

# Approximating the Generalized Minimum Manhattan Network Problem

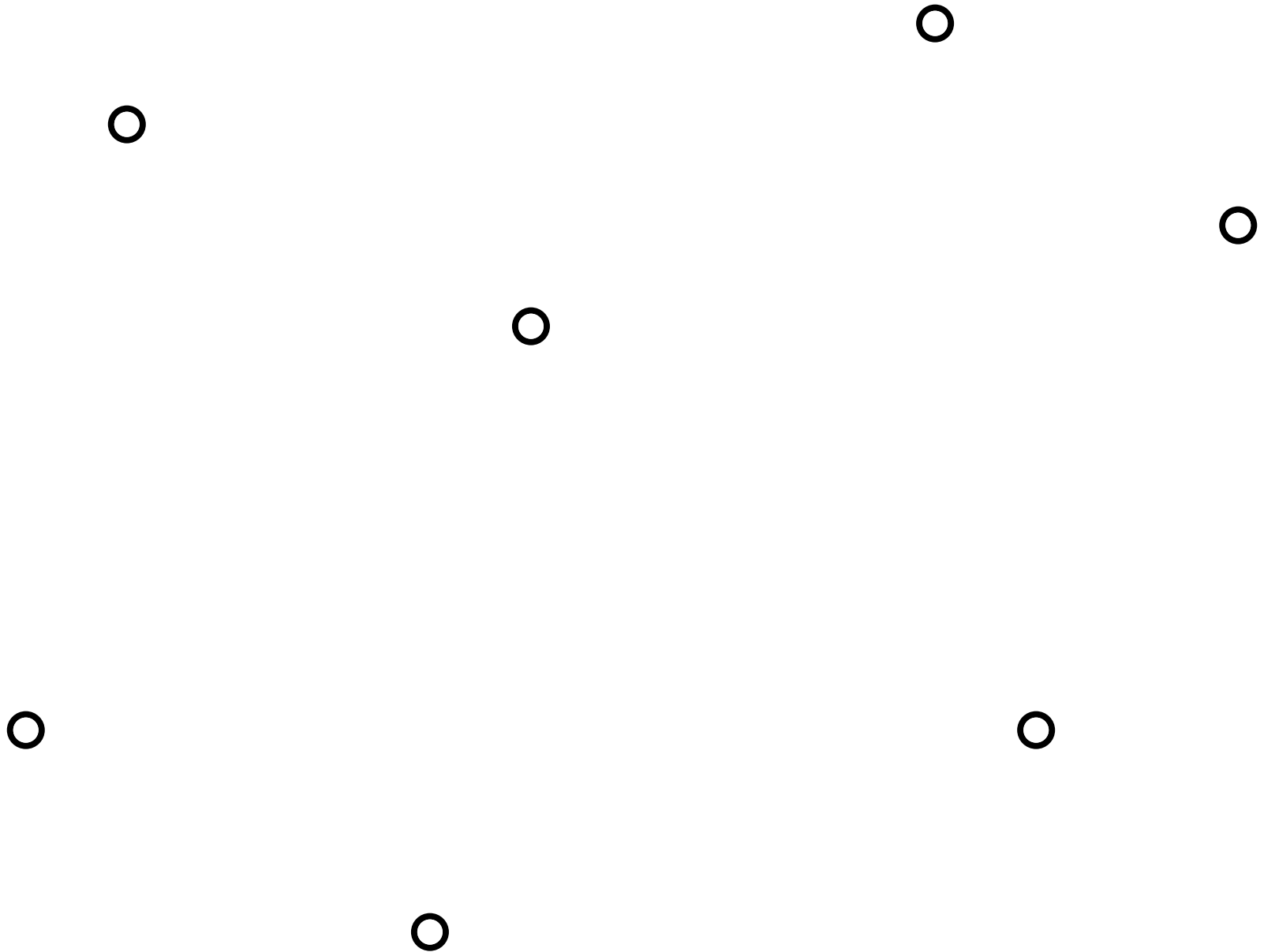
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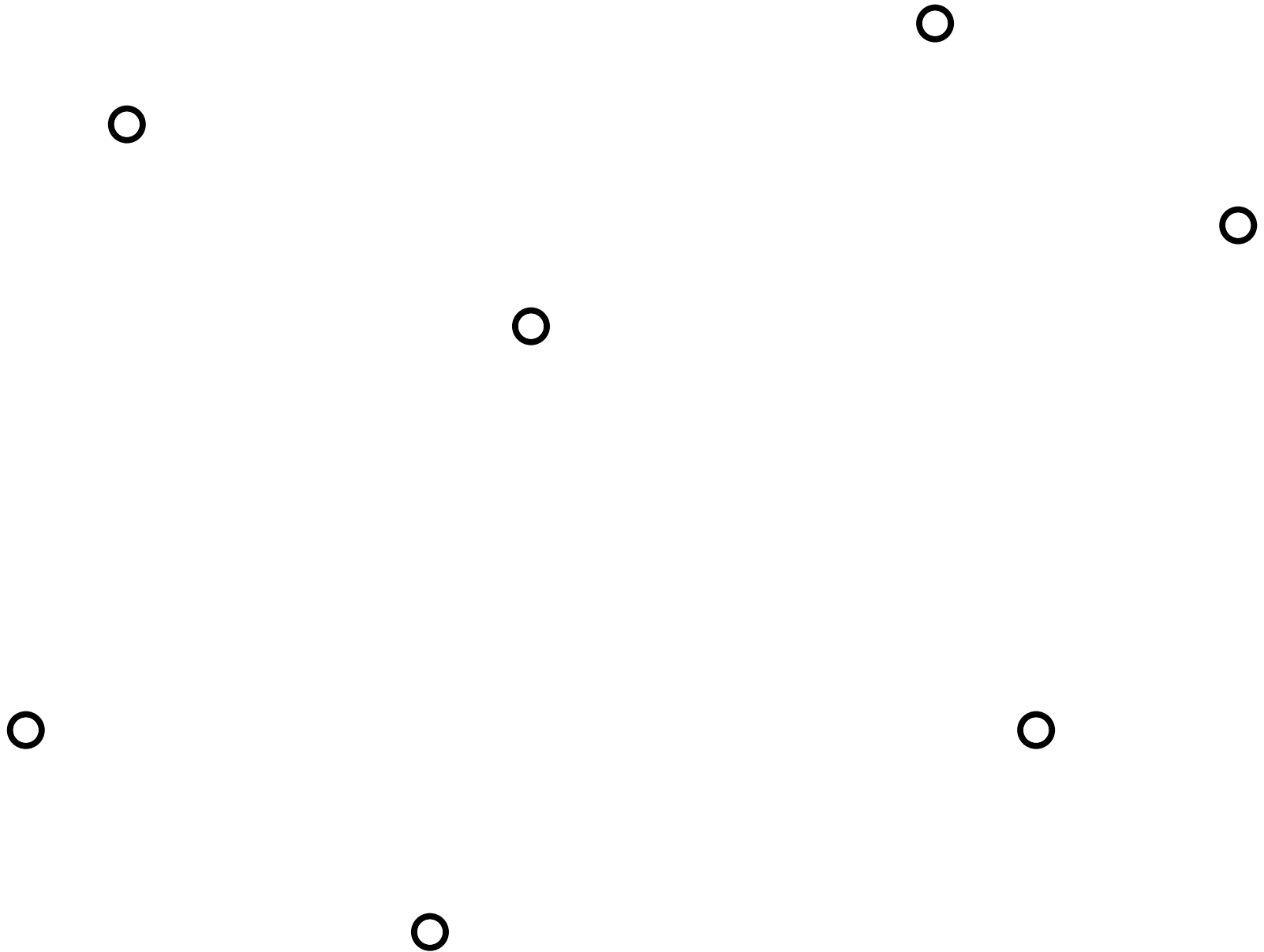
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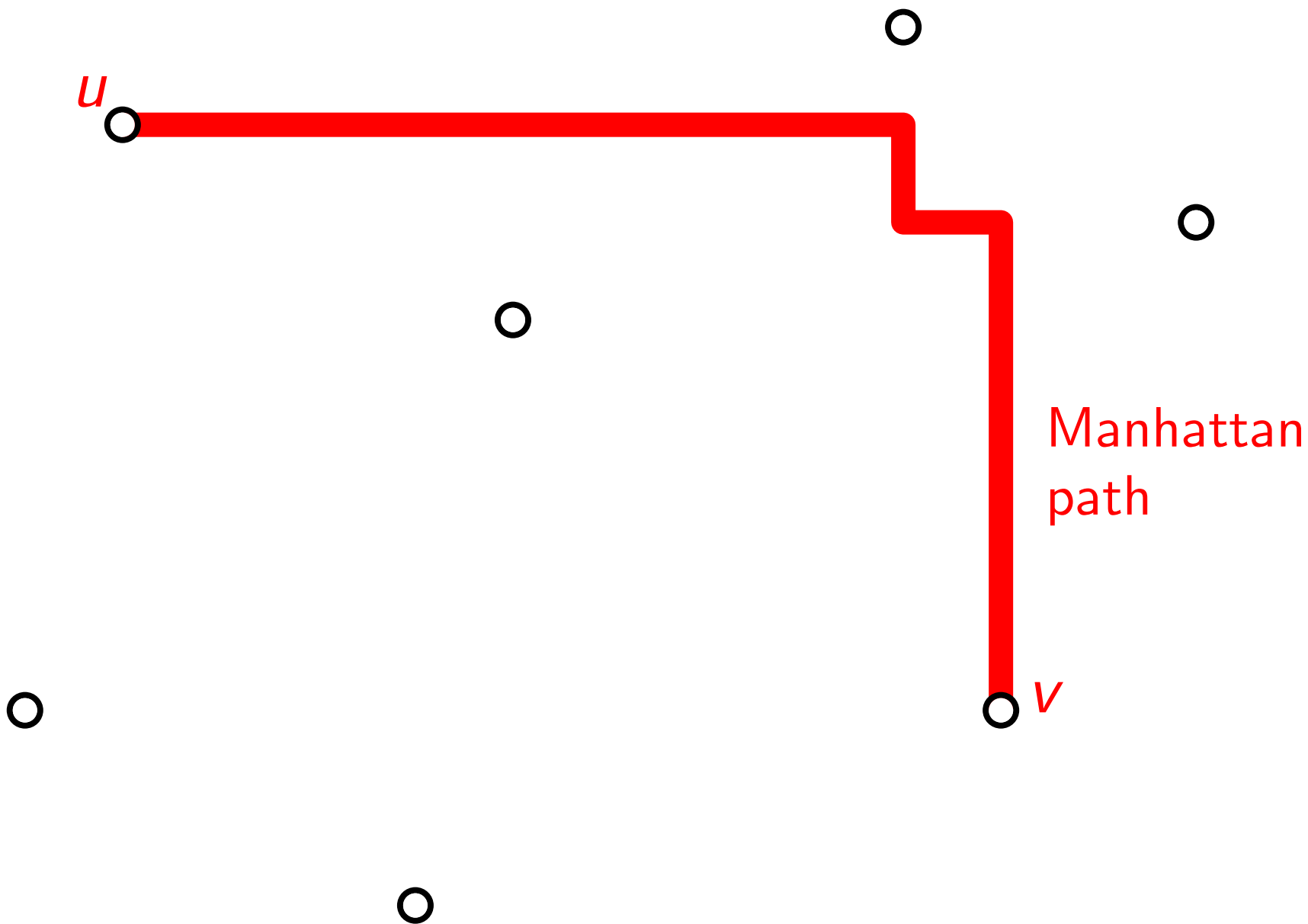
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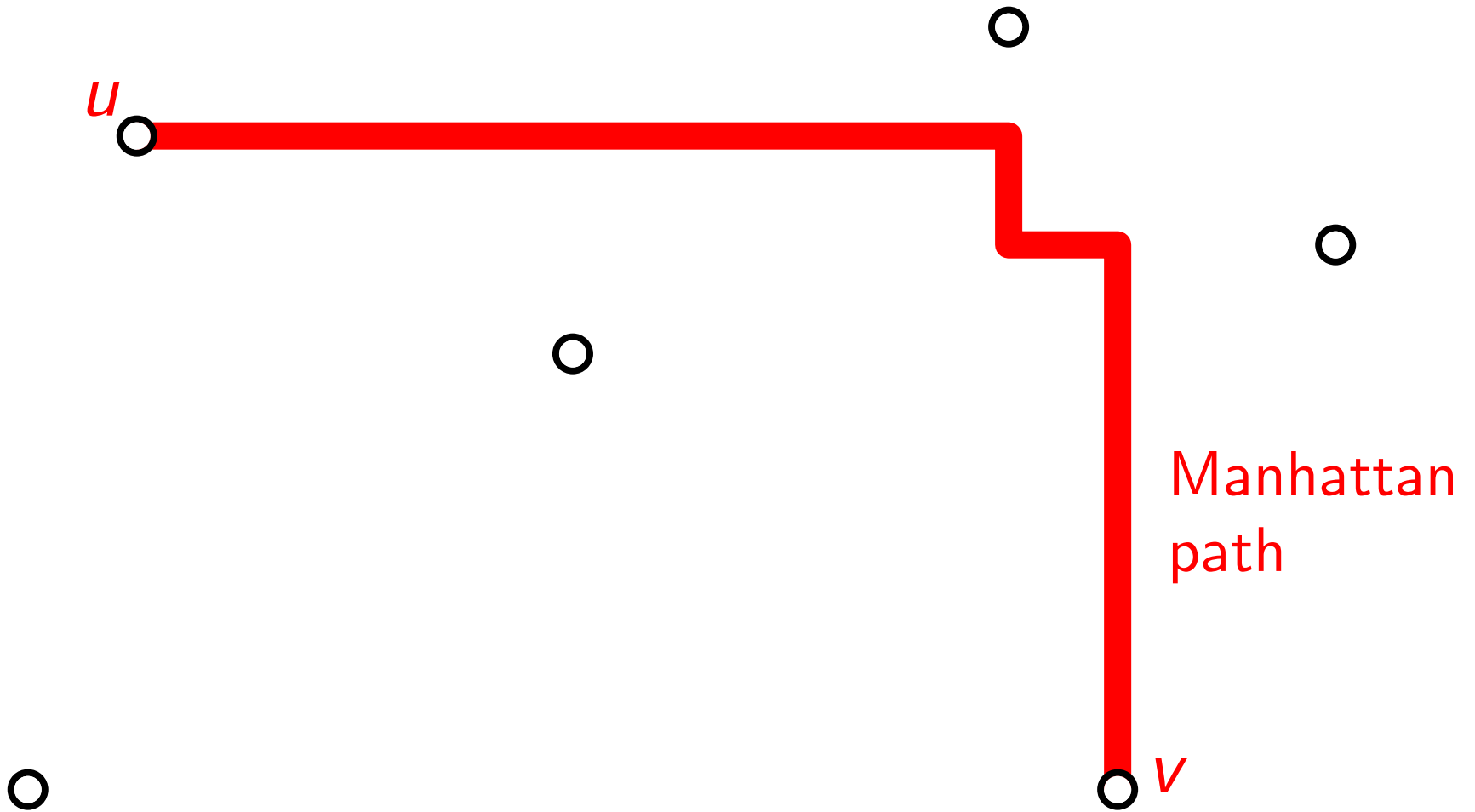
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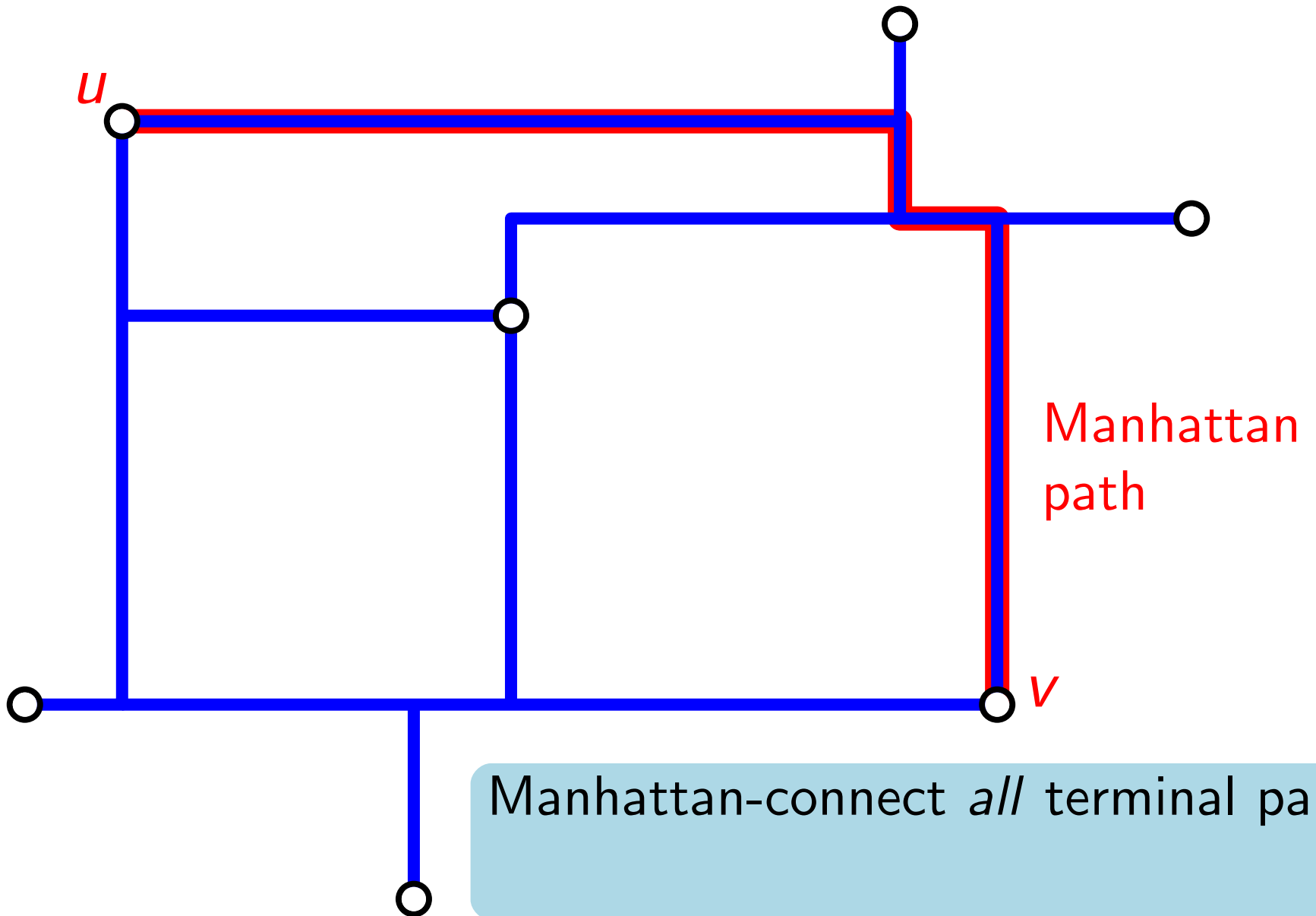


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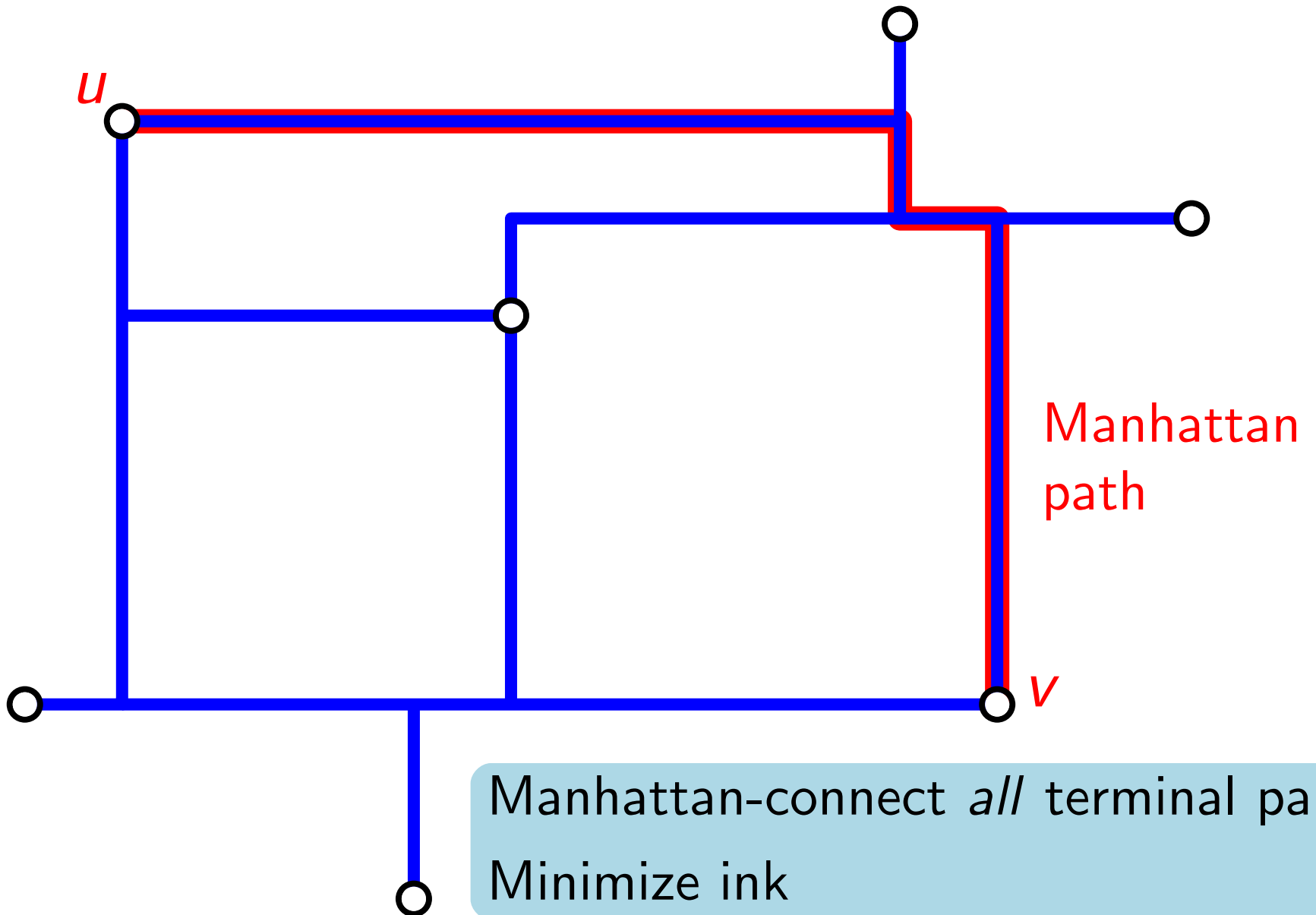
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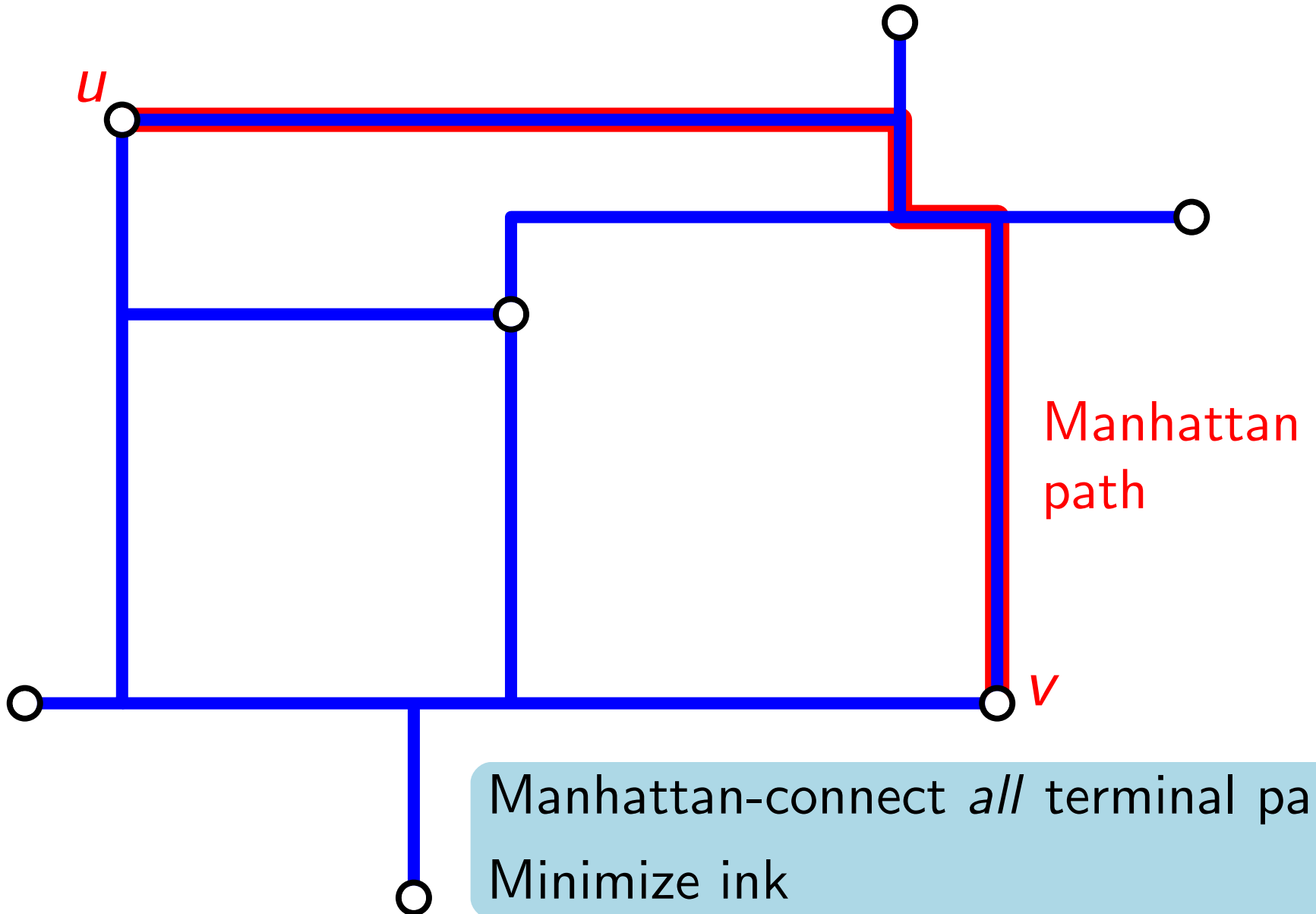


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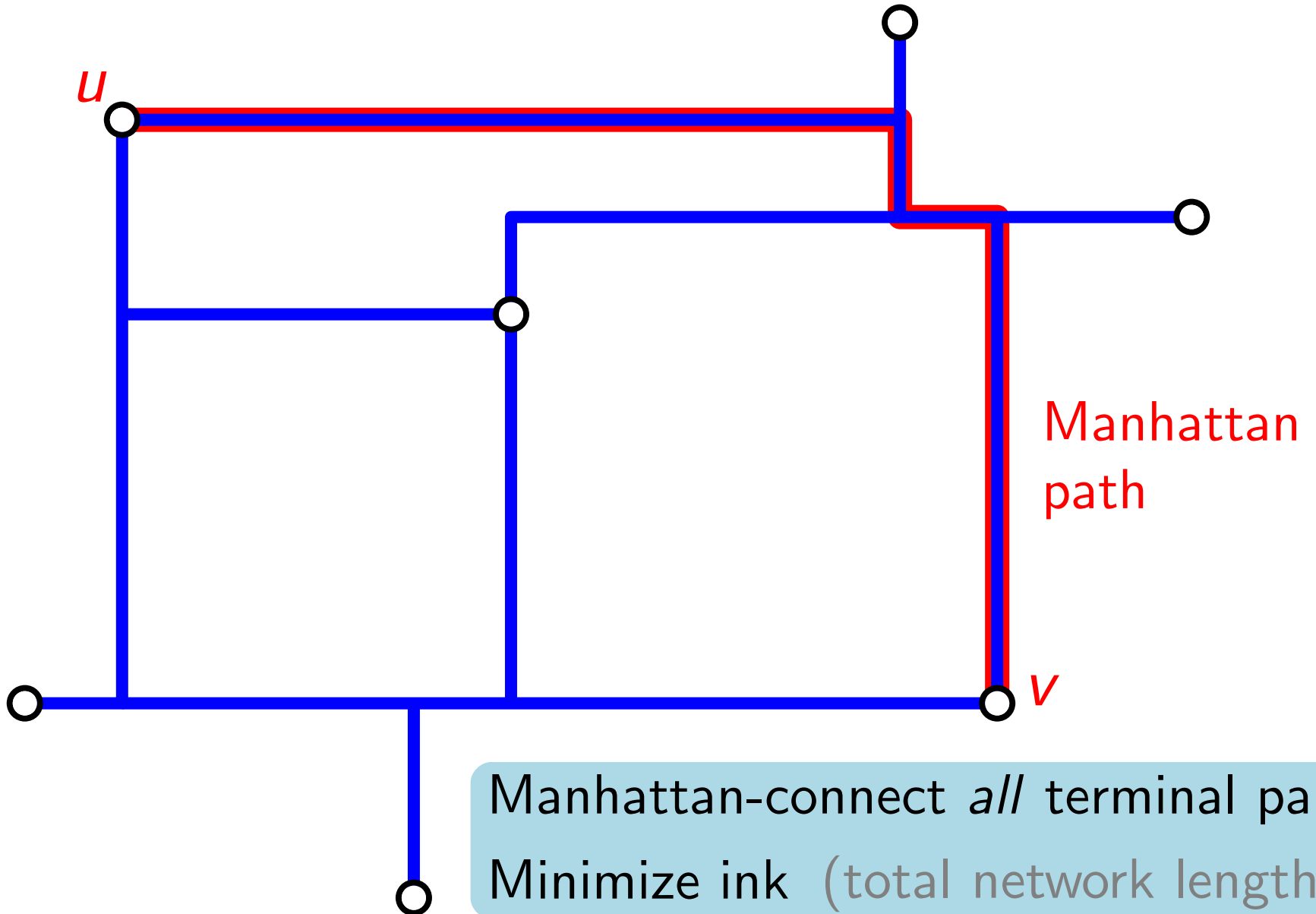


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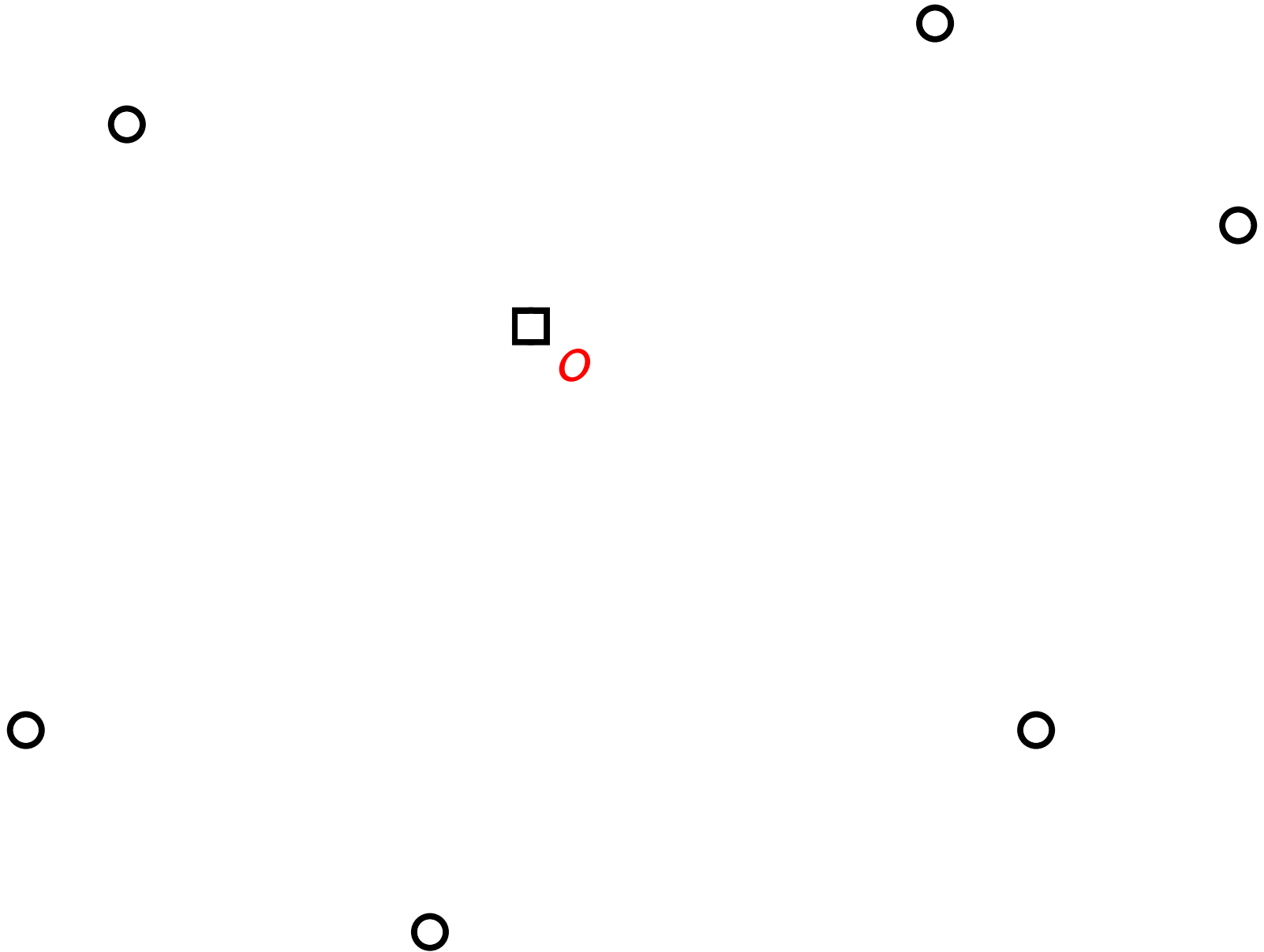




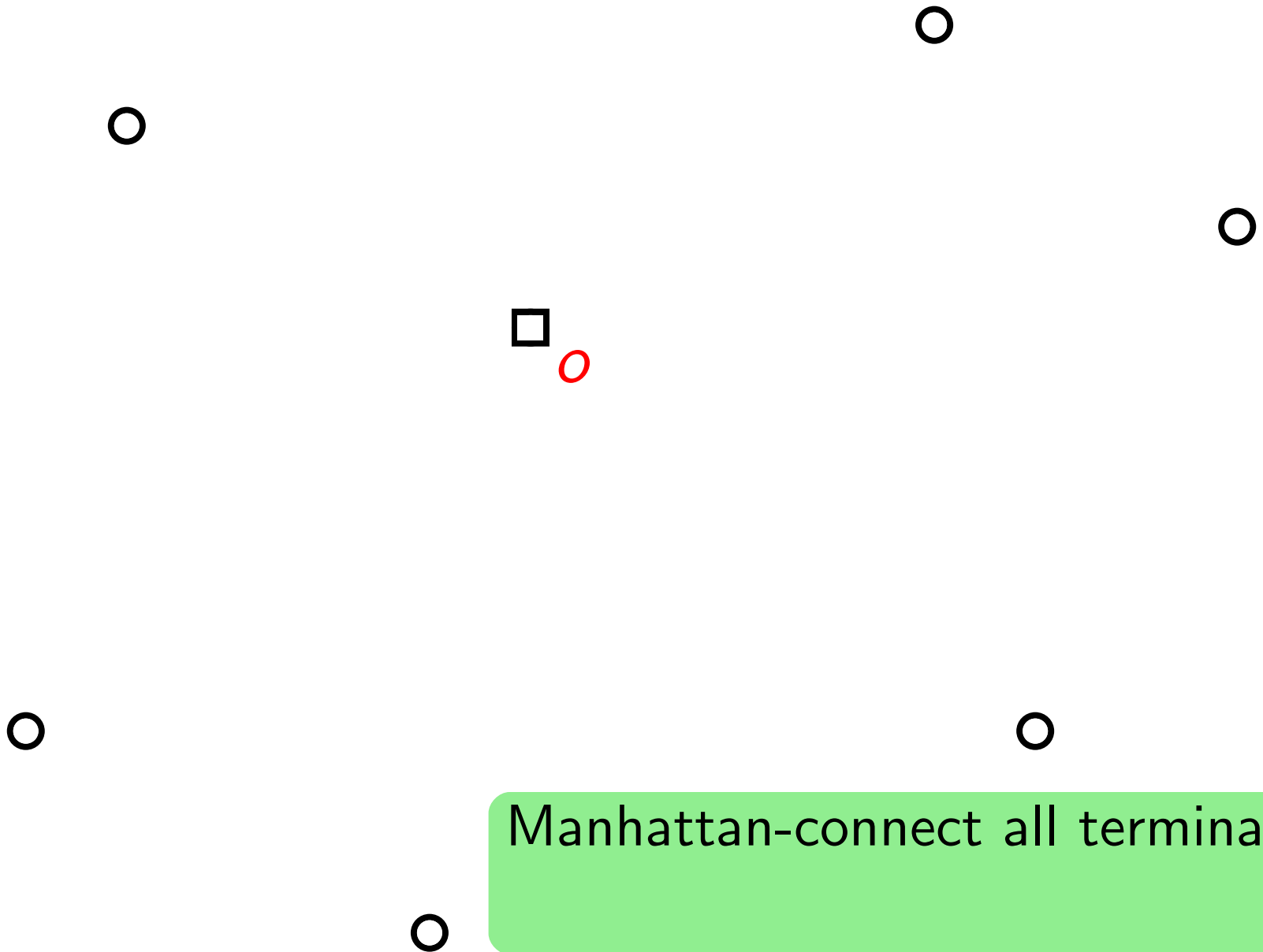
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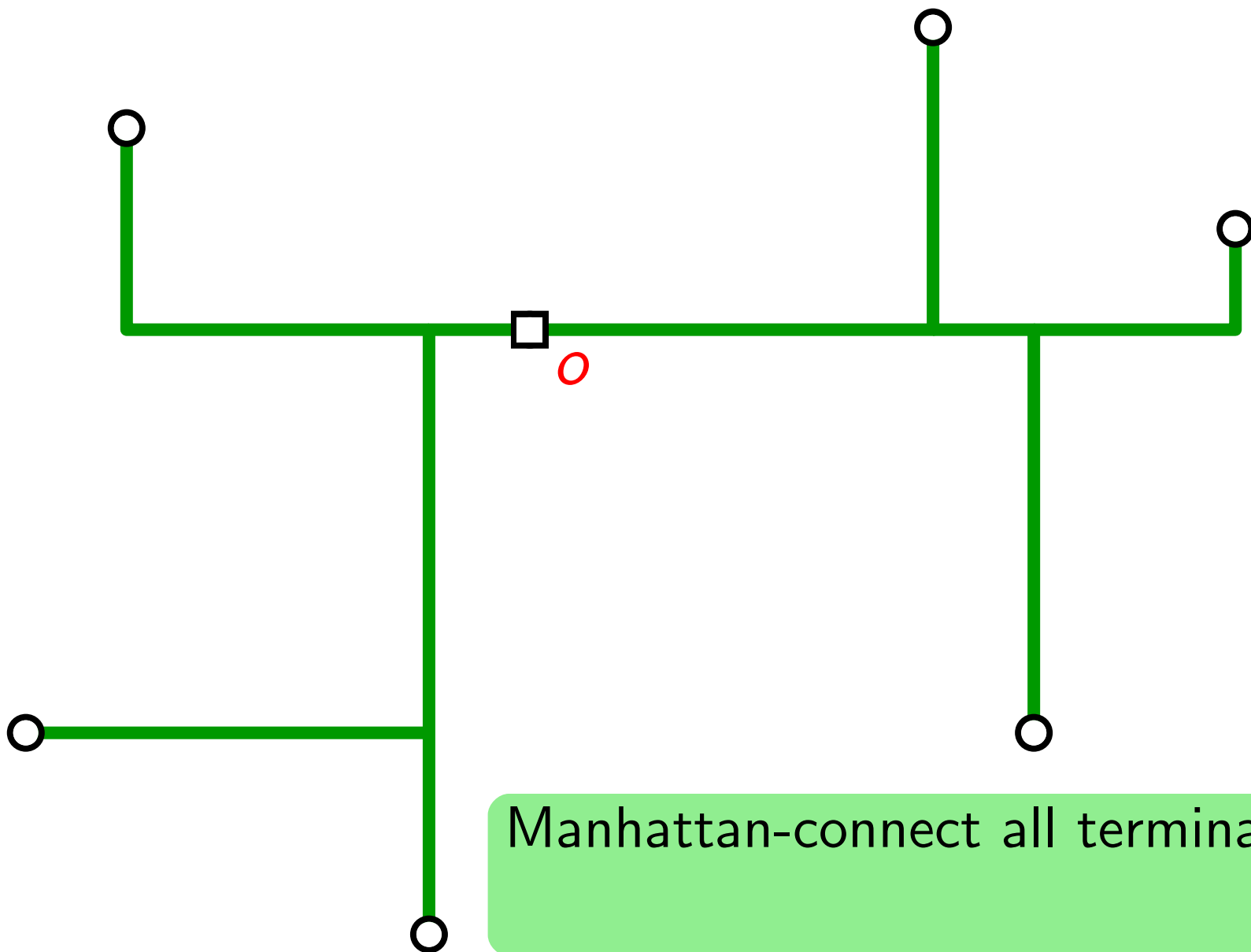


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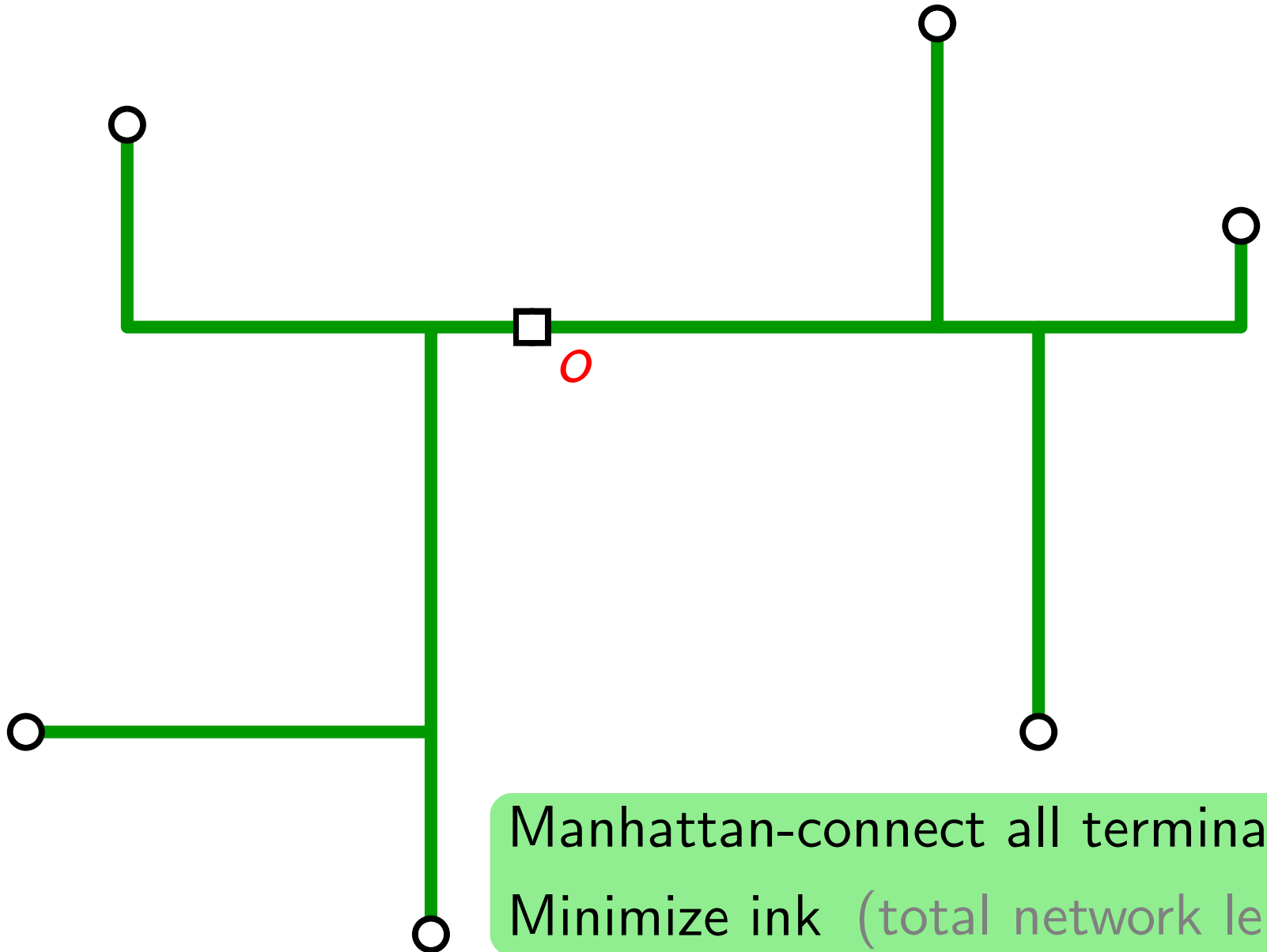
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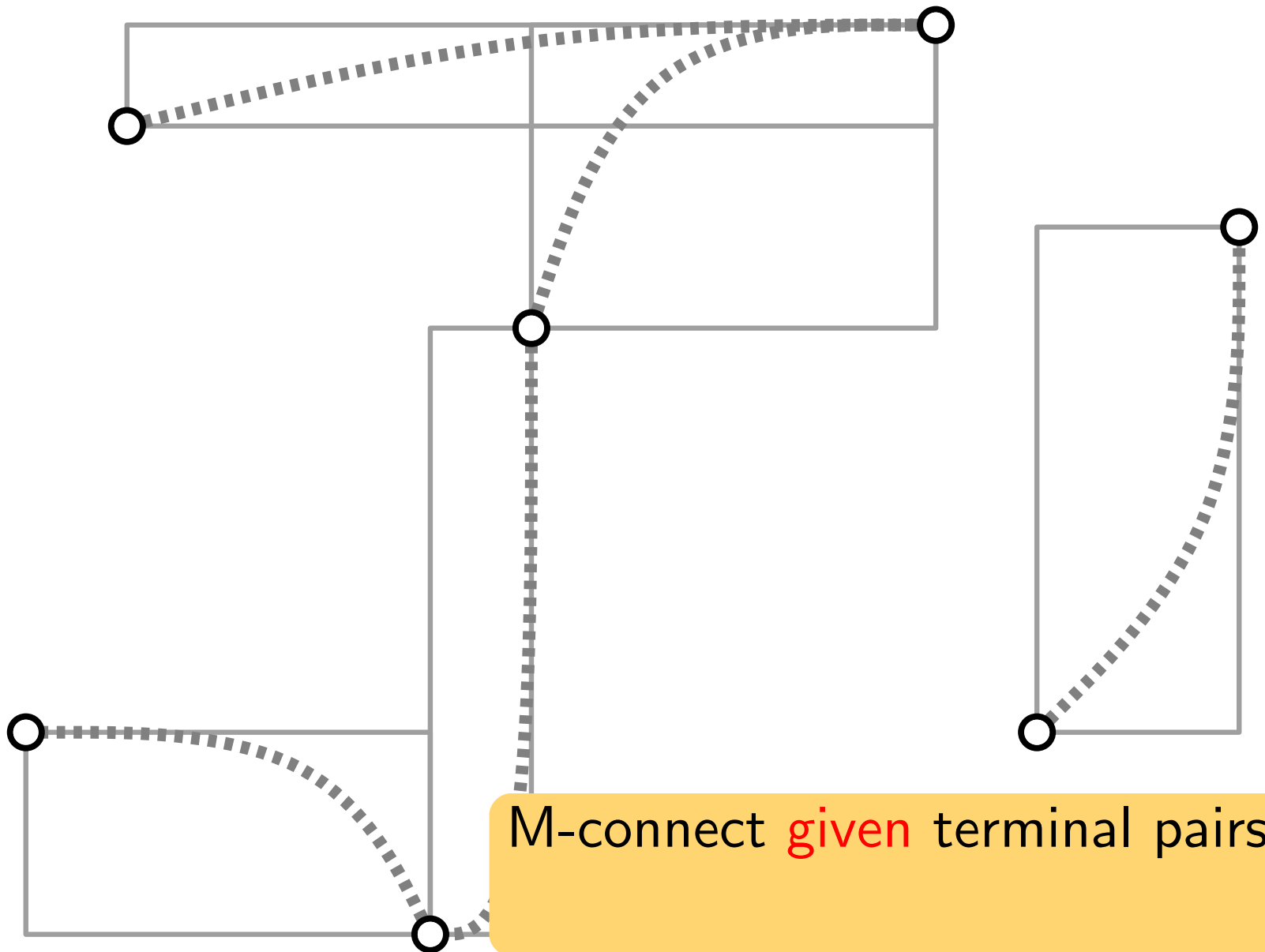
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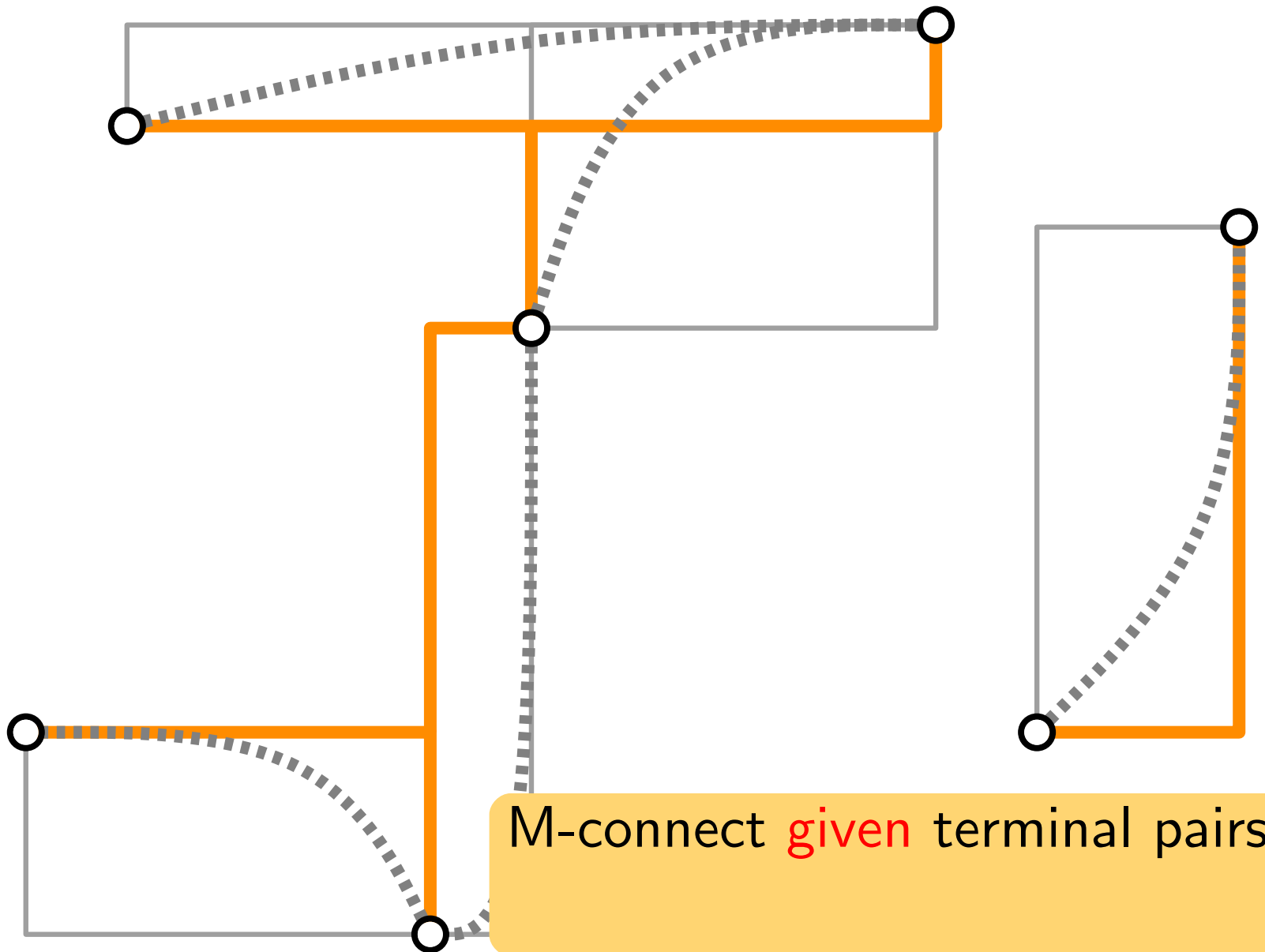
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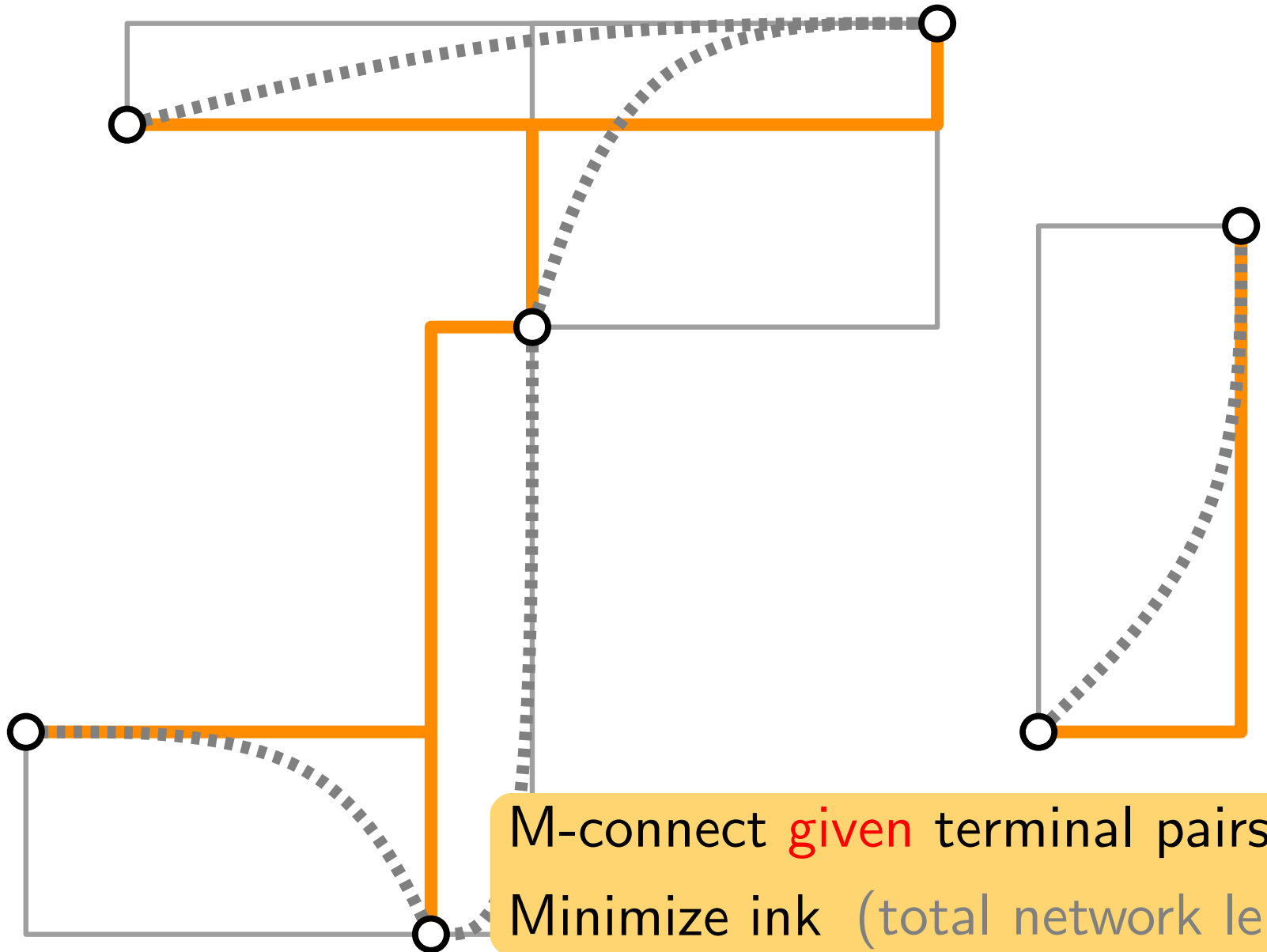


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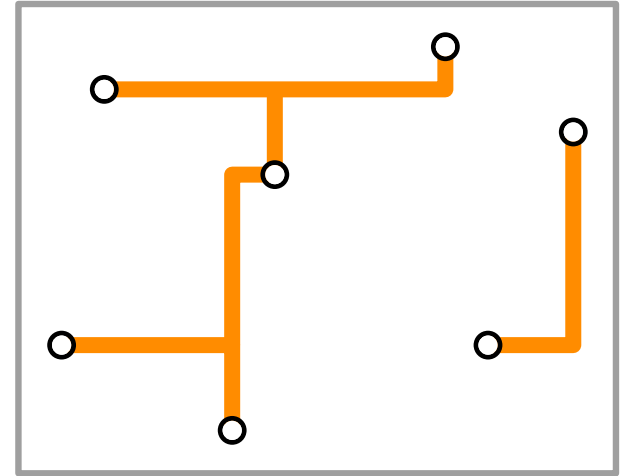
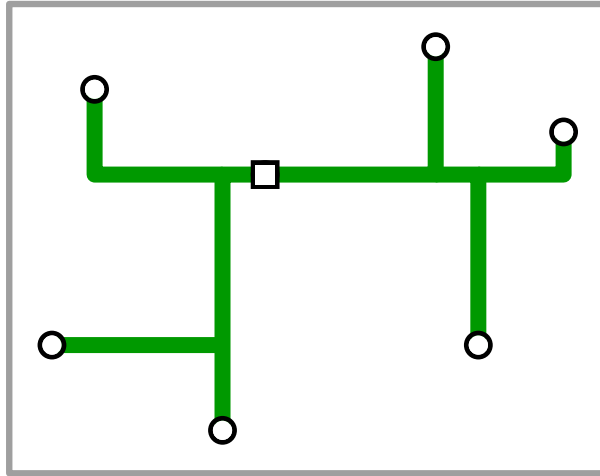
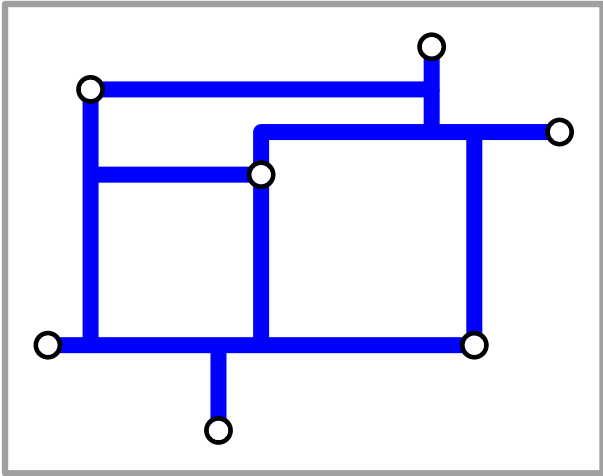
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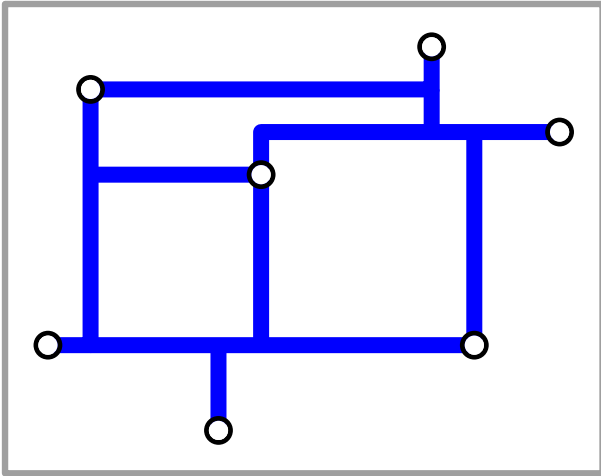
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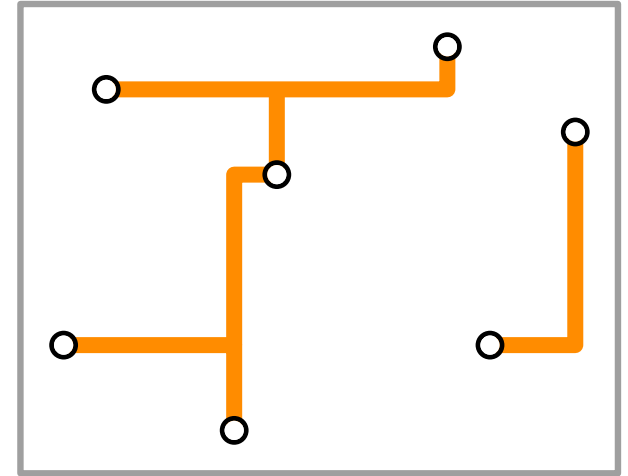
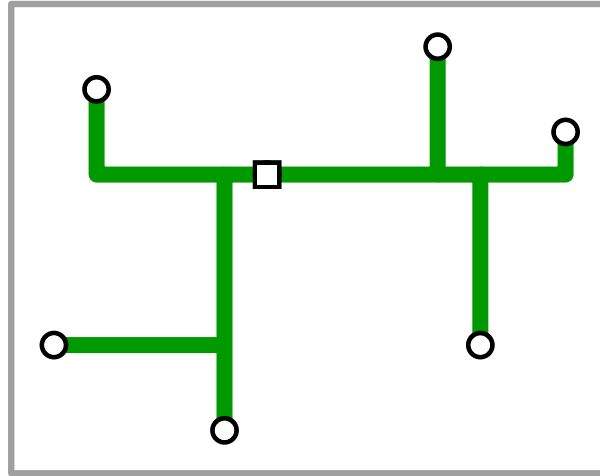
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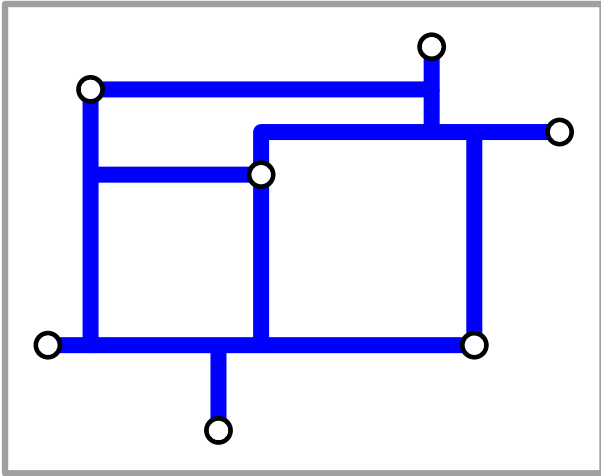
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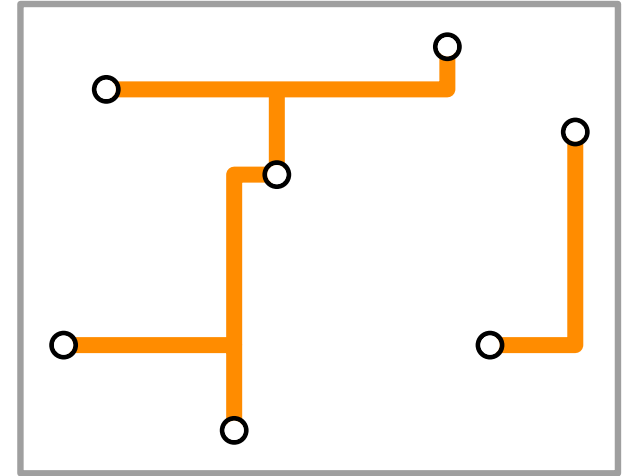
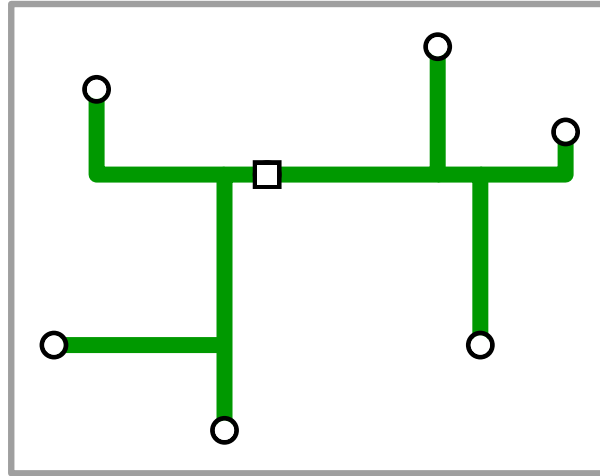
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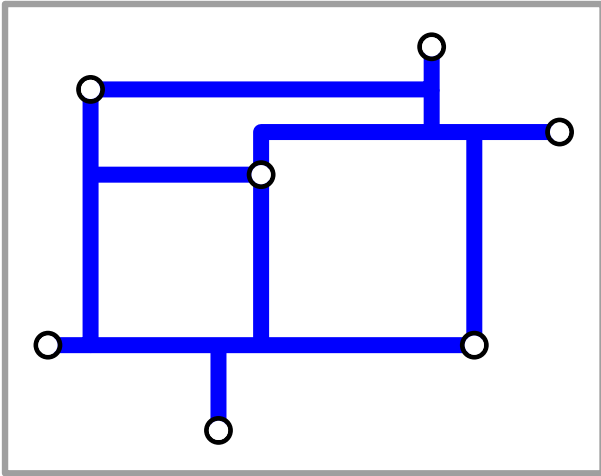


