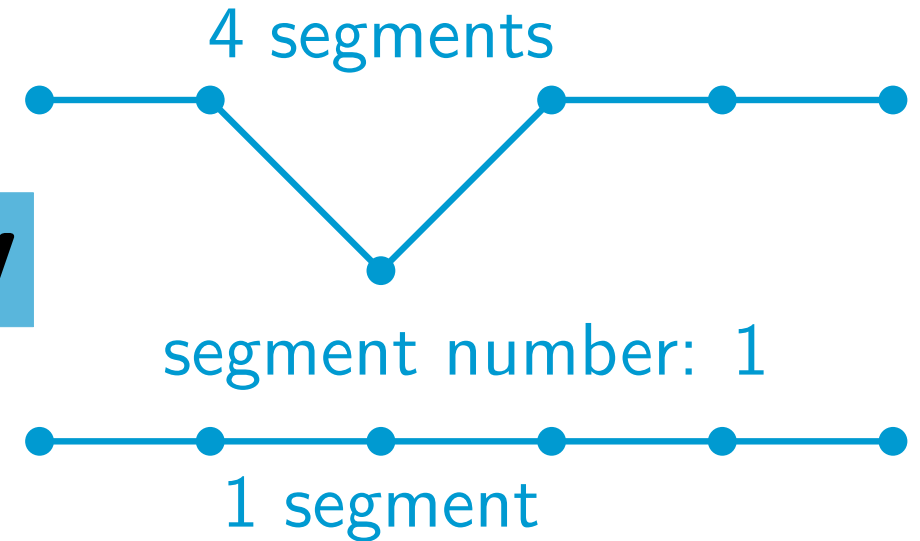


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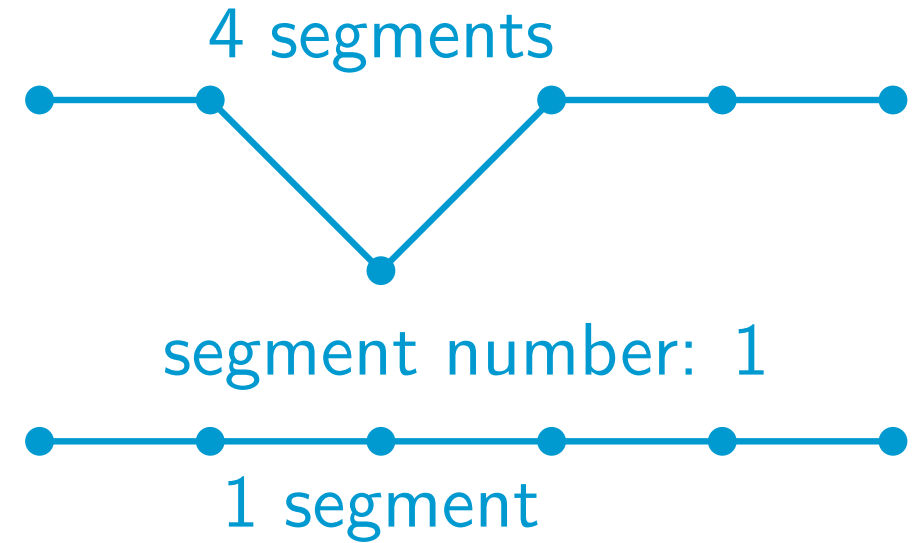
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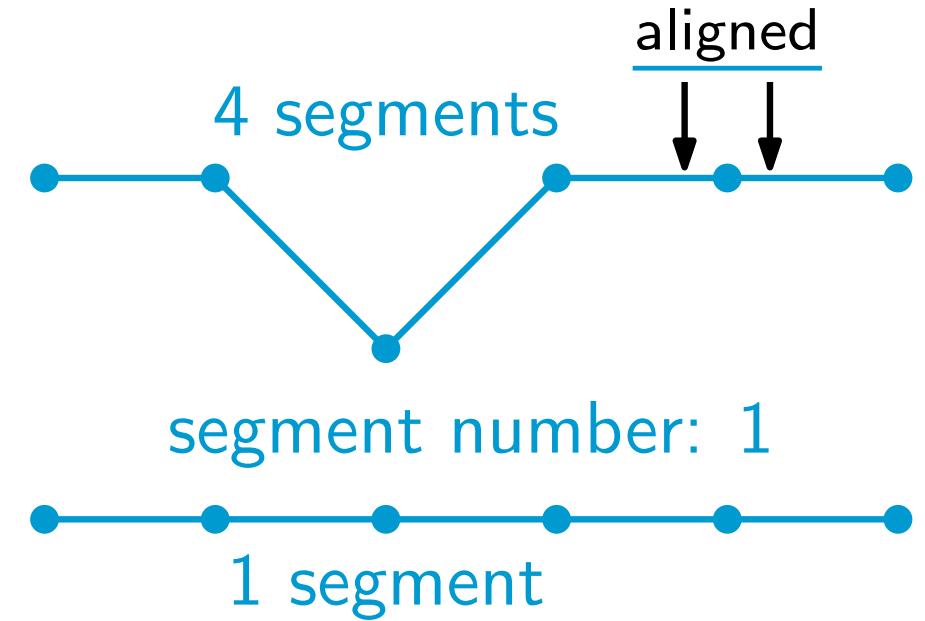
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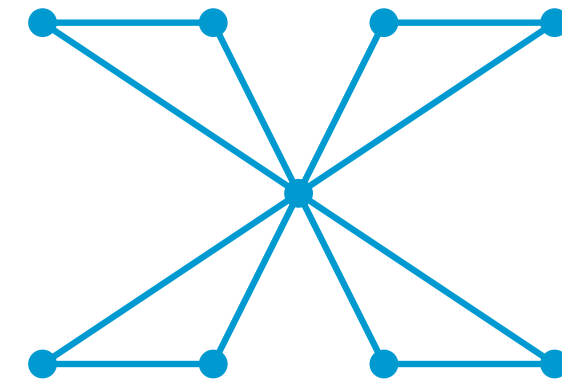
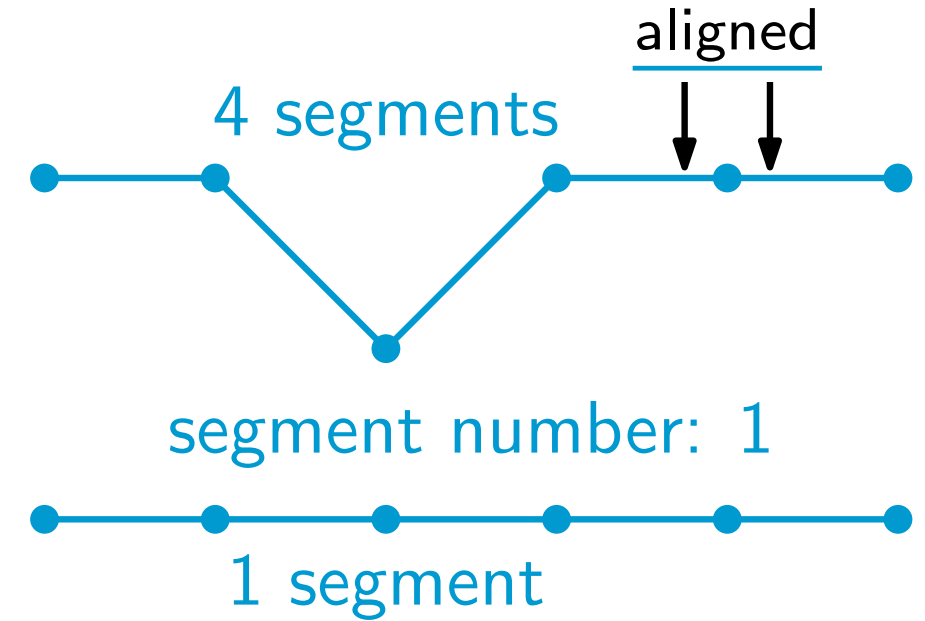
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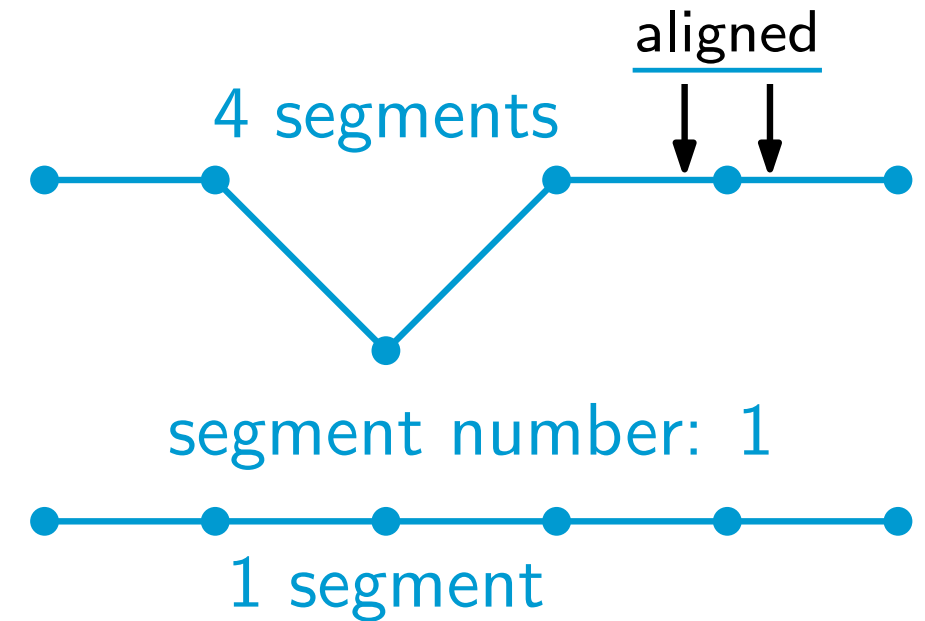
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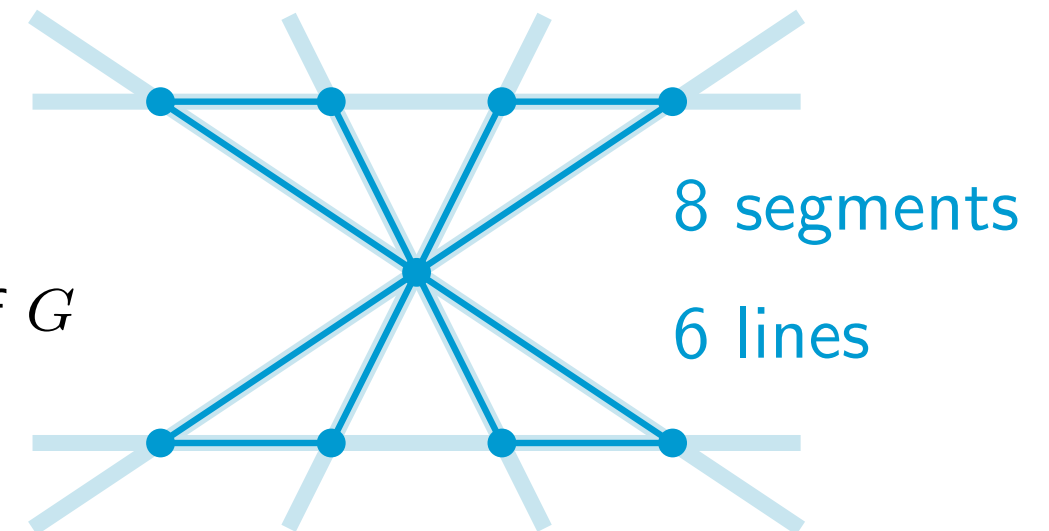
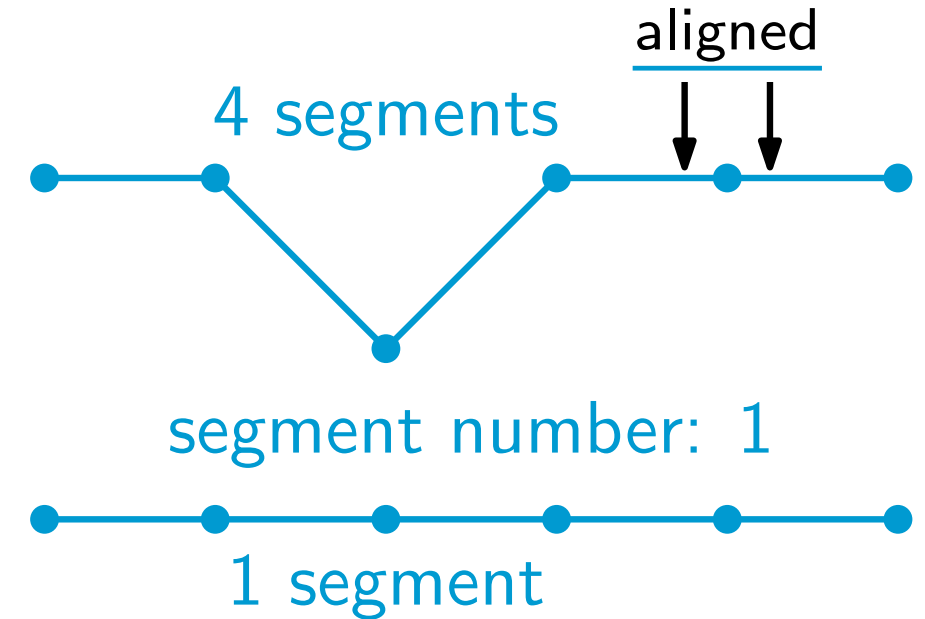
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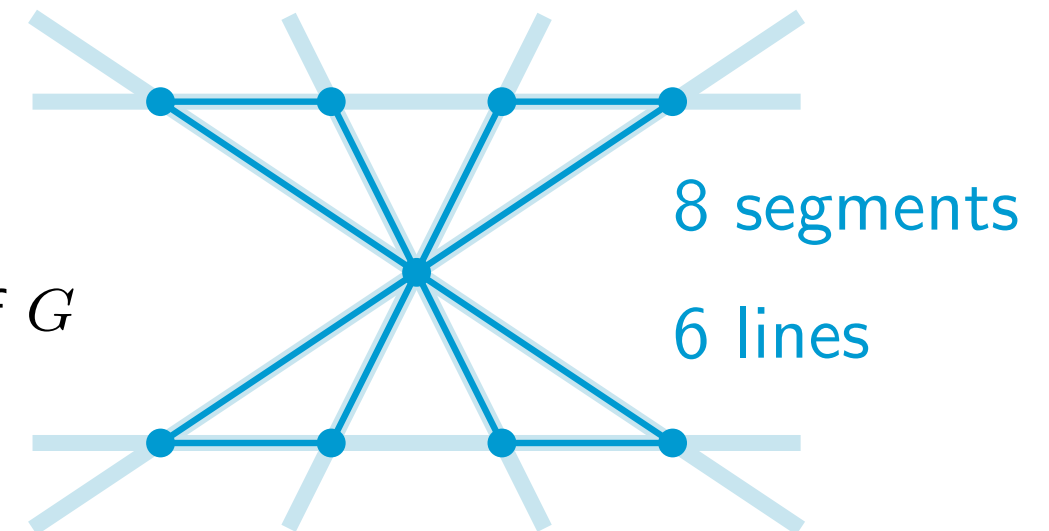
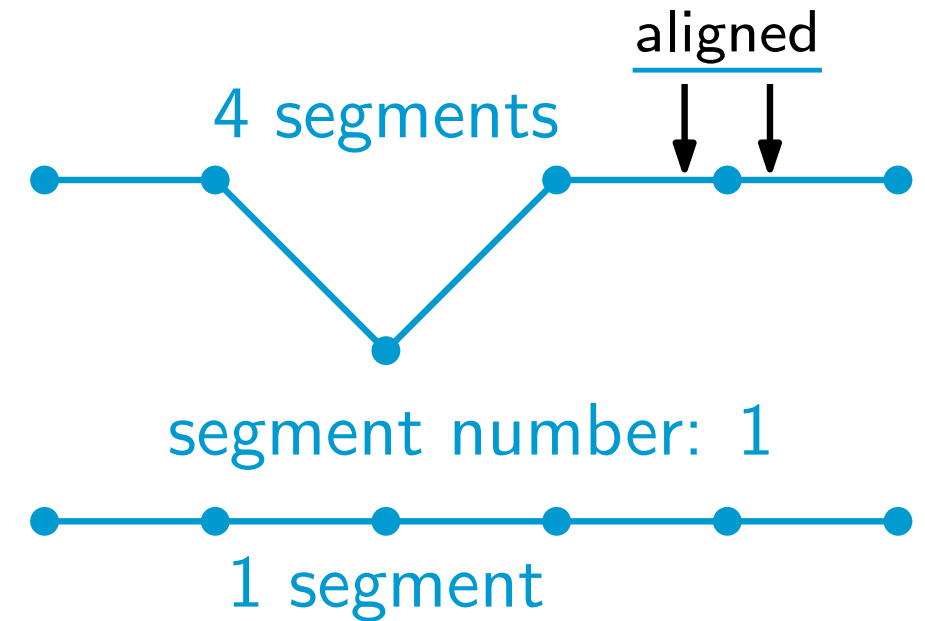
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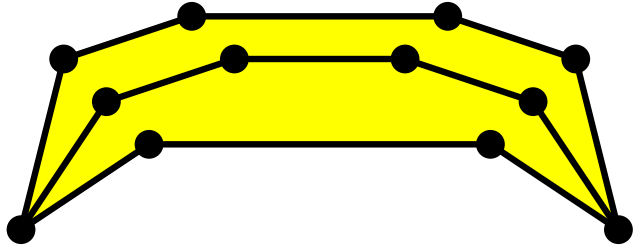
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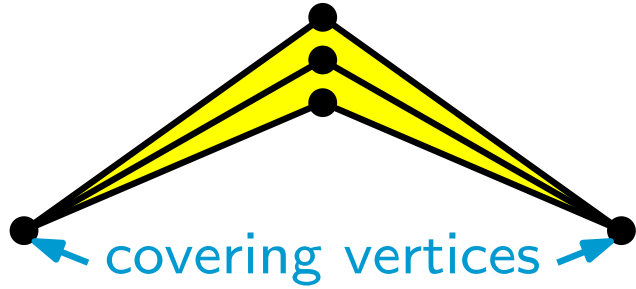
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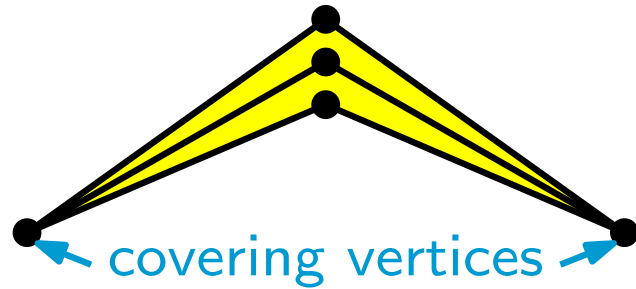
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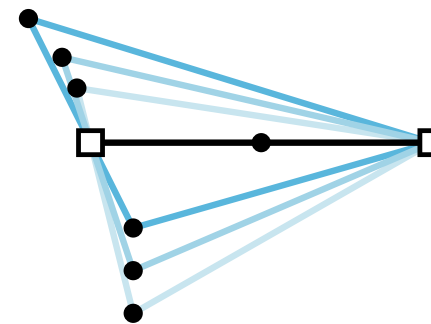
