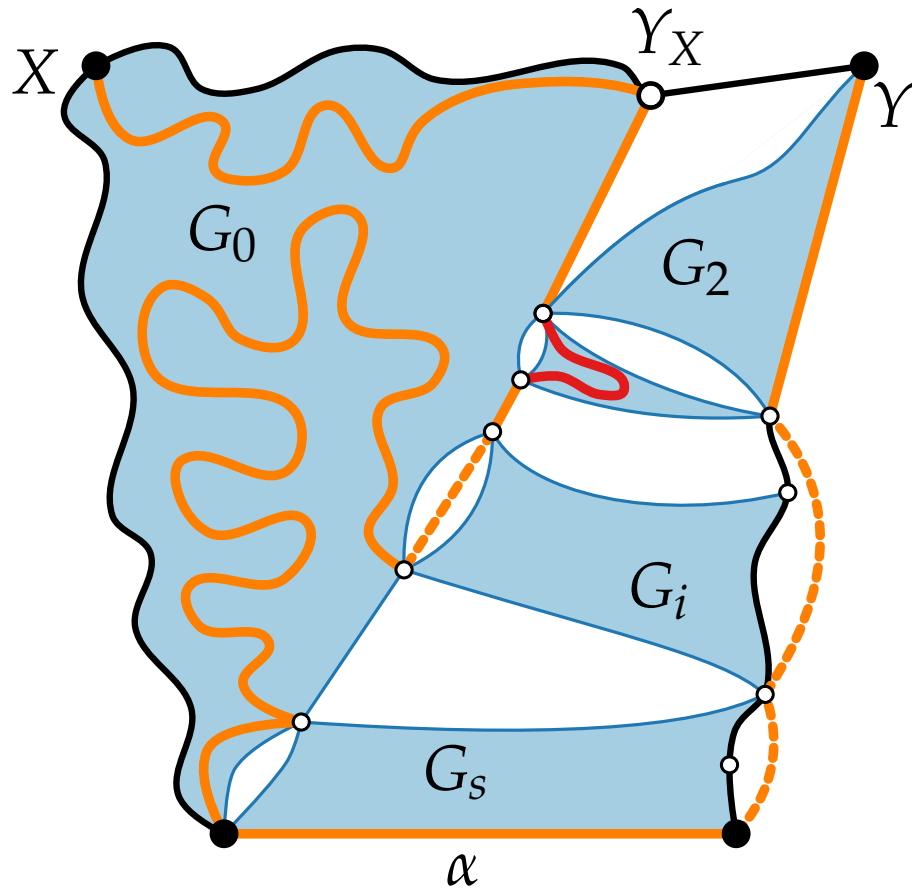
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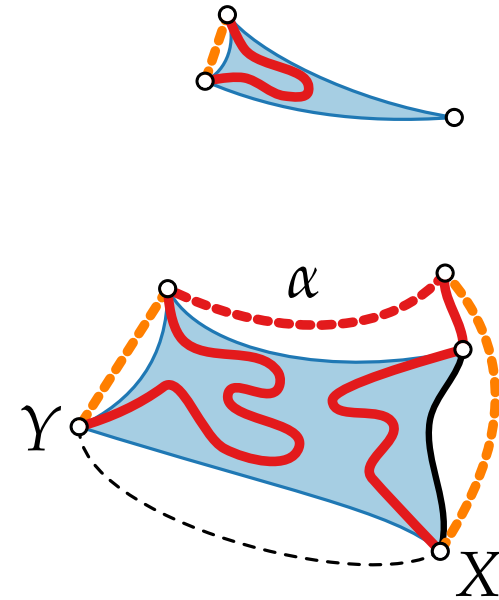
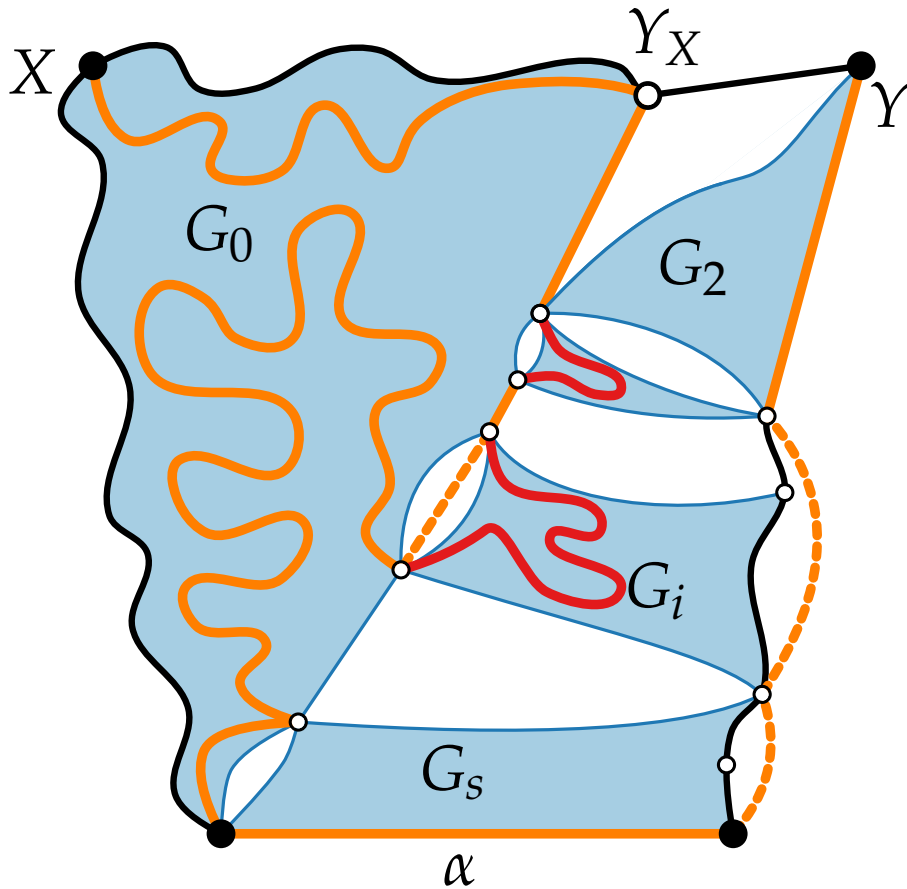
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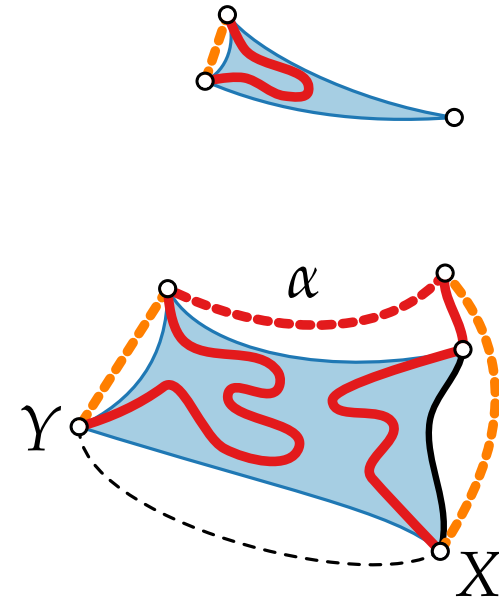
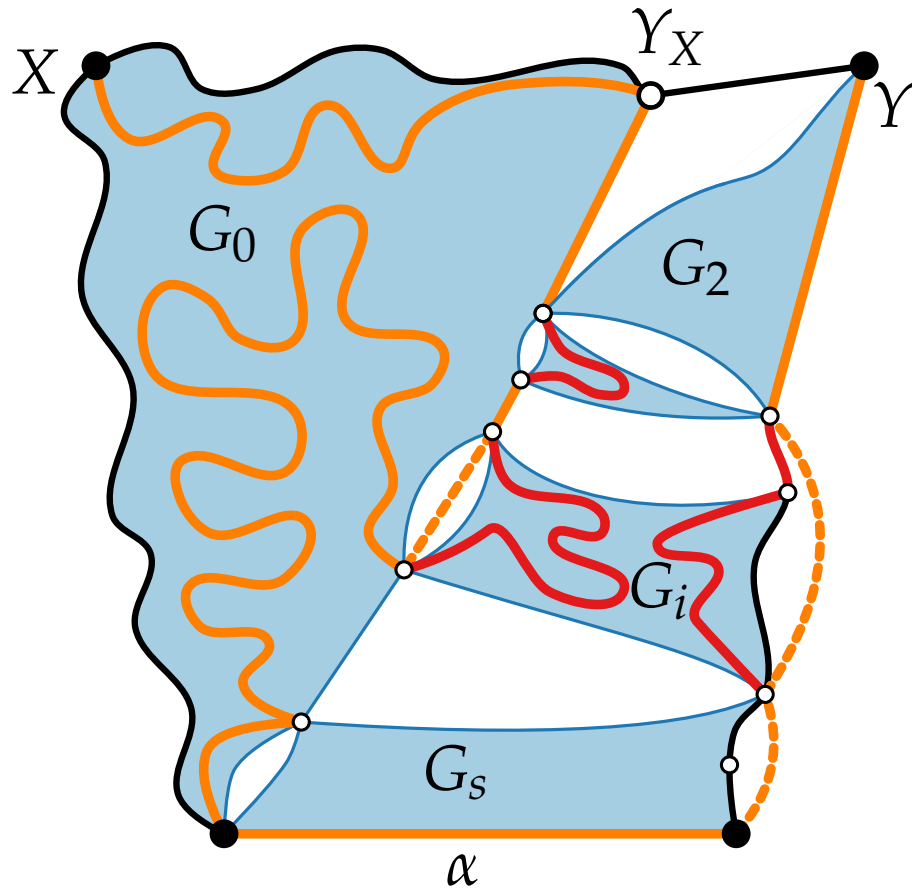
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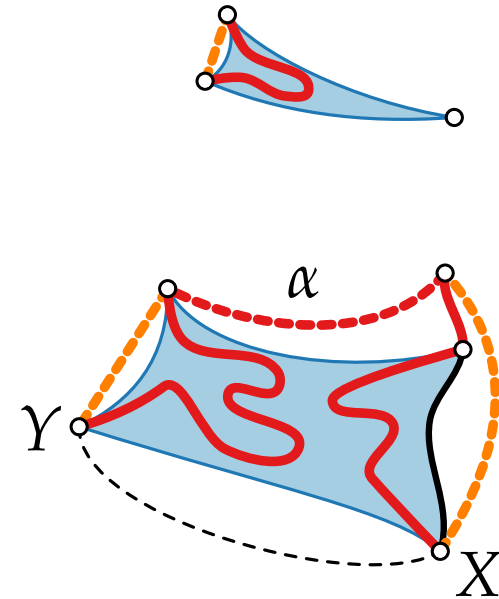
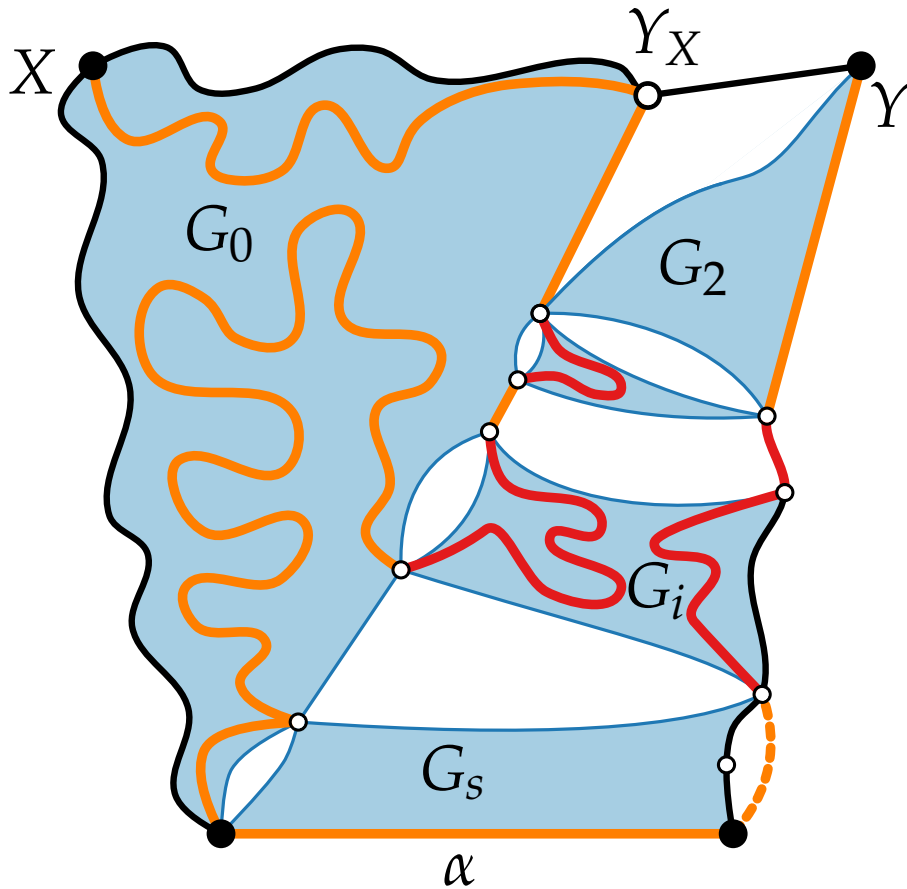
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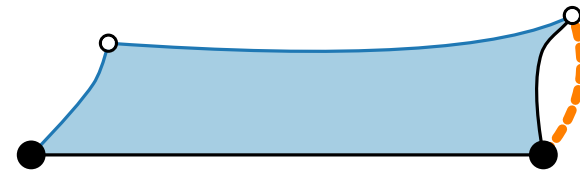
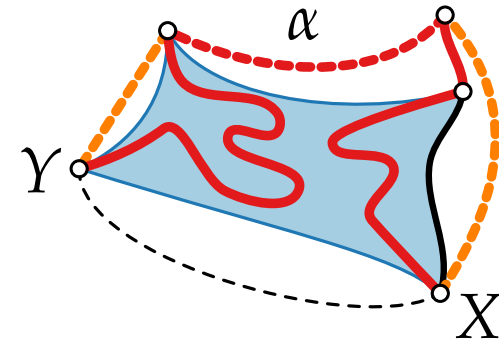
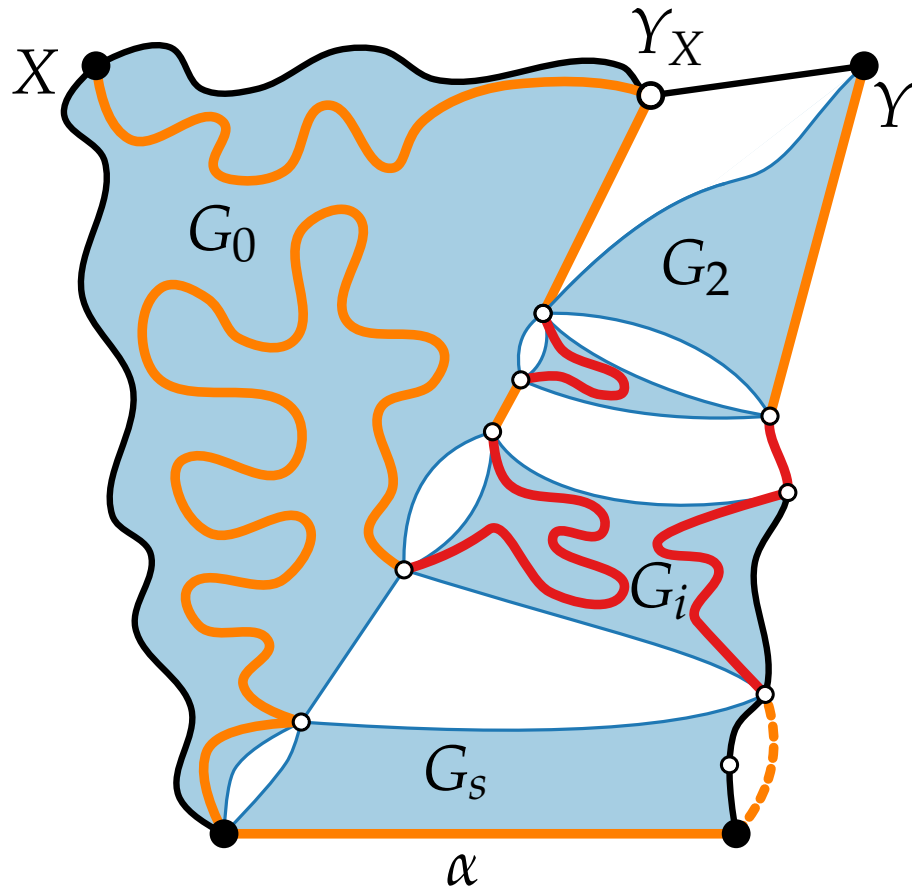
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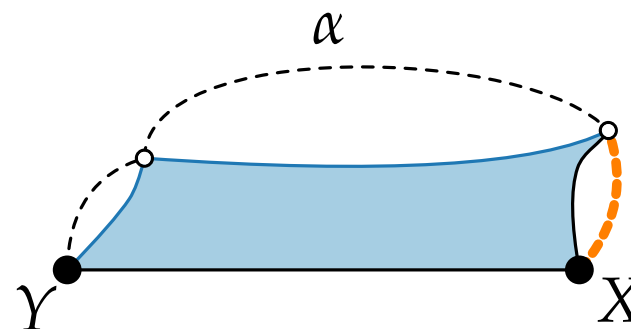
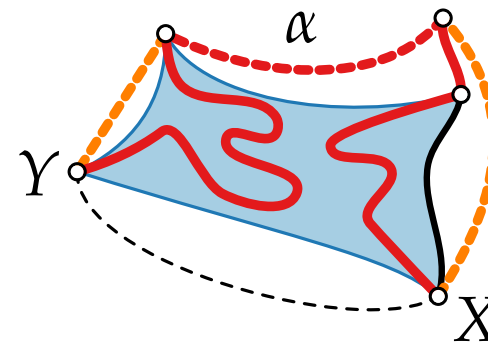
