

An Optimization-Based Approach for Continuous Map Generalization

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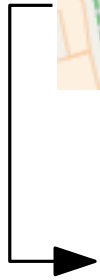


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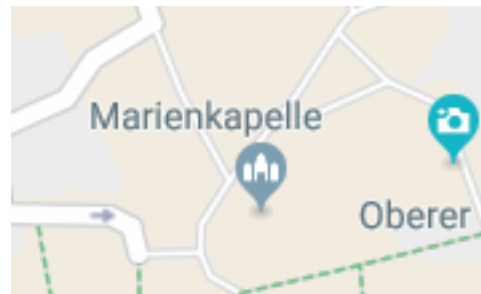
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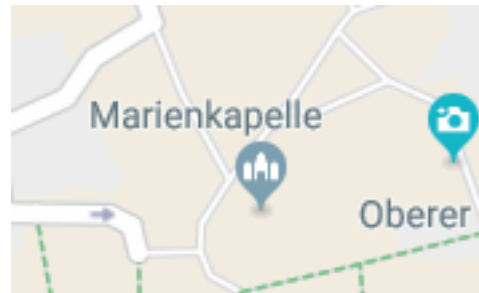
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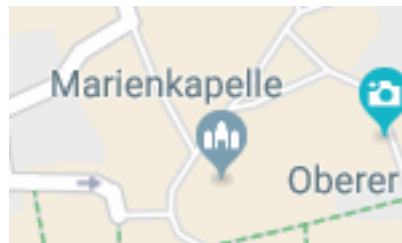
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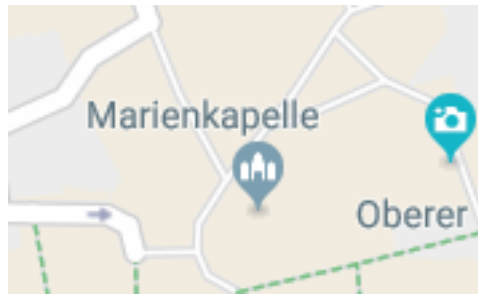
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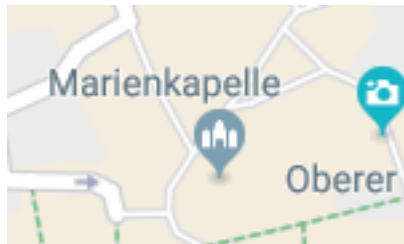
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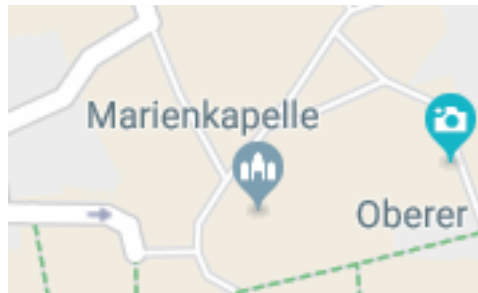
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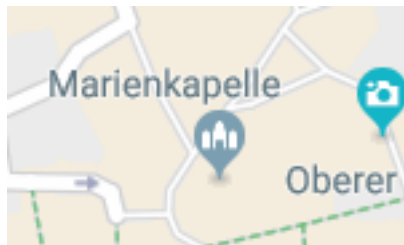
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Smooth changes

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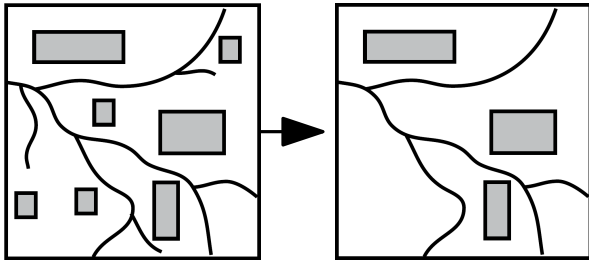
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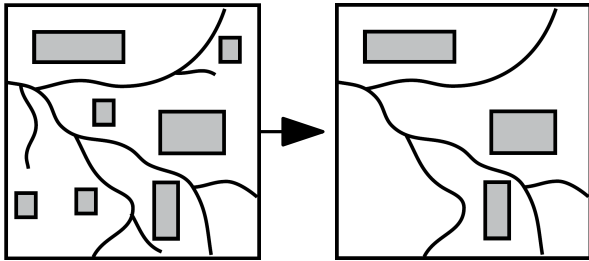


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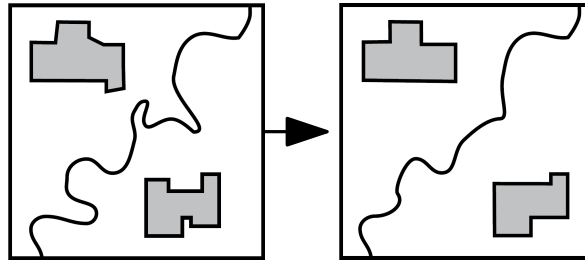
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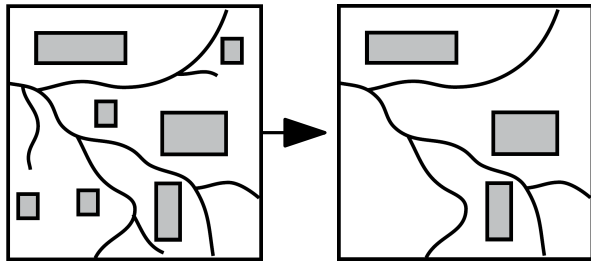


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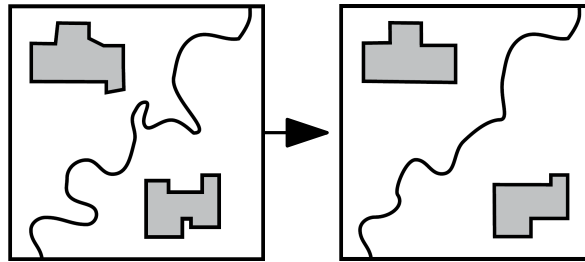
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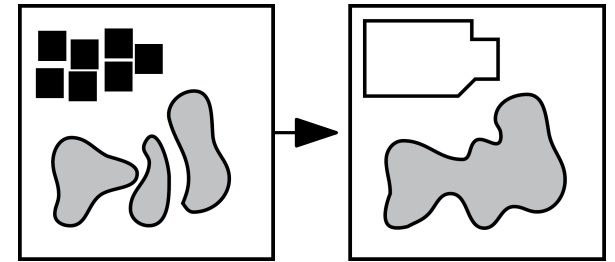
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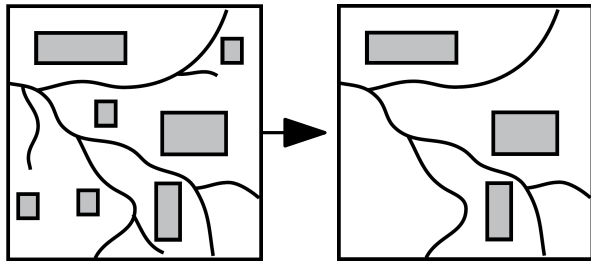


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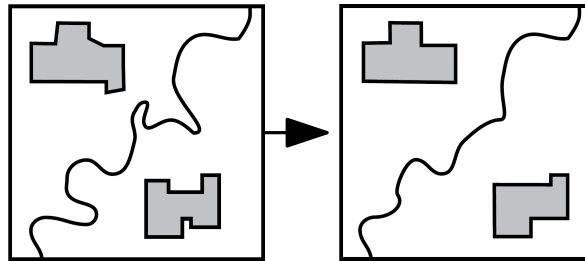
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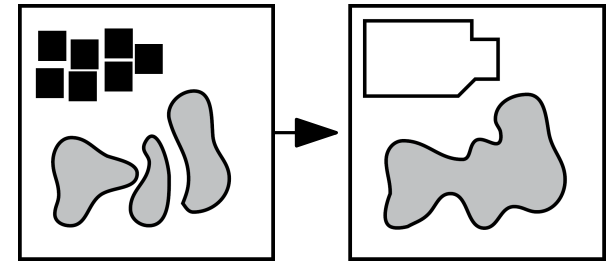
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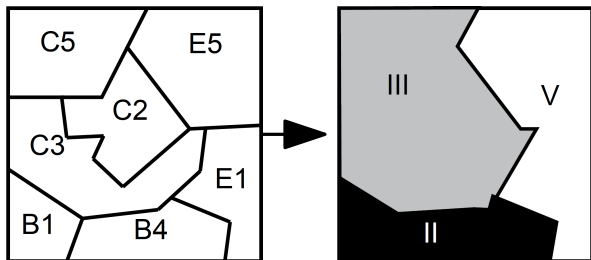
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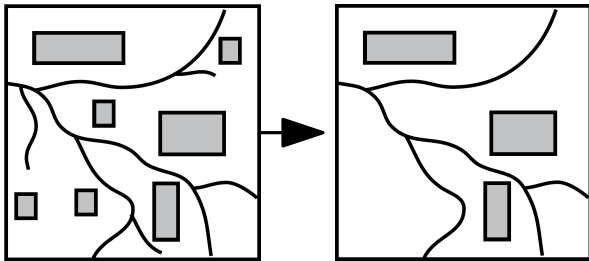


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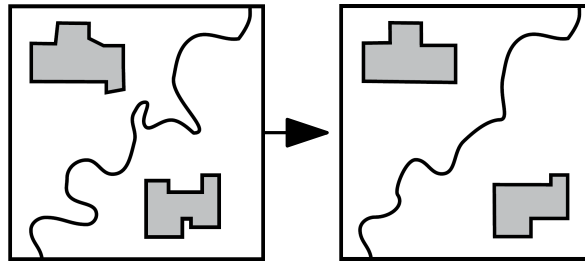
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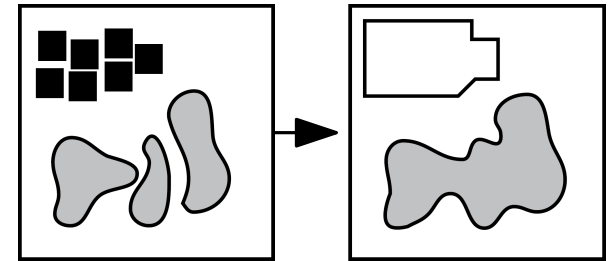
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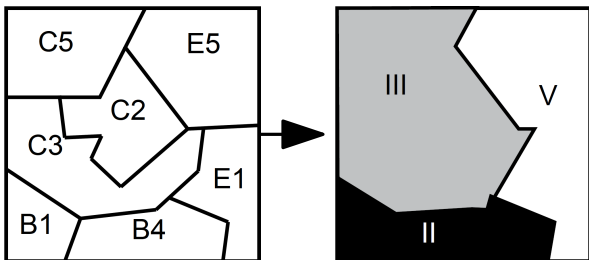
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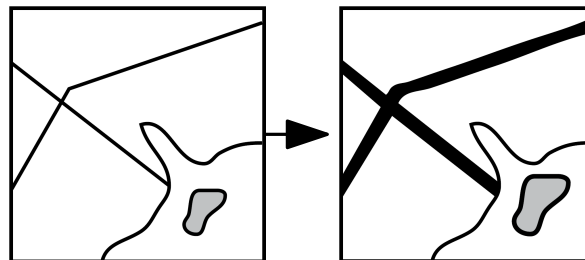
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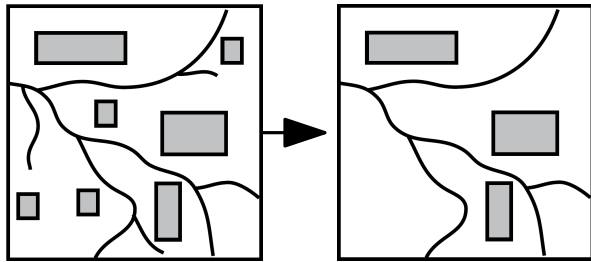


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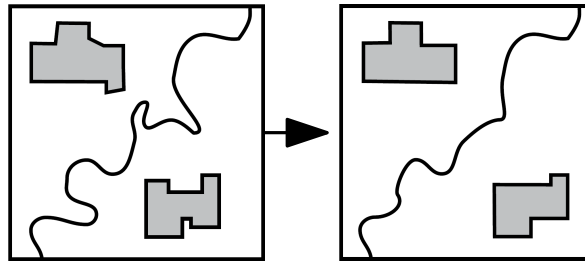
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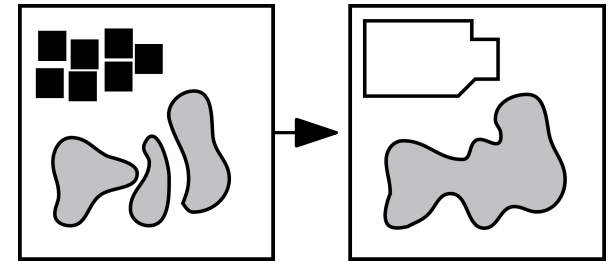
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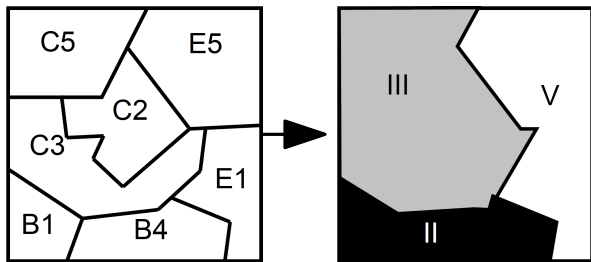
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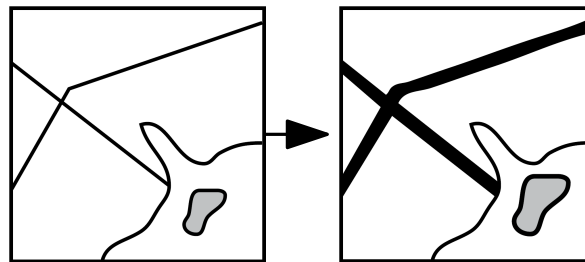
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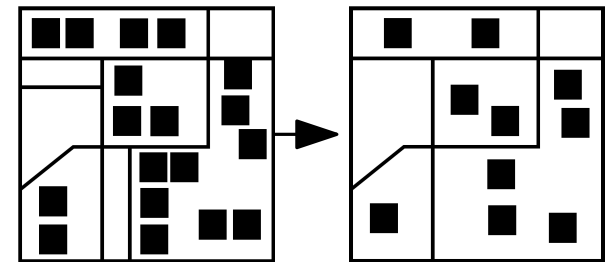
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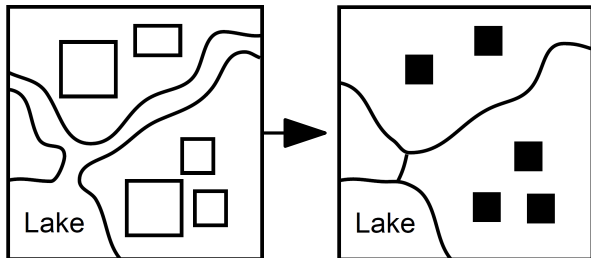
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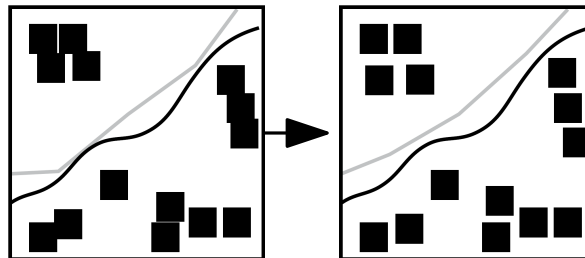
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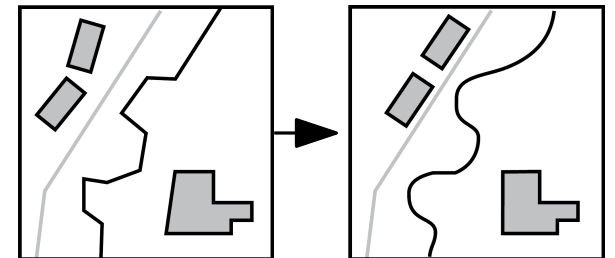
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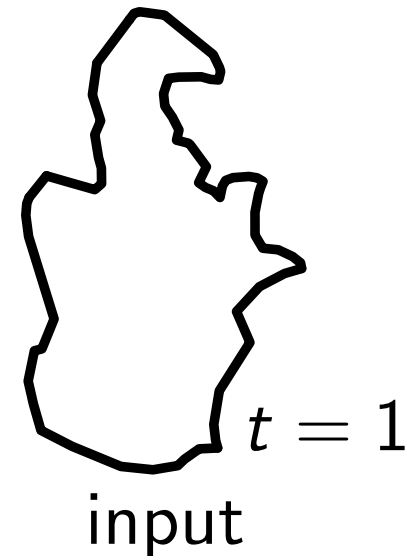
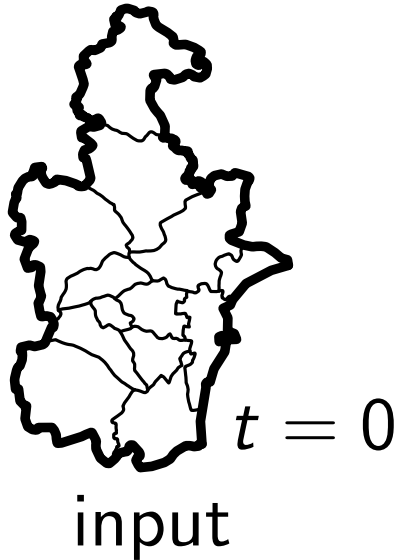
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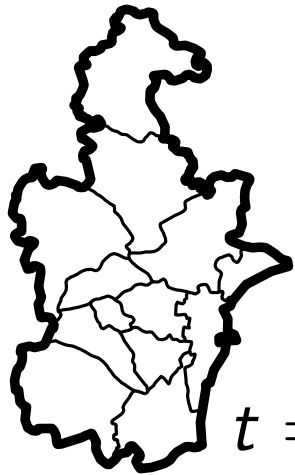
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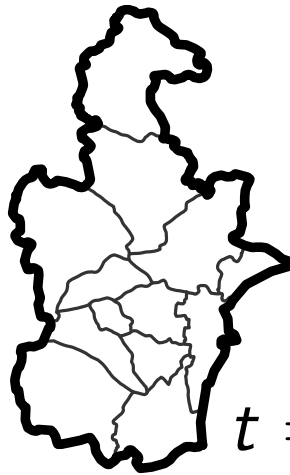
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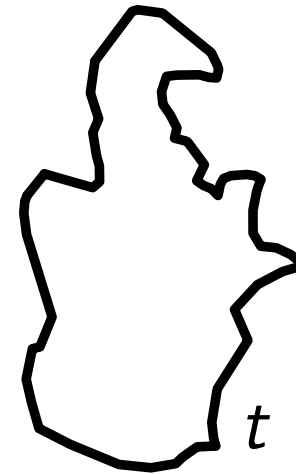


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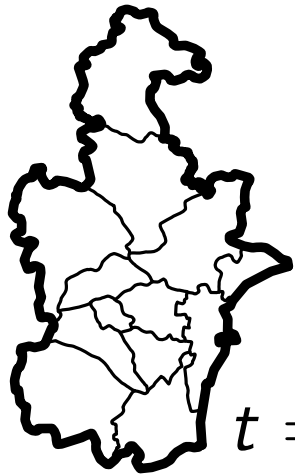


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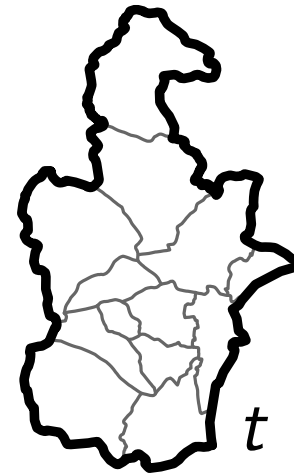
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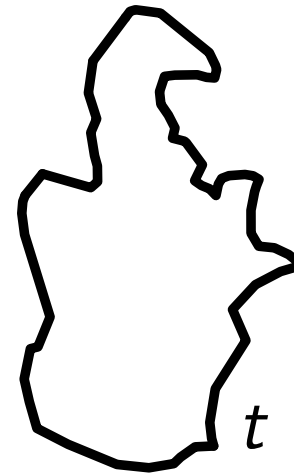
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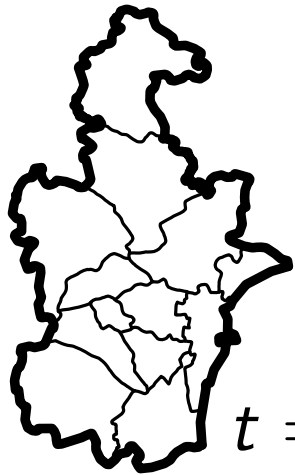


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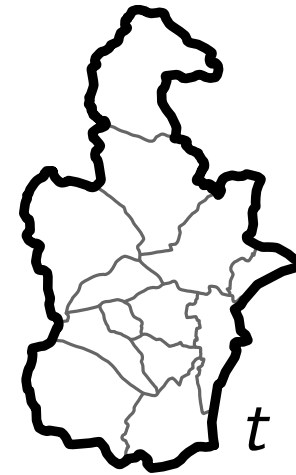
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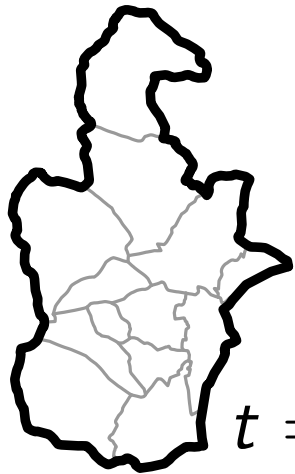
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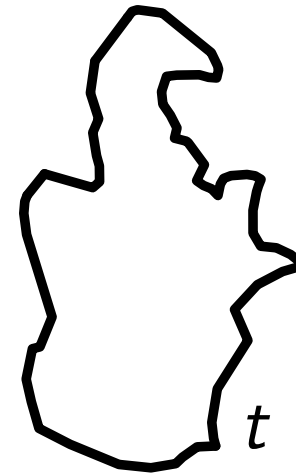
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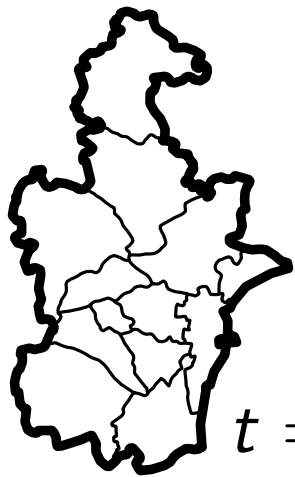


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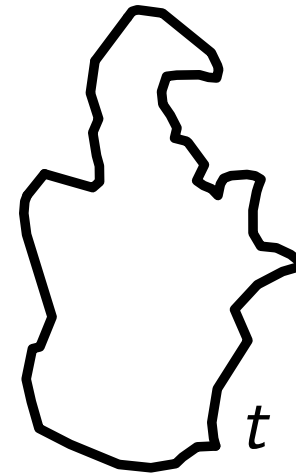
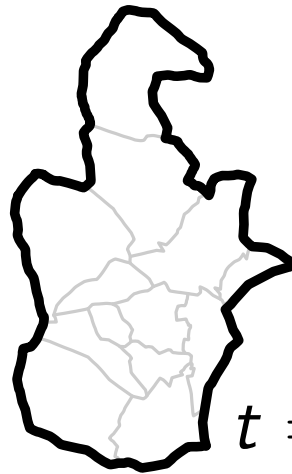
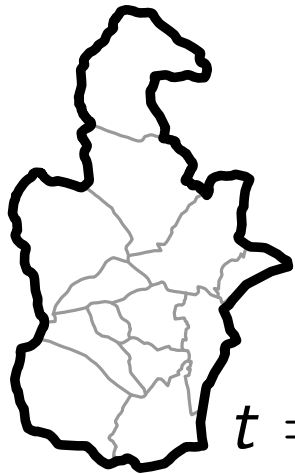
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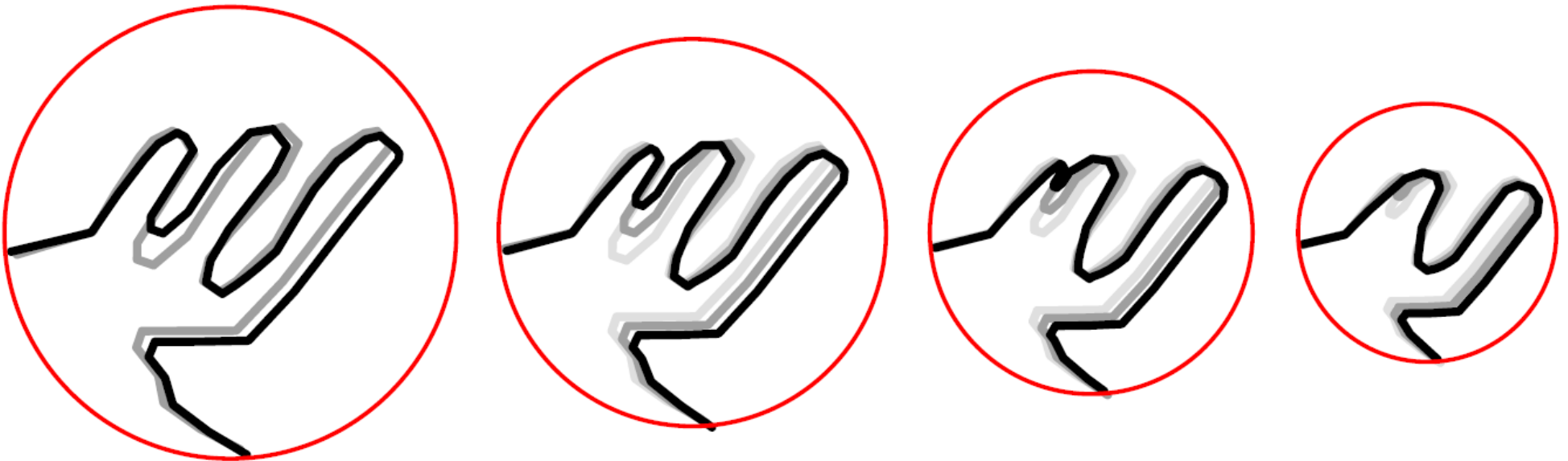


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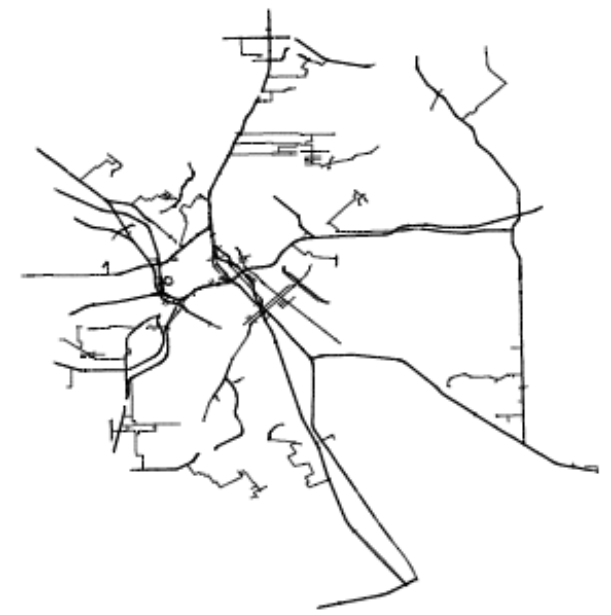
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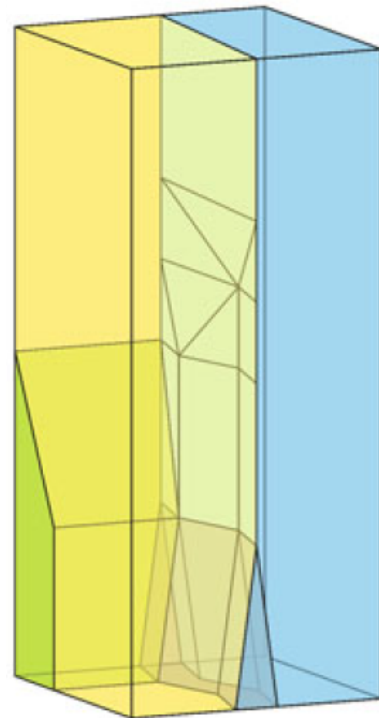
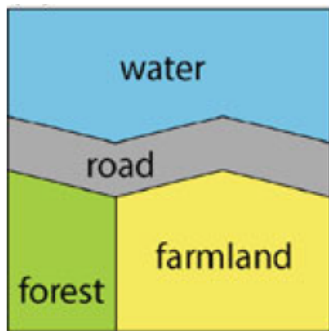
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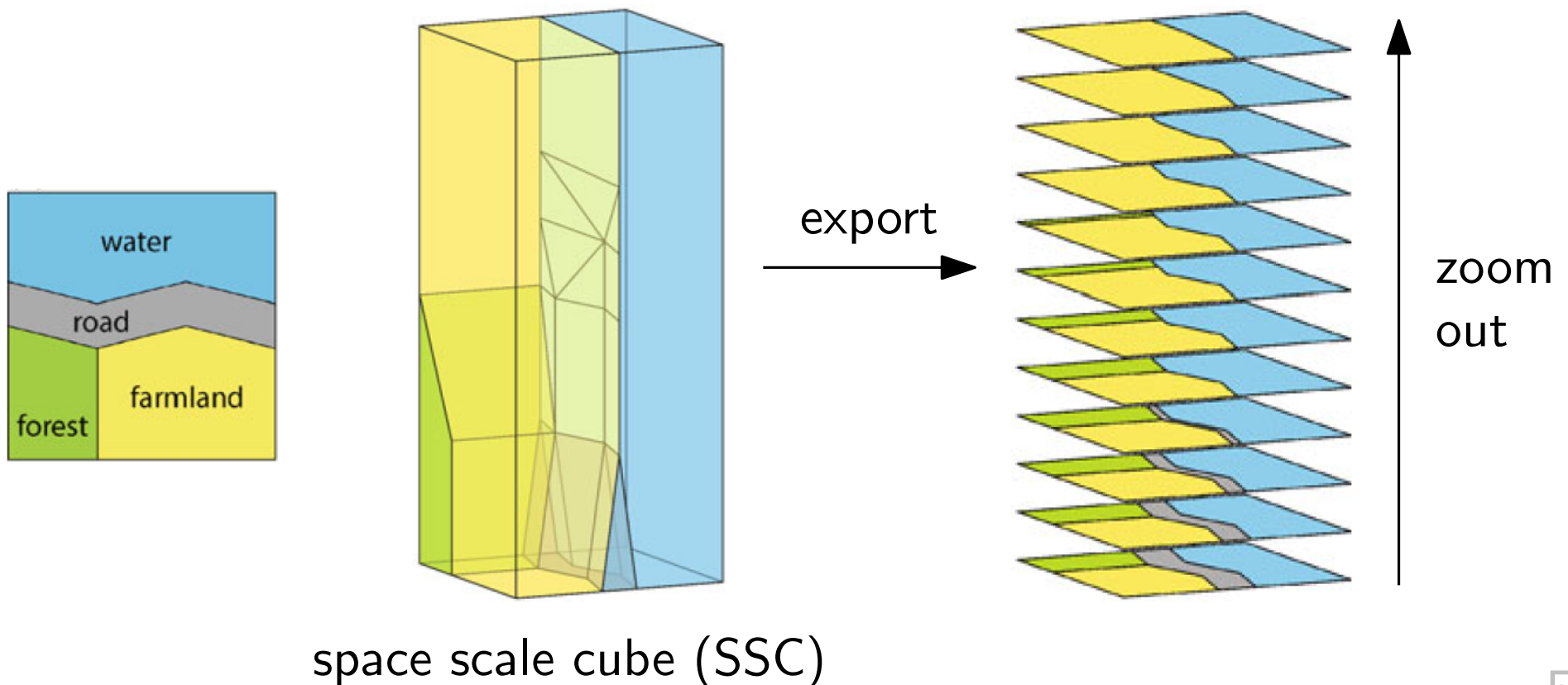
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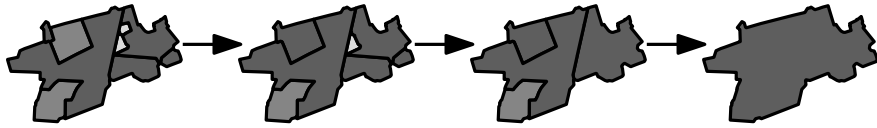
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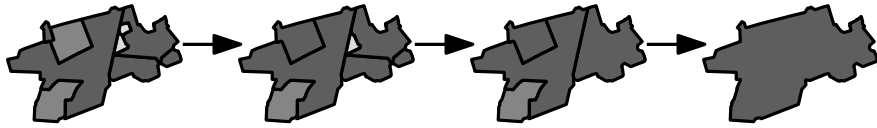


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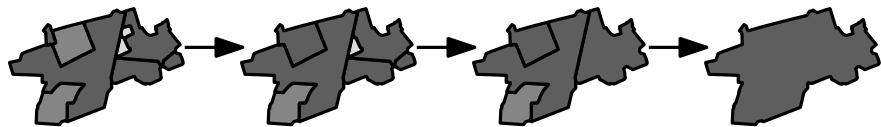
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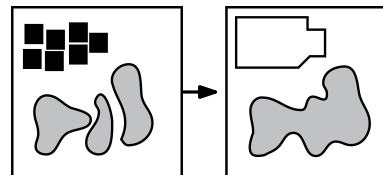
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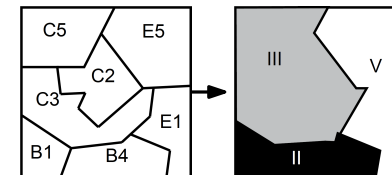
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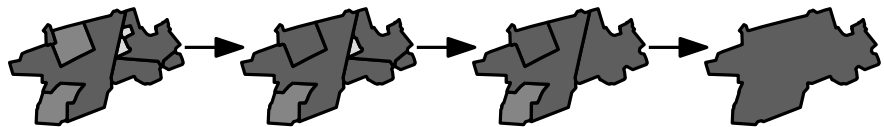
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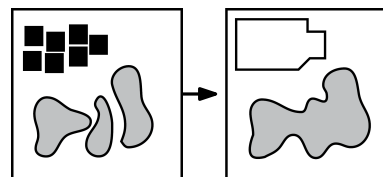
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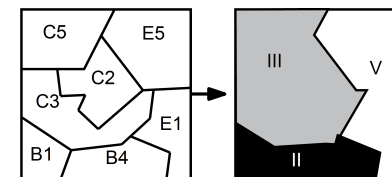
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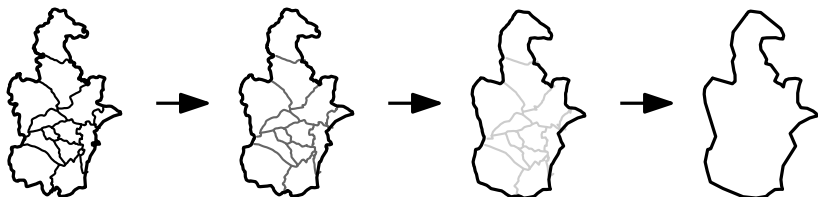


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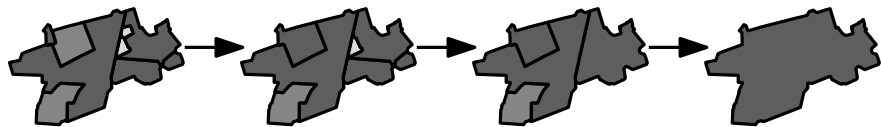


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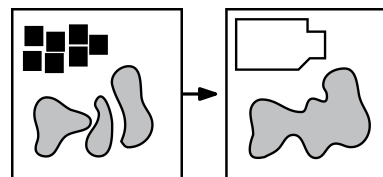
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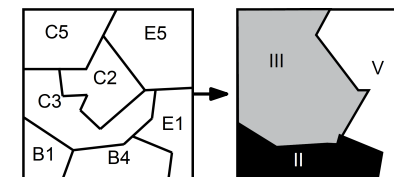
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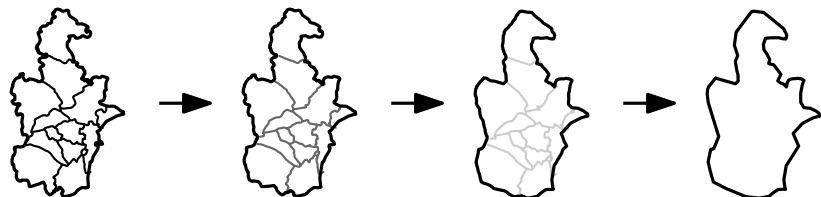


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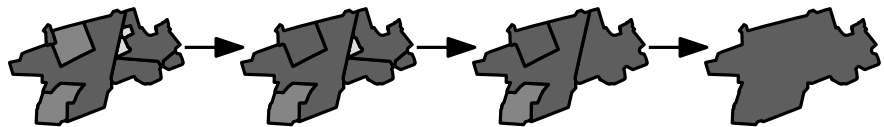
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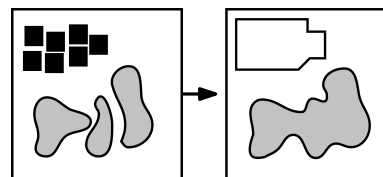
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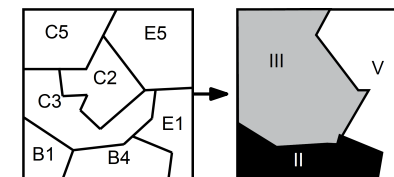
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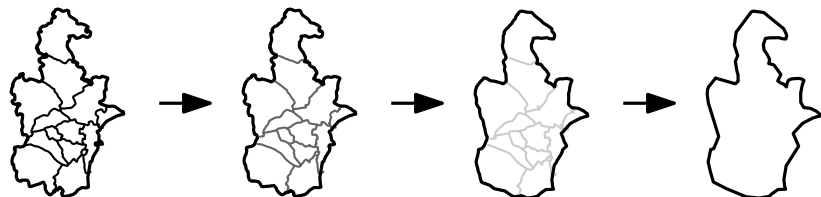


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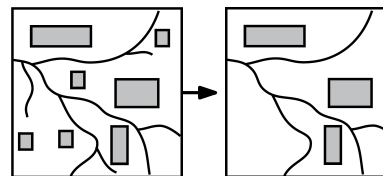


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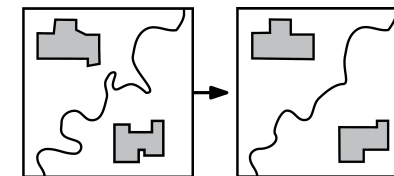
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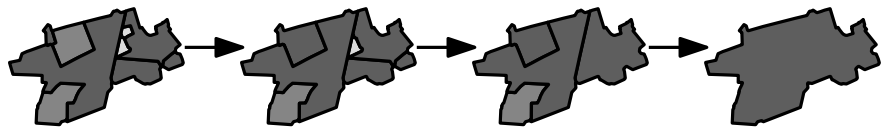
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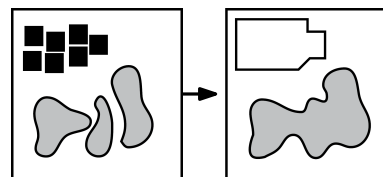
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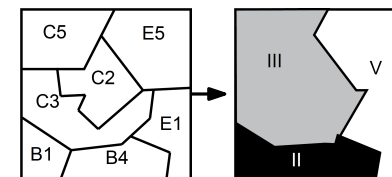
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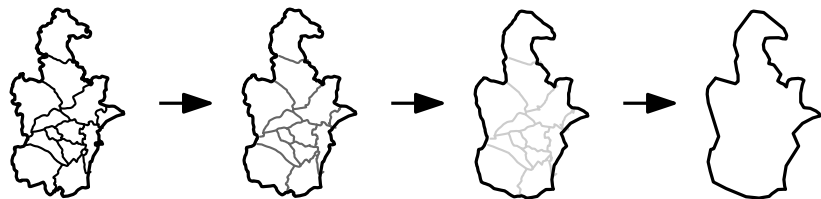


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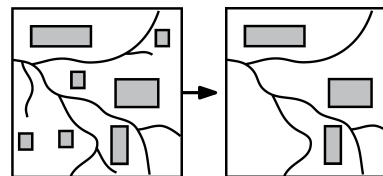


