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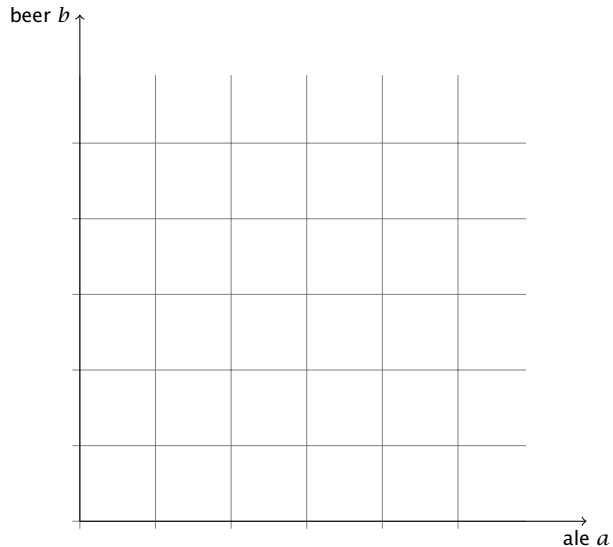
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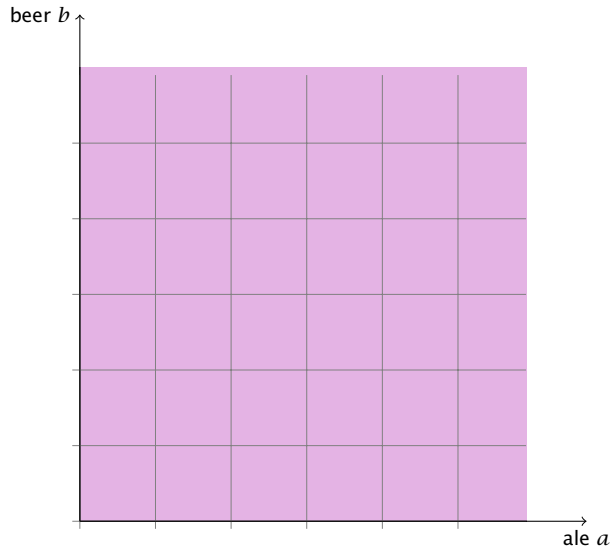
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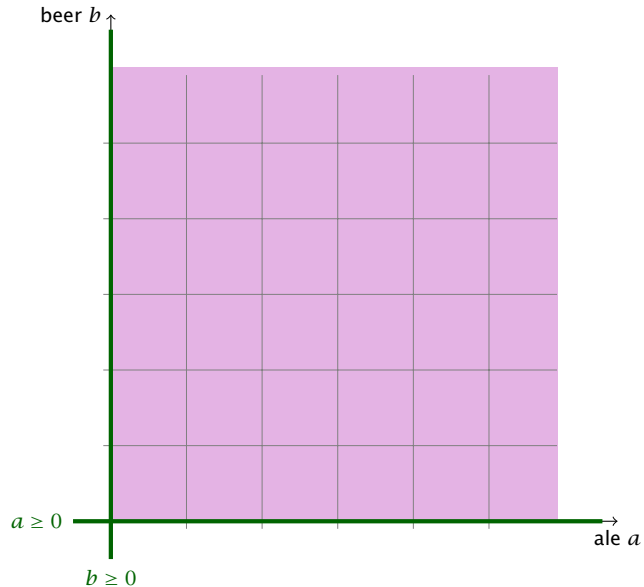
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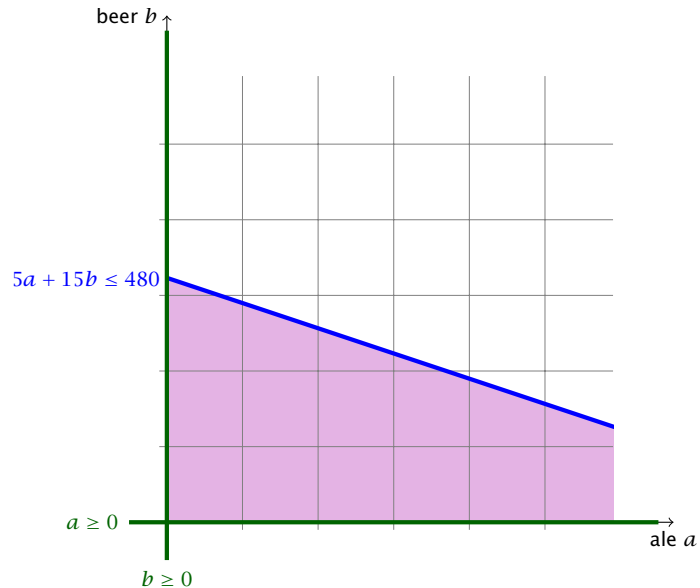
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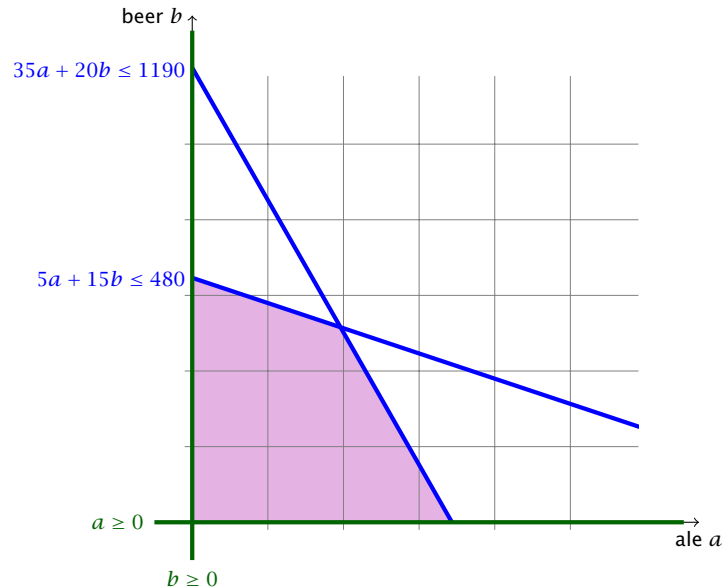
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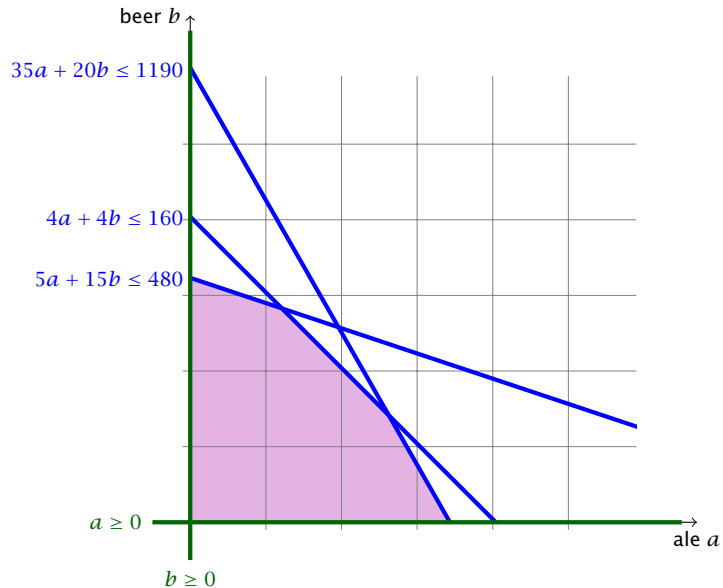
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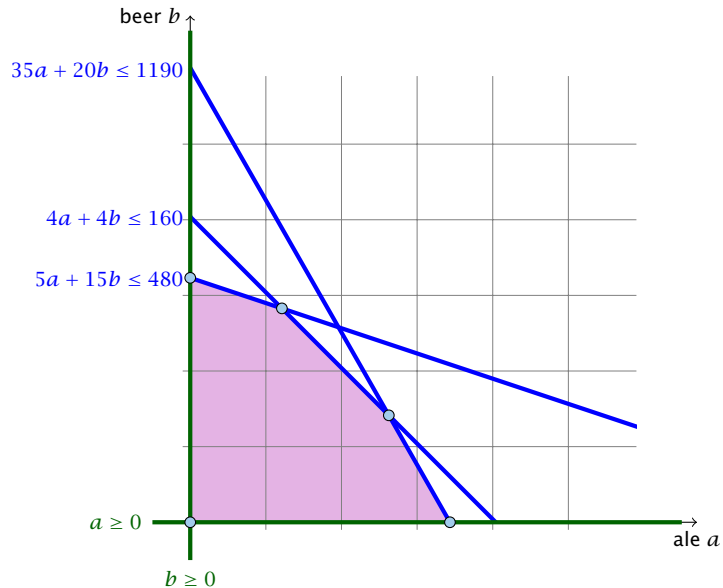
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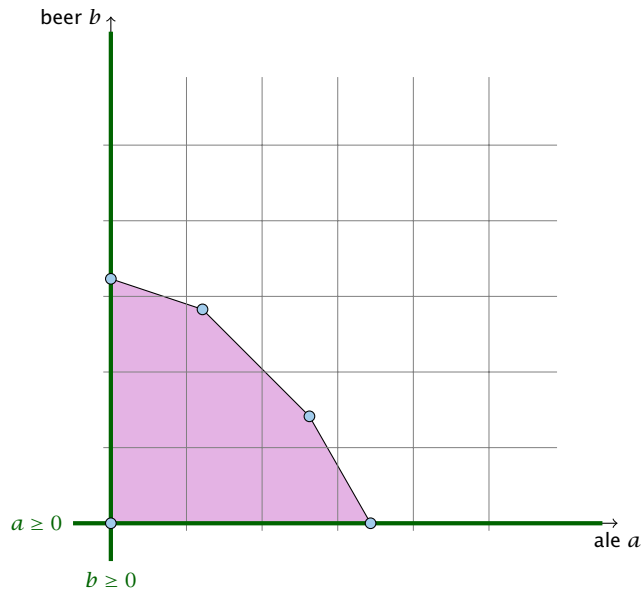
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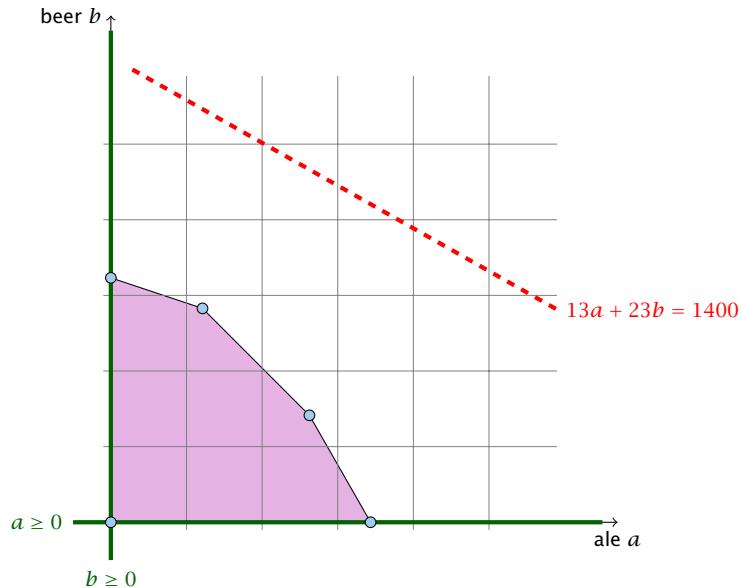
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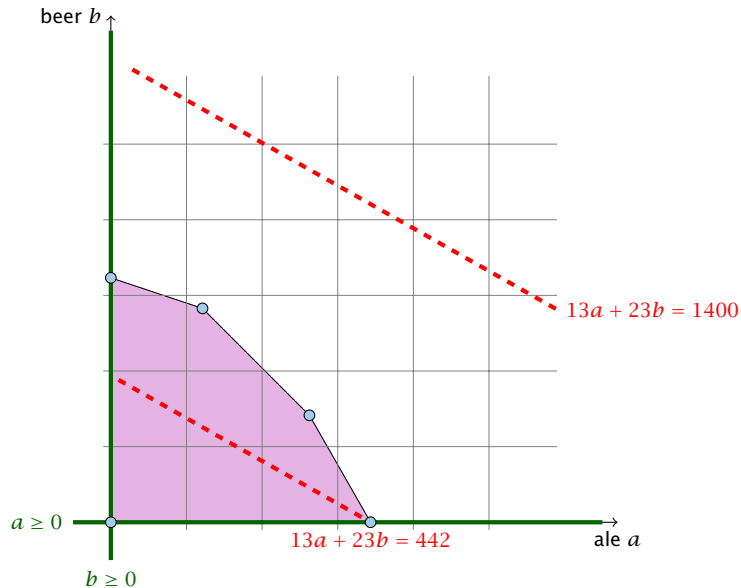
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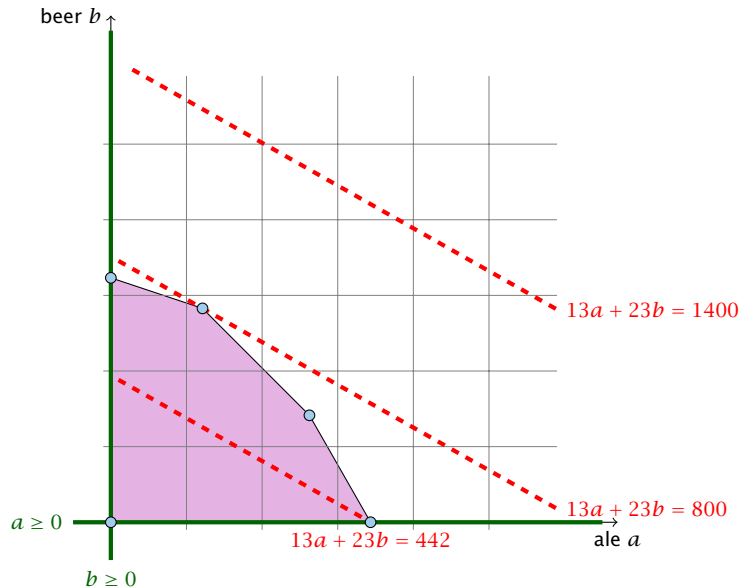
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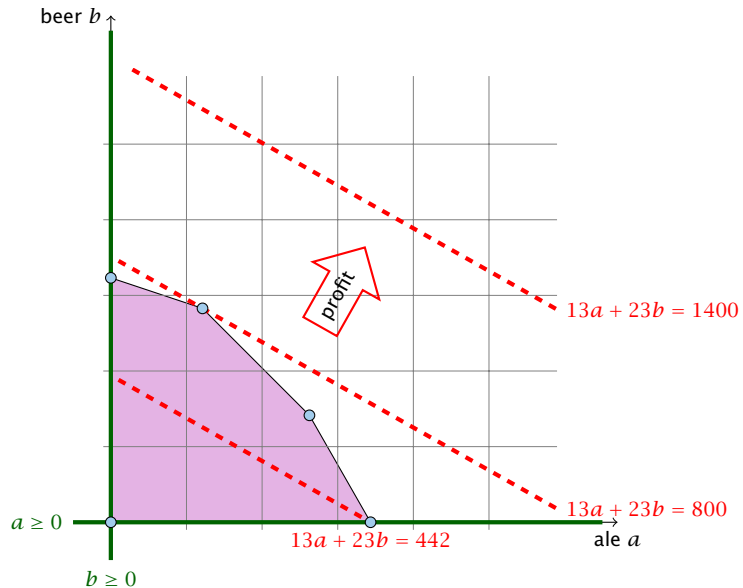
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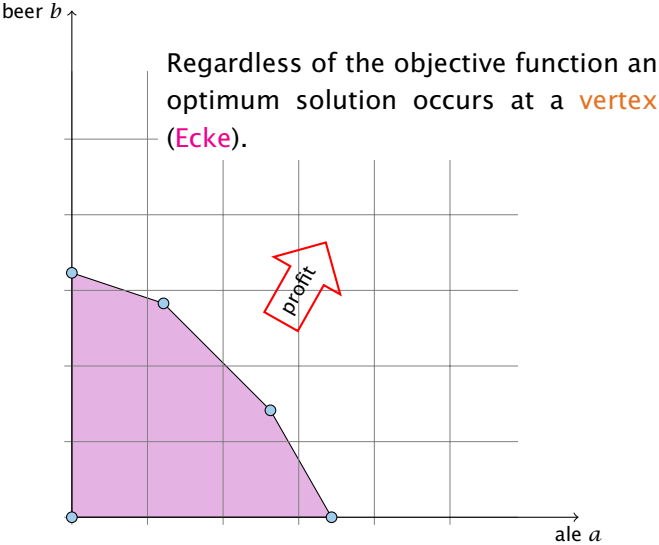
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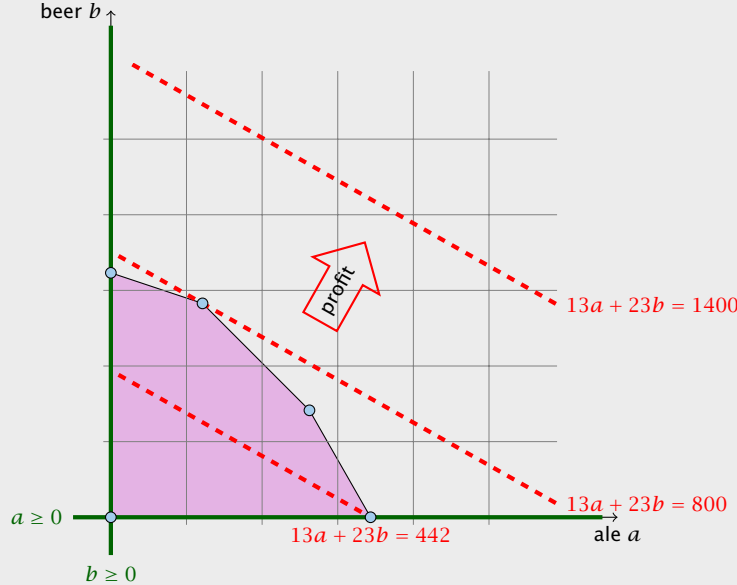
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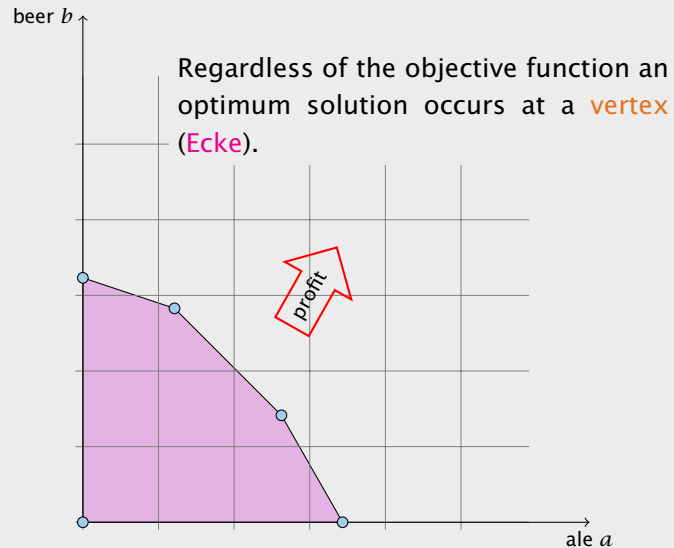


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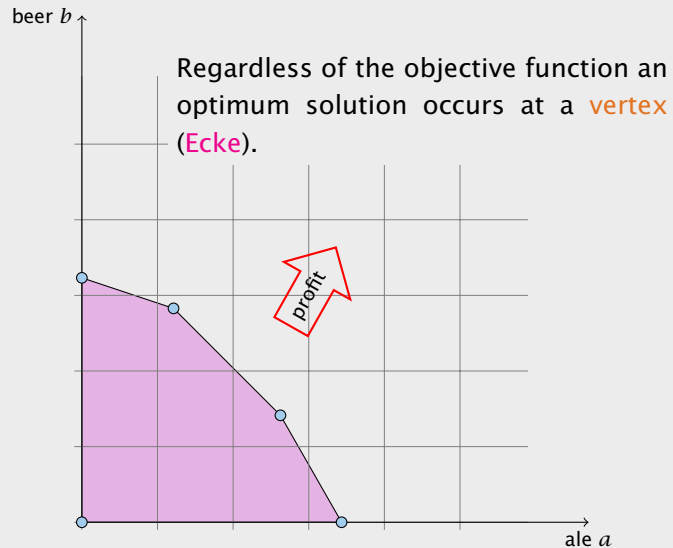
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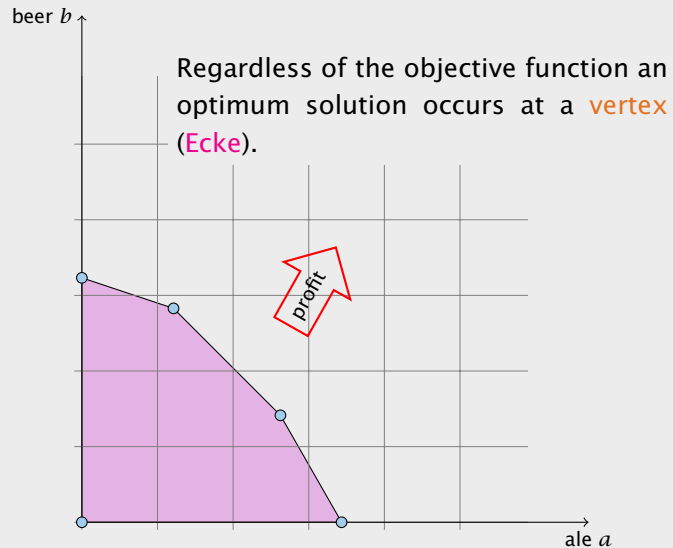
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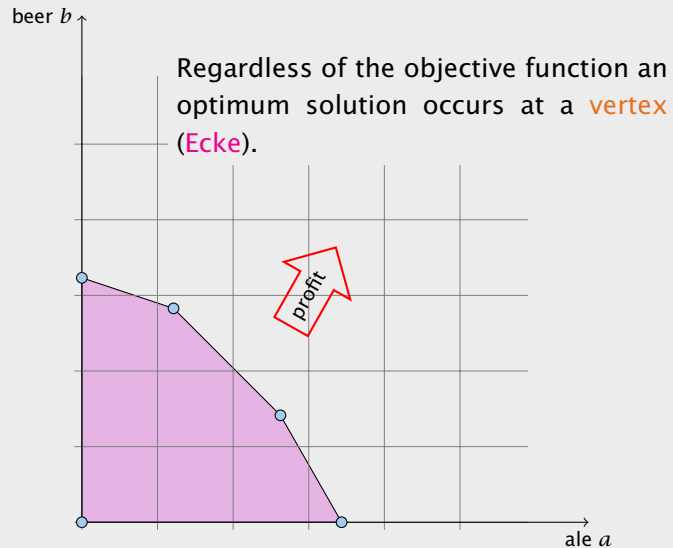
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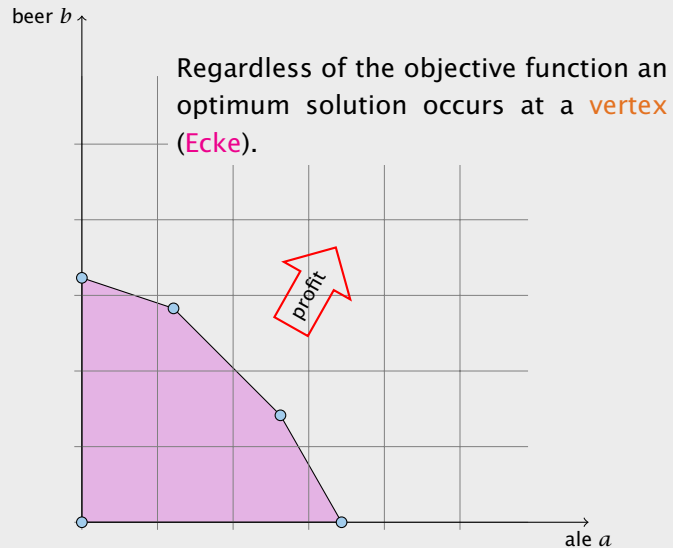
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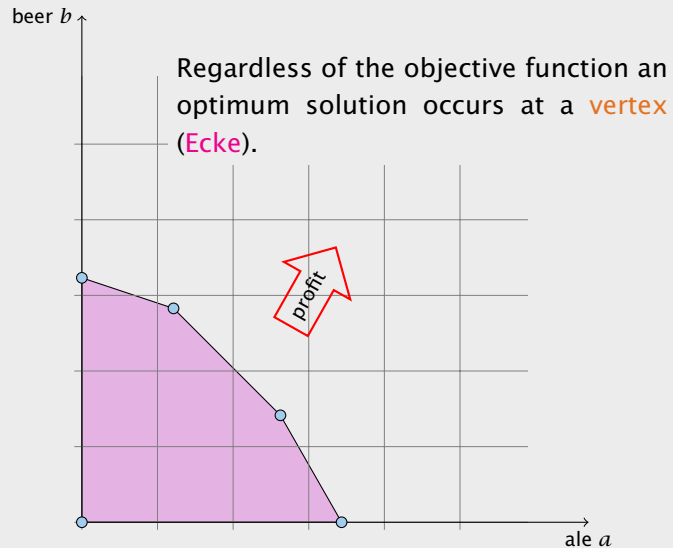
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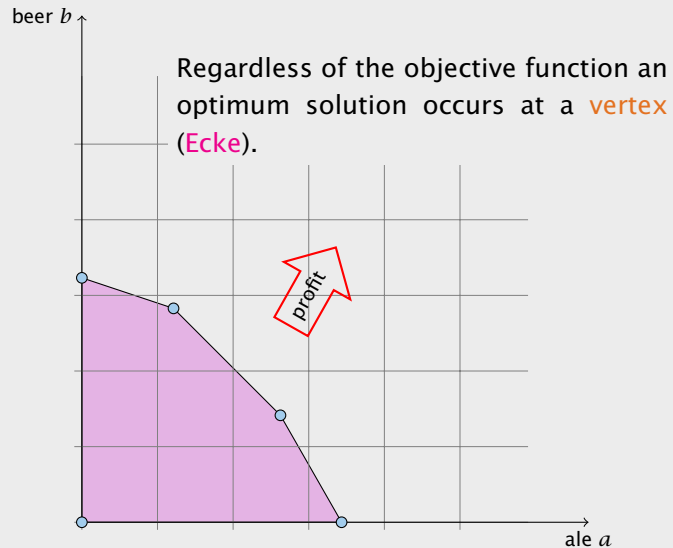
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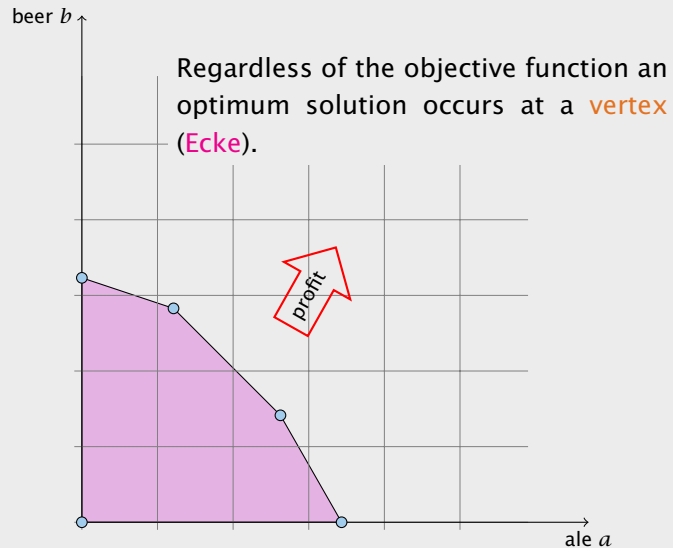
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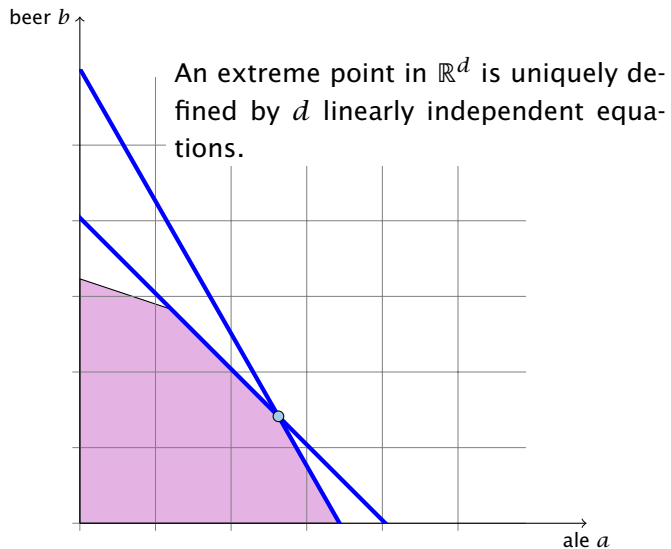
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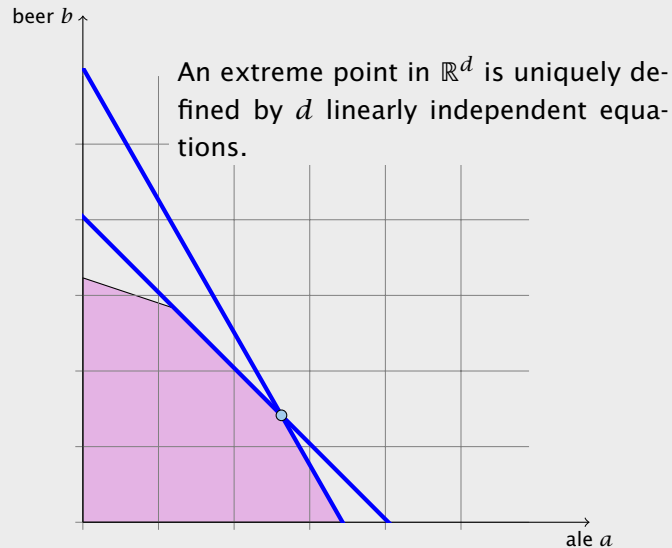
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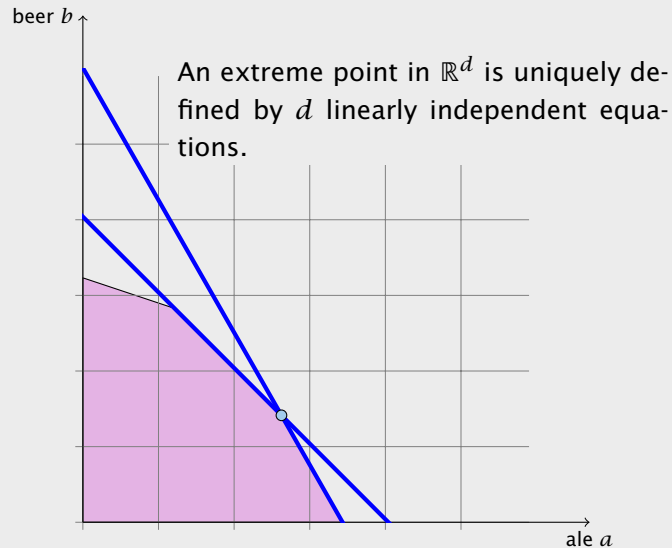
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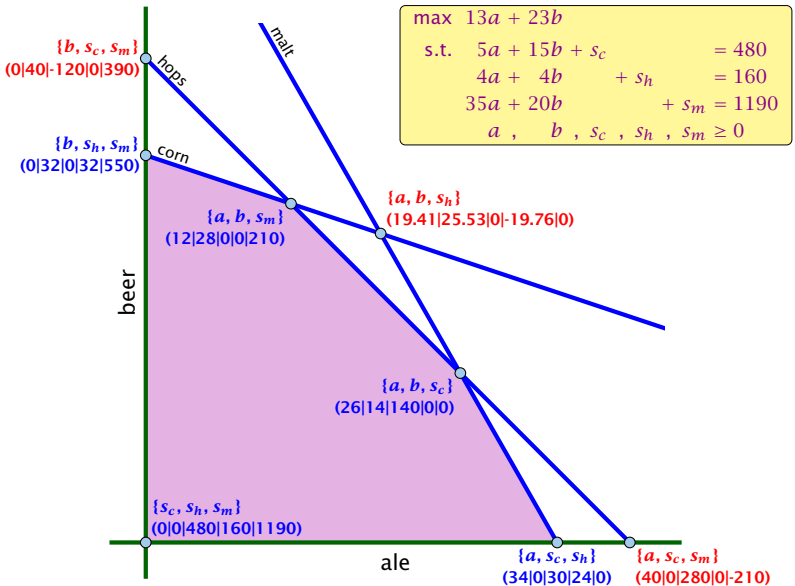
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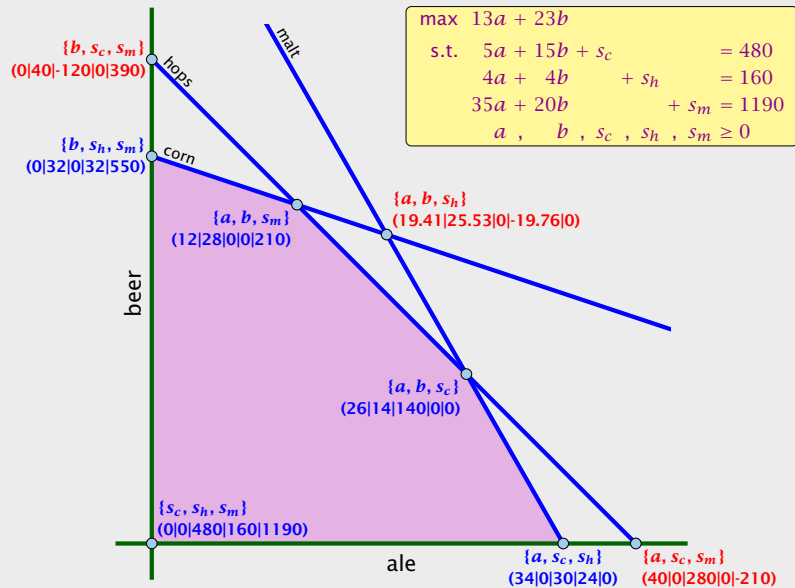
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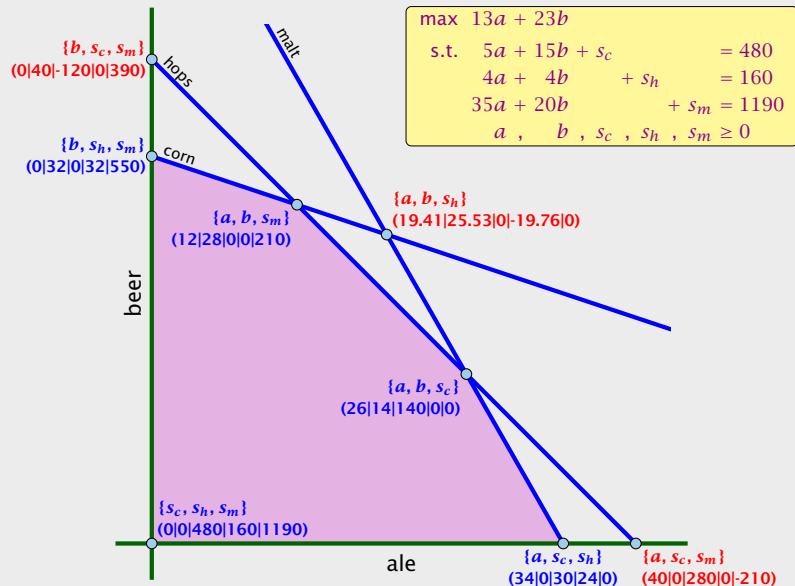
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 \end{array}$$

Substitute $b = \frac{1}{15}(480 - 5a - s_c)$.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \max Z & & \\
 \frac{16}{3}a - \frac{23}{15}s_c & & - Z = -736 \\
 \frac{1}{3}a + b + \frac{1}{15}s_c & & = 32 \\
 \frac{8}{3}a - \frac{4}{15}s_c + s_h & & = 32 \\
 \frac{85}{3}a - \frac{4}{3}s_c + s_m & & = 550 \\
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Computing $\min\{3 \cdot 32, 3 \cdot 32/8, 3 \cdot 550/85\}$ means pivot on line 2.

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Substitute $a = \frac{3}{8}(32 + \frac{4}{15}s_c - s_h)$.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 \max Z & & \\
 & - s_c - 2s_h & - Z = -800 \\
 b + \frac{1}{10}s_c - \frac{1}{8}s_h & & = 28 \\
 a - \frac{1}{10}s_c + \frac{3}{8}s_h & & = 12 \\
 & \frac{3}{2}s_c - \frac{85}{8}s_h + s_m & = 210 \\
 a, b, s_c, s_h, s_m & \geq 0 &
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{basis} = \{a, b, s_m\} \\
 s_c = s_h = 0 \\
 Z = 800 \\
 b = 28 \\
 a = 12 \\
 s_m = 210
 \end{array}$$

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4 Simplex Algorithm

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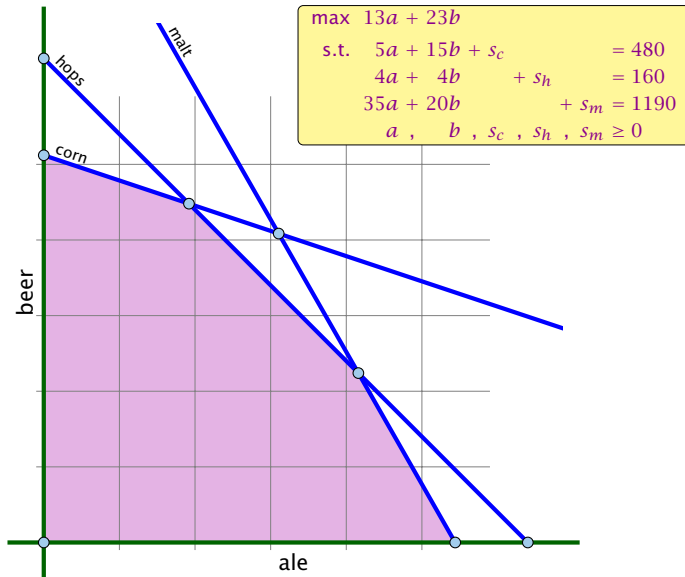
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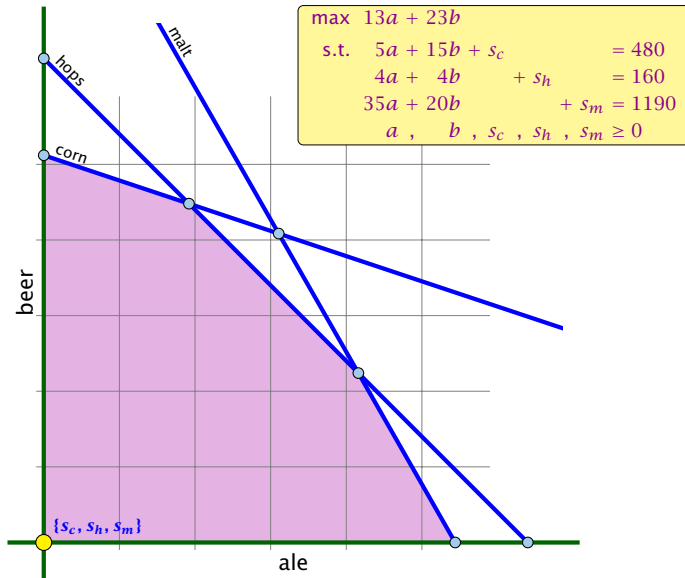
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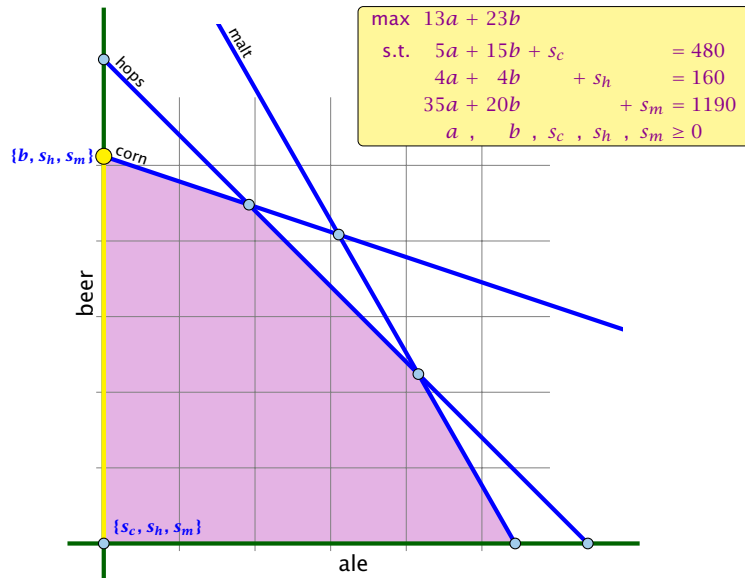
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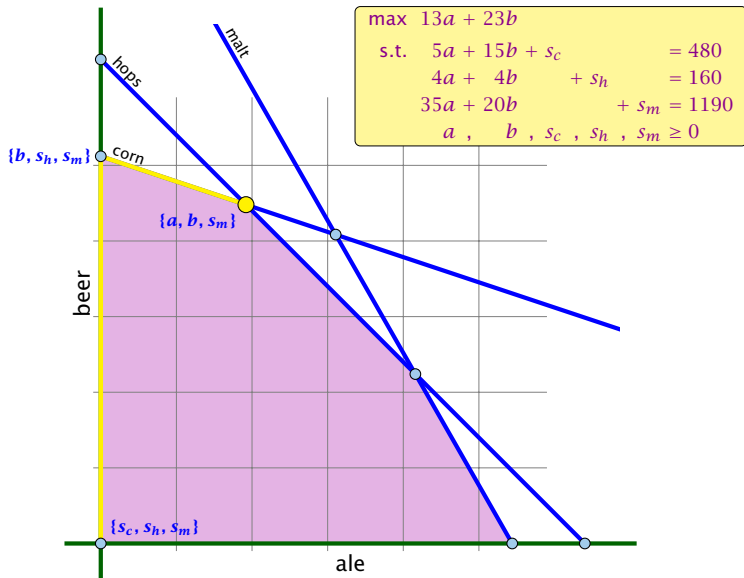
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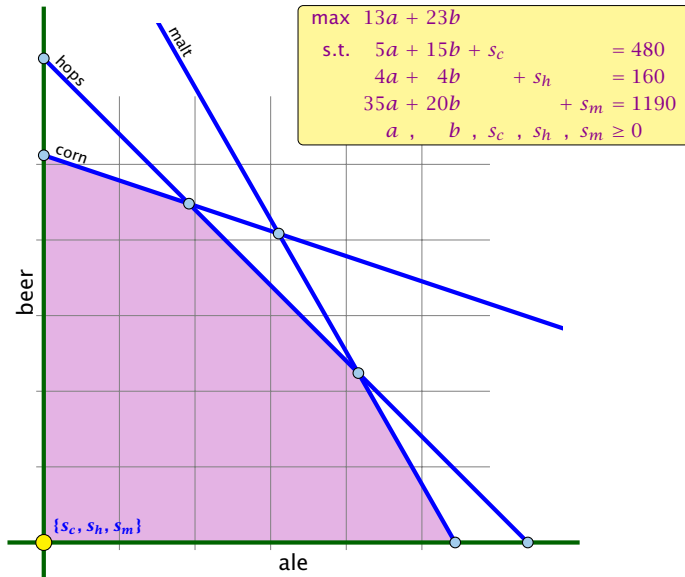
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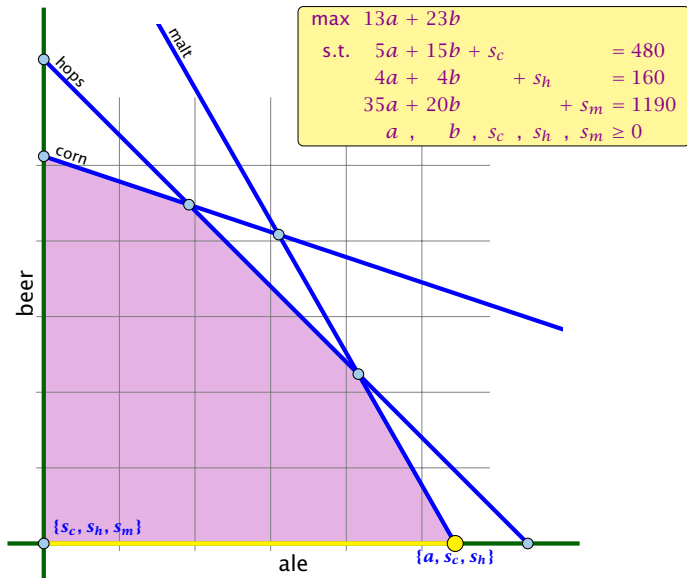
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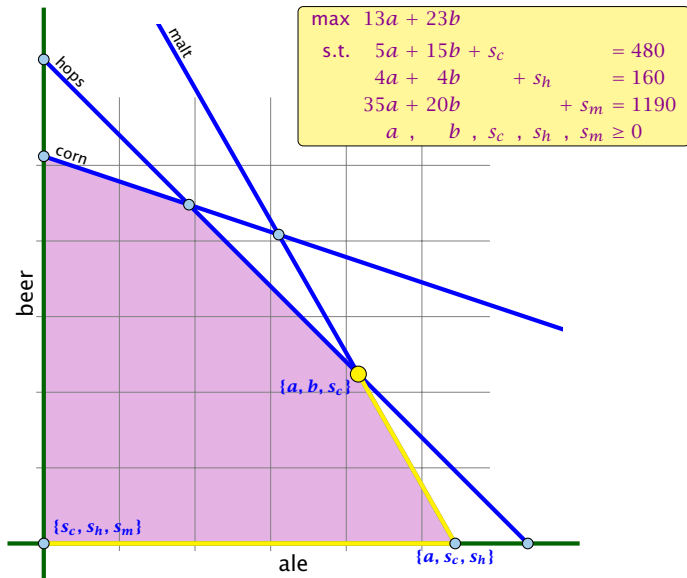
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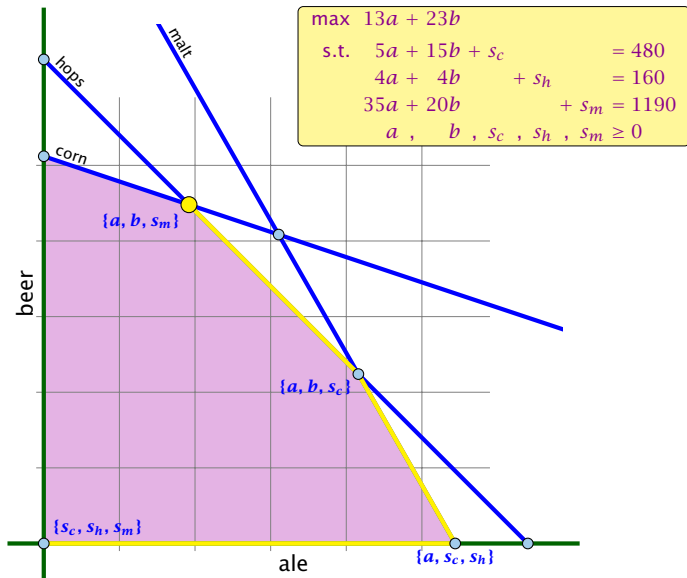
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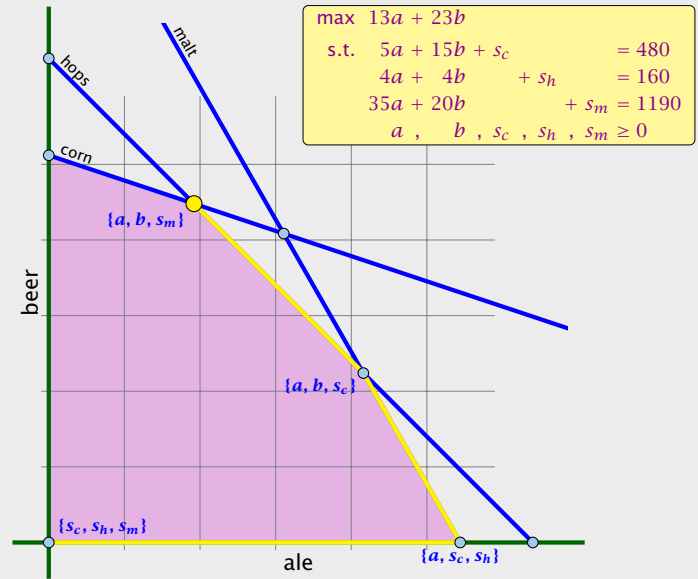
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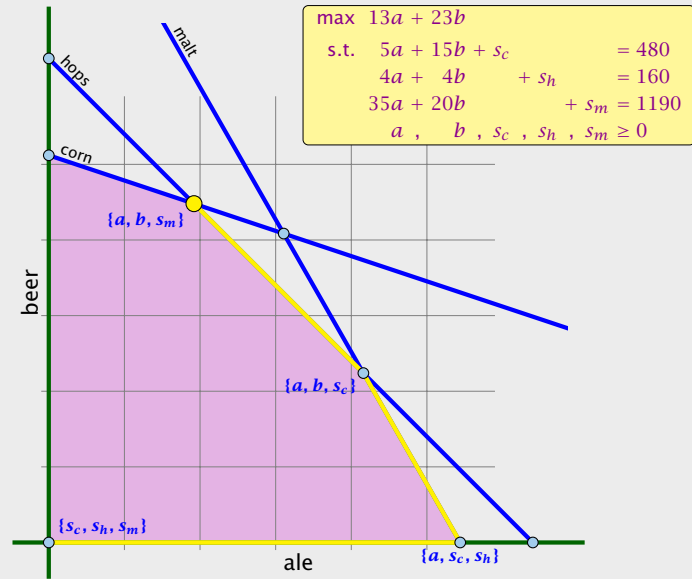