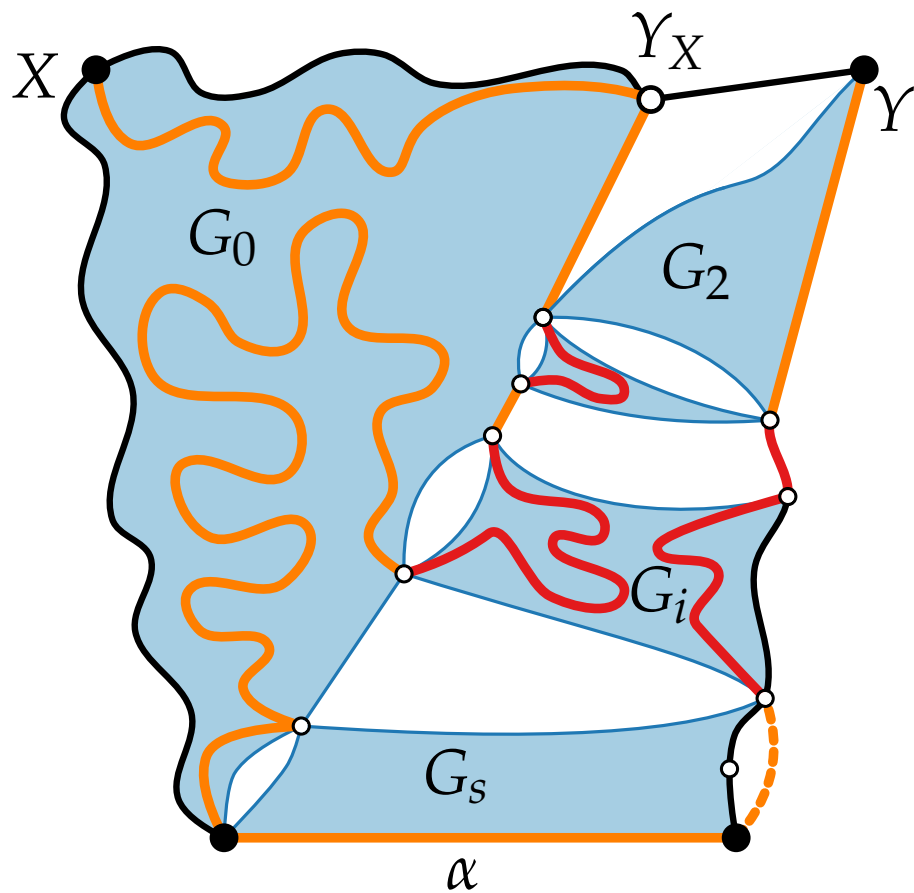
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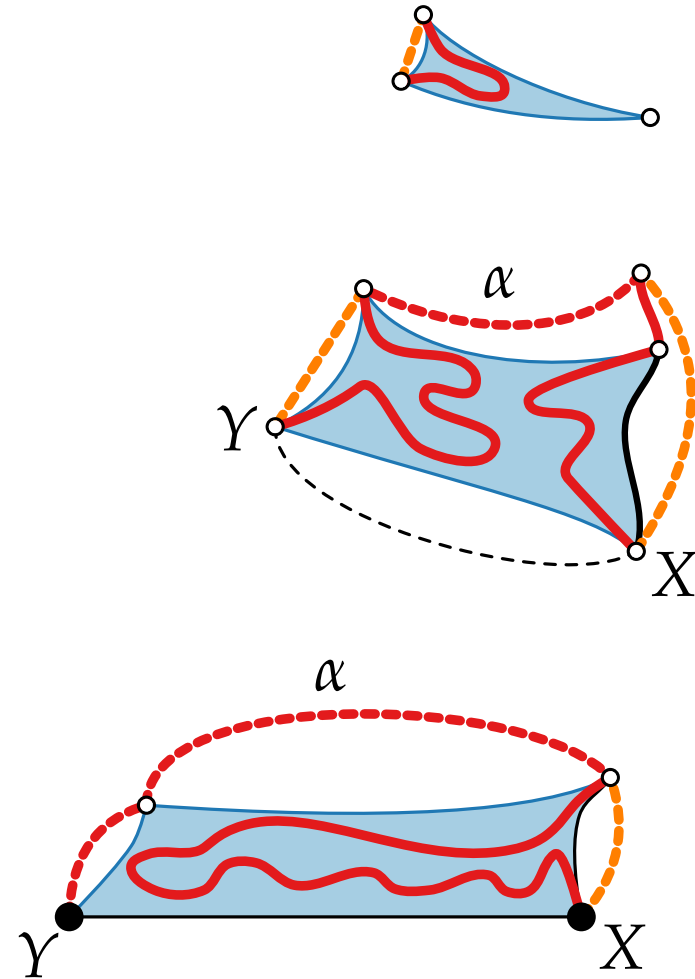
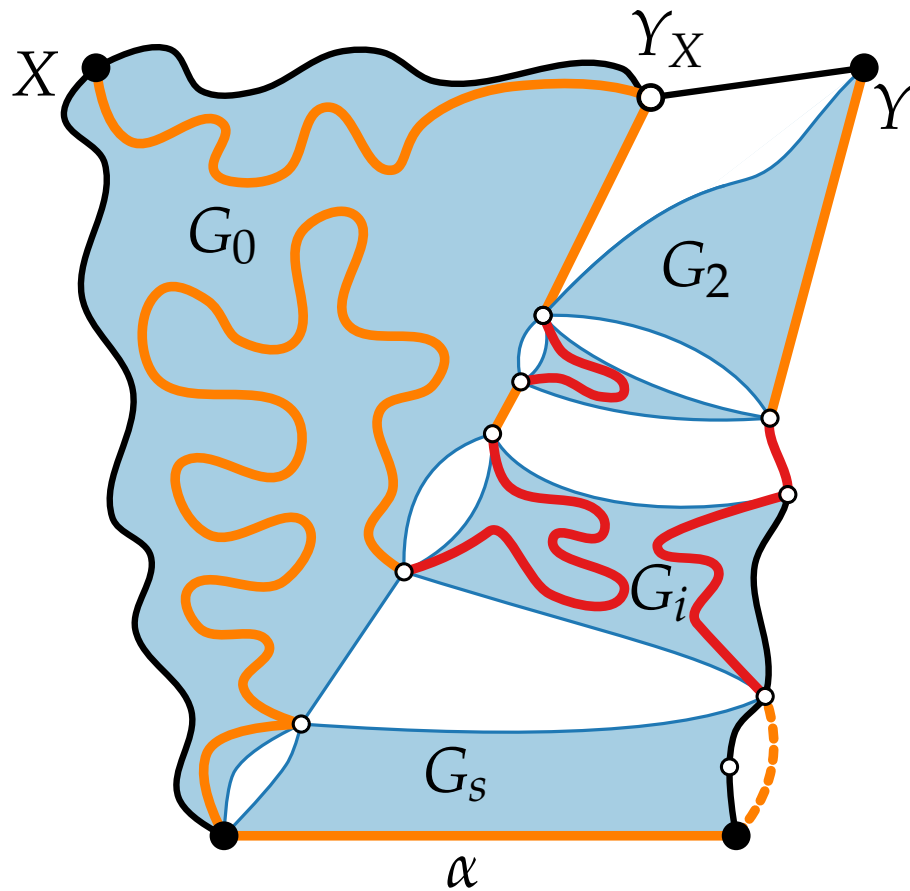
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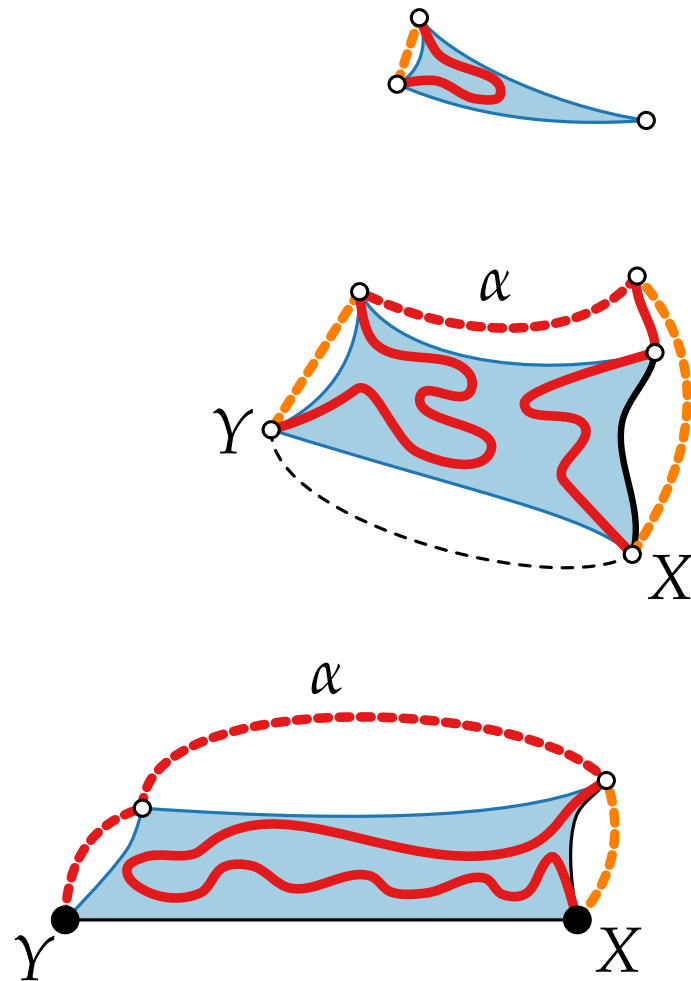
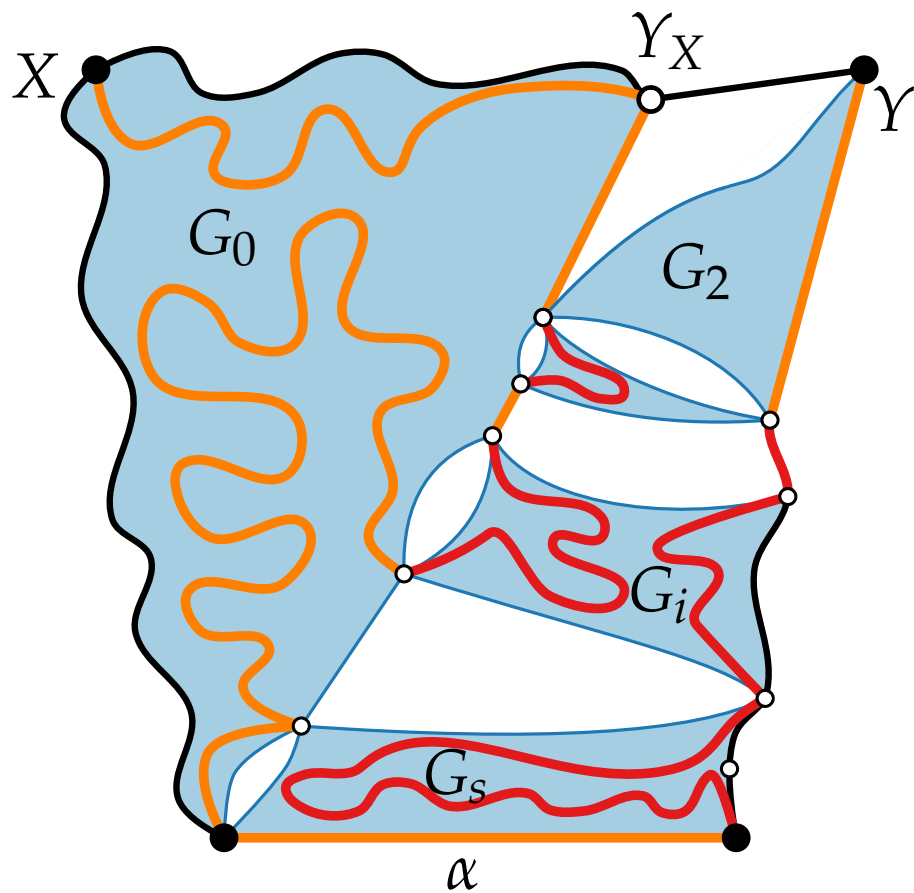
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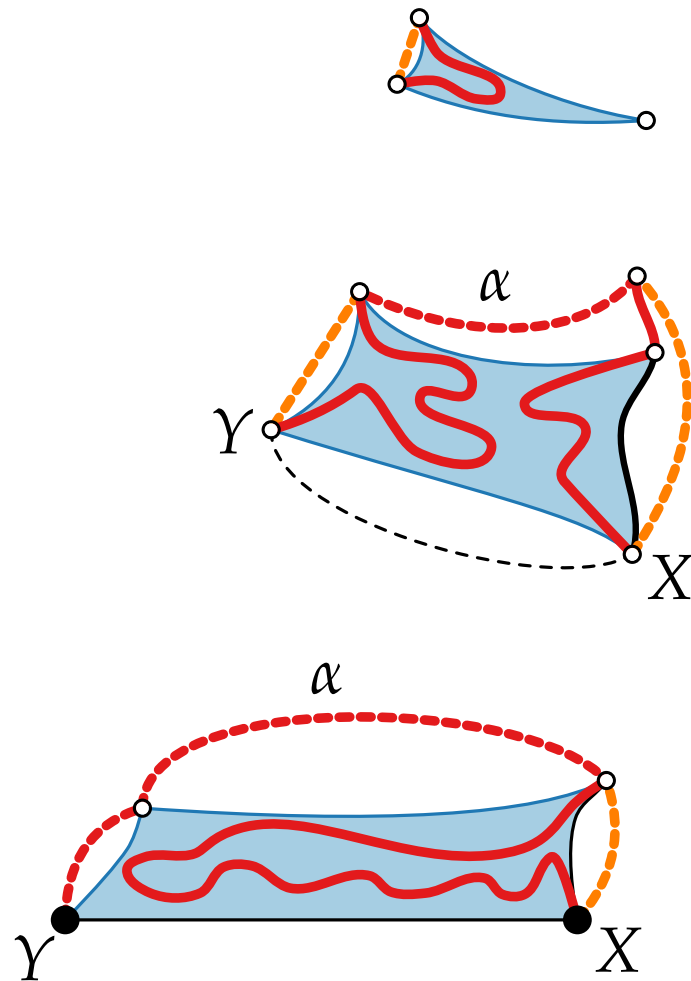
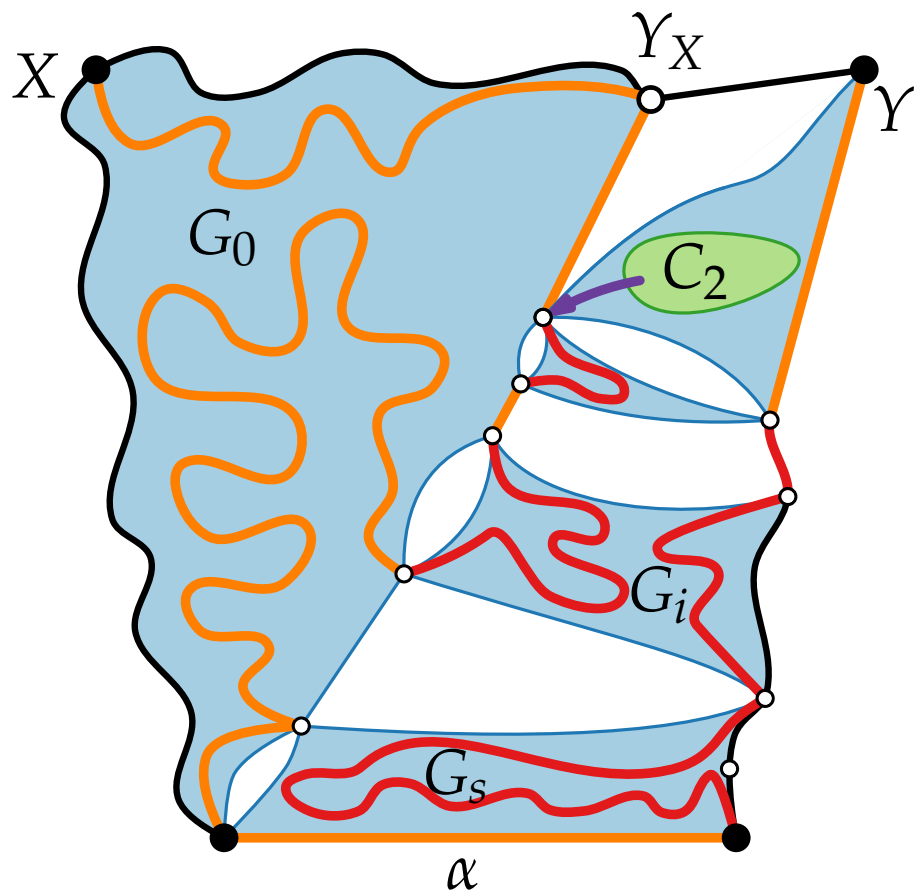
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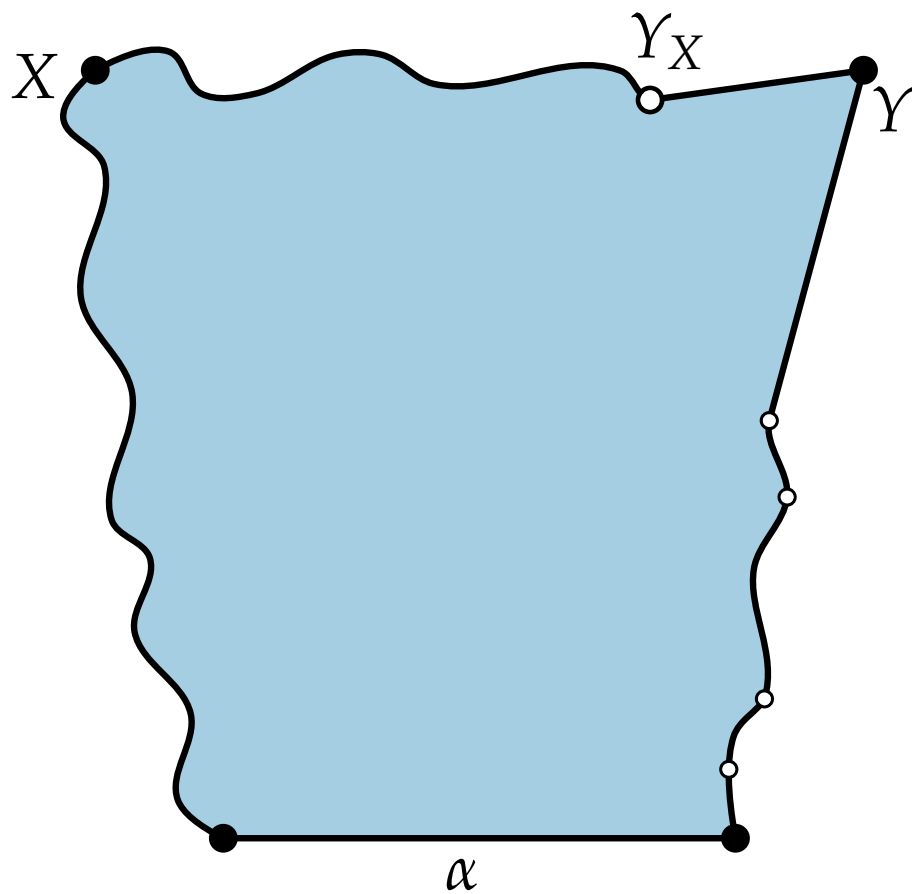
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- vtcs: all face-incidences to each side

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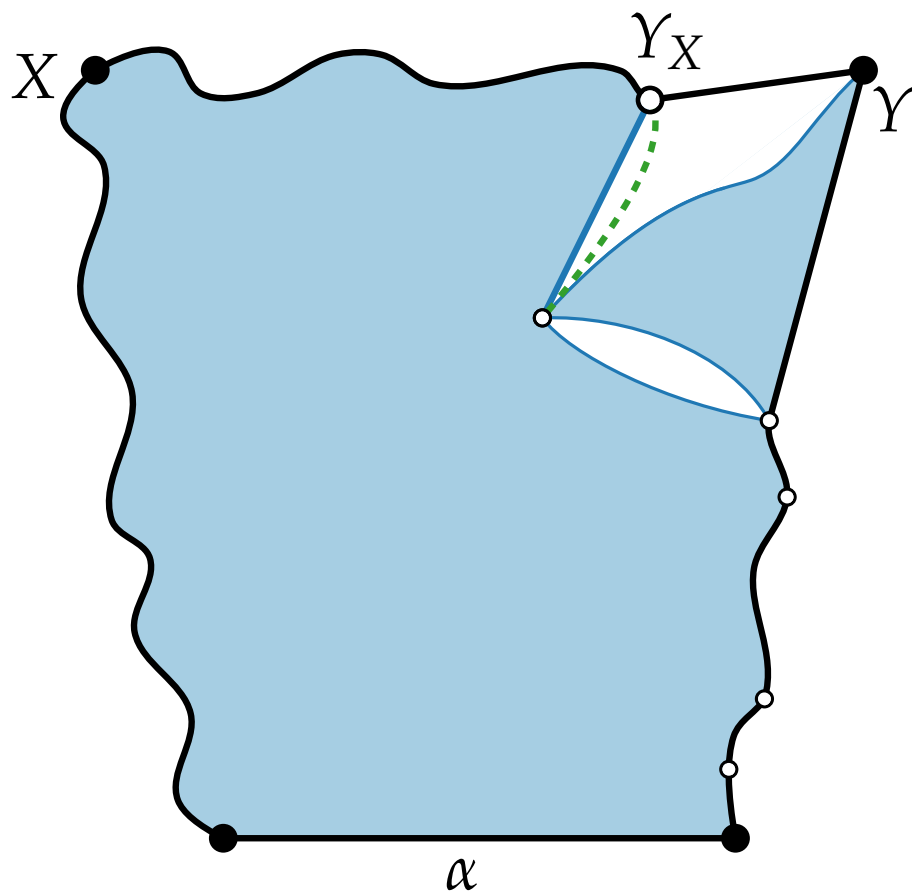
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- corners