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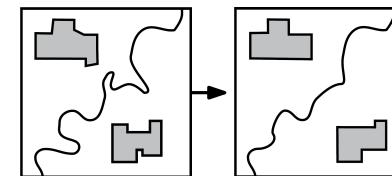
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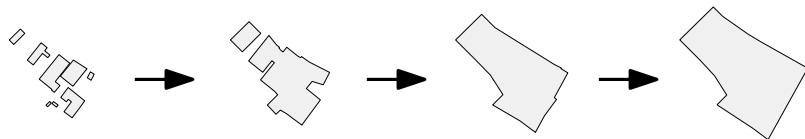


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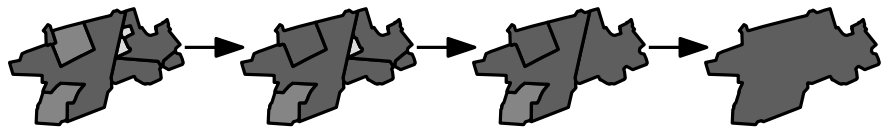


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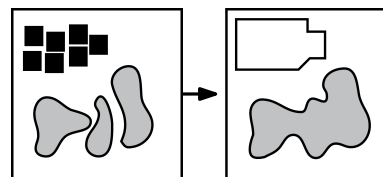
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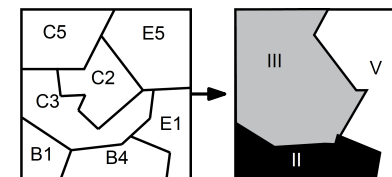
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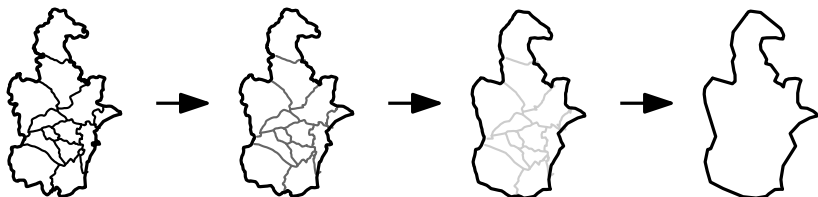


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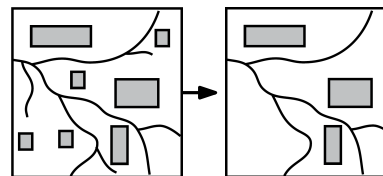


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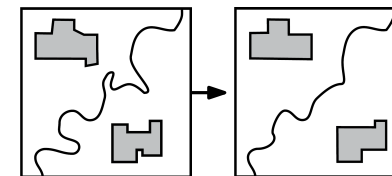
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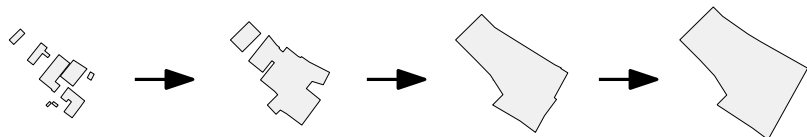


Elimination



Simplification

Buildings to built-up areas



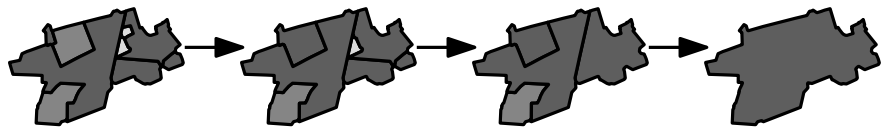
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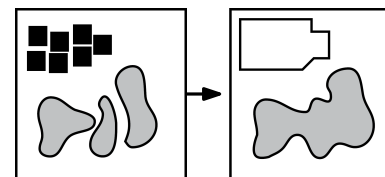
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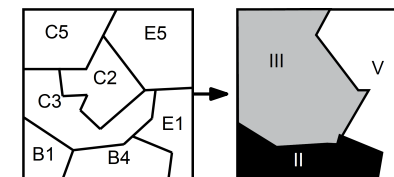
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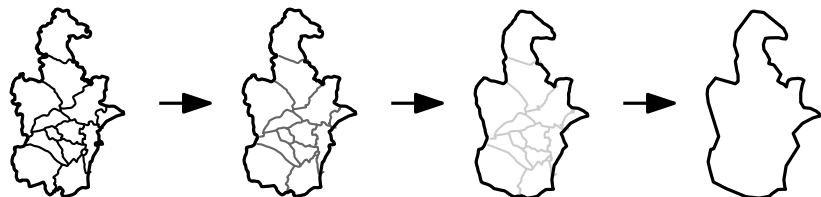


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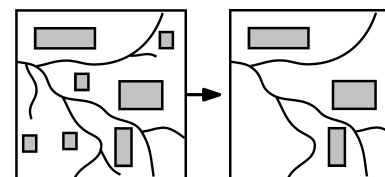


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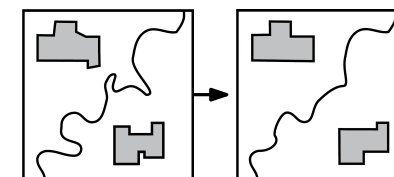
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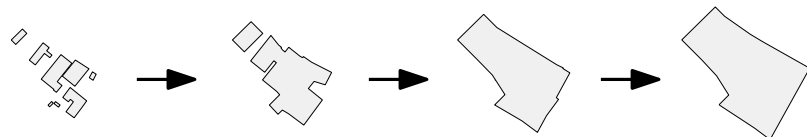


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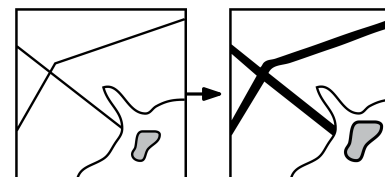


Simplification

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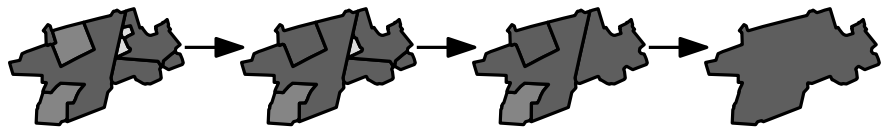
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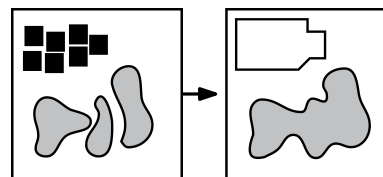
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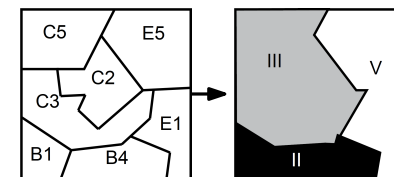
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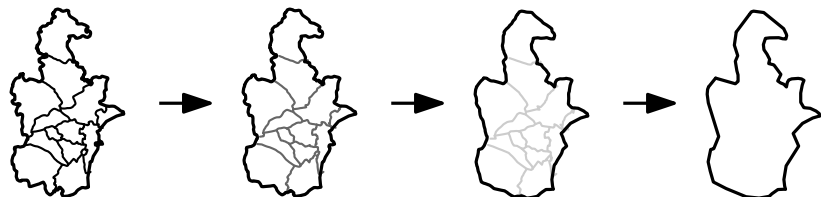


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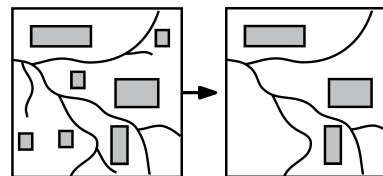


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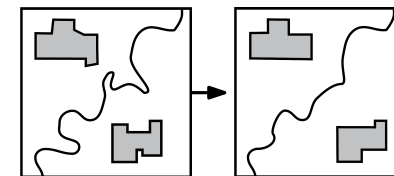
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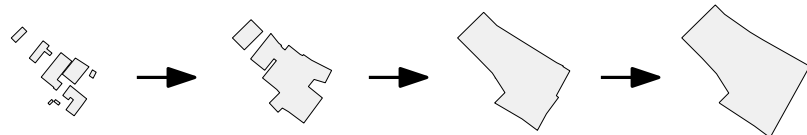


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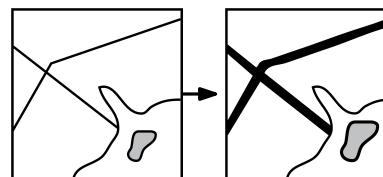


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Buildings to built-up areas



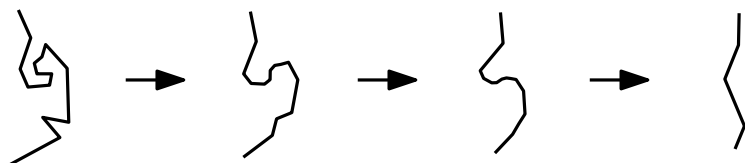
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Exaggeration

Aggregation,
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Morphing polylines

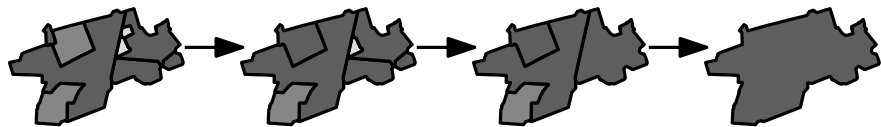


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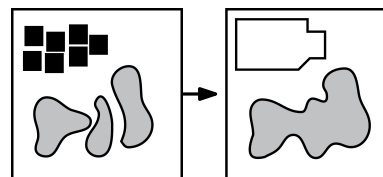
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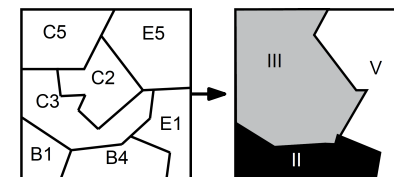
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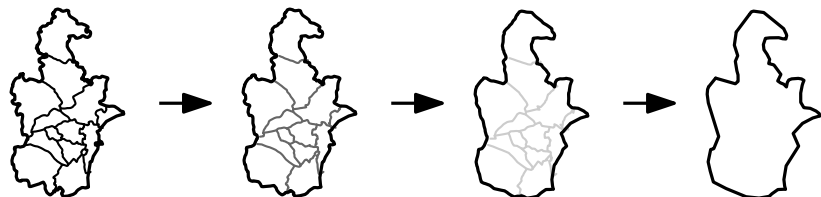


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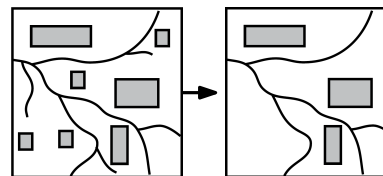


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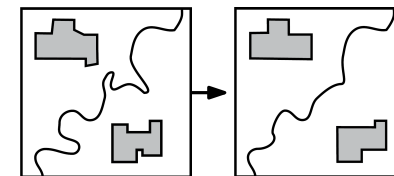
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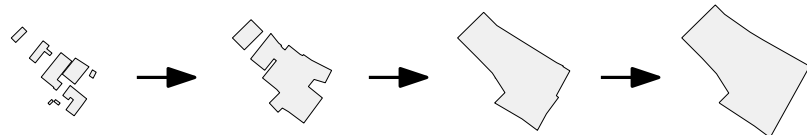


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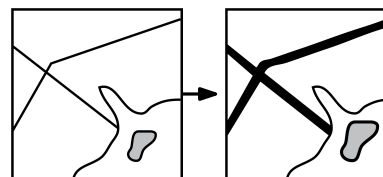


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Buildings to built-up areas



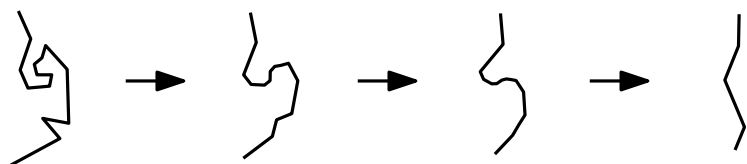
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Exaggeration

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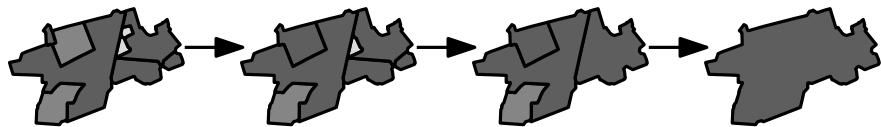
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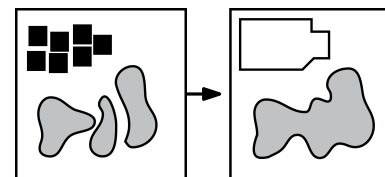
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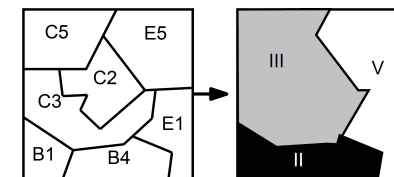
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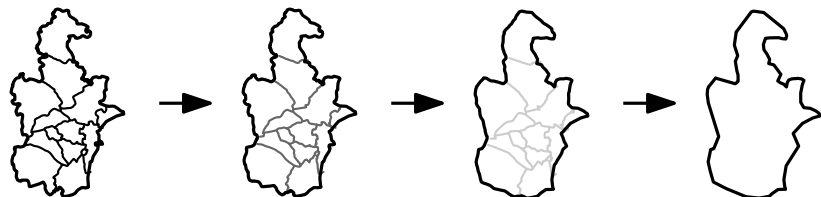


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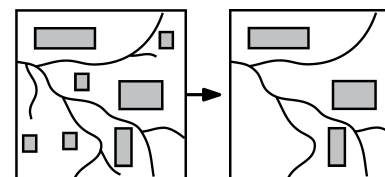


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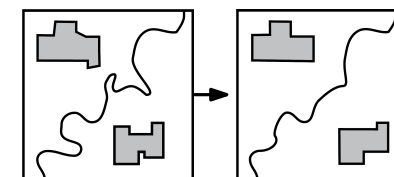
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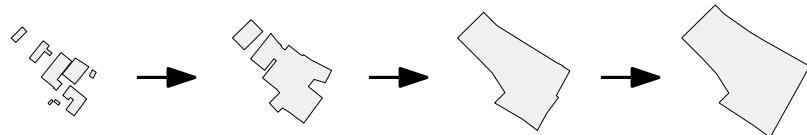


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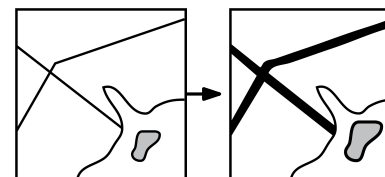


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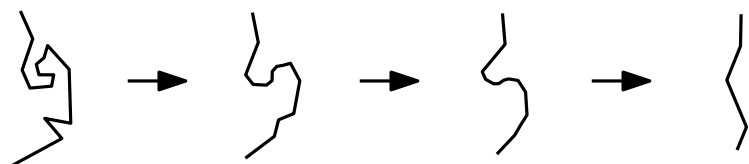
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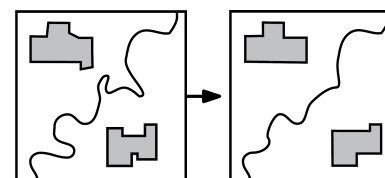
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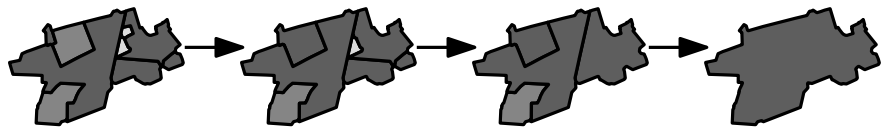
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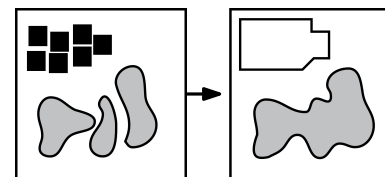
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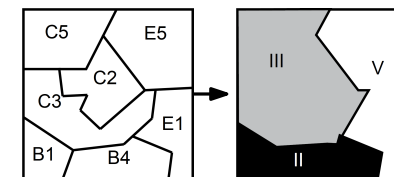
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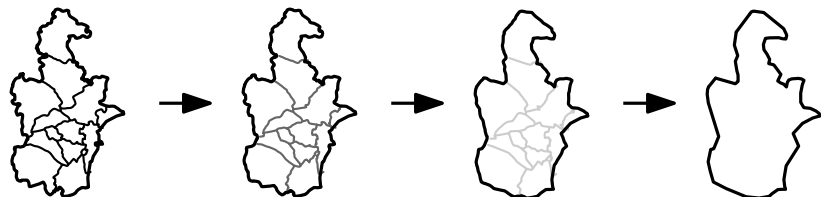


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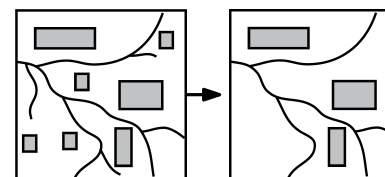


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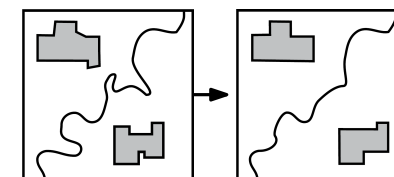
Administrative boundaries



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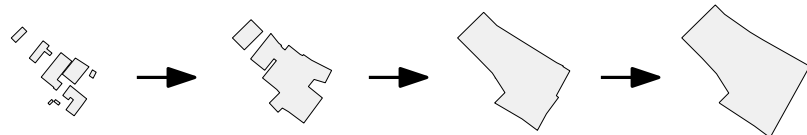


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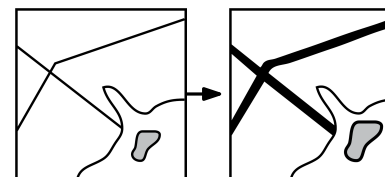


Simplification

Buildings to built-up areas



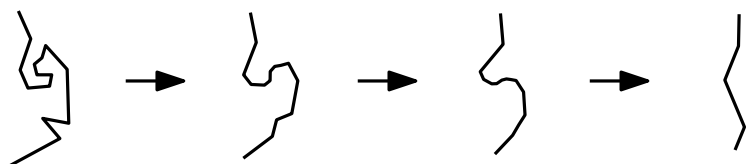
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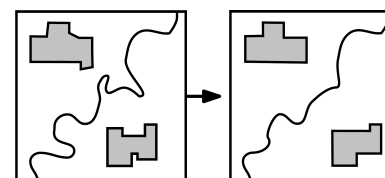
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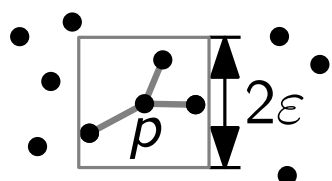


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Simplification

Choosing right data structures



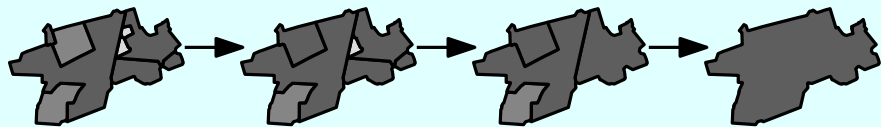
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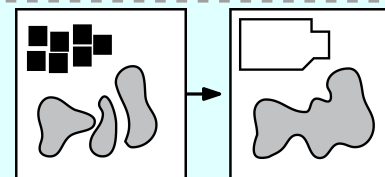
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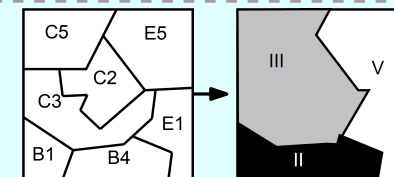
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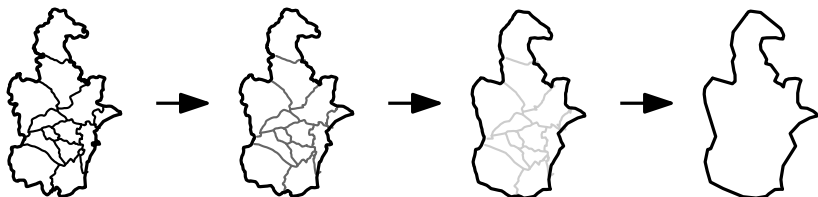


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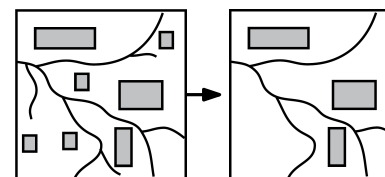


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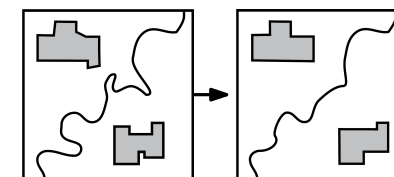
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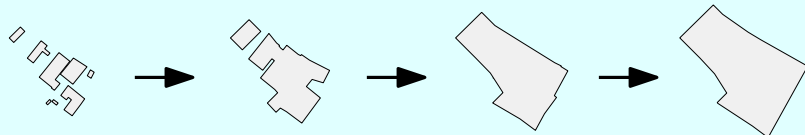


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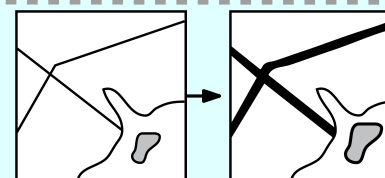


Simplification

Buildings to built-up areas



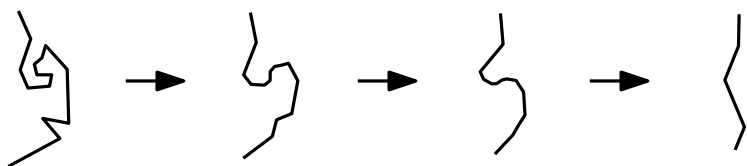
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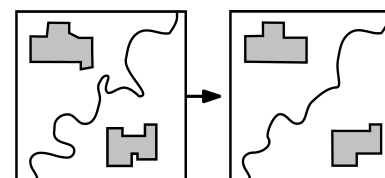
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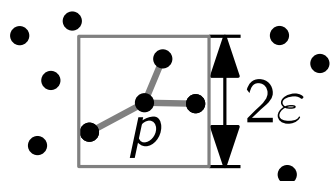


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Simplification

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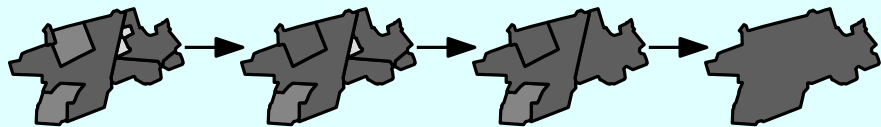
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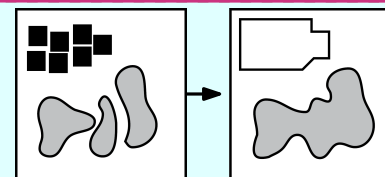
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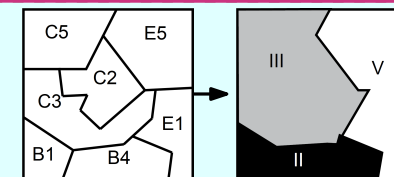
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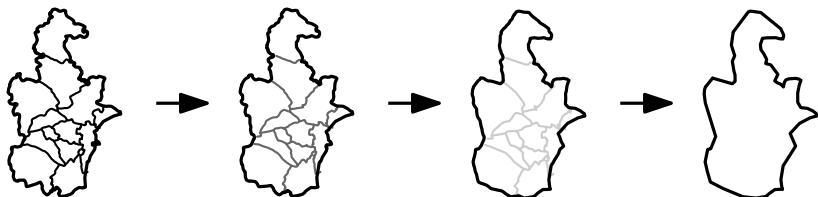


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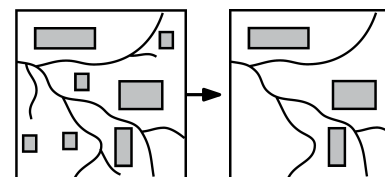


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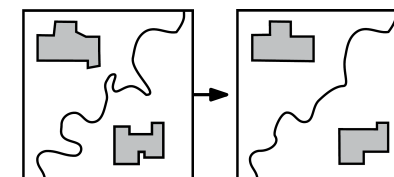
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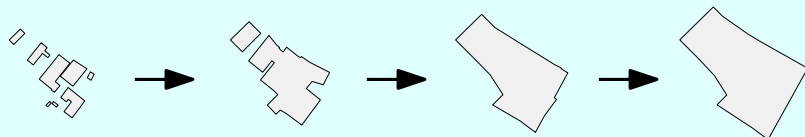


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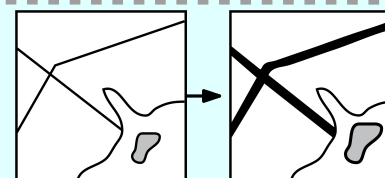


Simplification

Buildings to built-up areas



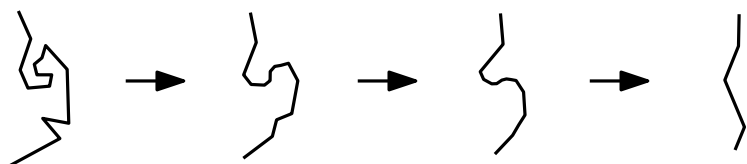
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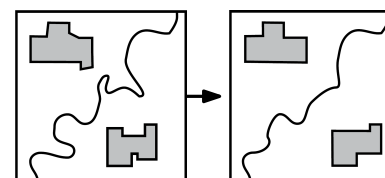
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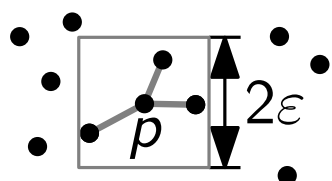


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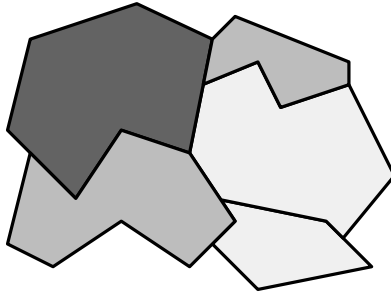
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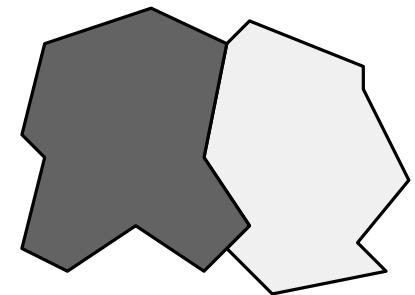
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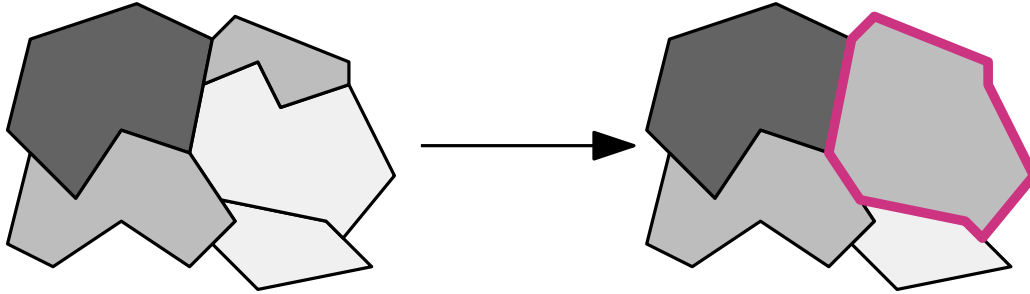
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- sport facility
- village, town, city



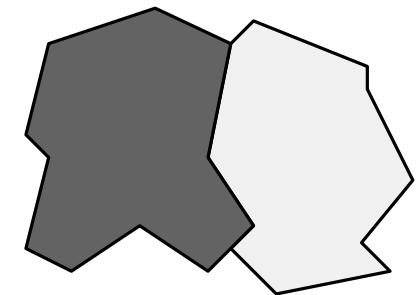
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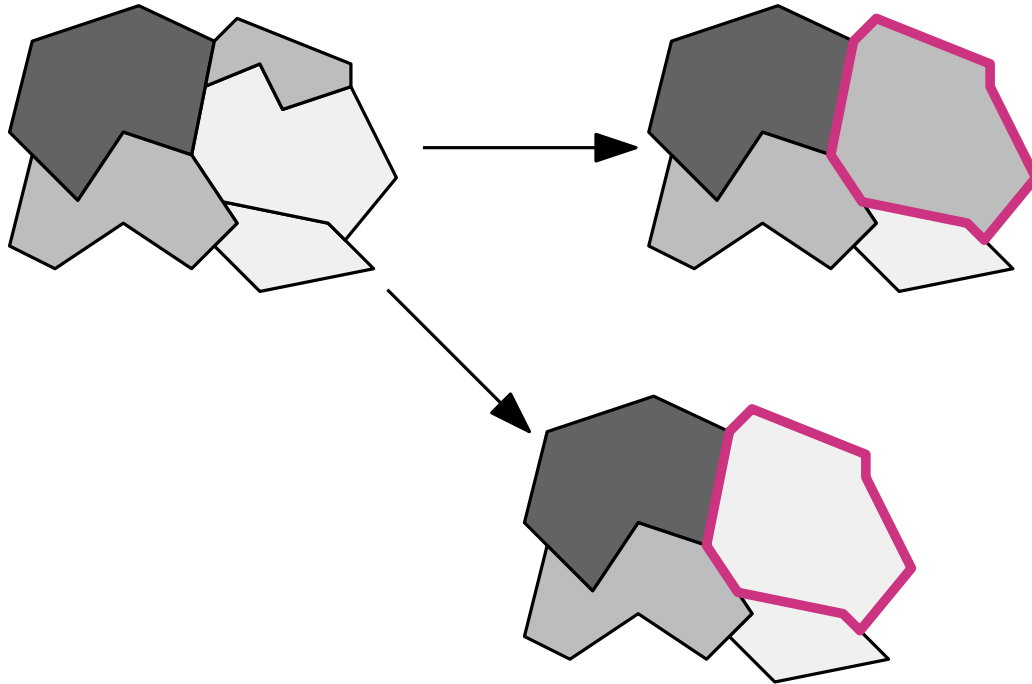
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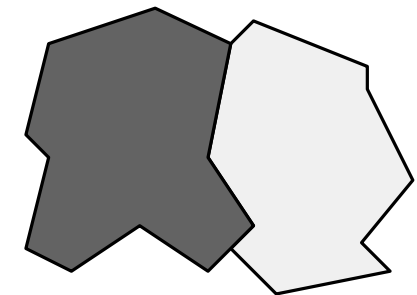
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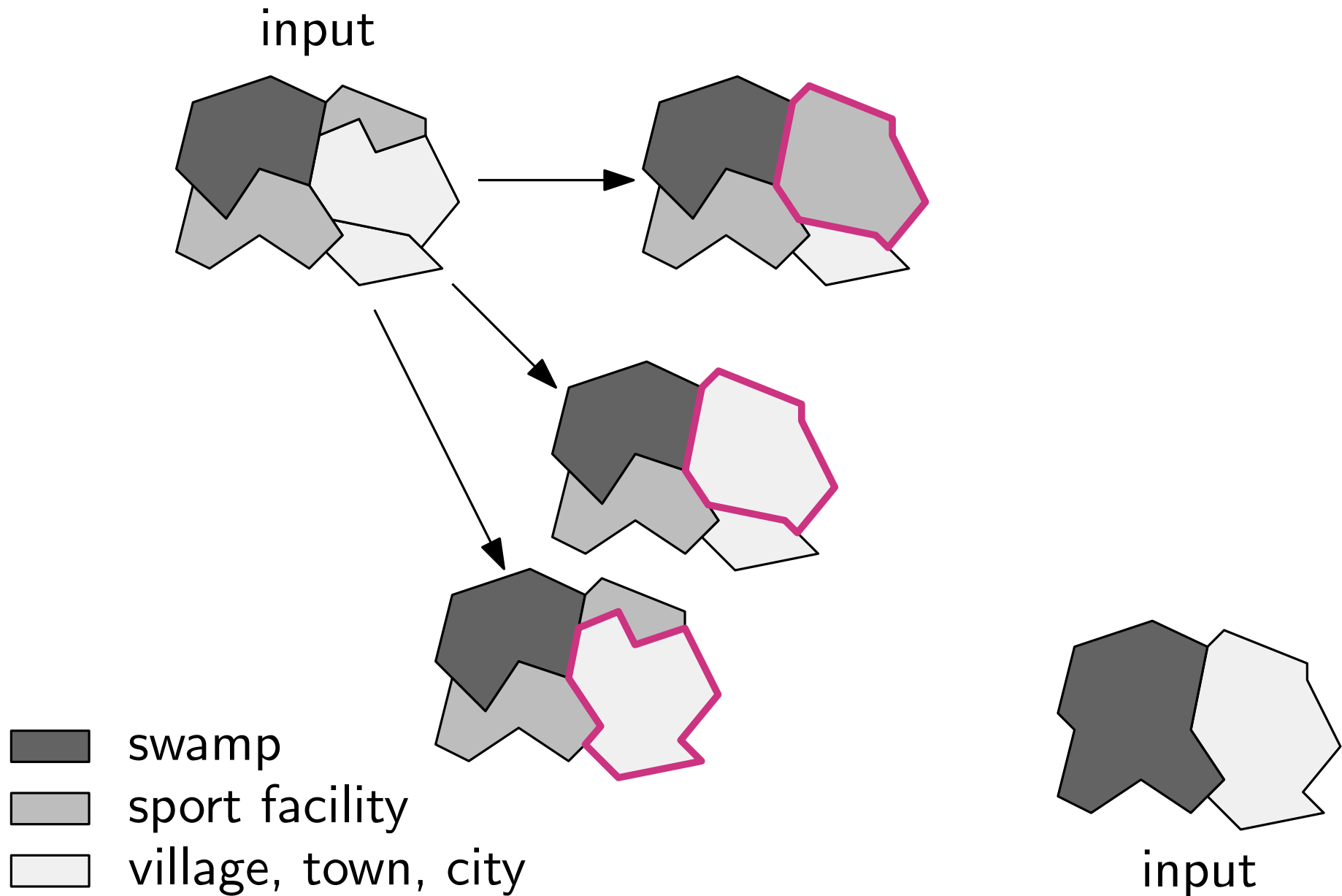


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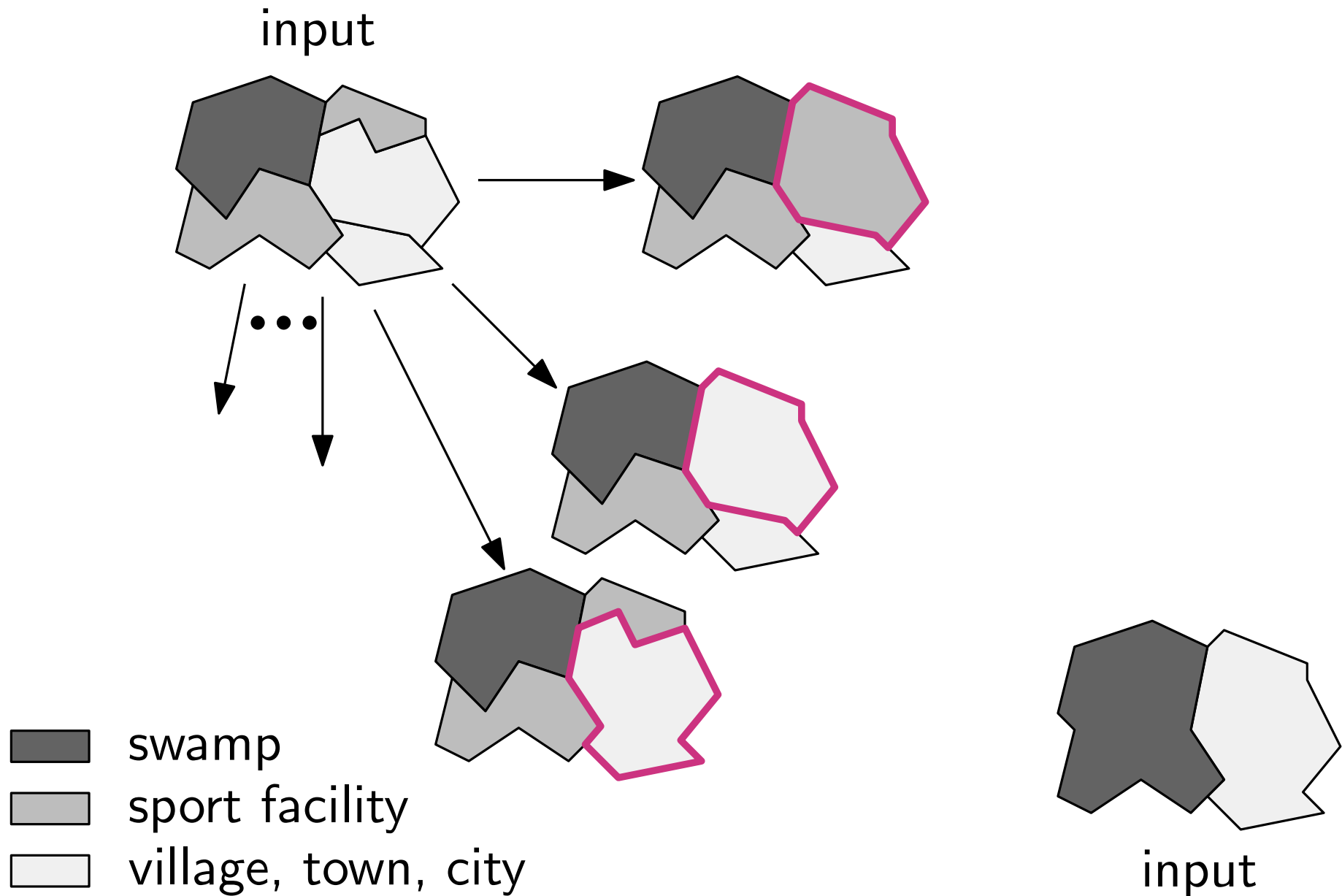


