



Search and Intersection

O'Rourke, Chapter 7



Outline

- Trapezoidal Decomposition
- Extreme Points (2D)
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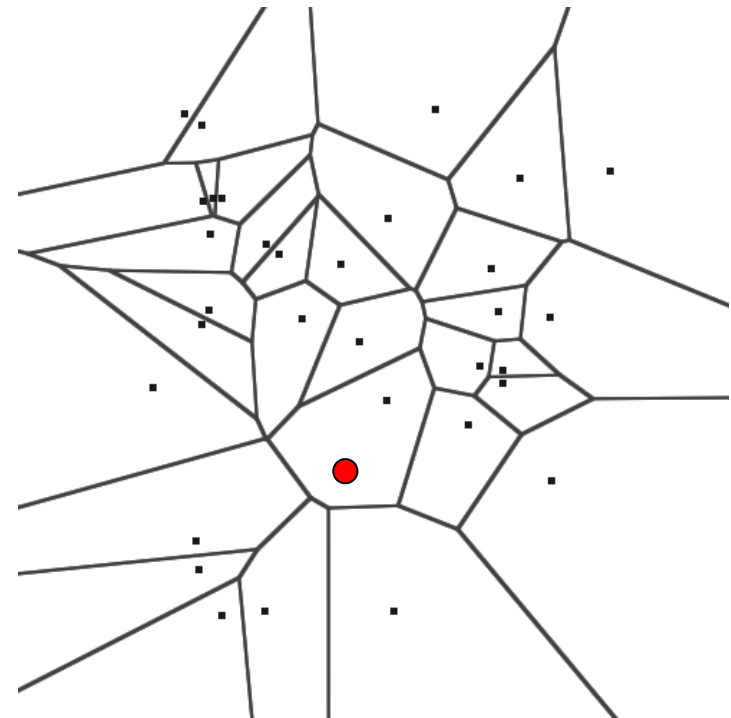
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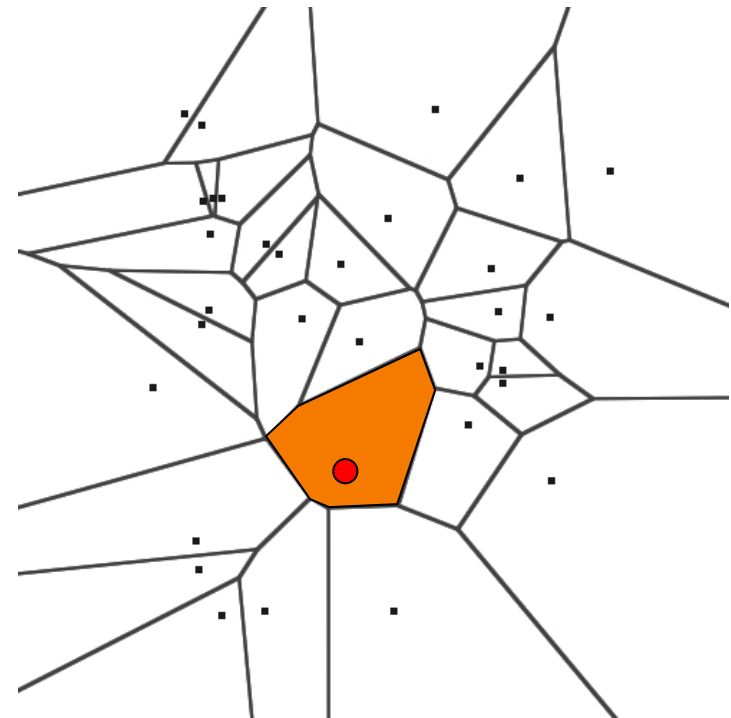
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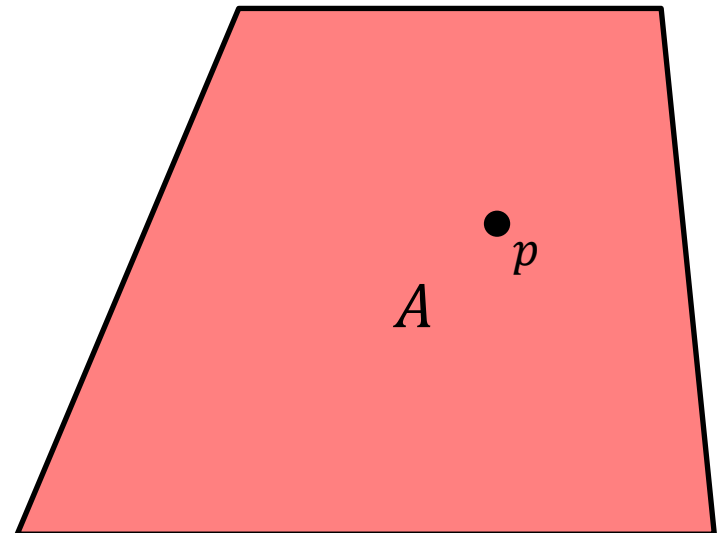
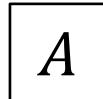


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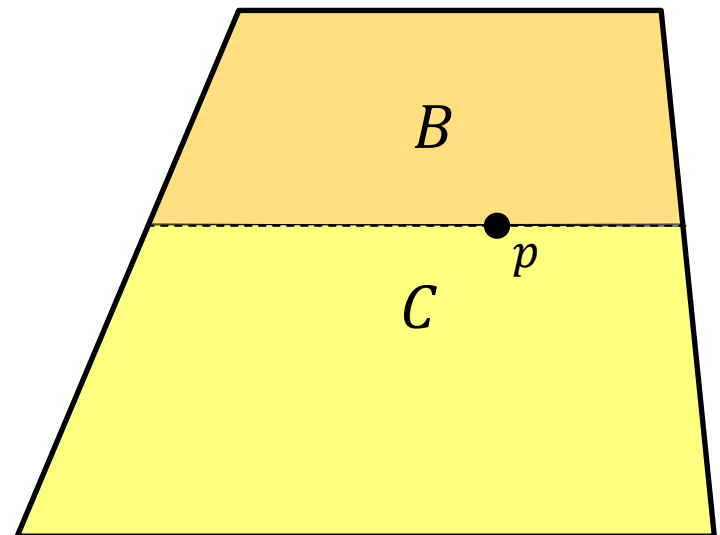
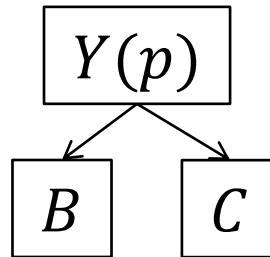


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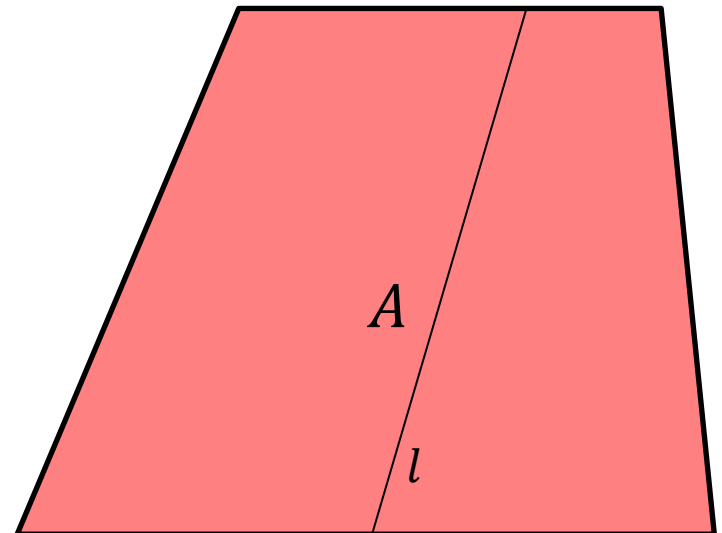
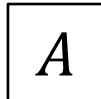


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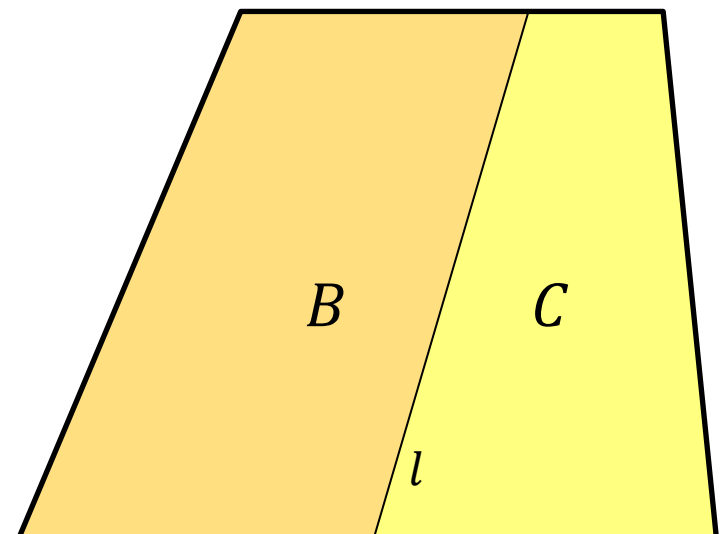
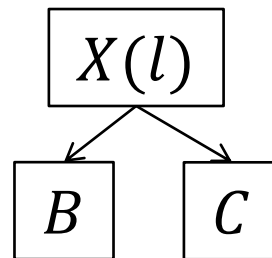


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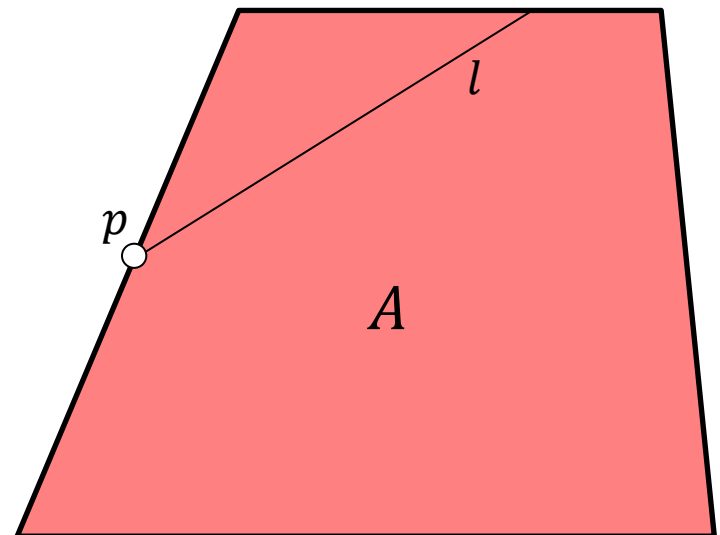
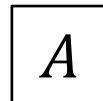


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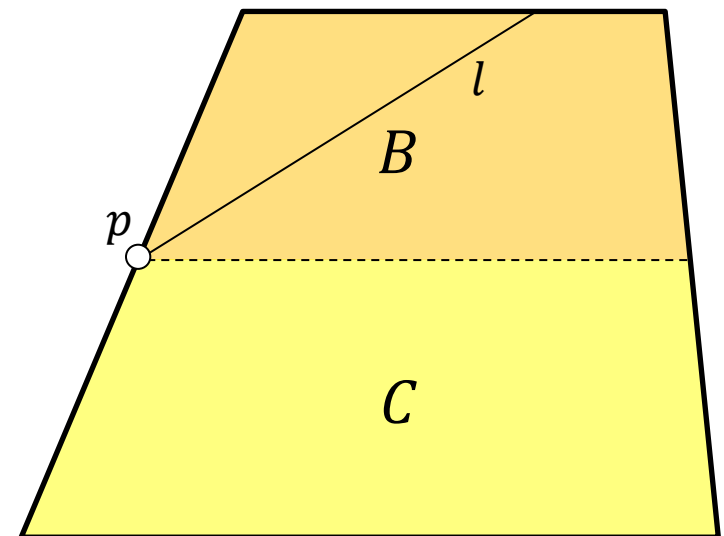
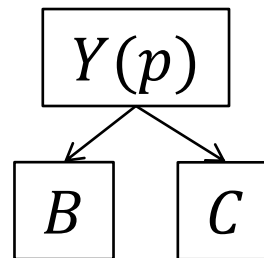


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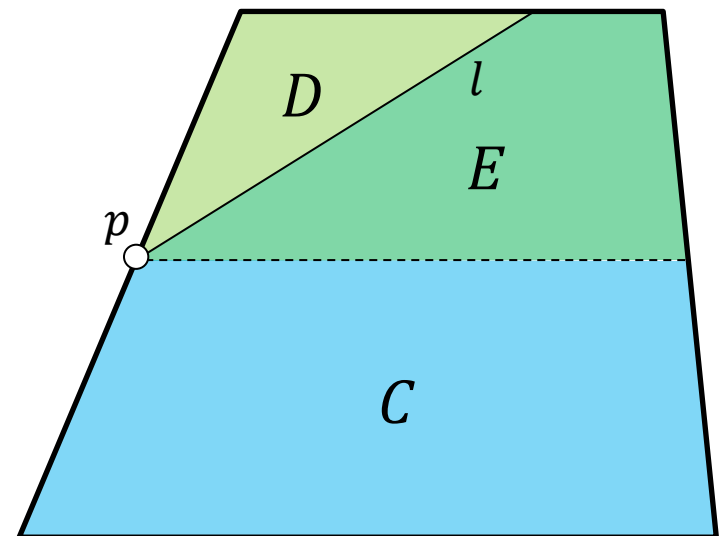
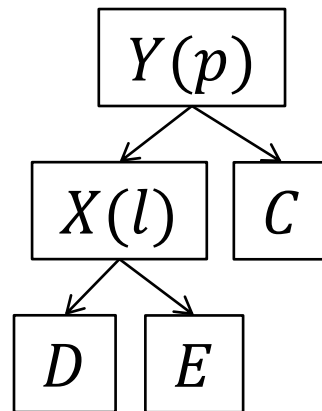


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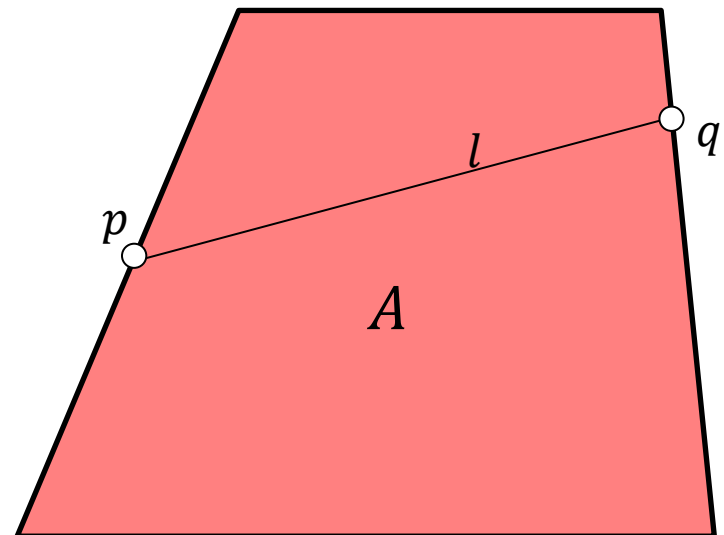
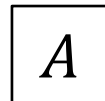


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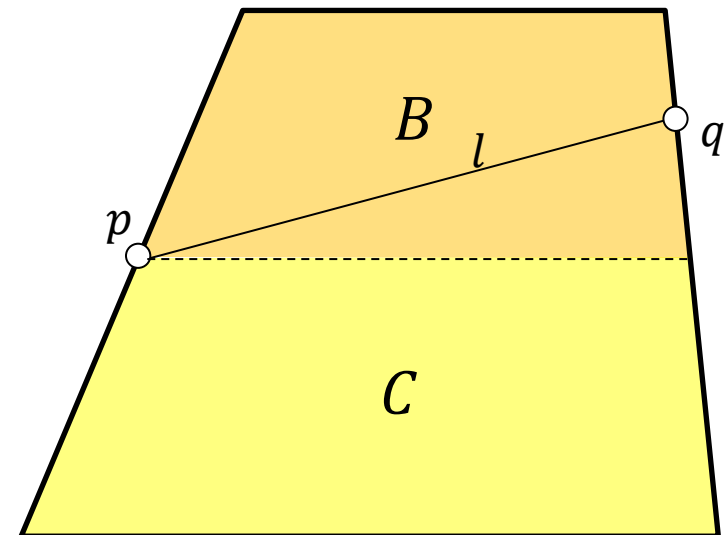
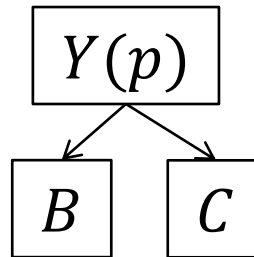


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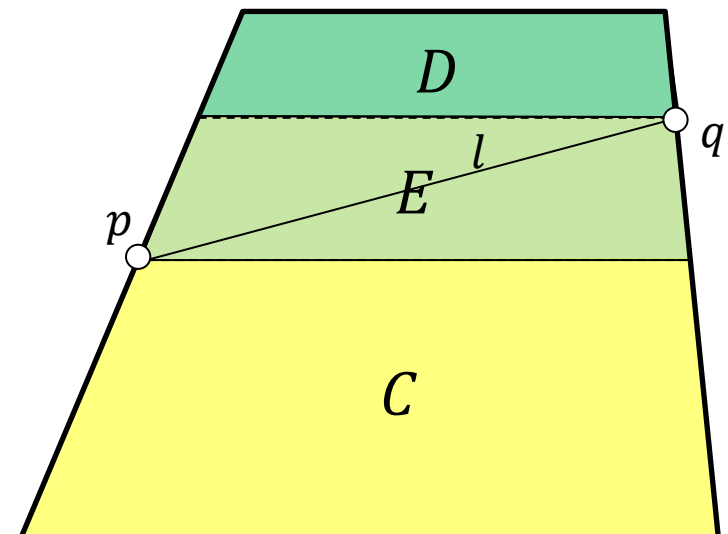
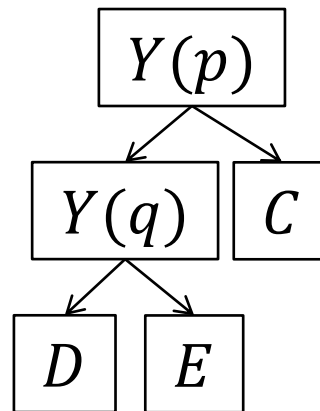


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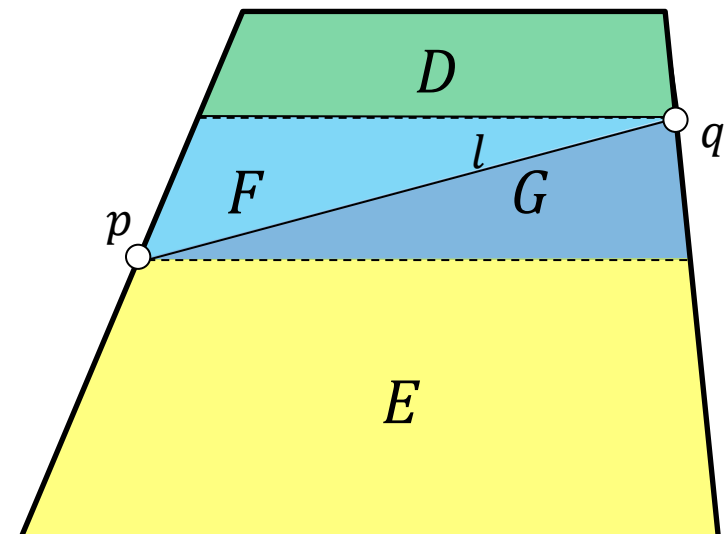
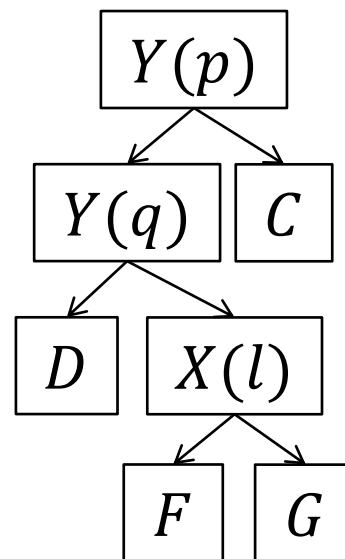


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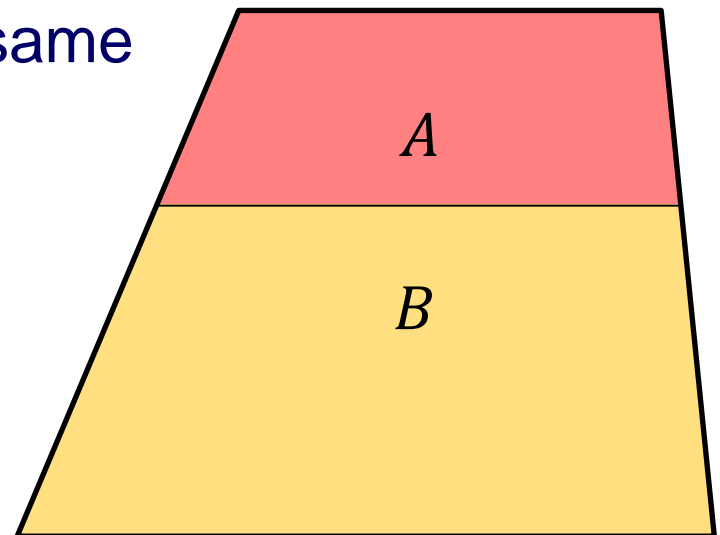
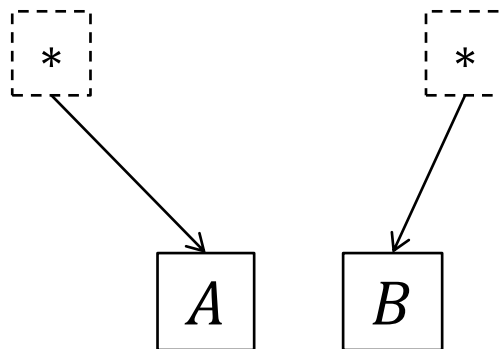