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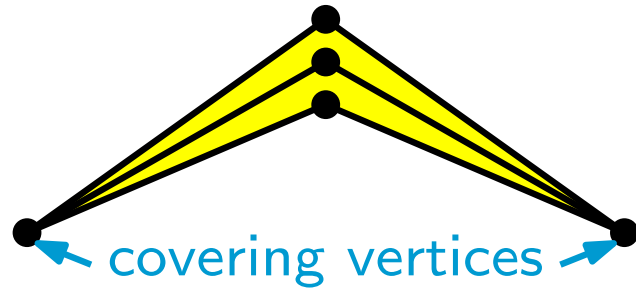
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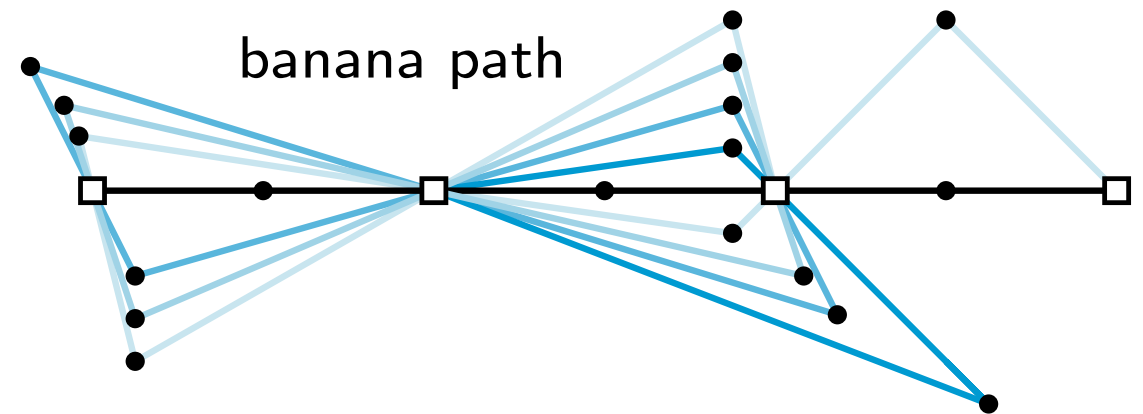
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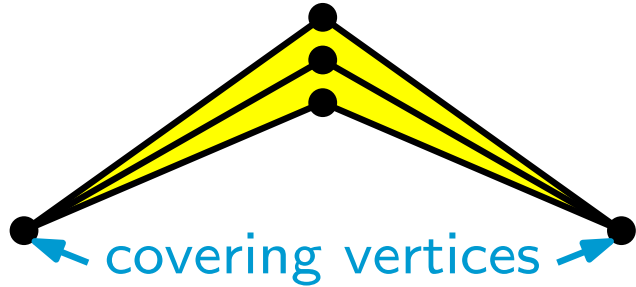
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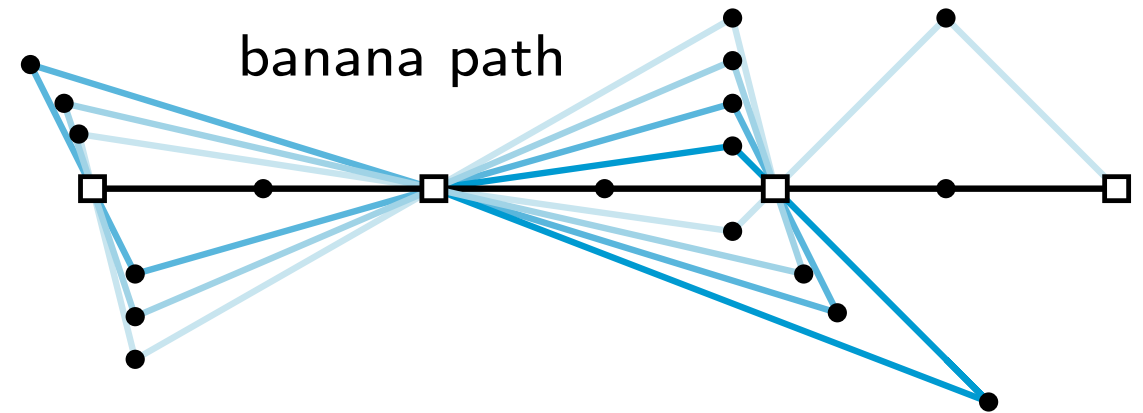
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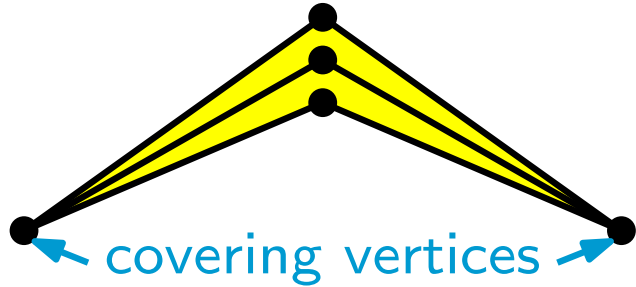
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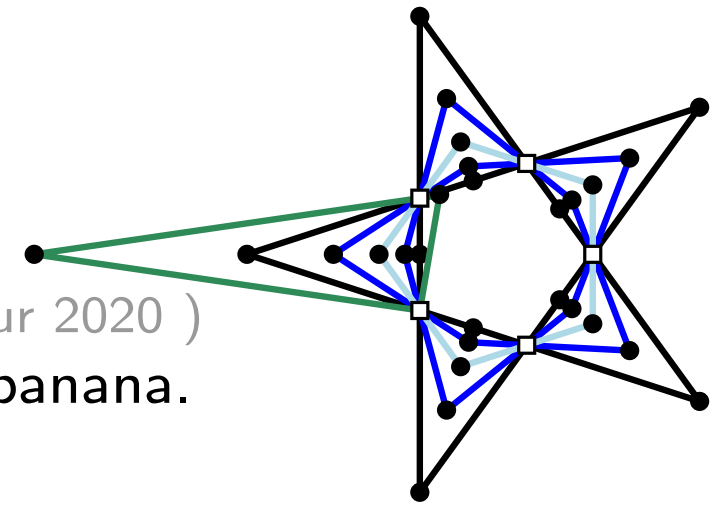
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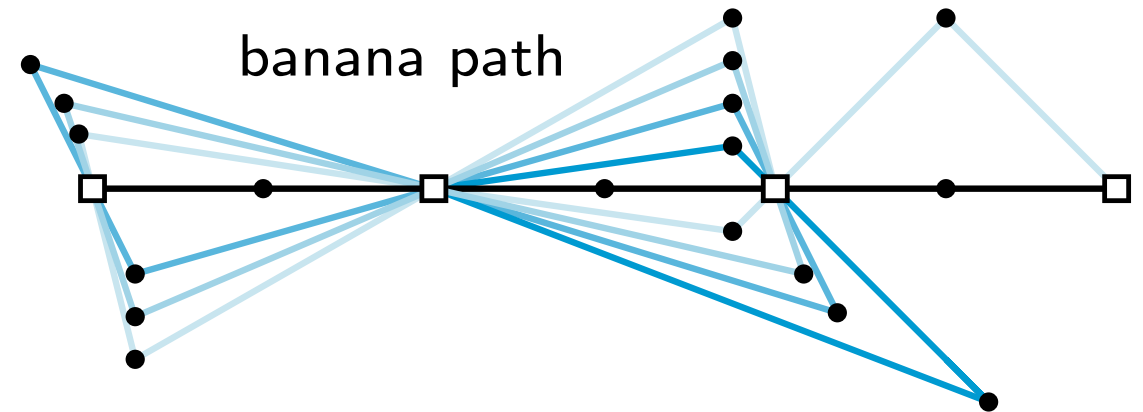
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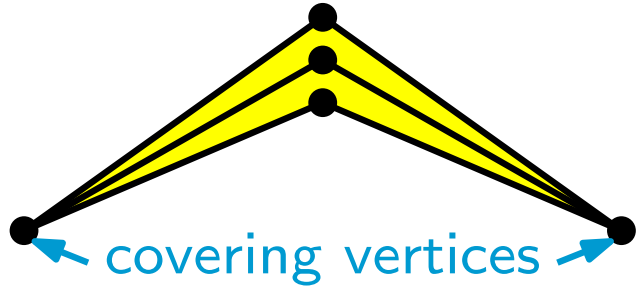
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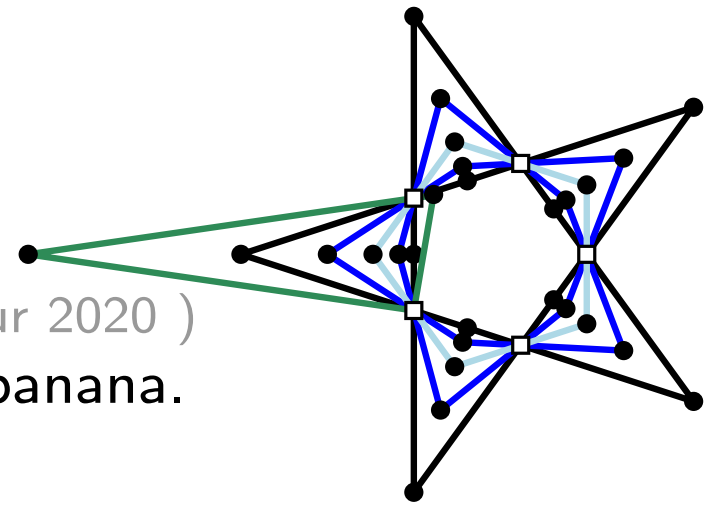
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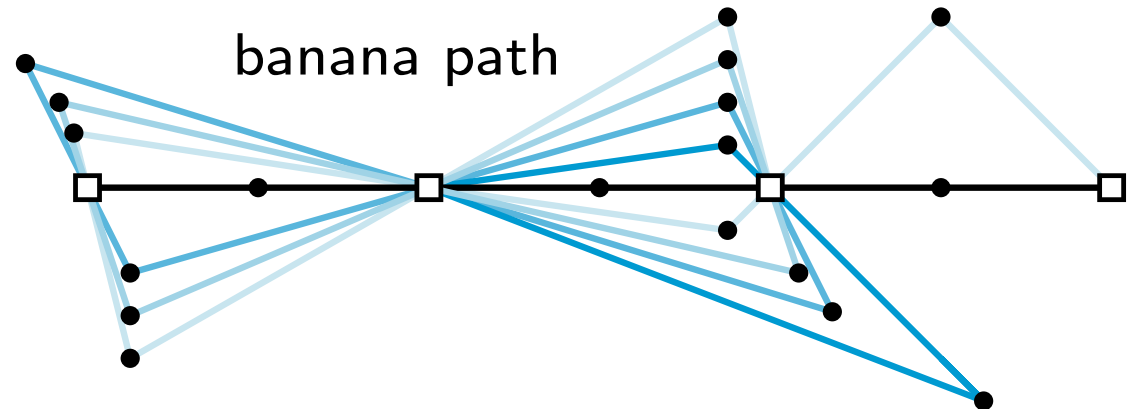
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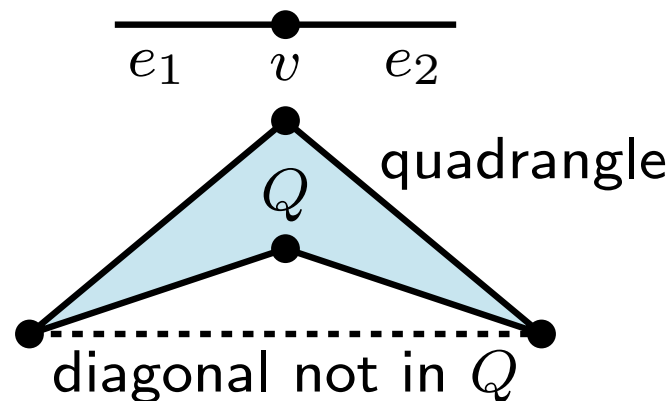
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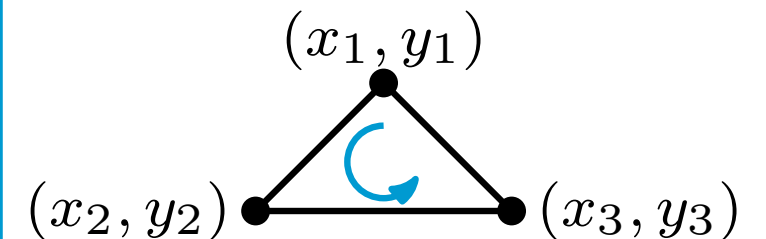