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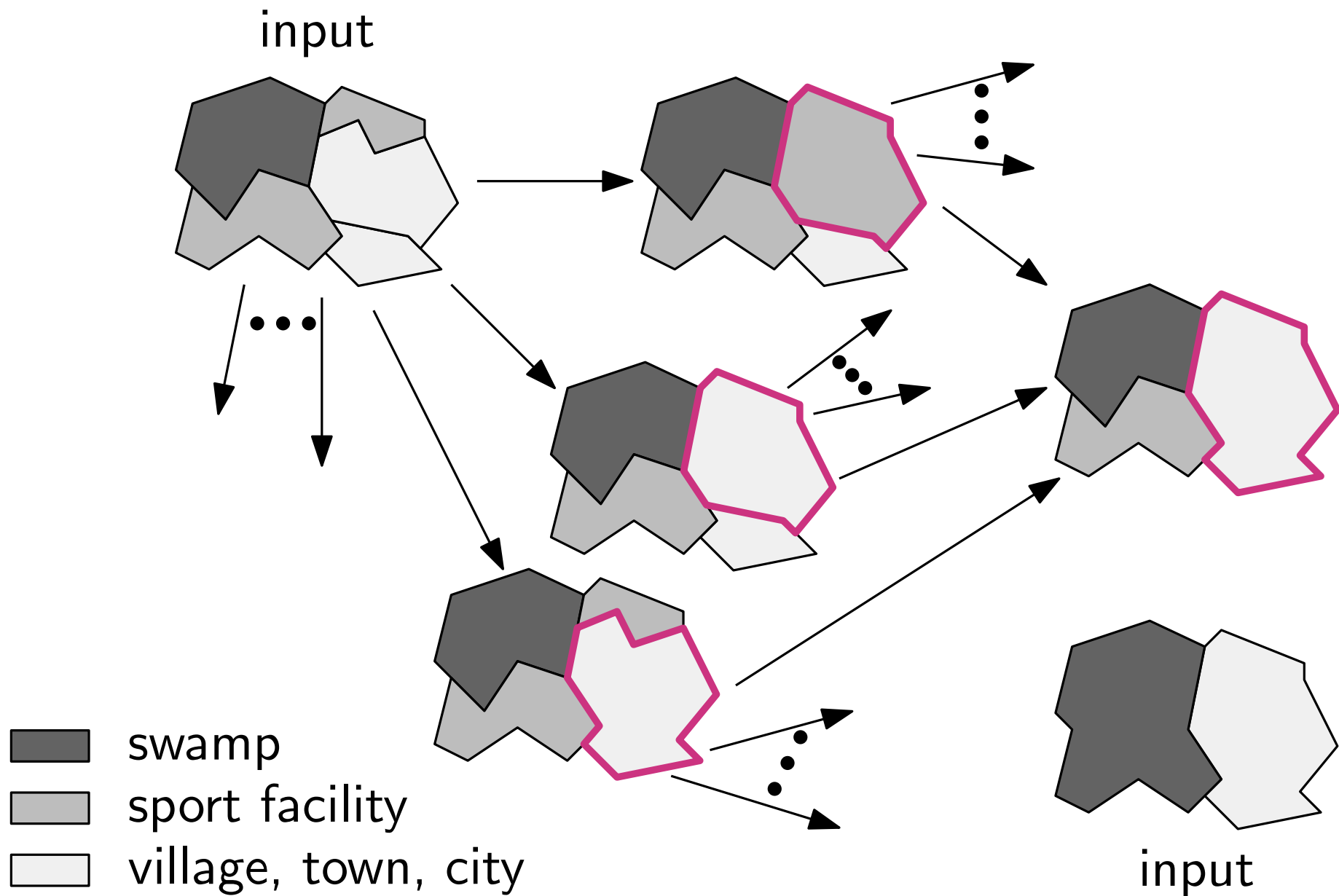
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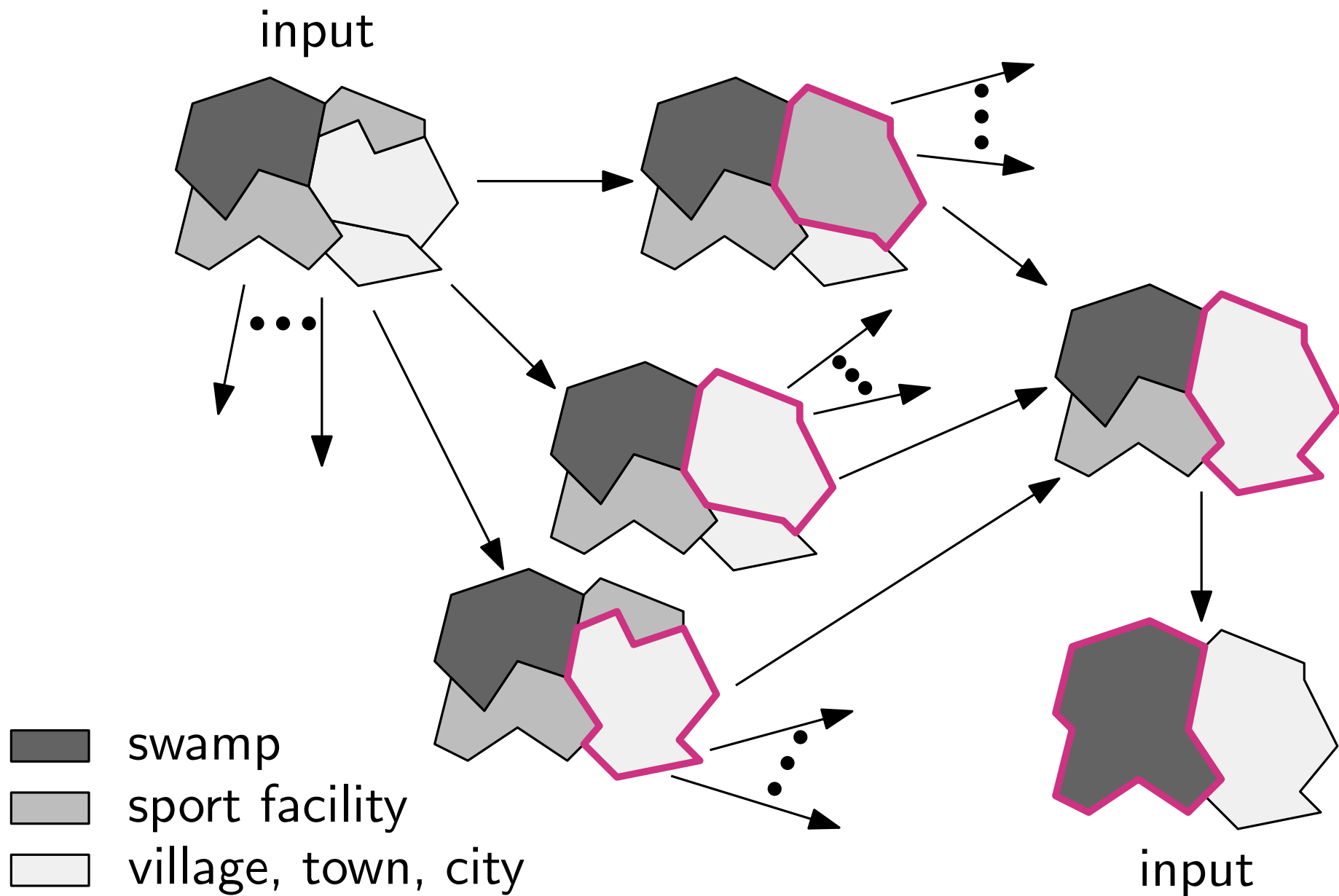
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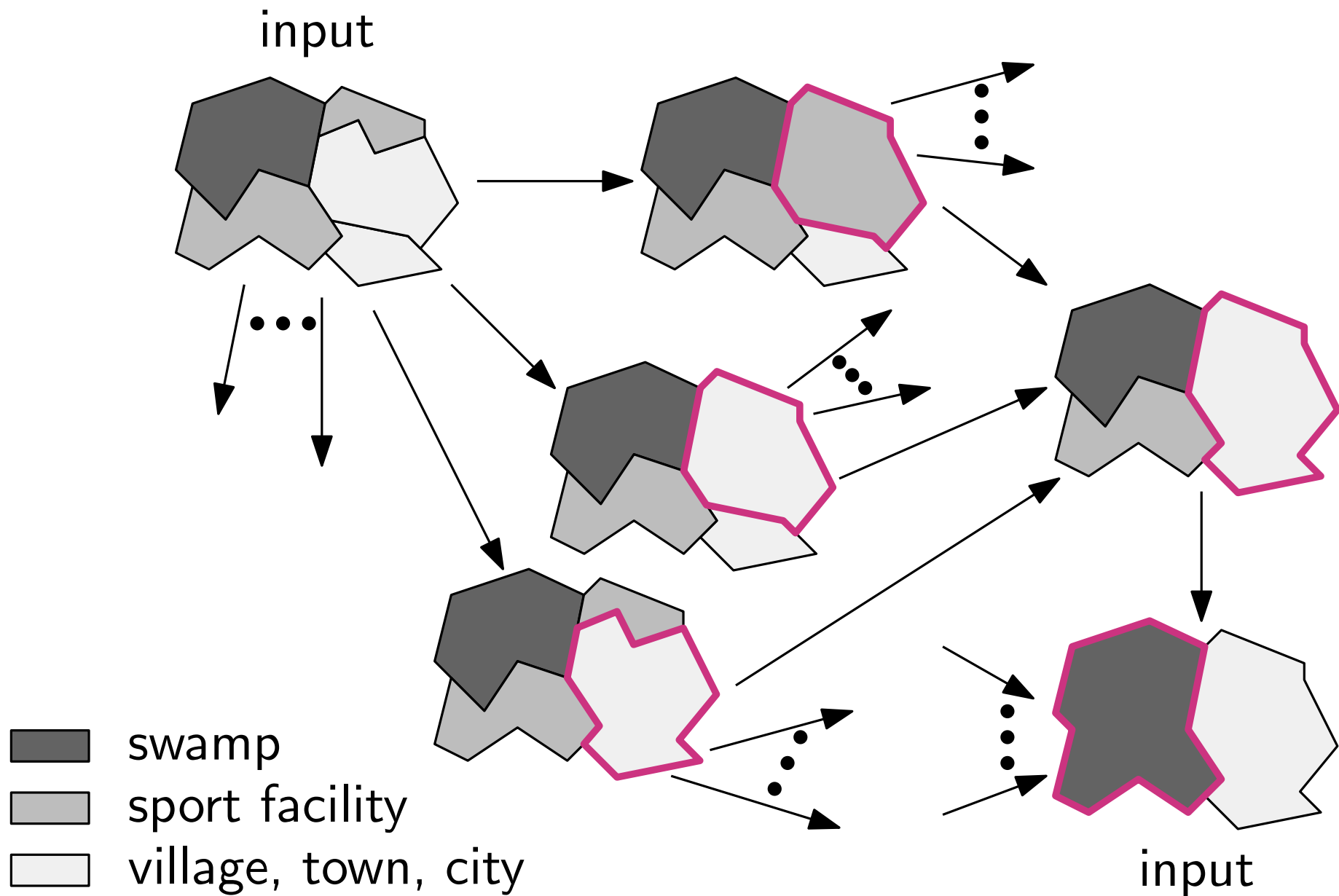
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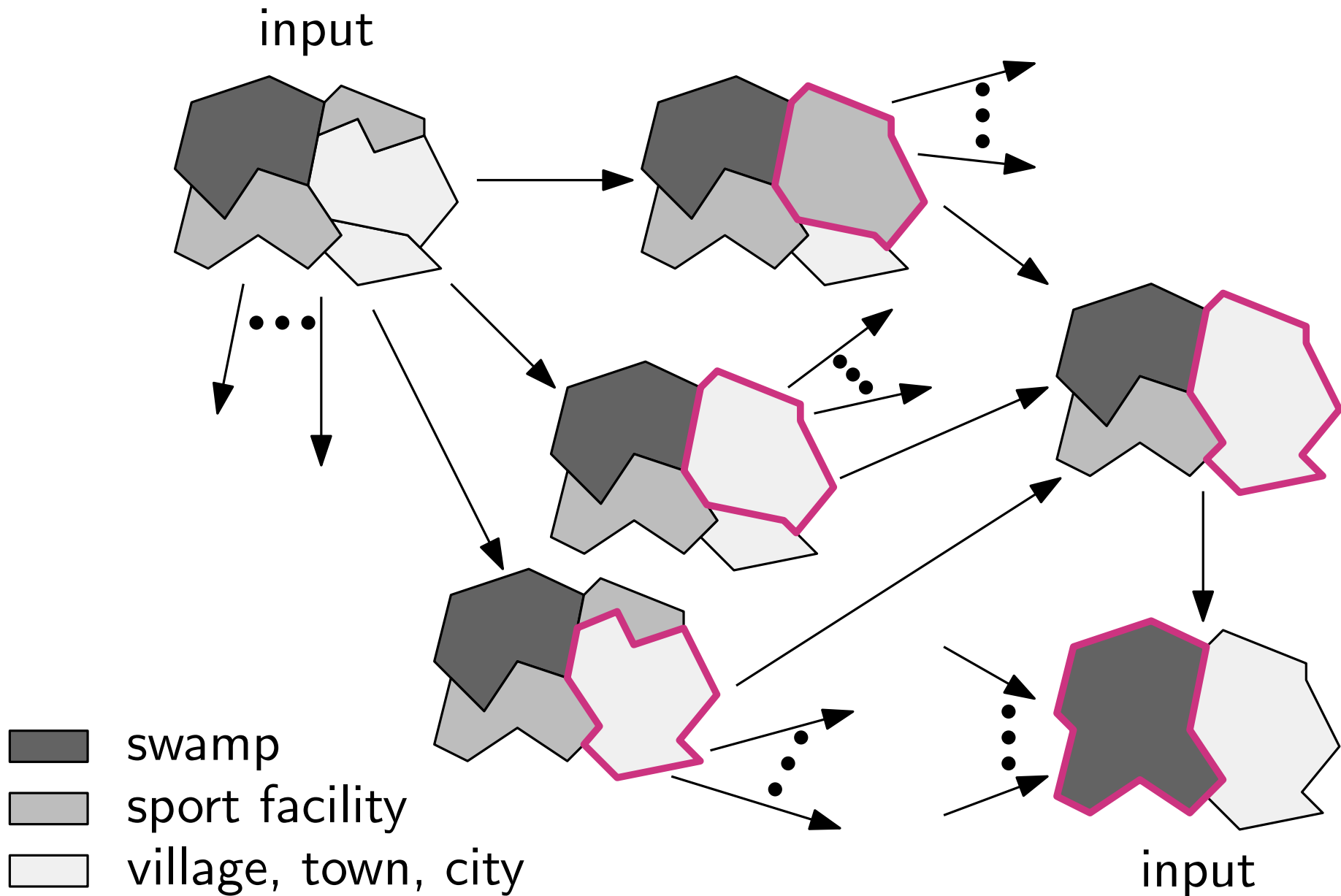
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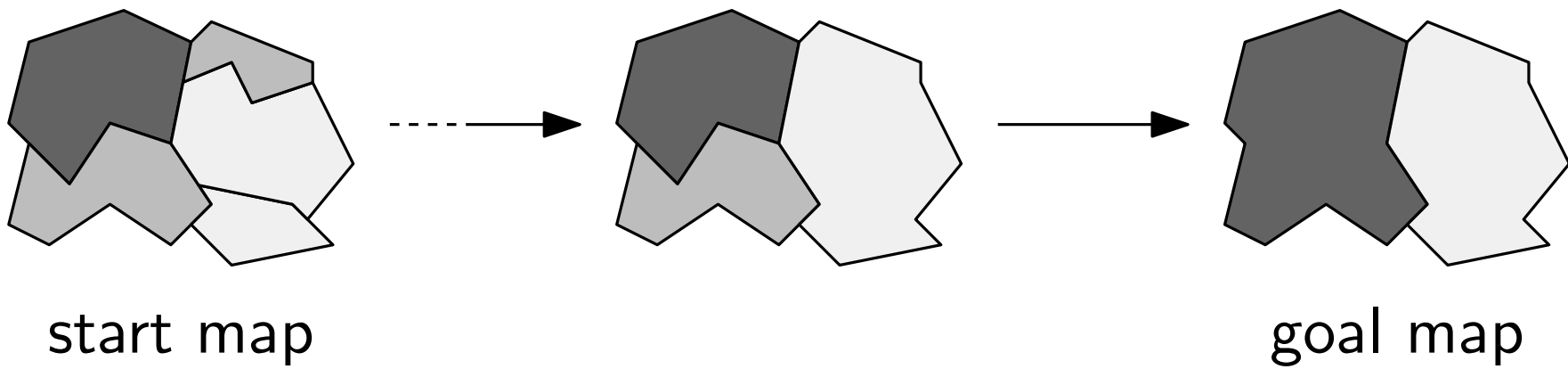
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Given aggregation costs:

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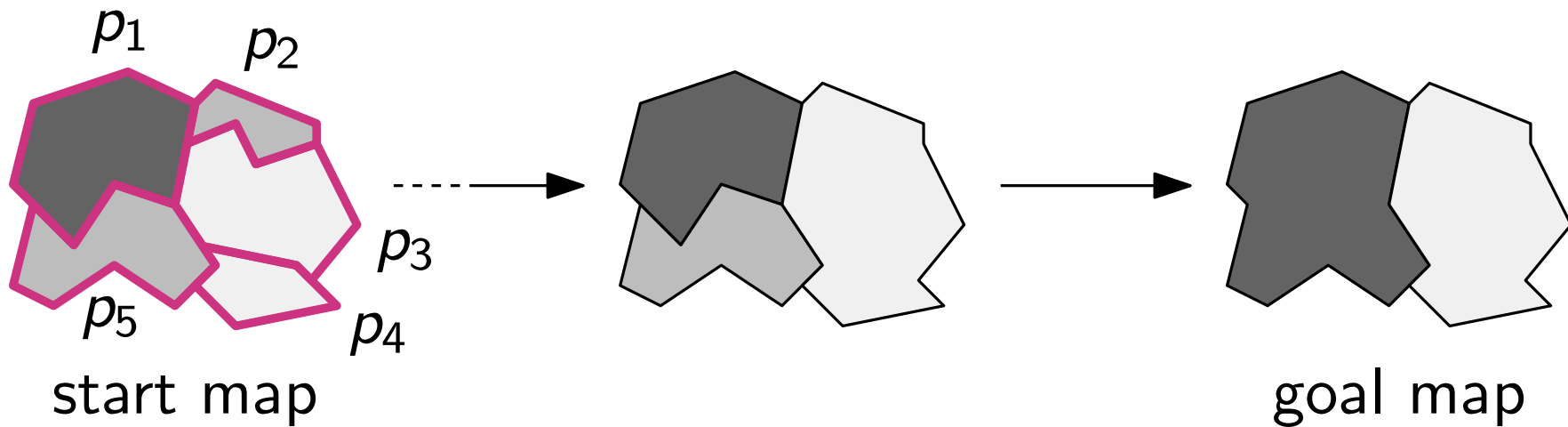


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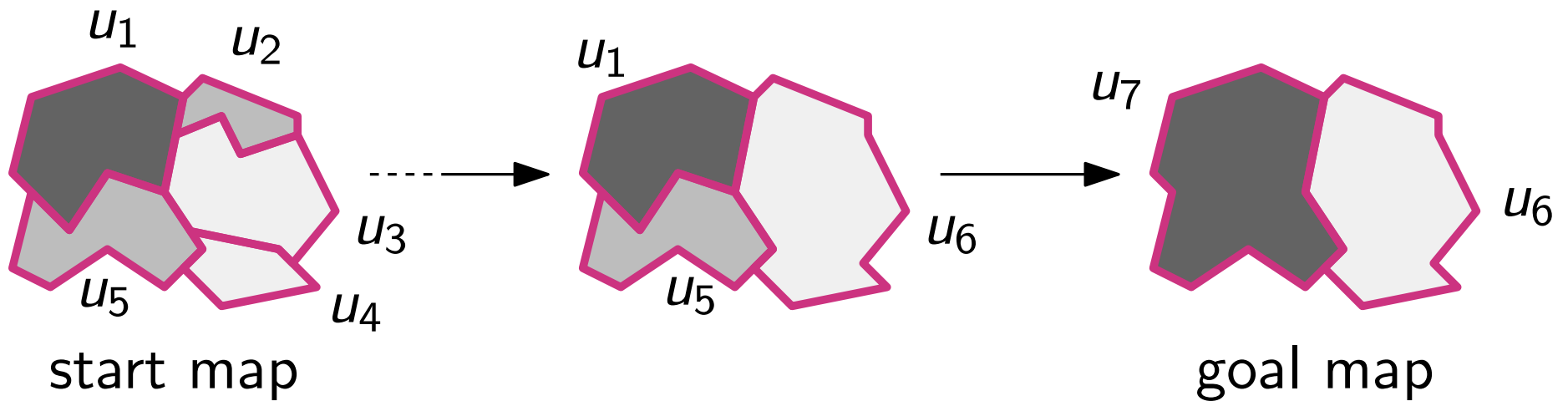
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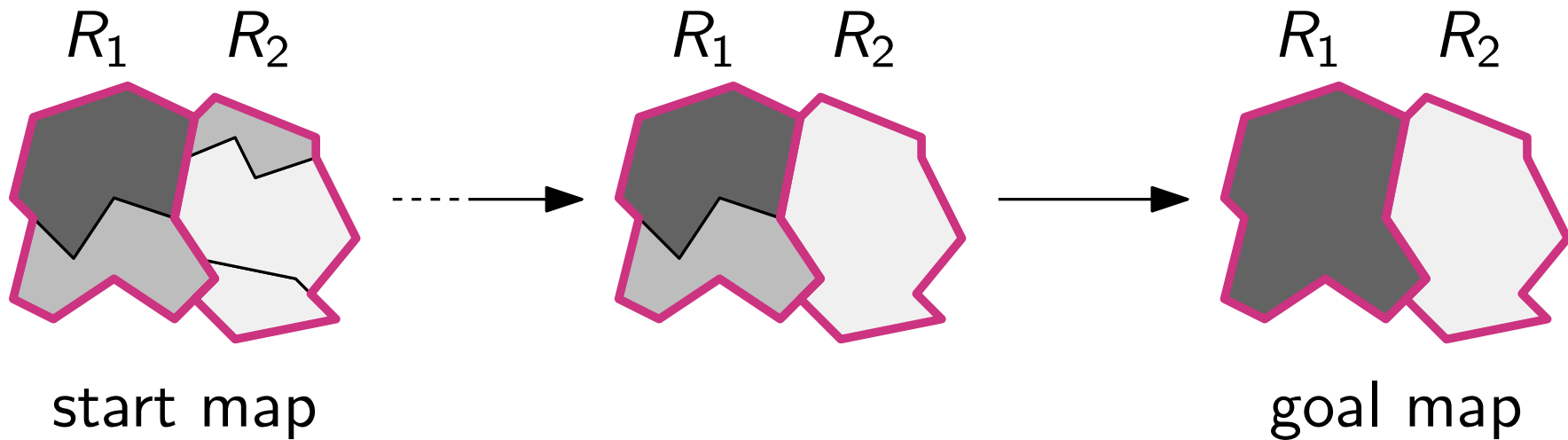


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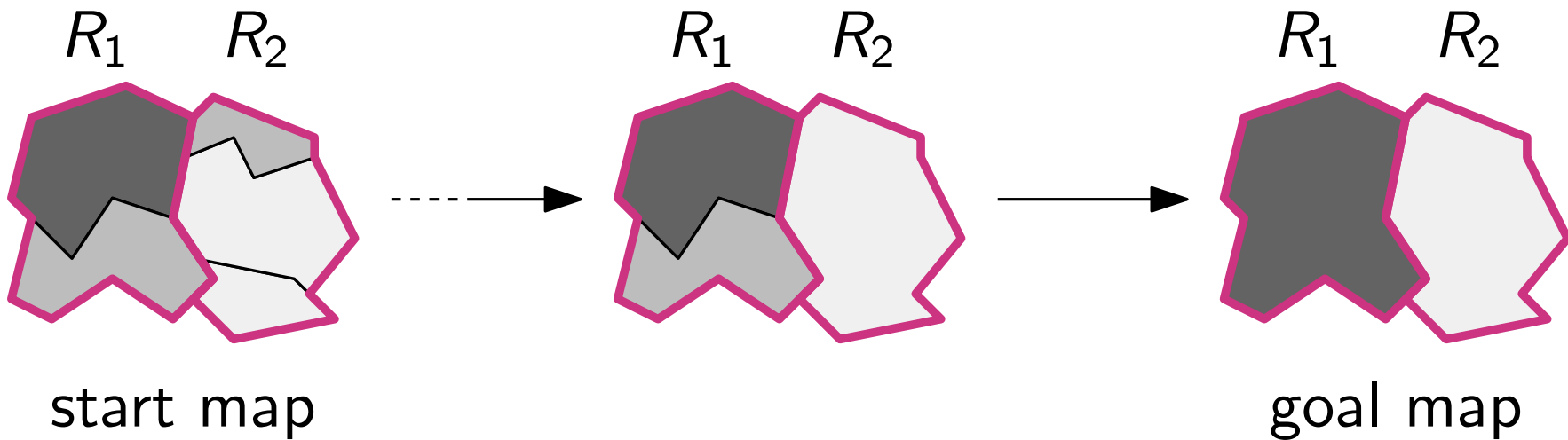
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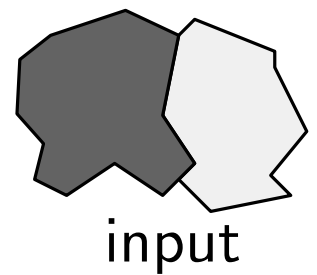
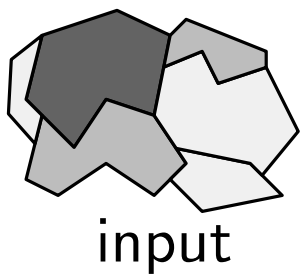
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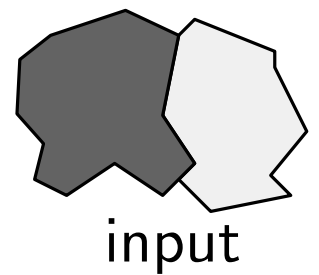
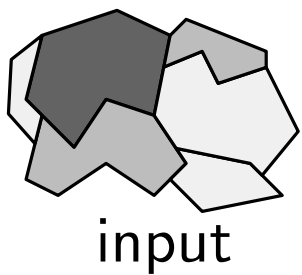
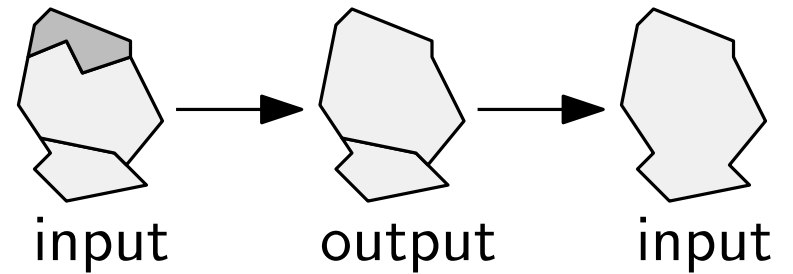
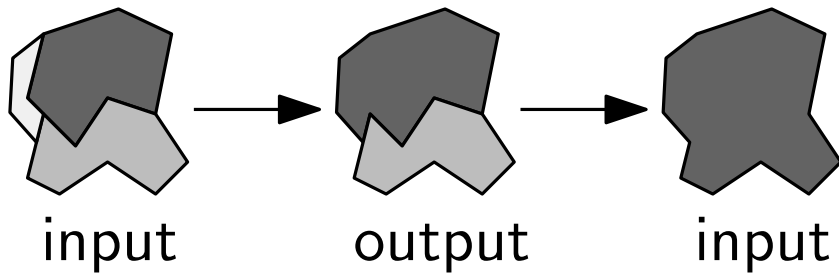


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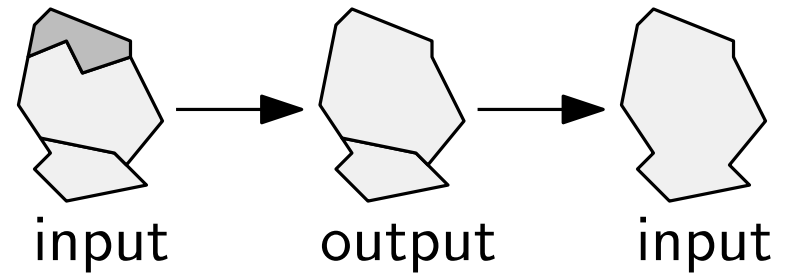
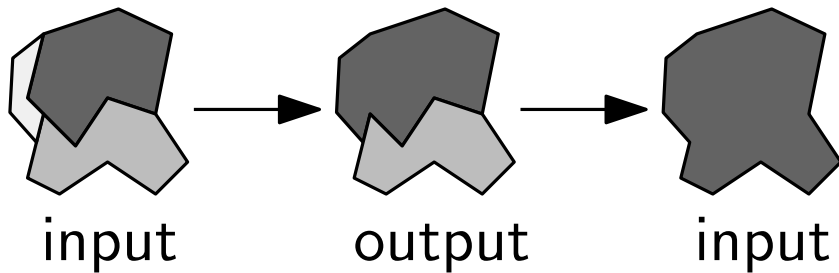
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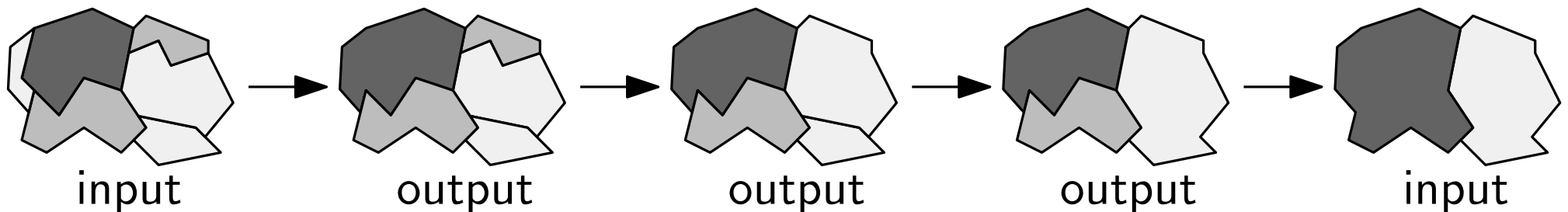


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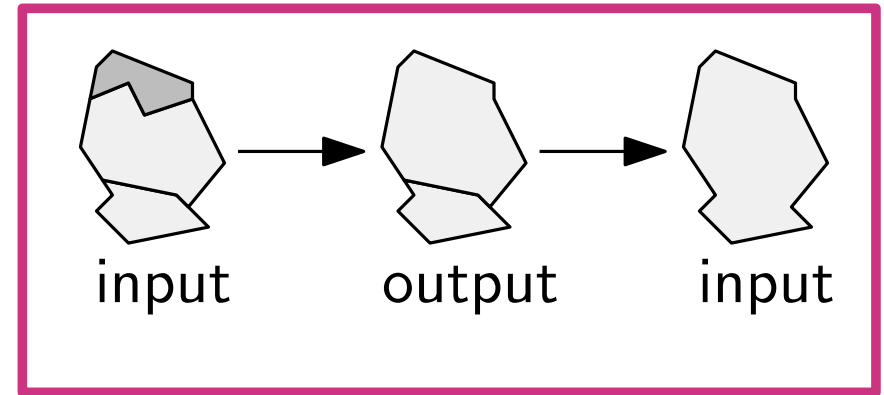
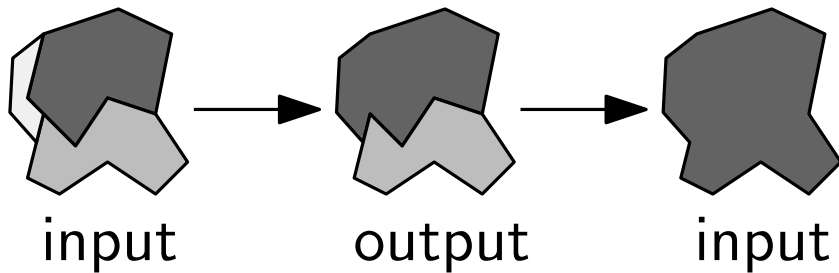


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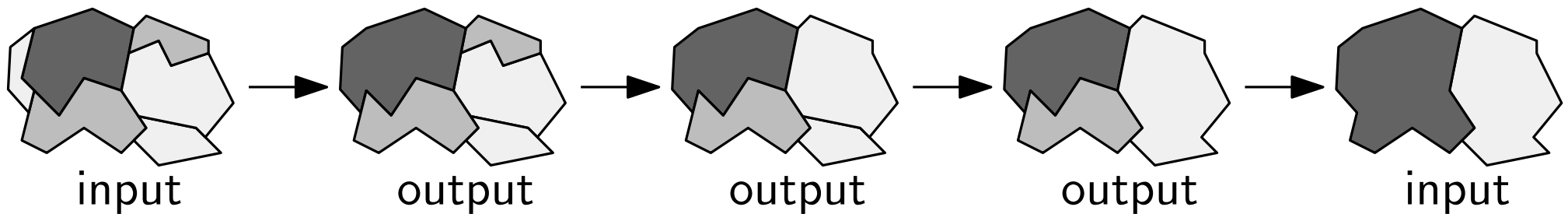


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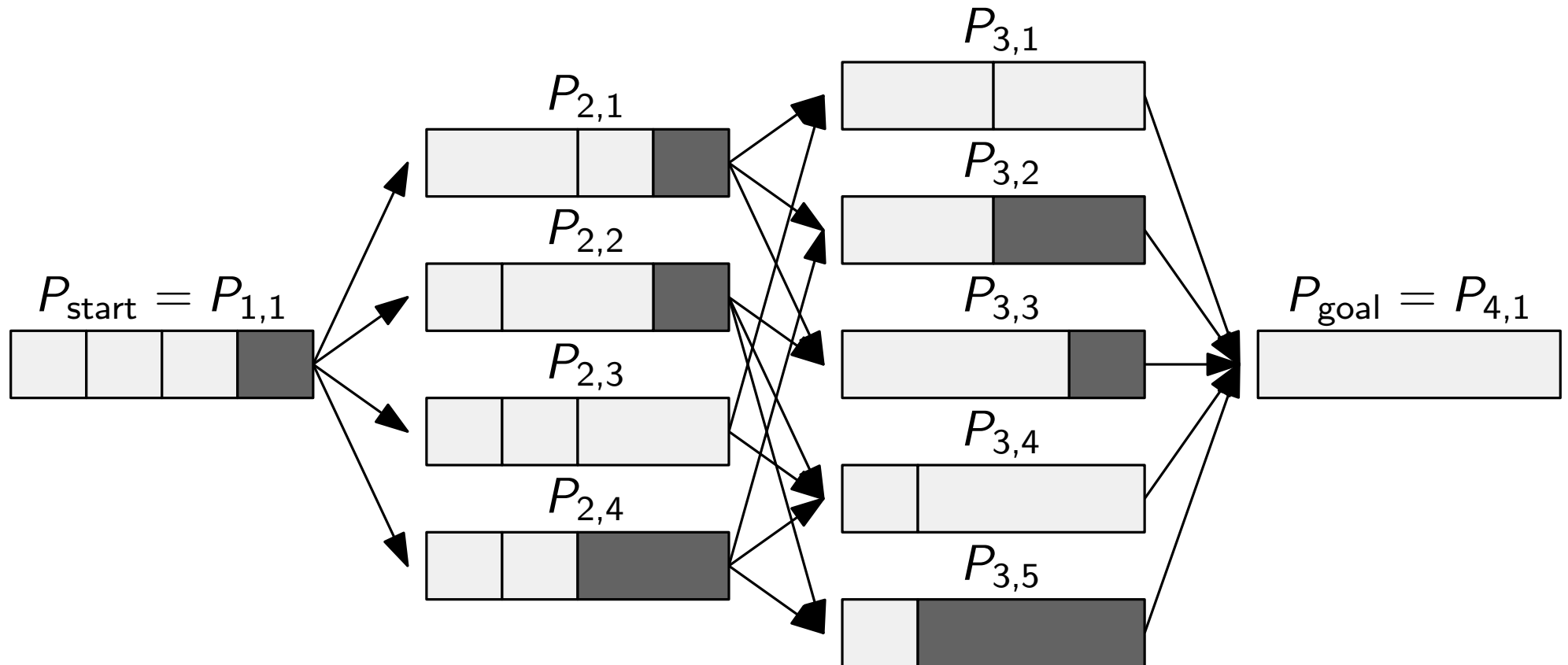


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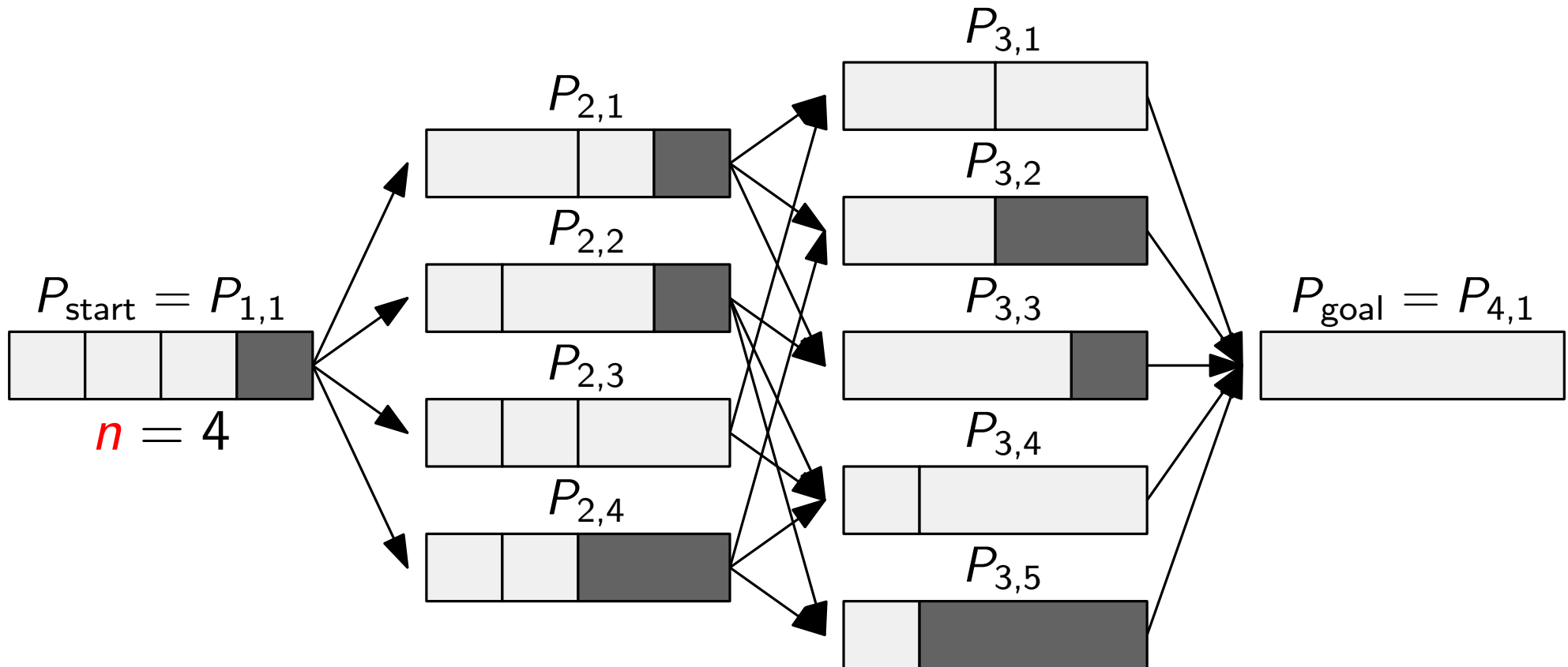
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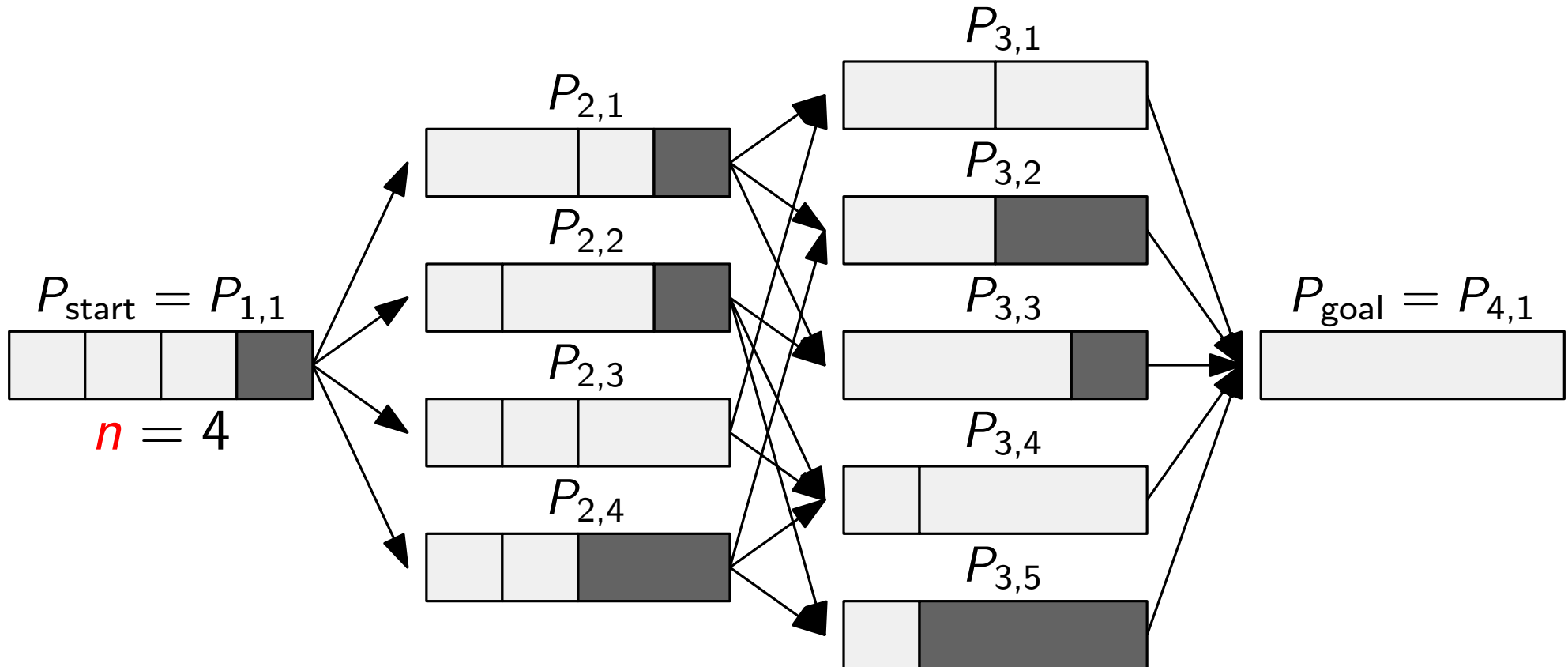