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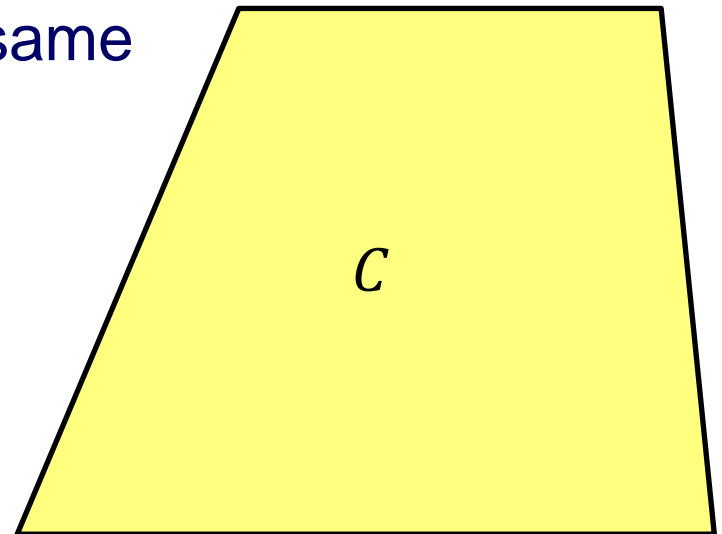
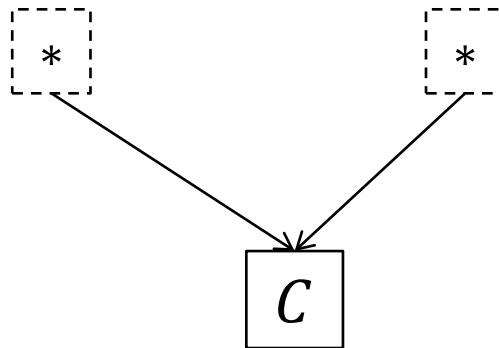