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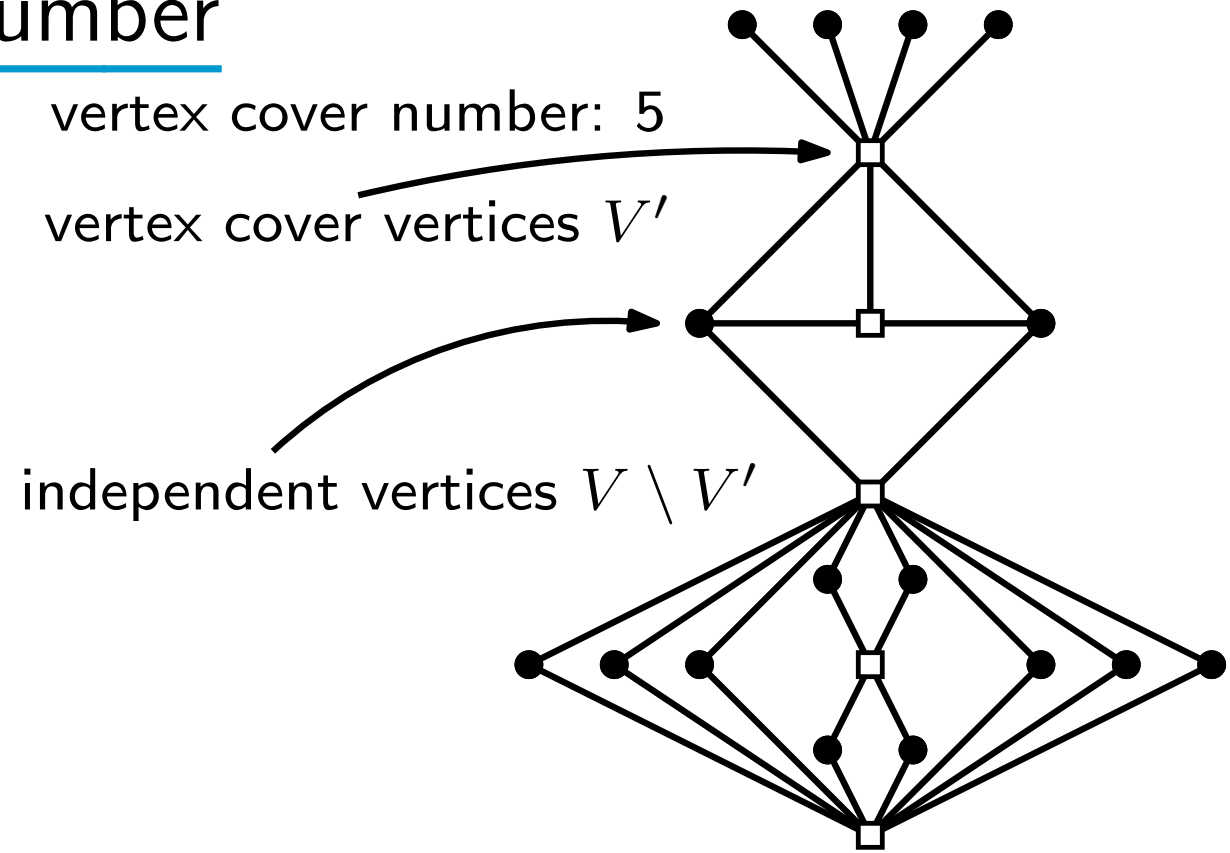
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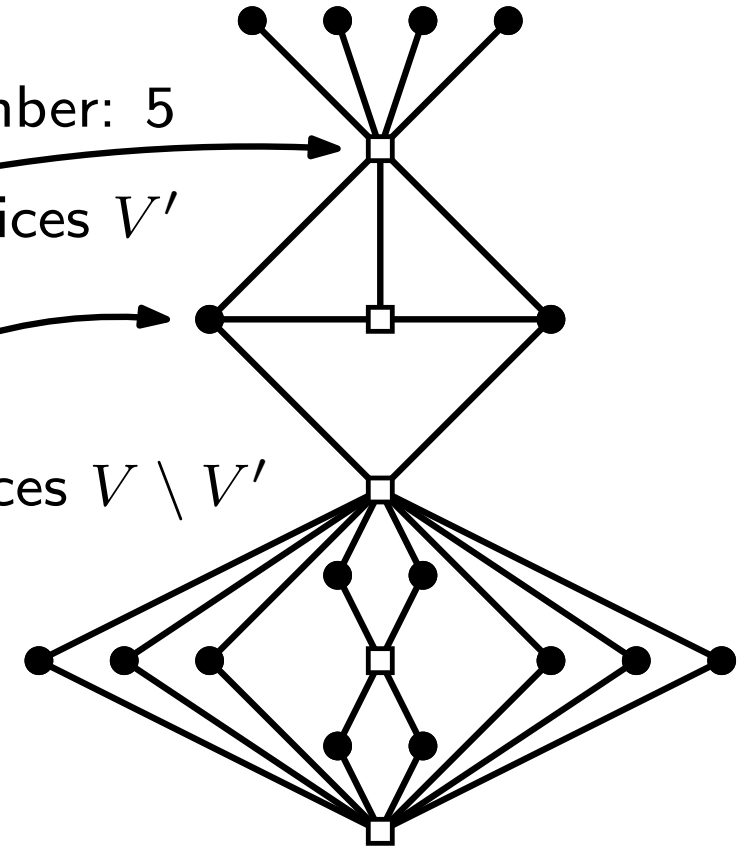
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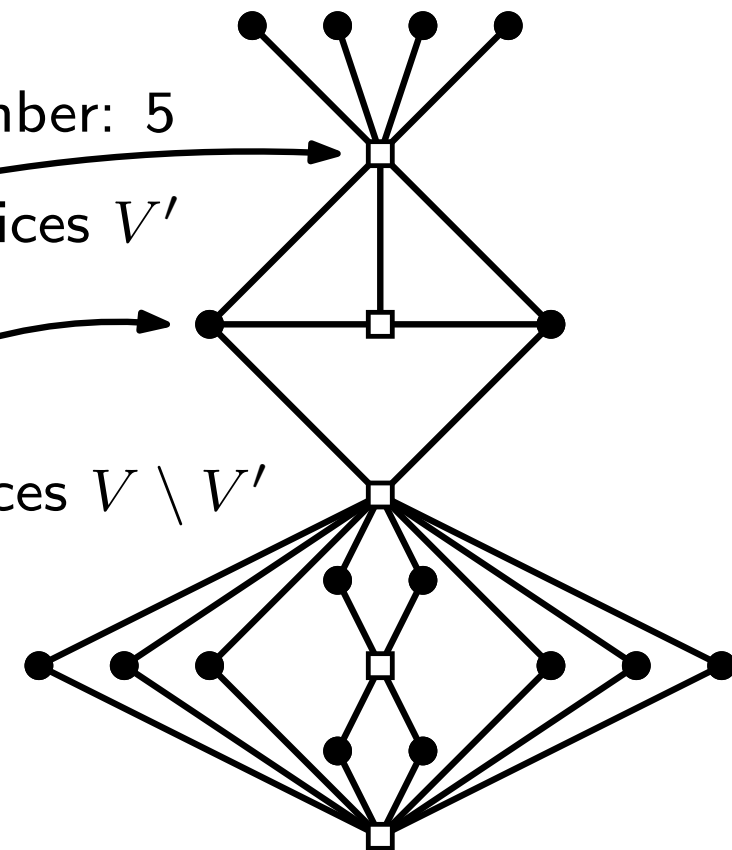
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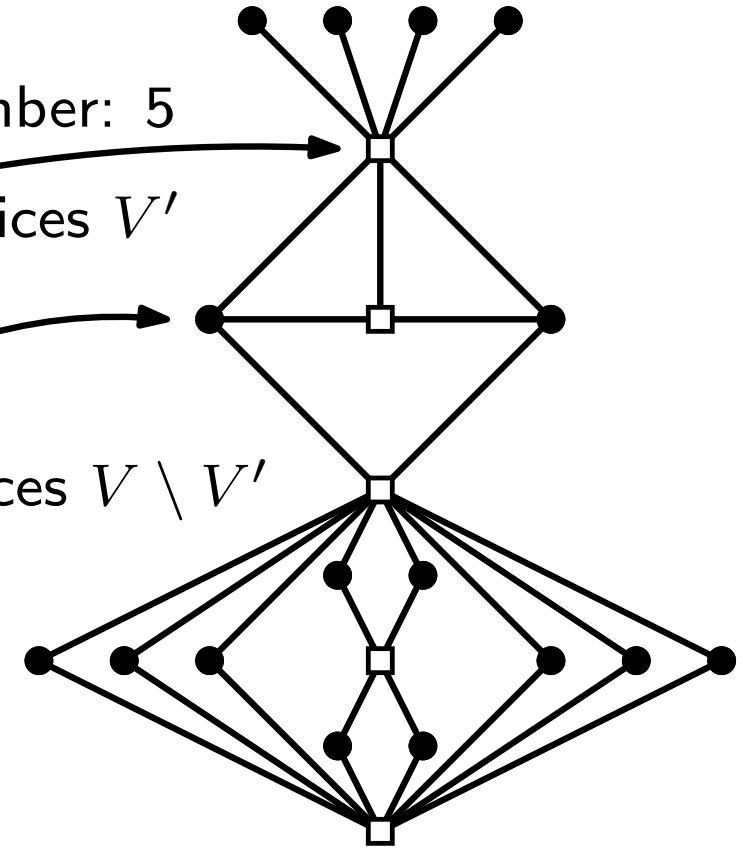
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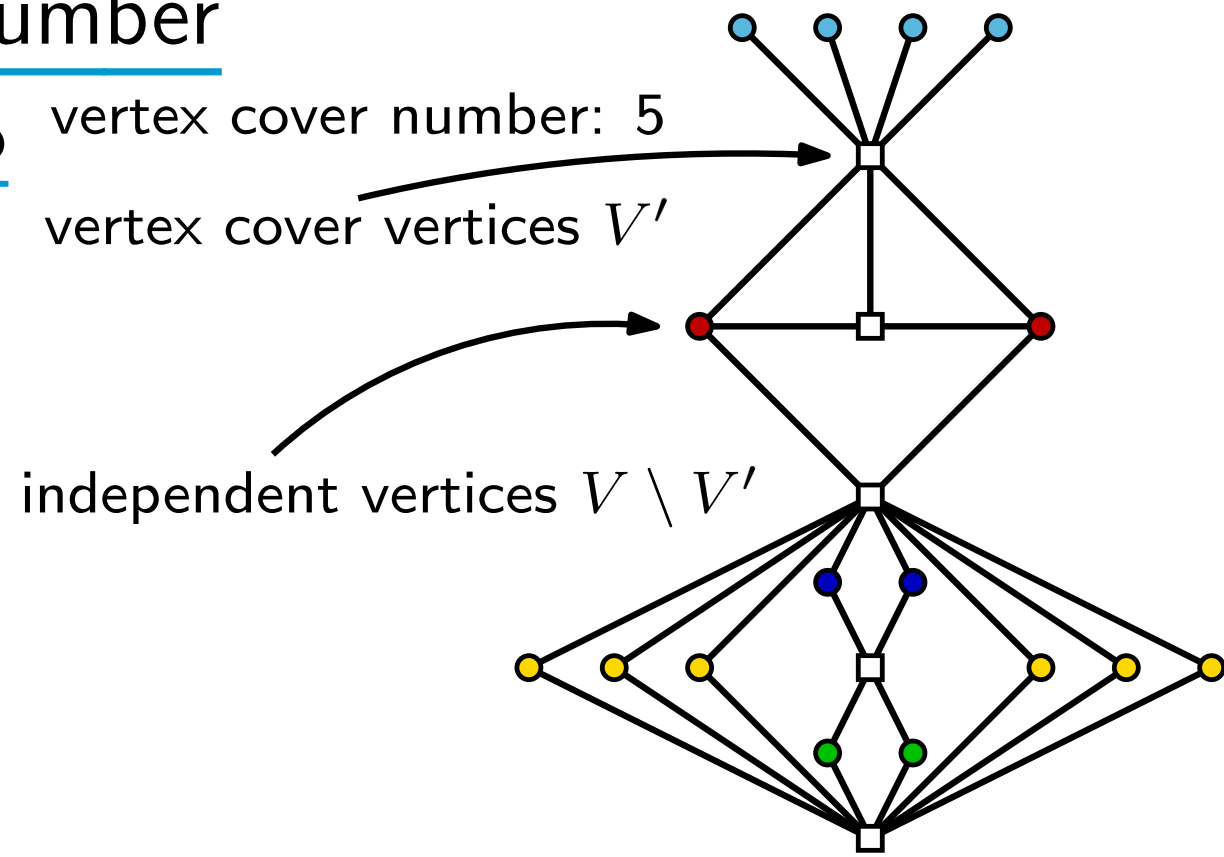
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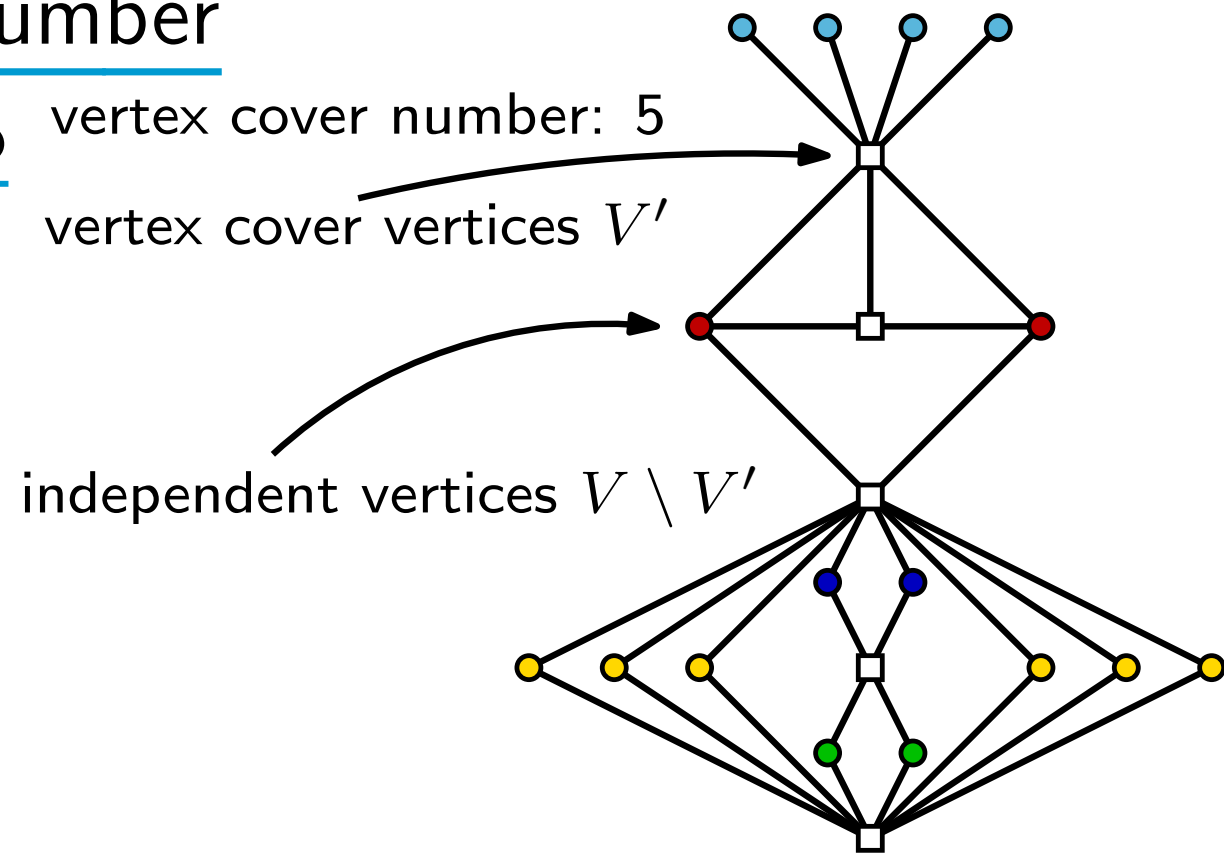
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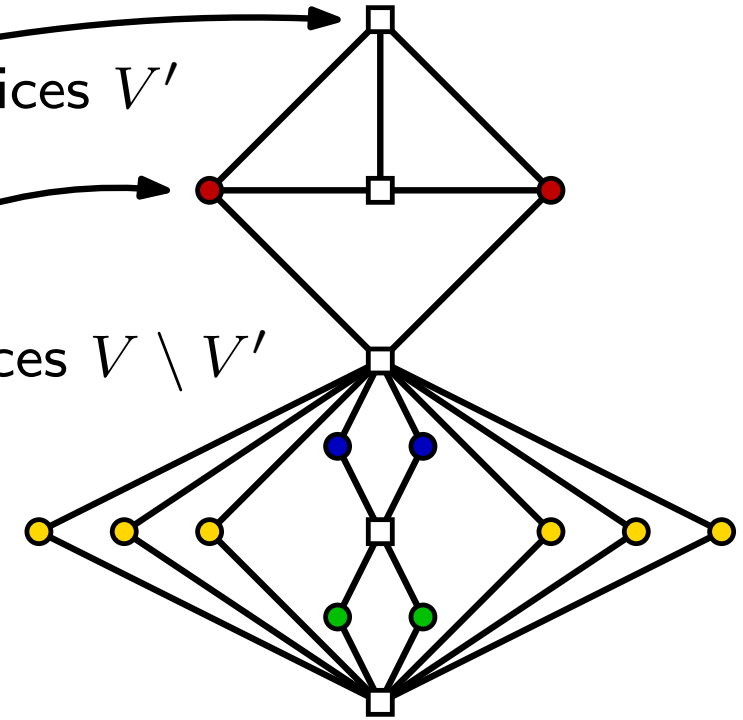
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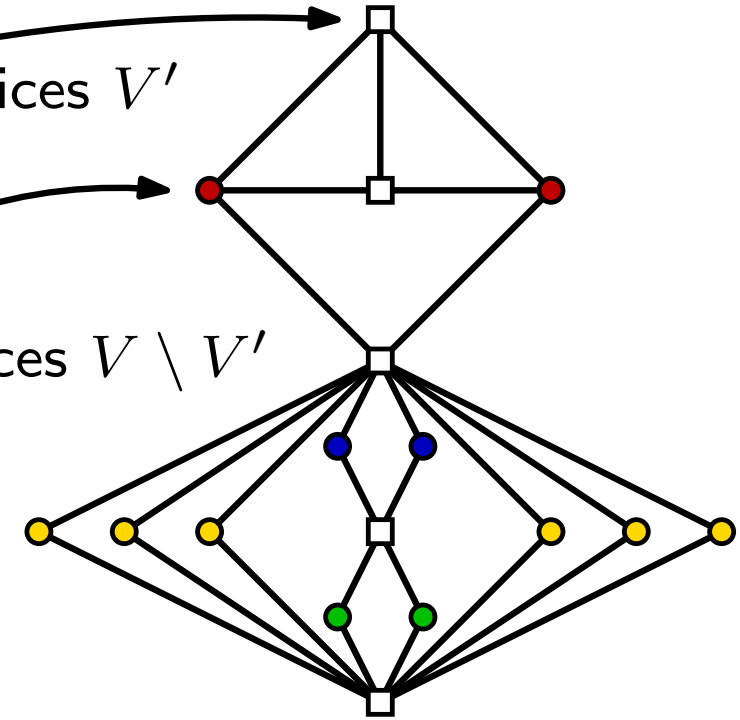
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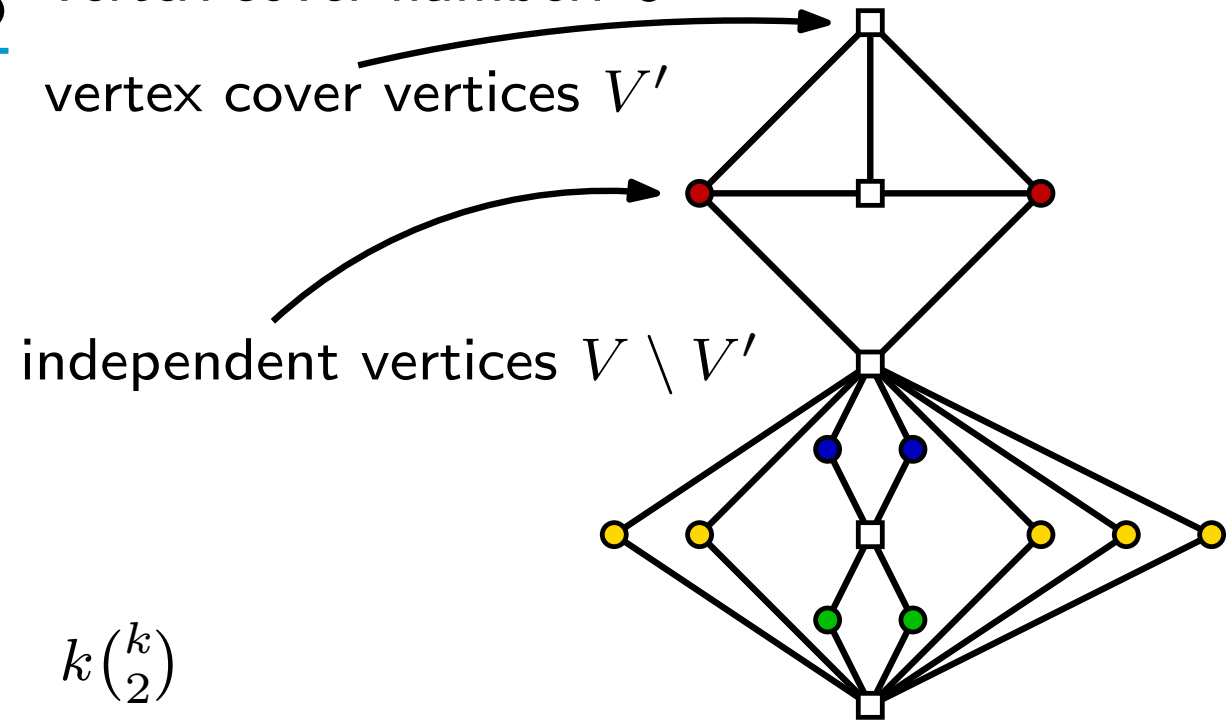
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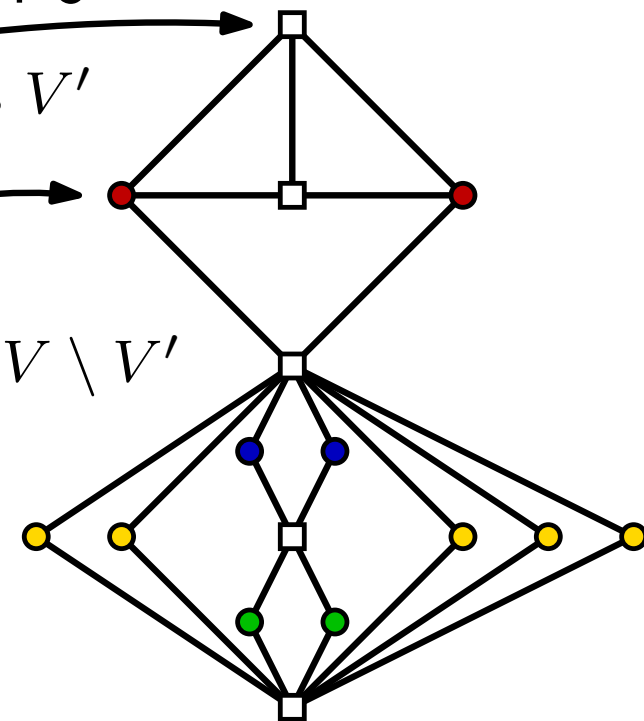
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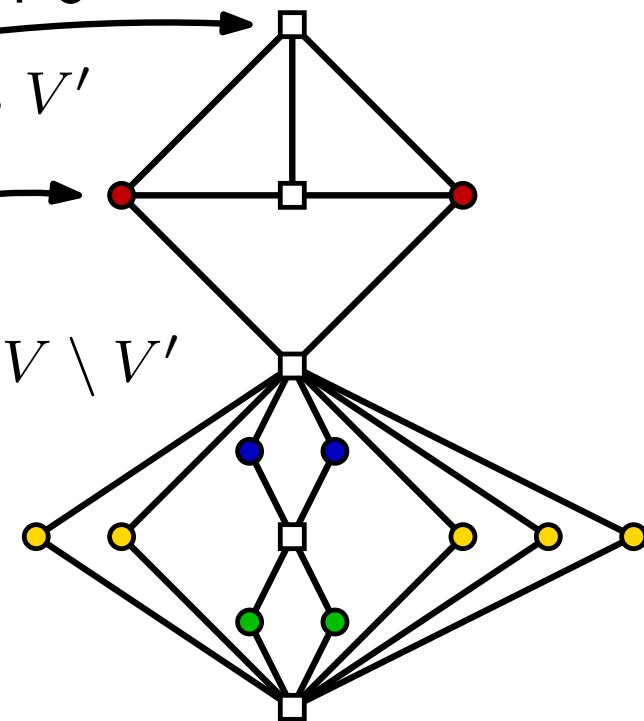
$j$ -class: equivalence class where each vertex is adjacent to exactly  $j$  vertices.