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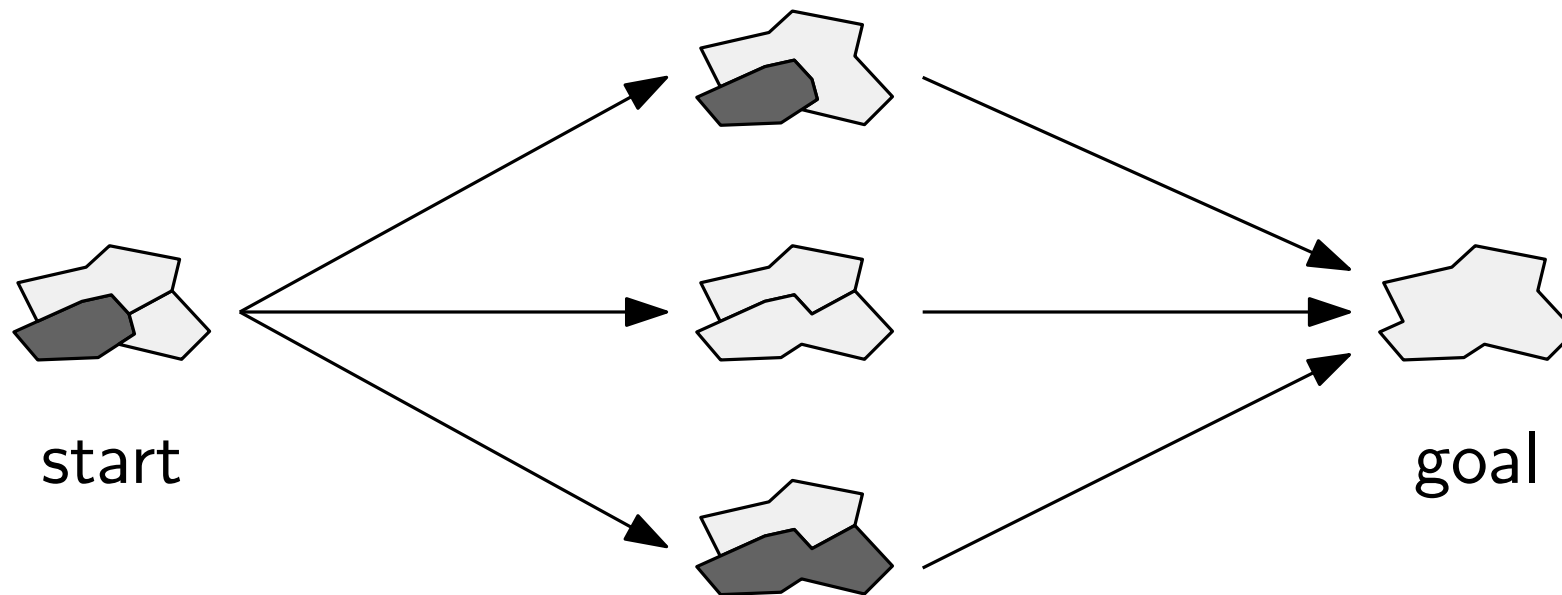
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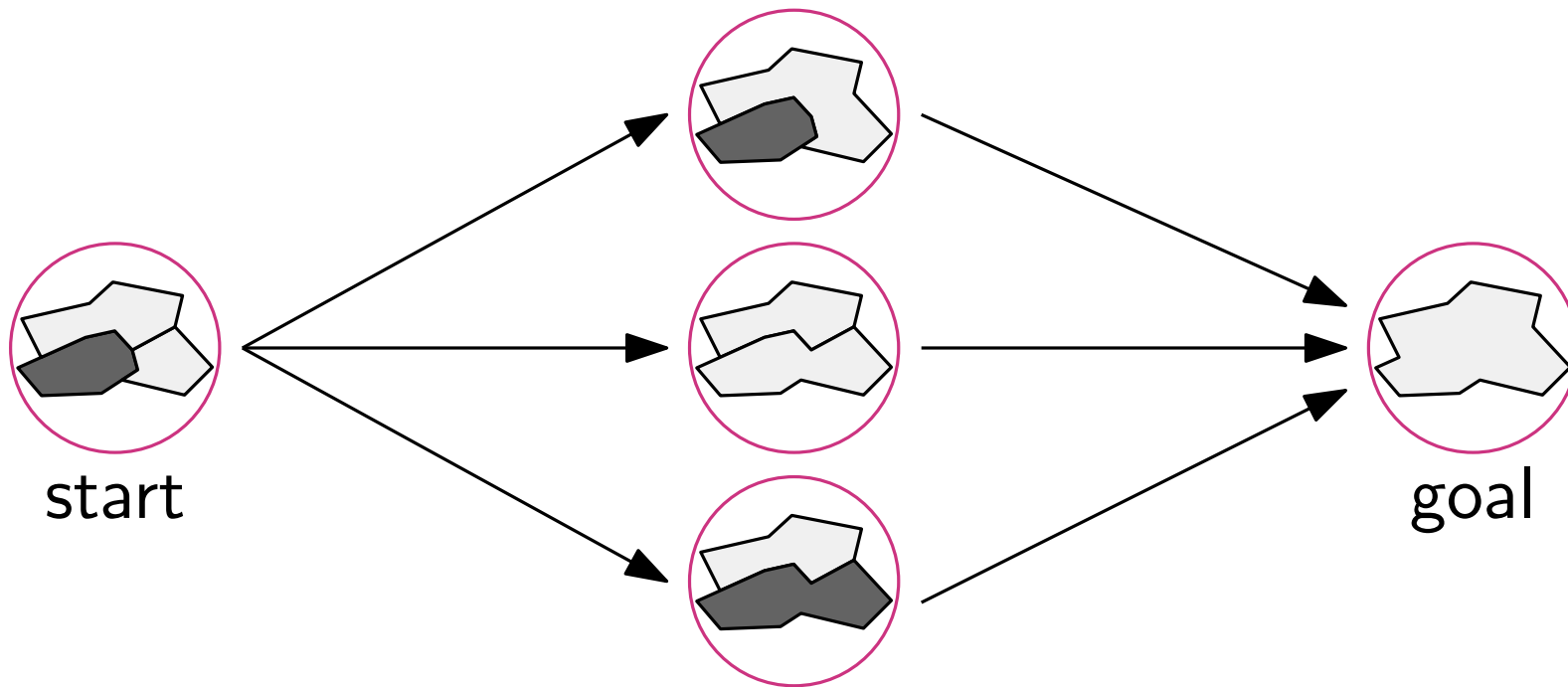


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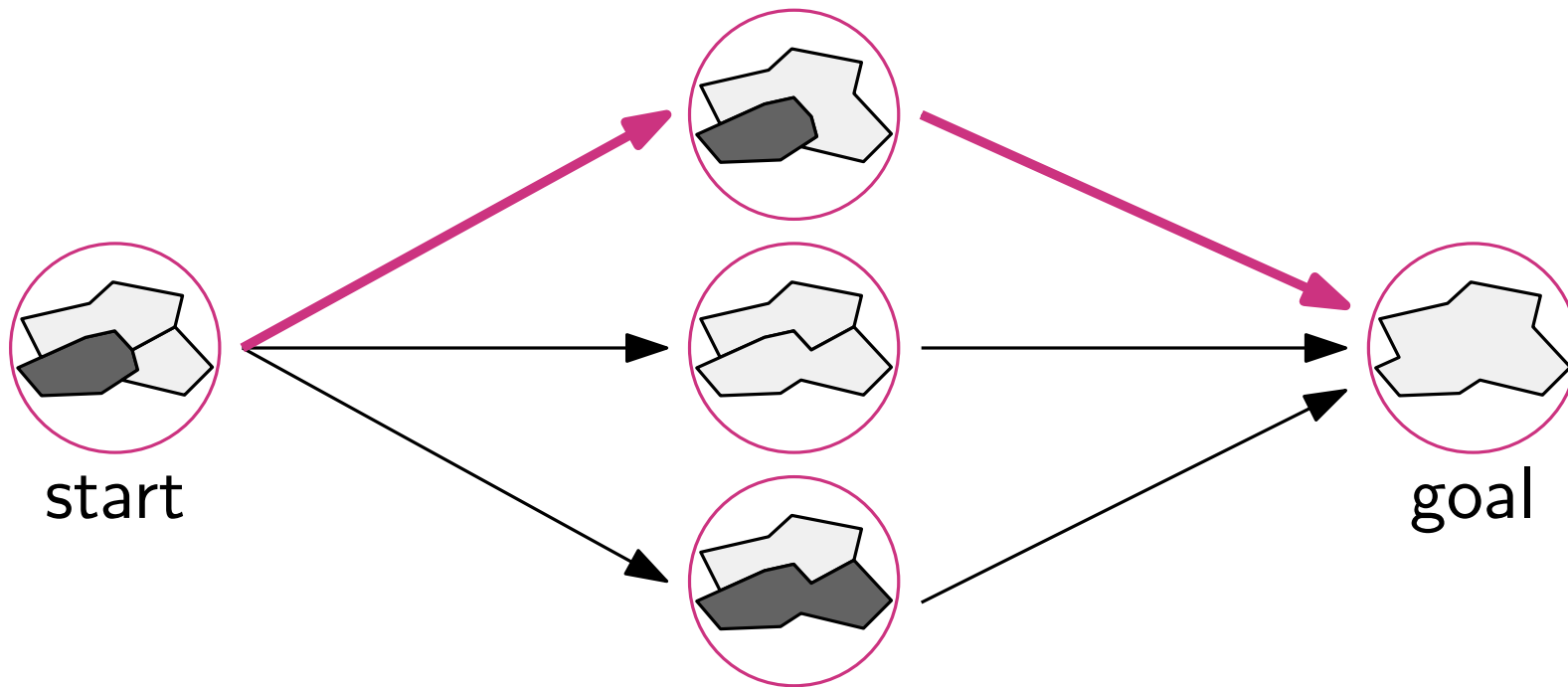
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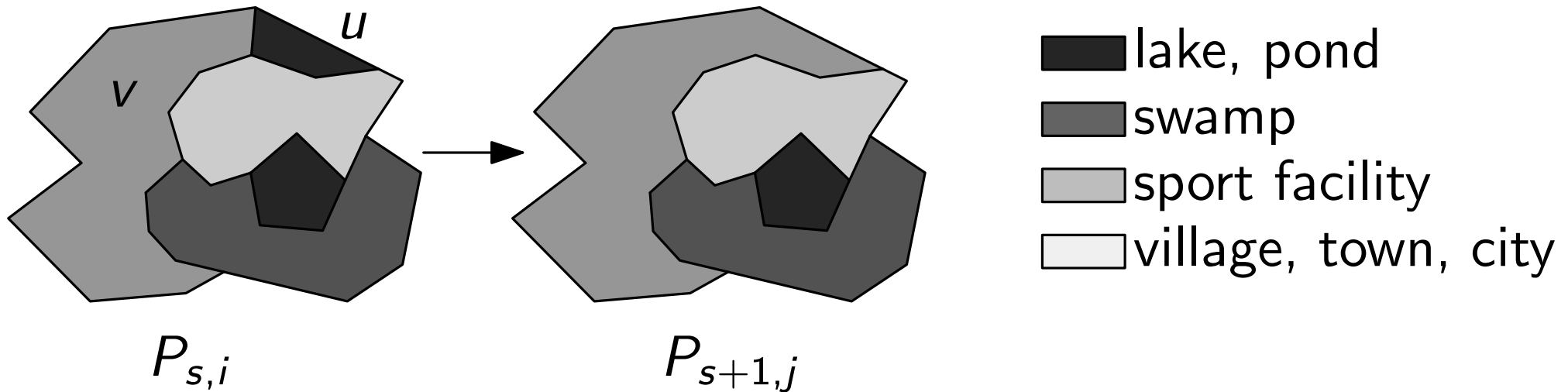
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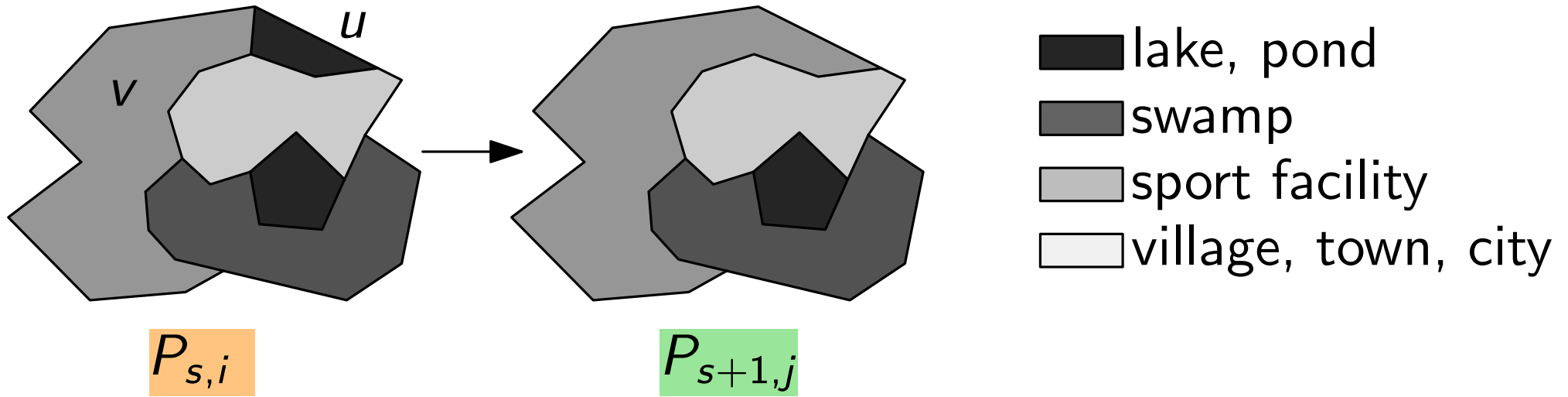
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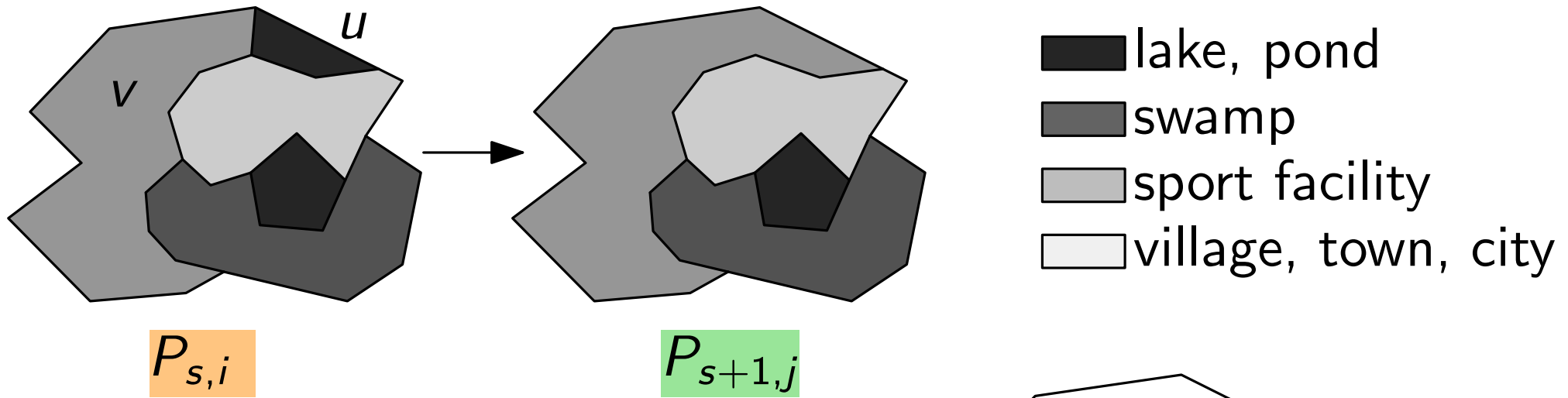
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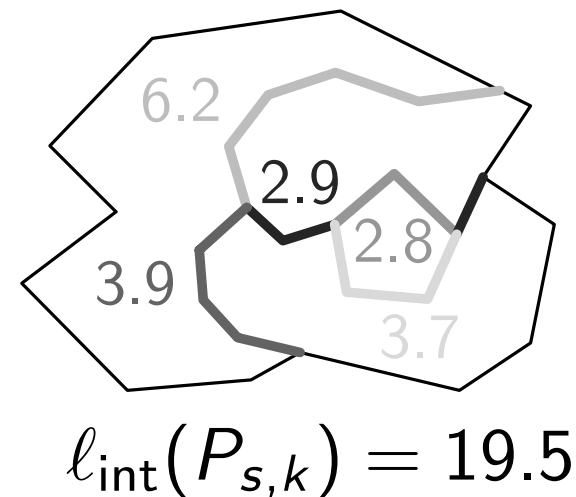
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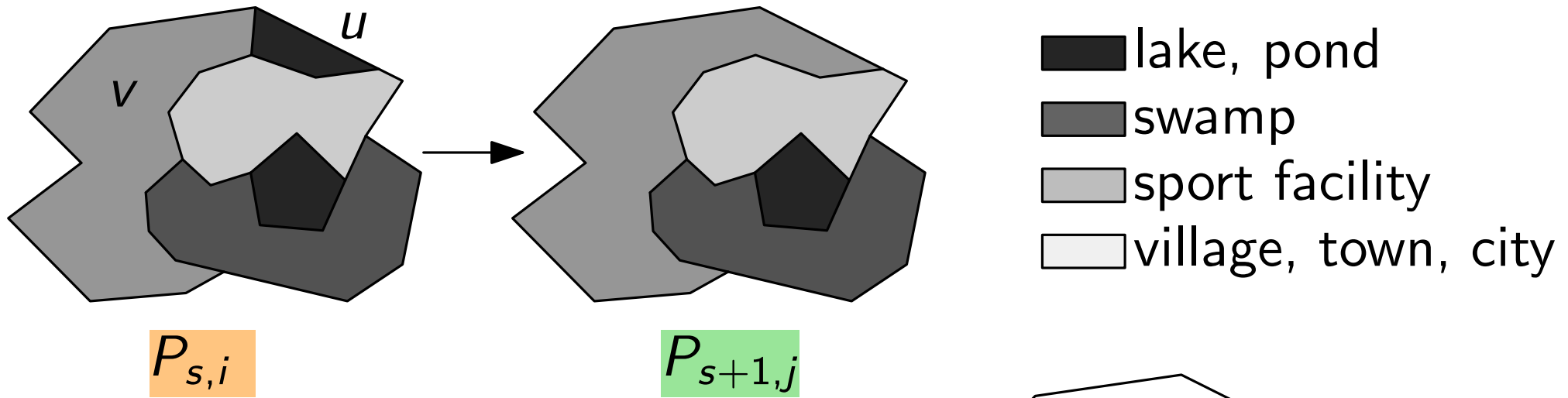
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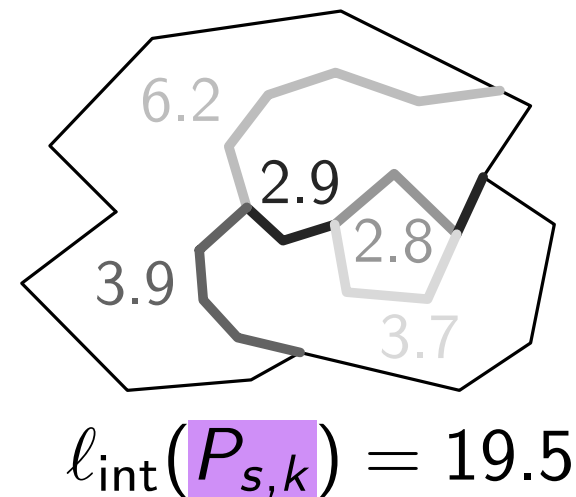
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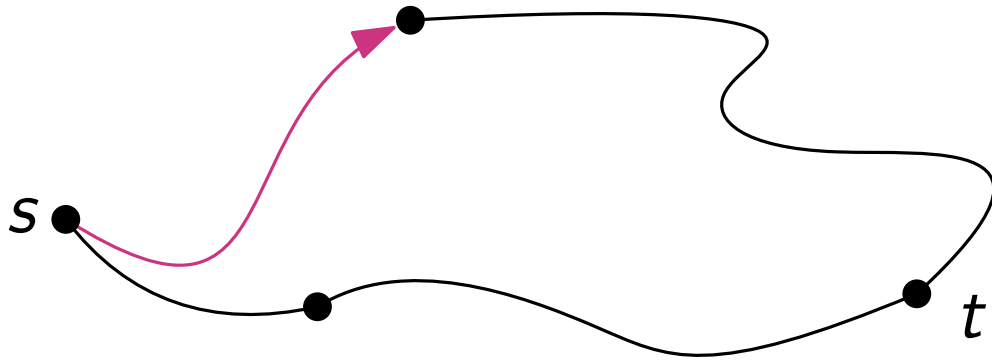
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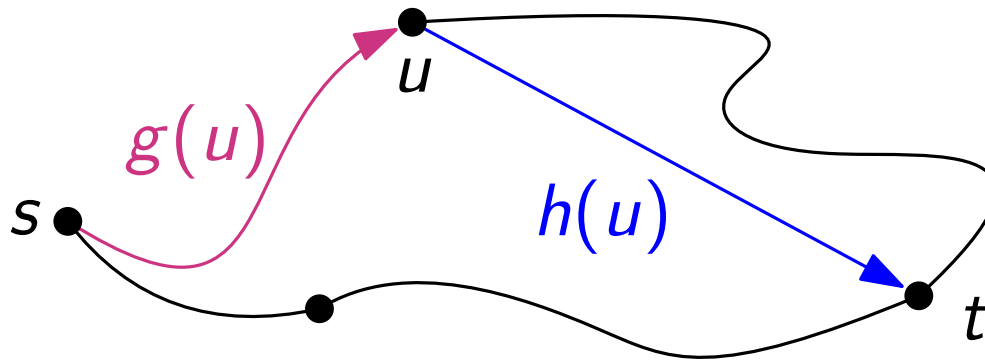
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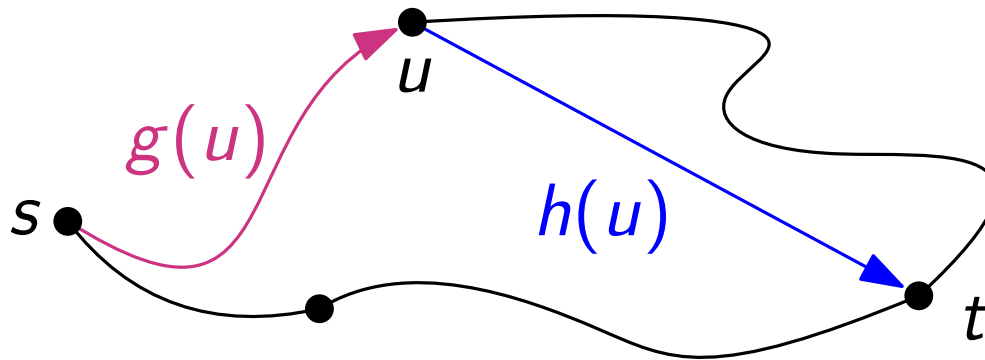
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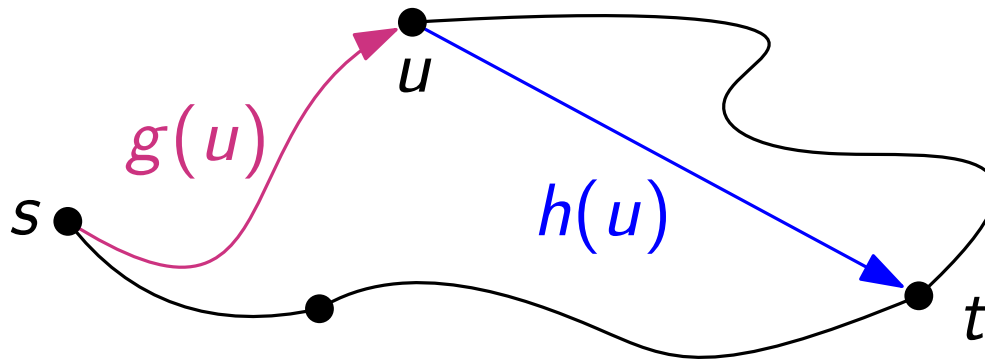
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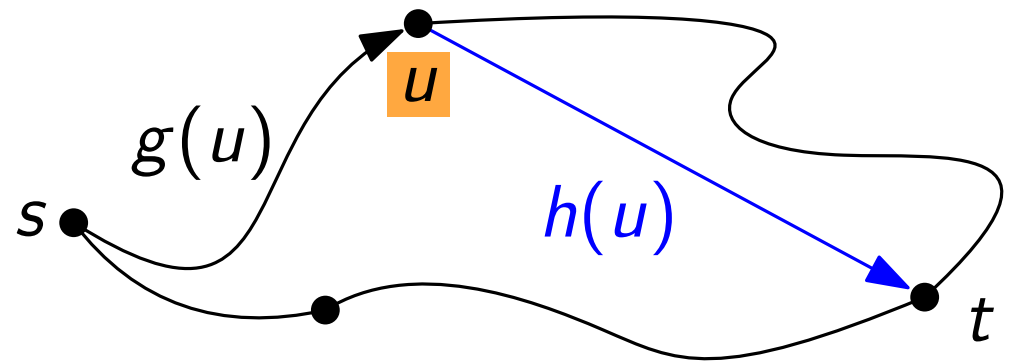
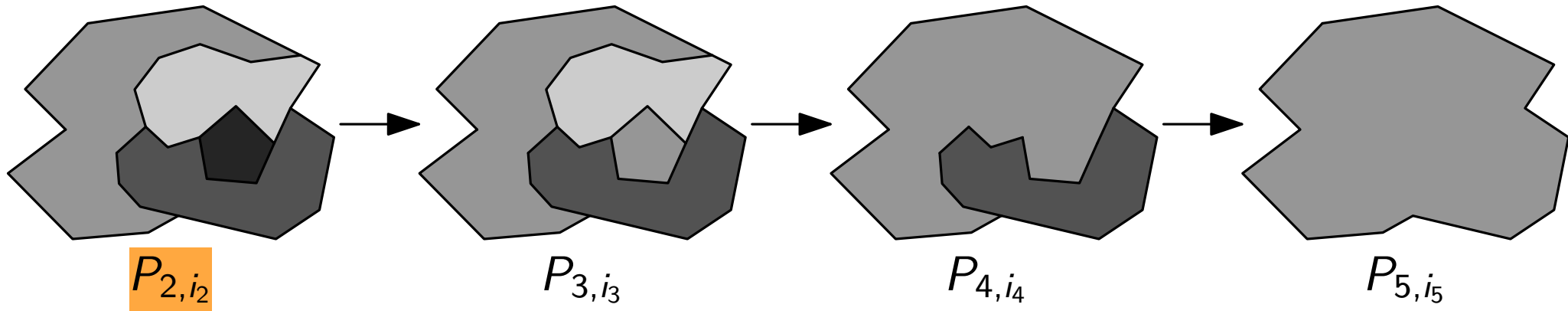


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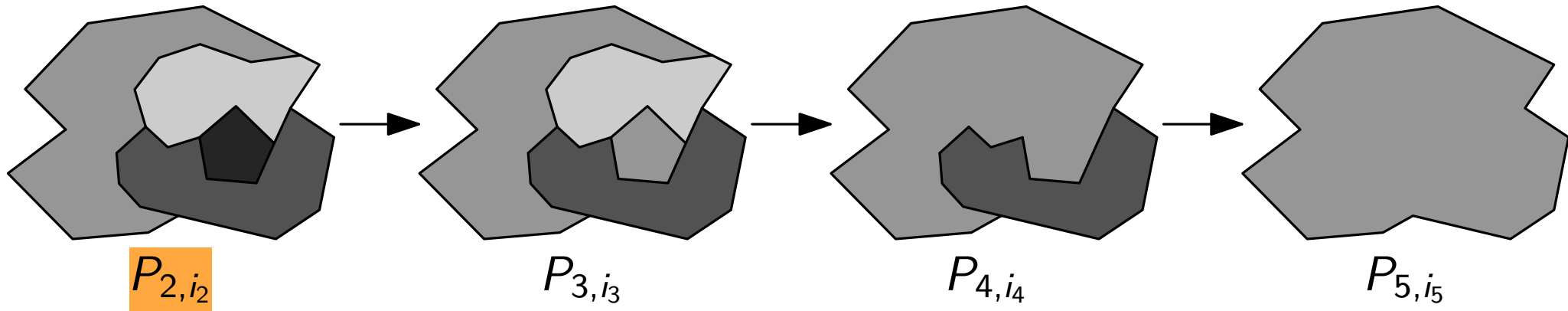
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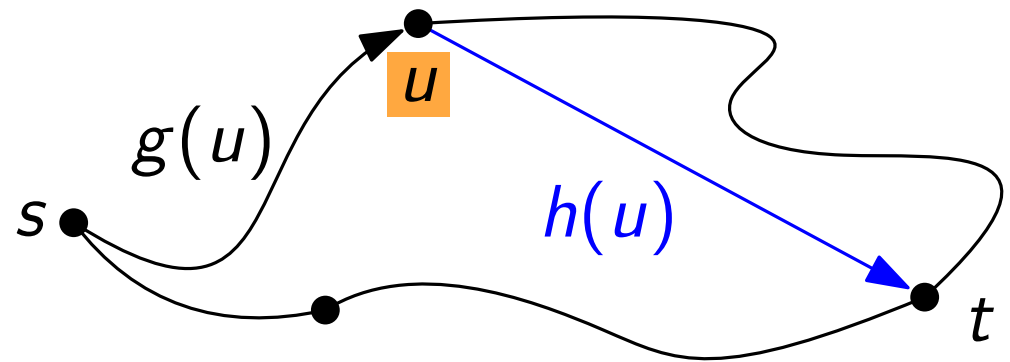
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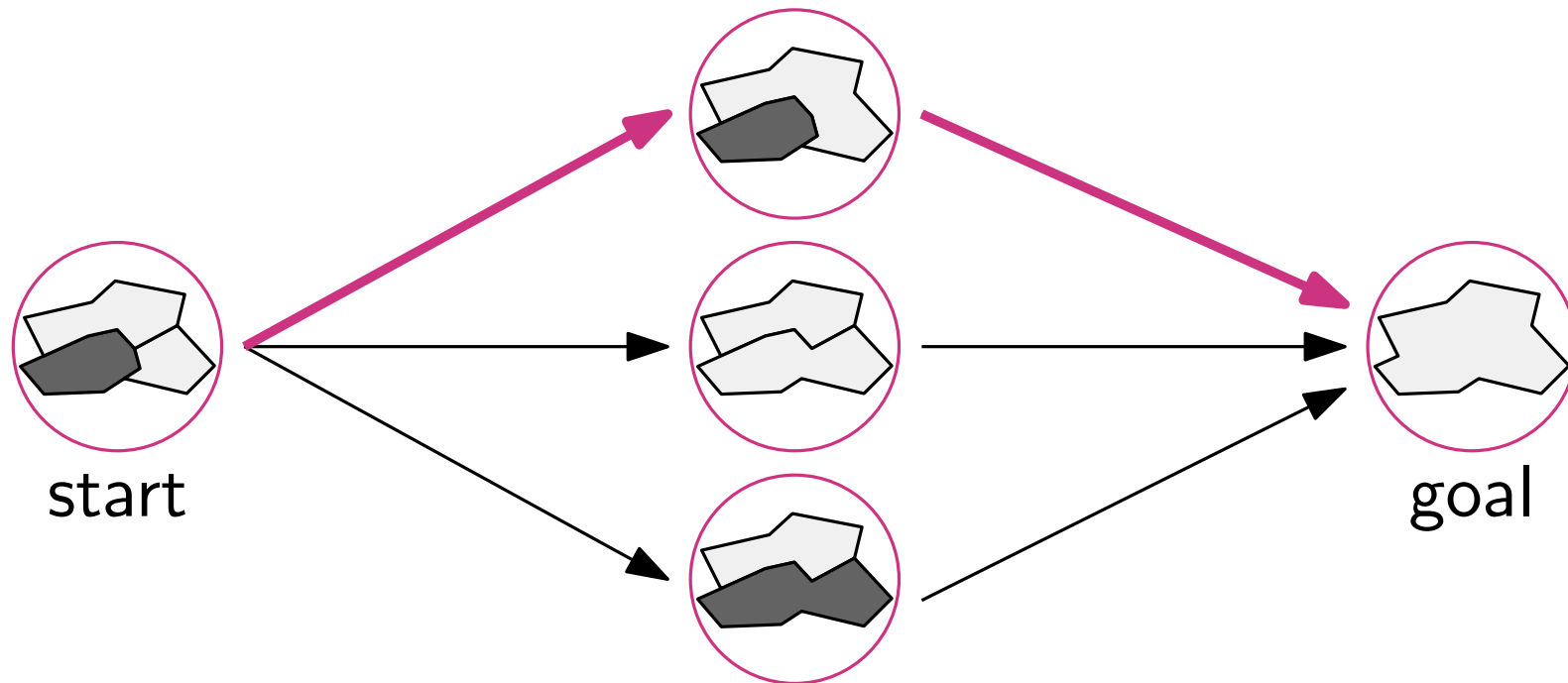