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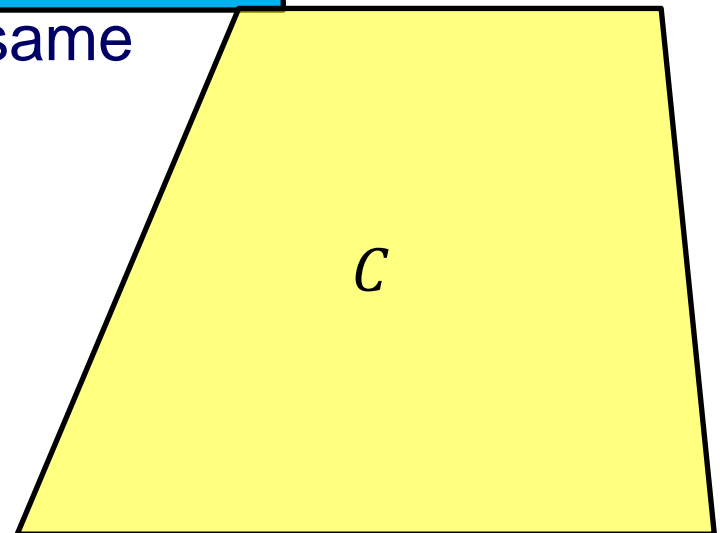
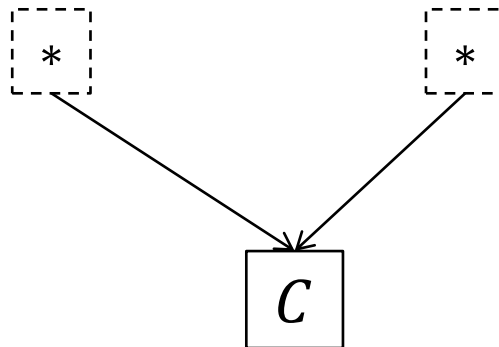
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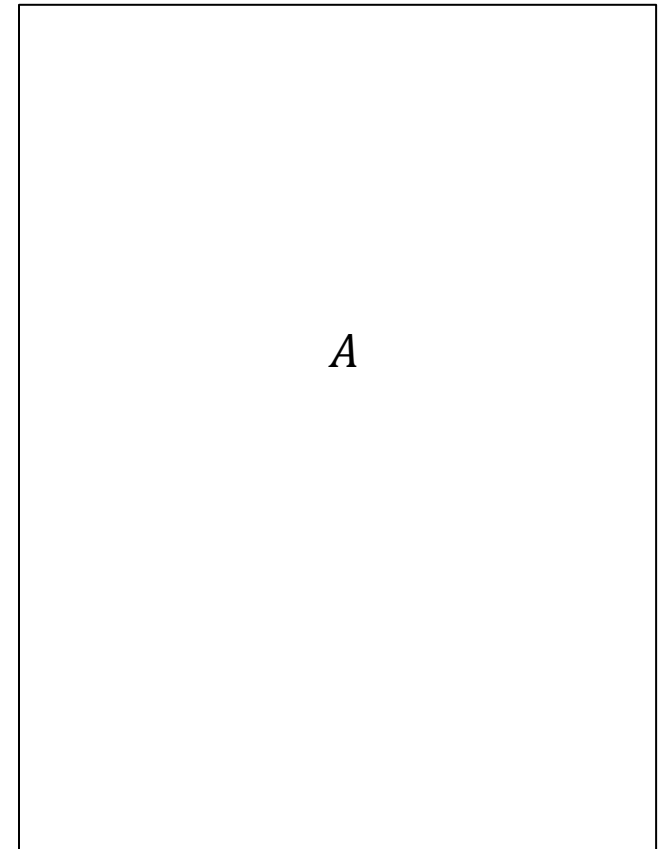
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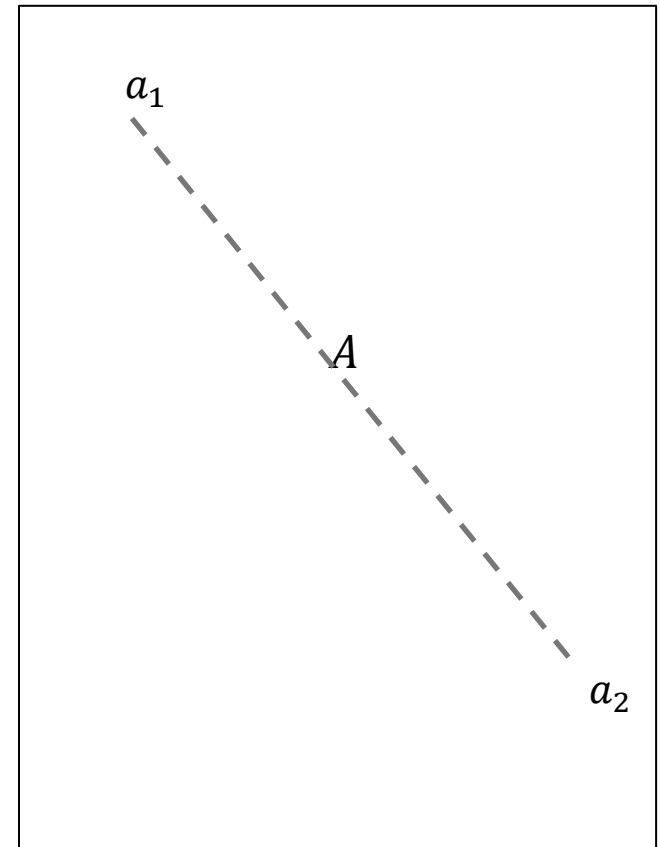
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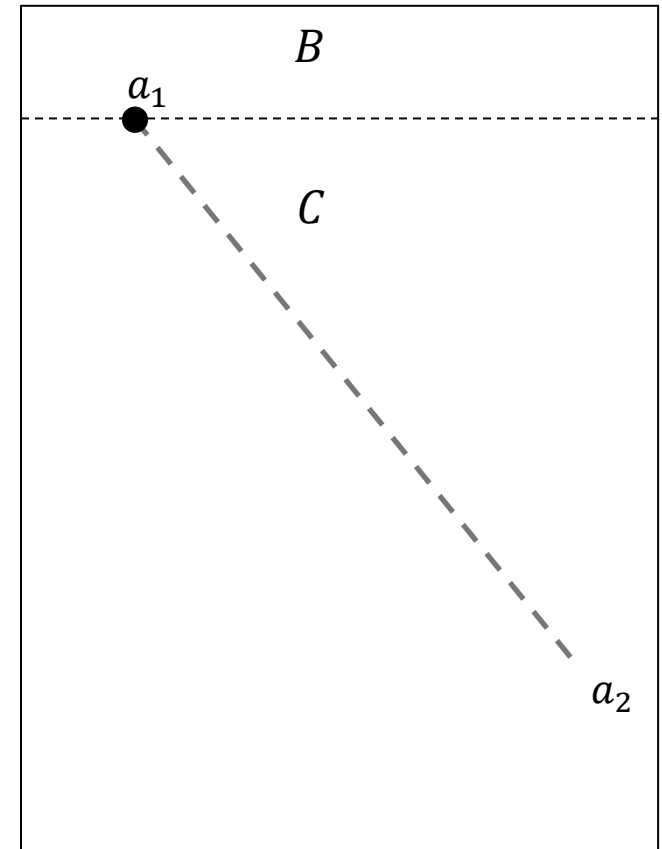
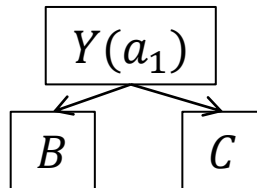
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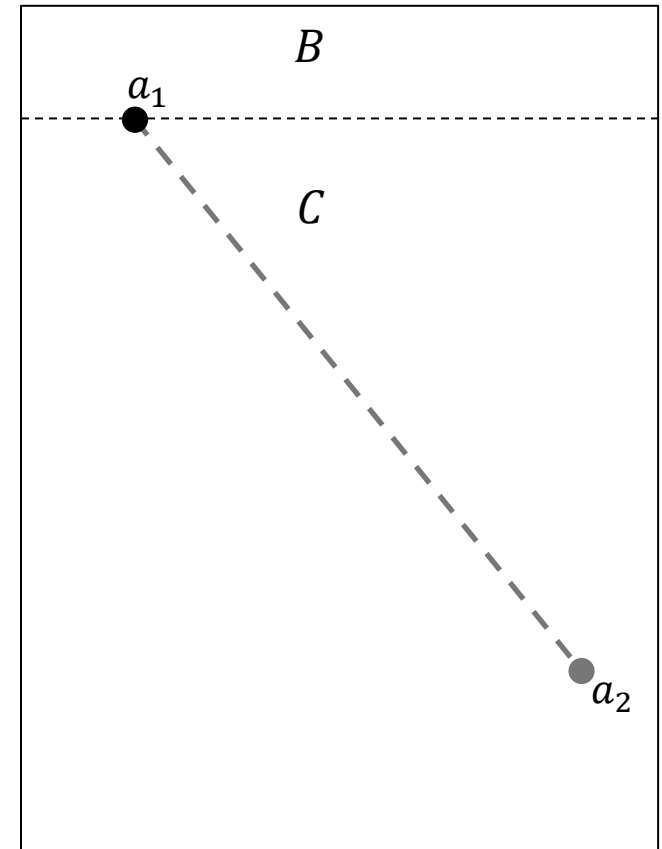
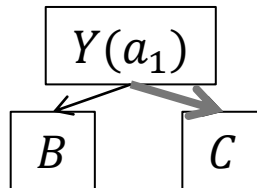
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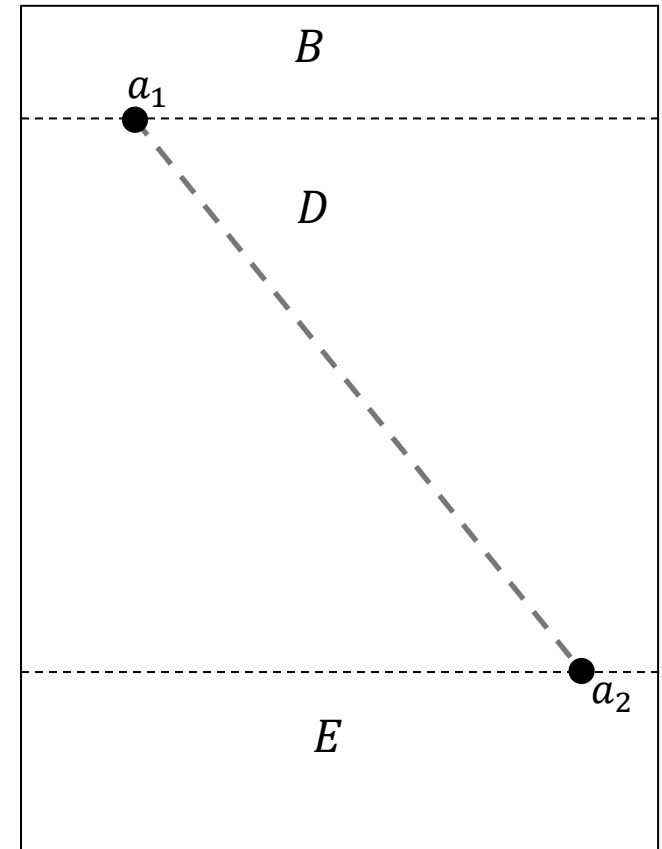
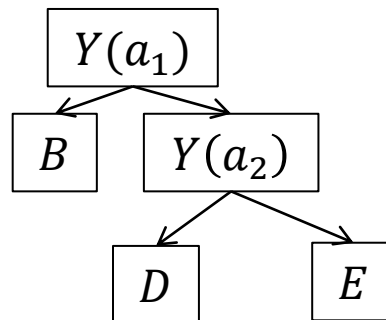
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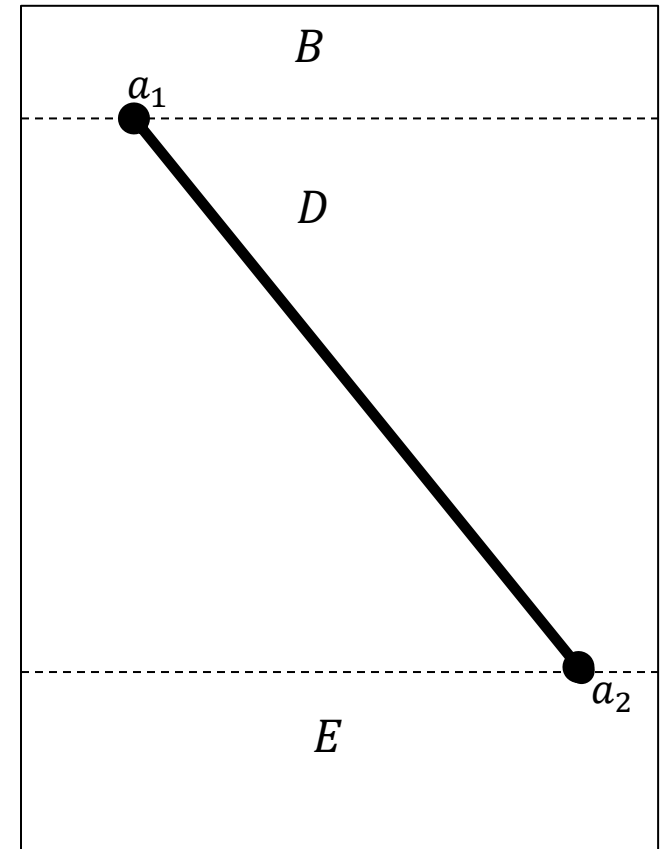
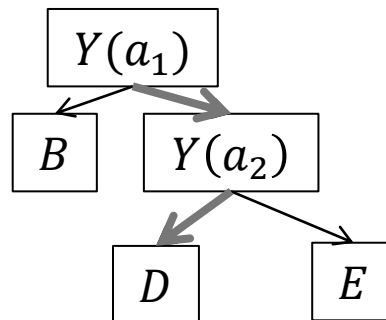
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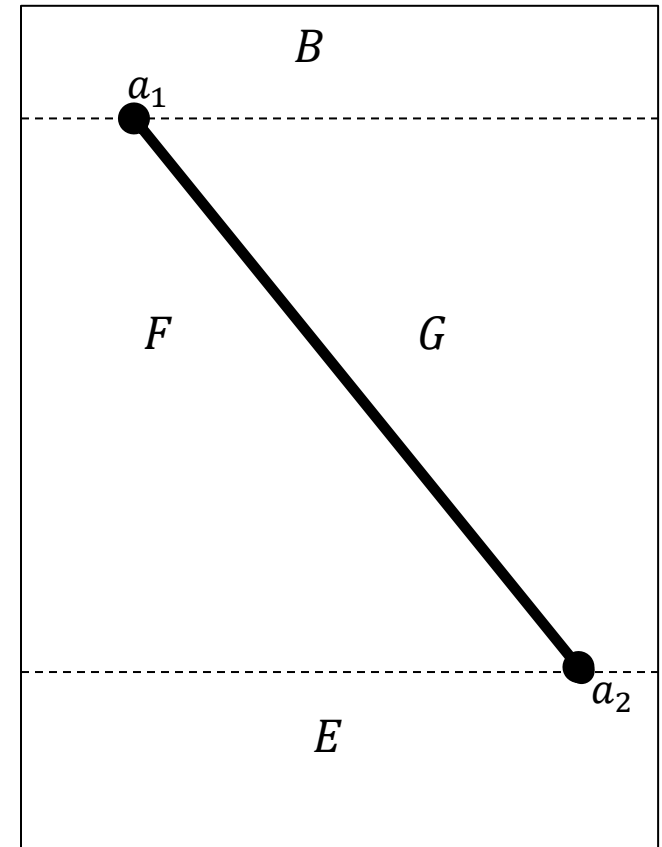
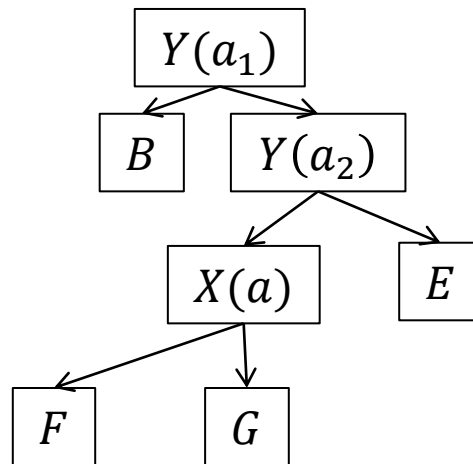
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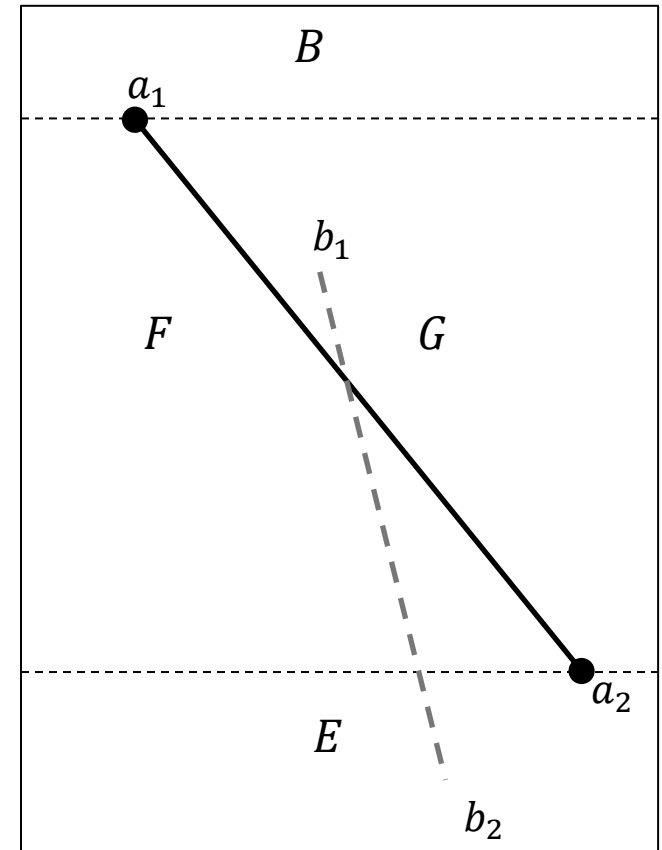
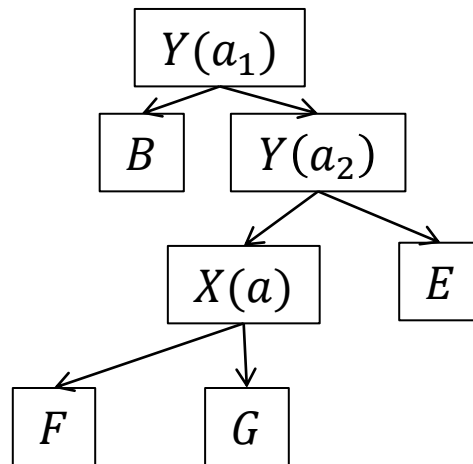
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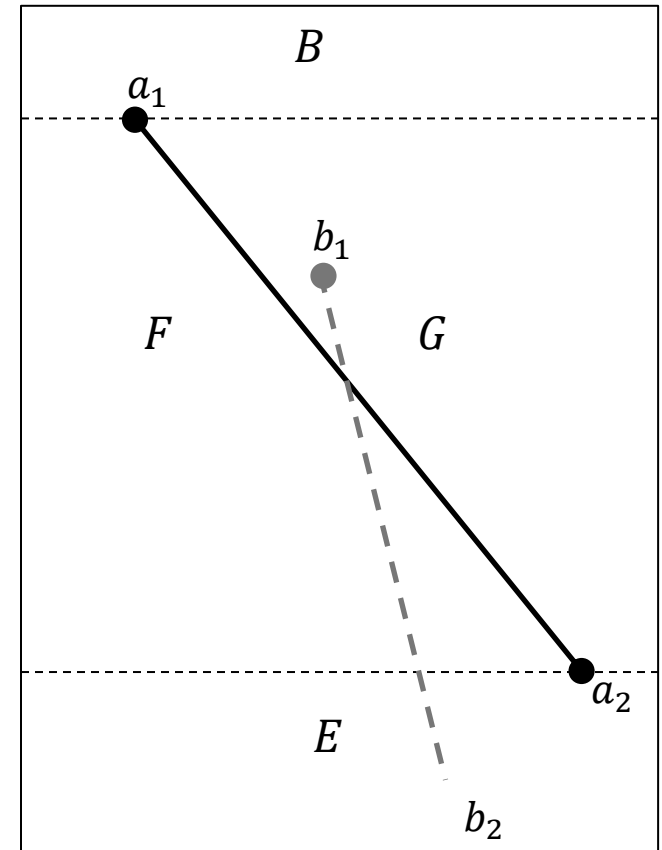
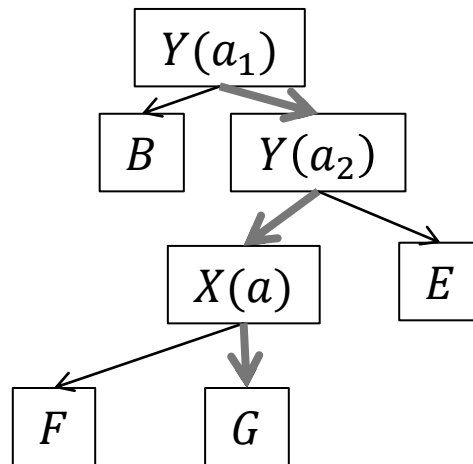
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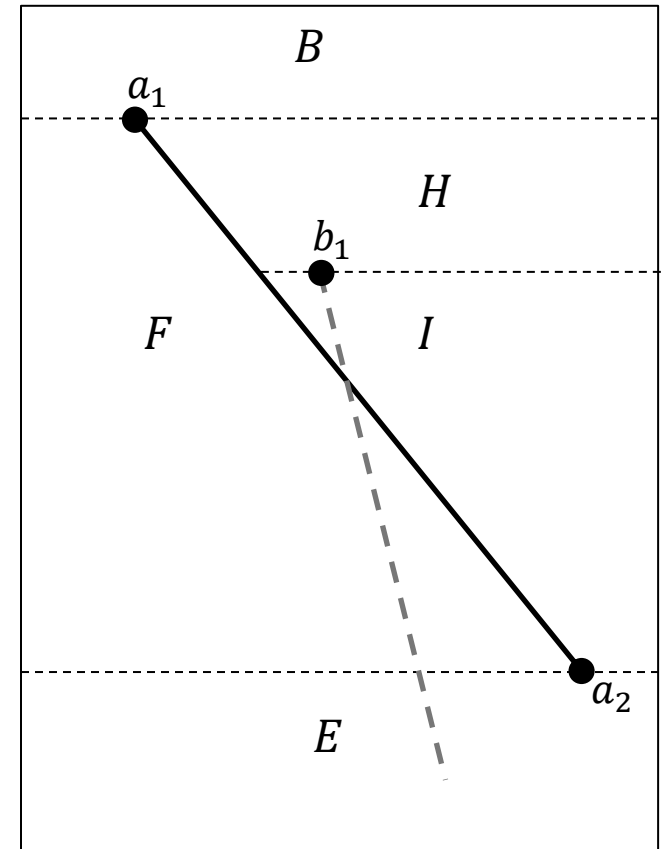
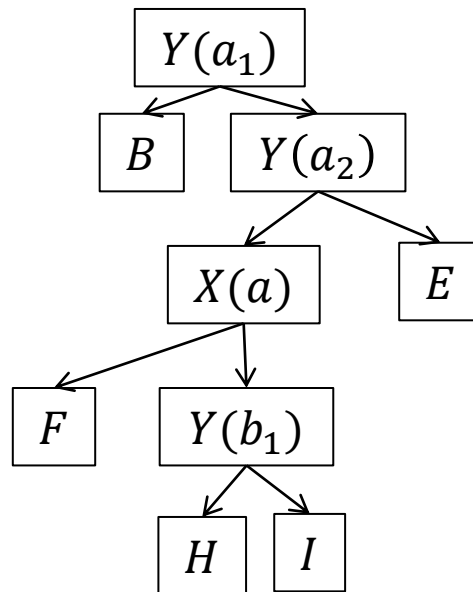
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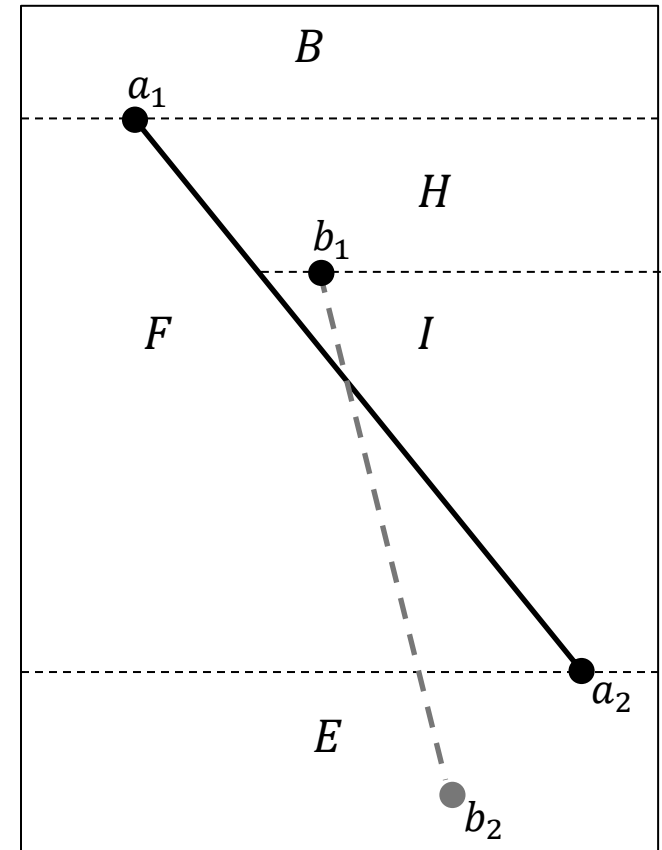
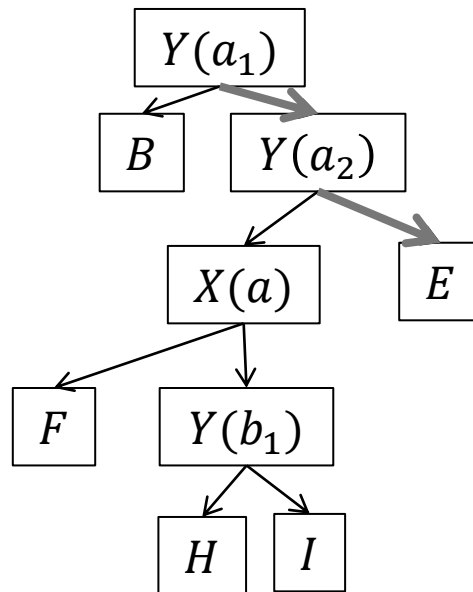