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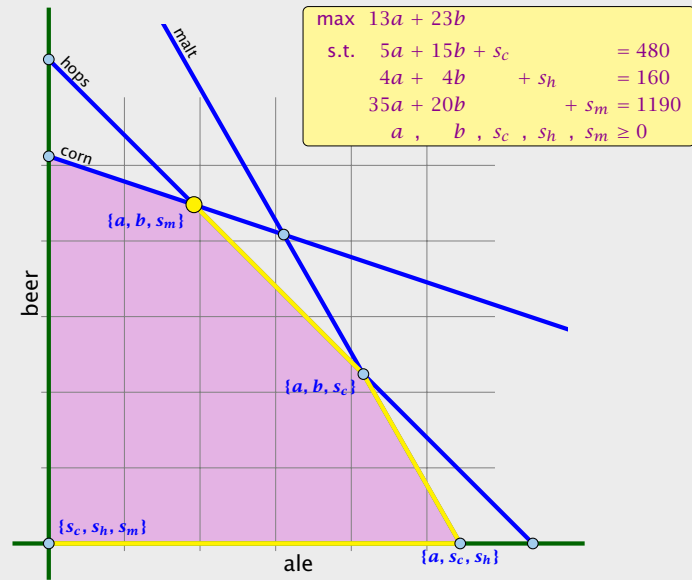


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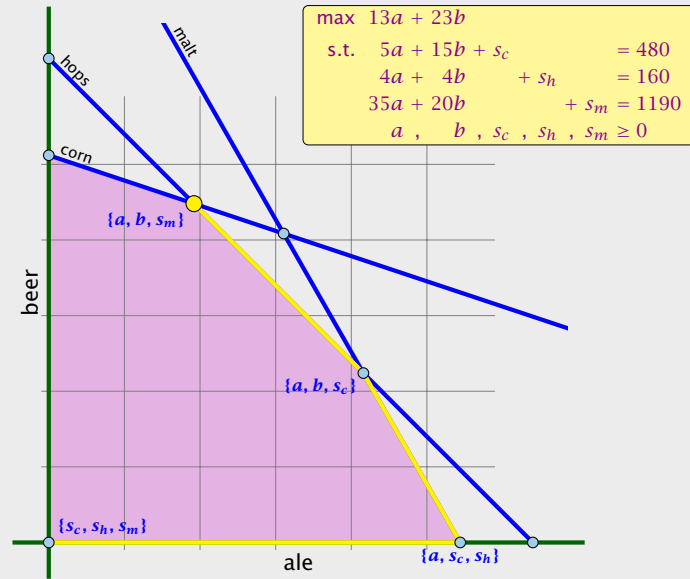


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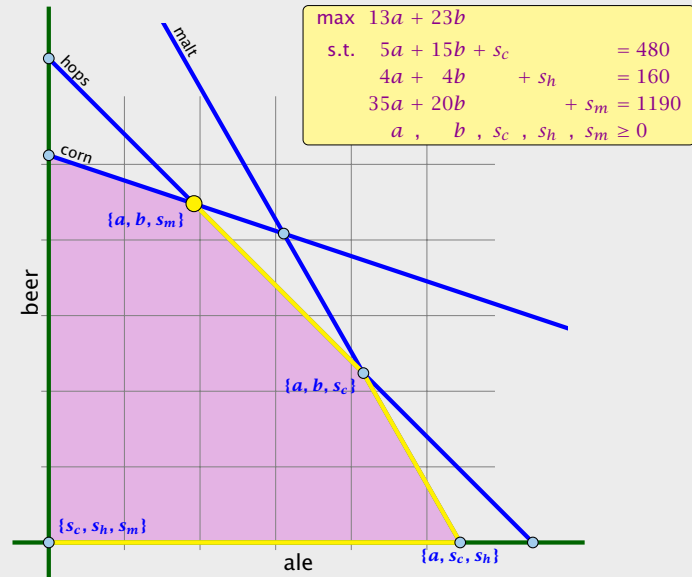


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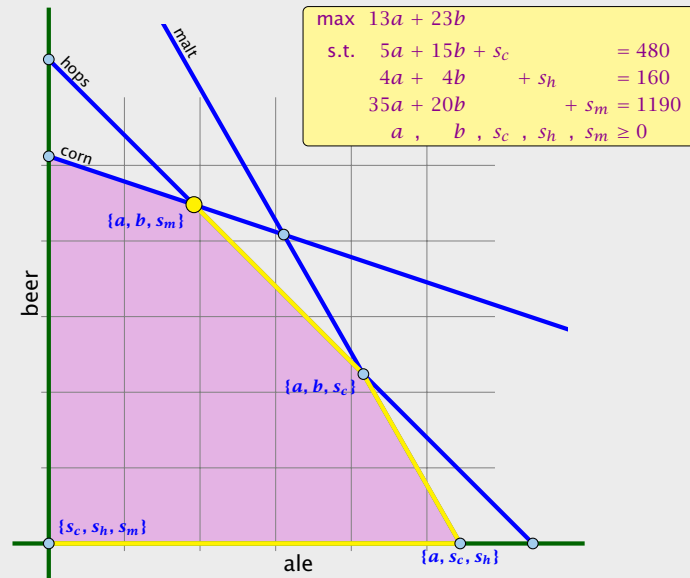
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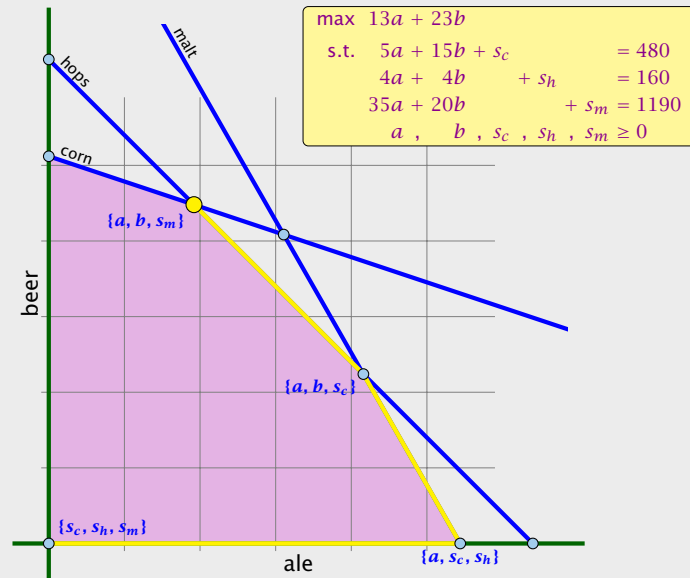
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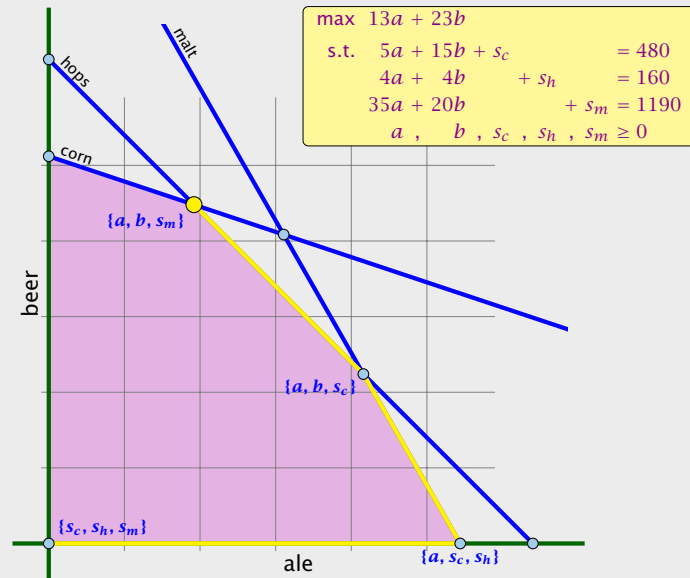
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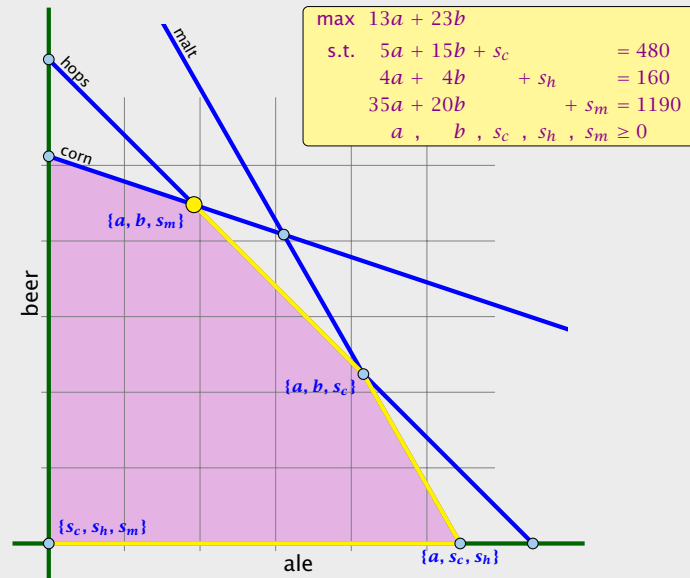
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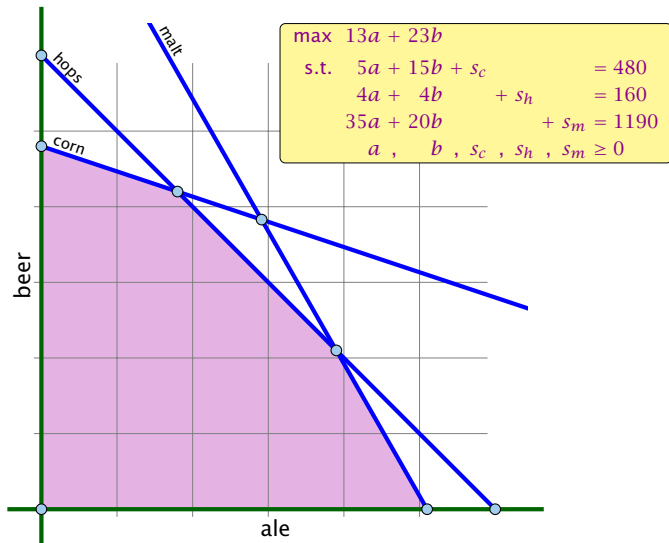
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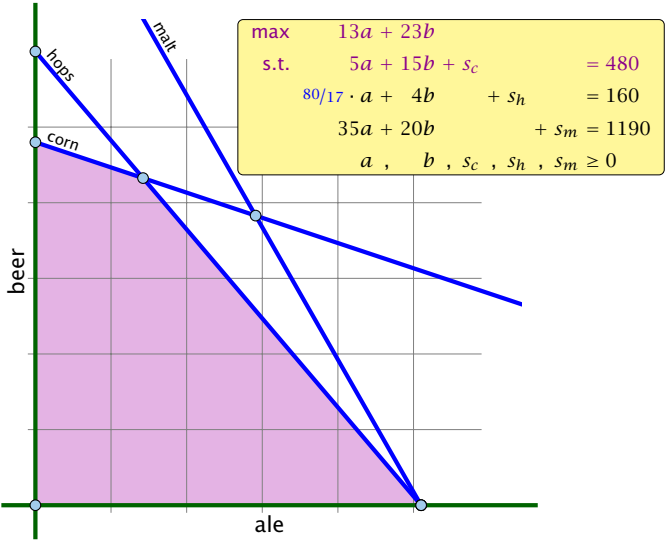
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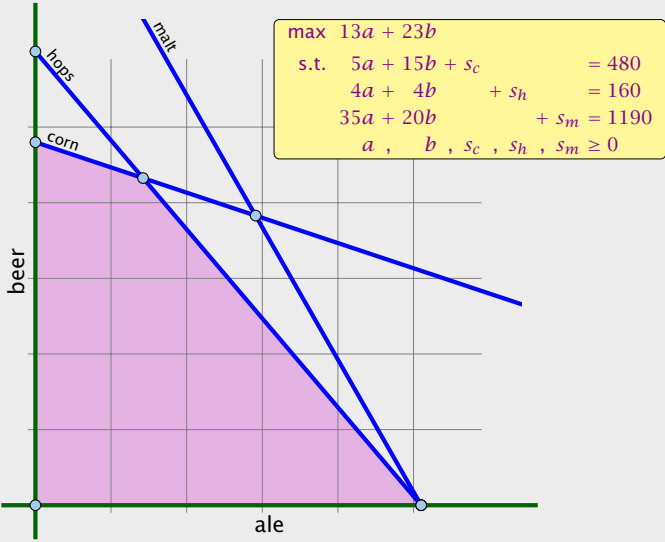
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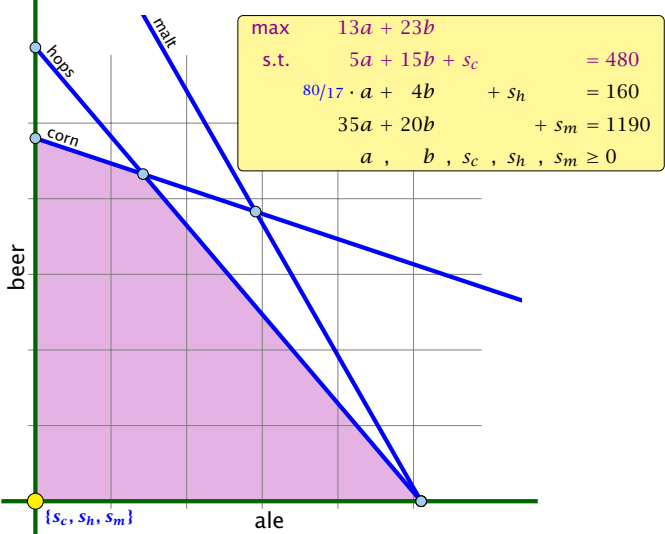
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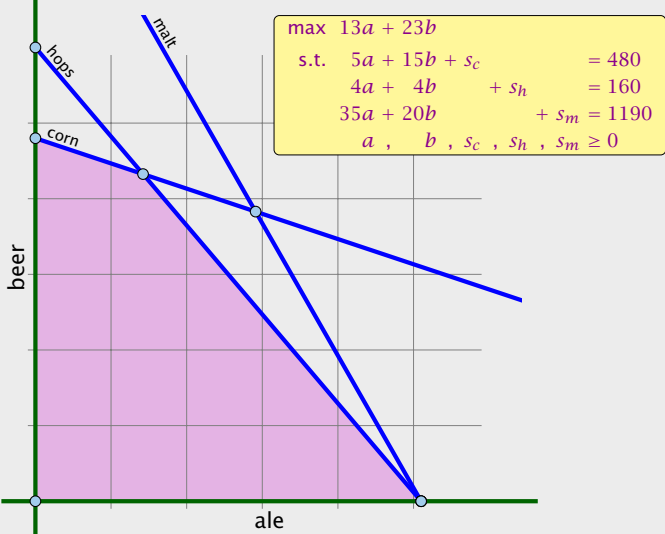
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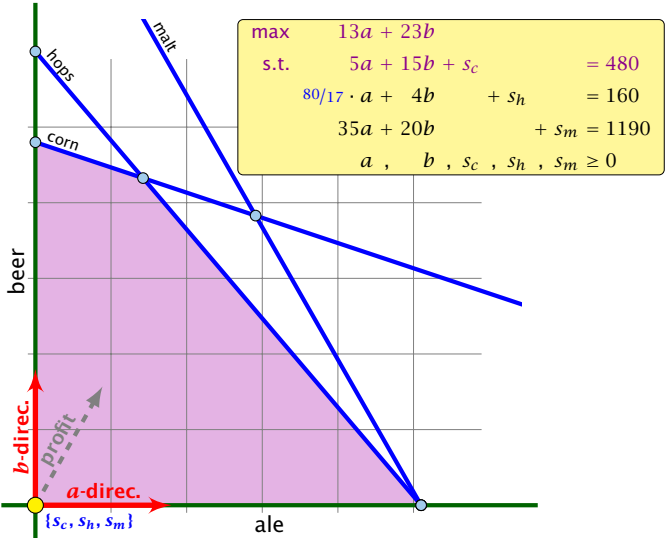
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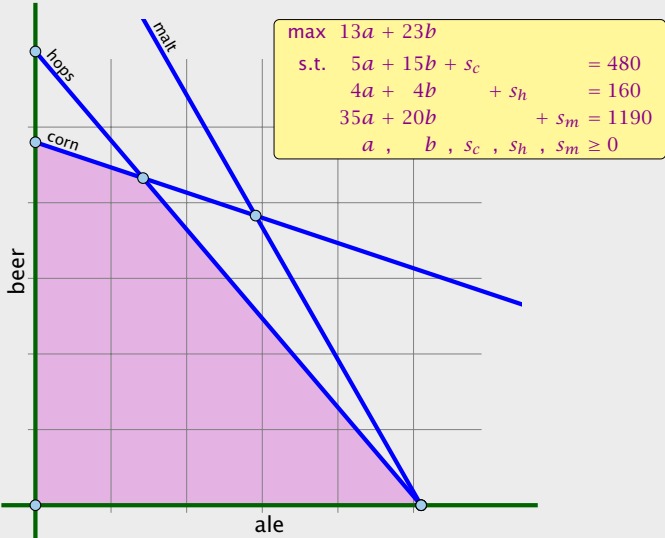
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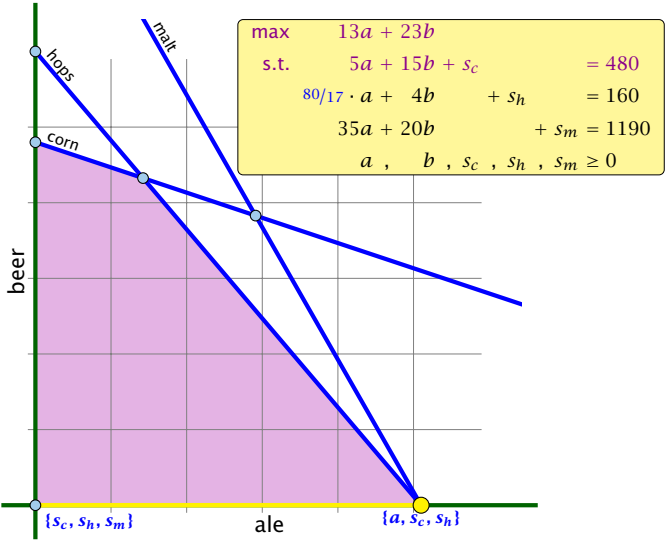
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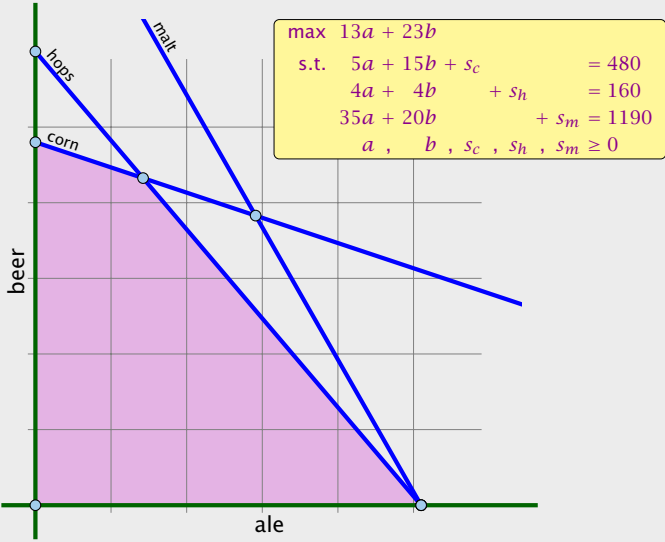
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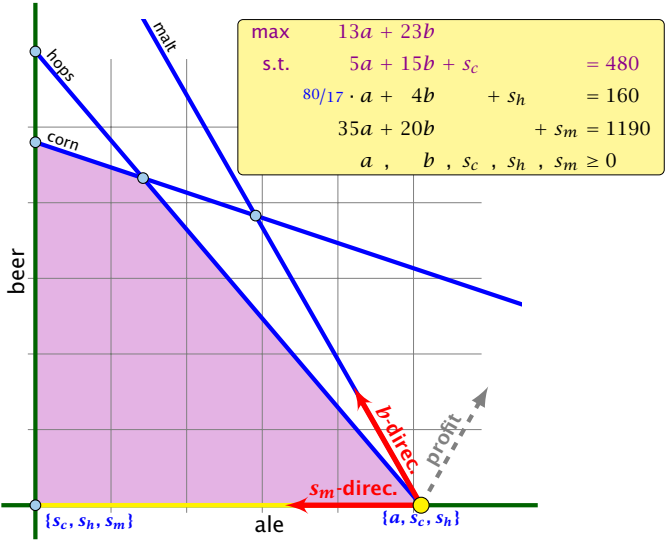
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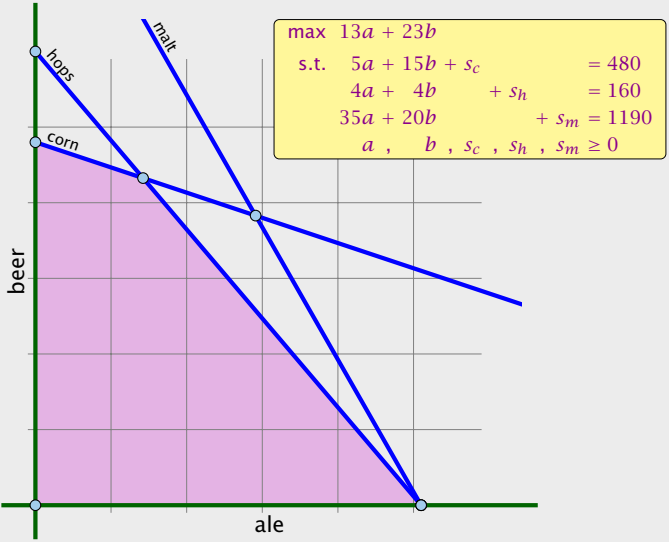
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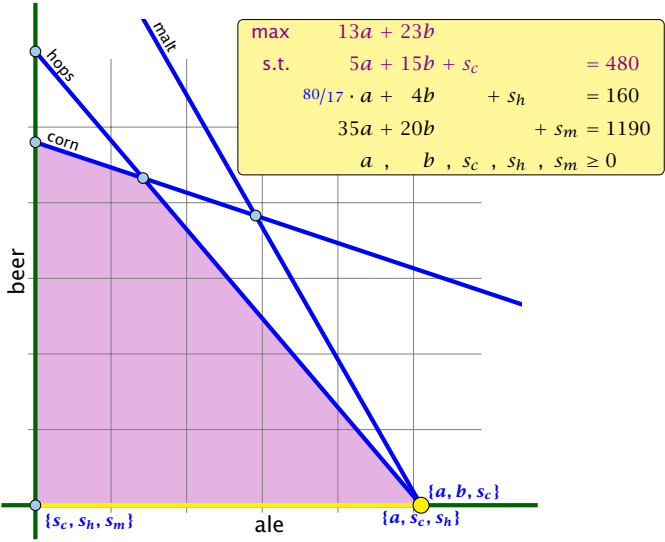
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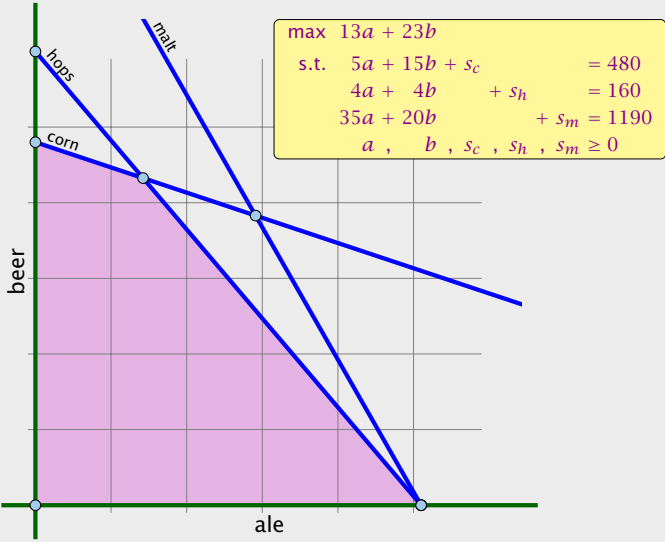
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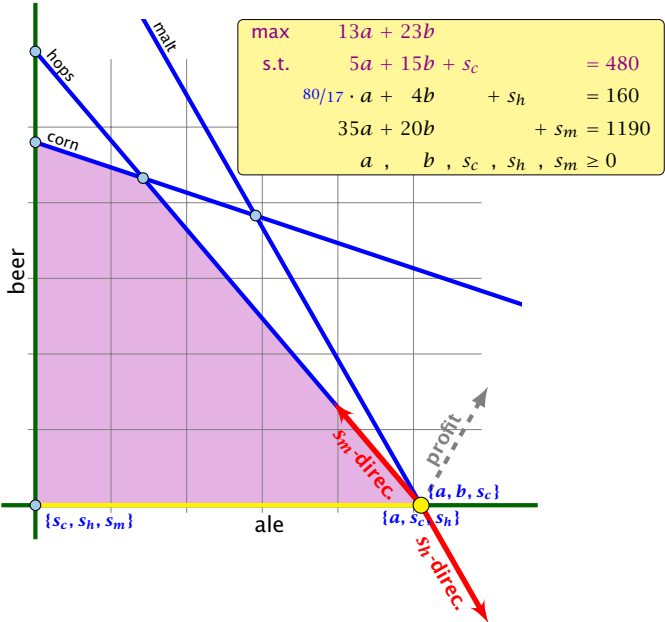
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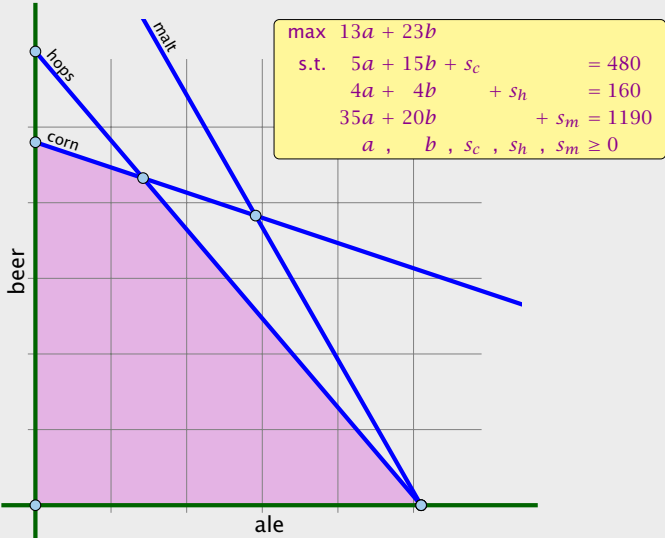
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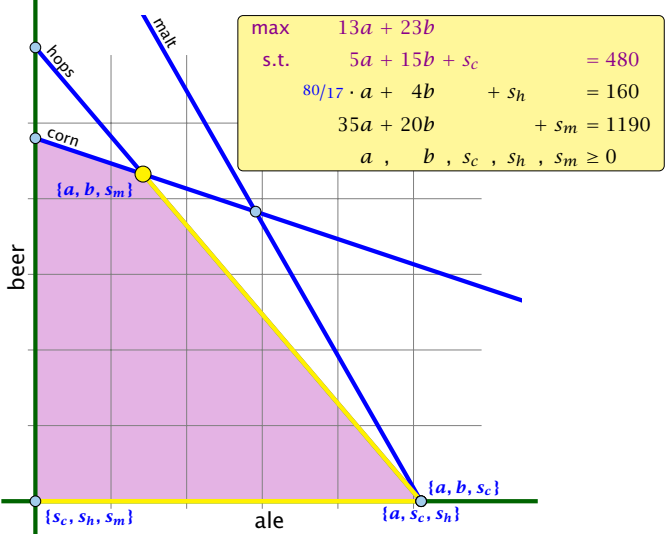
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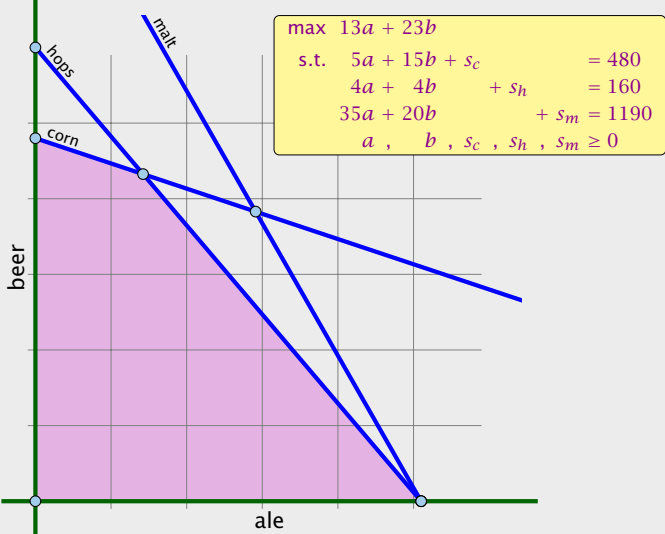
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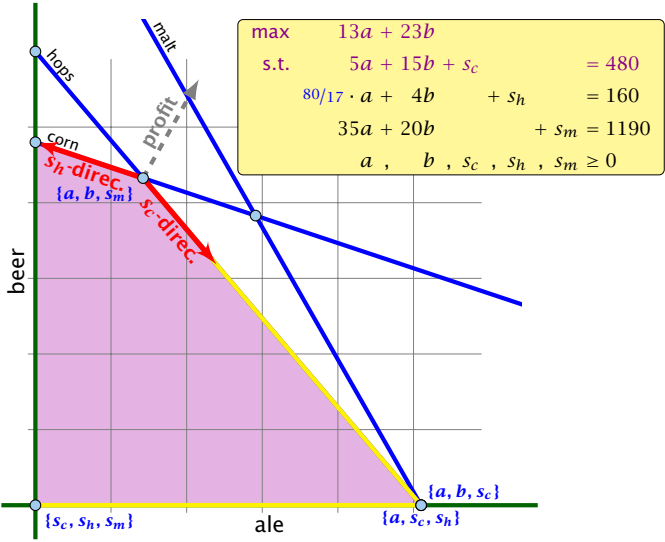
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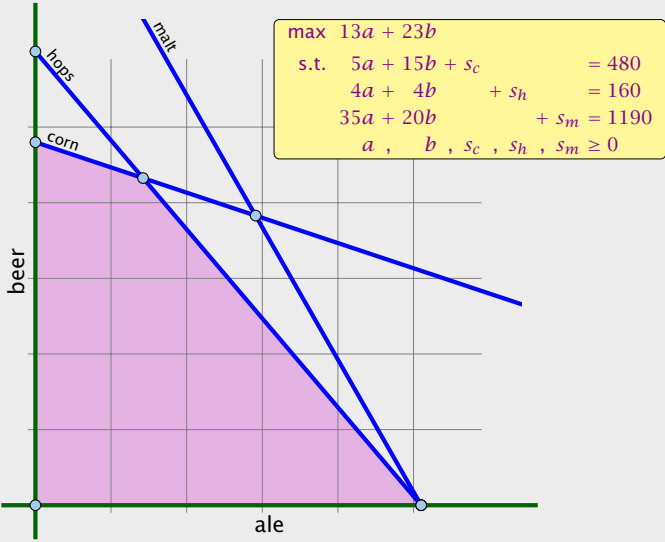
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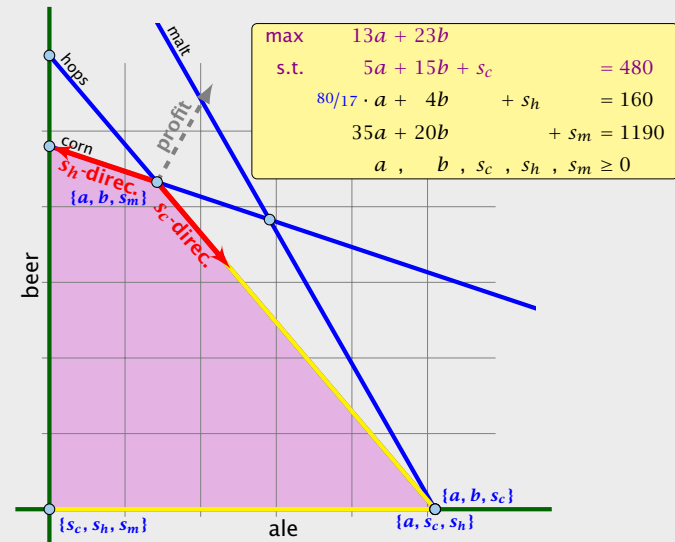
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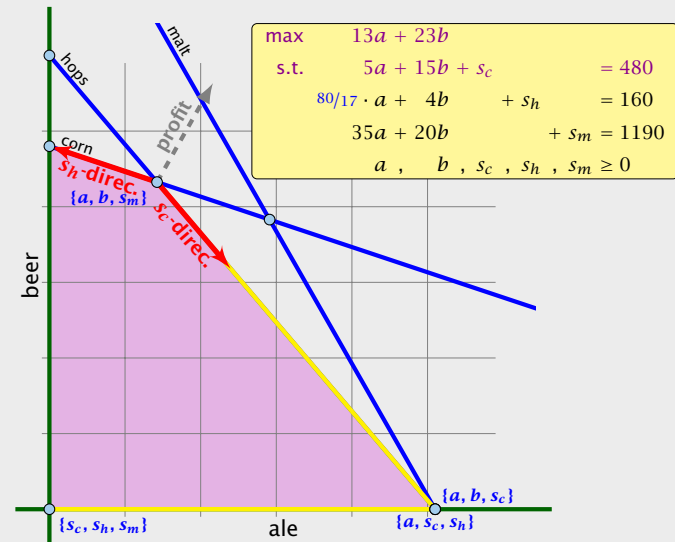
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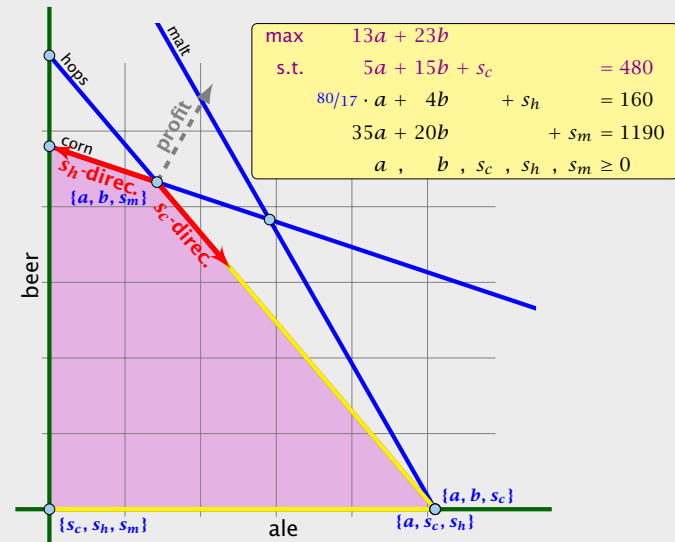
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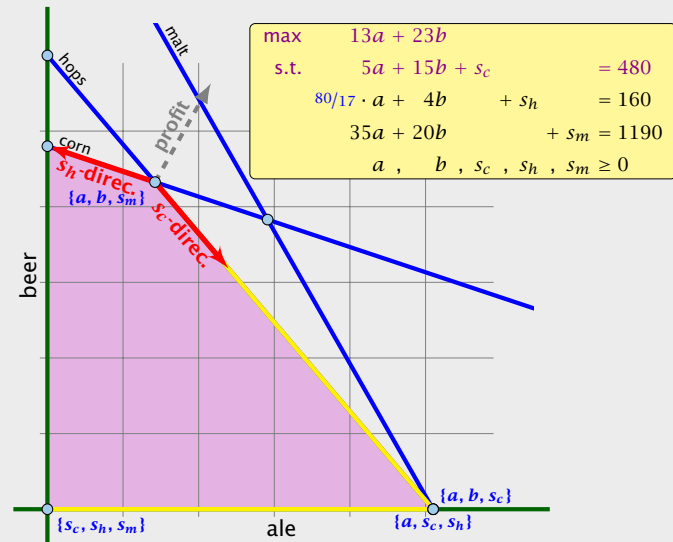
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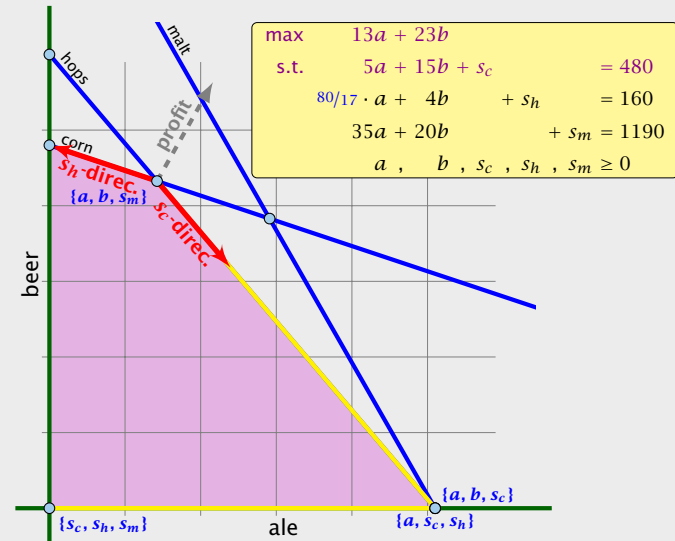
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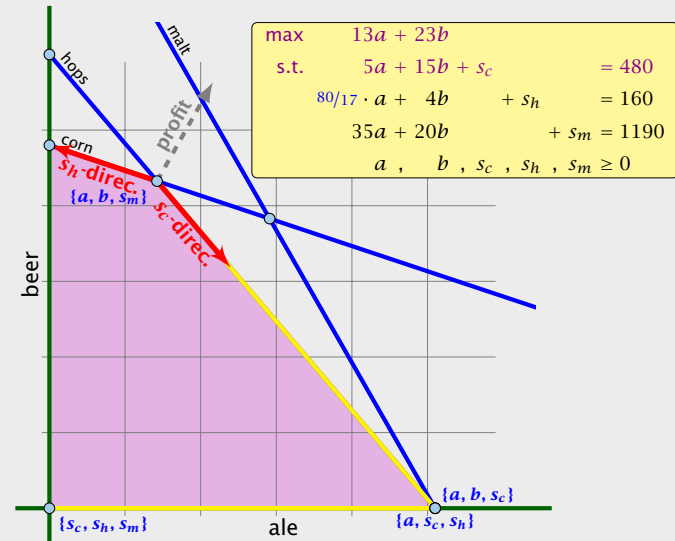
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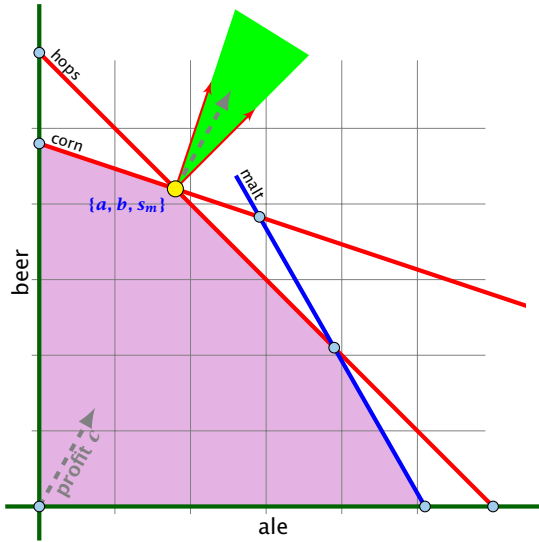
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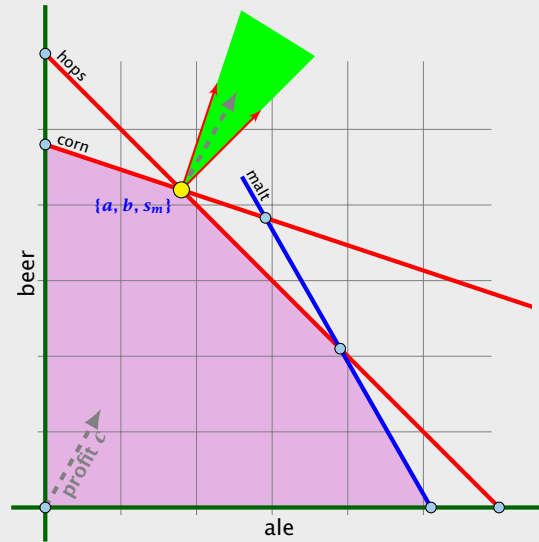
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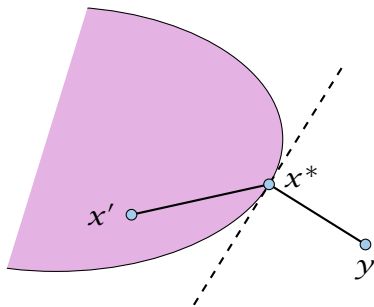
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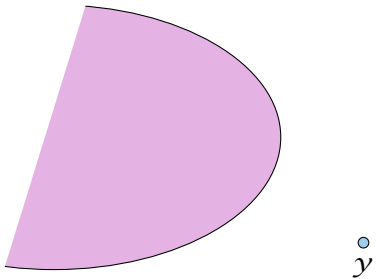
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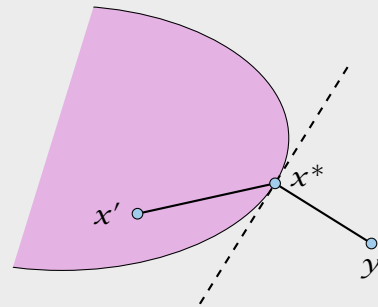
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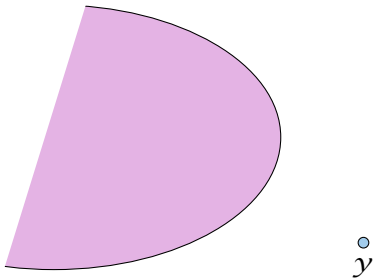
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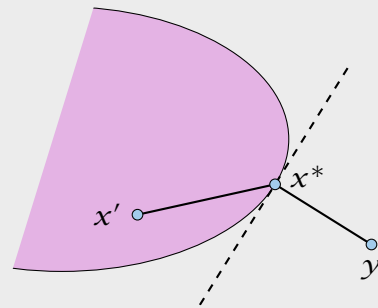
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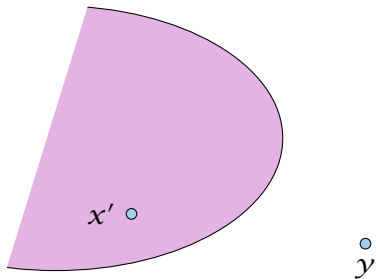
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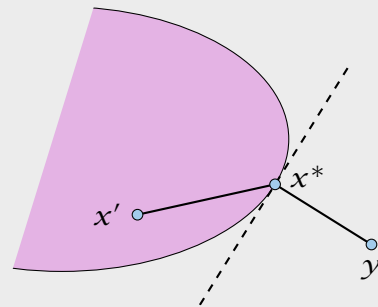
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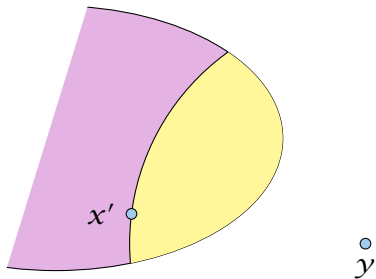
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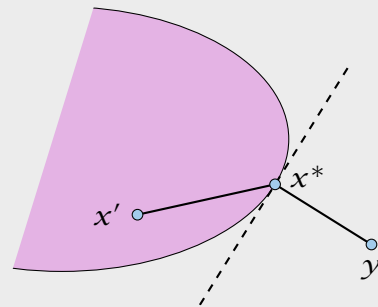
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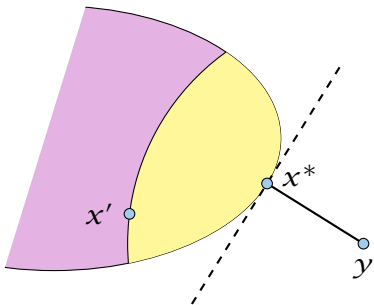
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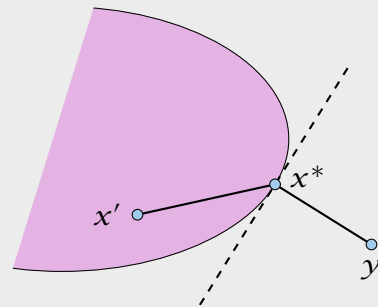
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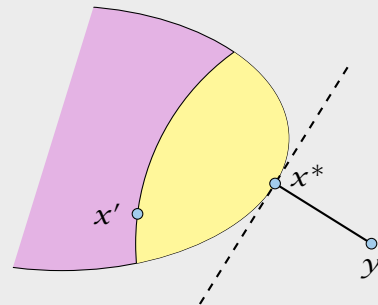
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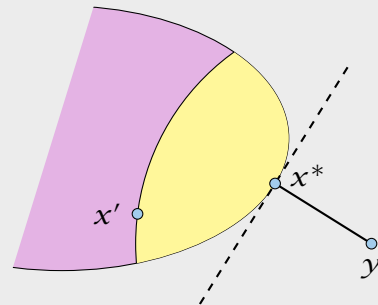


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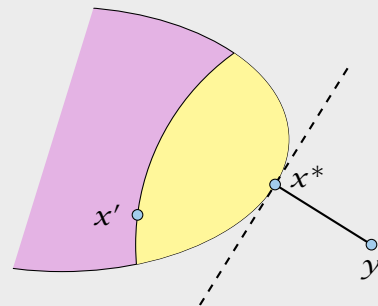
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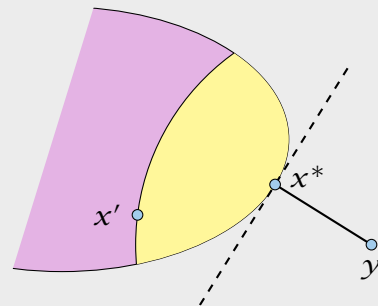
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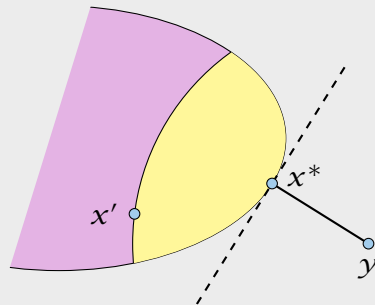
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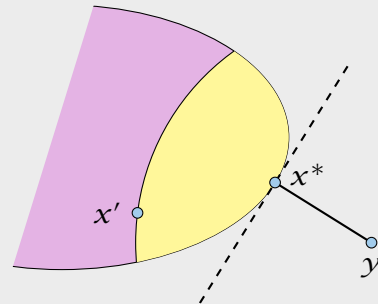
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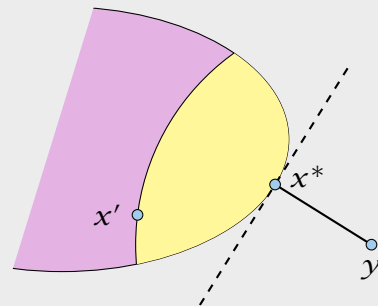
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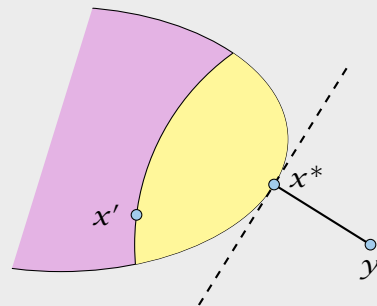
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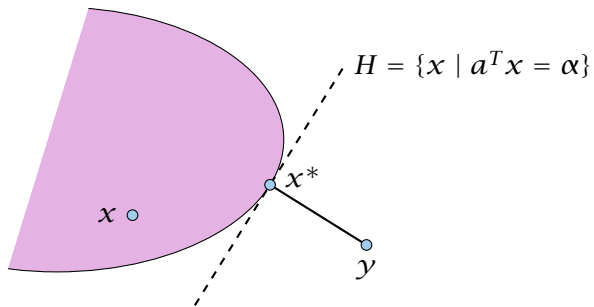
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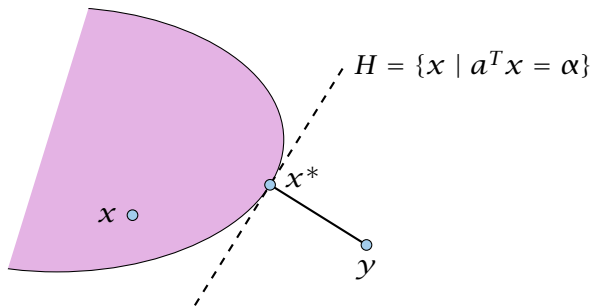