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 $\rightsquigarrow$  one per contiguous 2-class
- Each  $j$ -class,  $j > 2$  contains at most two vertices otherwise there would be a  $K_{3,3}$
- Vertex cover

vertex cover number: 5

vertex cover vertices  $V'$

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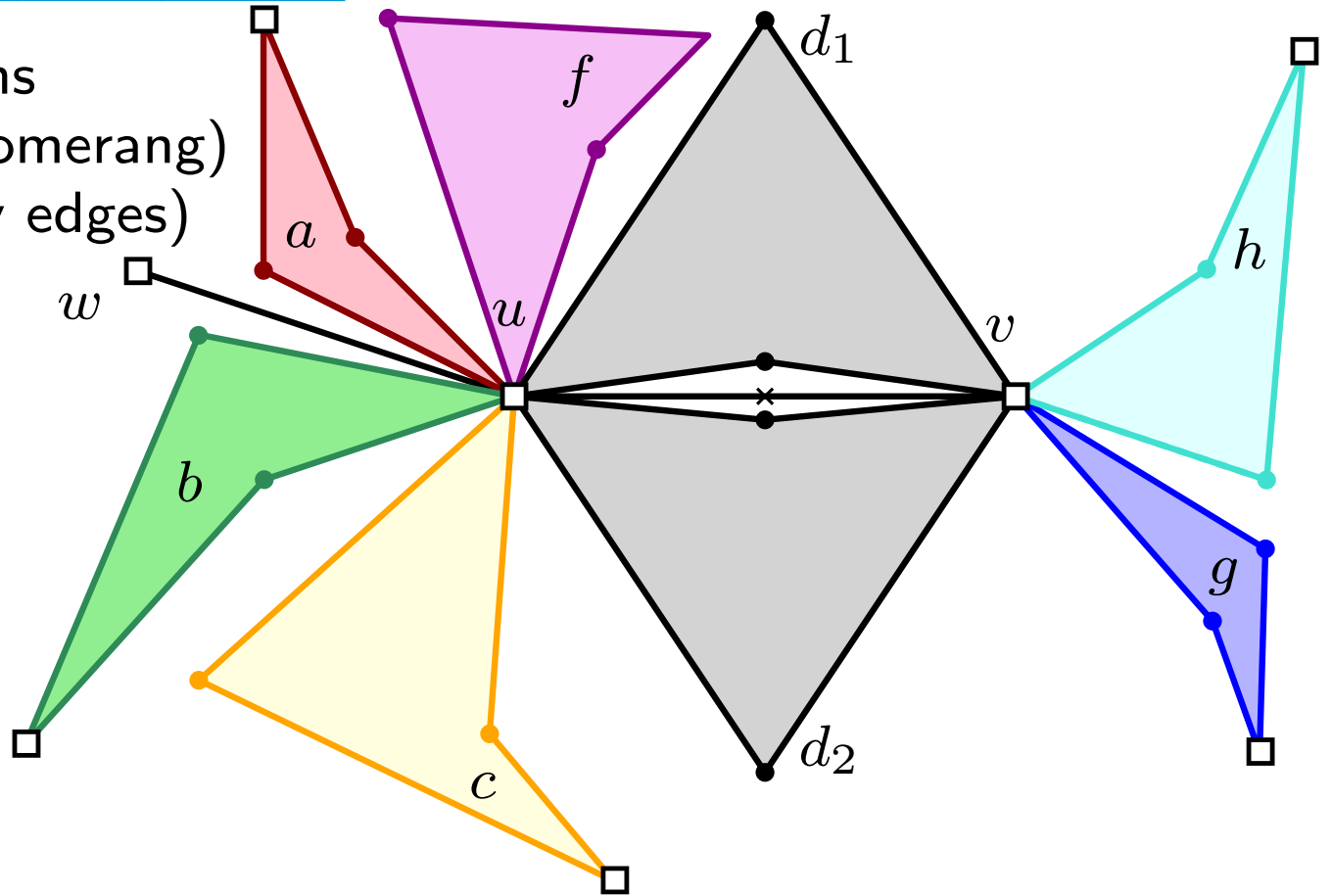
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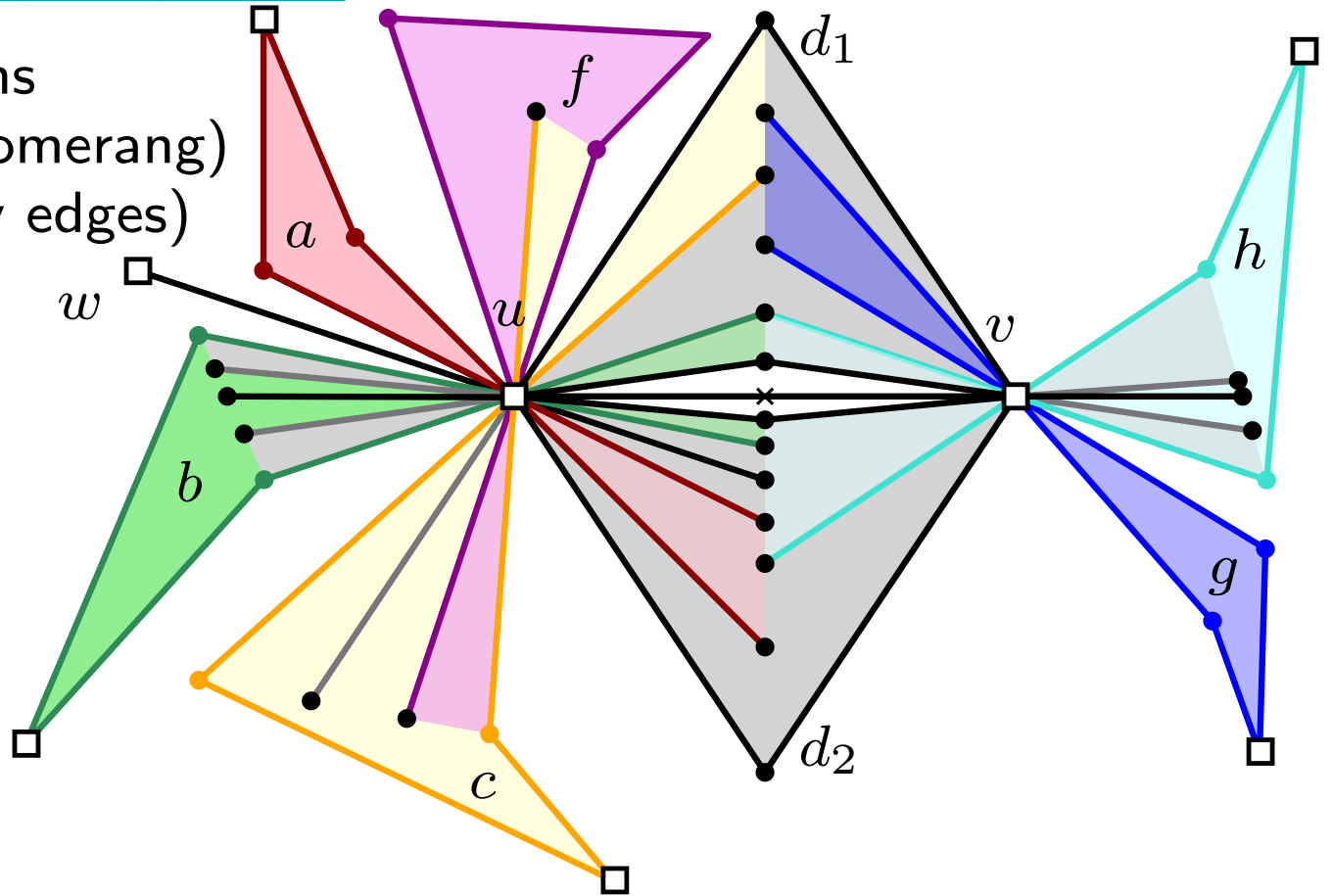


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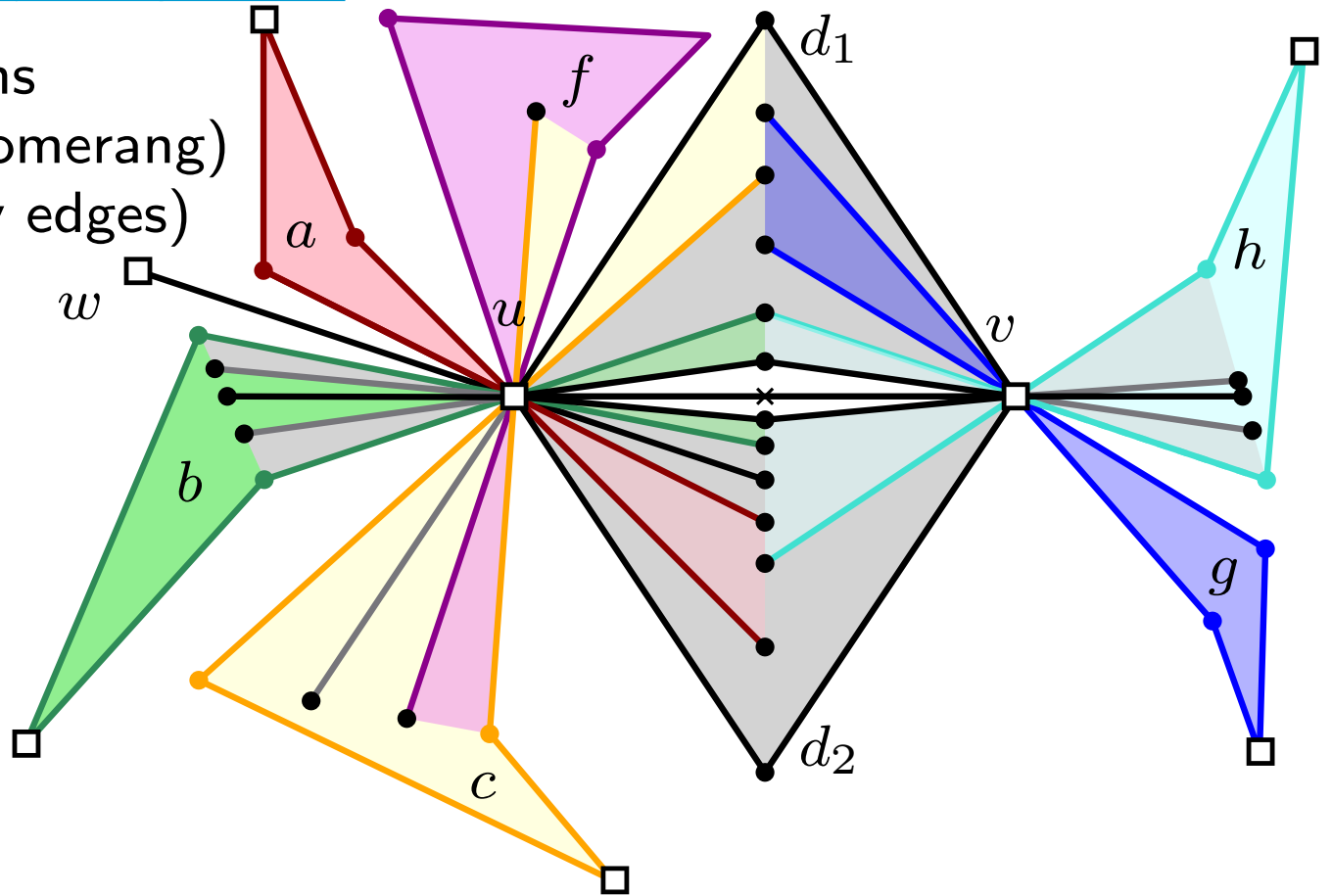


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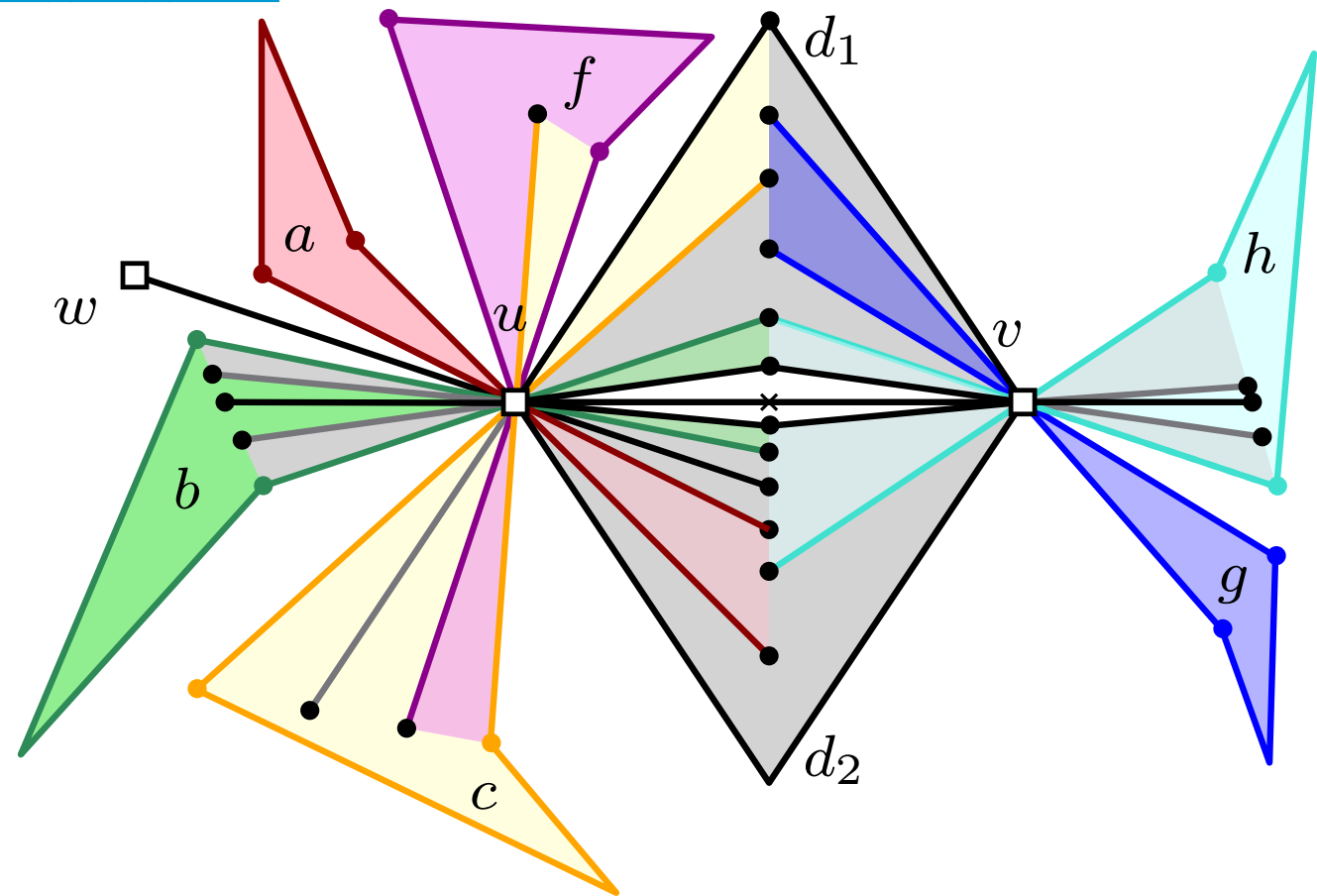


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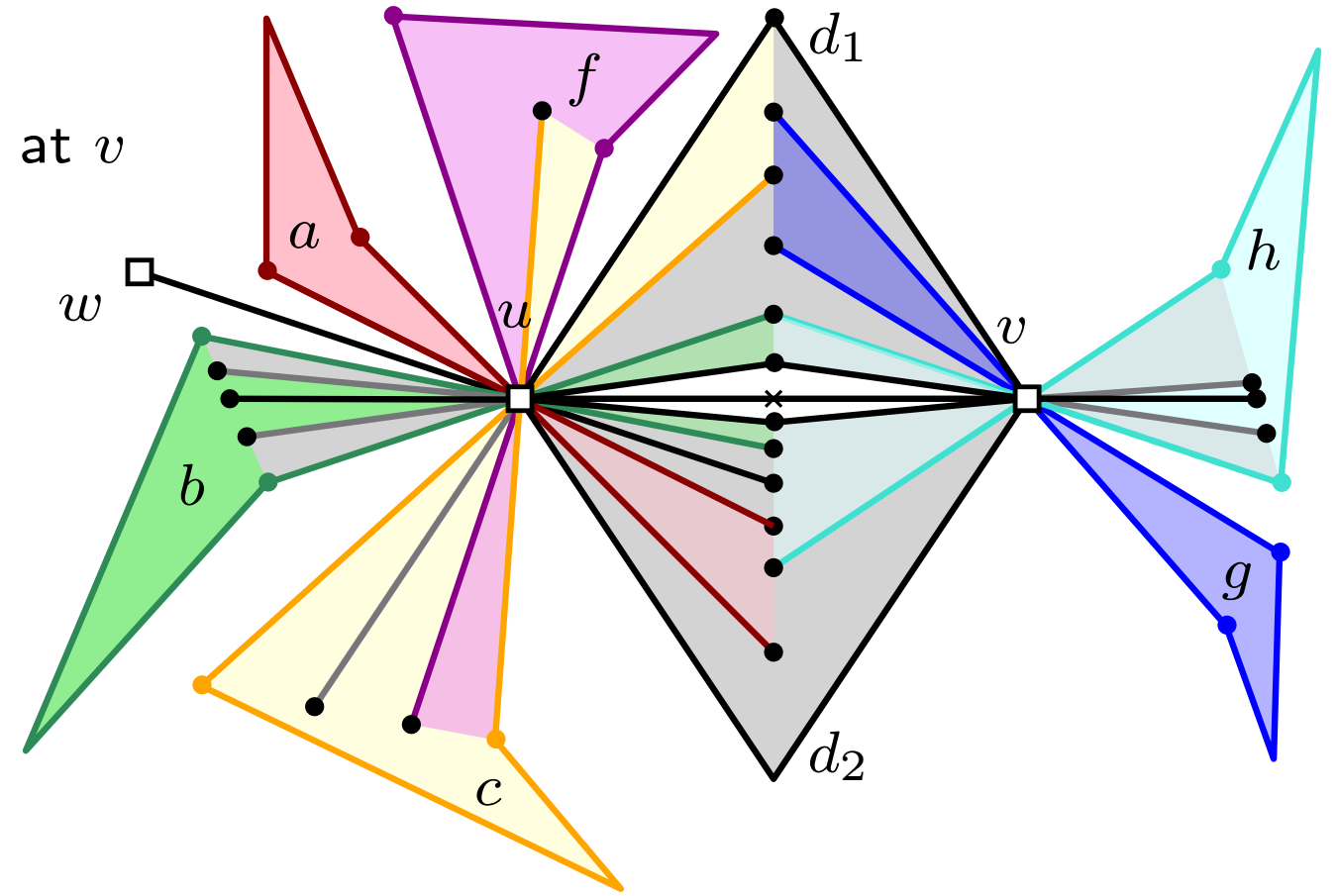
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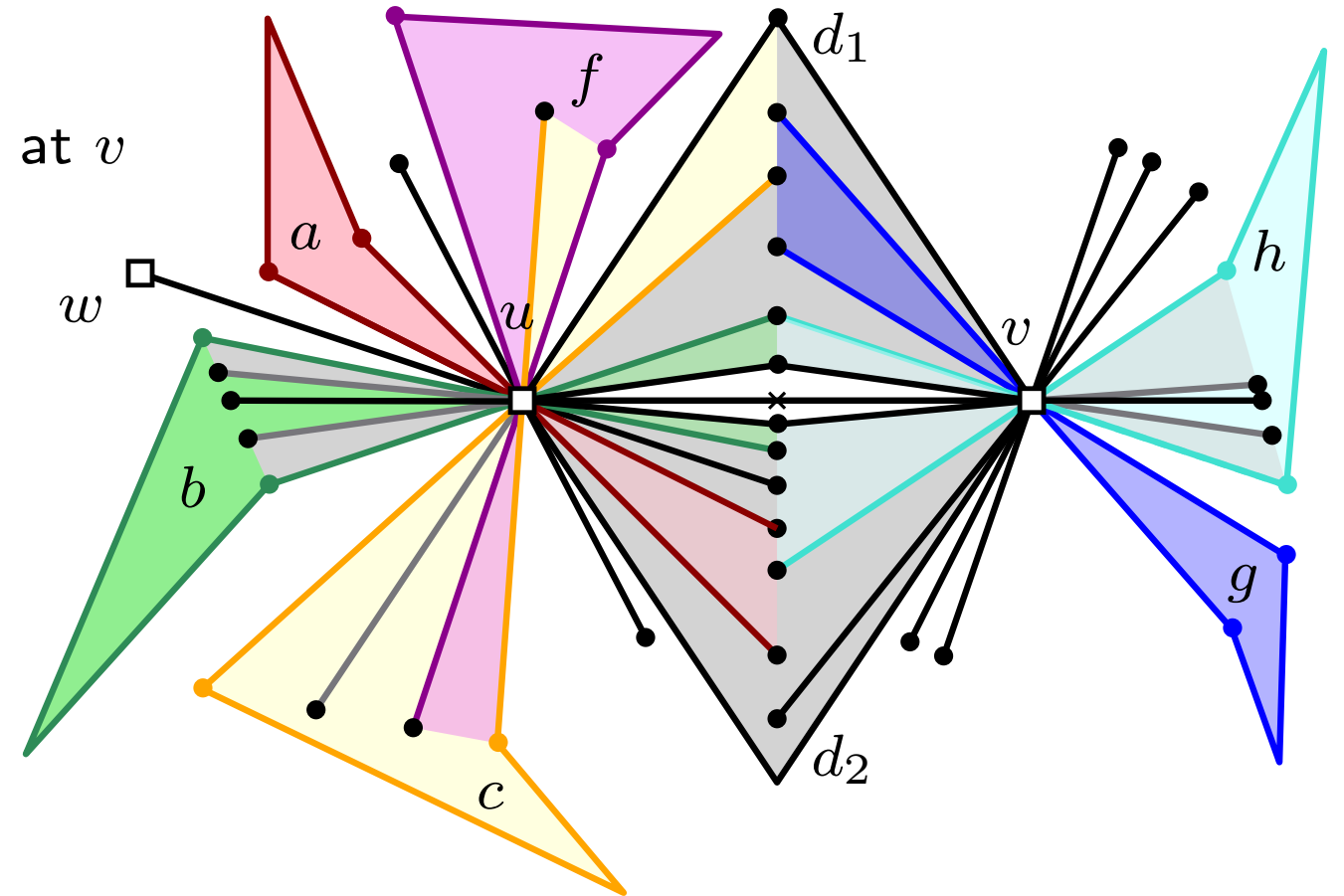