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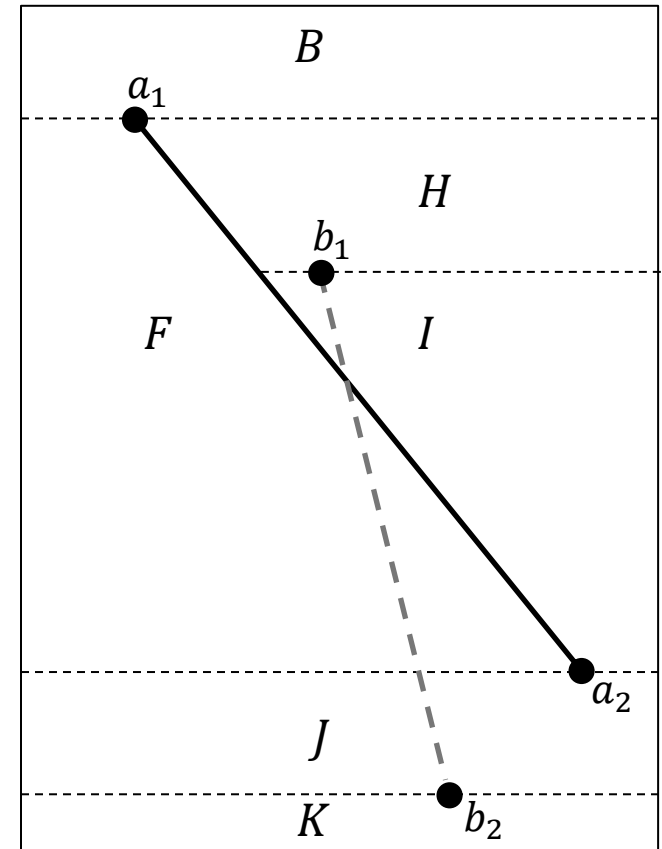
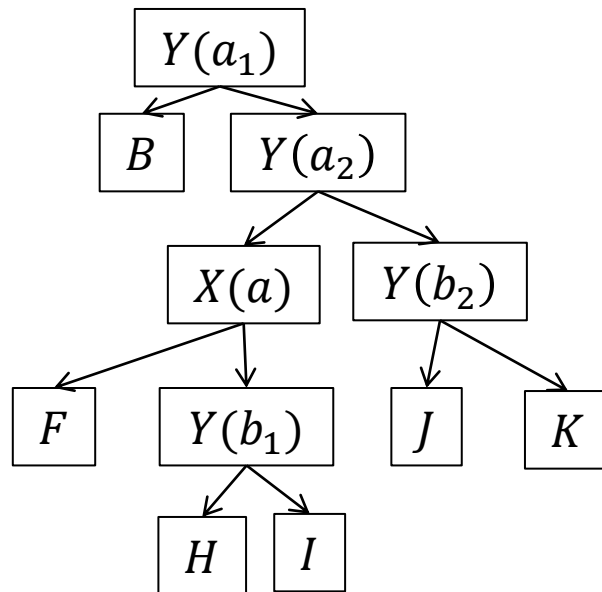
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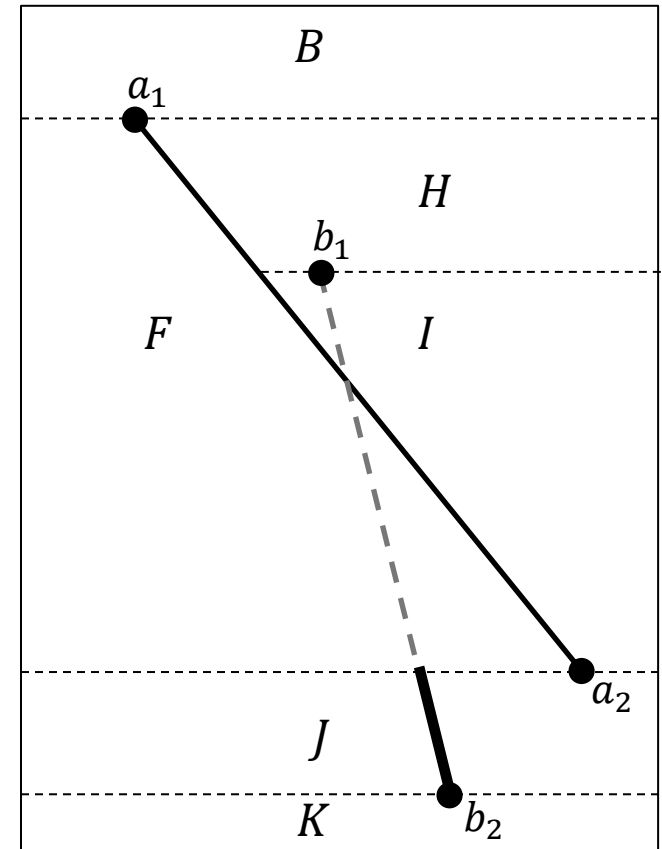
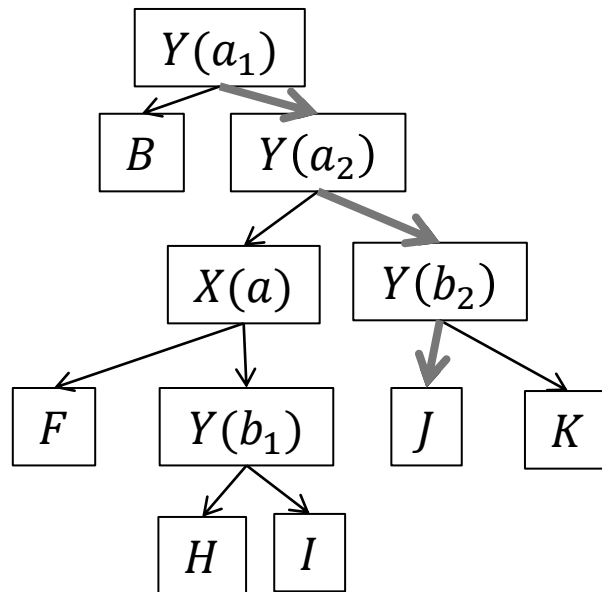
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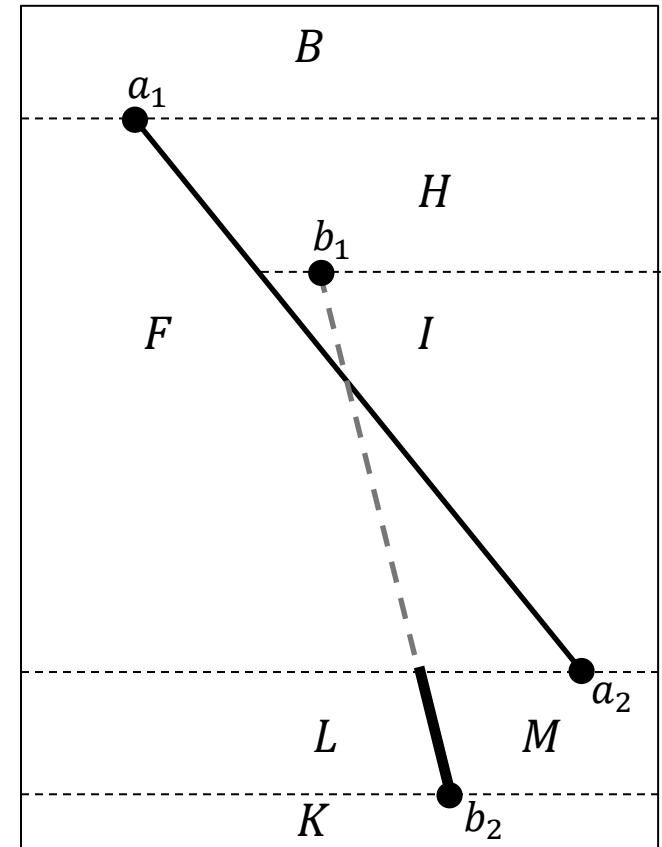
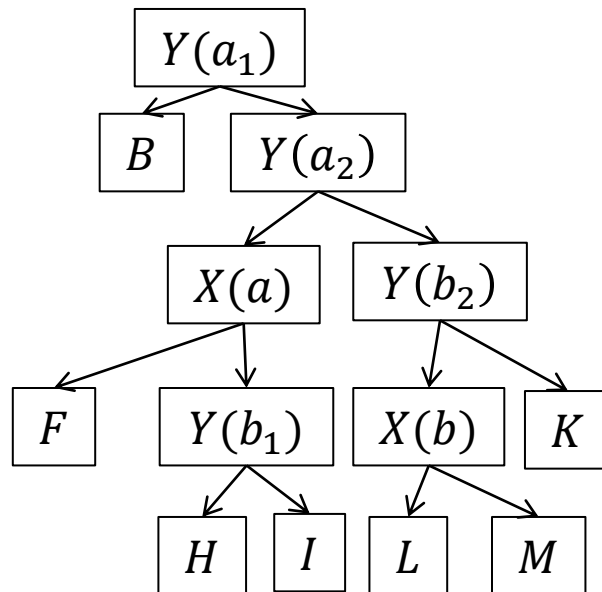
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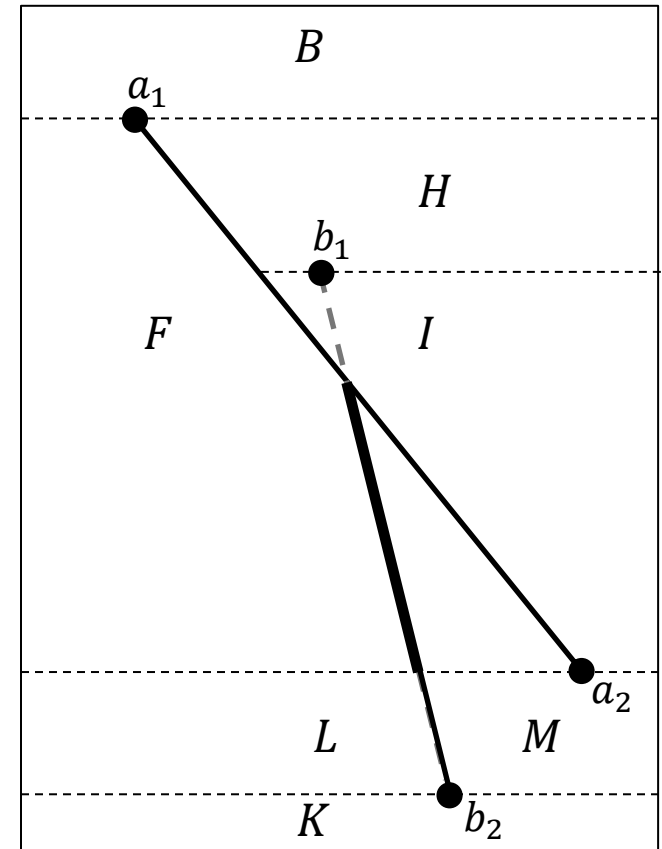
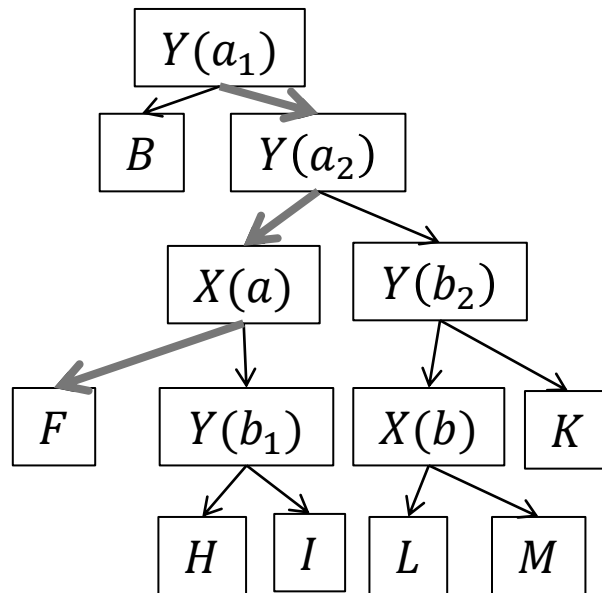
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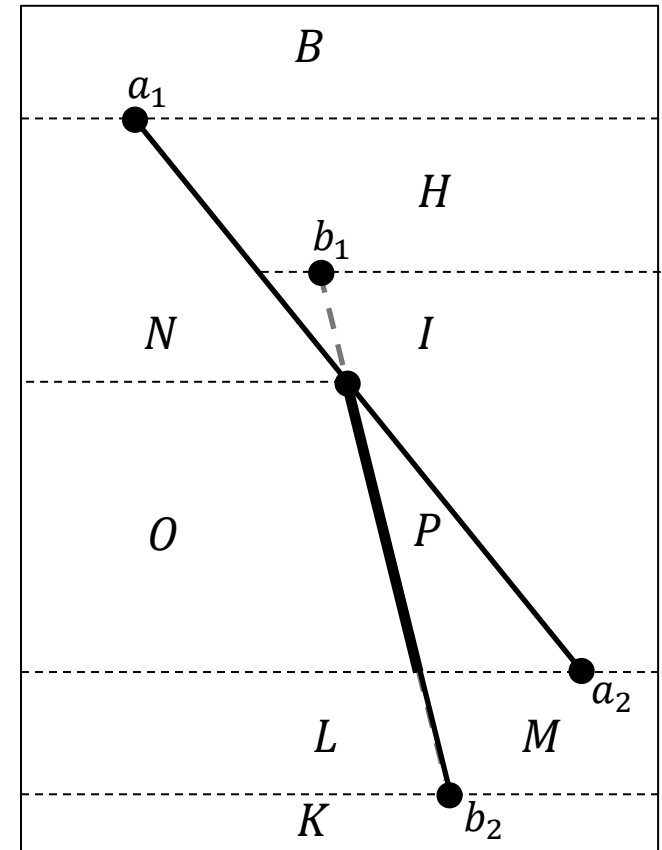
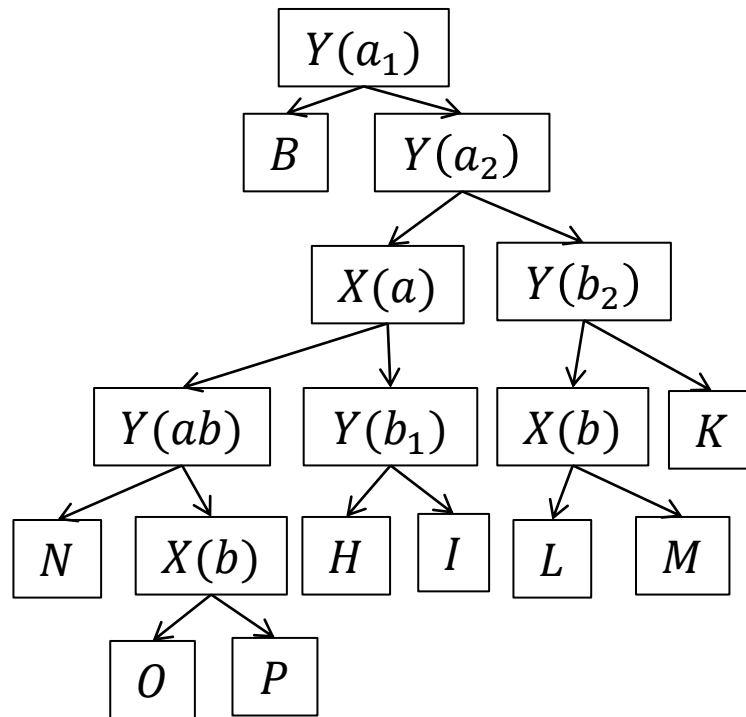
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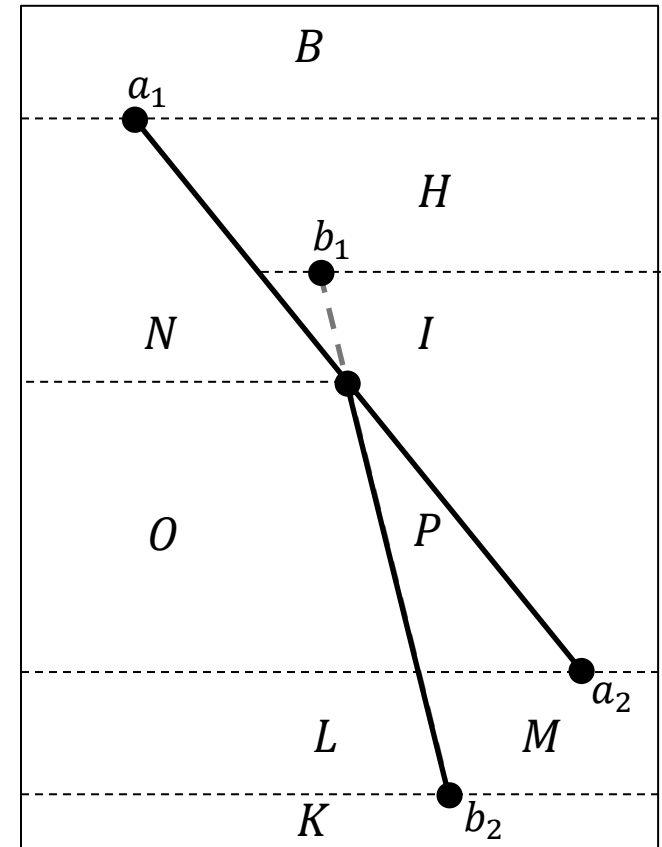
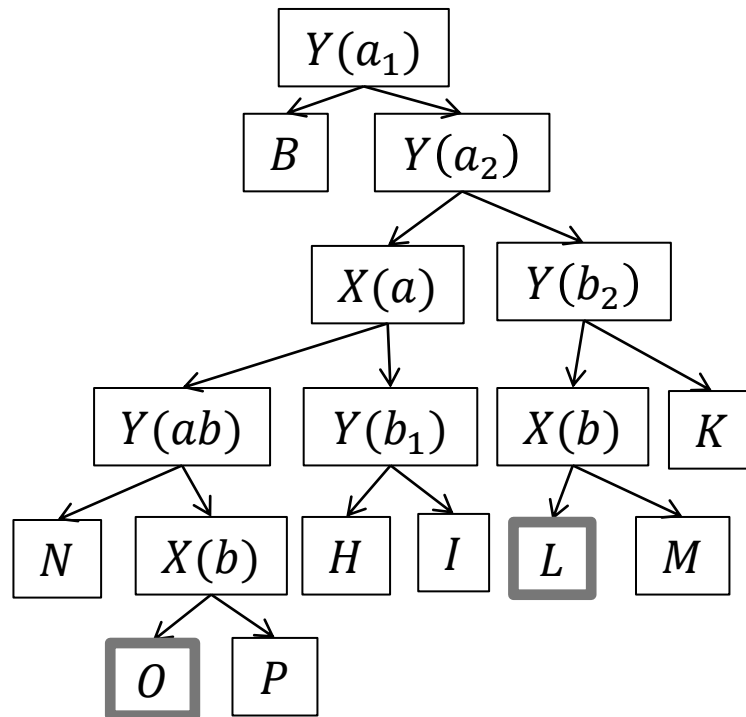
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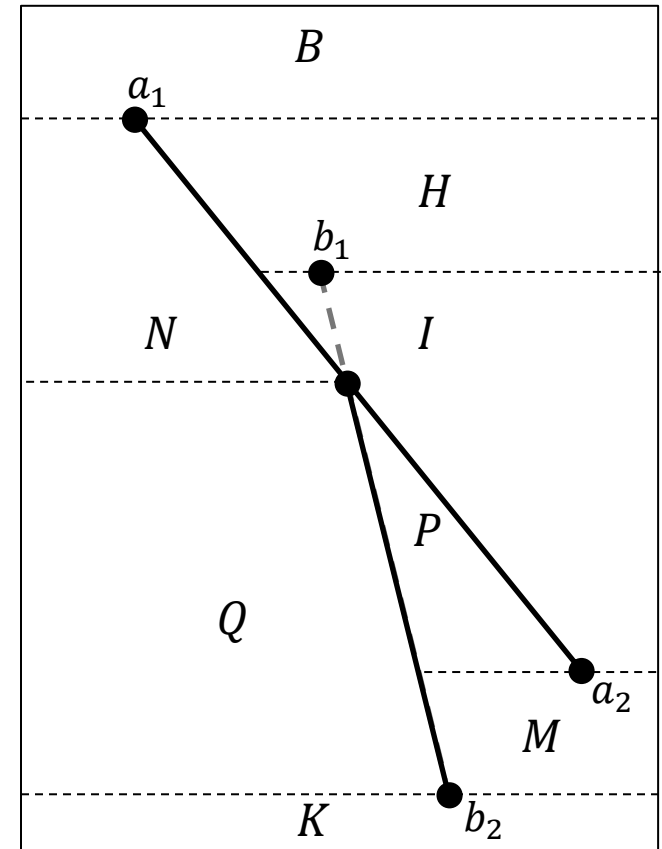
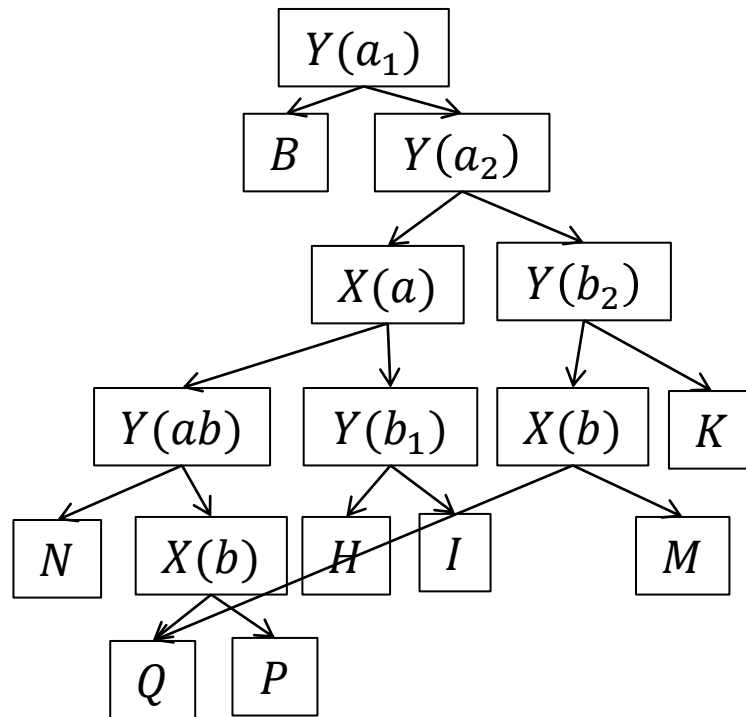
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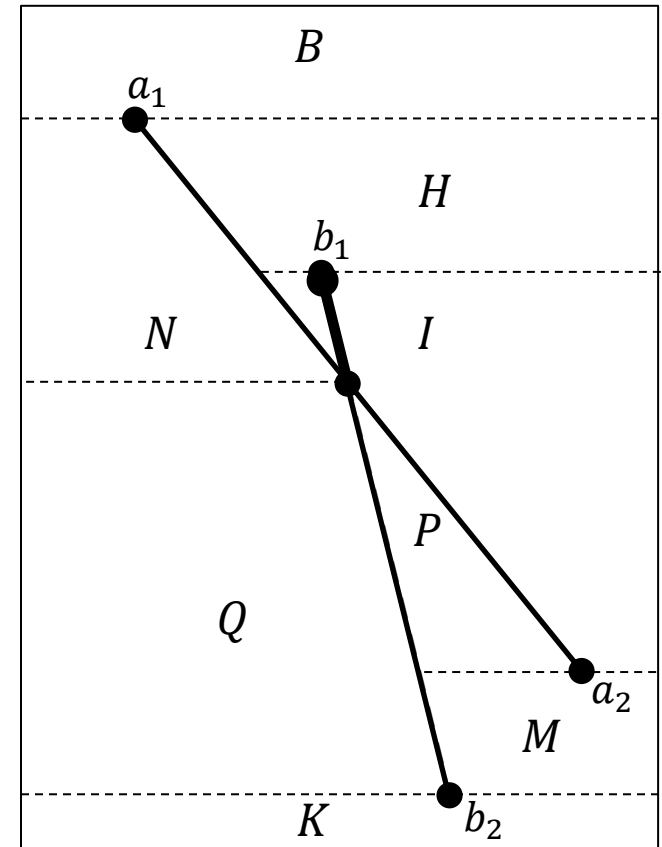
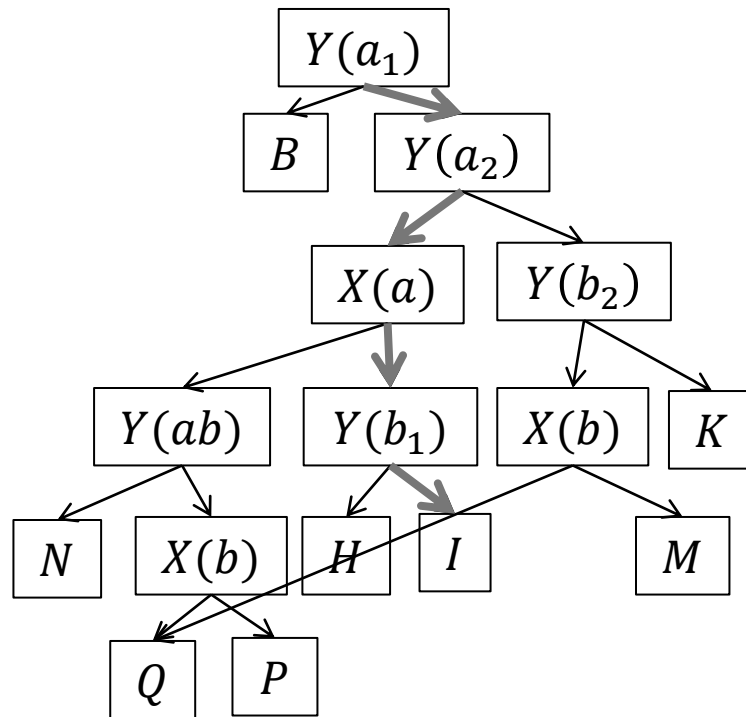
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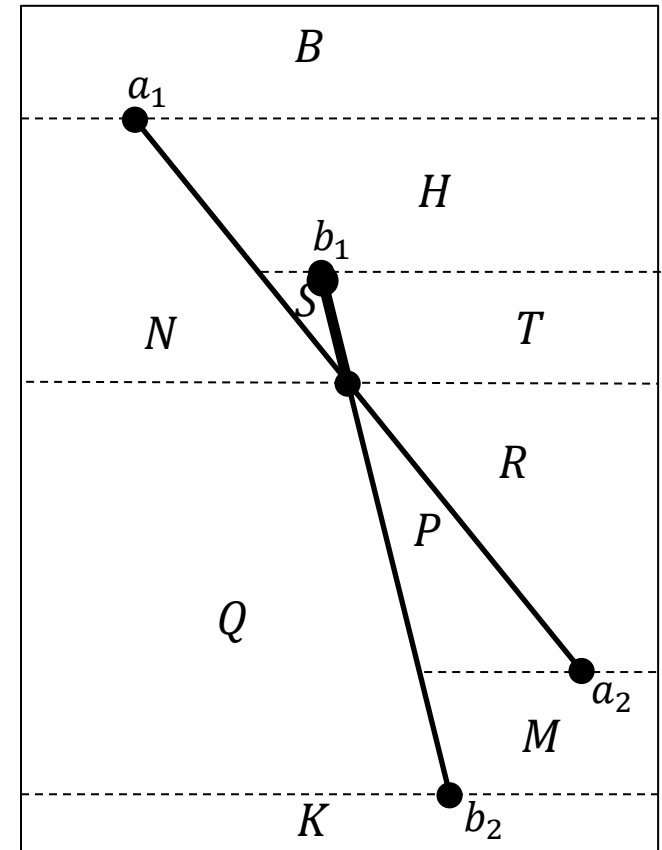
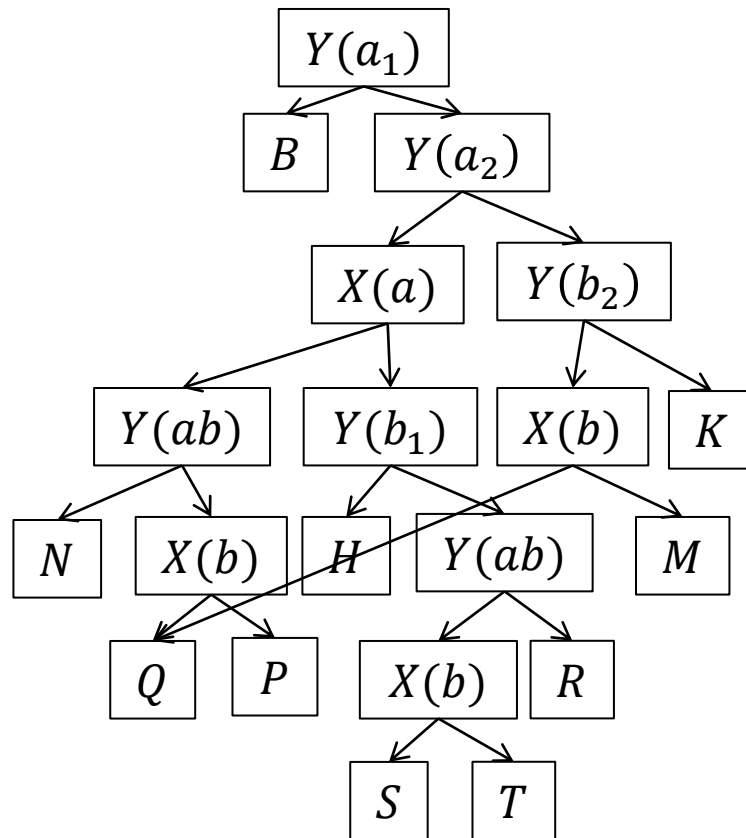
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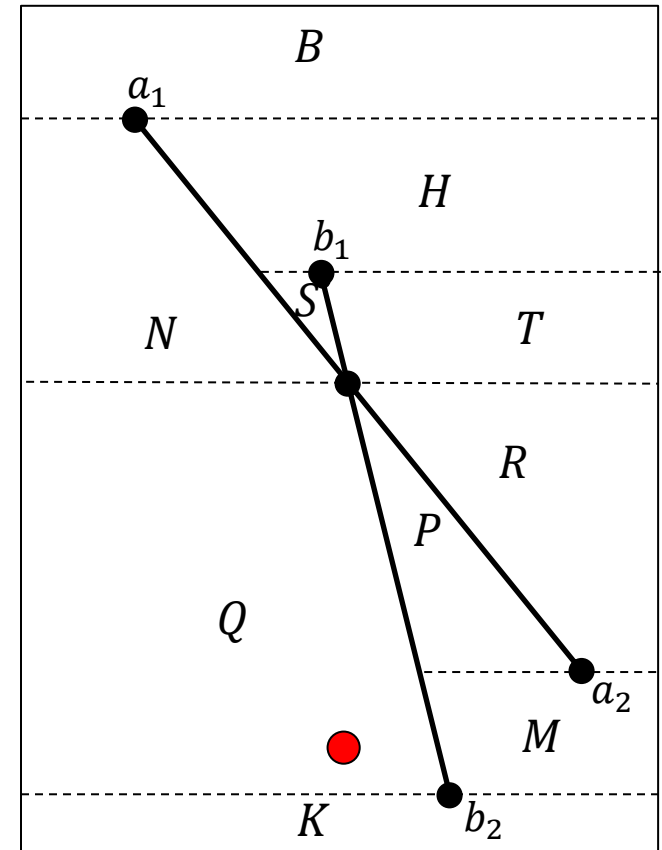
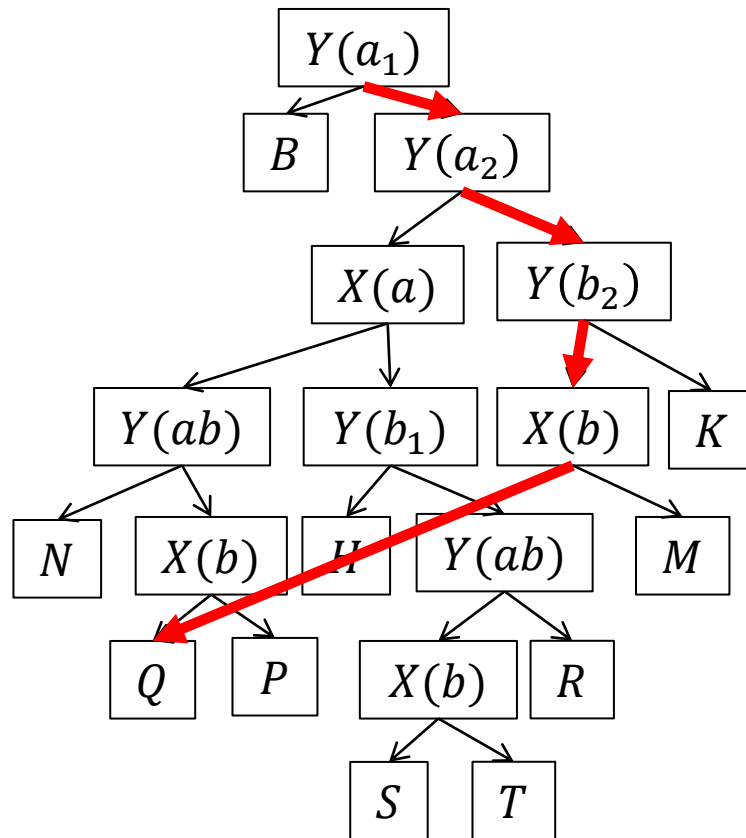
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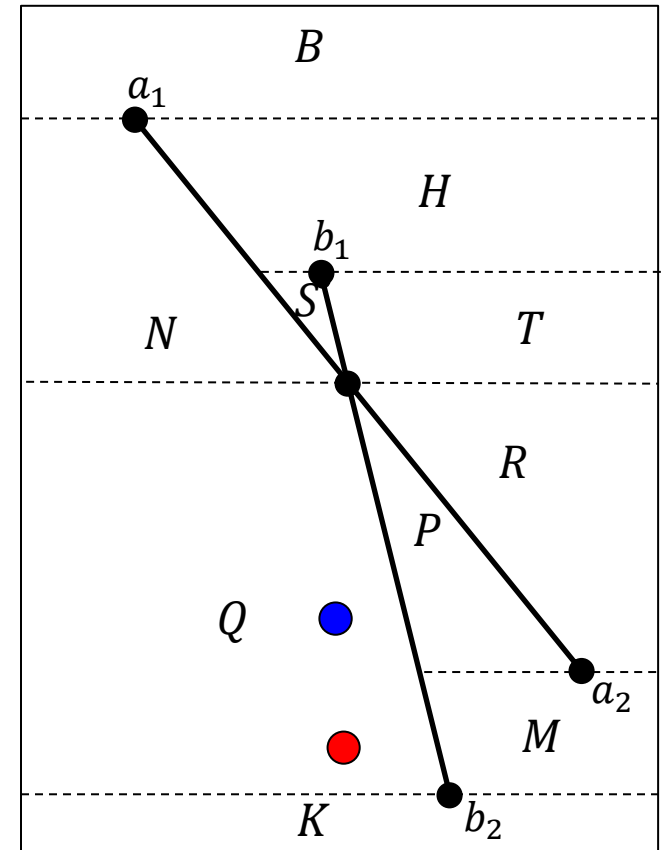
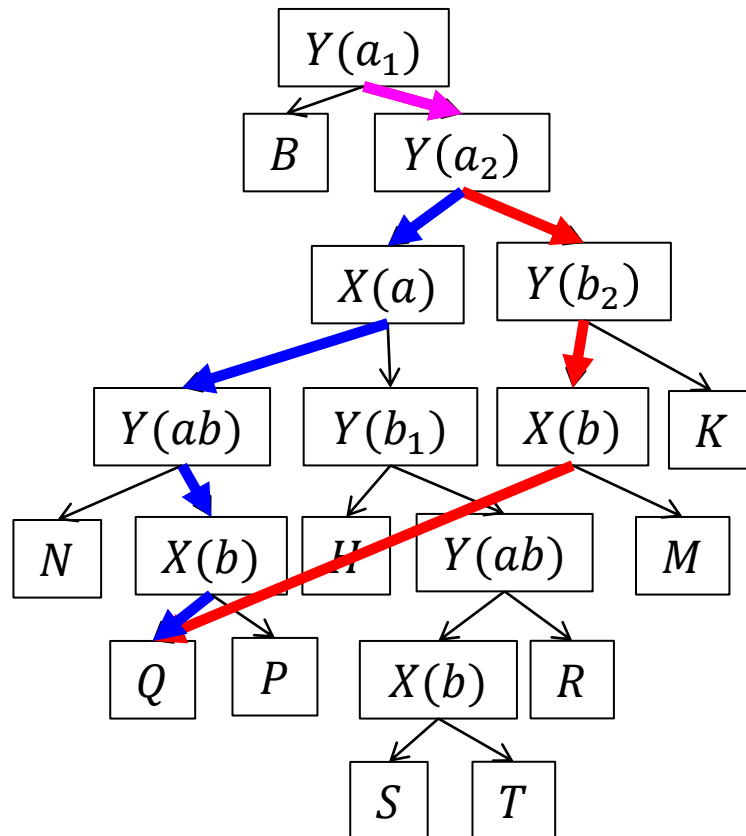
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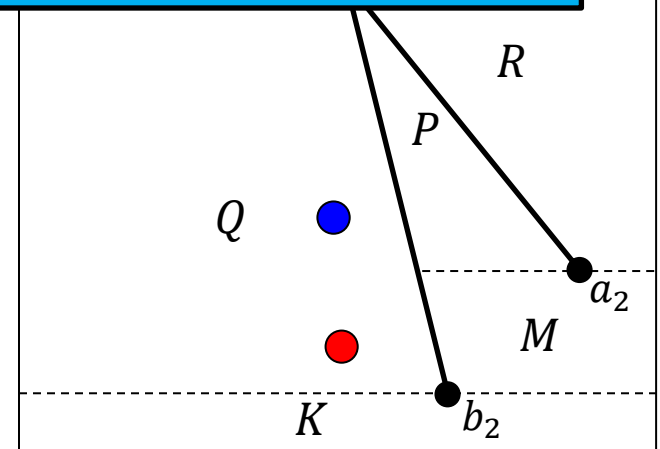
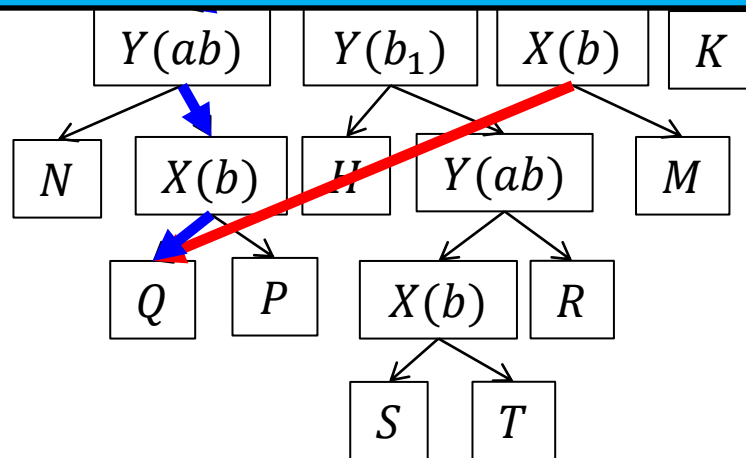