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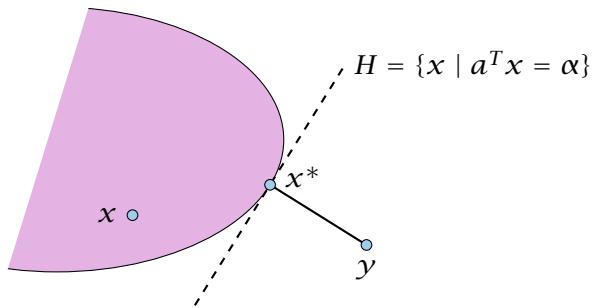


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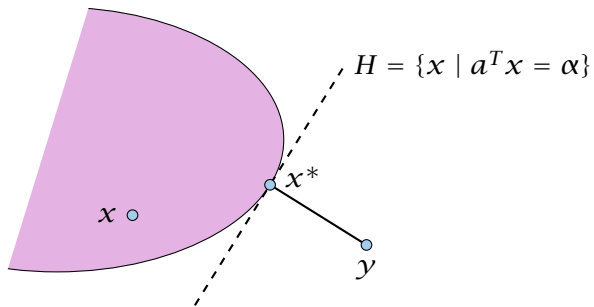


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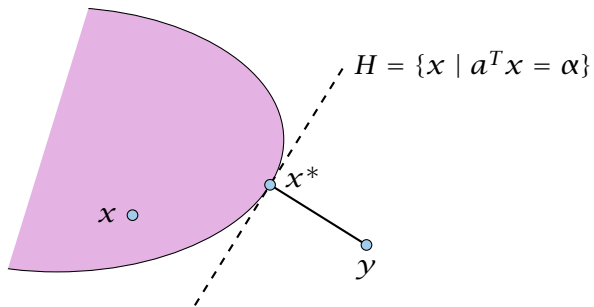


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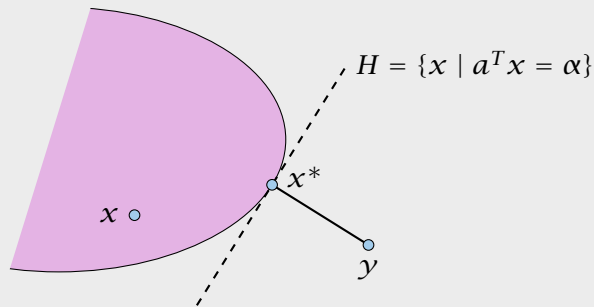
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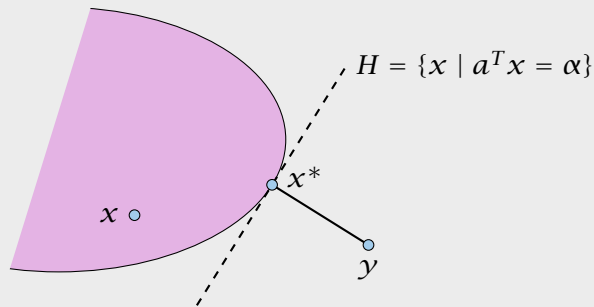
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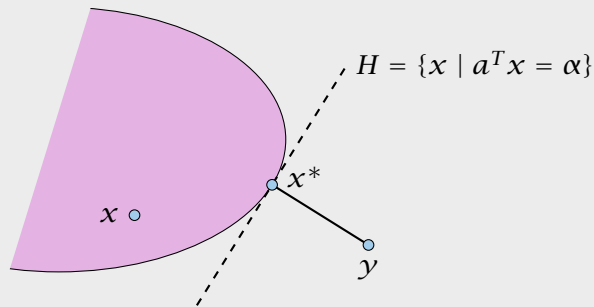
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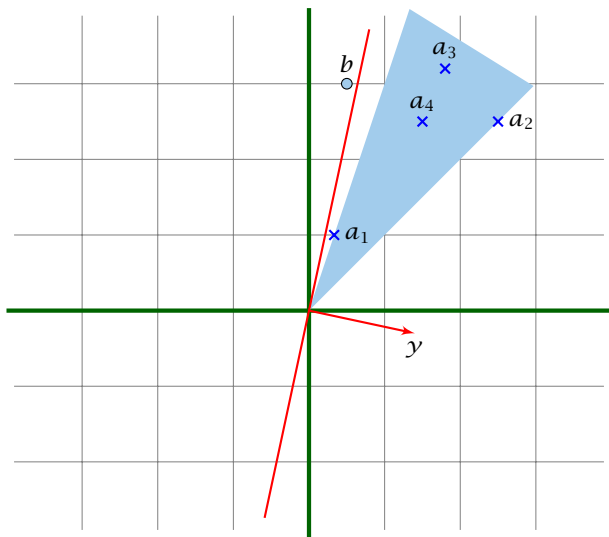
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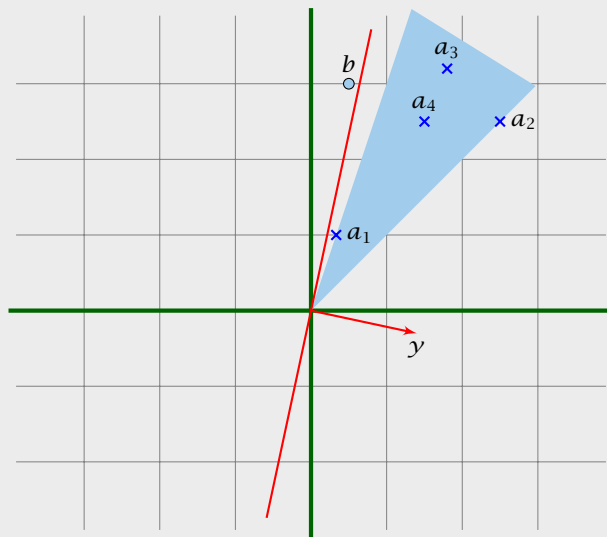
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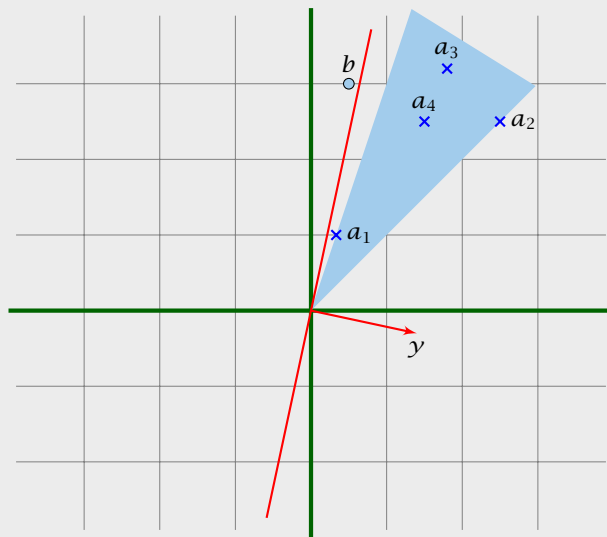
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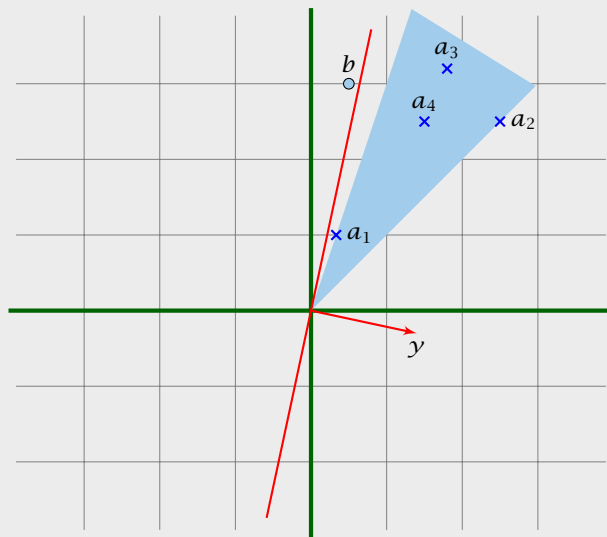
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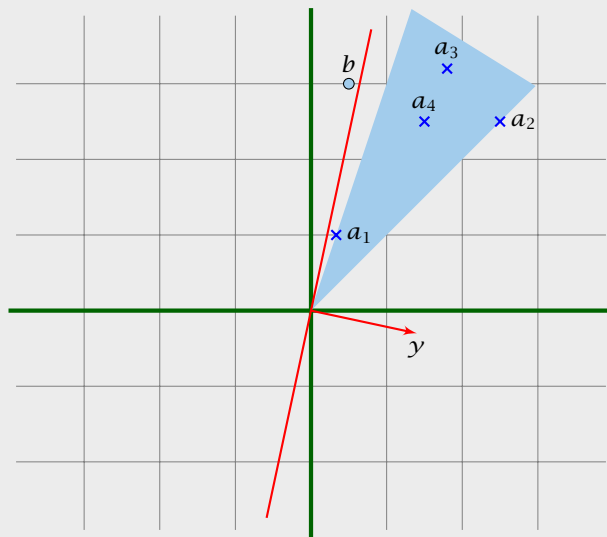
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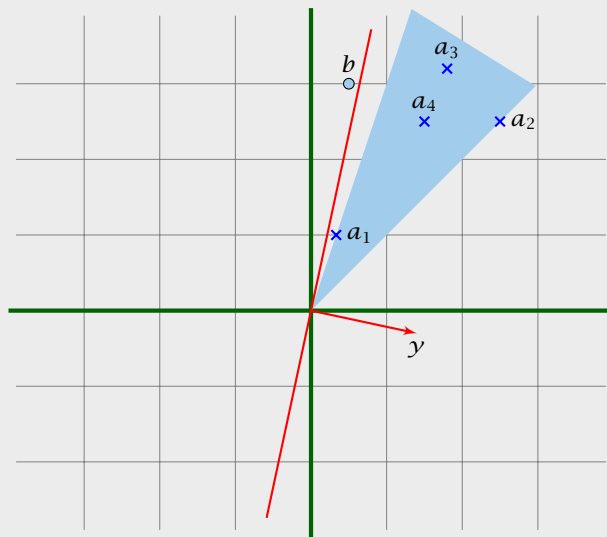
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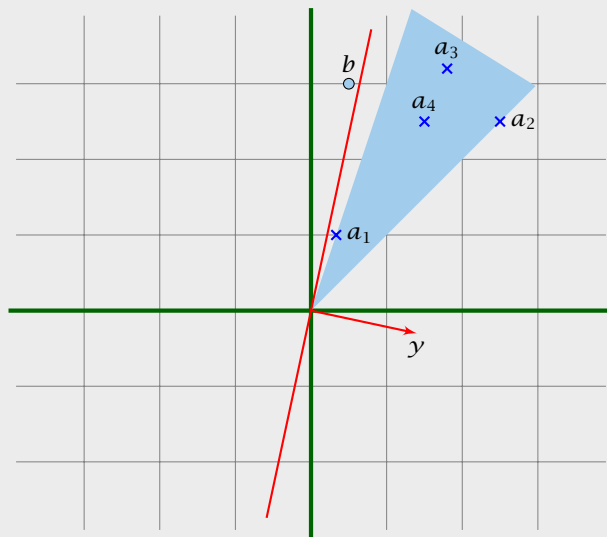
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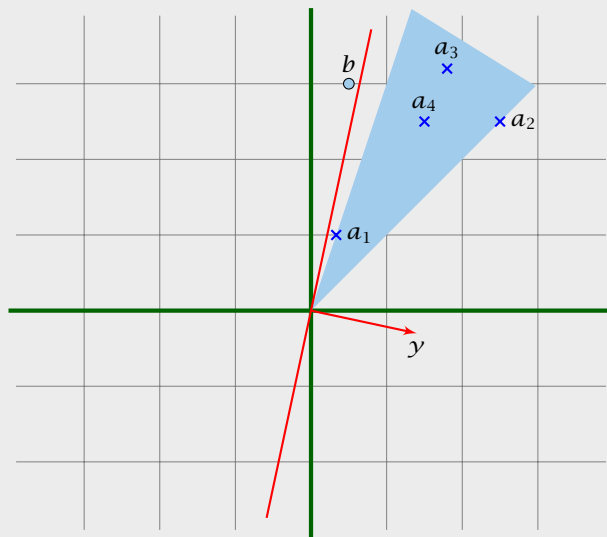
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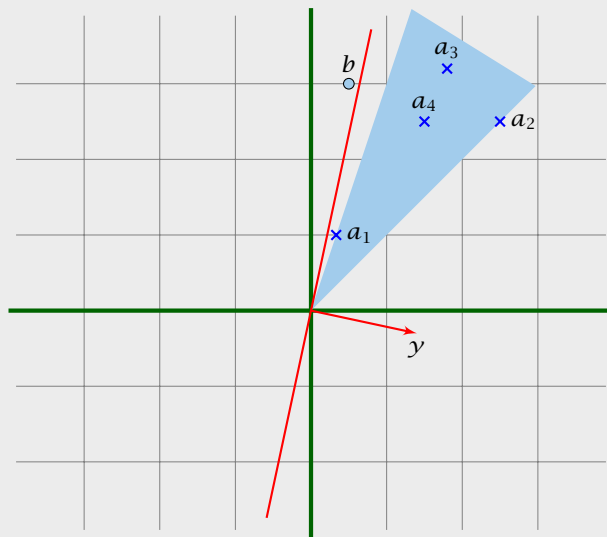
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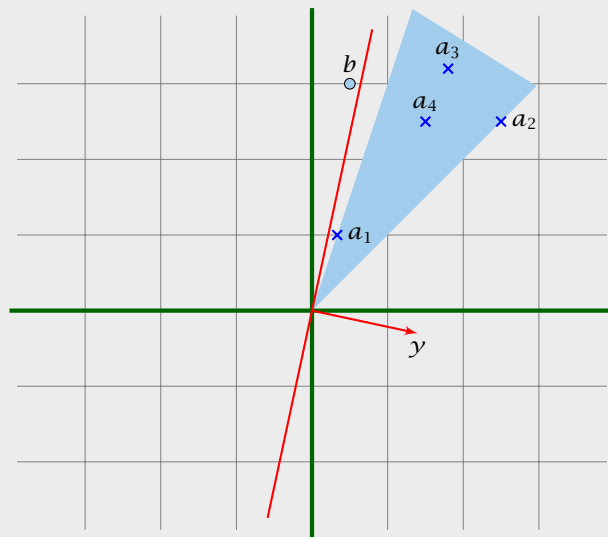
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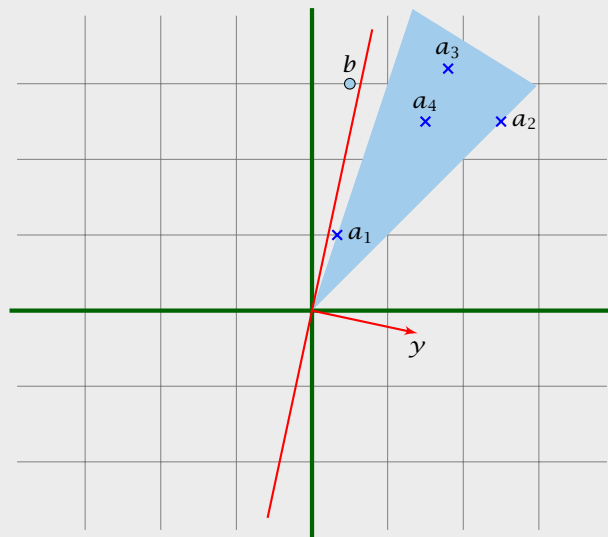
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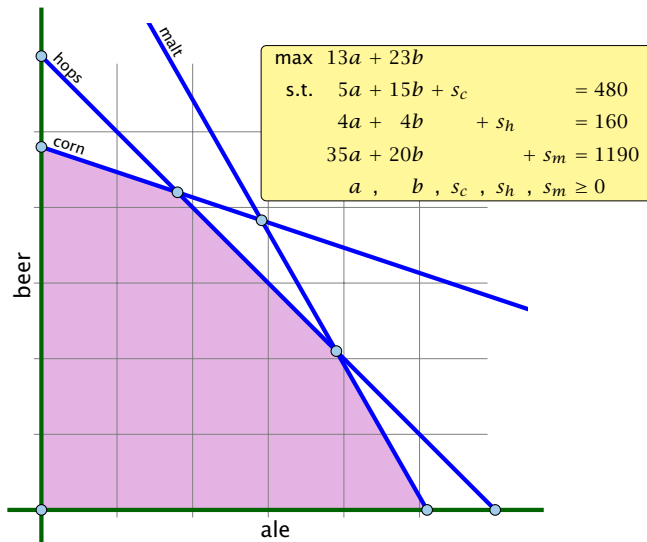
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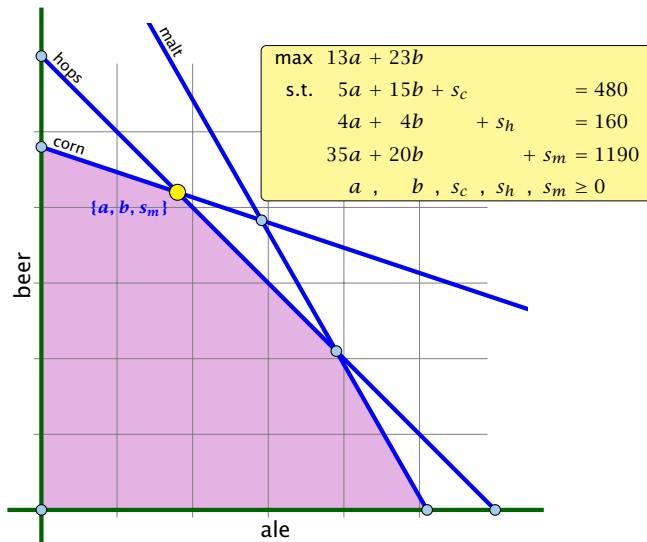
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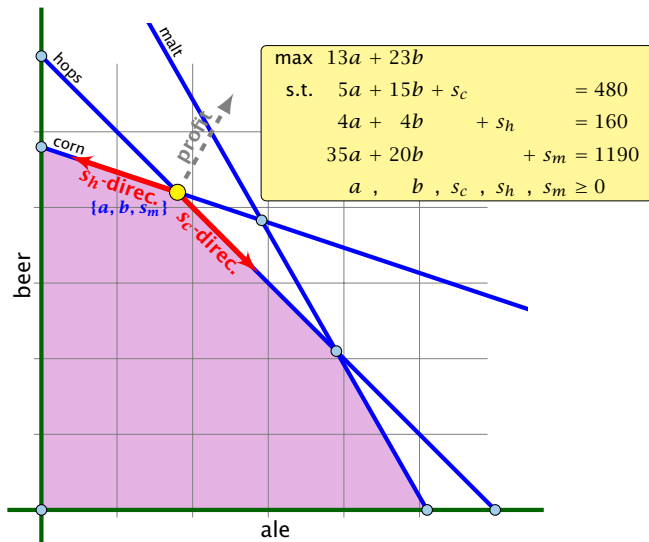
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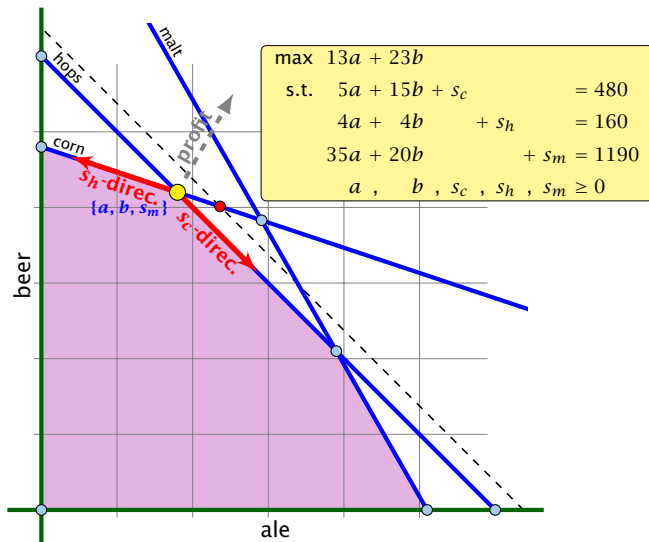
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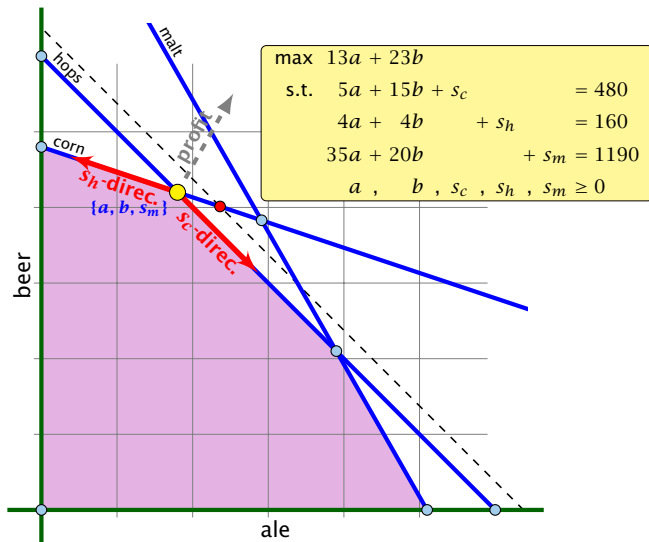
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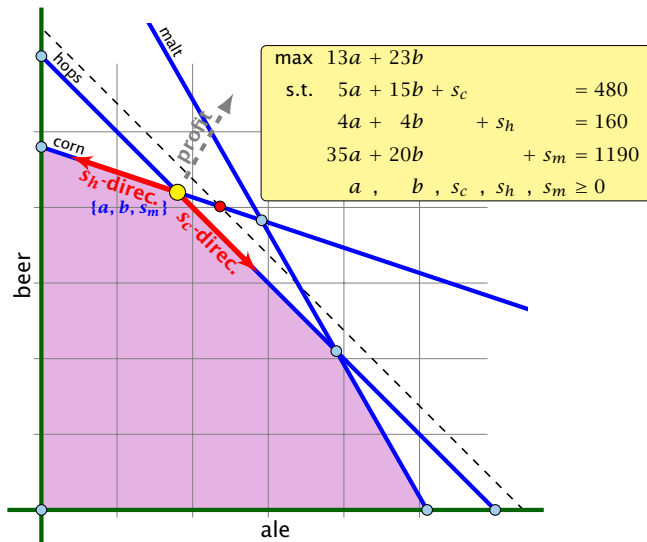
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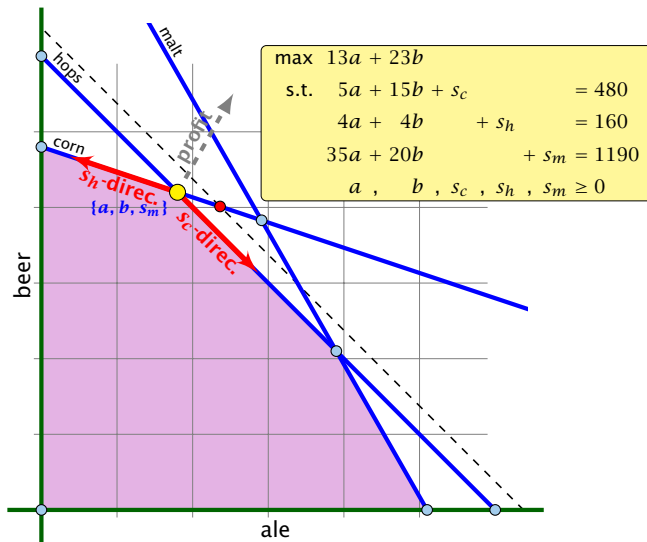
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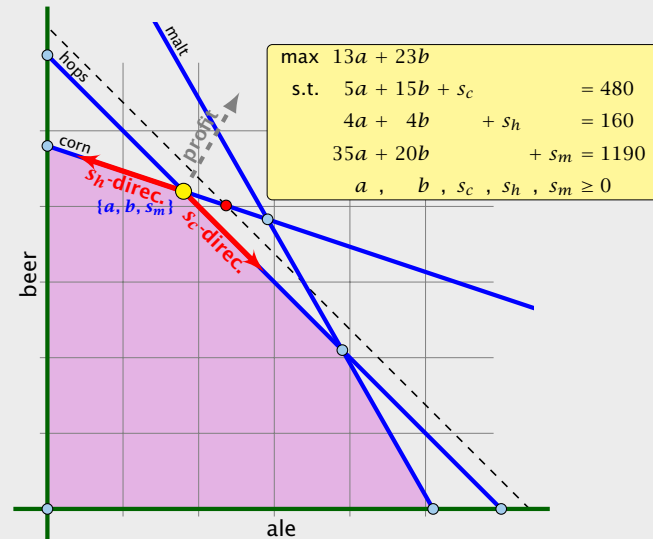
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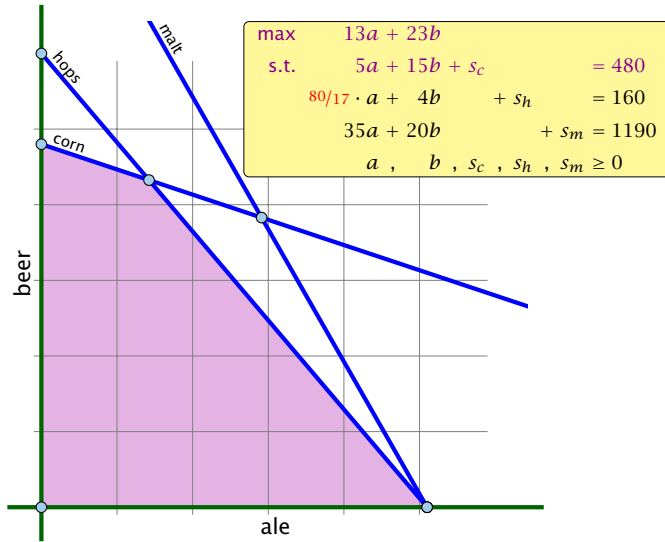
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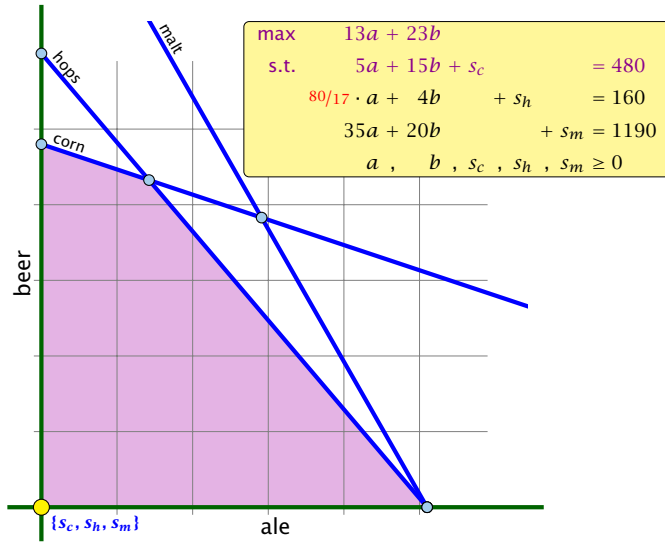
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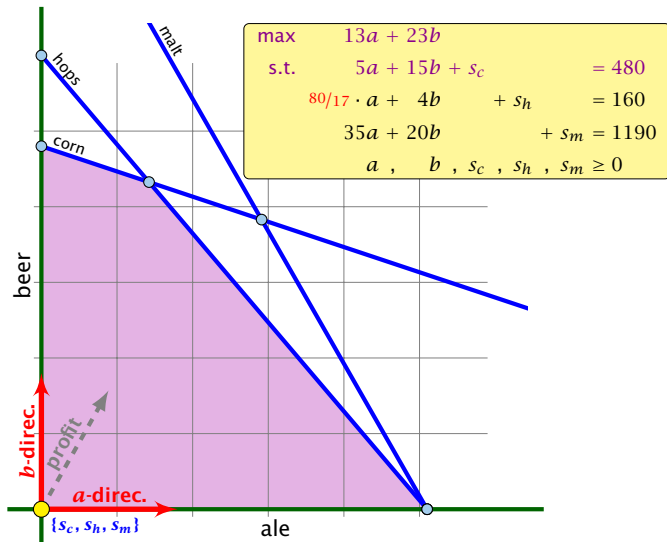
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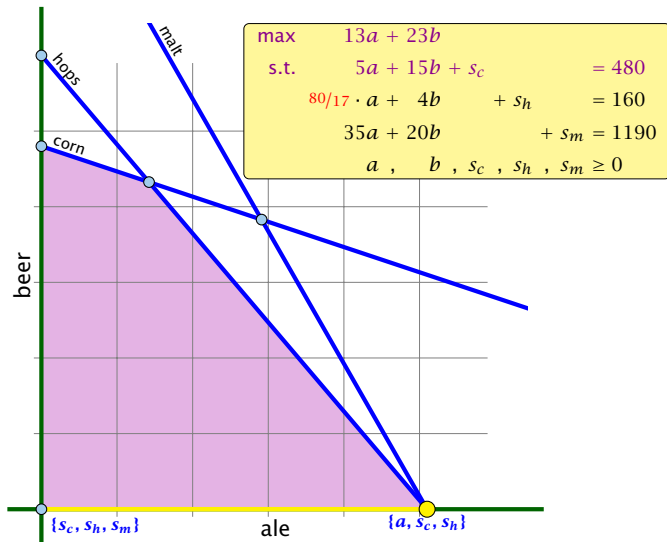
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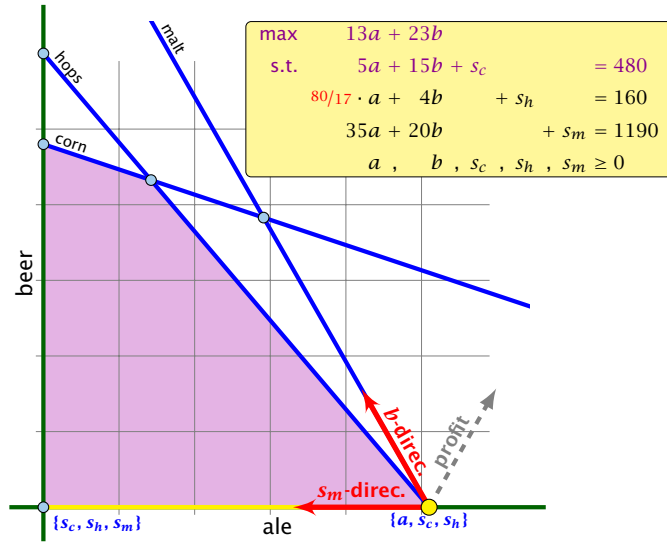
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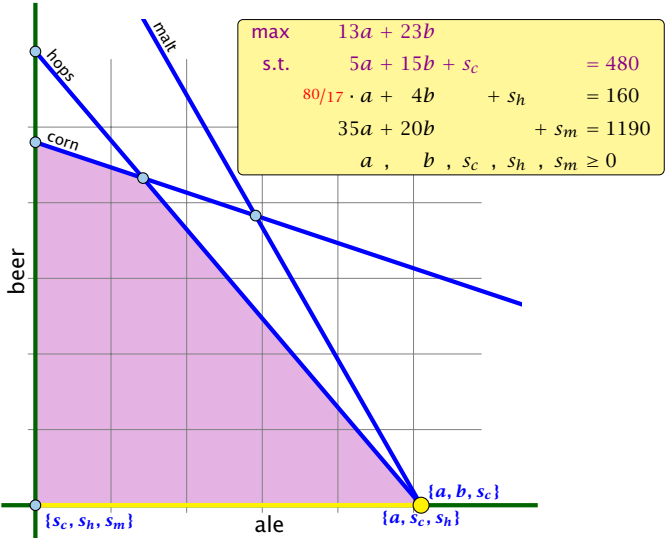
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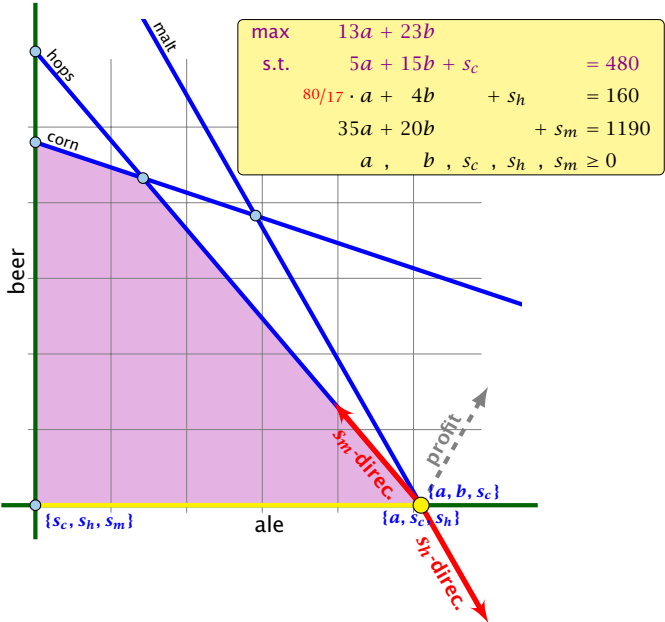
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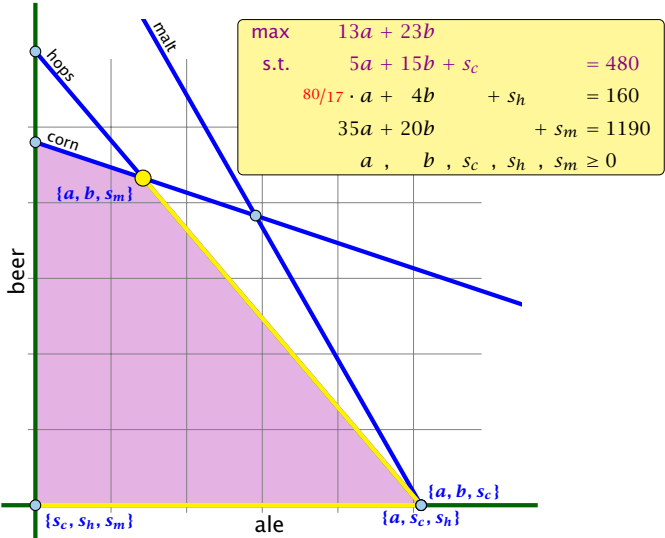
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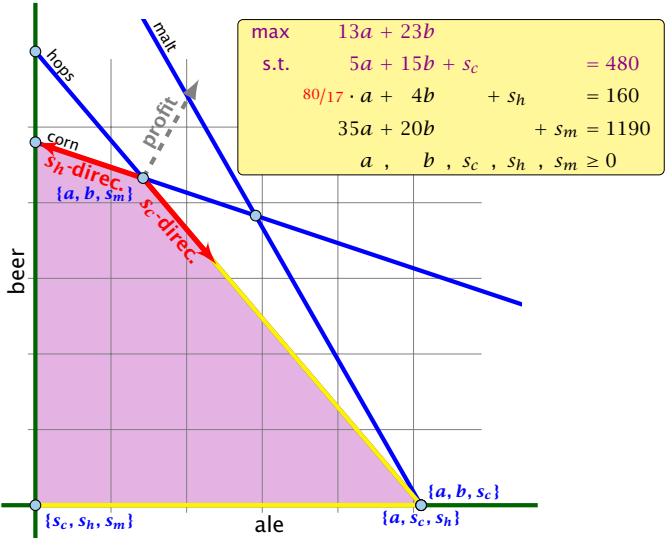
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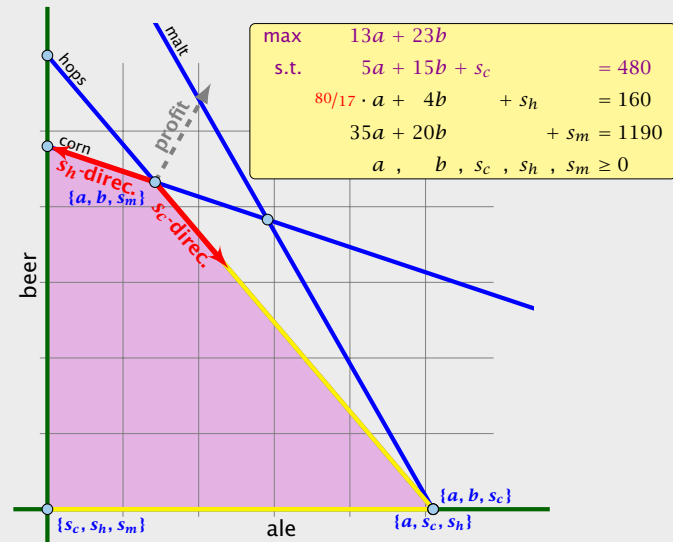
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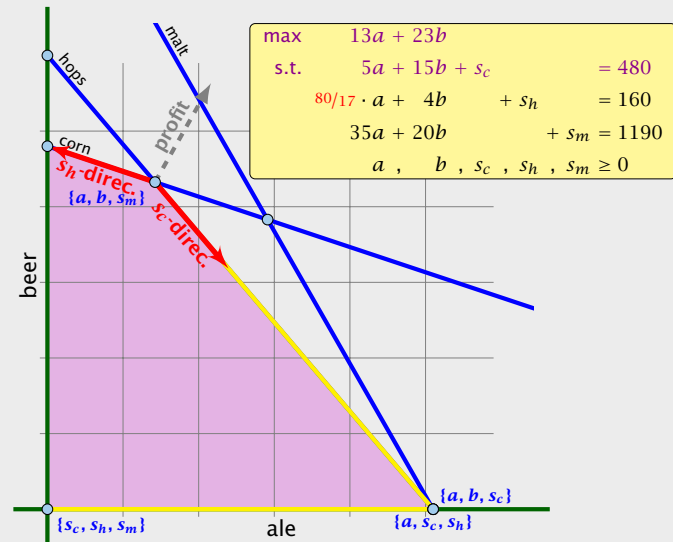
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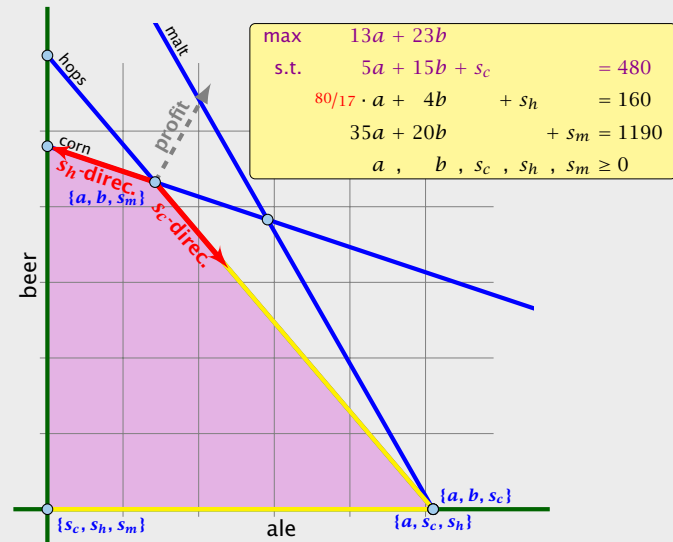
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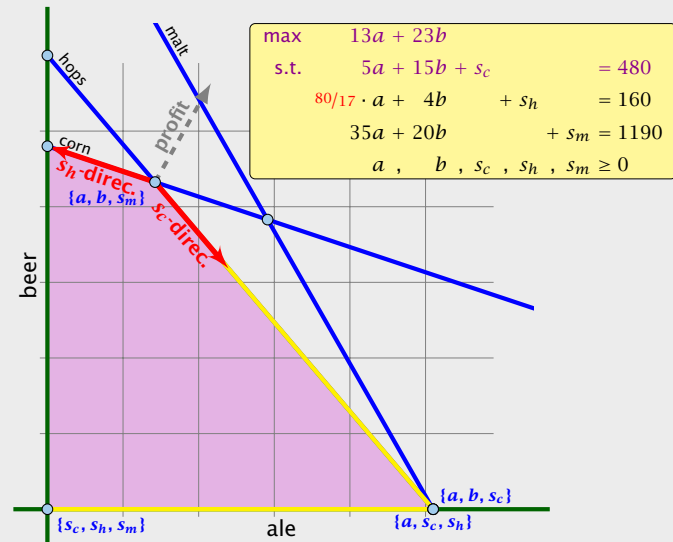
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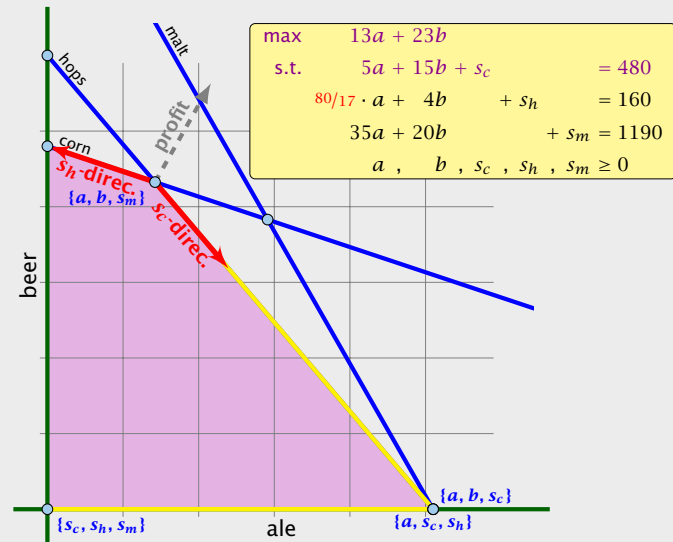
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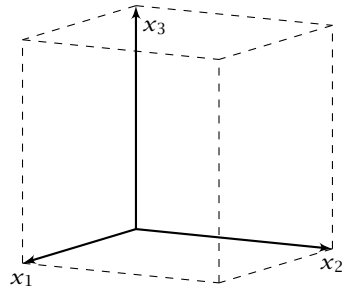
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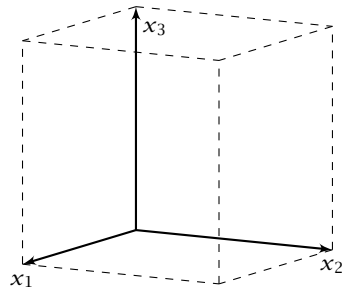
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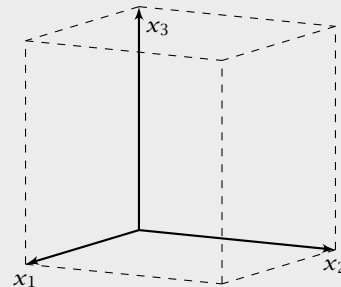


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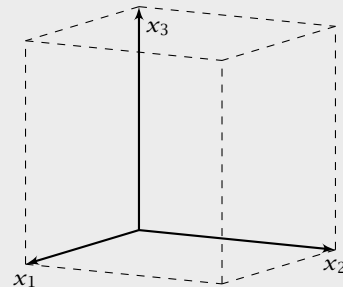
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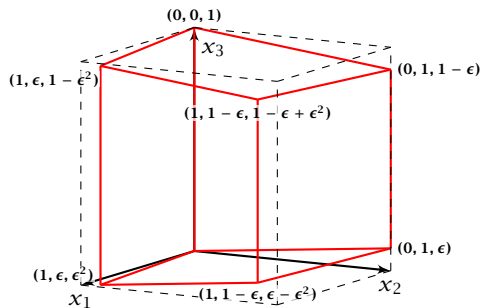


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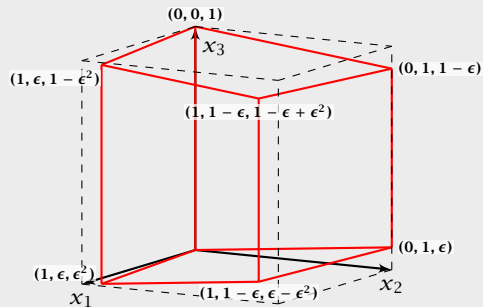
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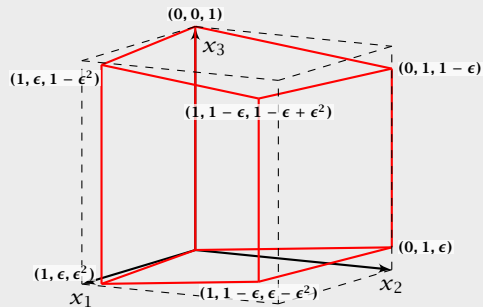


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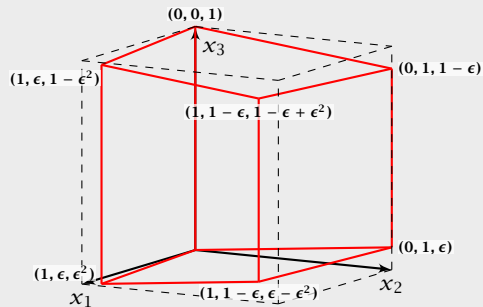


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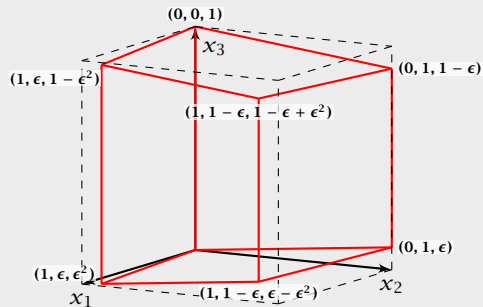


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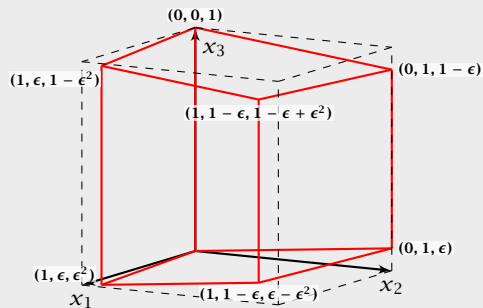


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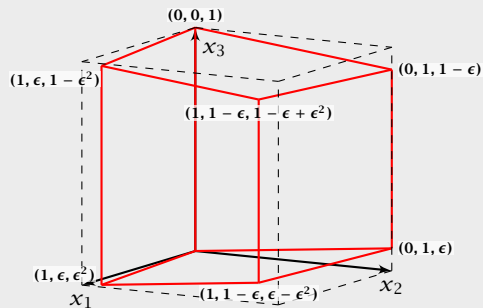


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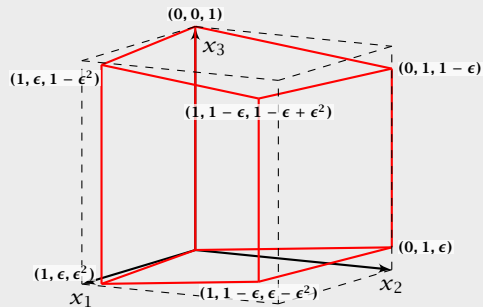


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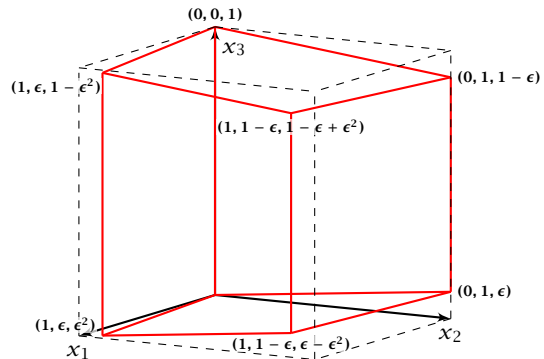
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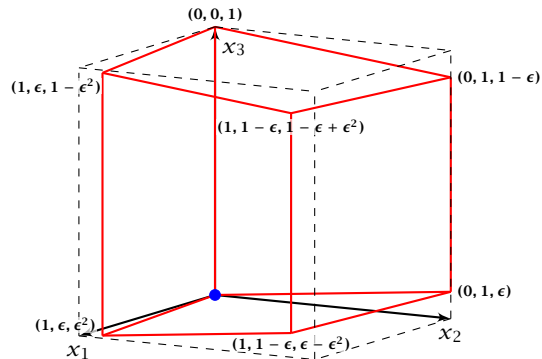


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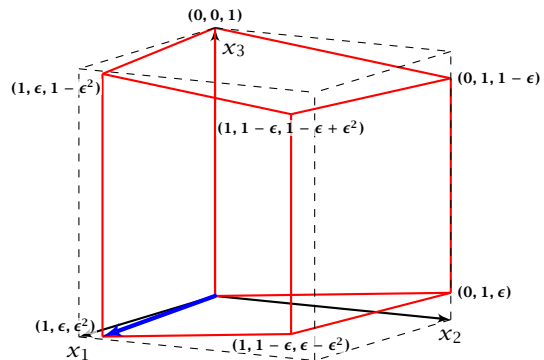


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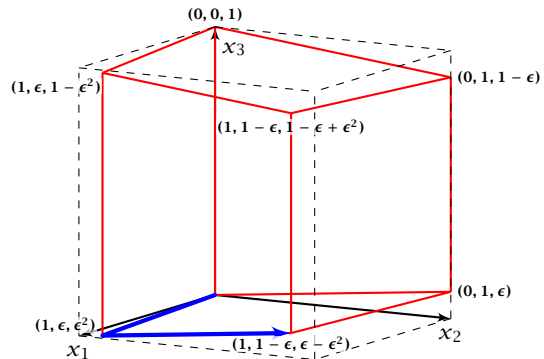