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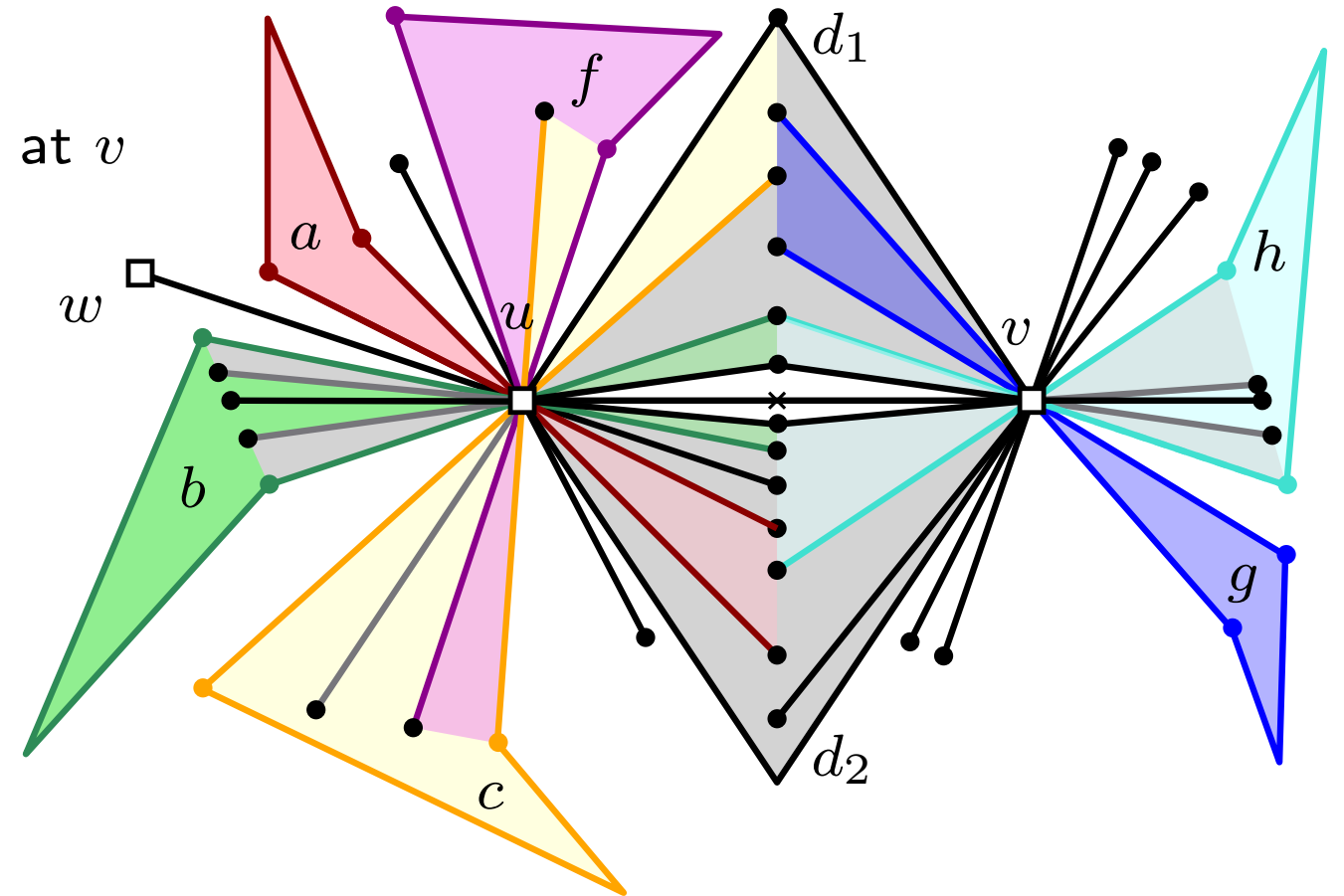
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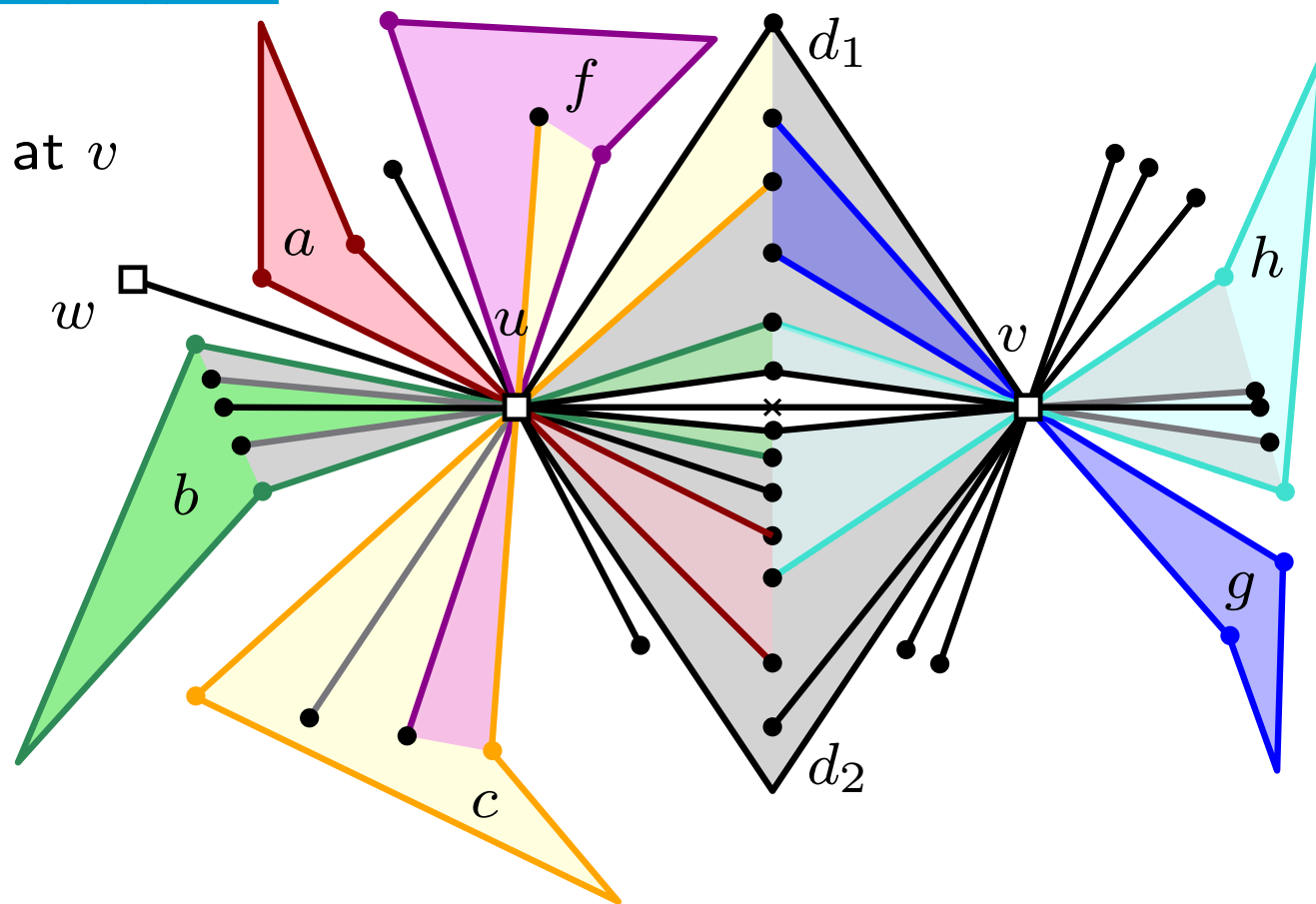
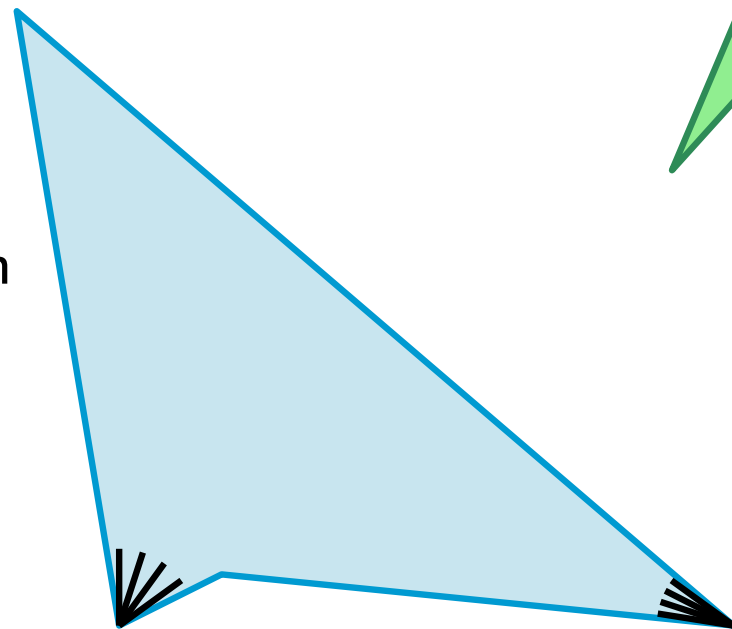
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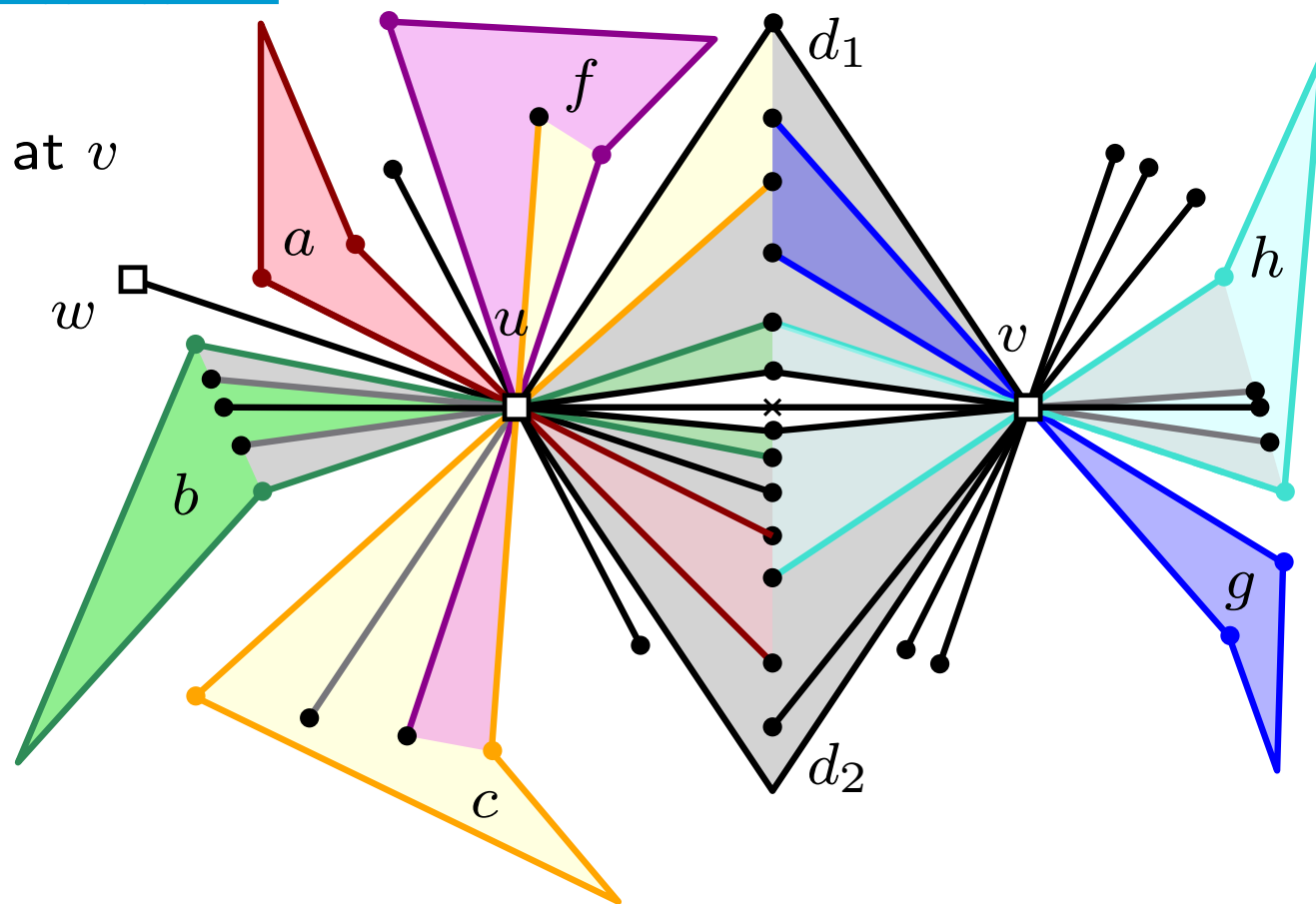
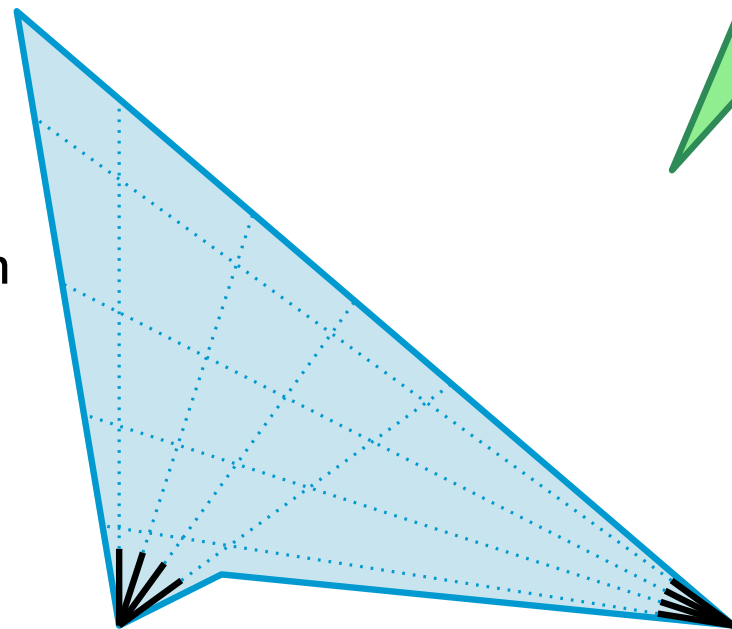
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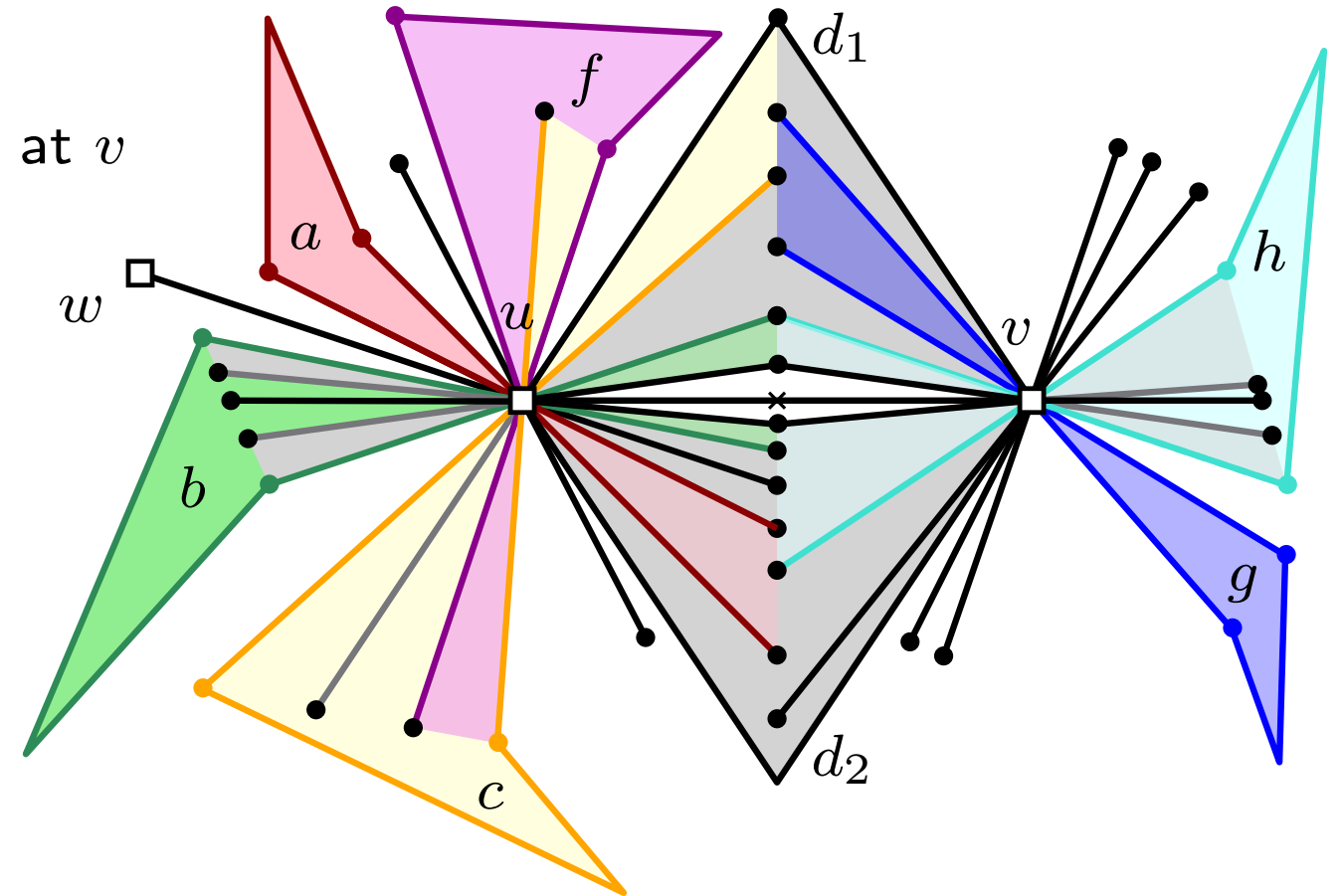
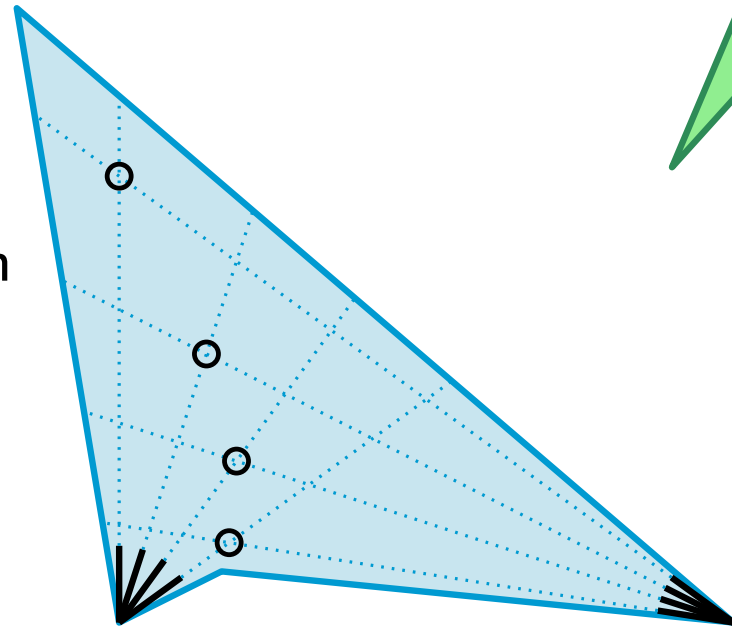
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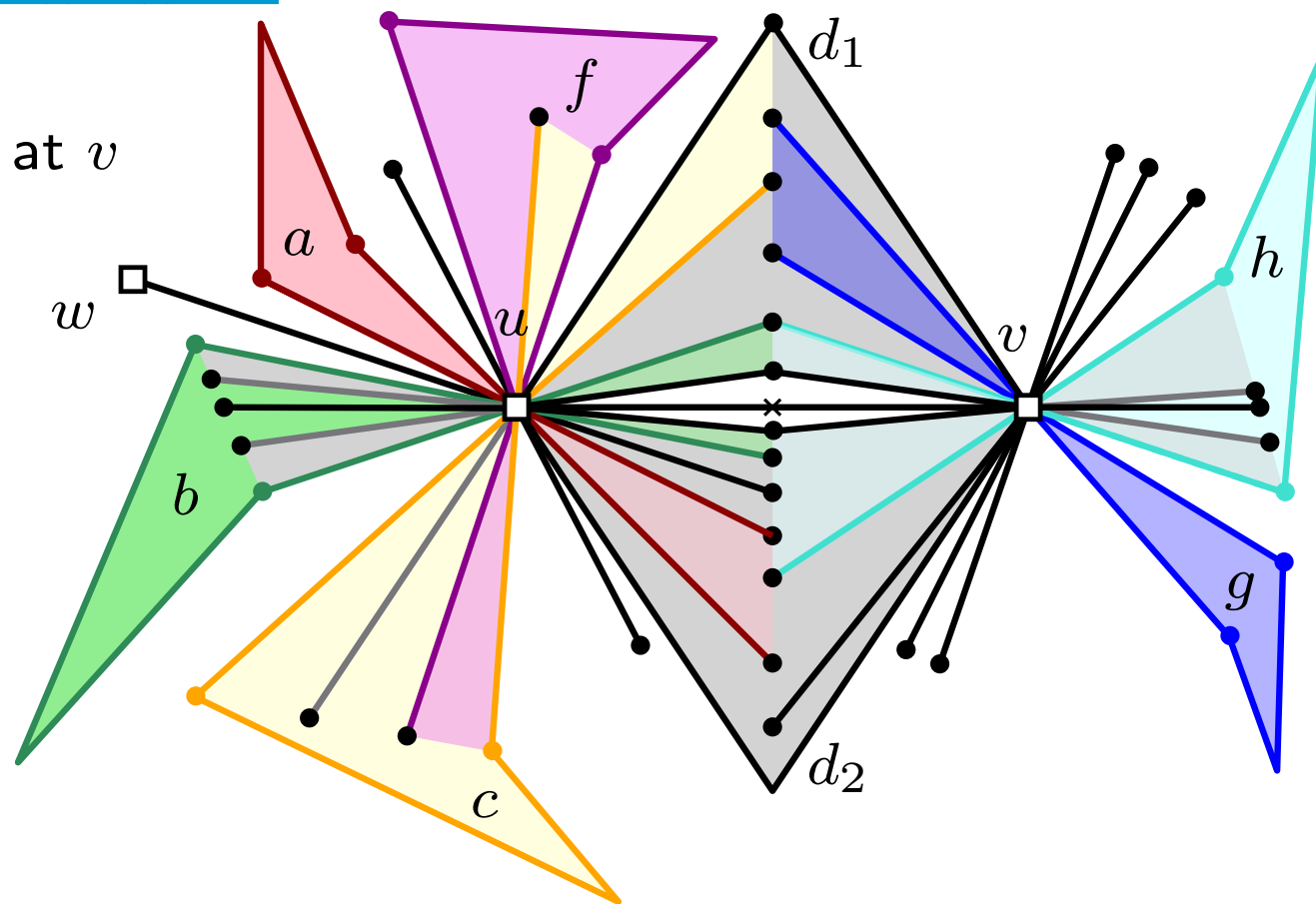
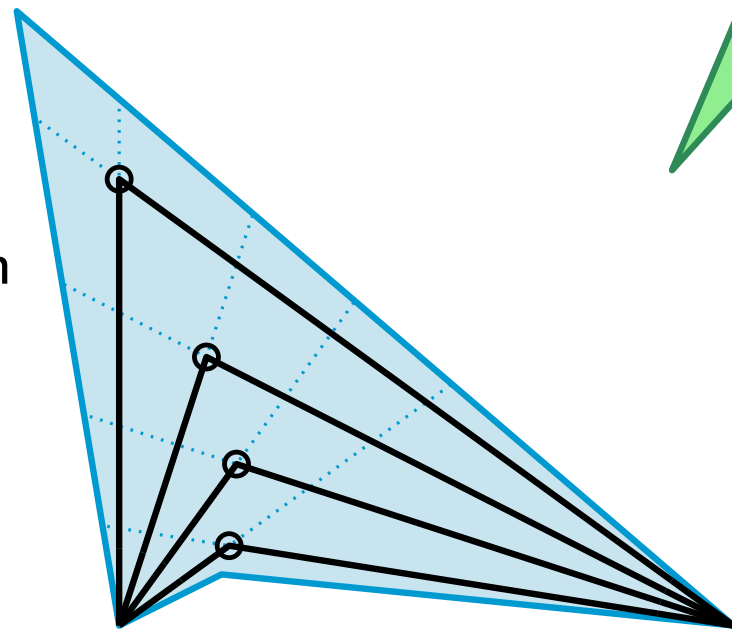
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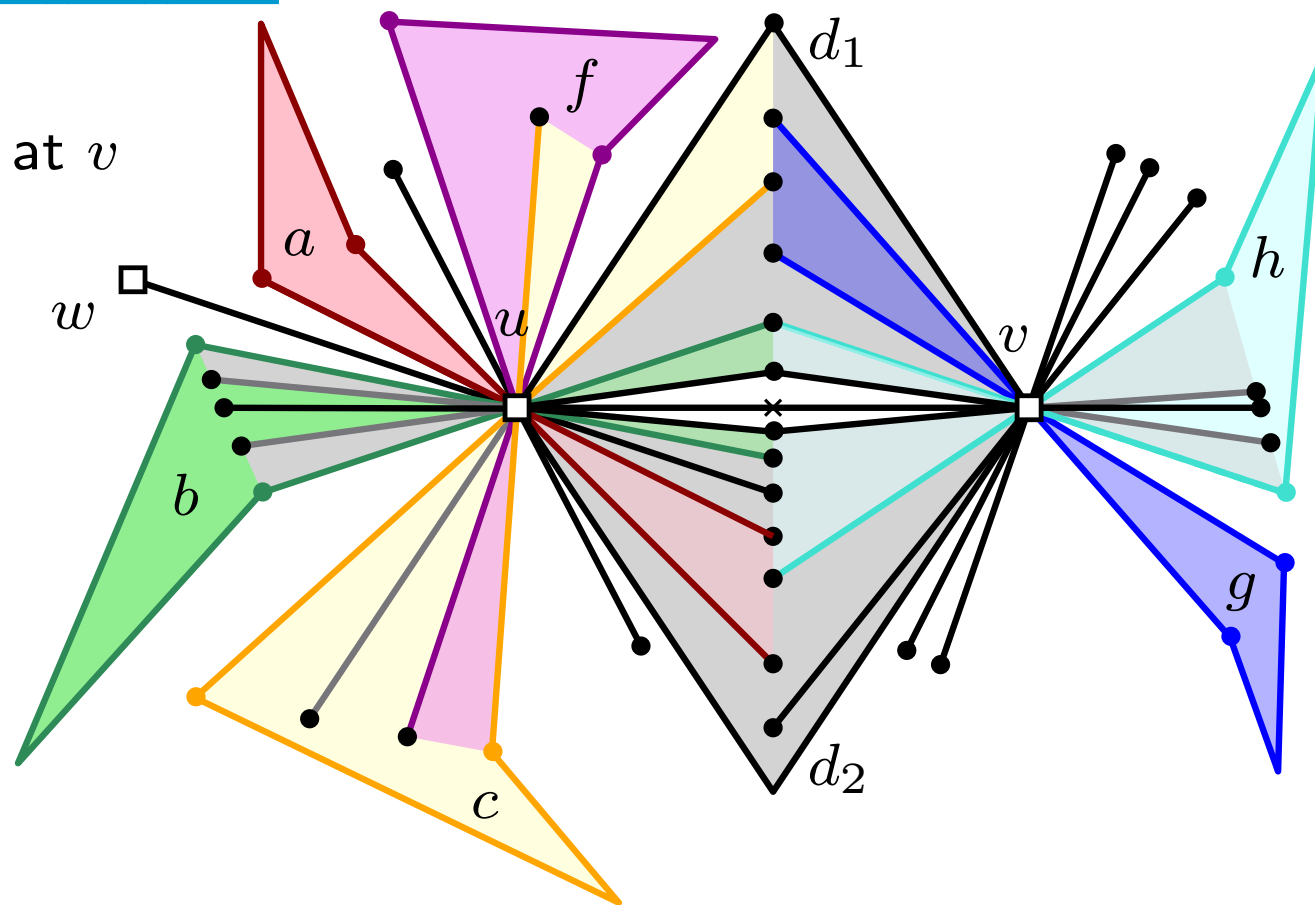
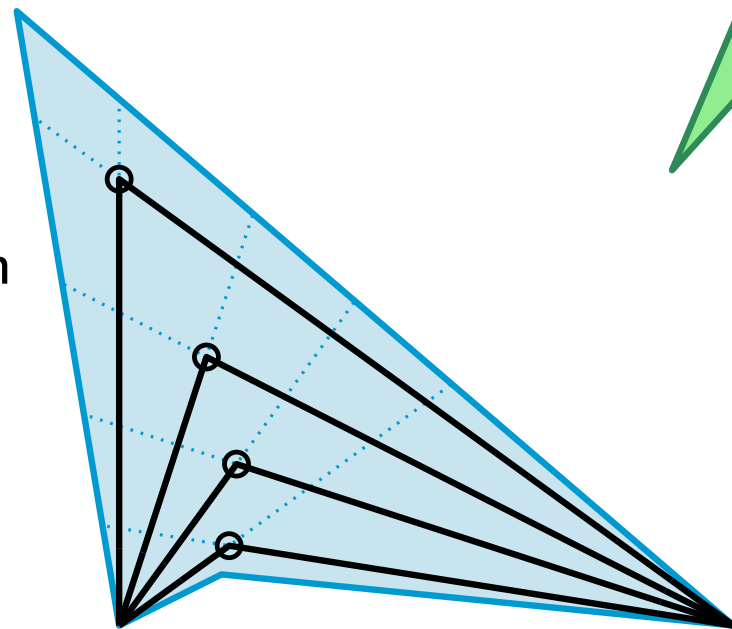
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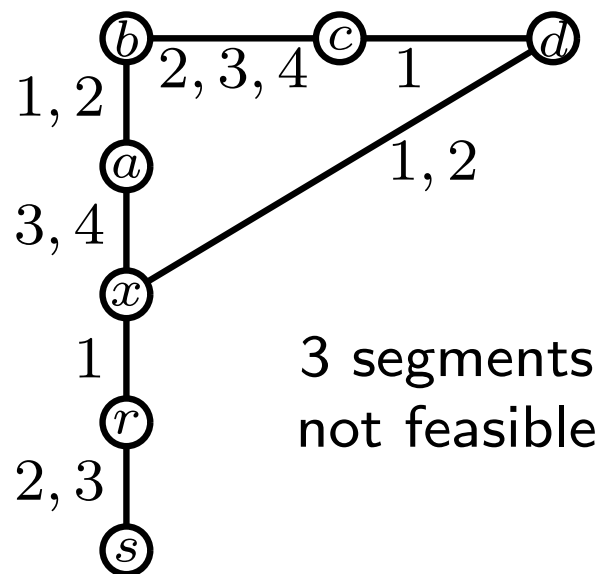
