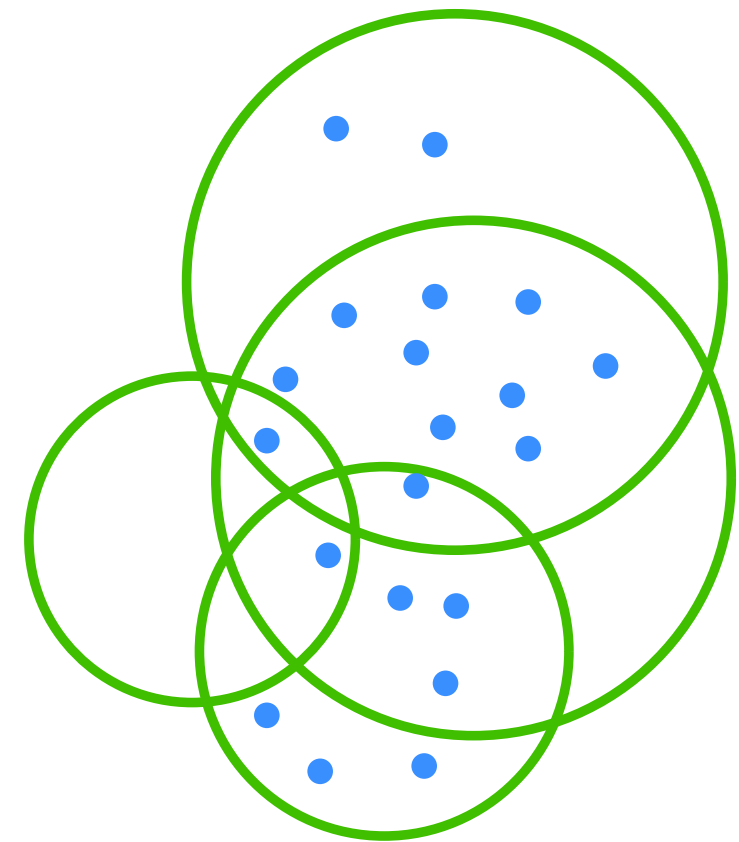


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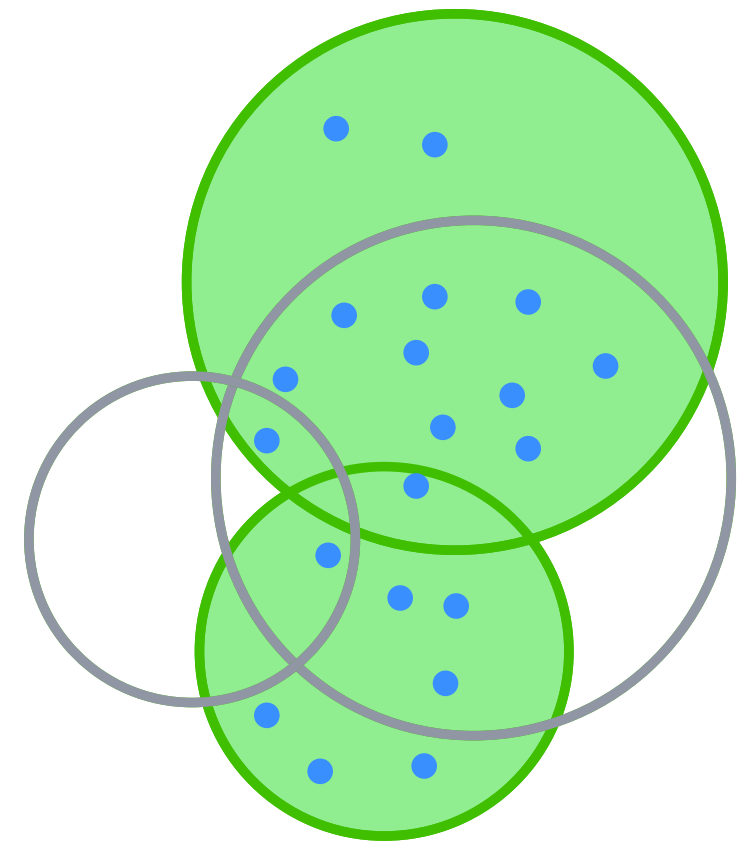
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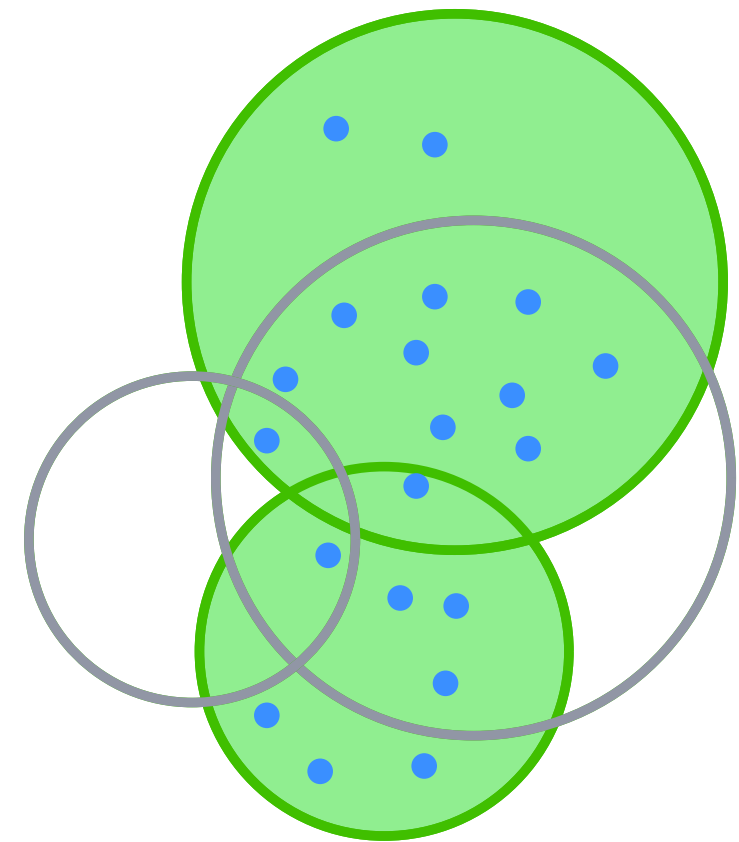


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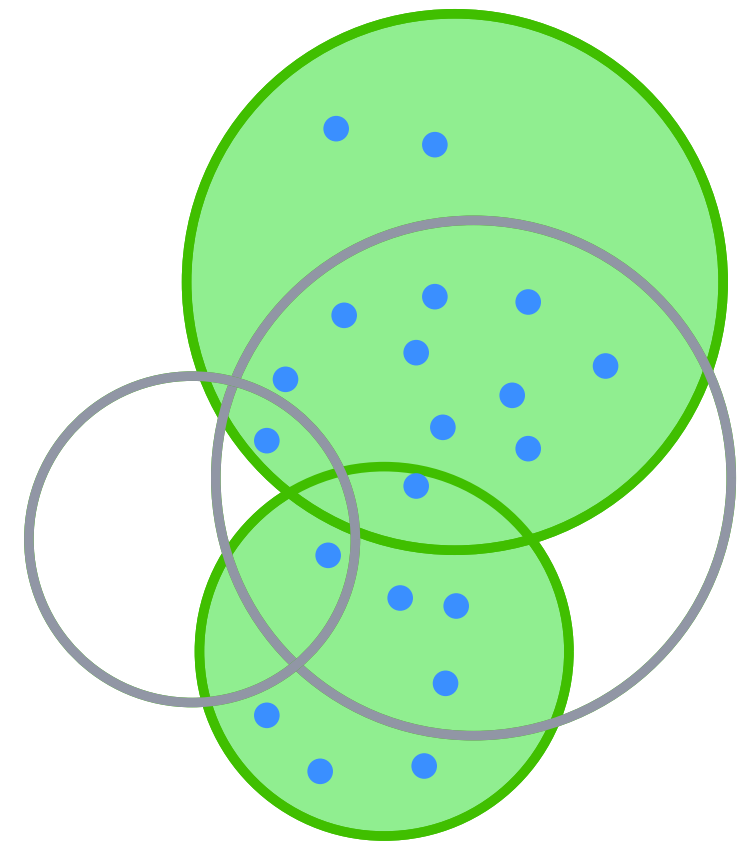


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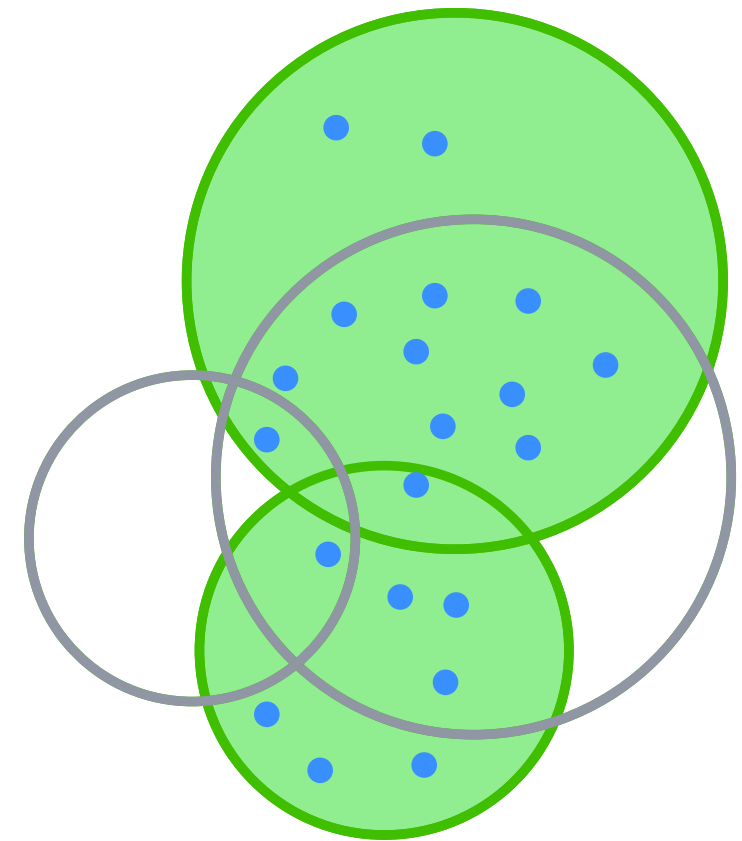
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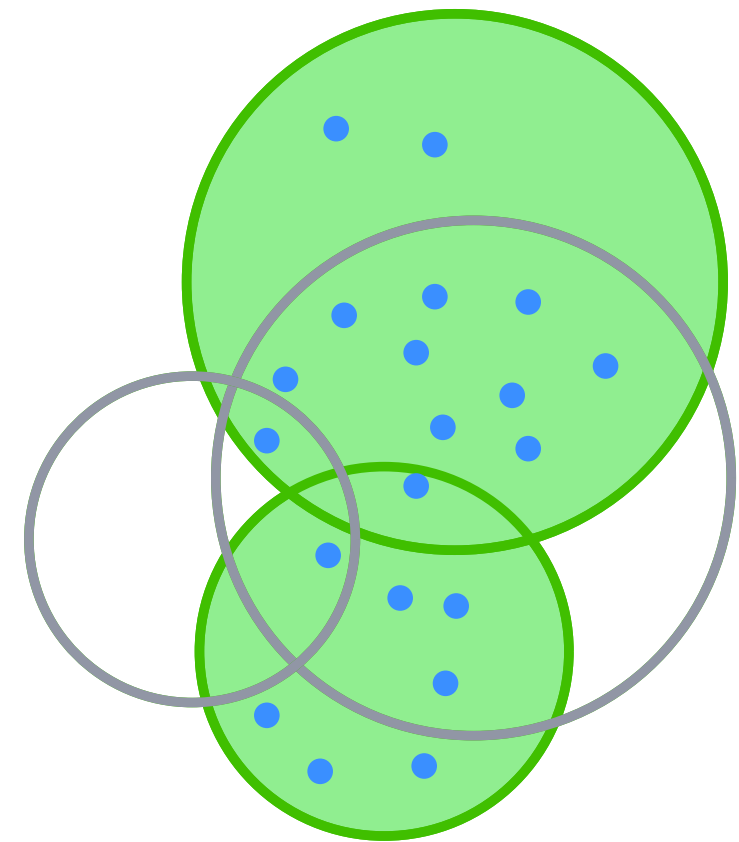
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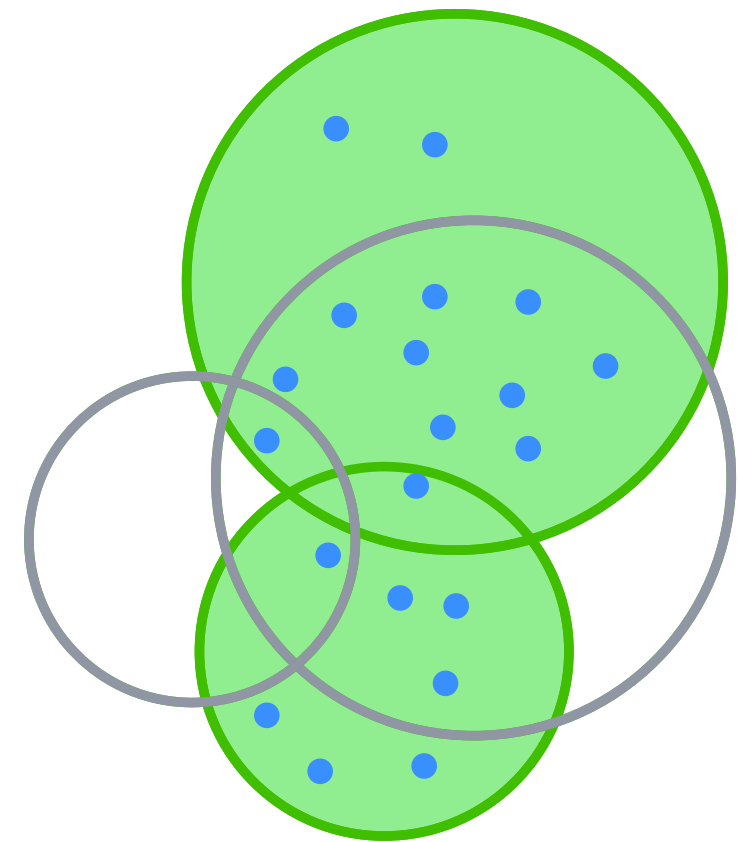
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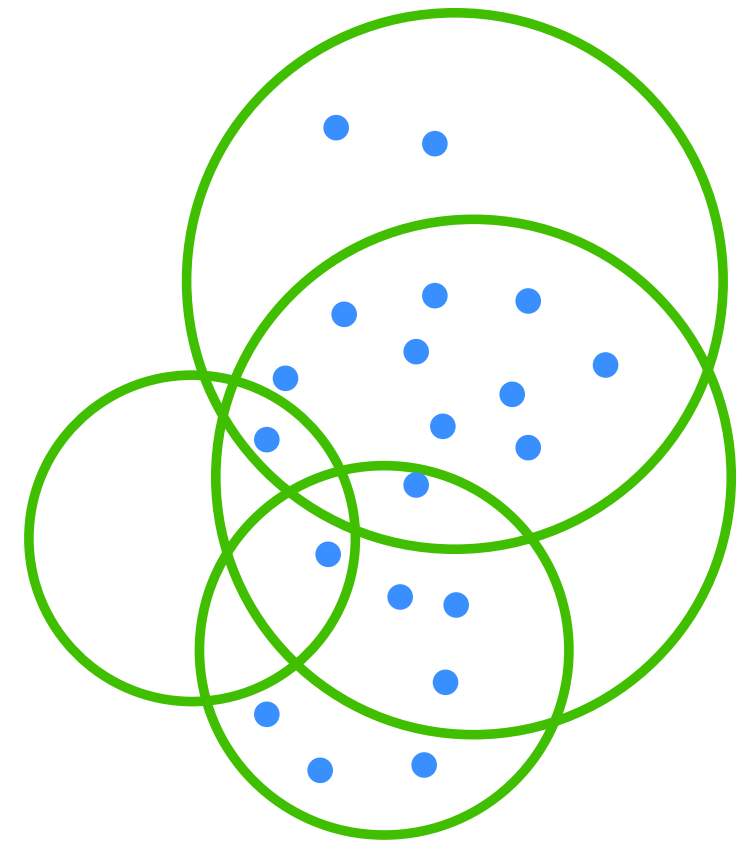