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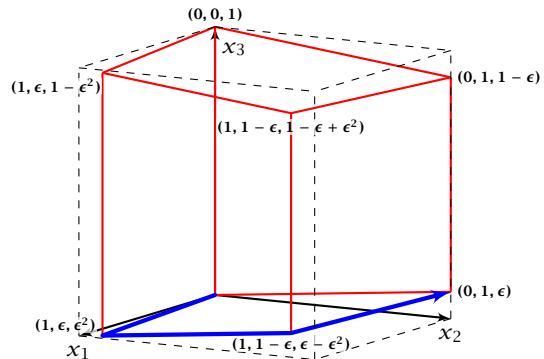


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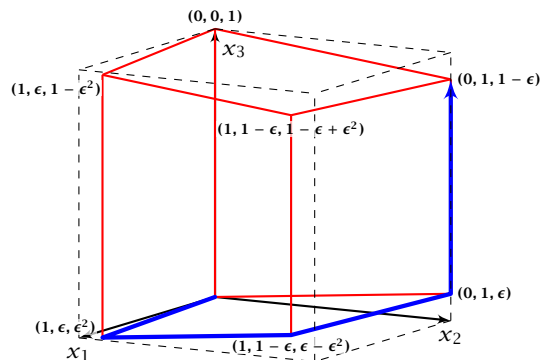


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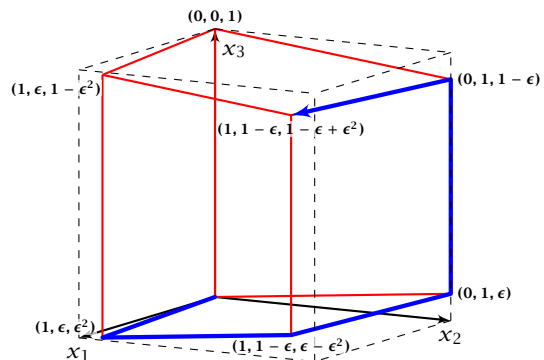


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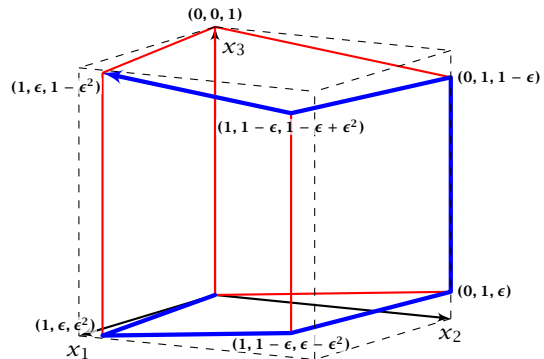


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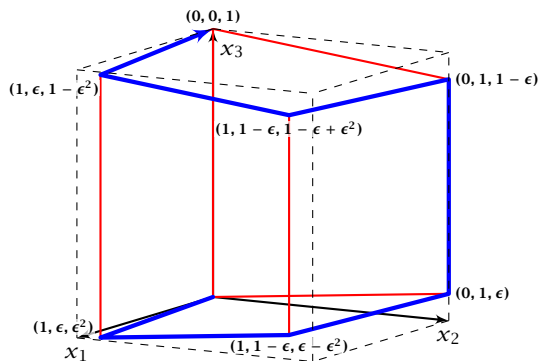


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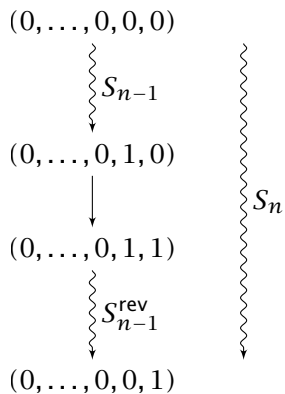


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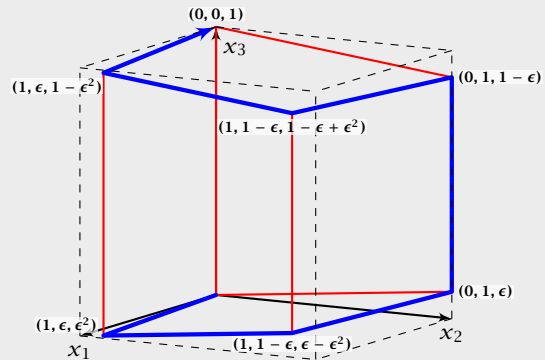
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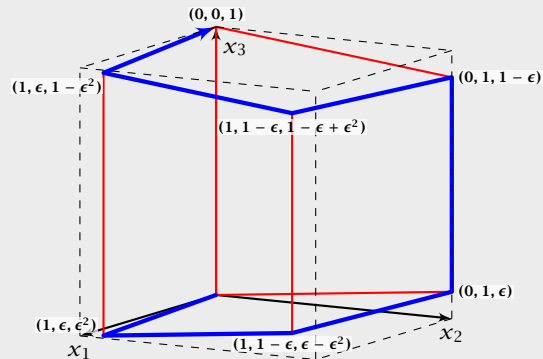
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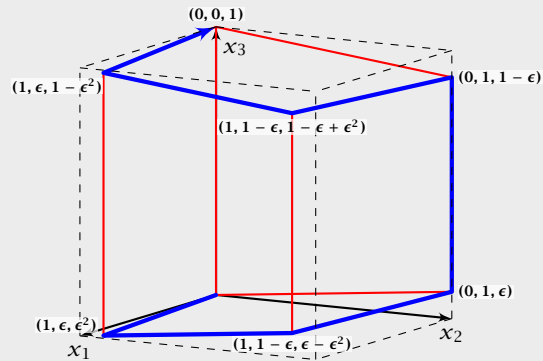
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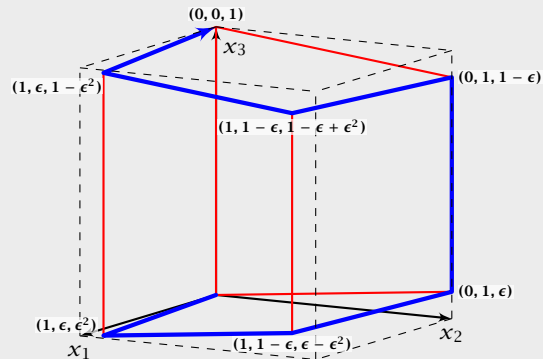
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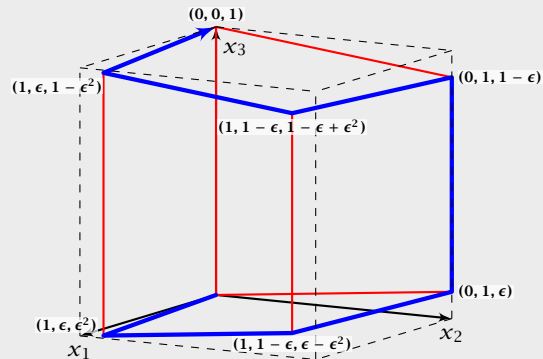
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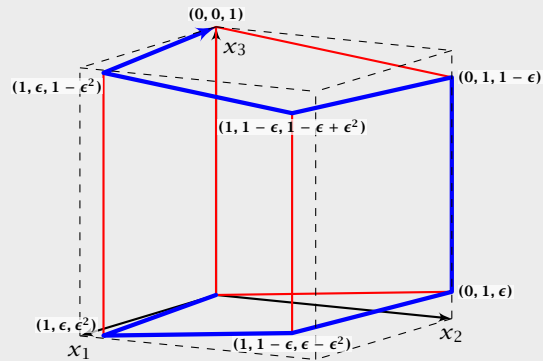
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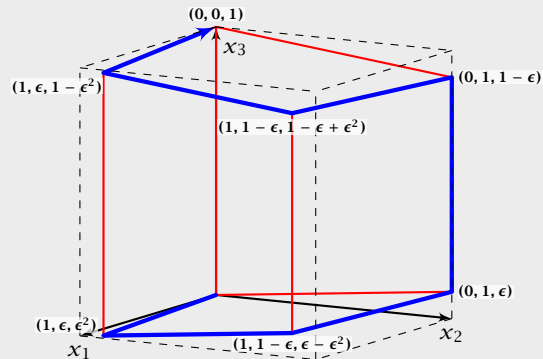
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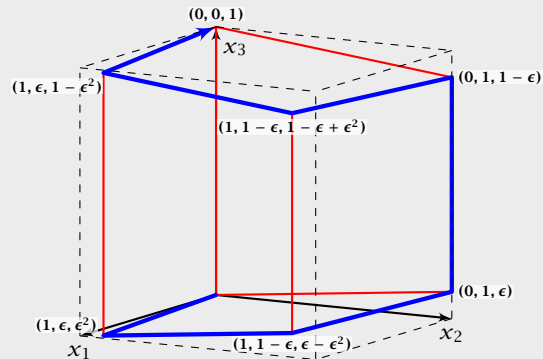
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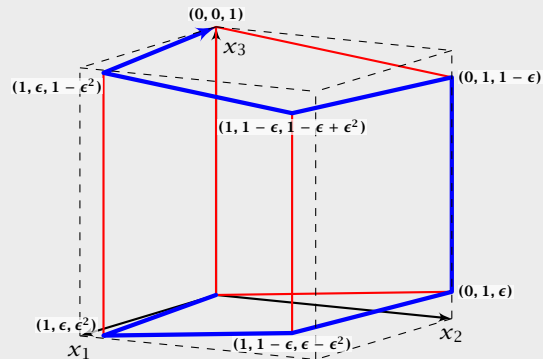
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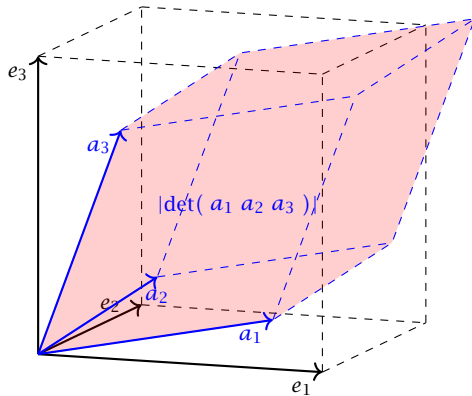
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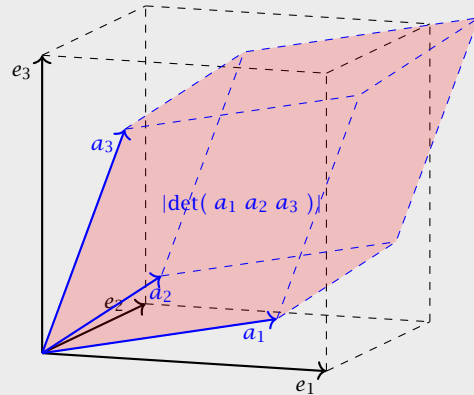
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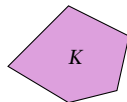
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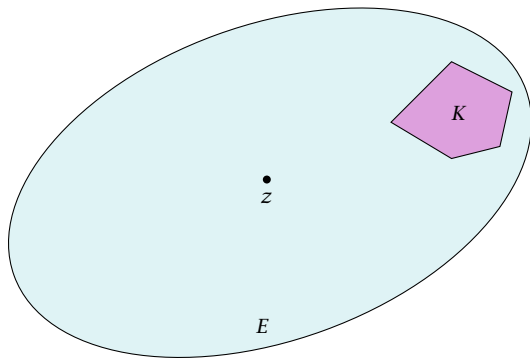
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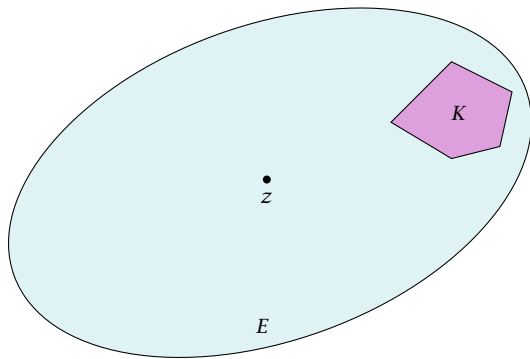
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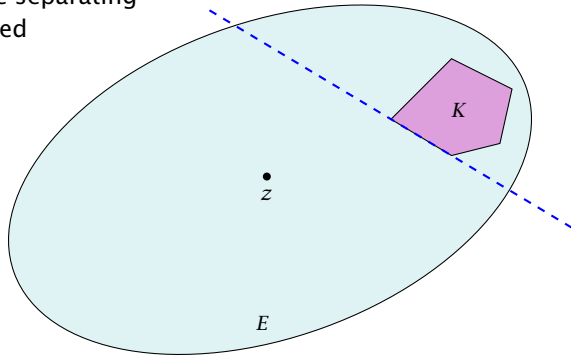
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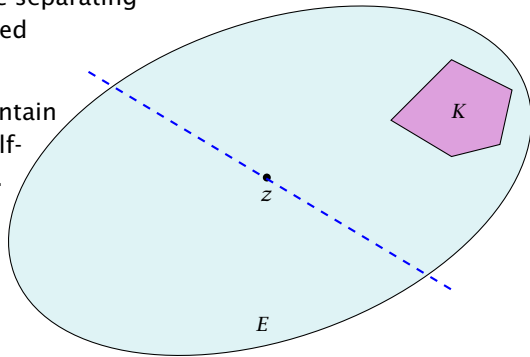
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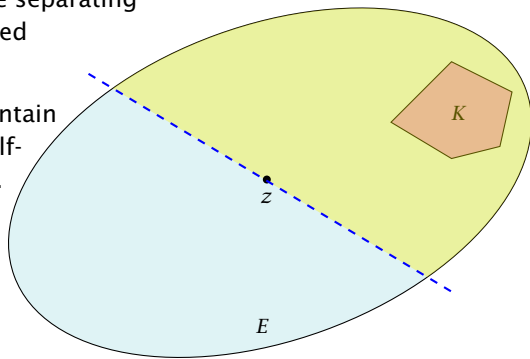
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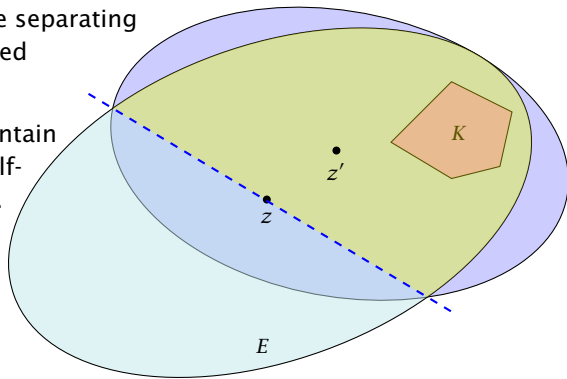
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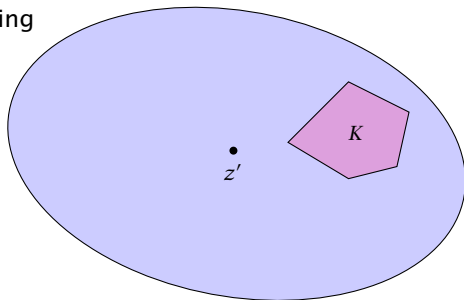
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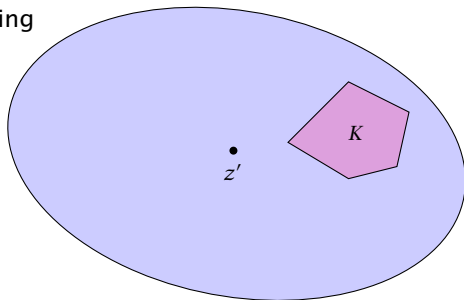
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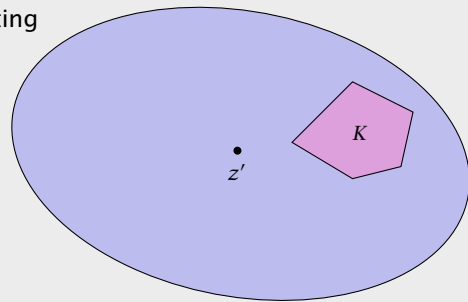
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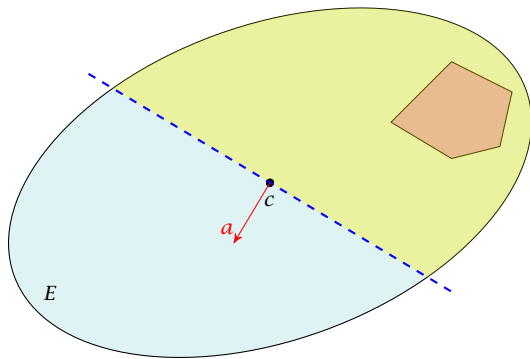
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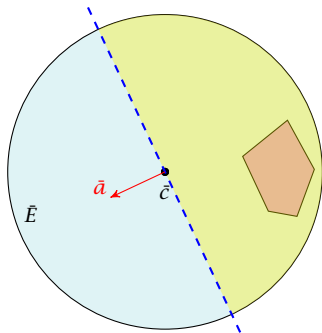
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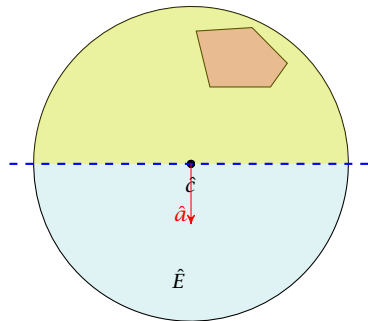
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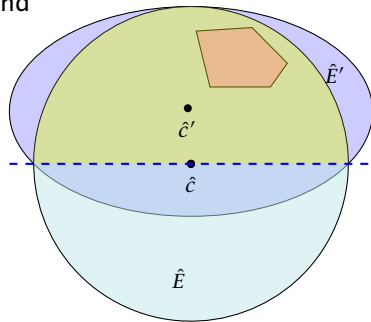
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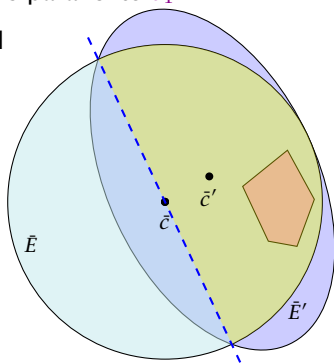
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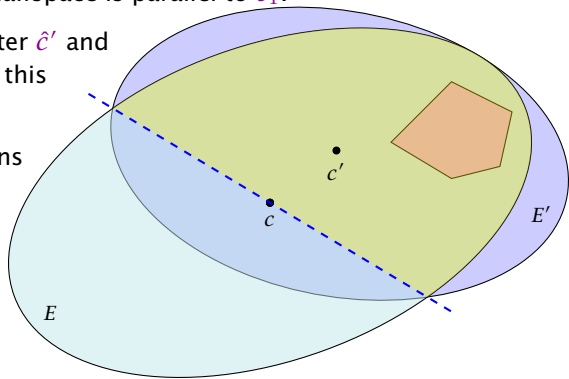
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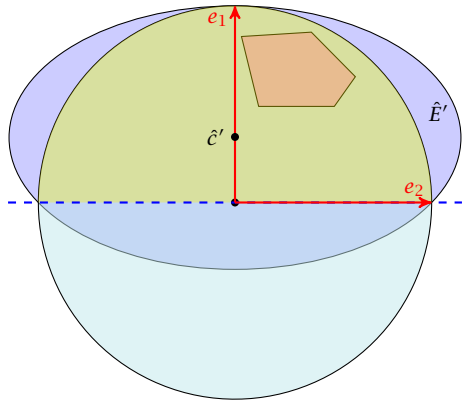
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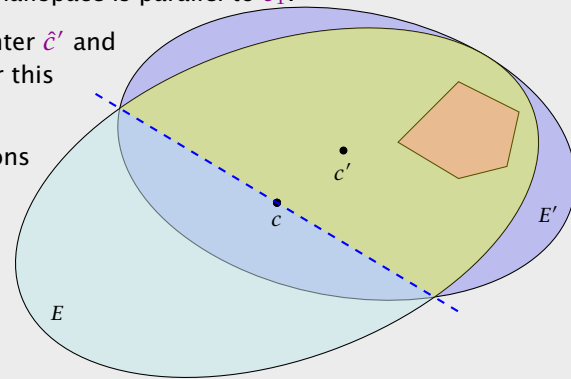
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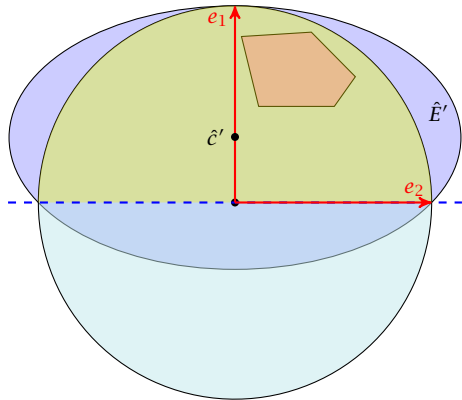
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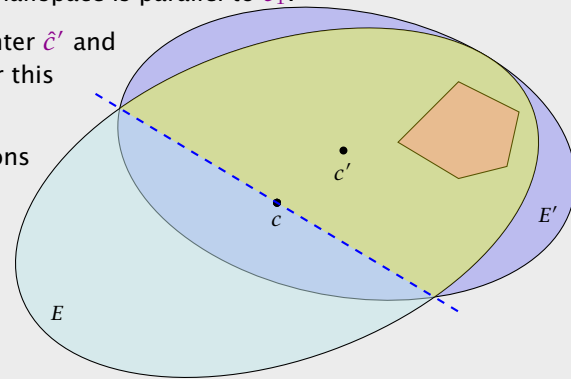
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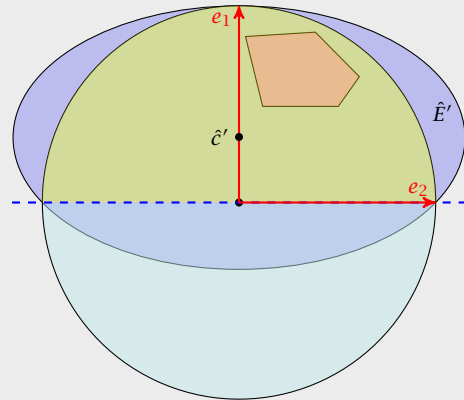
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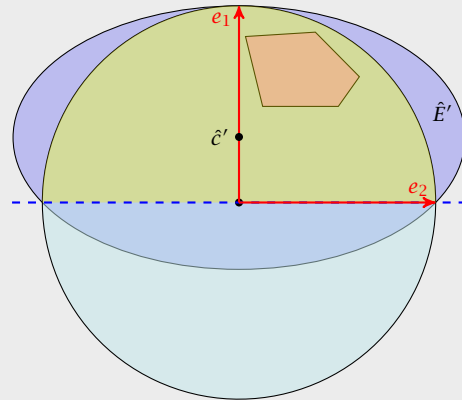
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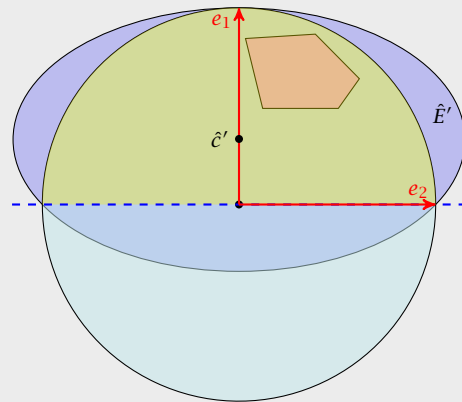
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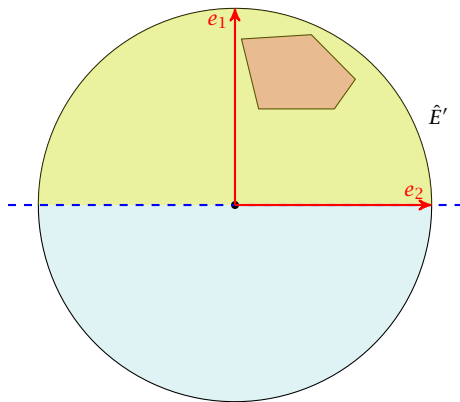
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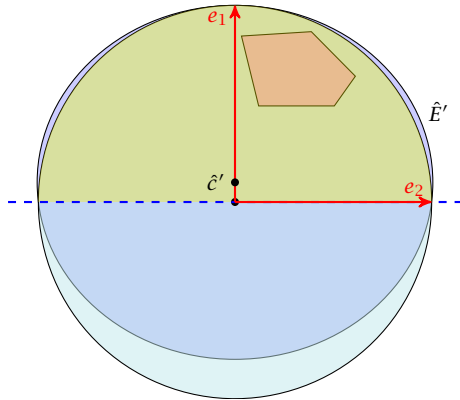
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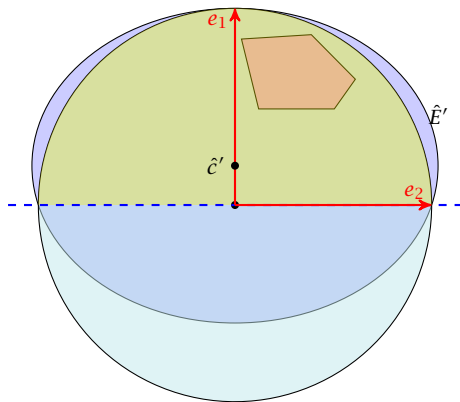
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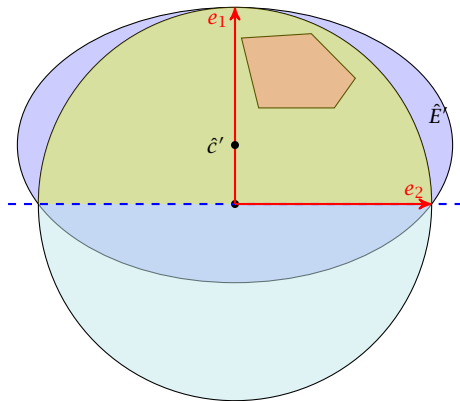
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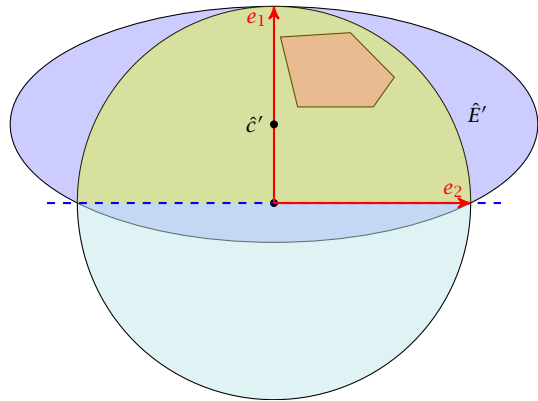
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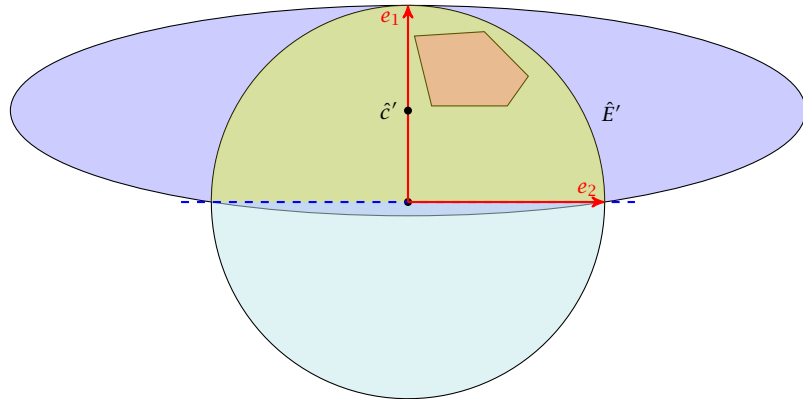
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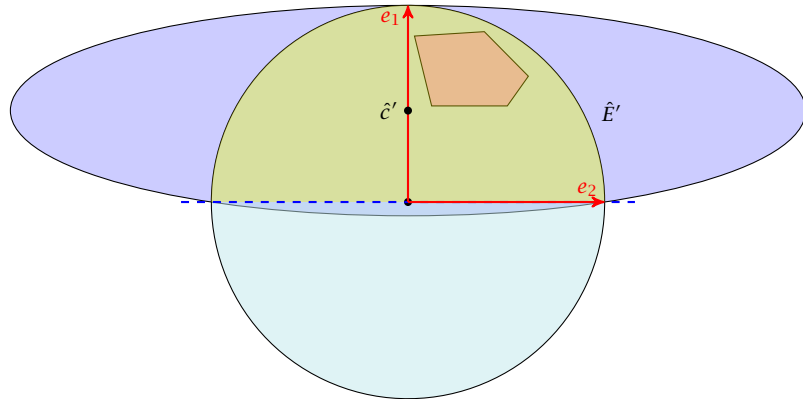
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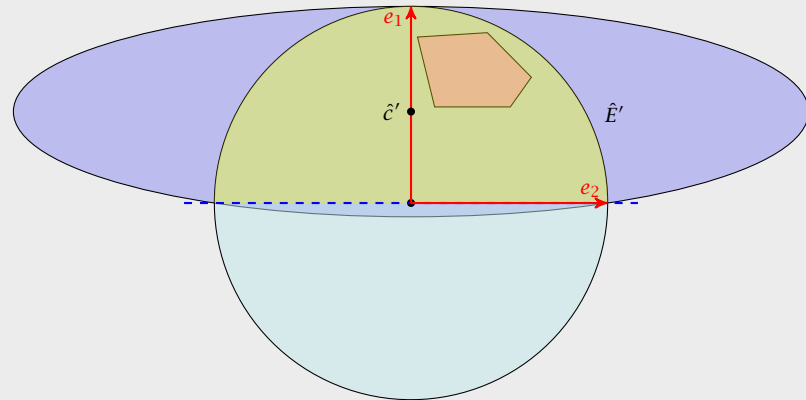
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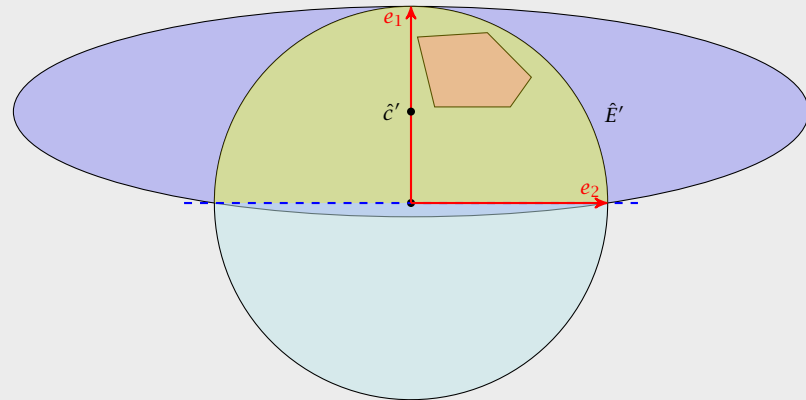
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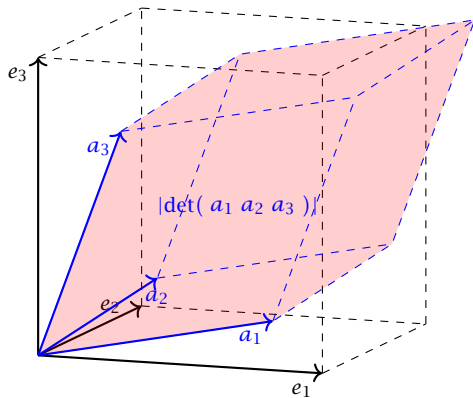
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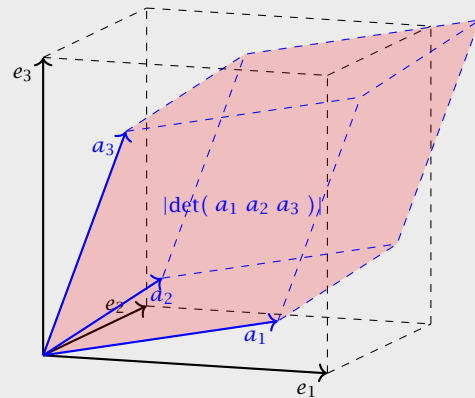
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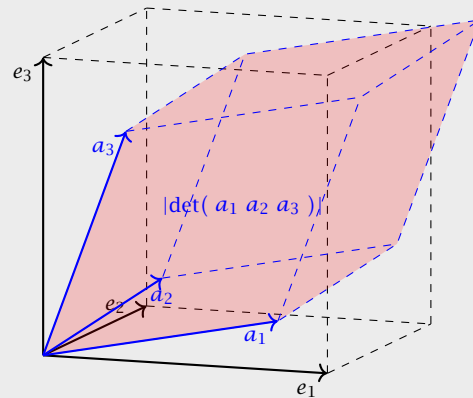
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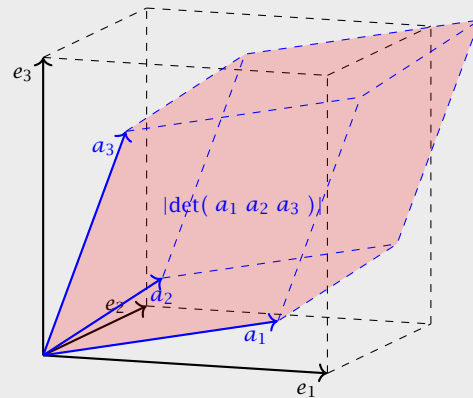
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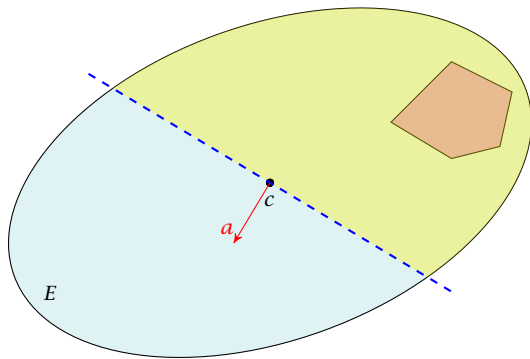
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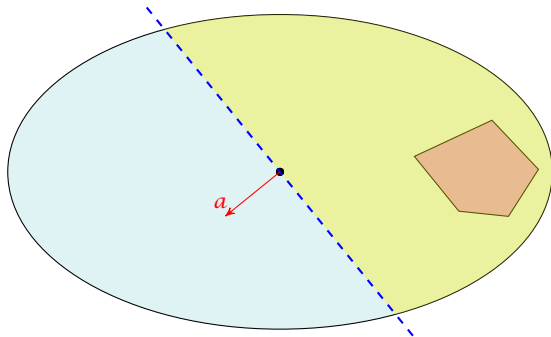
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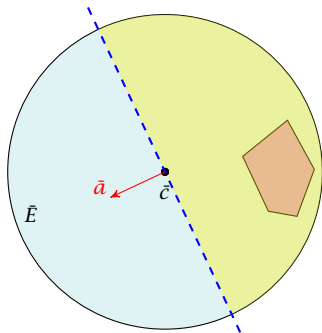
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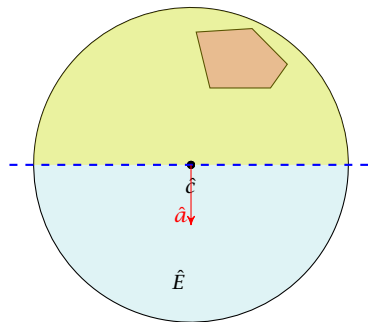
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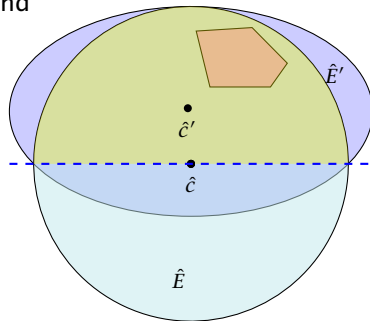
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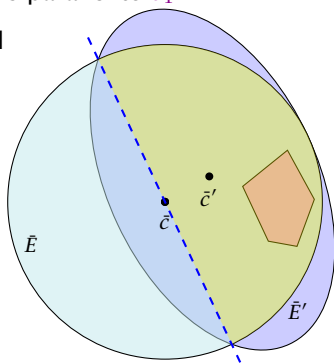
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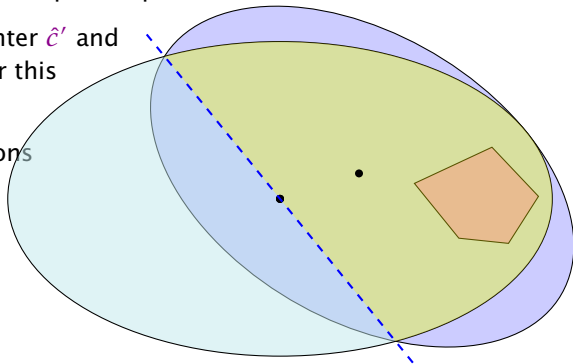
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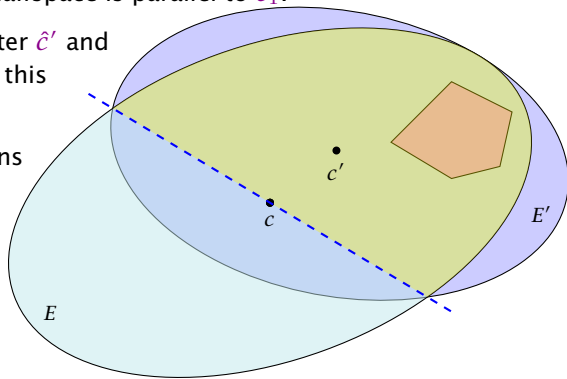
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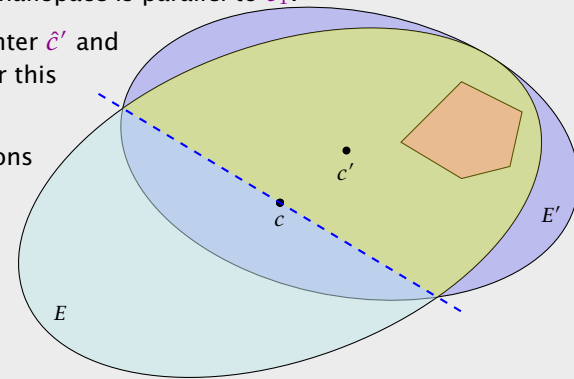
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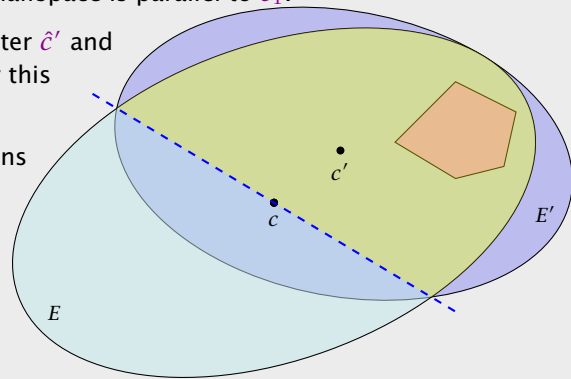


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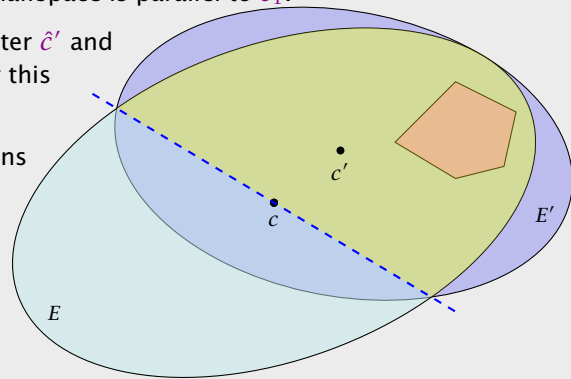


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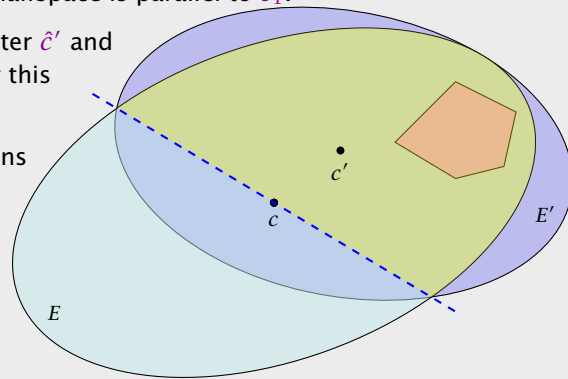


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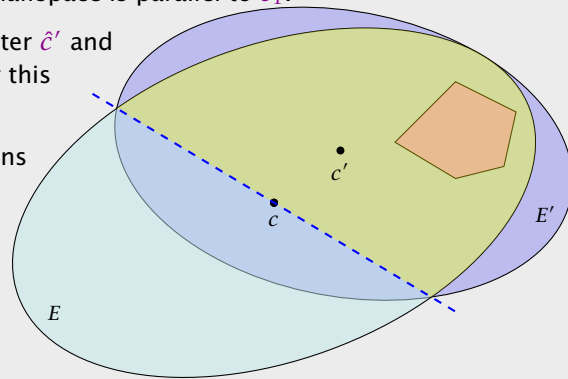


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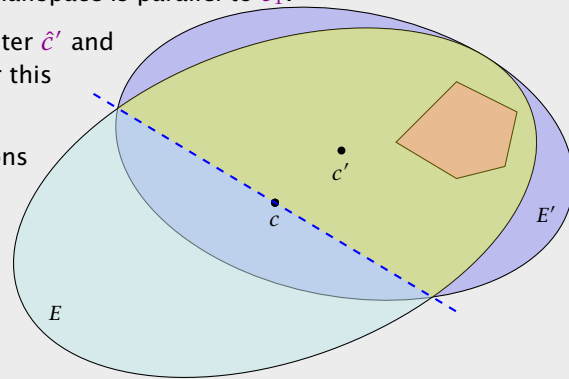
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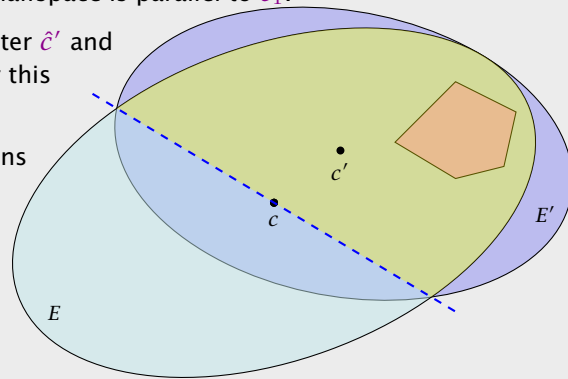