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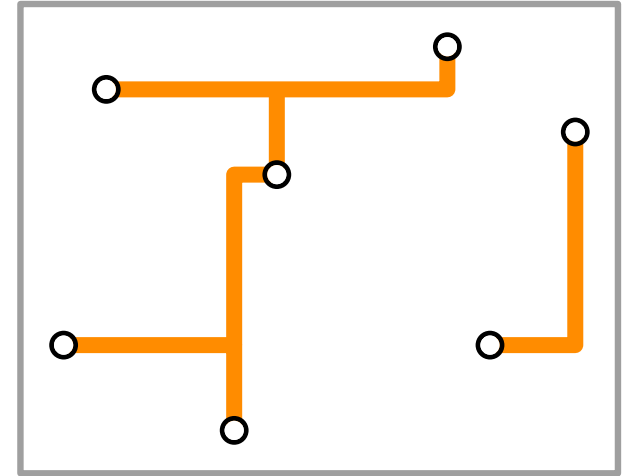
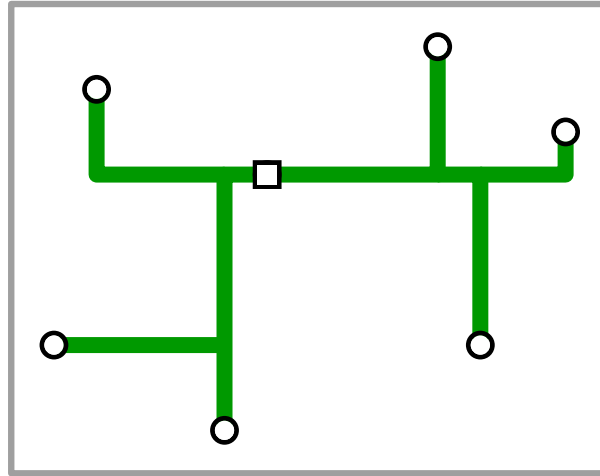


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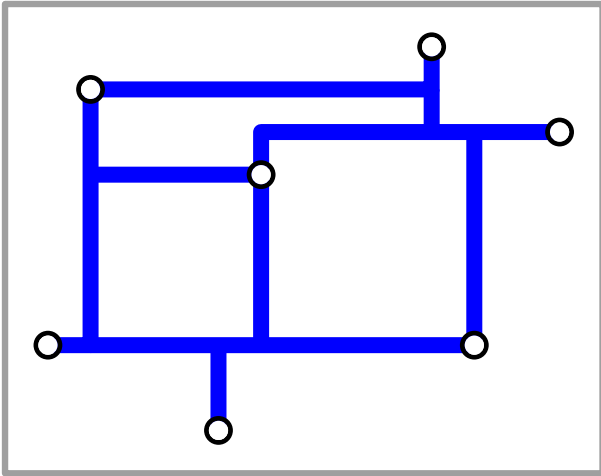


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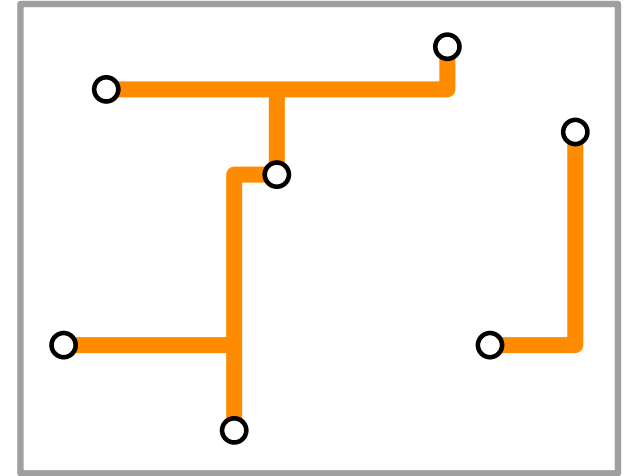
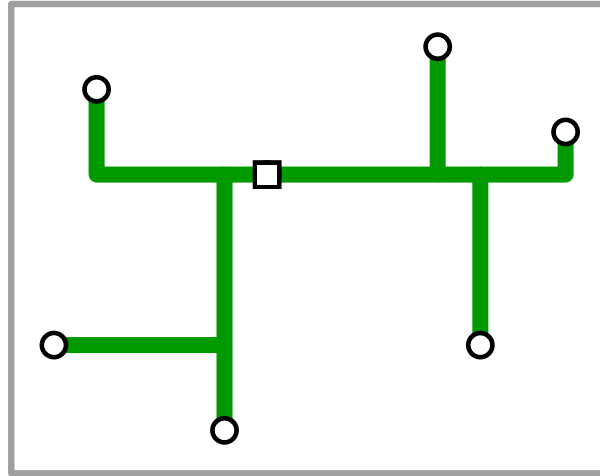


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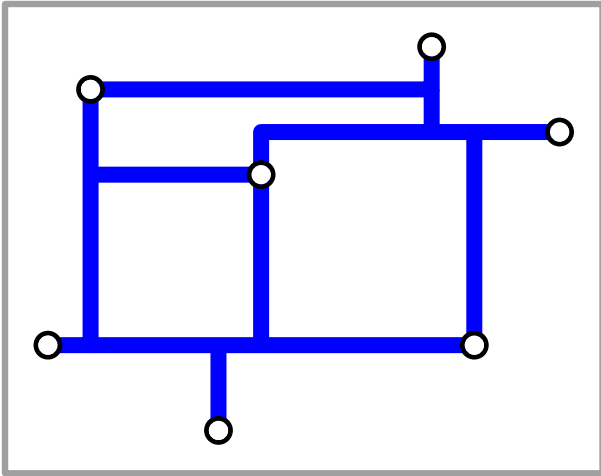


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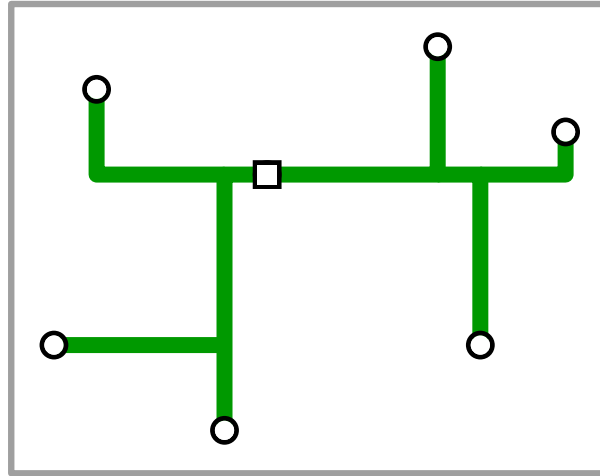


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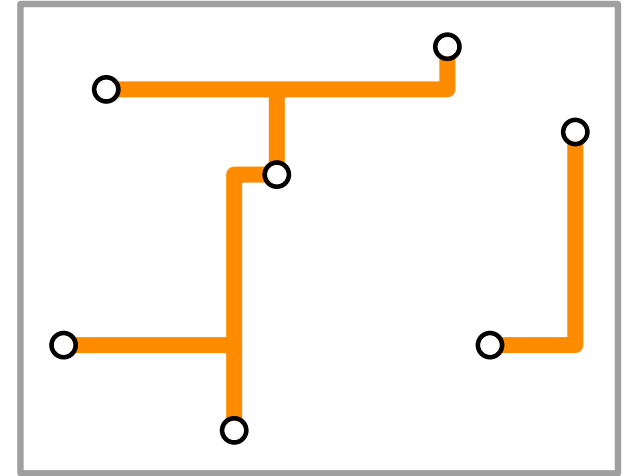
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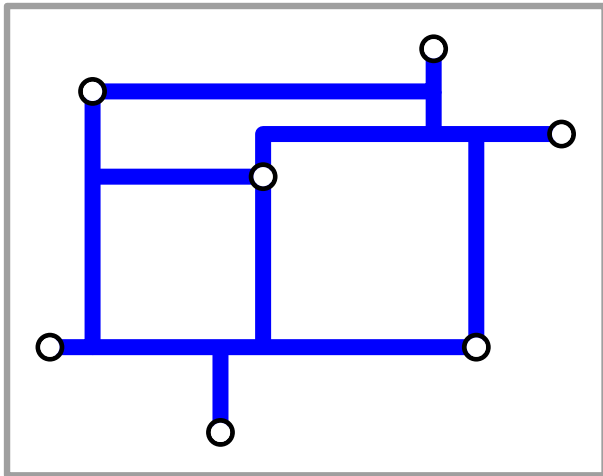
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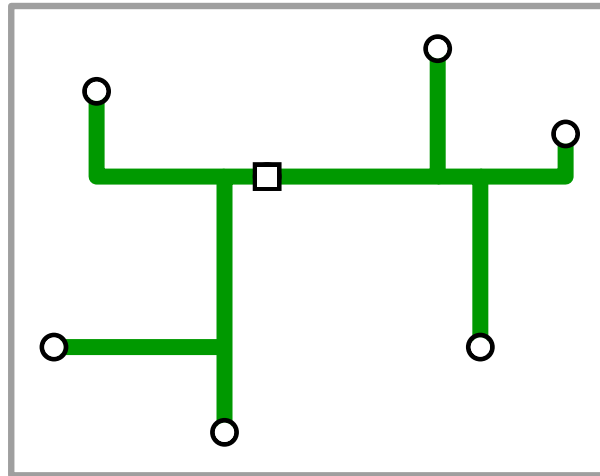
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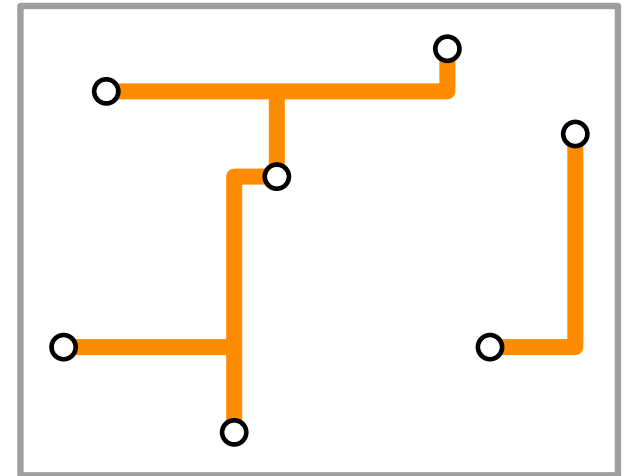
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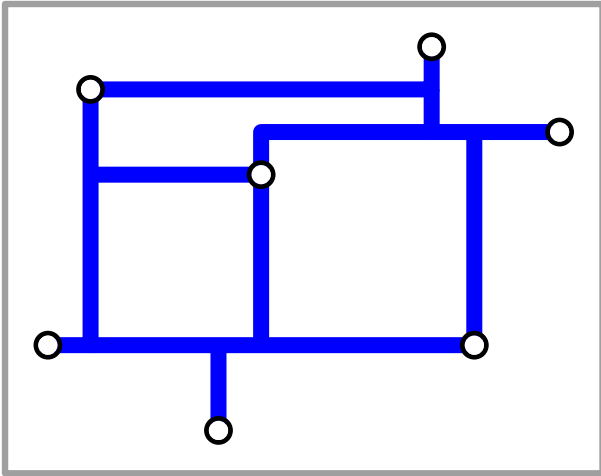
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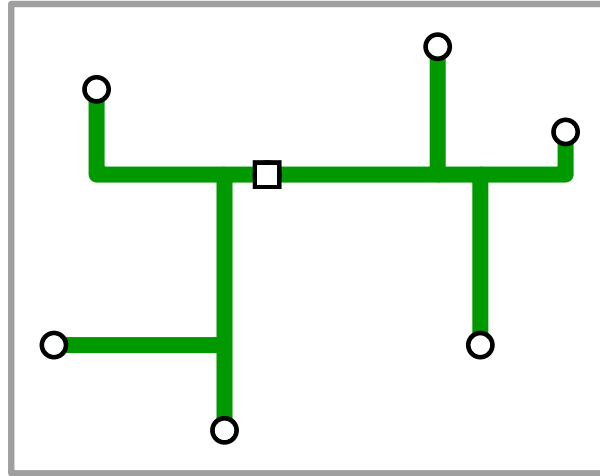
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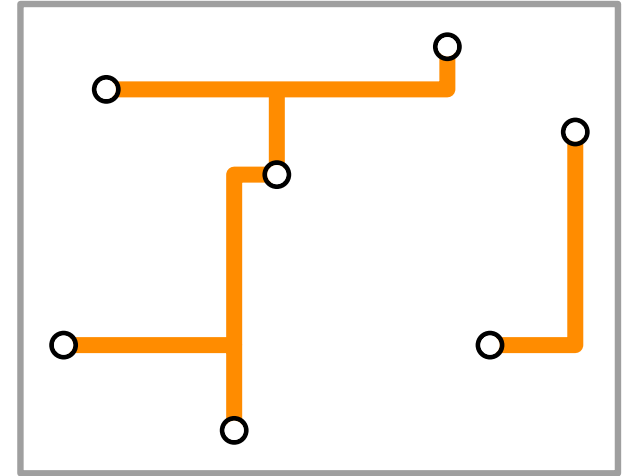
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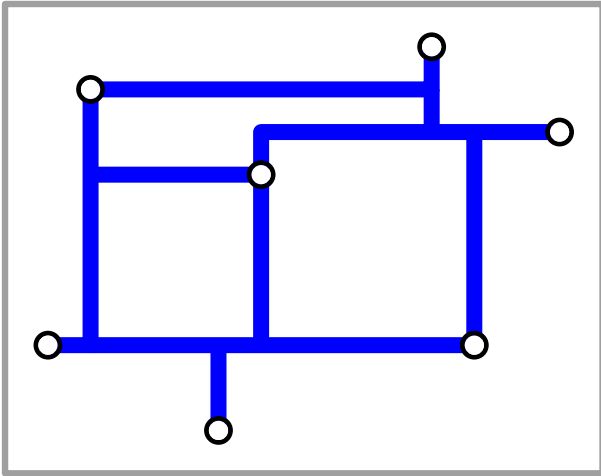


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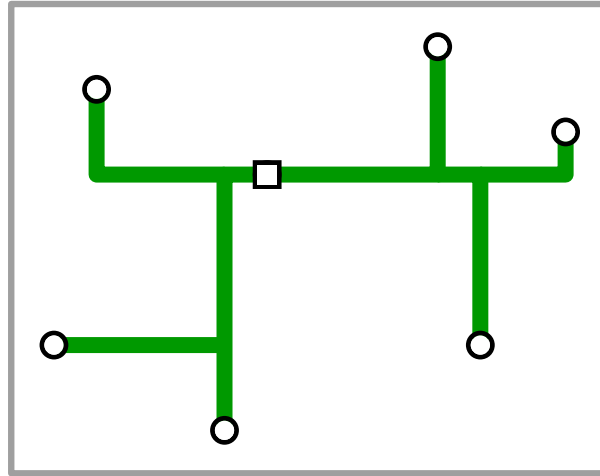
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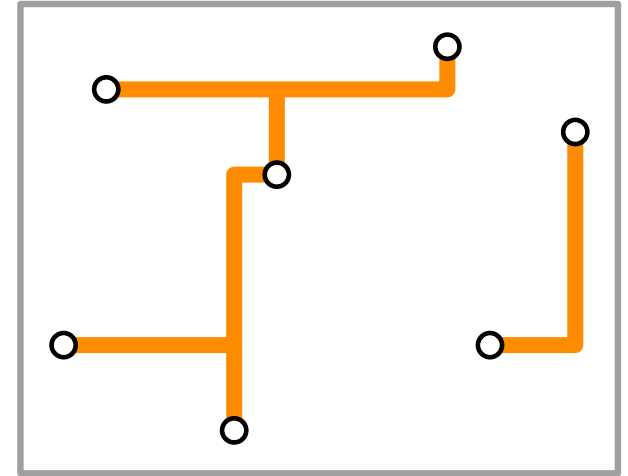
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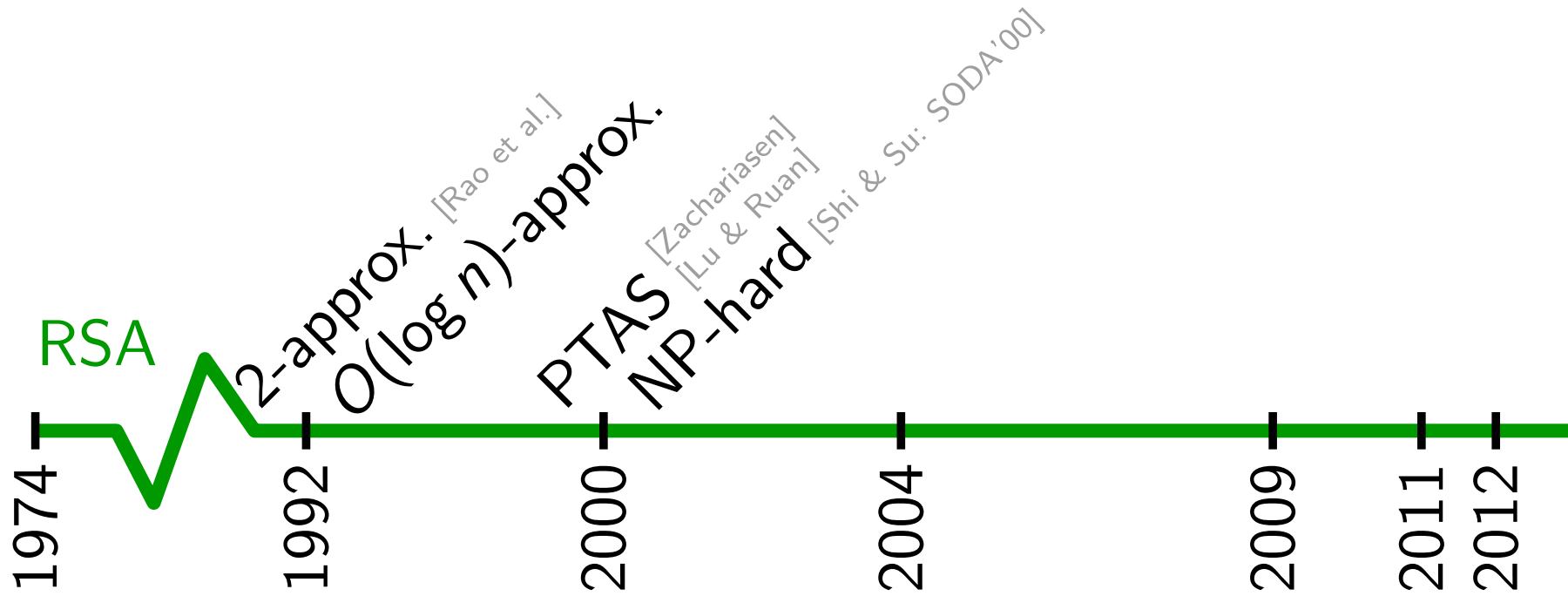


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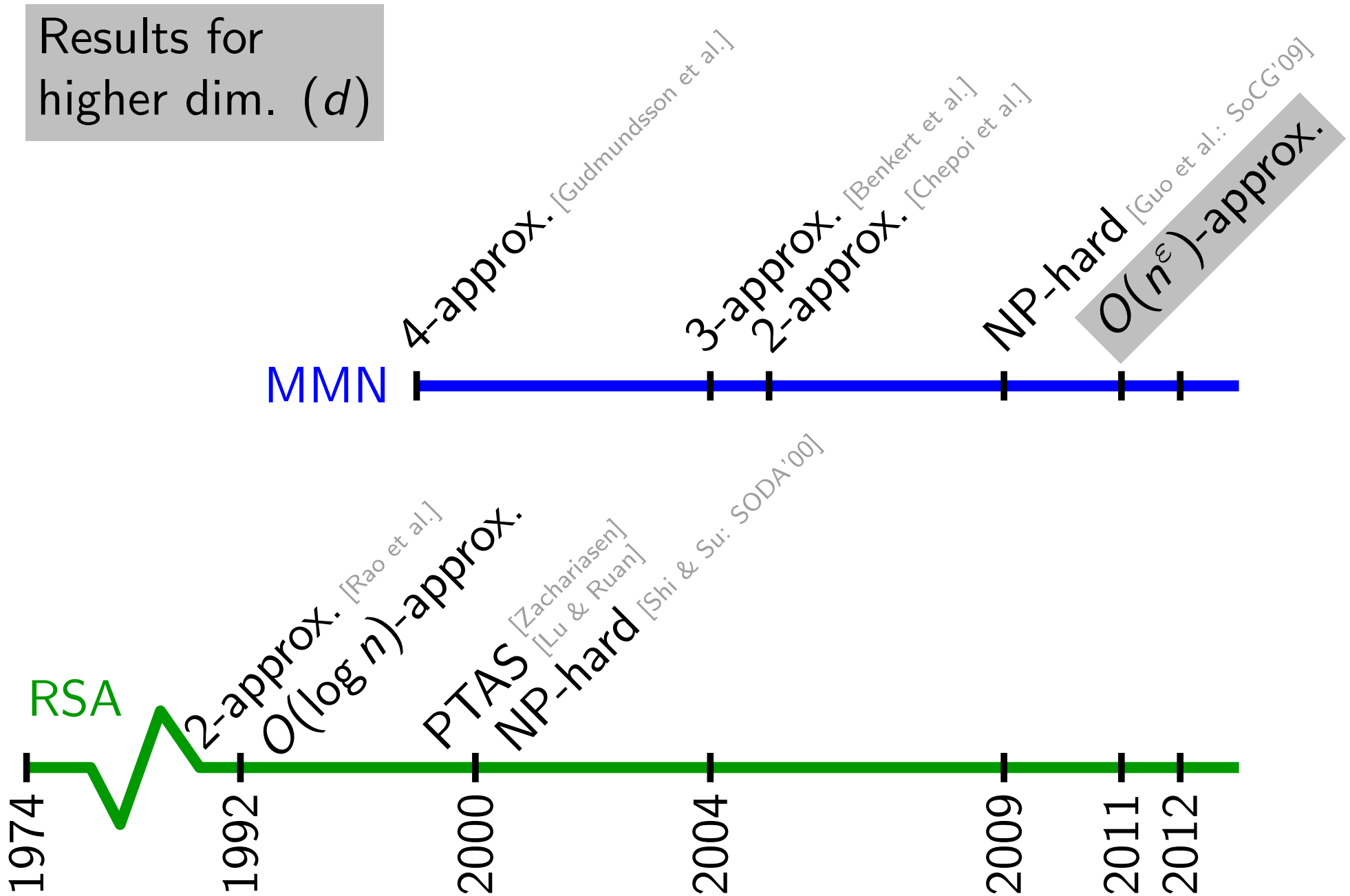
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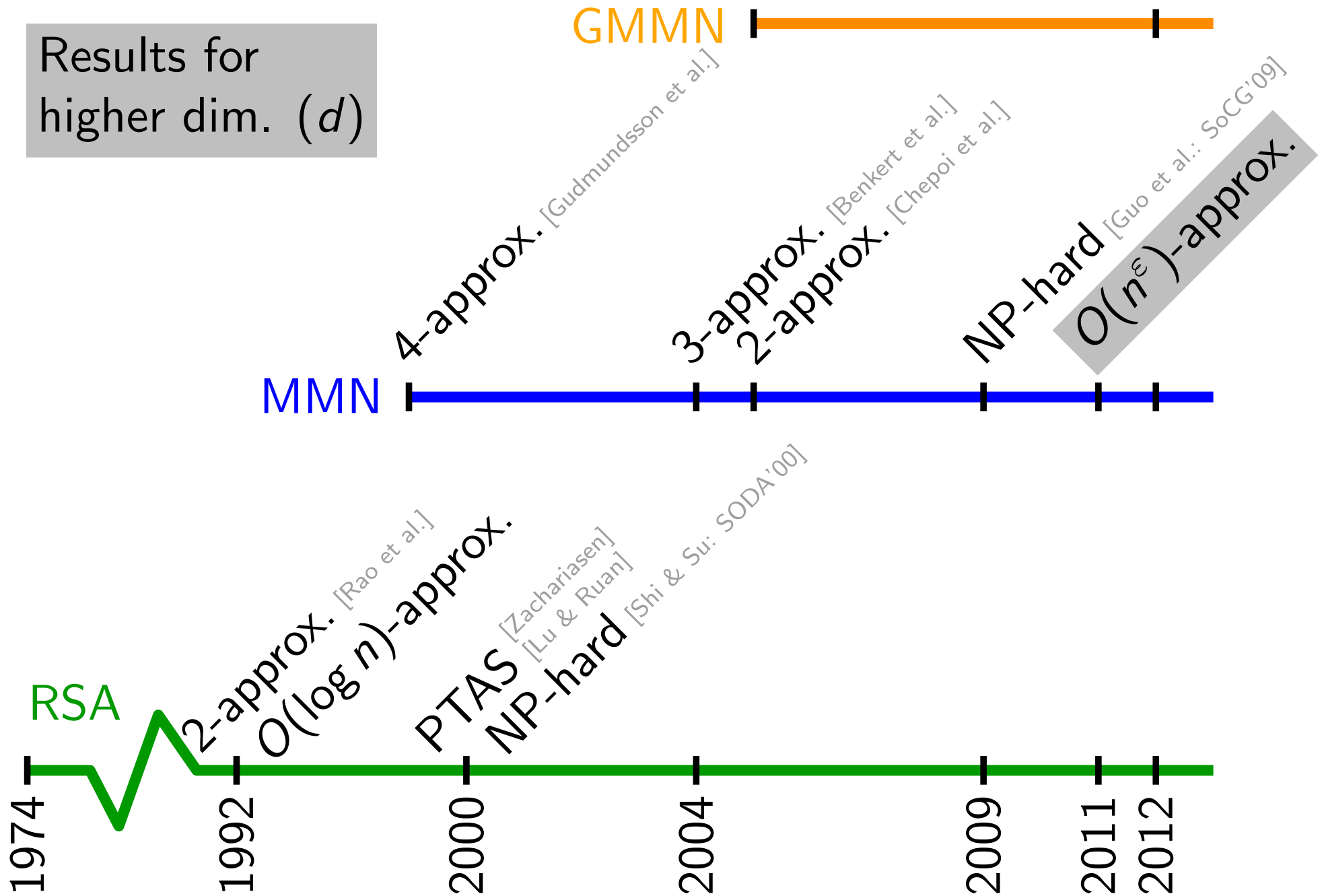
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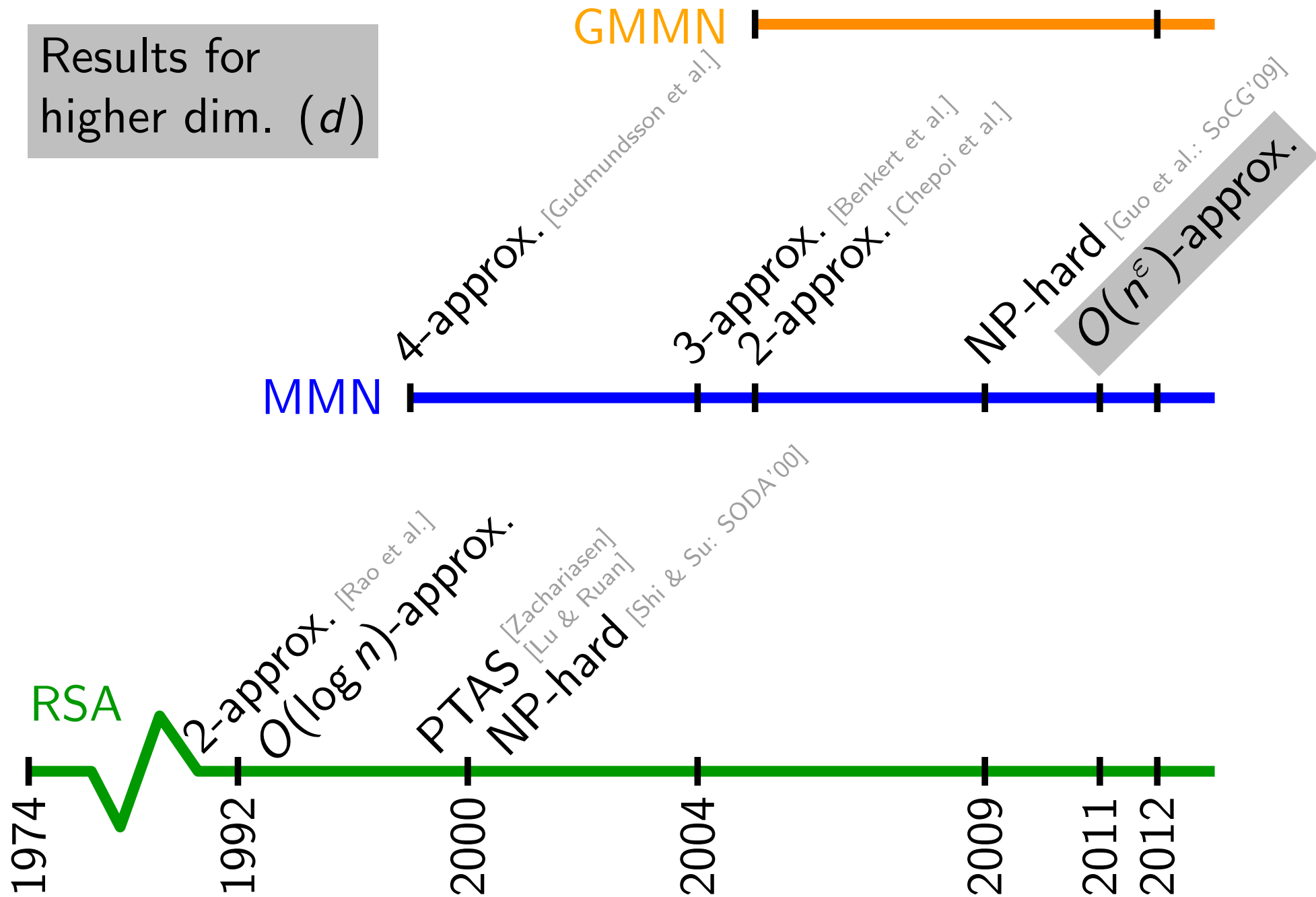


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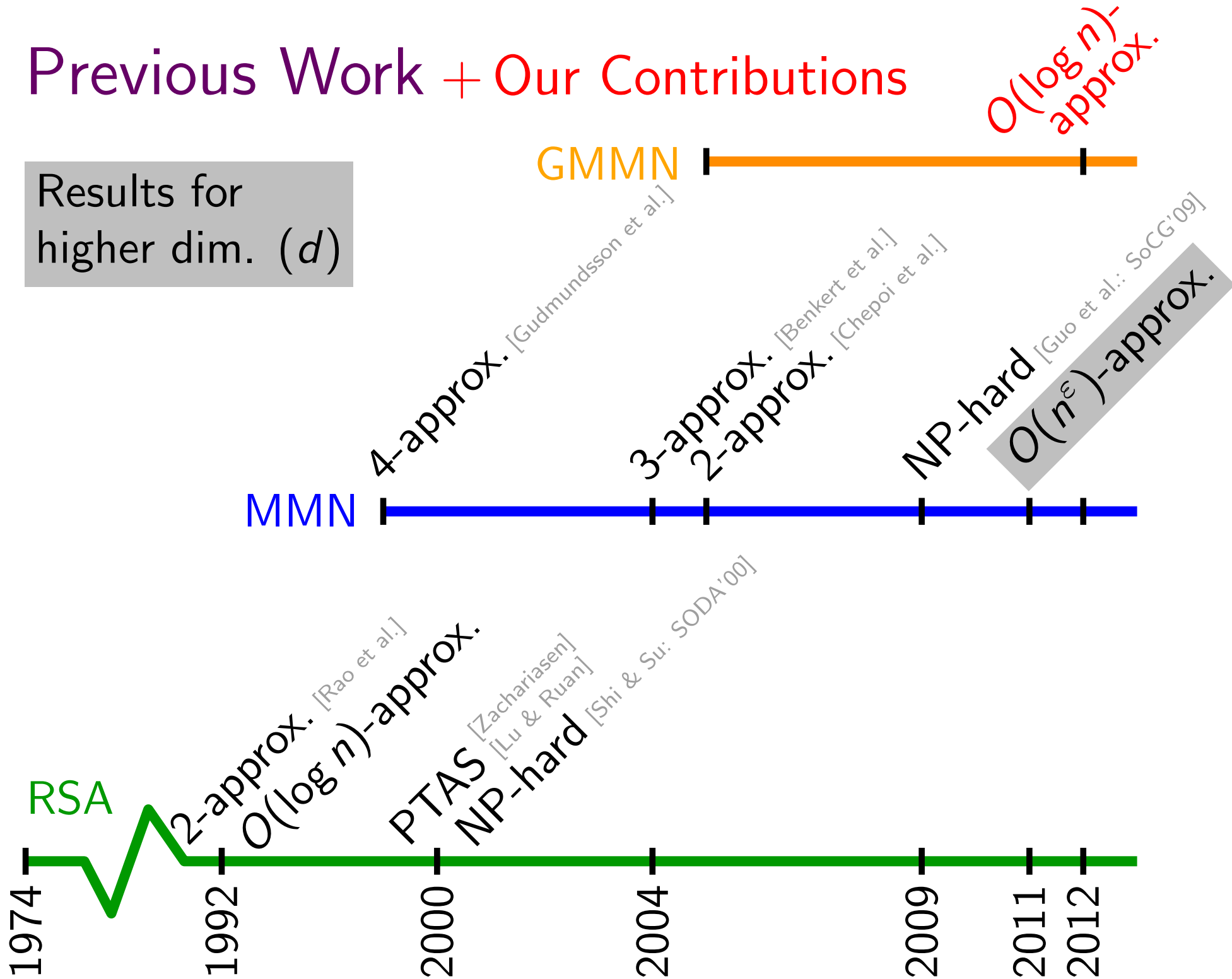


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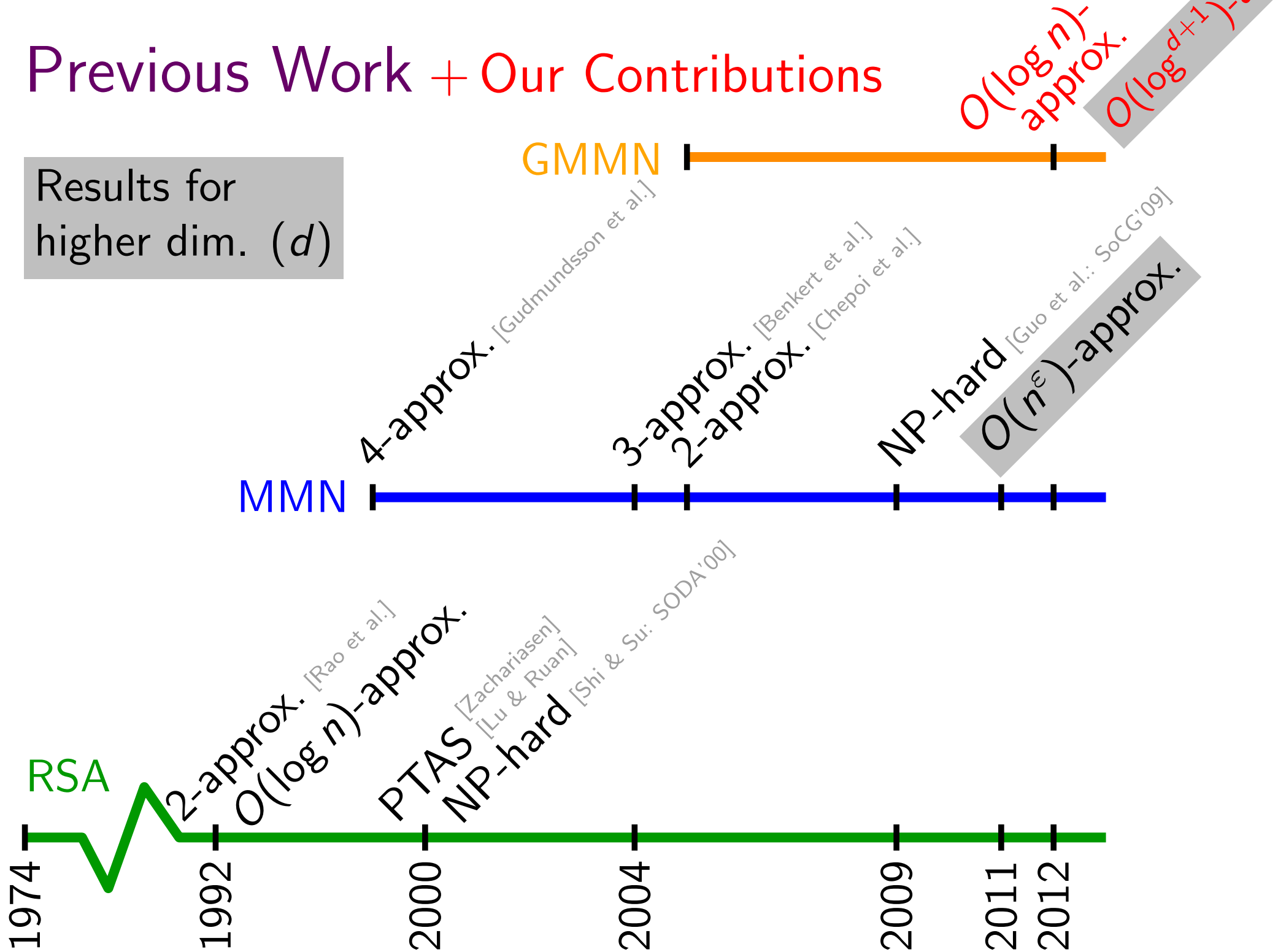
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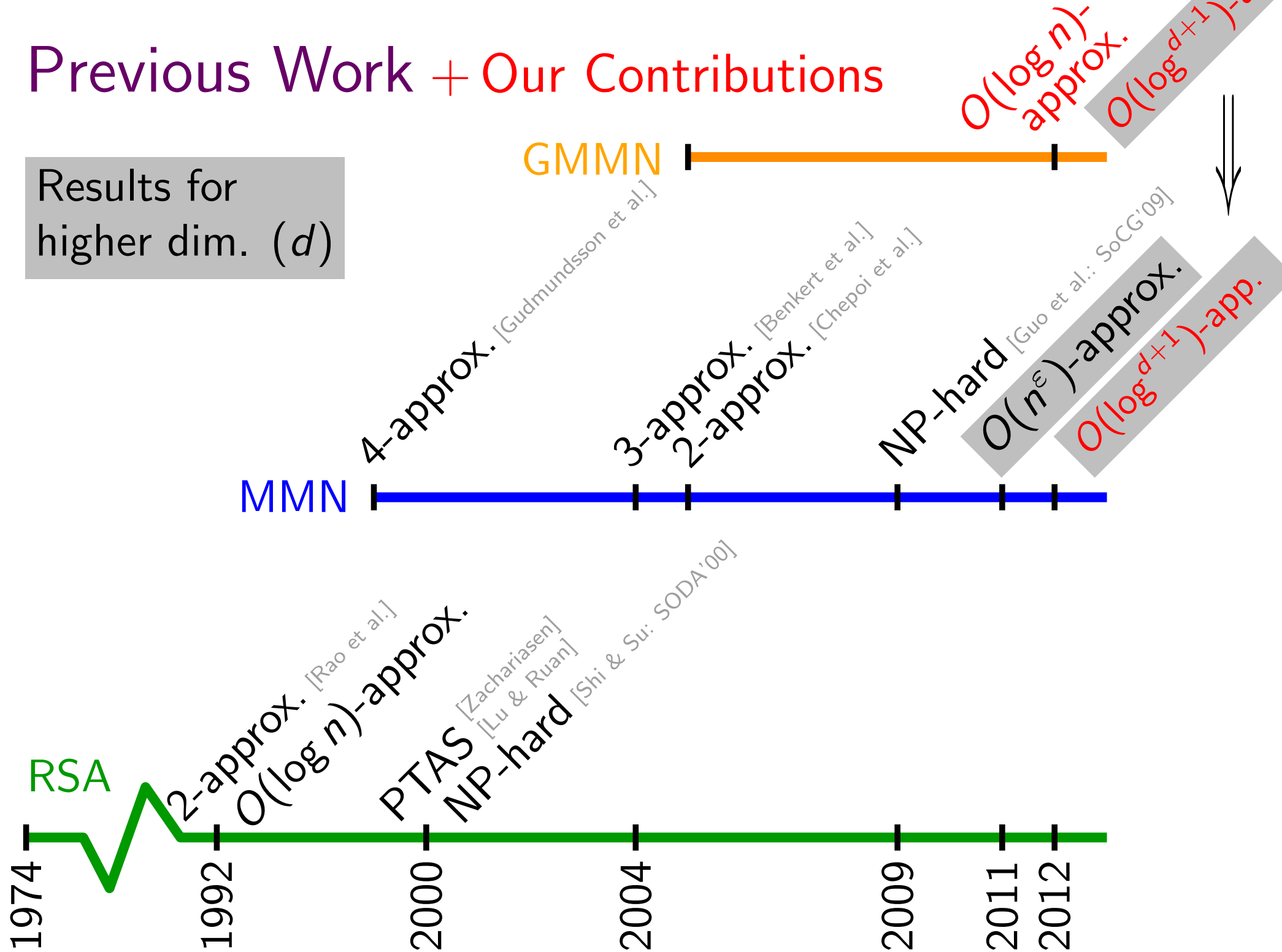
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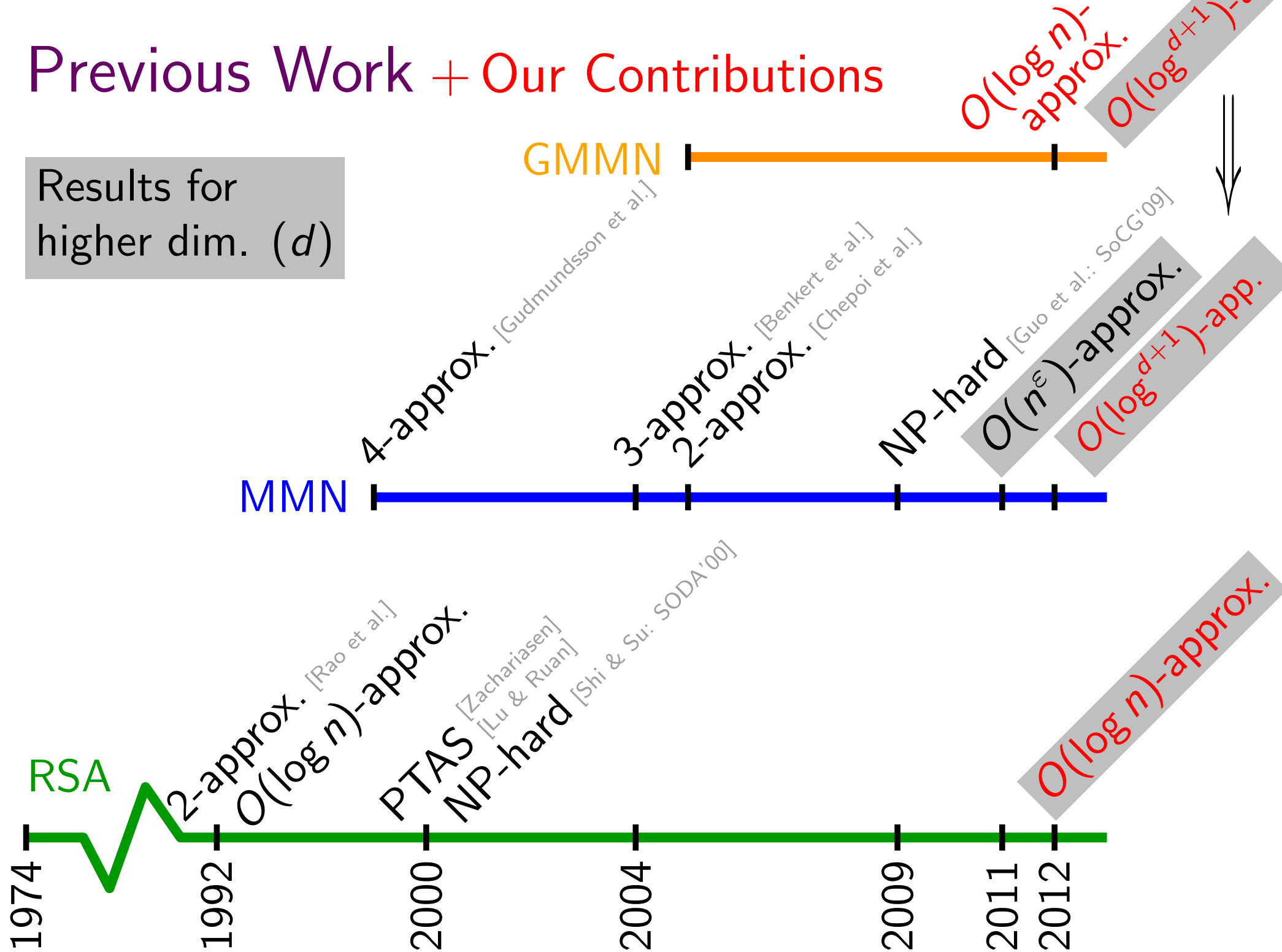




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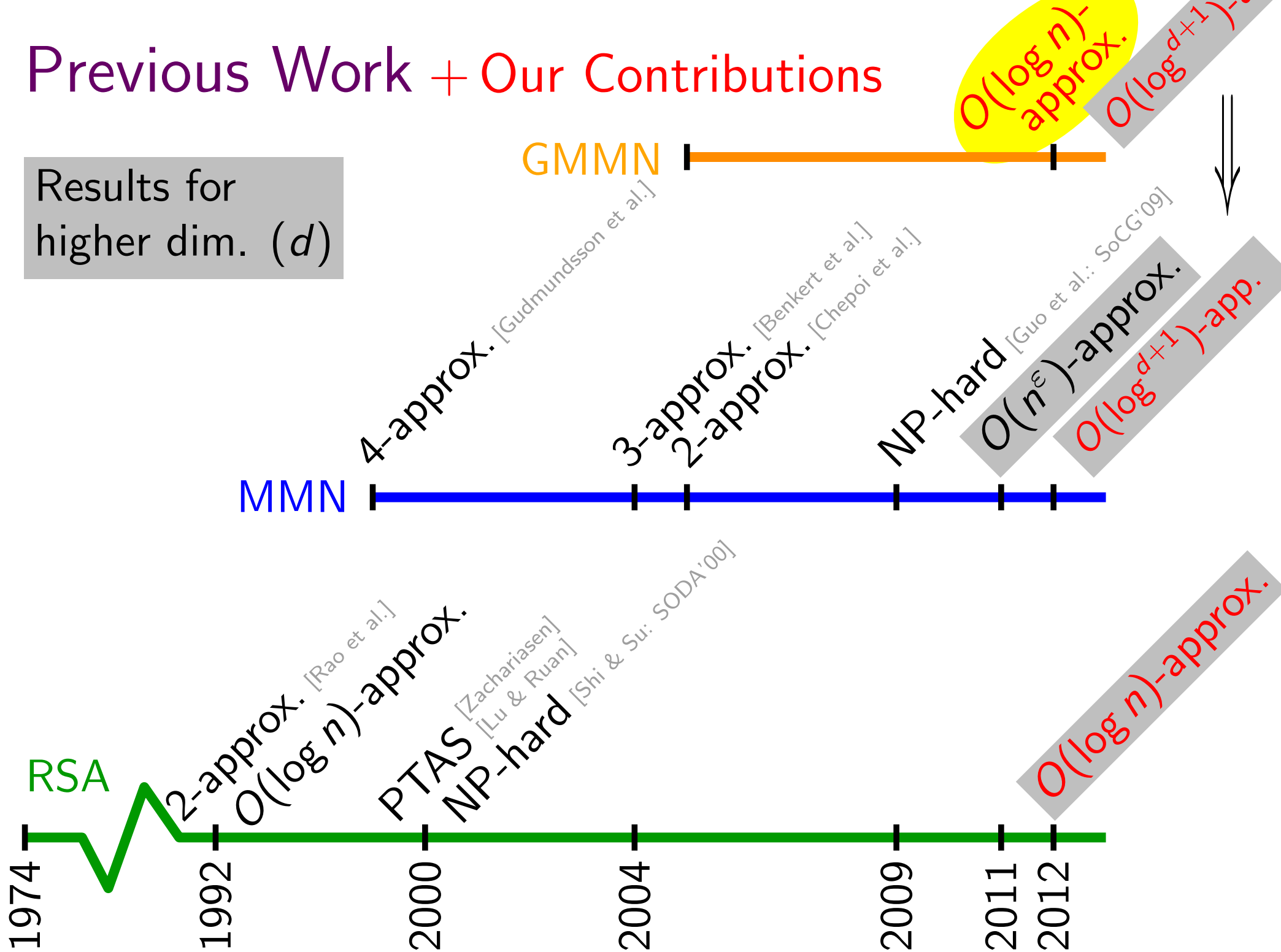


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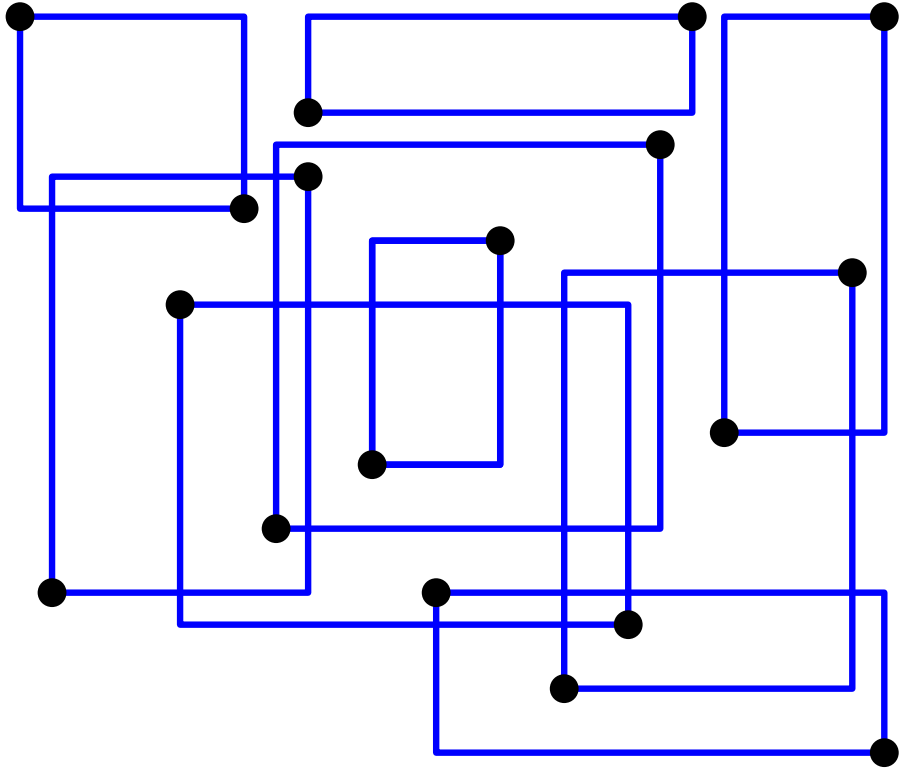
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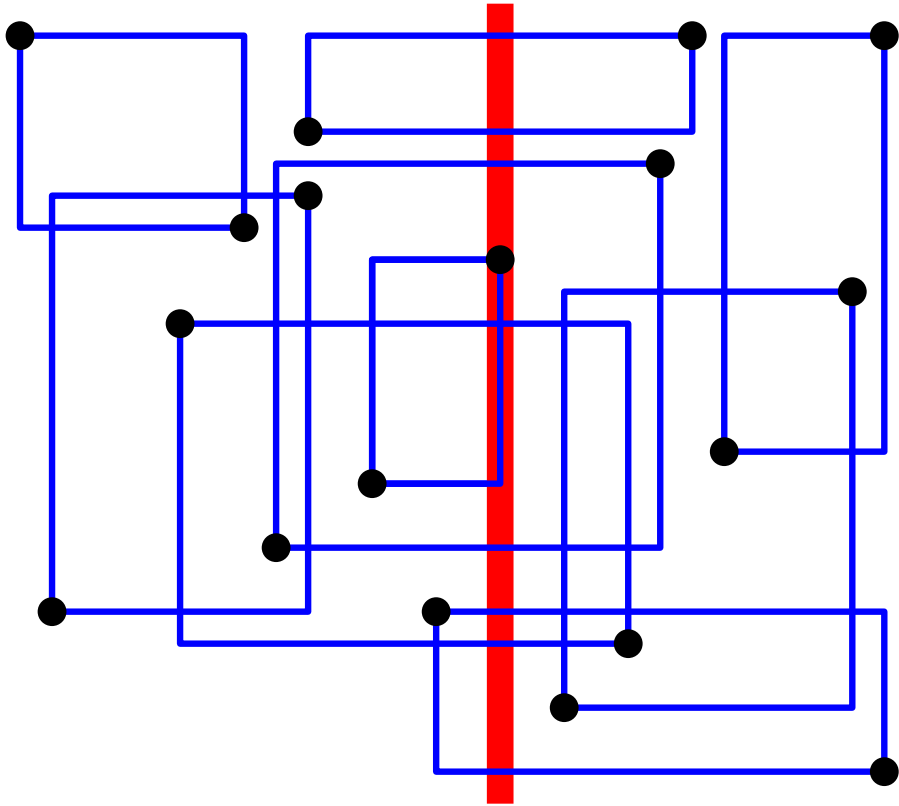
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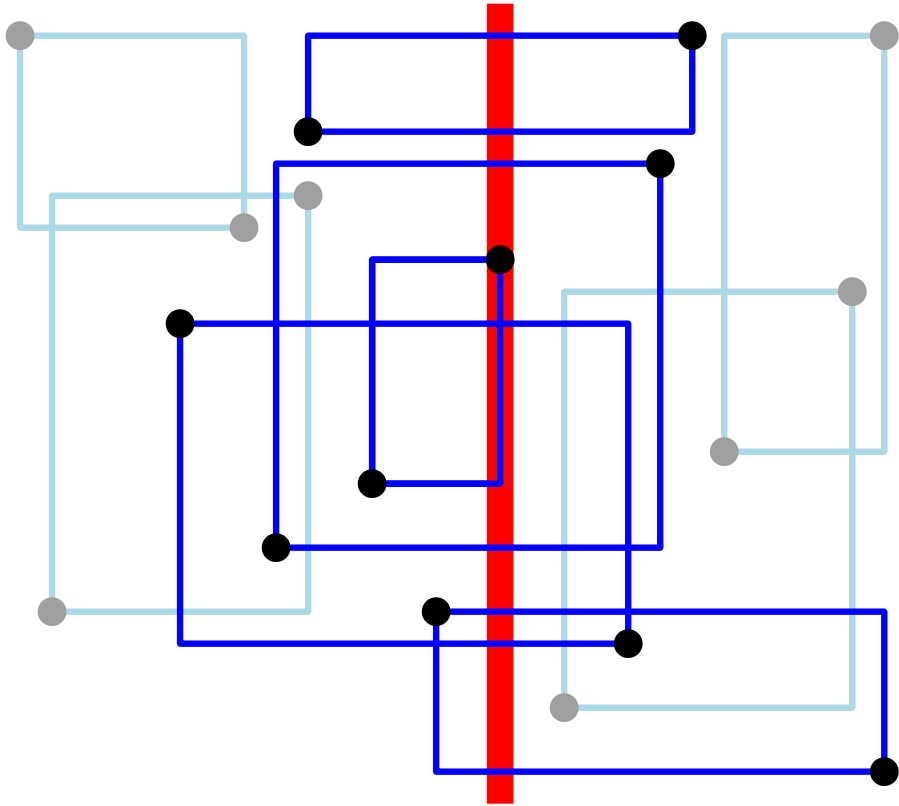
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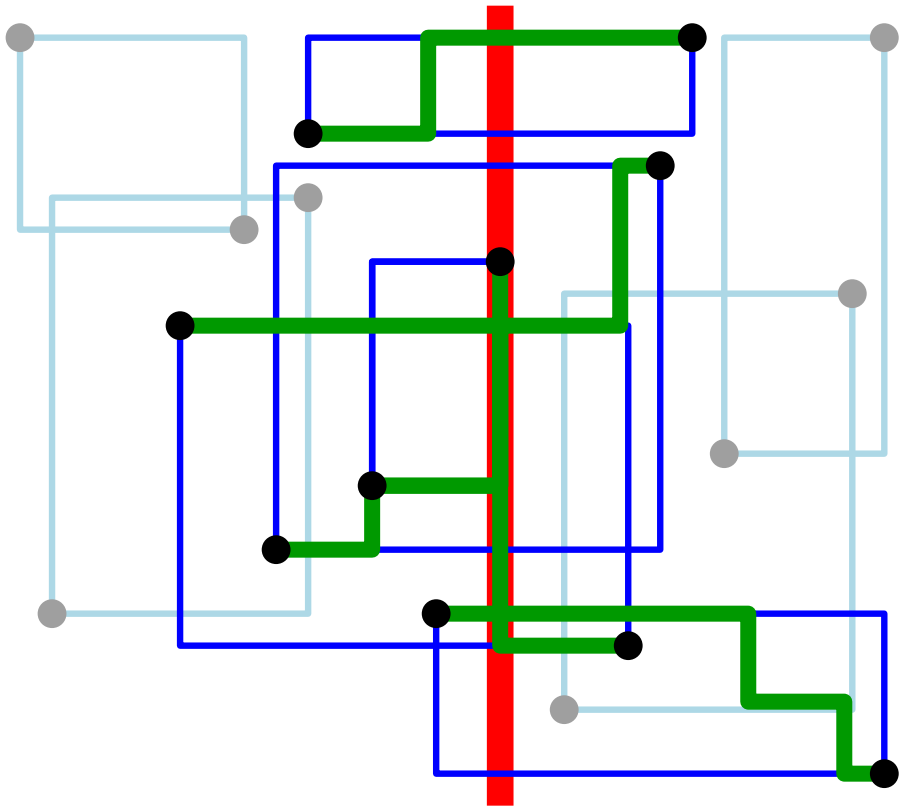
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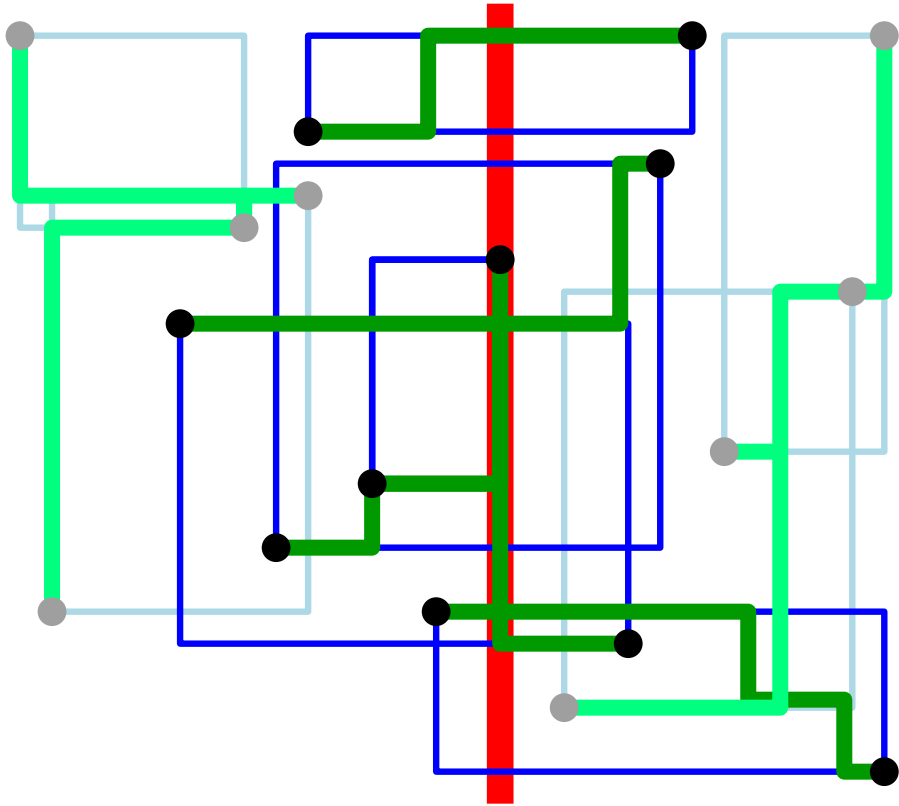


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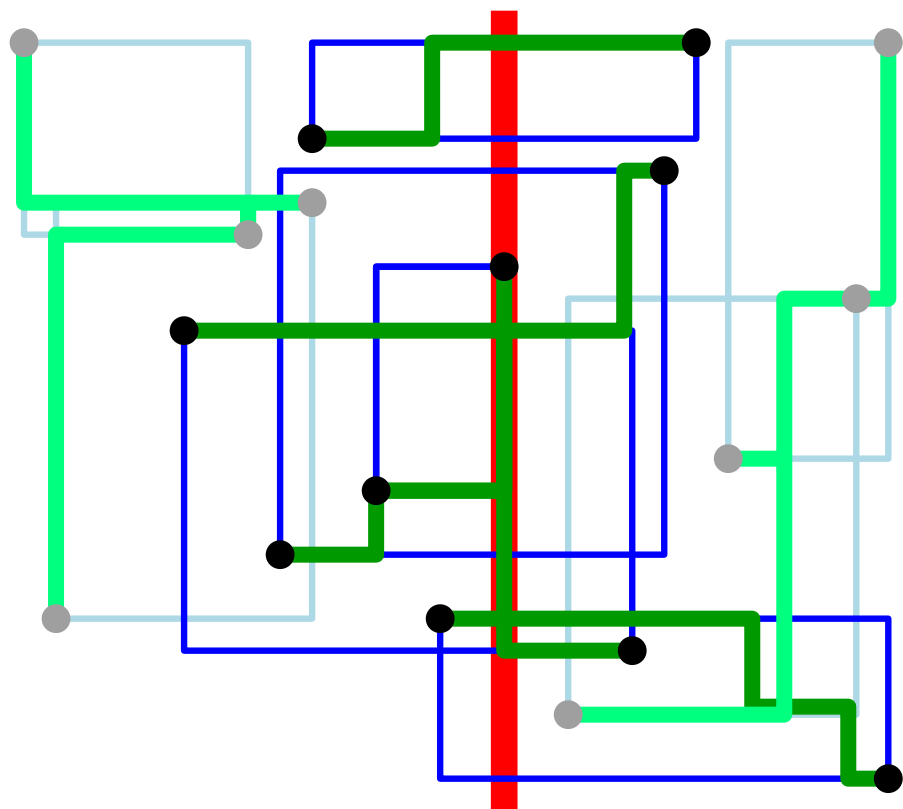