- faces: all vtcs on each side
- vtcs: all face-incidences to each side
- sides: all cutting pairs

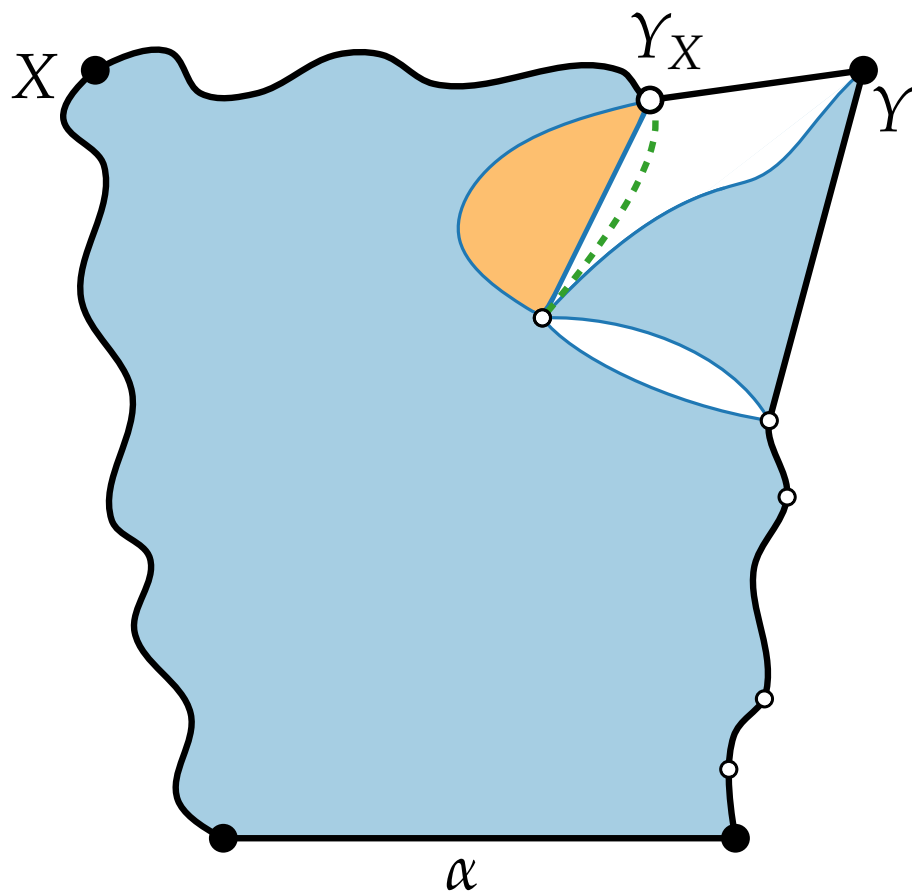
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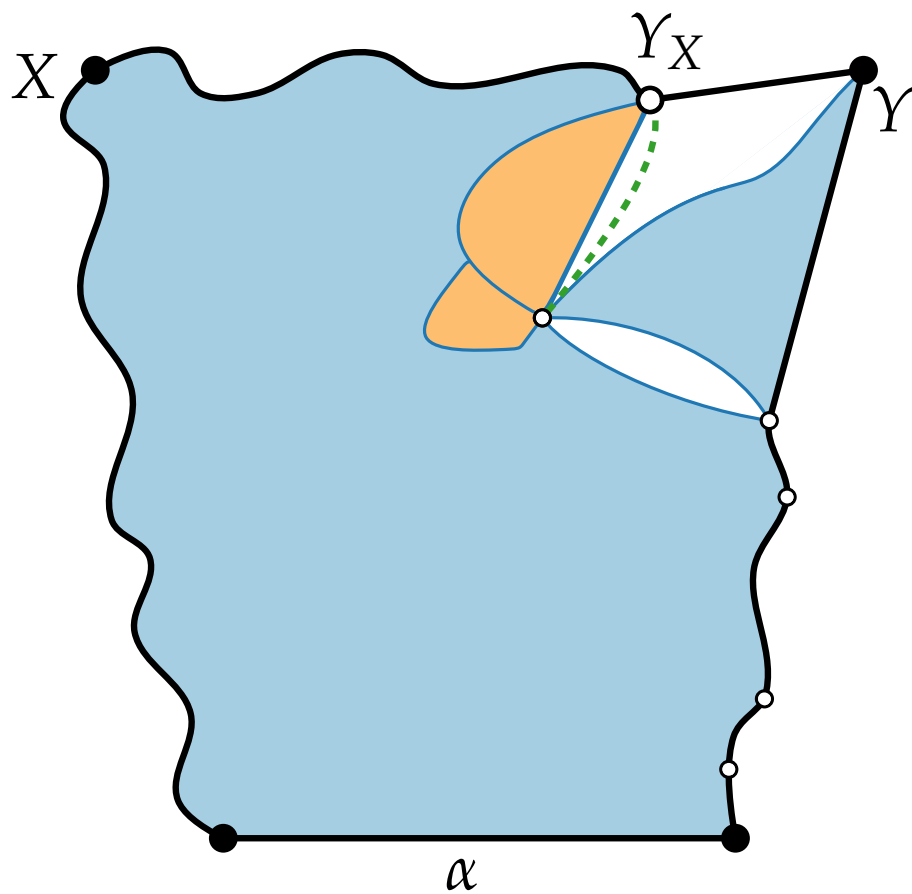
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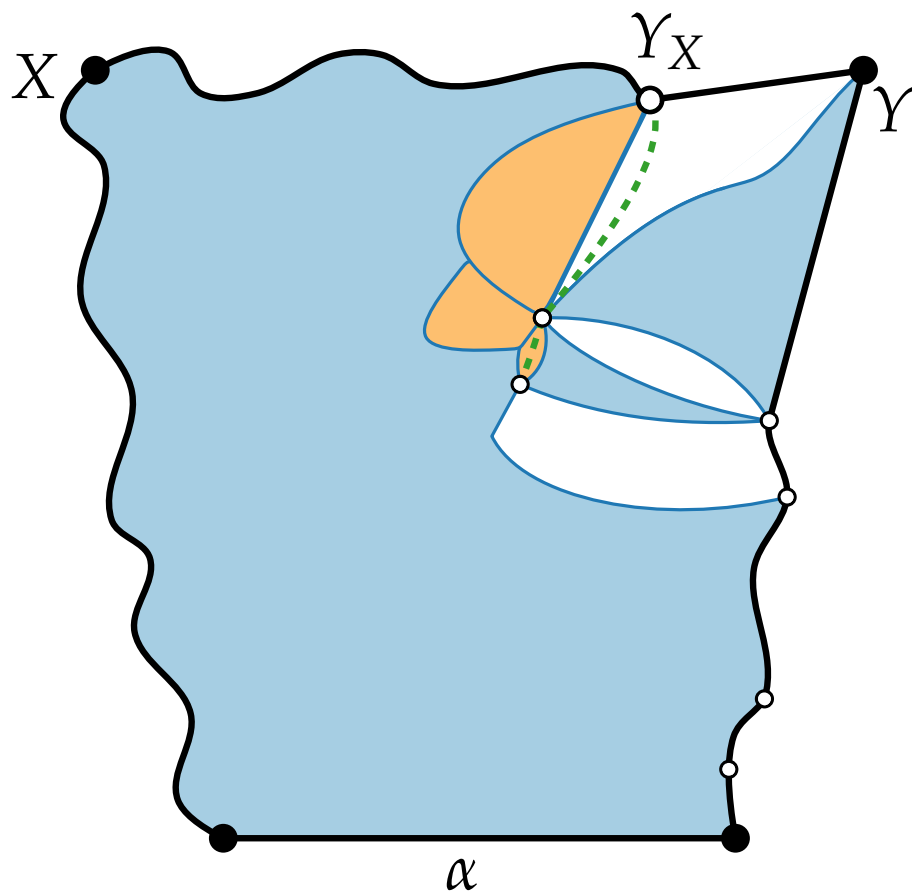
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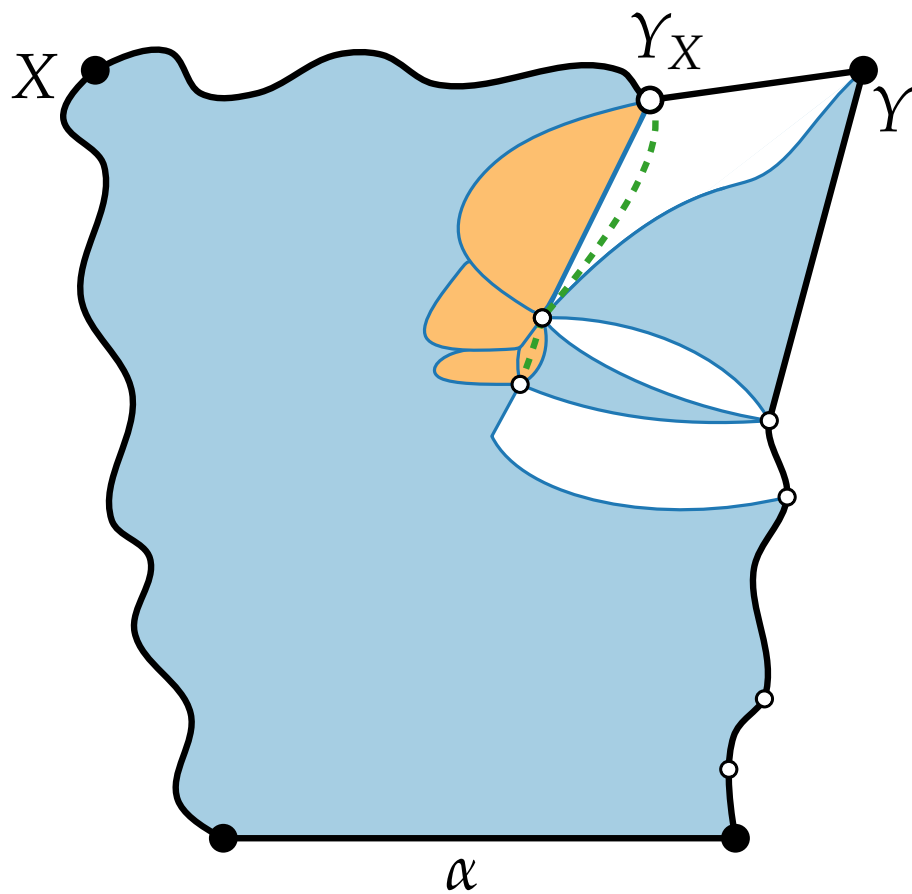
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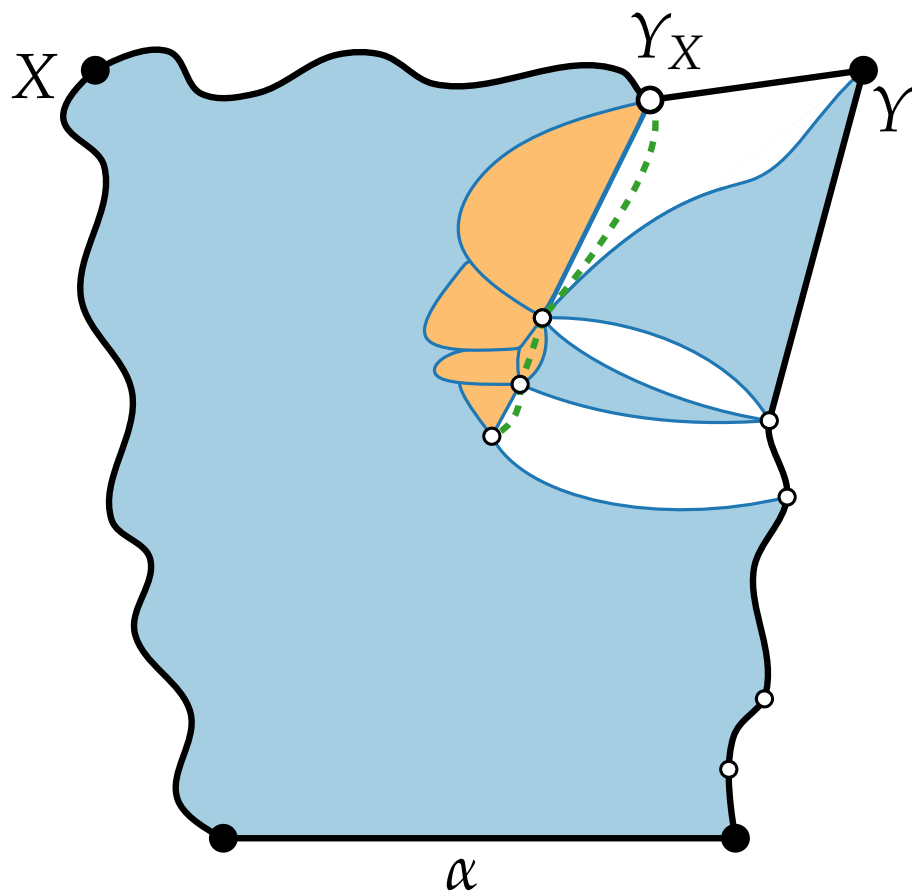


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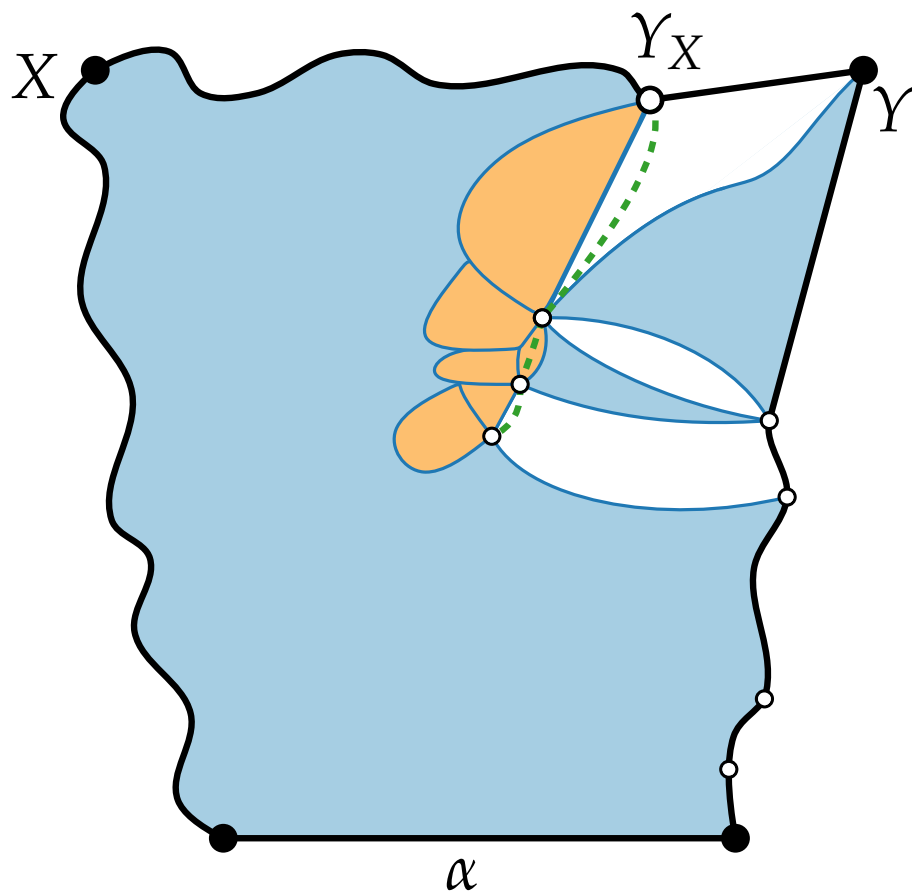




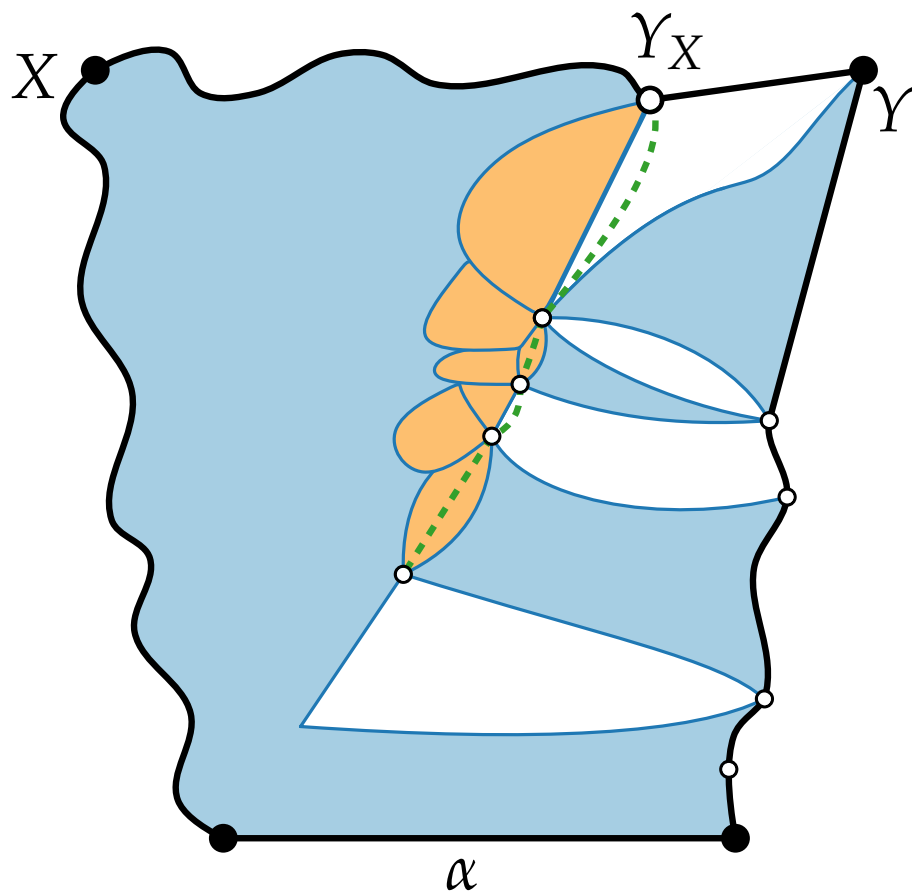
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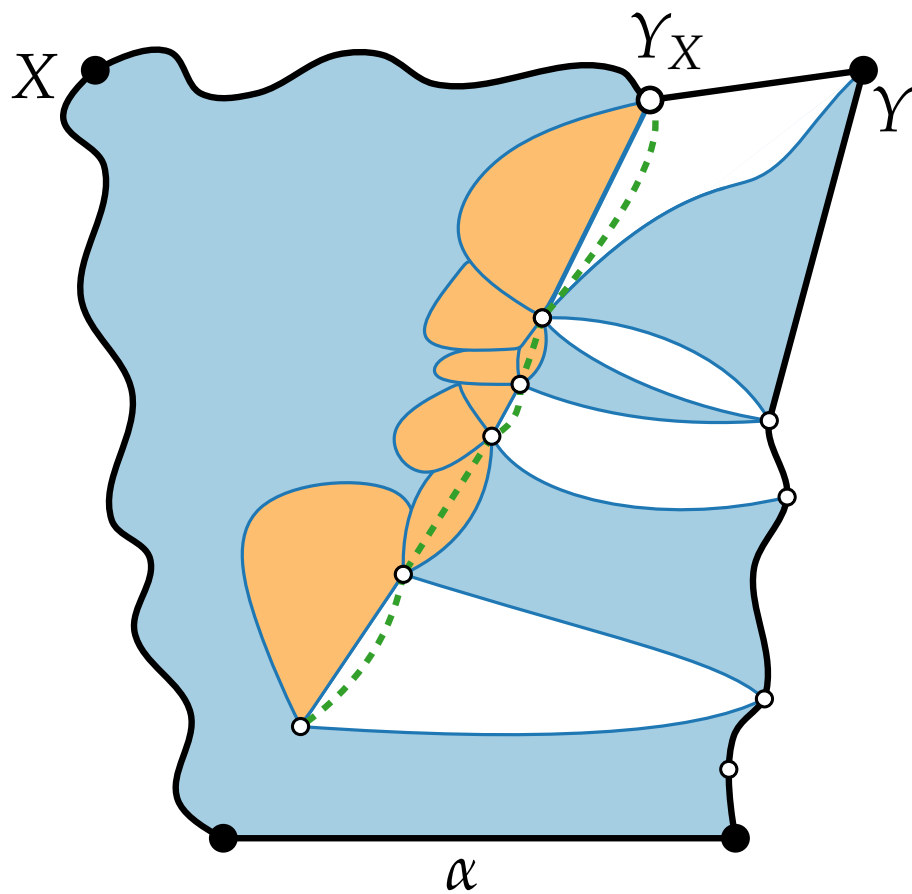