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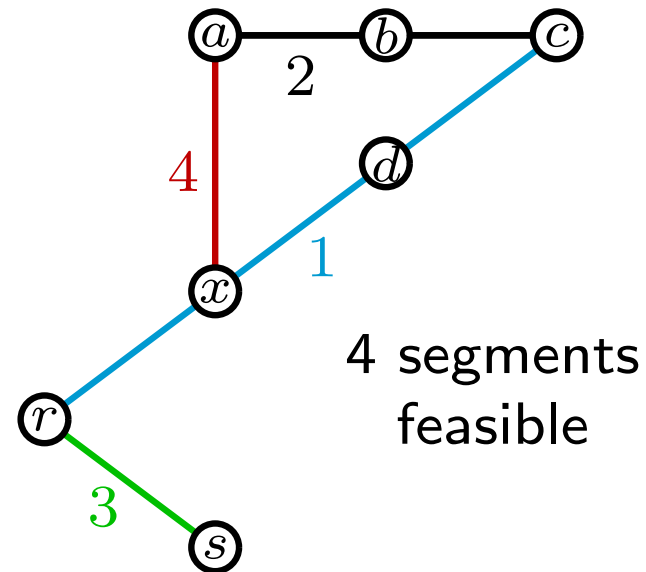
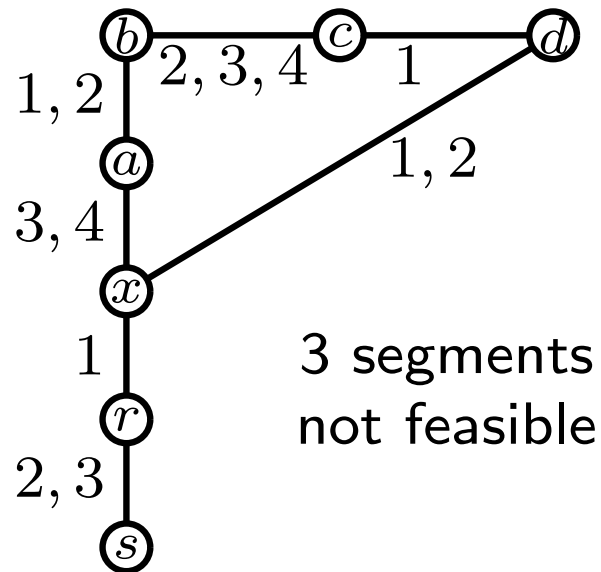
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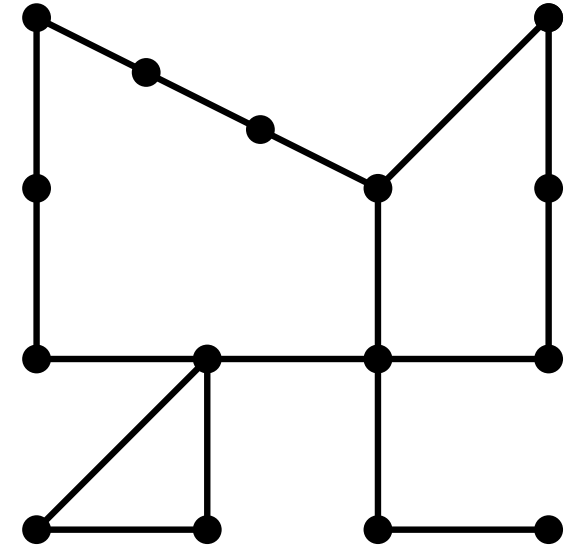
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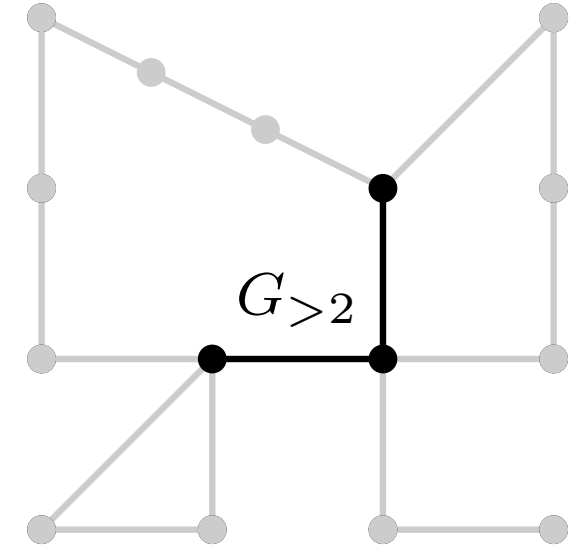
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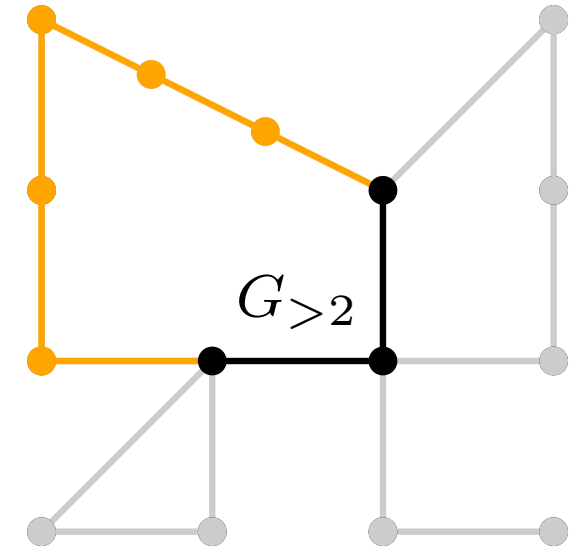
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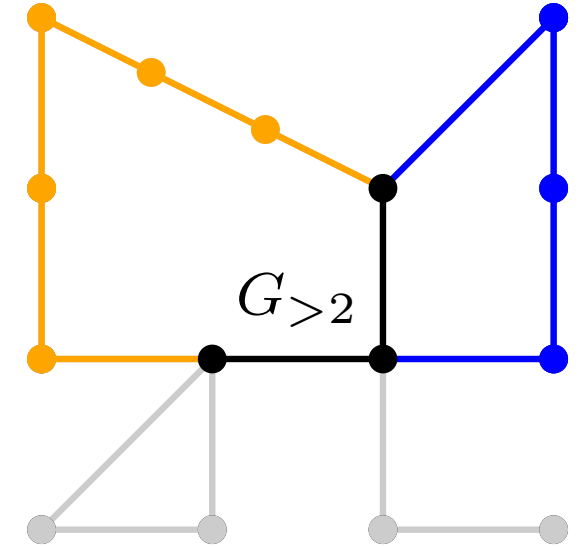
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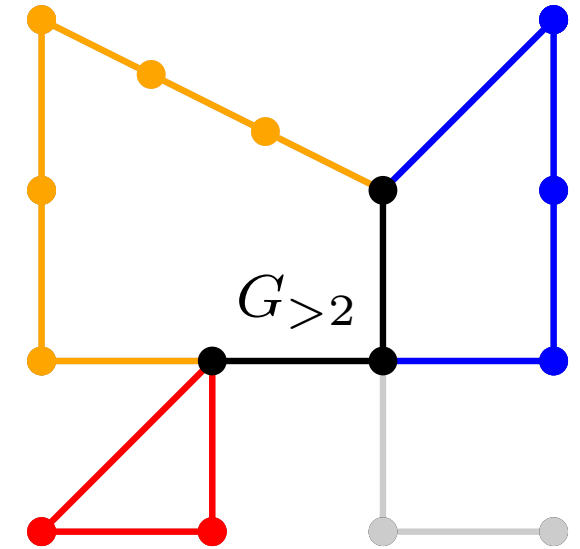
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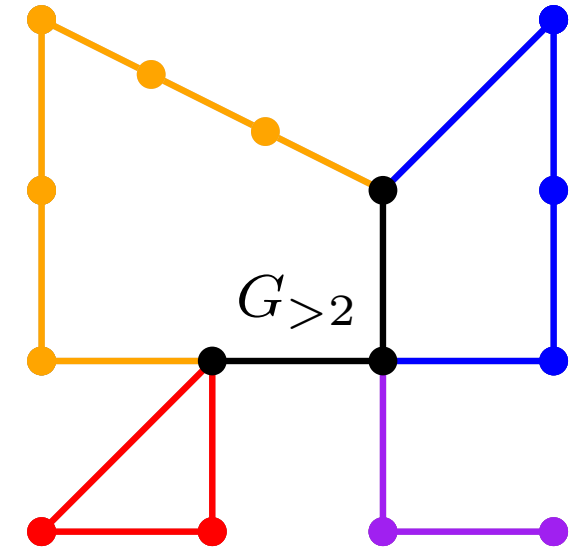
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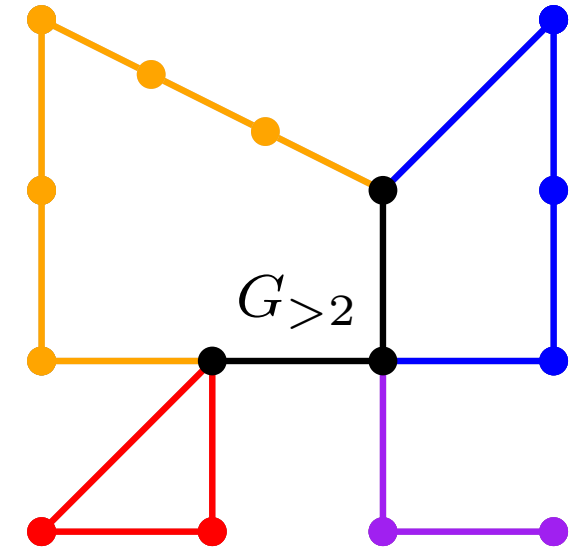
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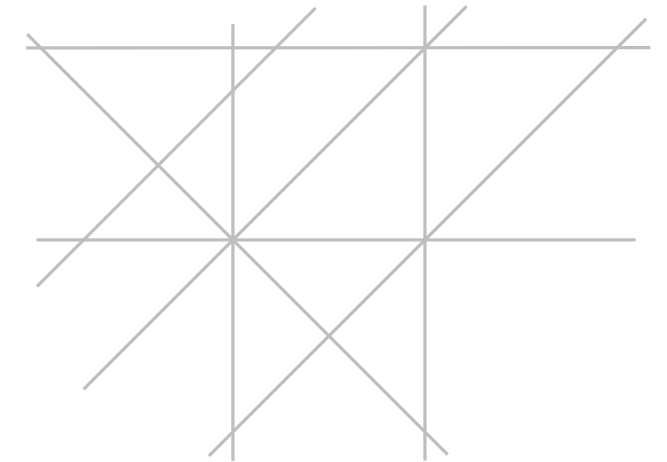