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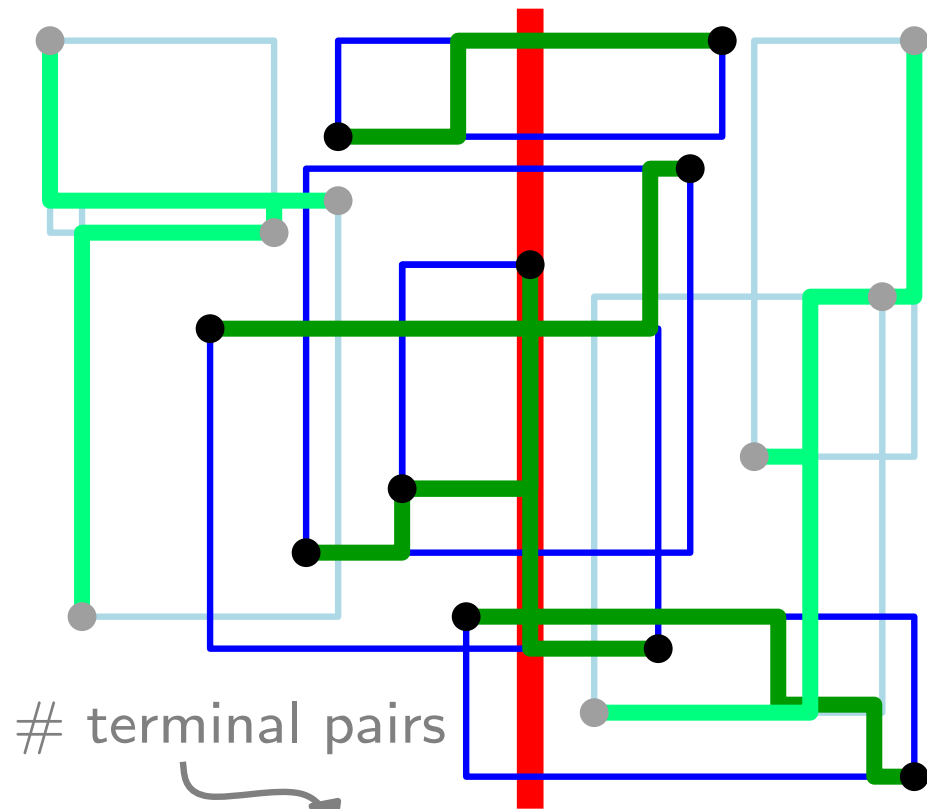


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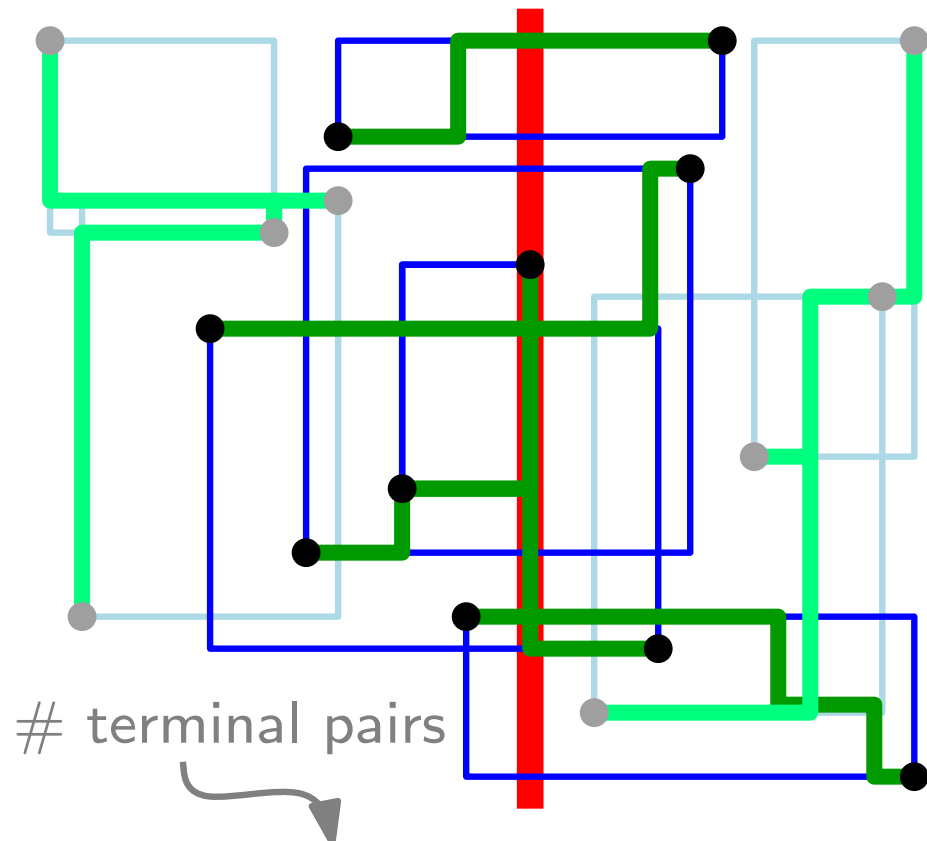
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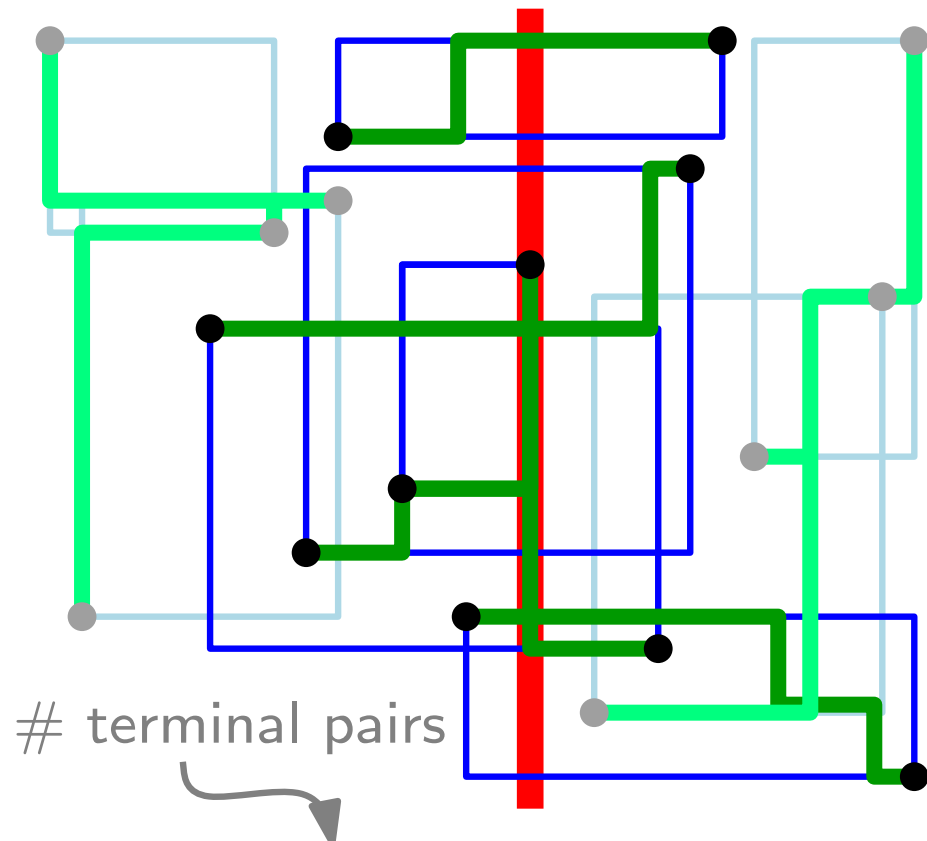
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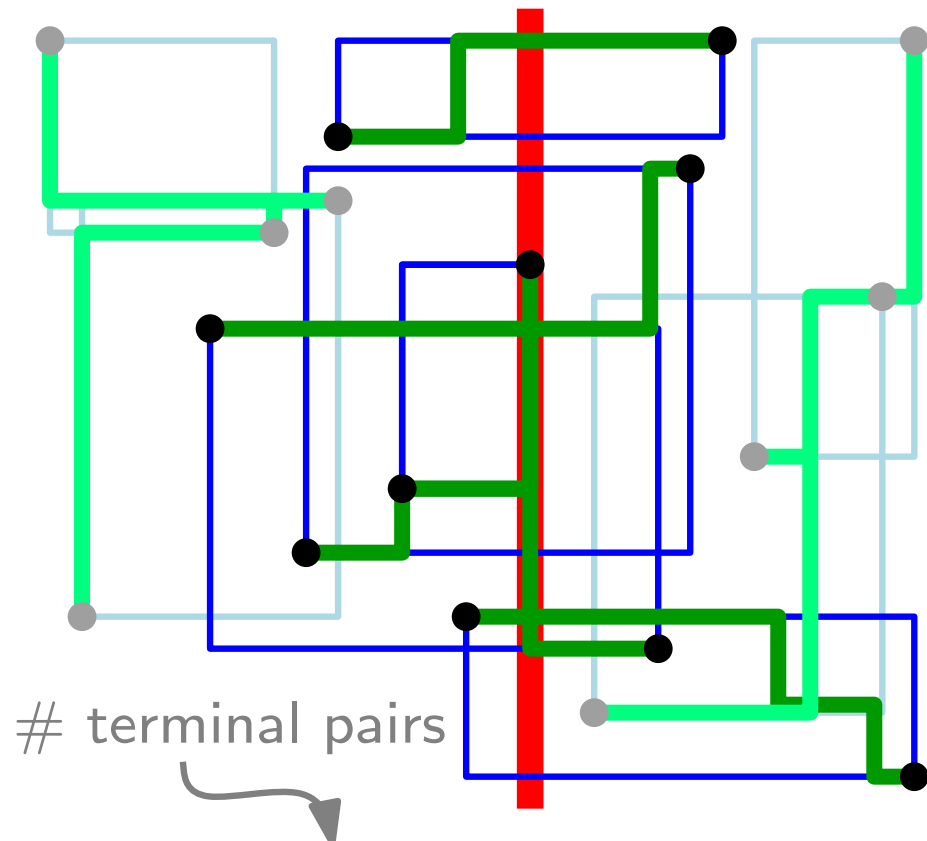
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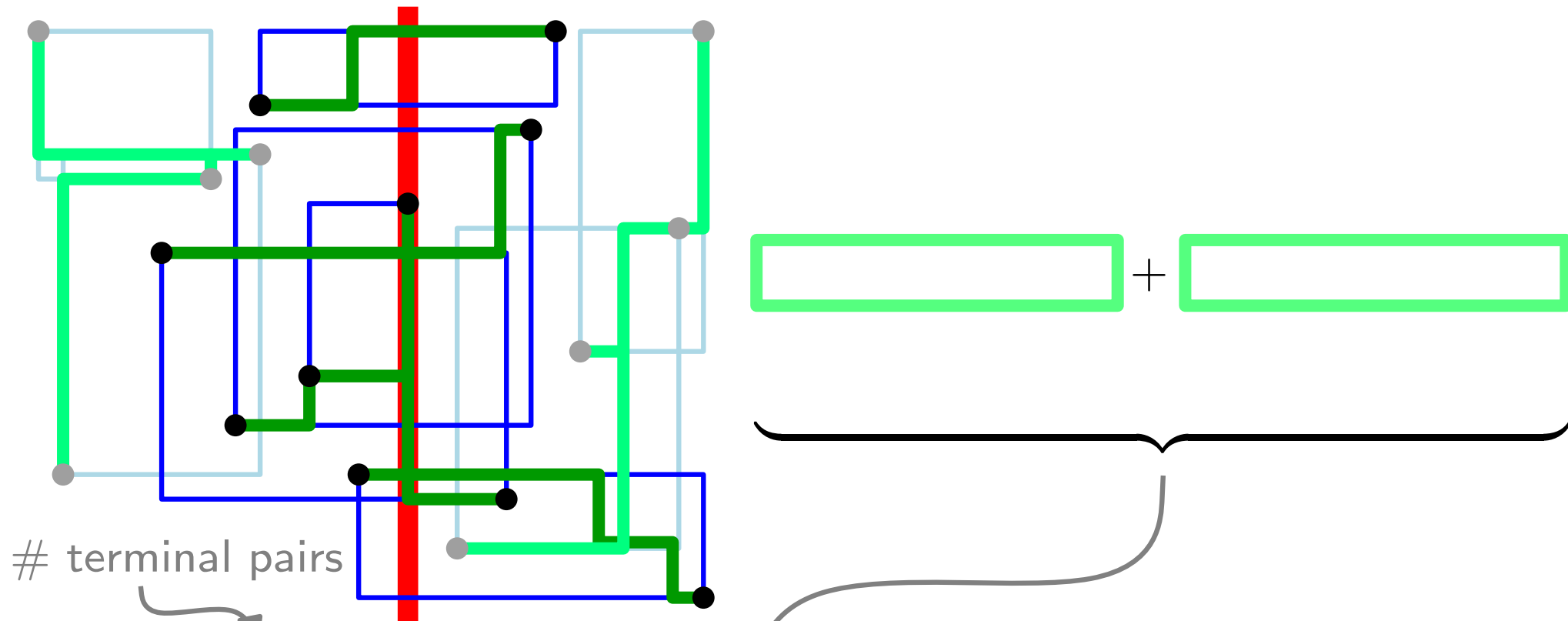
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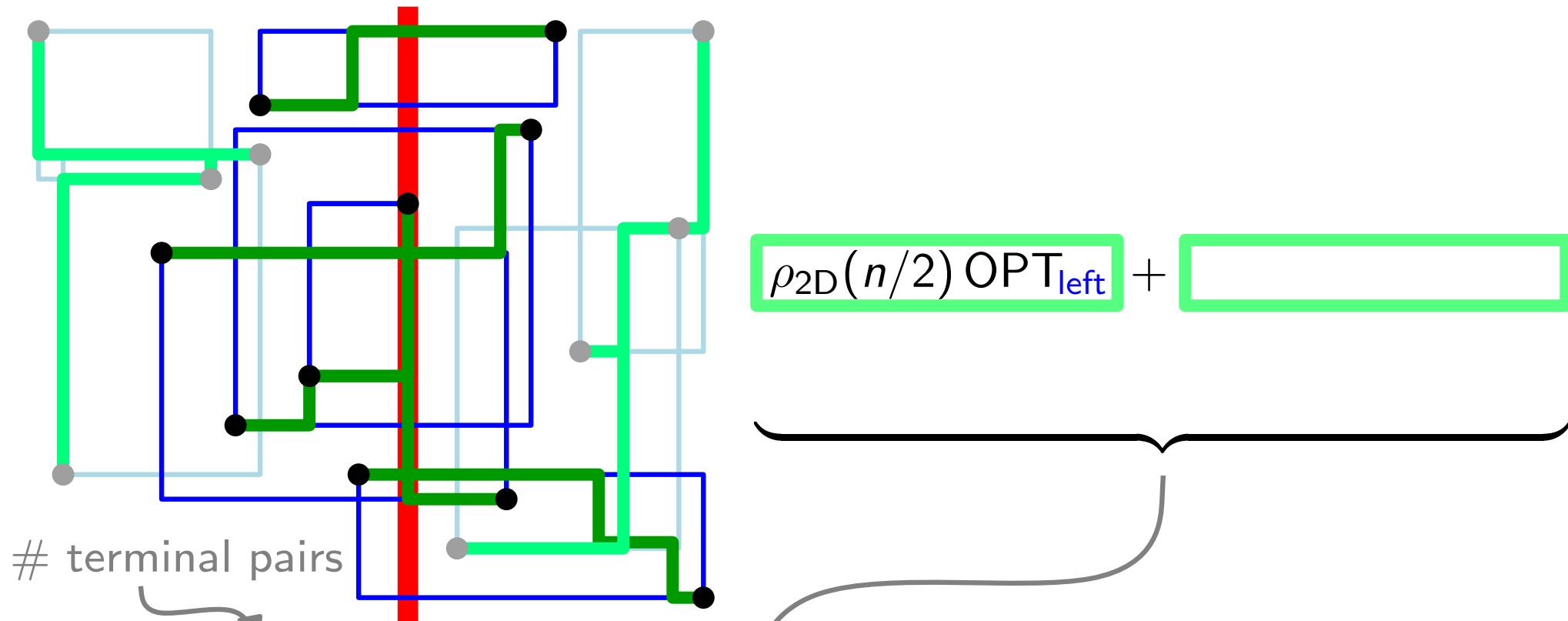


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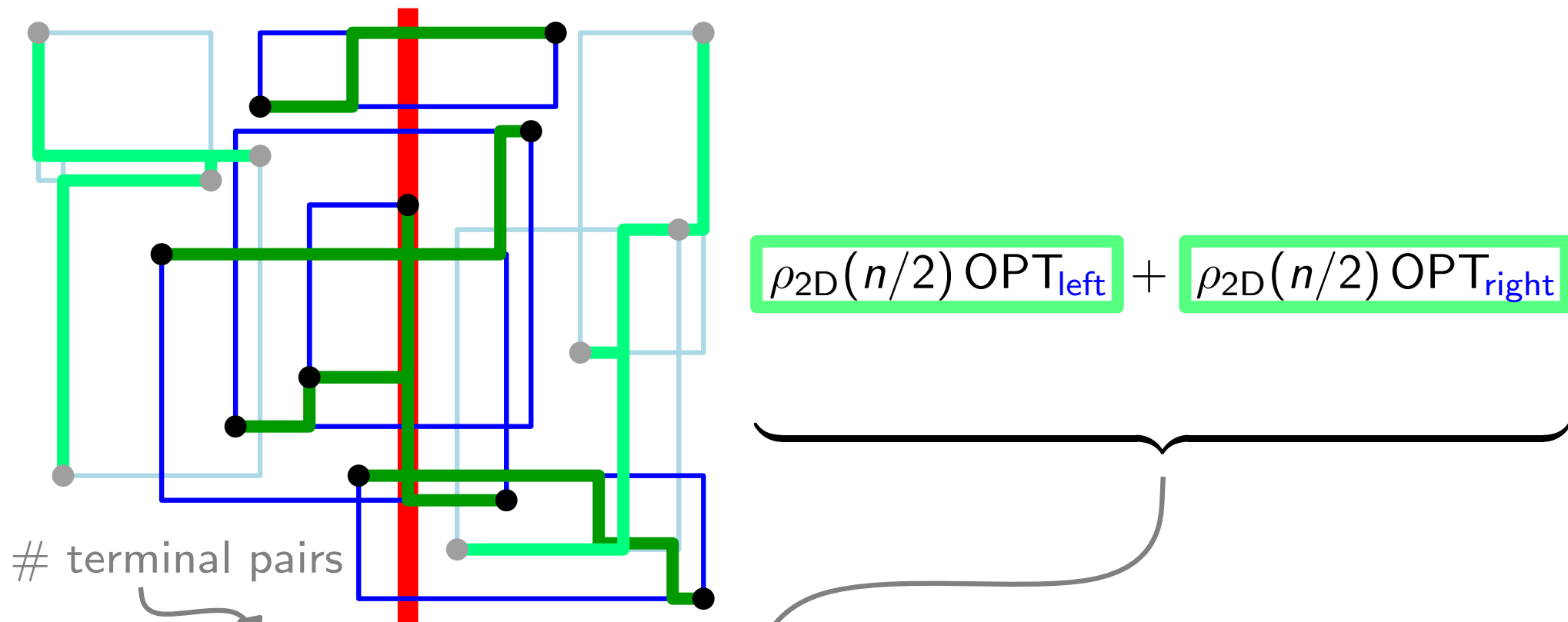
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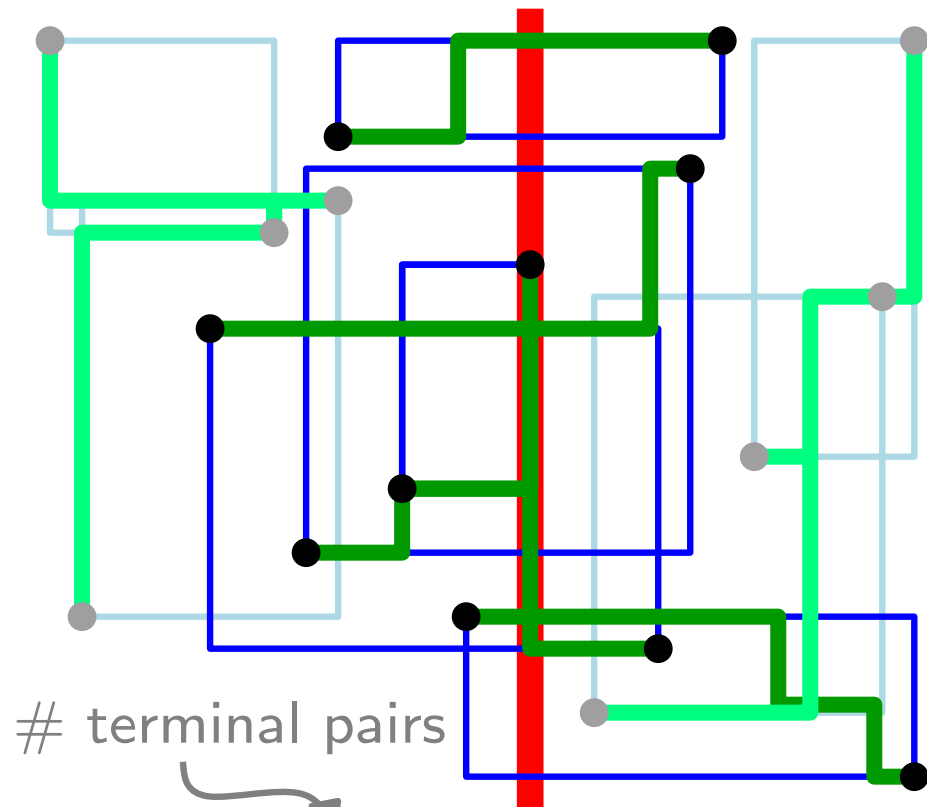
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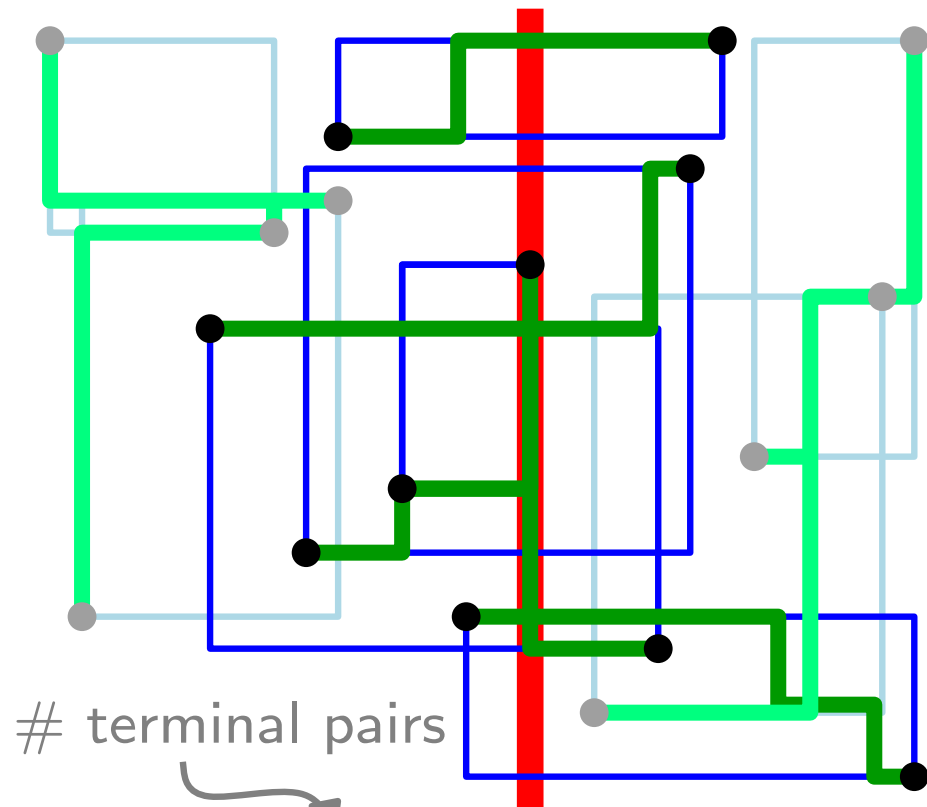
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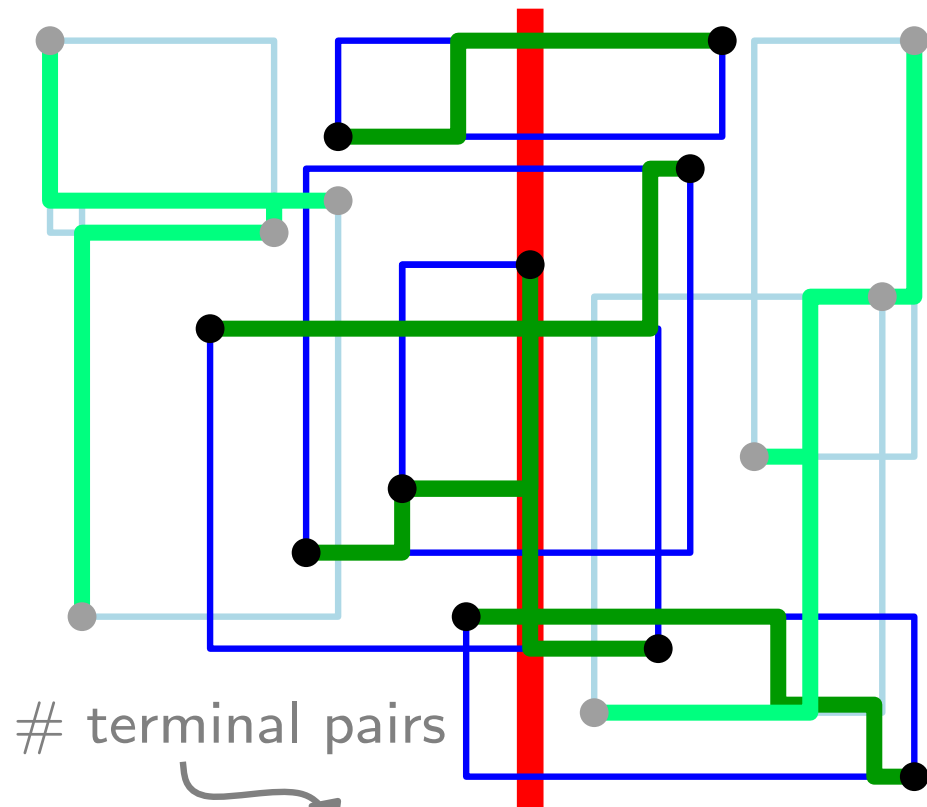
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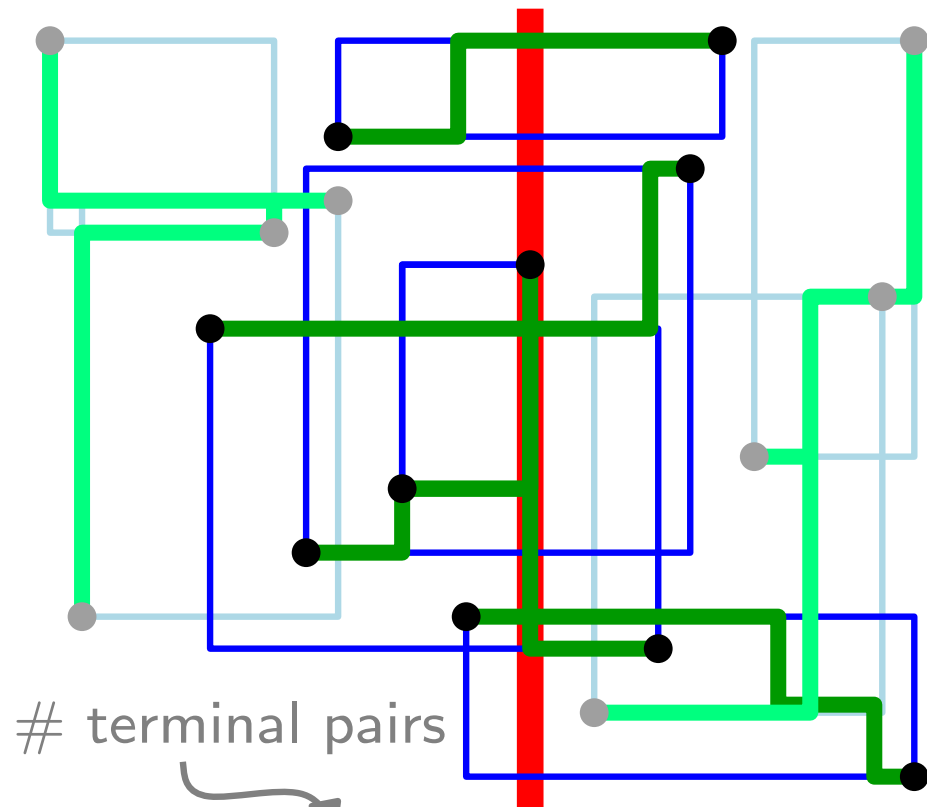
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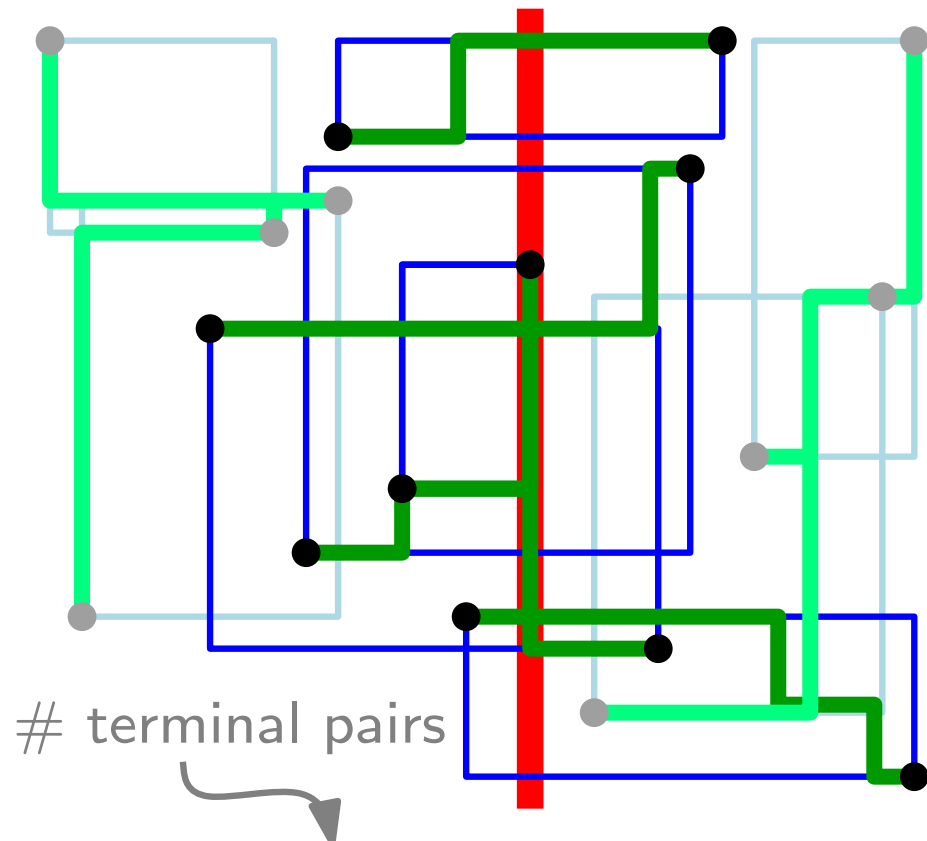
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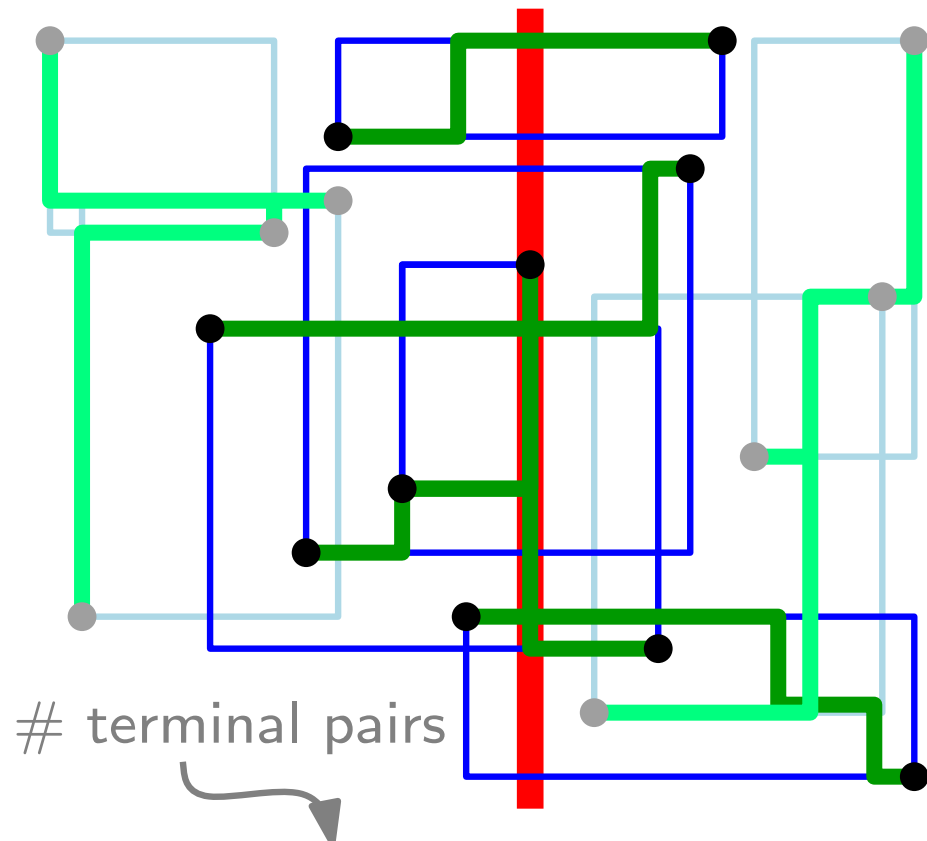


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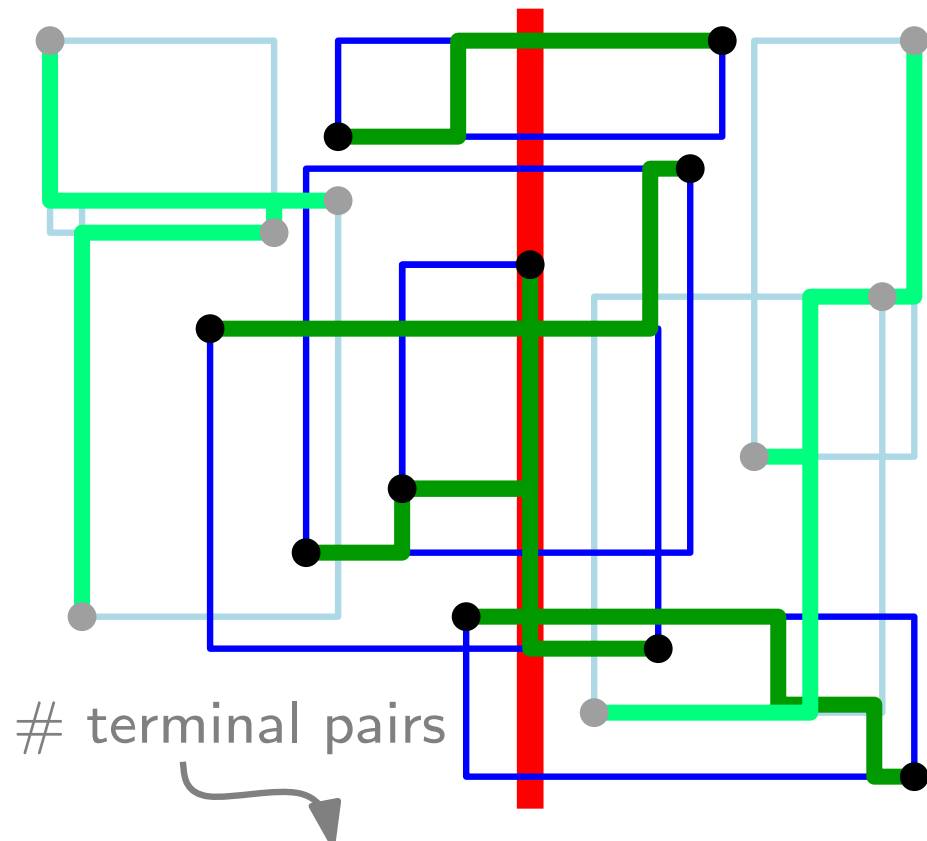
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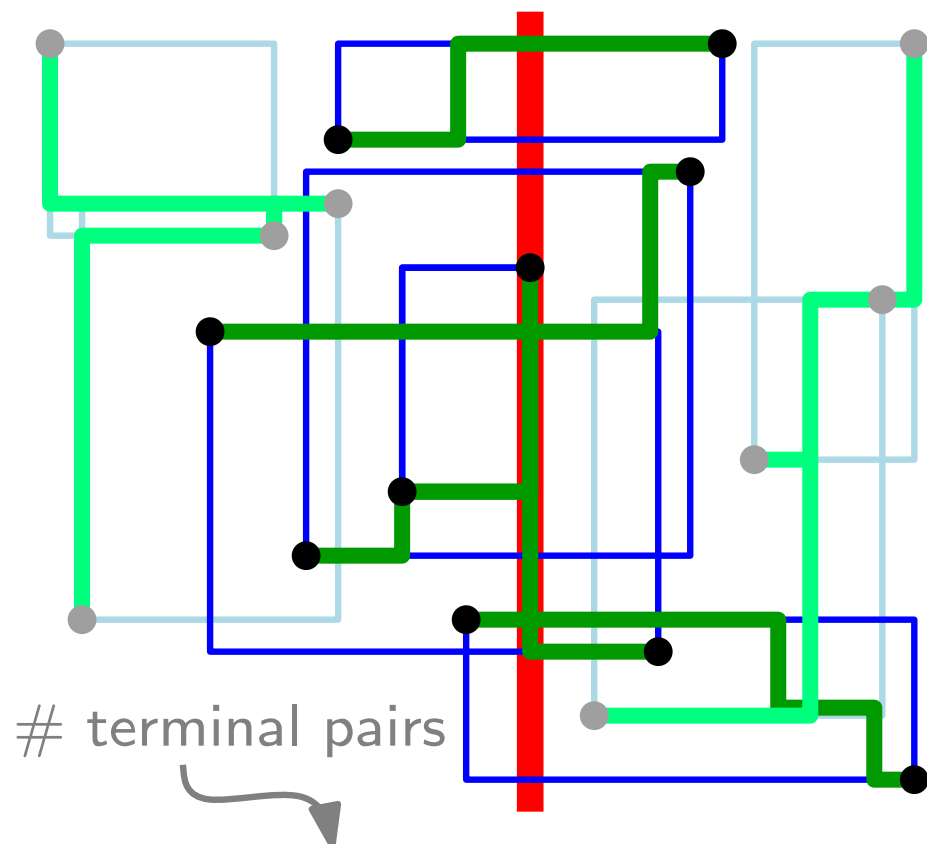
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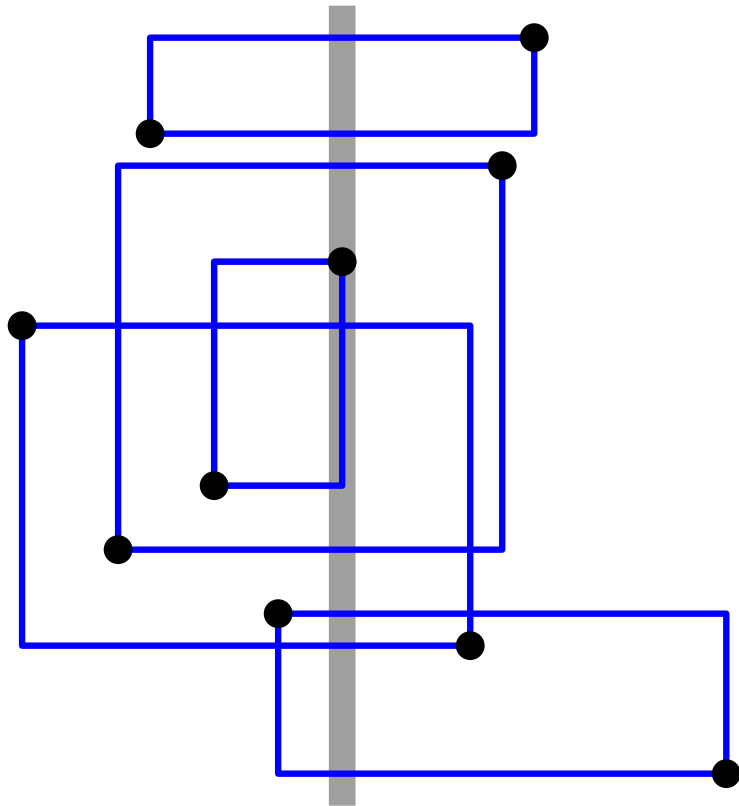
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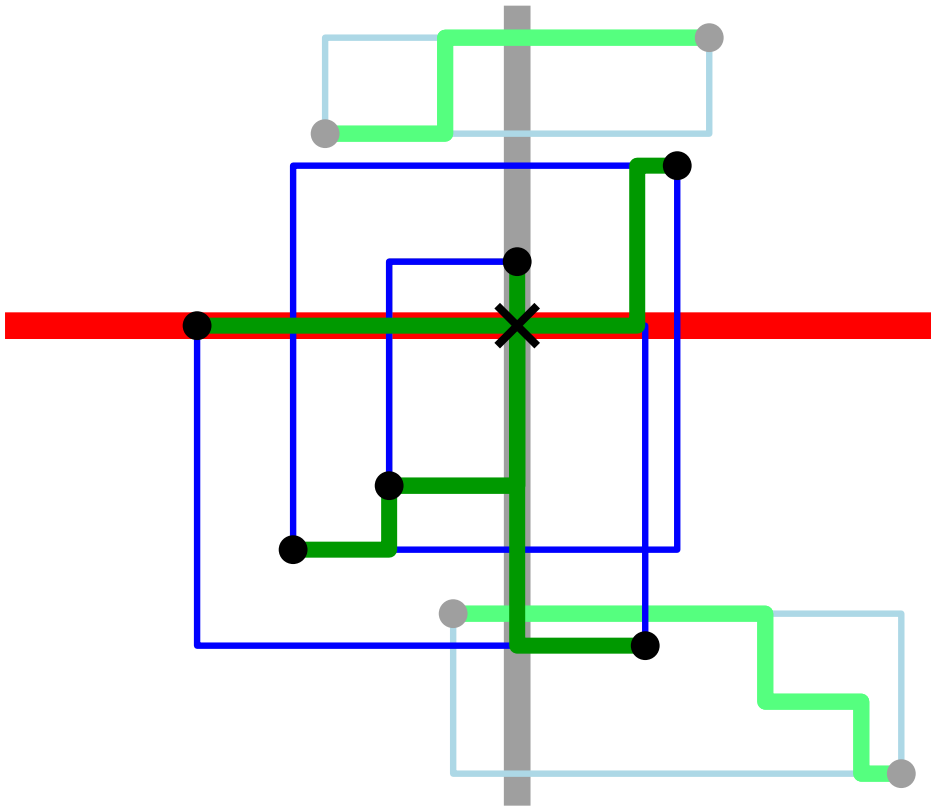




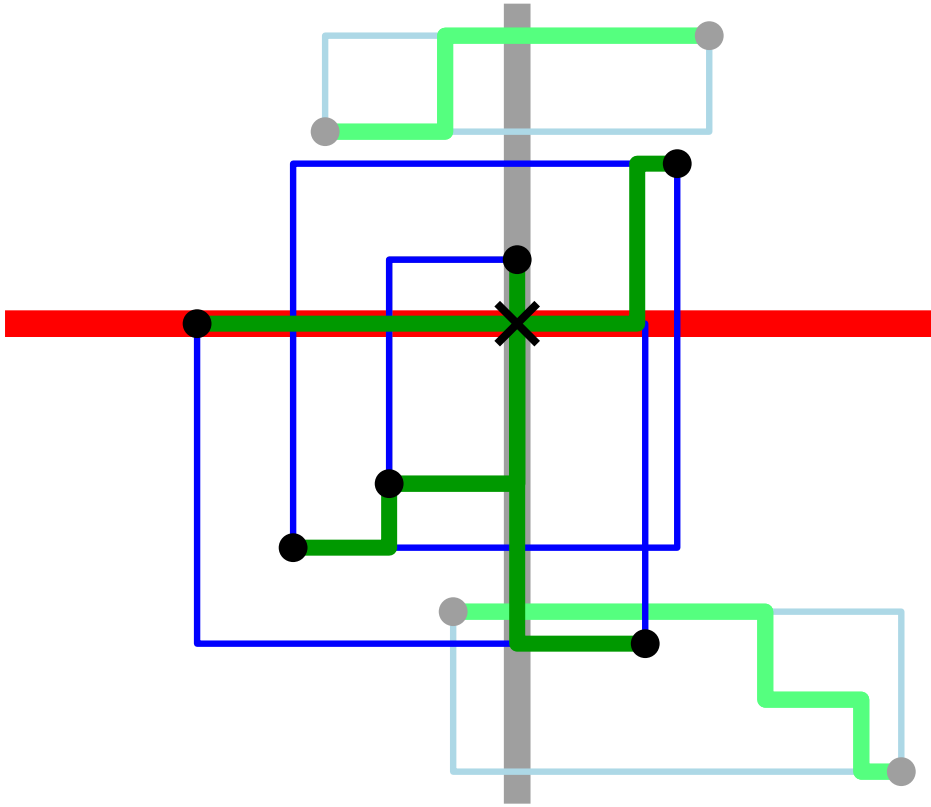




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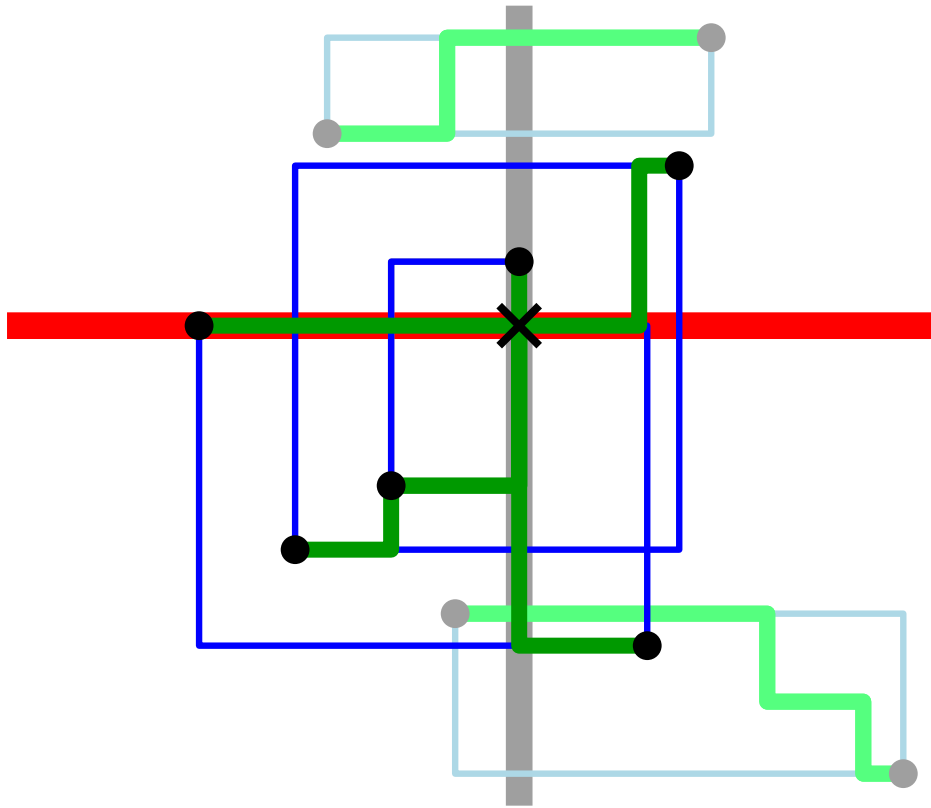








# Algorithm for x-separated GMMN



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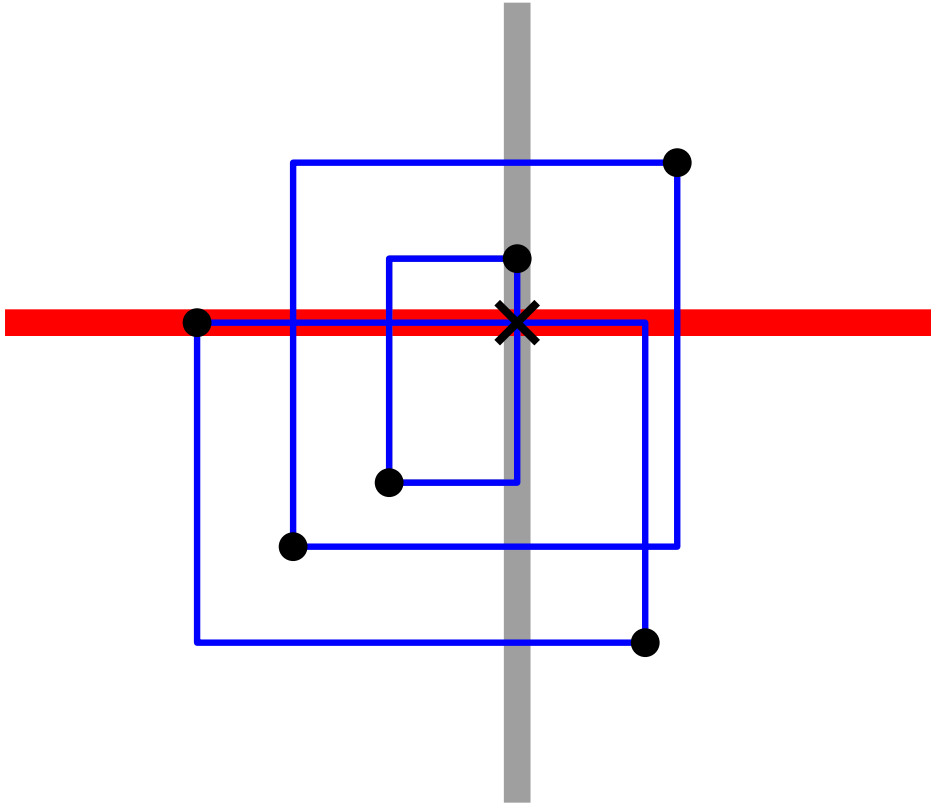
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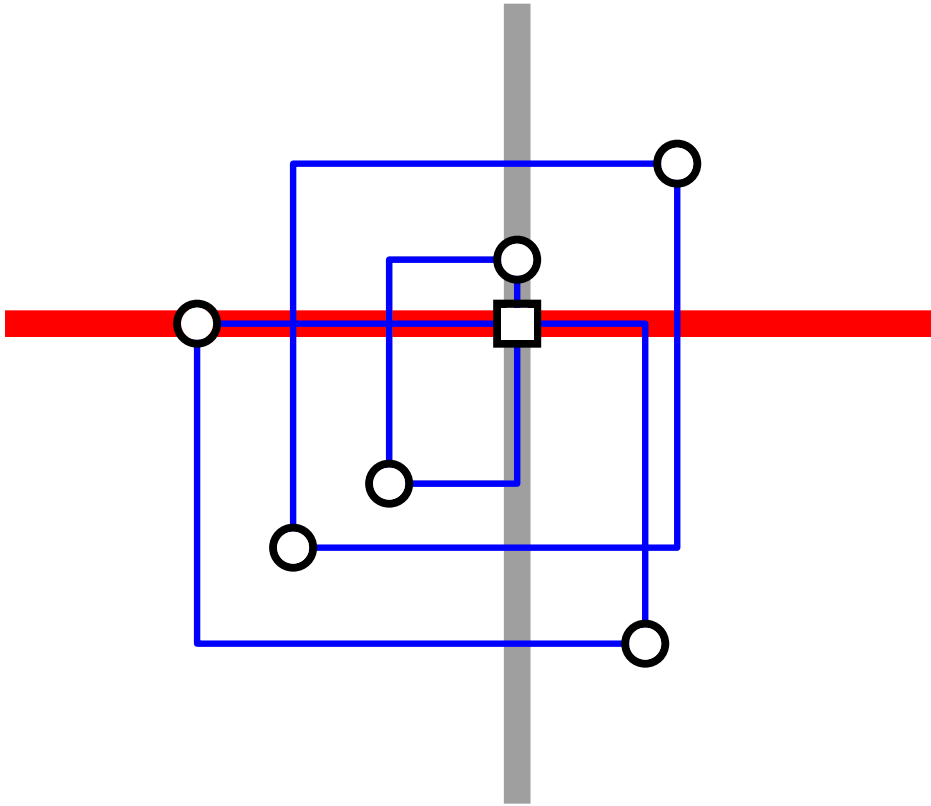




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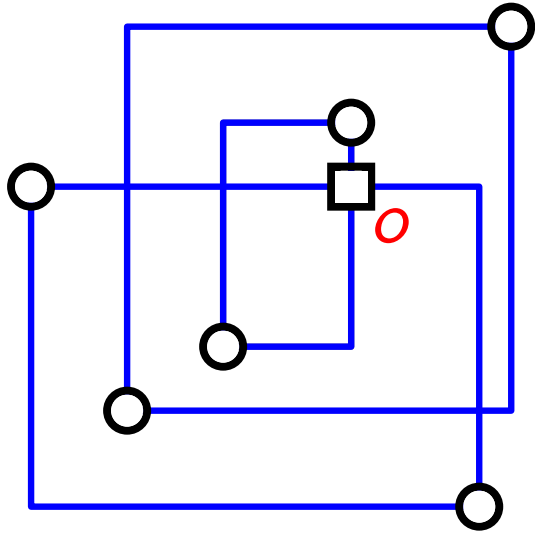


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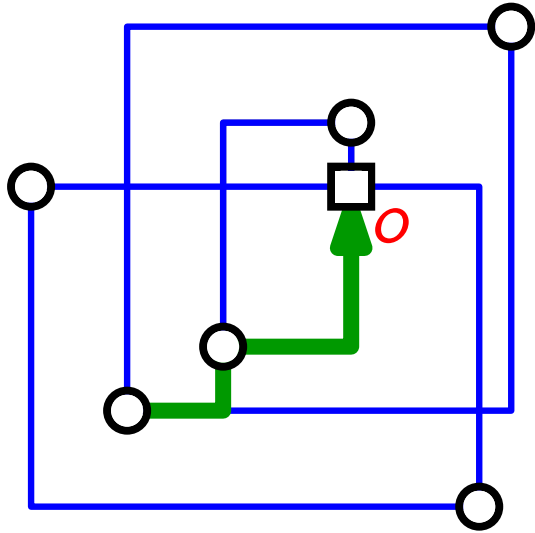


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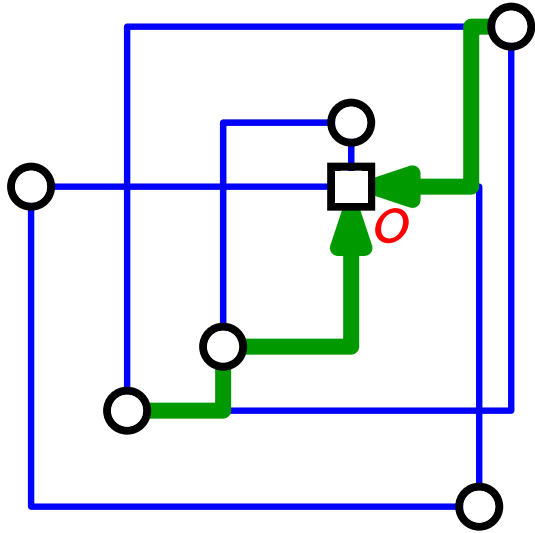
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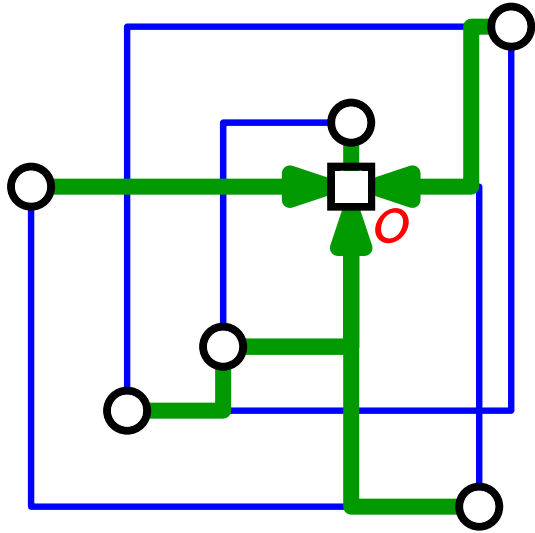
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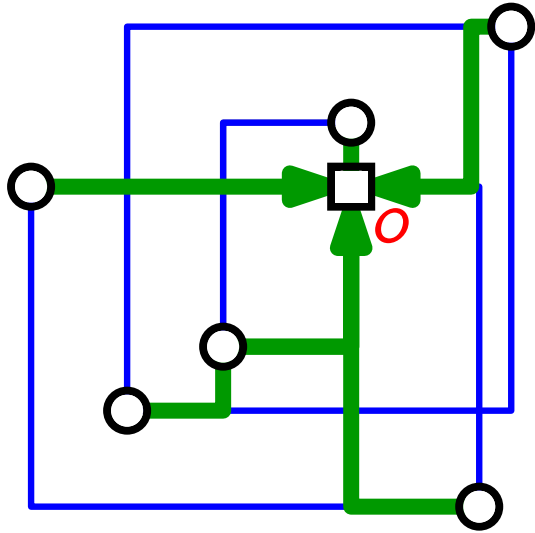