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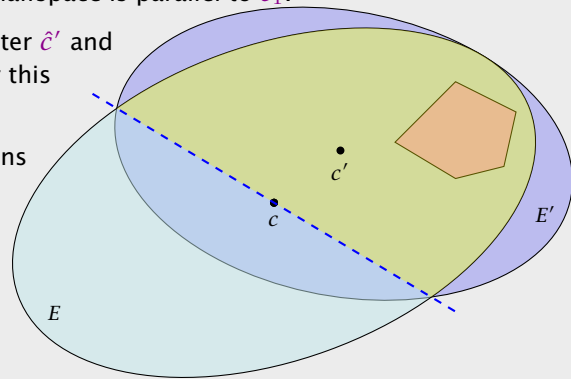
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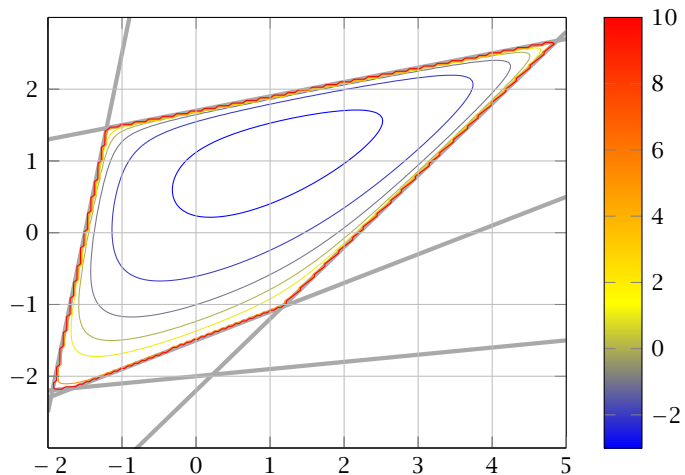
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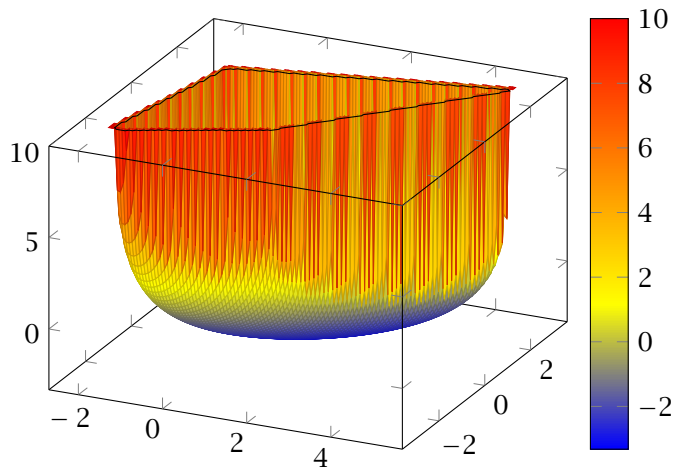
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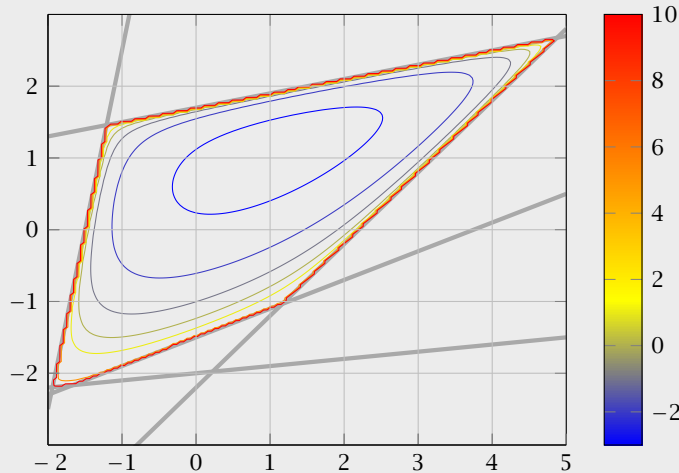
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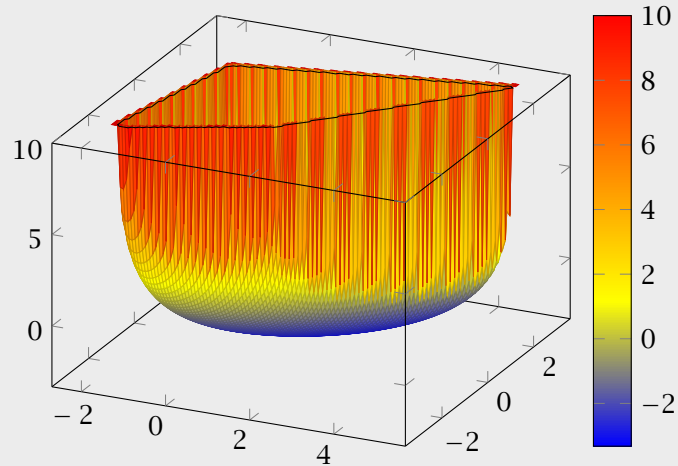
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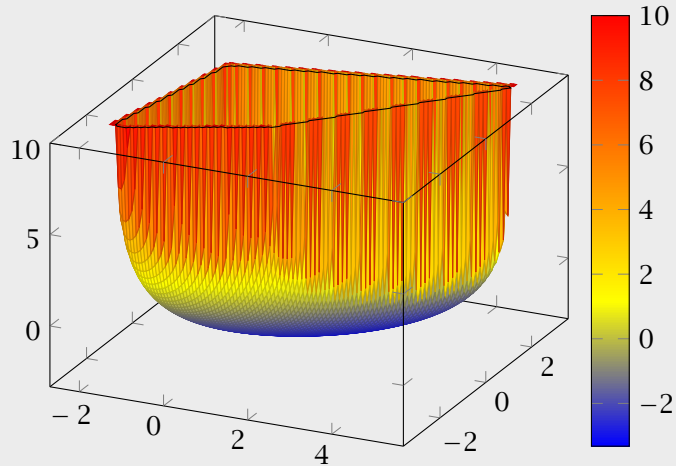
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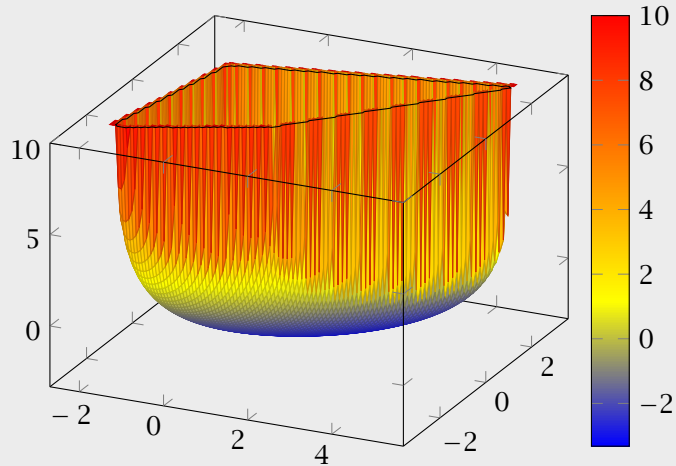
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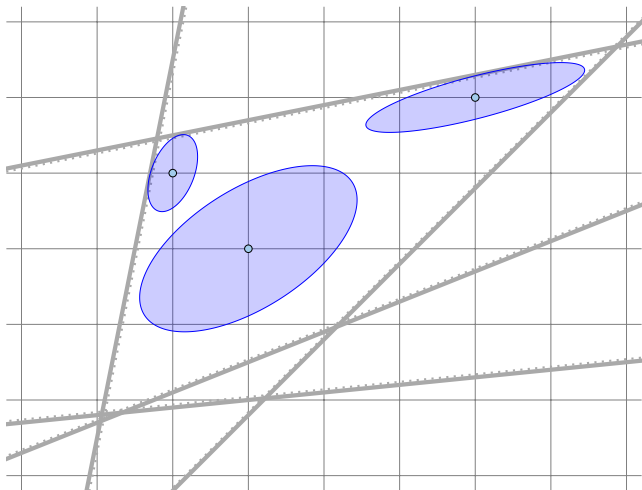
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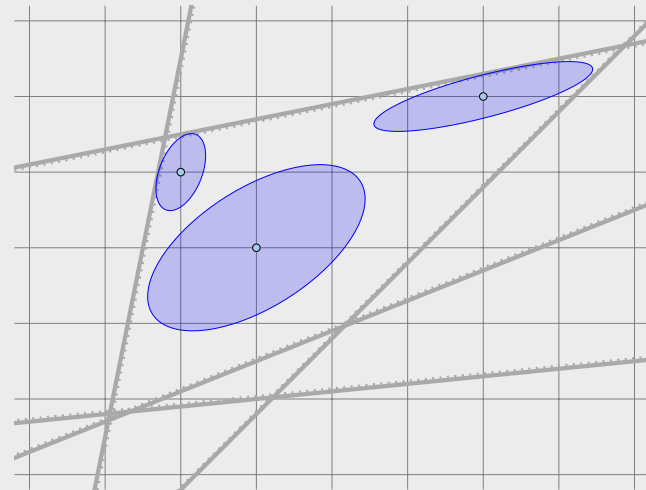
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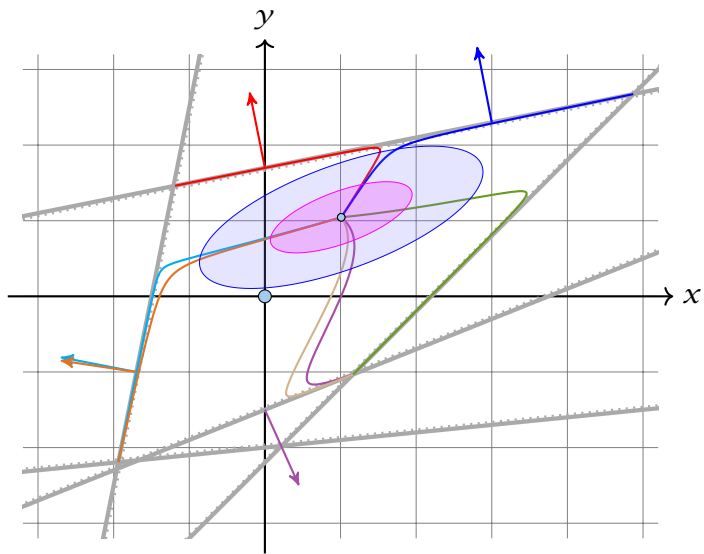
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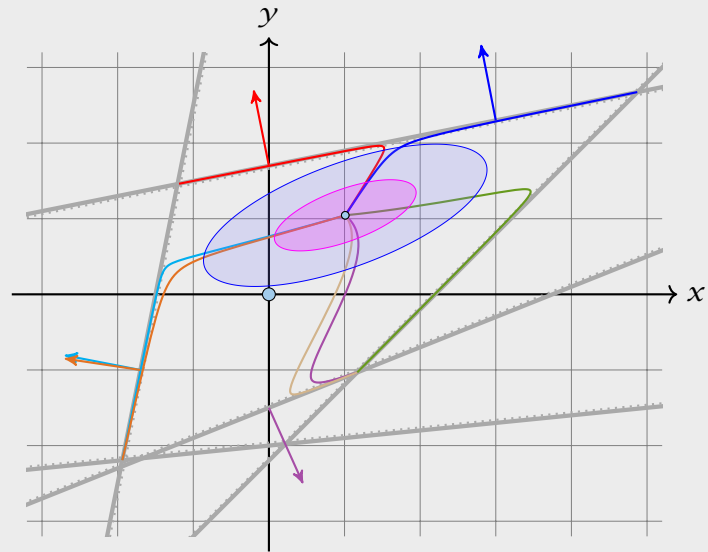
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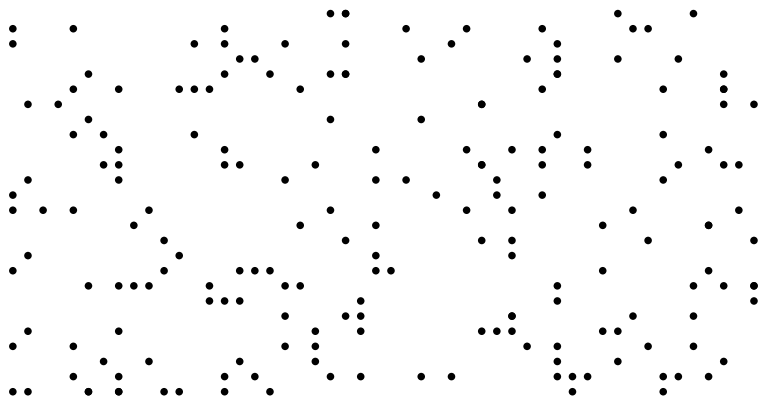
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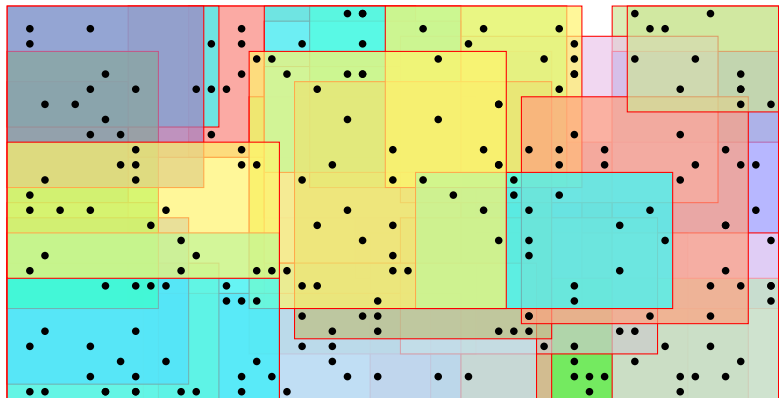
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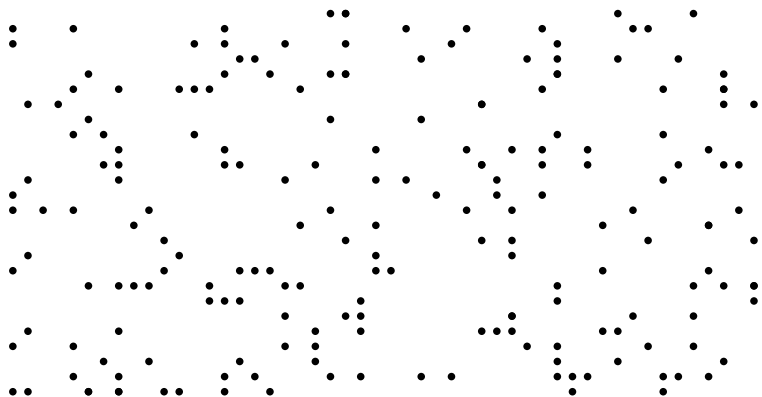
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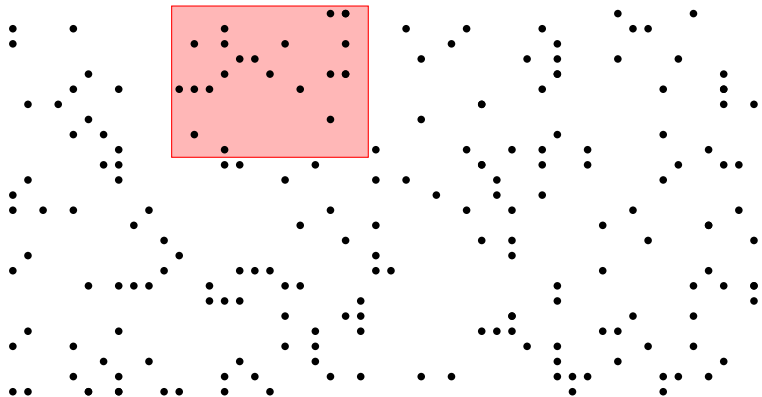
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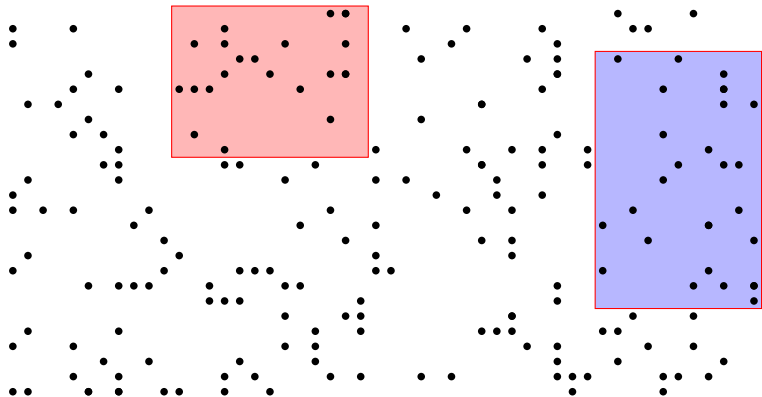
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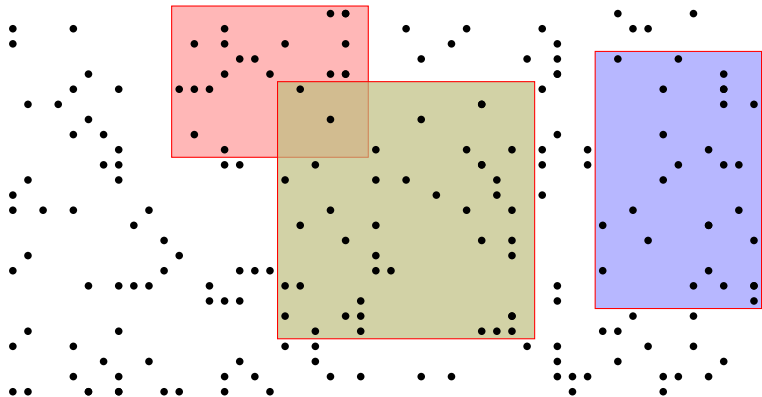
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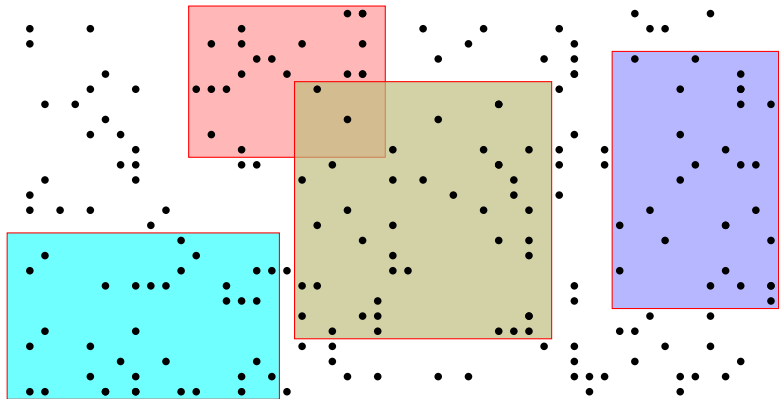
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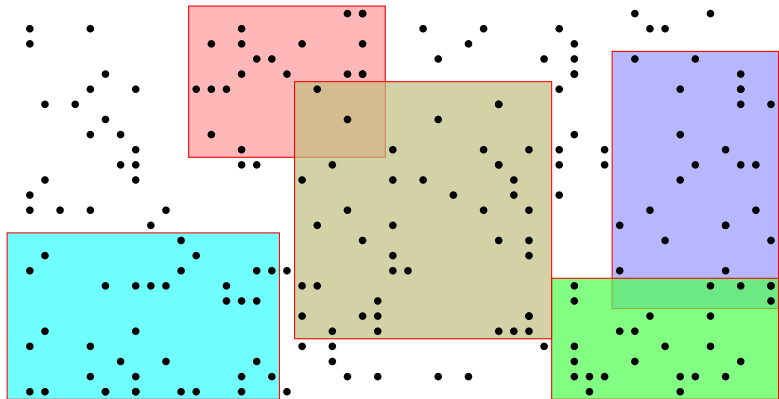
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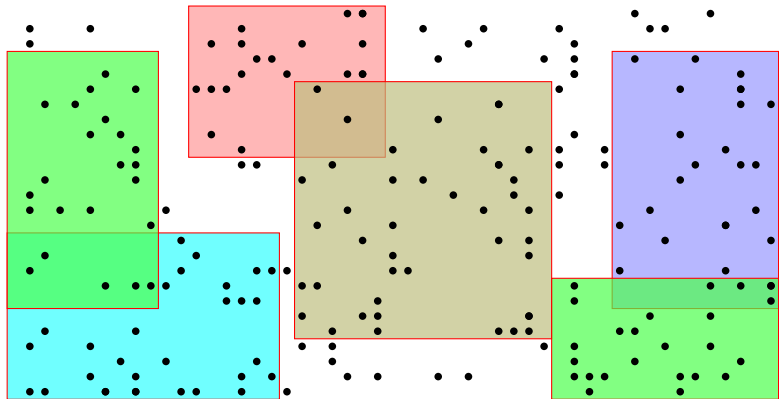
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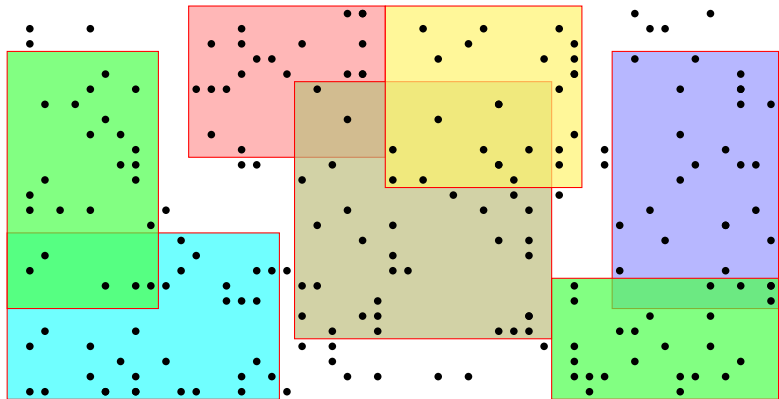
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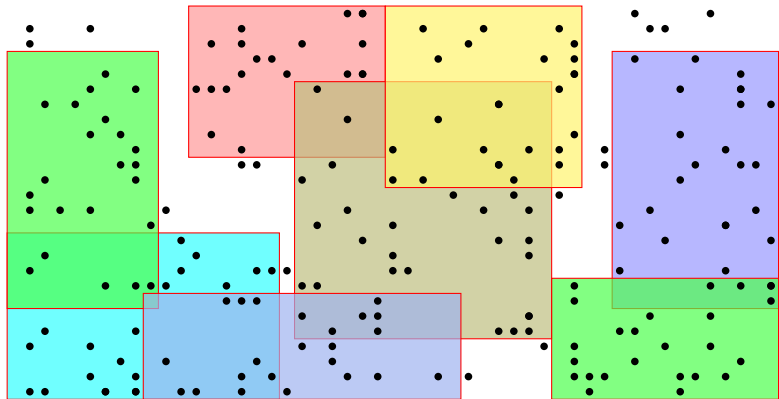
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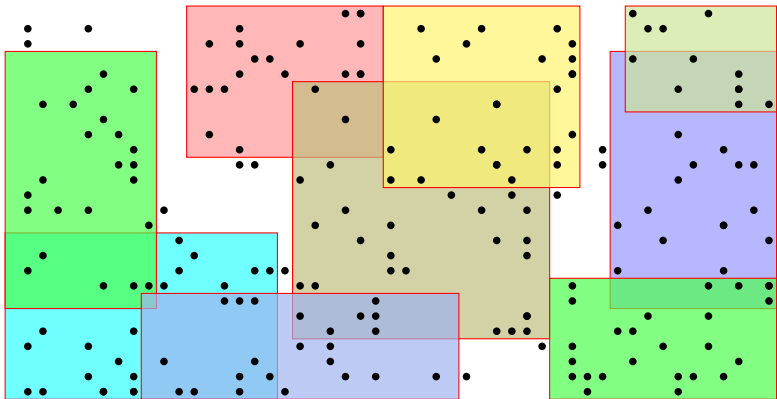
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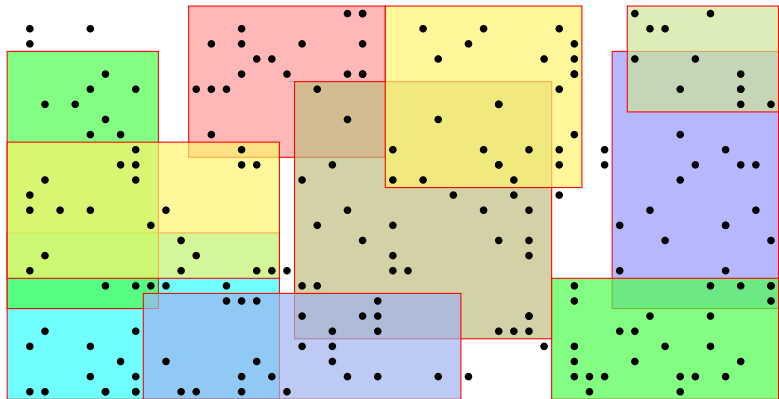
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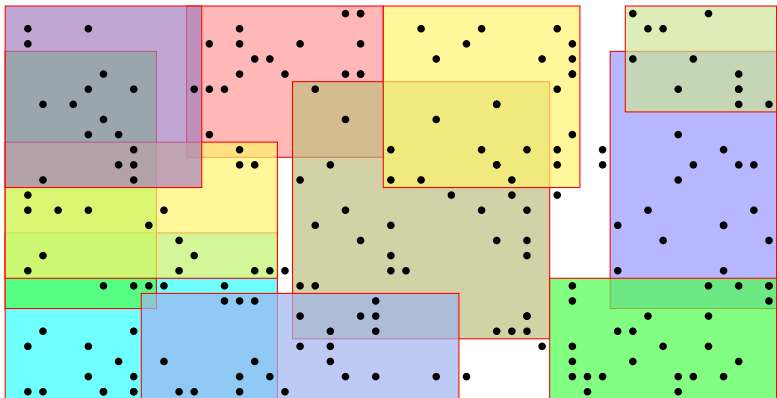
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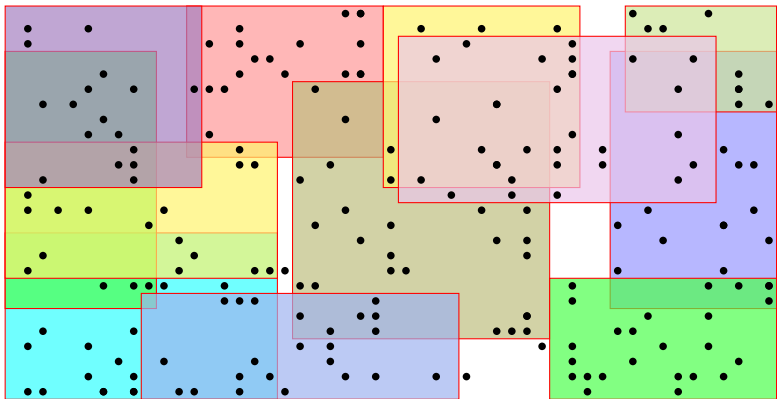
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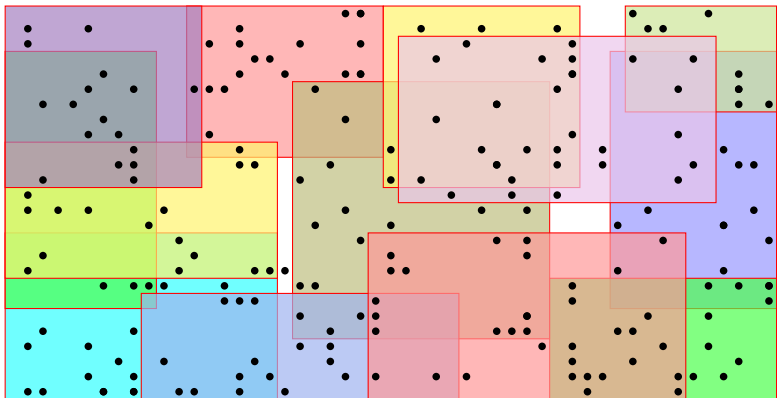
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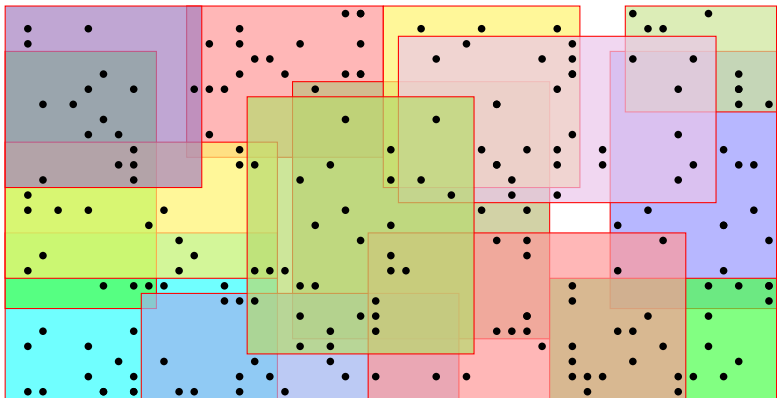
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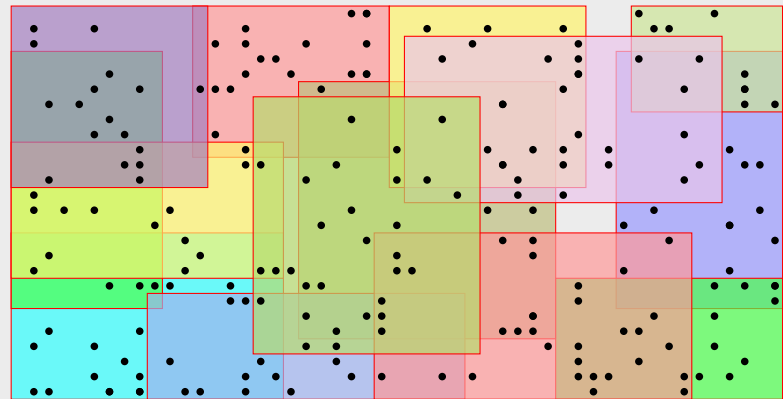
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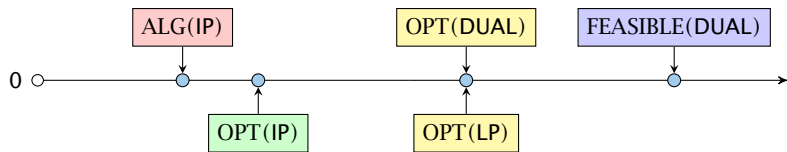
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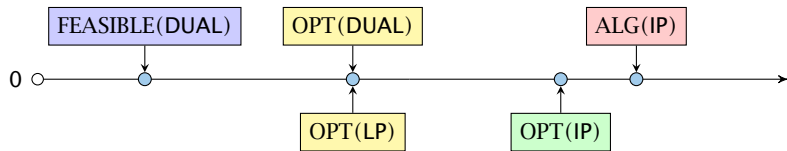
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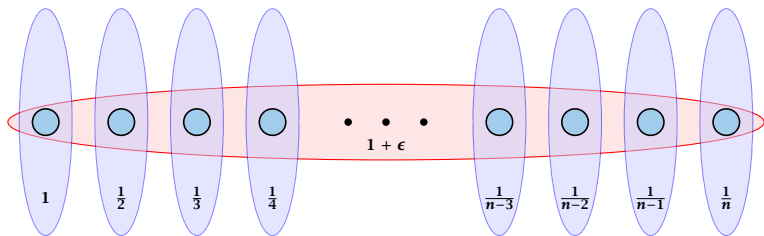
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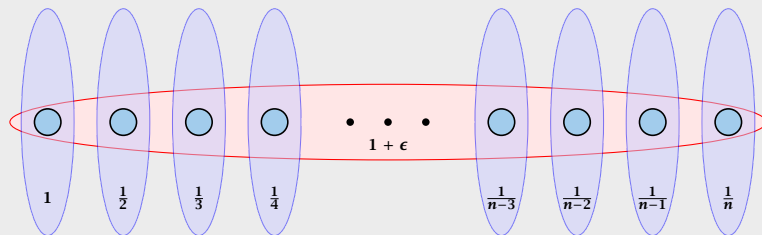
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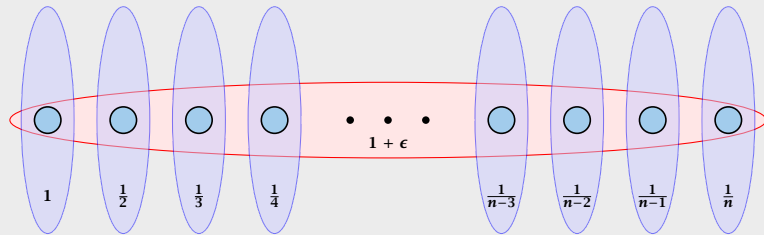
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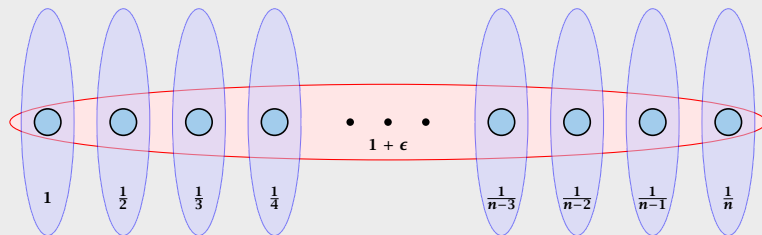
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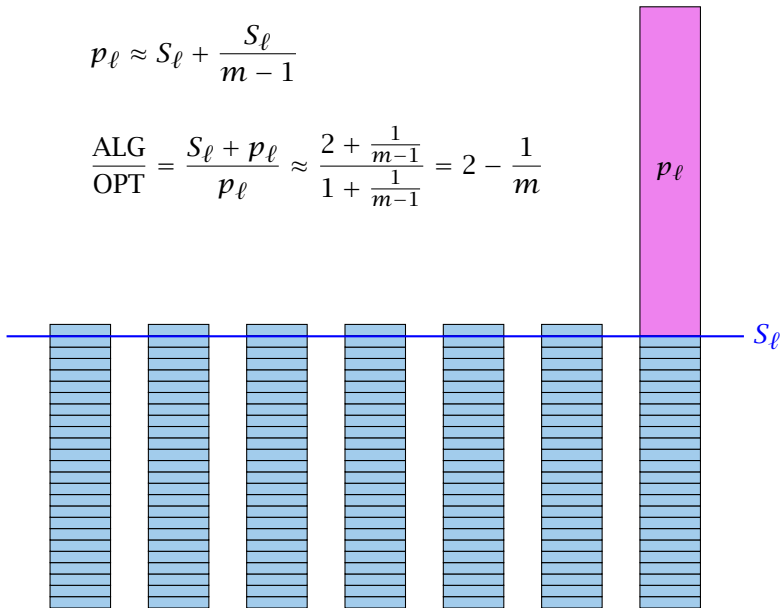
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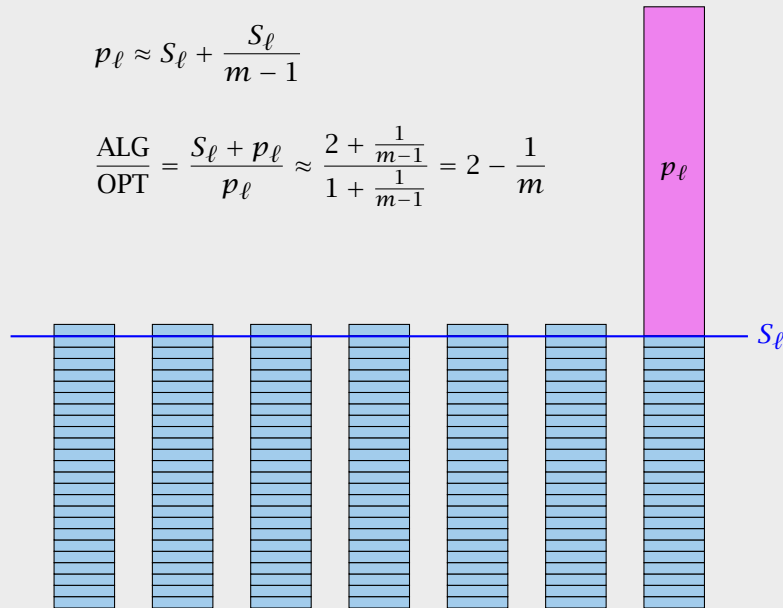
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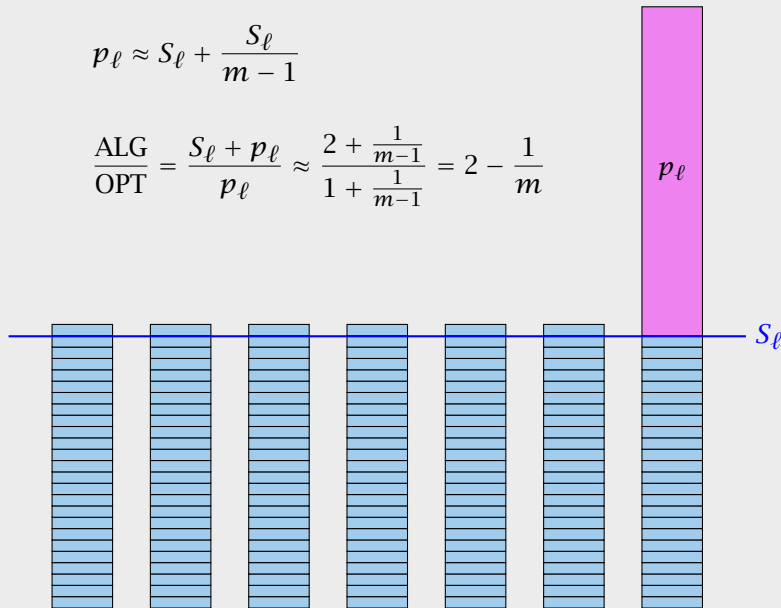
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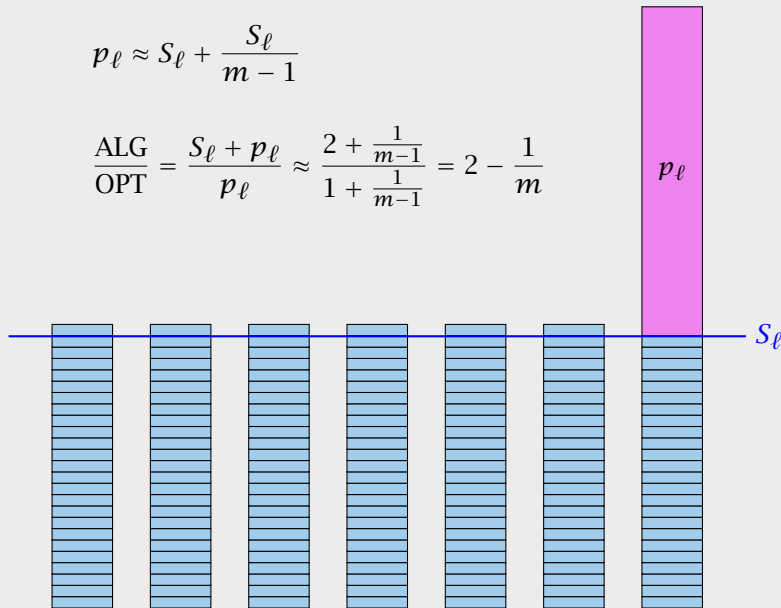
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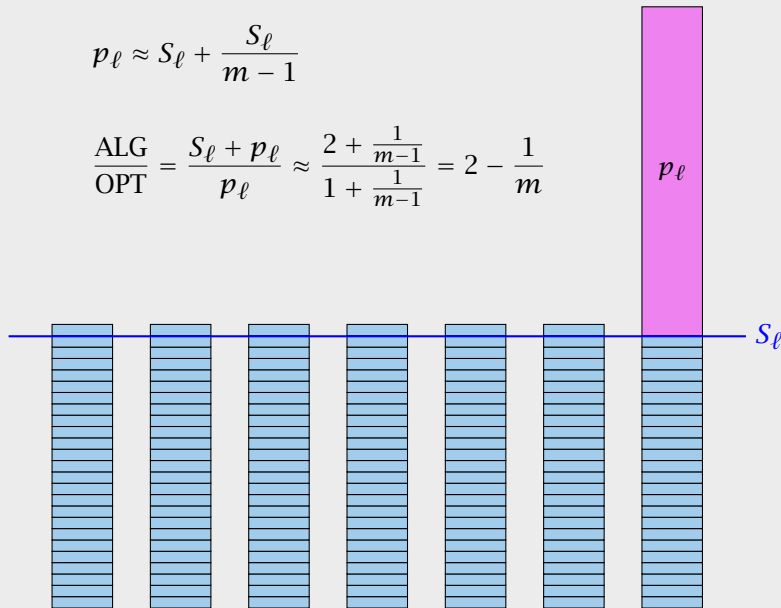
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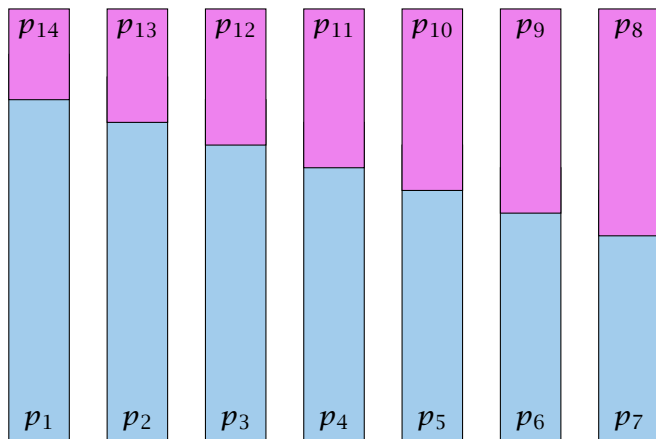
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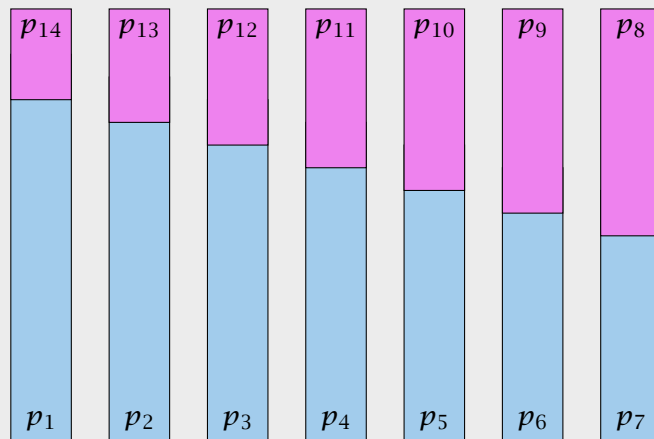
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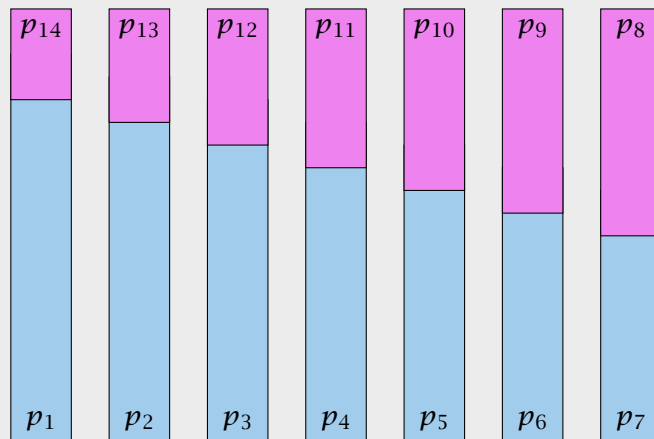
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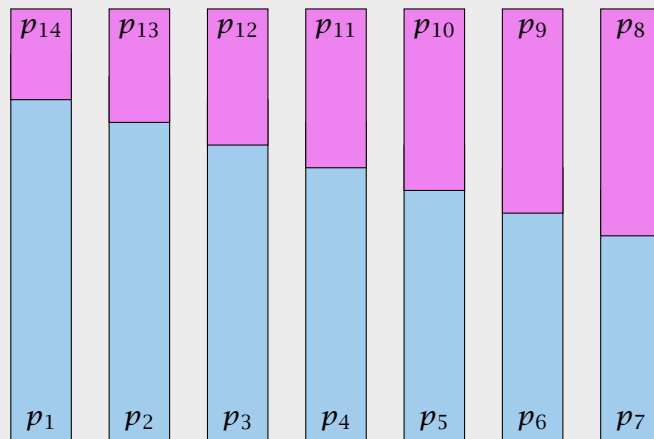
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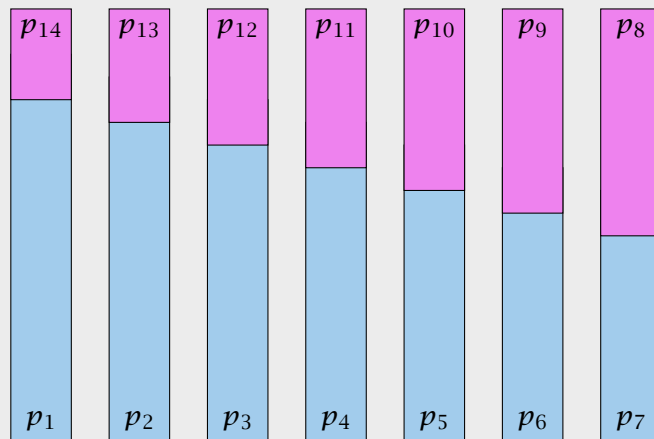
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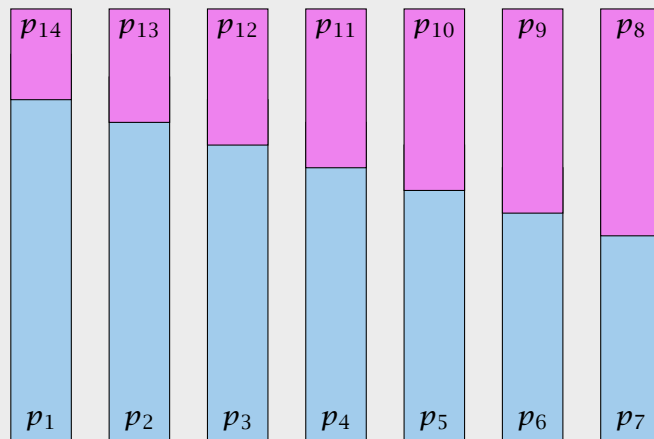
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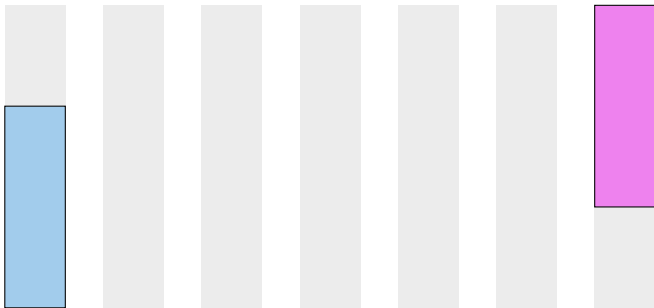
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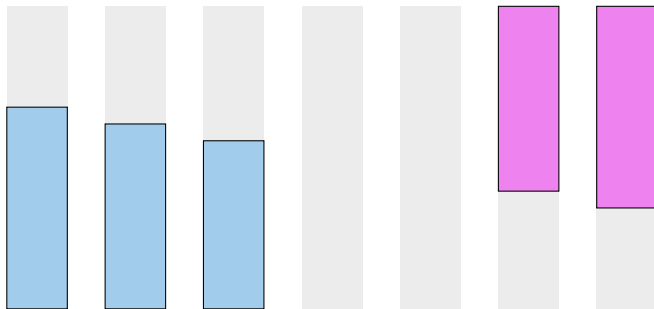
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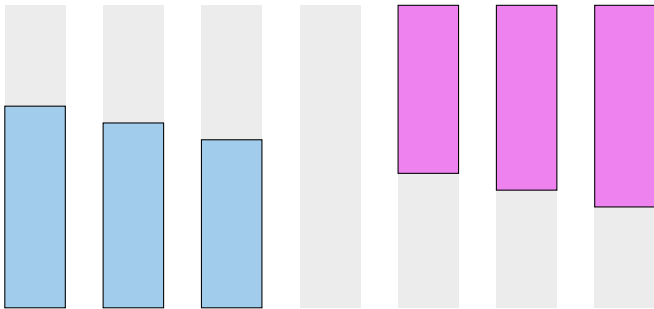
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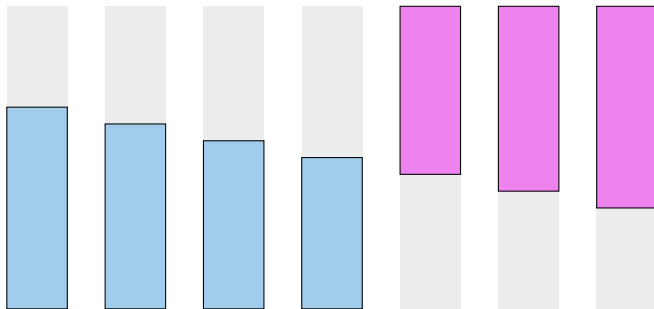
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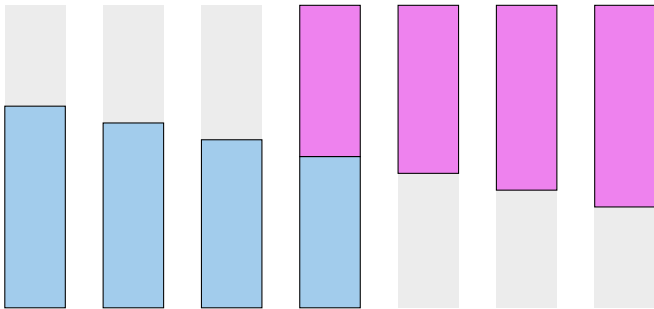
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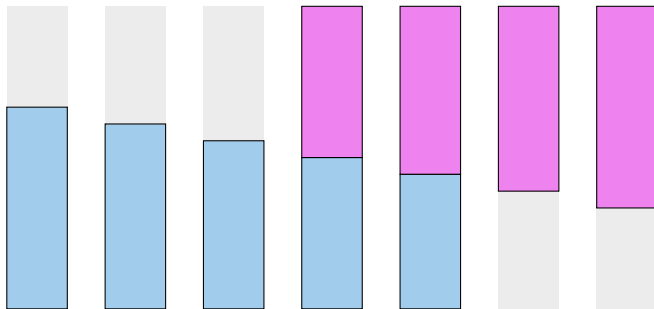
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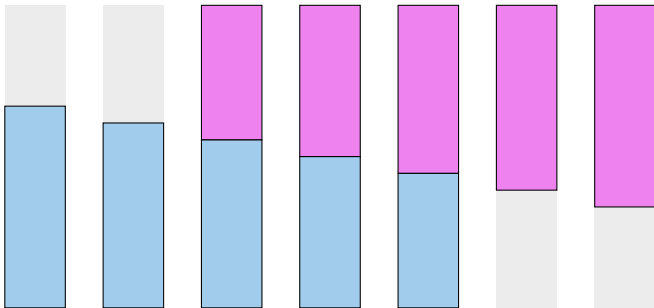
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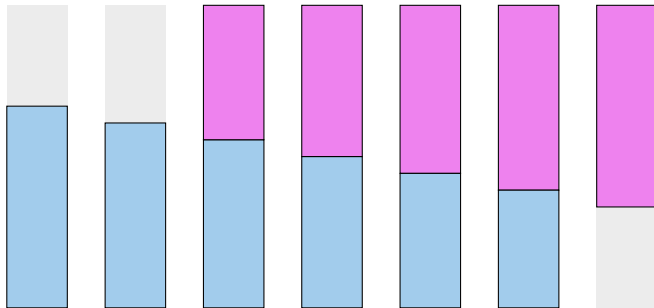
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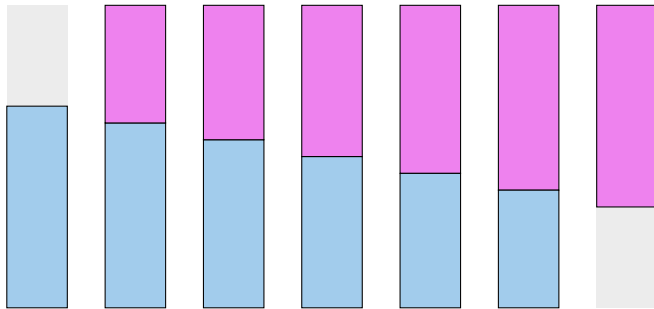
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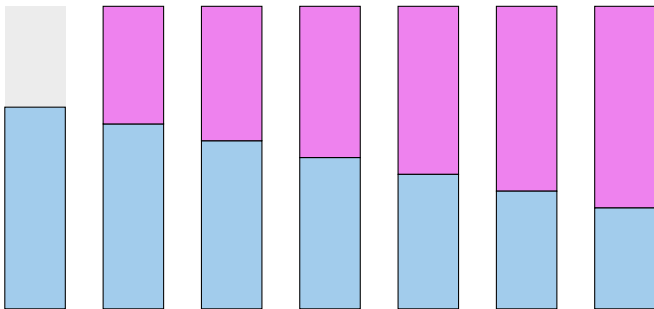
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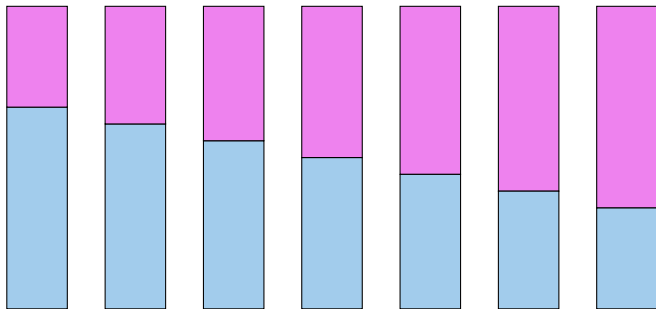
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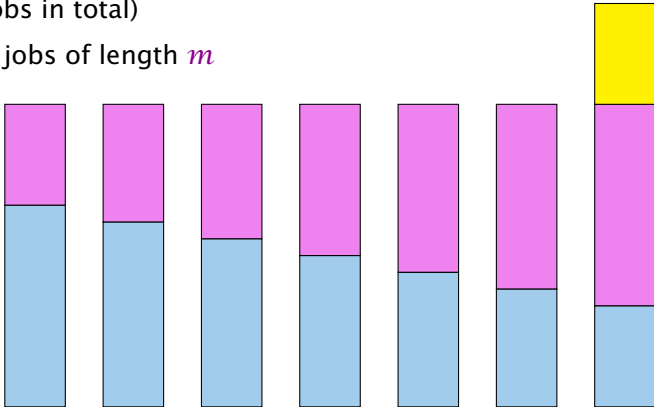
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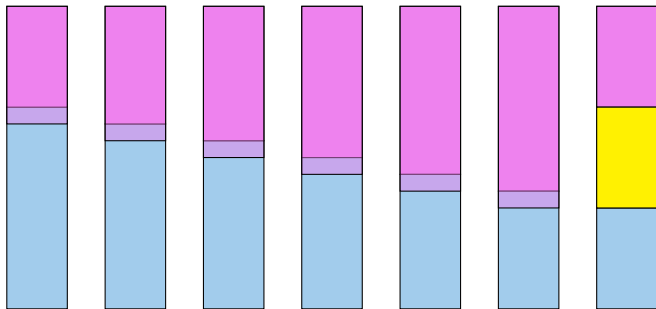
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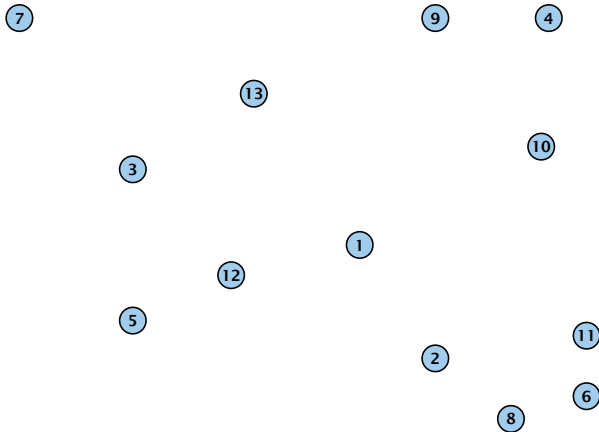
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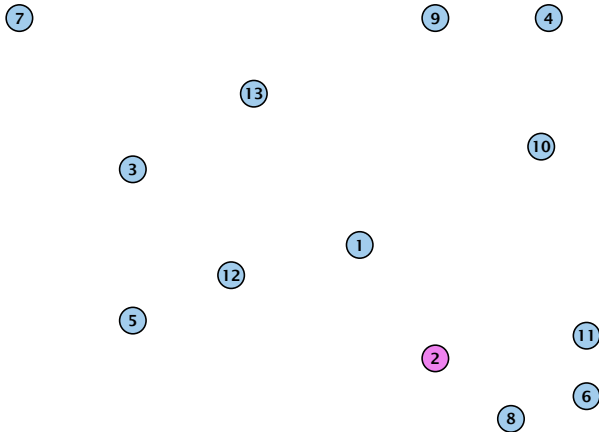