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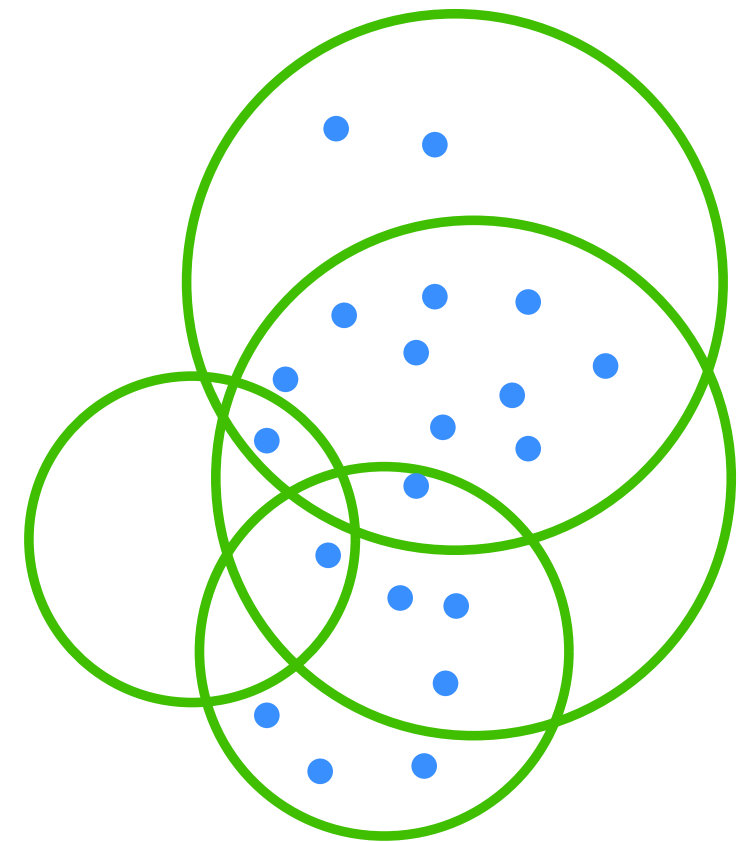
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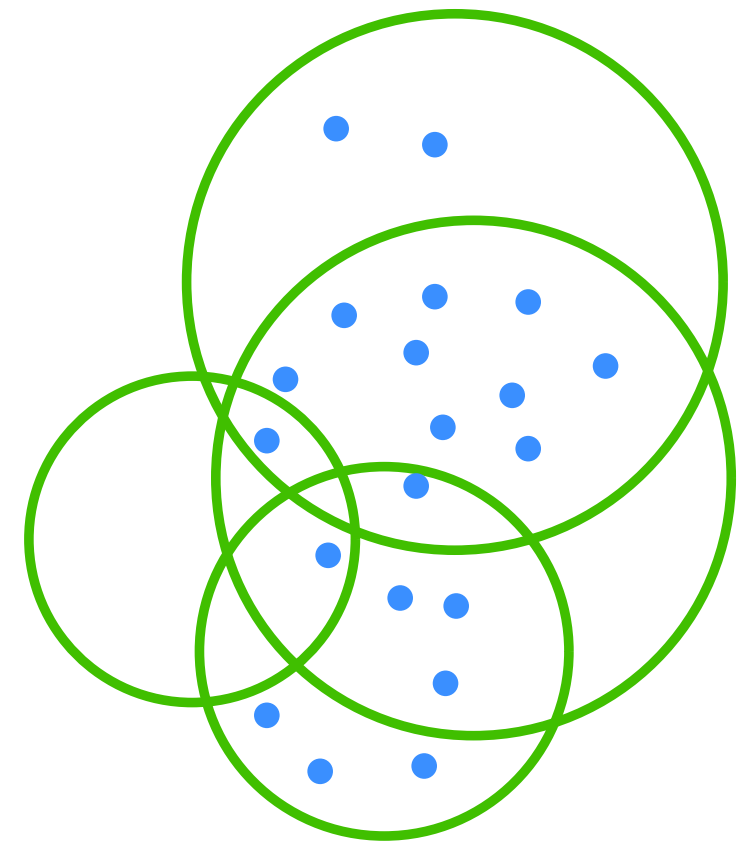
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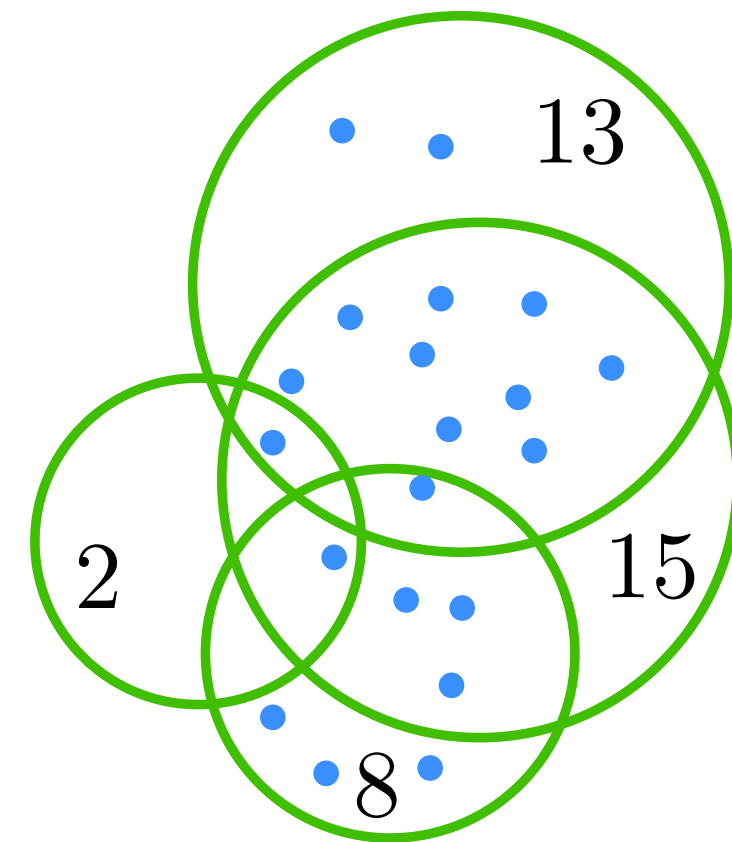
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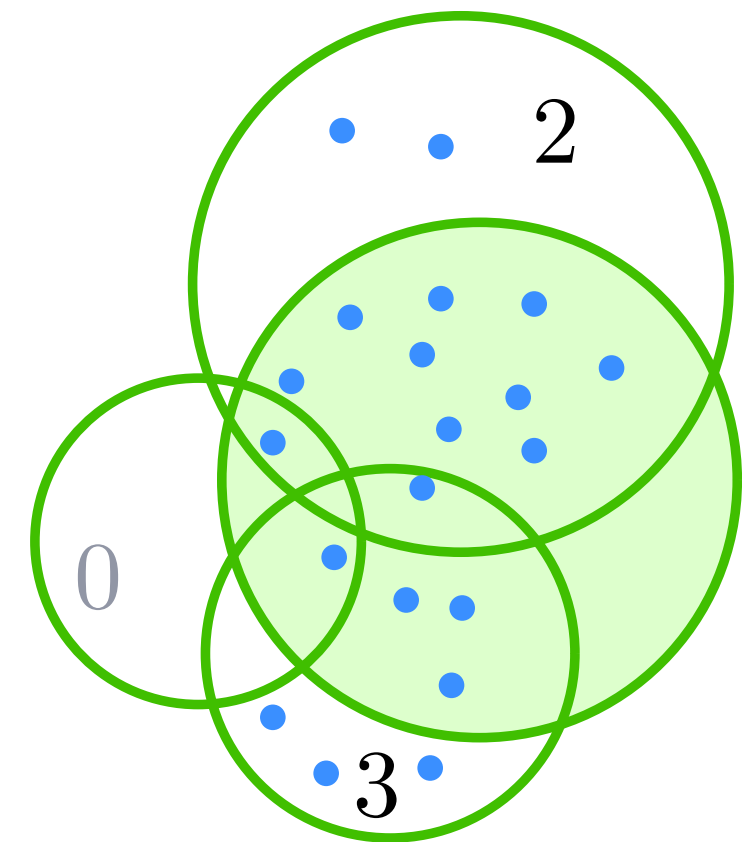
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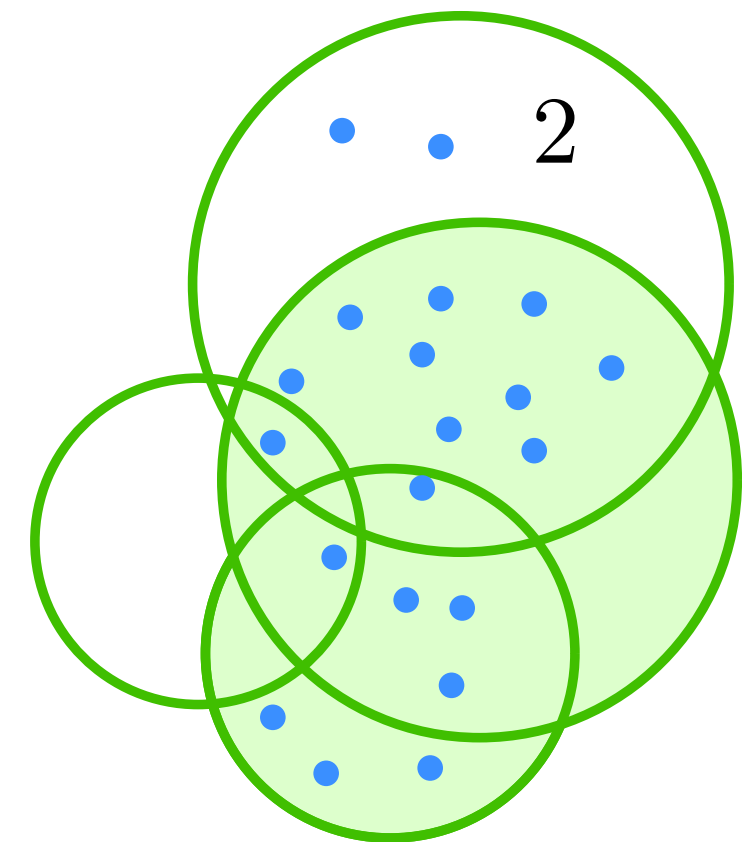
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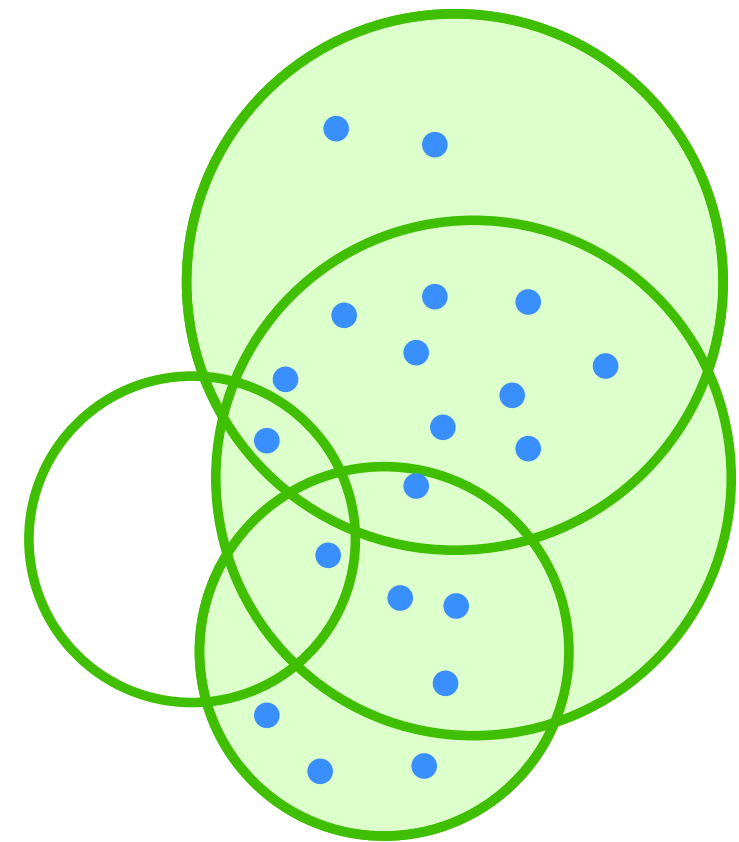
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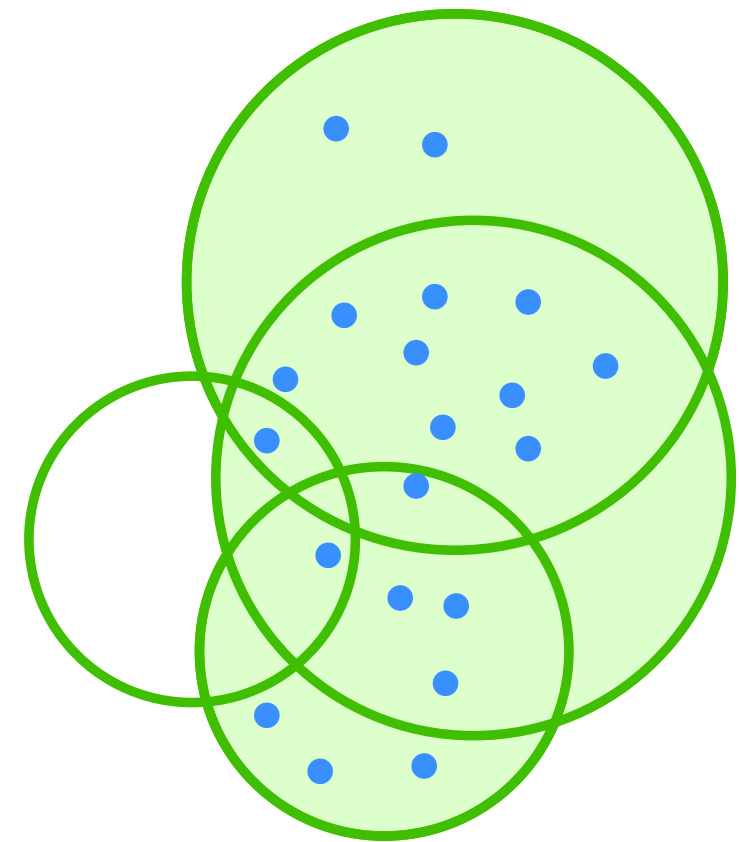
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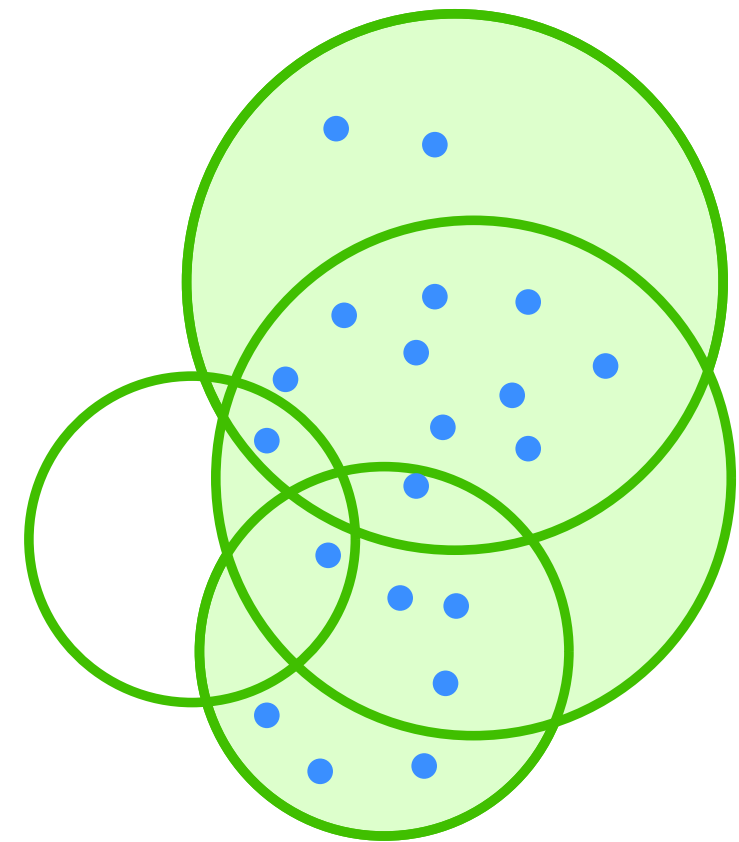


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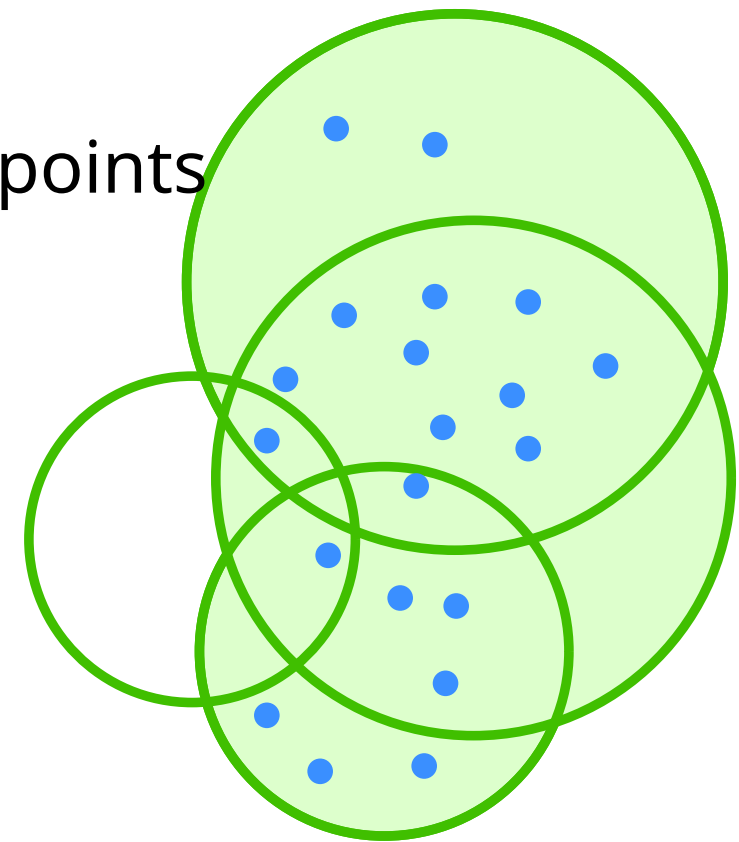
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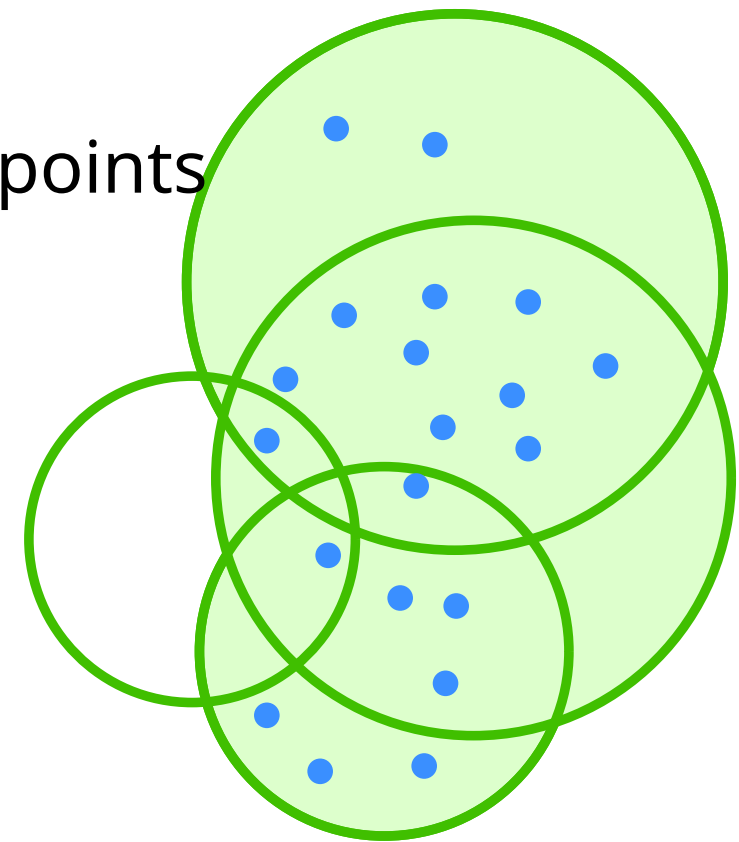
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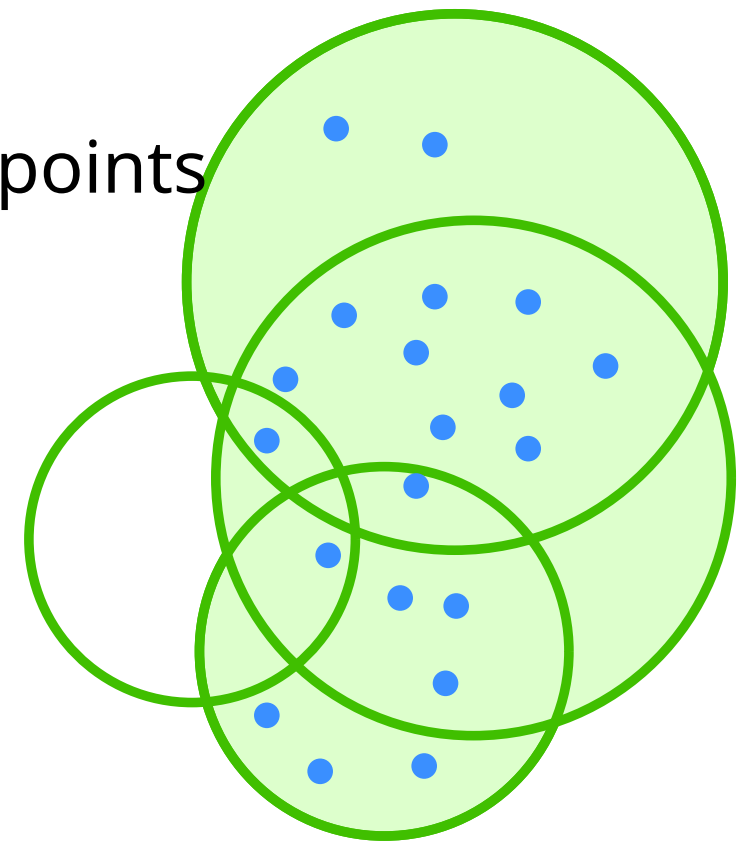
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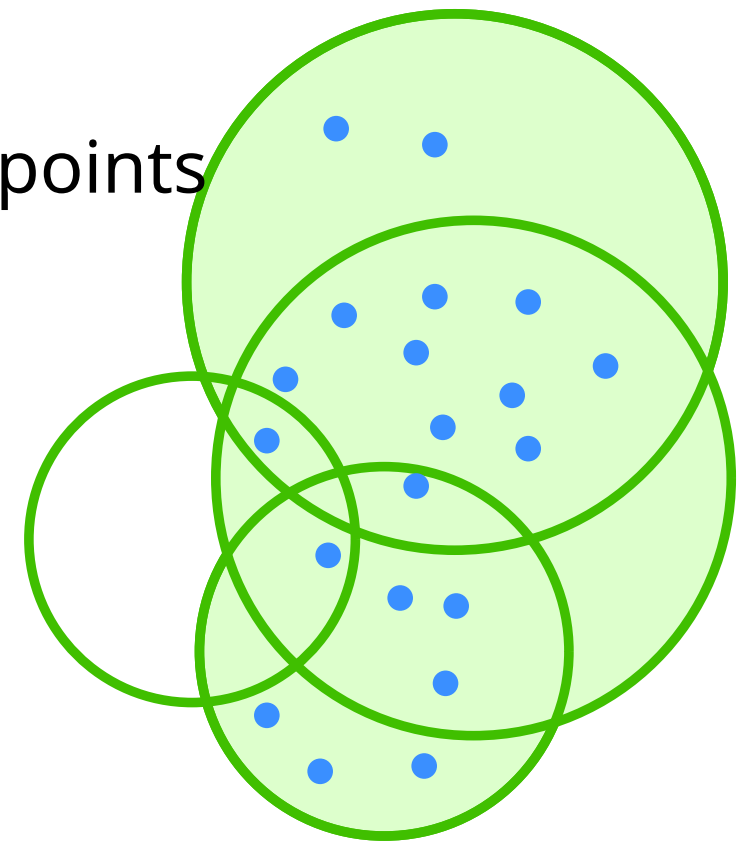
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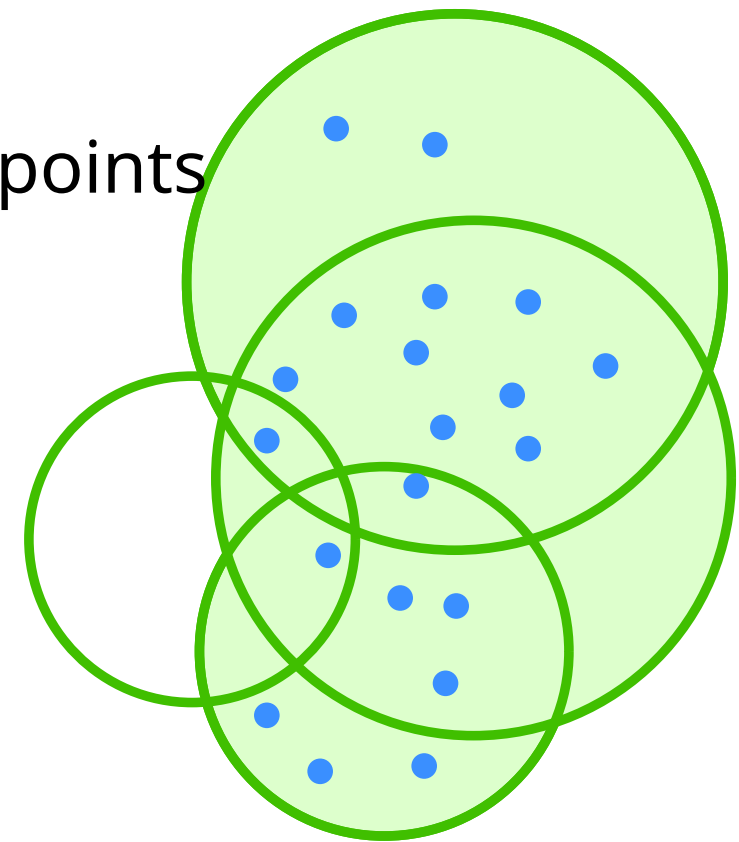
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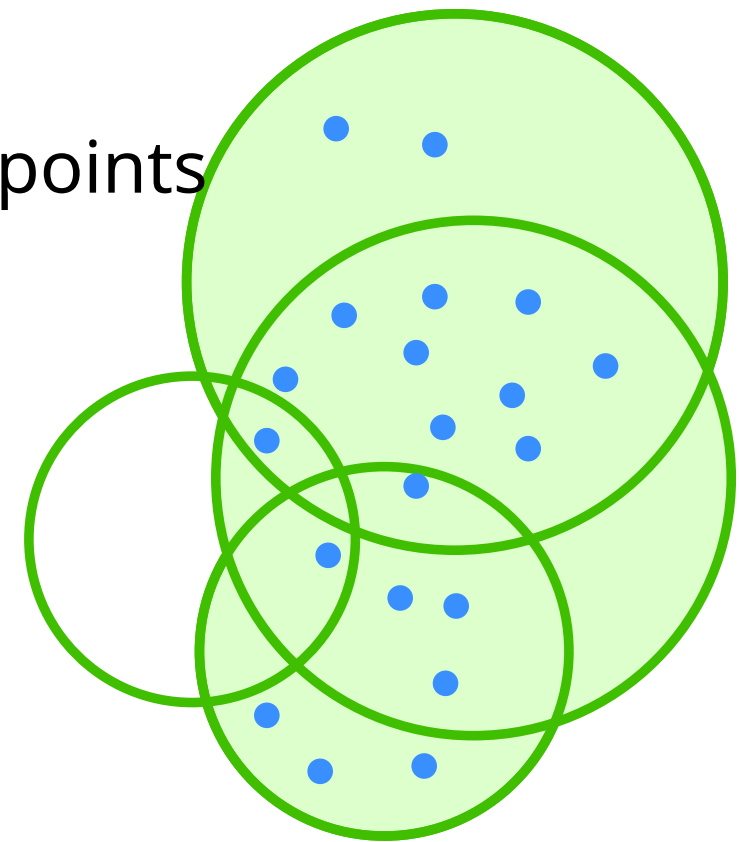
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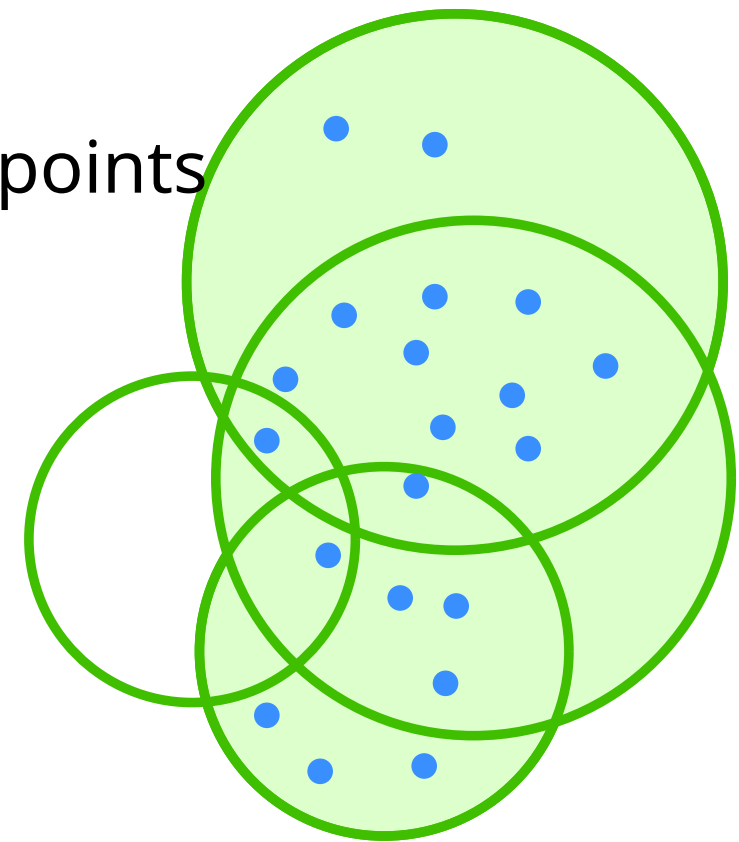
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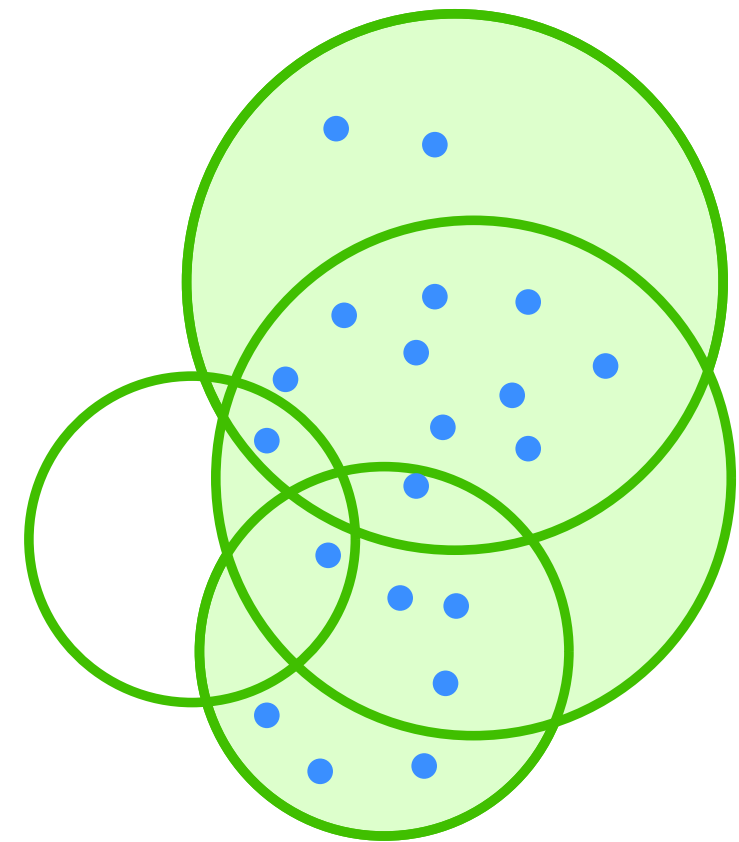