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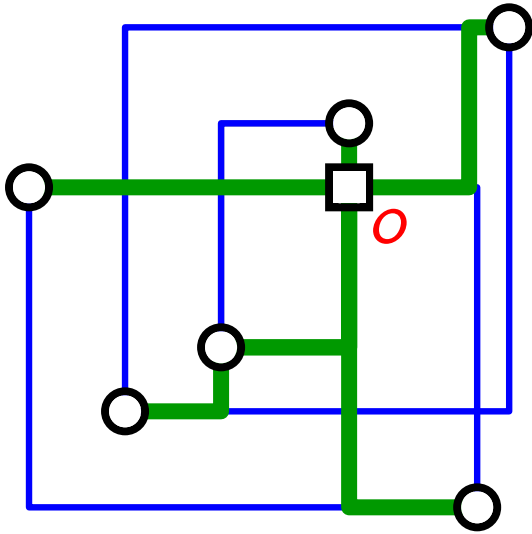
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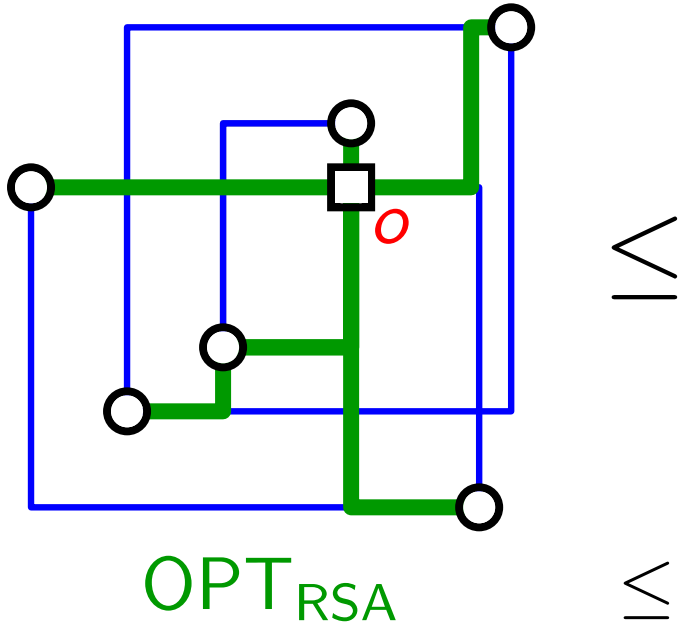
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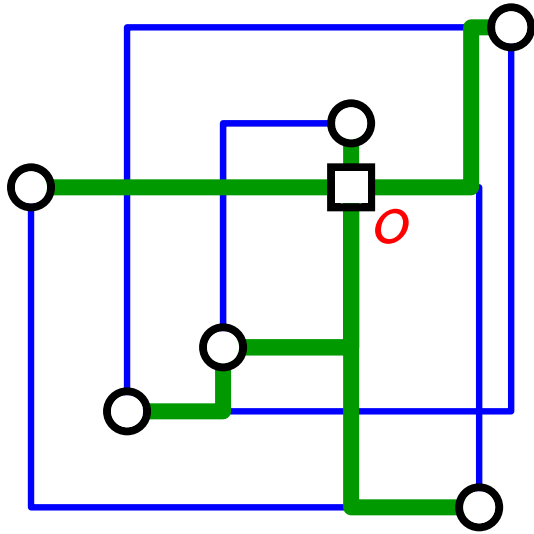
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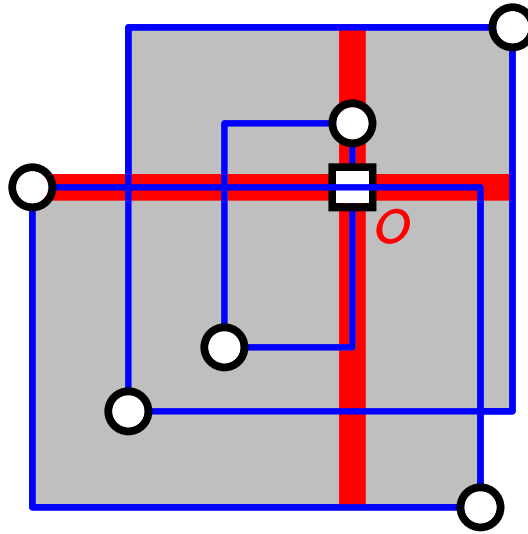
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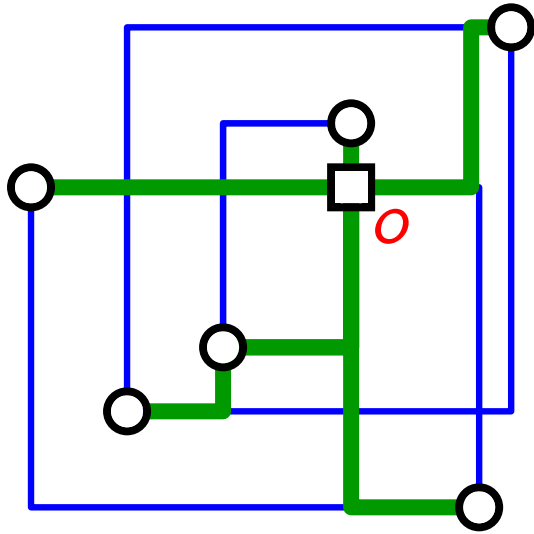
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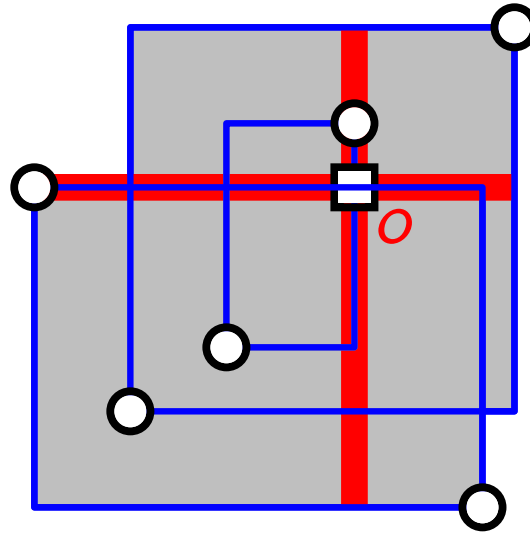
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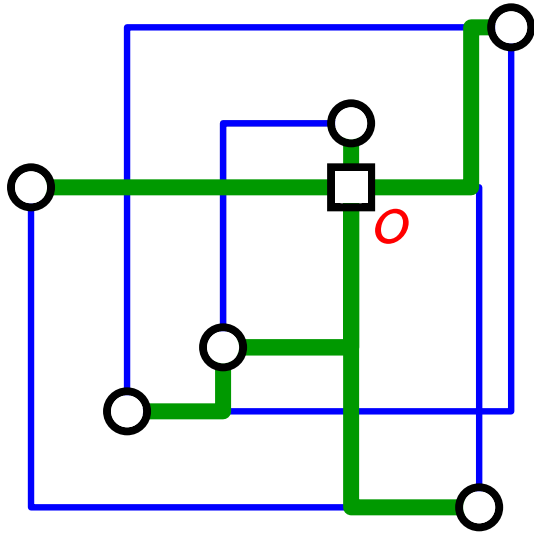
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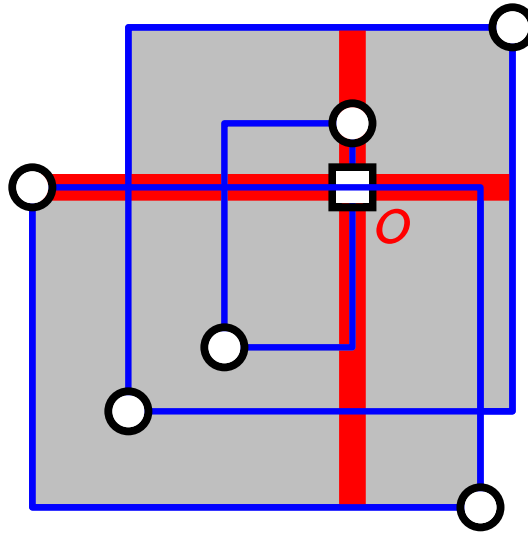
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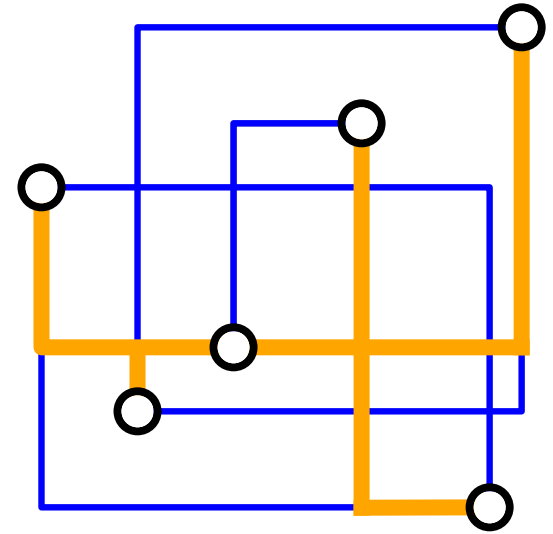
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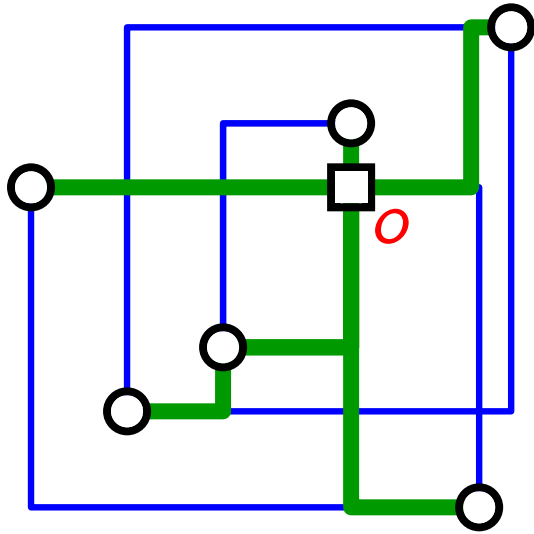
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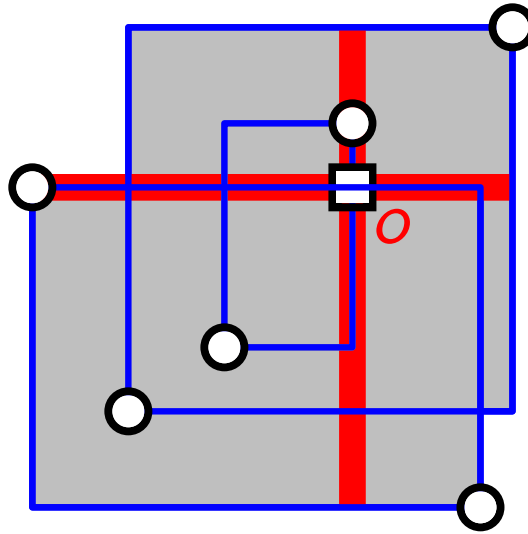
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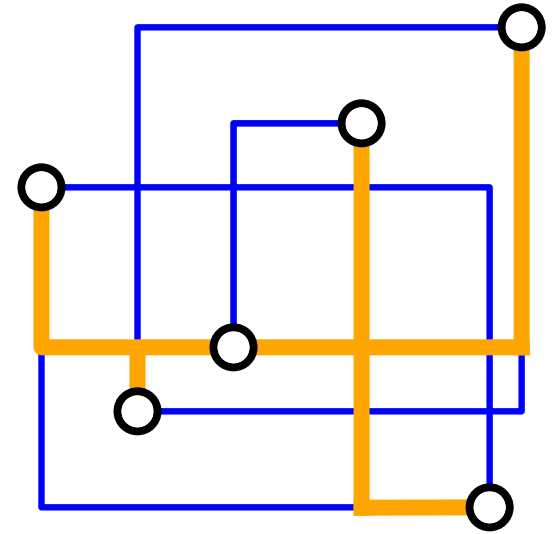
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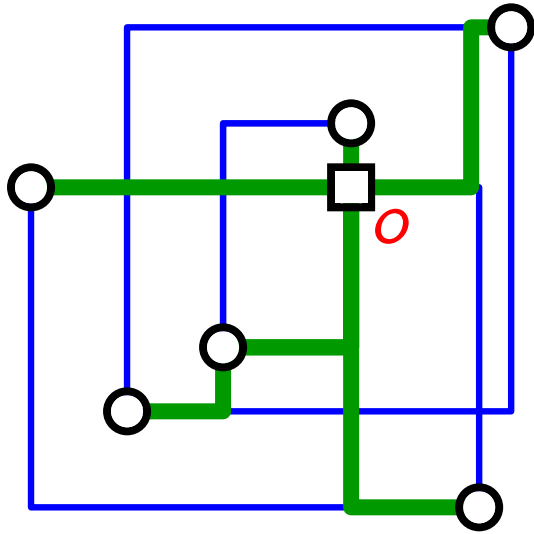
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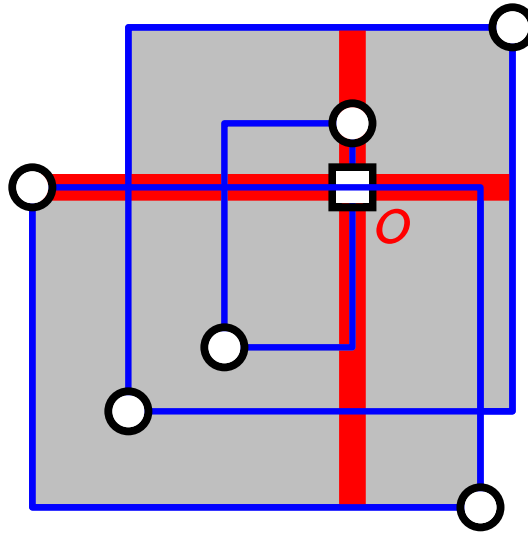
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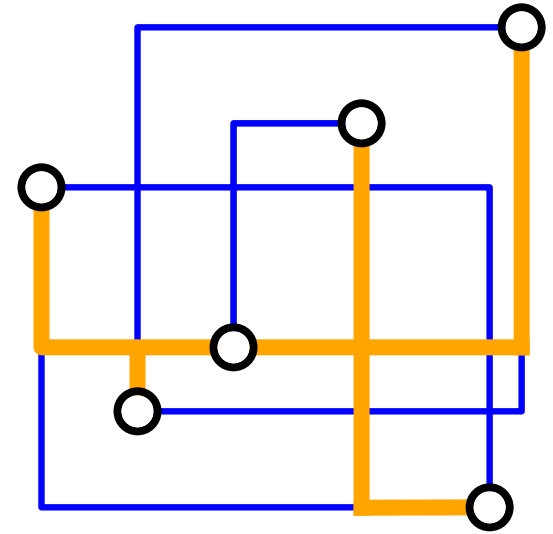
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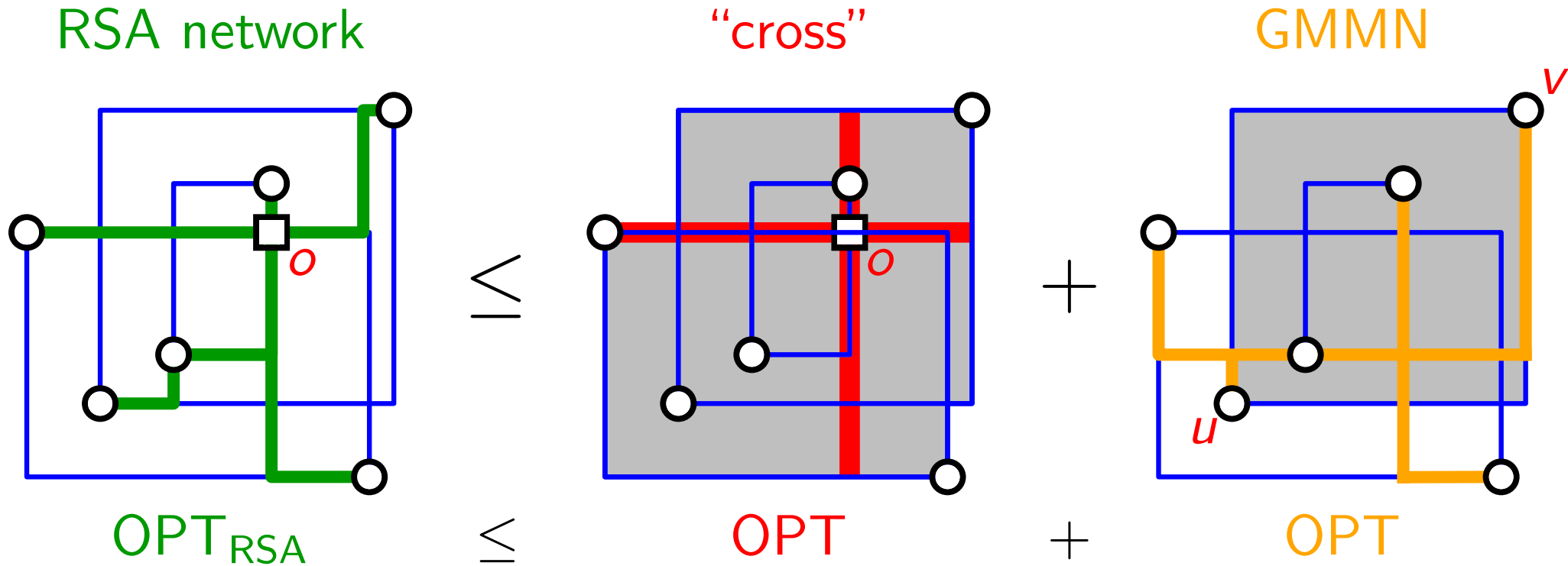
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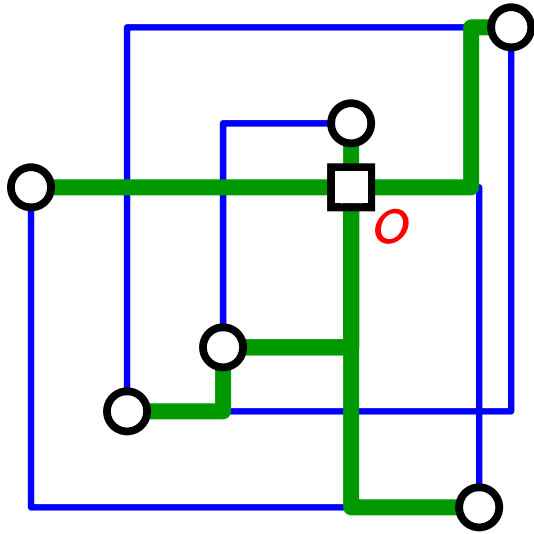
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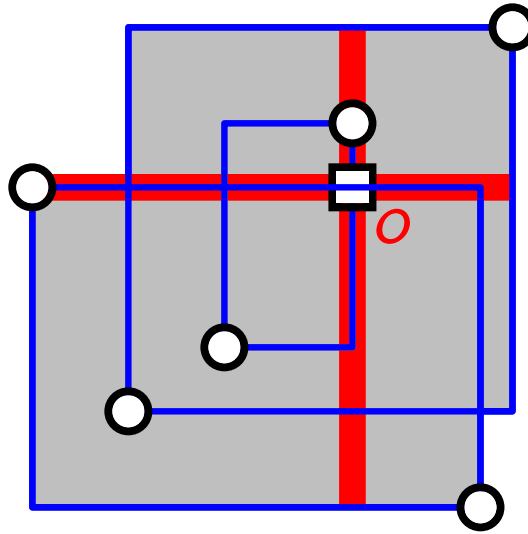
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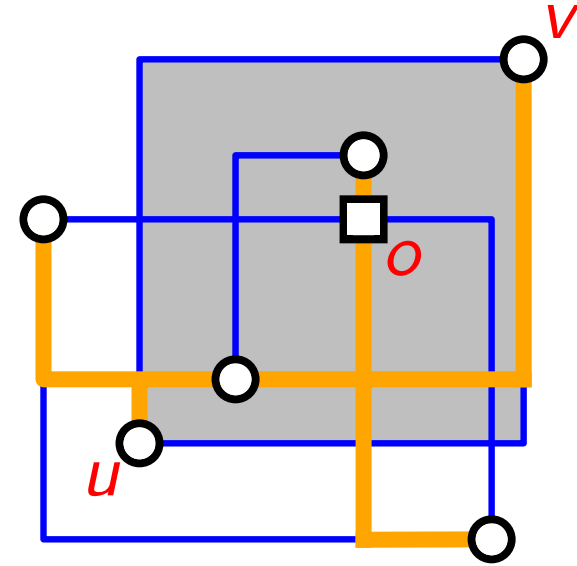
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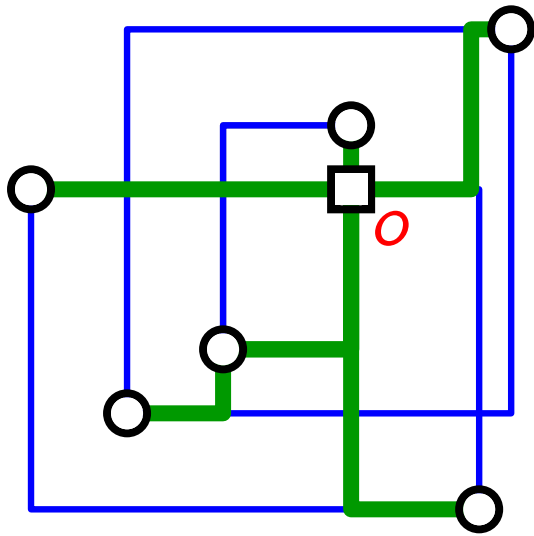
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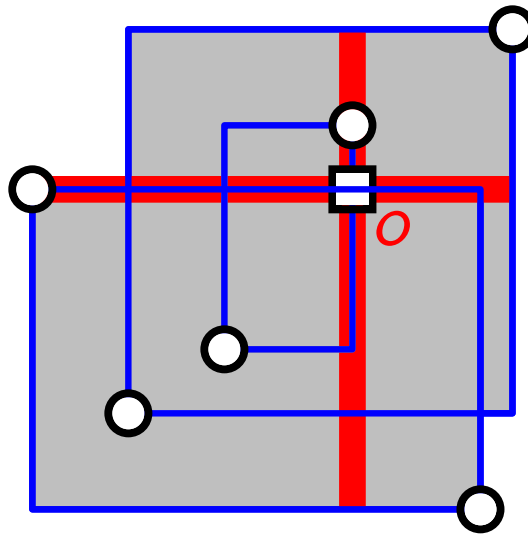
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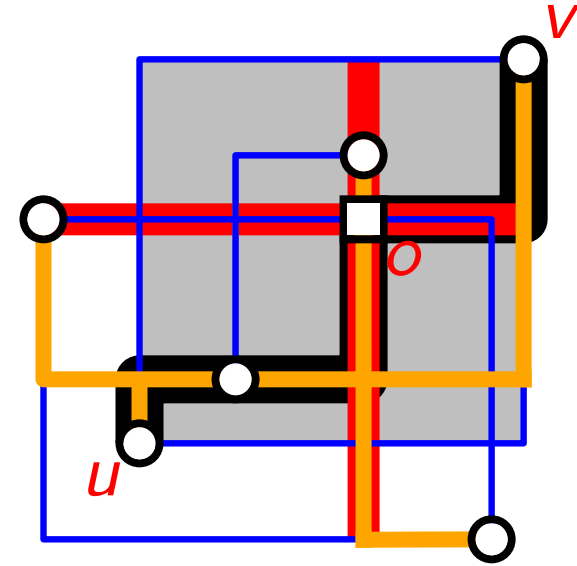
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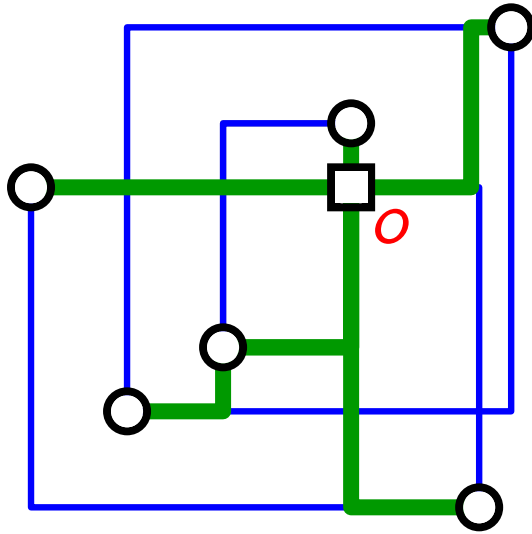
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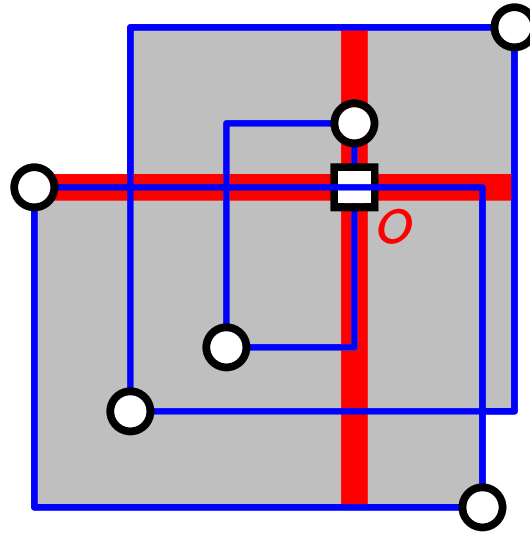
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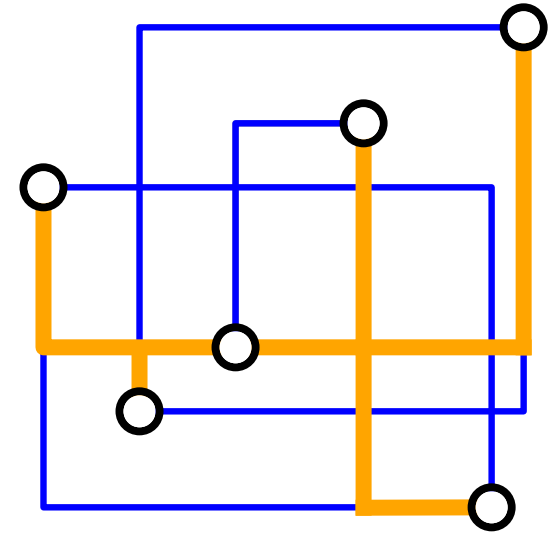
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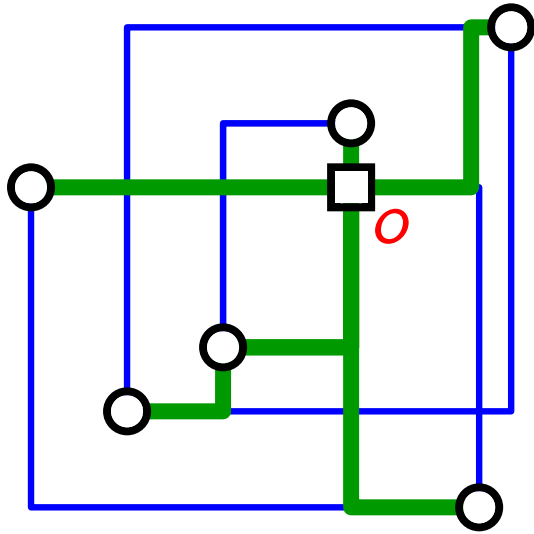
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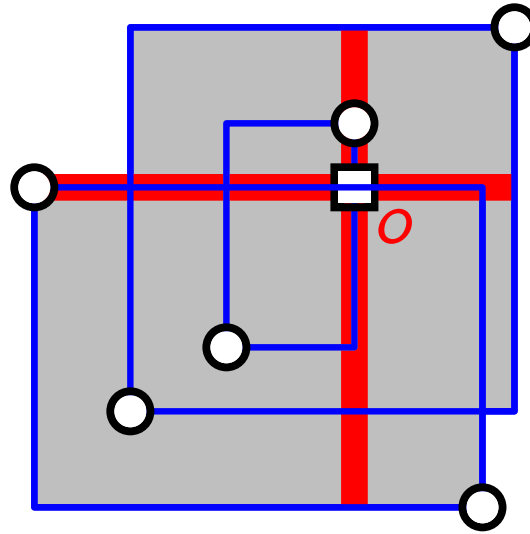
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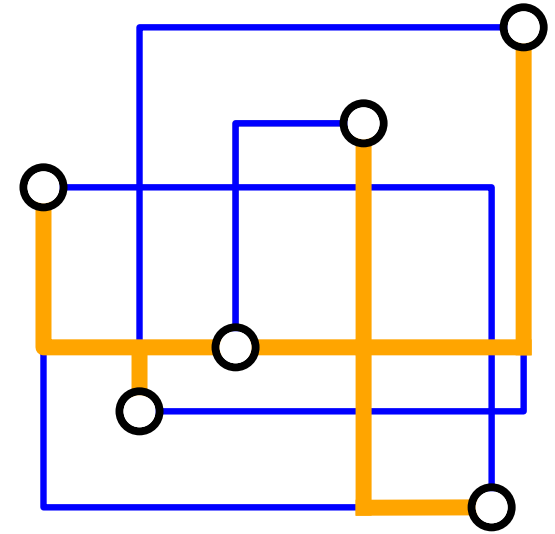
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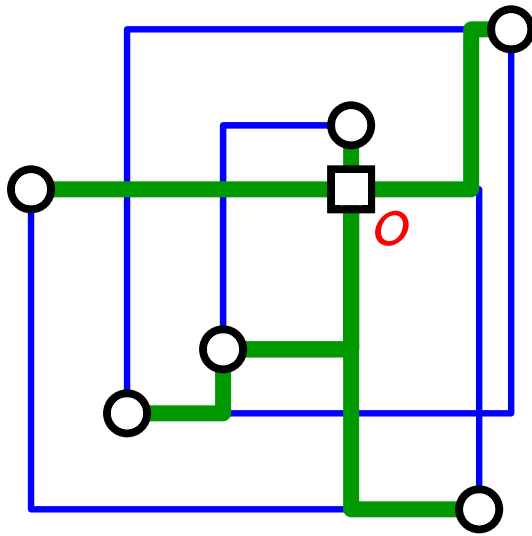
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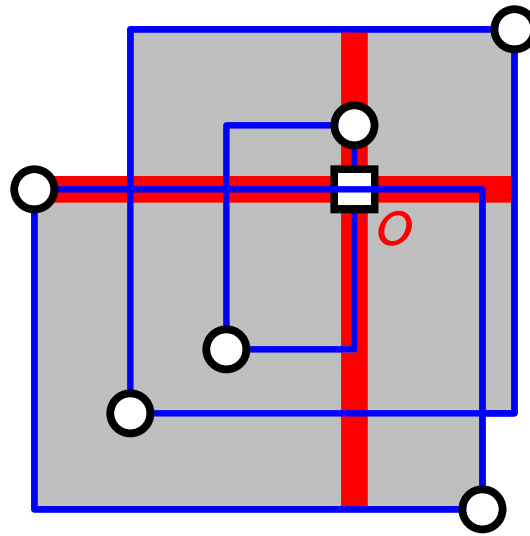
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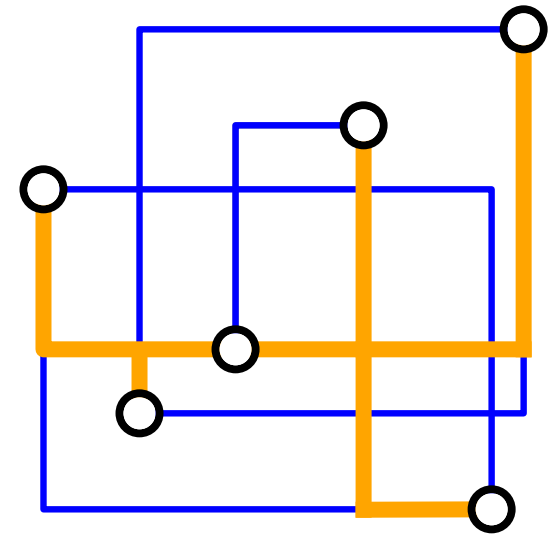
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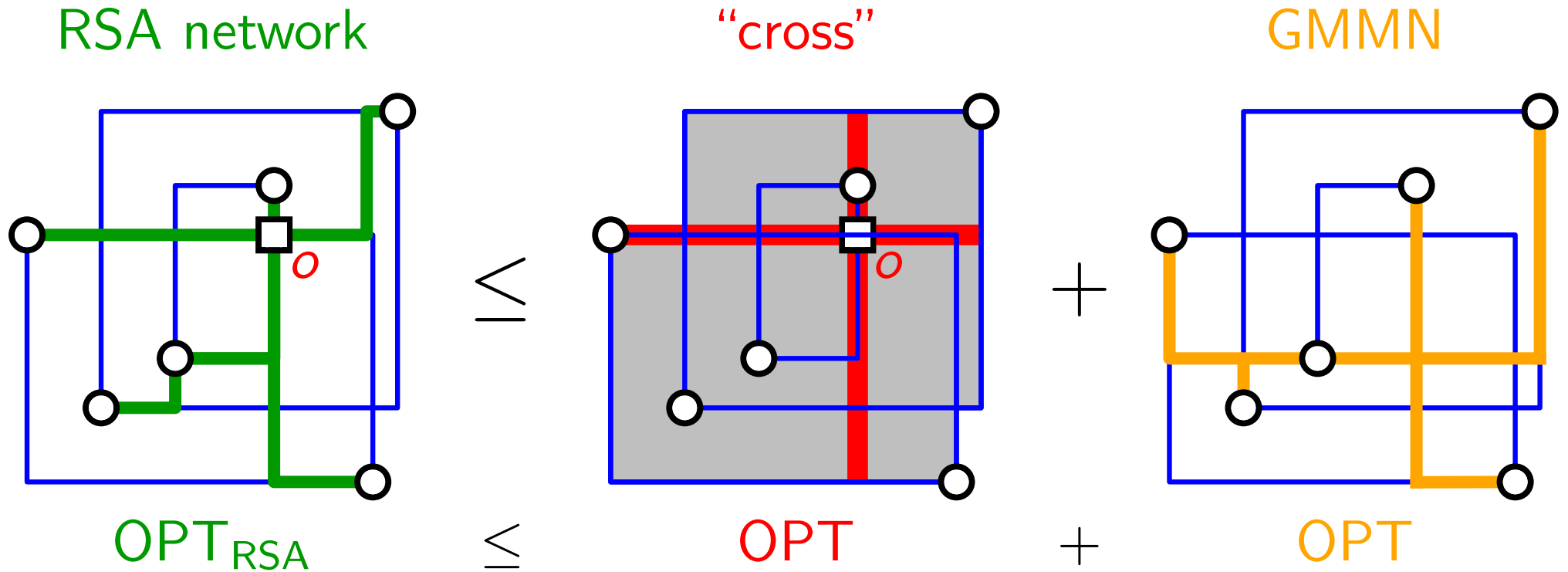
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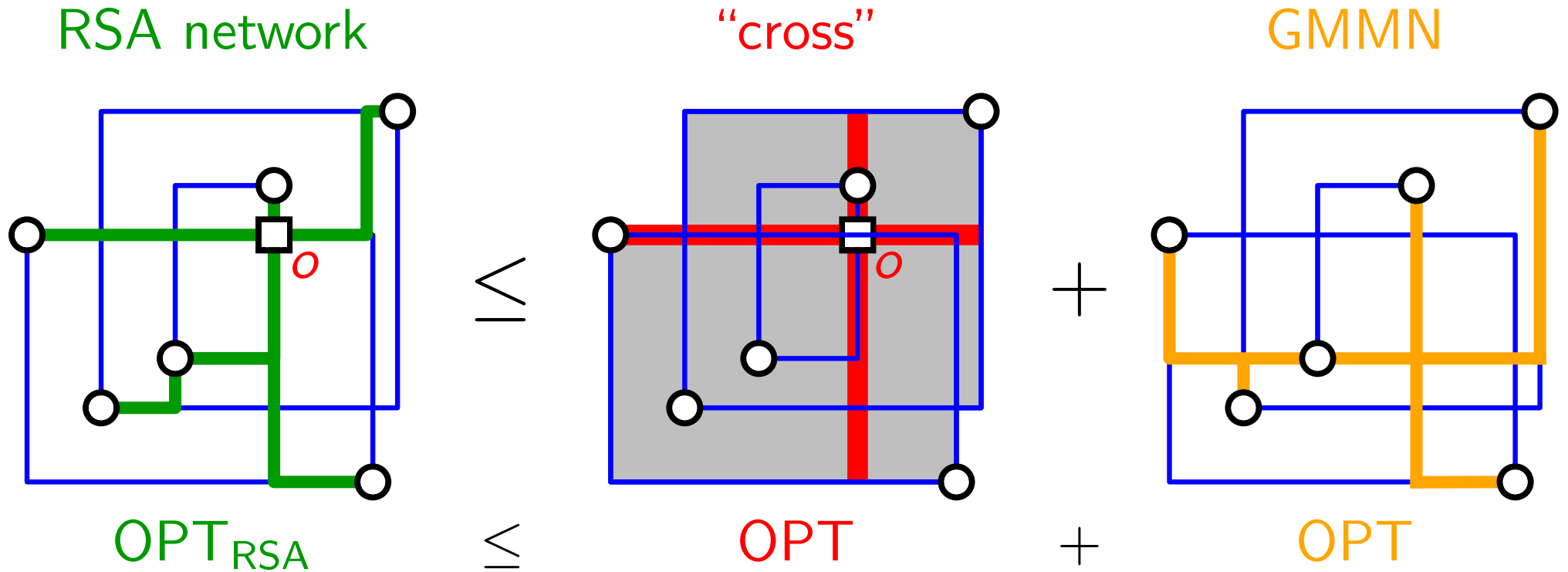


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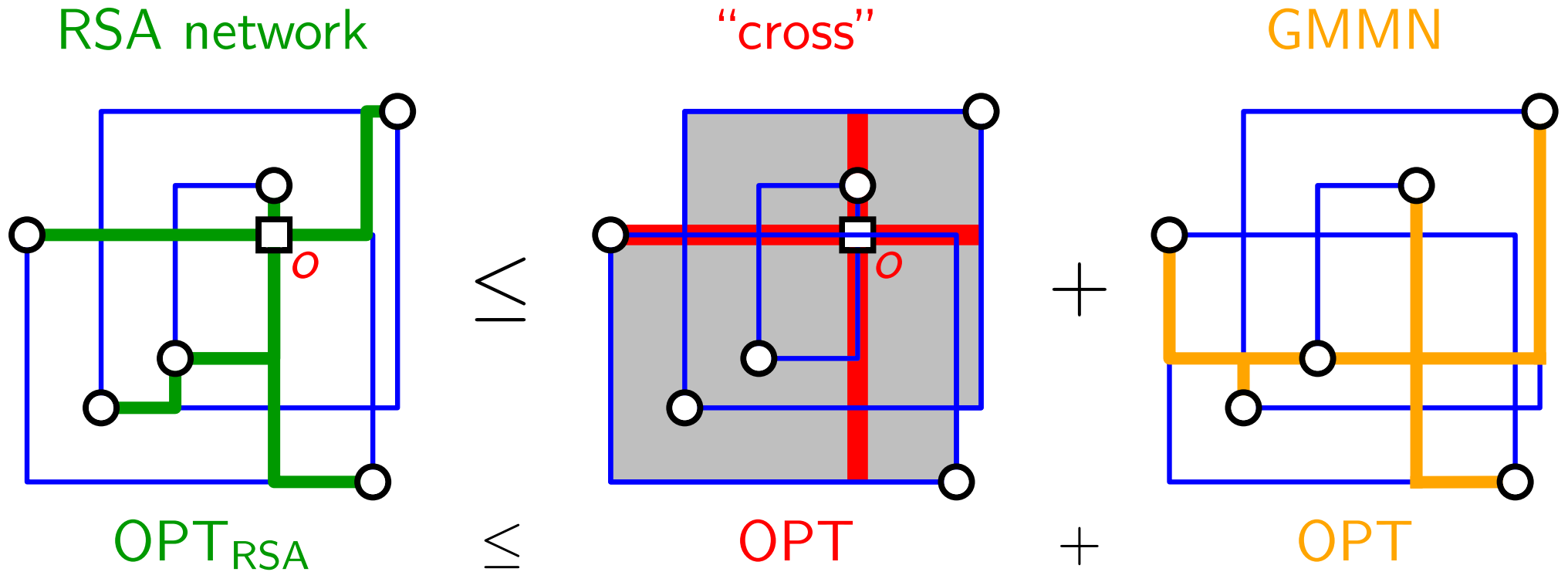


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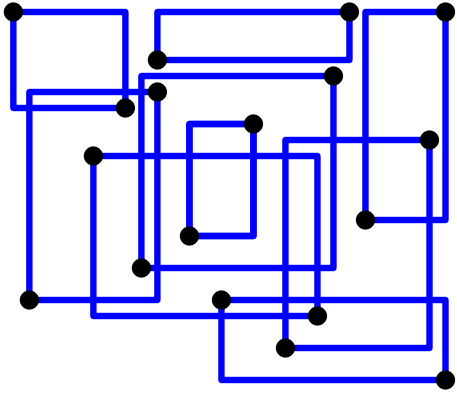
In 2D, remove one level of recursion!



## Part II

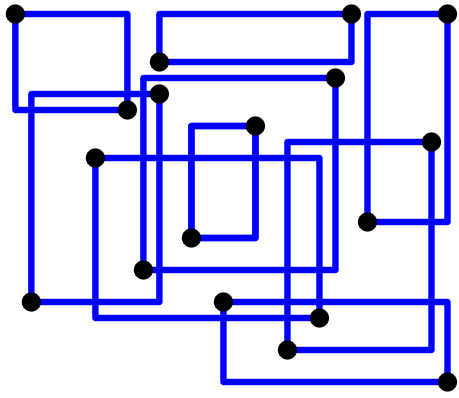
An Improved  
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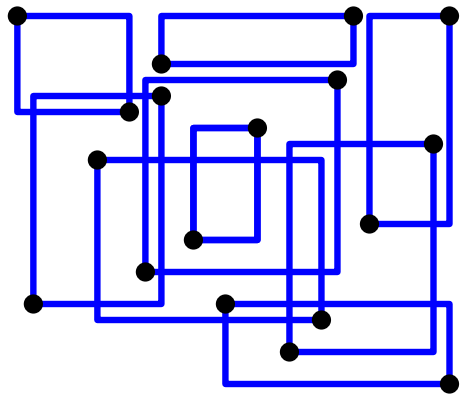
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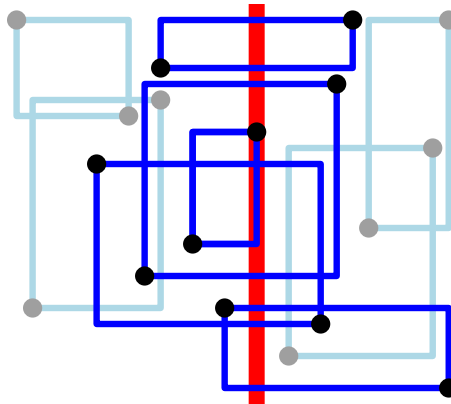
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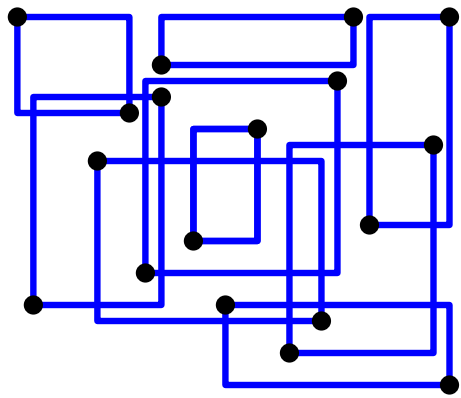
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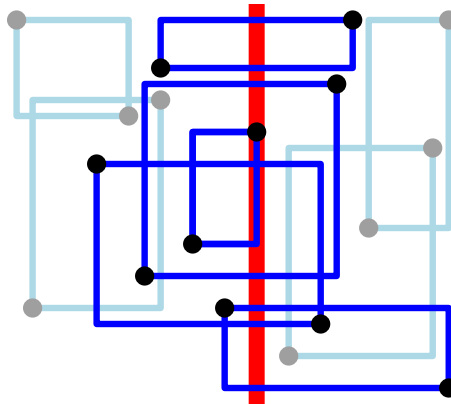
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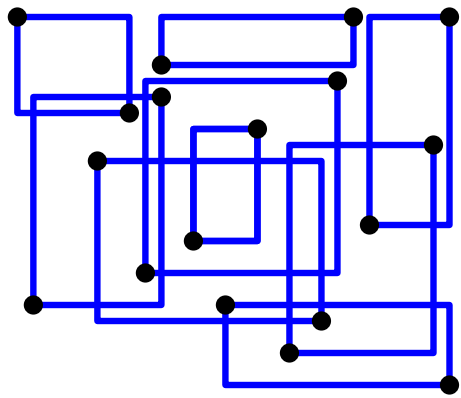
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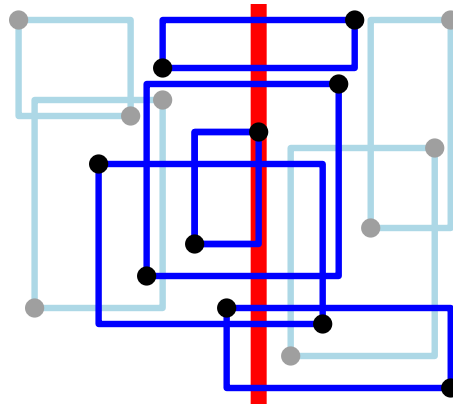
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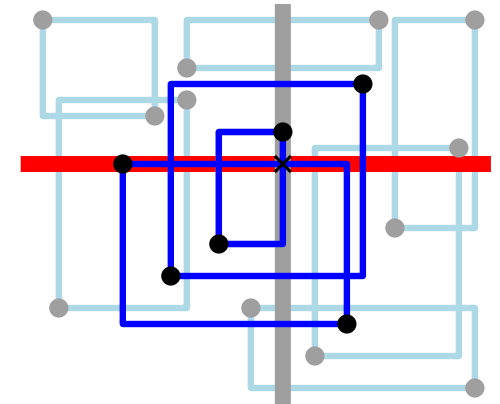
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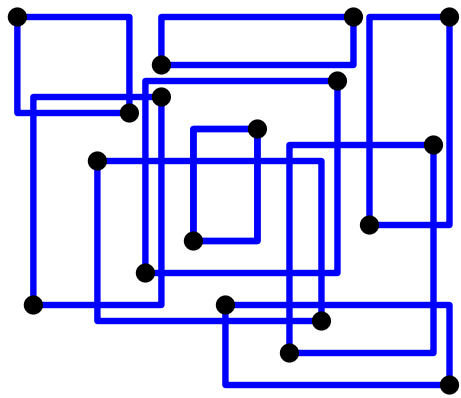
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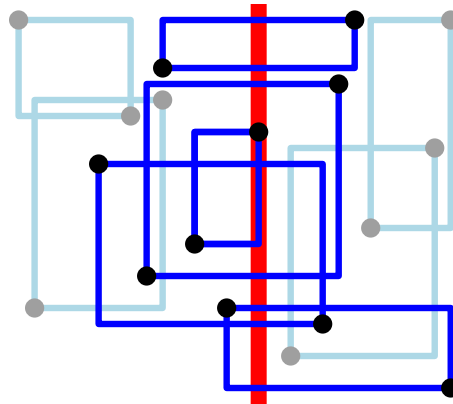
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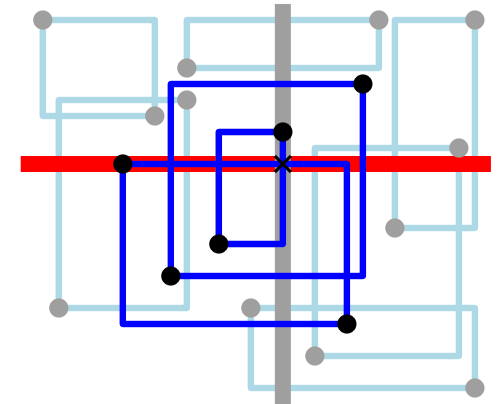
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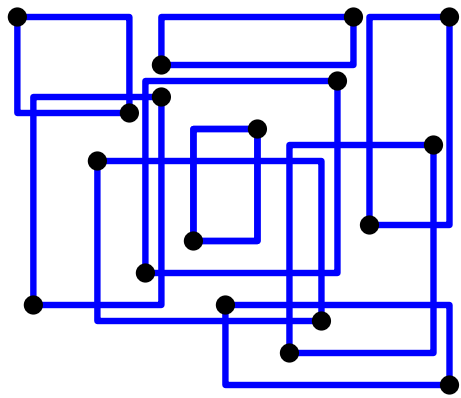
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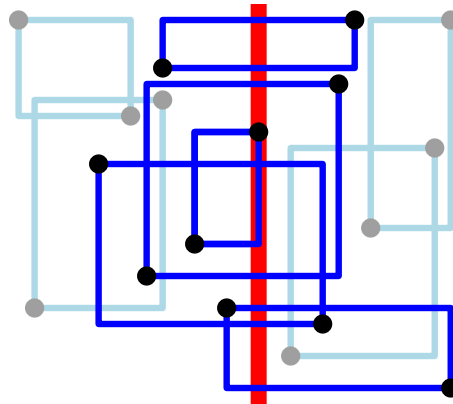
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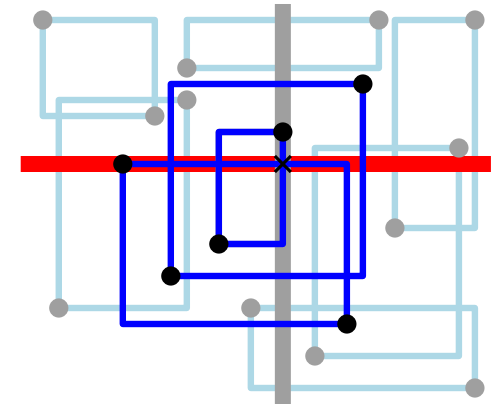
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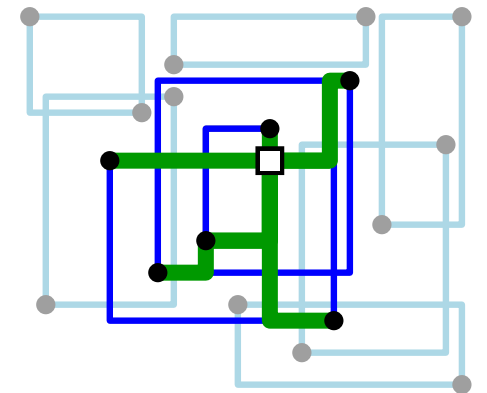
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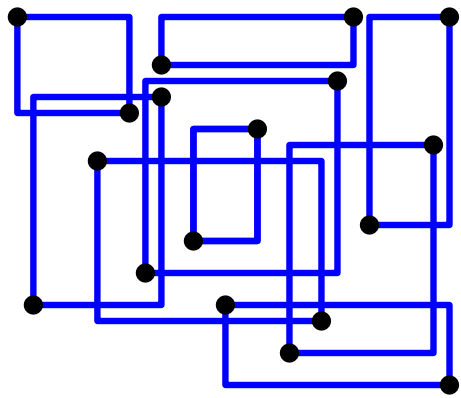
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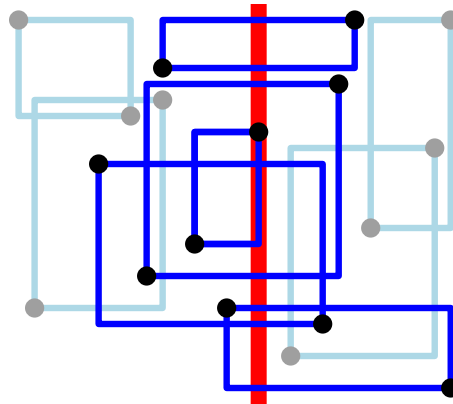


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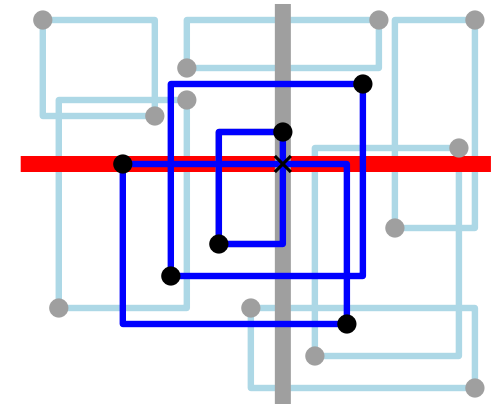
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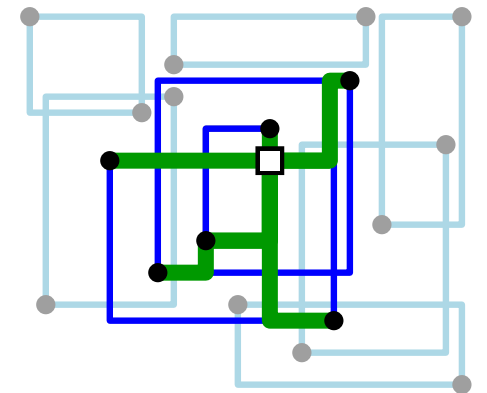
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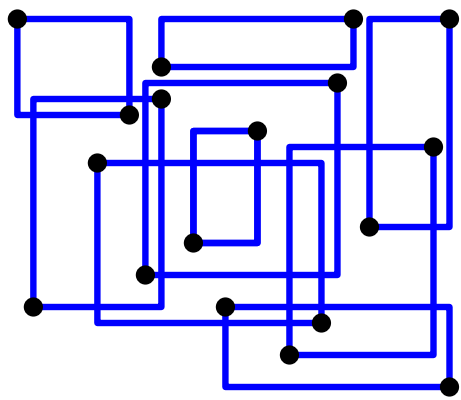
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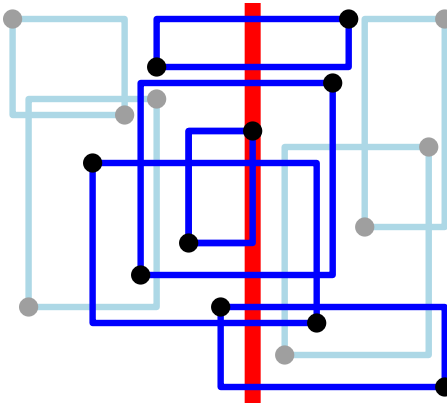
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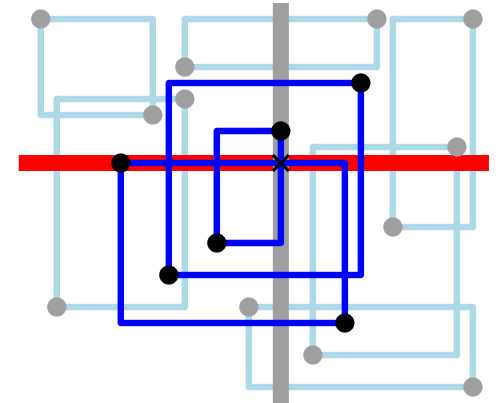
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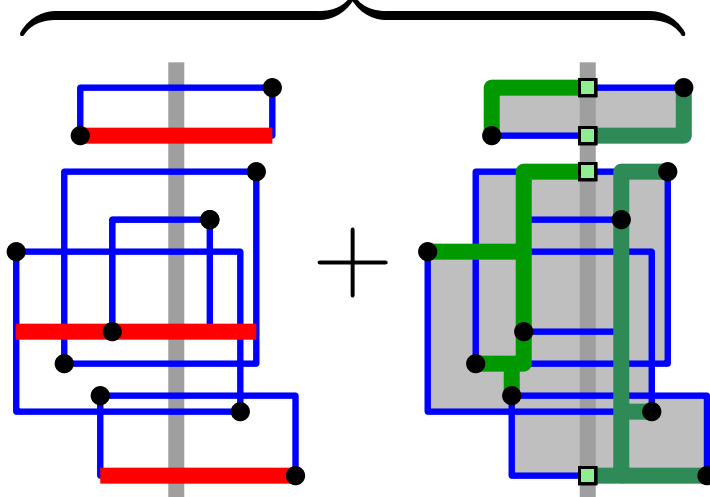
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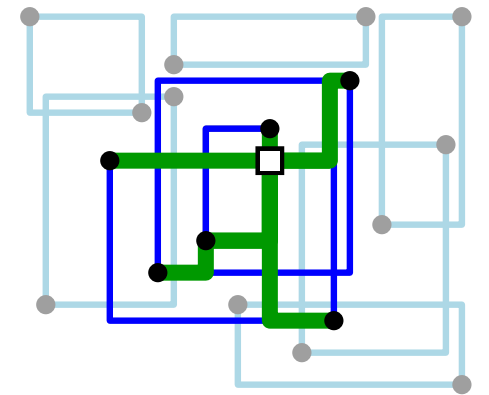
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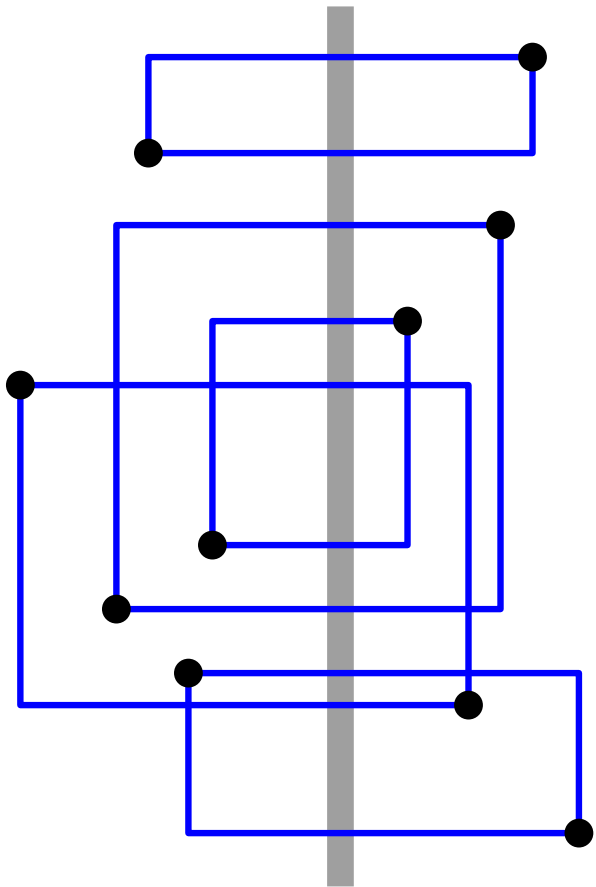
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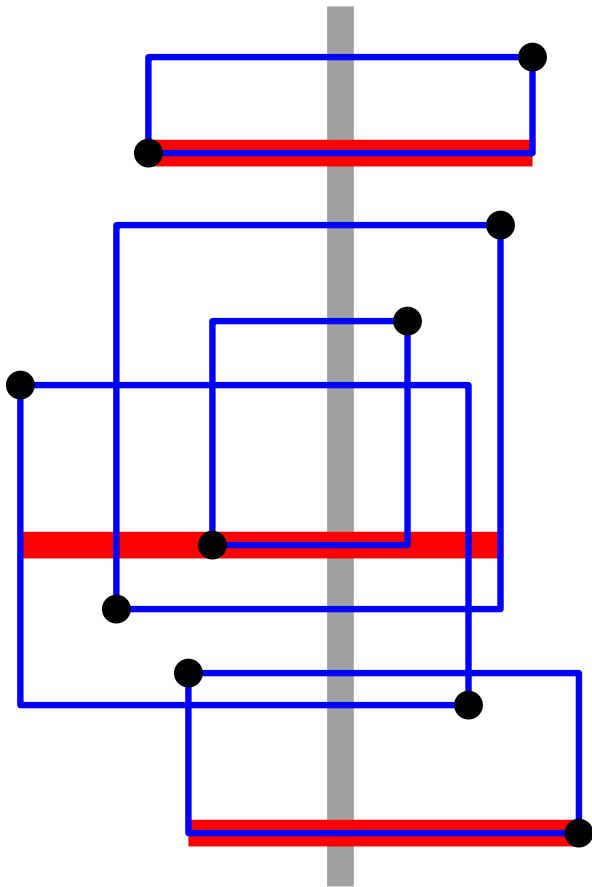


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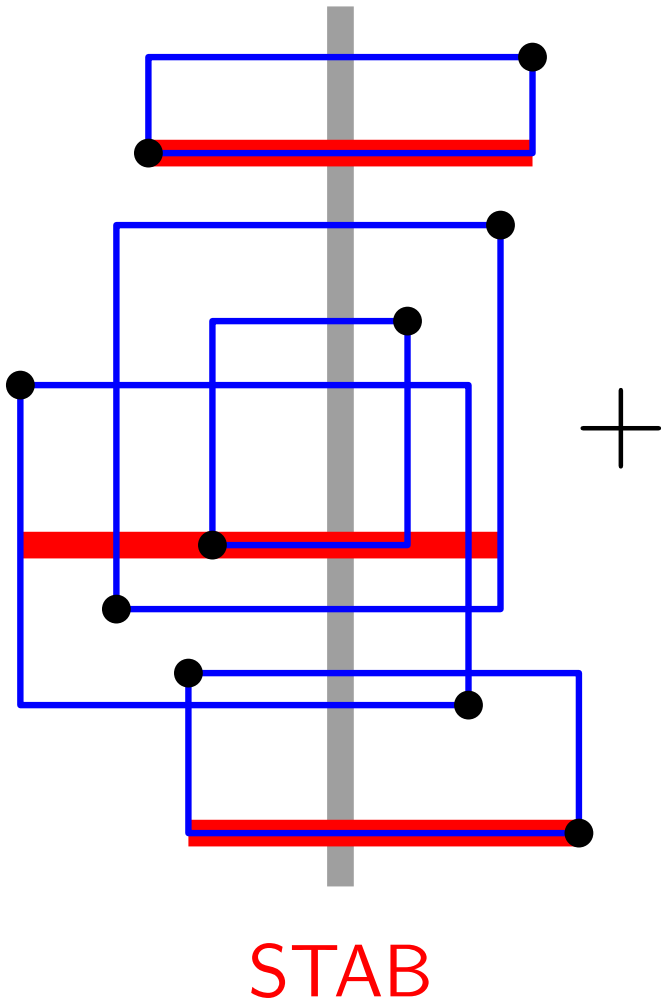


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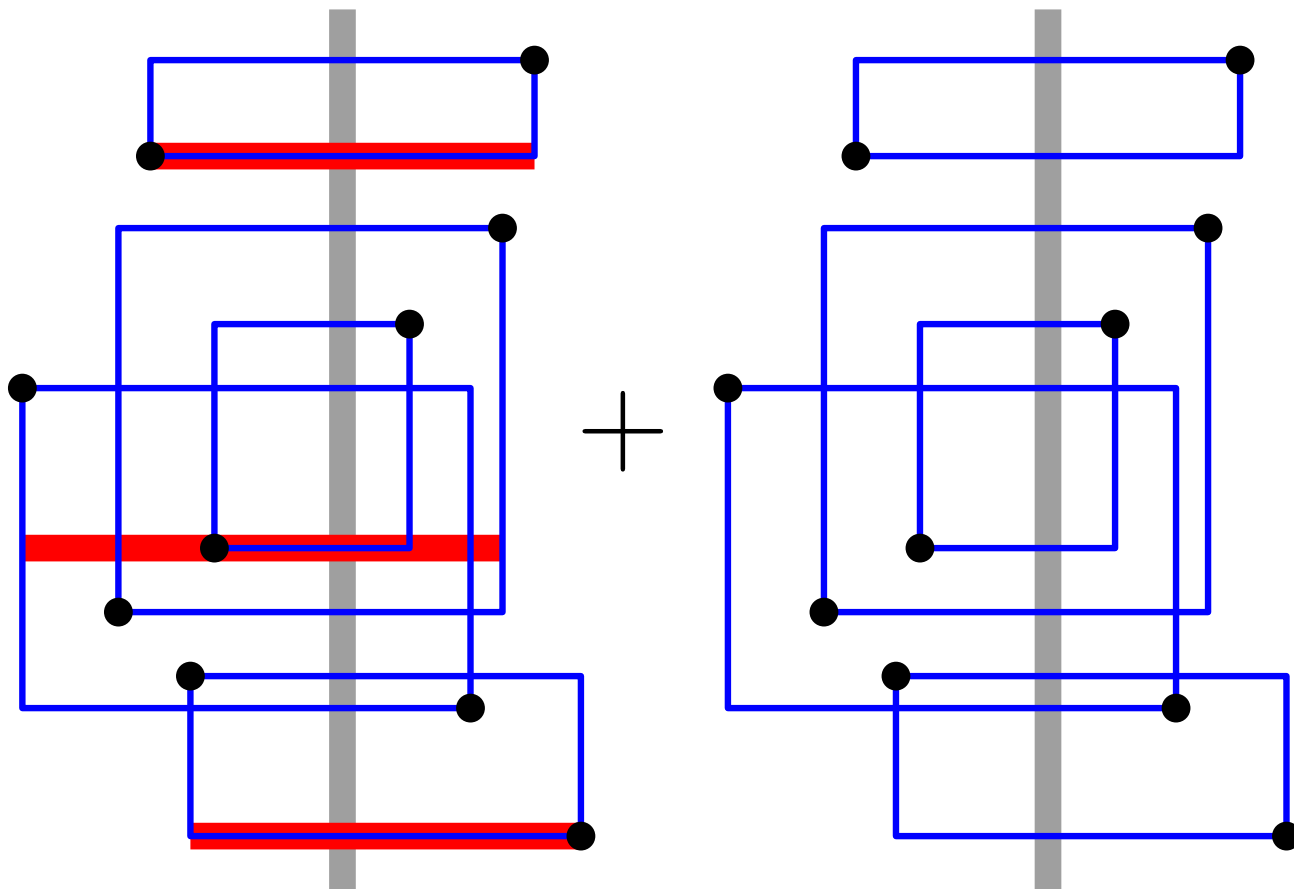


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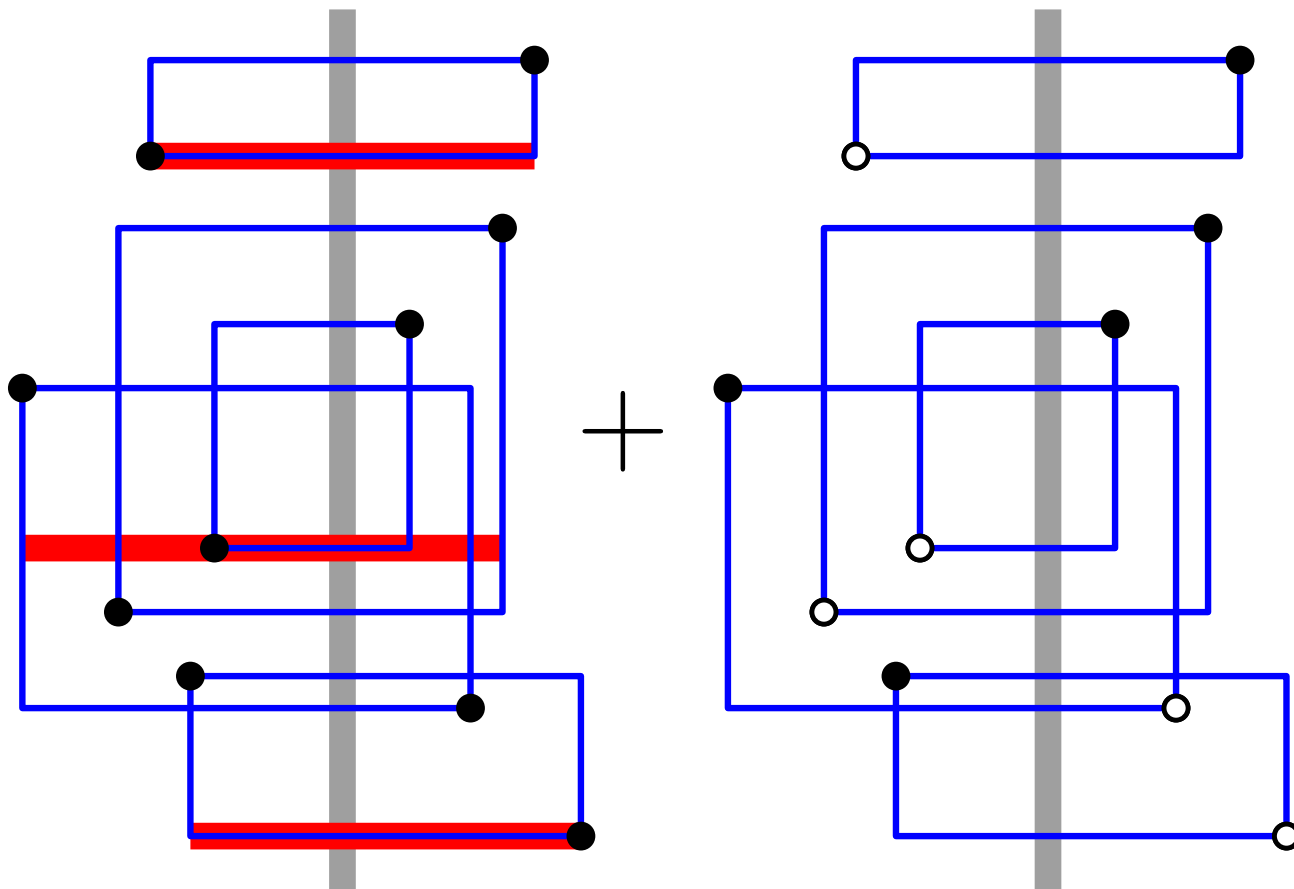