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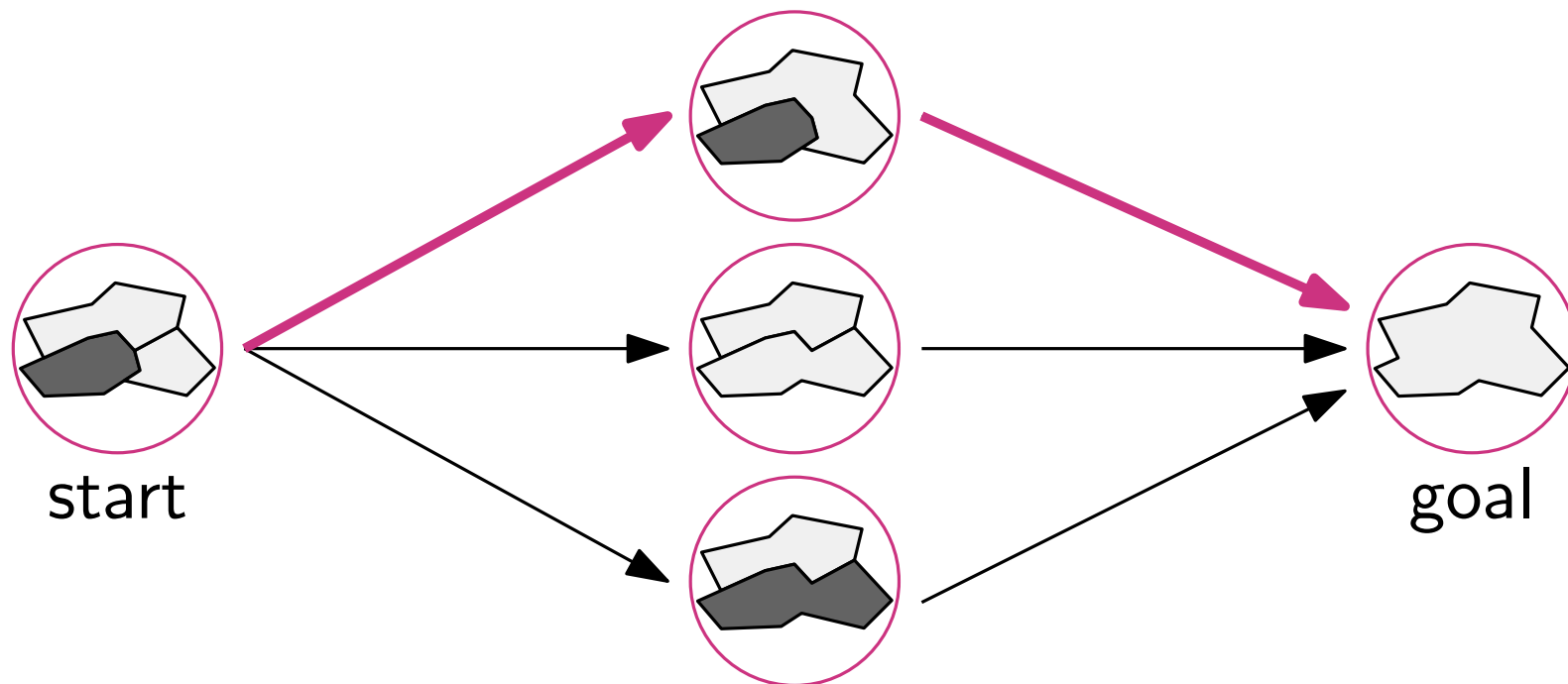
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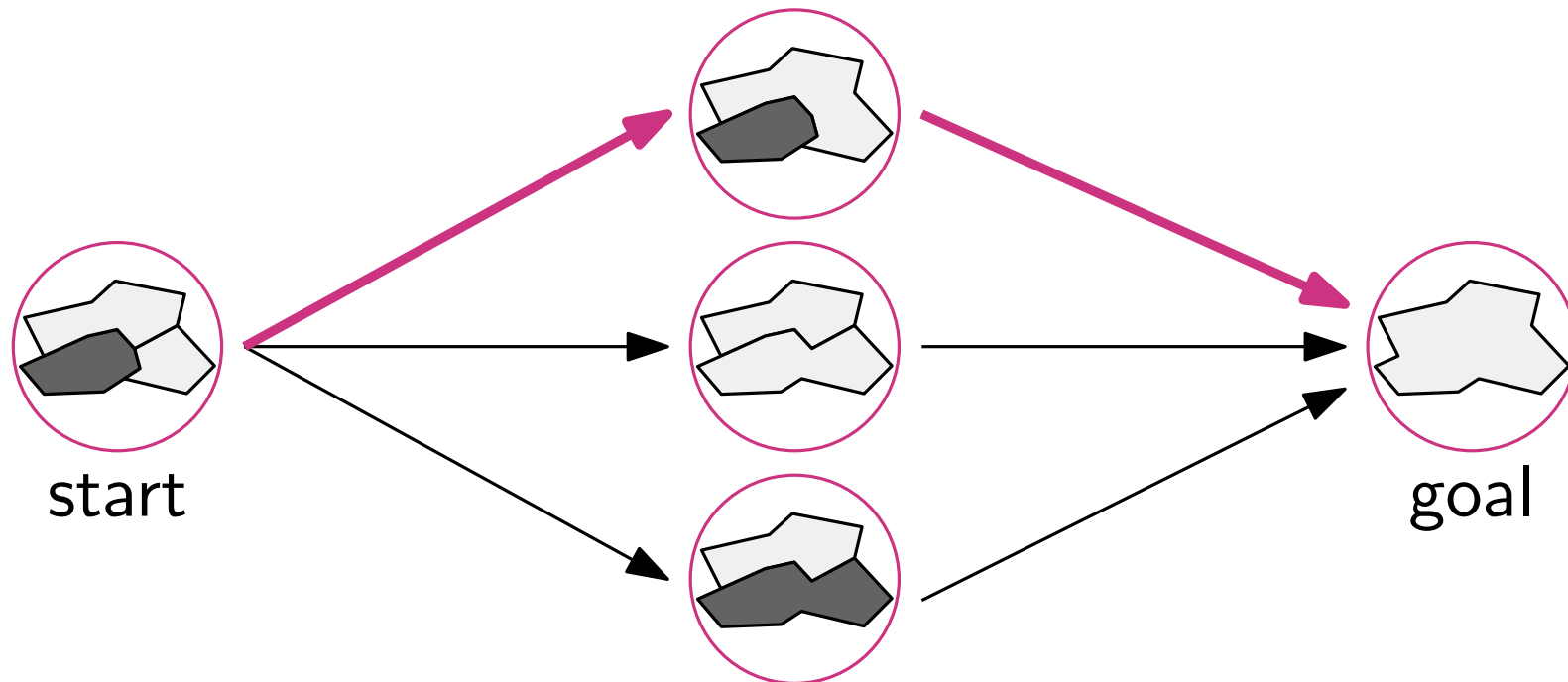
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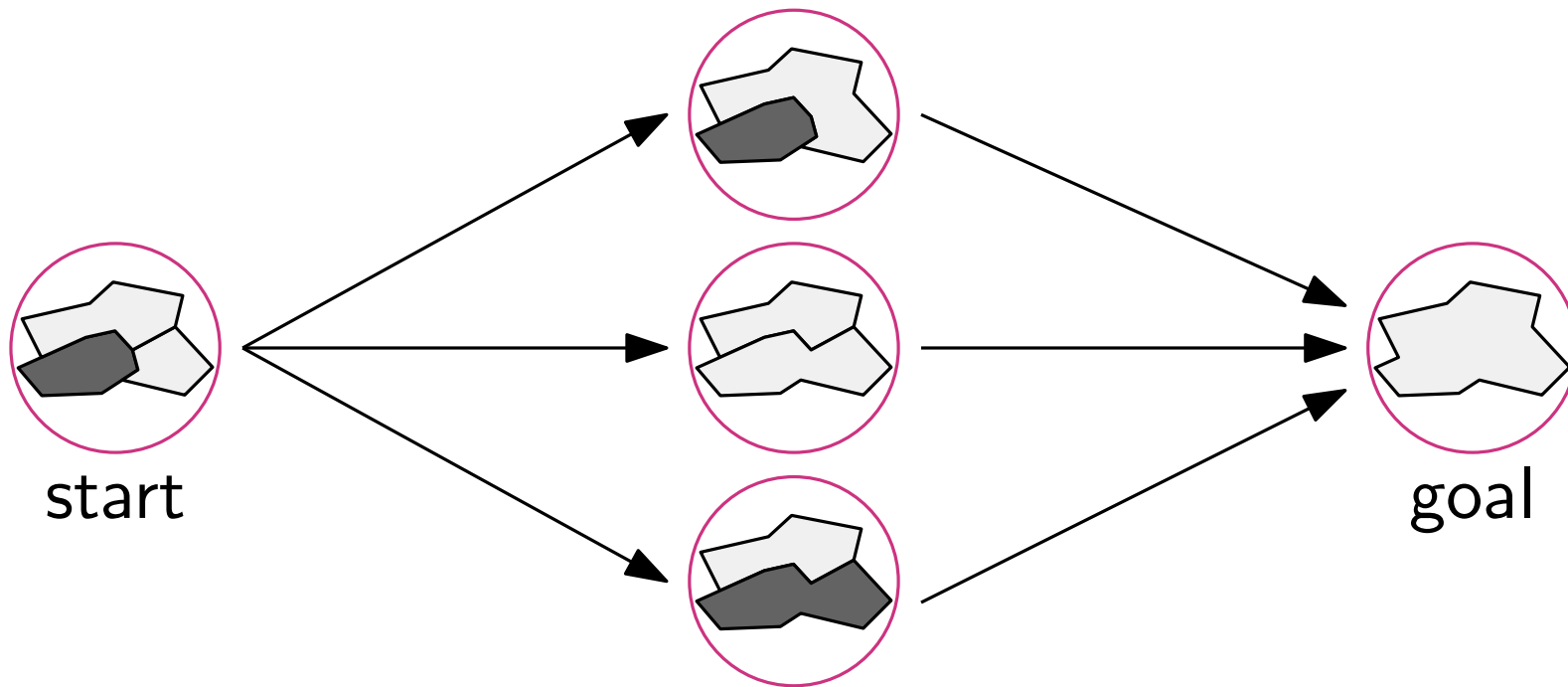
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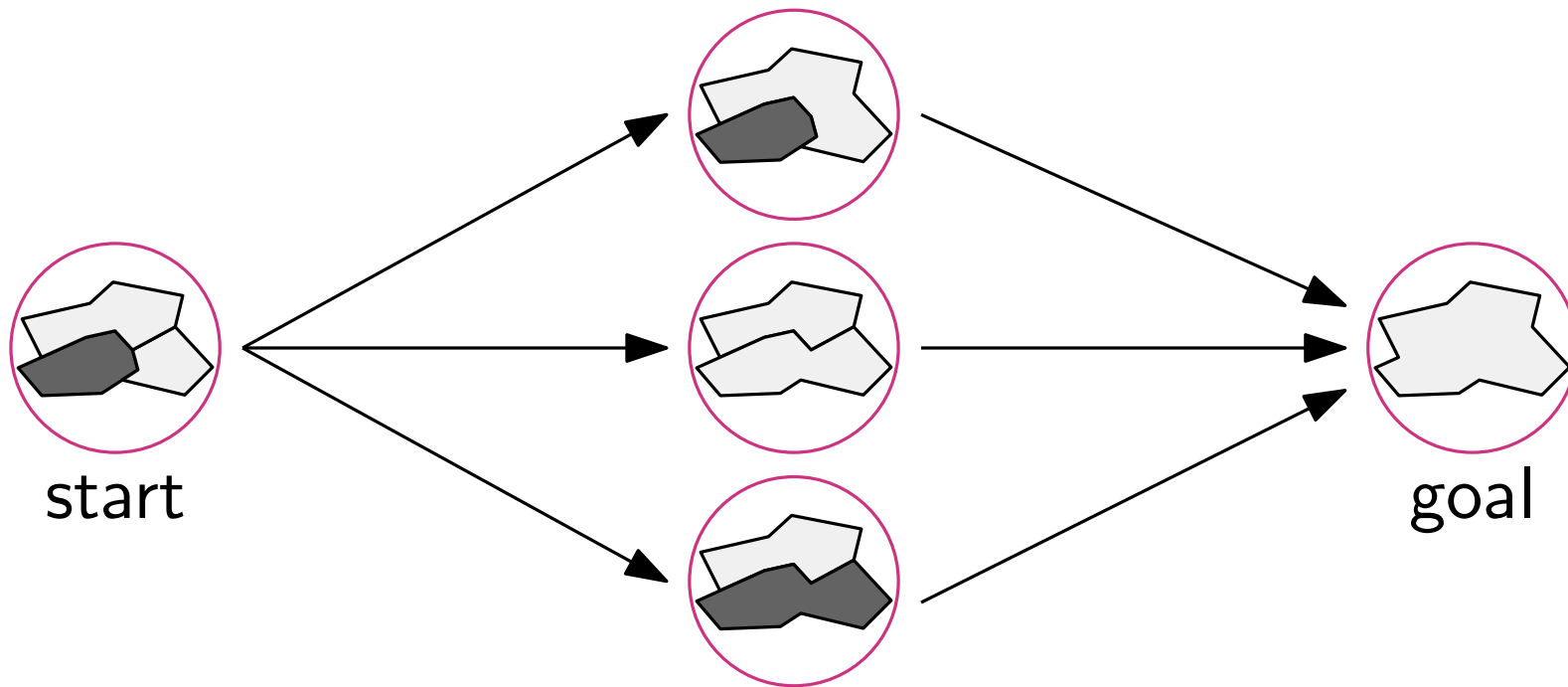
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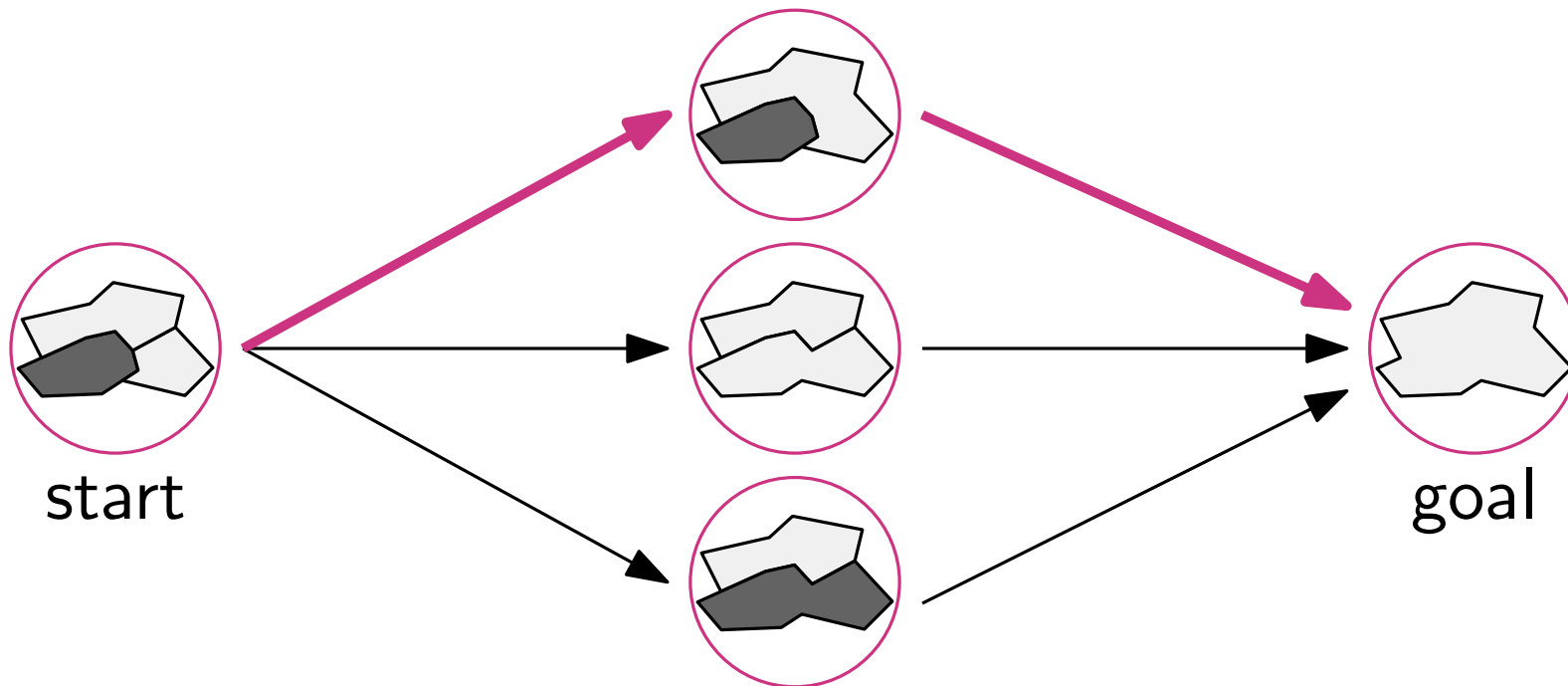
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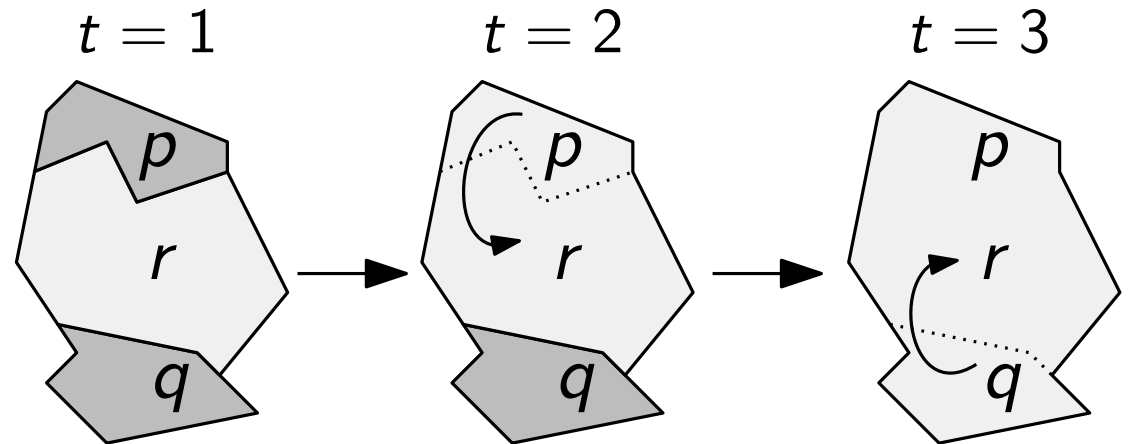
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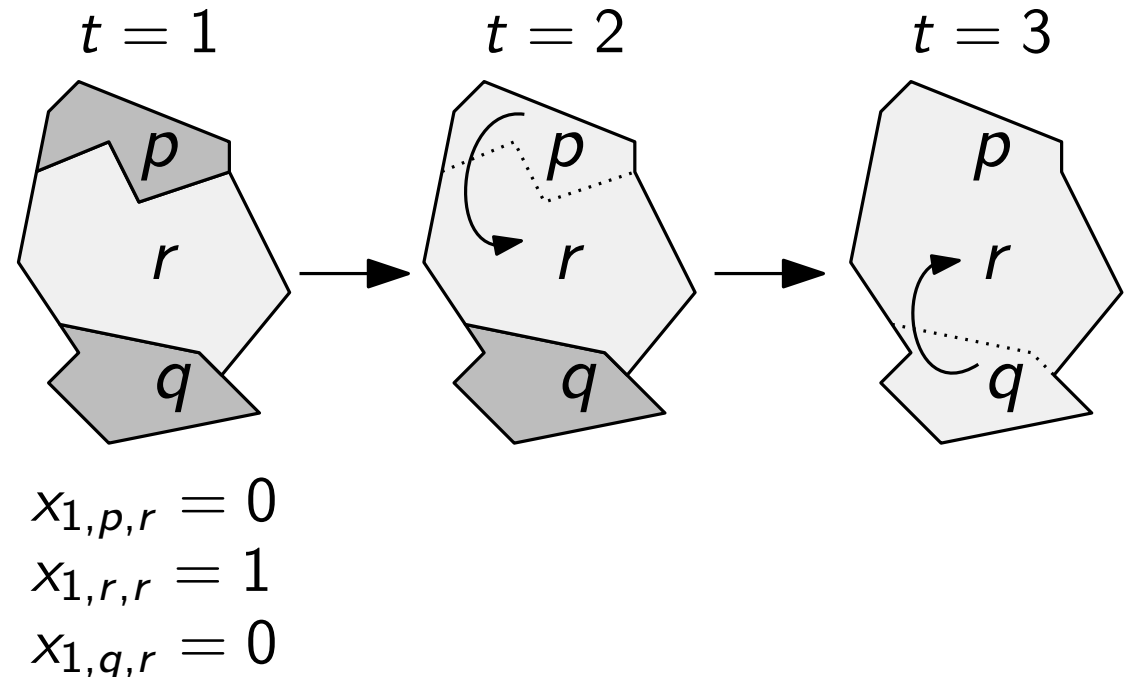
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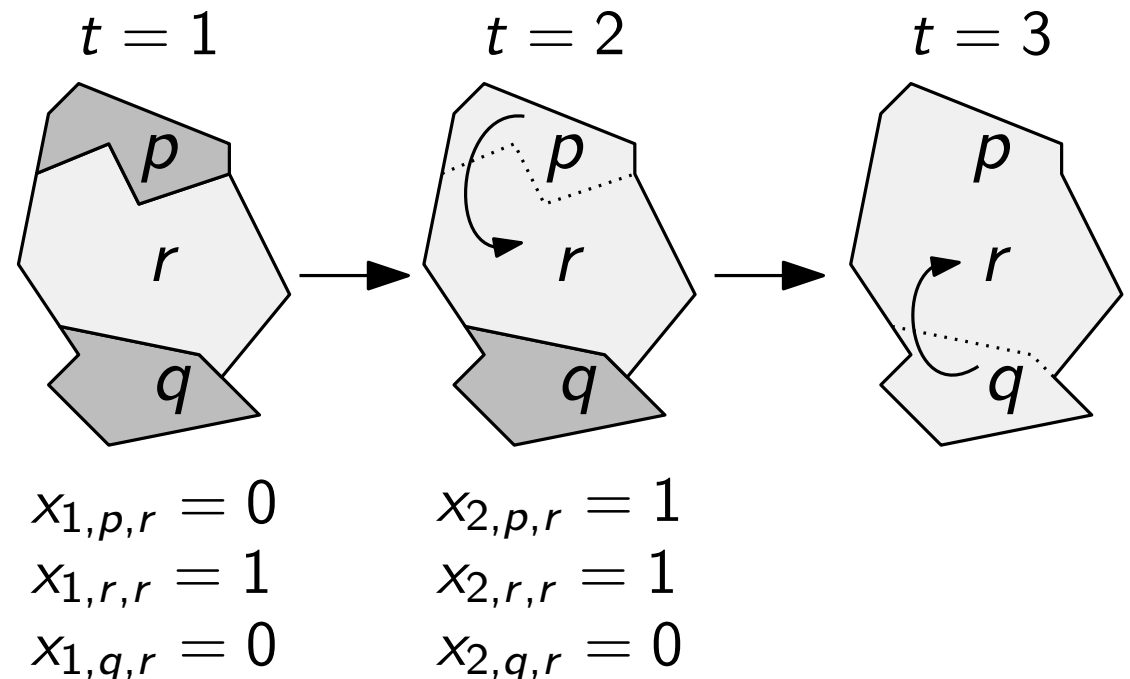
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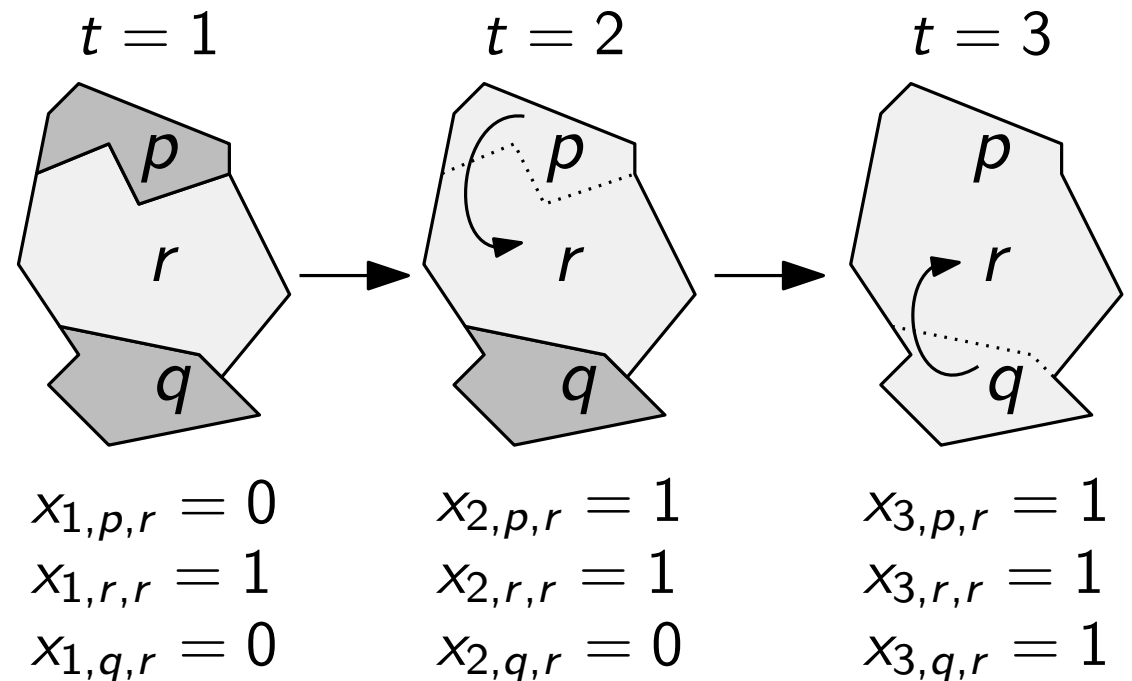
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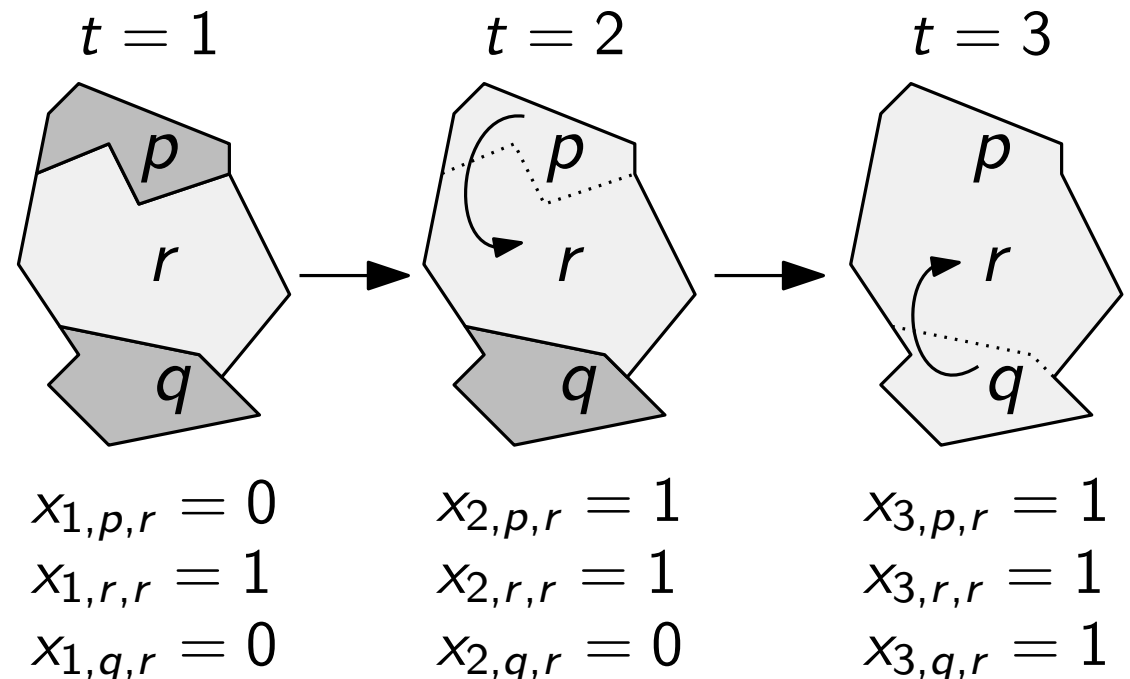
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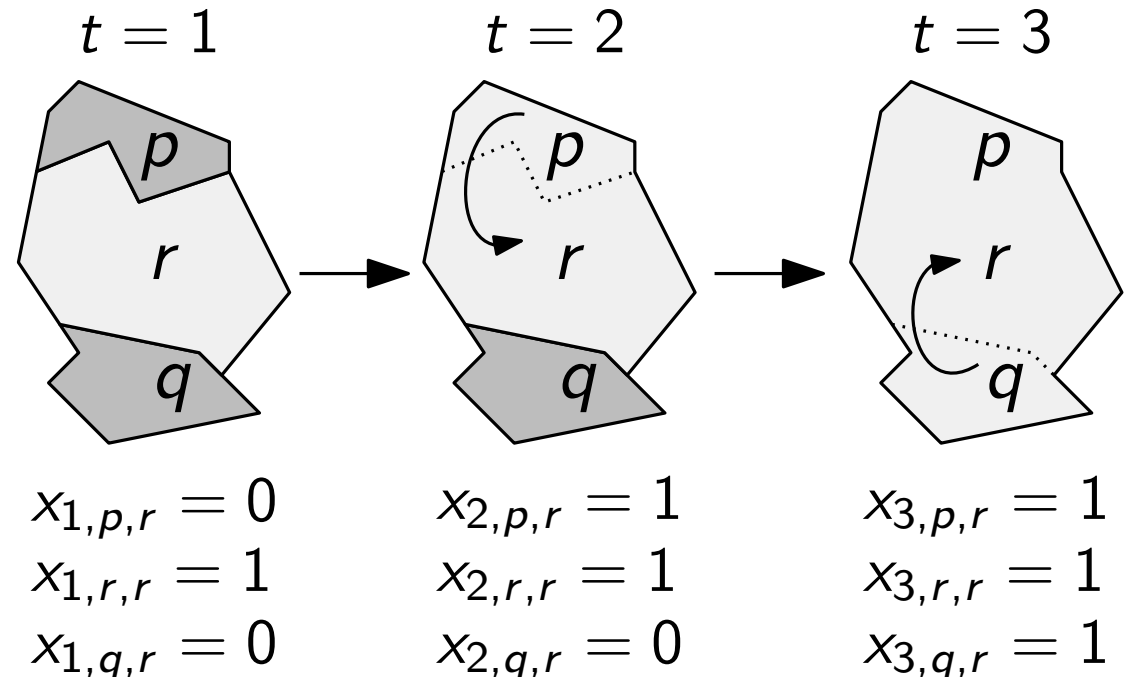


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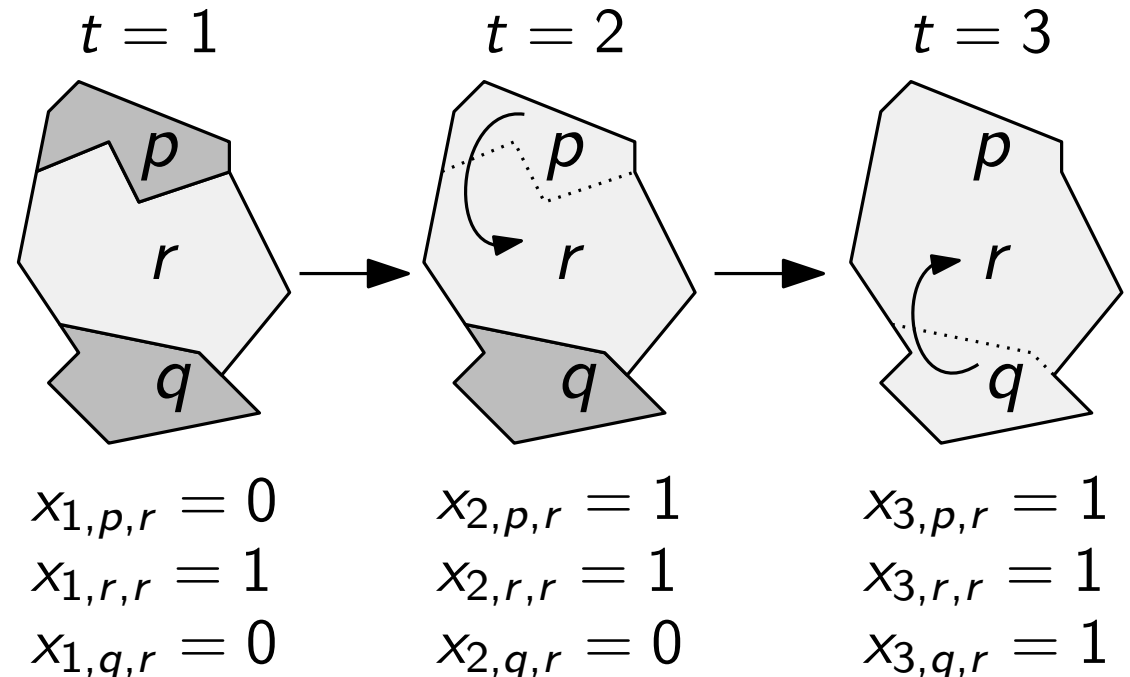
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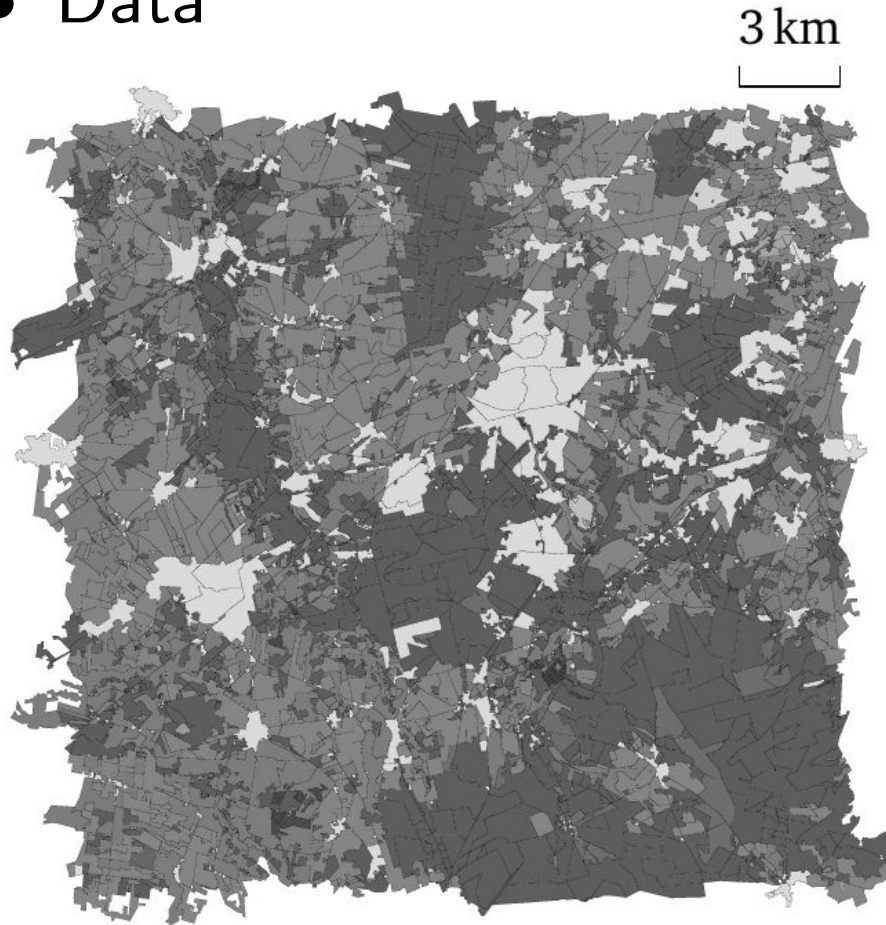


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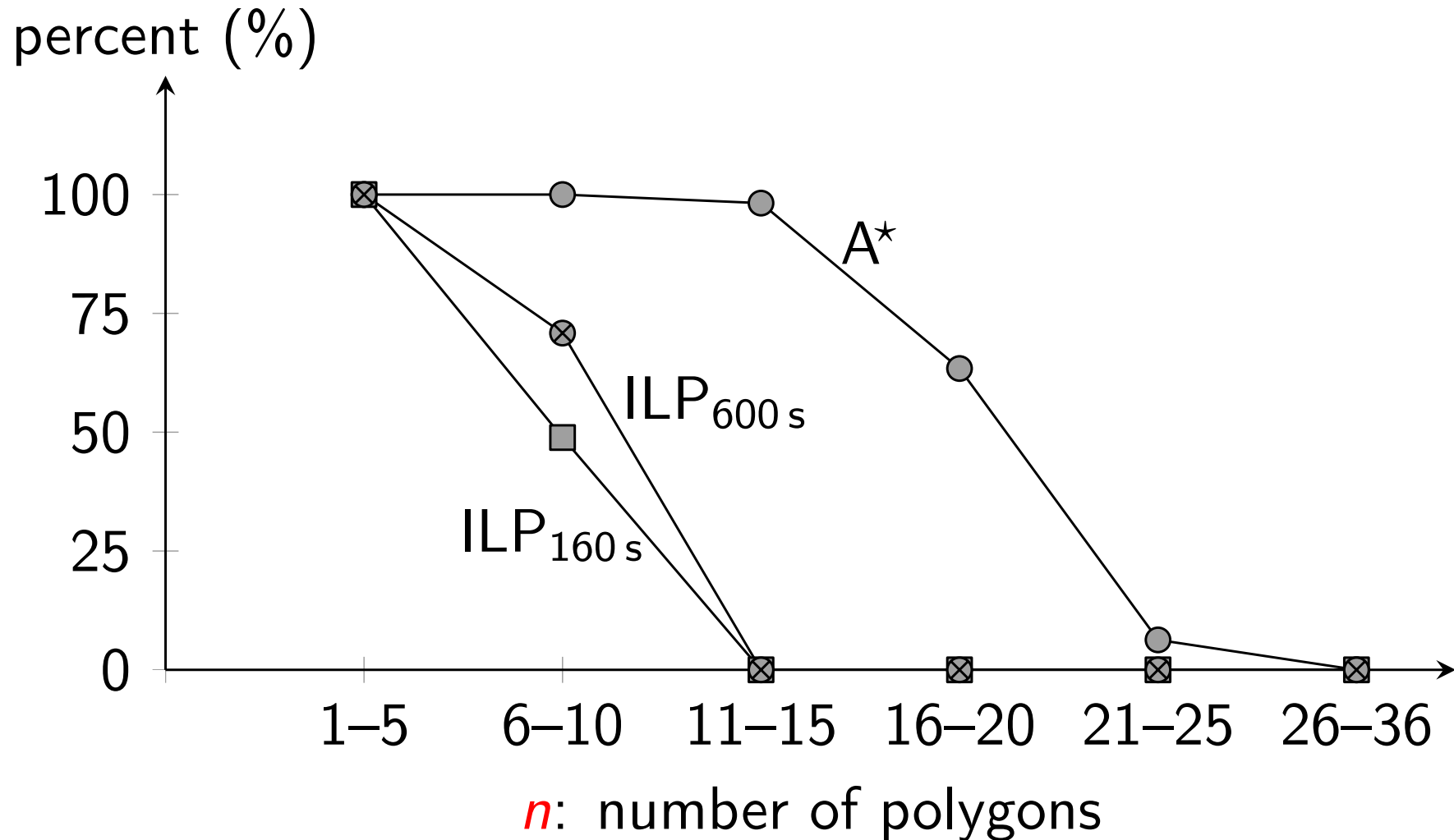
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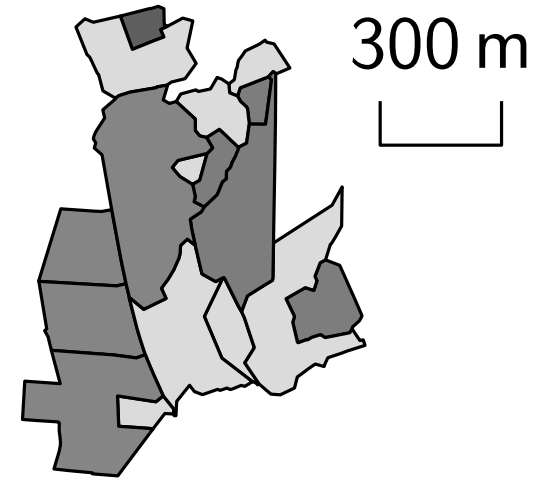
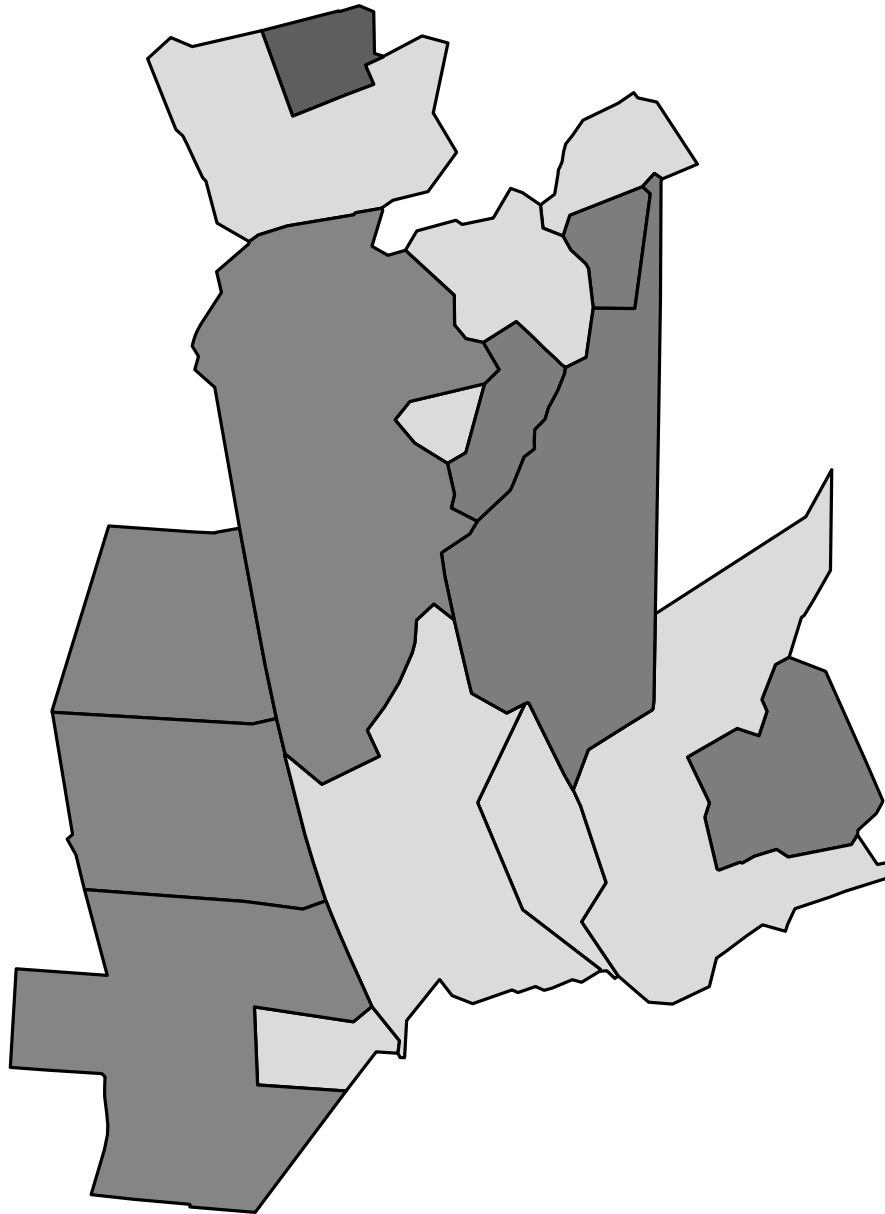
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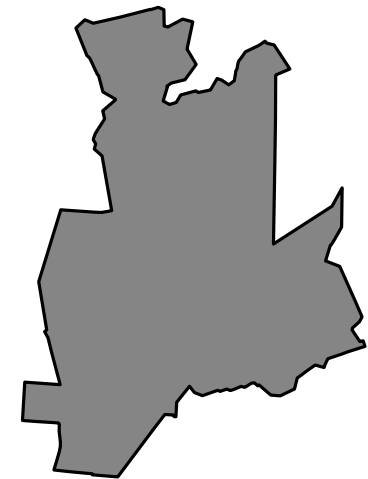
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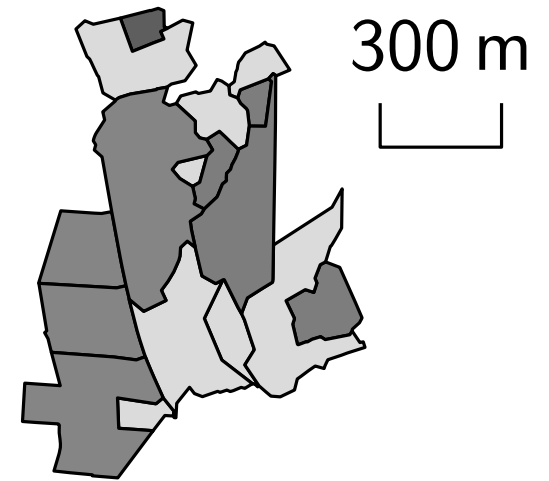
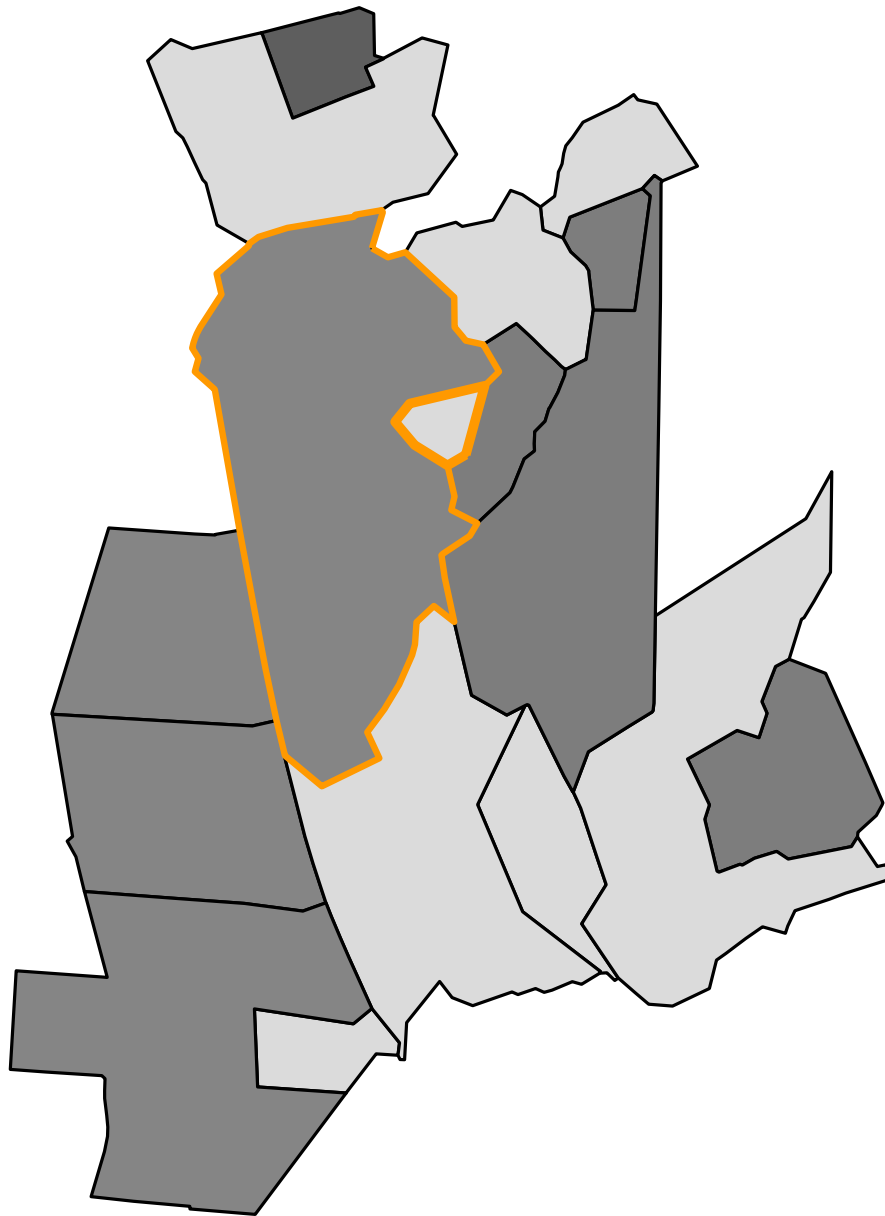