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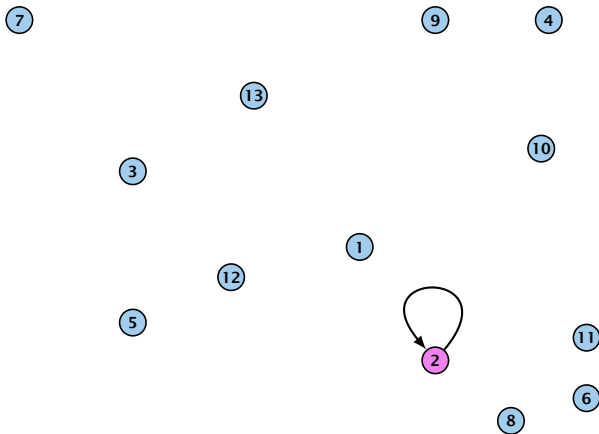


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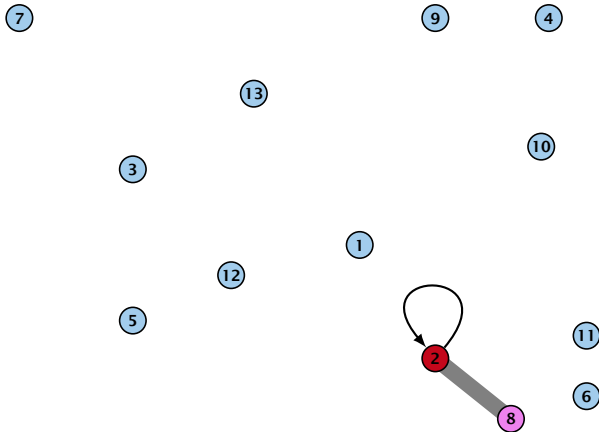


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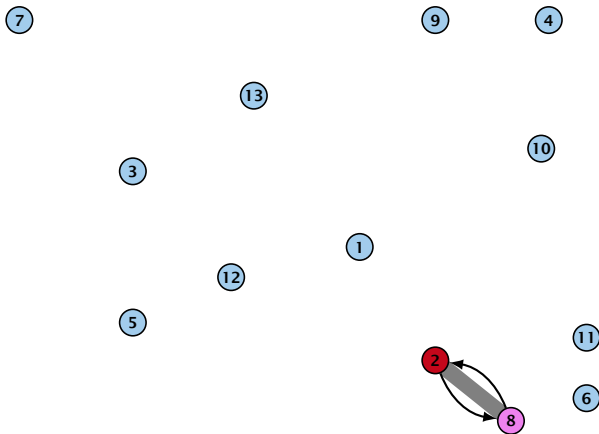


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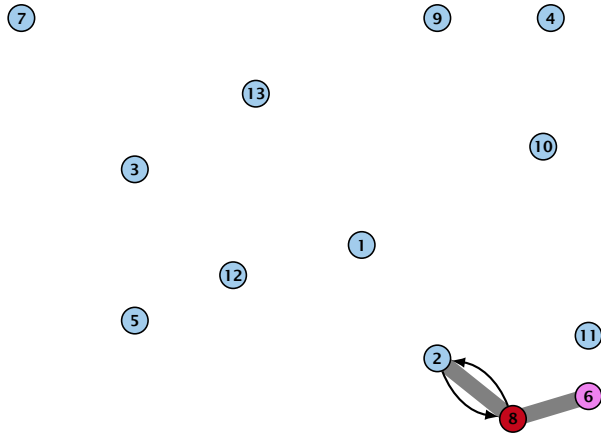


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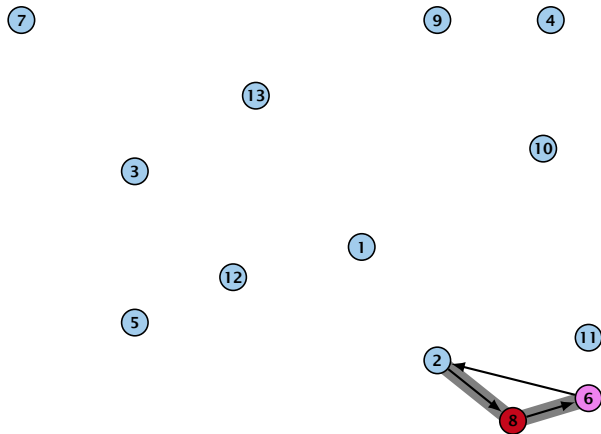


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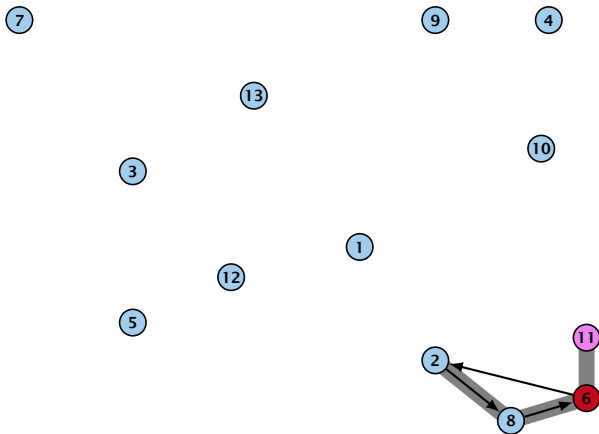


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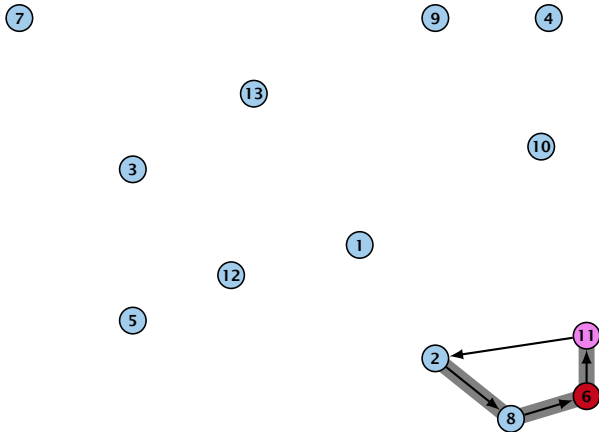


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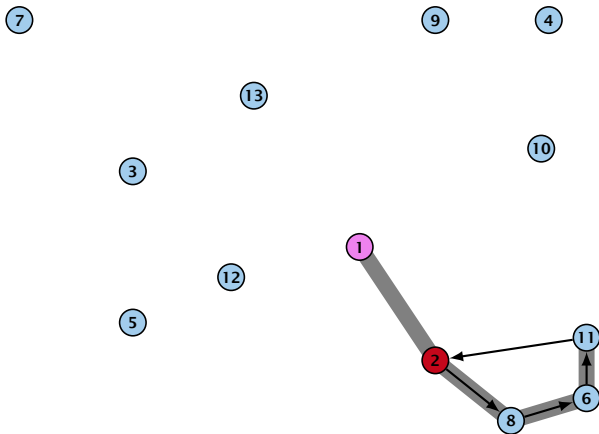


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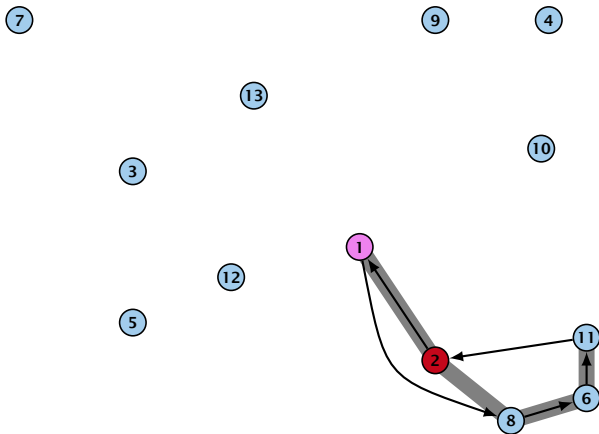


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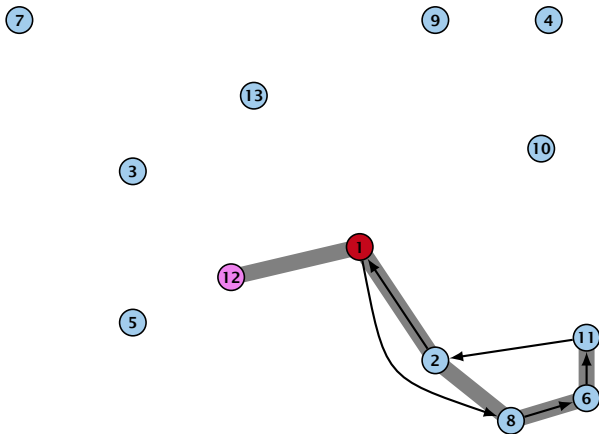


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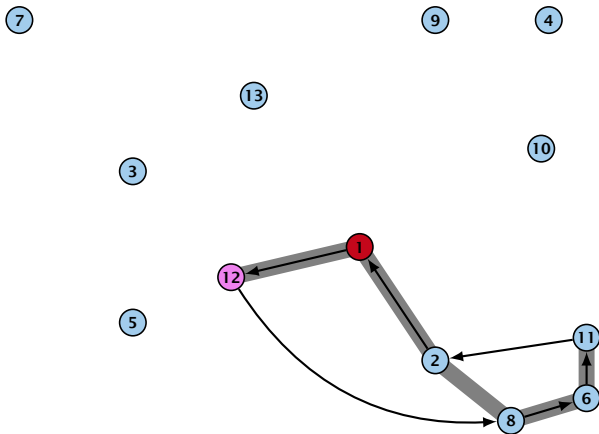


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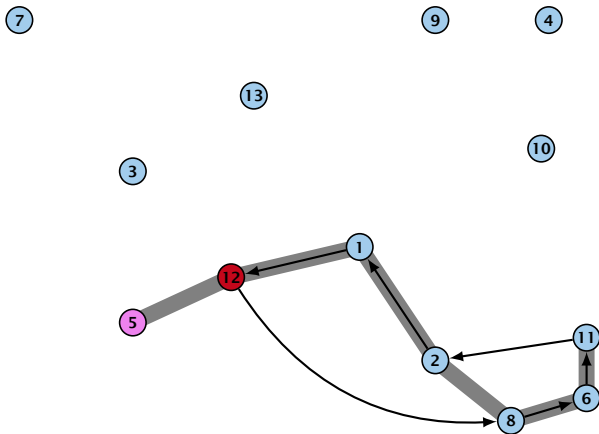


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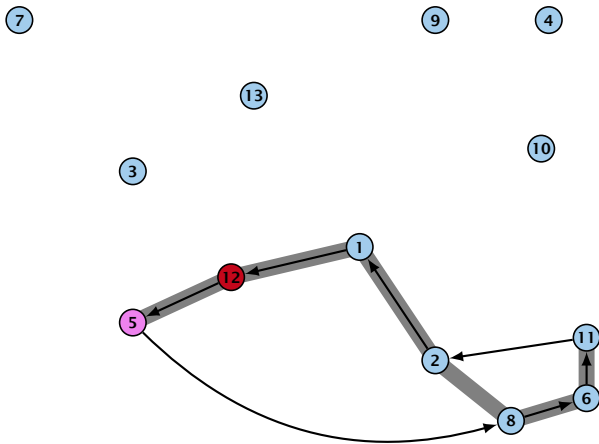


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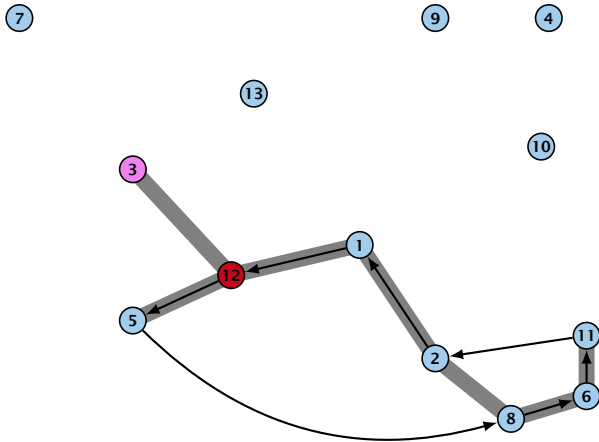


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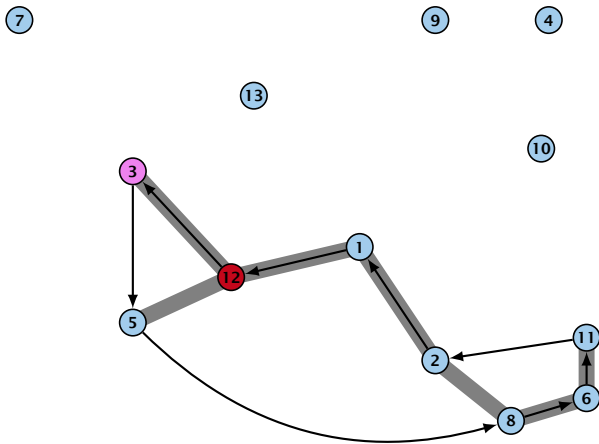


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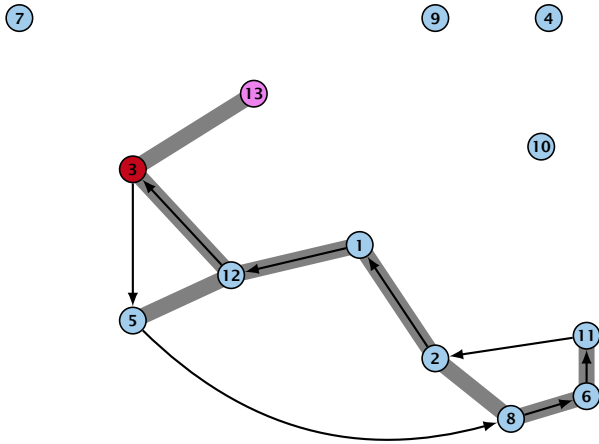


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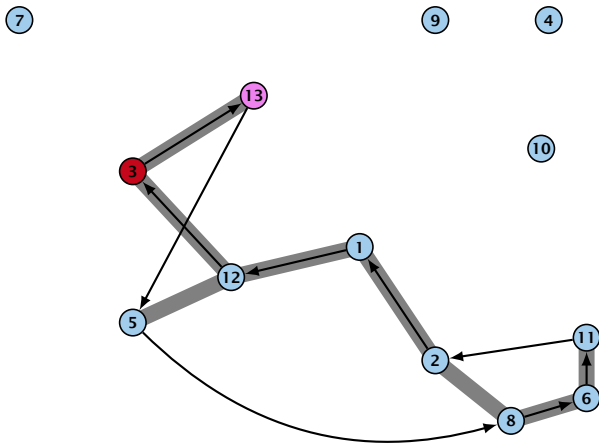


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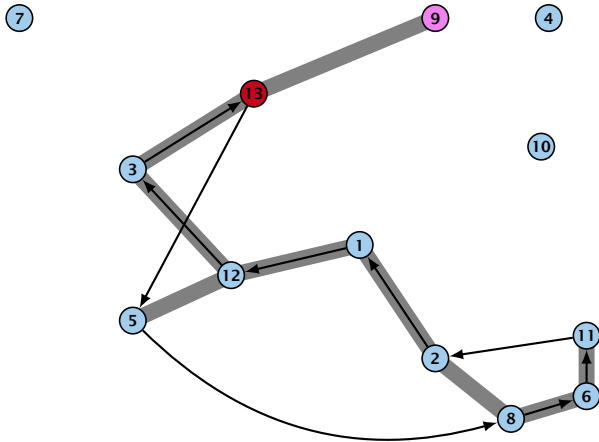


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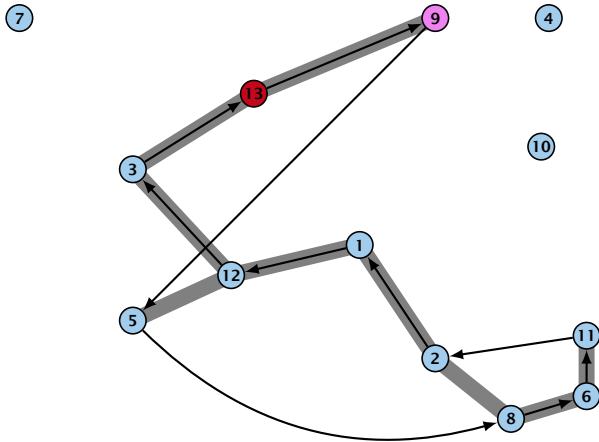


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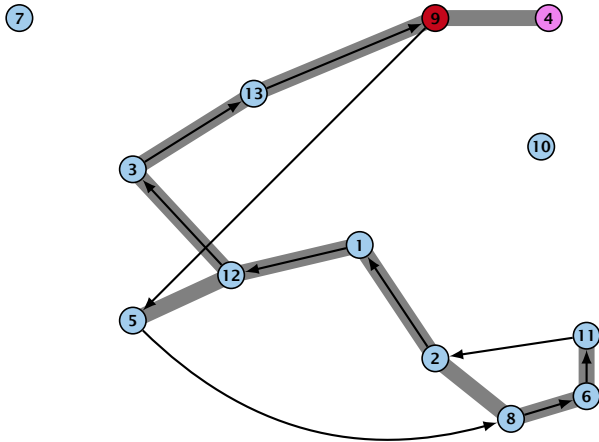


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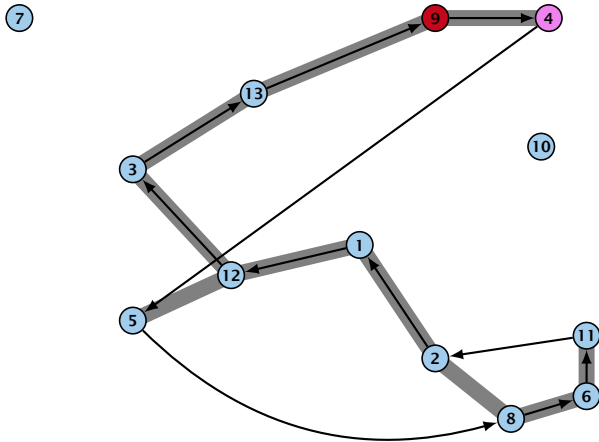


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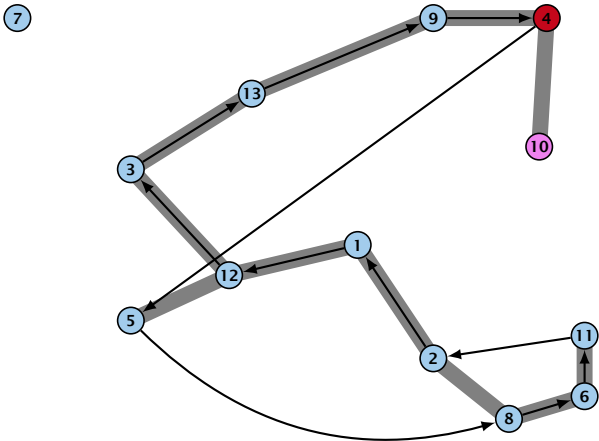


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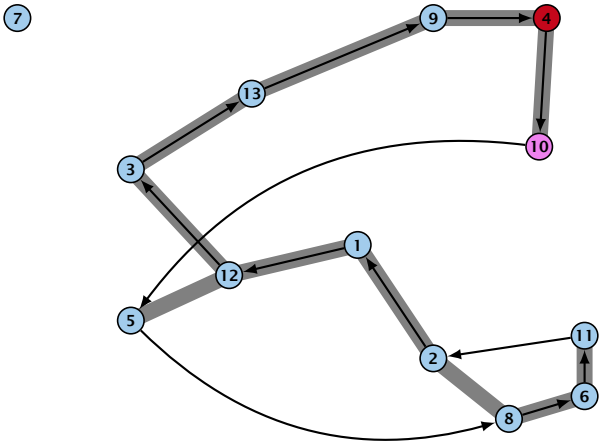


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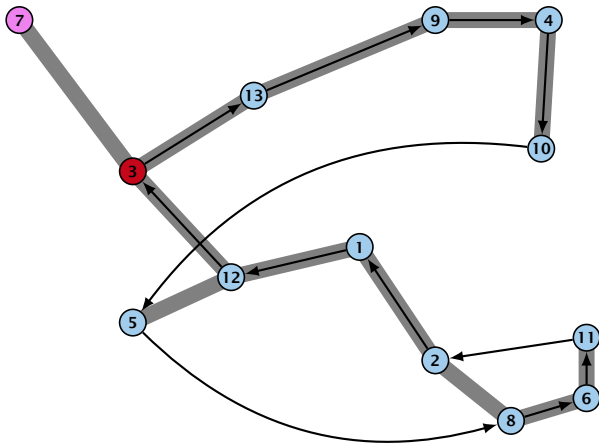


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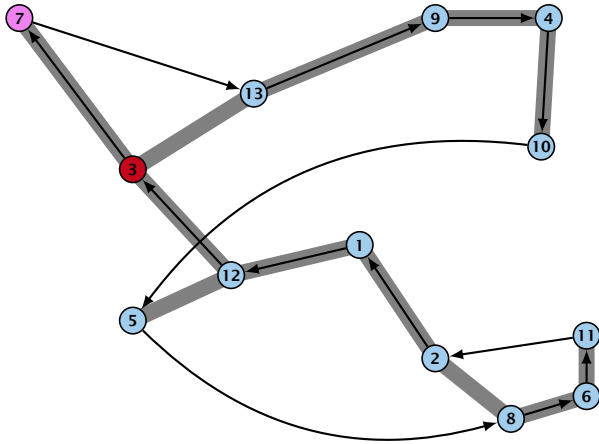


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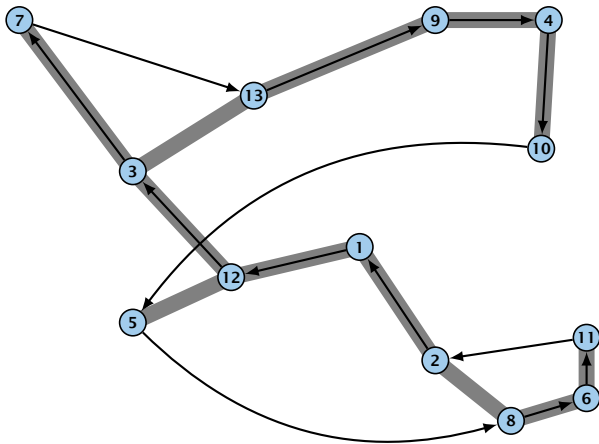


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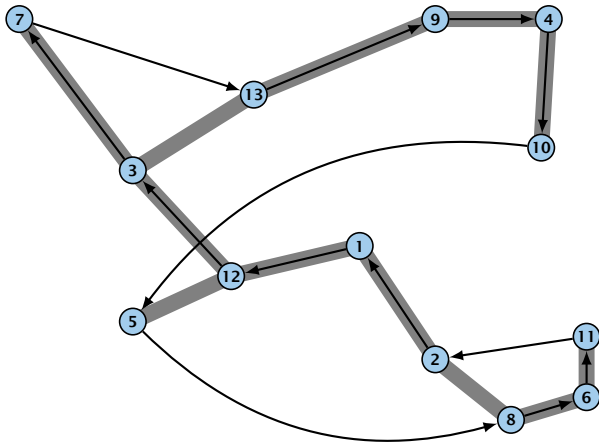