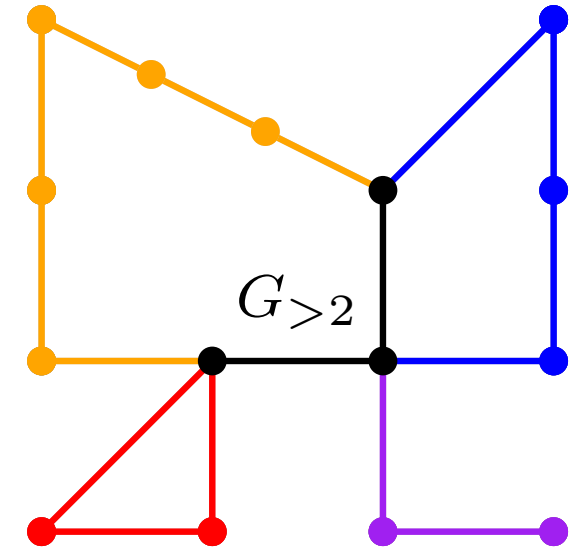
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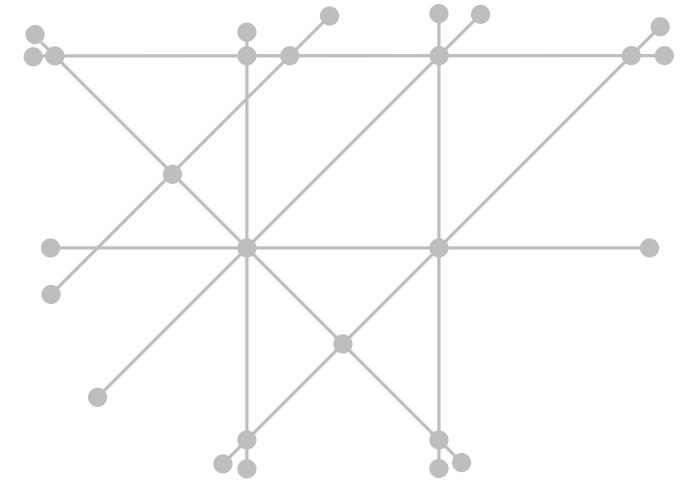
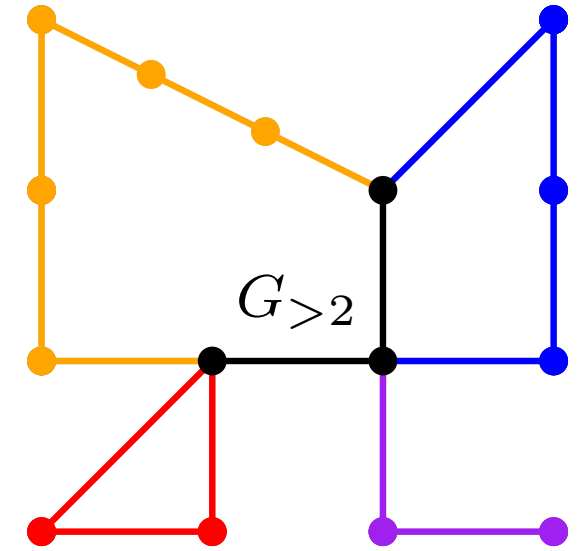
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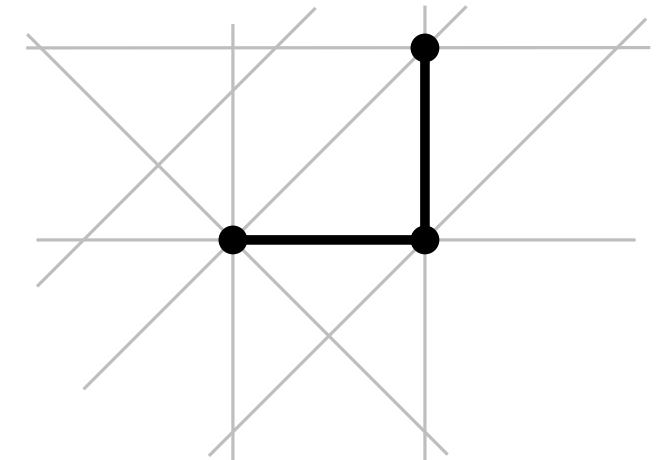
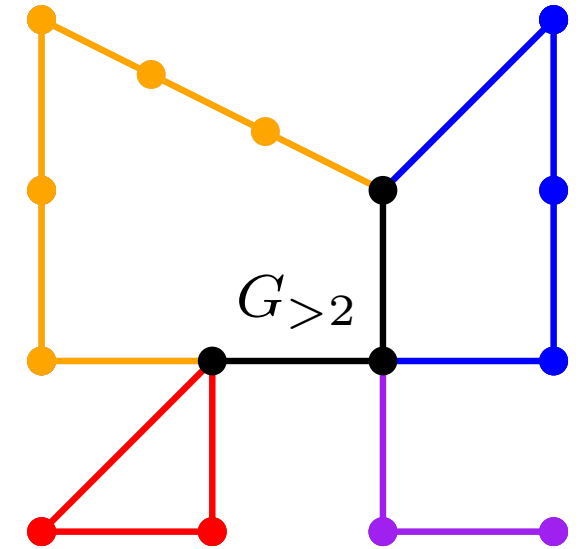
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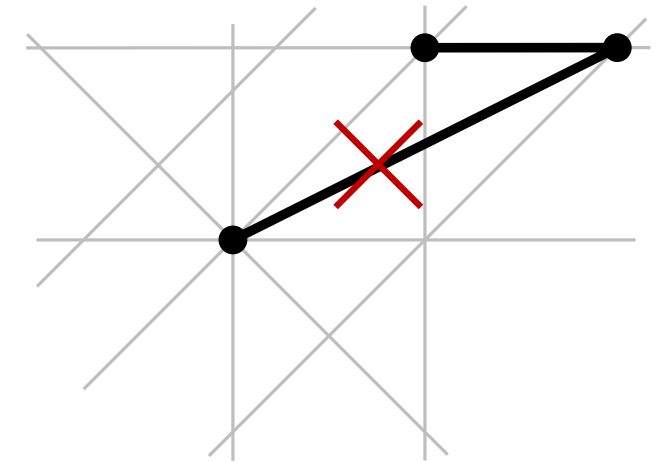
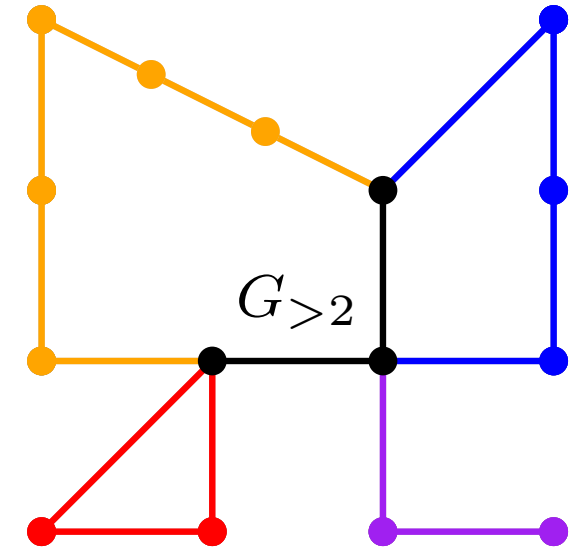
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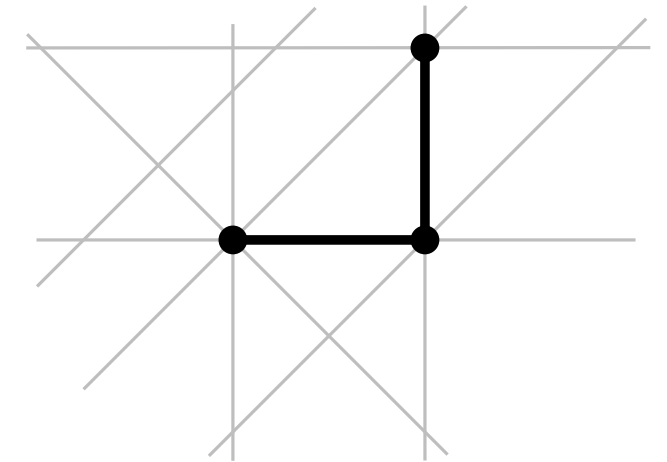
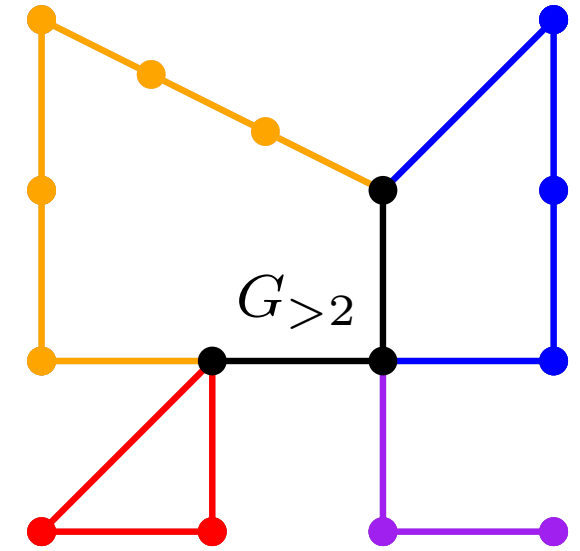
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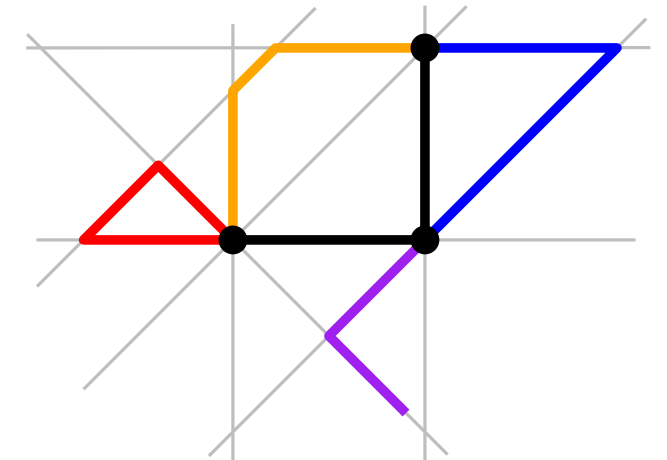
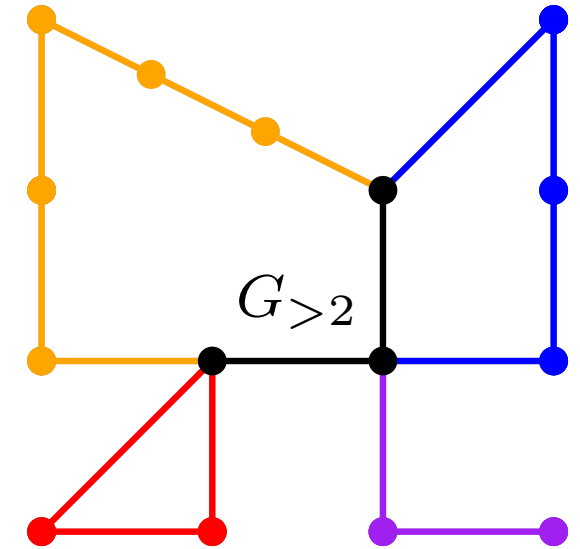
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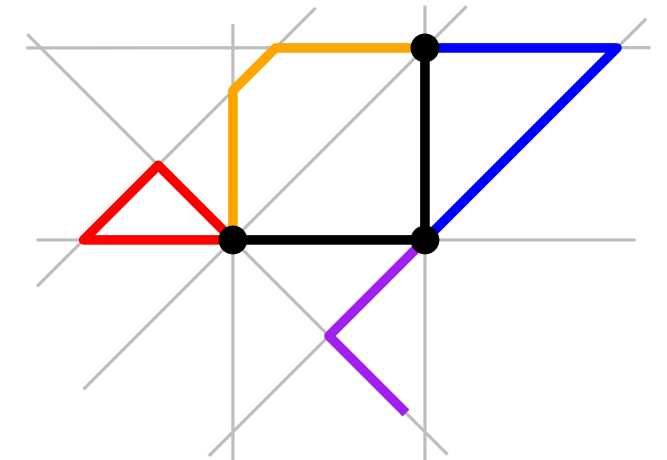
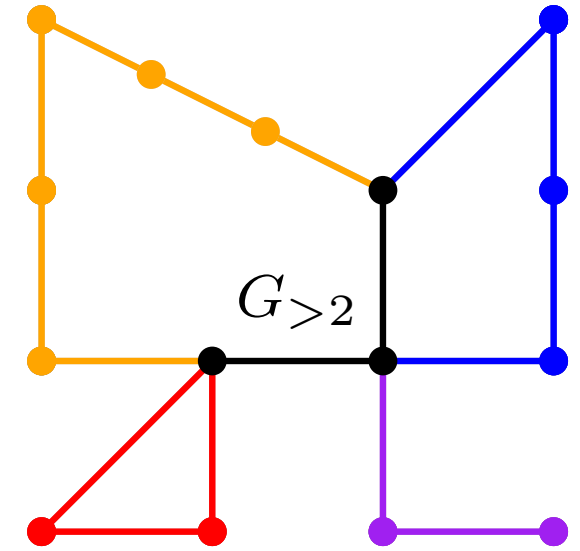