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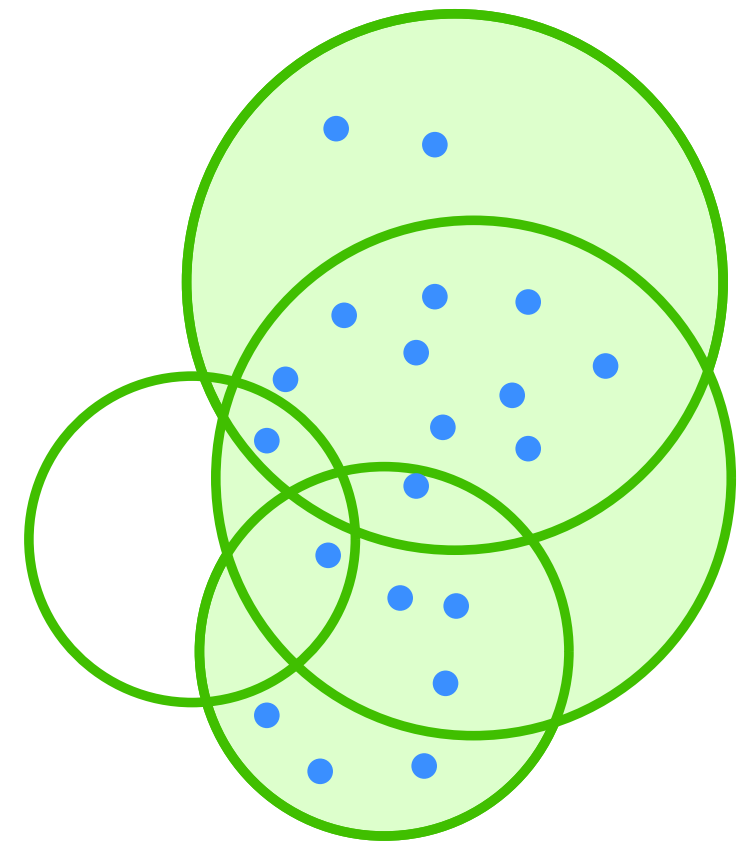
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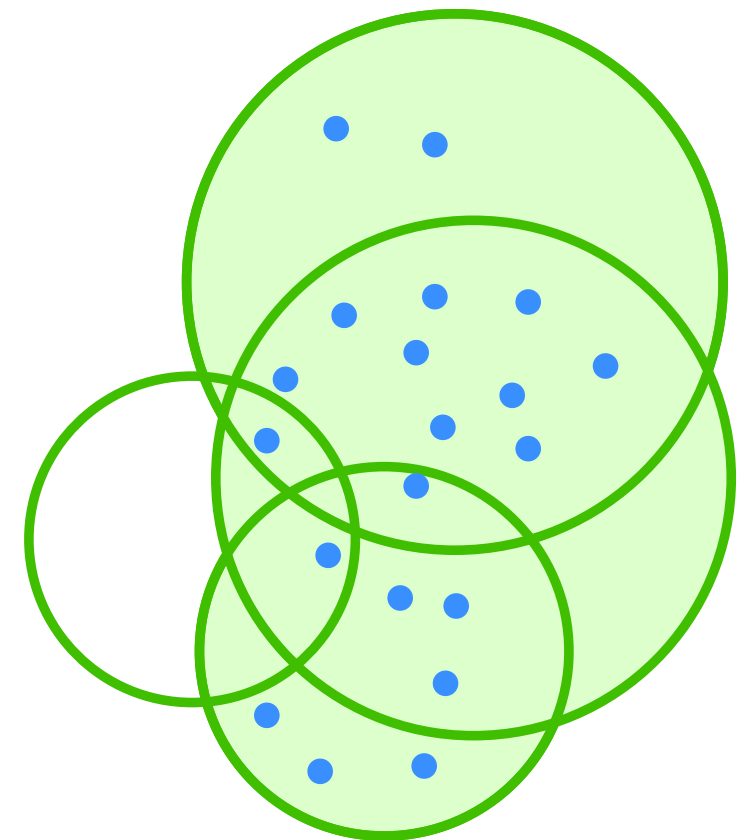
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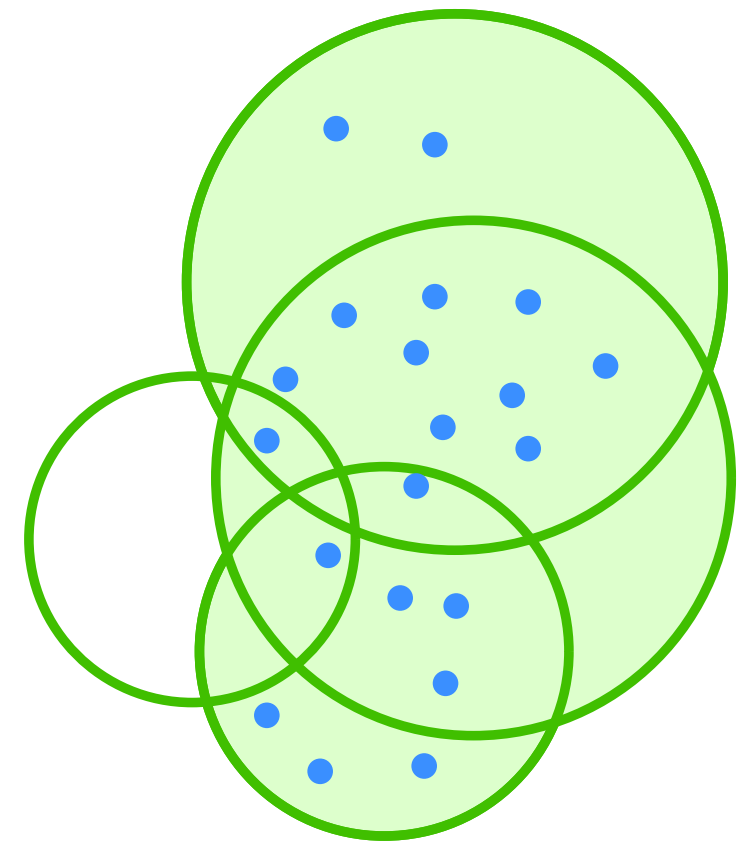
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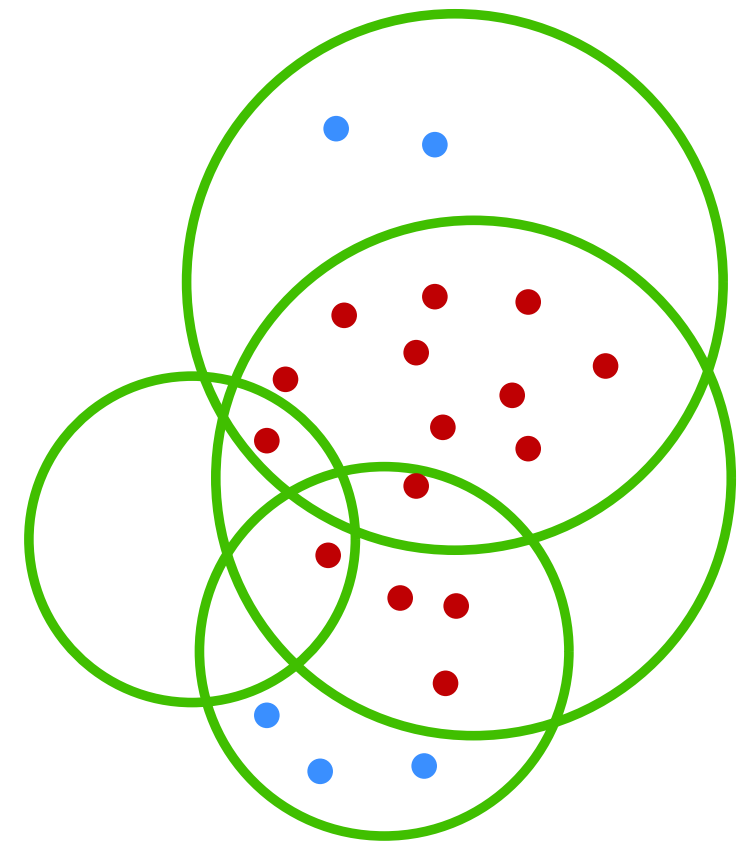


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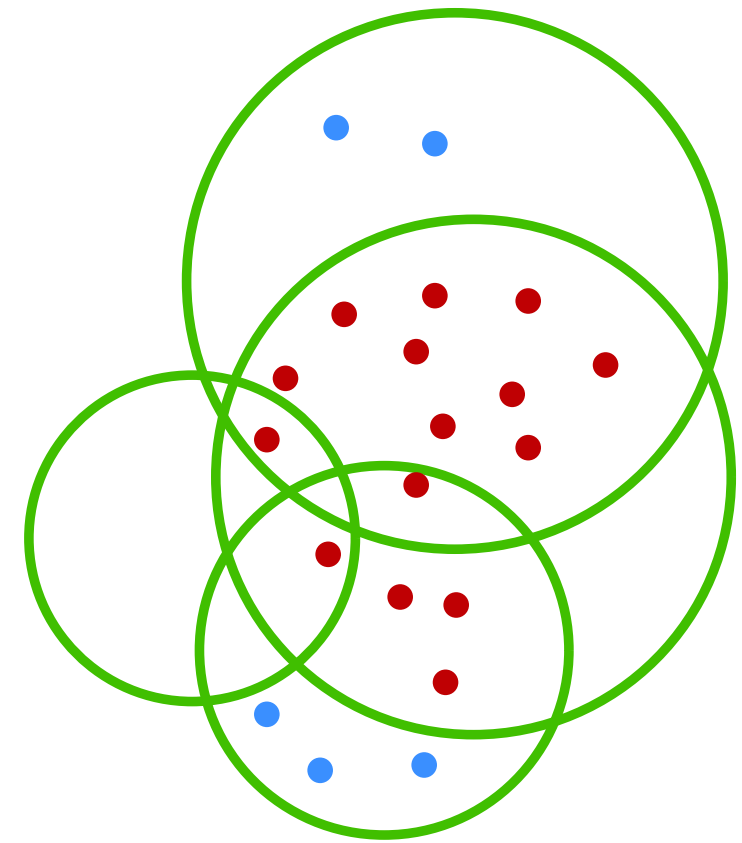
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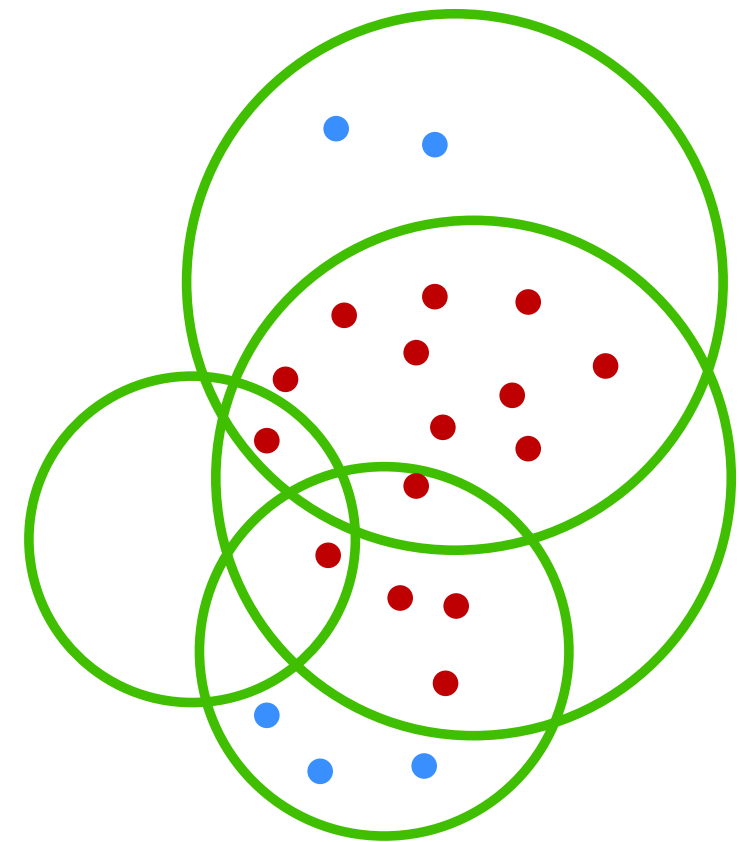