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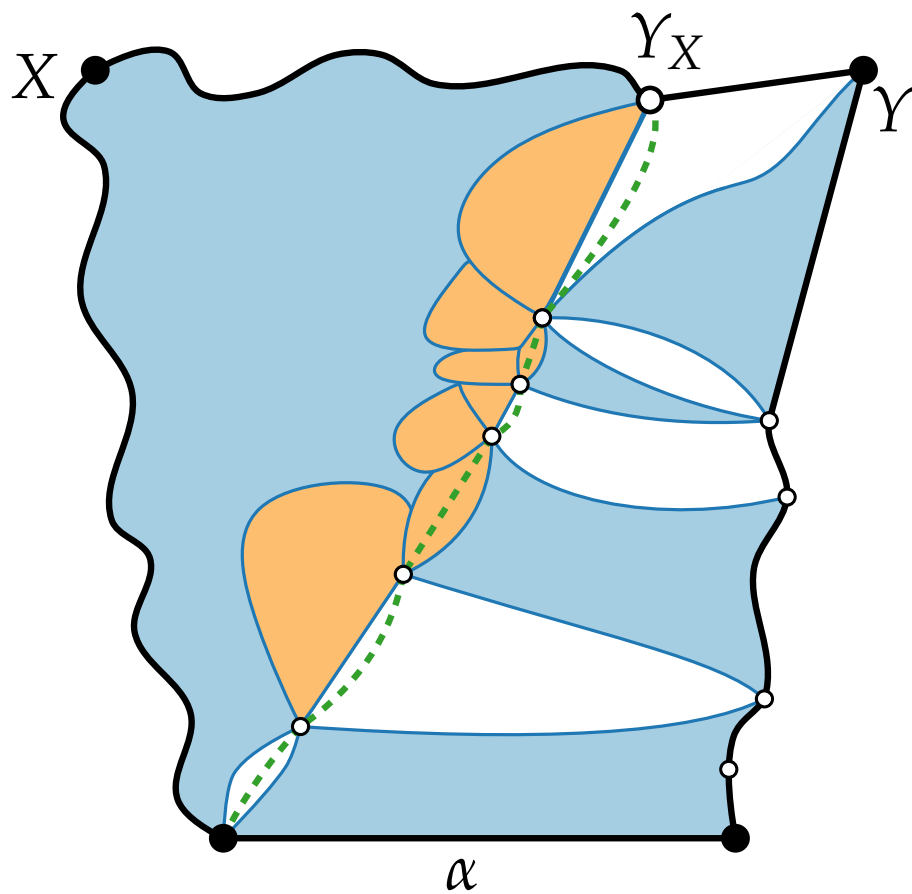
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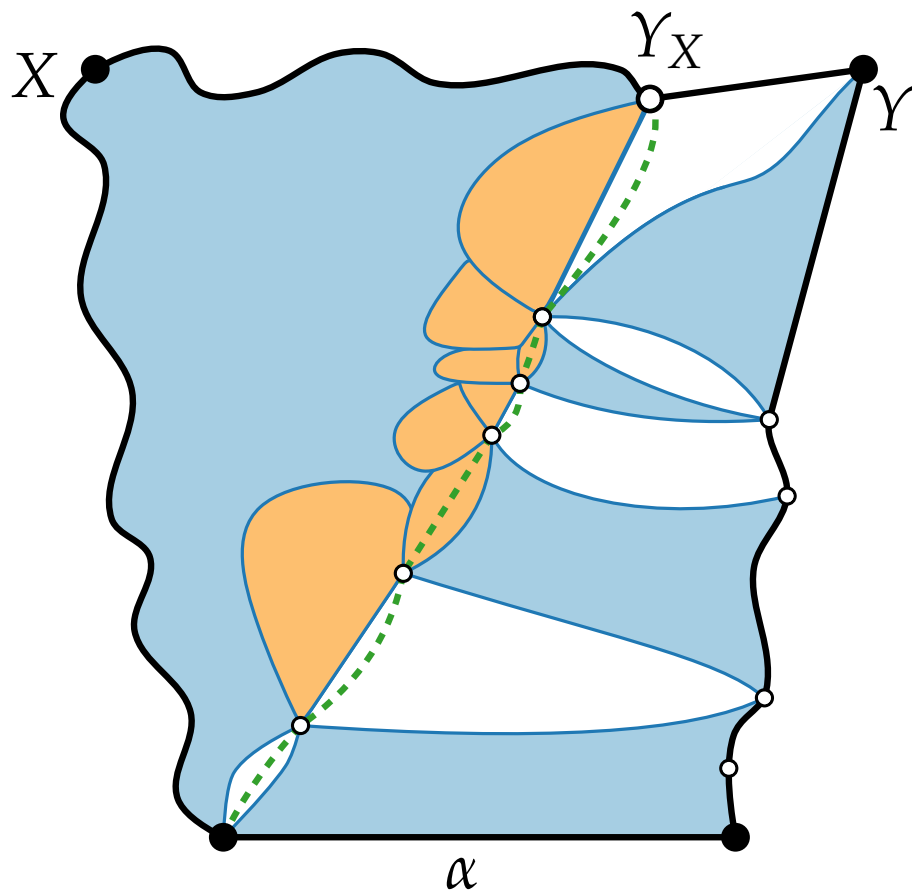
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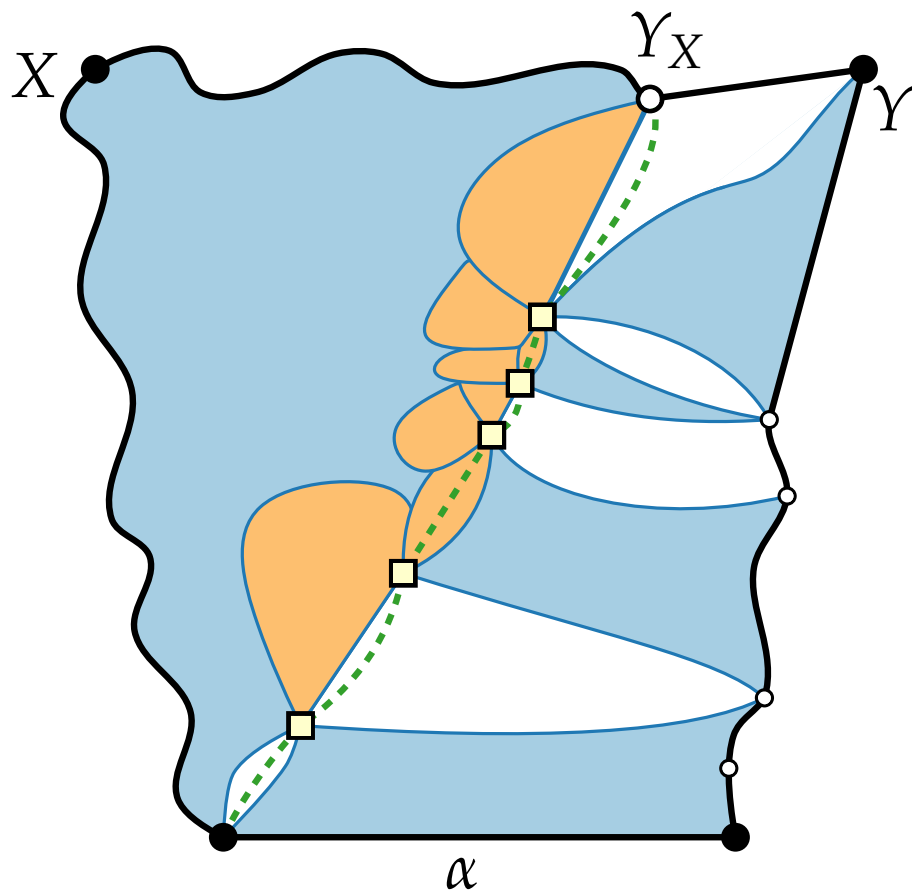


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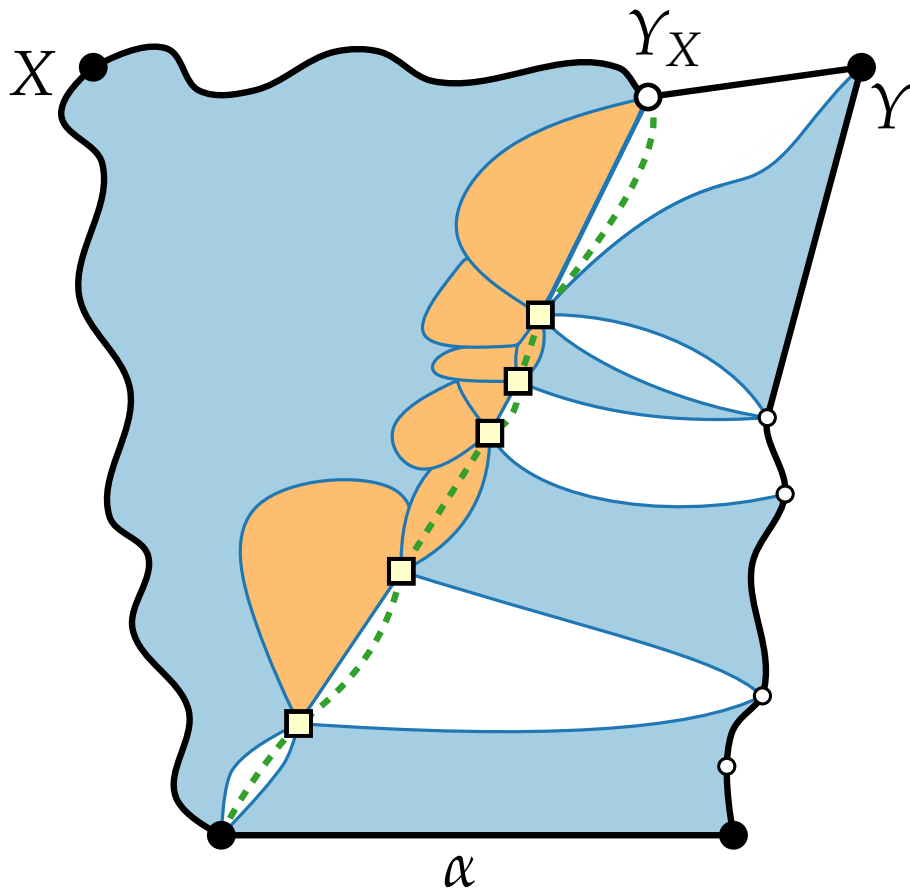
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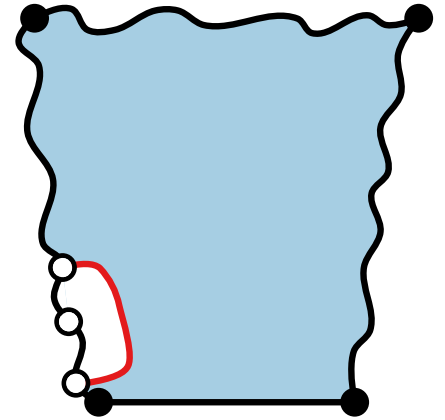
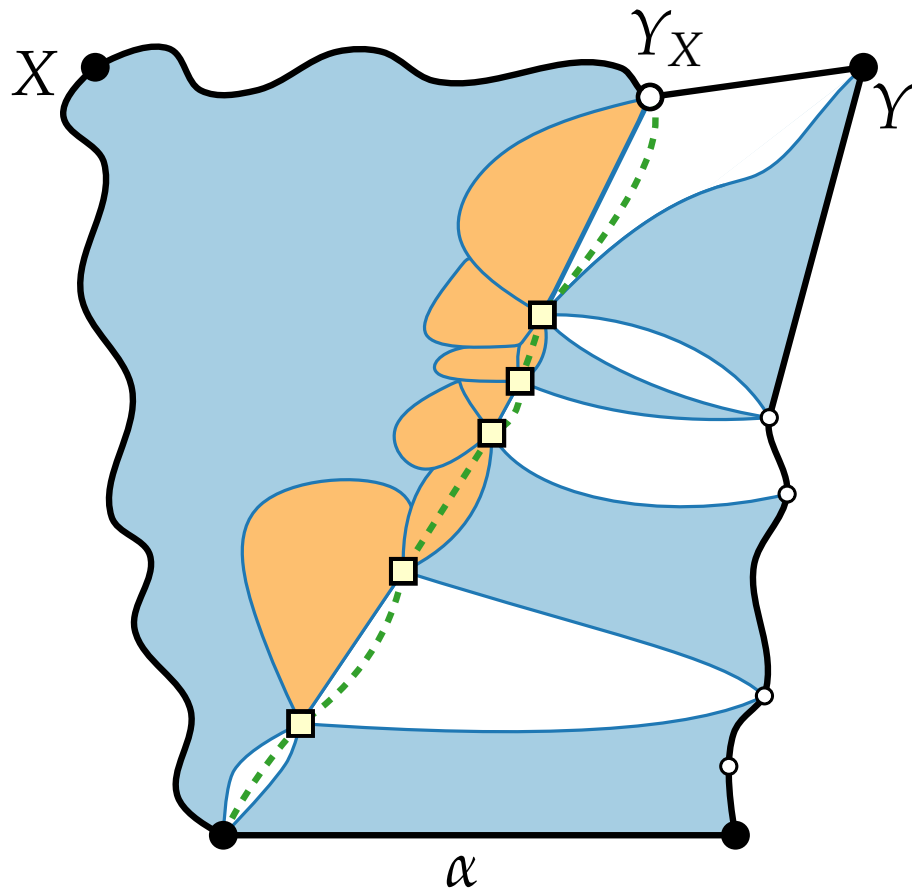


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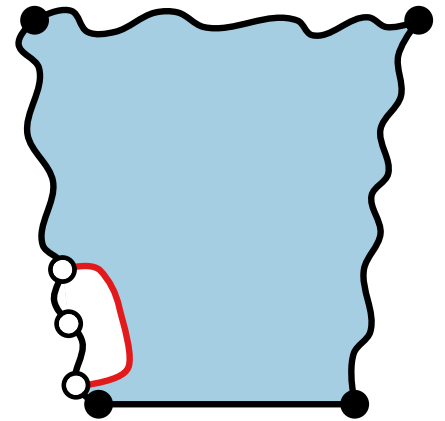
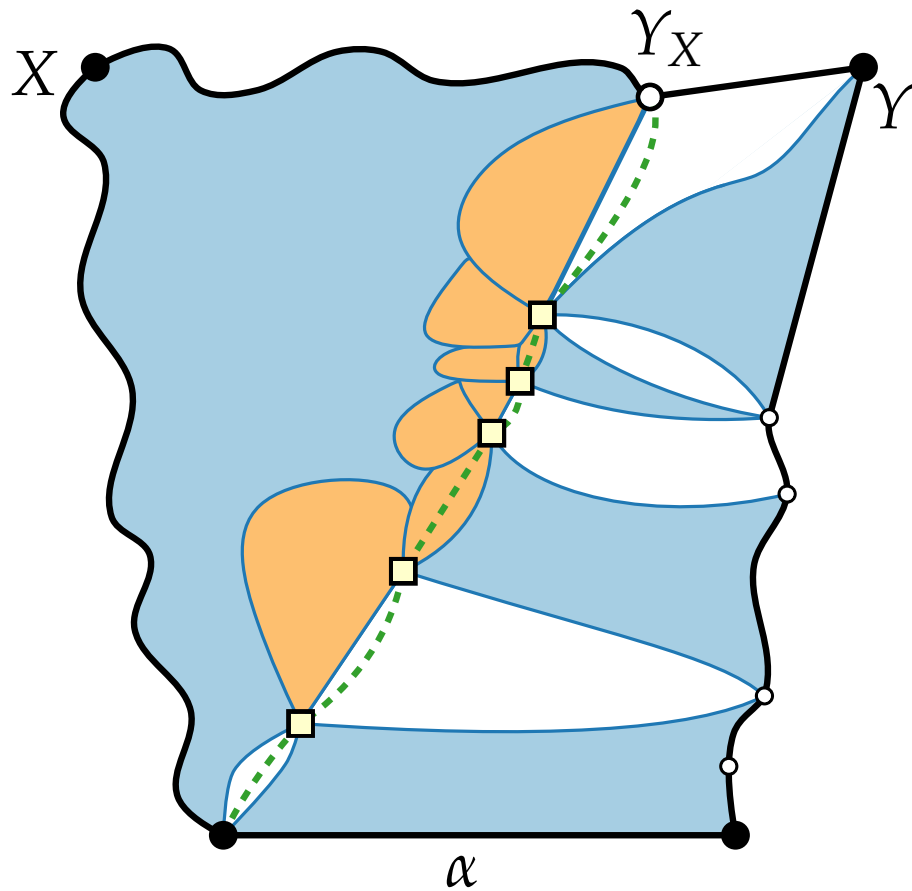
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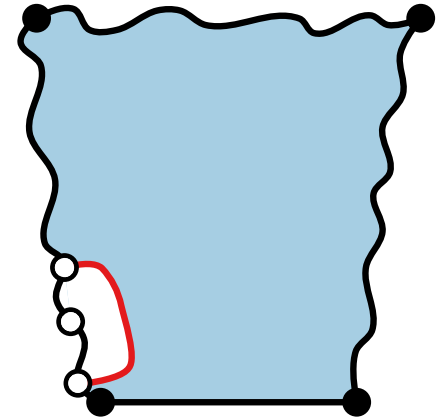