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If line segments are added in random order, the tree will be well-balanced, with high probability.





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Linear Programming:

Given a set of linear constraints:

$$C_i = \{p | \langle p, n_i \rangle \geq d_i\}$$

and a linear energy function:

$$E(p) = \langle p, n \rangle + d$$

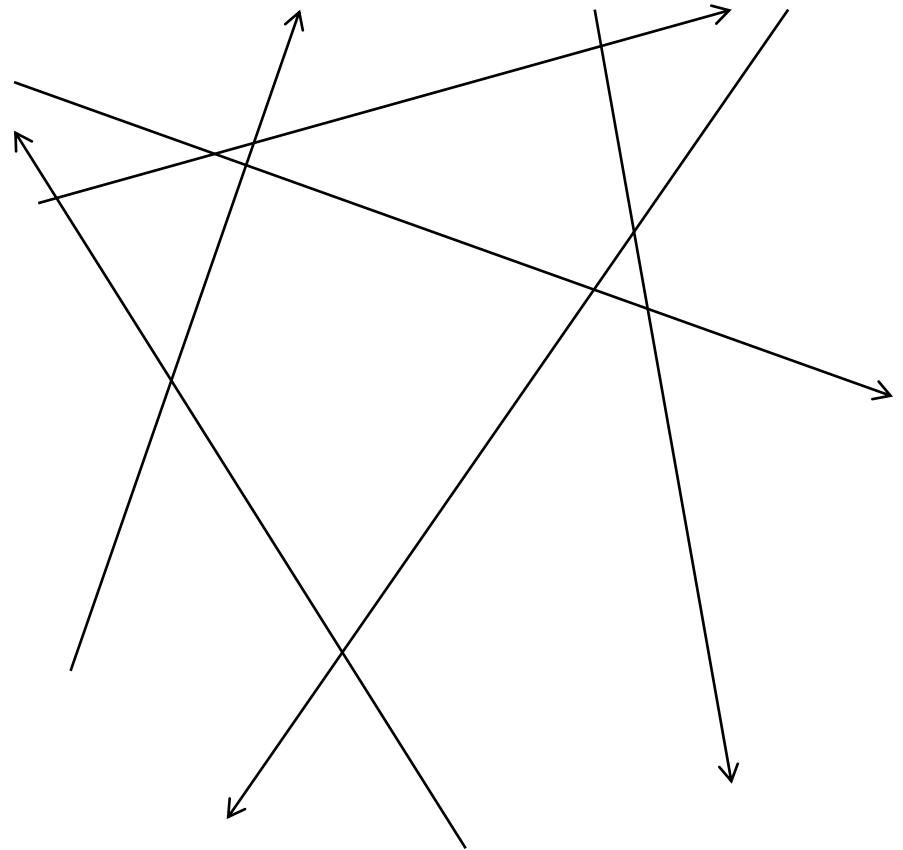
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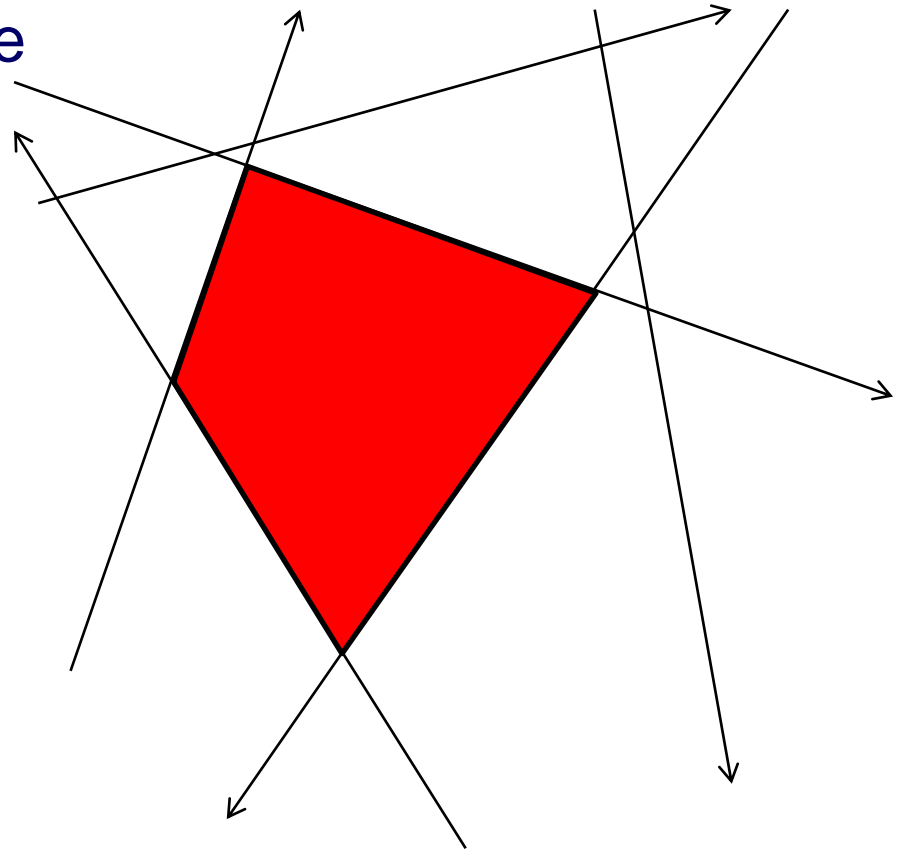




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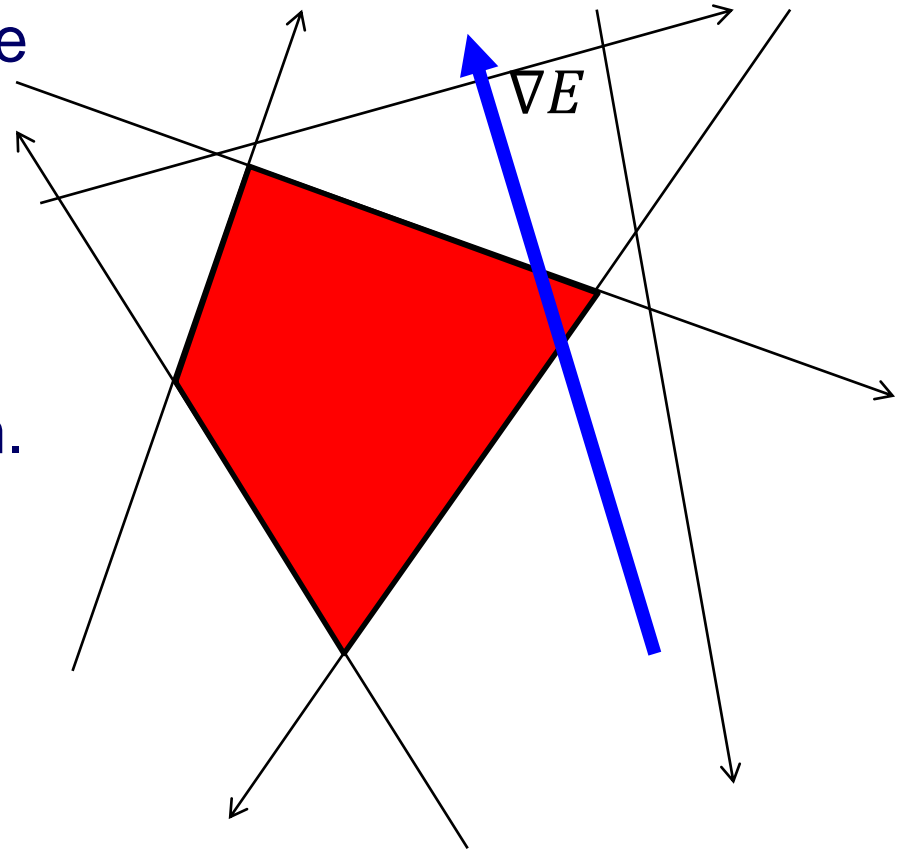




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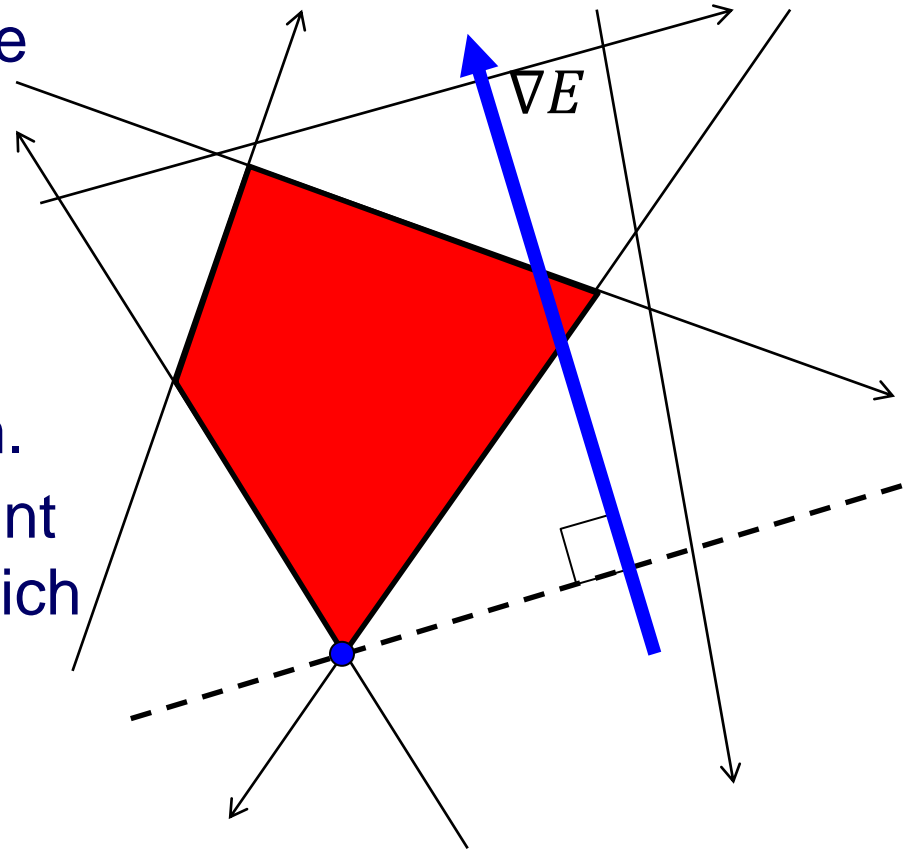




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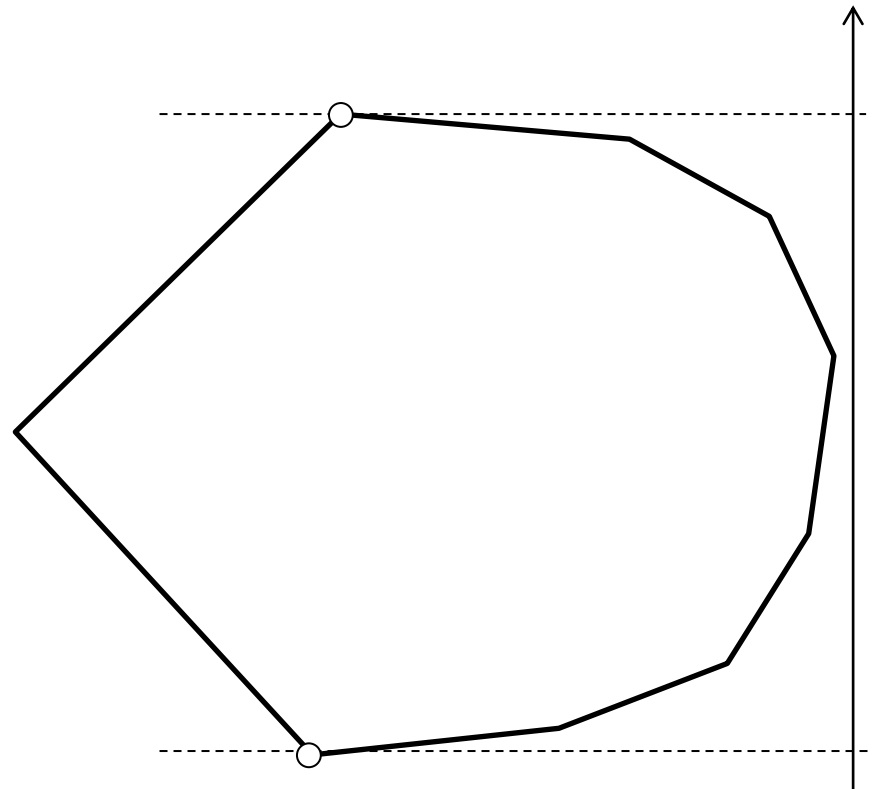




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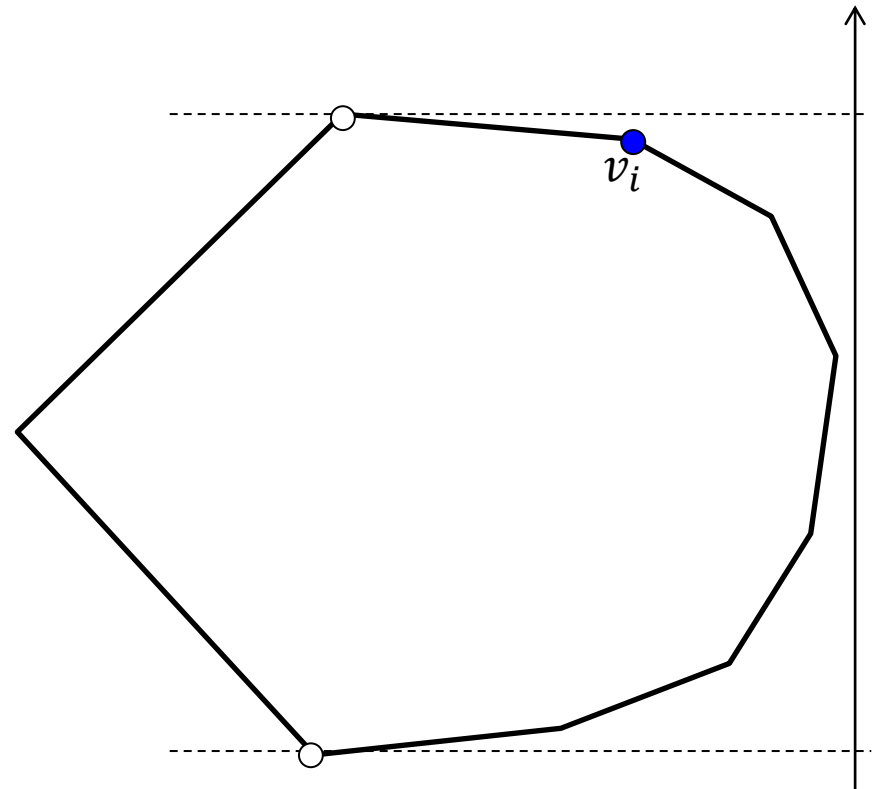
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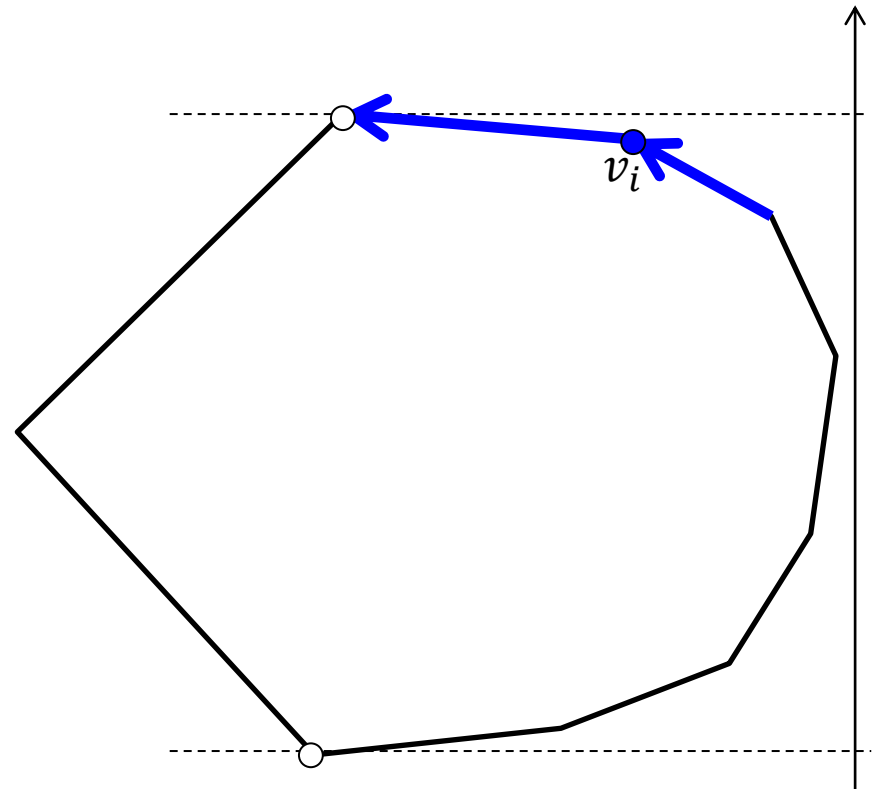




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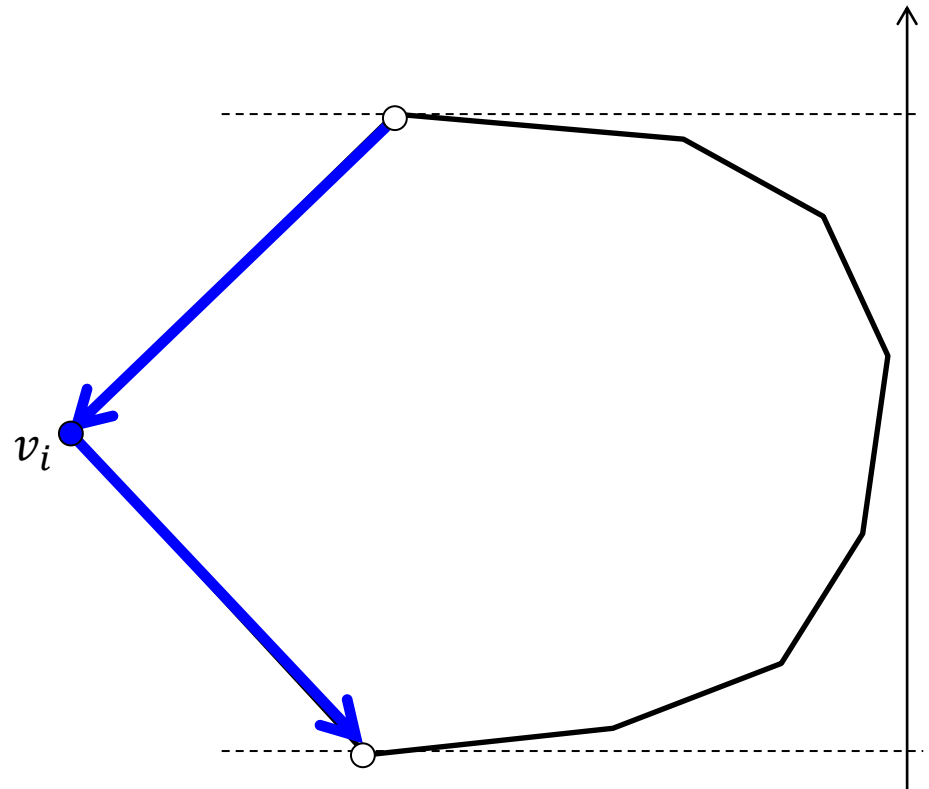




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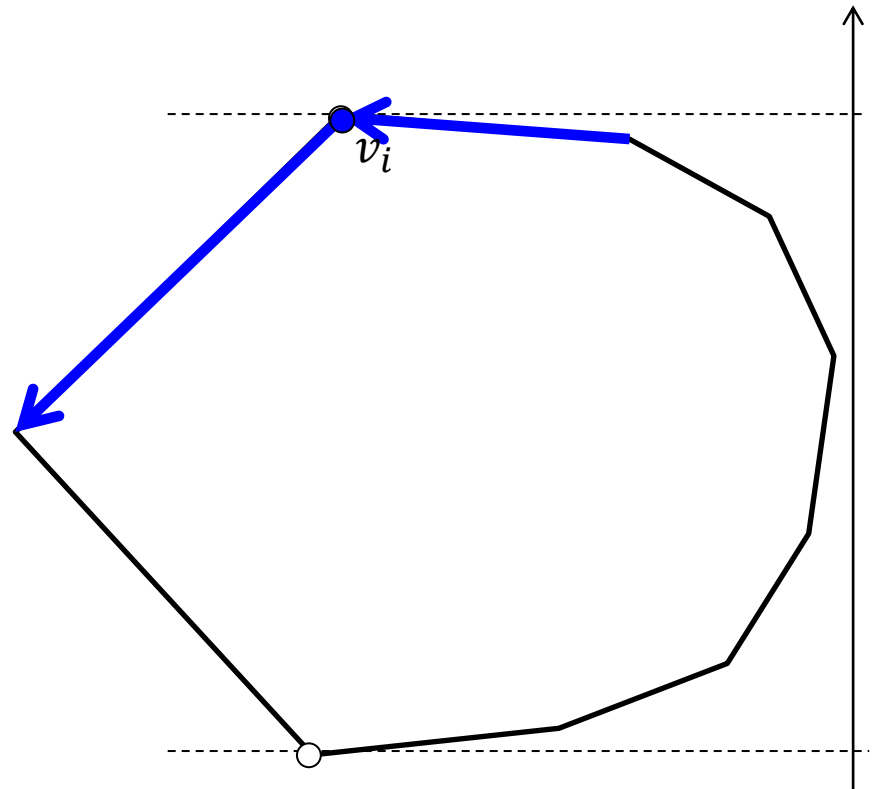




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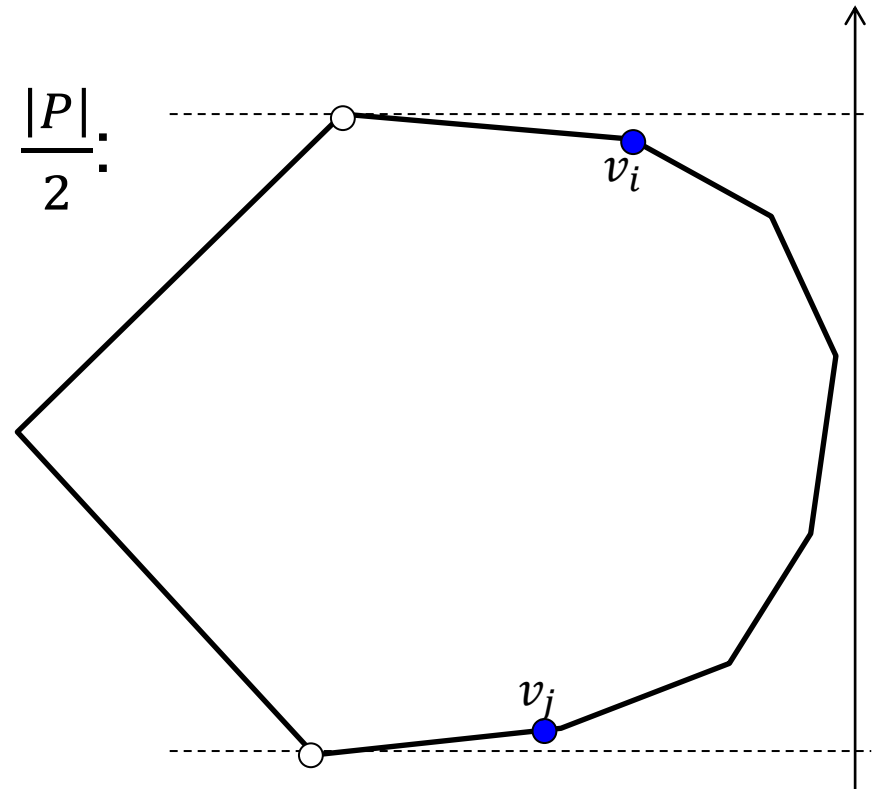