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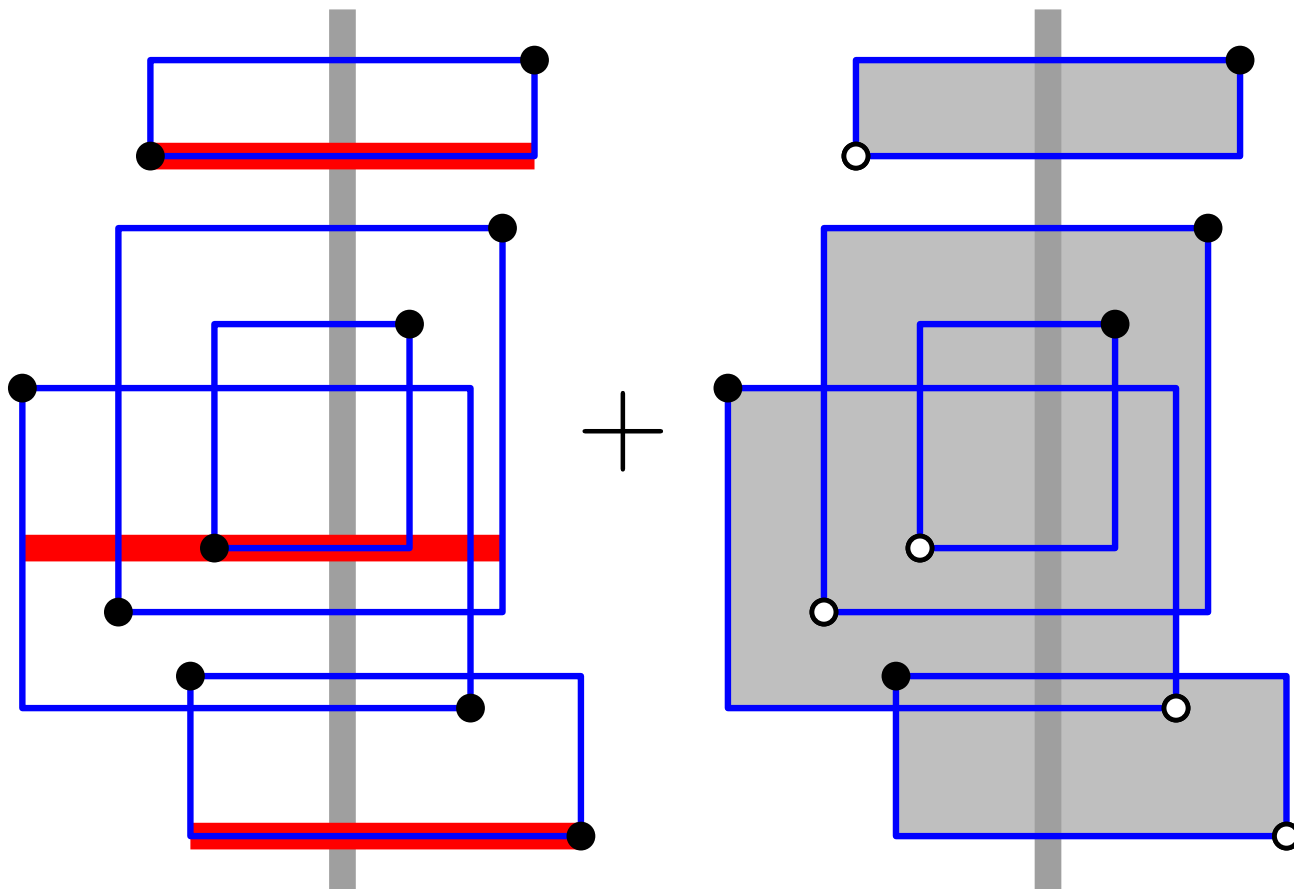
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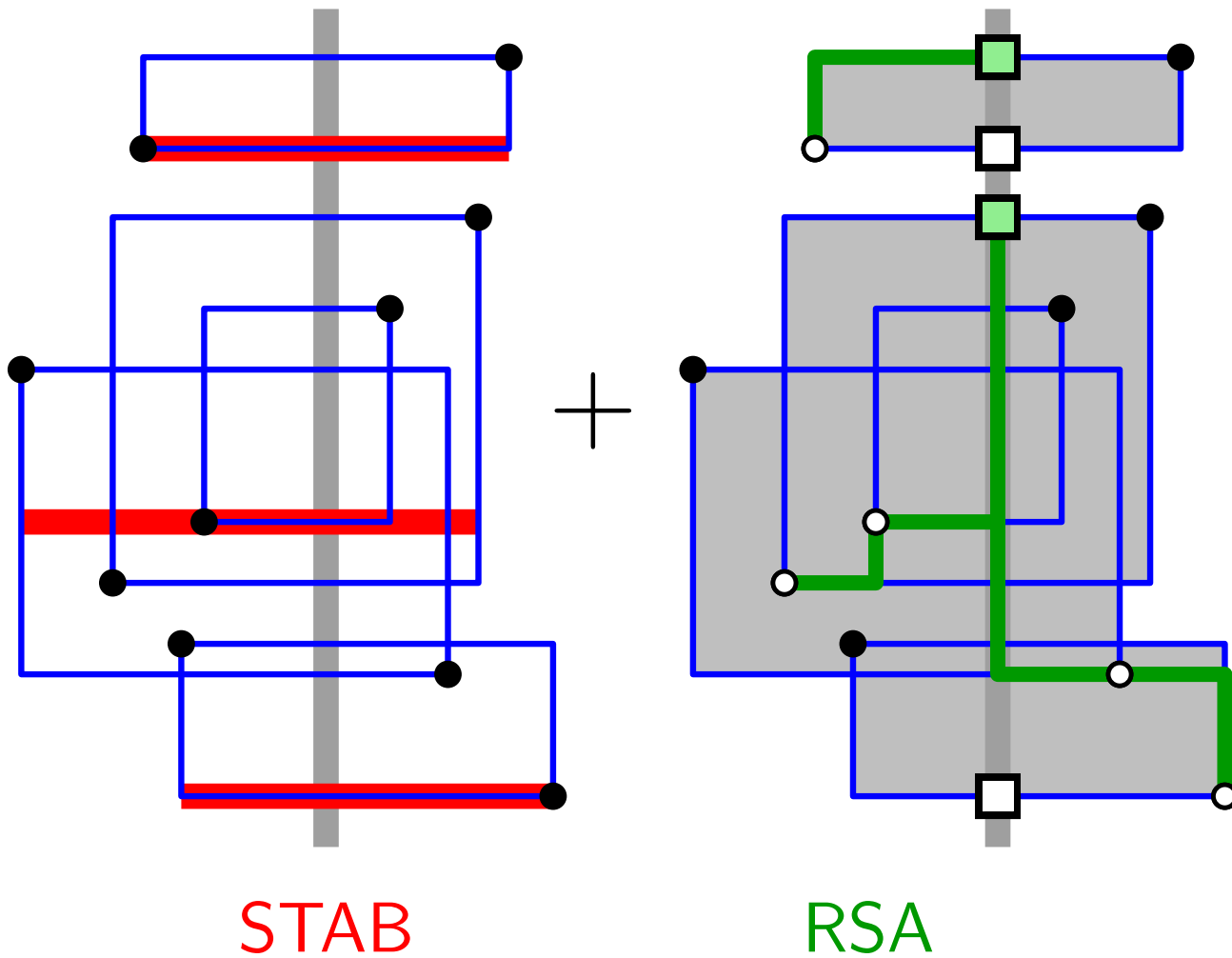




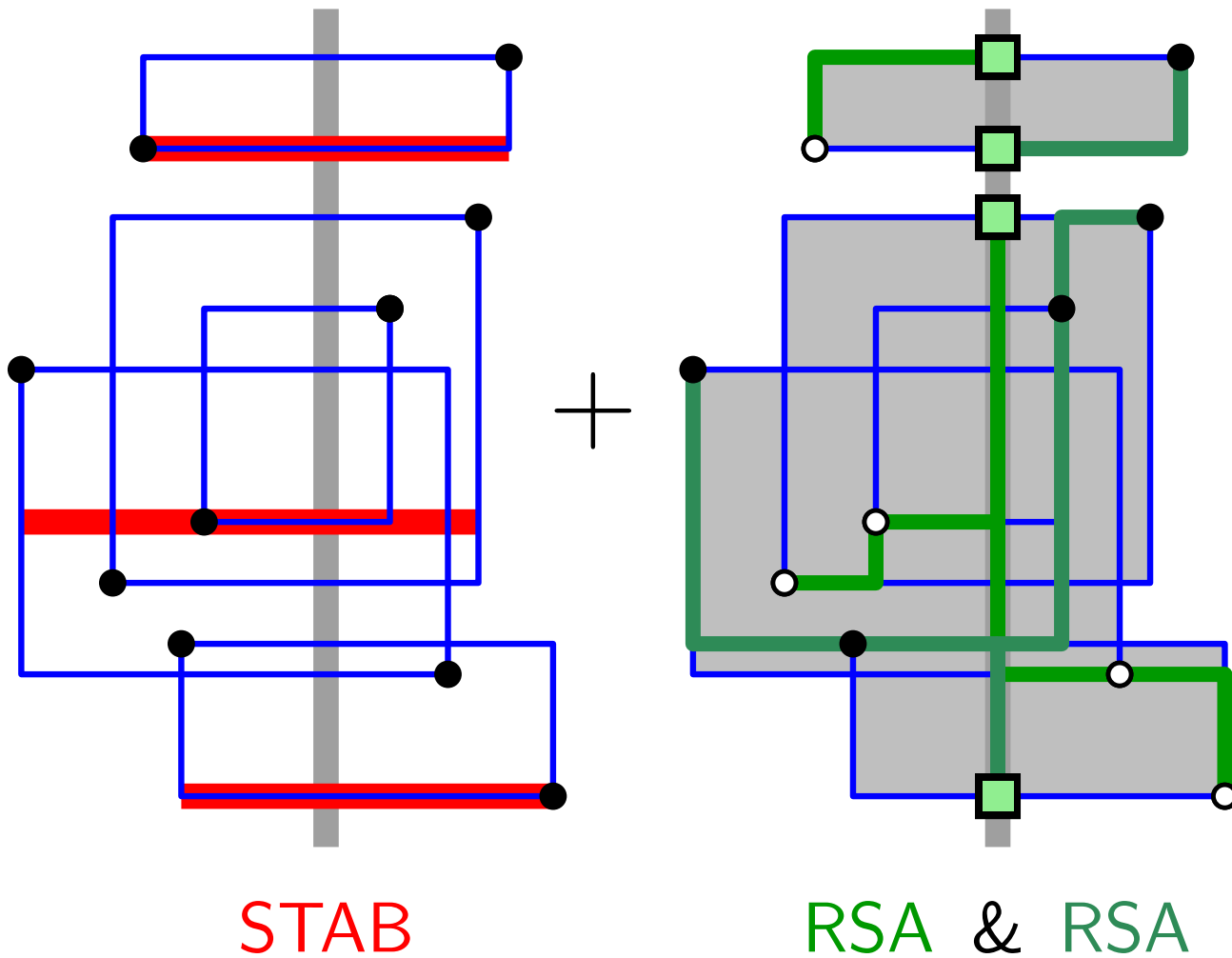




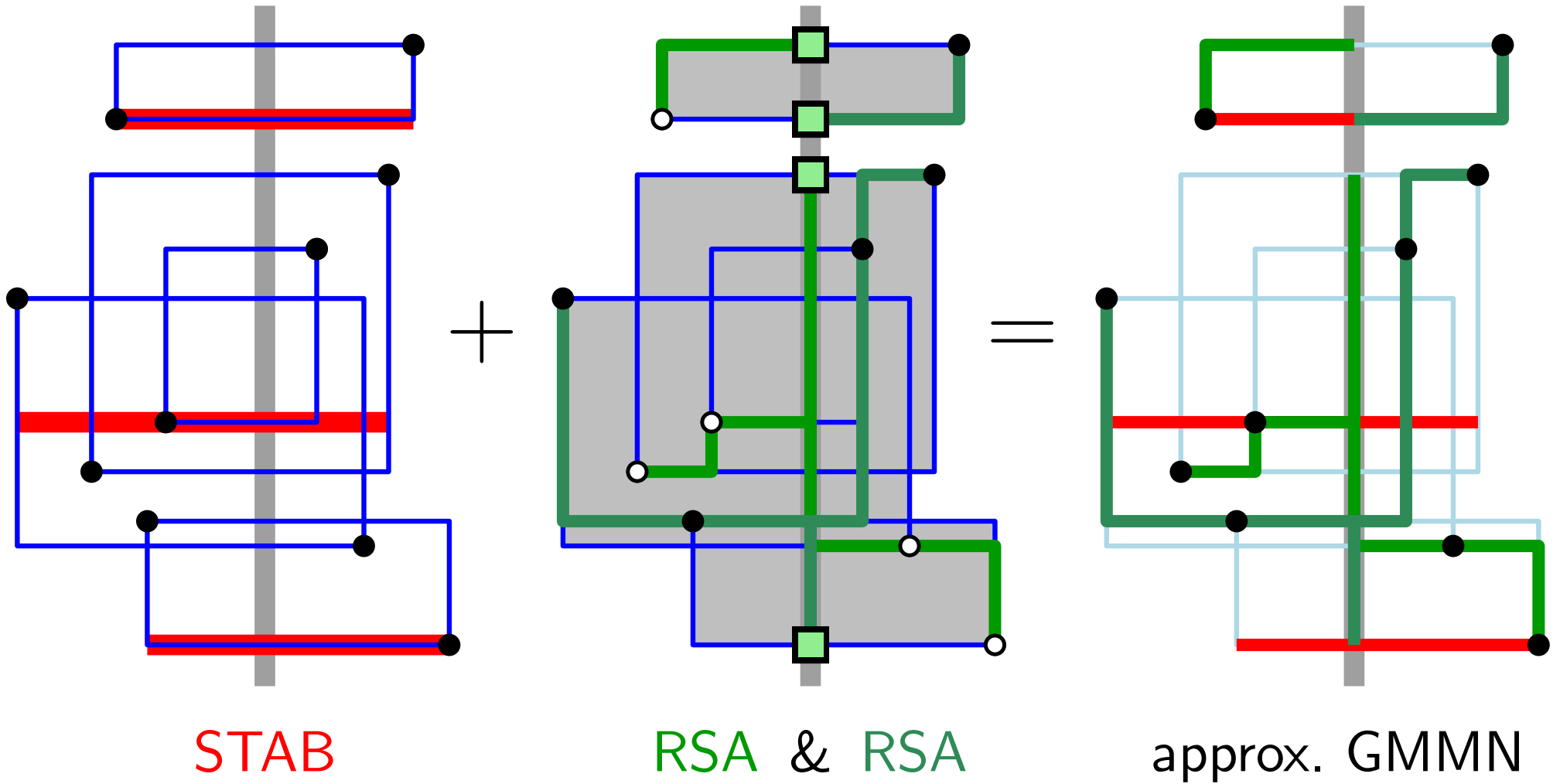
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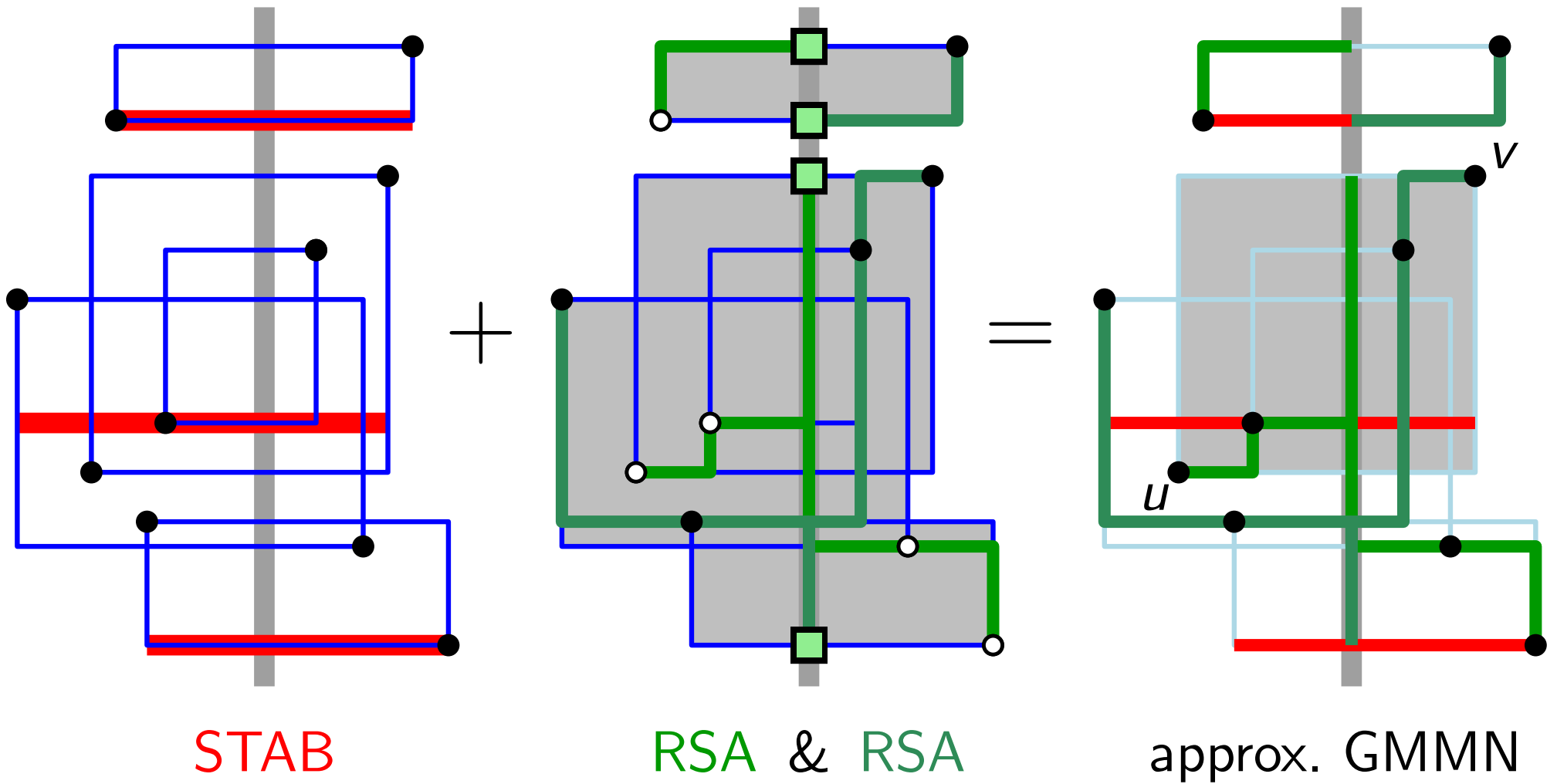
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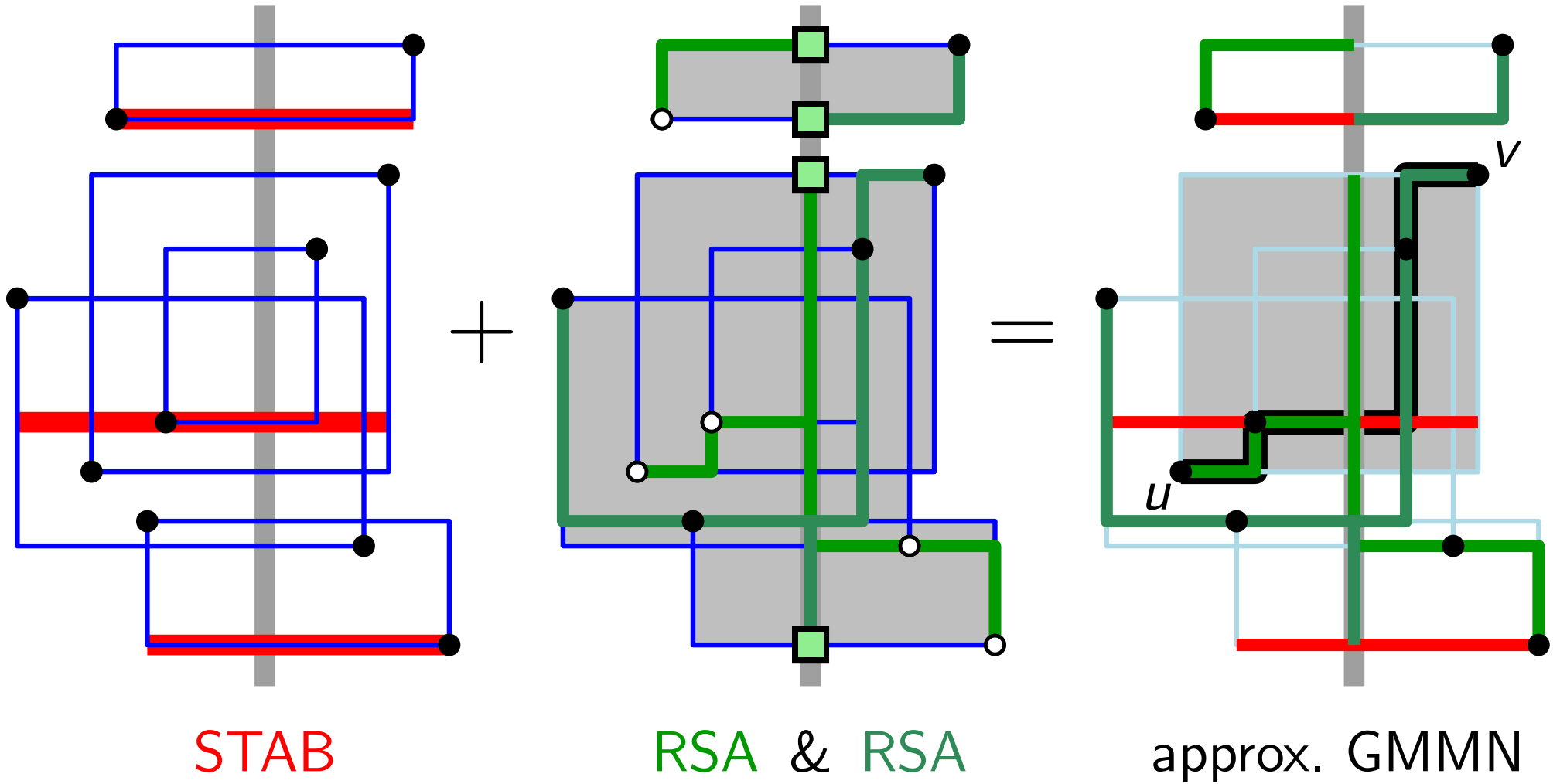
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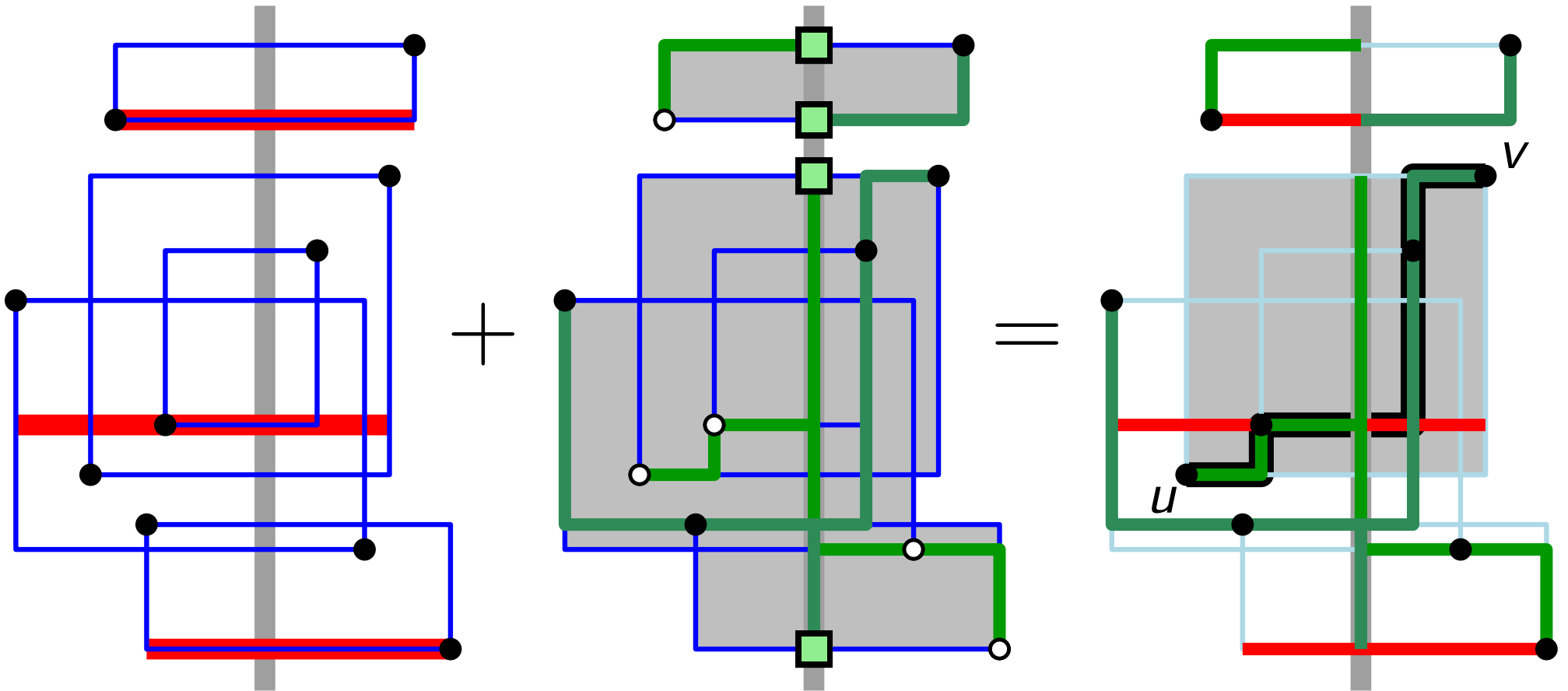


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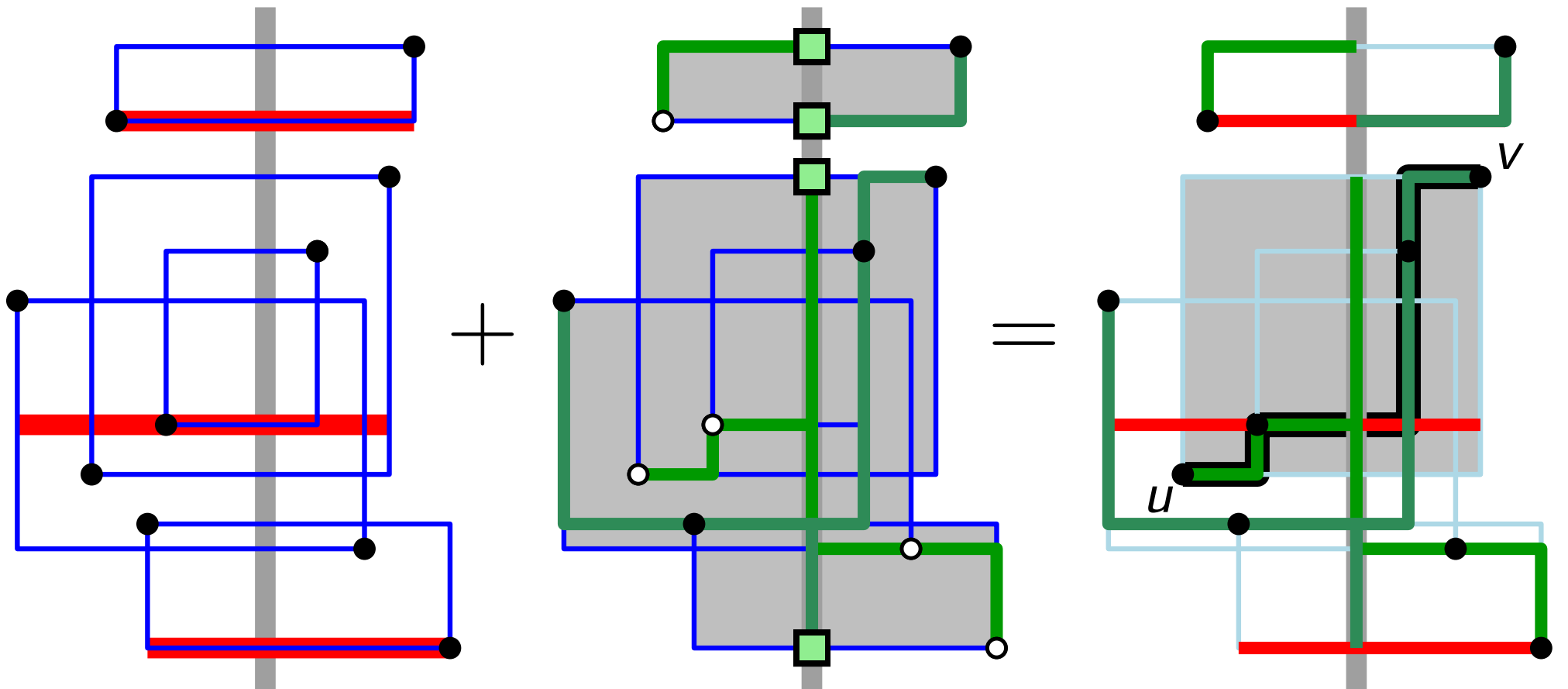


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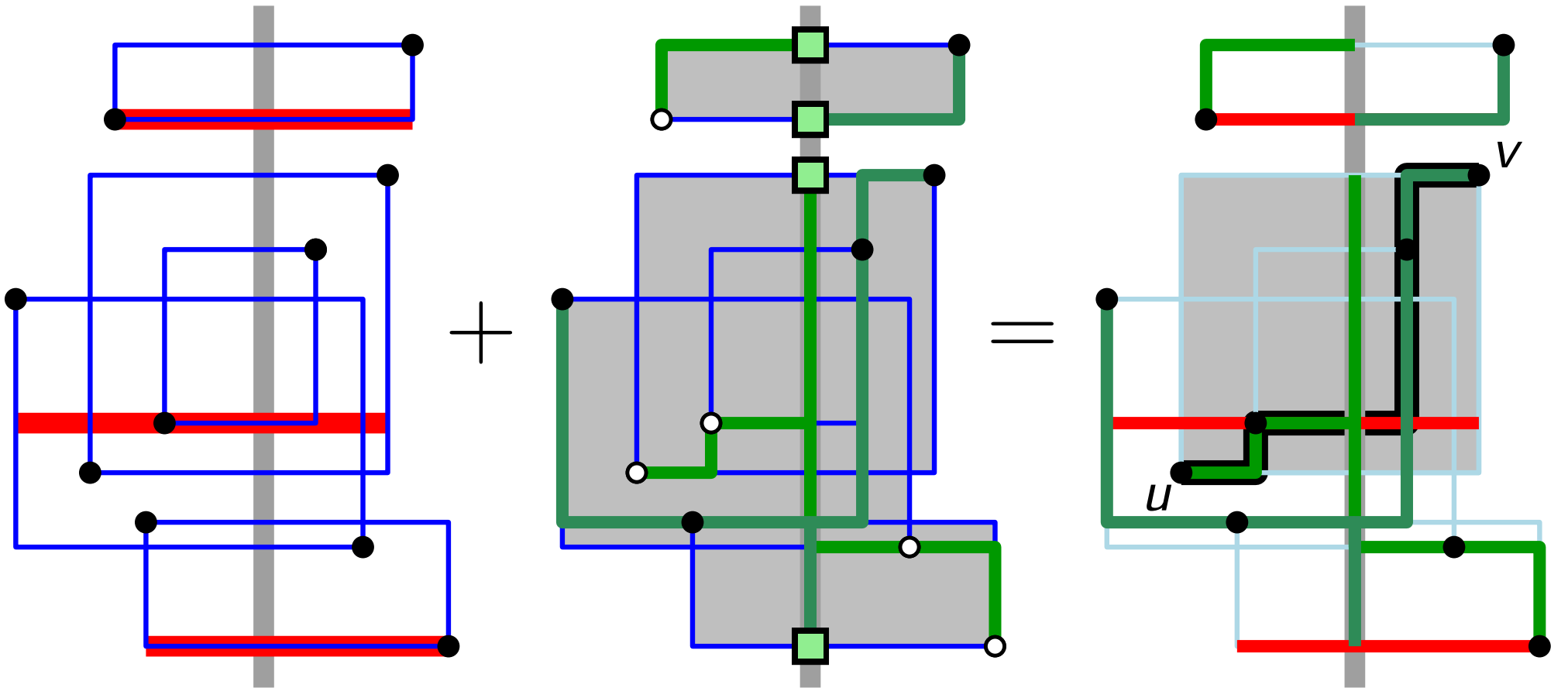
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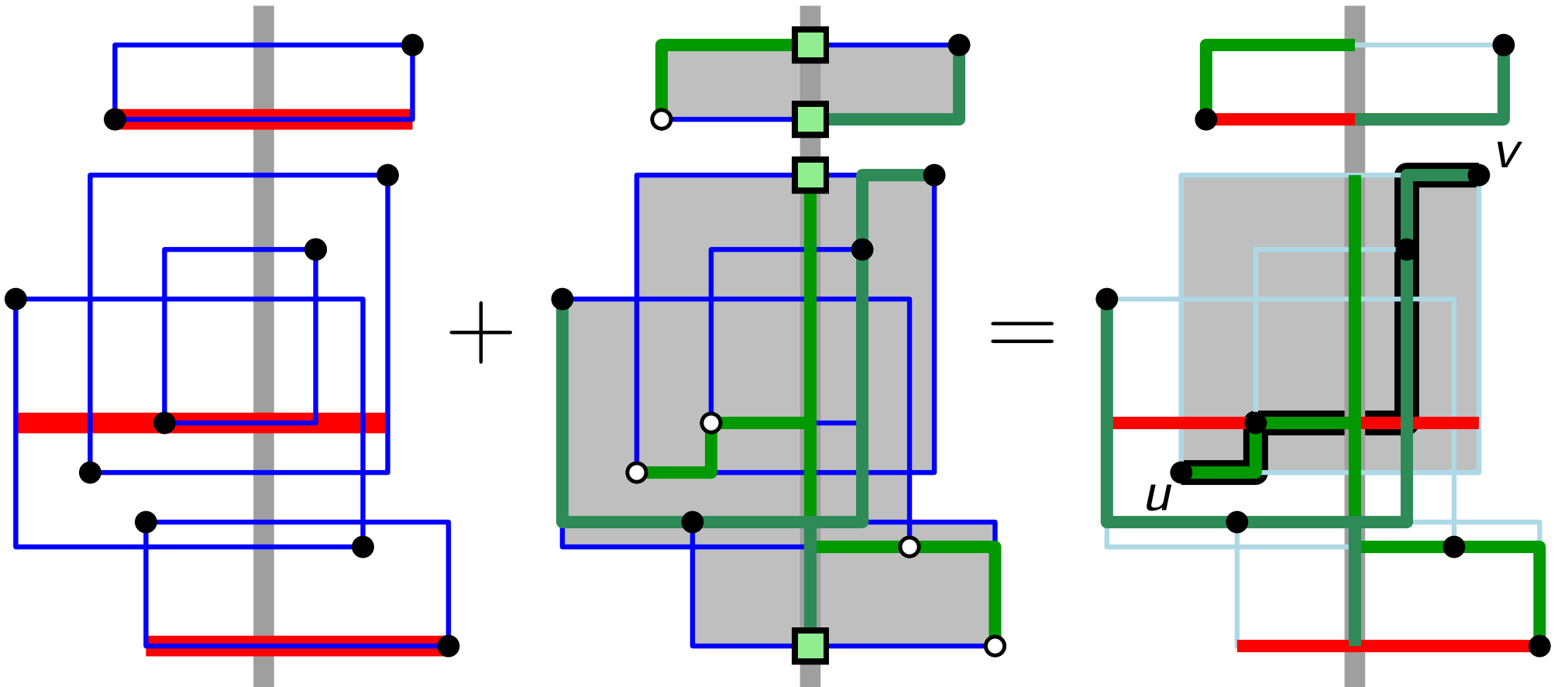
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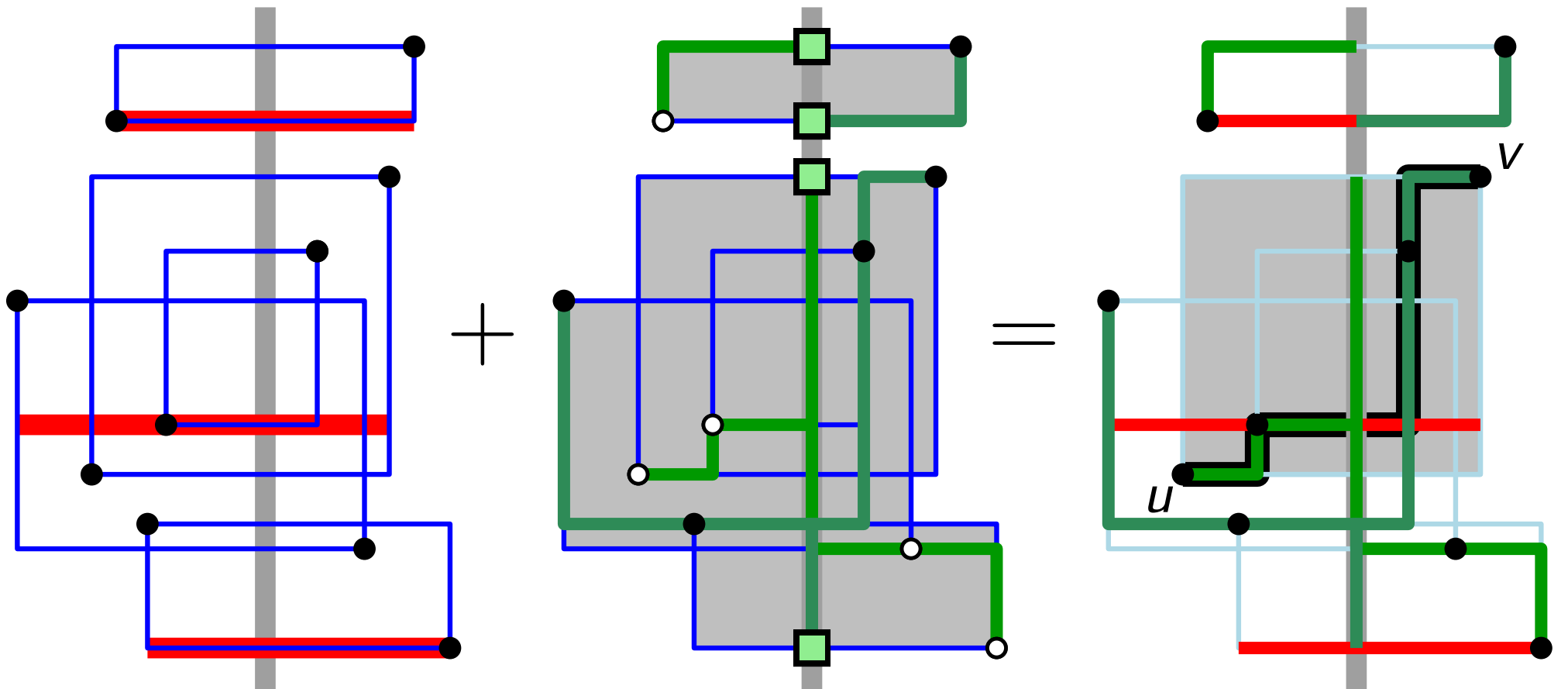
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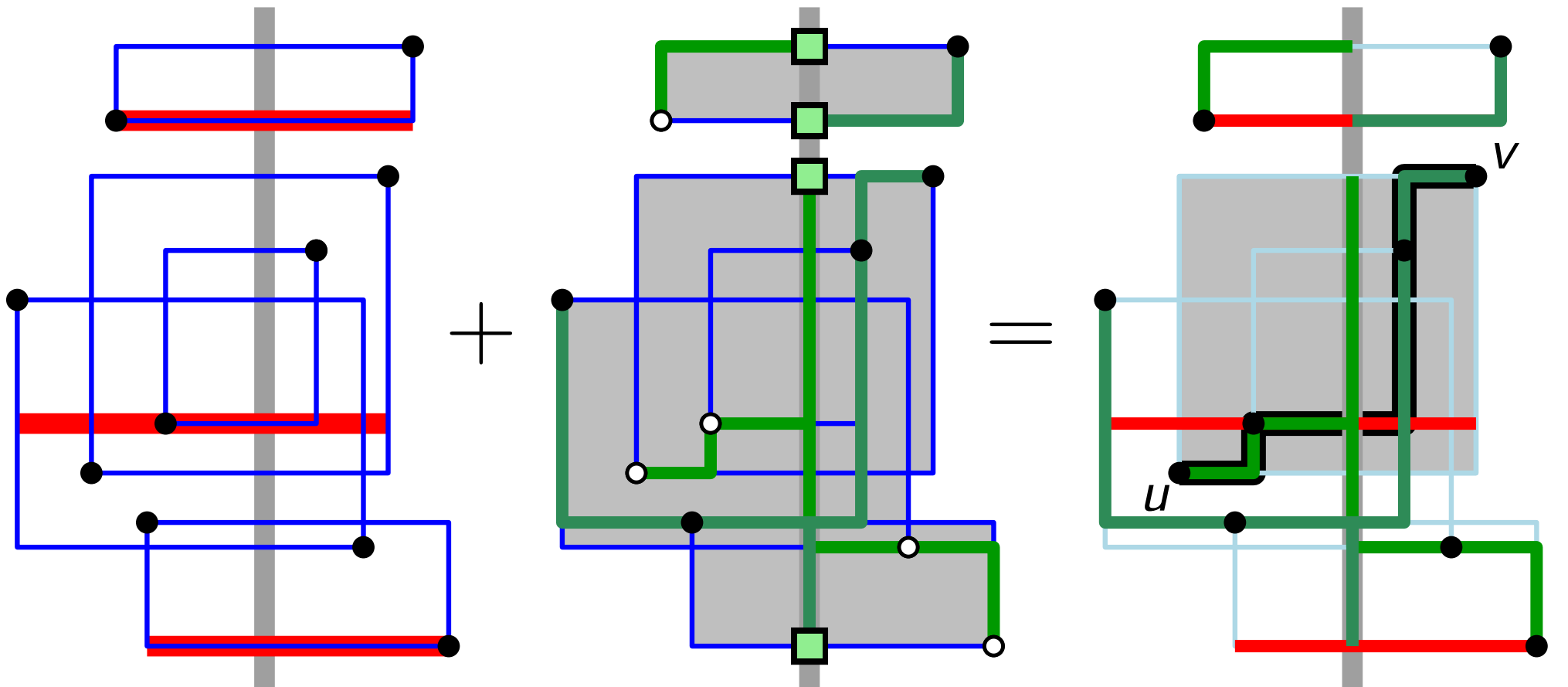
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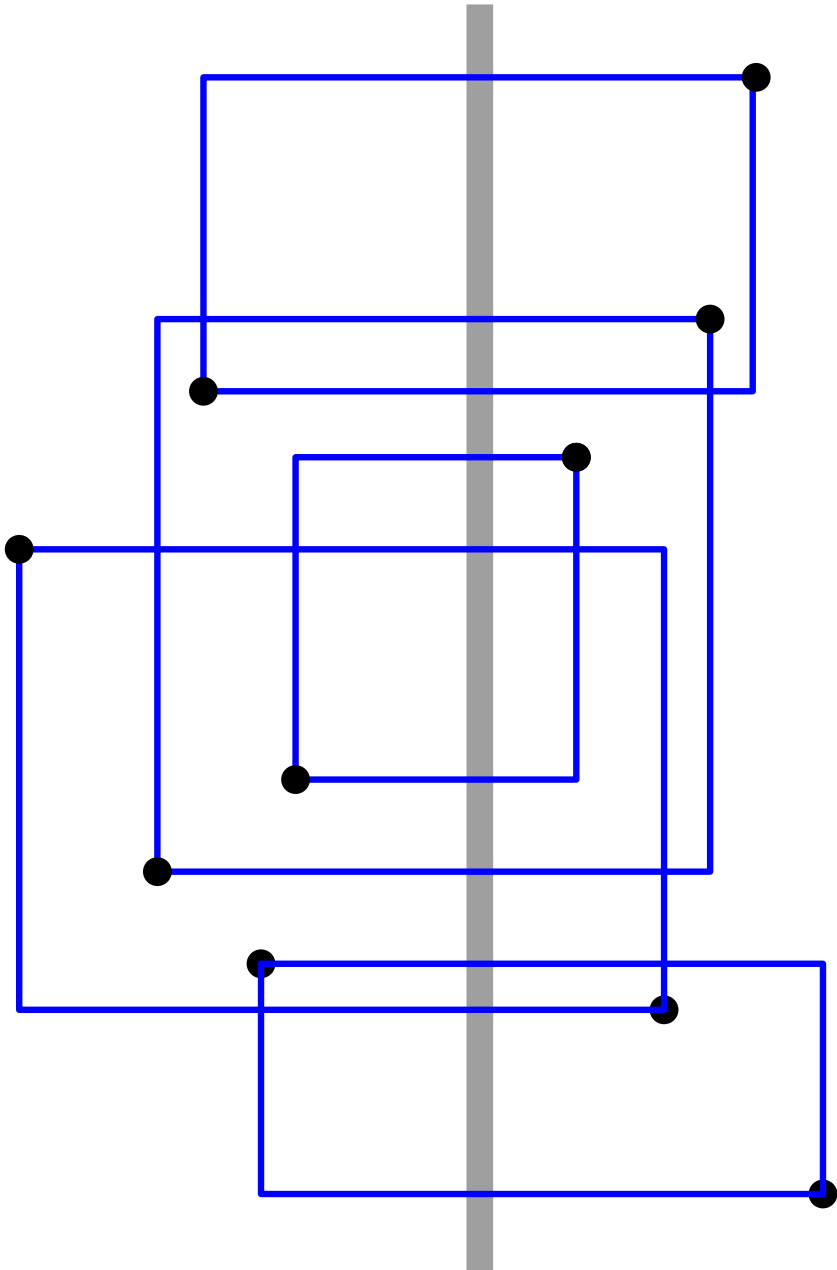
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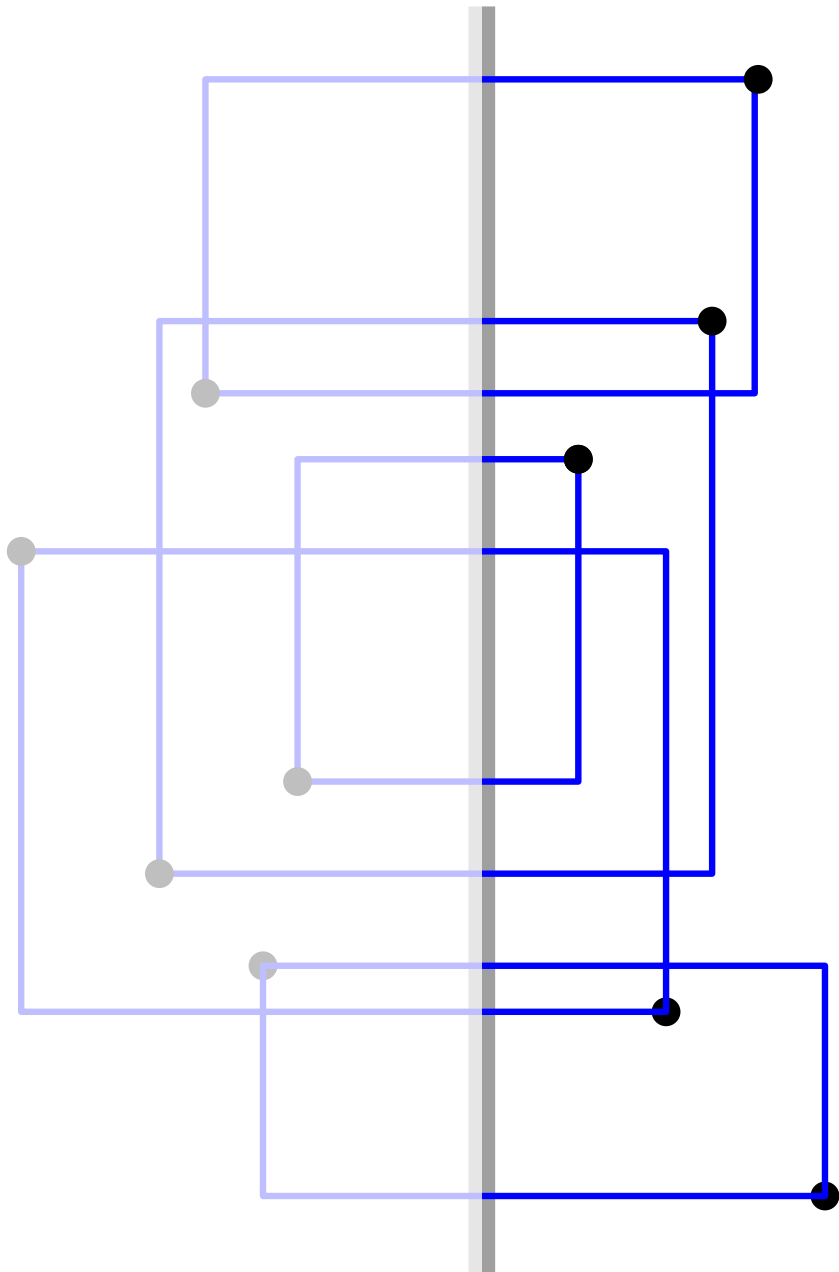
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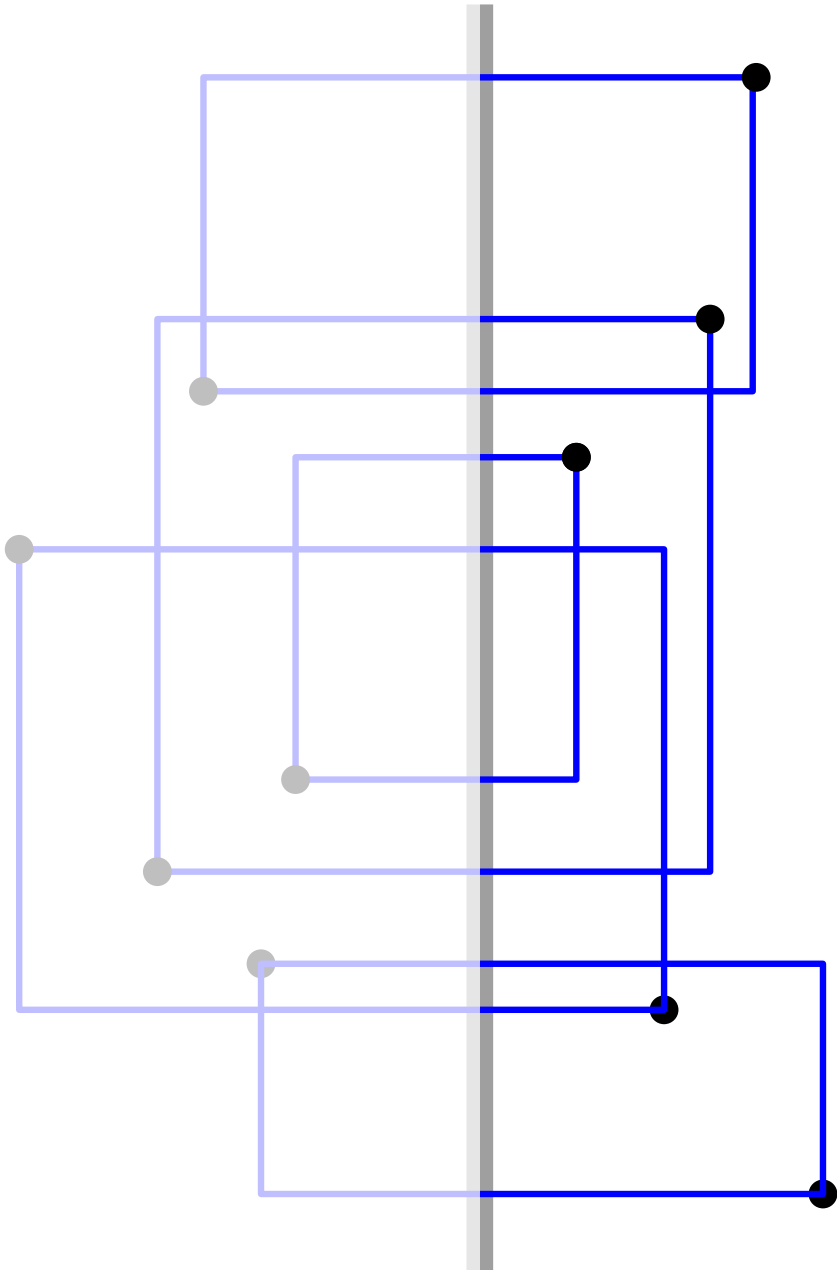
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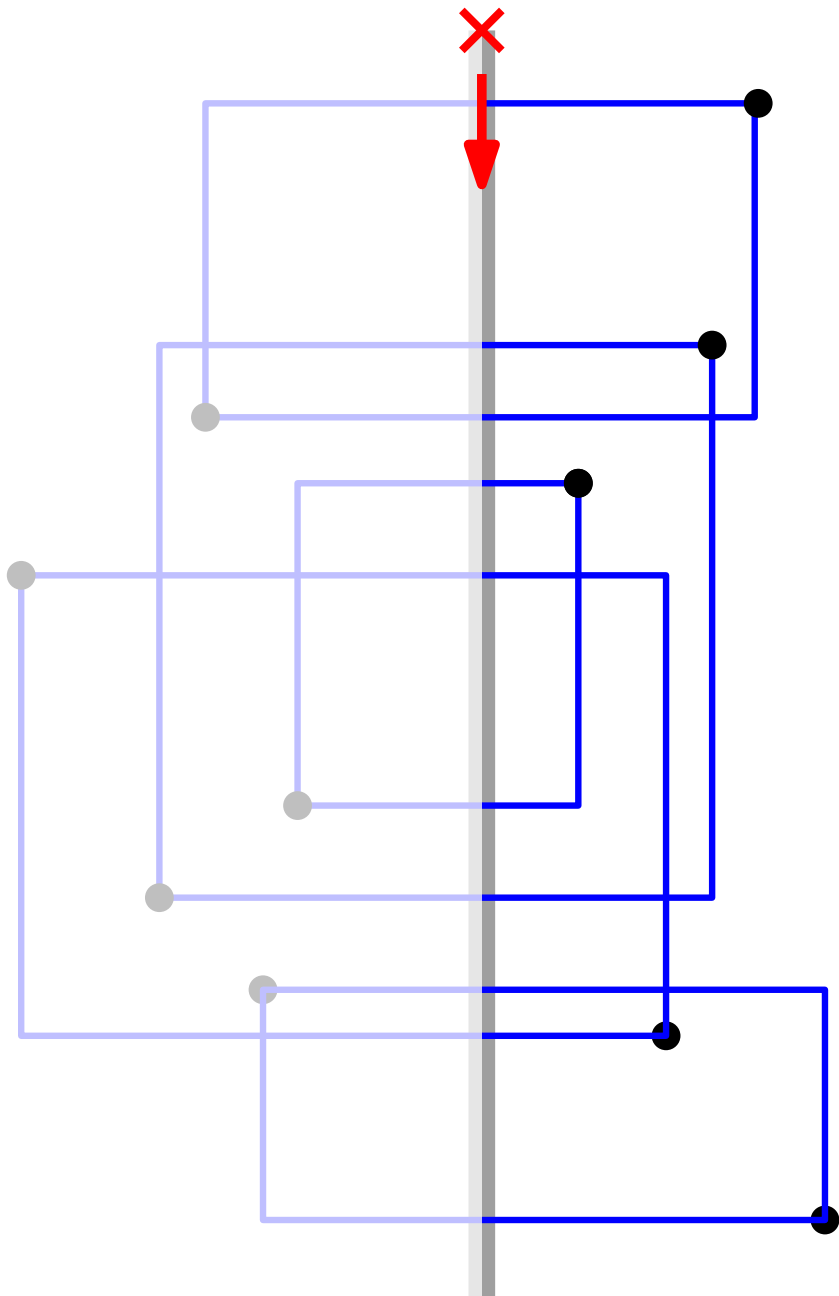