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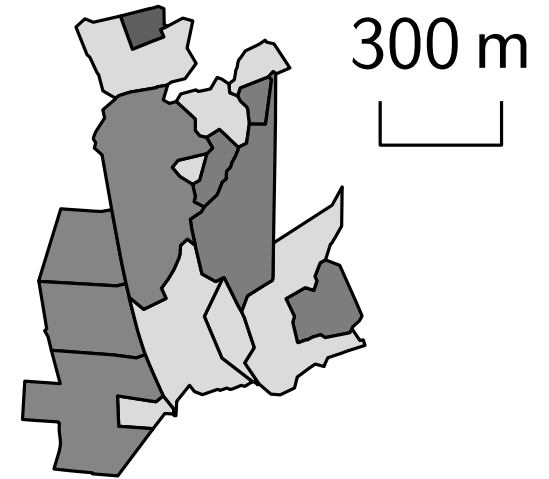
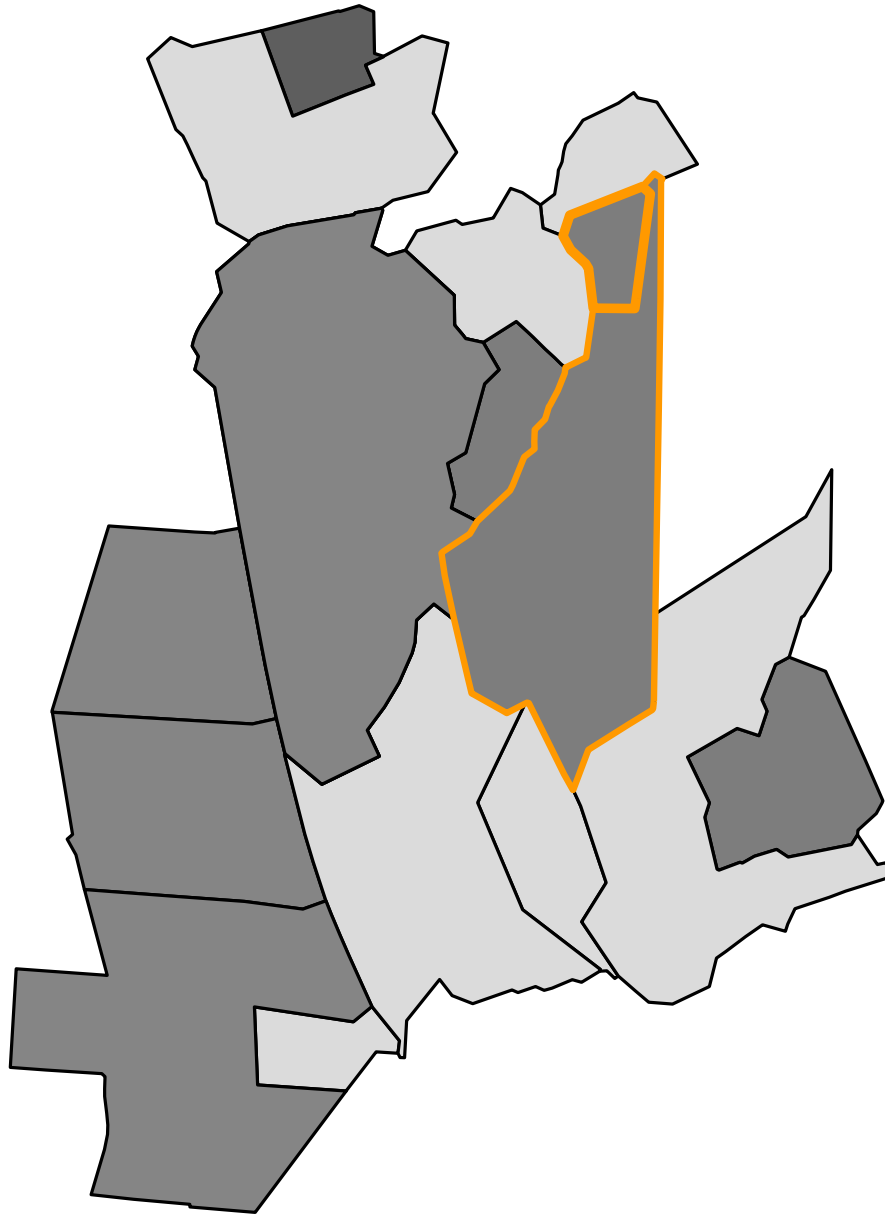


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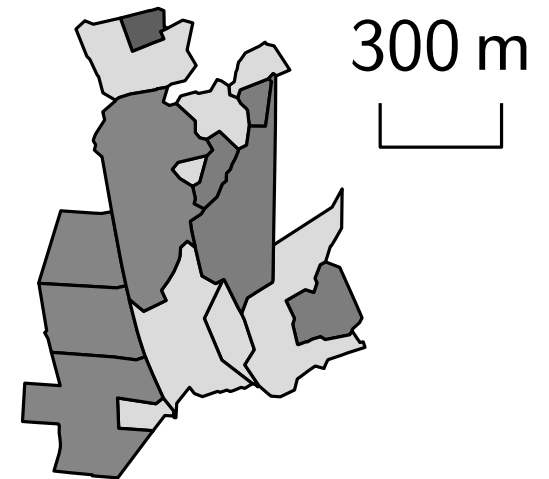
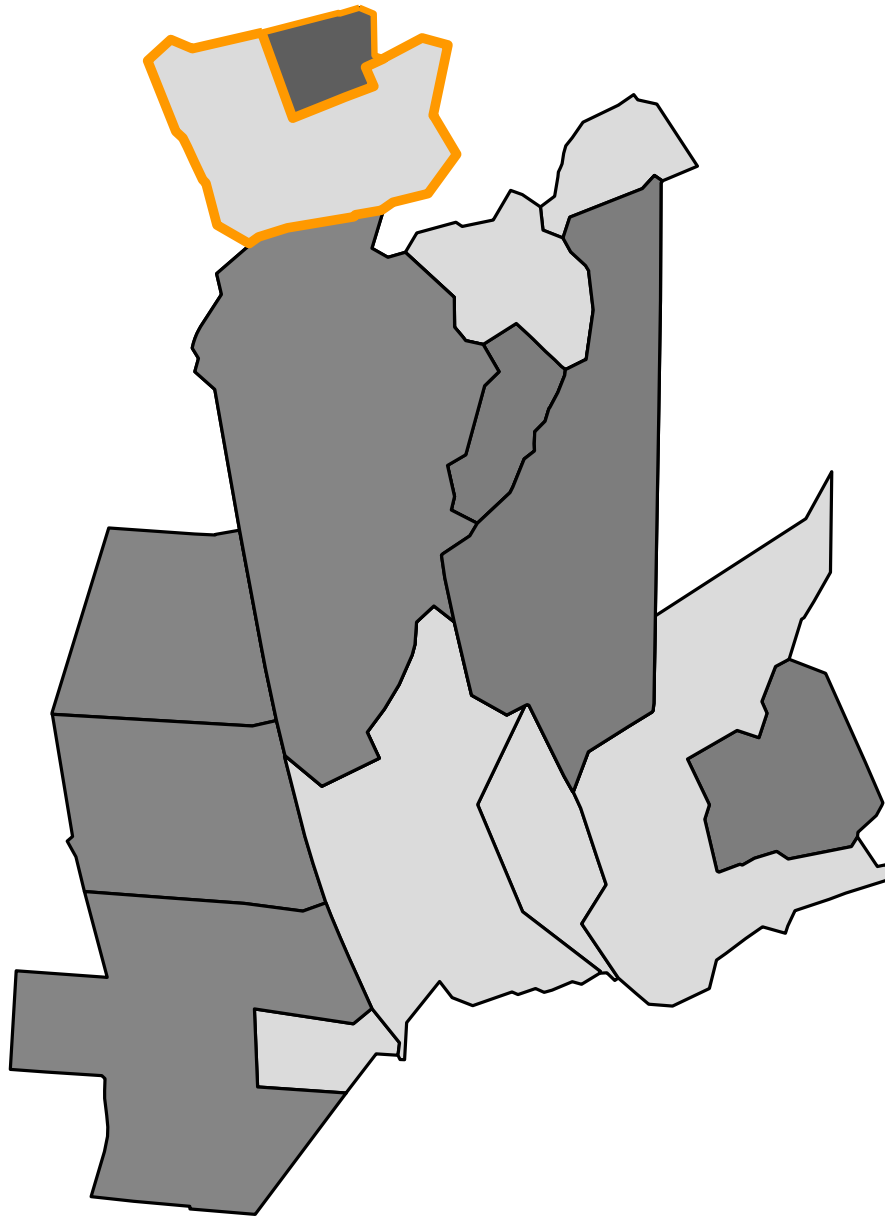


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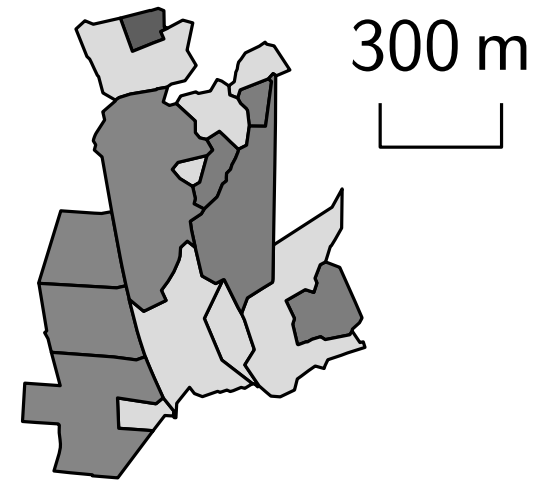
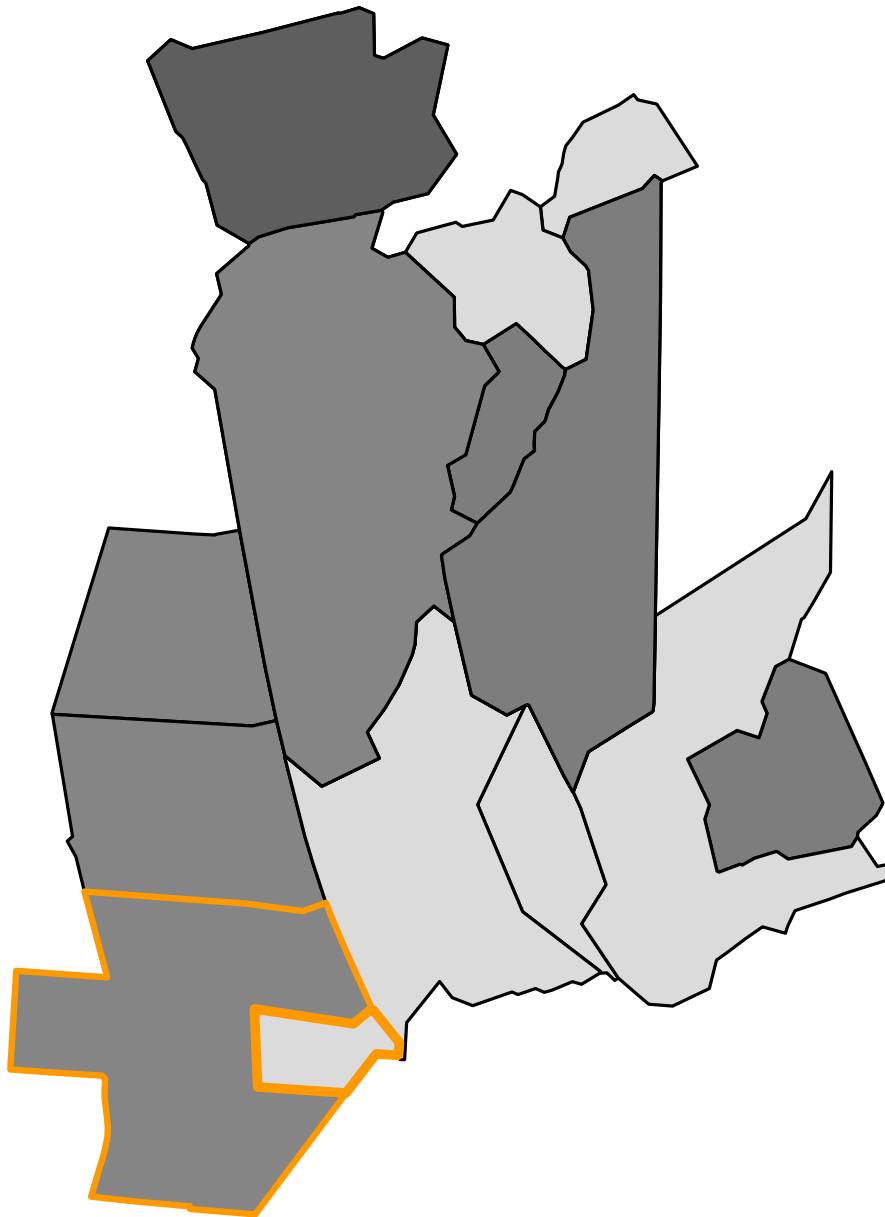


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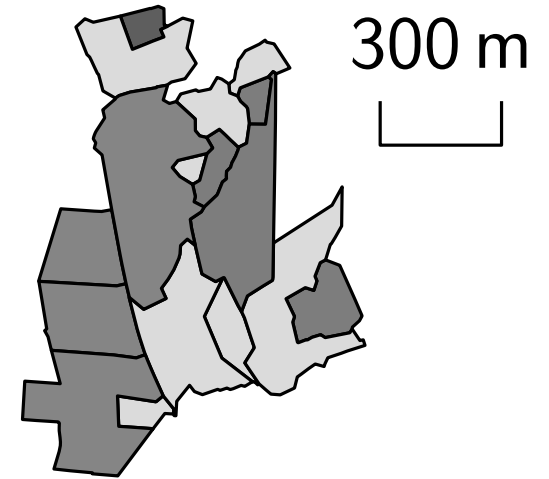
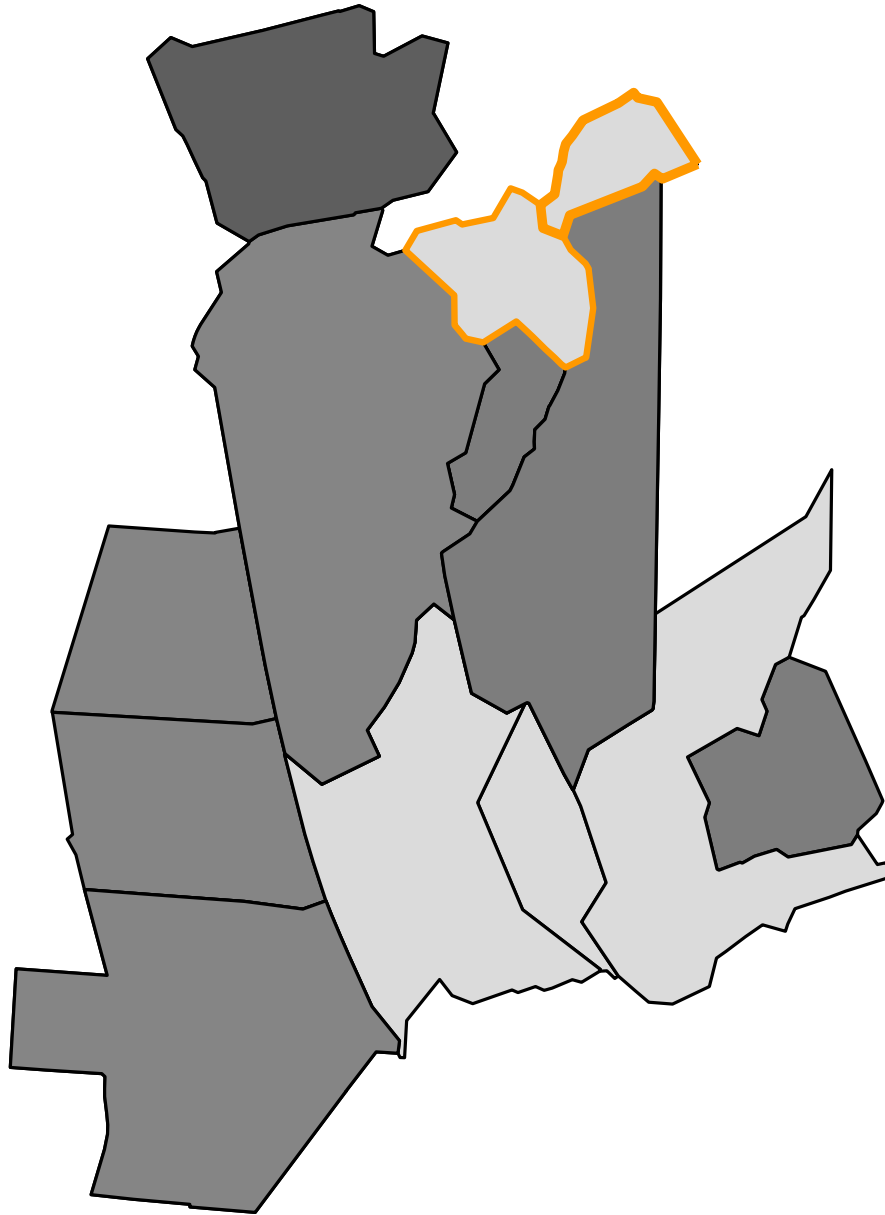


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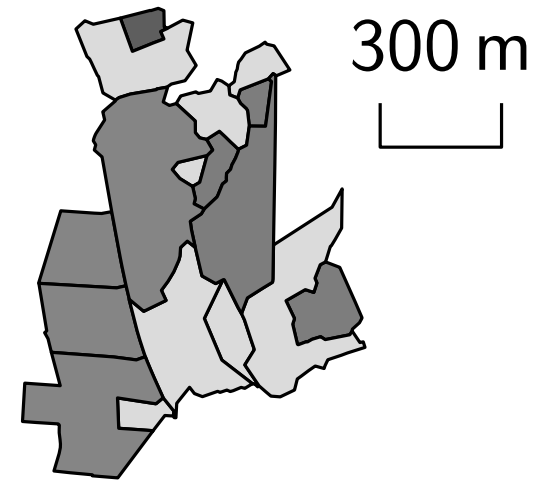
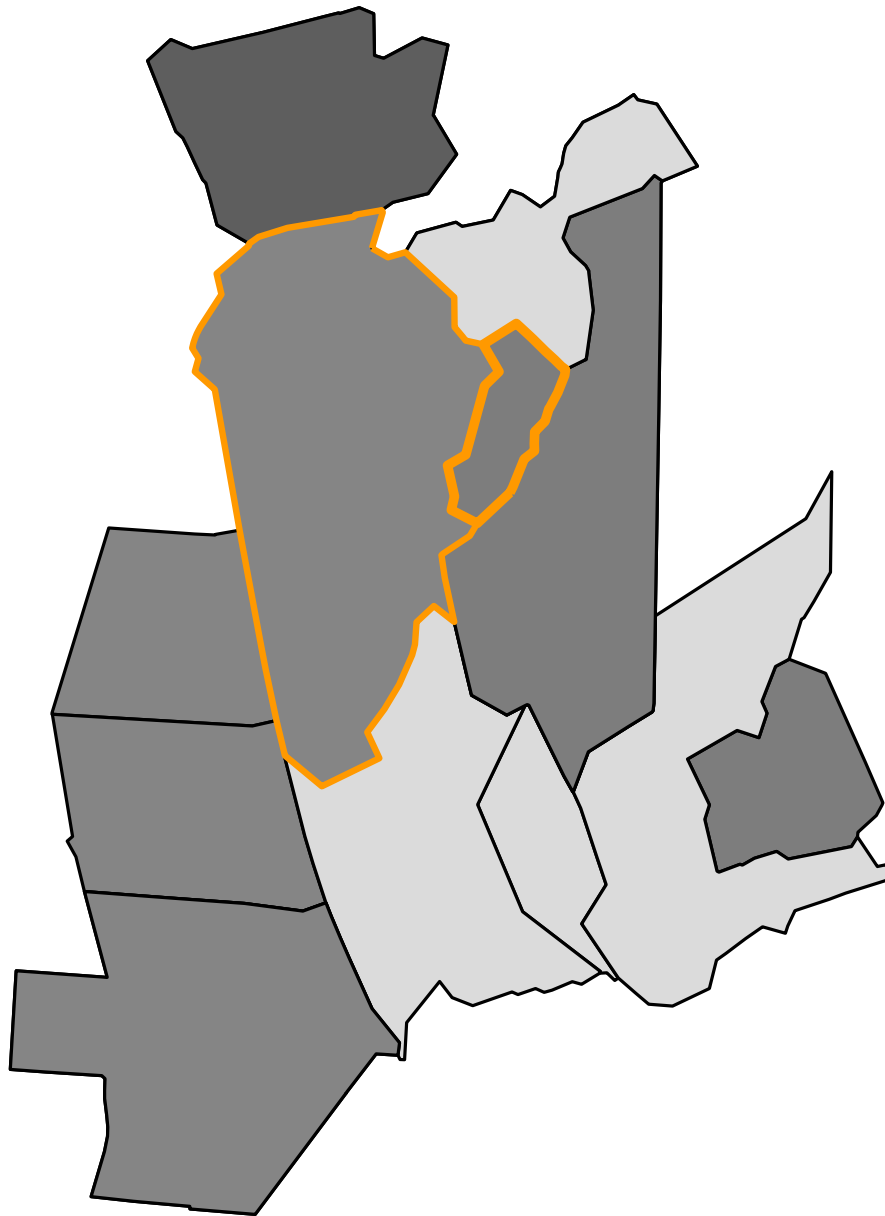


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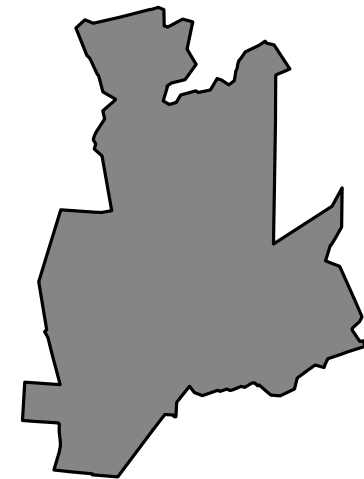


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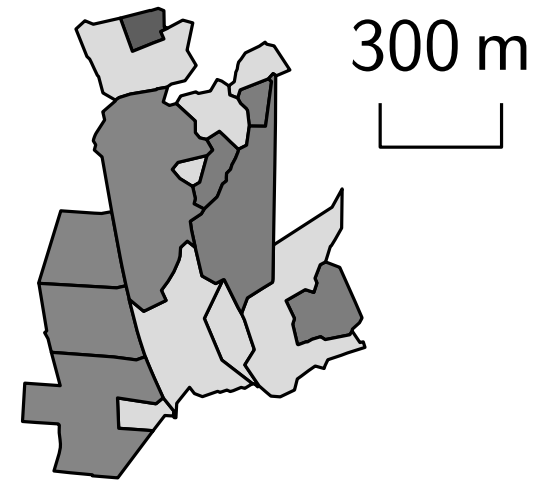
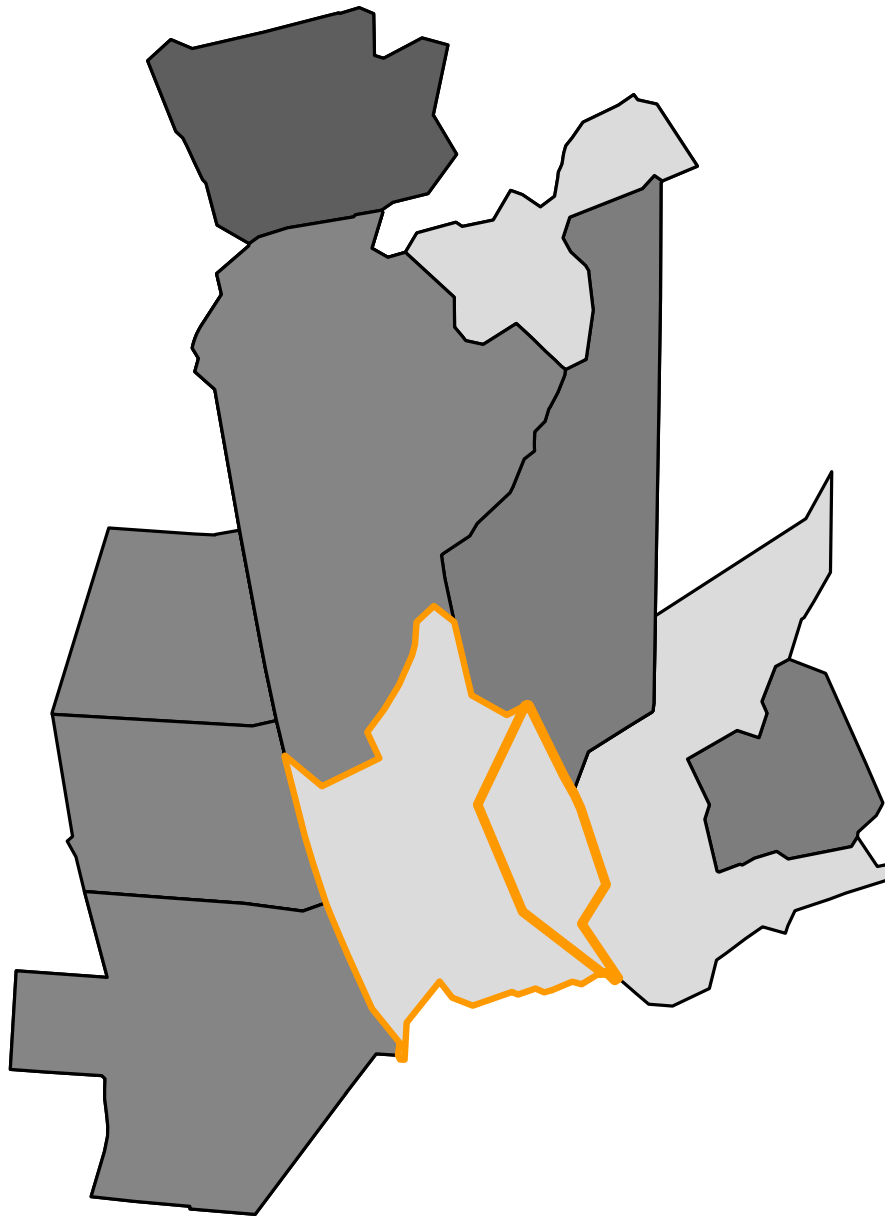


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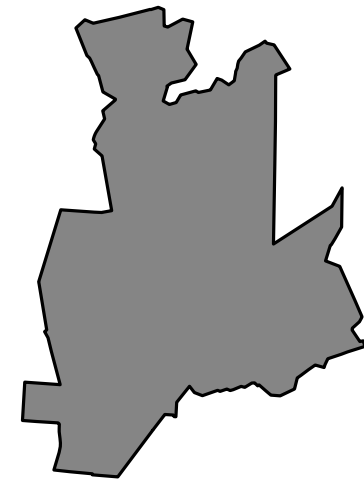


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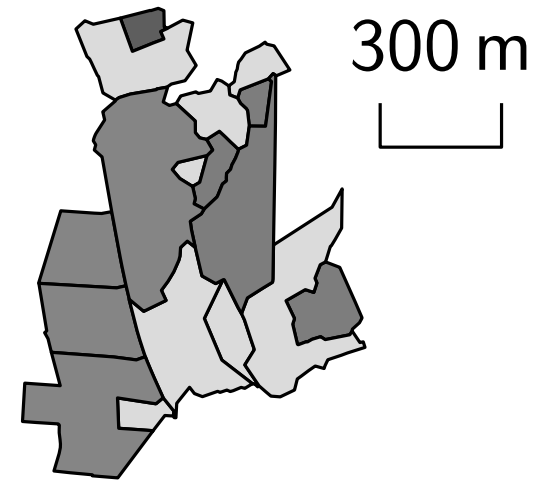
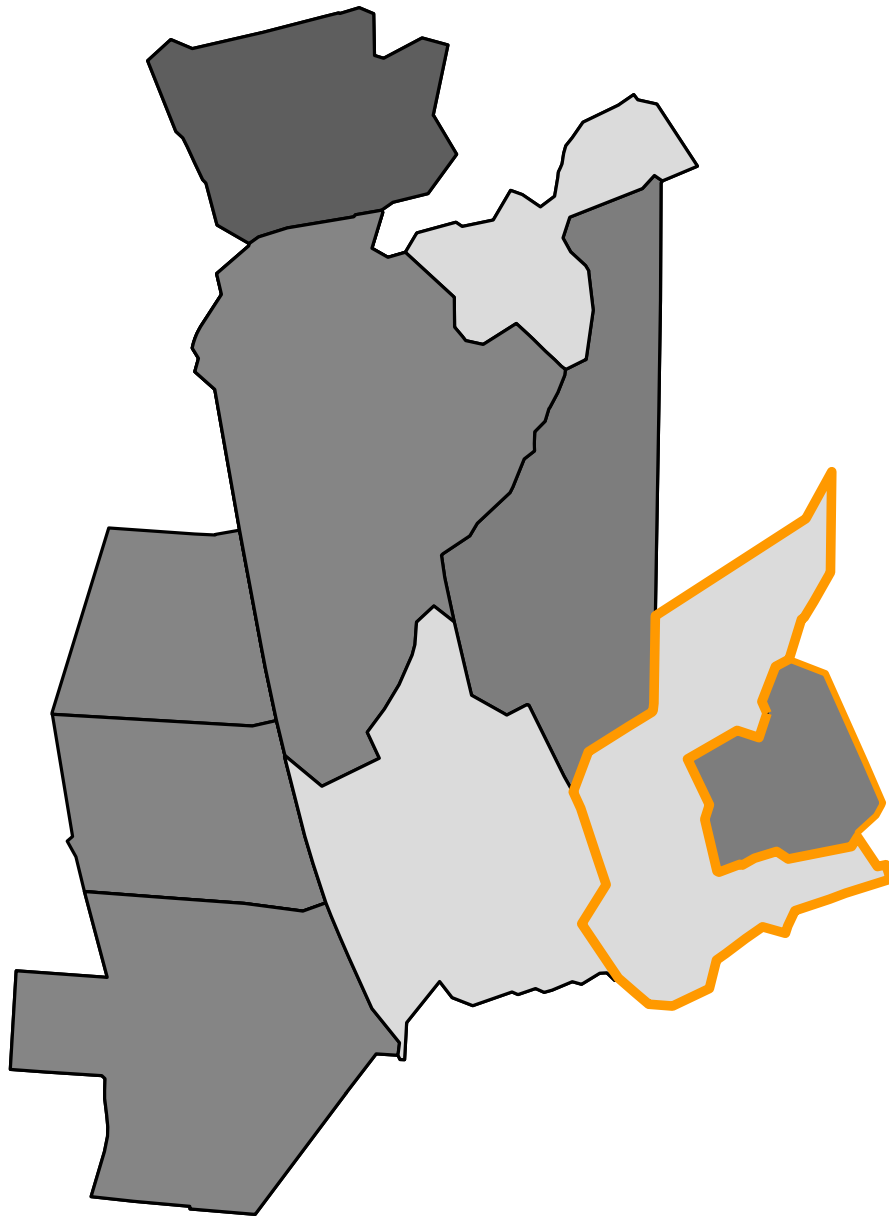


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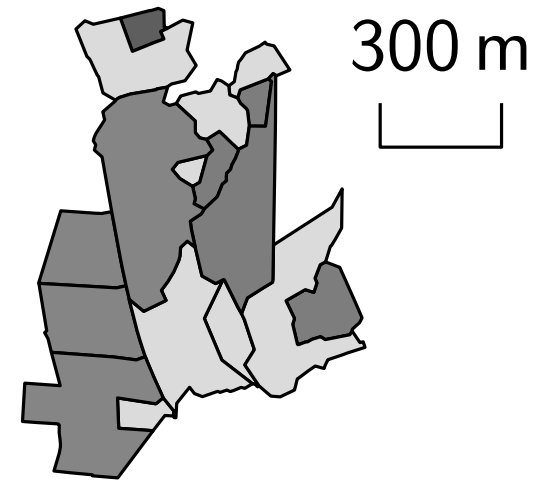
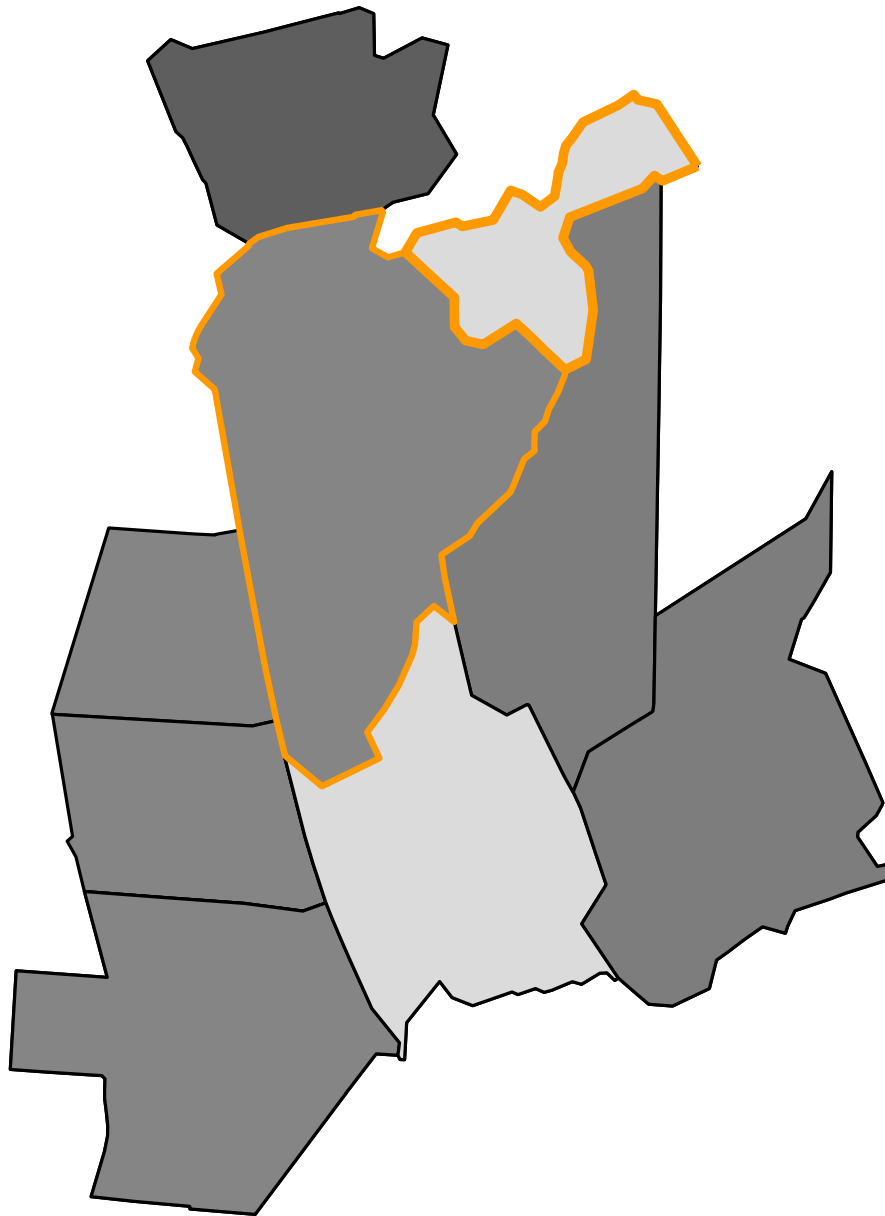


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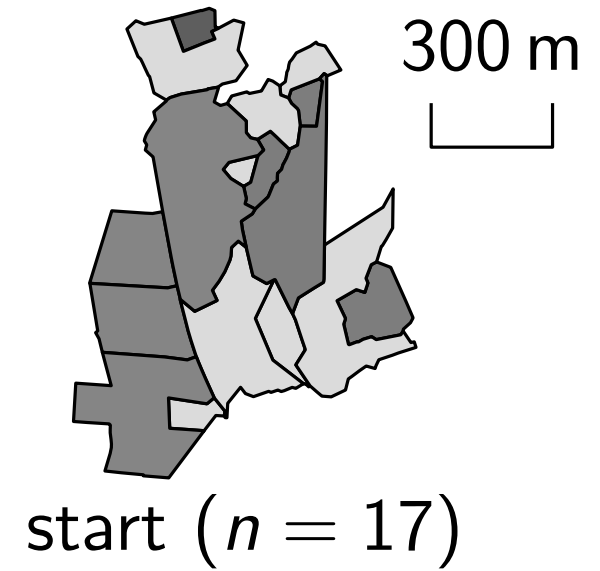
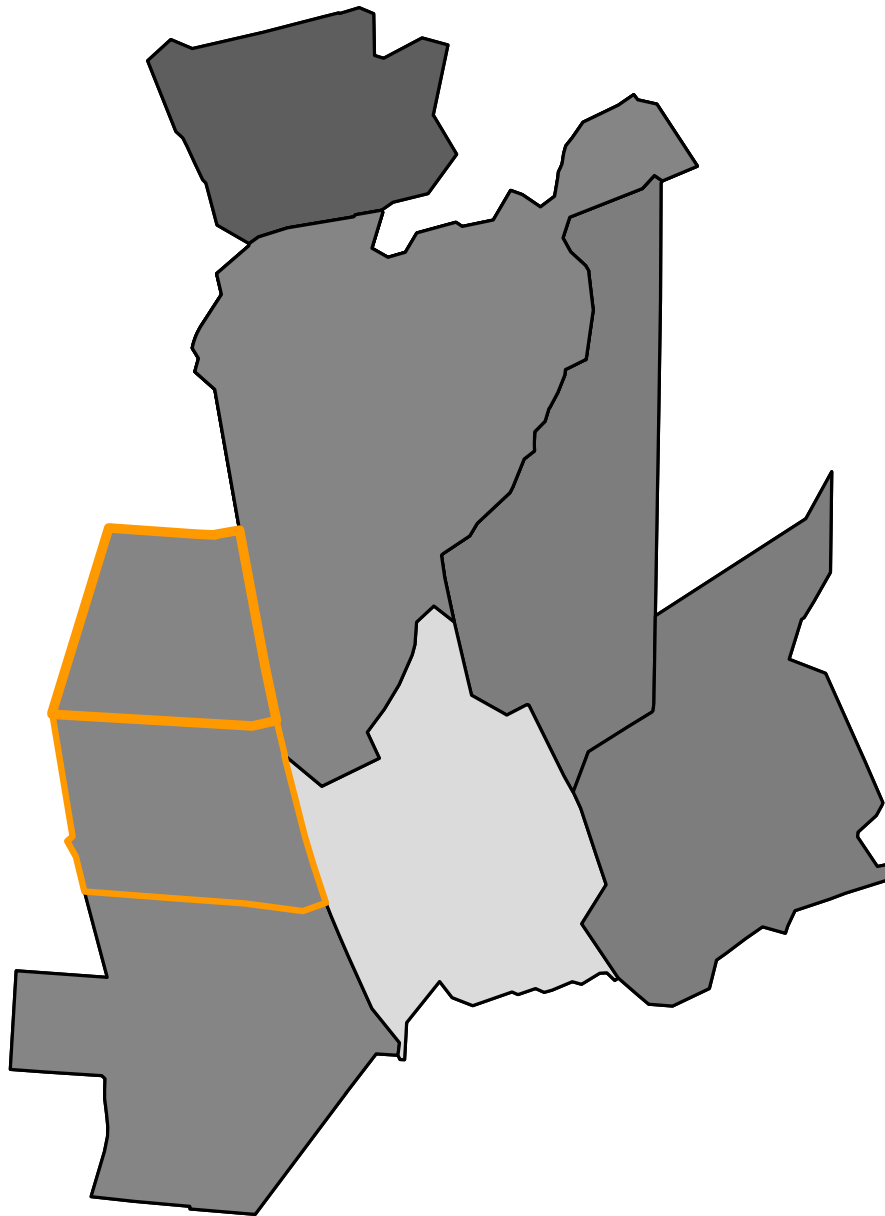