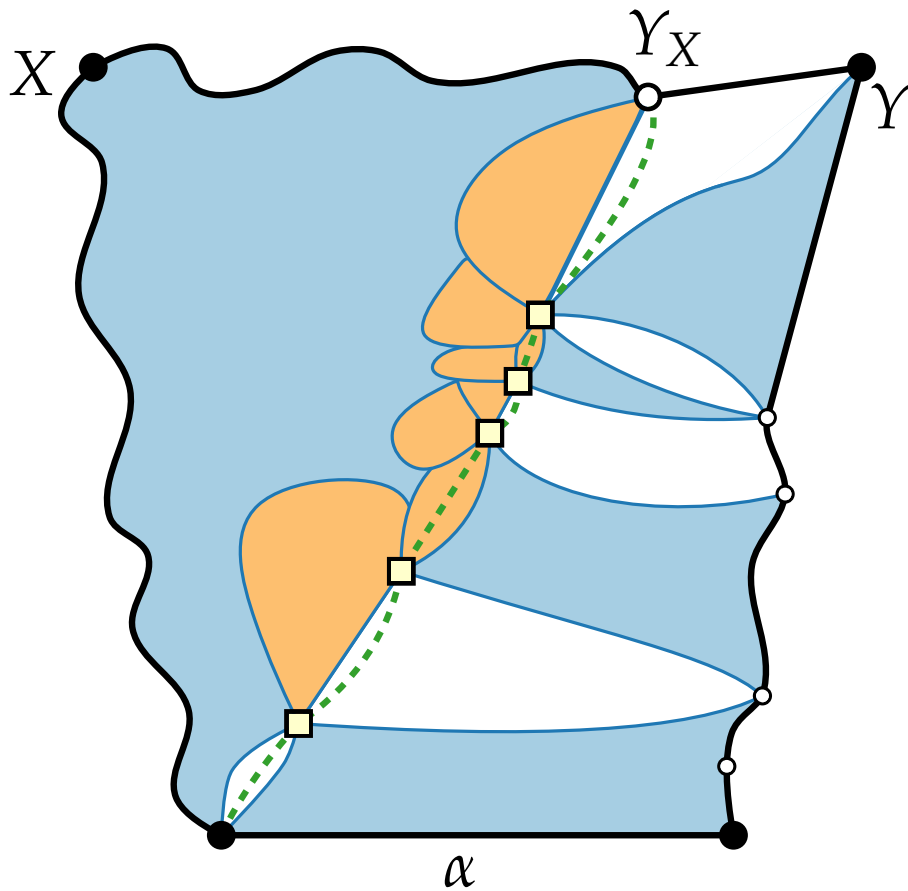


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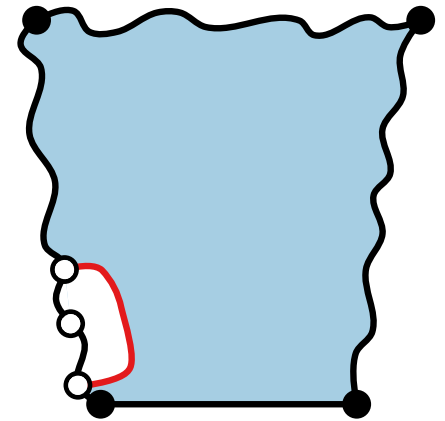
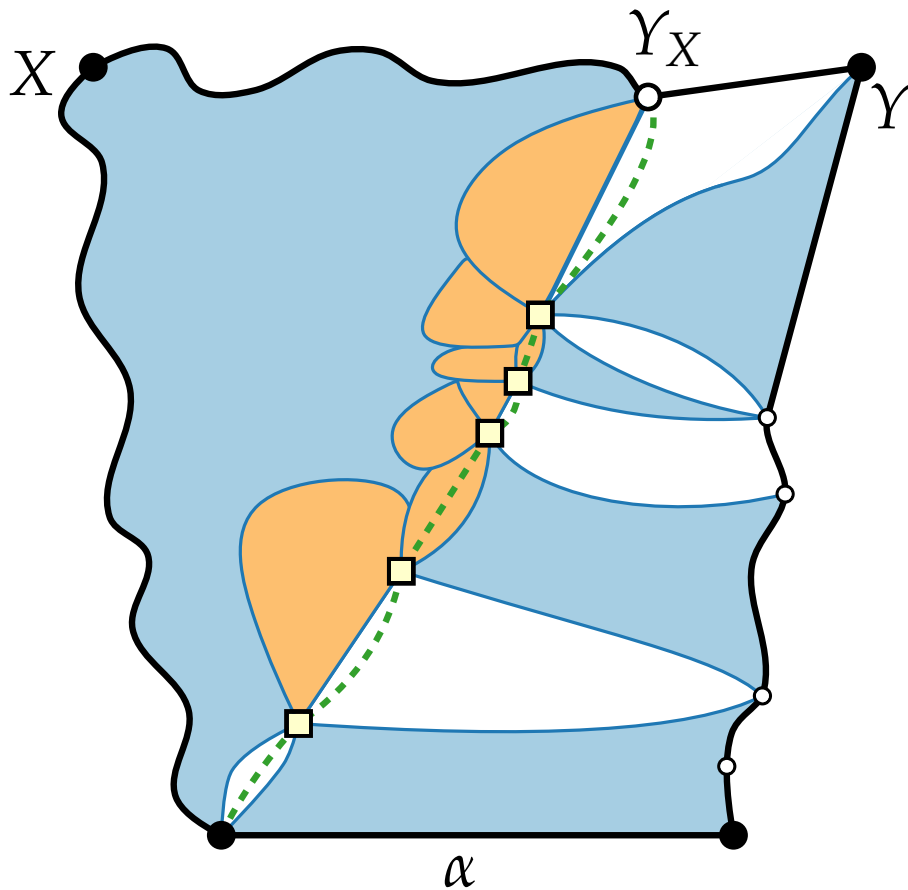
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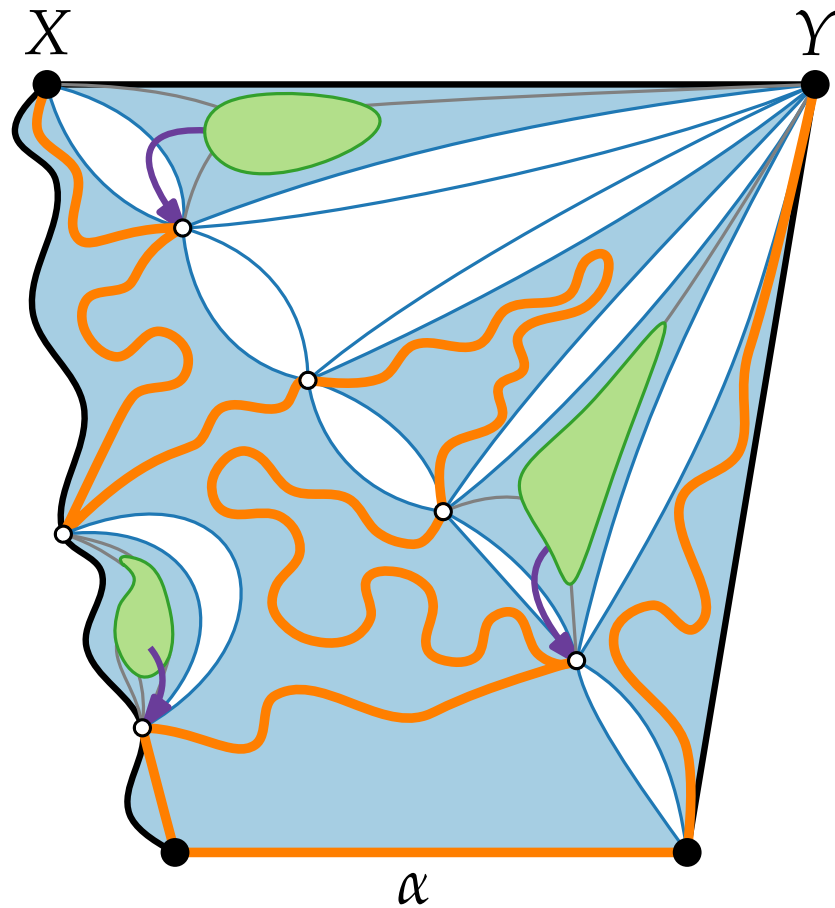
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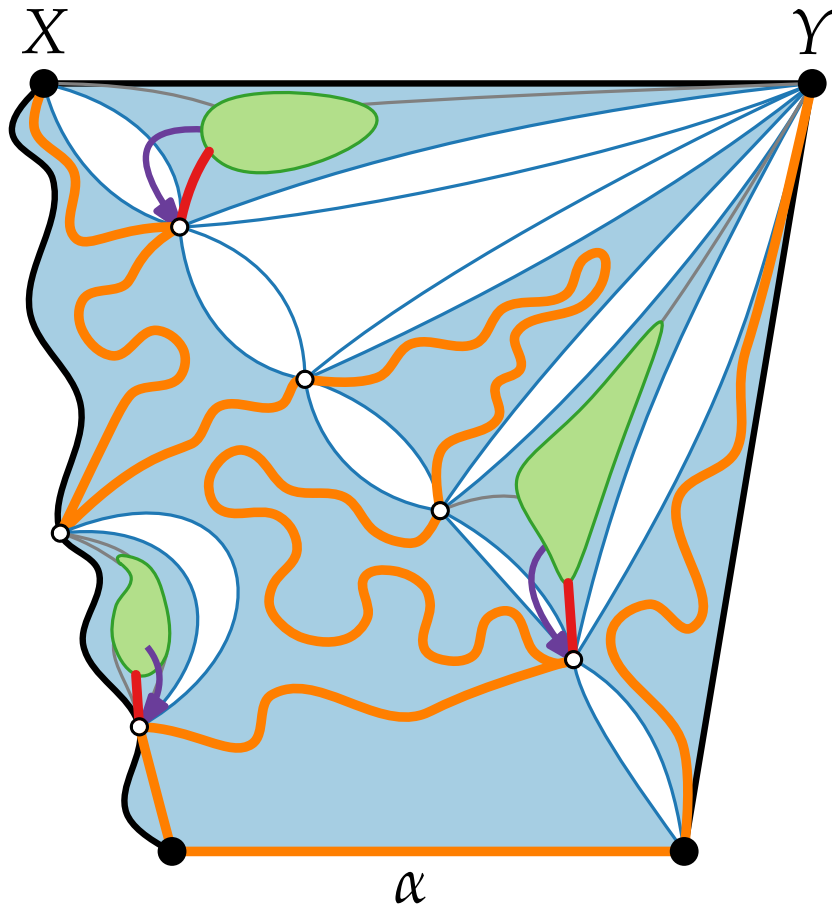
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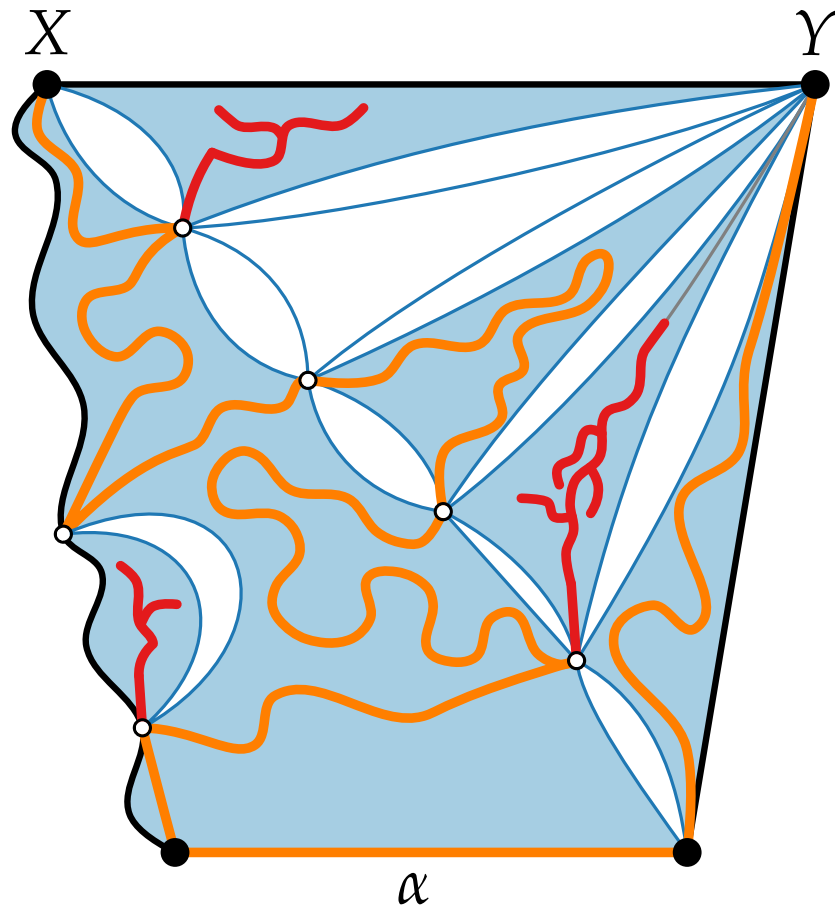
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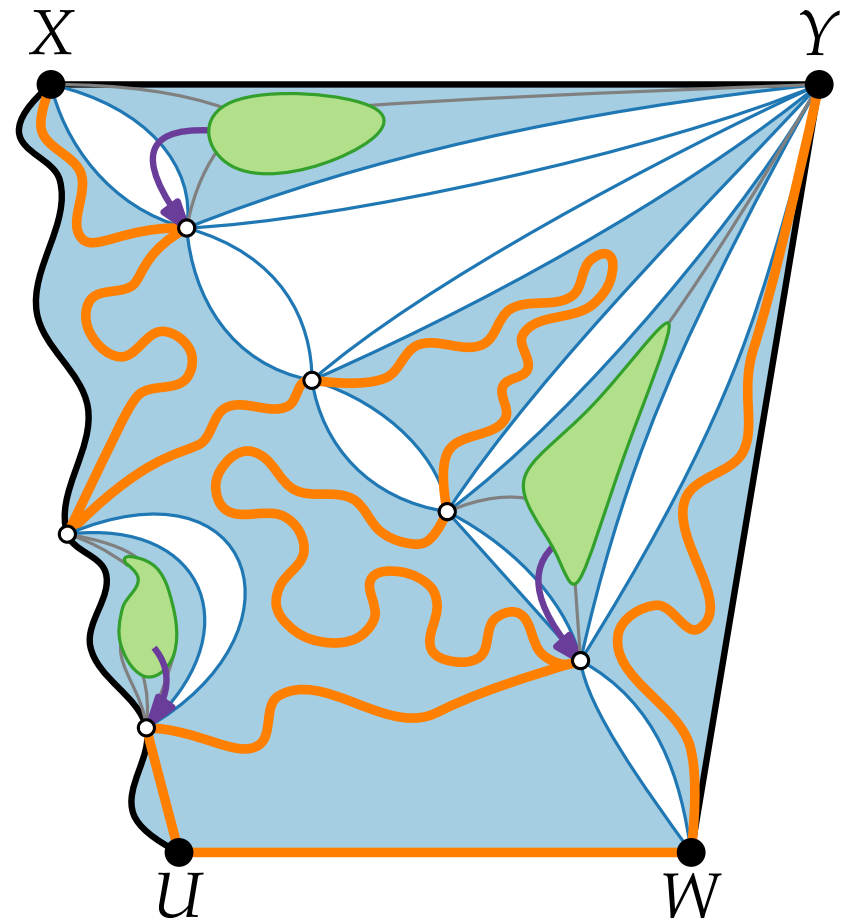
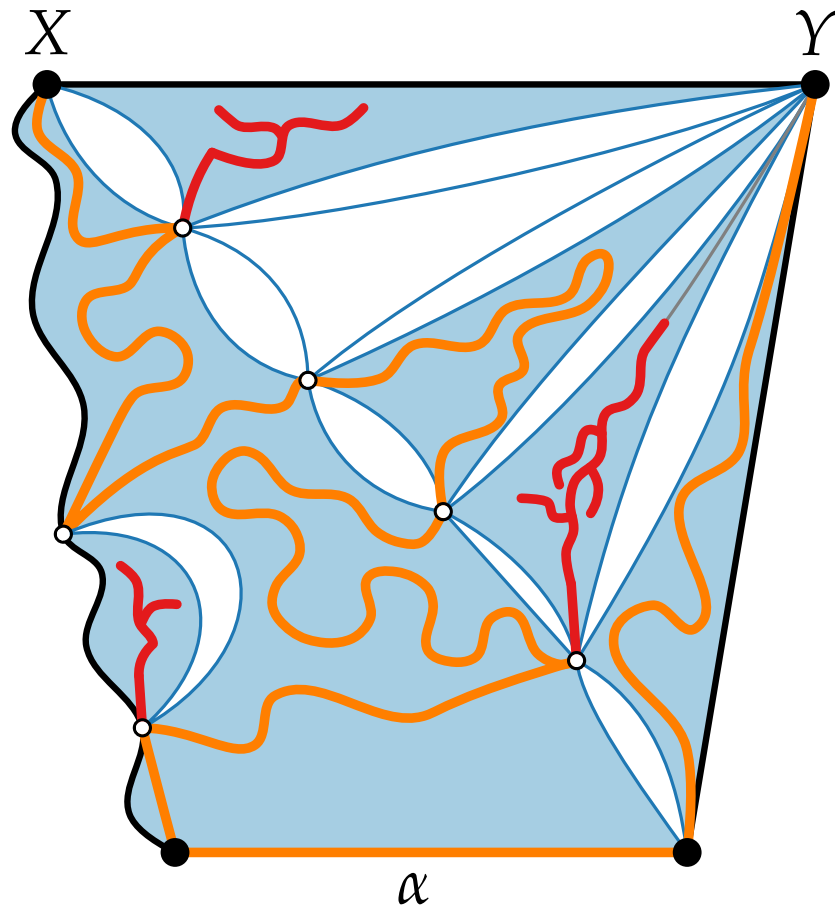


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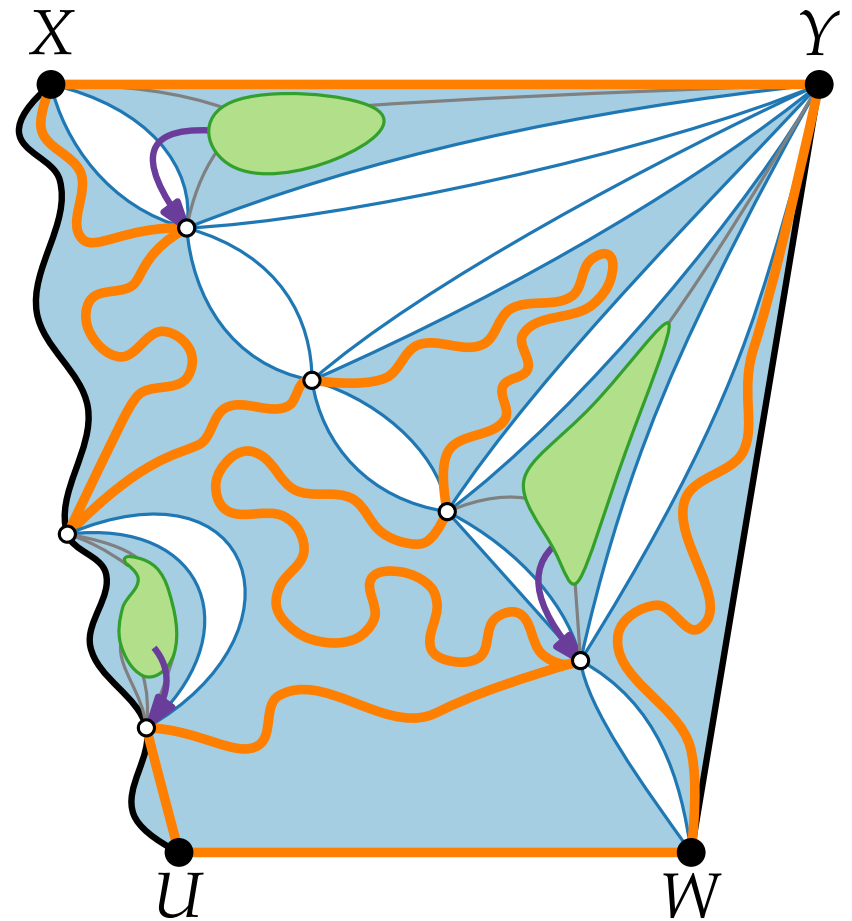
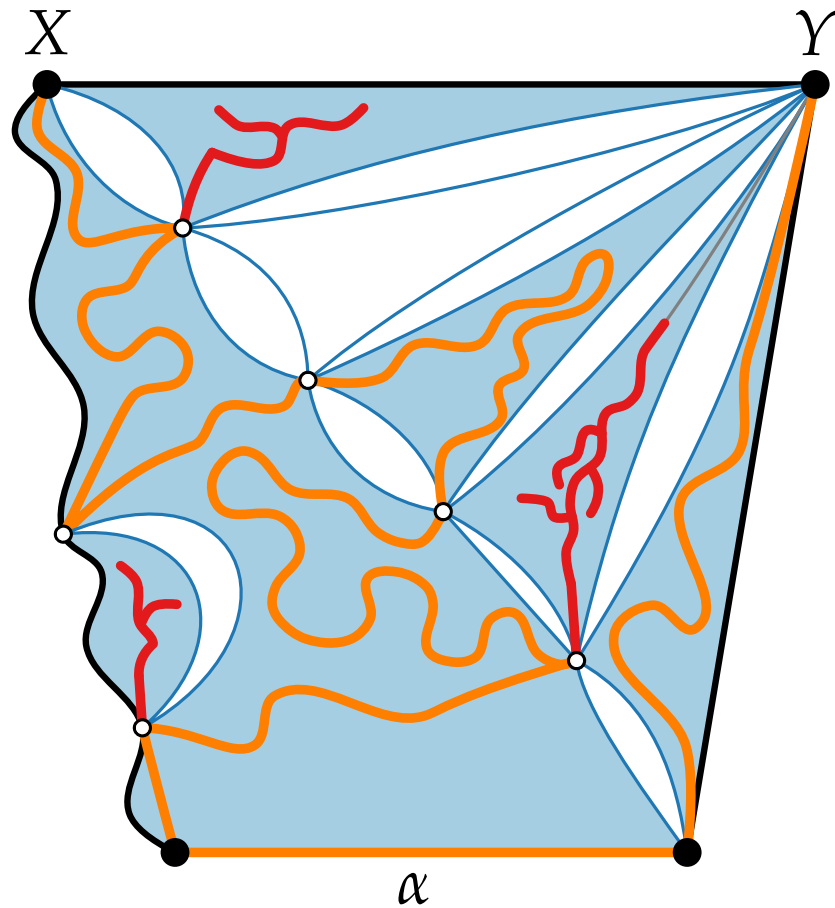
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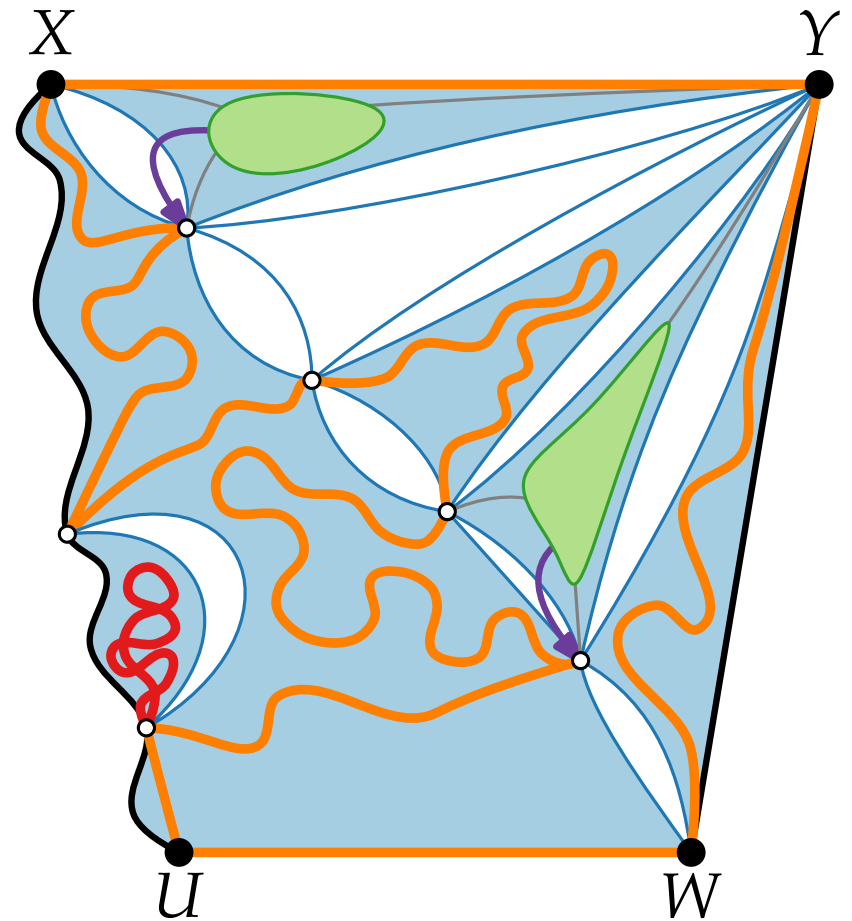