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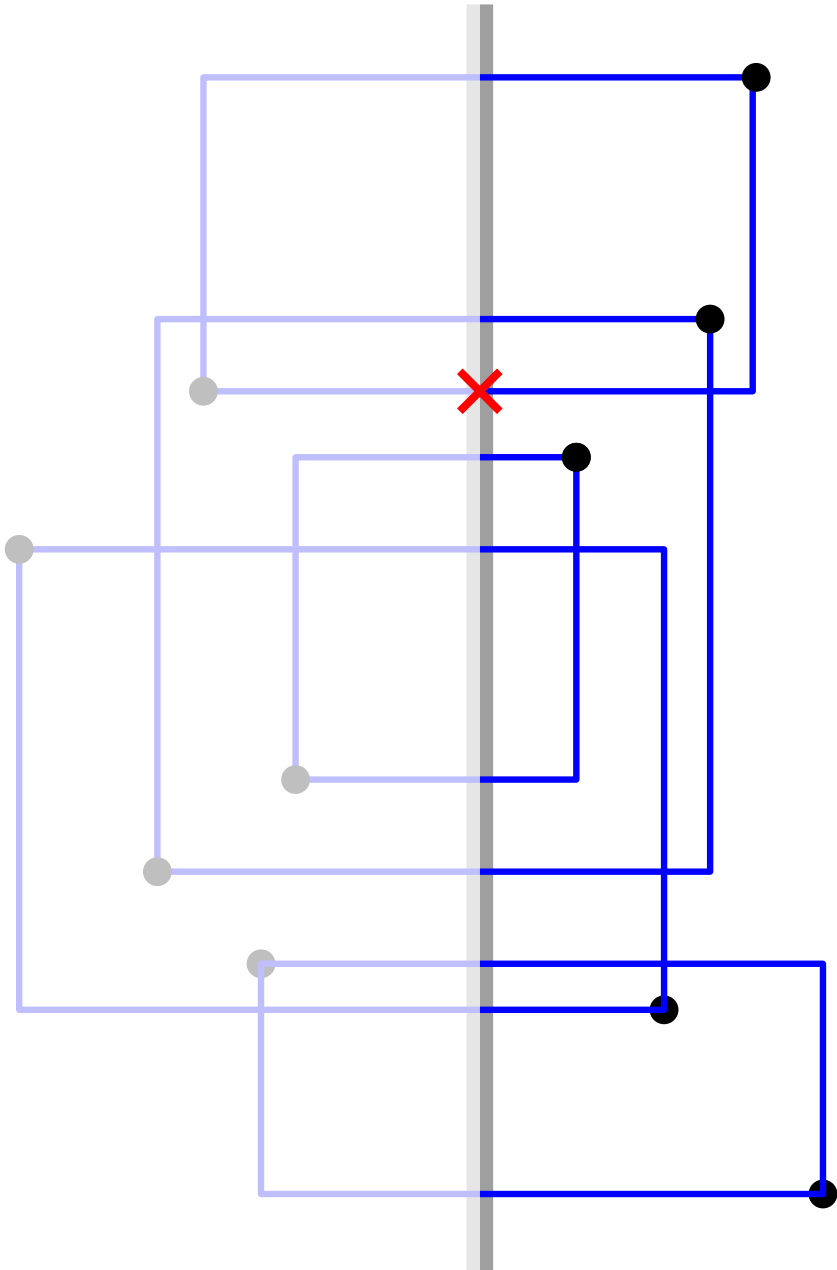
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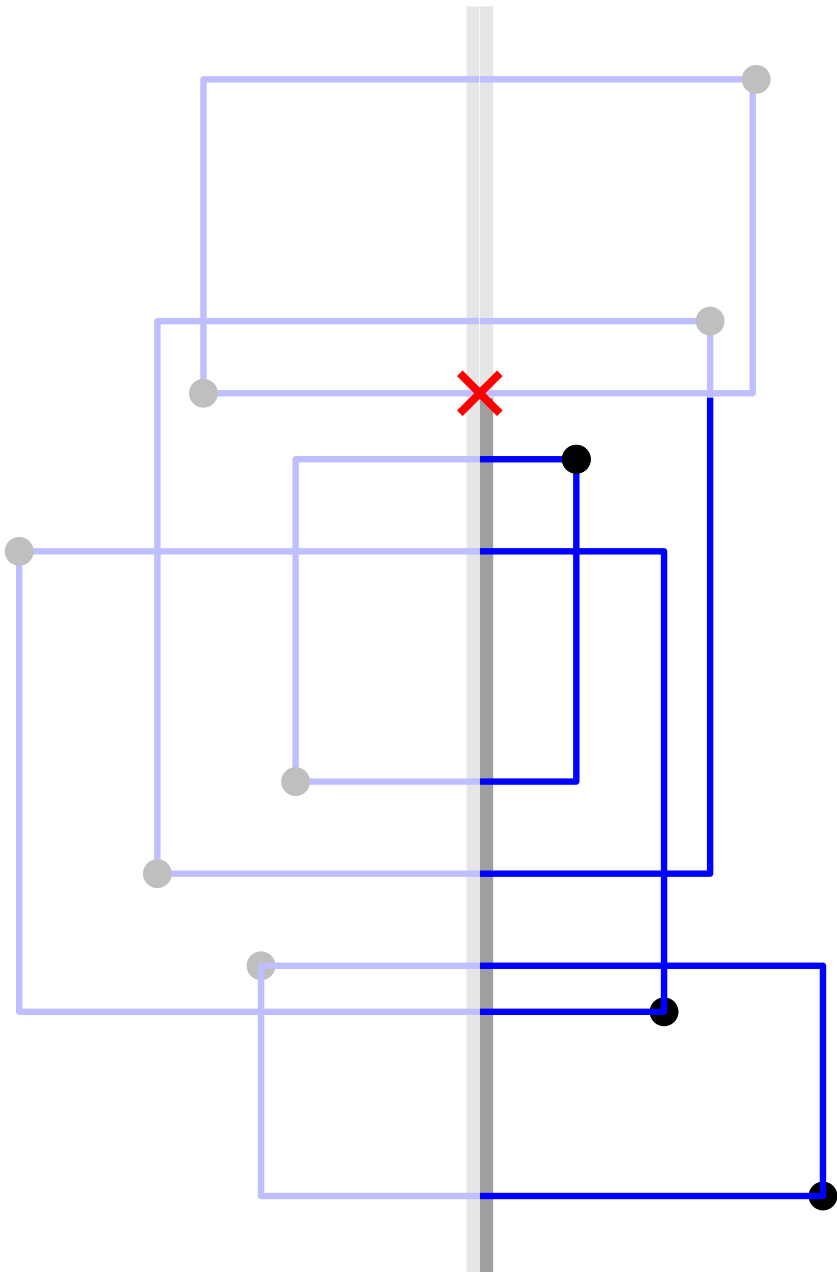
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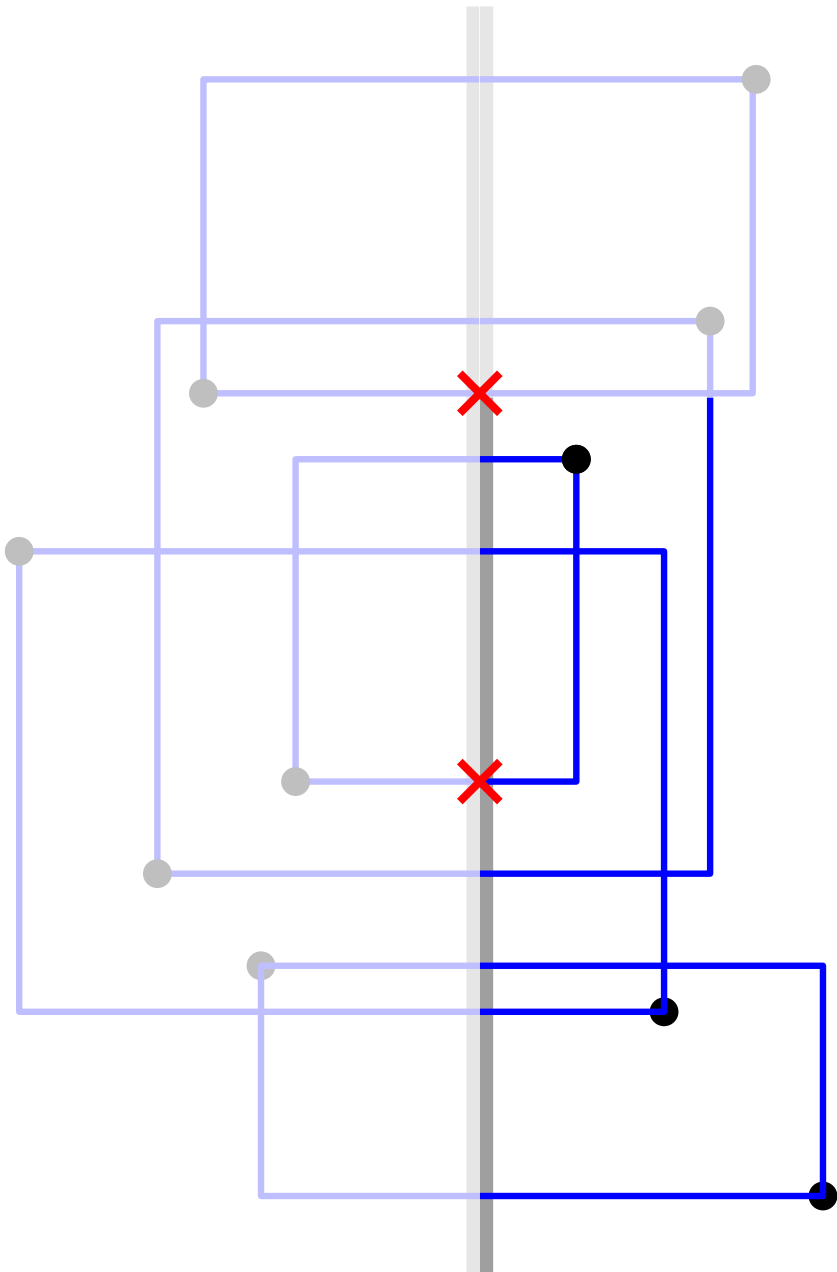
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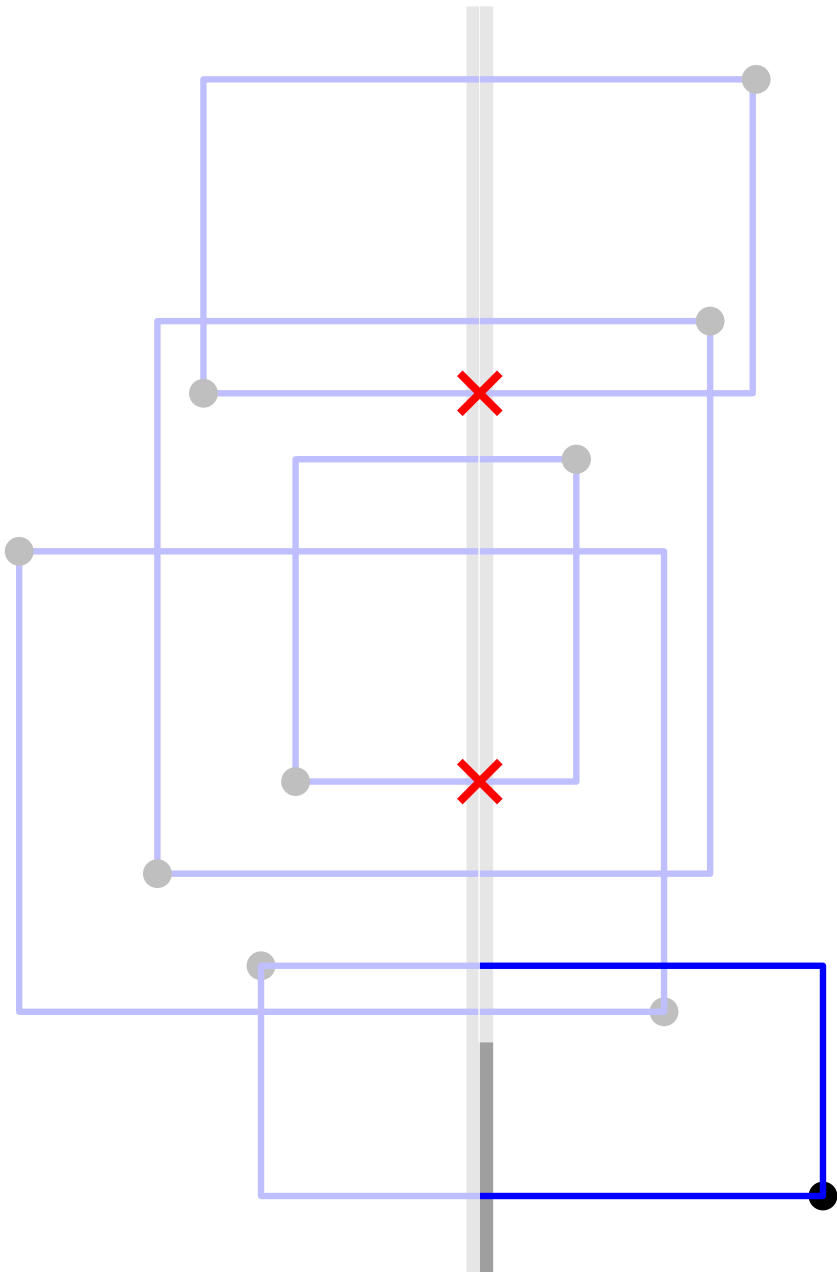
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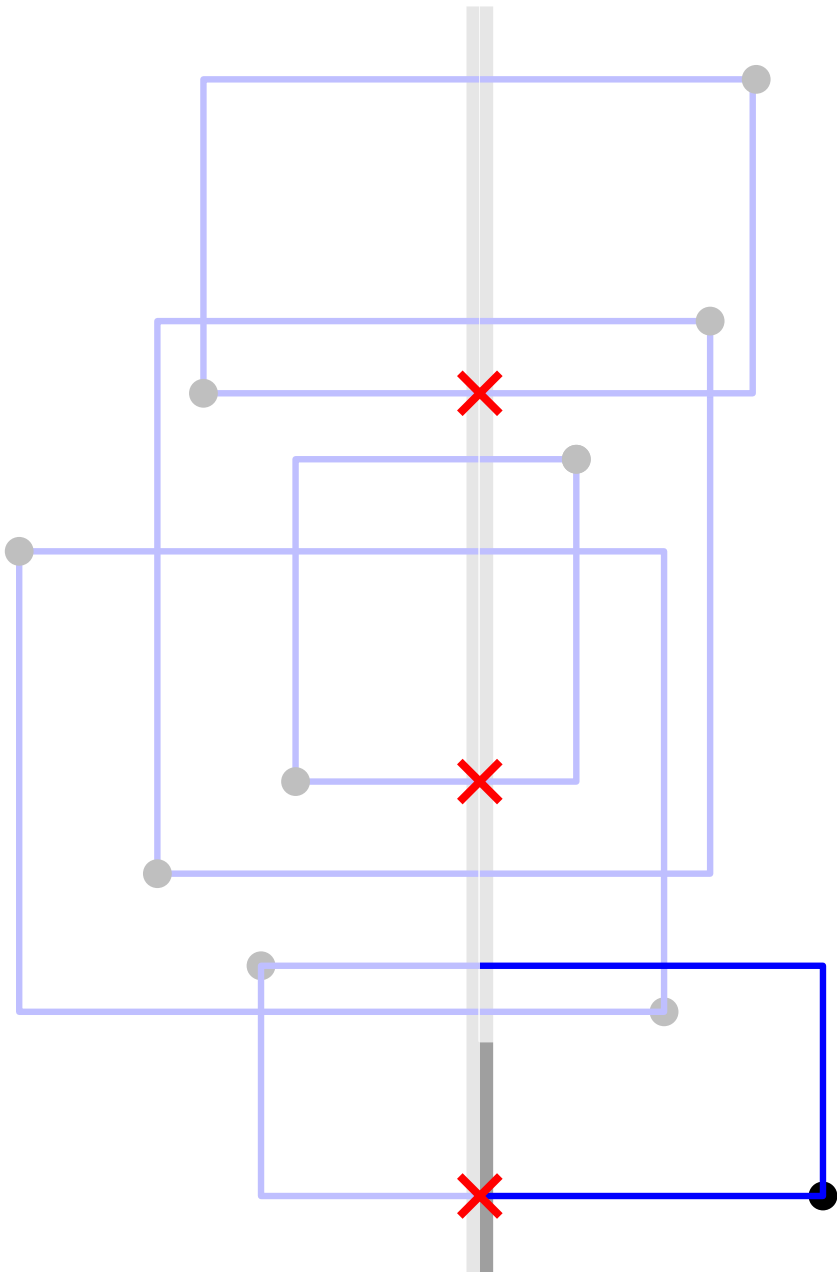
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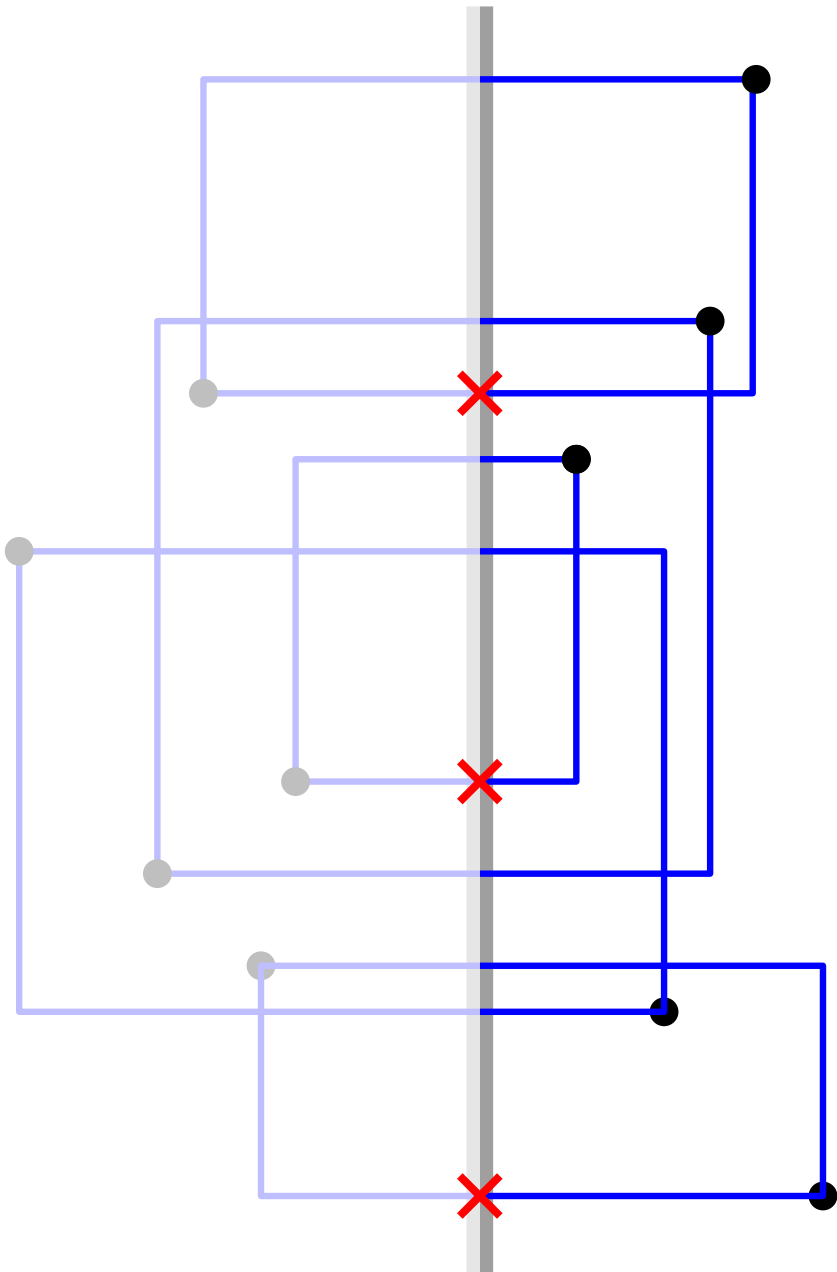
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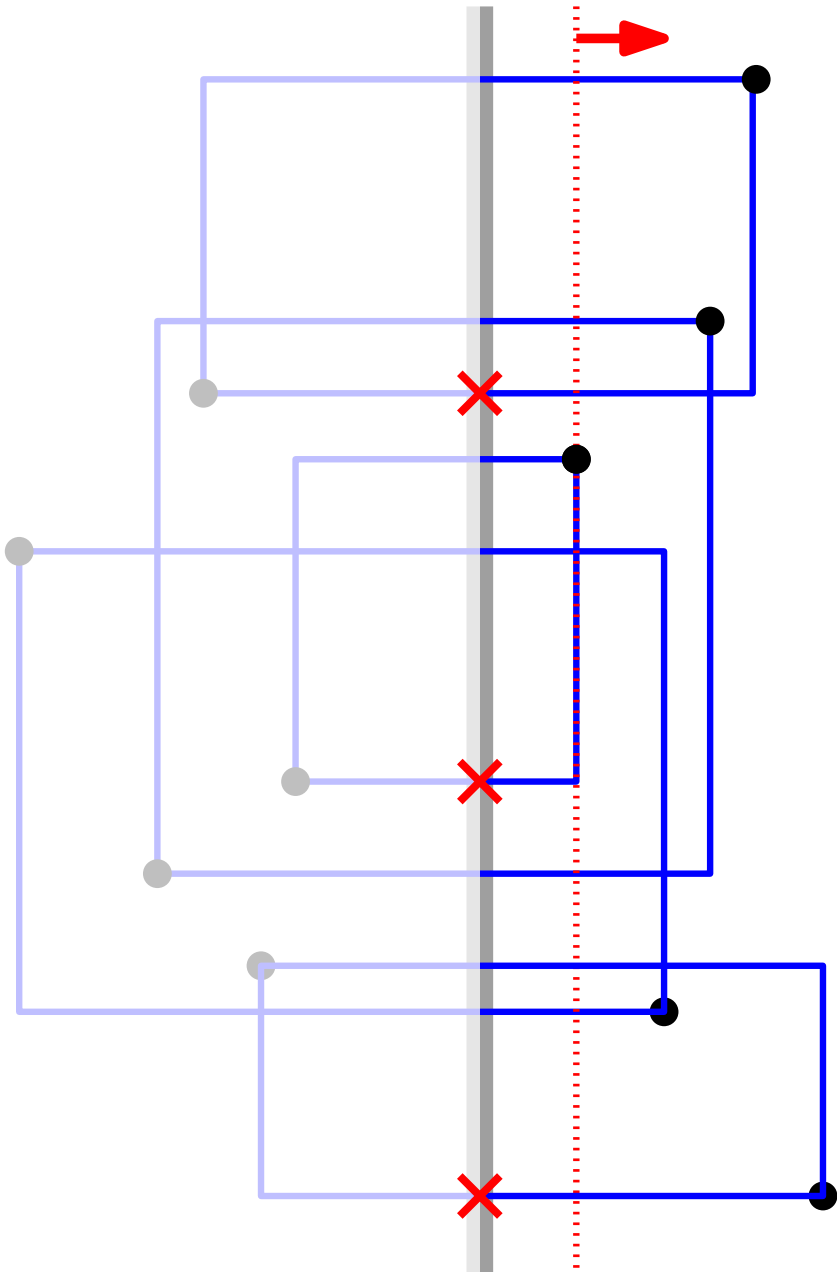
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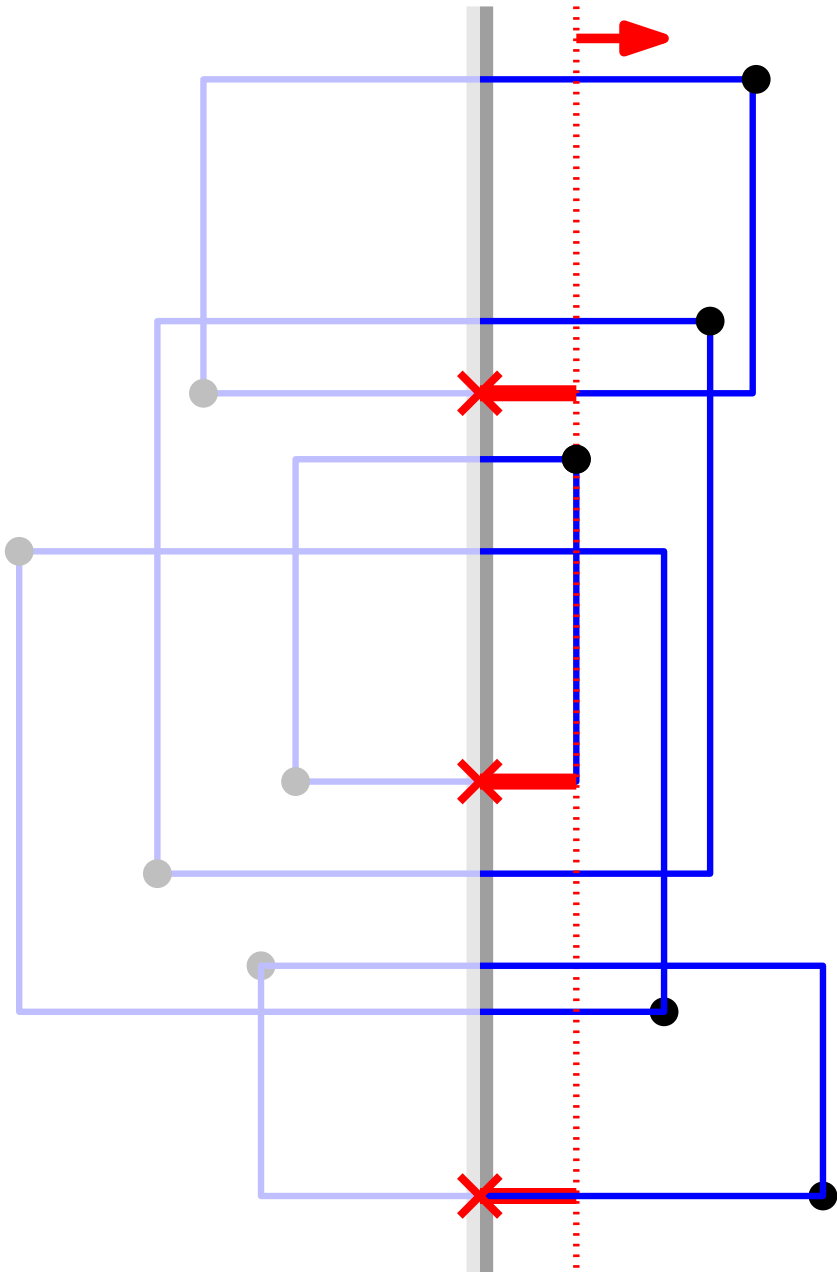
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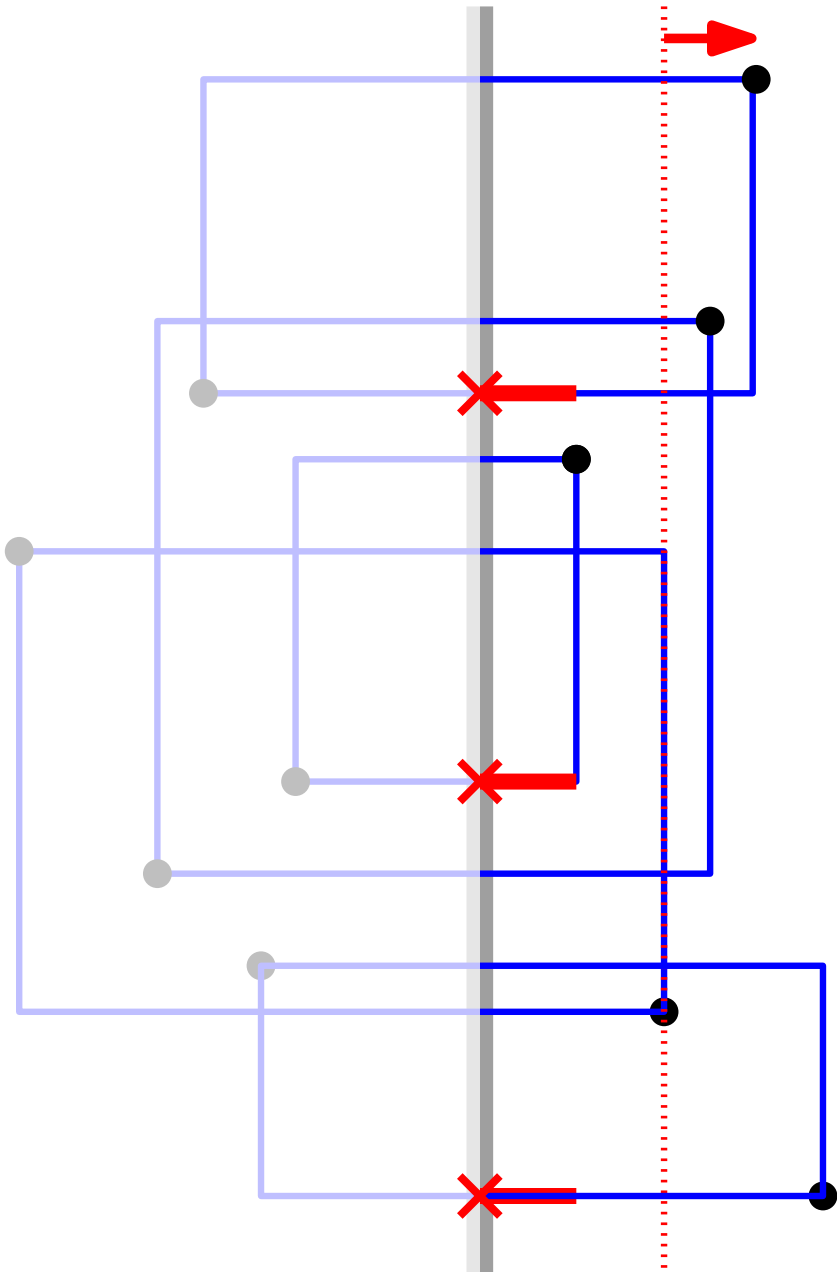
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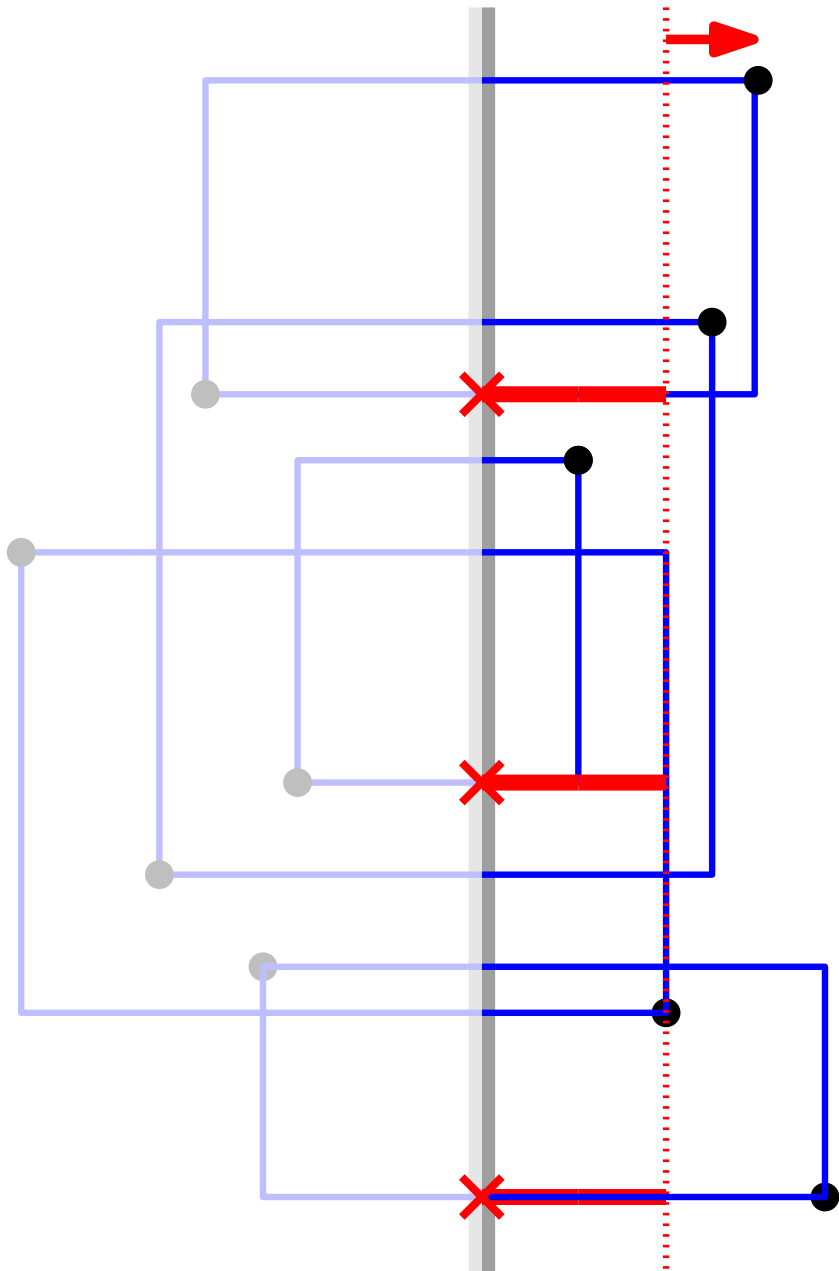


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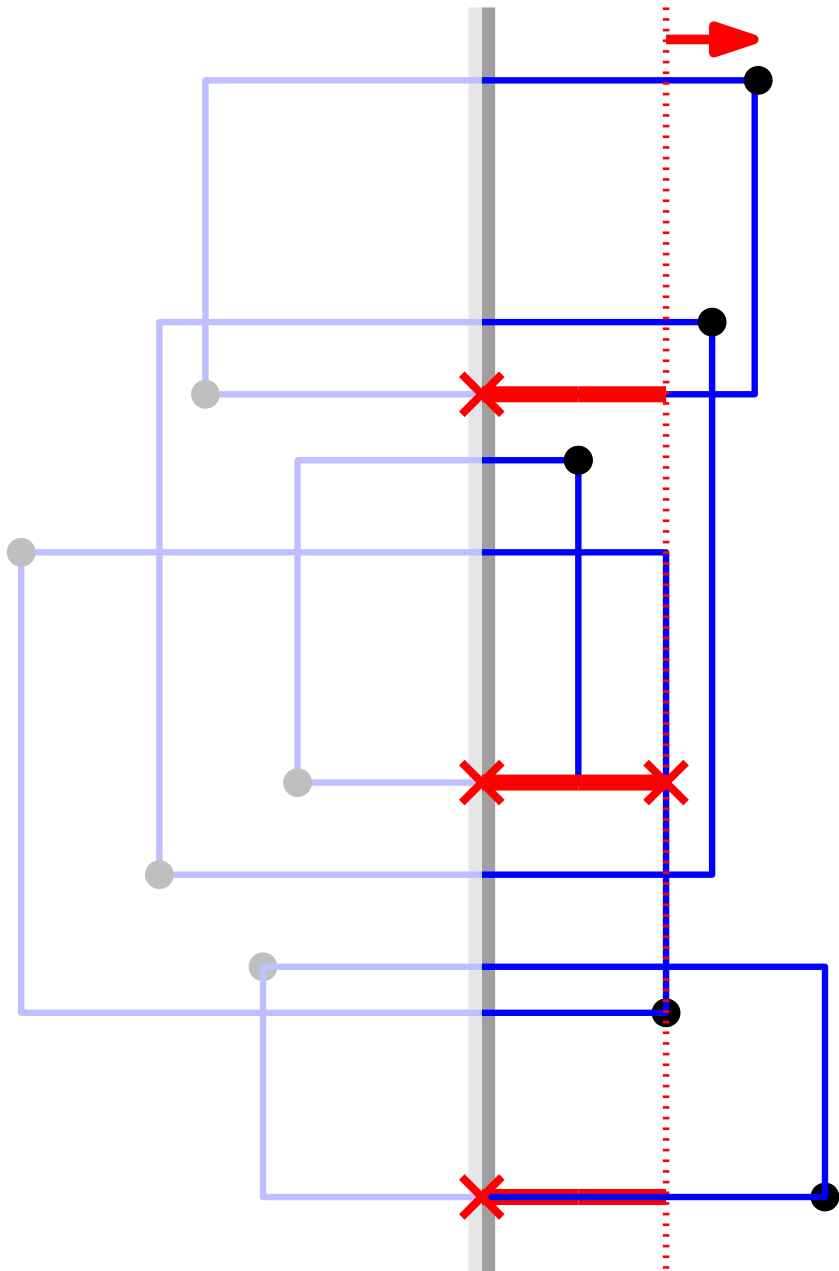


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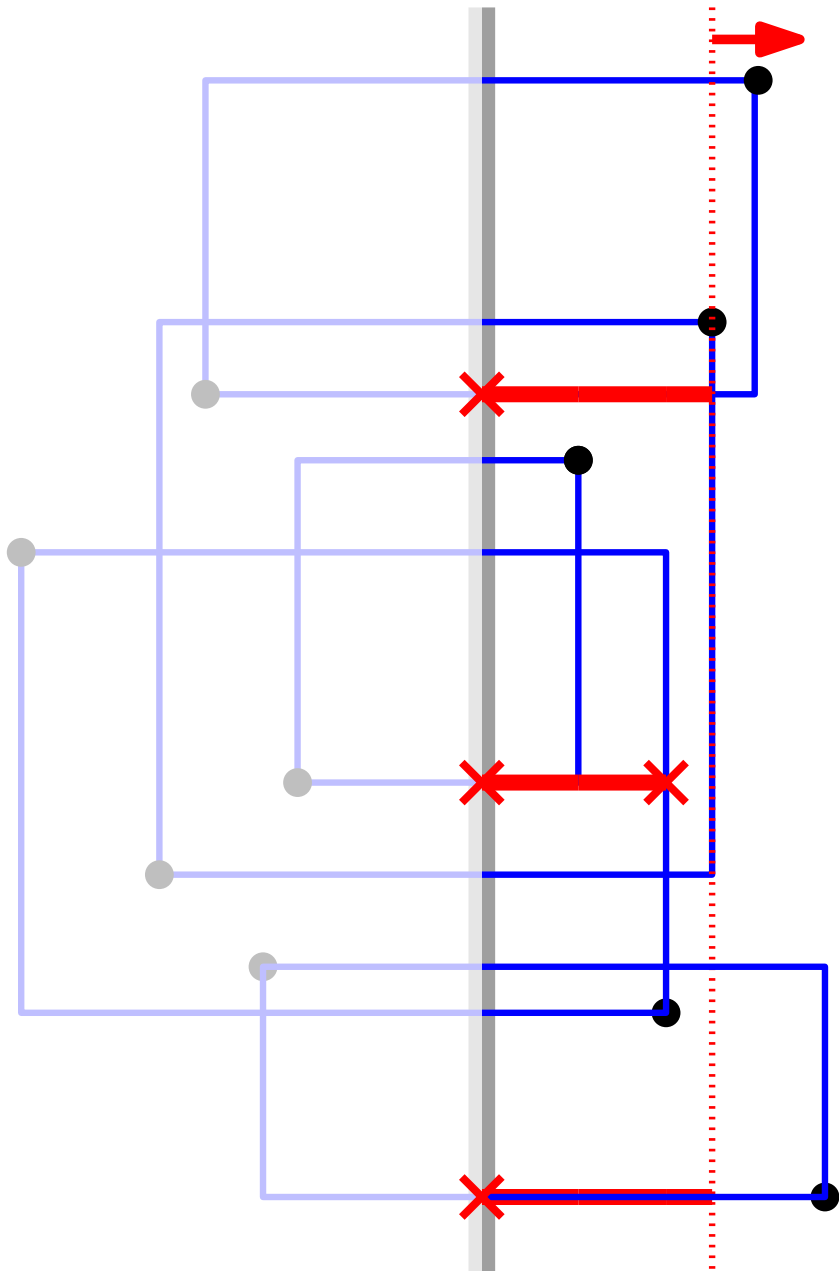
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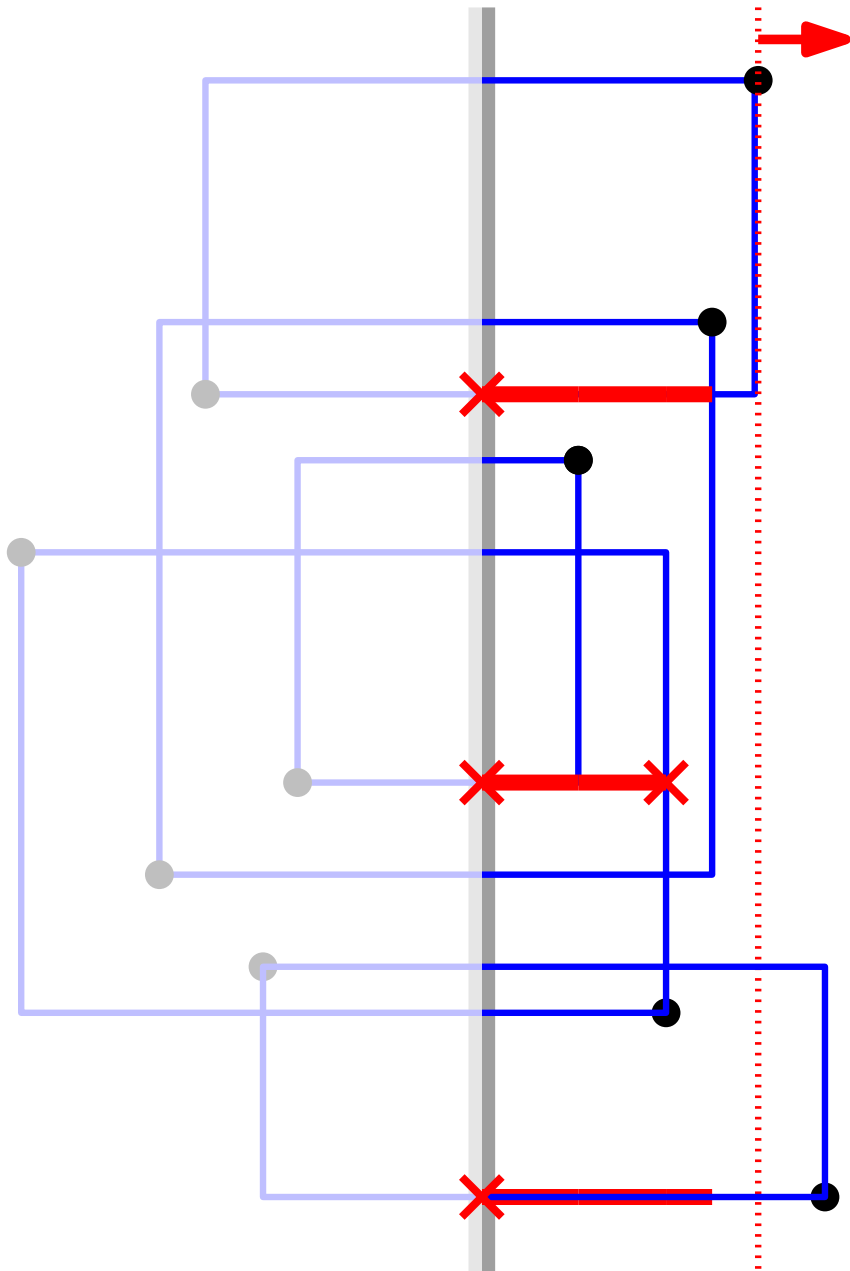
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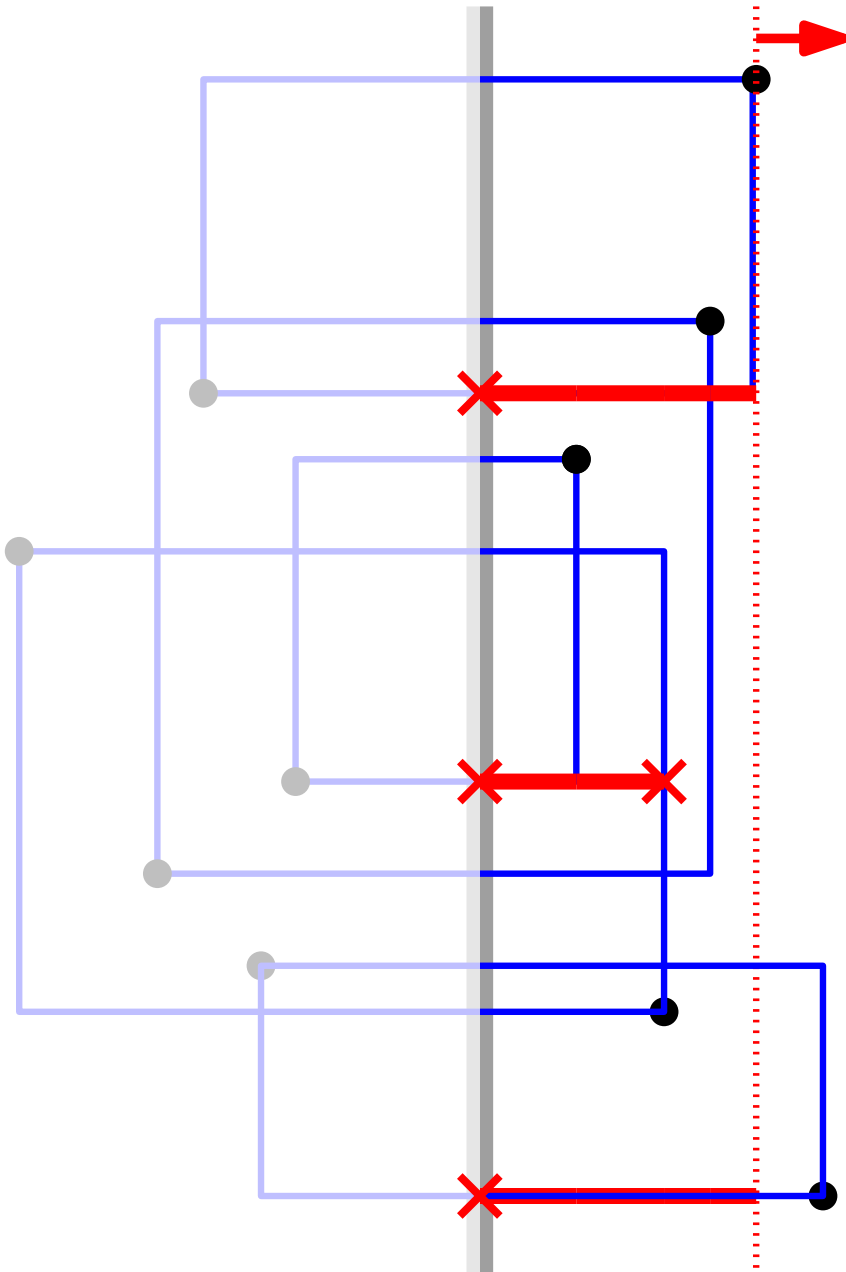
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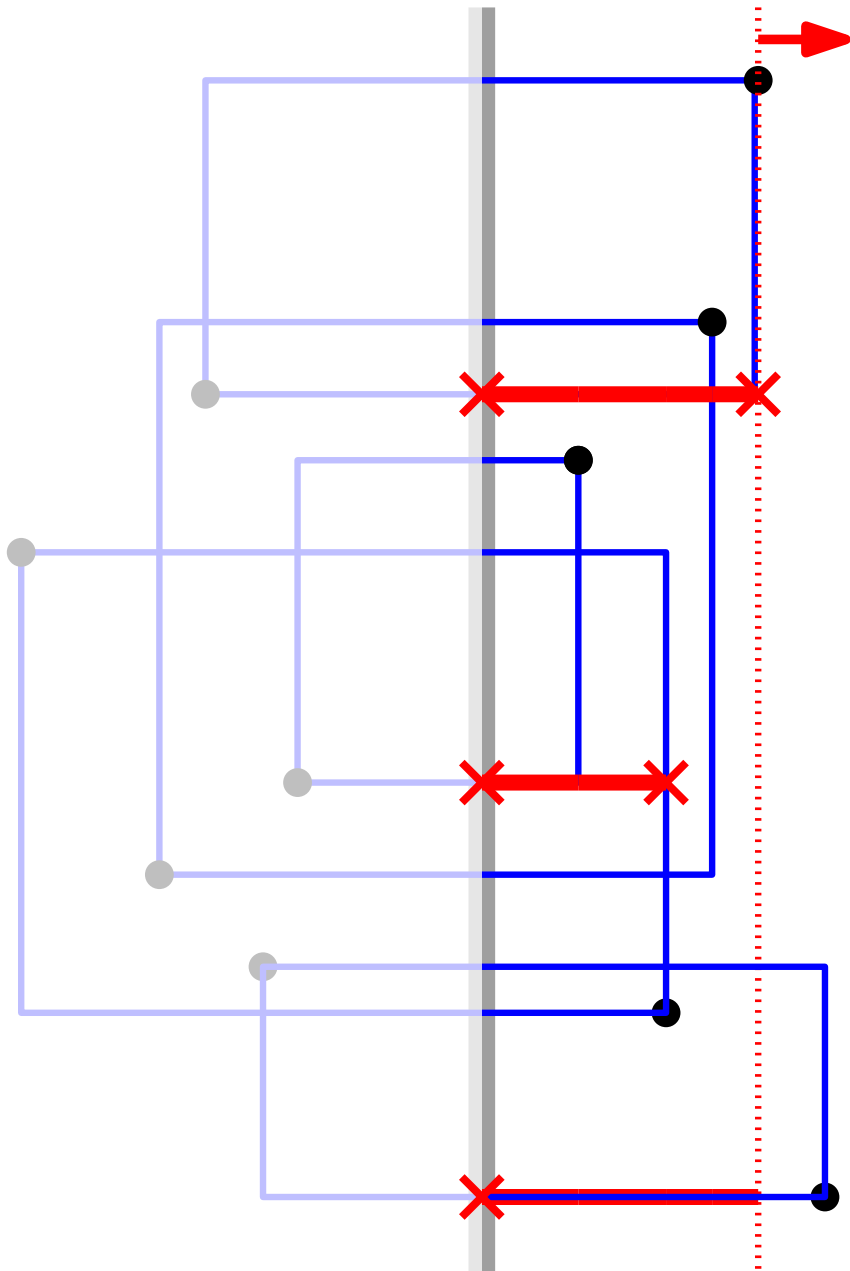
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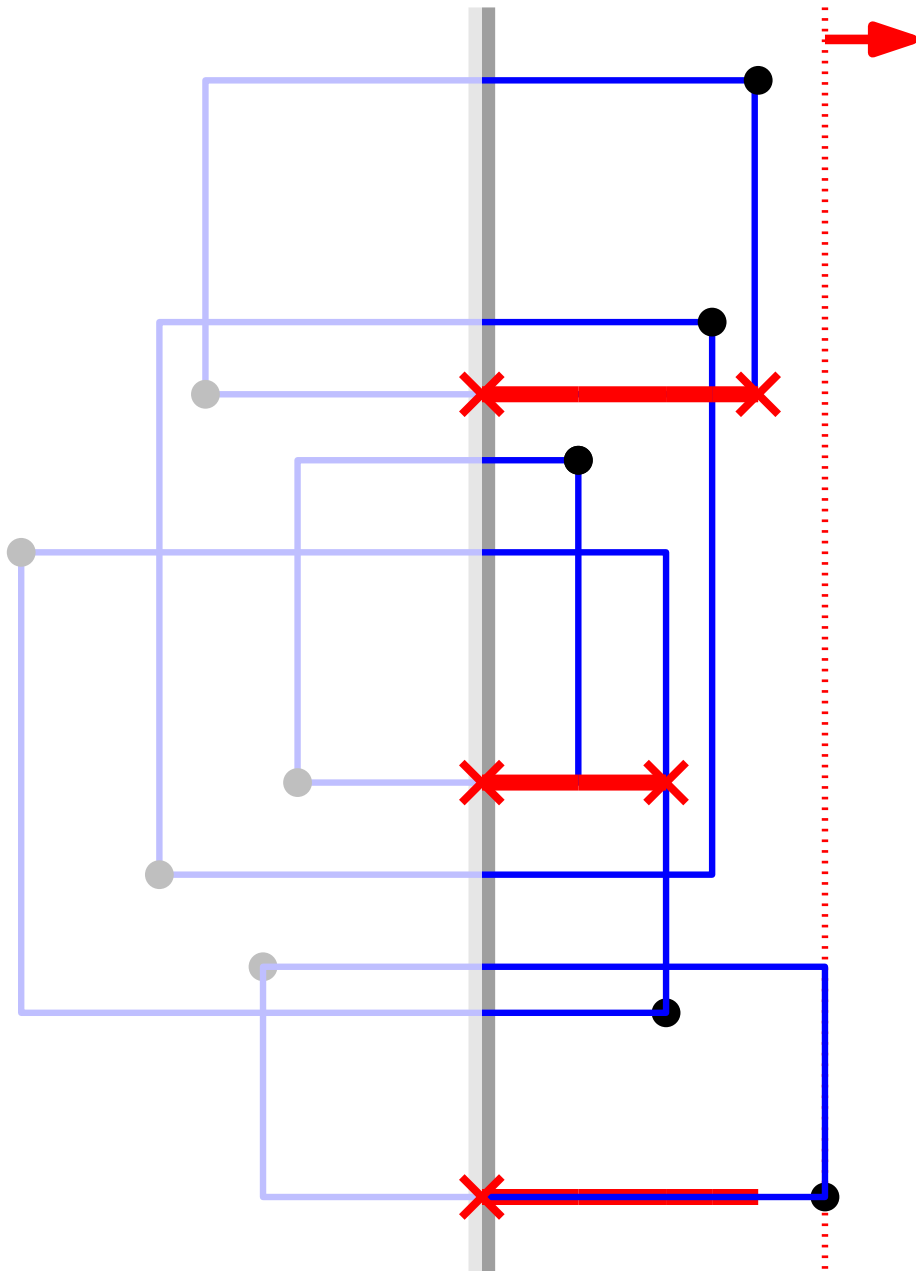


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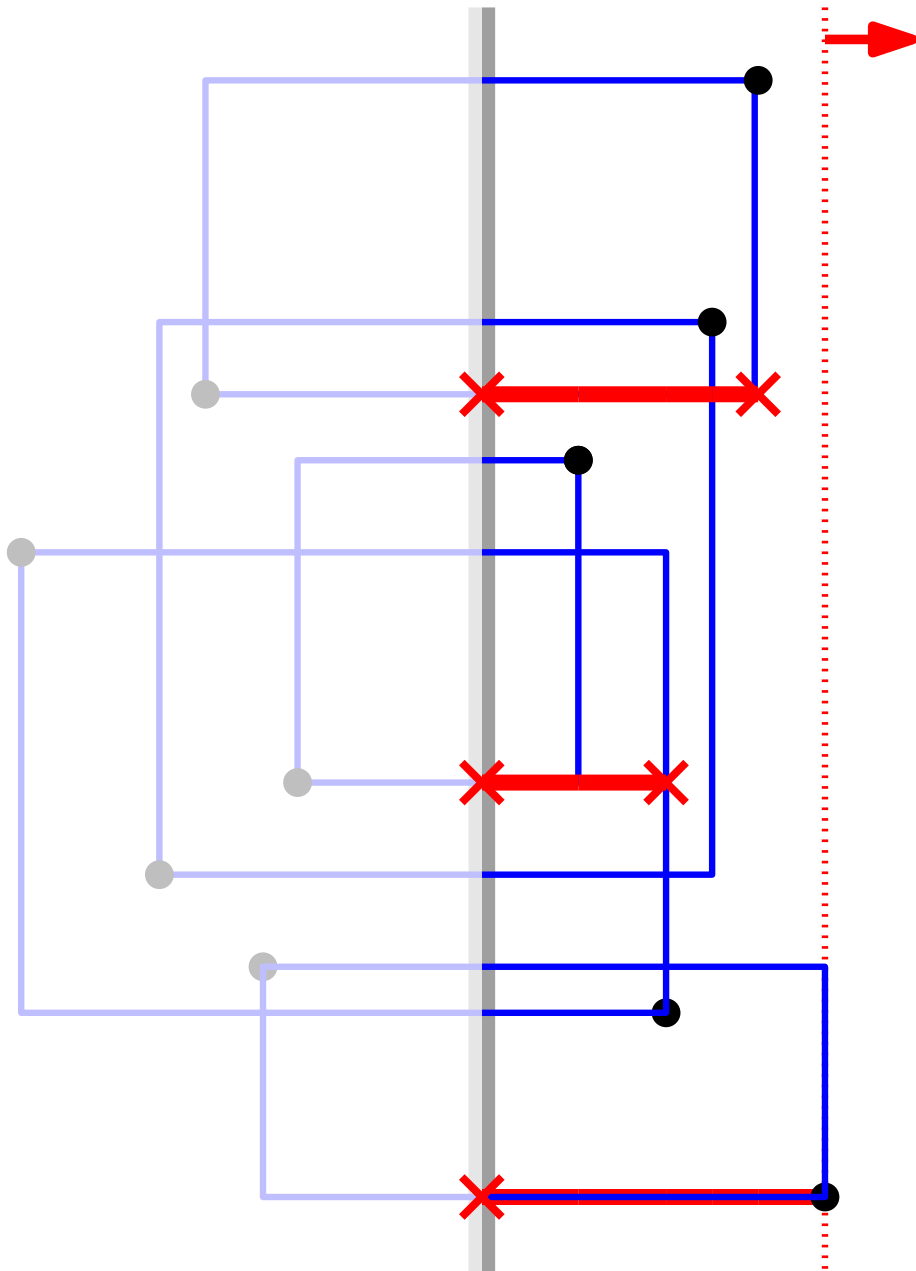
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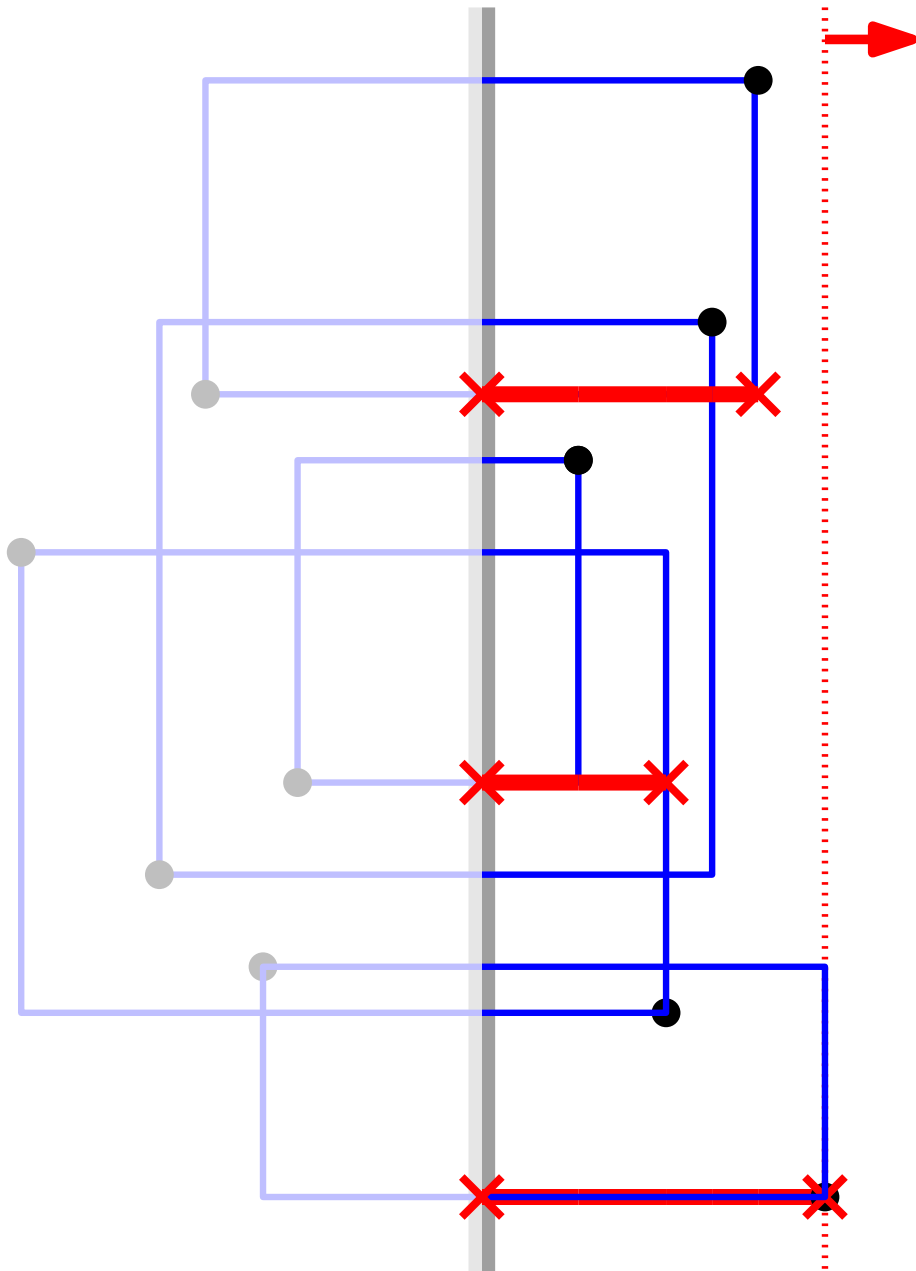
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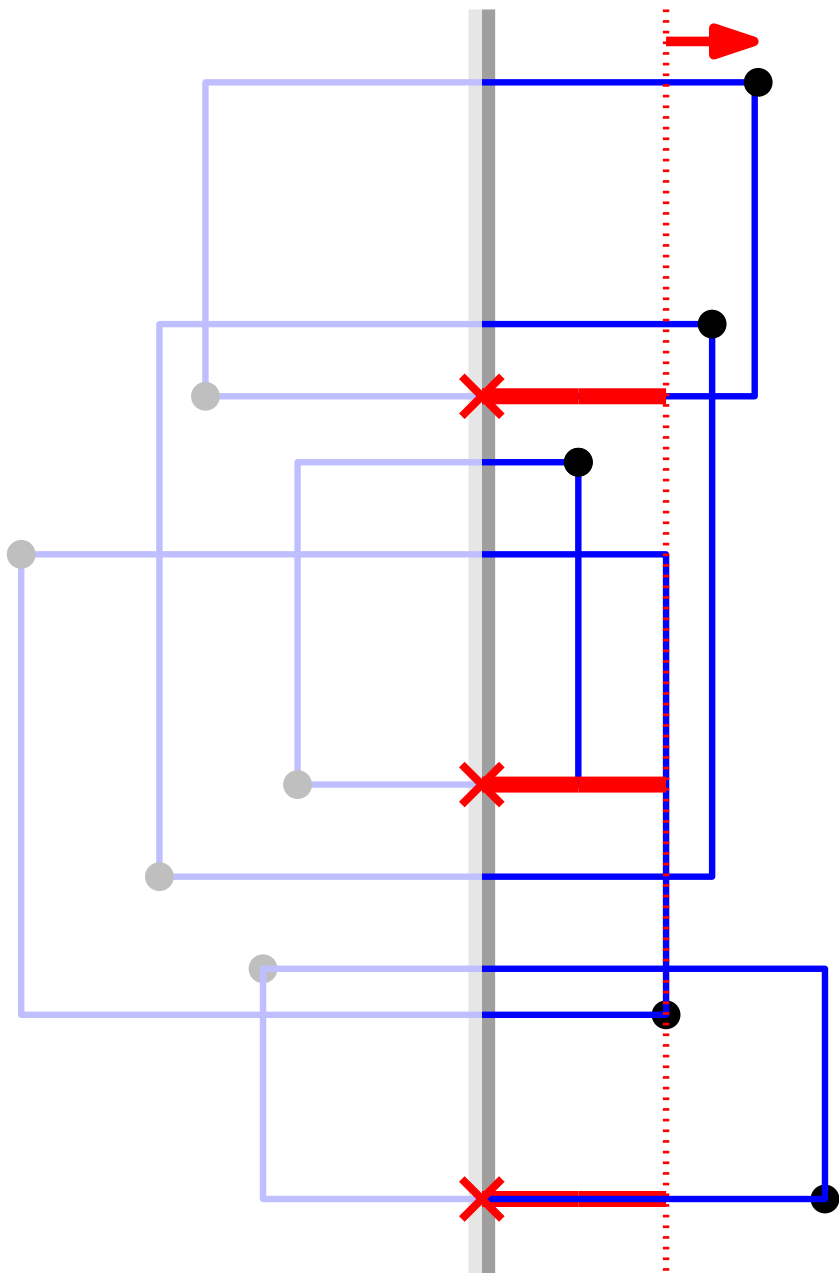
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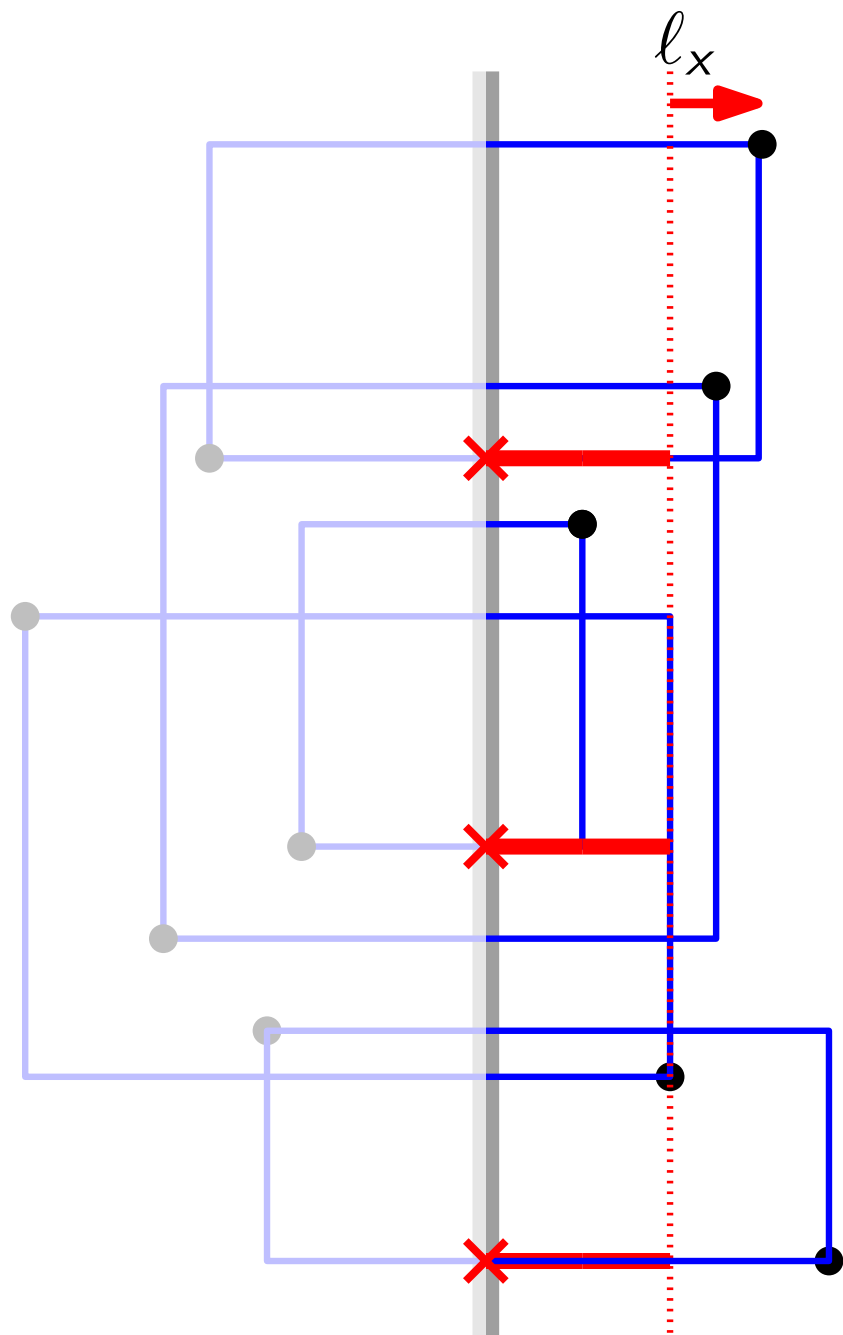