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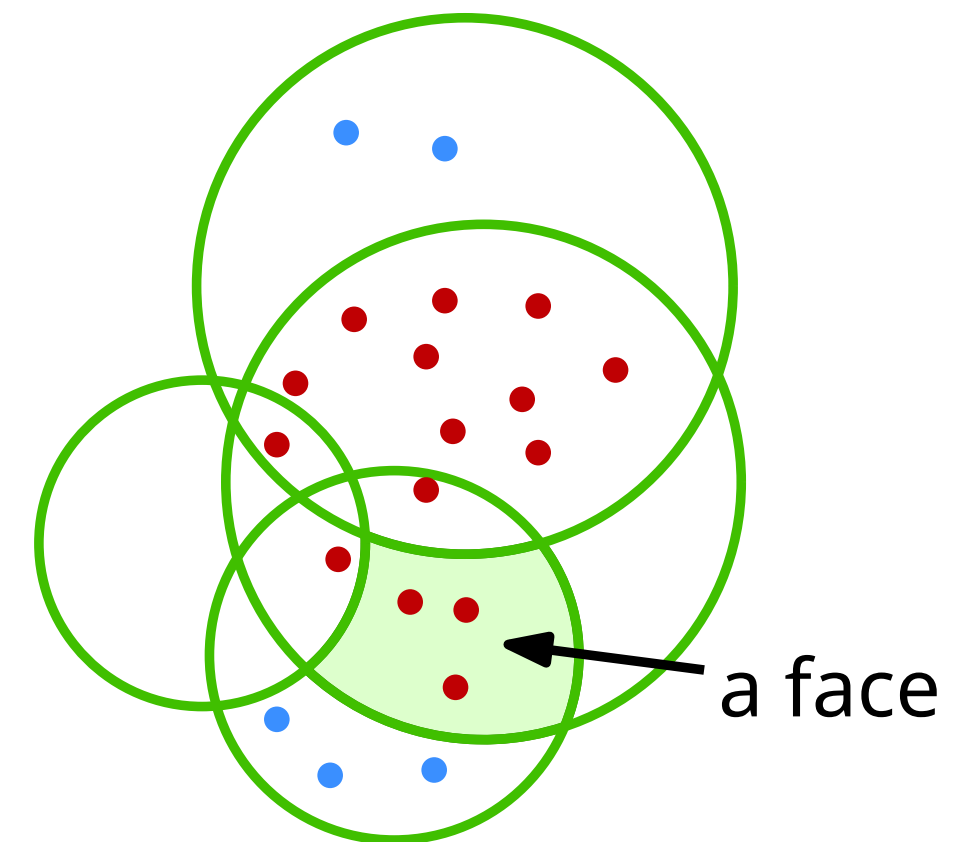
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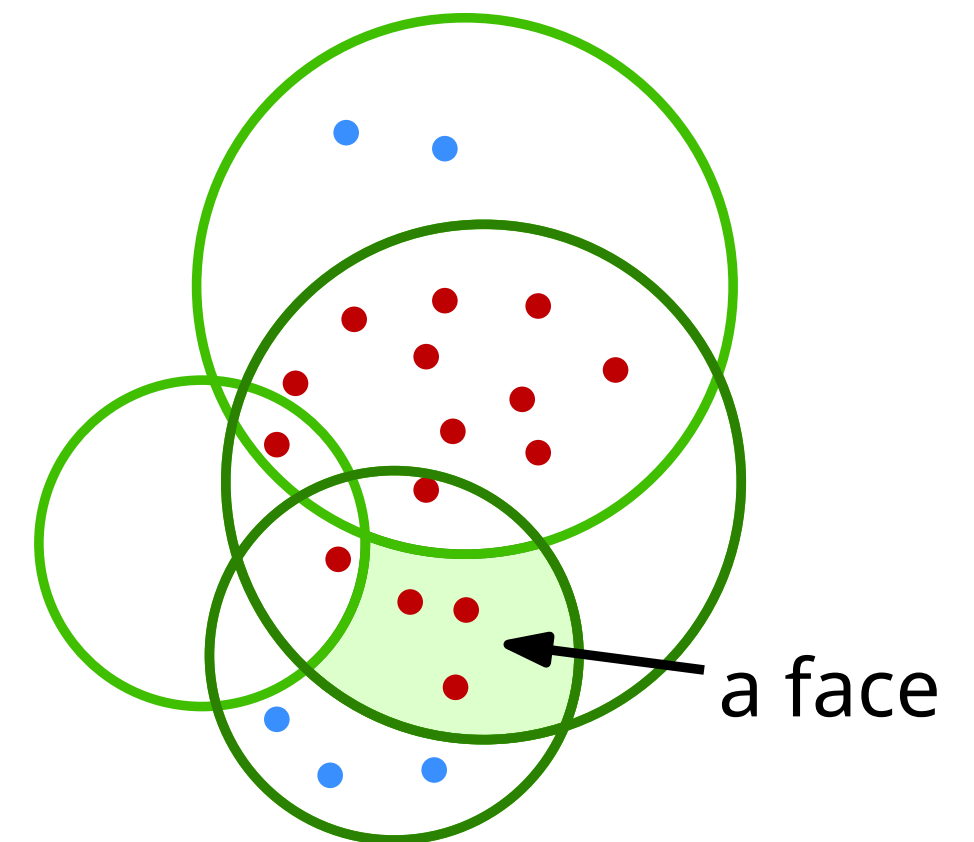
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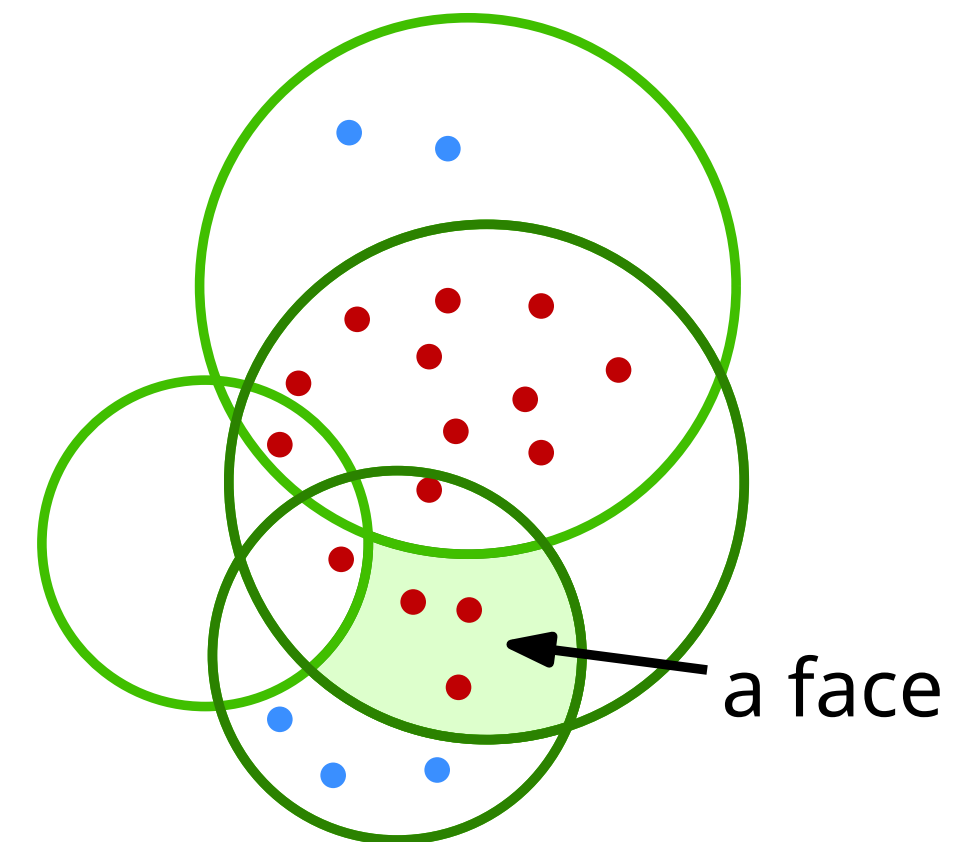
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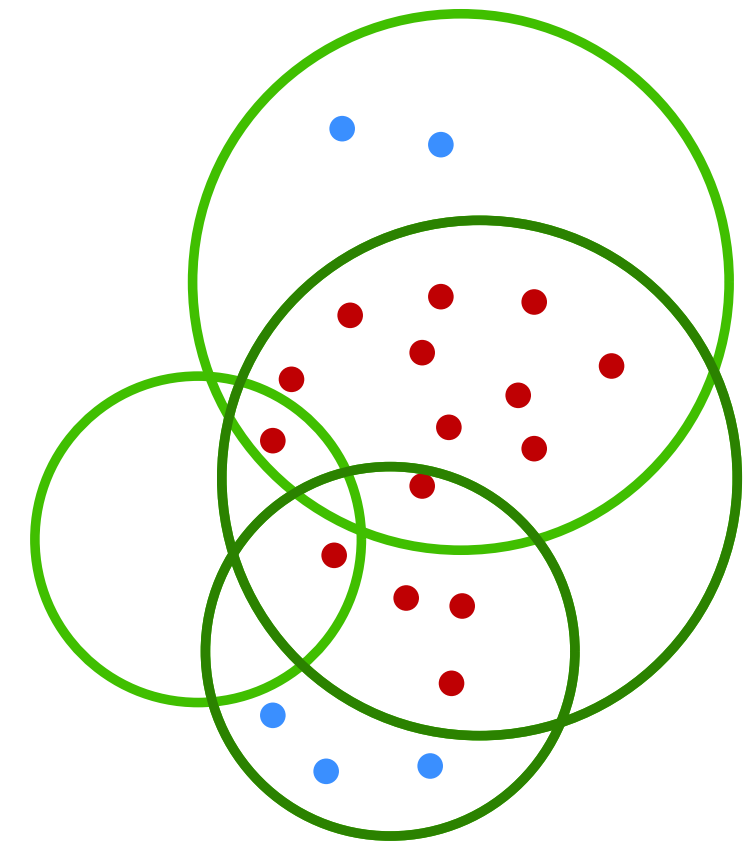
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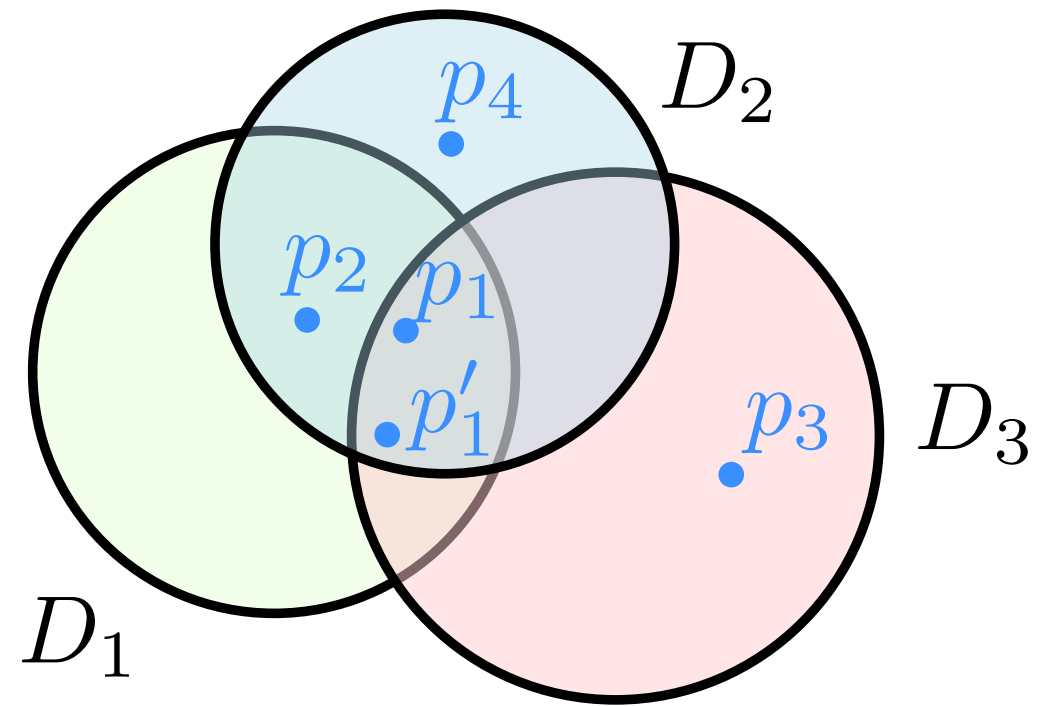
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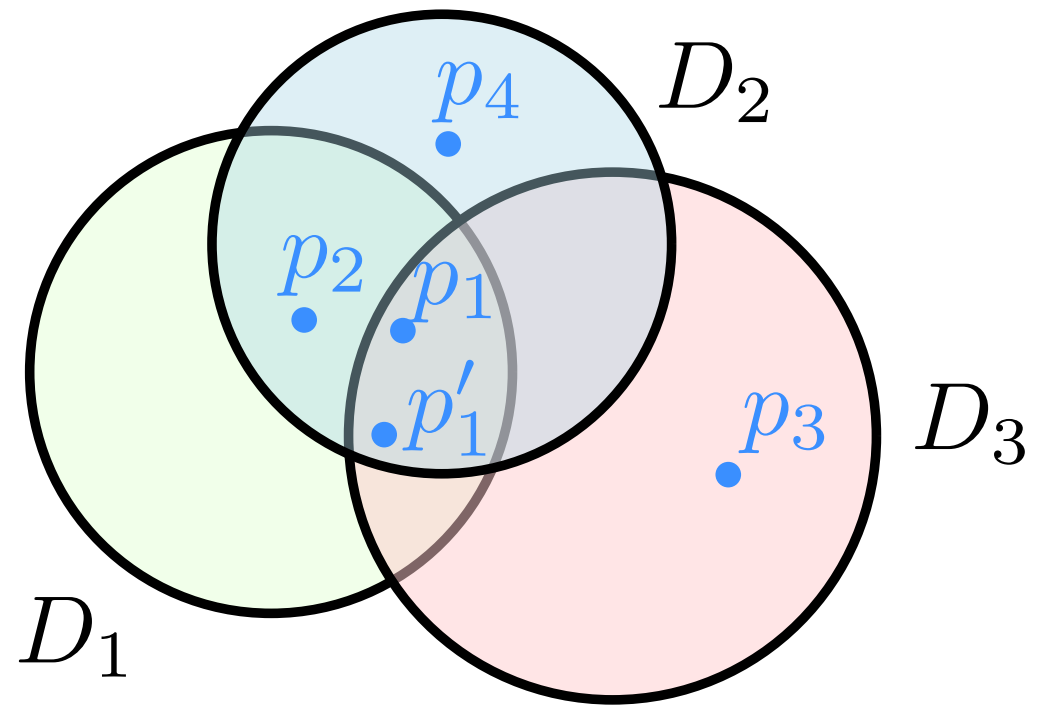
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... or in short: if  $\delta$  is constant, so is  $\delta^*$ .















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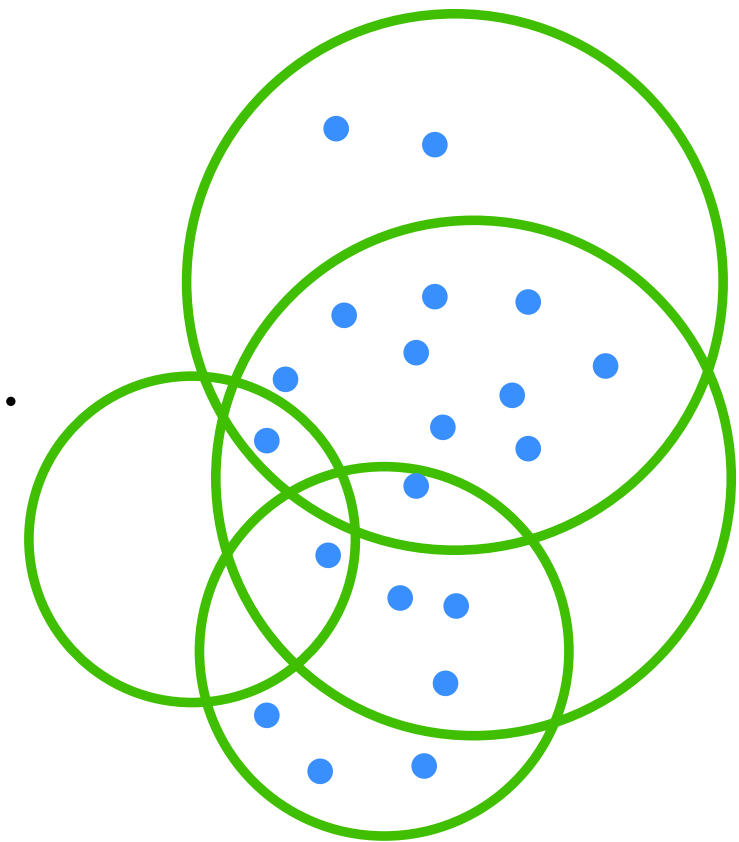
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Assign each range  $r$  a weight  $W(r)$ . Initially,  $W(r) = 1$

$W(\mathcal{R})$  is the total weight of all the ranges in  $\mathcal{R}$

$\mathcal{R}'$  is a random subset of size  $\mathcal{O}((\delta^* / \varepsilon) \log(\delta^* / \varepsilon))$

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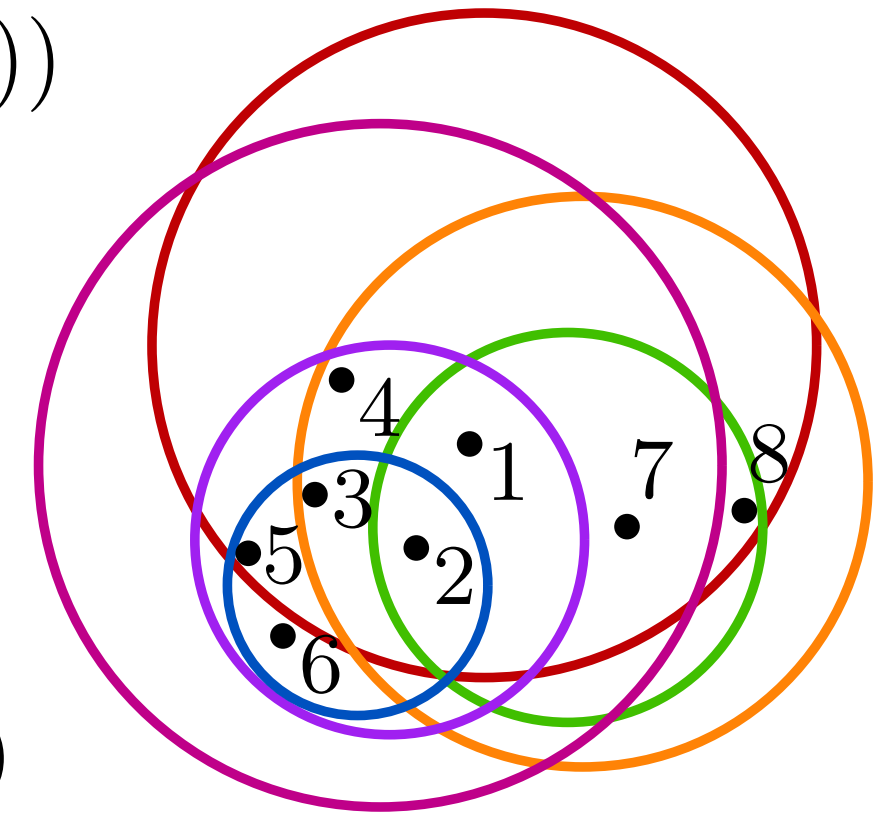