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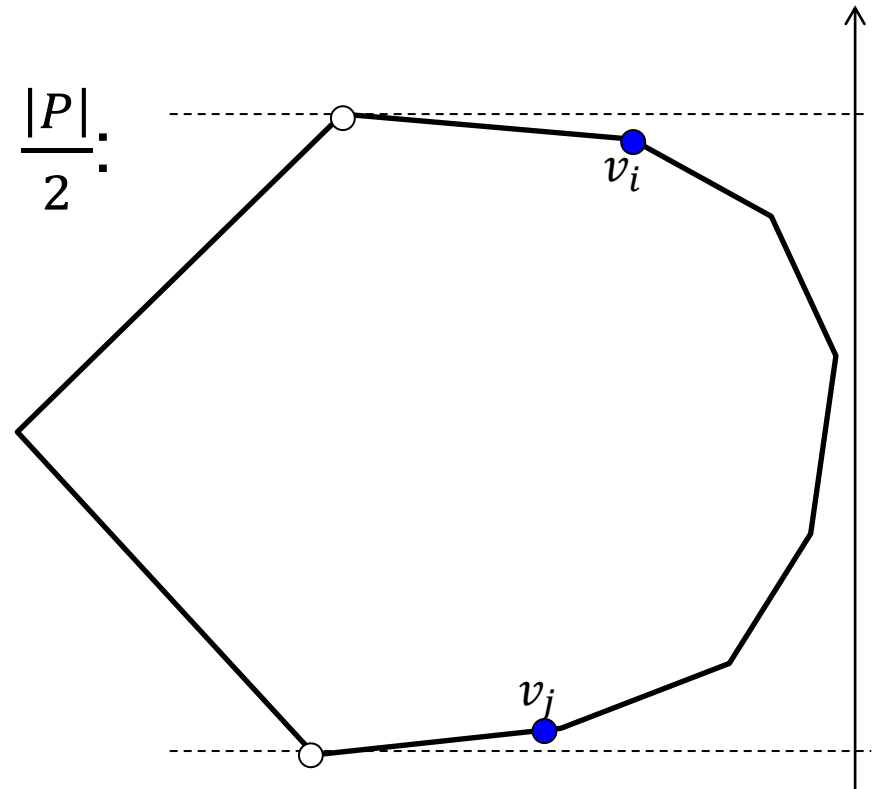
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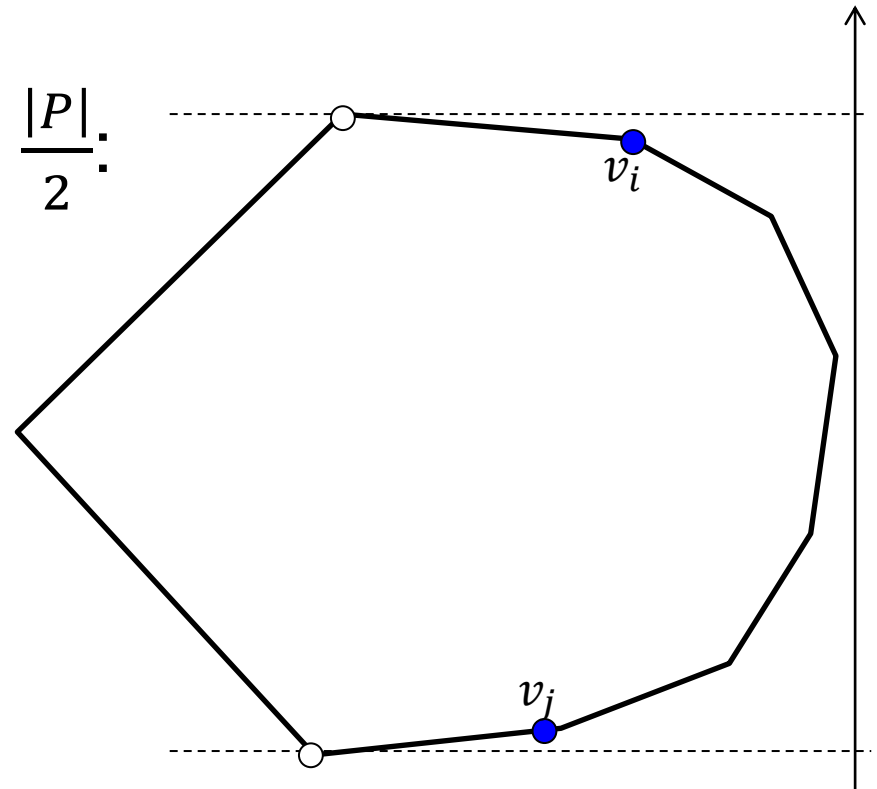
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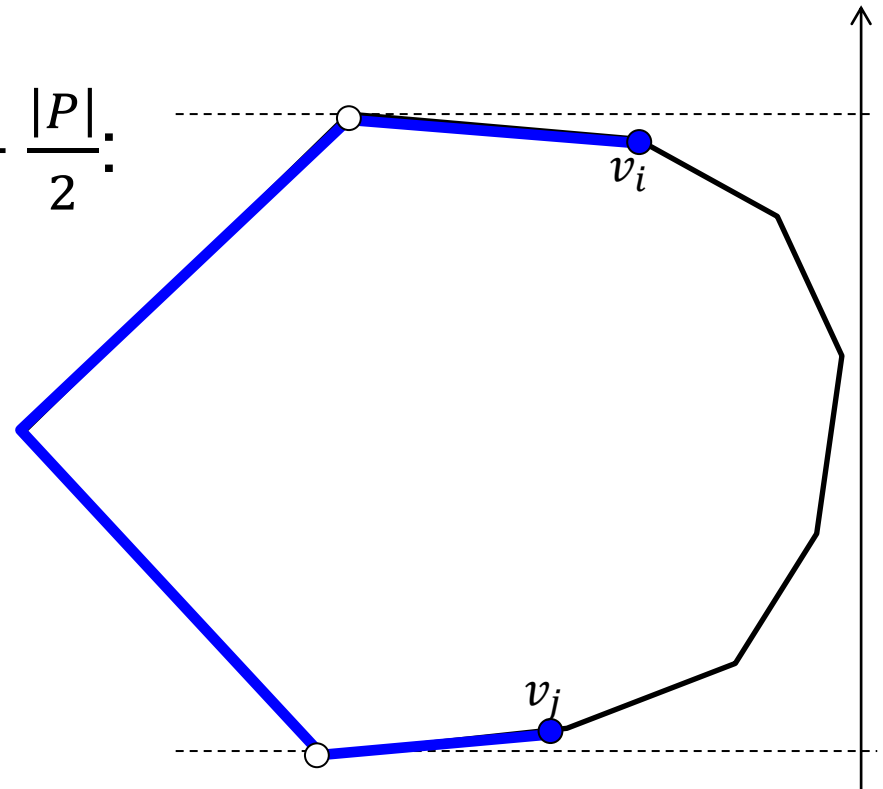
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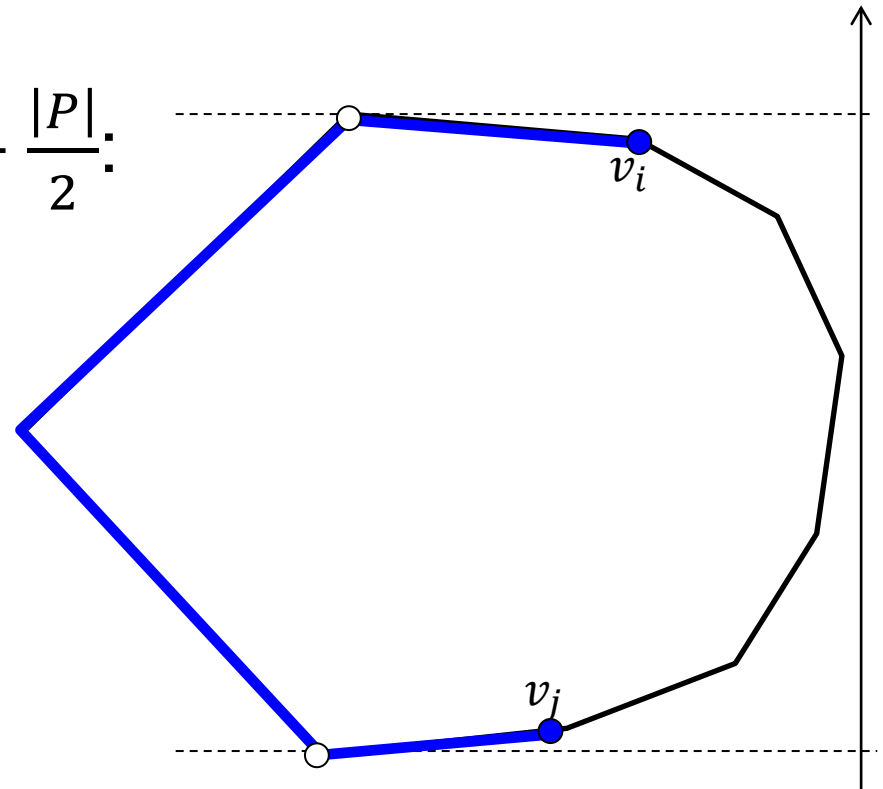
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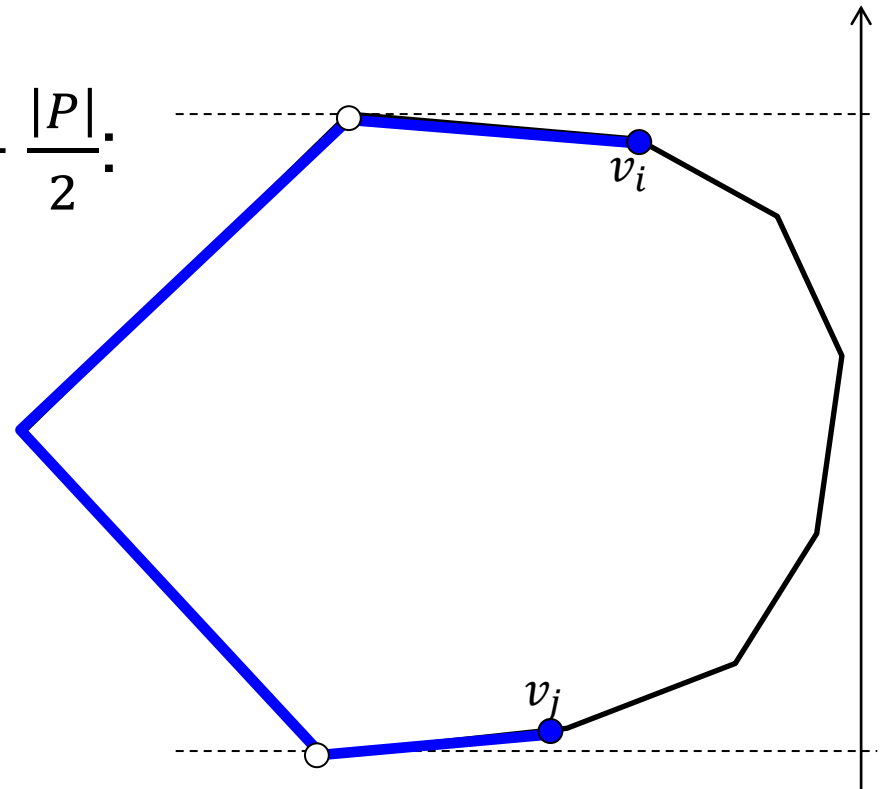
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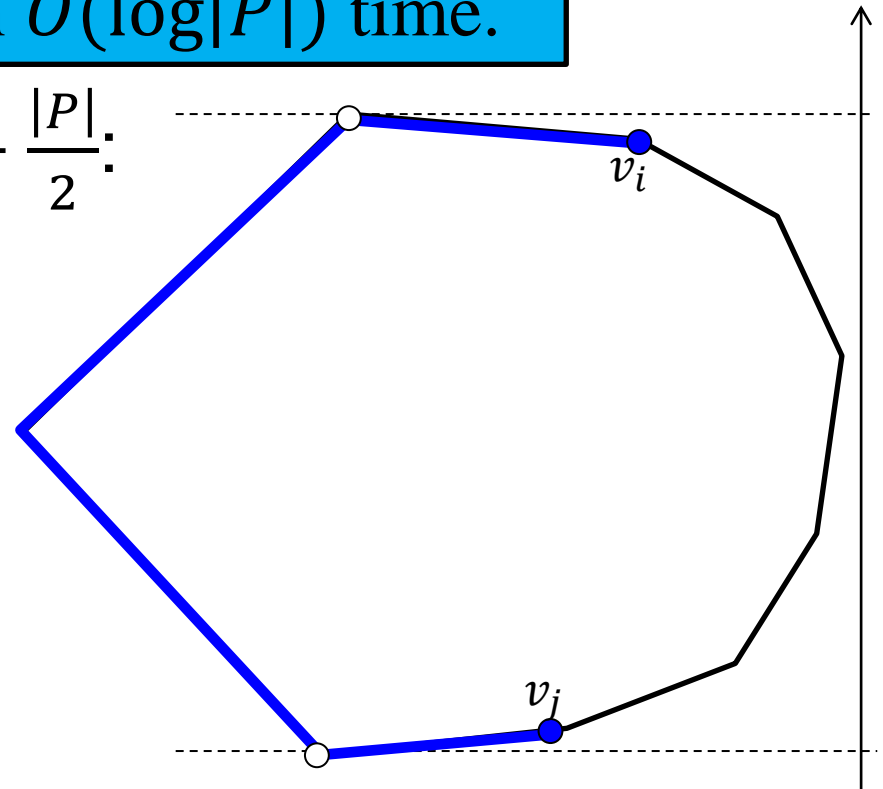
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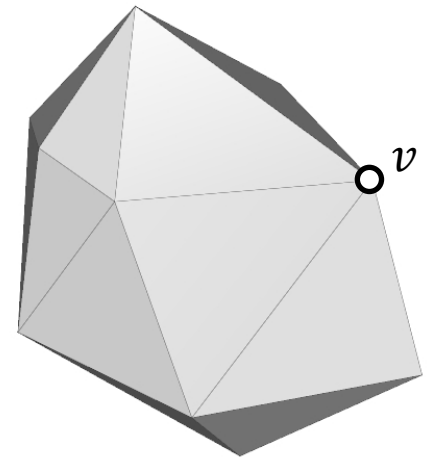
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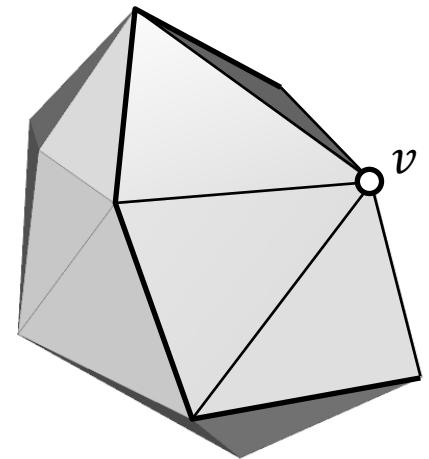
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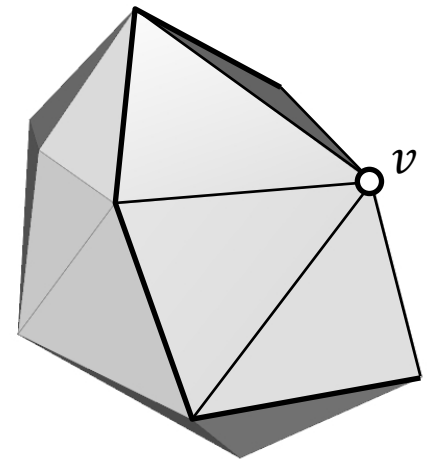
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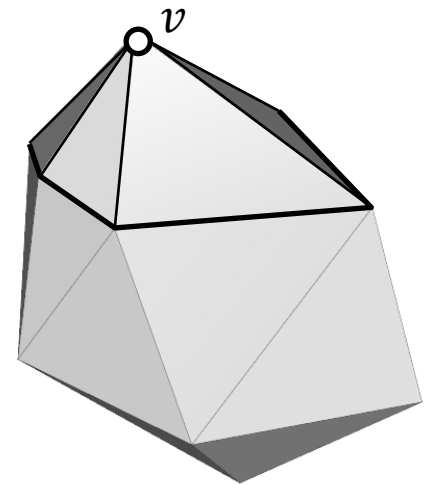




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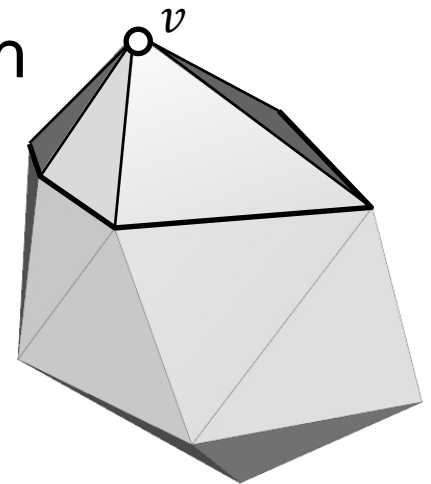
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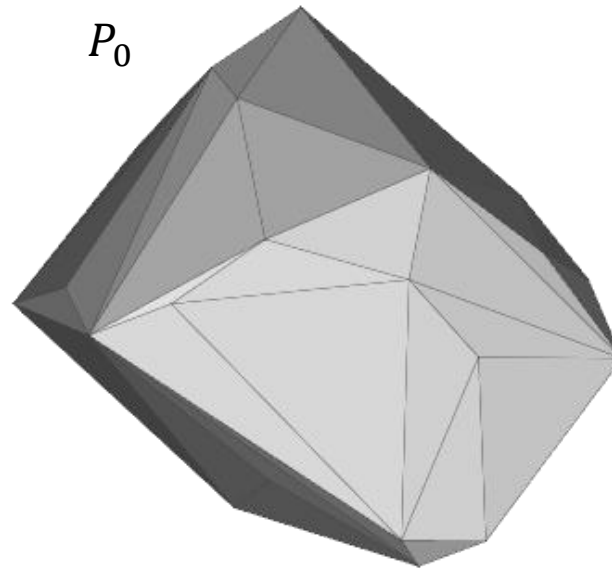
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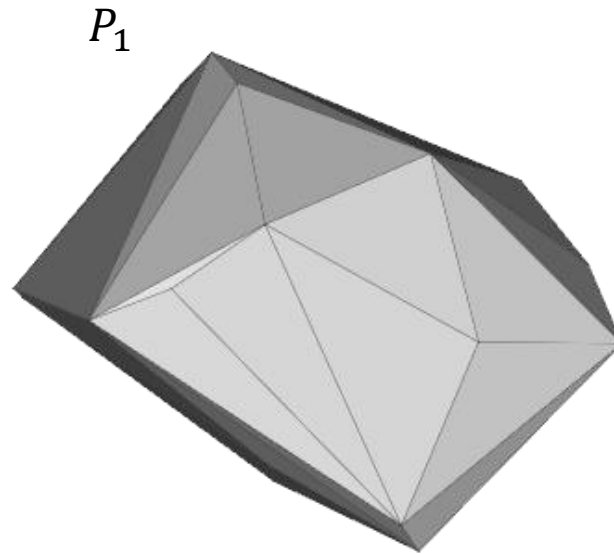
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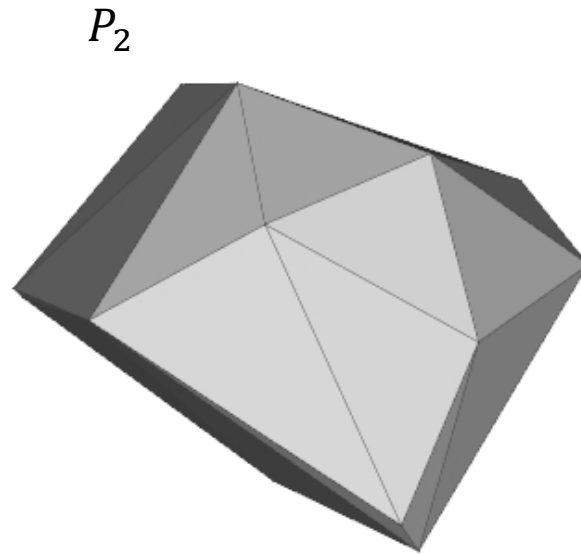
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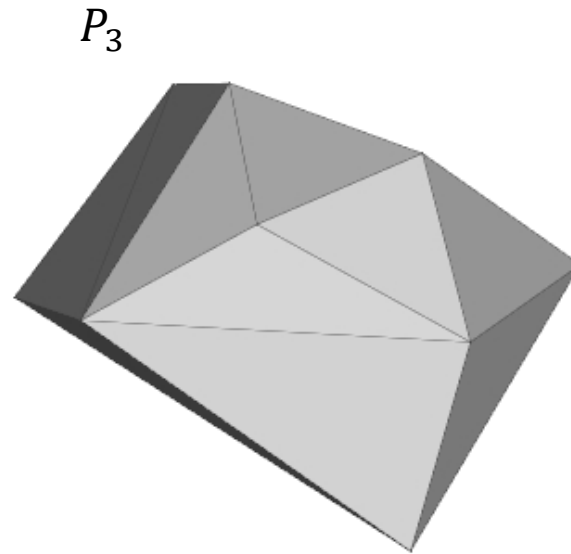
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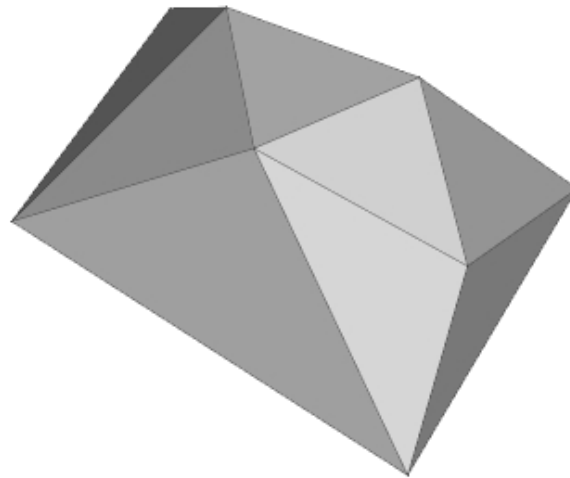




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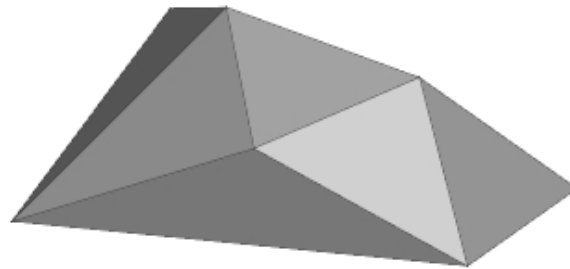




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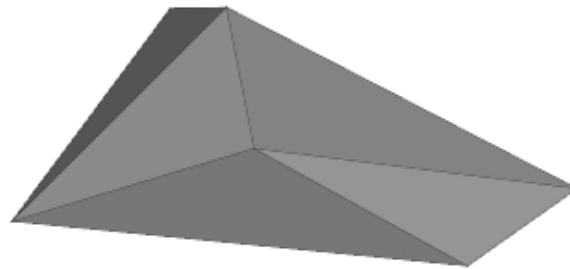