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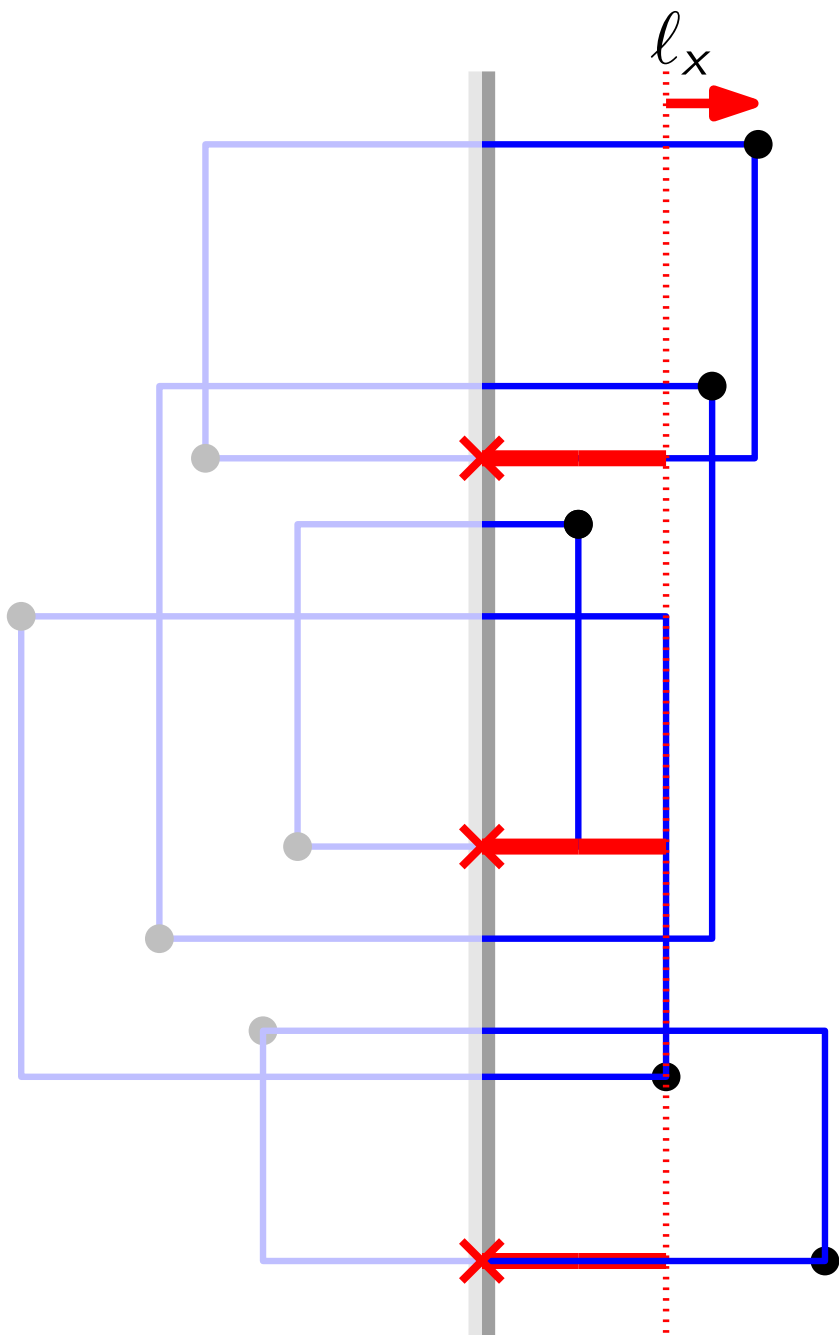
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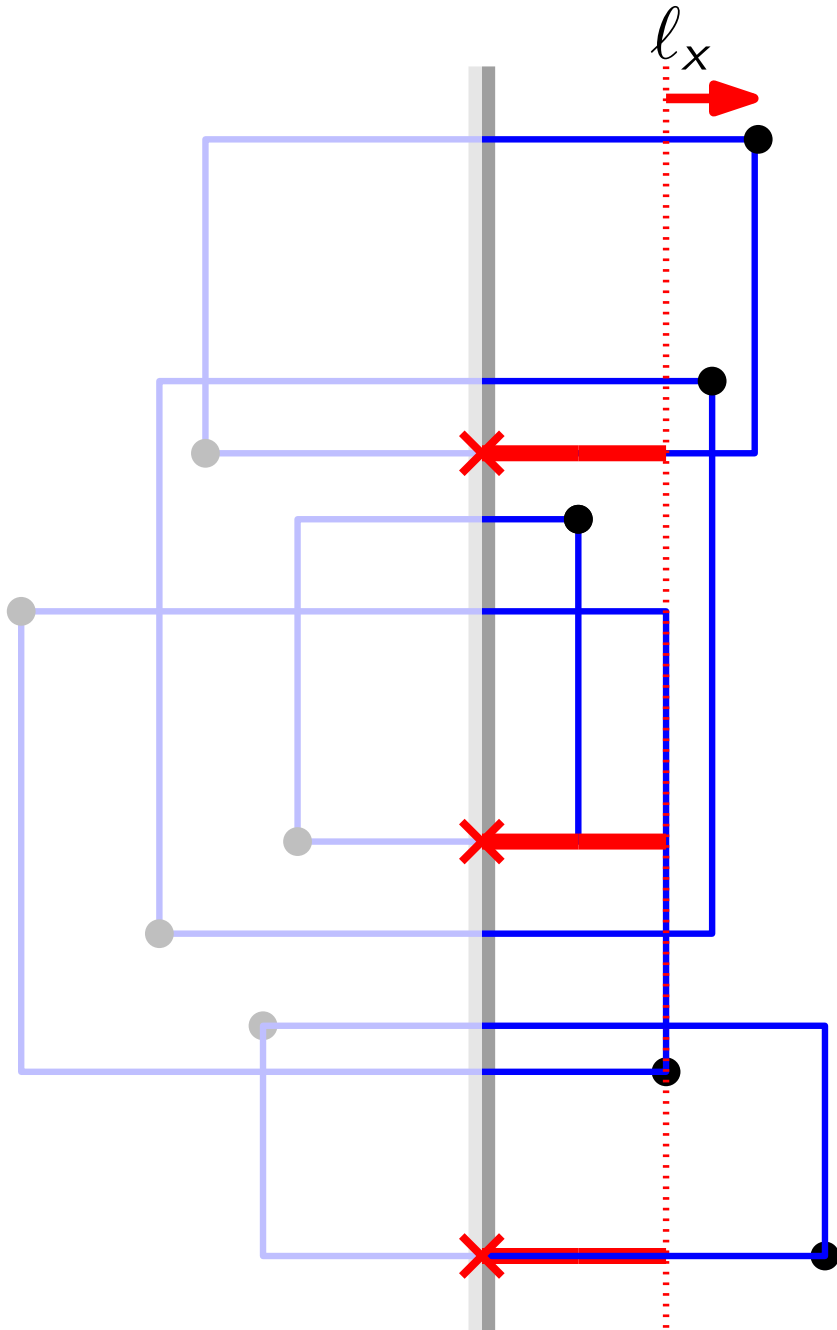
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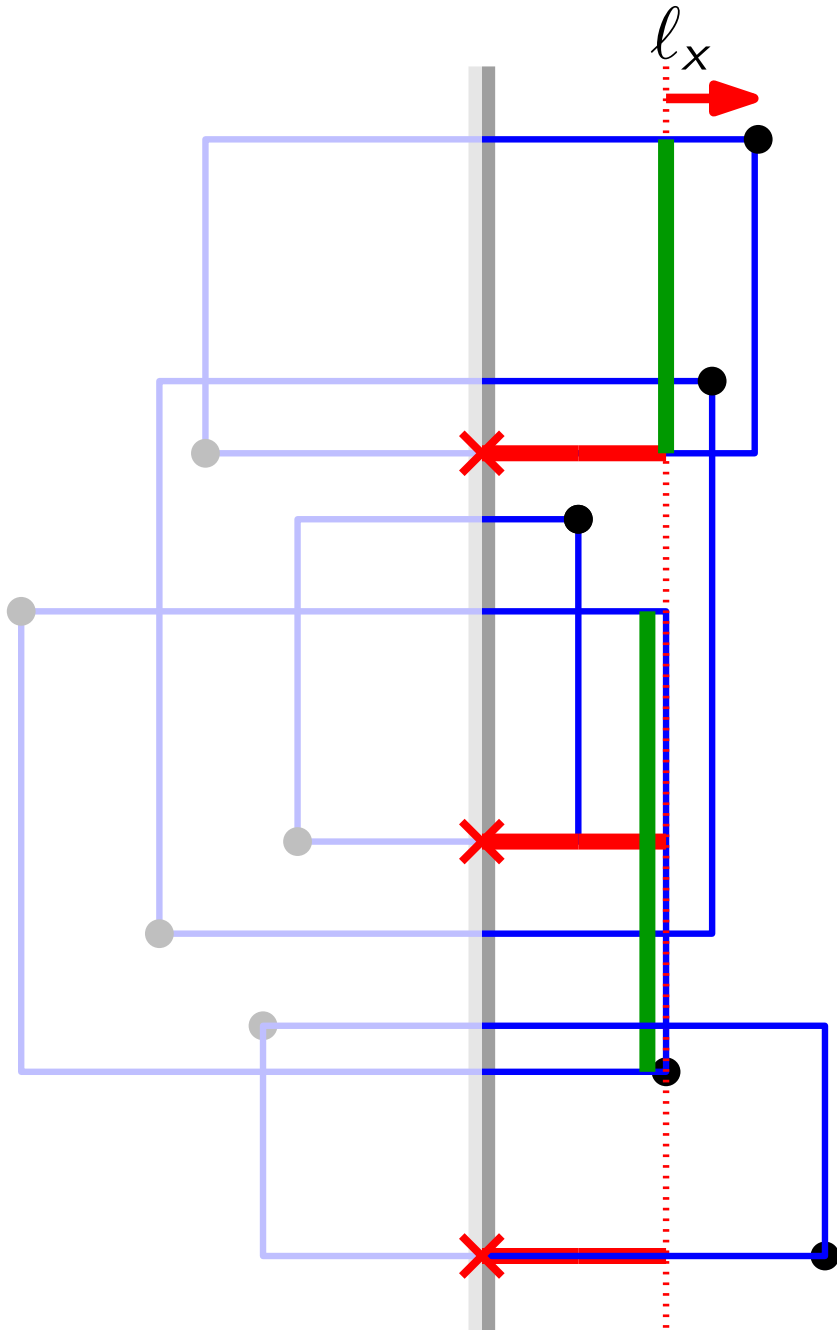
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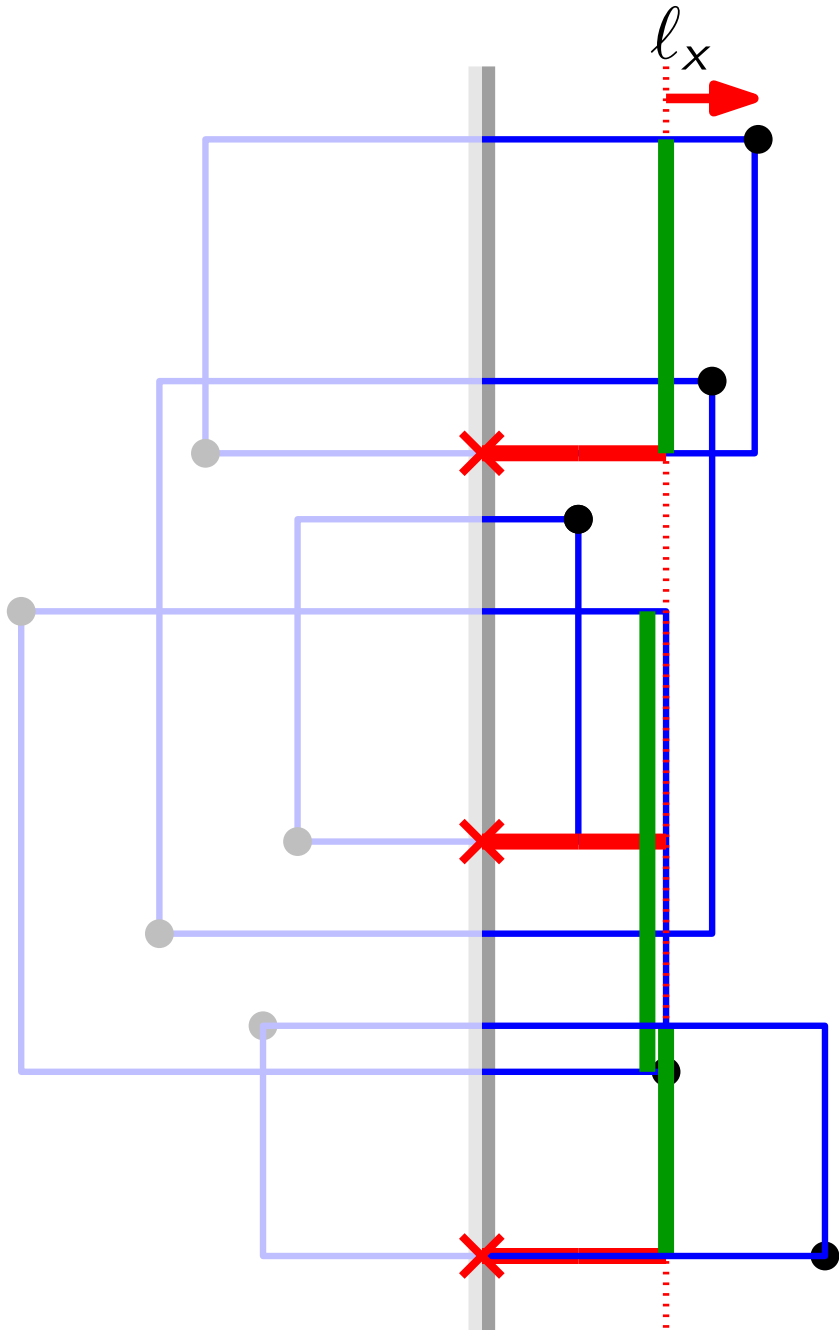
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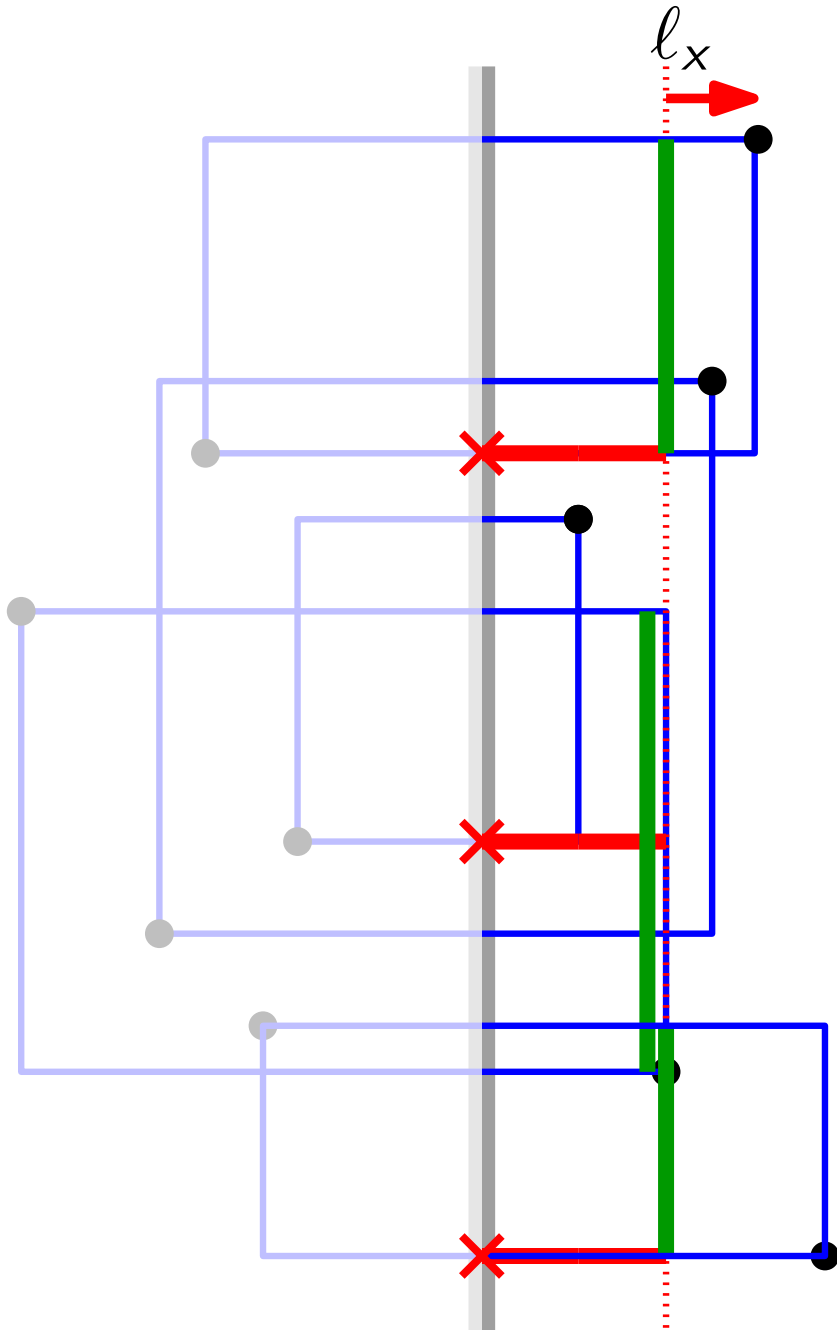
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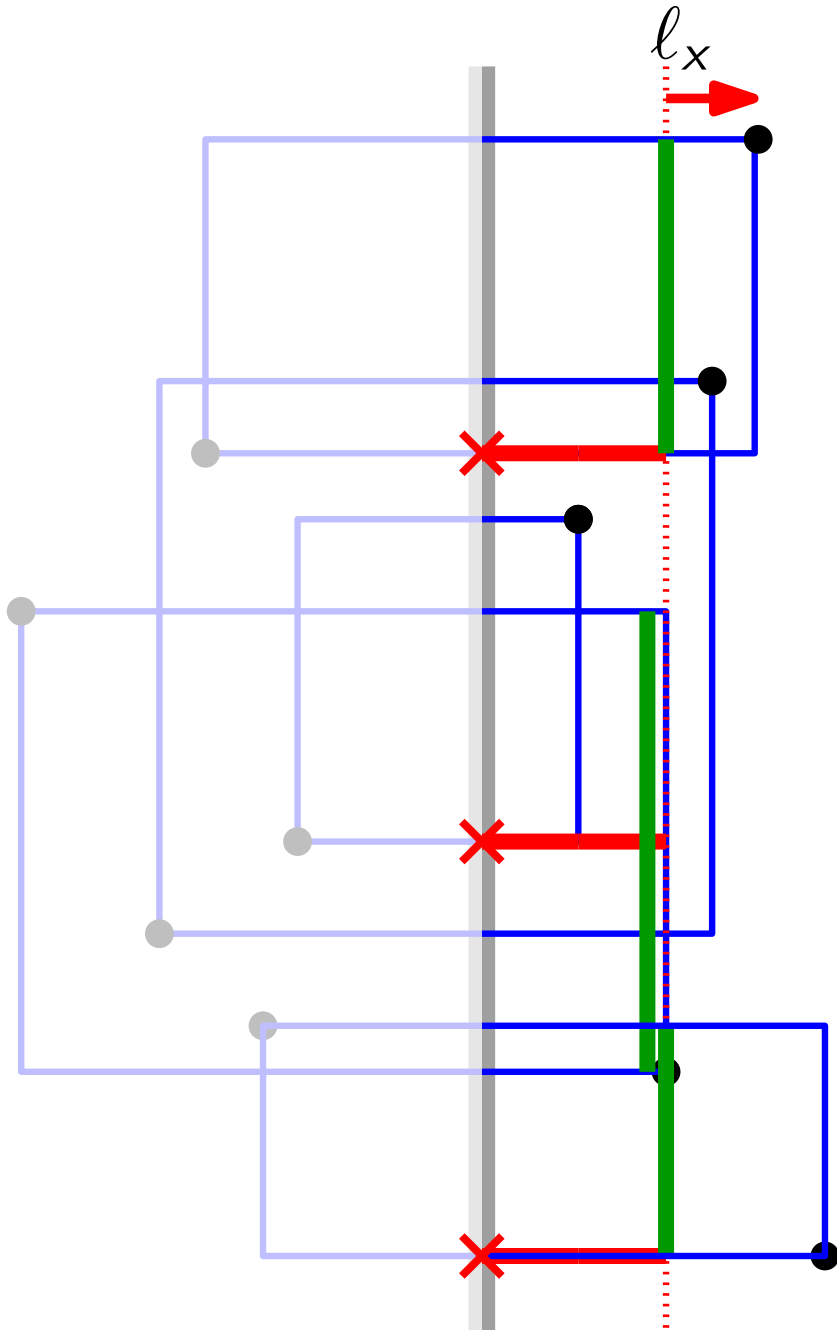
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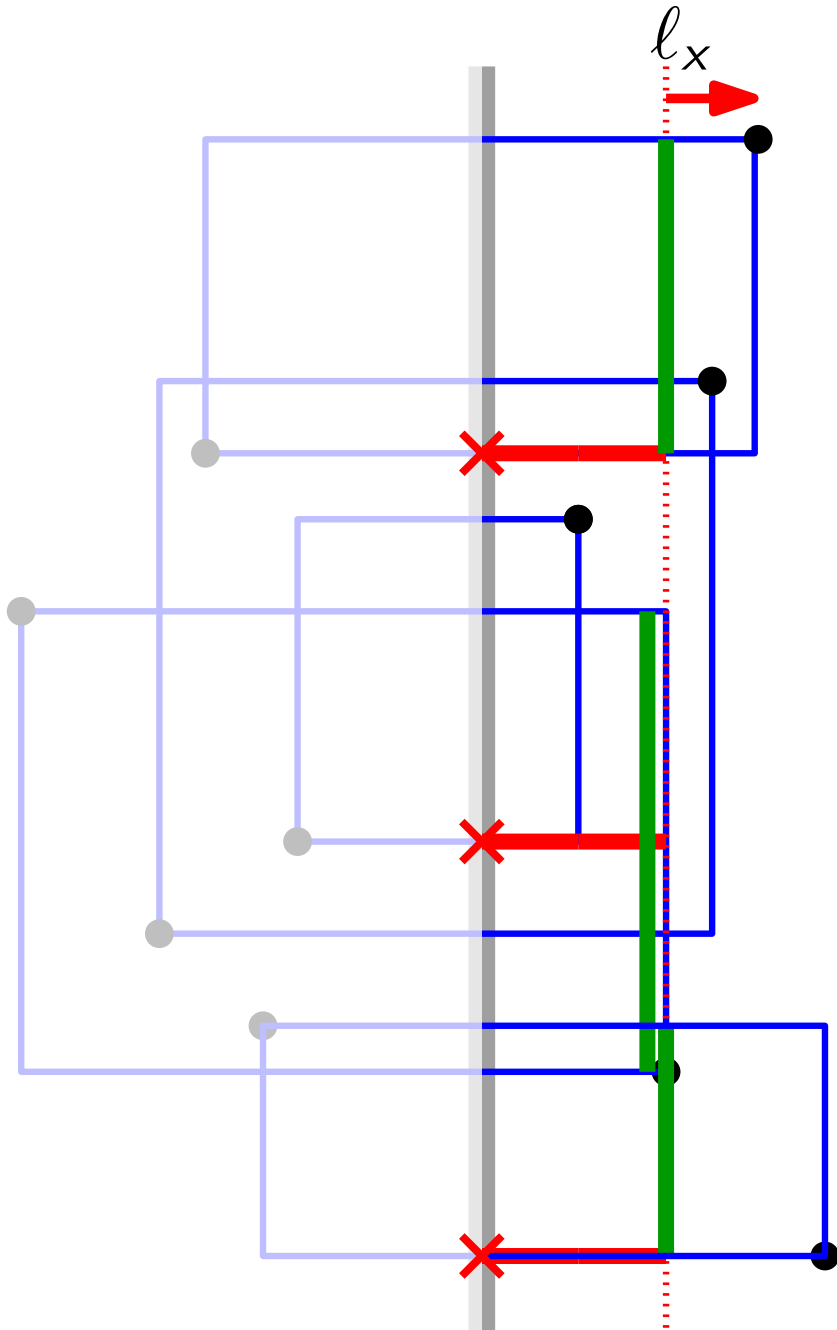
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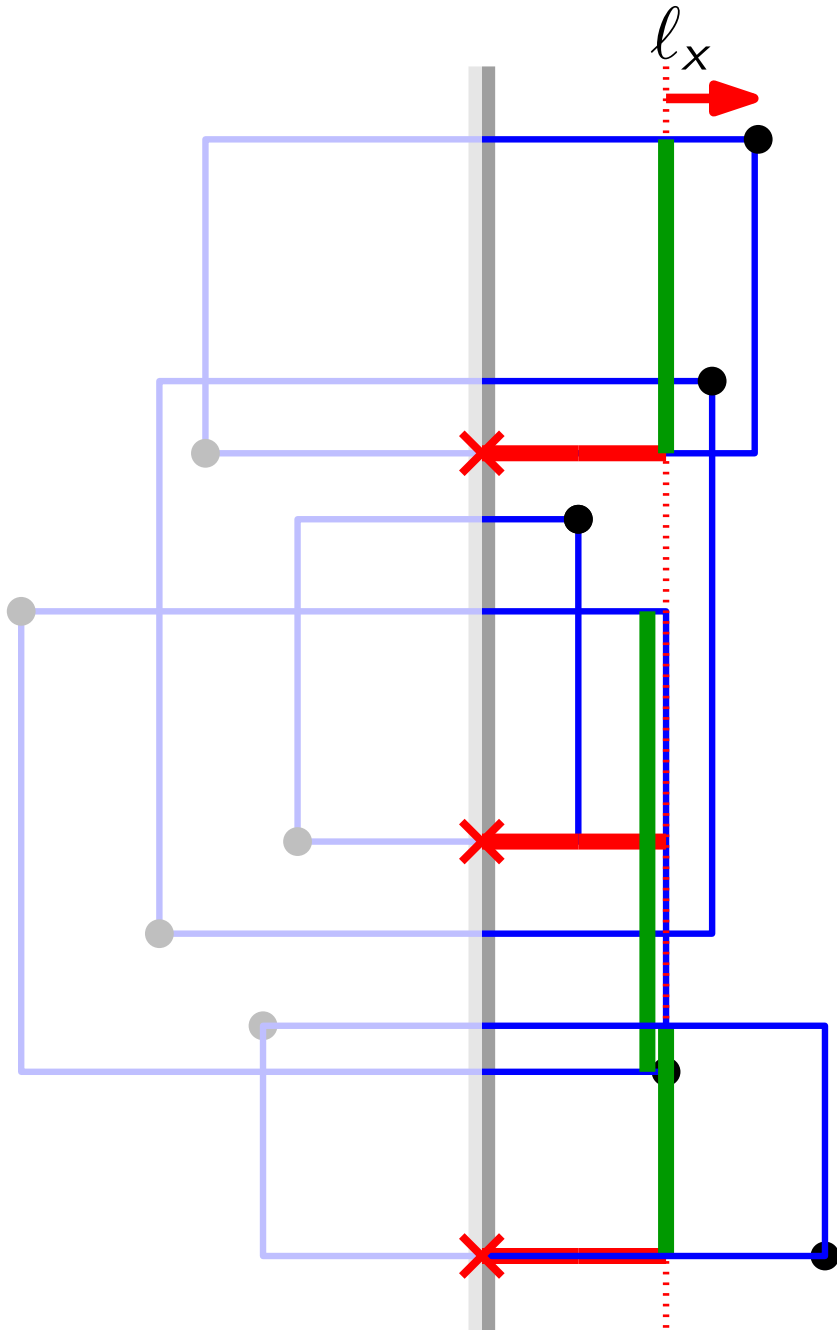
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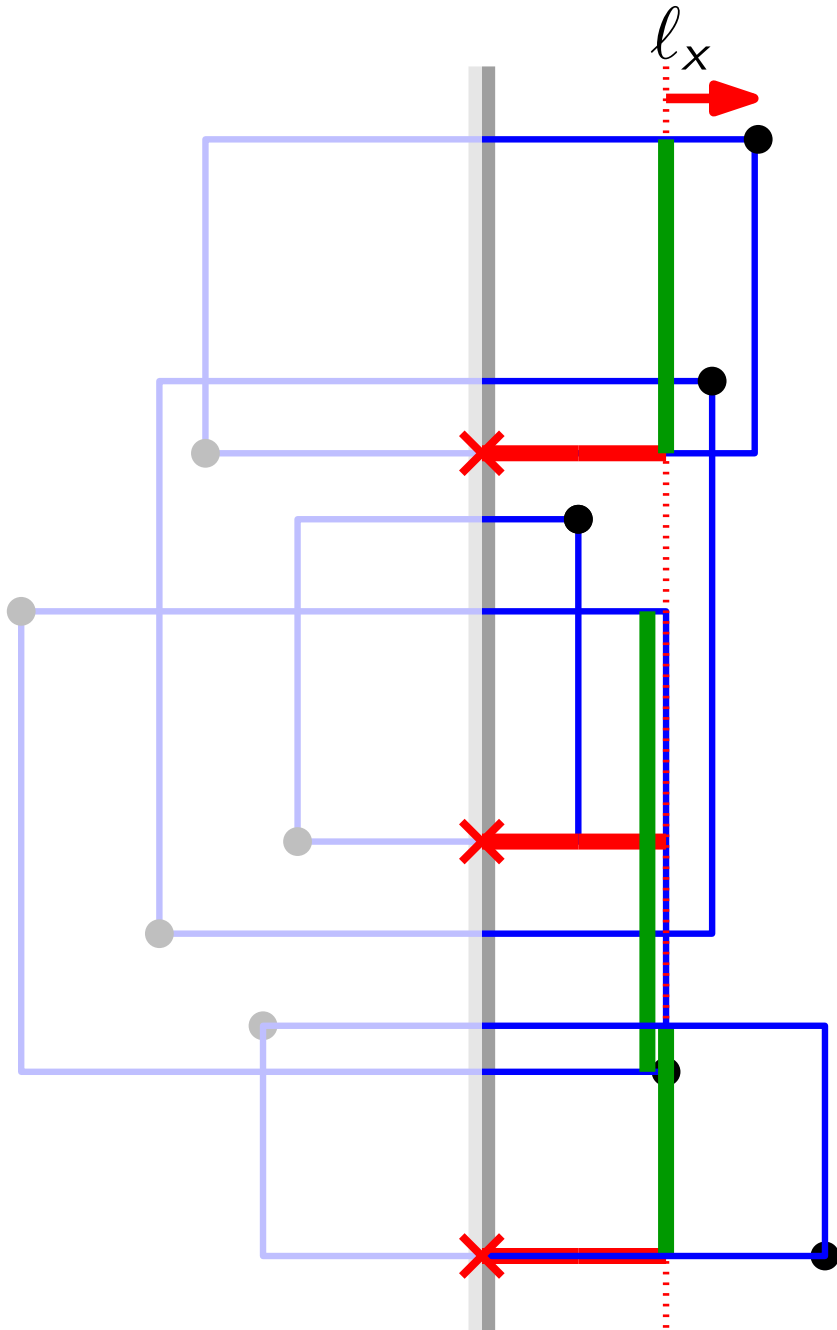
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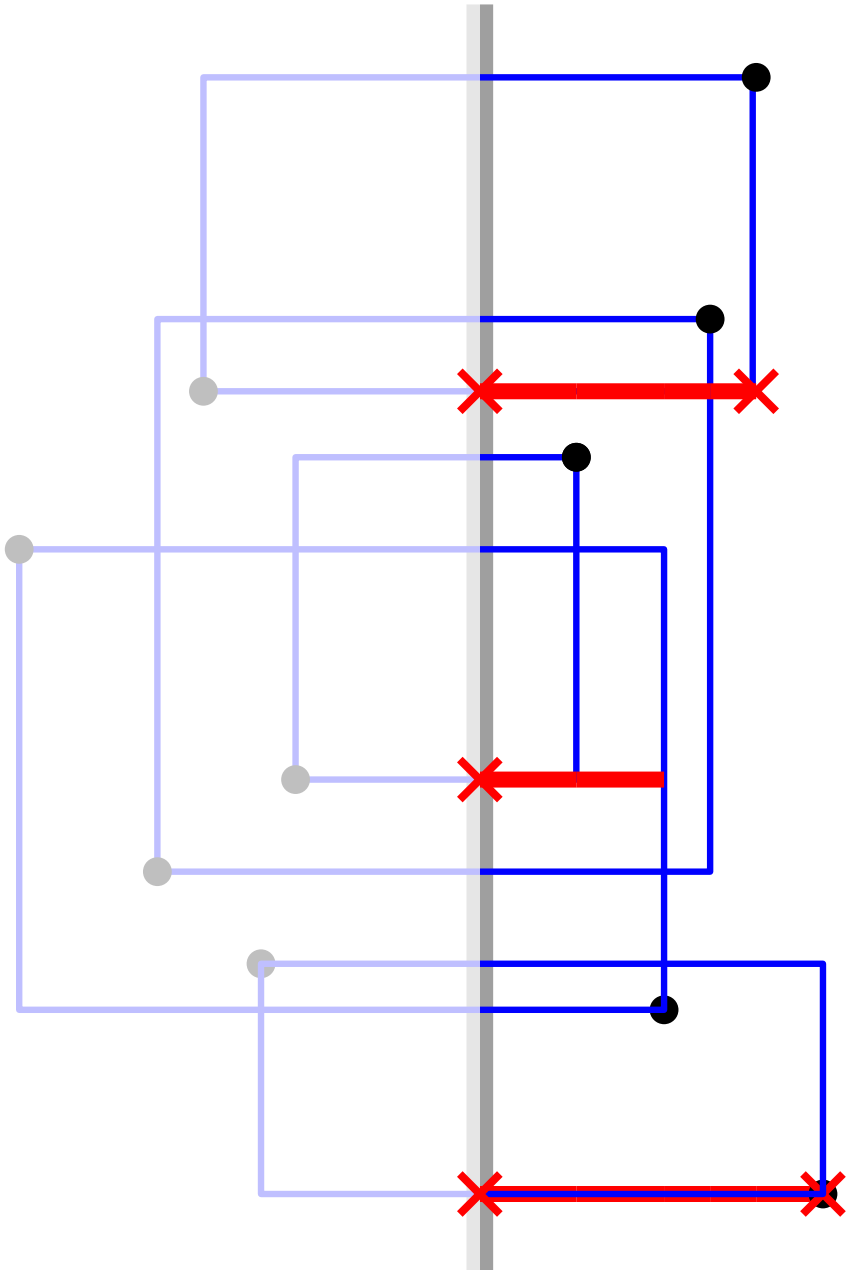
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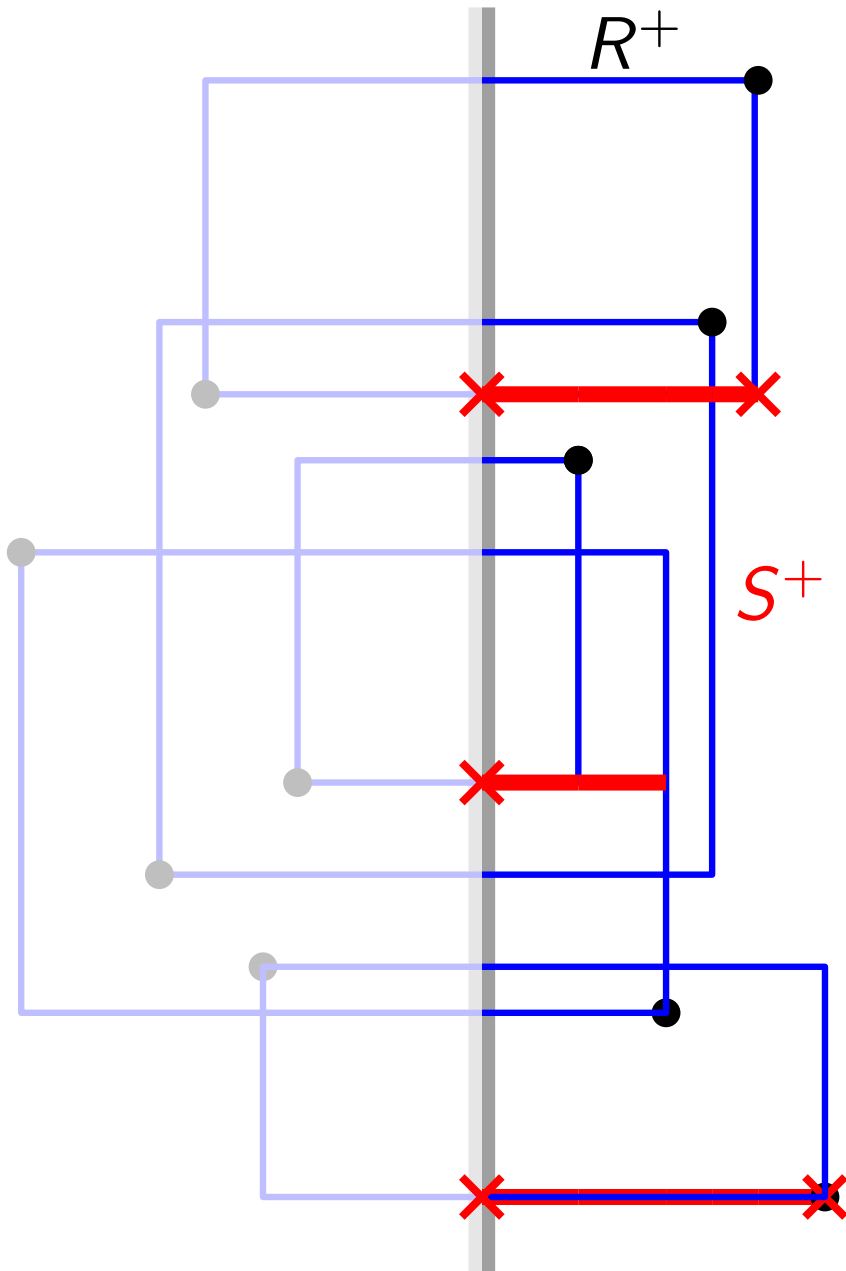
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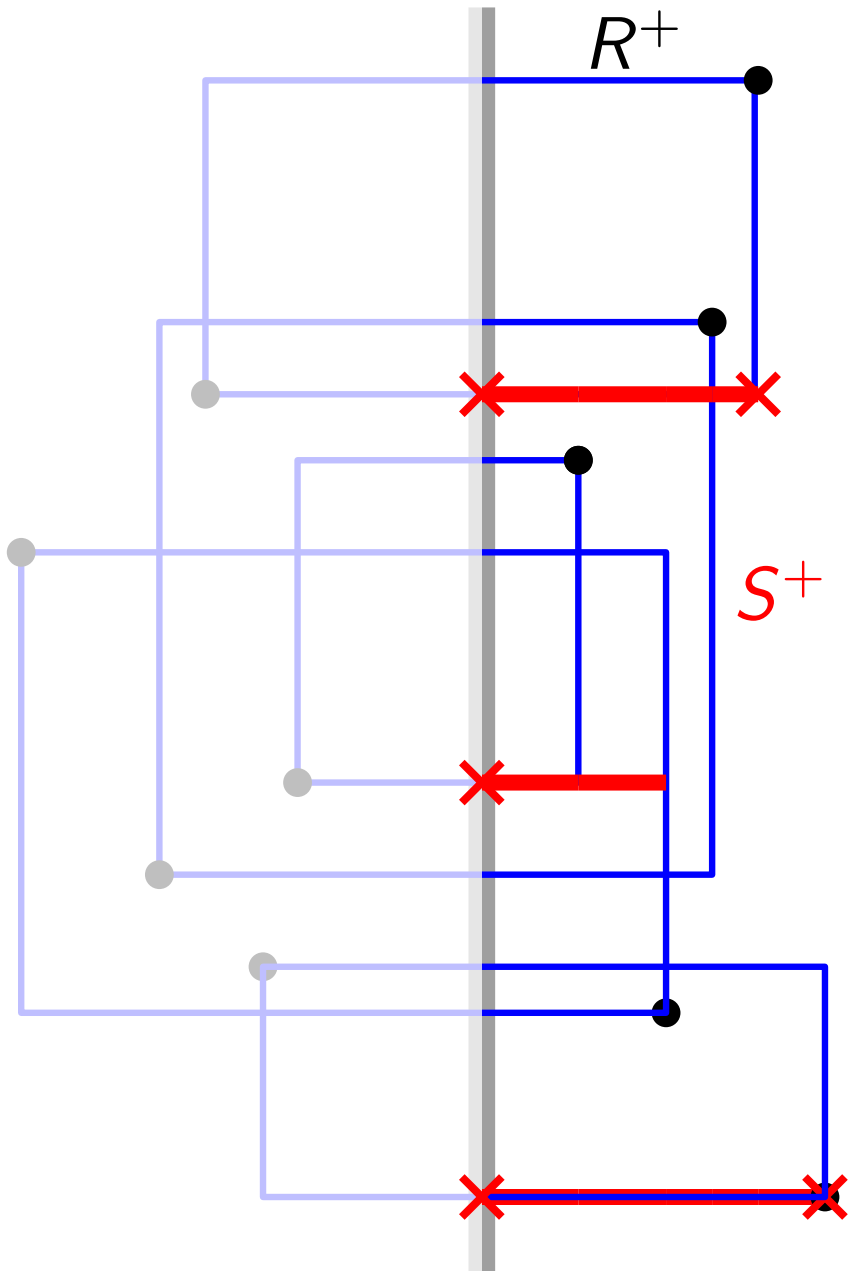
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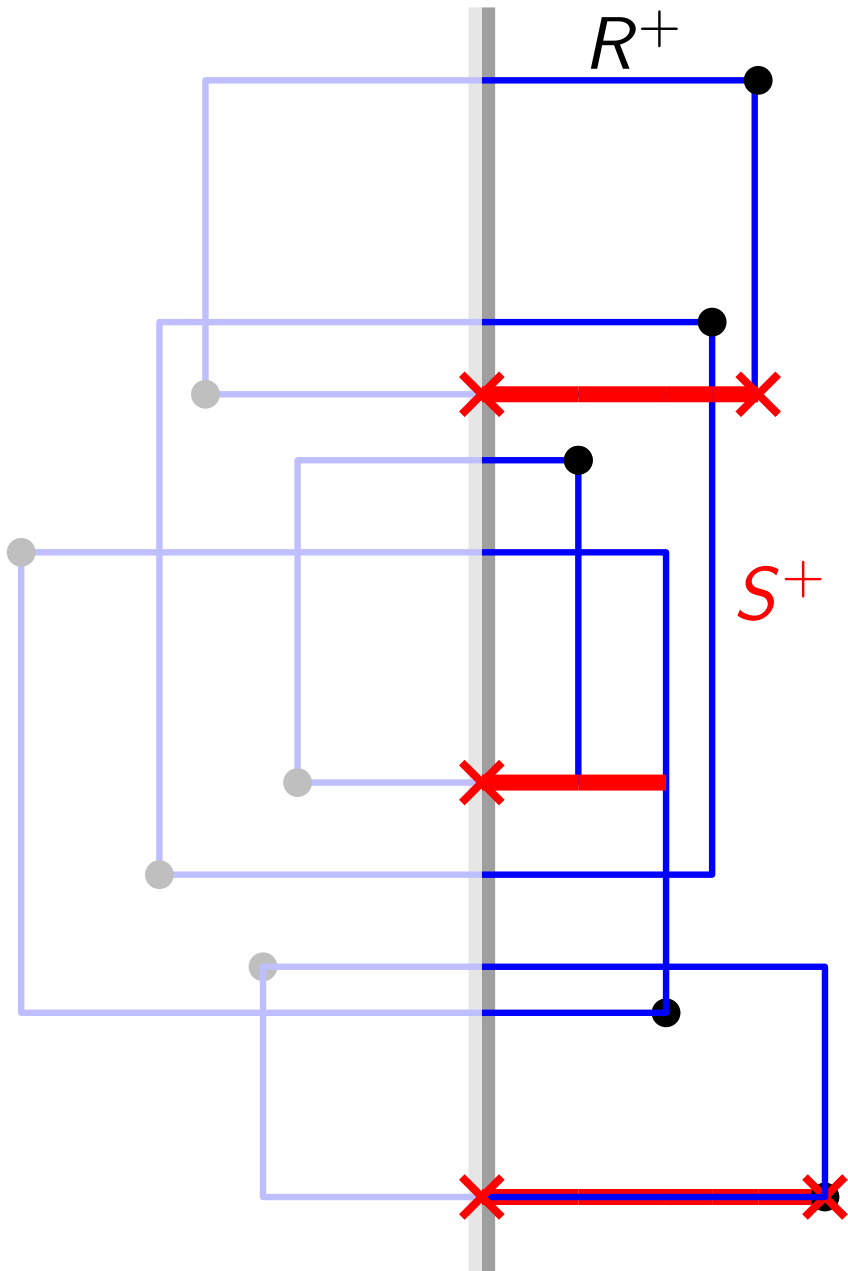
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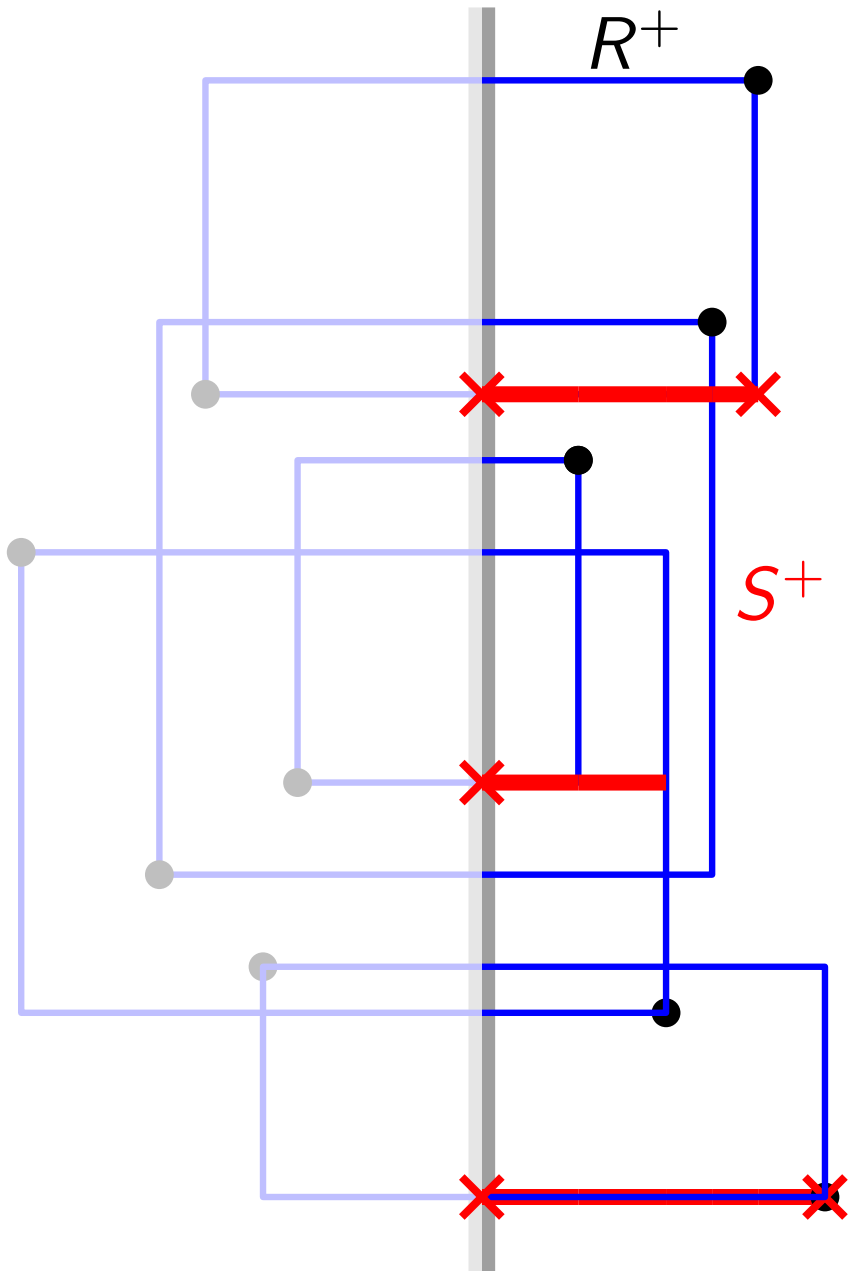
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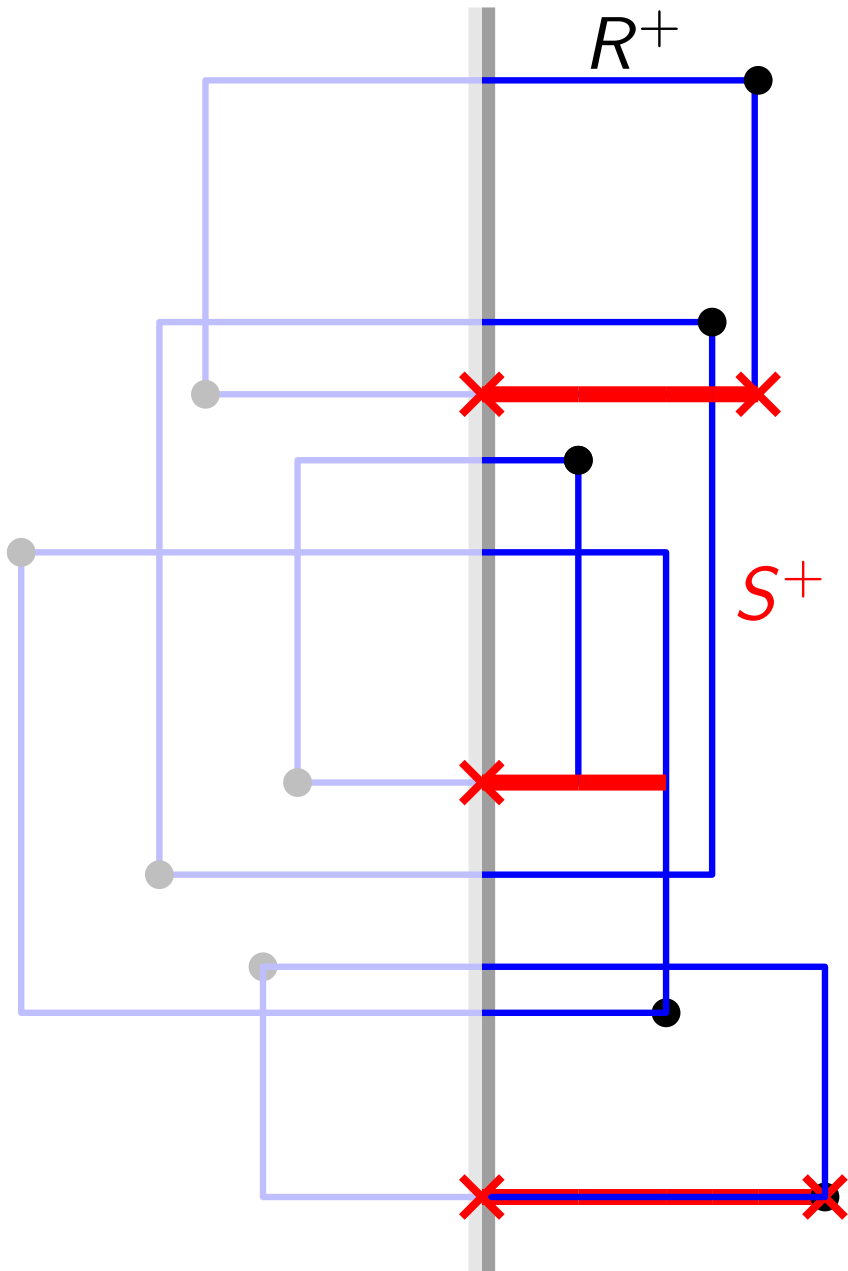
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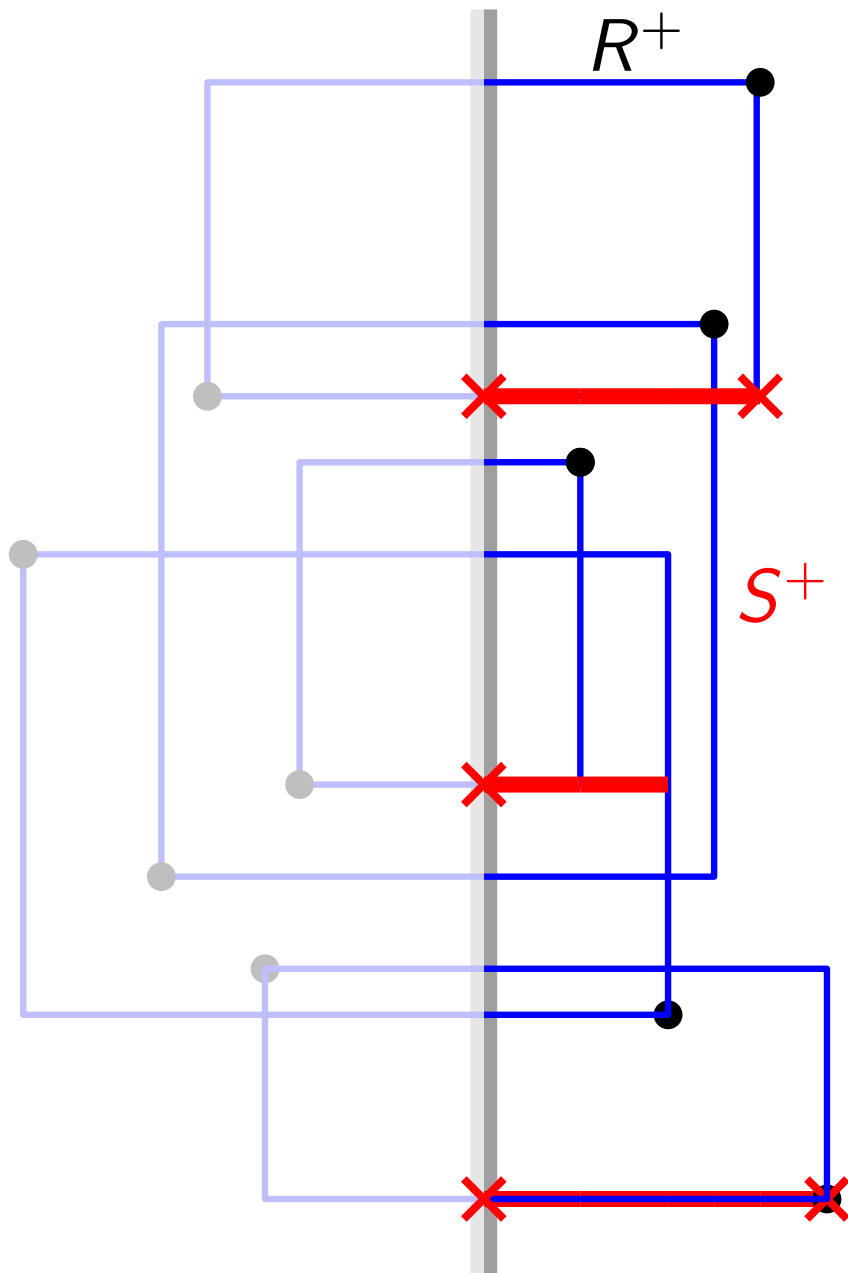
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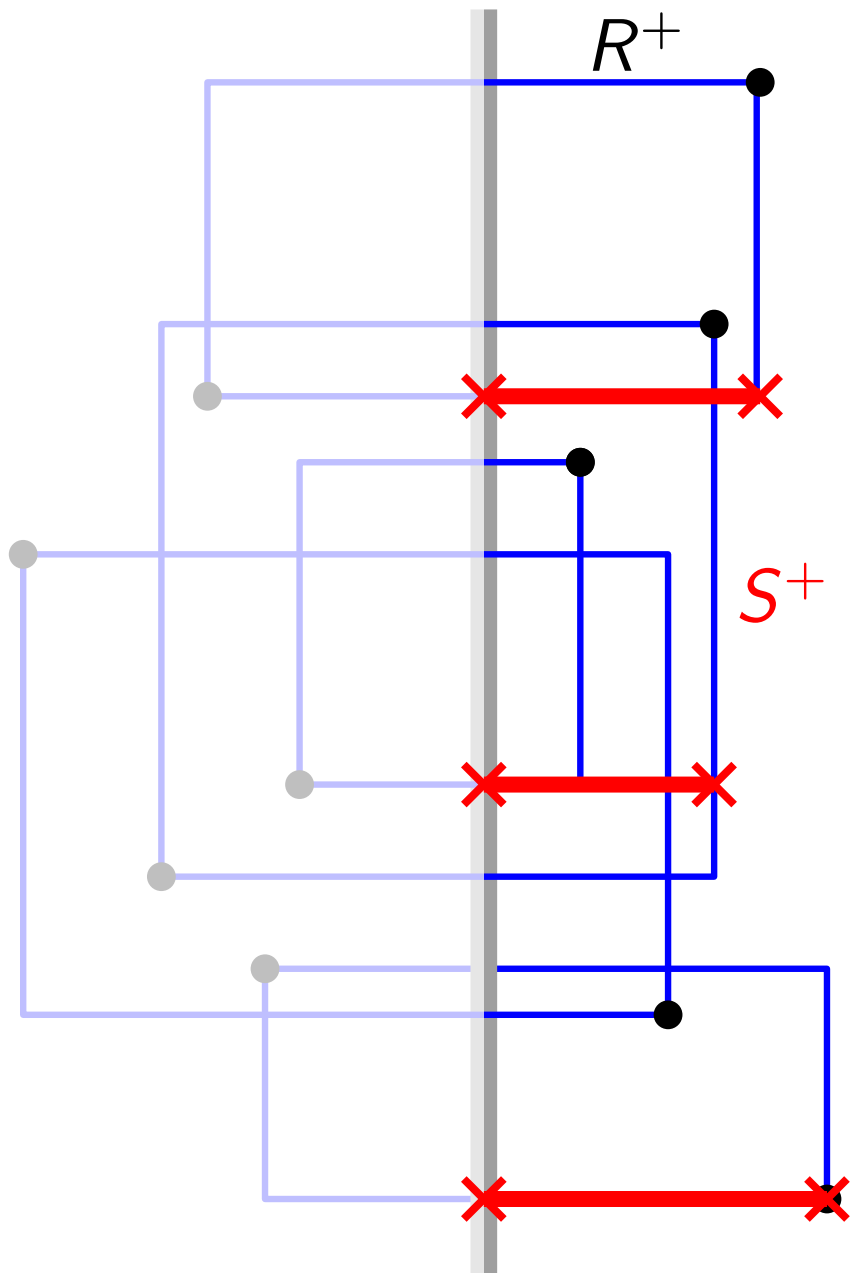
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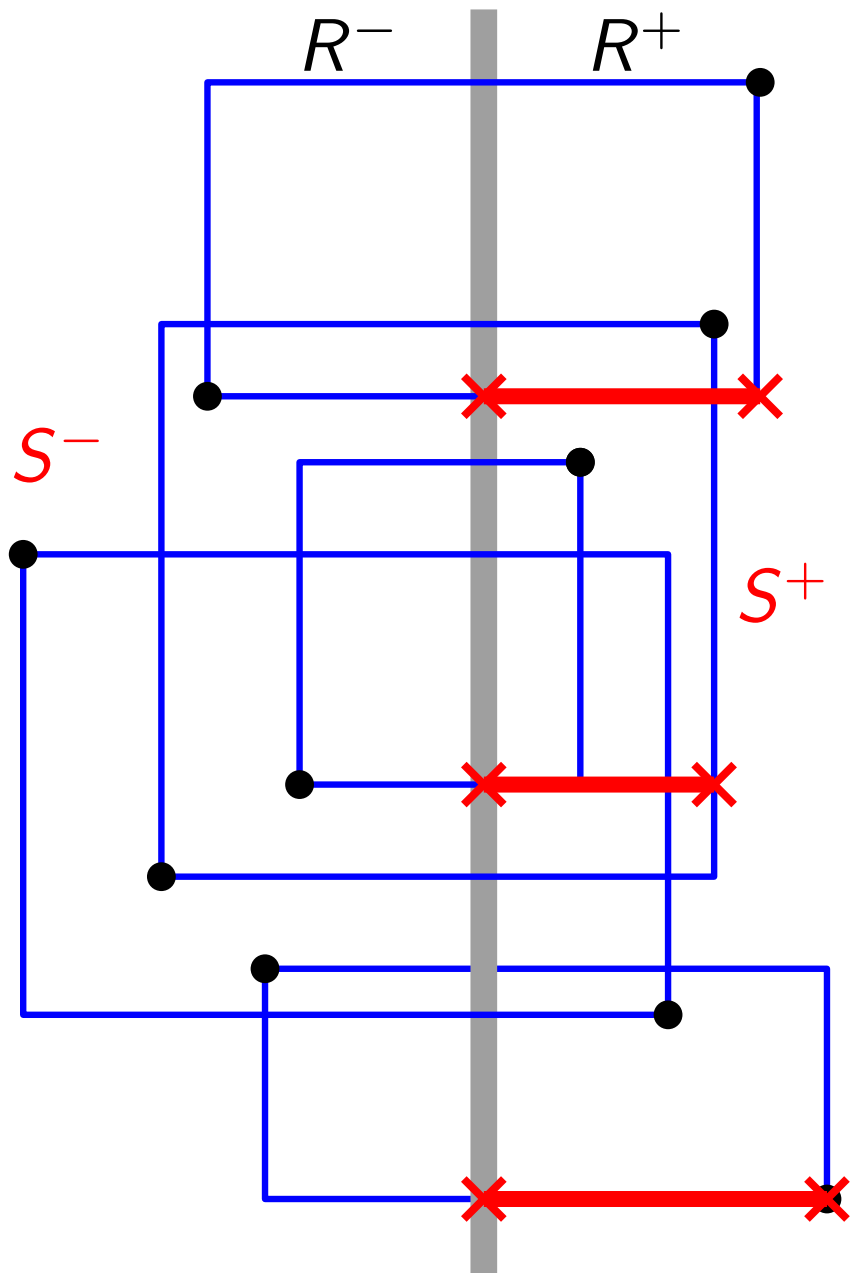
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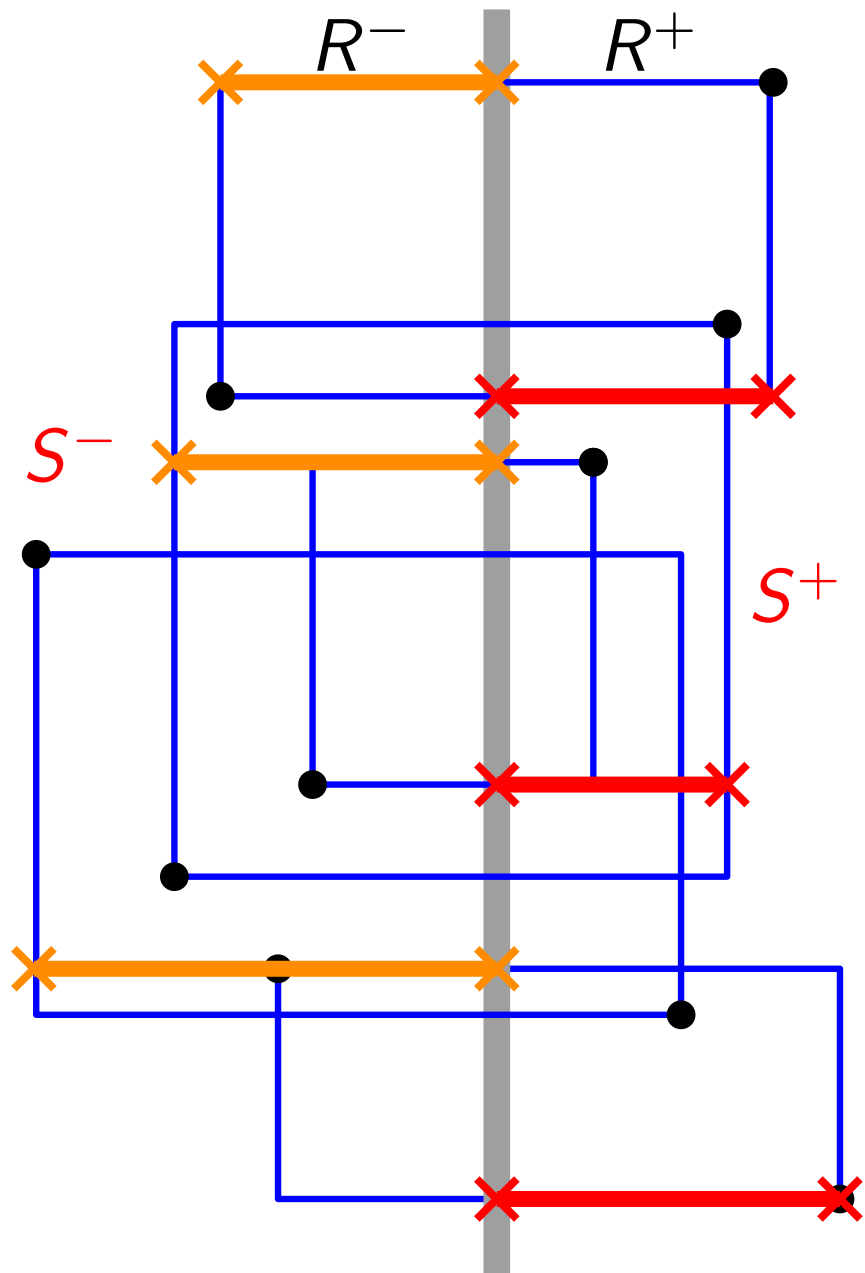