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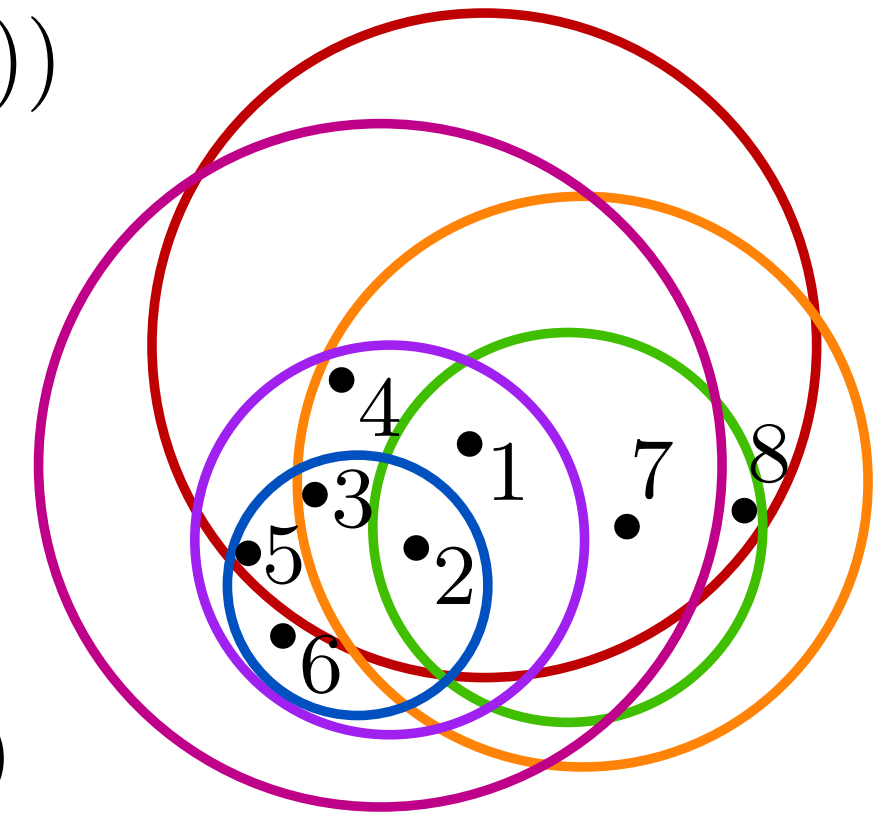
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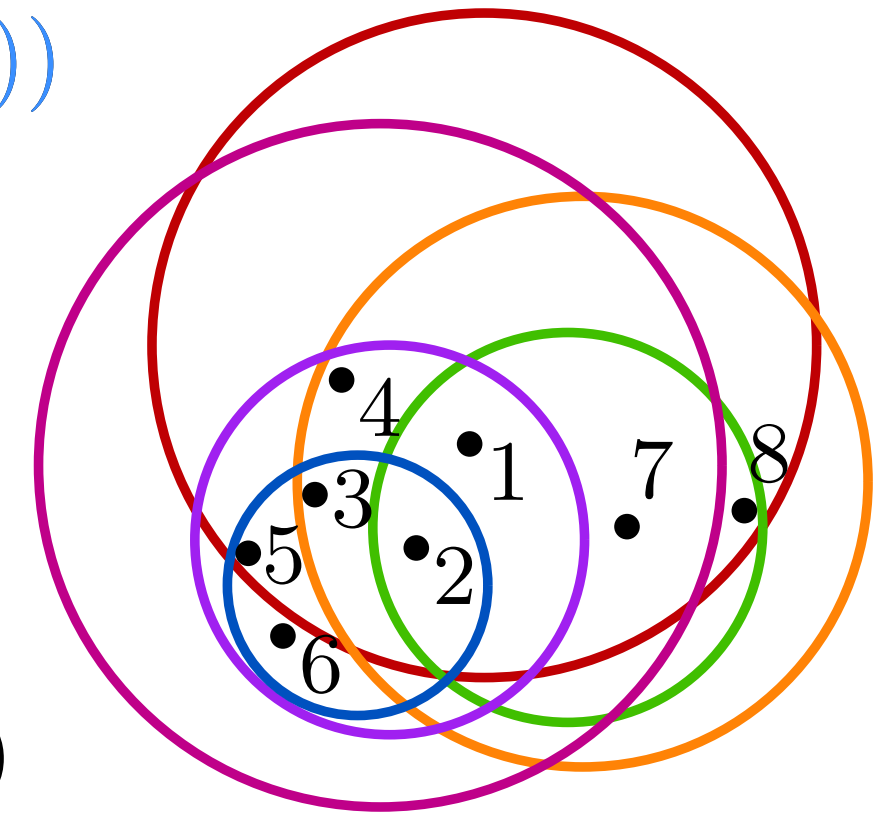
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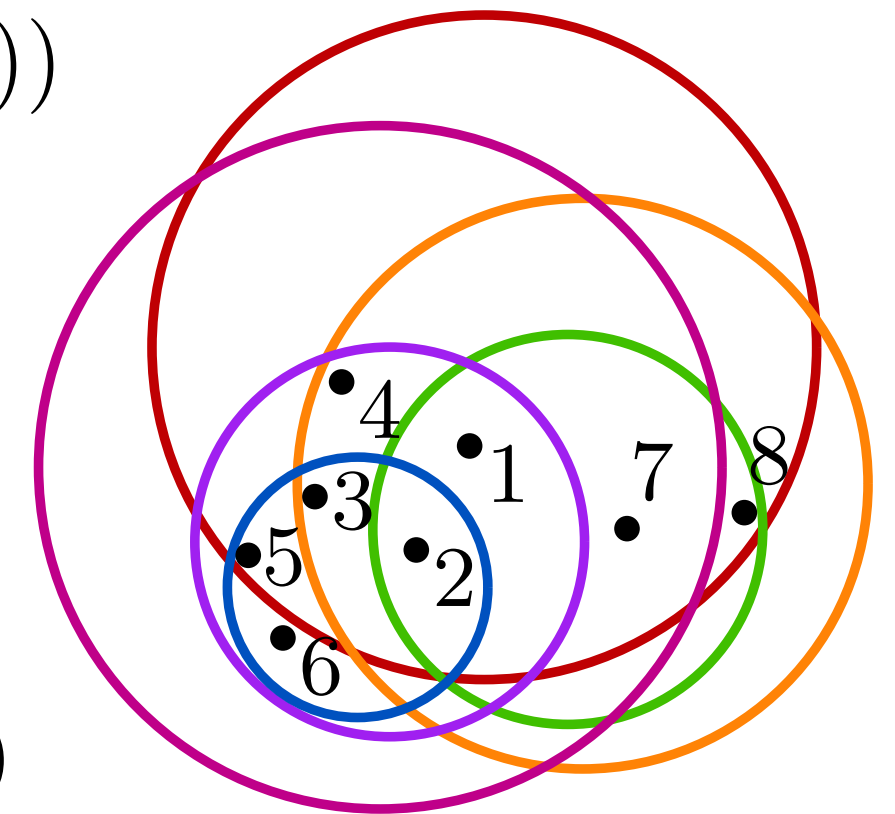
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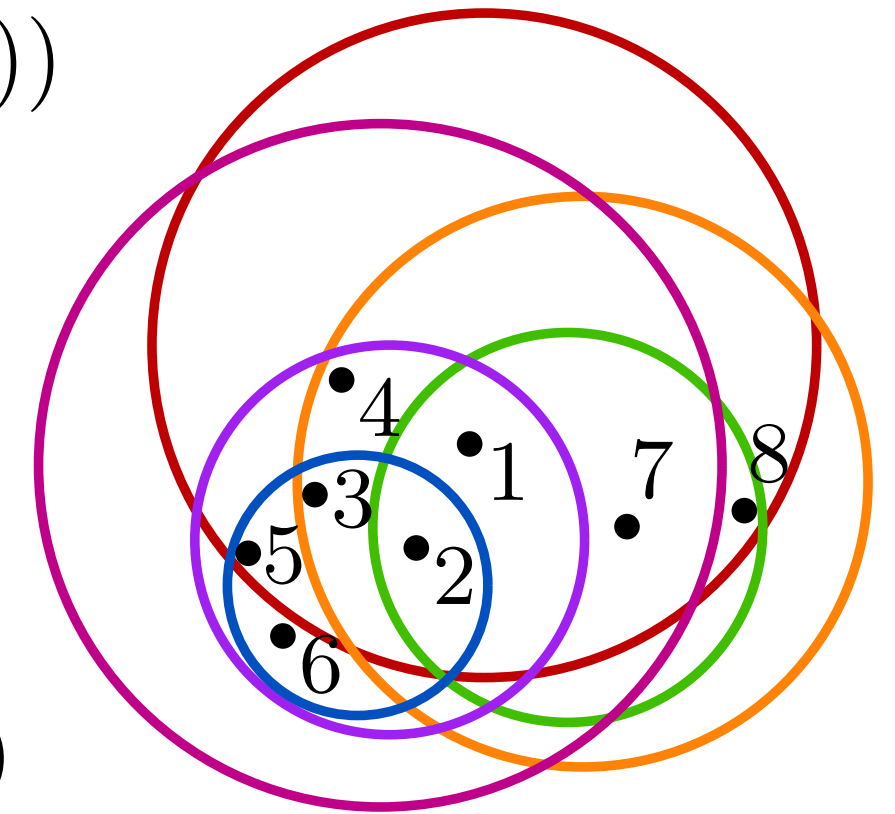
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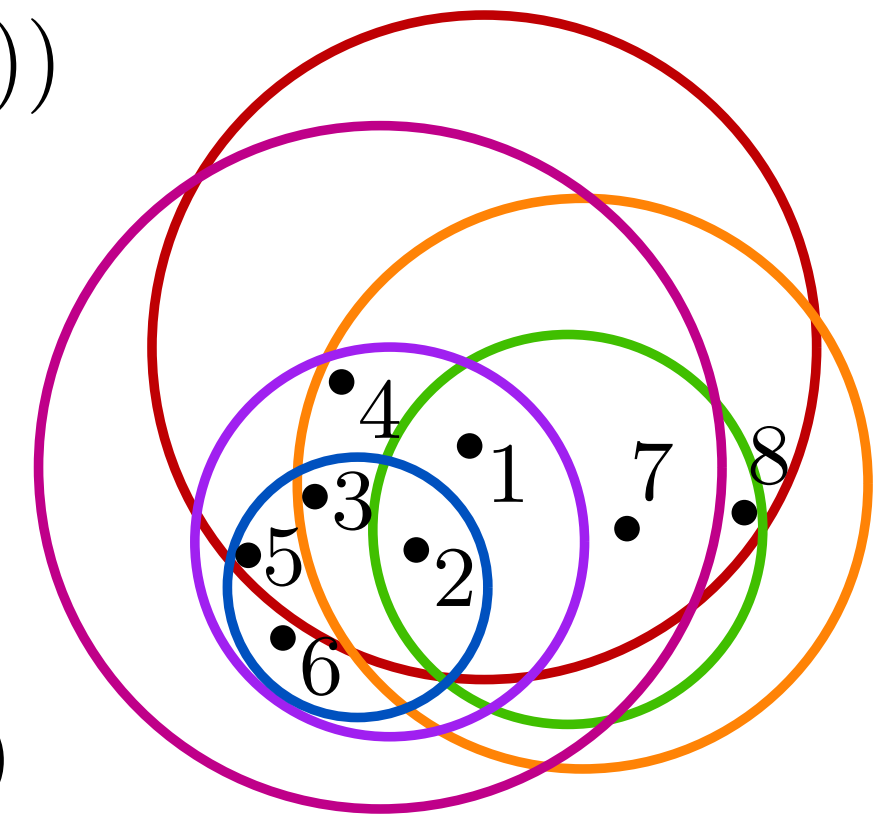
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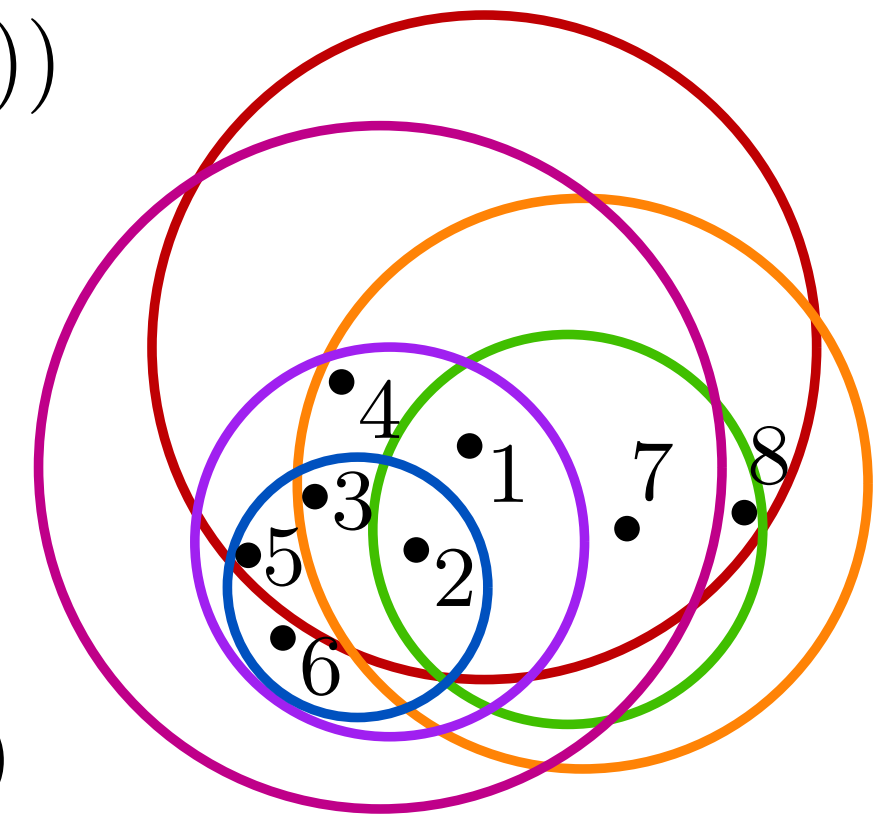


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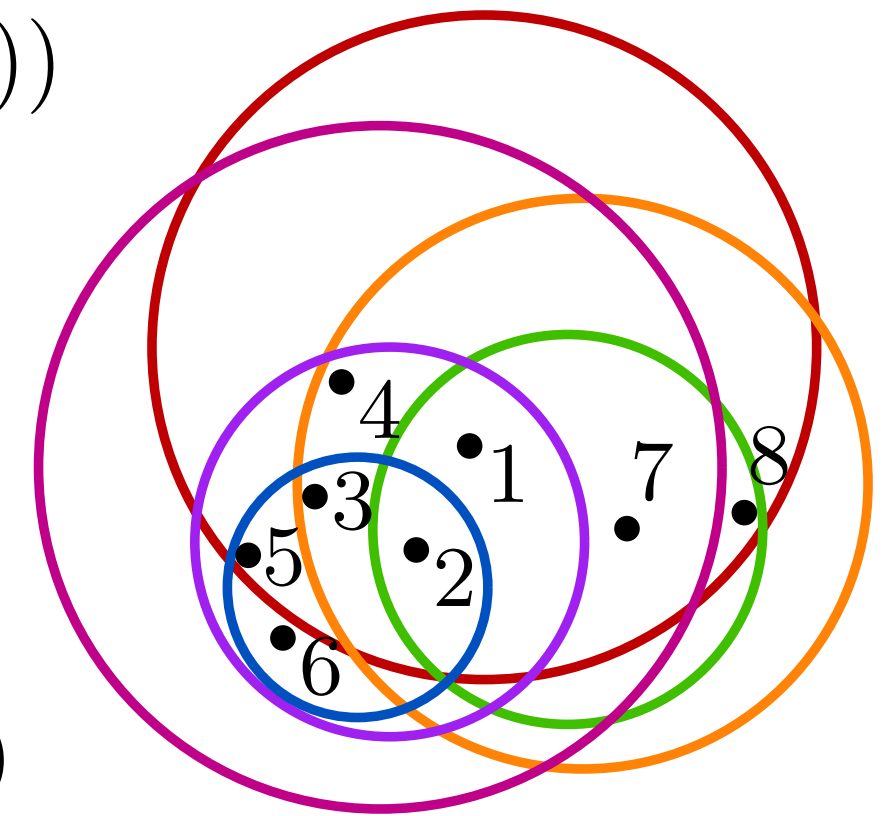
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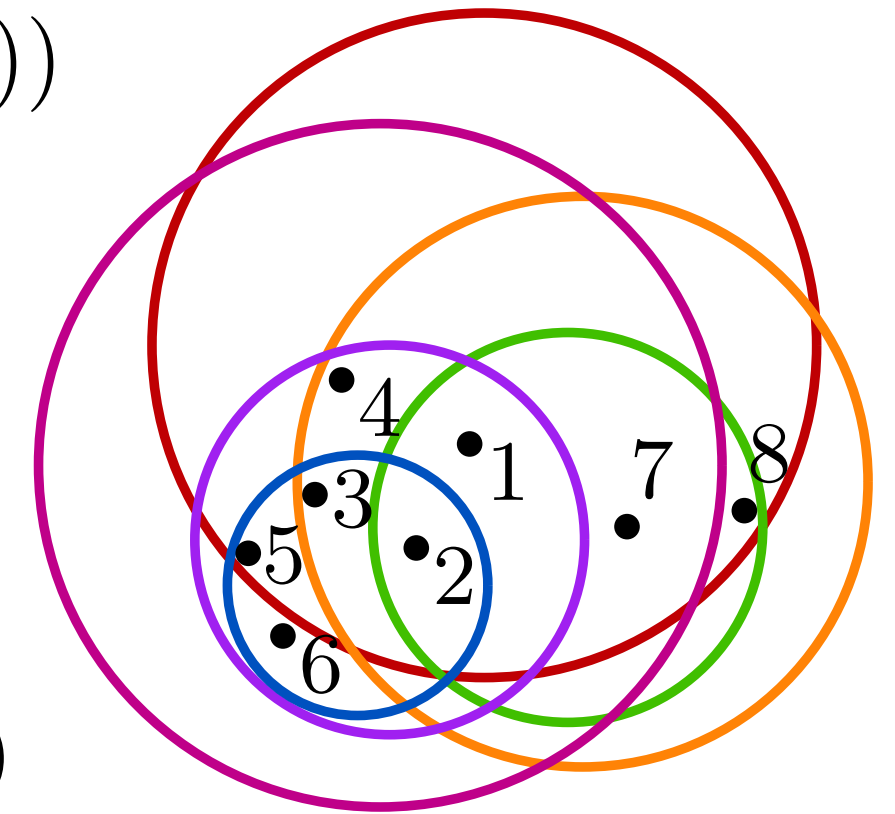
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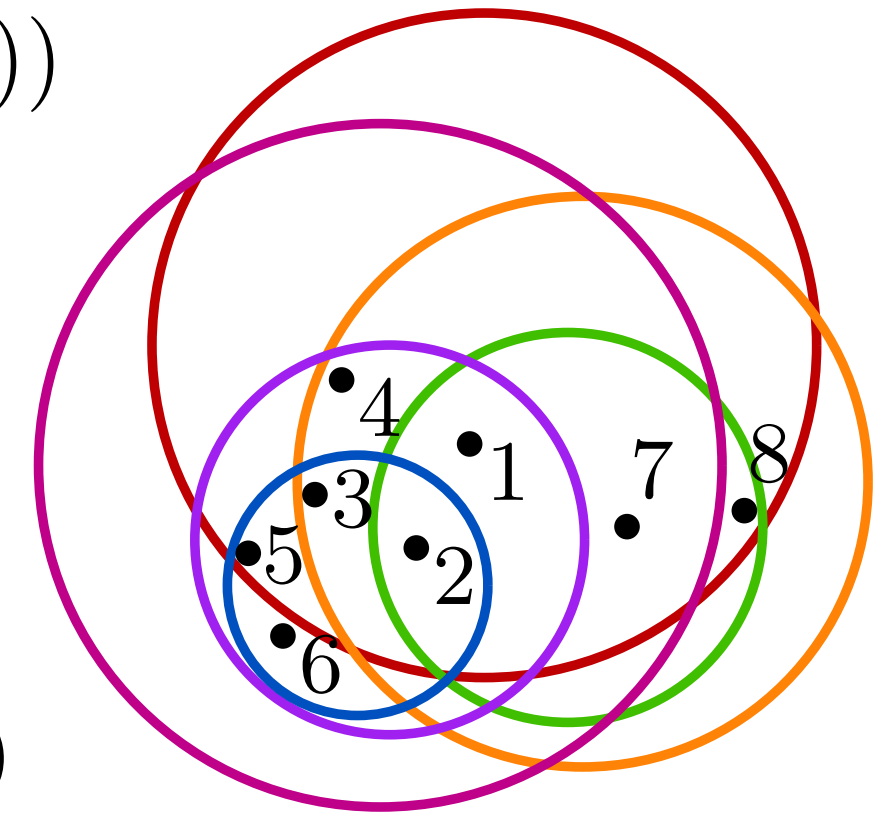
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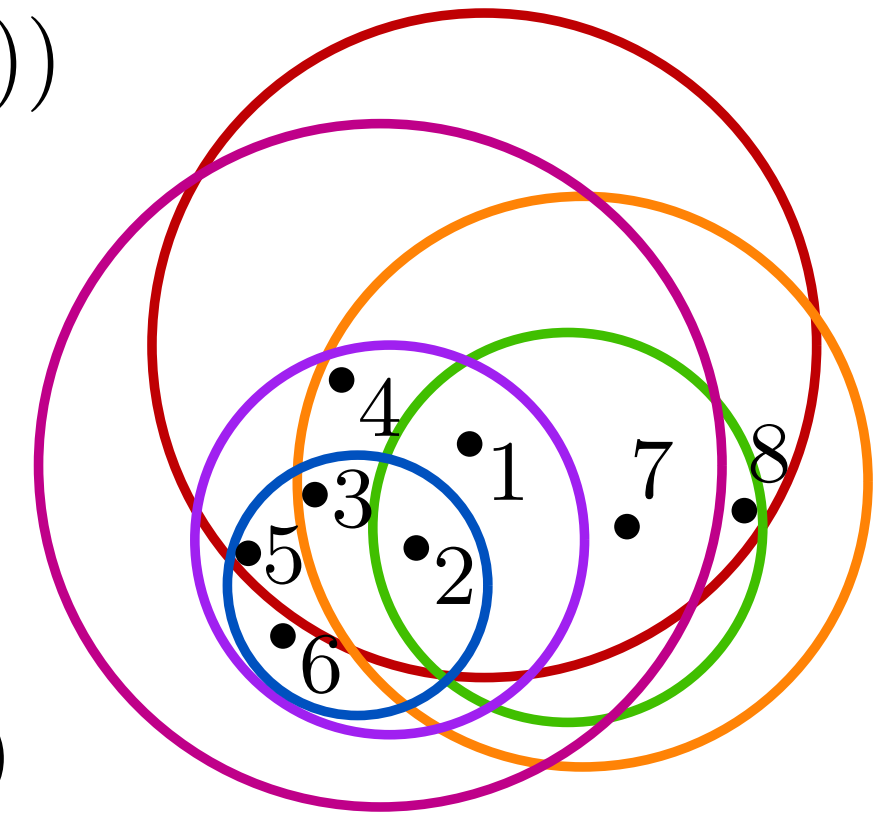
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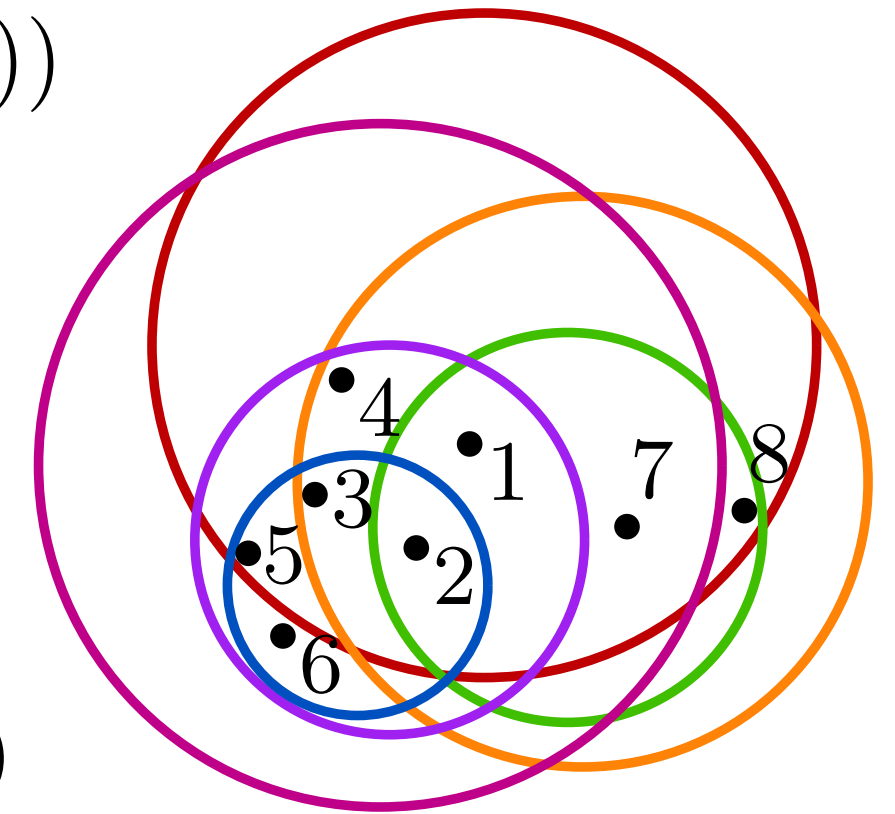
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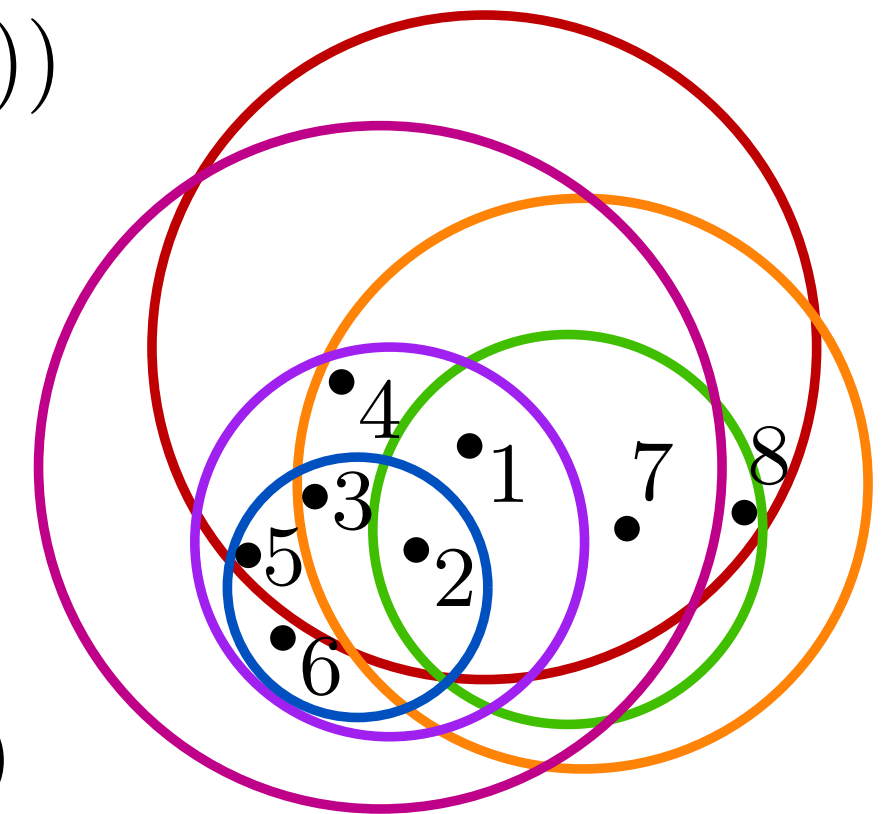
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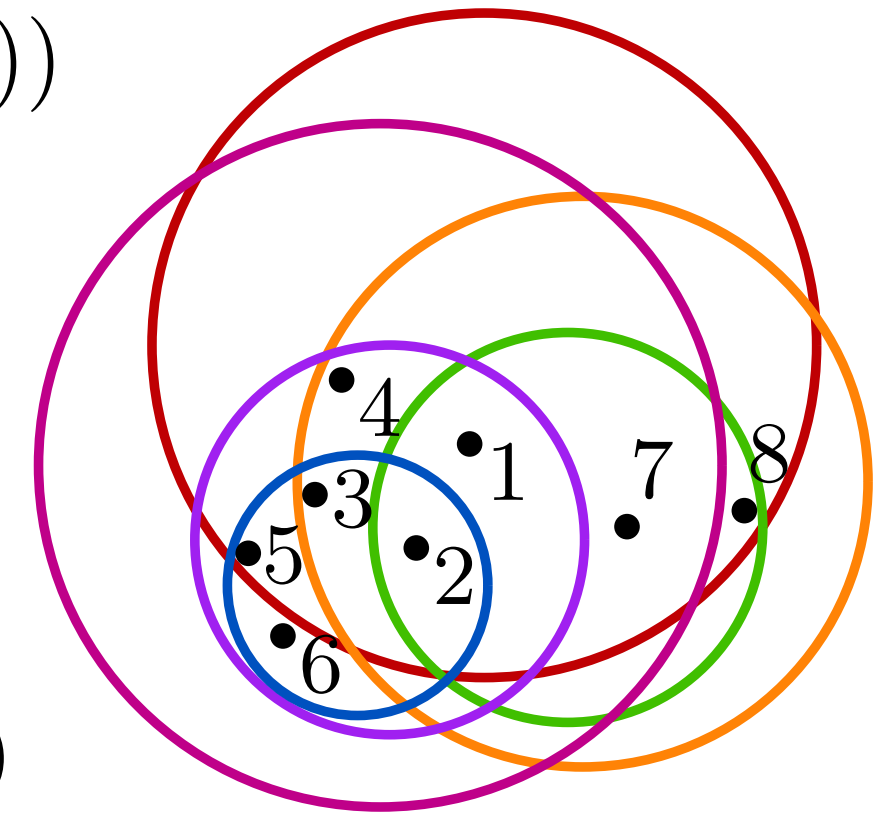