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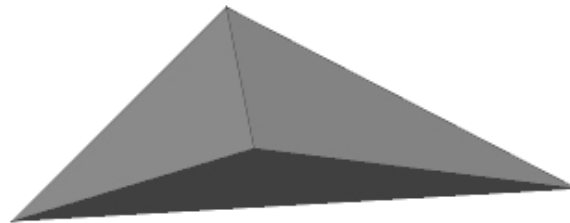




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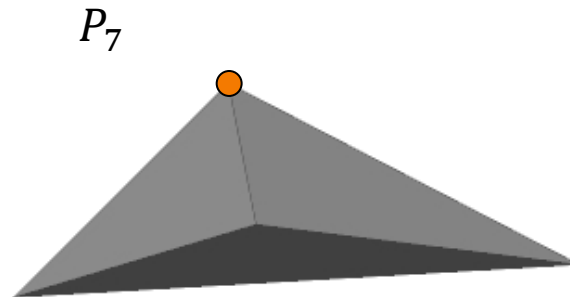
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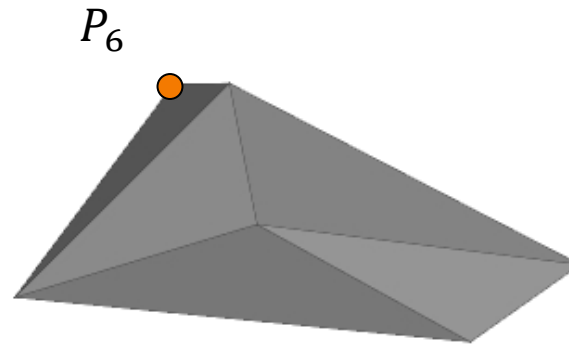
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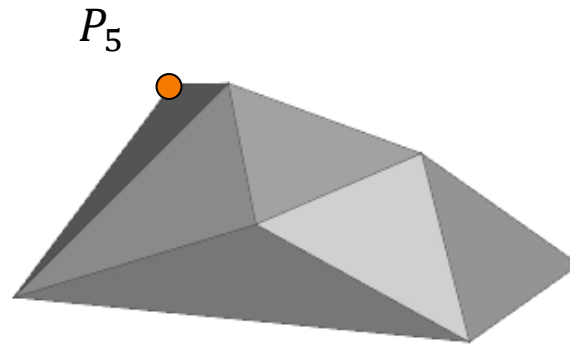
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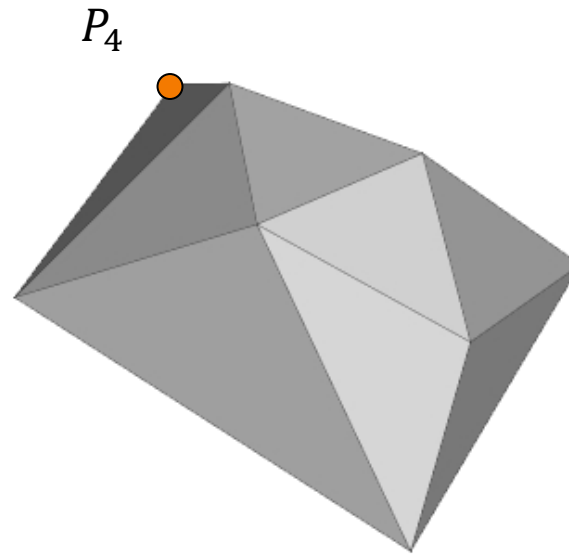
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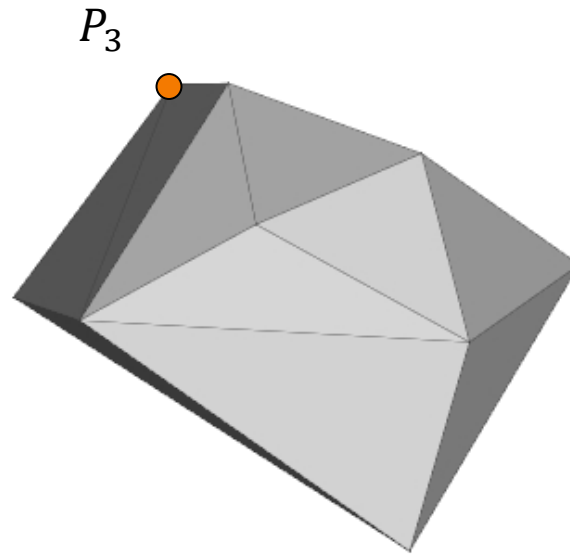
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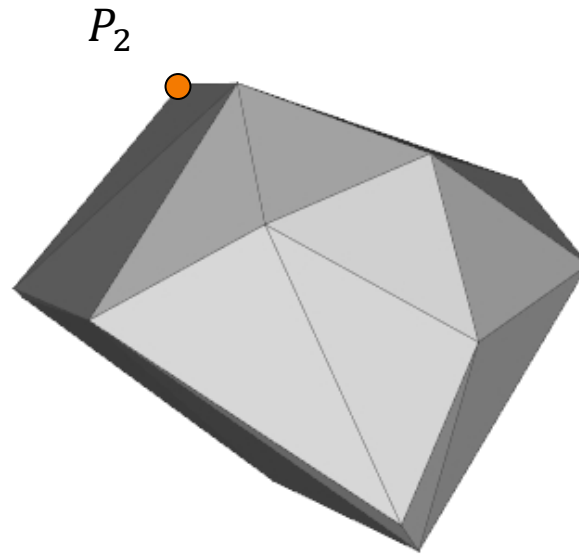
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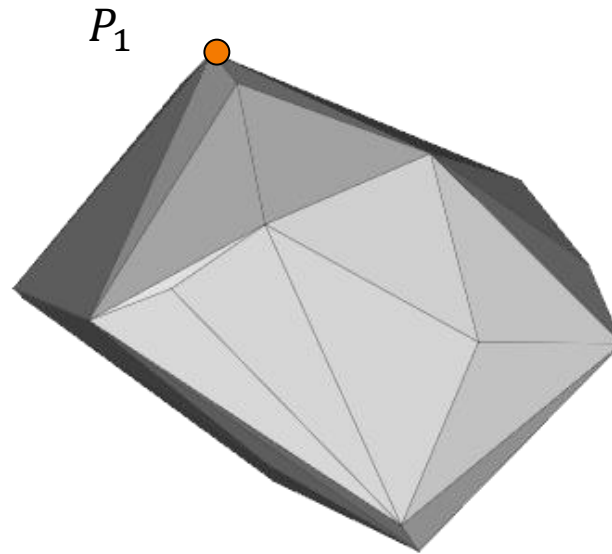
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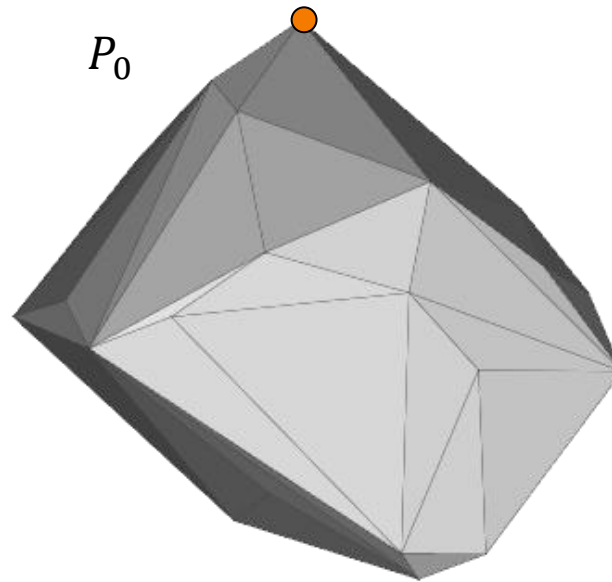
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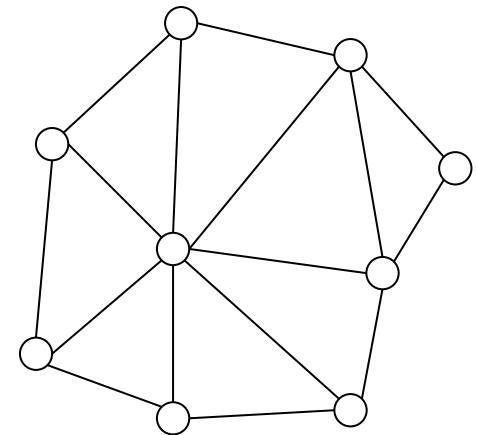




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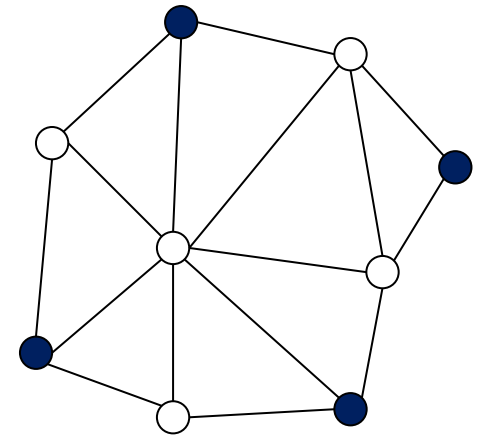




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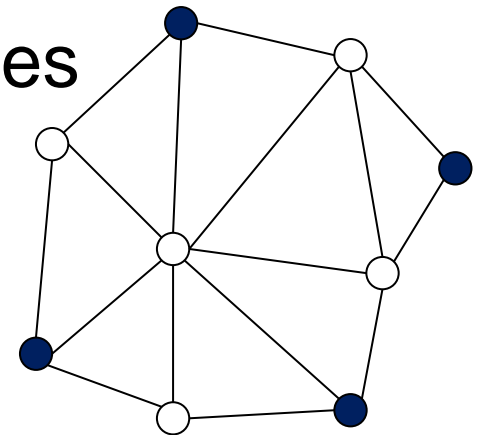
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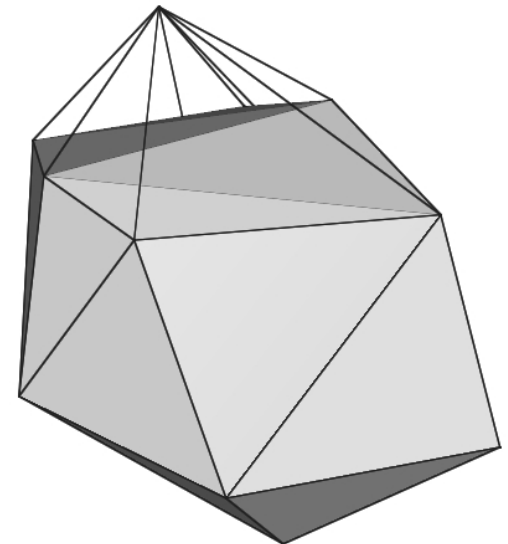
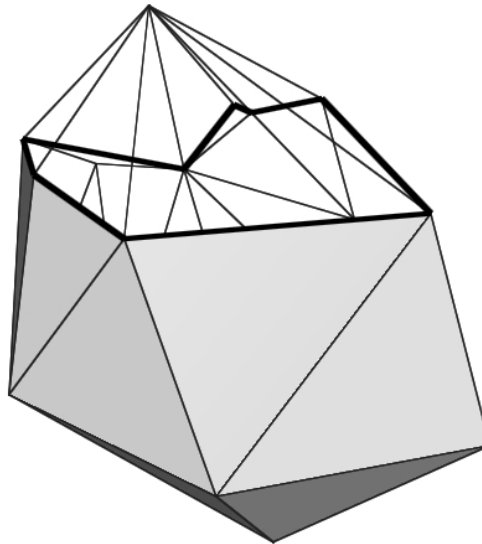
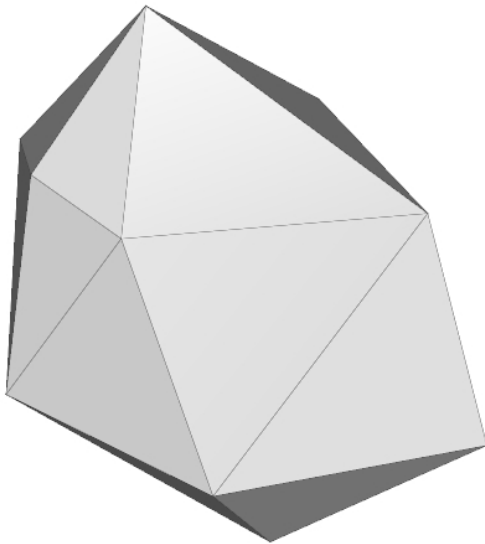
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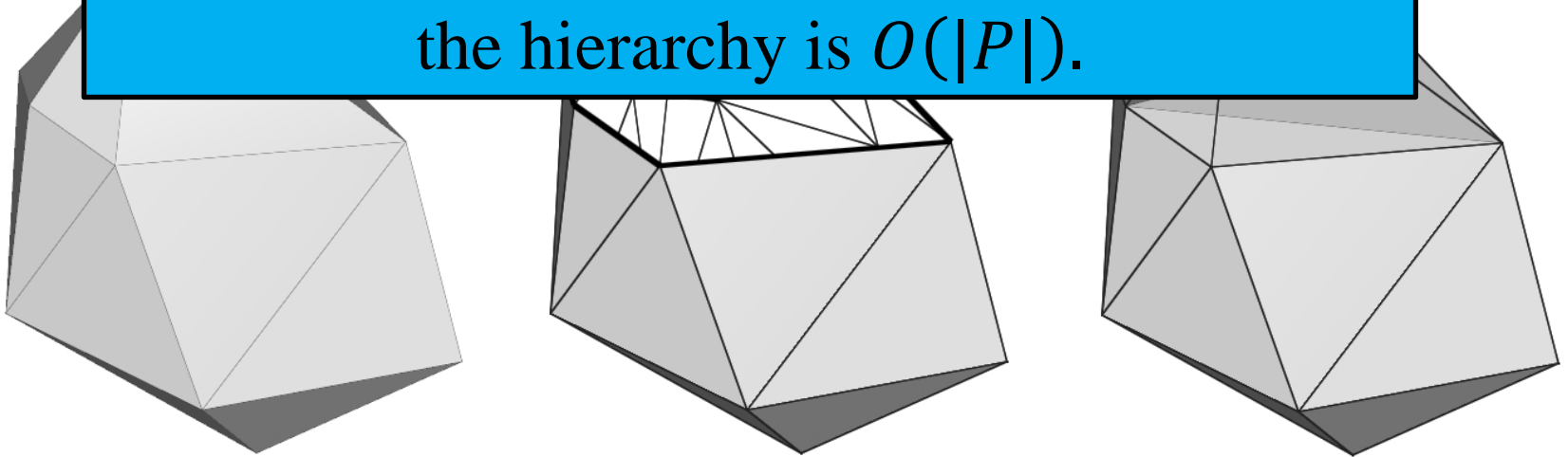


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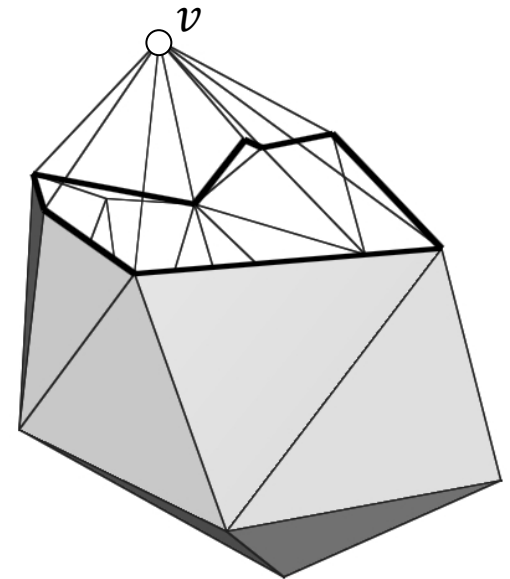




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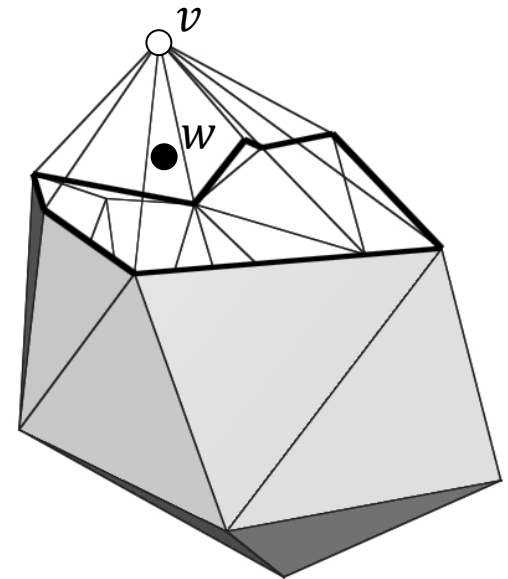
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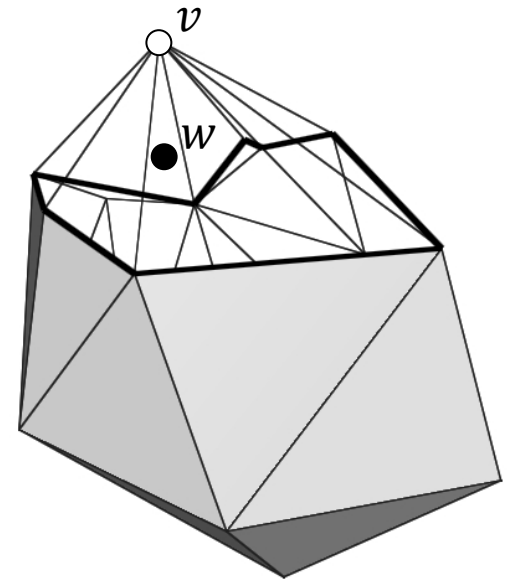
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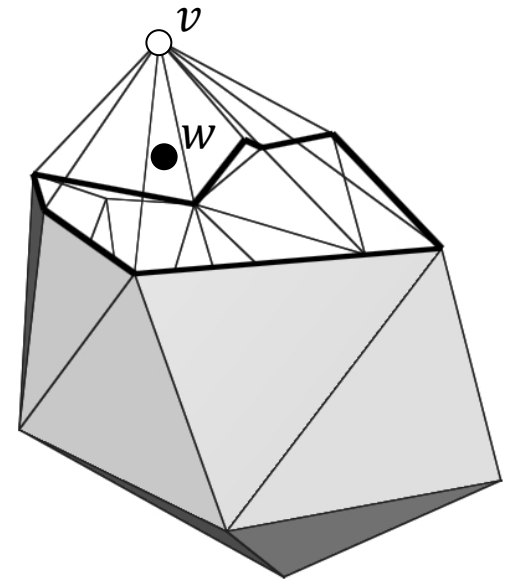
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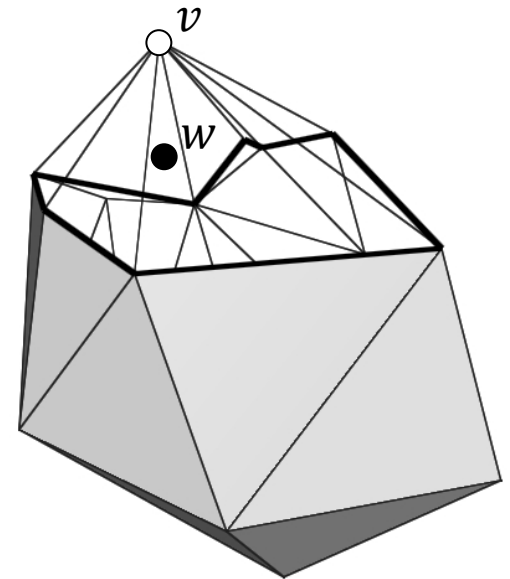
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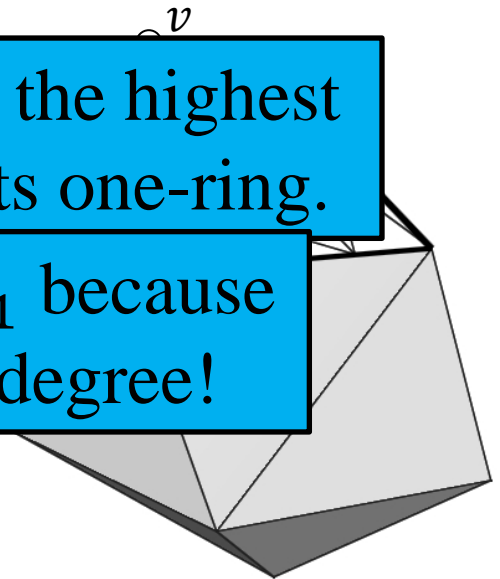
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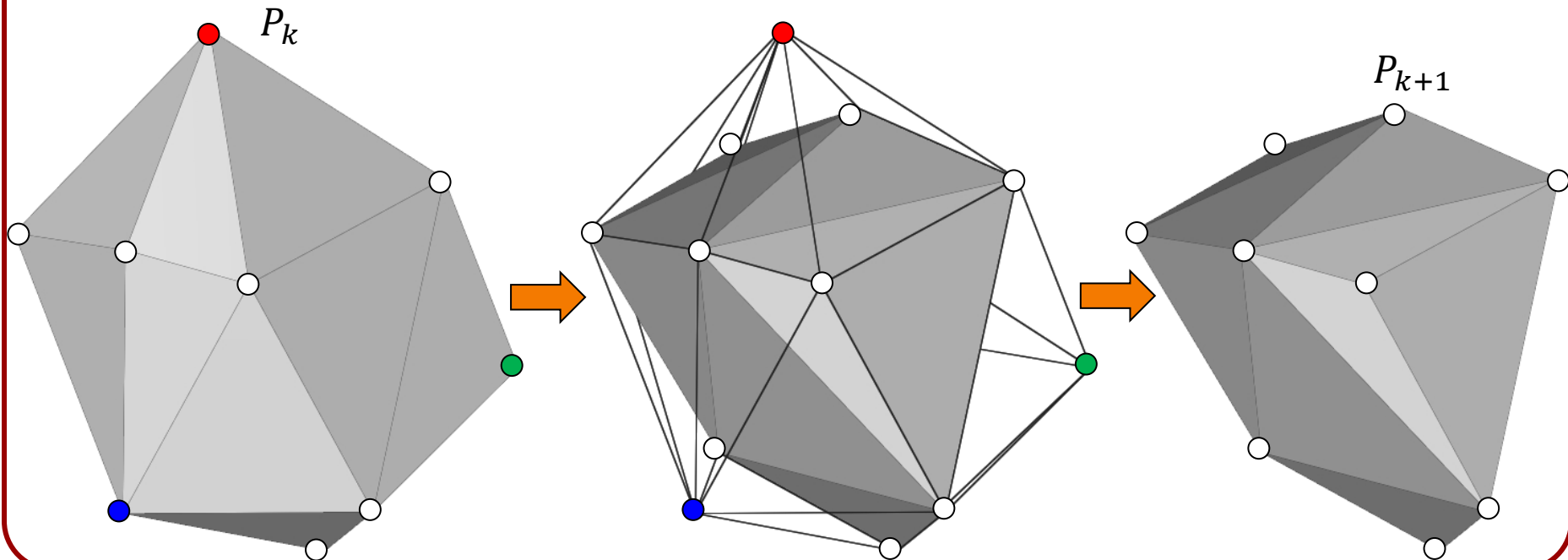