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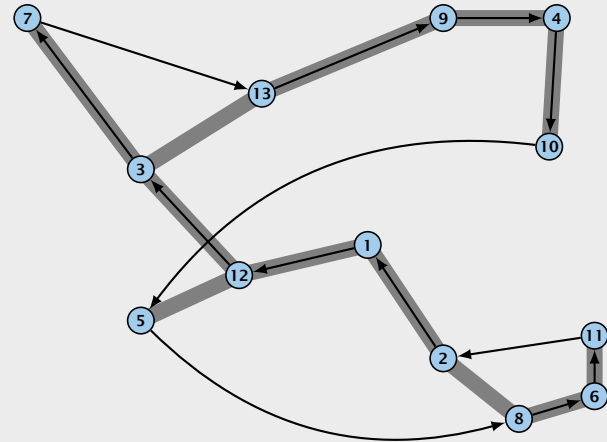
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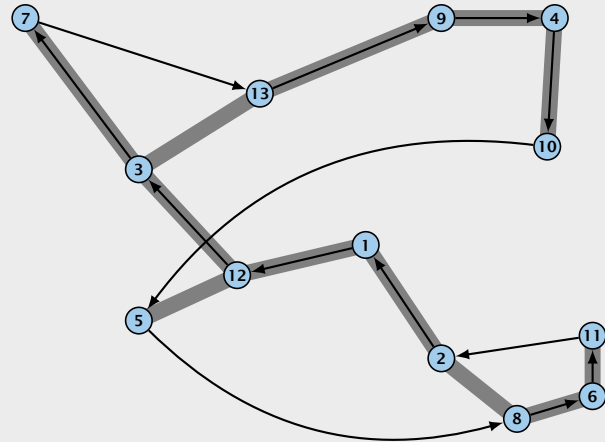
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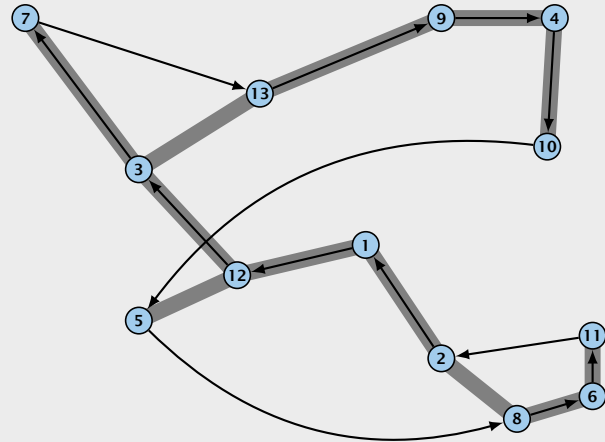
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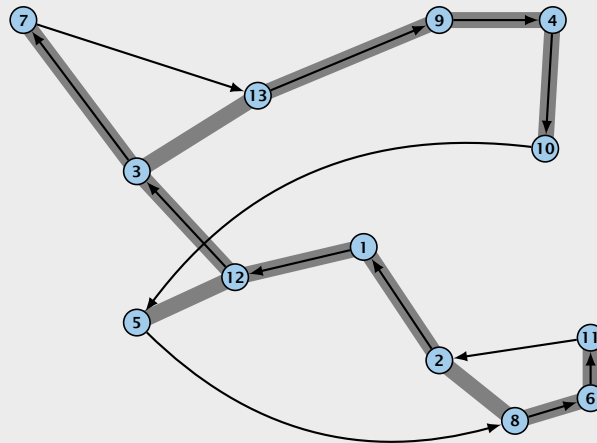
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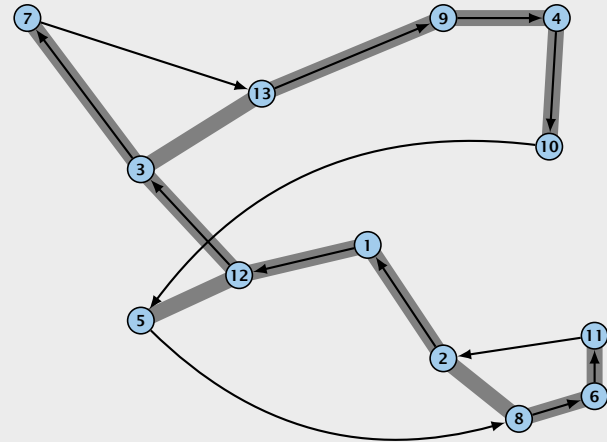
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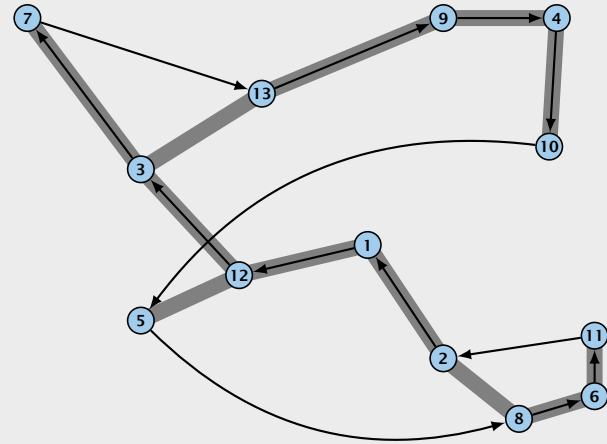
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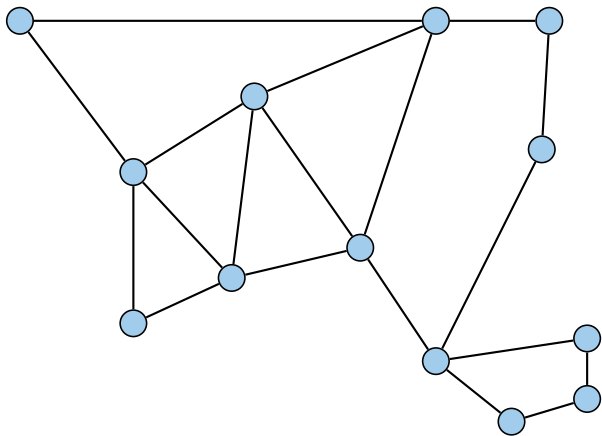
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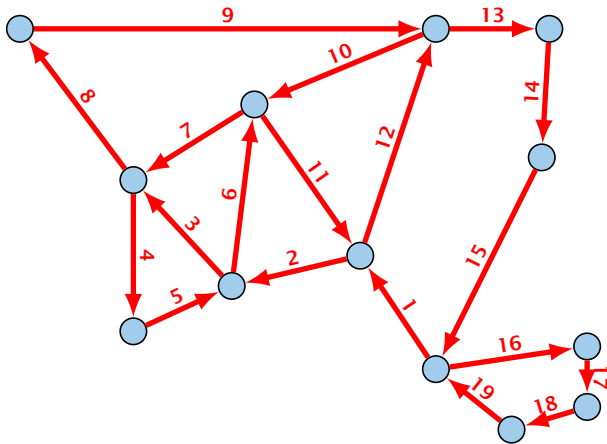
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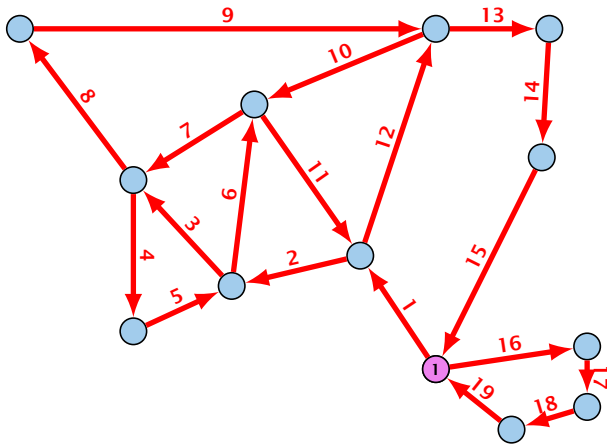
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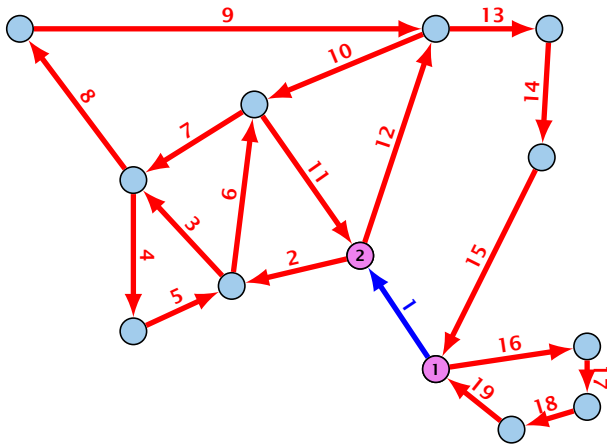
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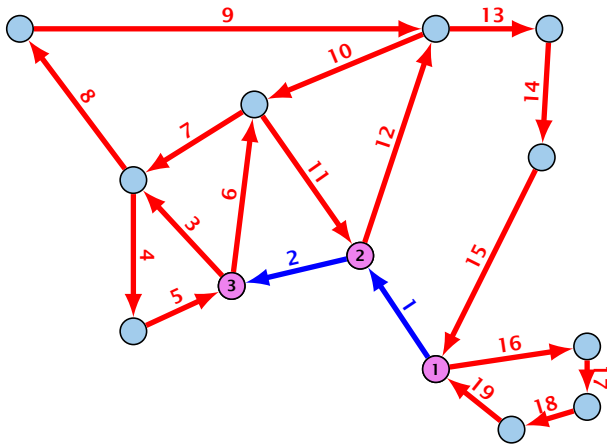
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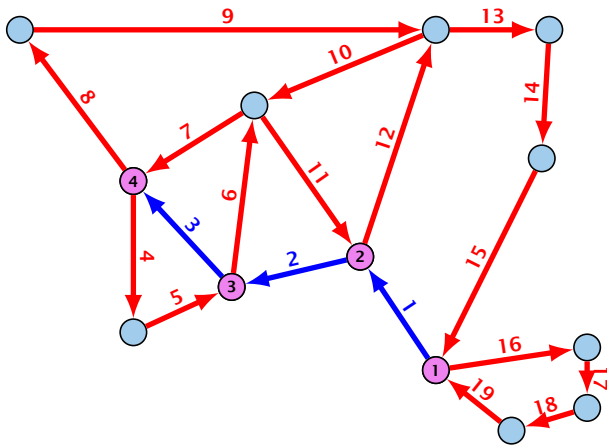
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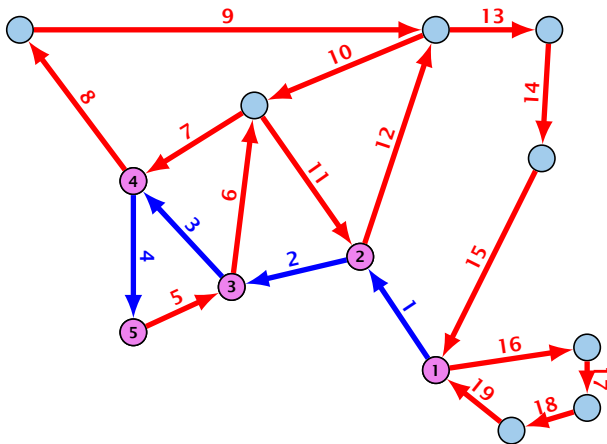
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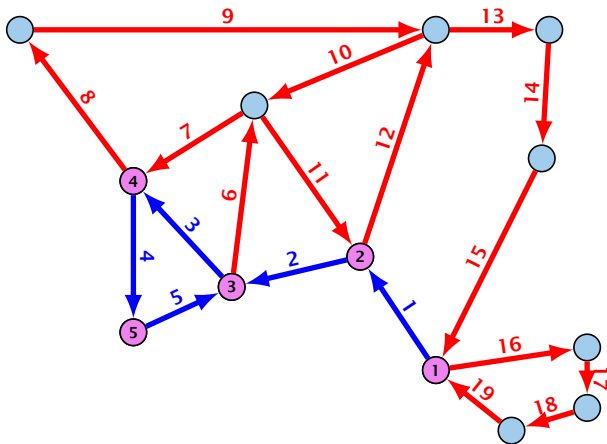
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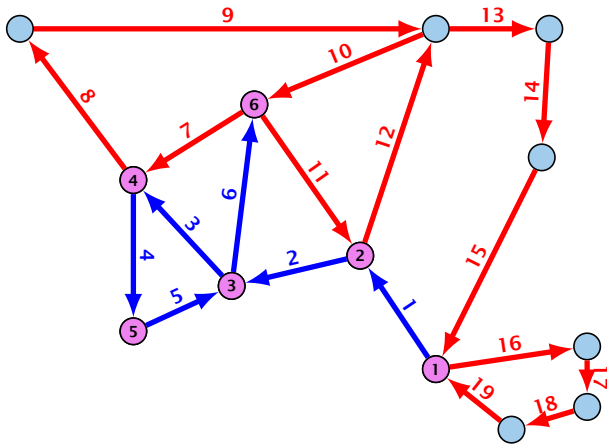
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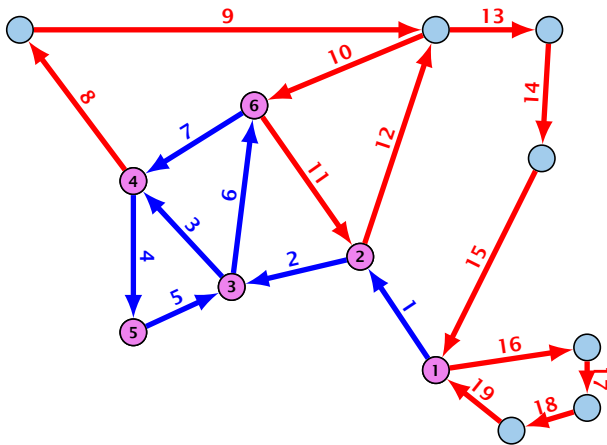
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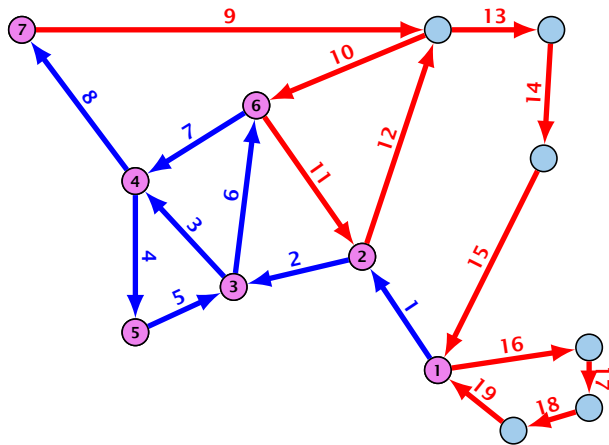
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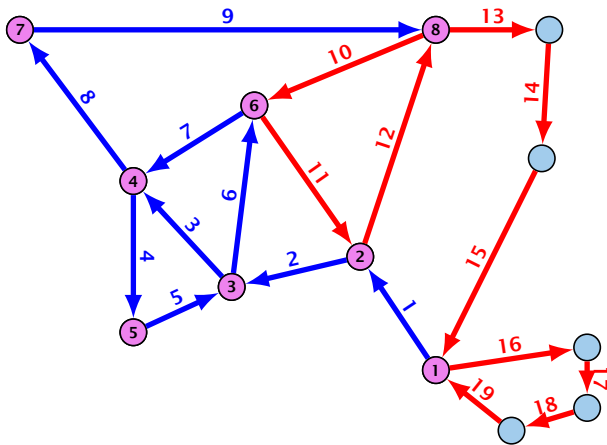
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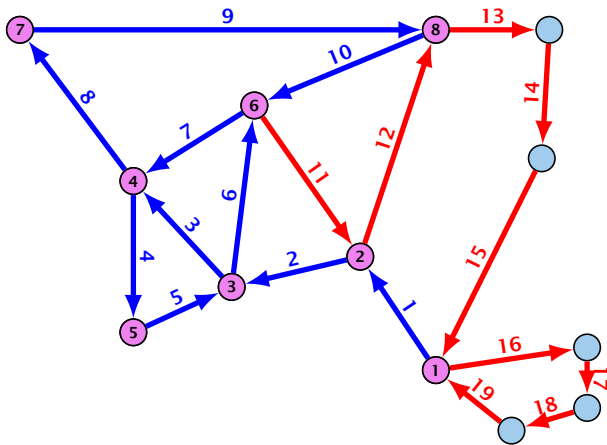
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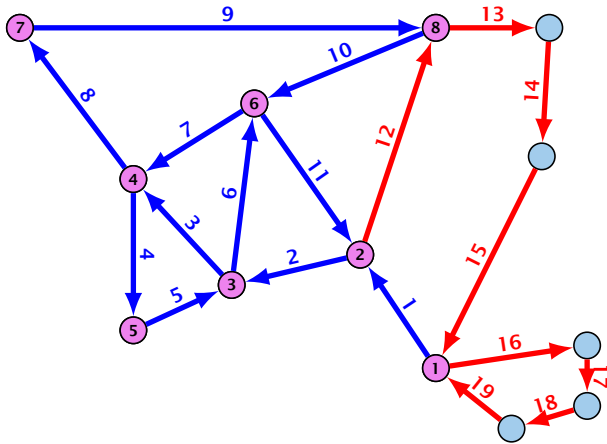
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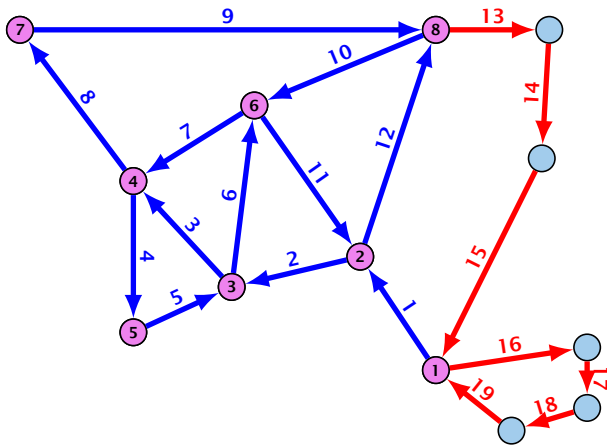
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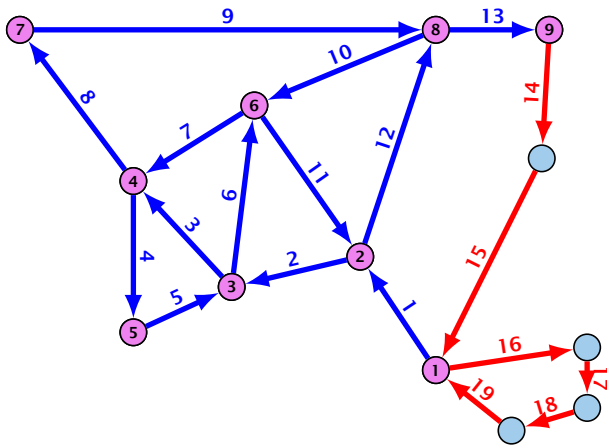
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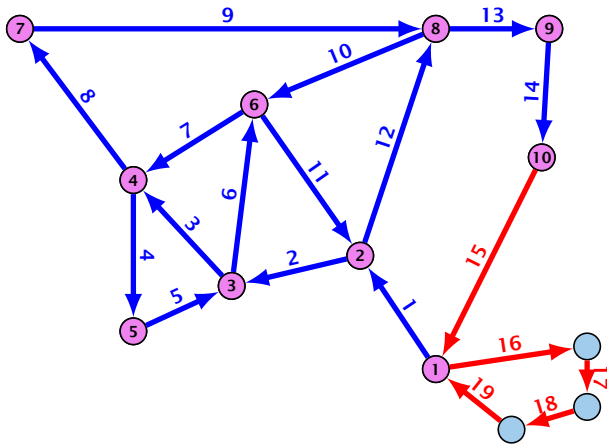
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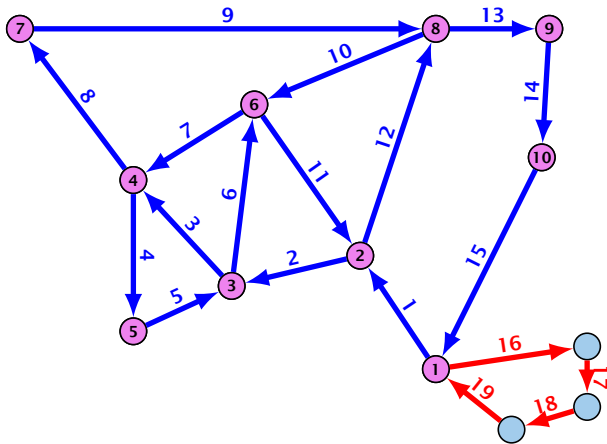
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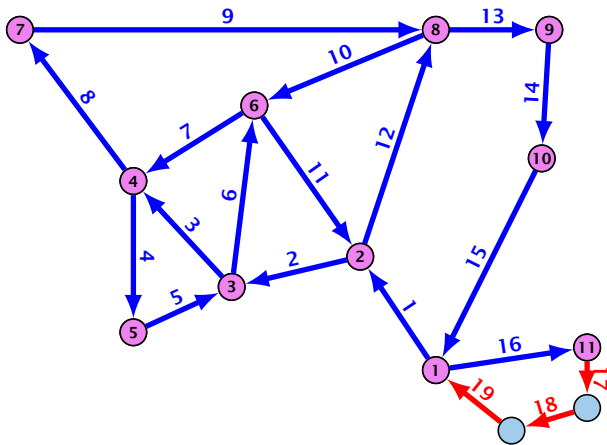
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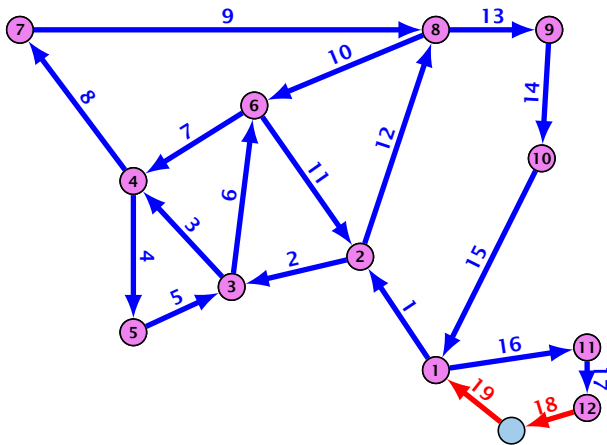
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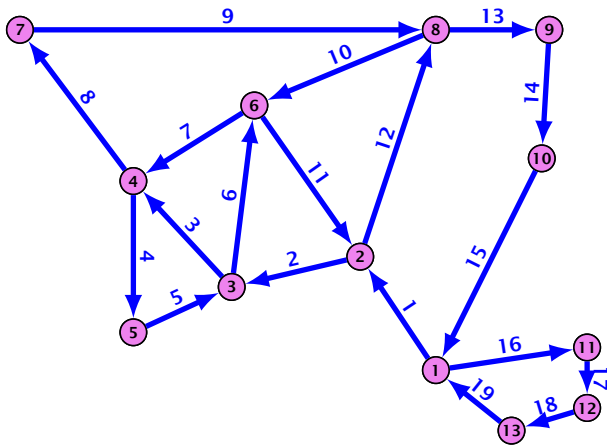
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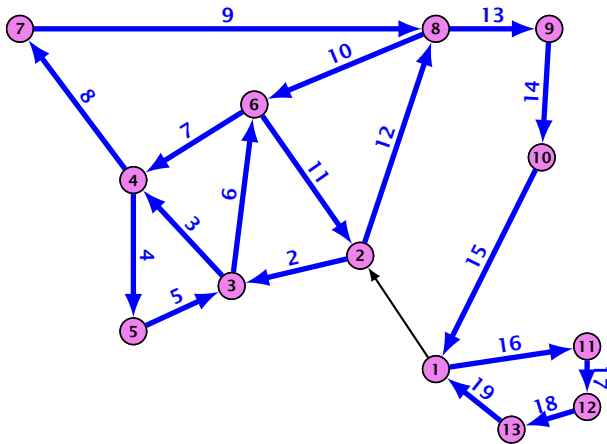
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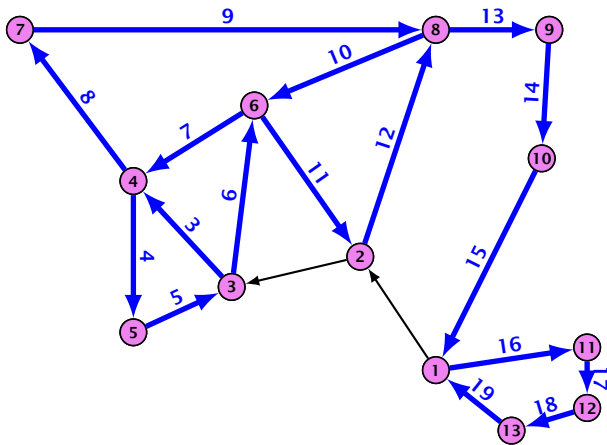
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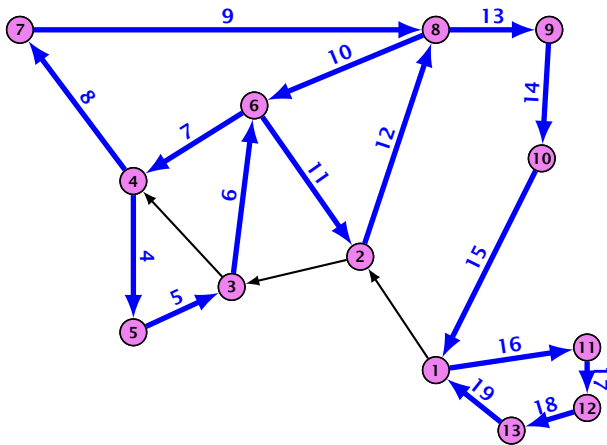
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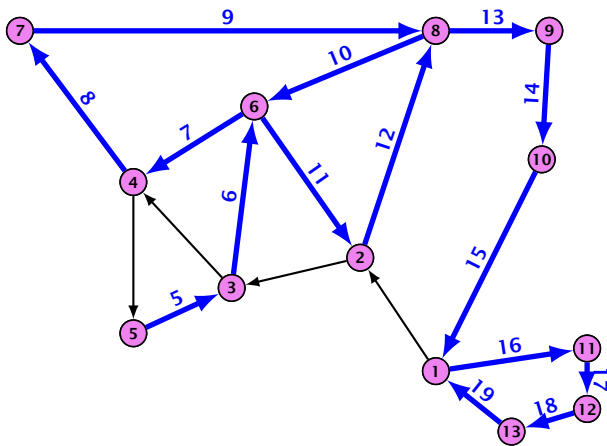
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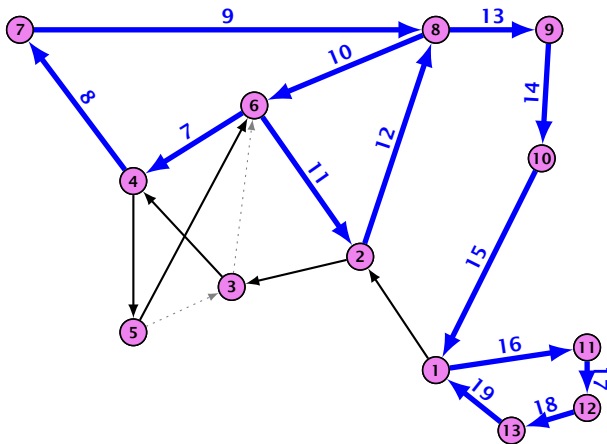
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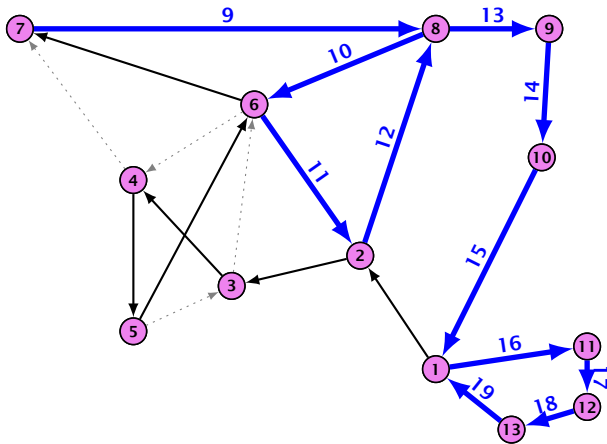
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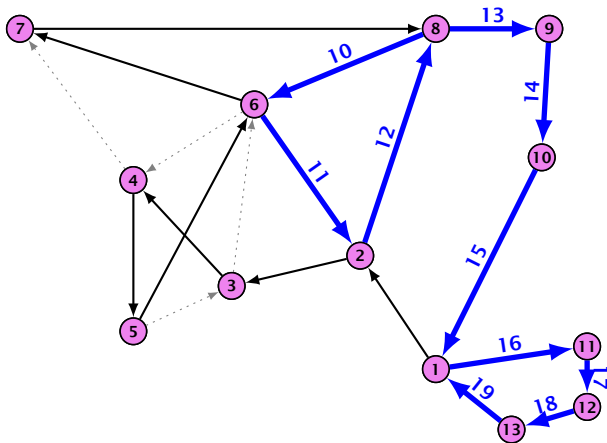
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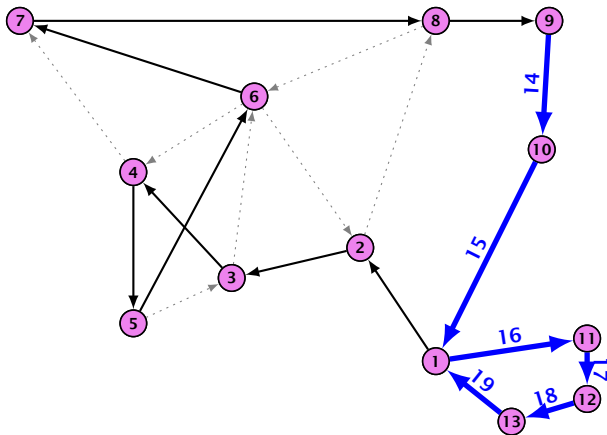
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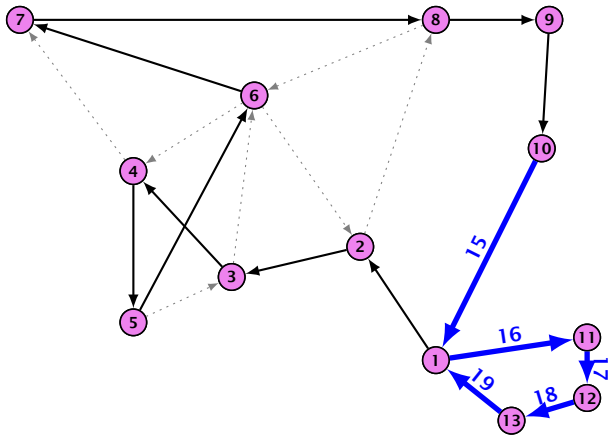
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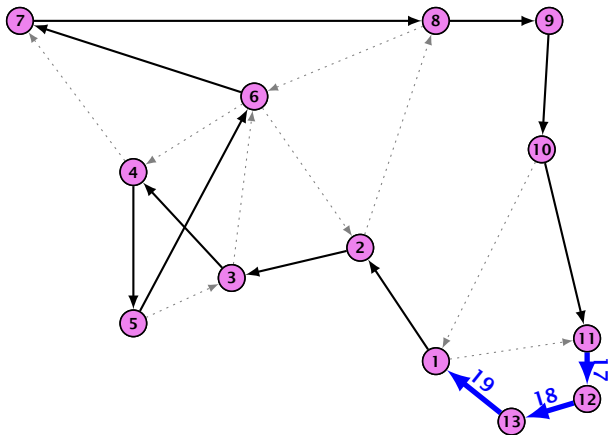
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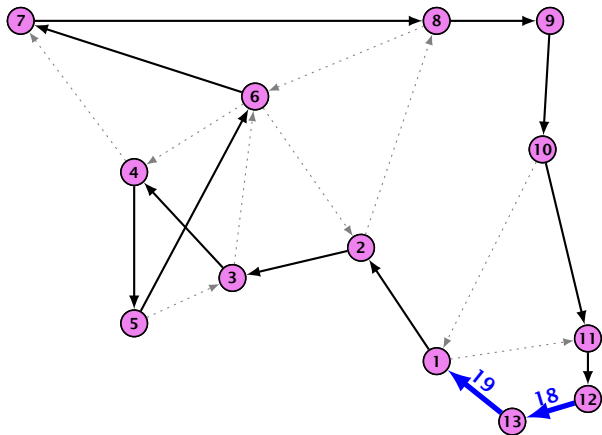
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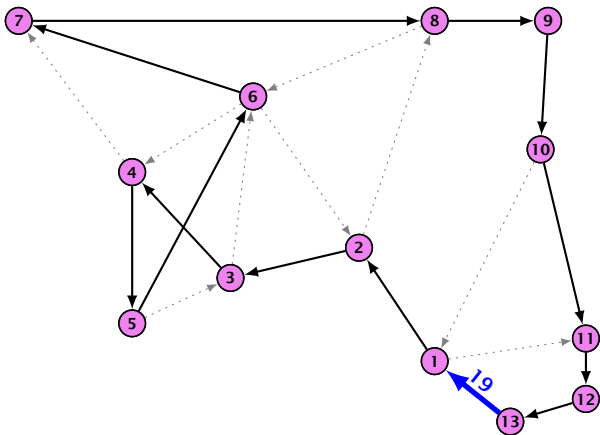
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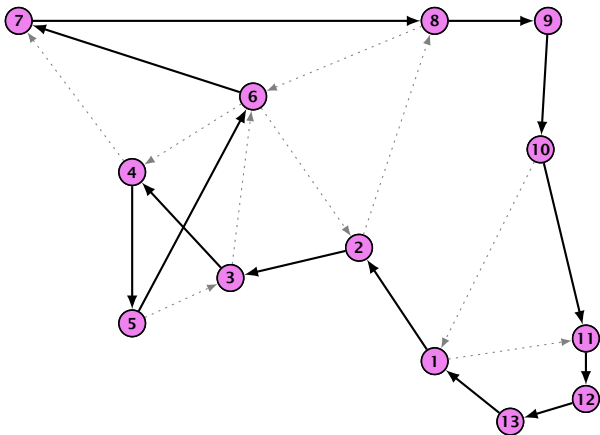
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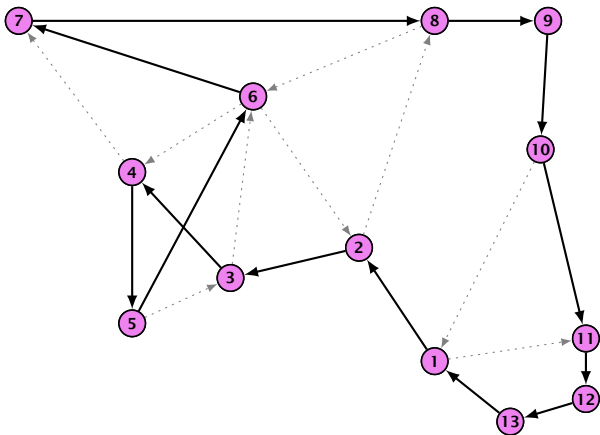
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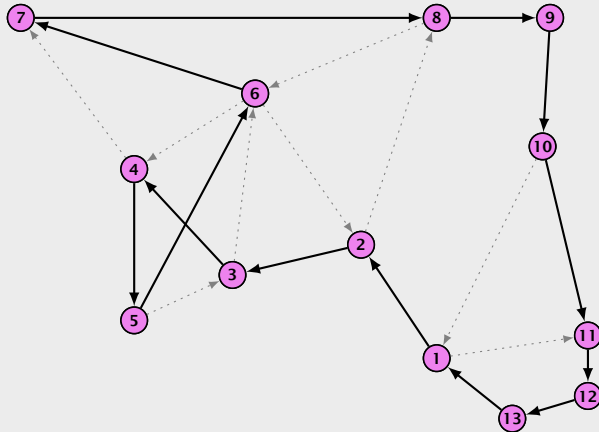
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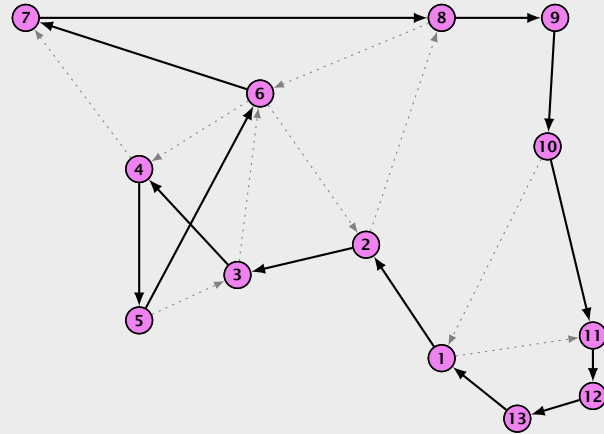
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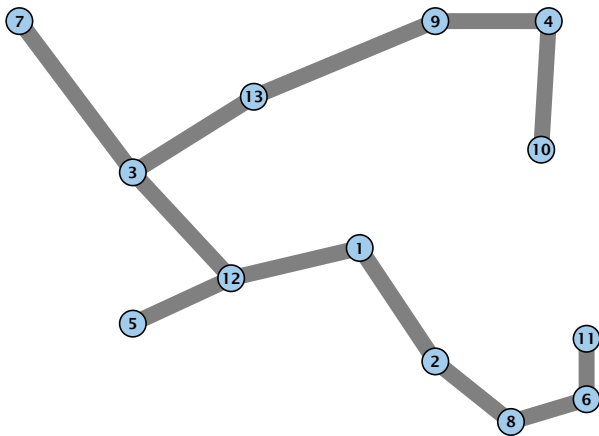
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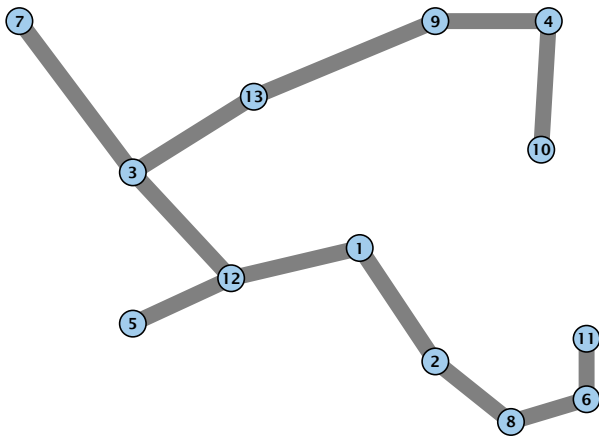
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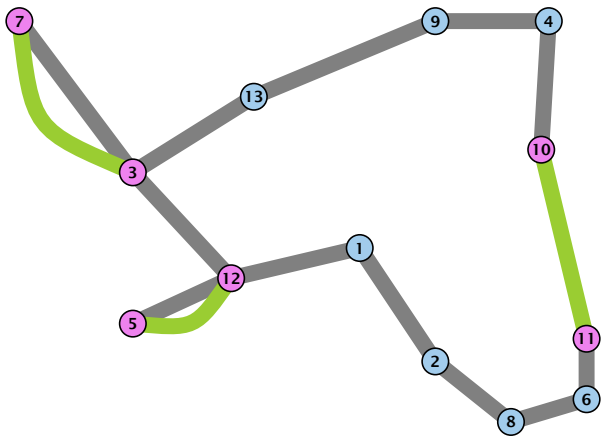
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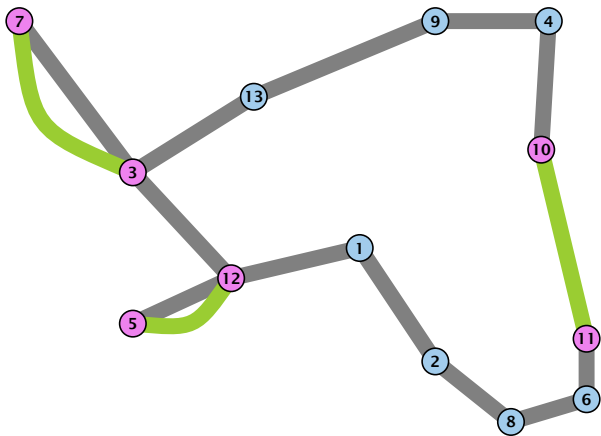
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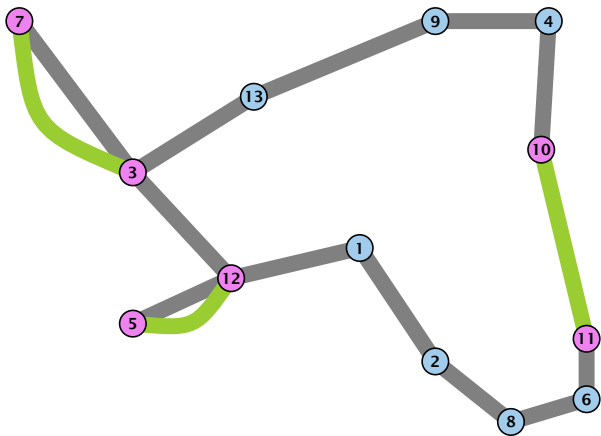
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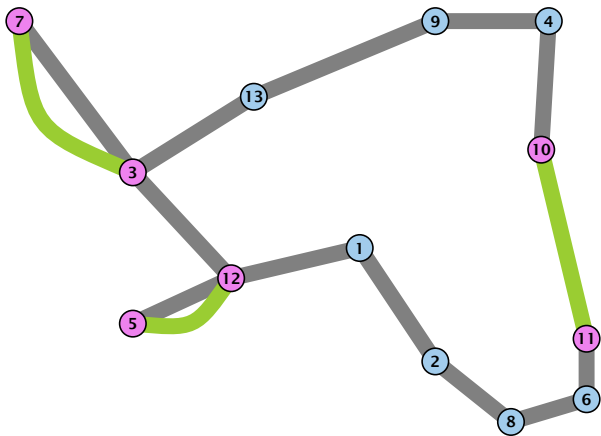
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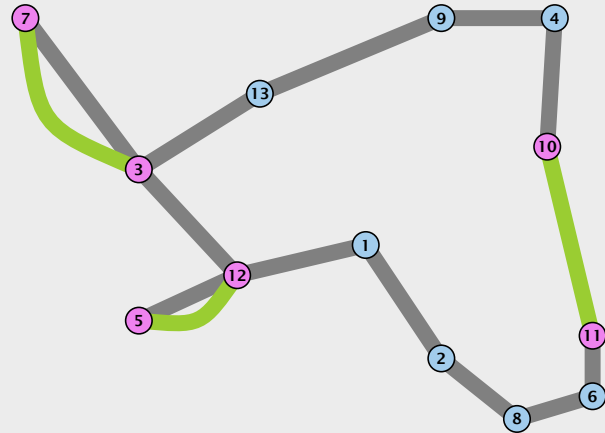
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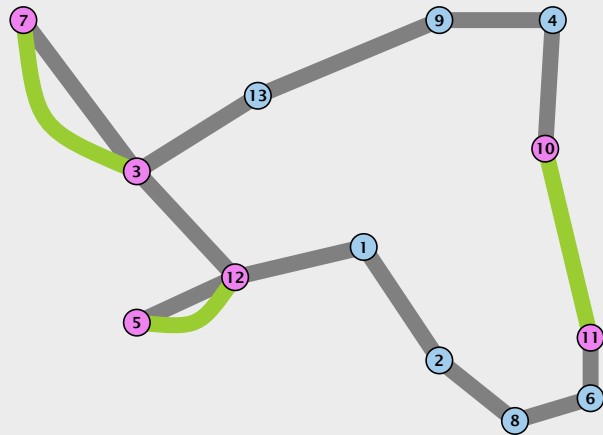
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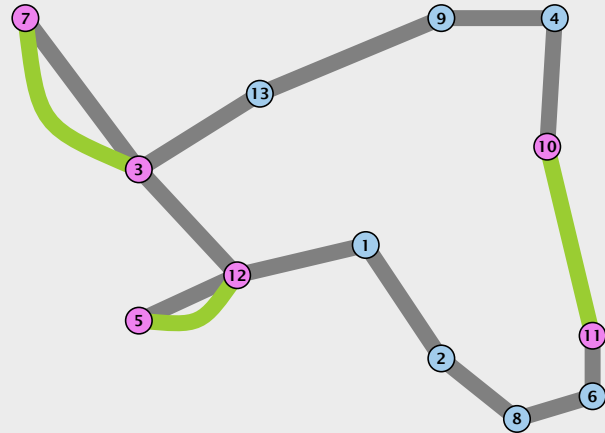
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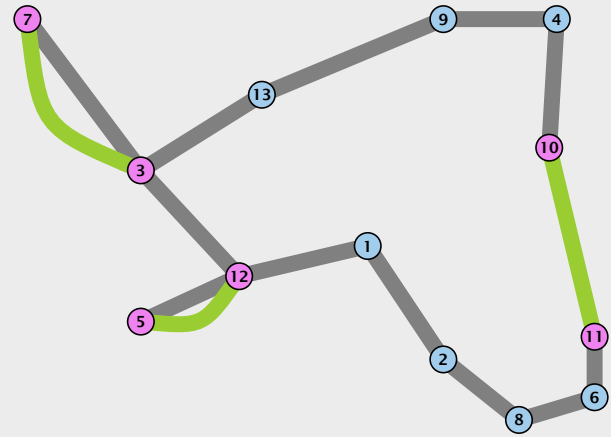
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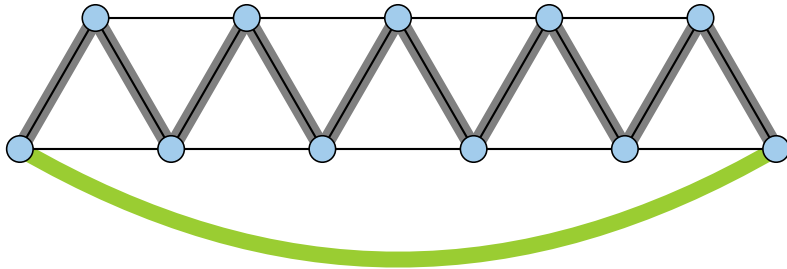
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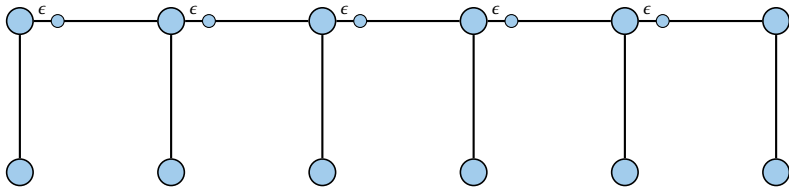
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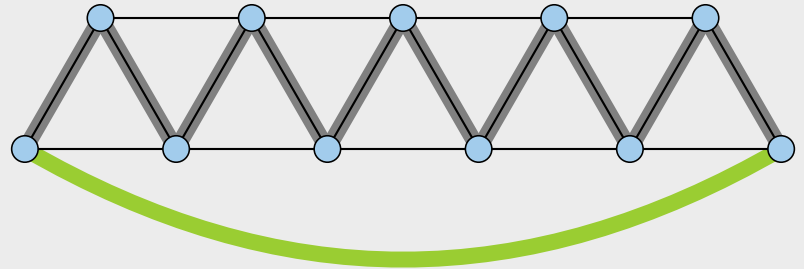
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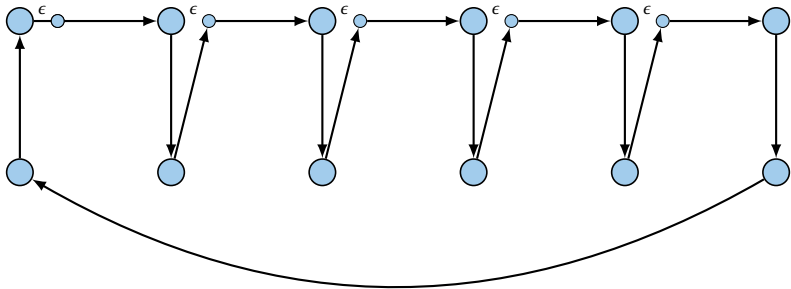
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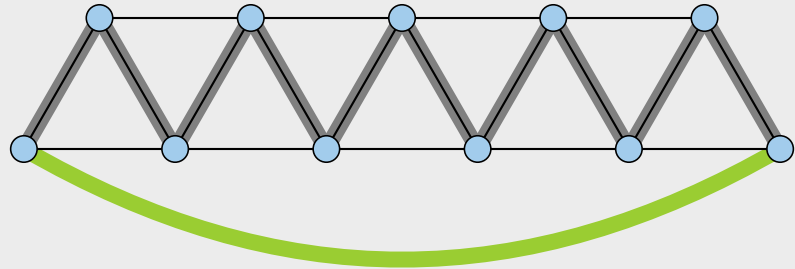
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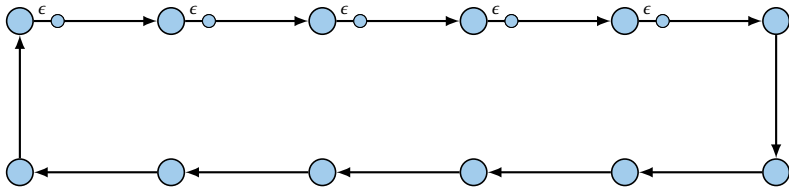
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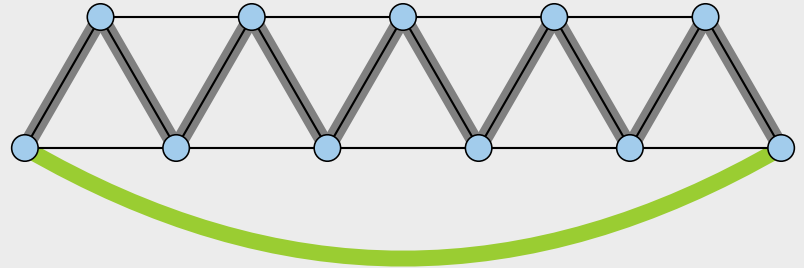
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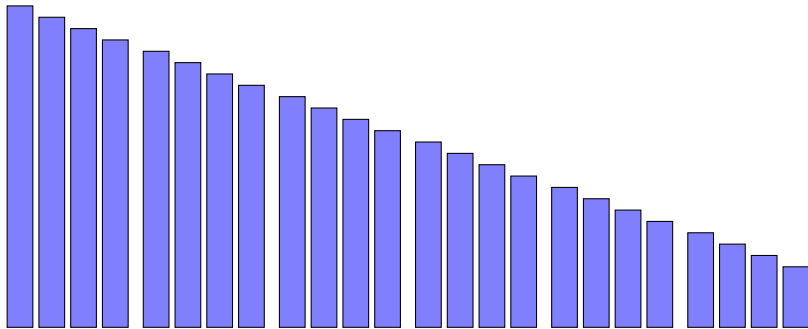
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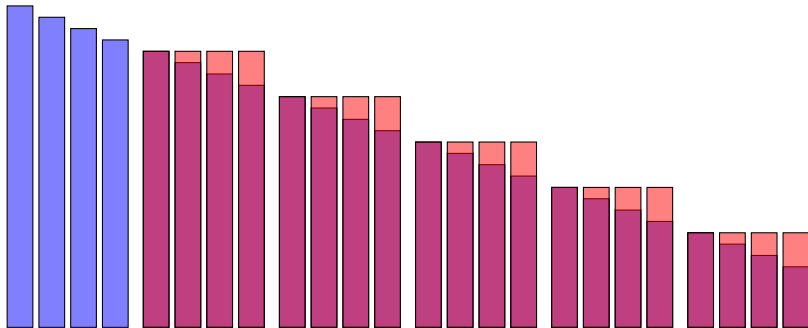
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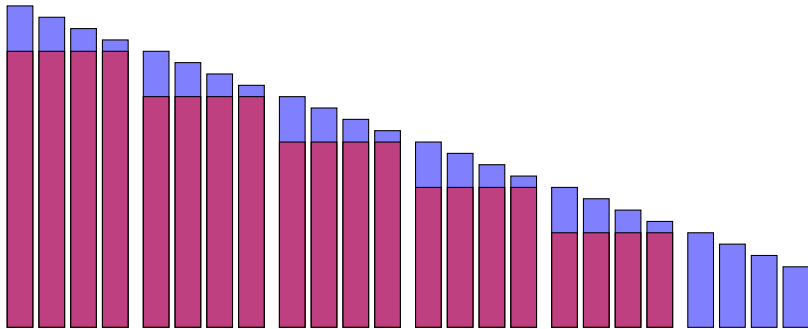
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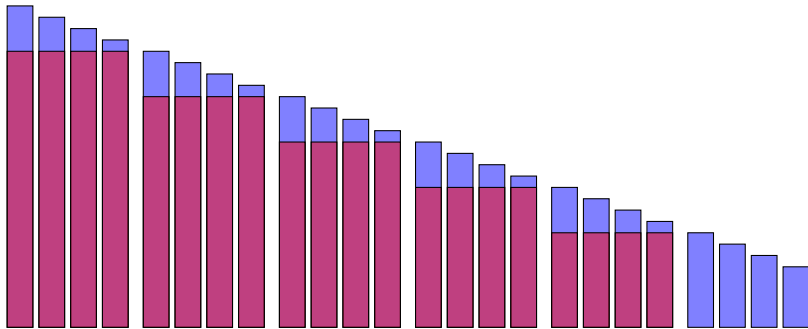
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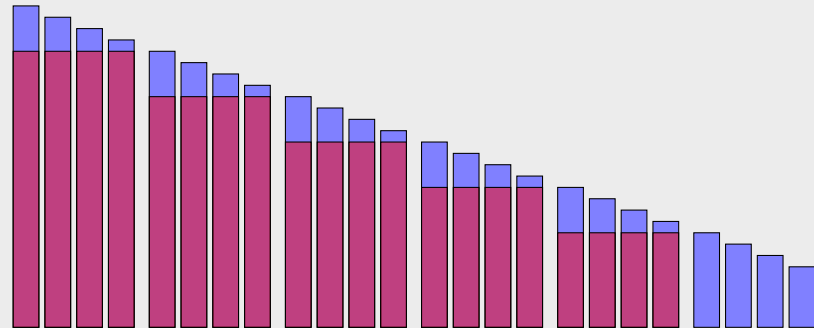
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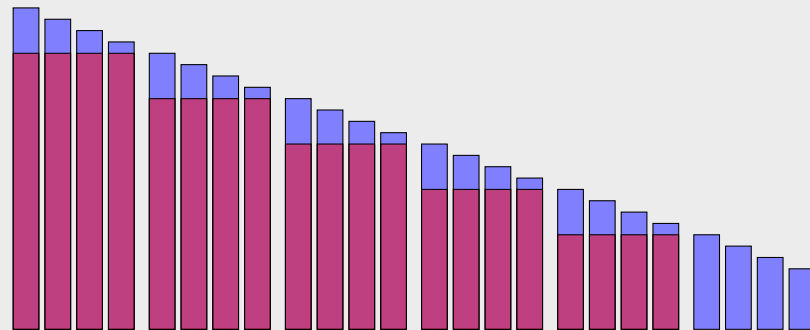
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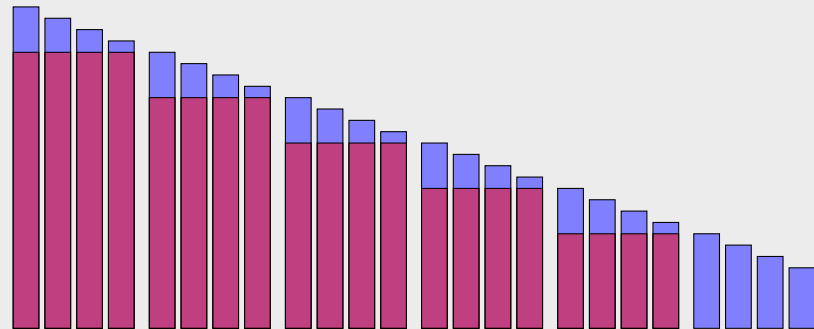
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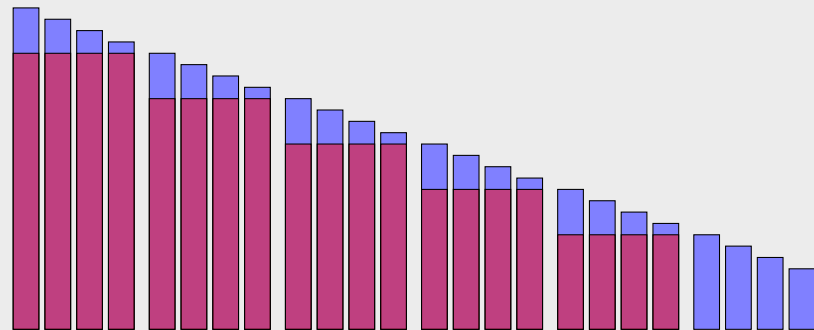
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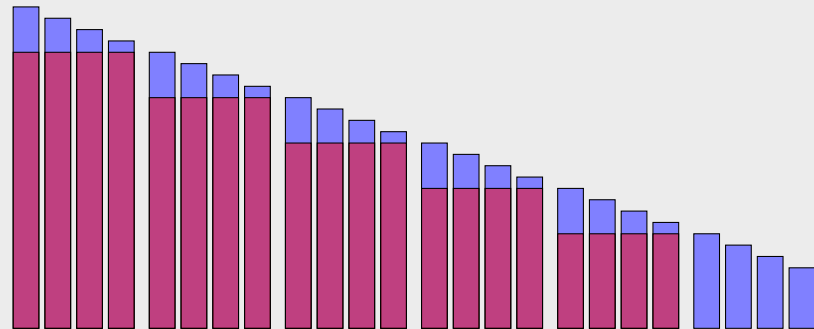
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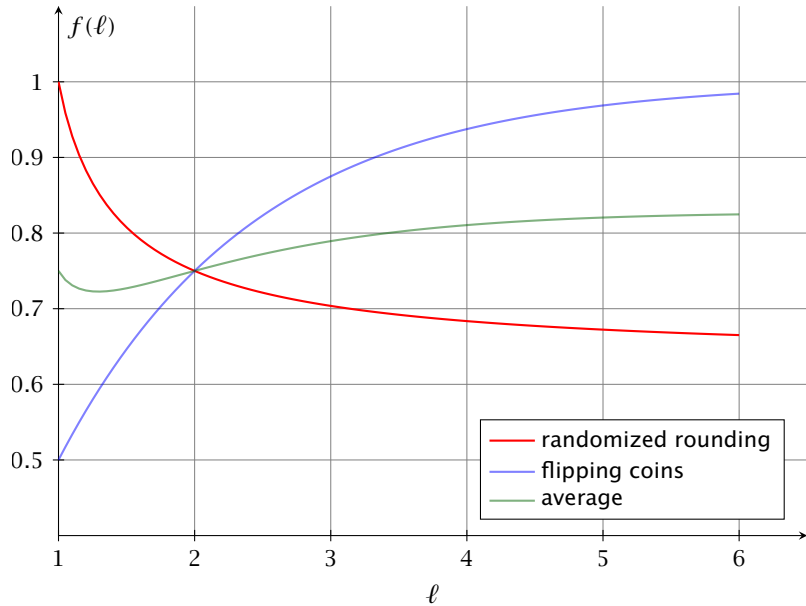
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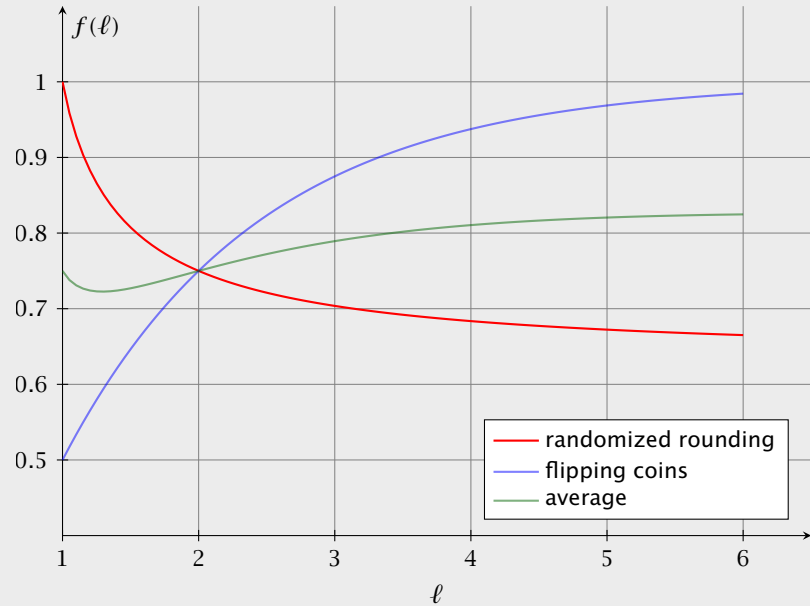
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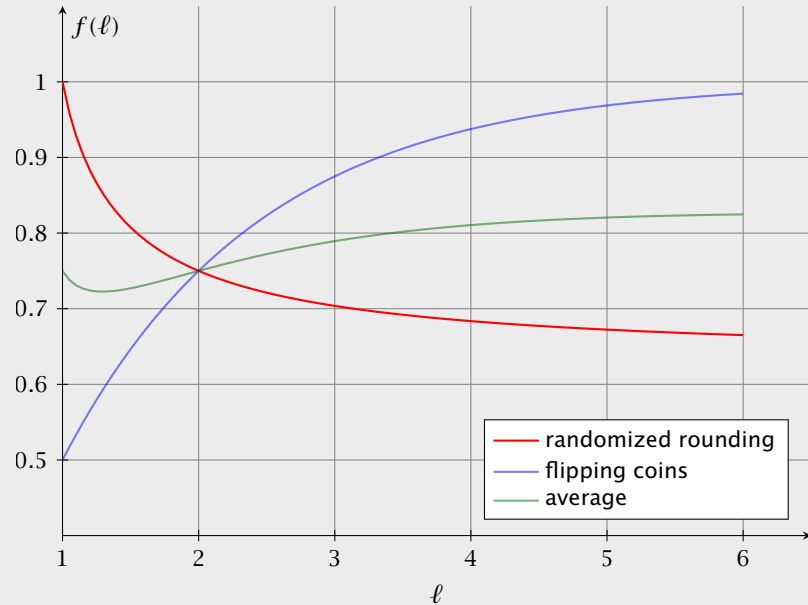
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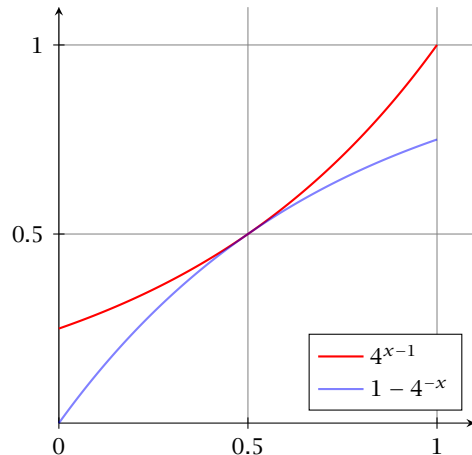
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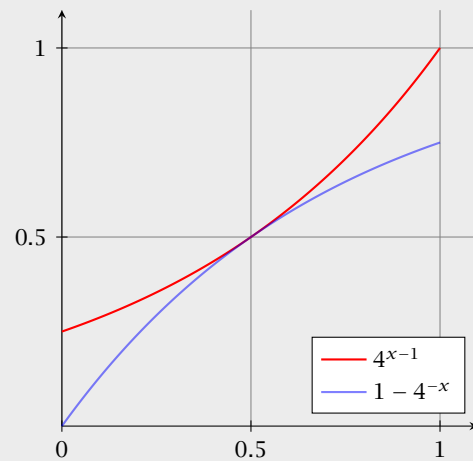
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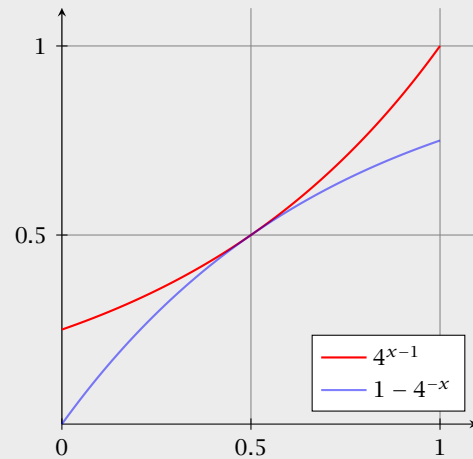
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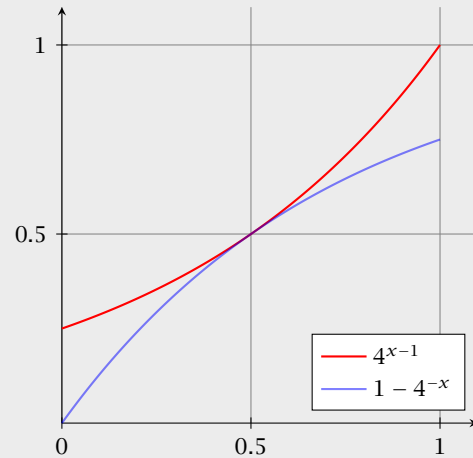
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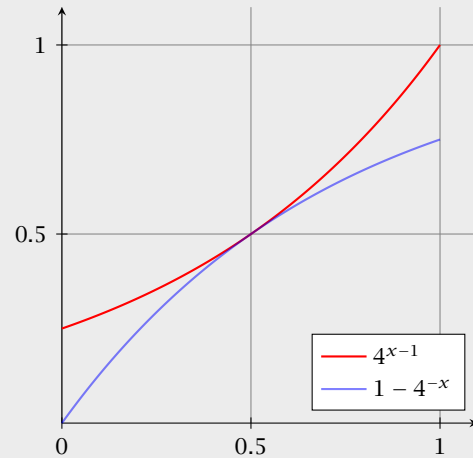
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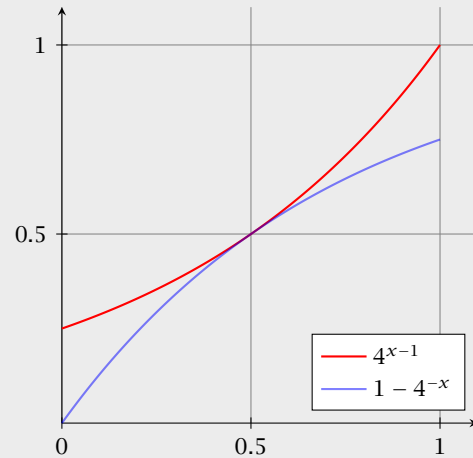
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Fact [without proof]