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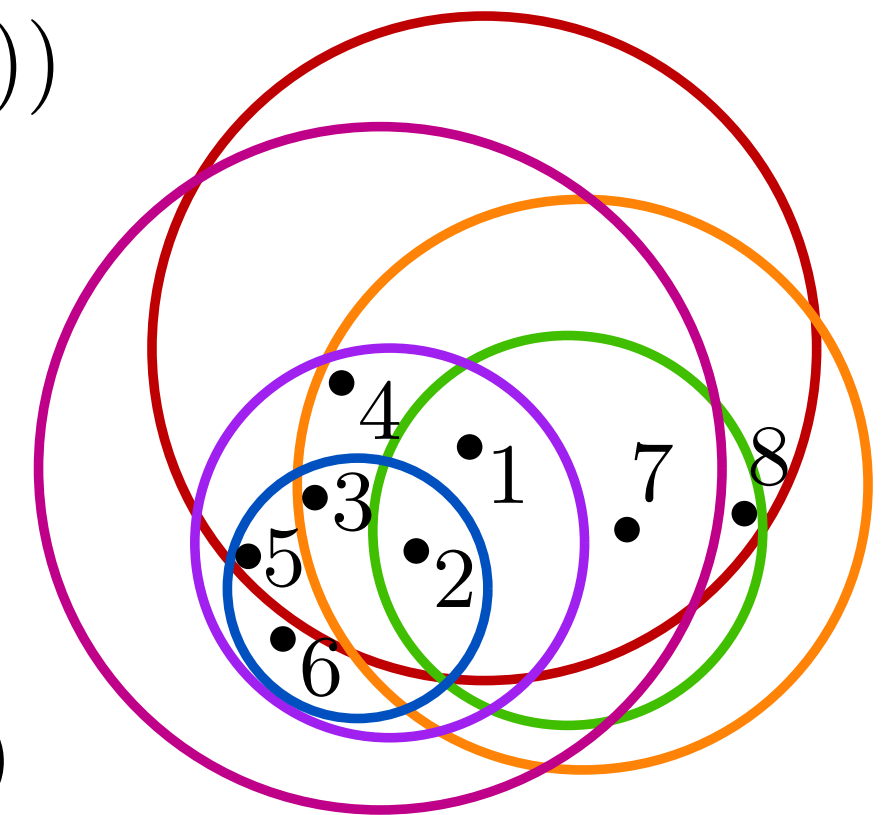
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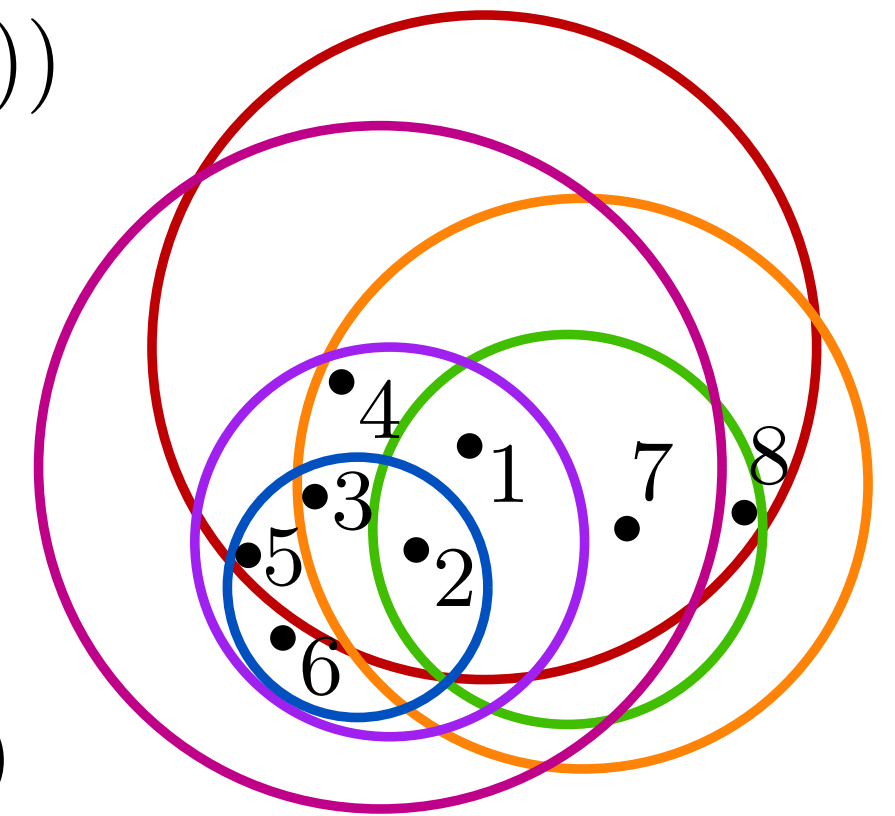


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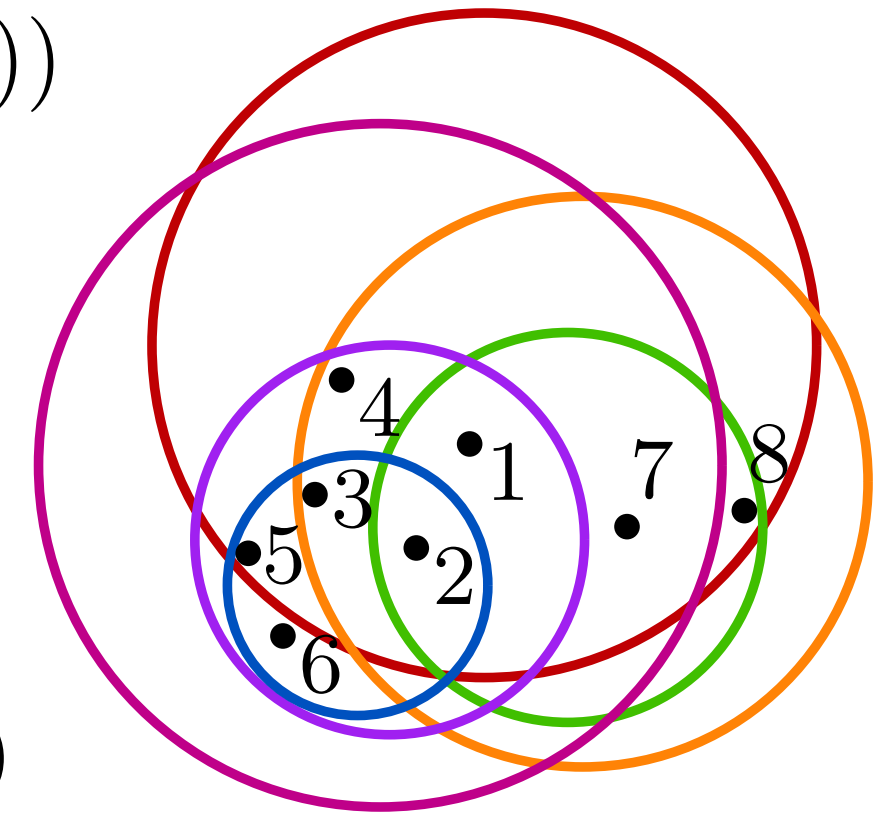
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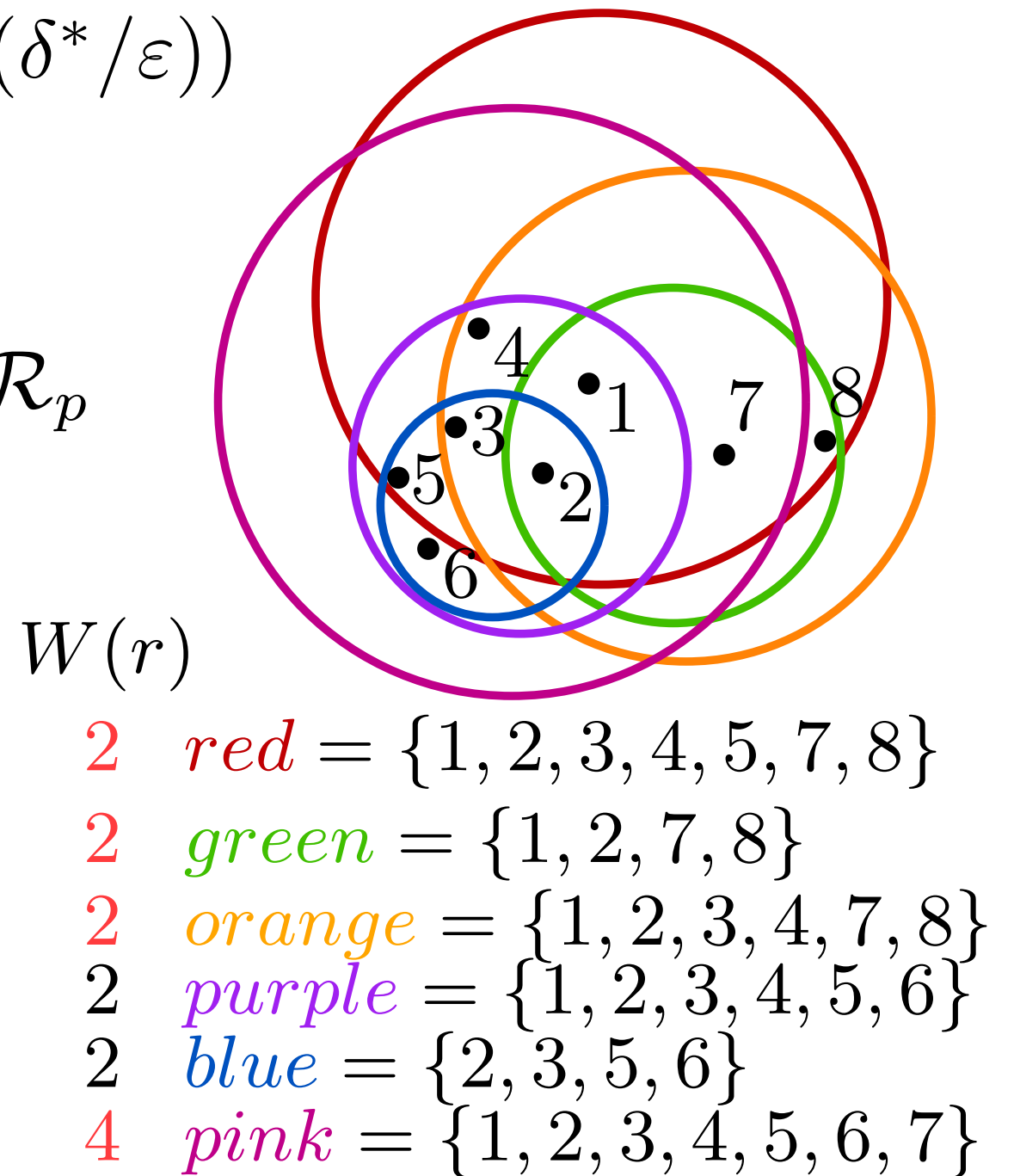
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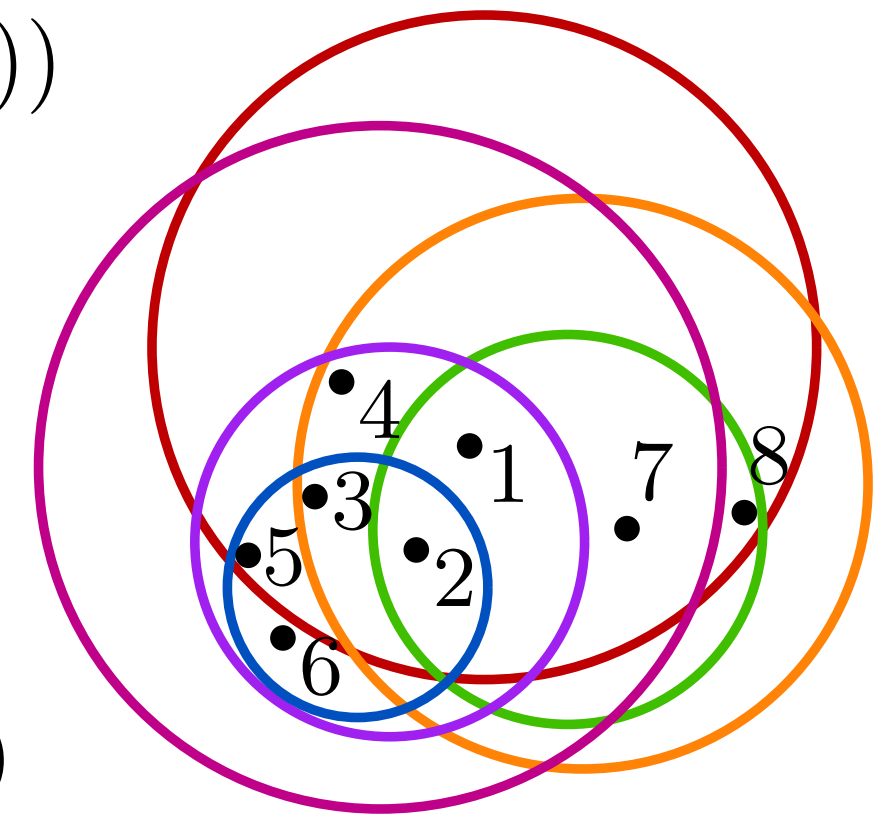