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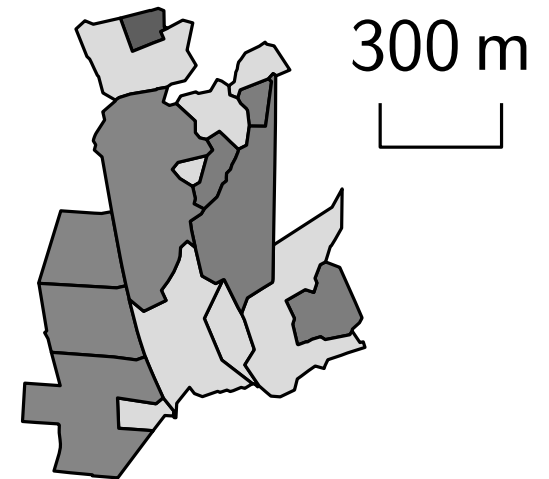
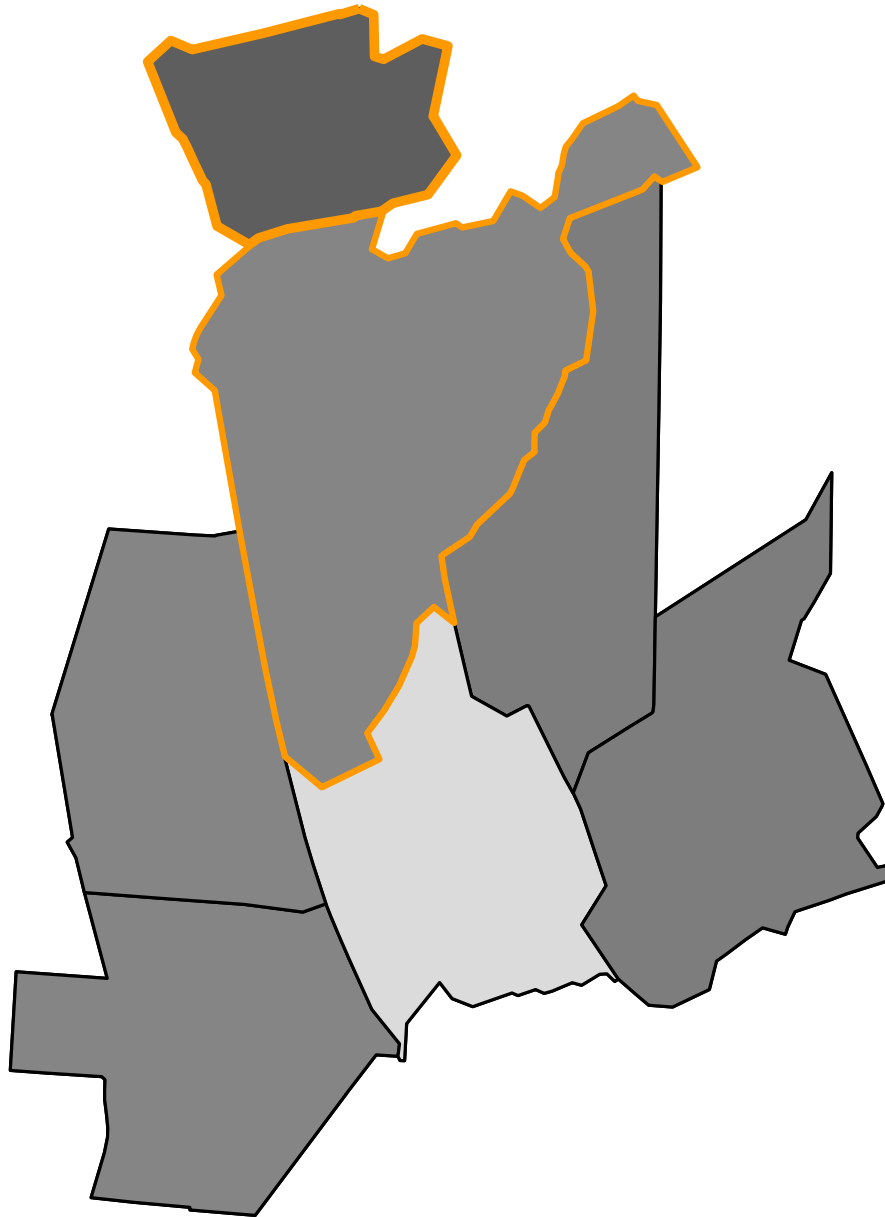


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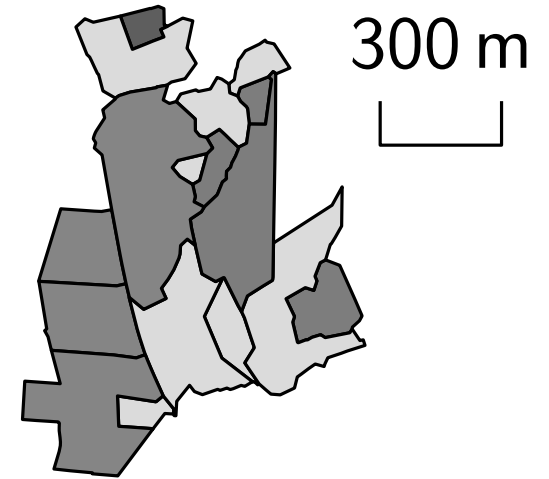
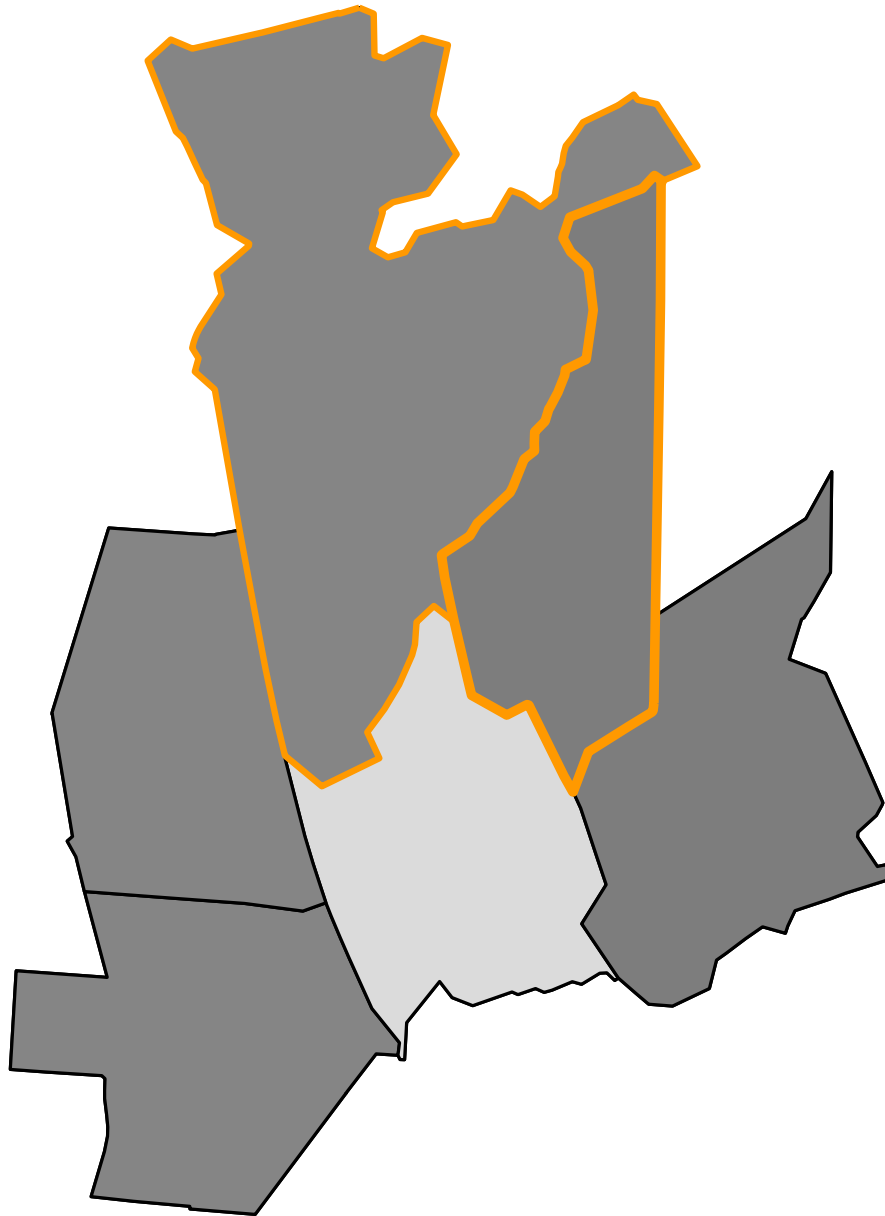


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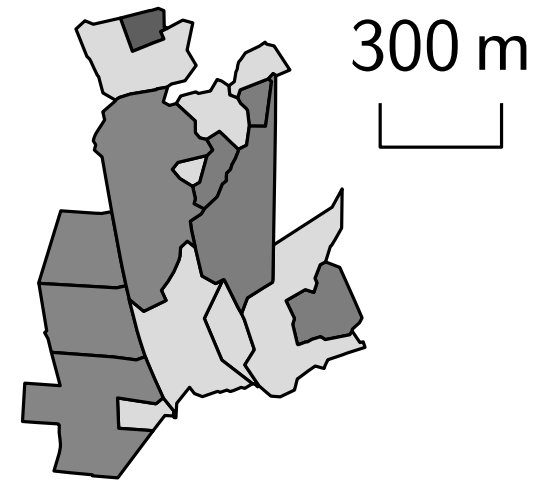
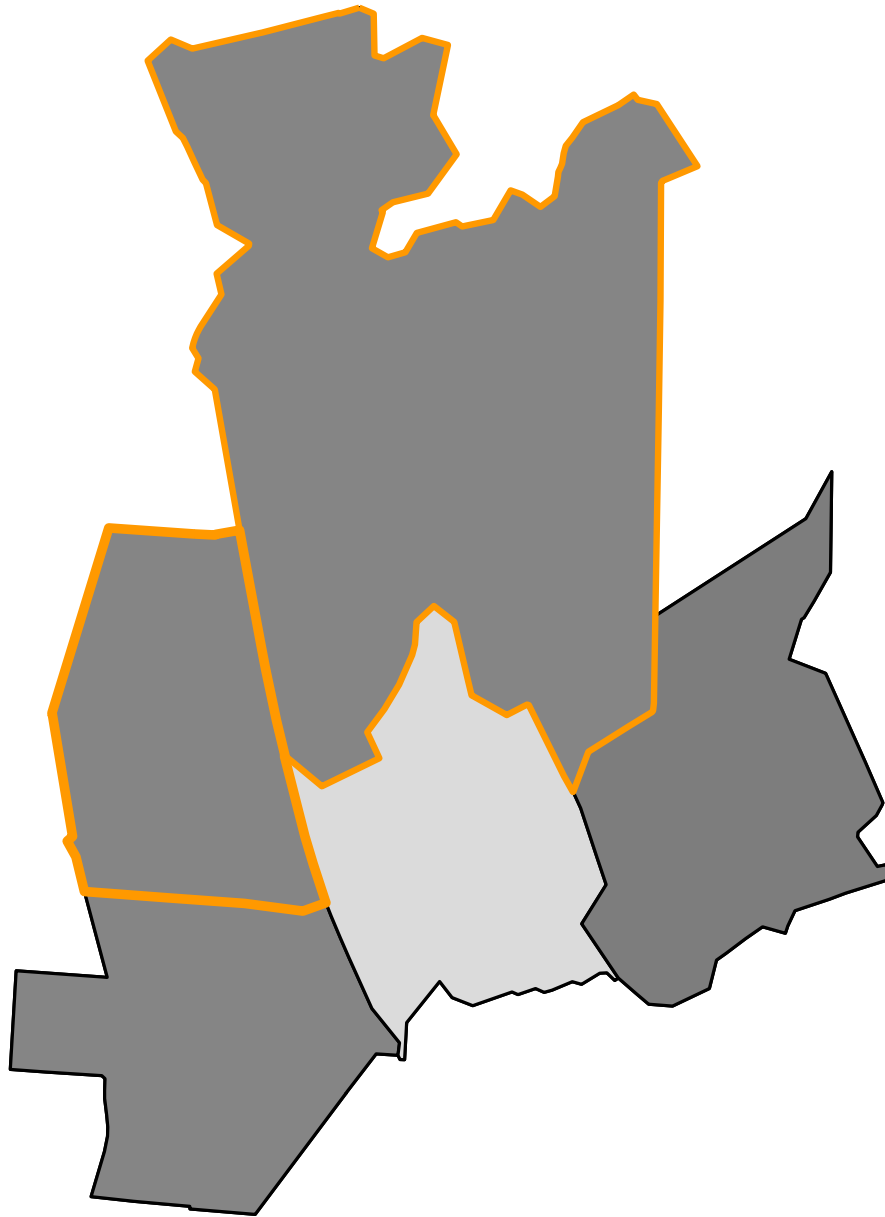


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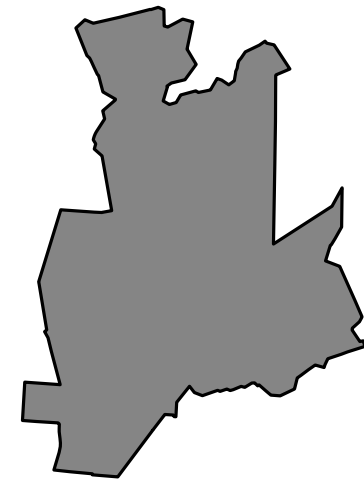


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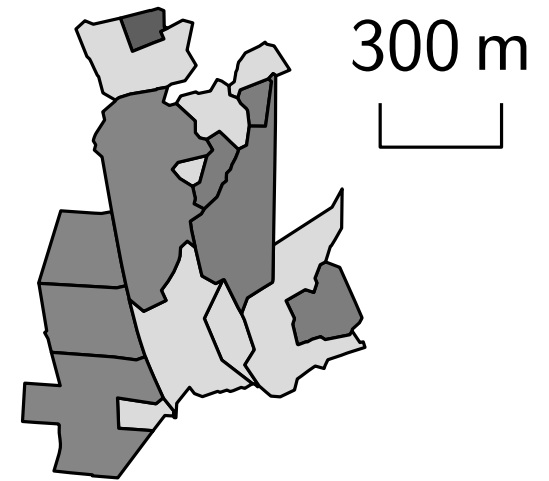
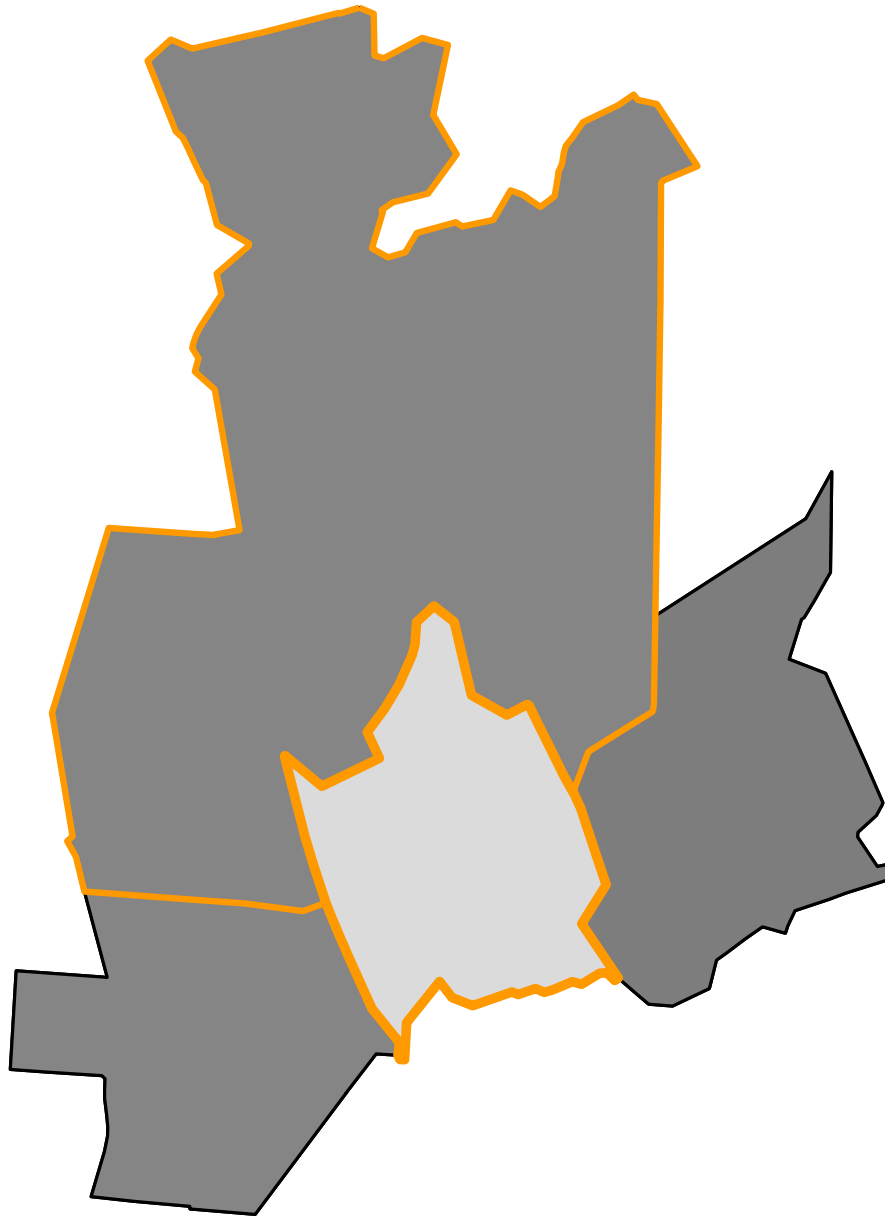


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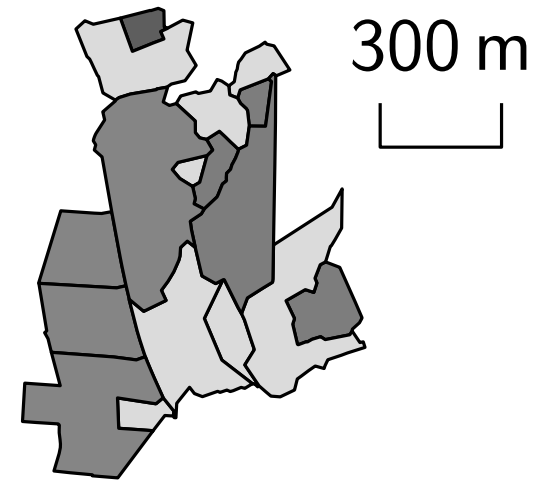
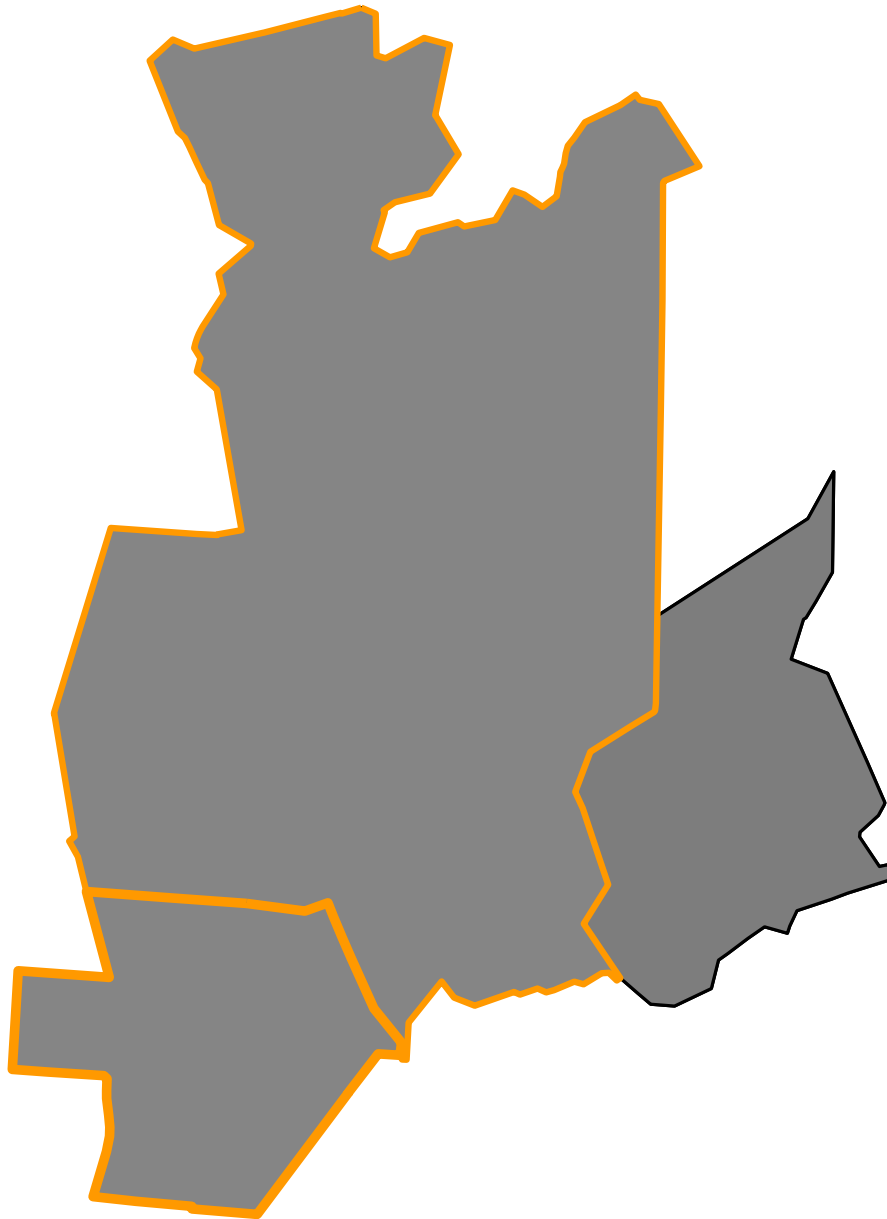


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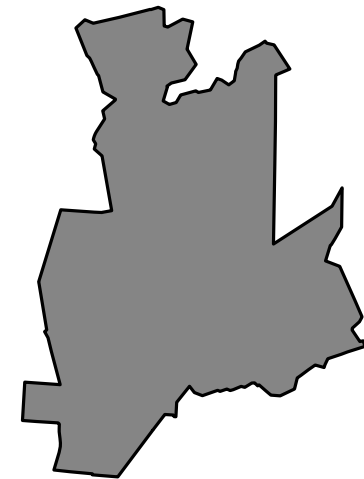


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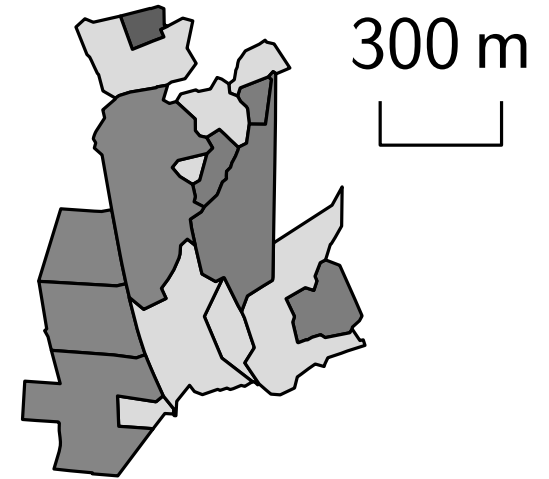
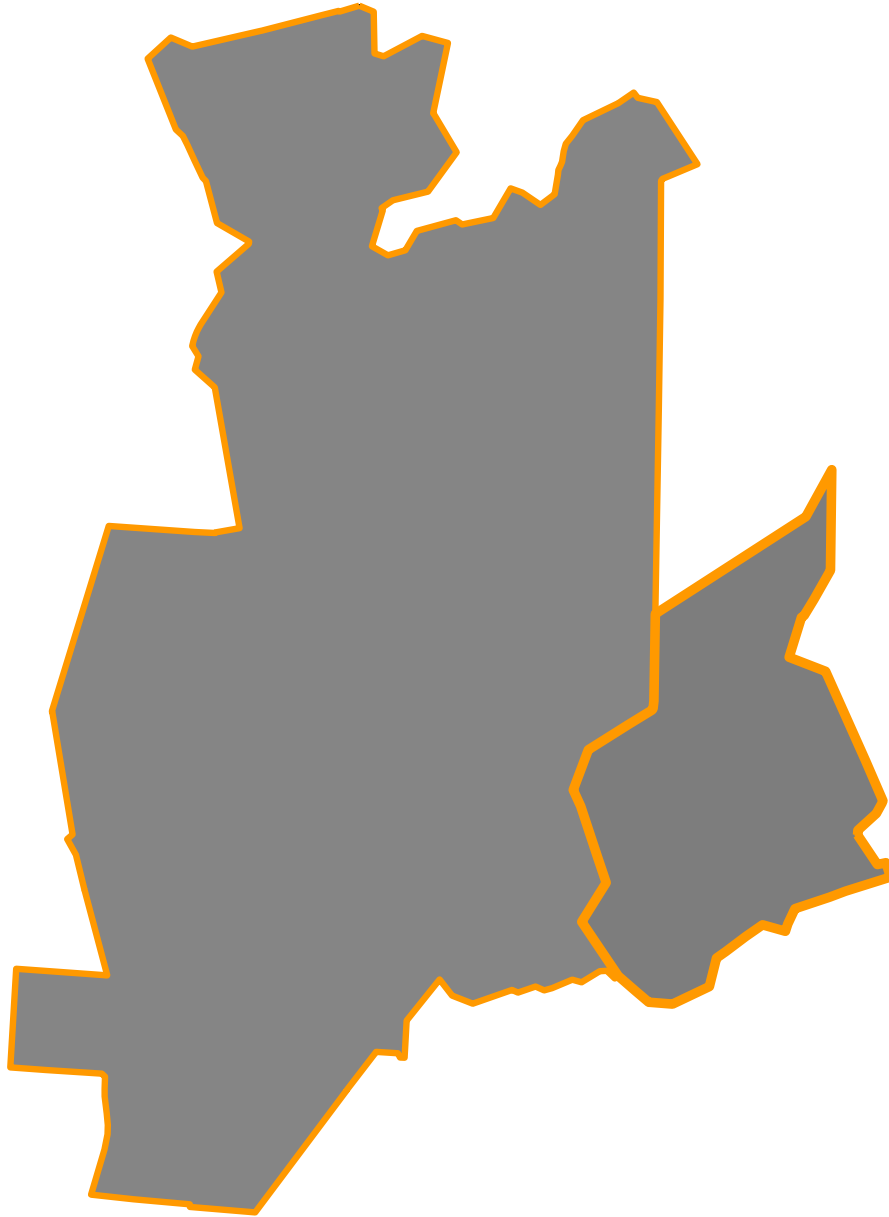


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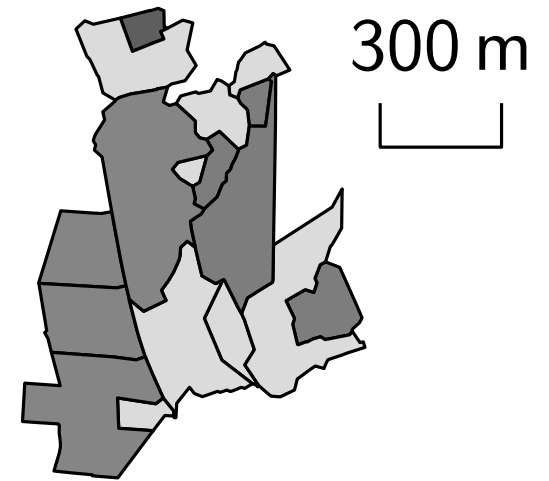
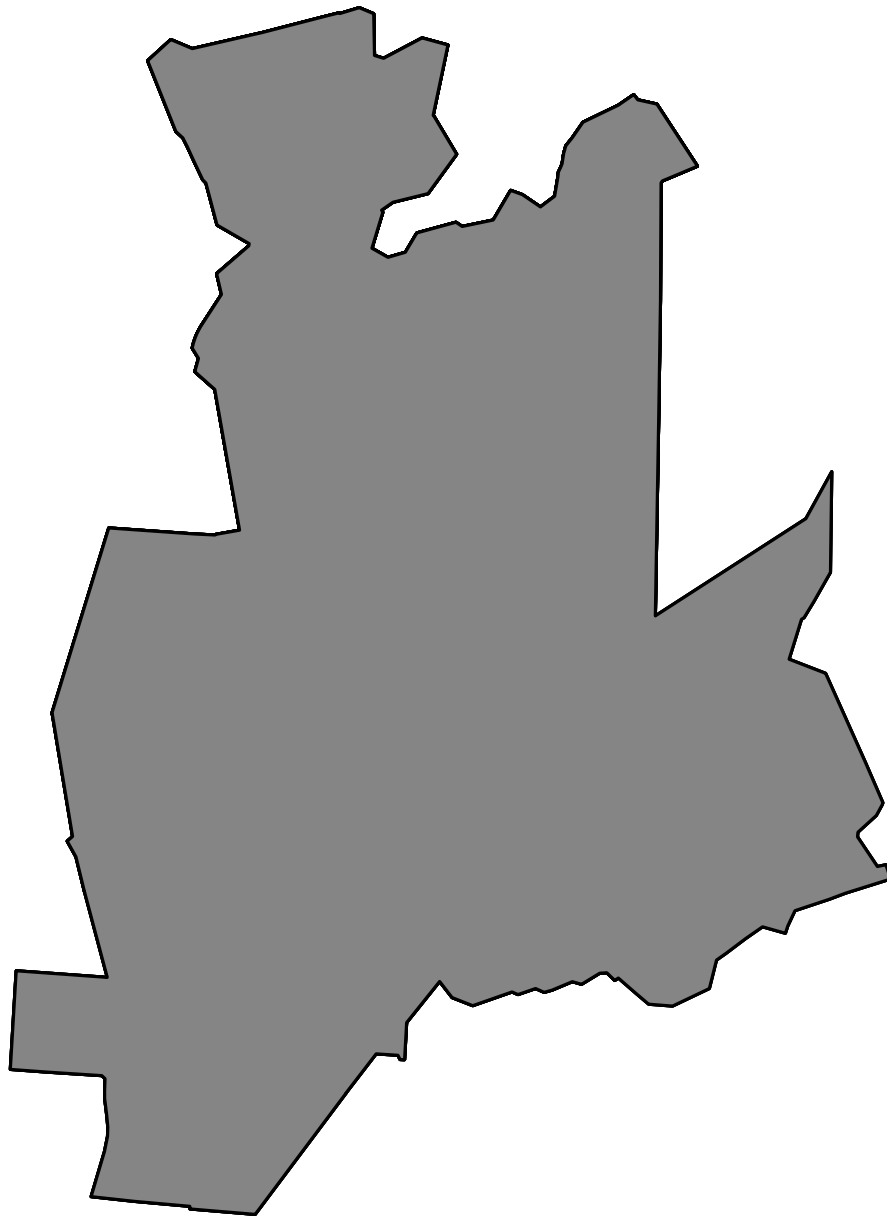


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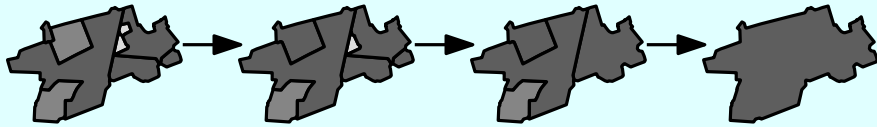
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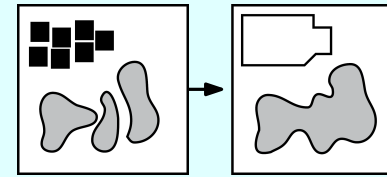
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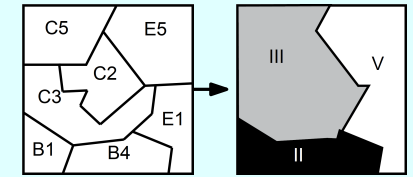
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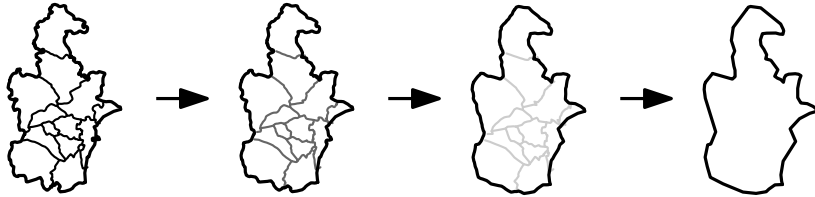


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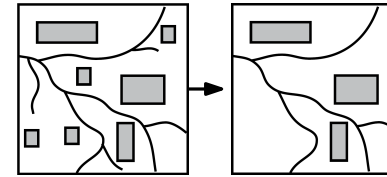


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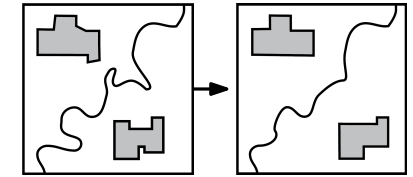
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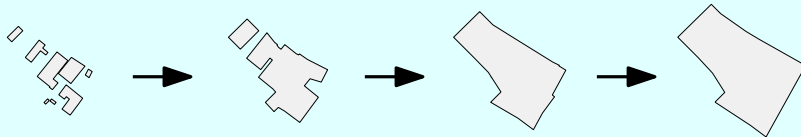


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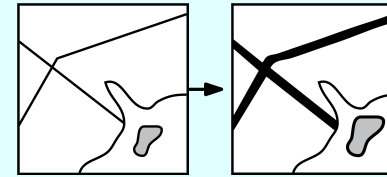


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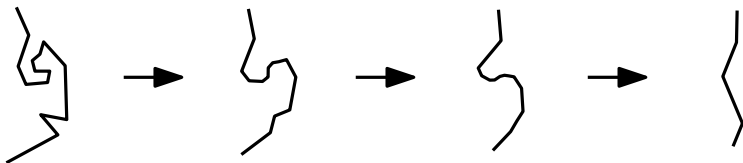
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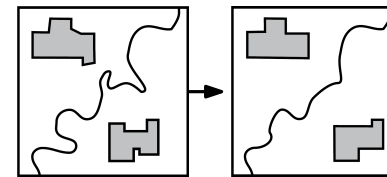
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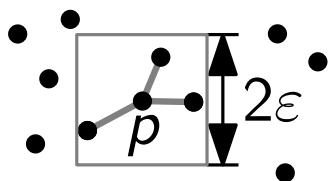


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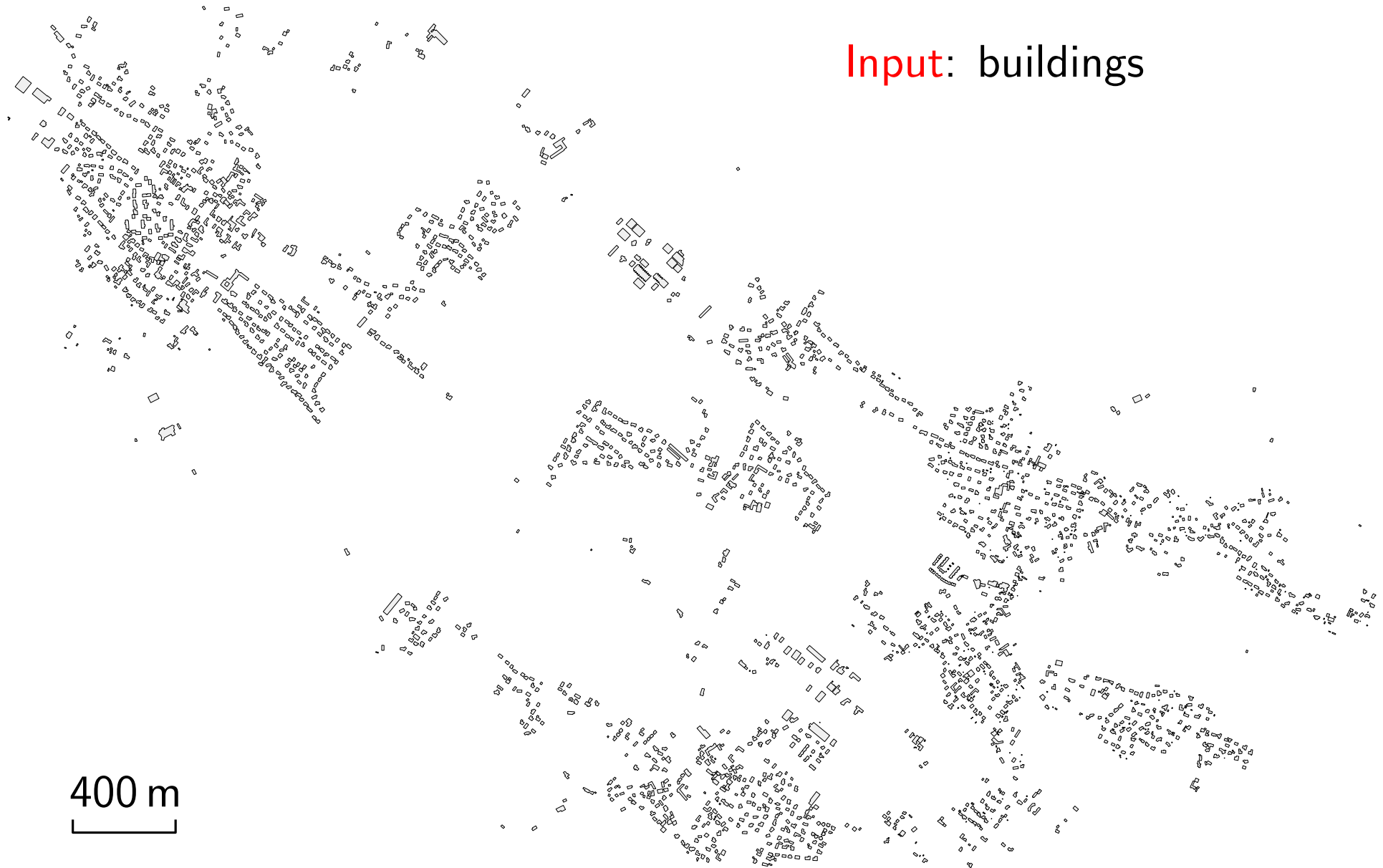
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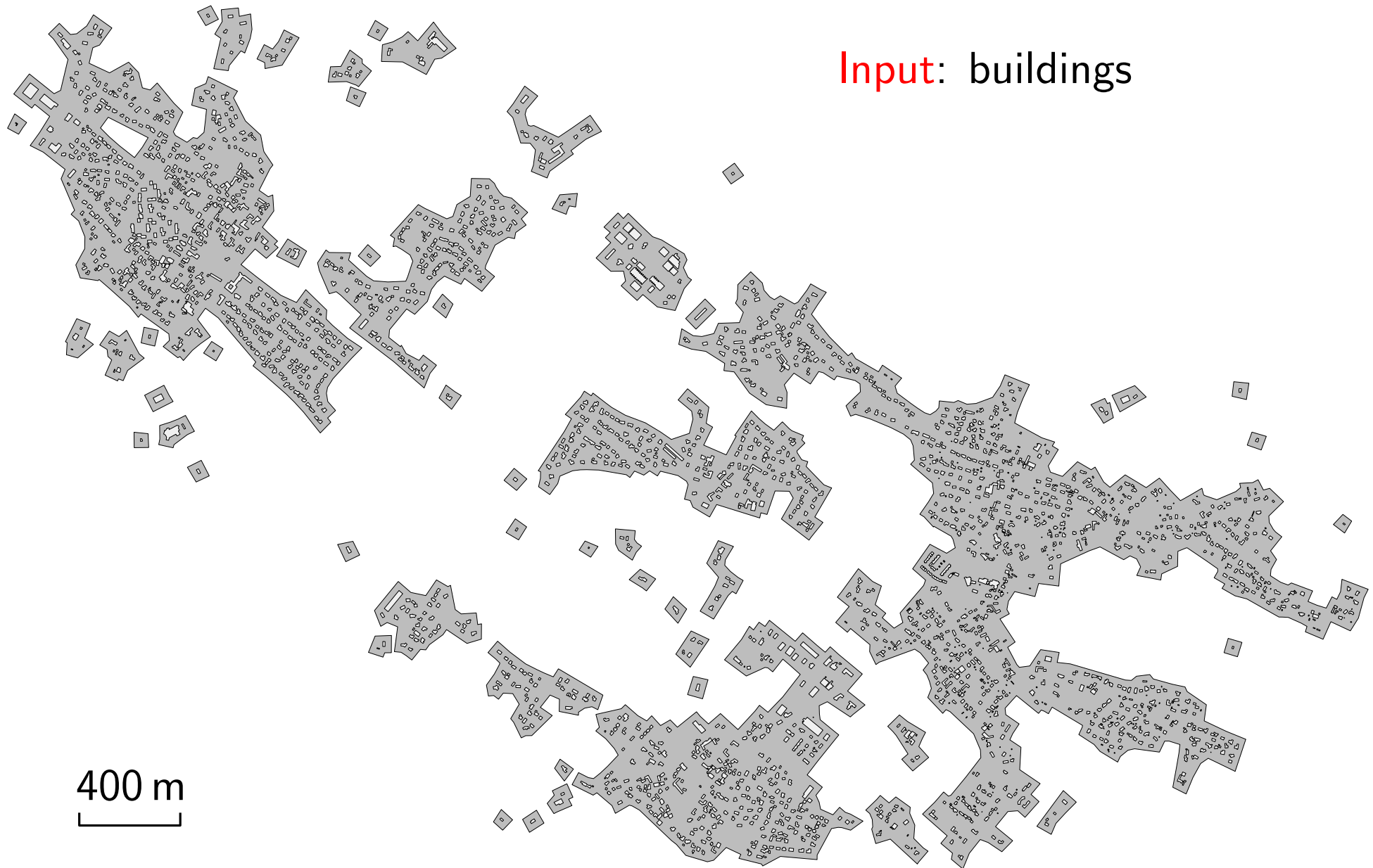