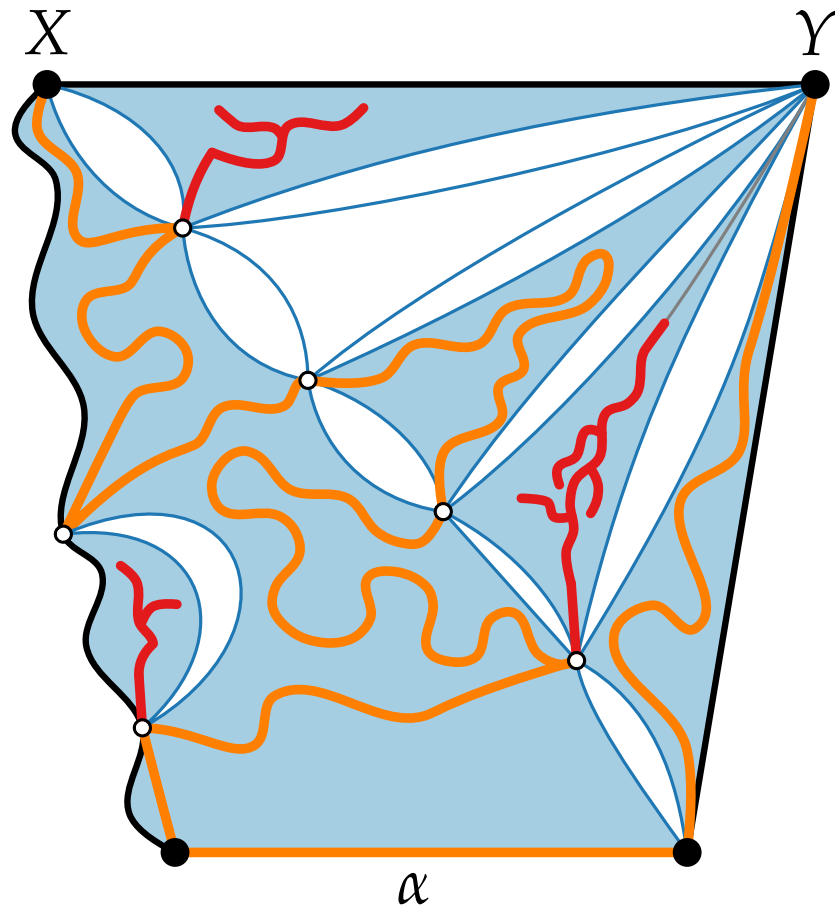
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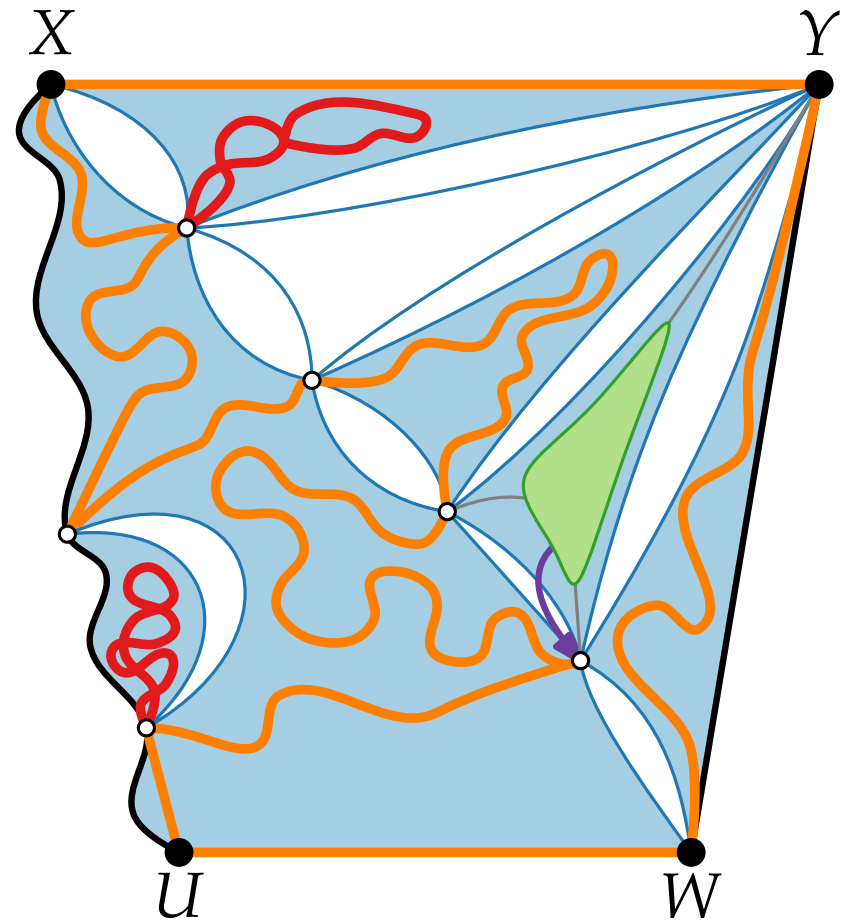
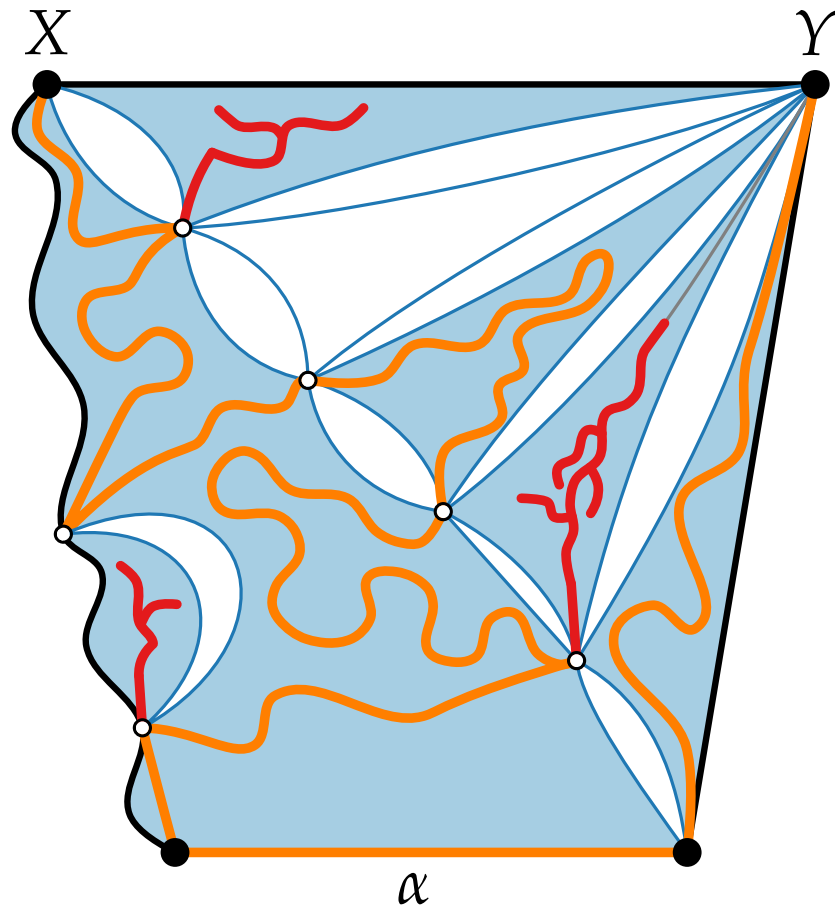
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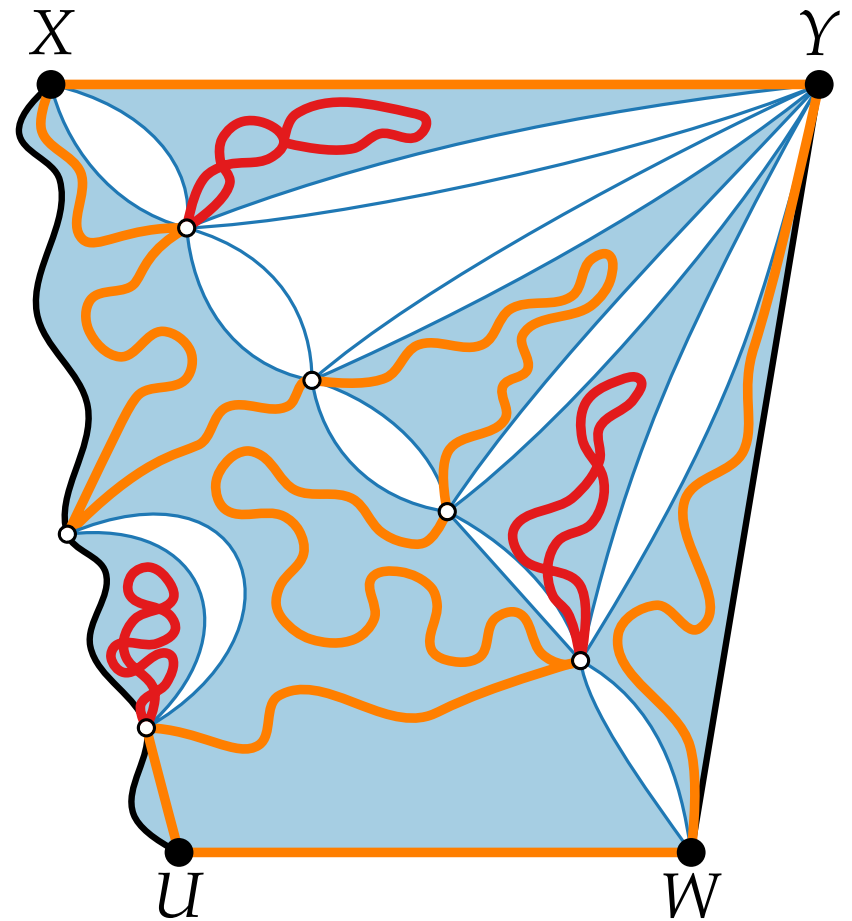
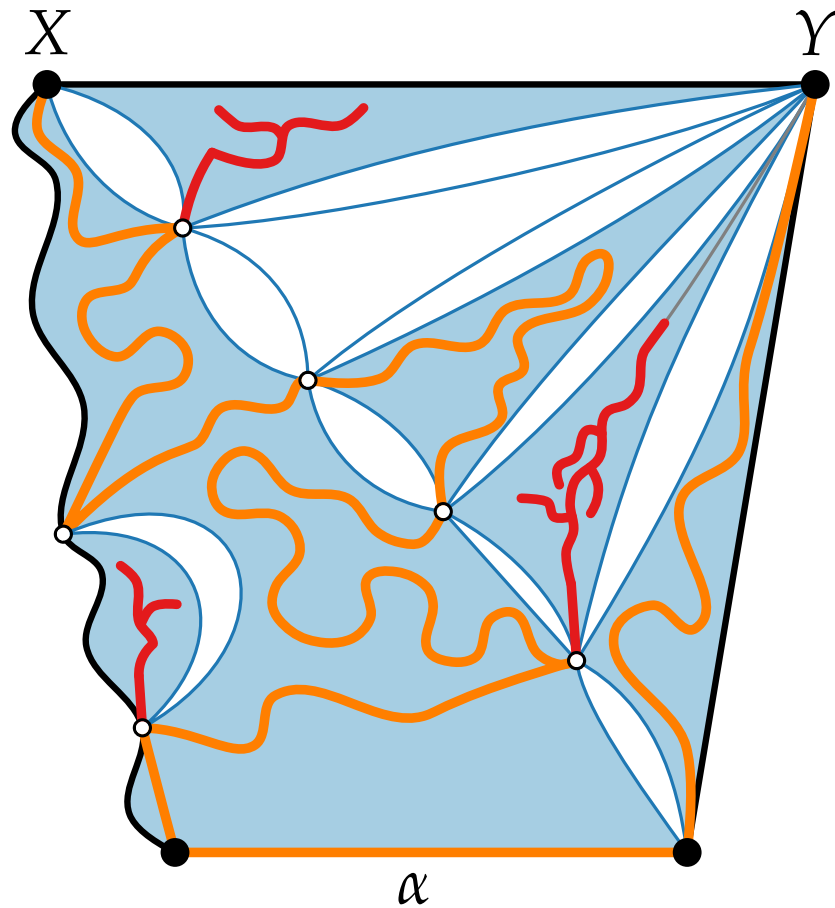
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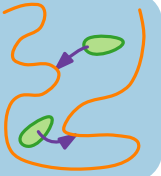
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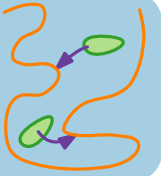
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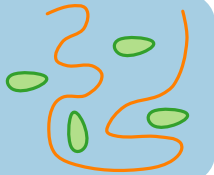
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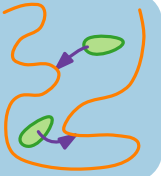