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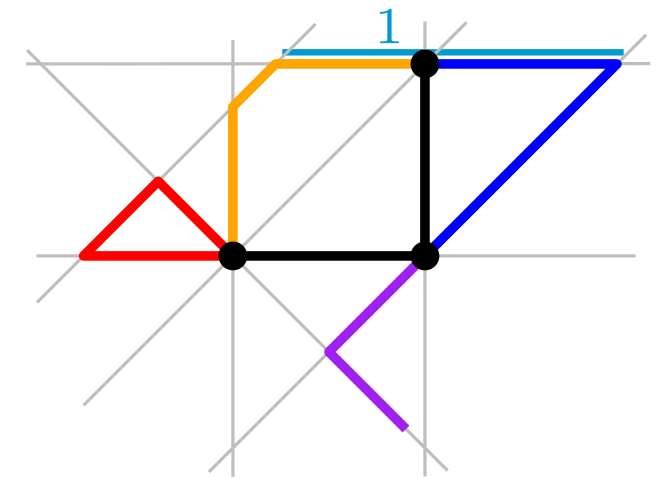
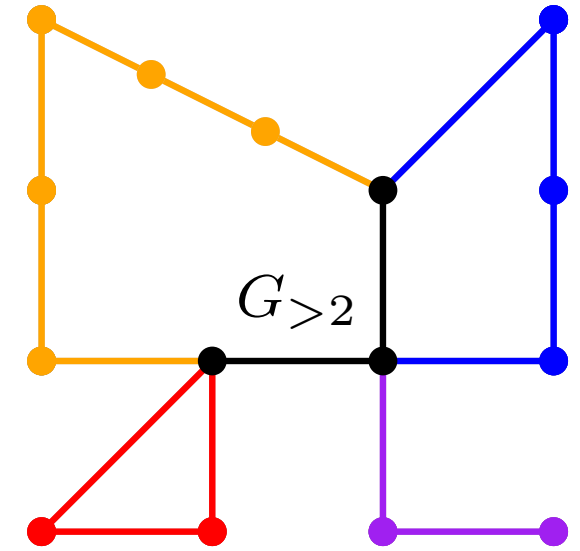
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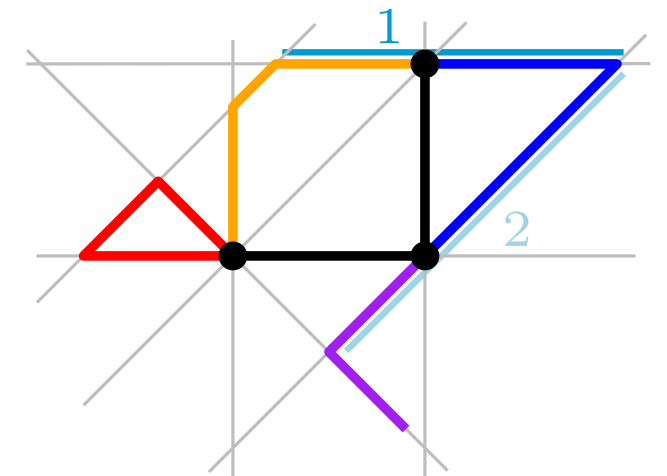
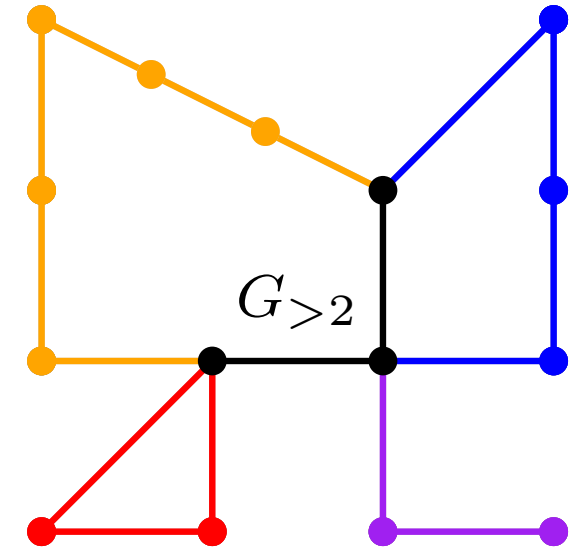
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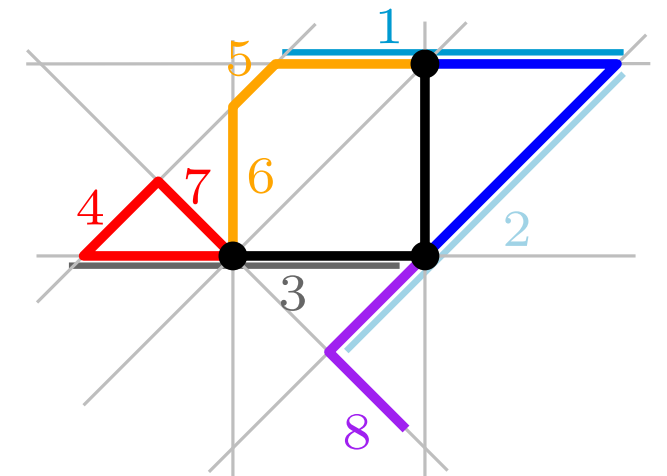
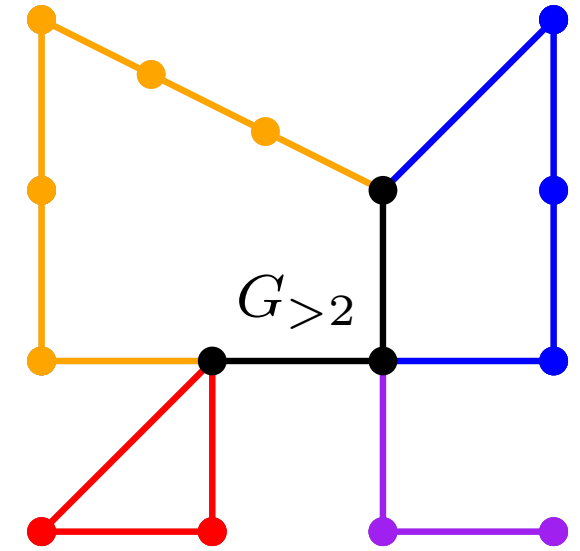
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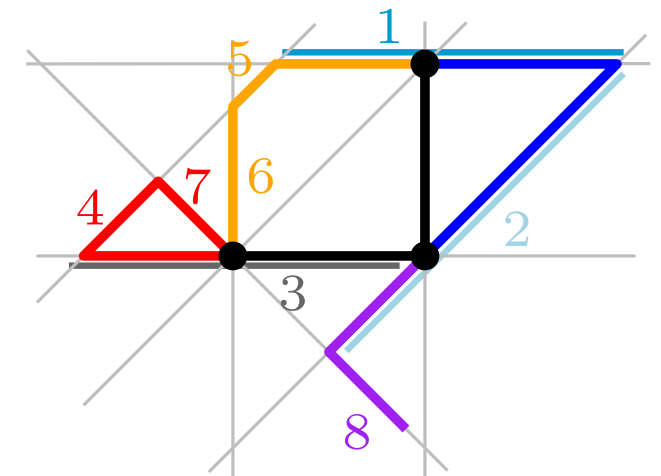
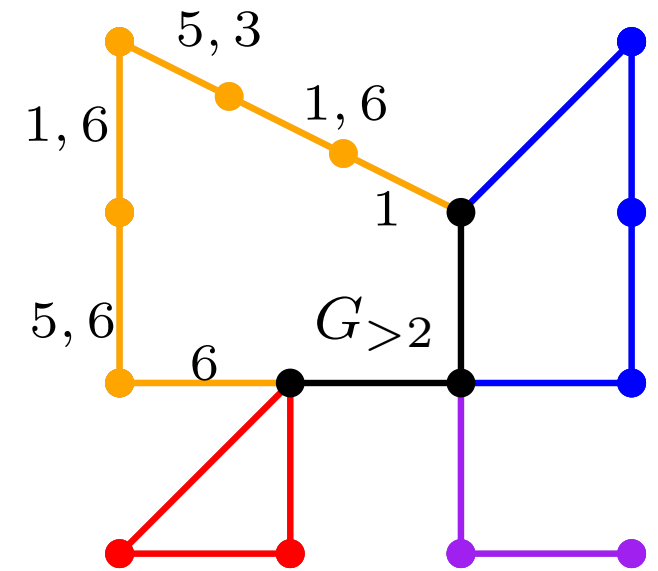
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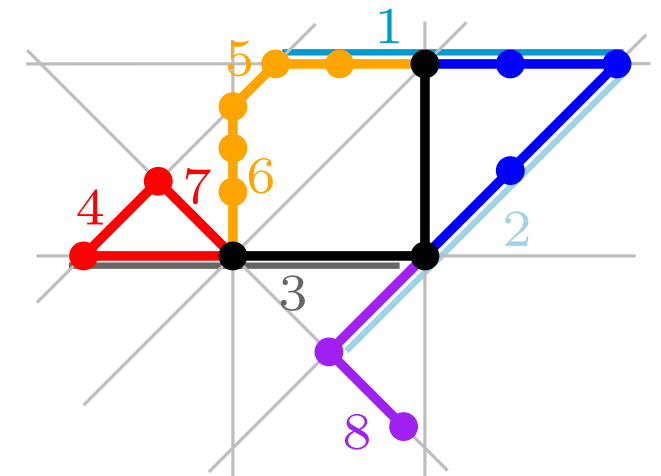
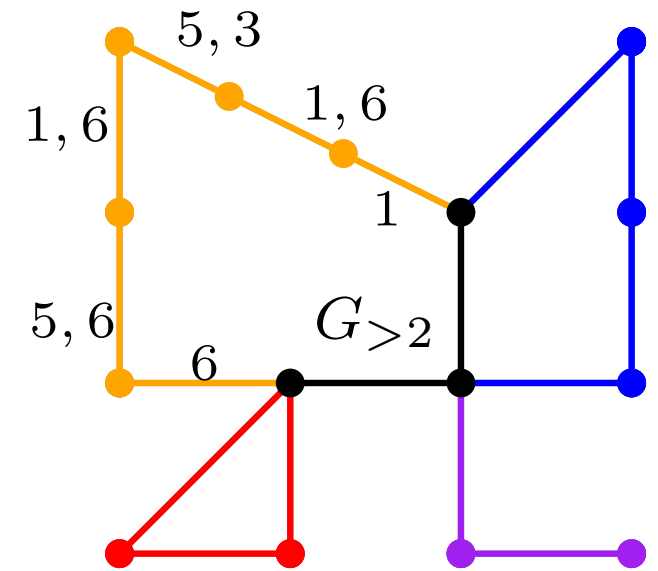
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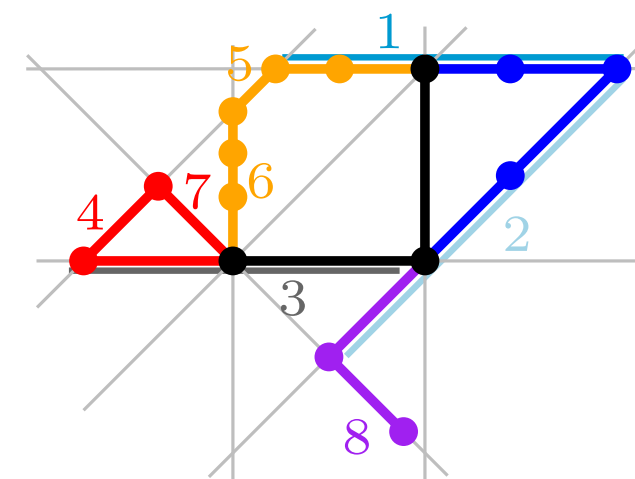
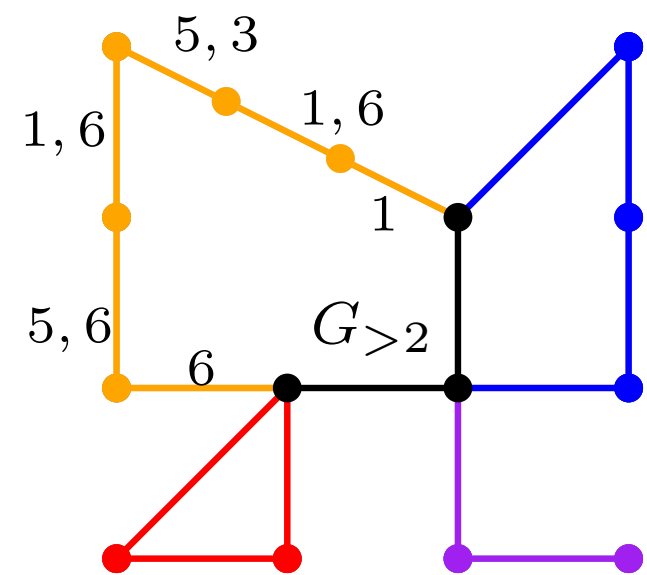
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