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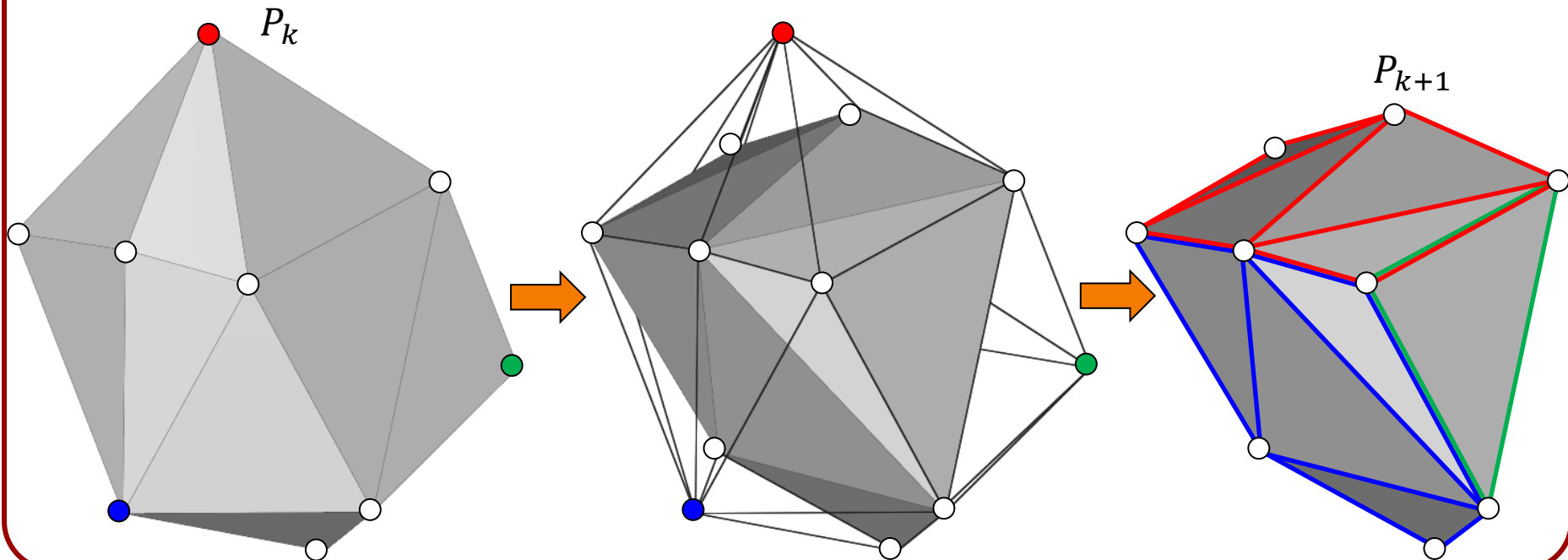




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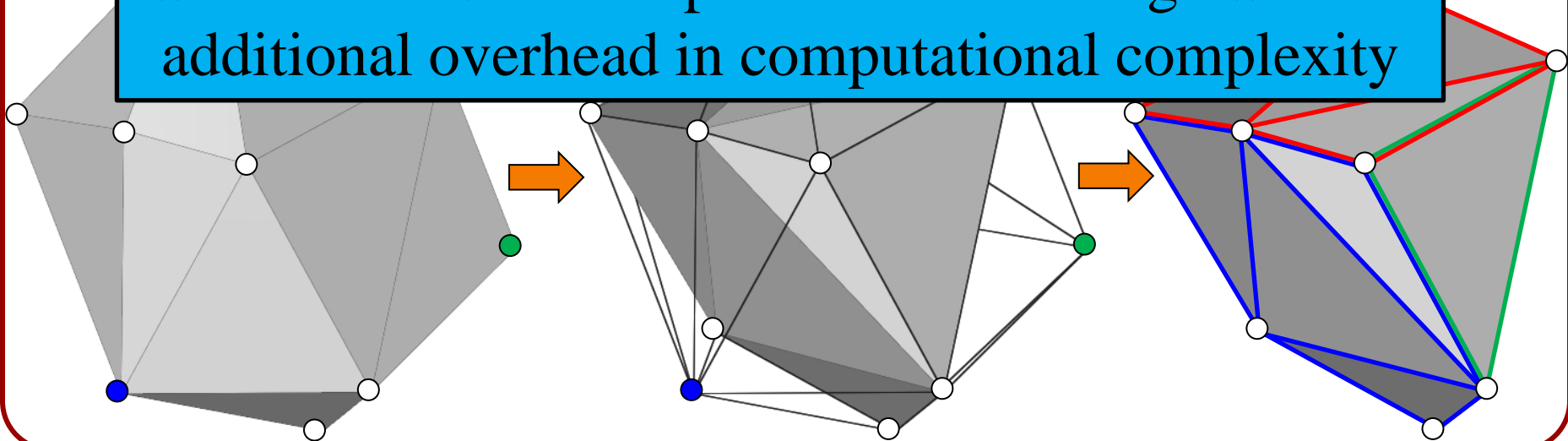
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An edge in P_{k+1} can be exposed by at most two vertices.

In constructing the hierarchy, we can also track which finer vertex exposed a coarser edge with no additional overhead in computational complexity

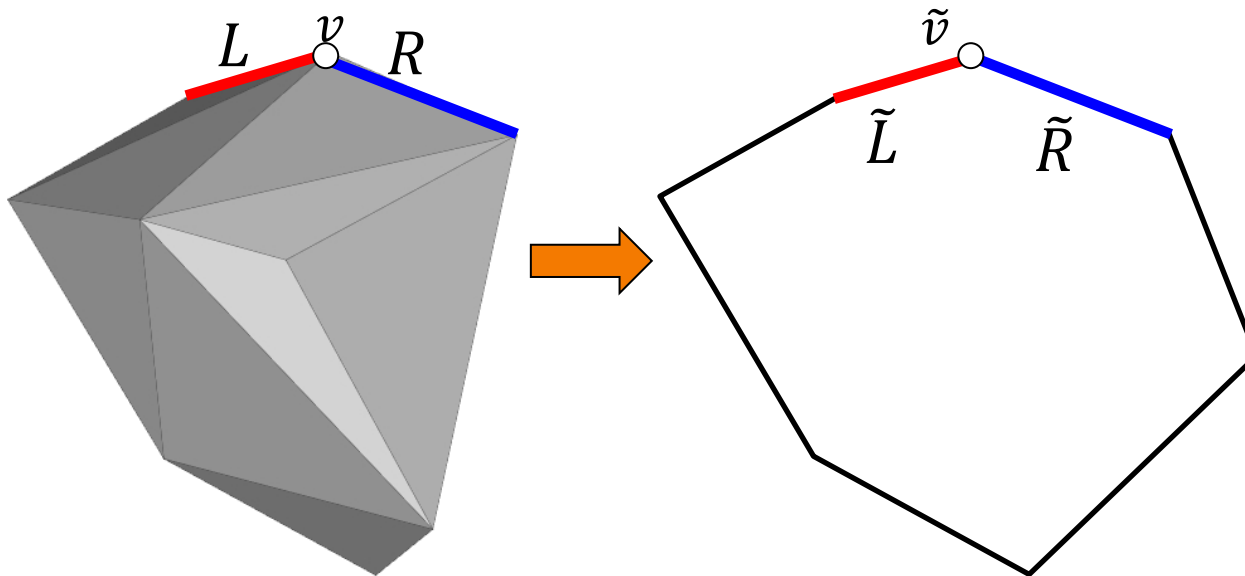




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Given a polytope P , we can project it onto the yz -plane. We denote by L and R the edges that project on to the left-most and right-most edges coming out of the projected highest vertex.

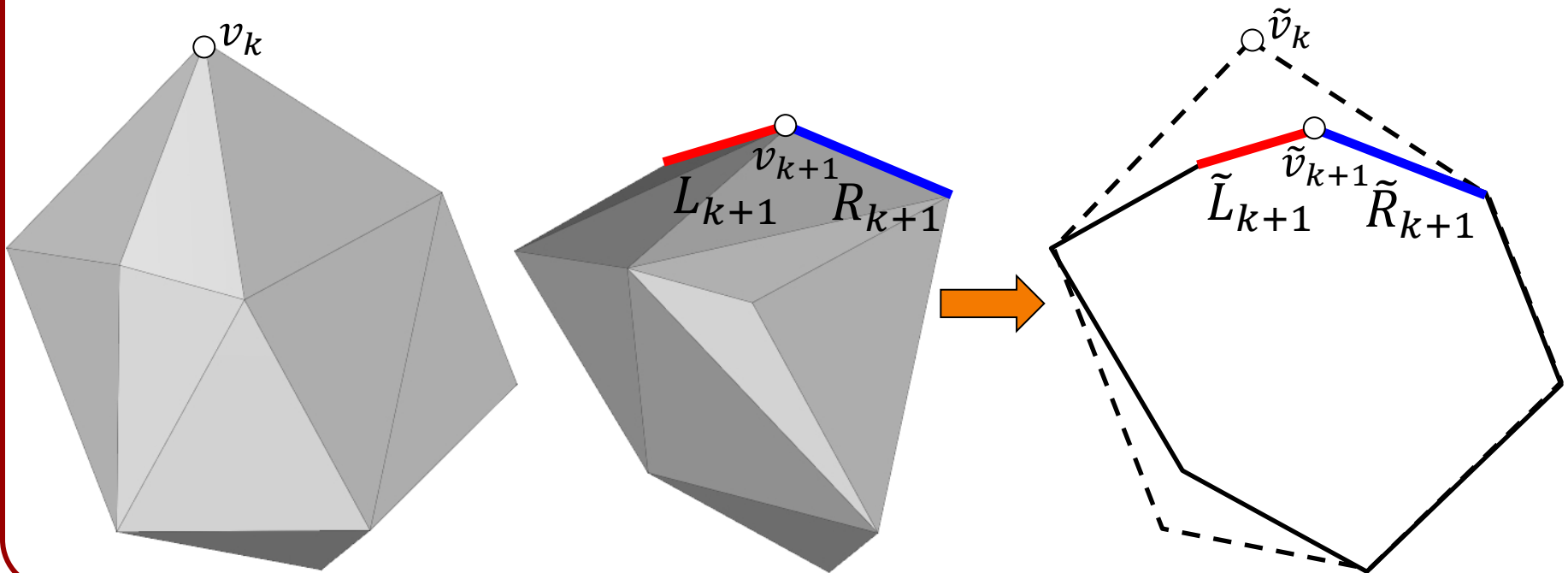




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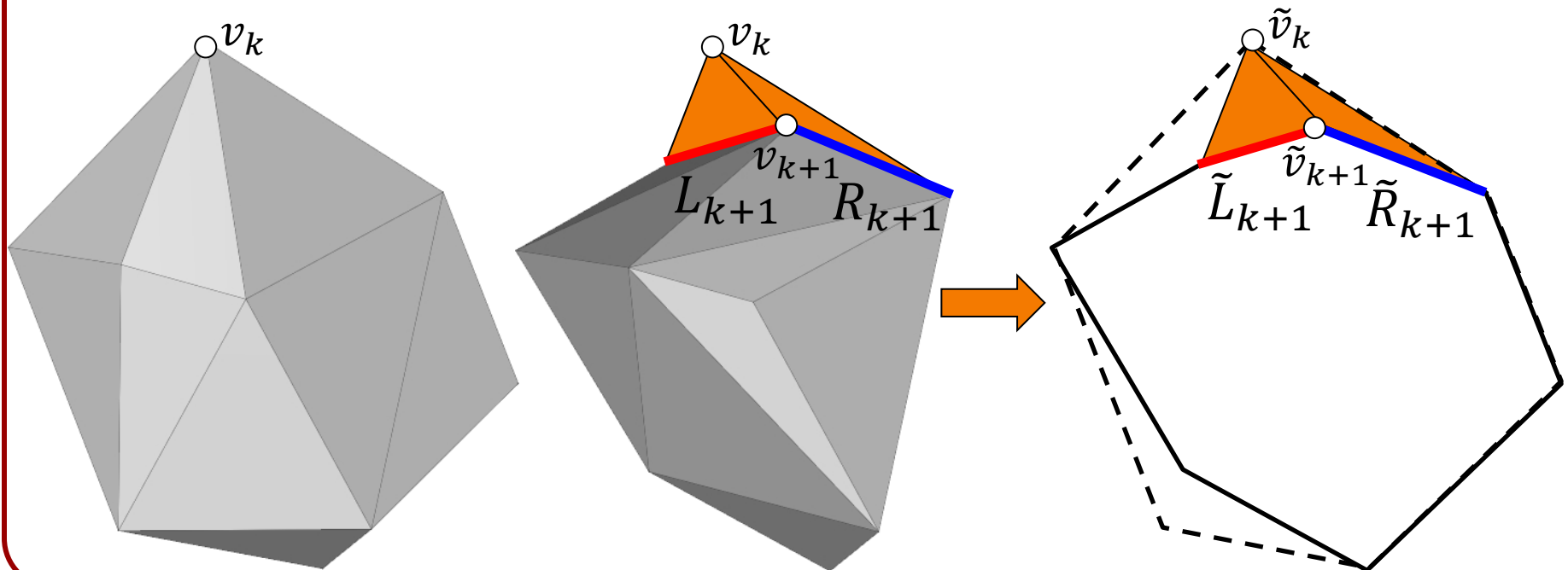




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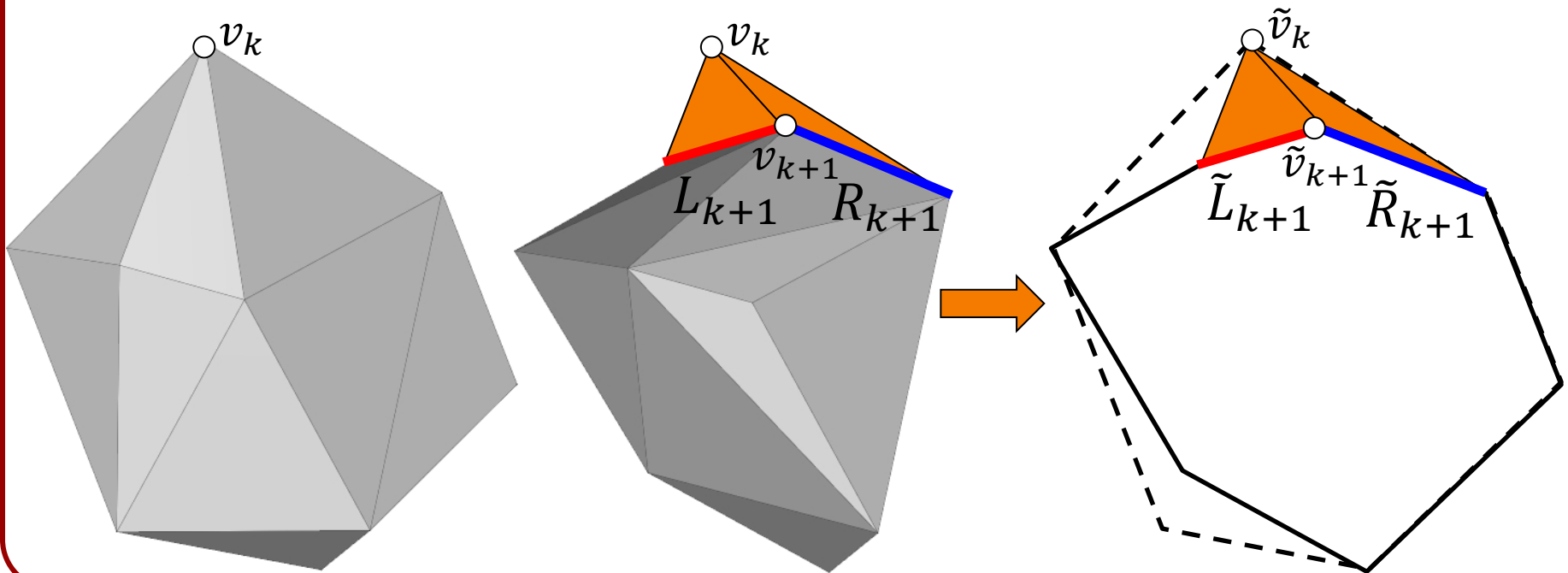




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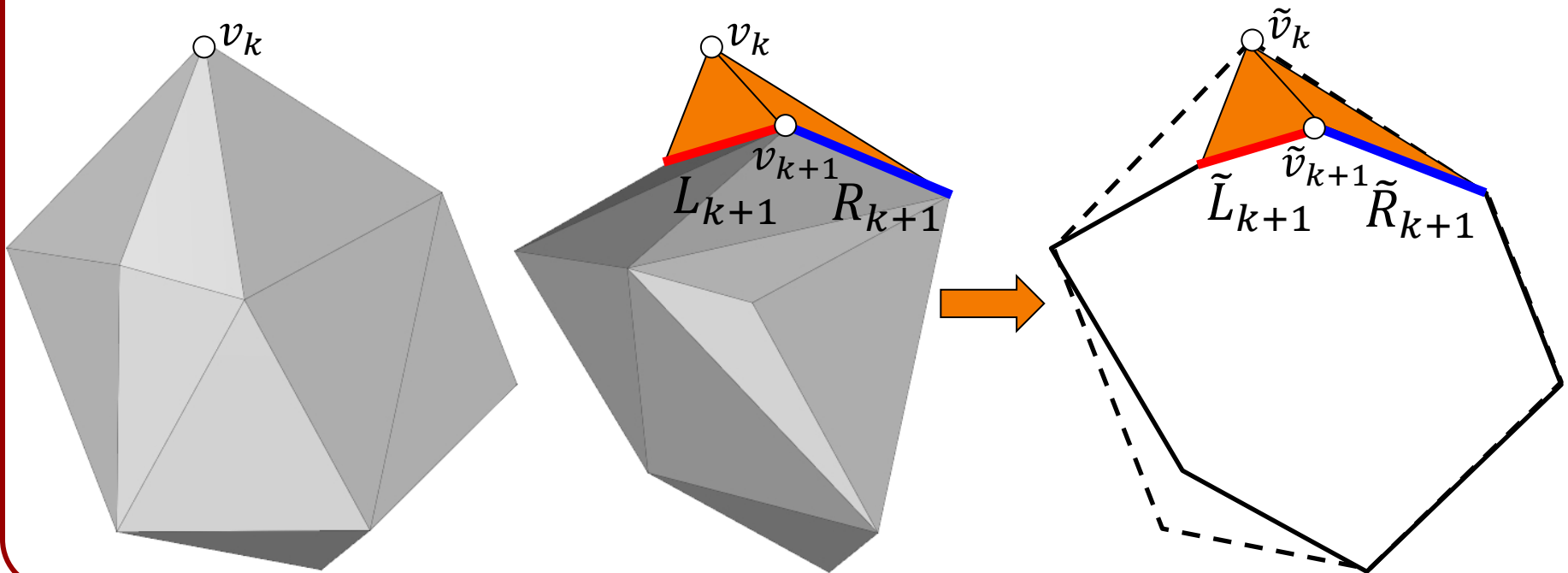




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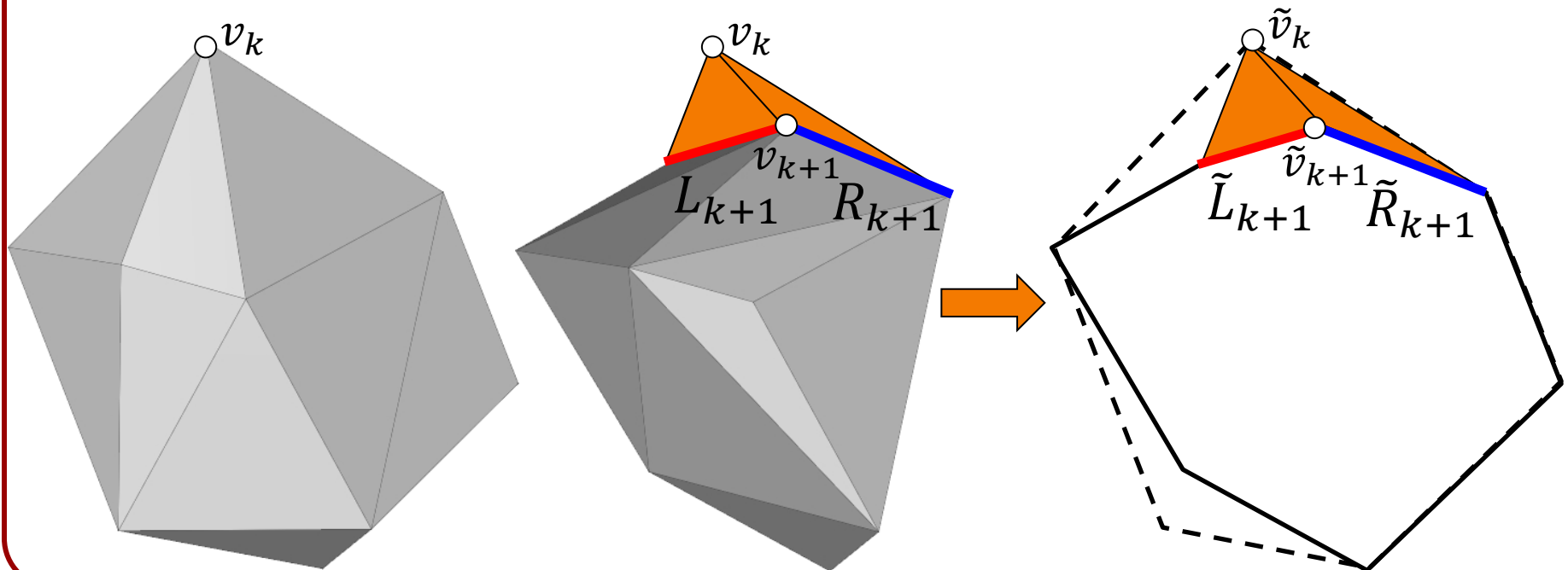




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If we know the highest vertex $v_{k+1} \in P_{k+1}$ and we know L_{k+1} and R_{k+1} , then we get the highest vertex $v_k \in P_k$ in $O(1)$.

If v_{k+1} is removed at level $k + 2$:

$\Rightarrow v_{k+1}$ has degree ≤ 8 in P_{k+1}

\Rightarrow We can find L_{k+1} and R_{k+1} with exhaustive search.

Otherwise, we can use L_{k+2} and R_{k+2} to compute L_{k+1} and R_{k+1} in time $O(1)$.

- We can construct the polytope hierarchy in $O(|P|)$ time.
- We can find the extreme point, with respect to an arbitrary direction, in $O(\log|P|)$.