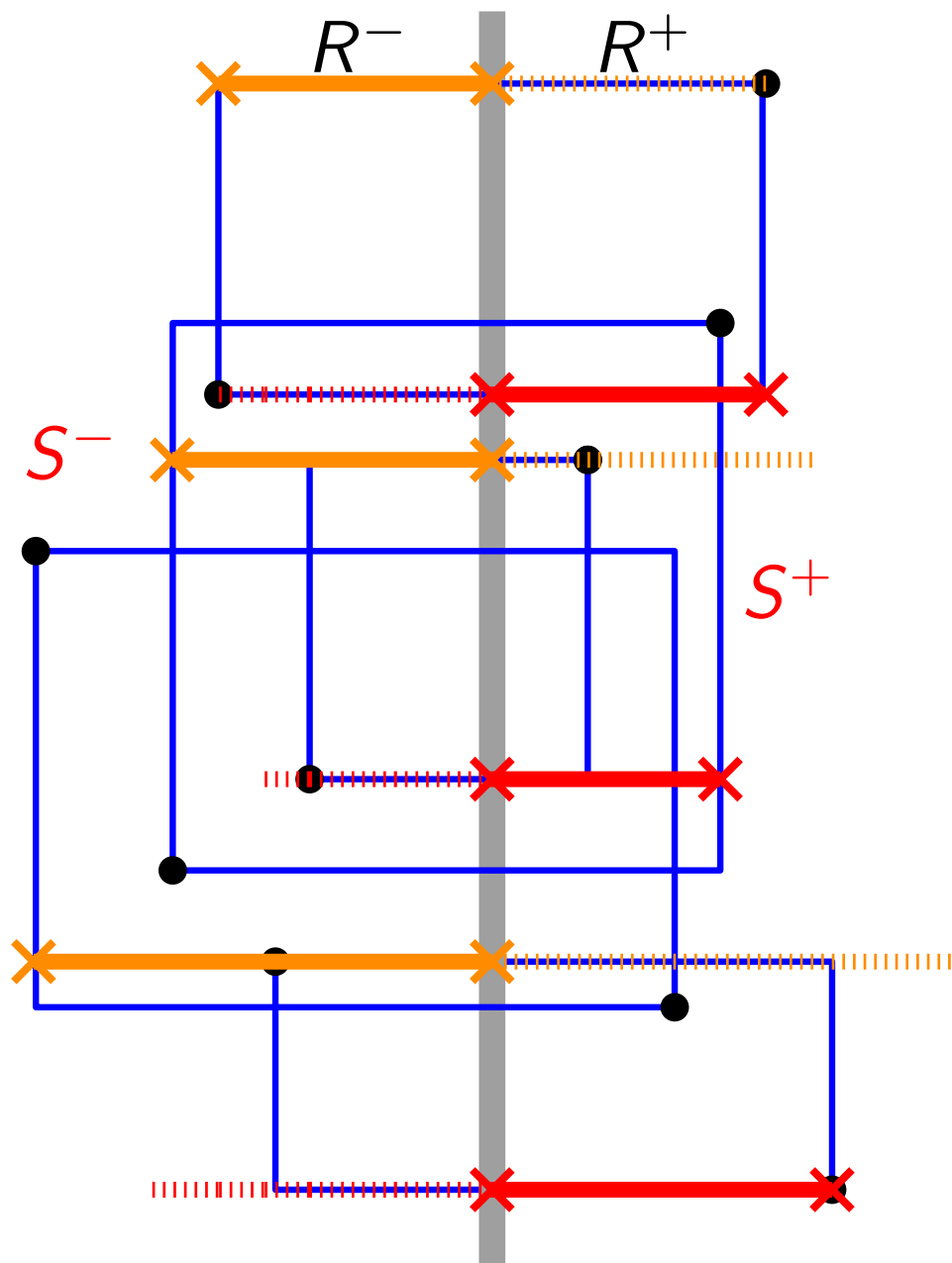
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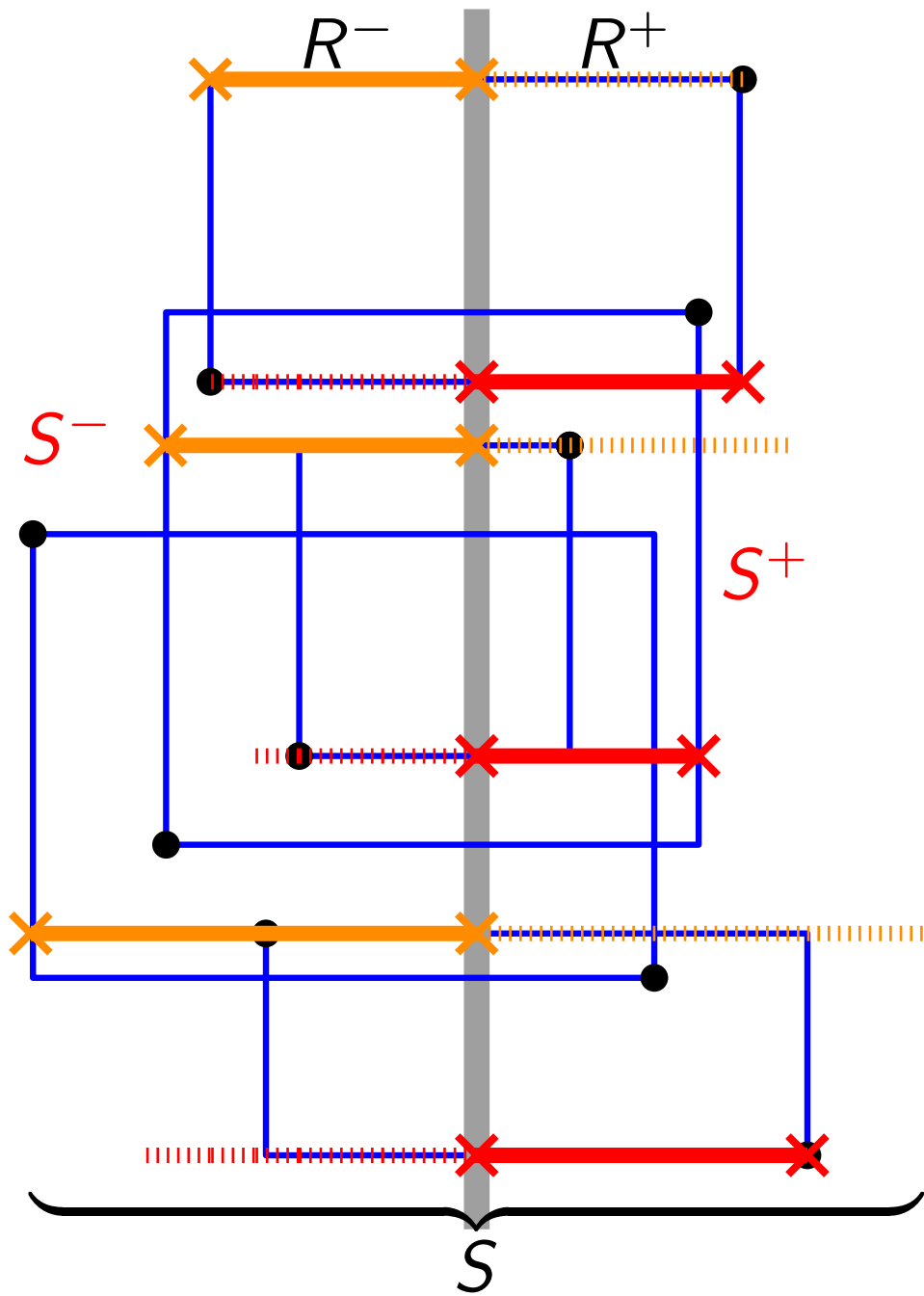
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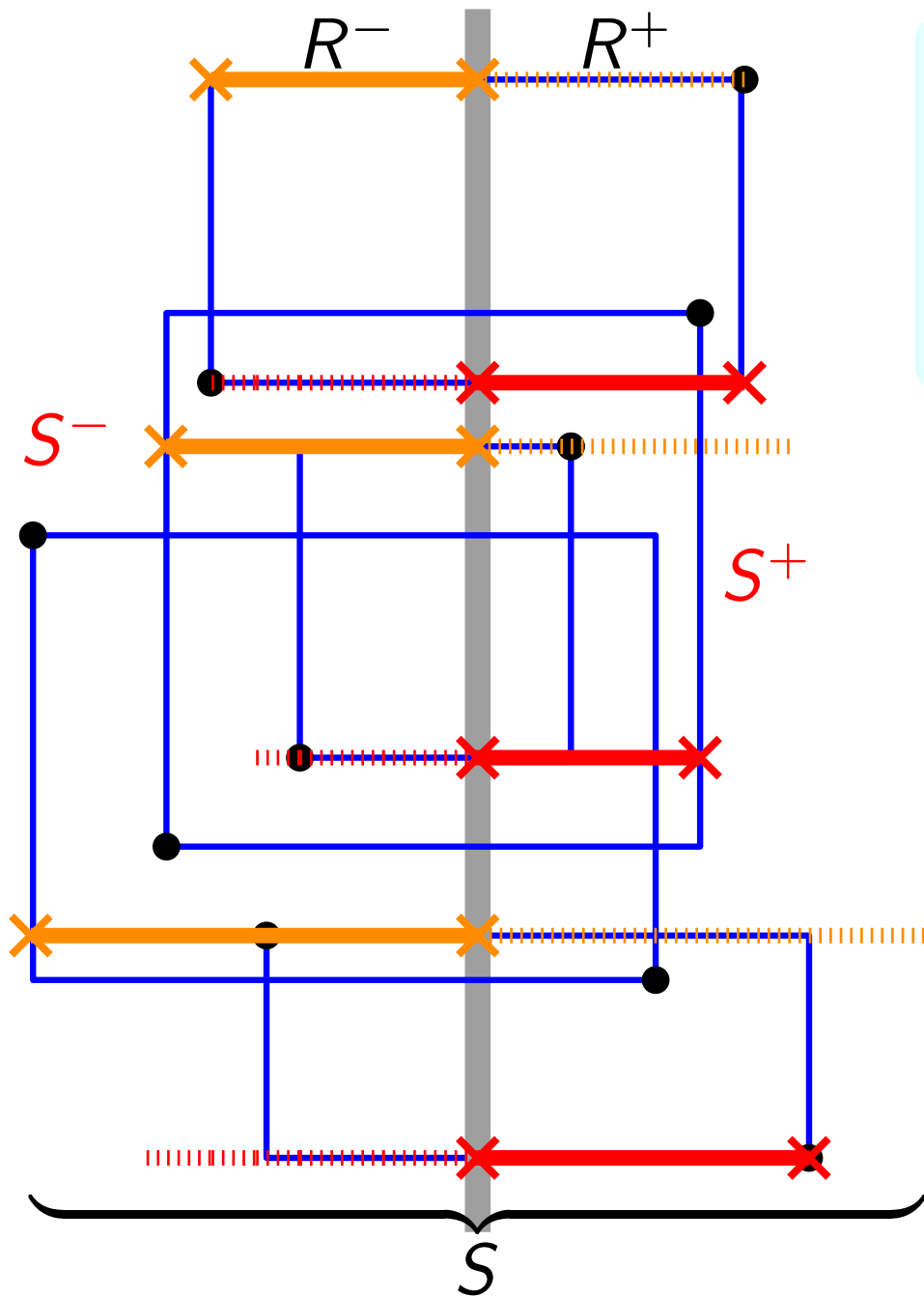
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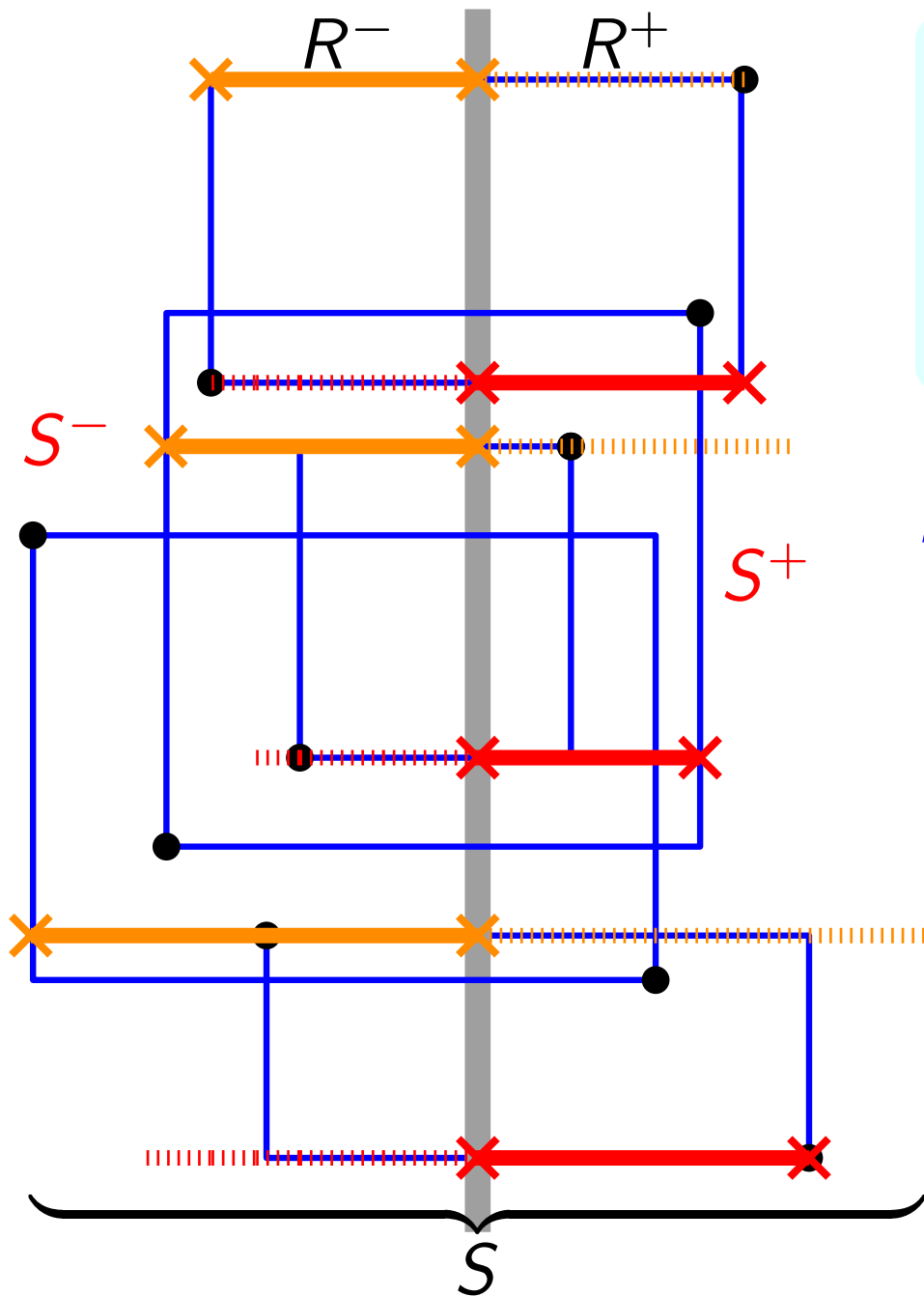


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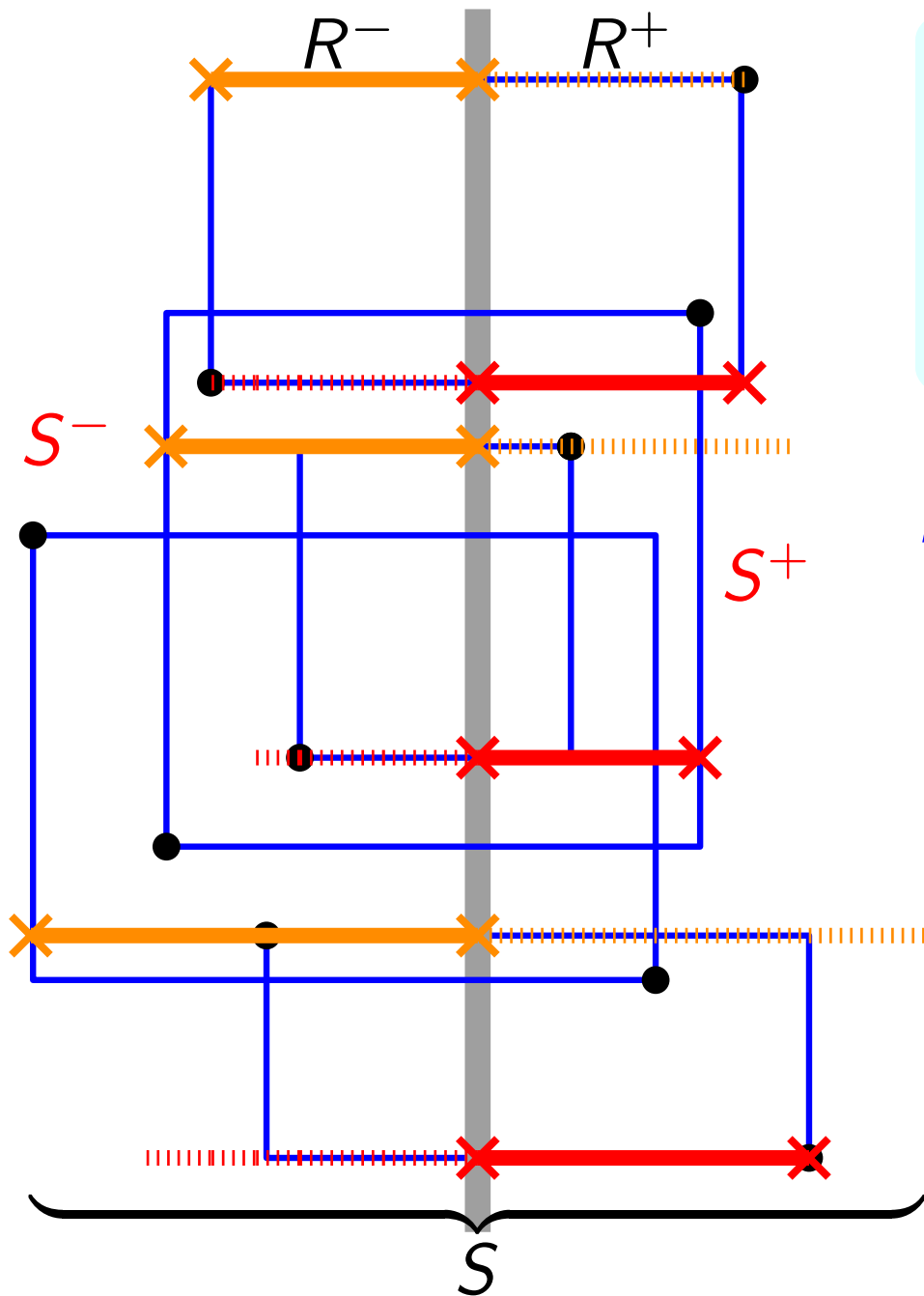
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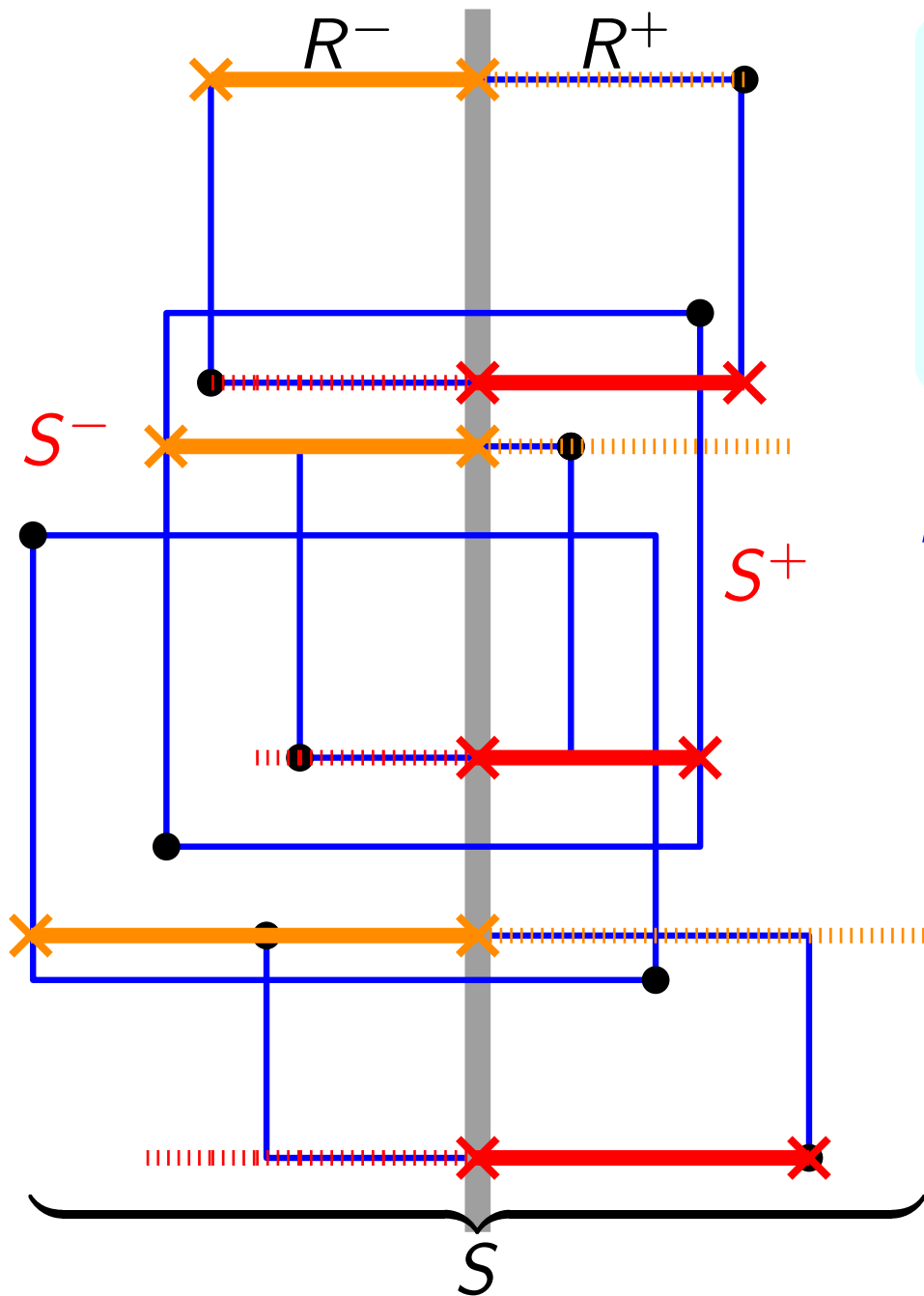
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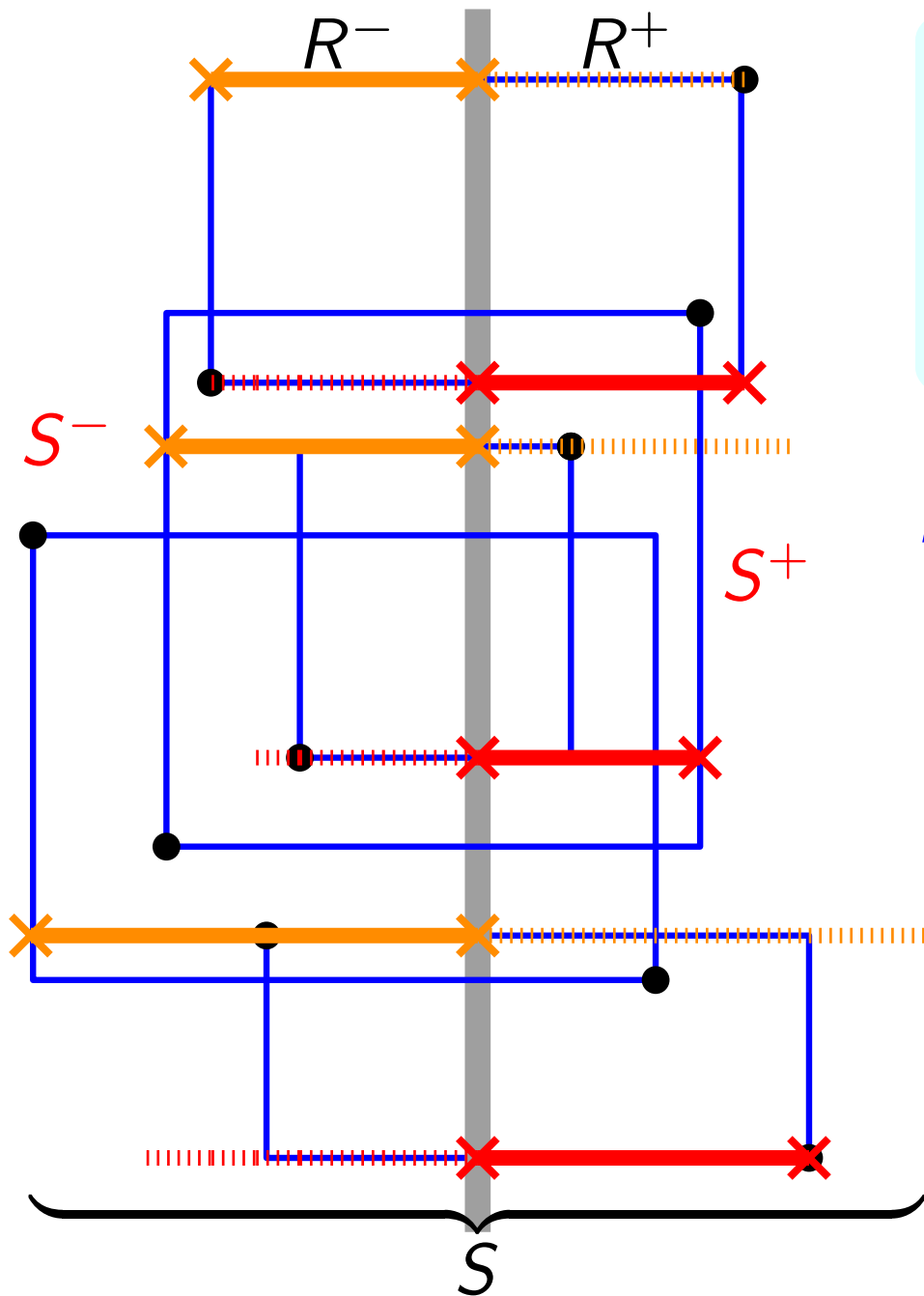
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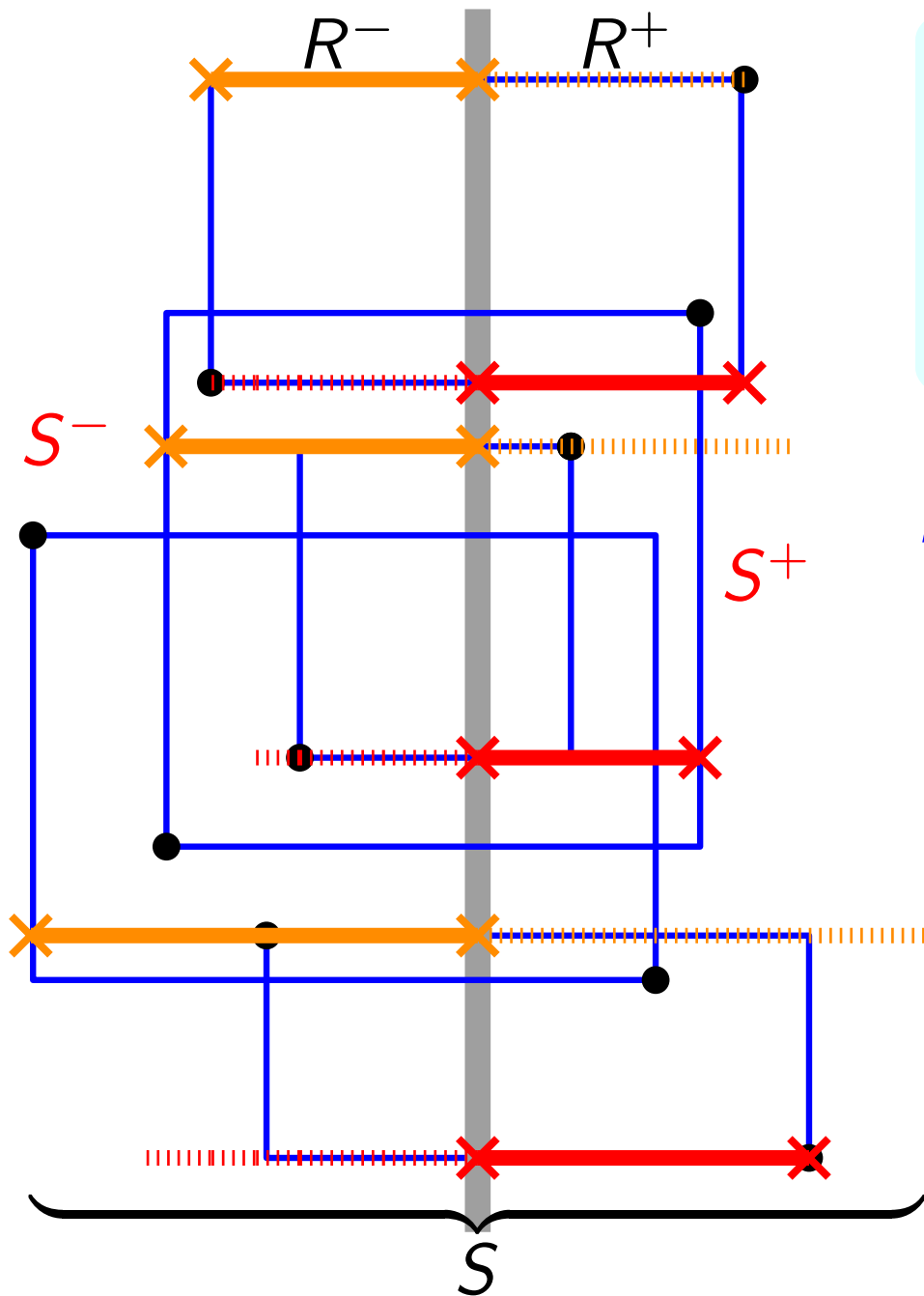
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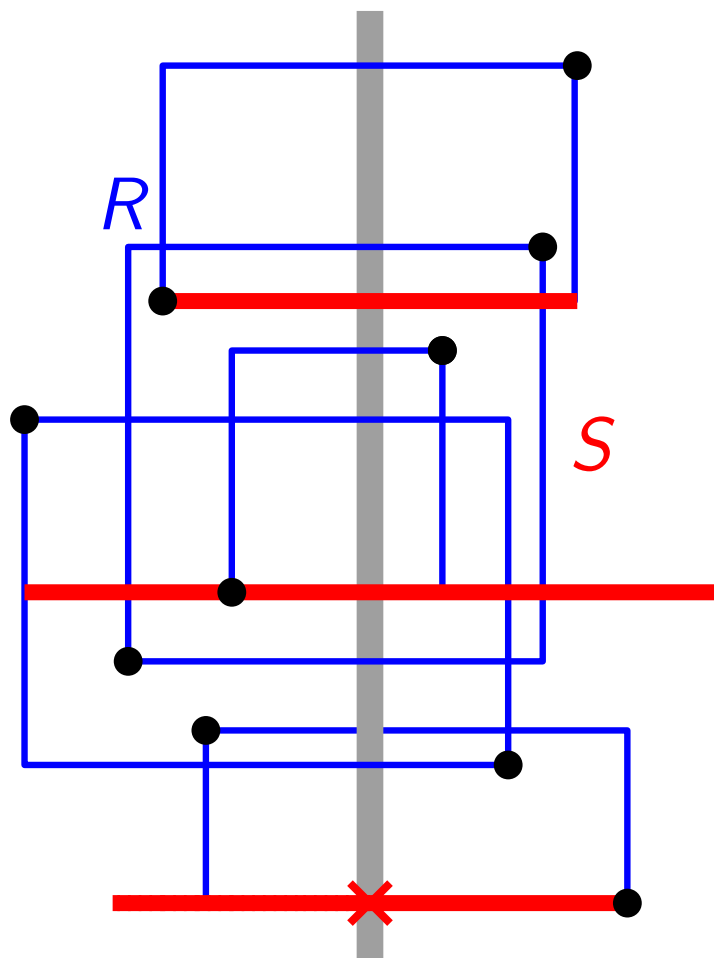
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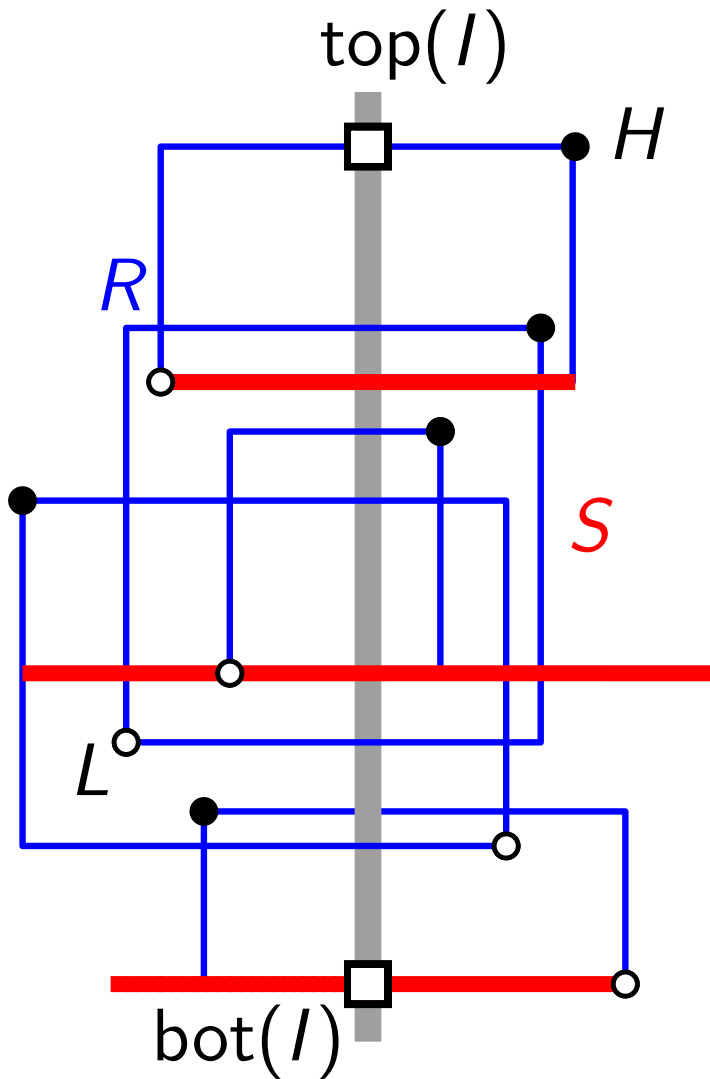




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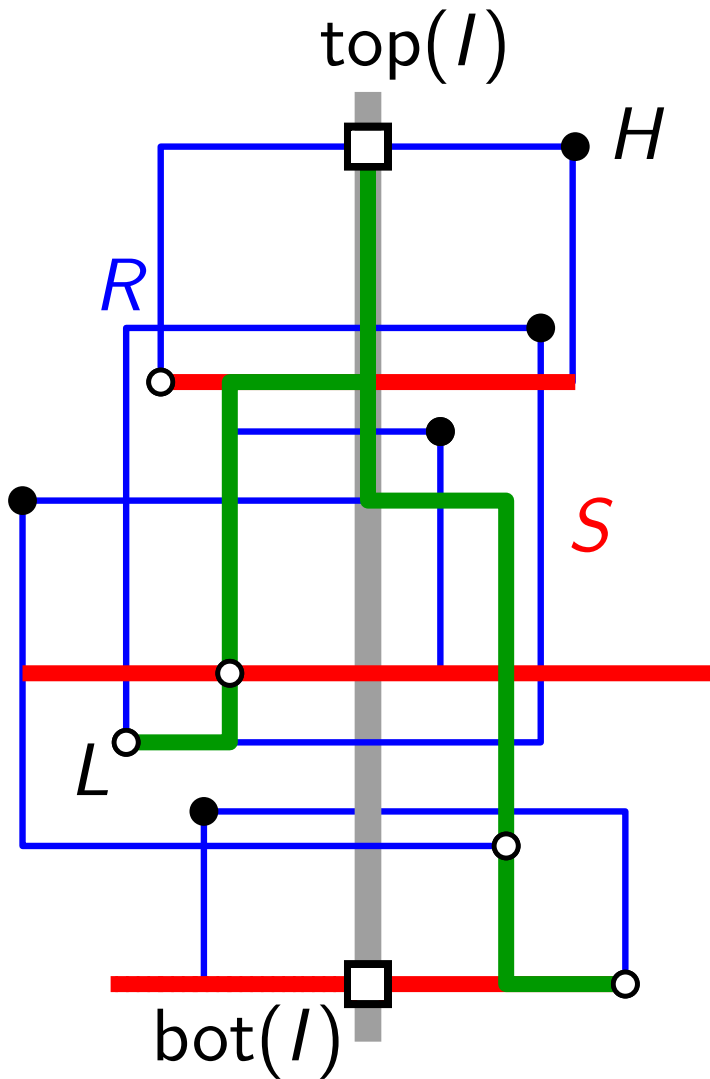
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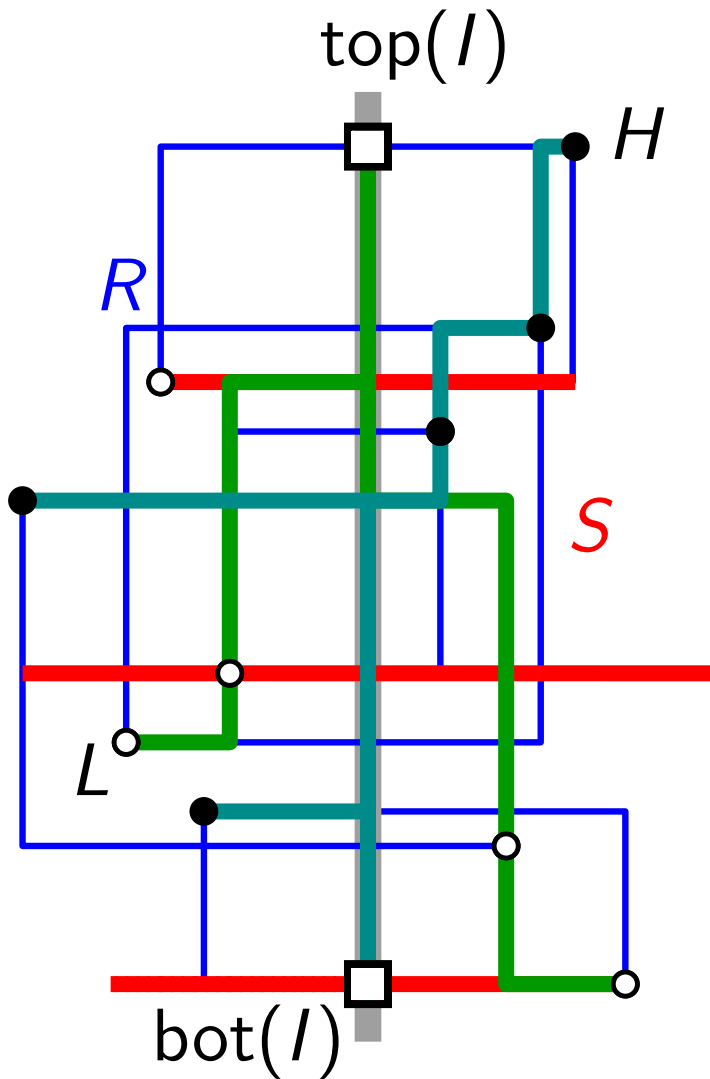
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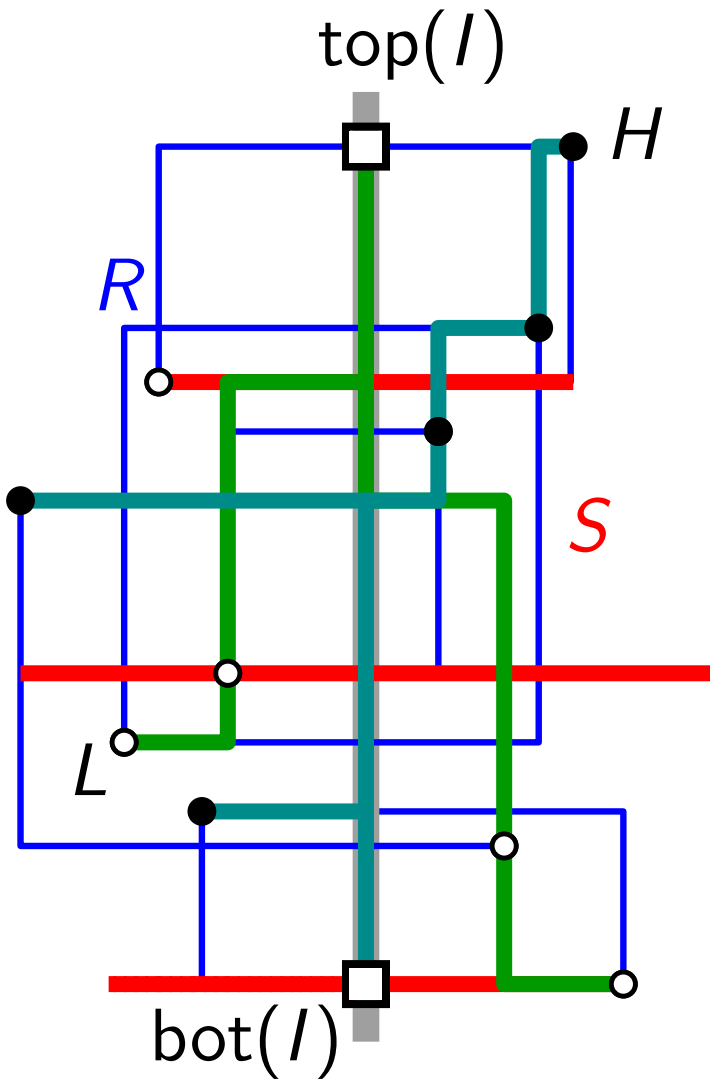




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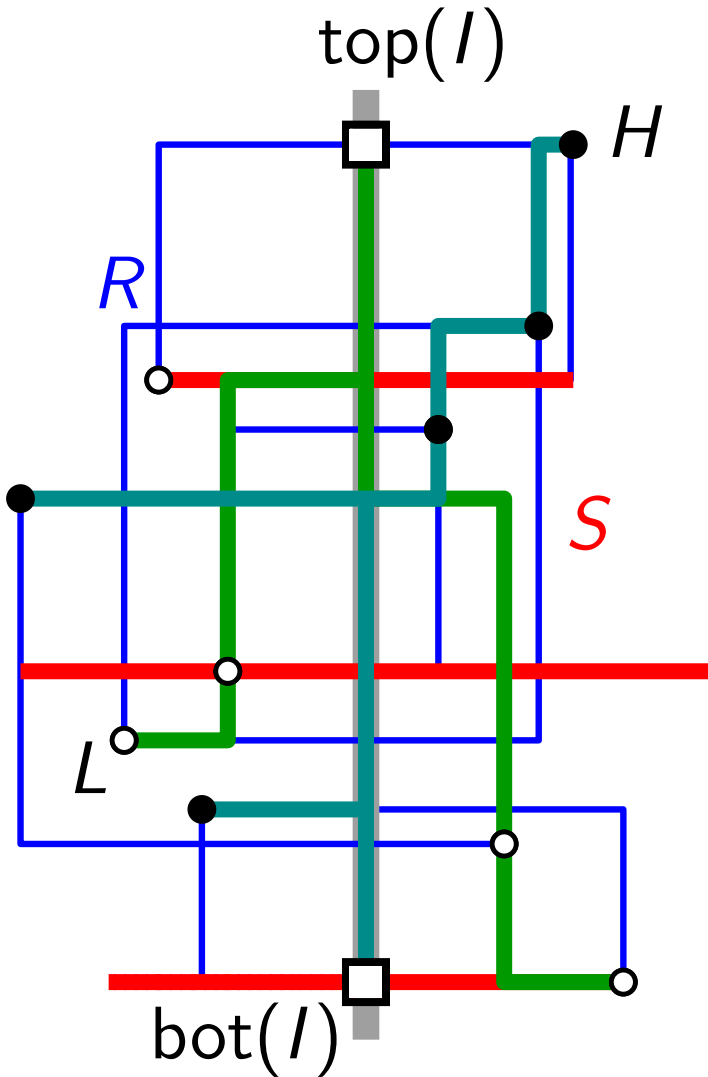
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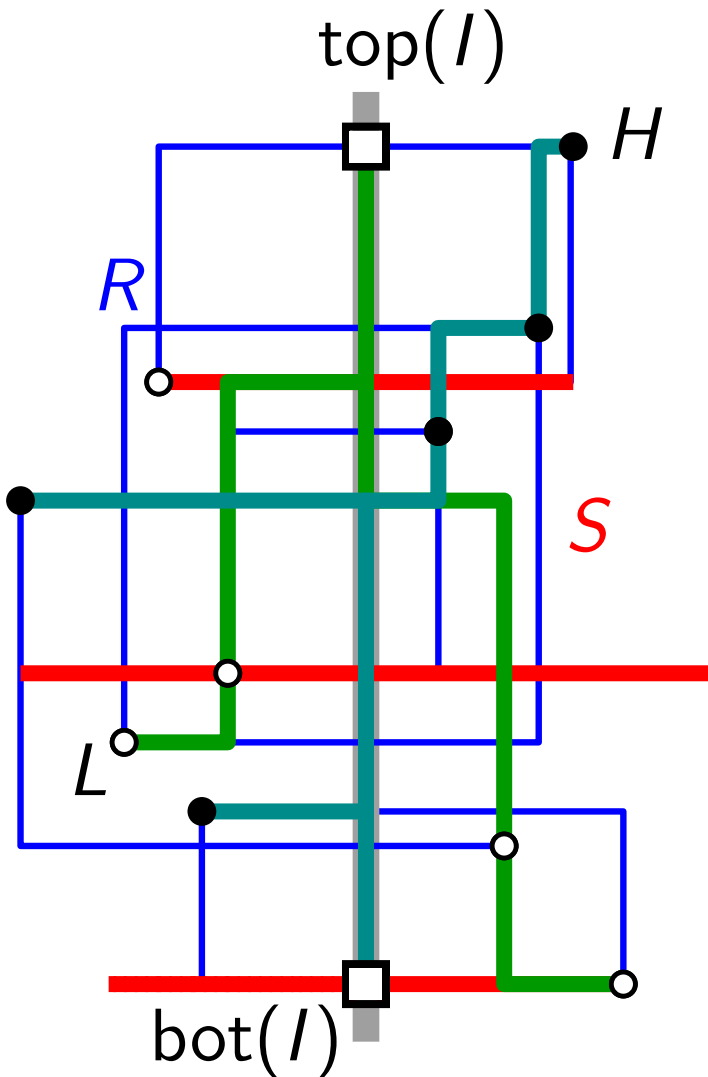


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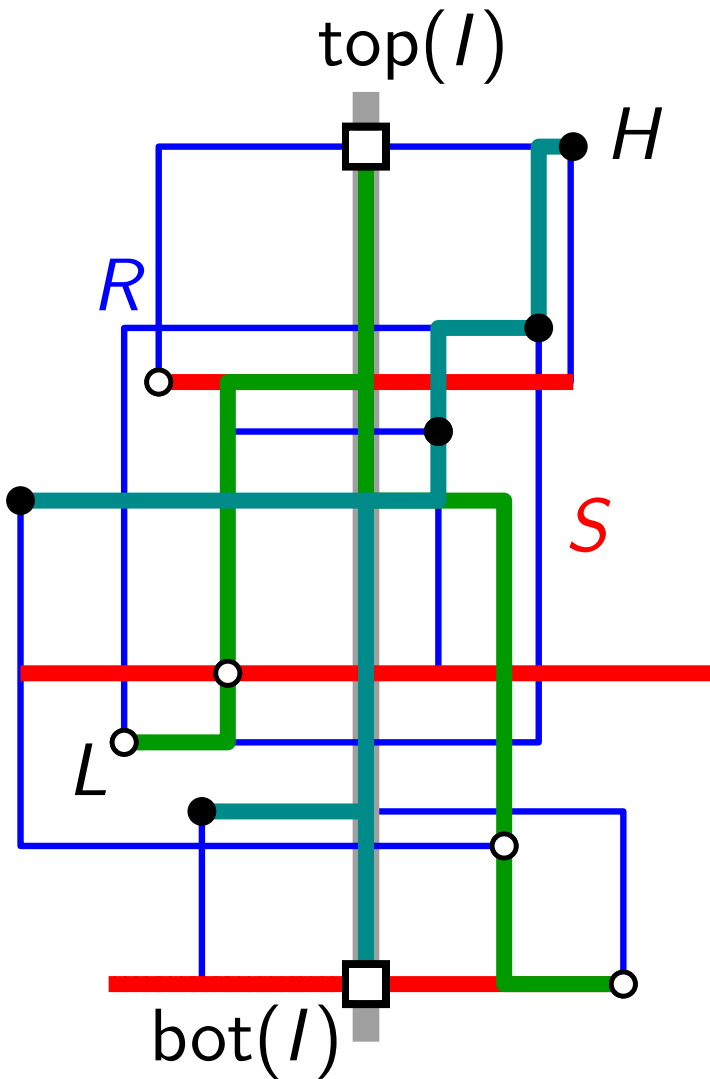
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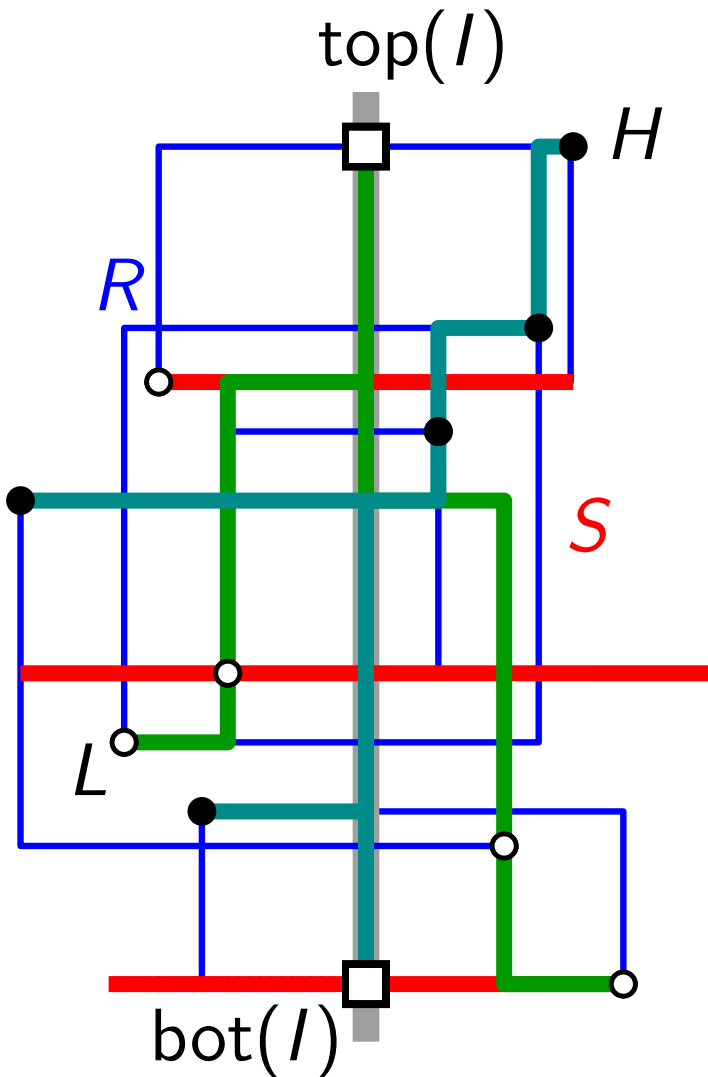
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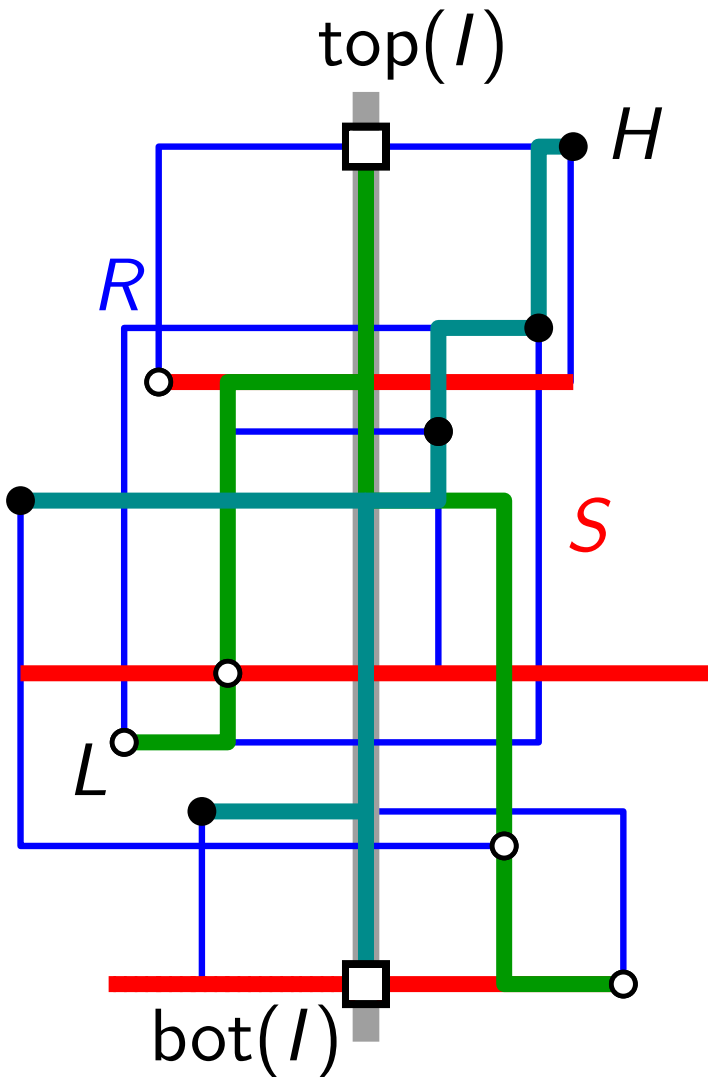
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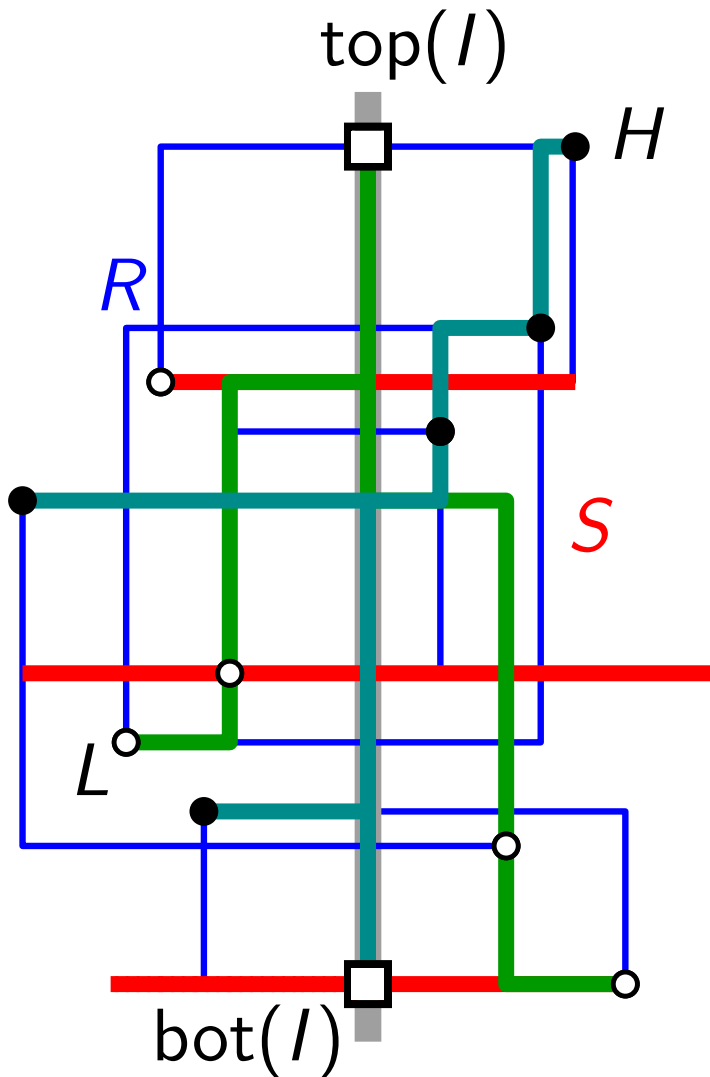
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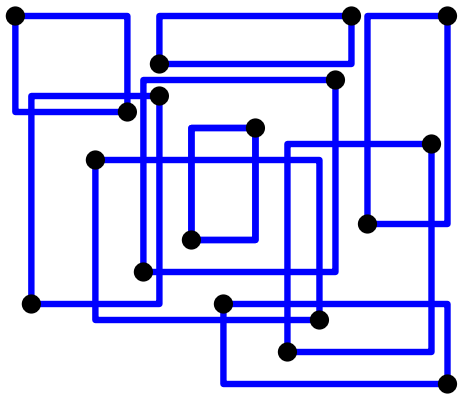
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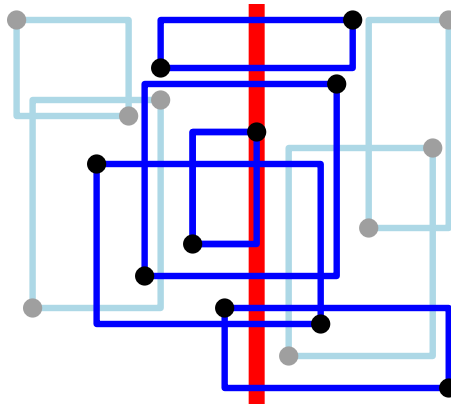


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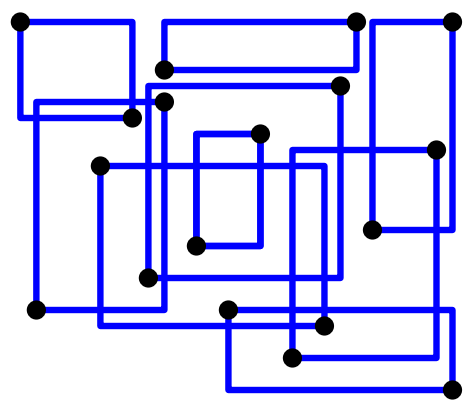
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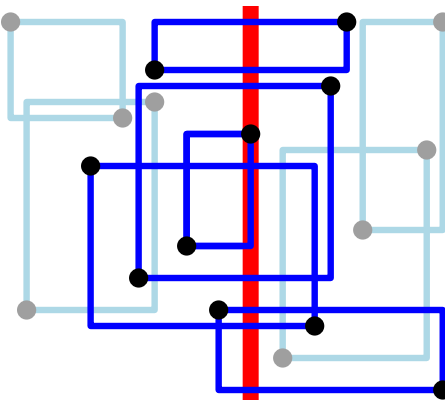
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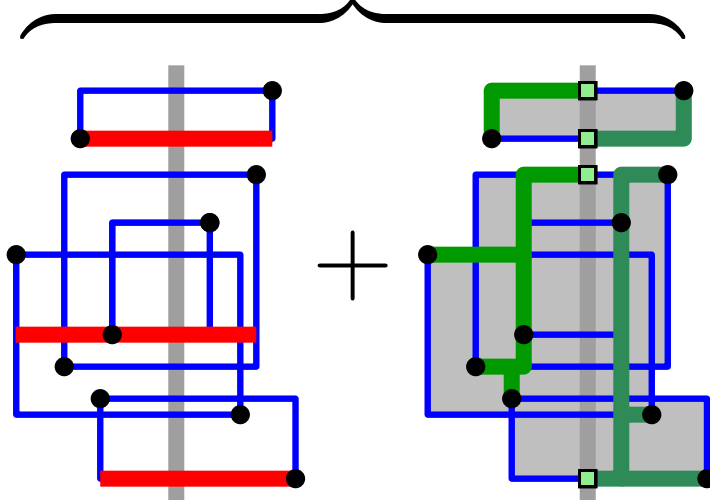
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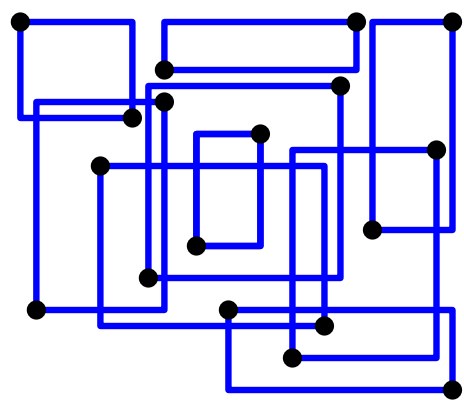
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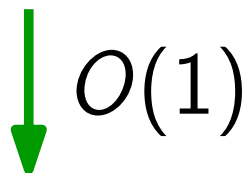
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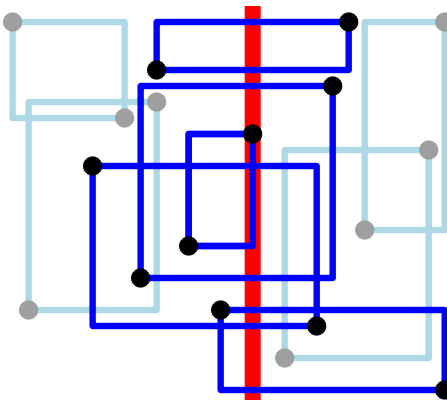
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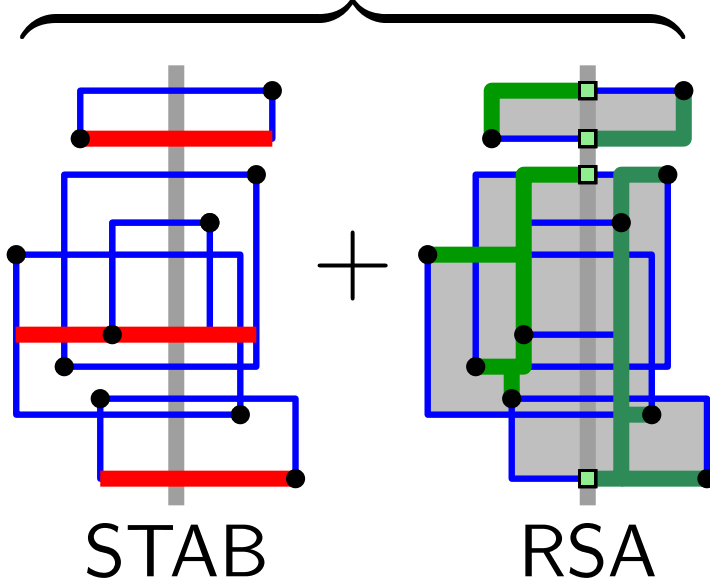
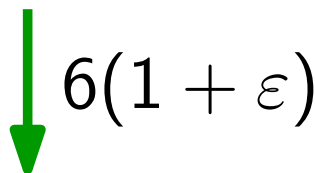
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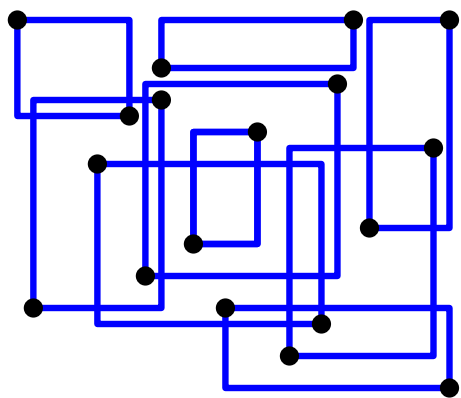
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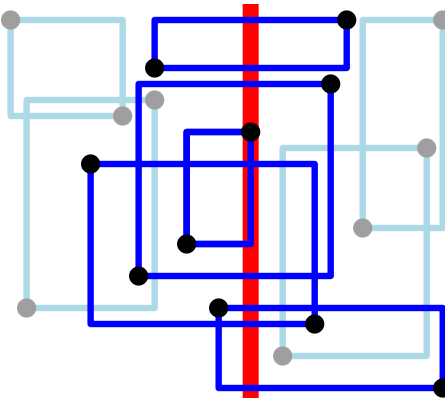


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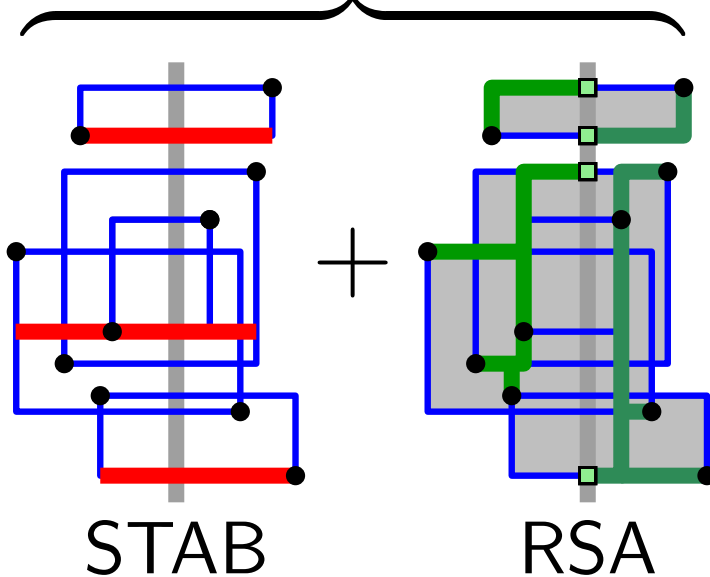


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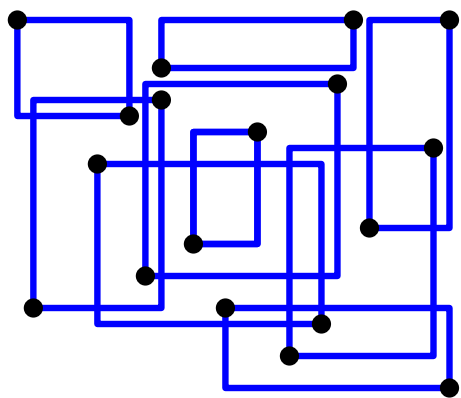
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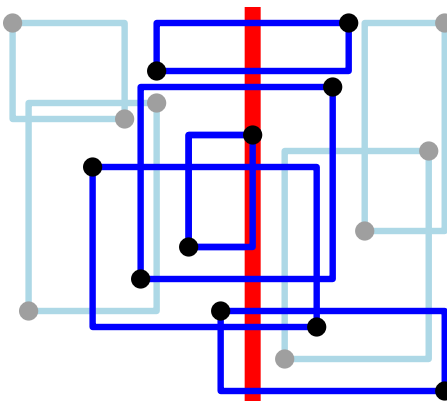


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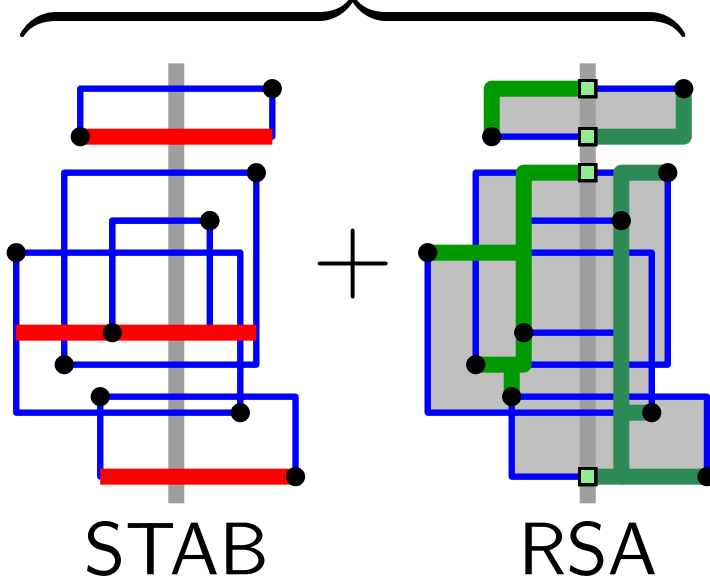


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