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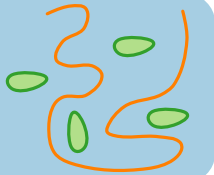
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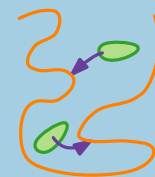
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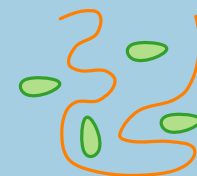
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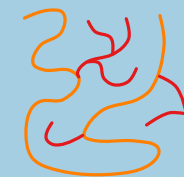
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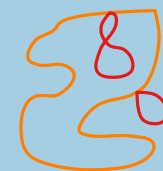
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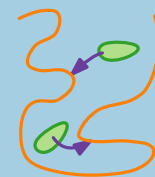
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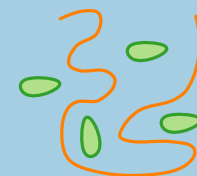
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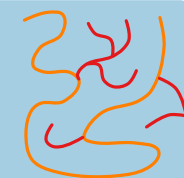
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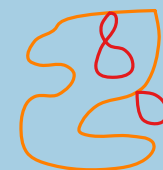
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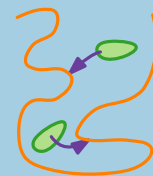


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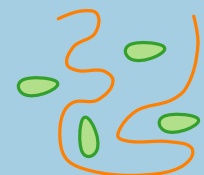
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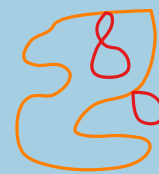
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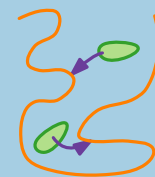
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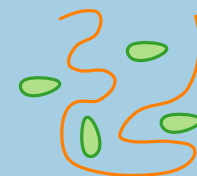
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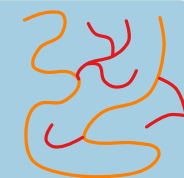
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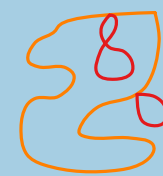
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