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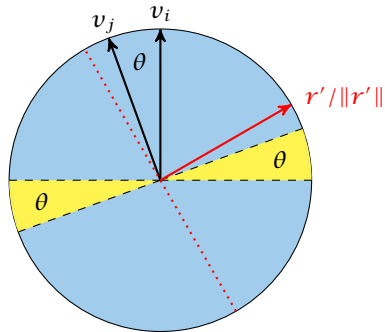
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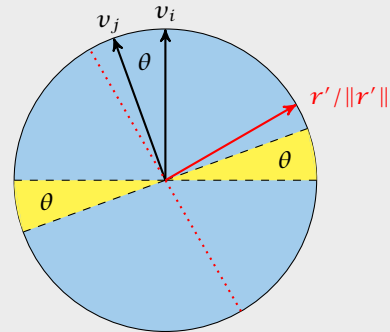
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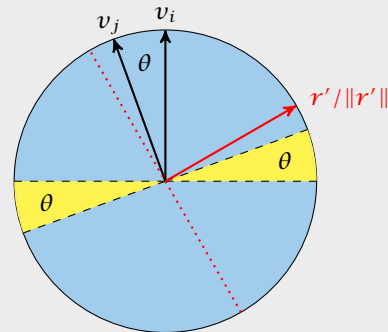
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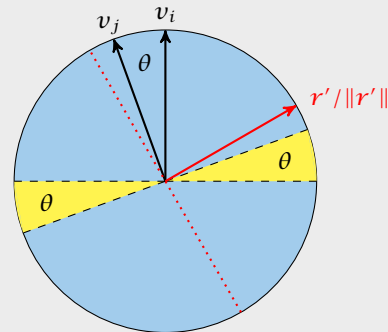
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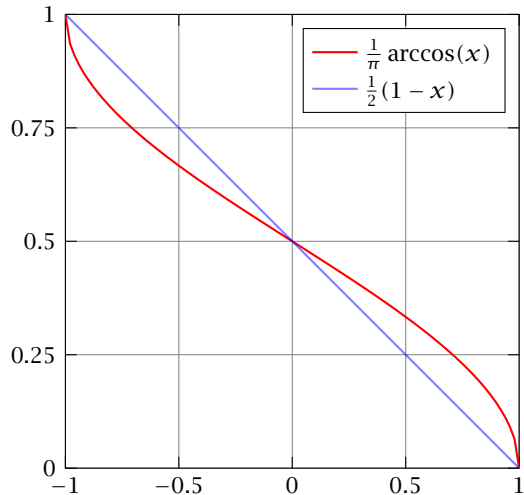
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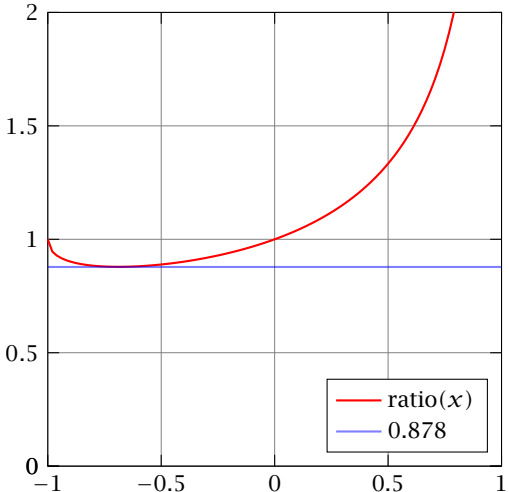
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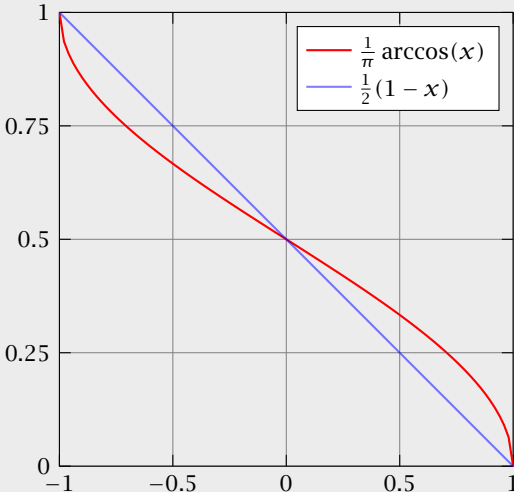
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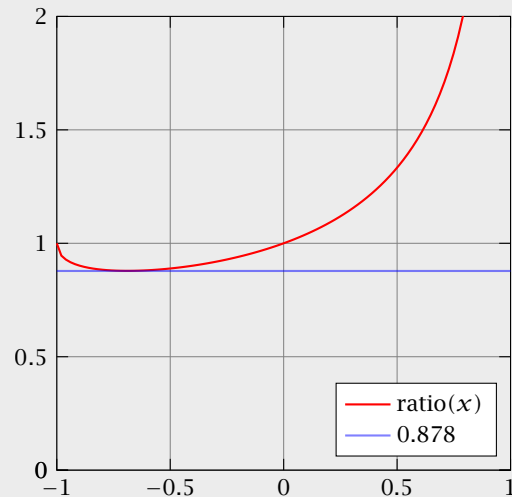
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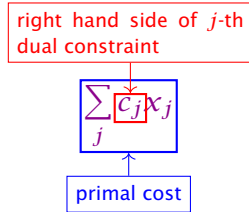
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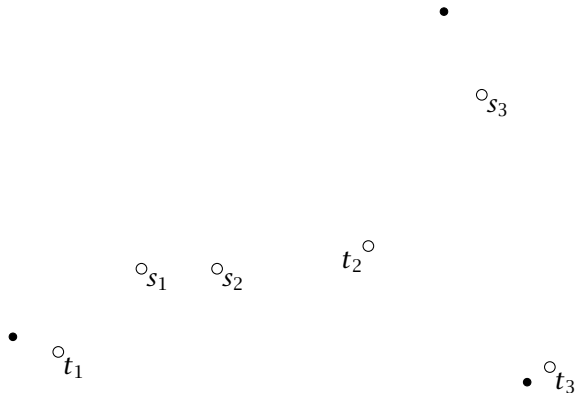
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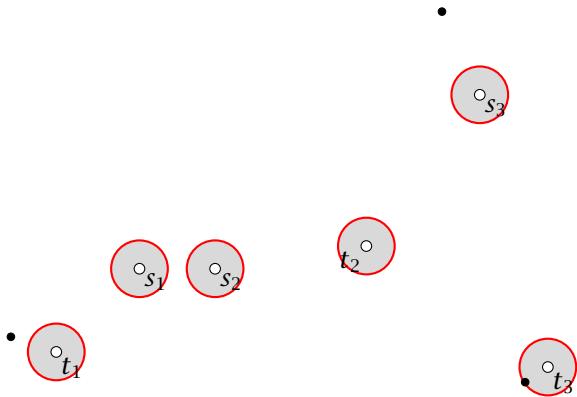
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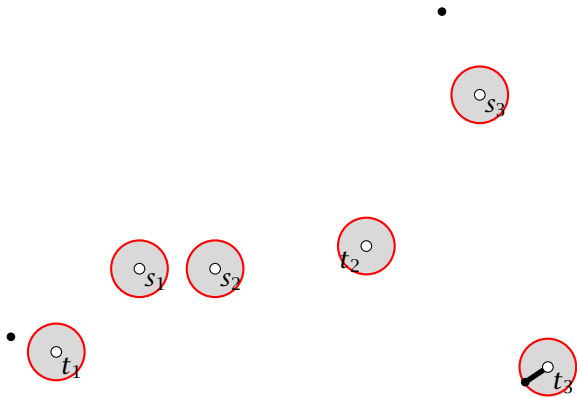
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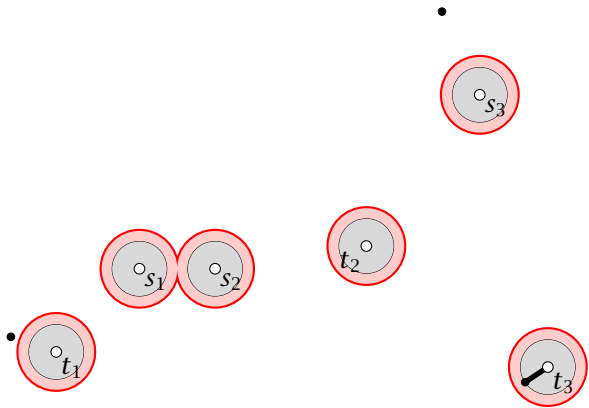
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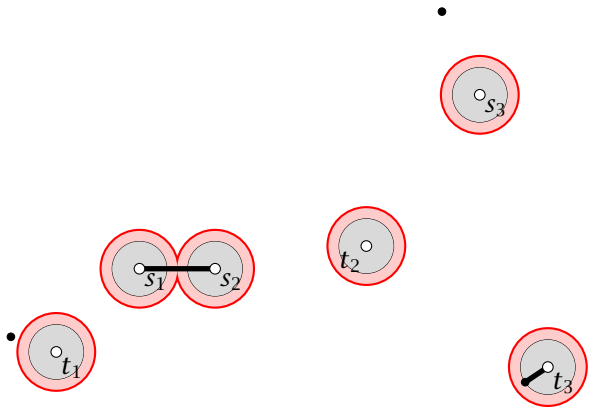
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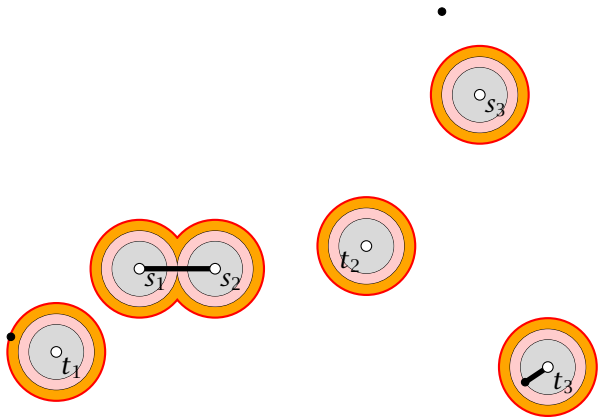
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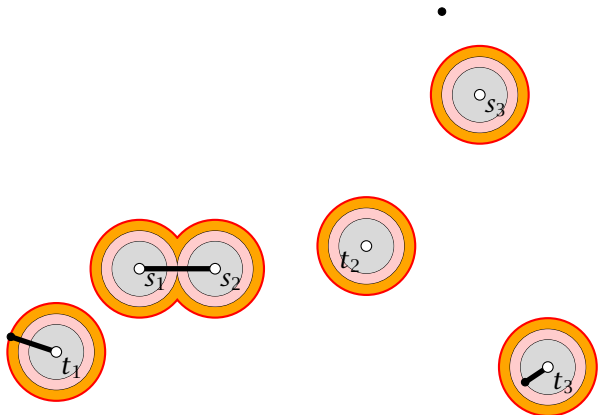
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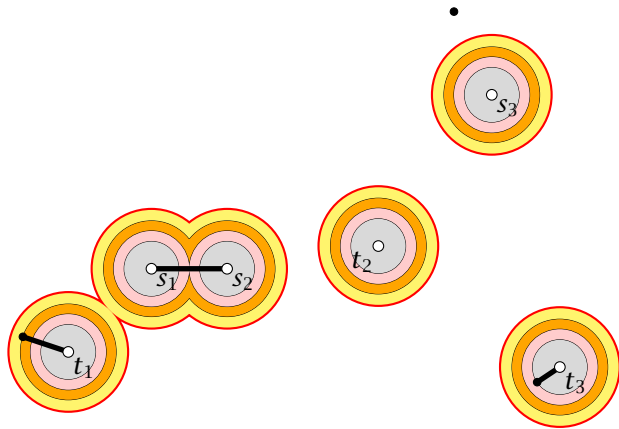
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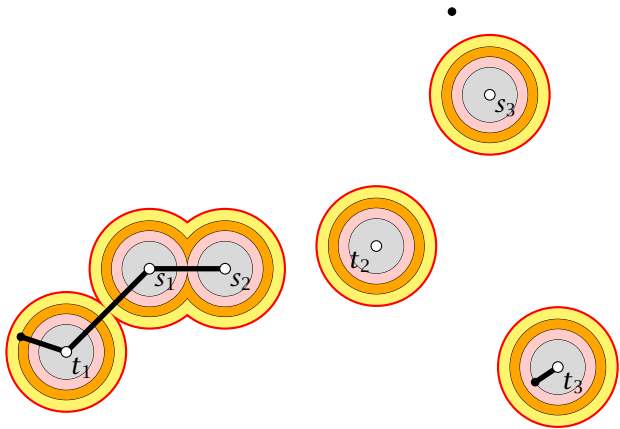
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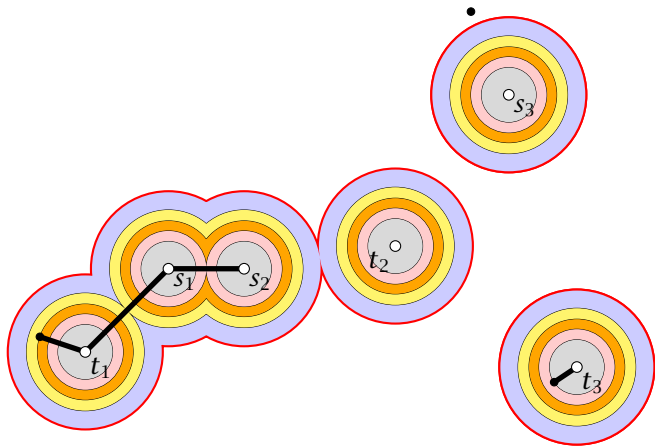
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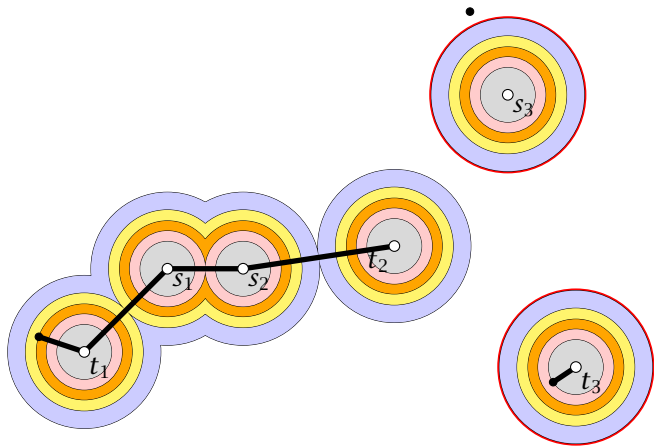
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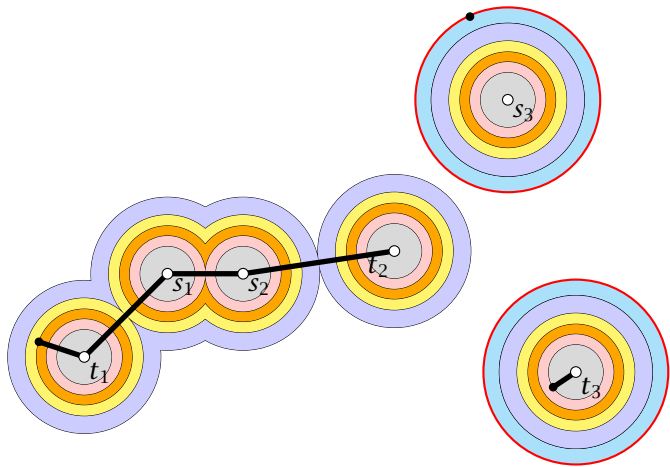
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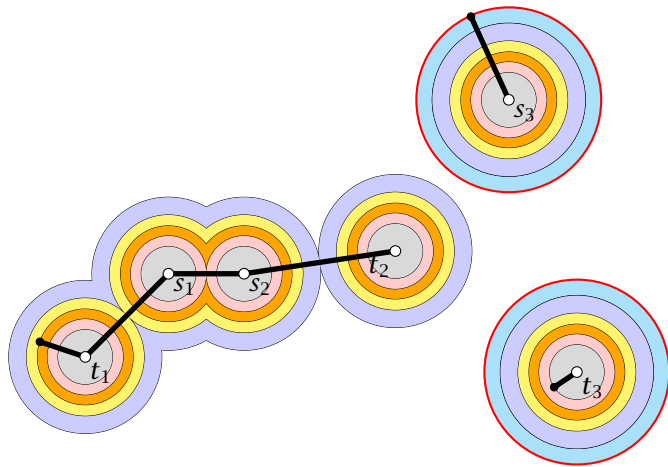
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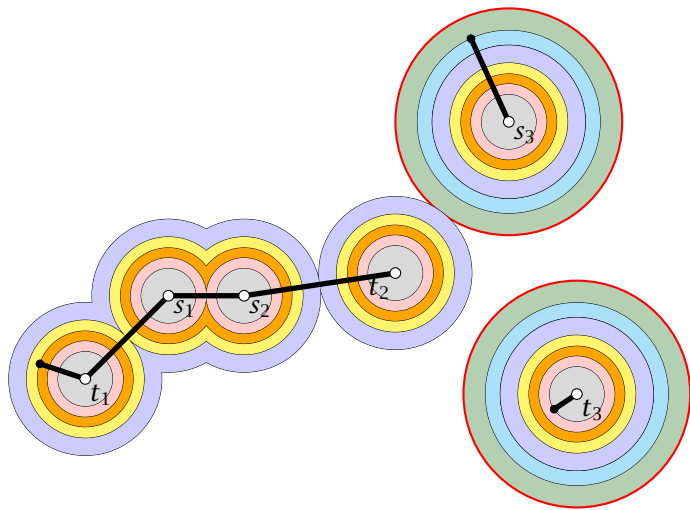
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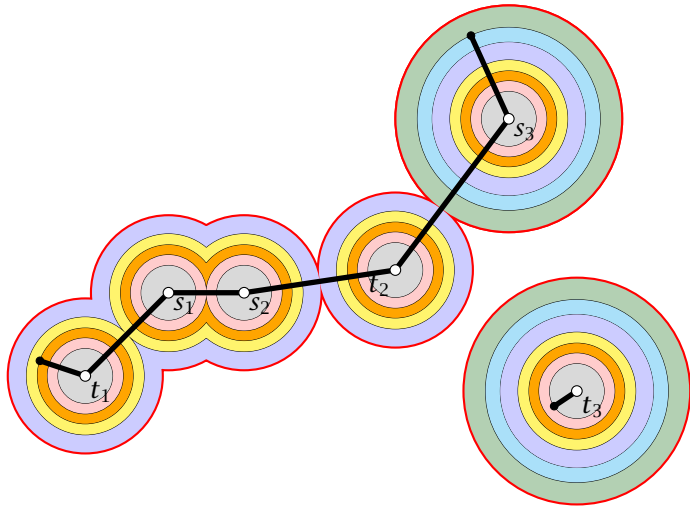
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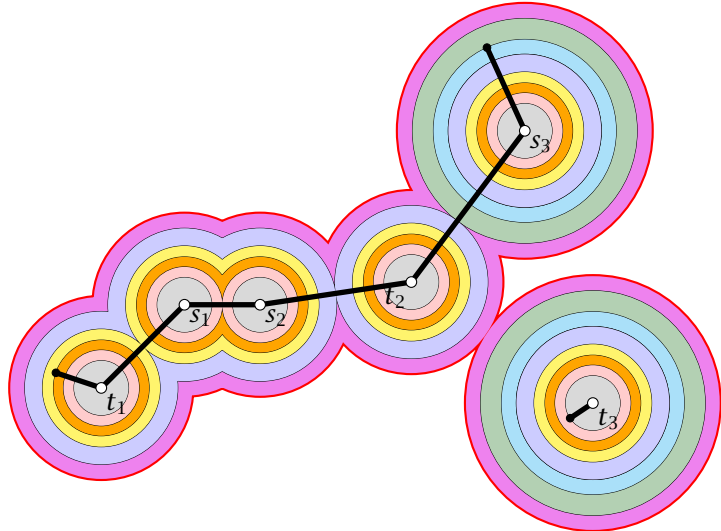
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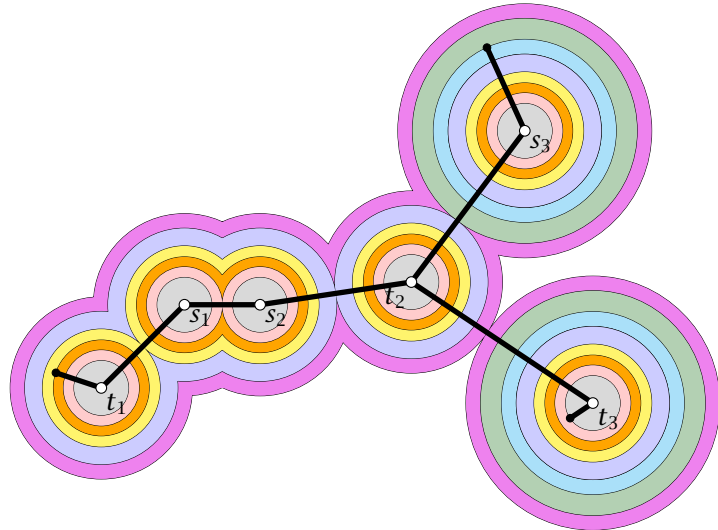
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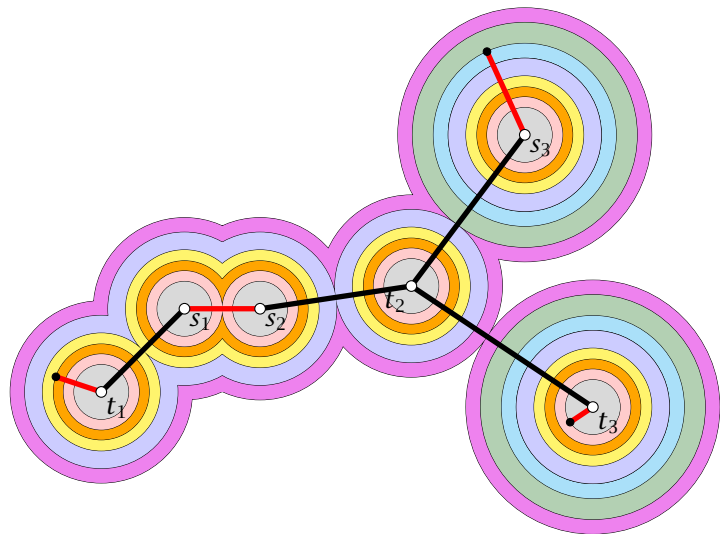
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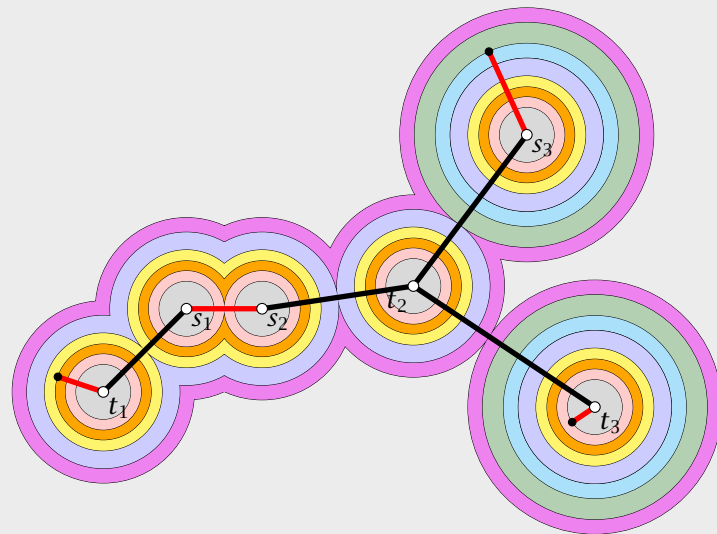
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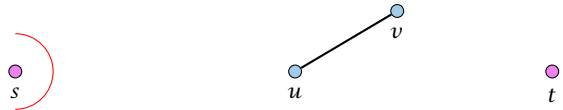
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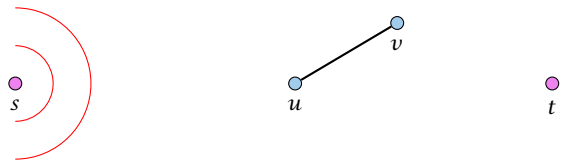
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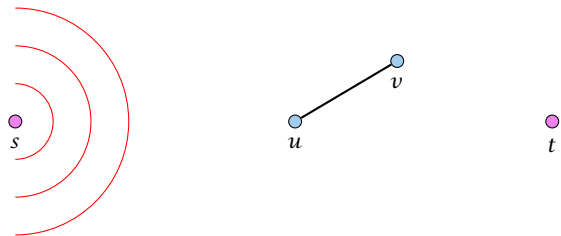
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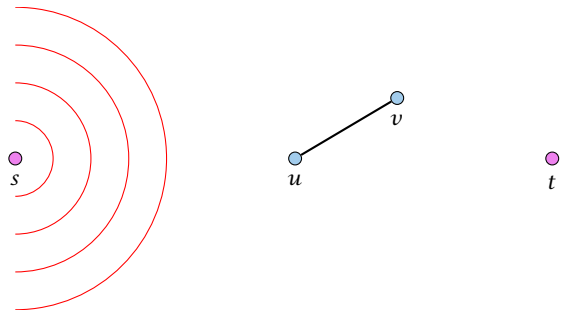
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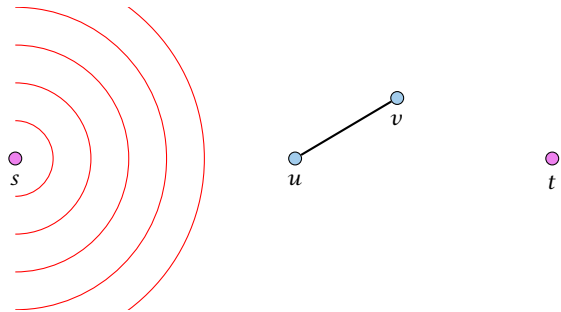
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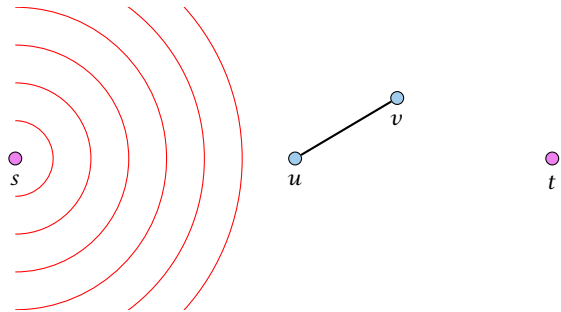
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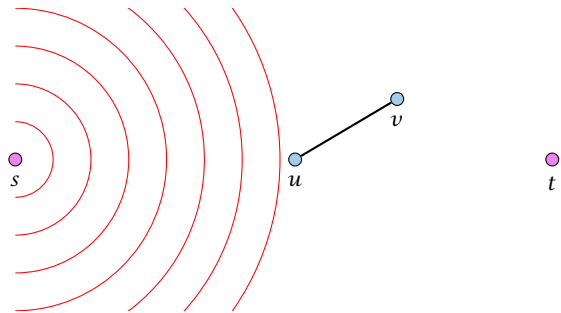
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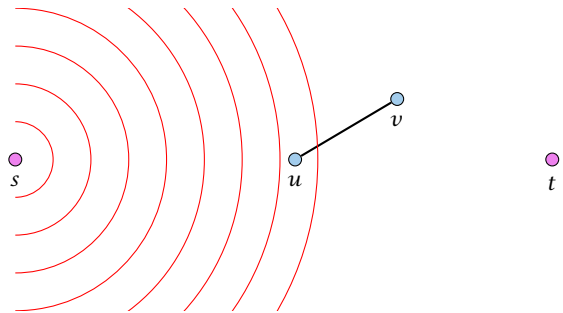
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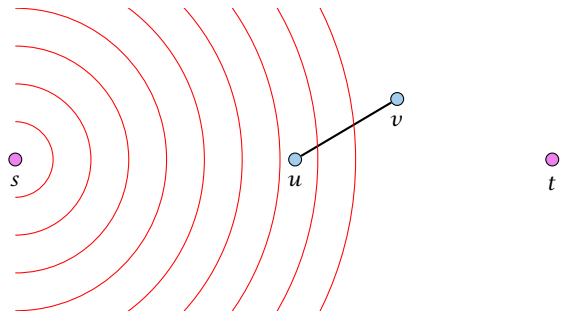
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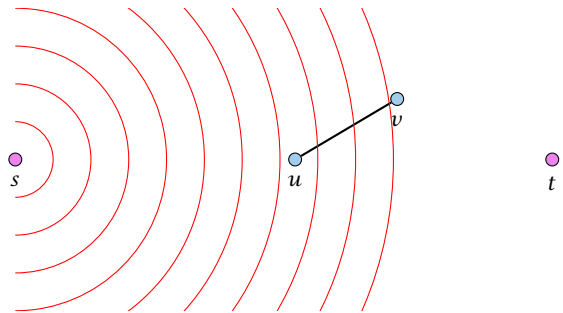
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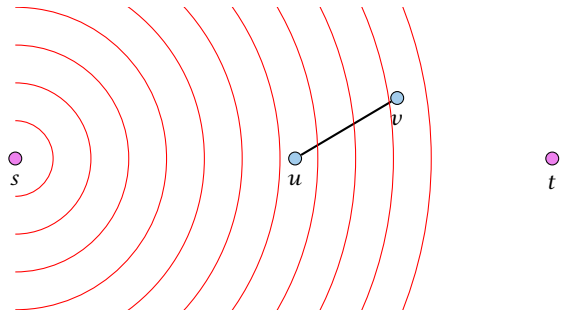
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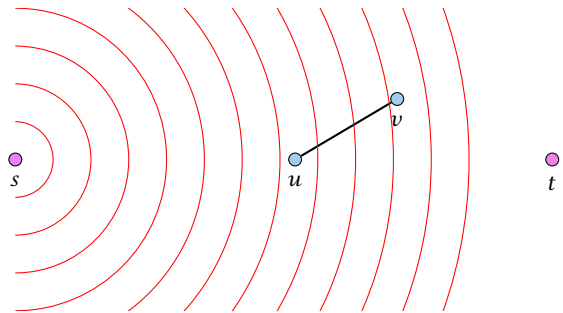
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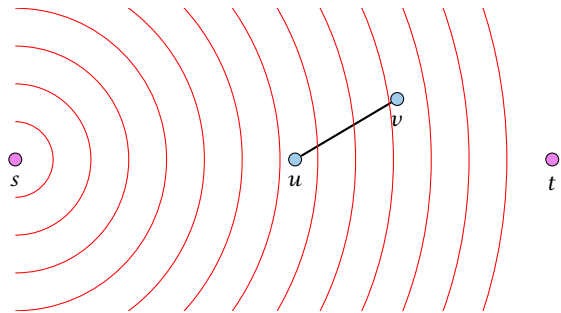
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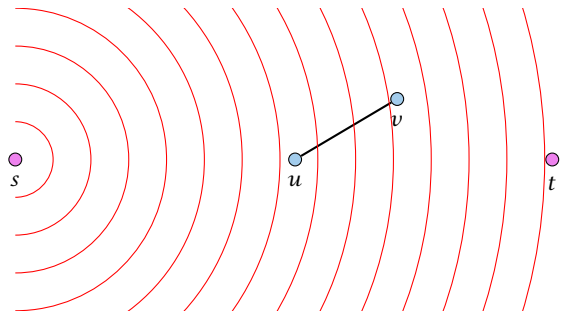
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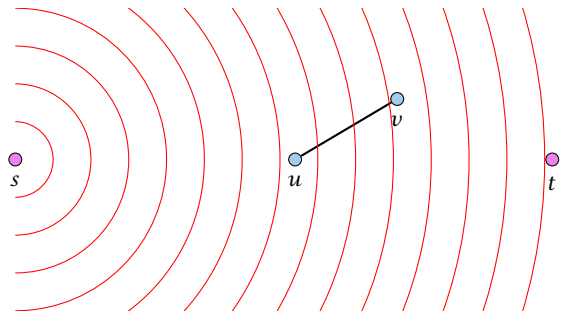
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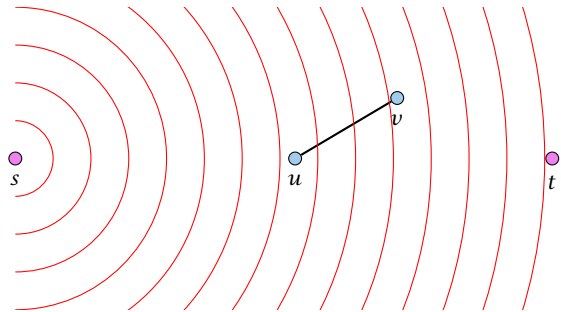
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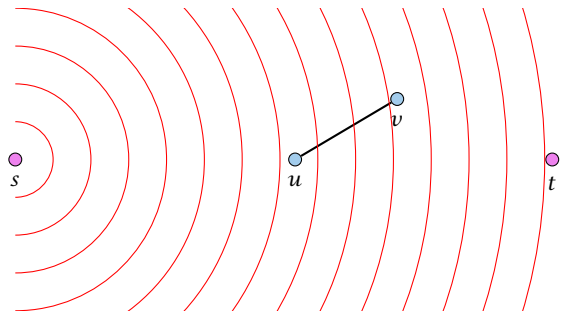
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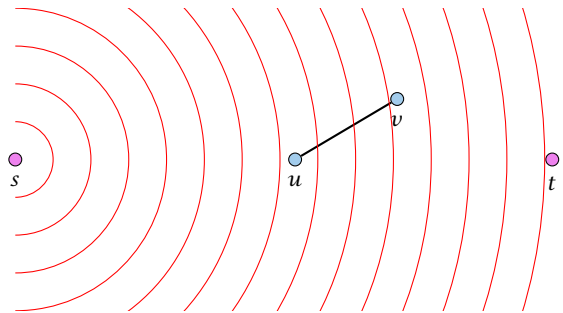
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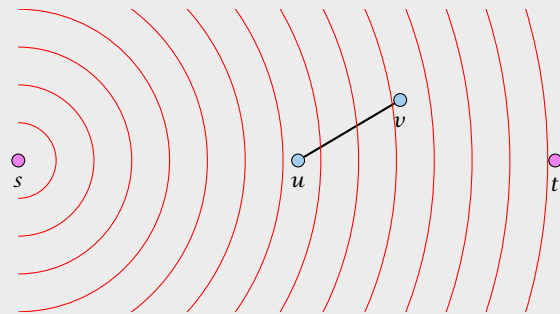
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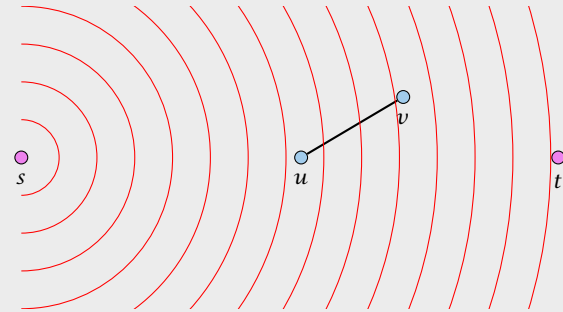
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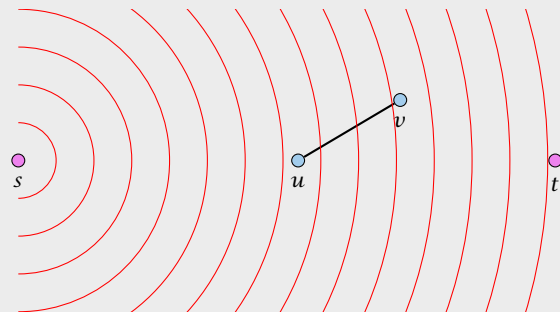
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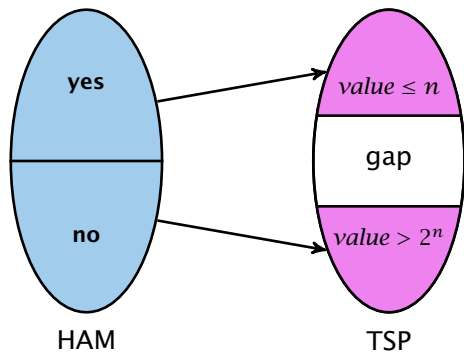
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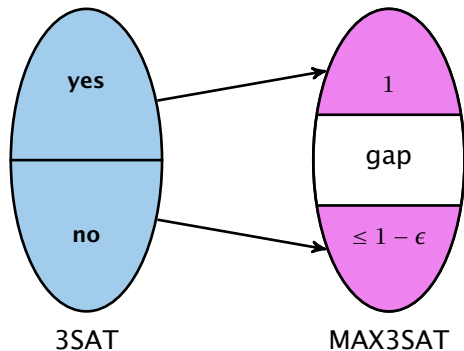
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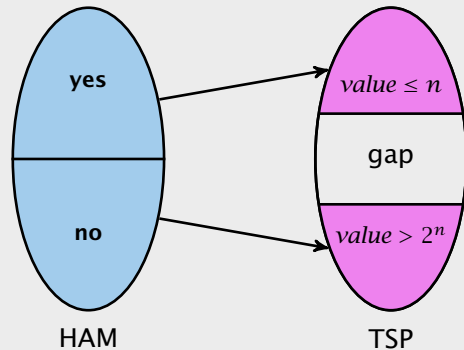
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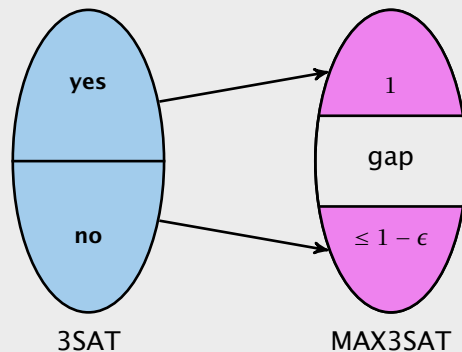
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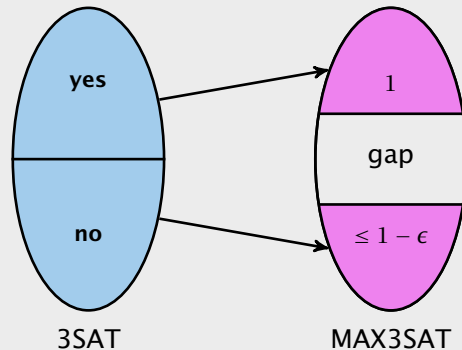
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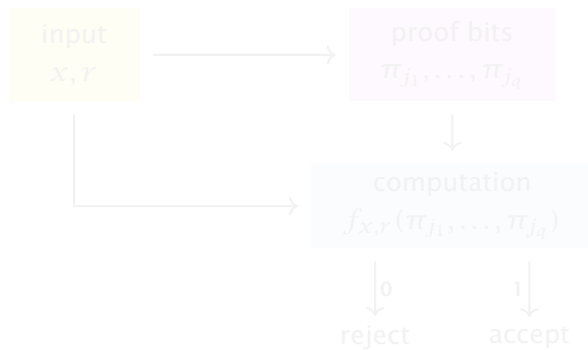
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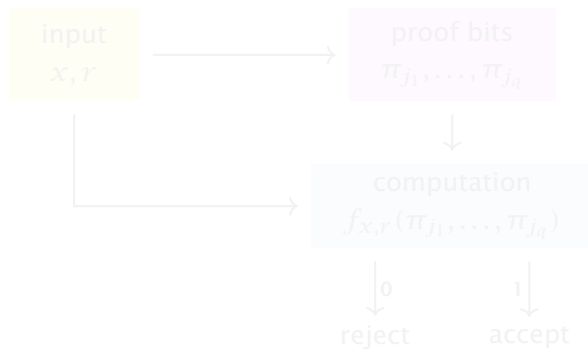
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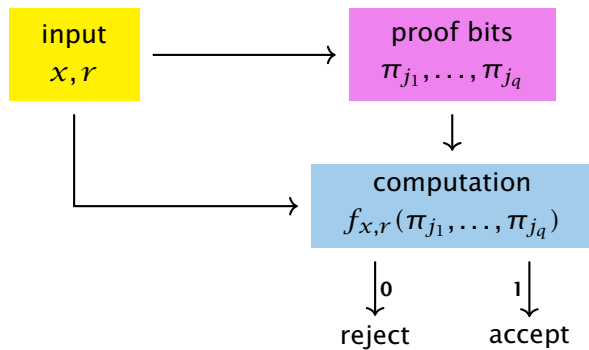
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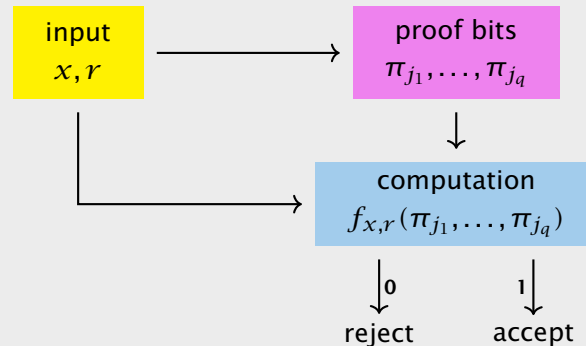
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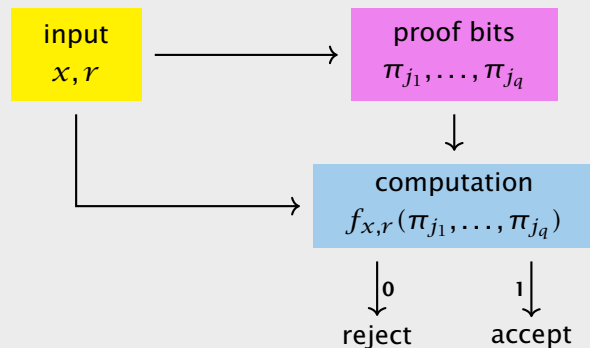
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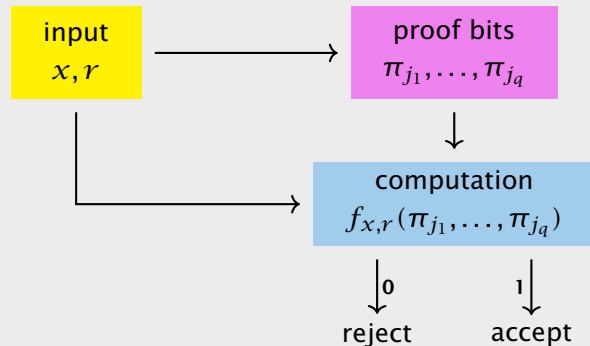
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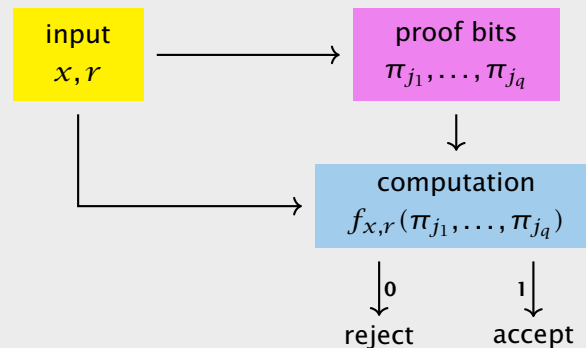
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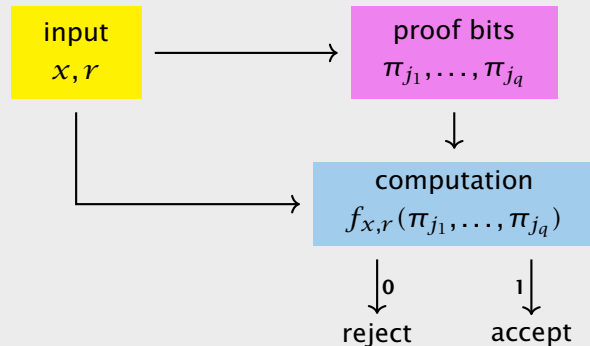
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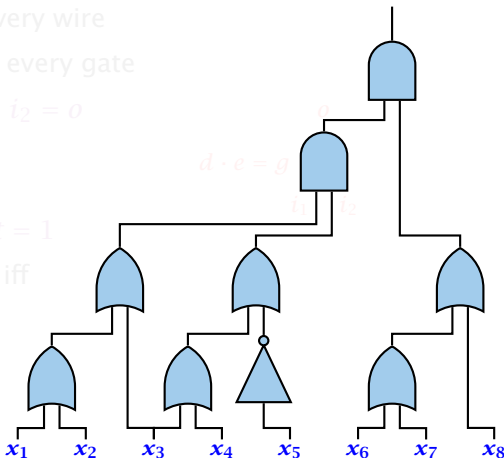
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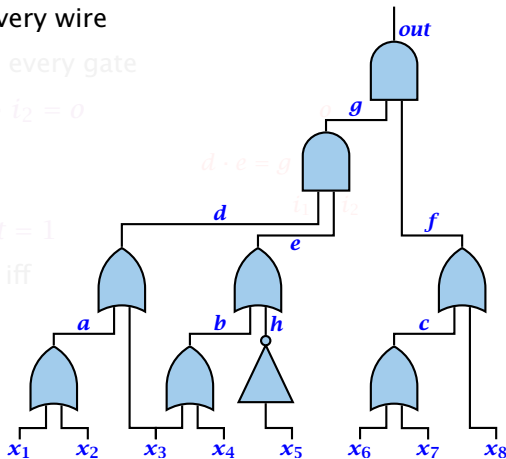
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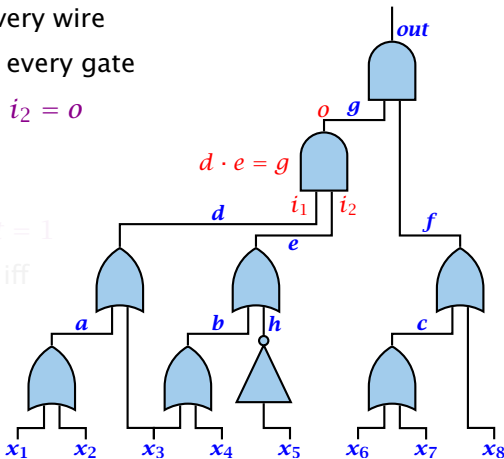
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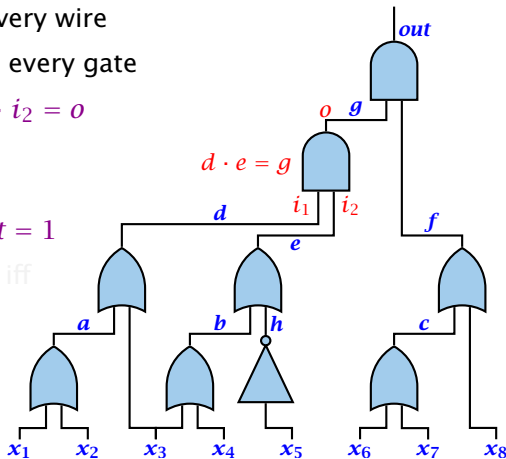
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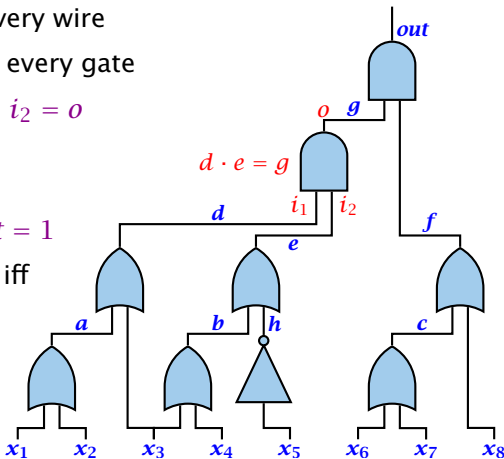
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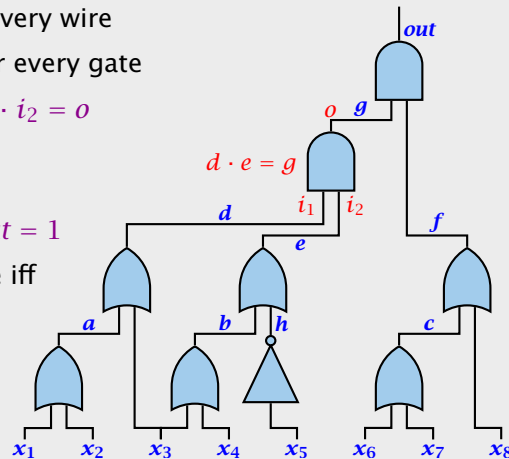
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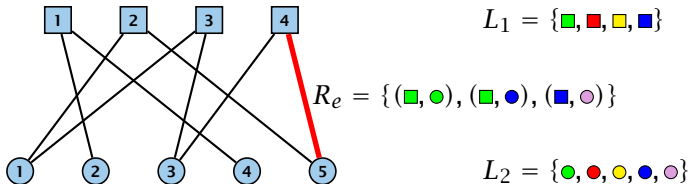
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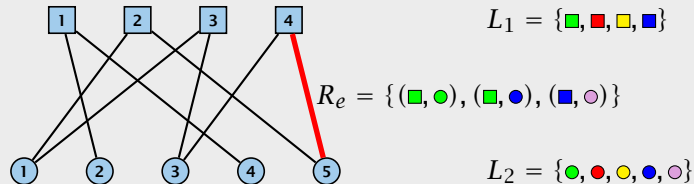
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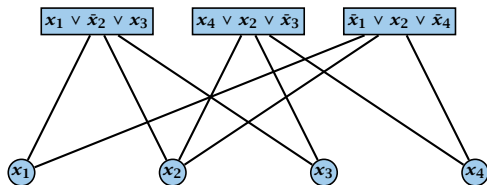
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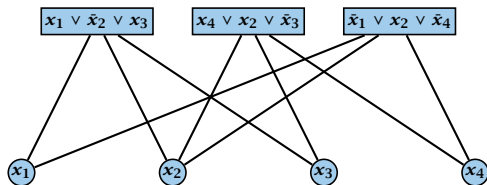
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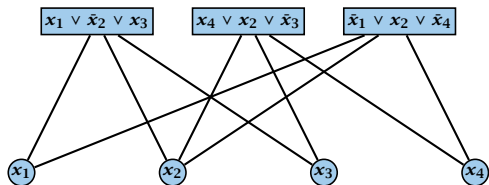
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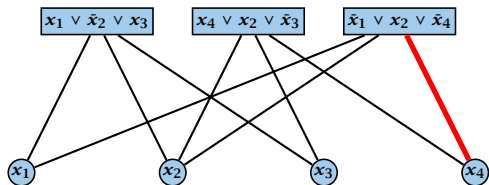
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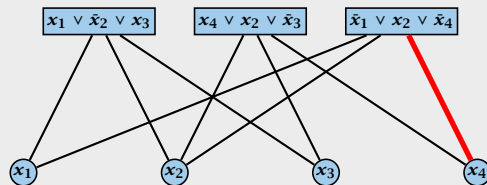
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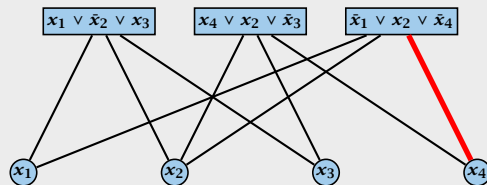
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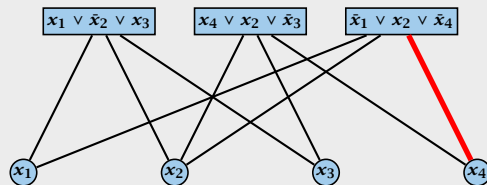
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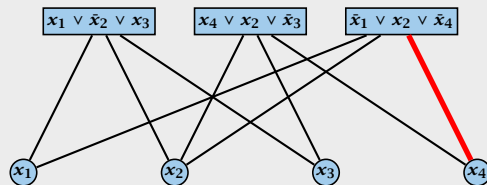
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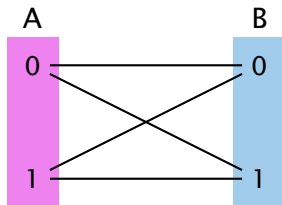
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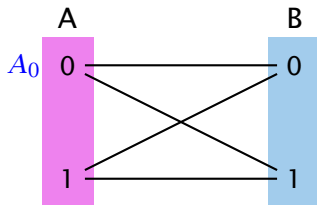
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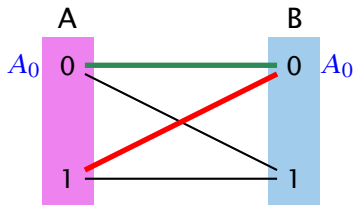
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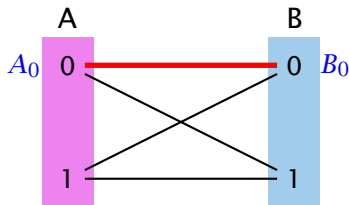
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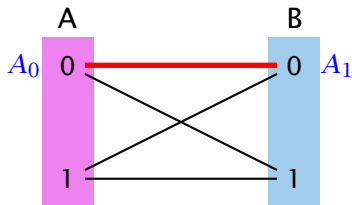
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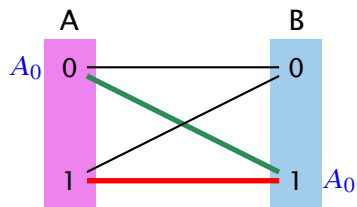
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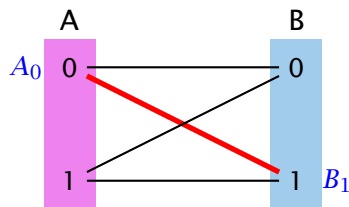
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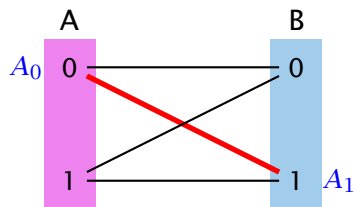
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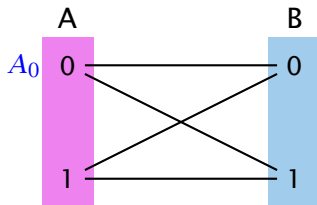
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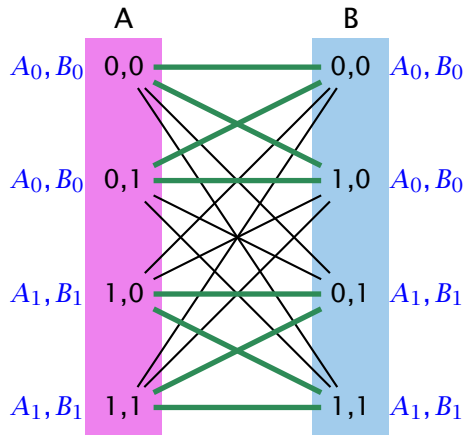
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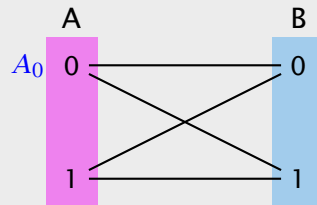
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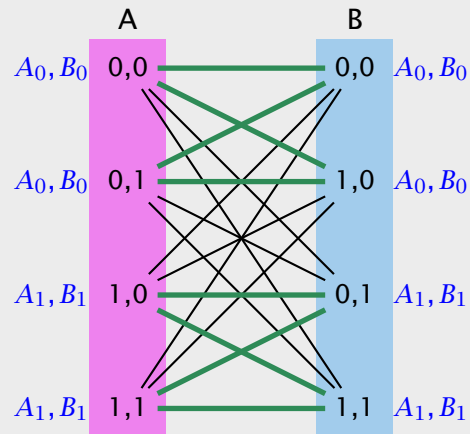
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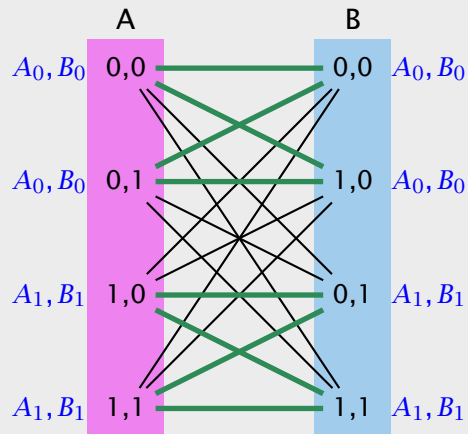
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Advanced PCP Theorem

Theorem 124

For any positive constant $\epsilon > 0$, it is the case that $\text{NP} \subseteq \text{PCP}_{1-\epsilon, 1/2+\epsilon}(\log n, 3)$. Moreover, the verifier just reads three bits from the proof, and bases its decision only on the parity of these bits.

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