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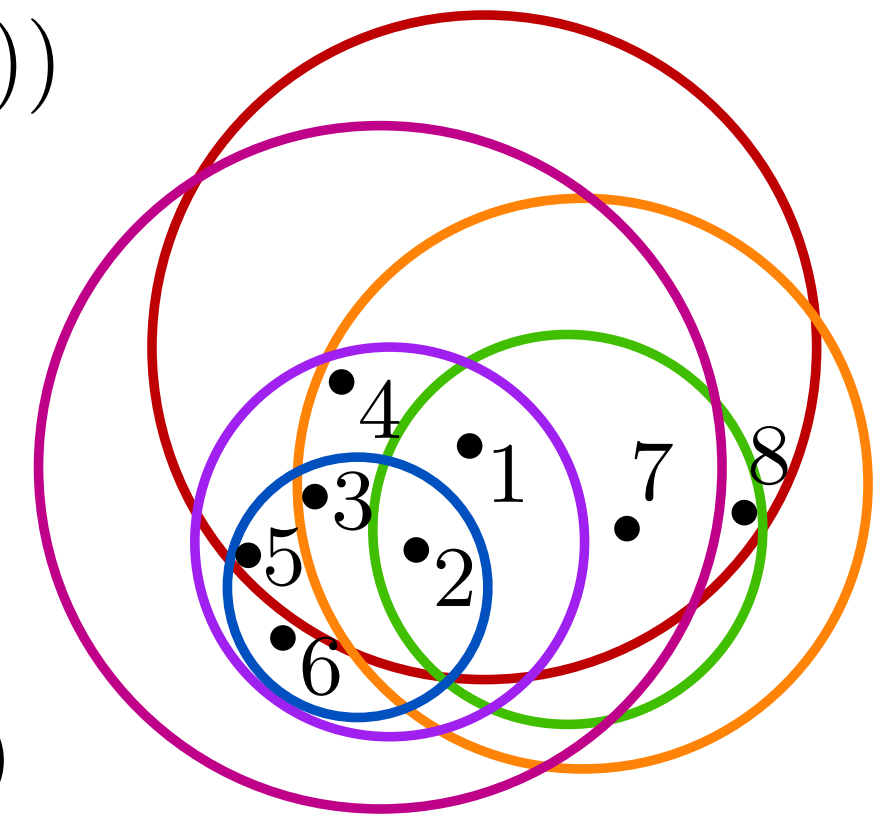
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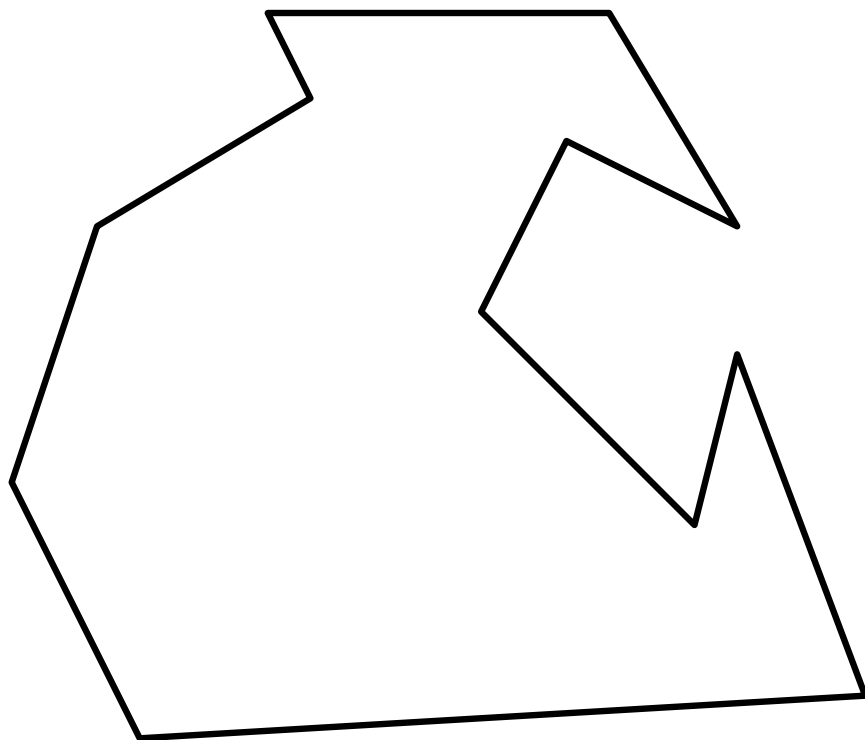
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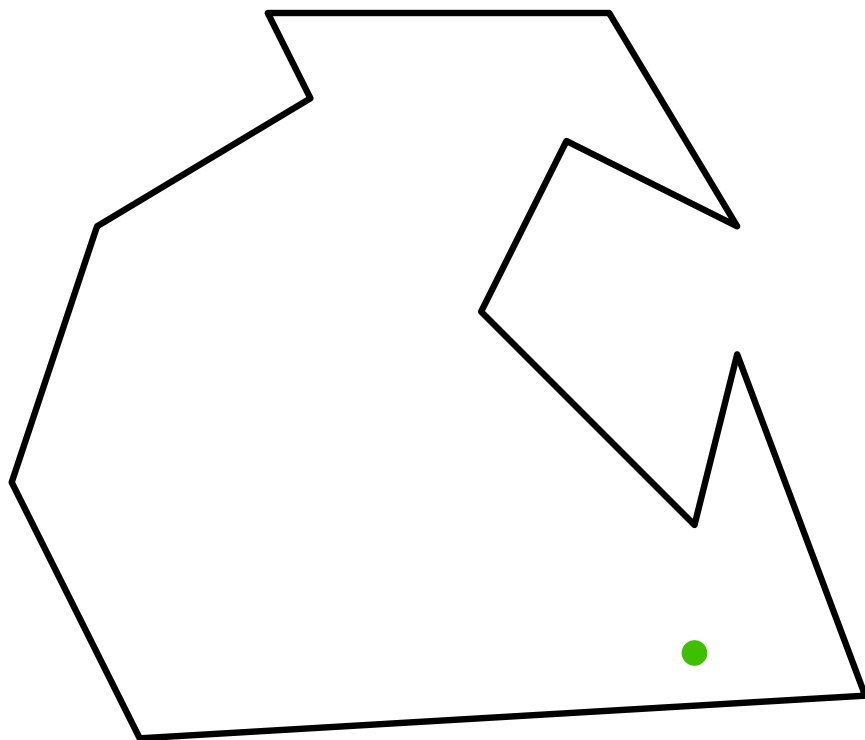
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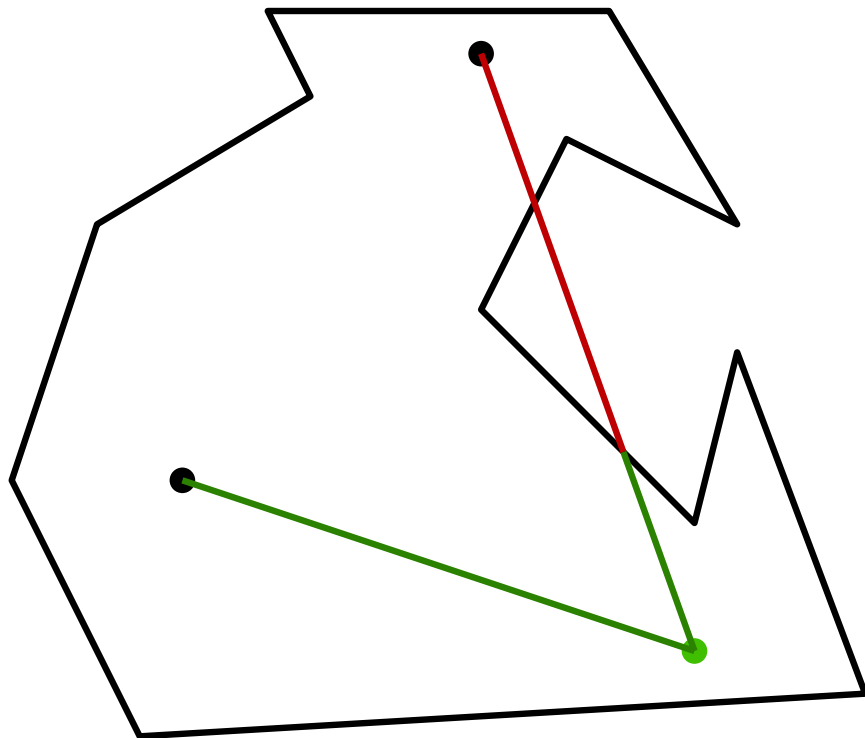
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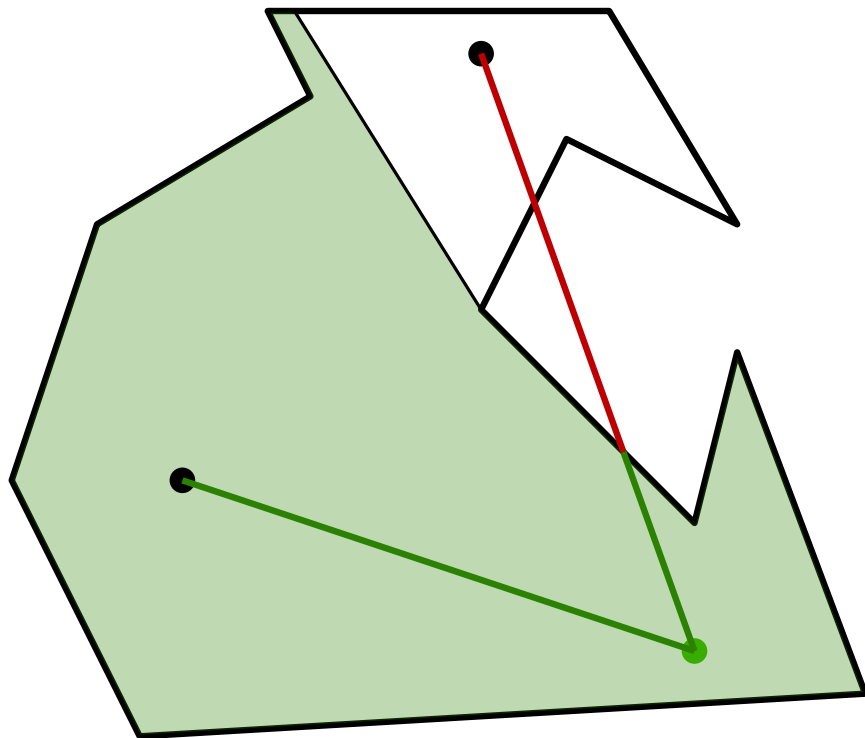
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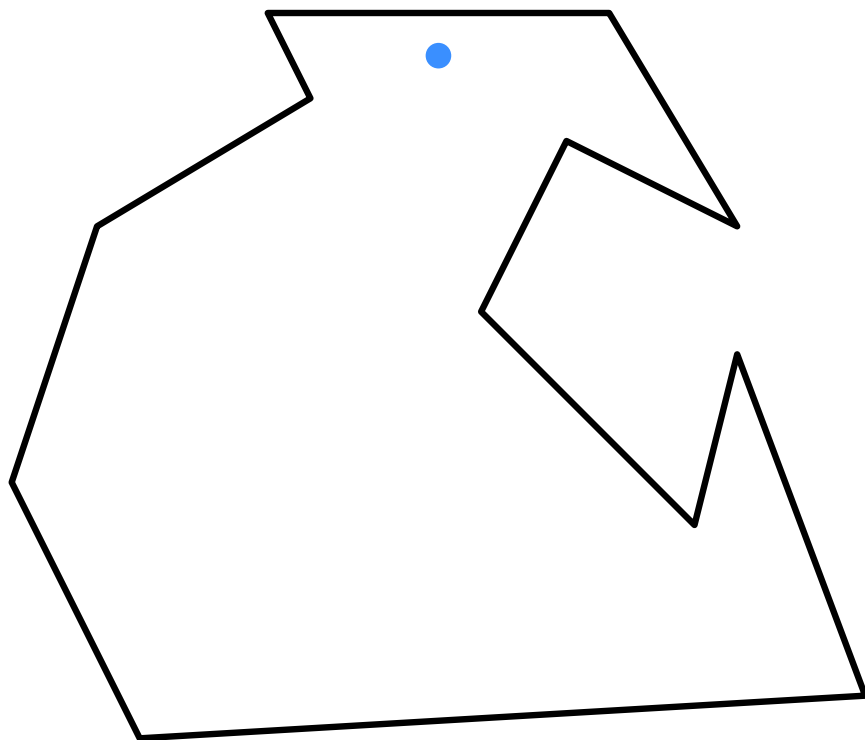
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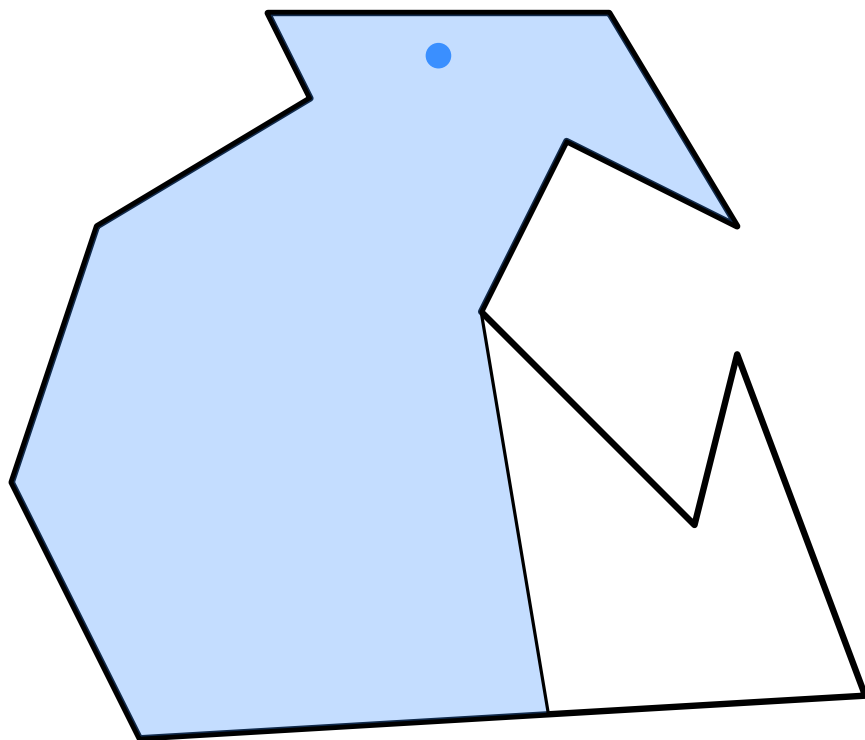
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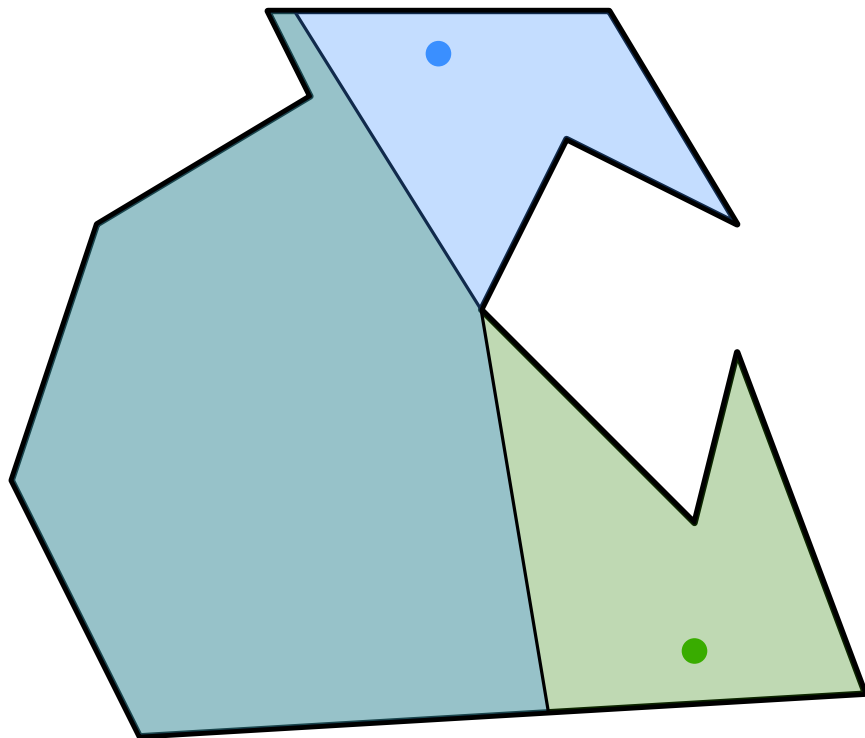
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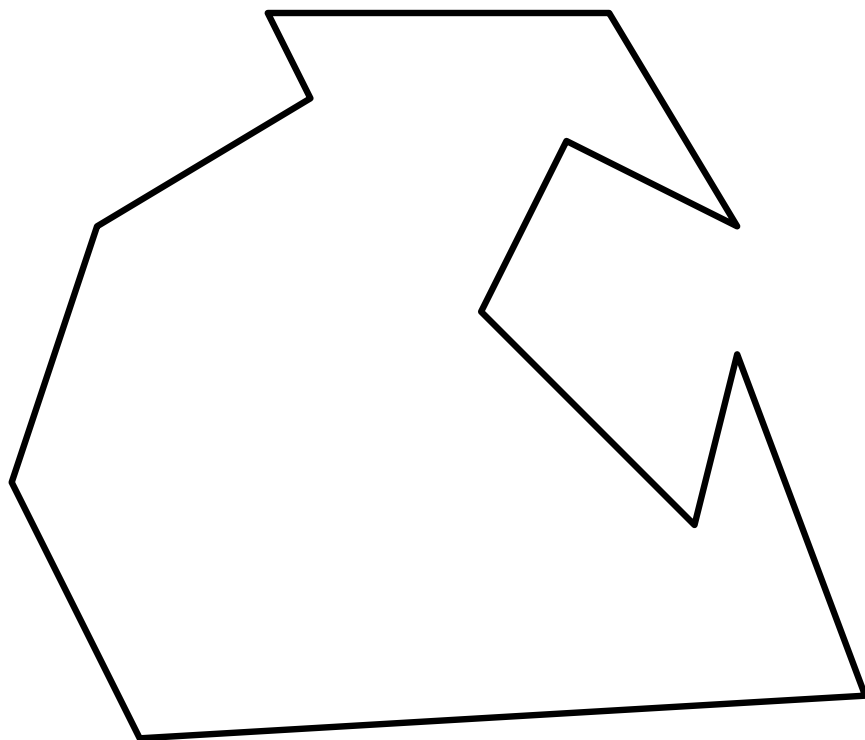