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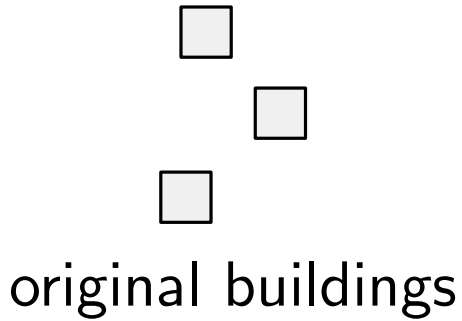


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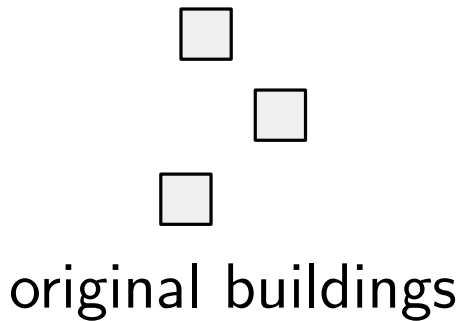
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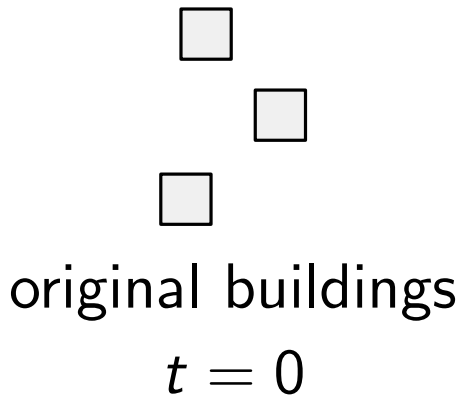
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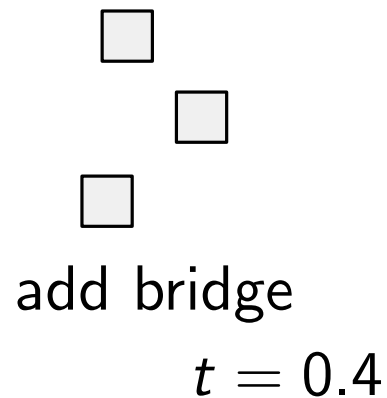
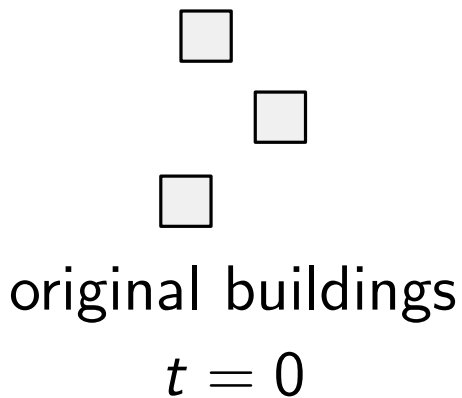
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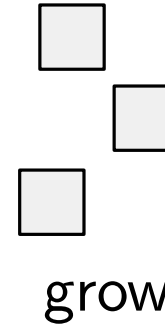
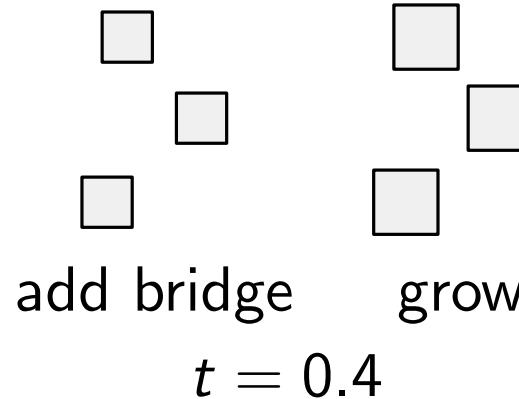
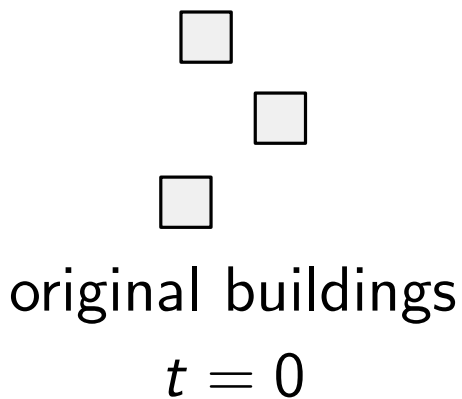
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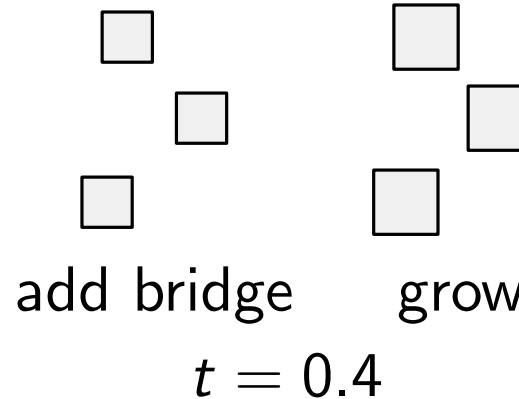
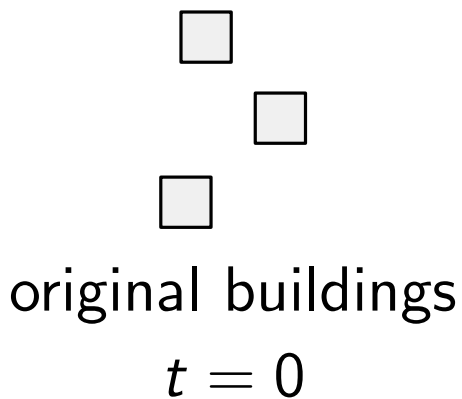
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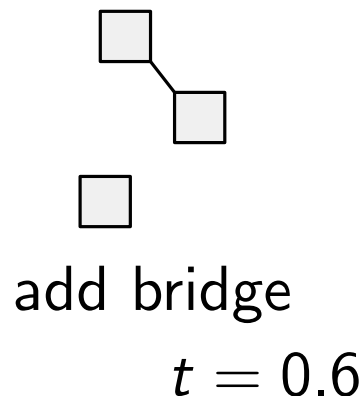
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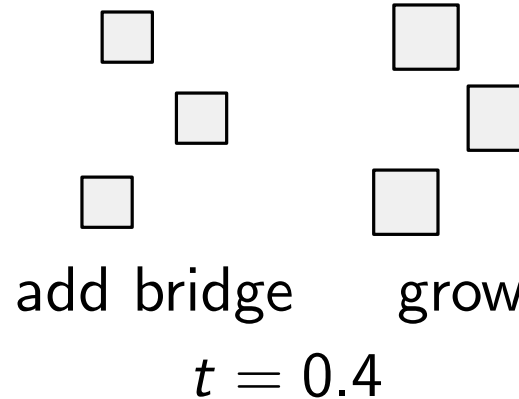
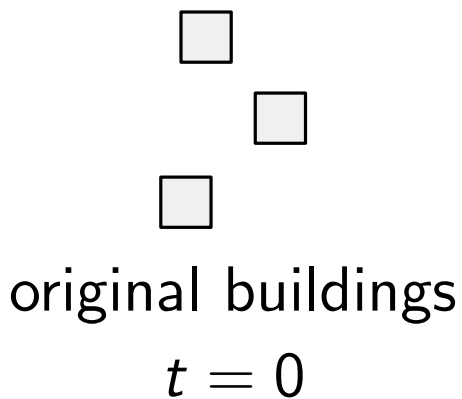


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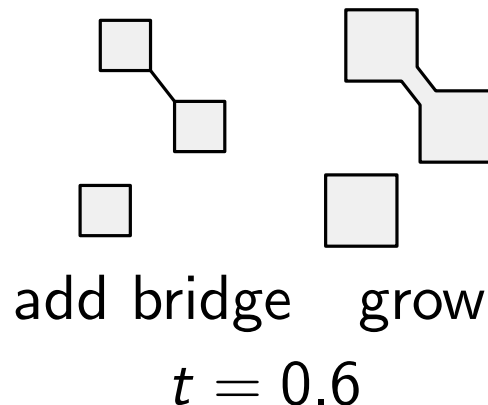


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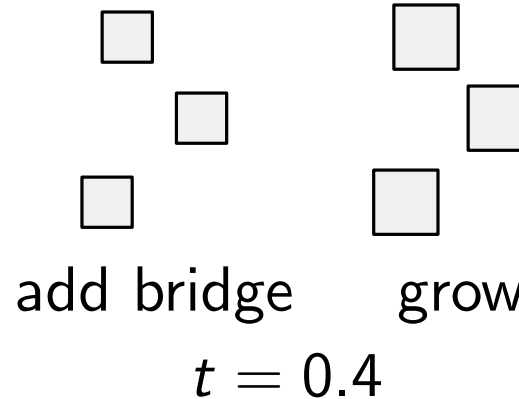
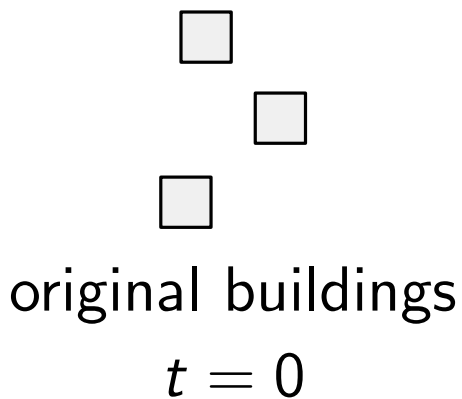


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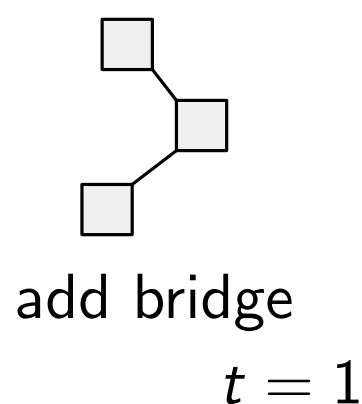
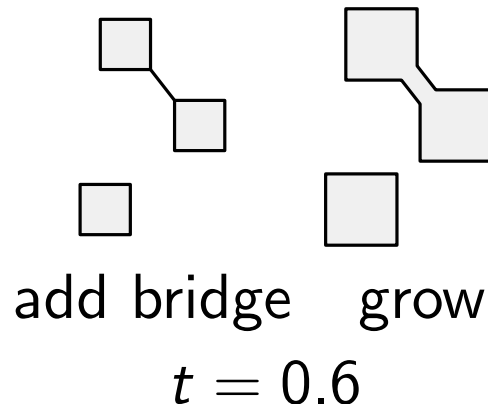


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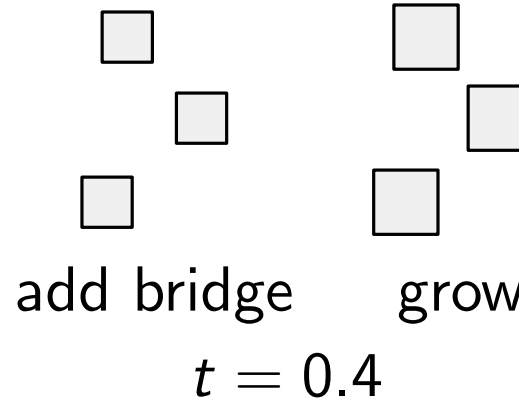
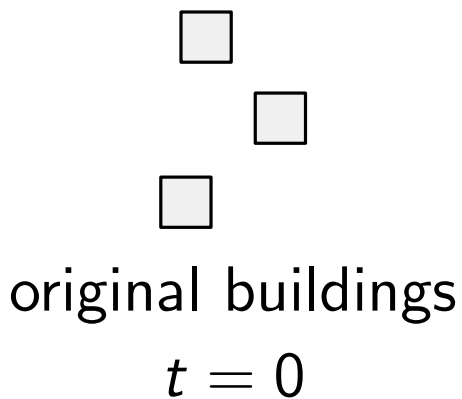


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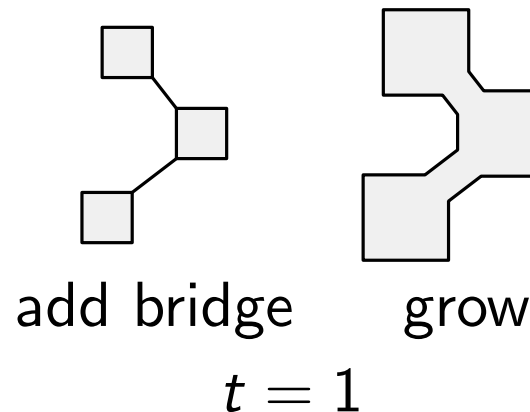
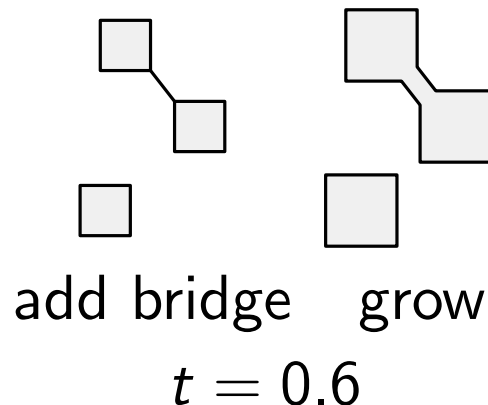


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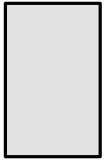
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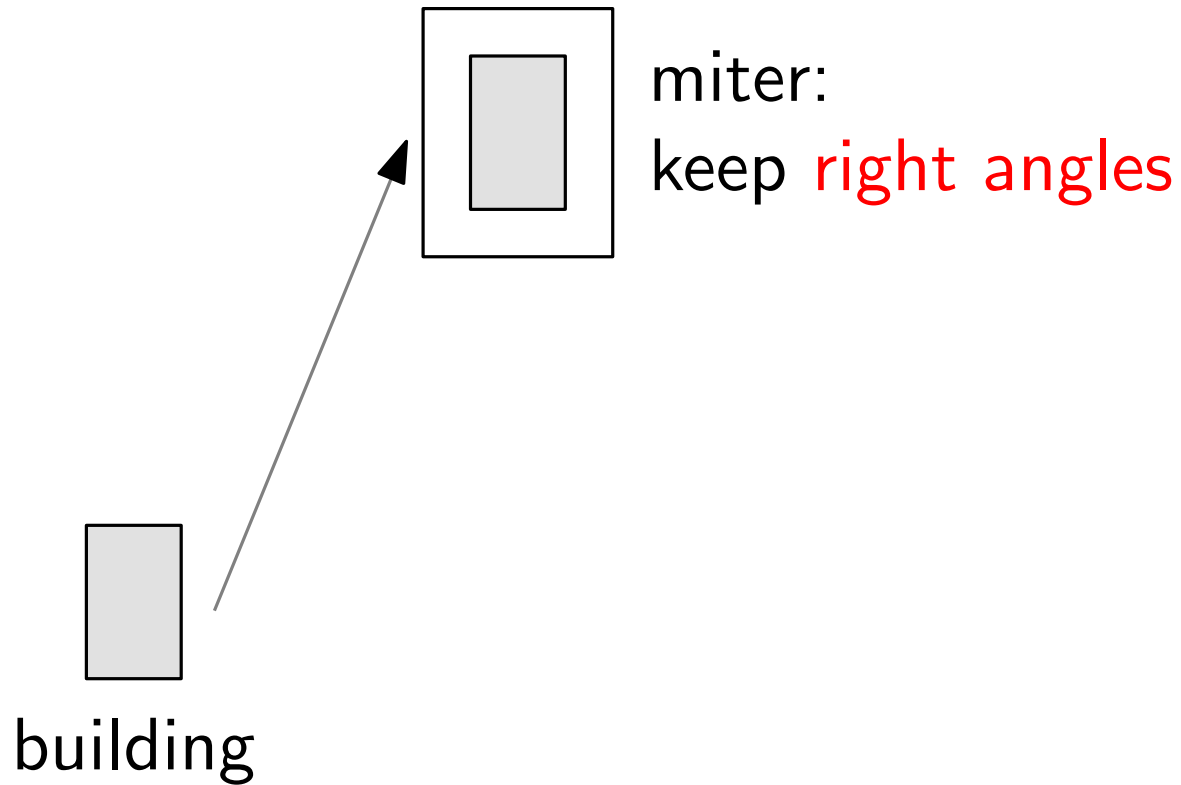


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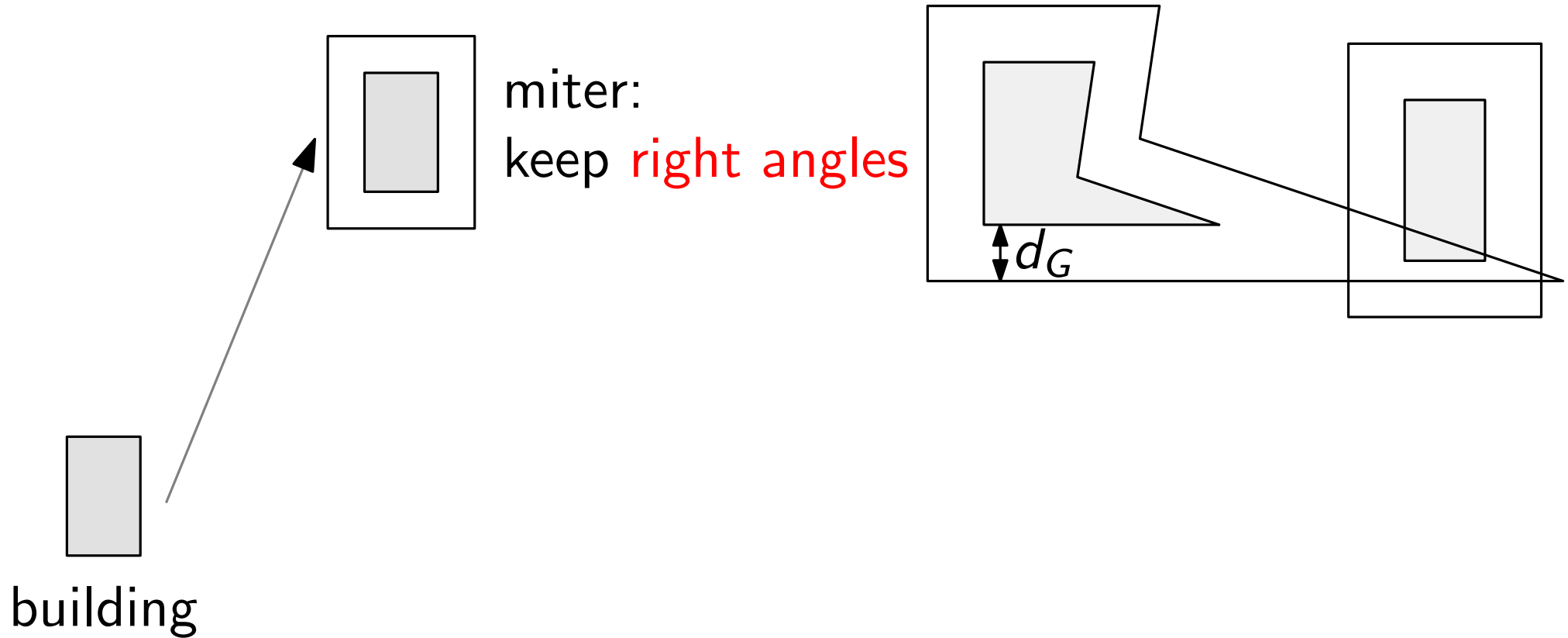


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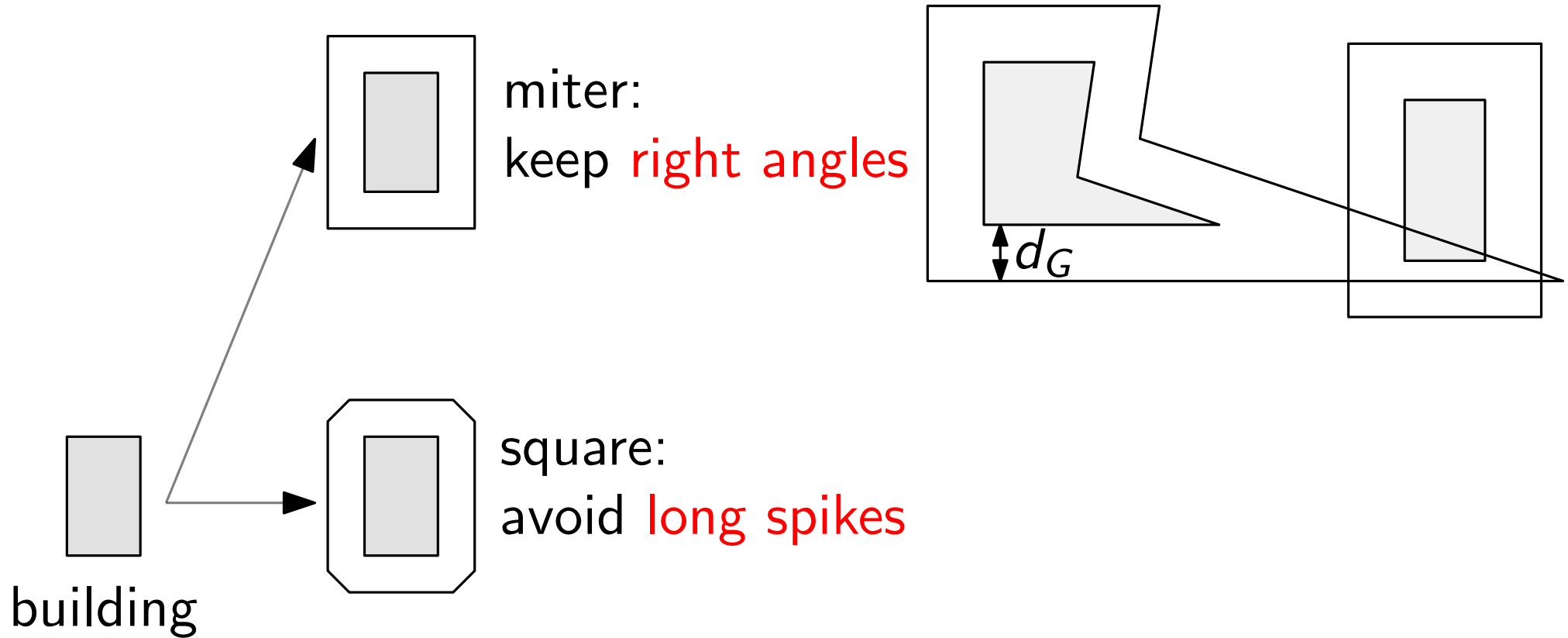
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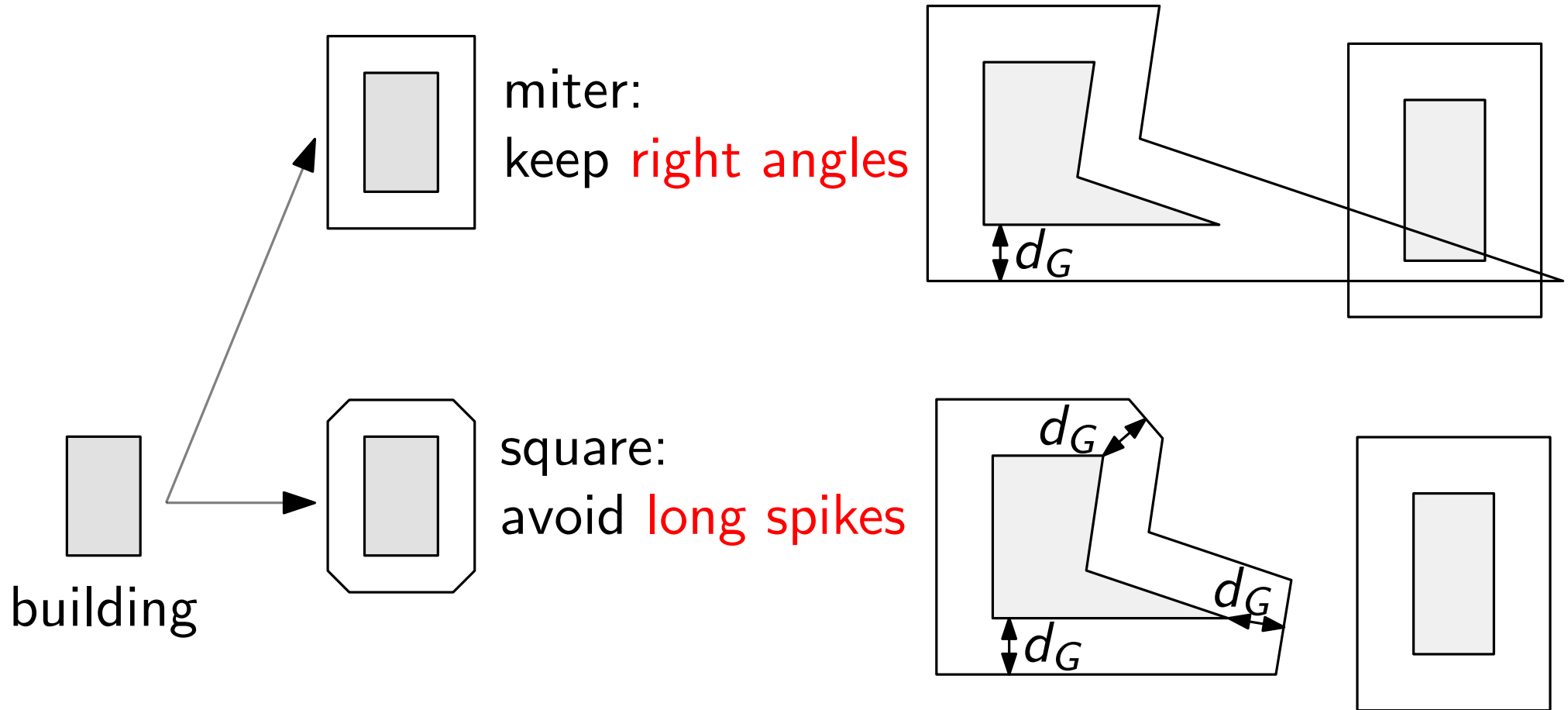
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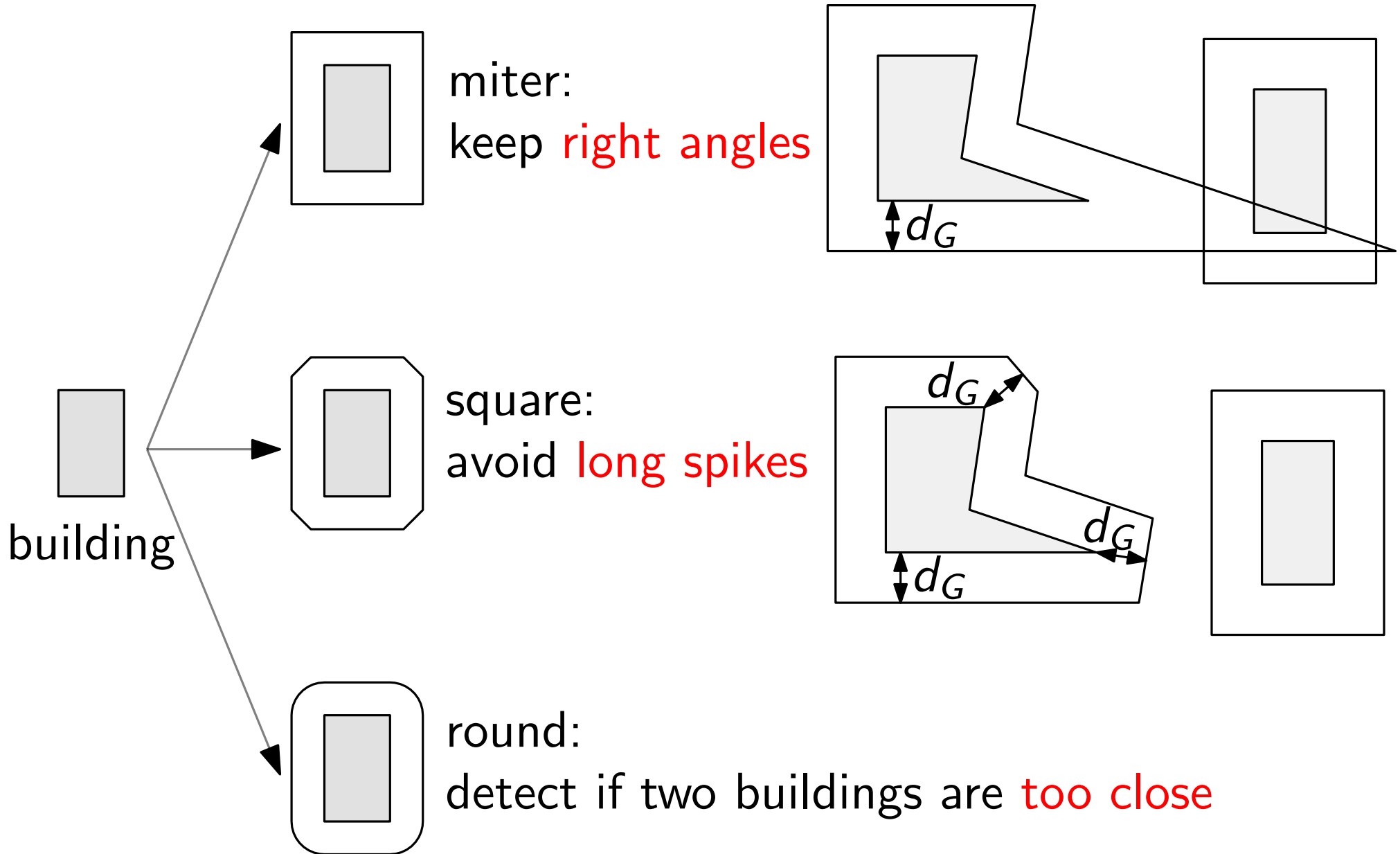
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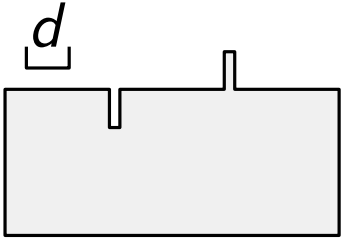
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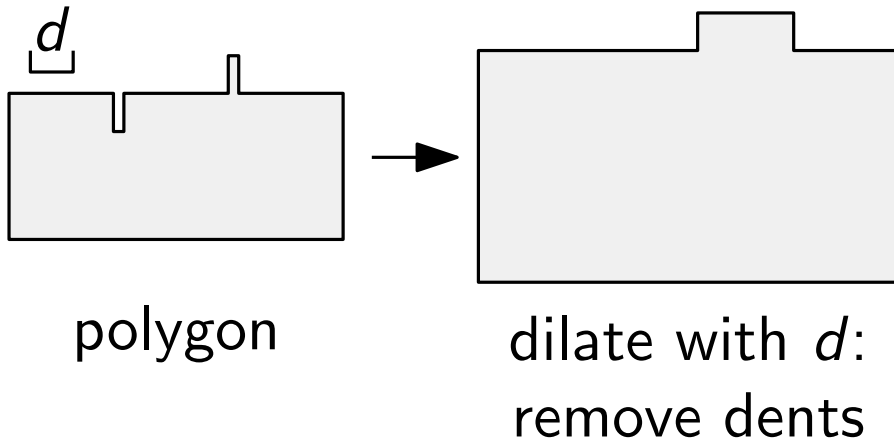


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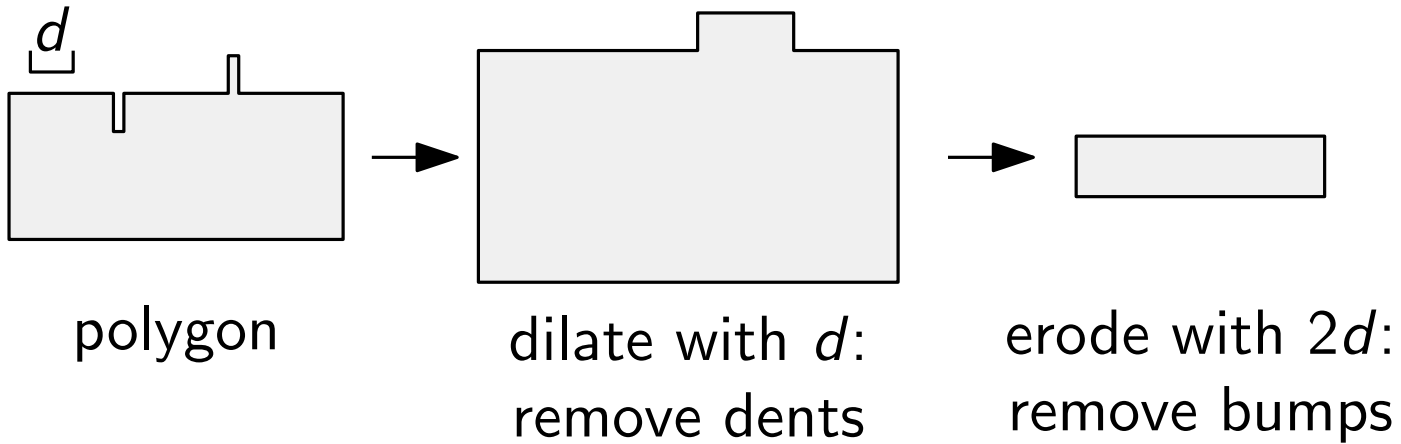


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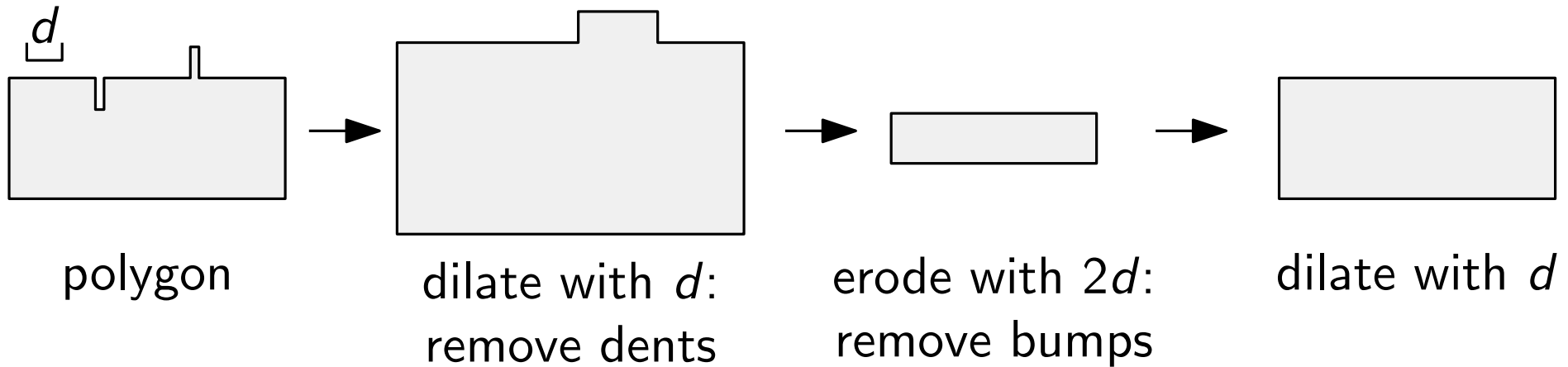
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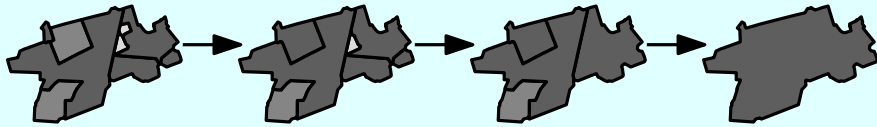


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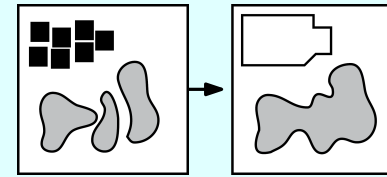
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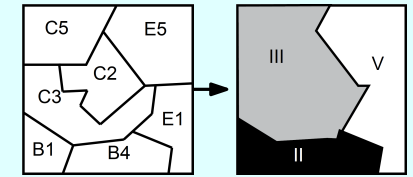
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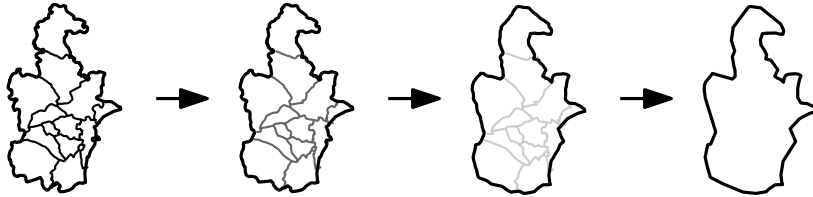


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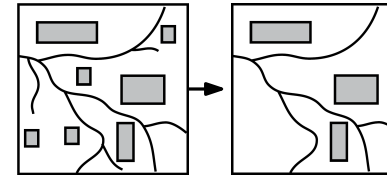


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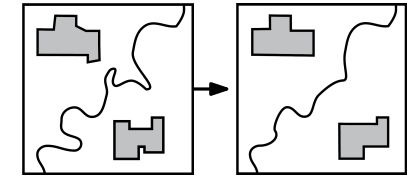
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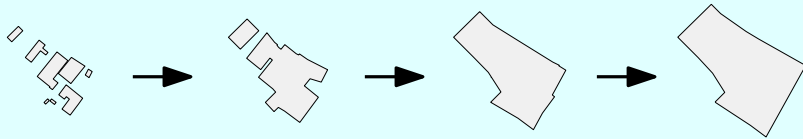


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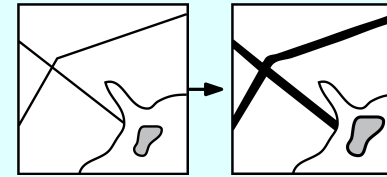


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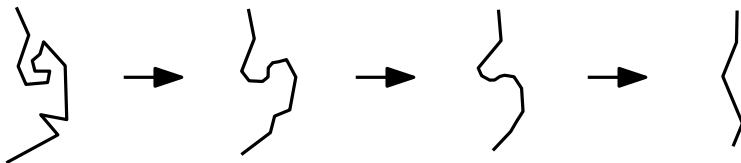
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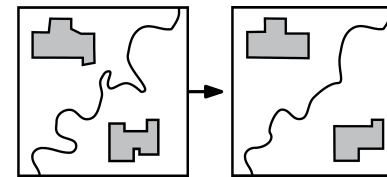
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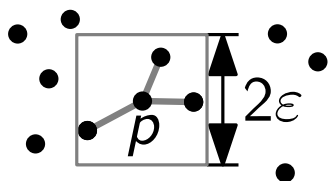


LSA
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