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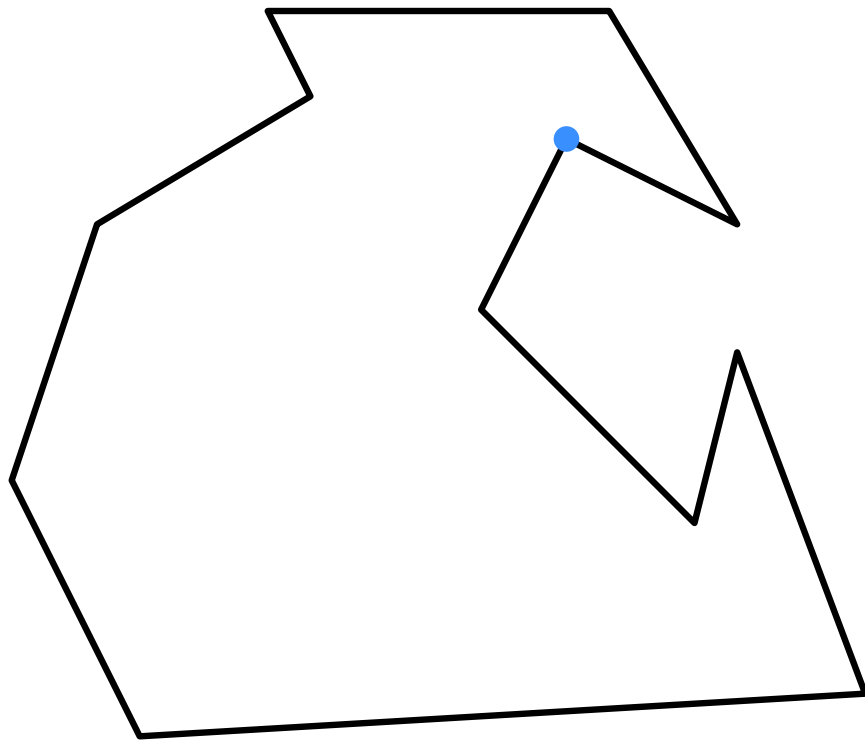
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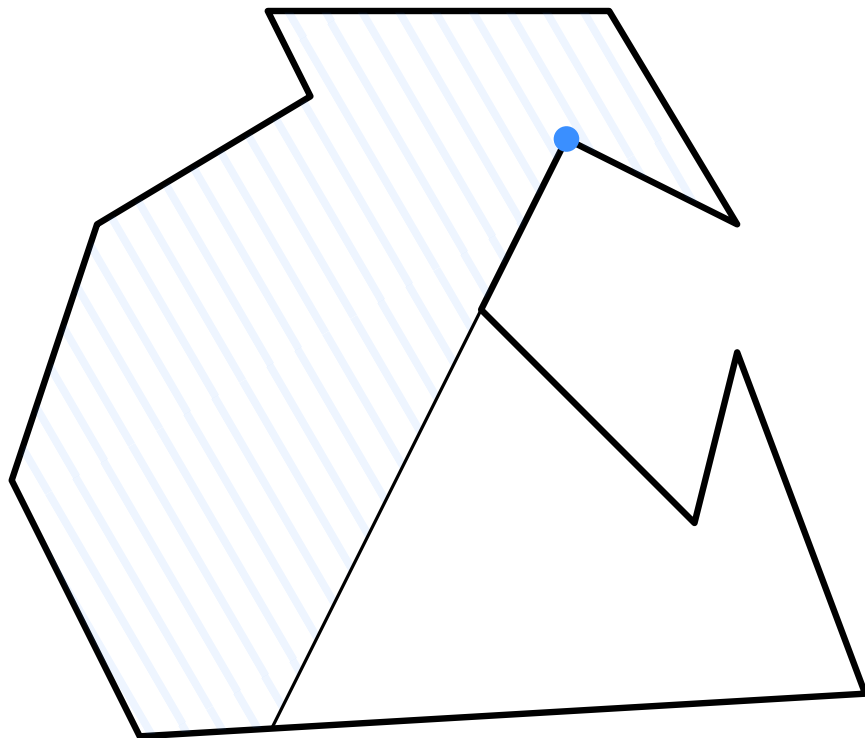
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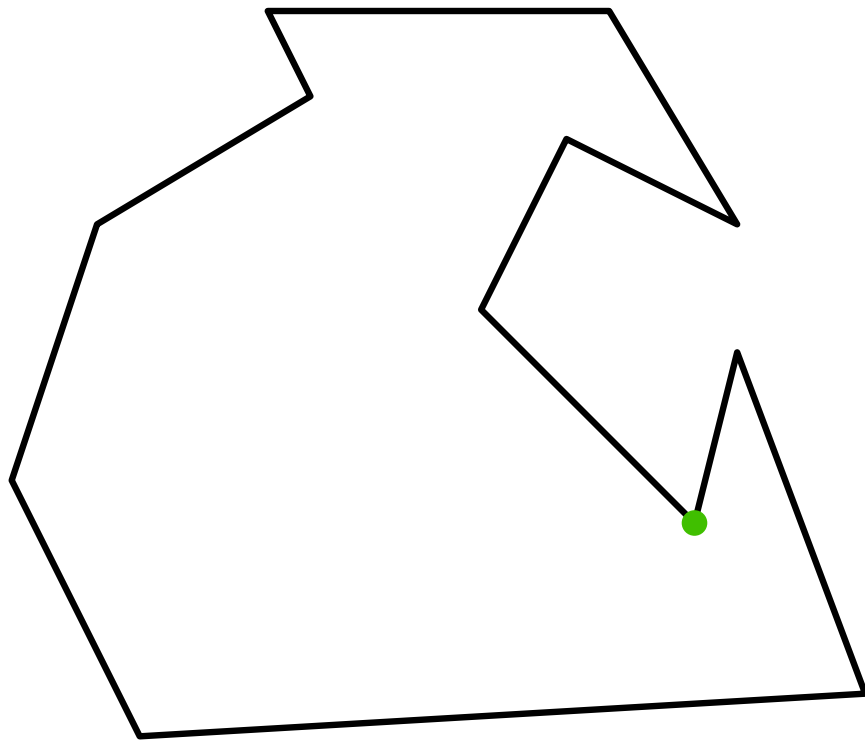
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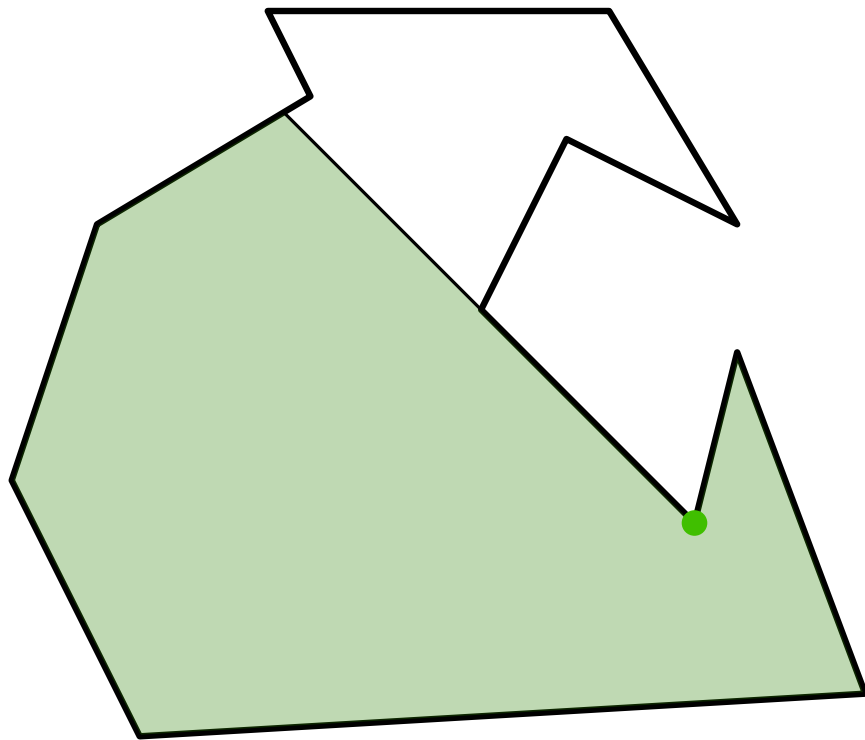
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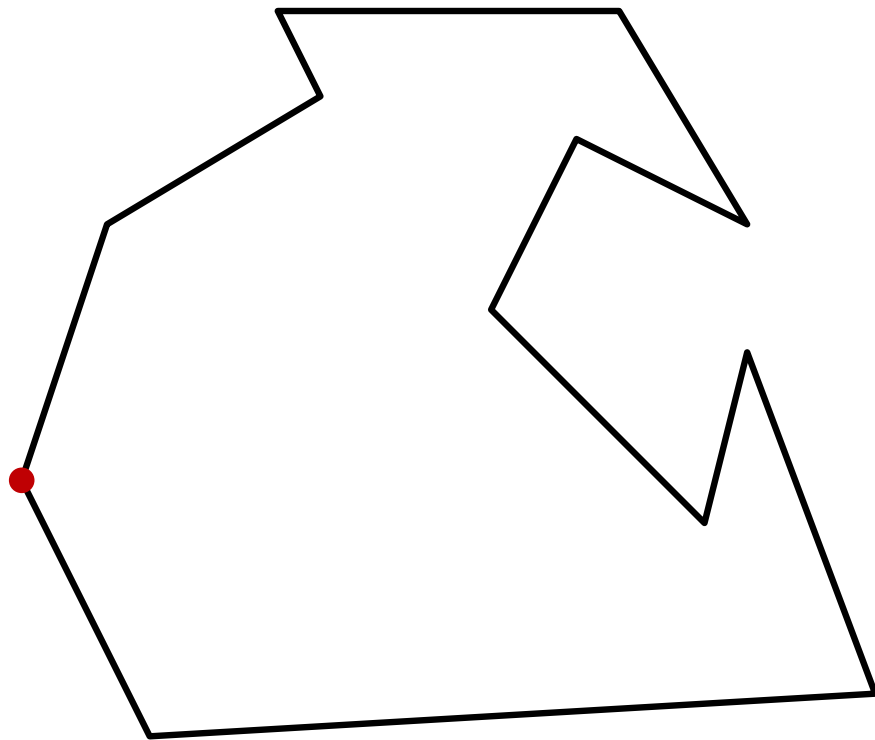
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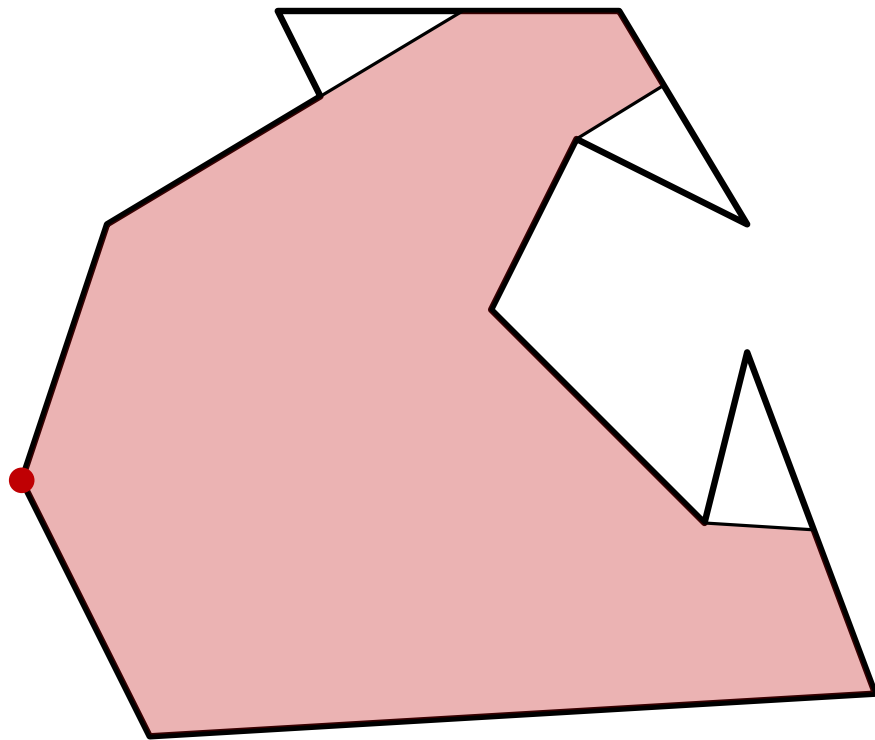
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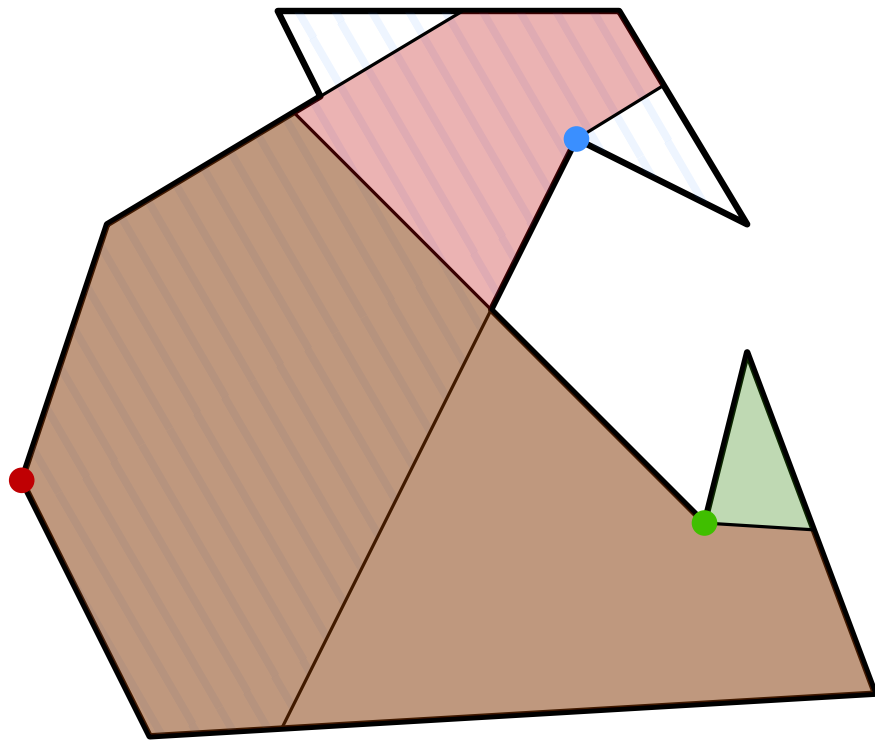
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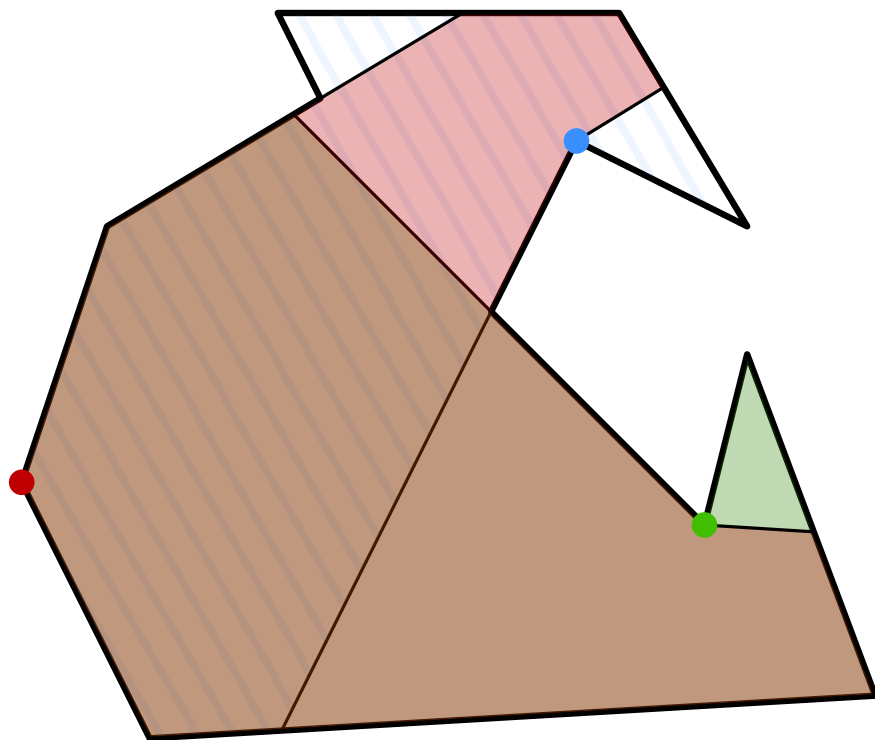
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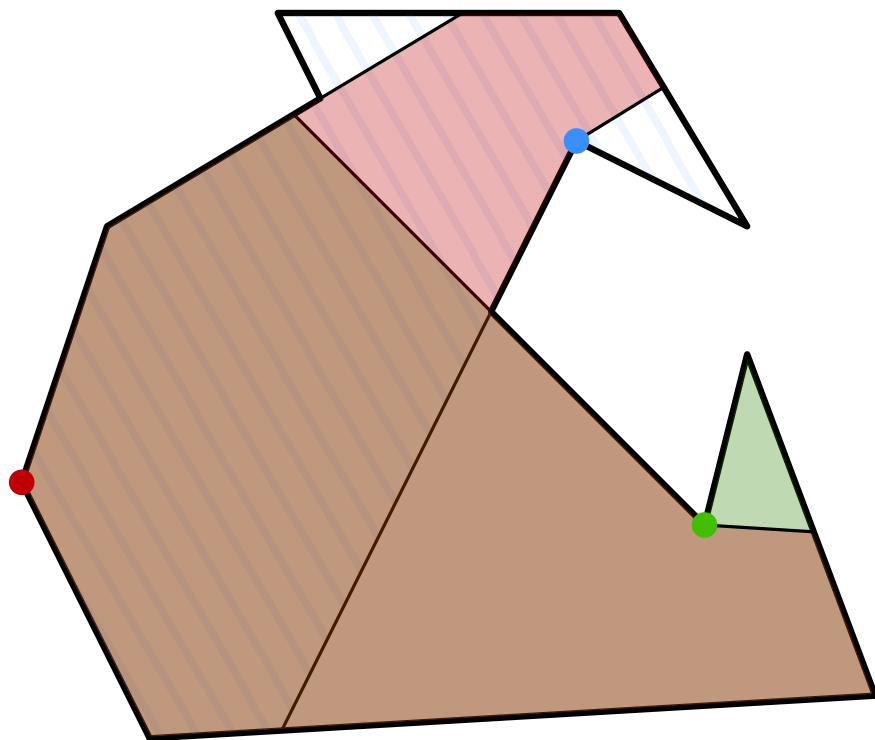
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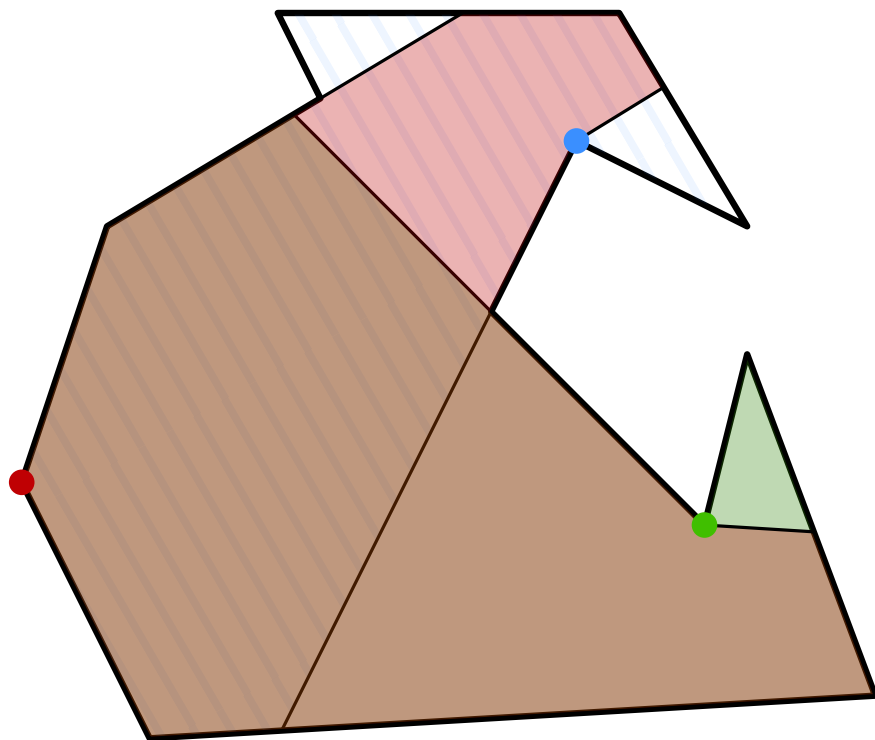
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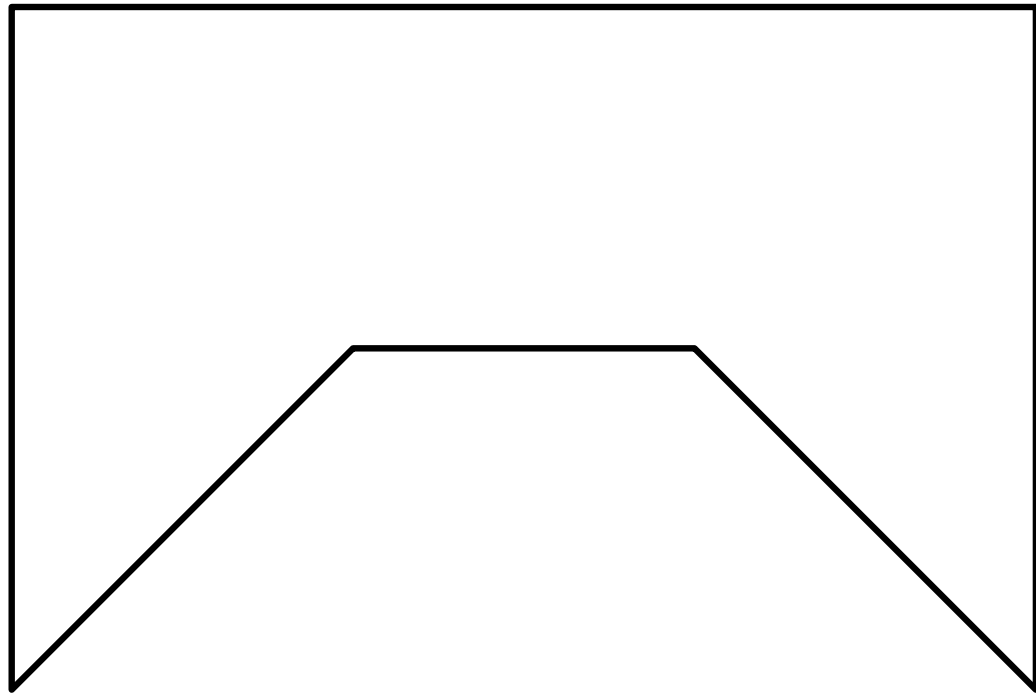
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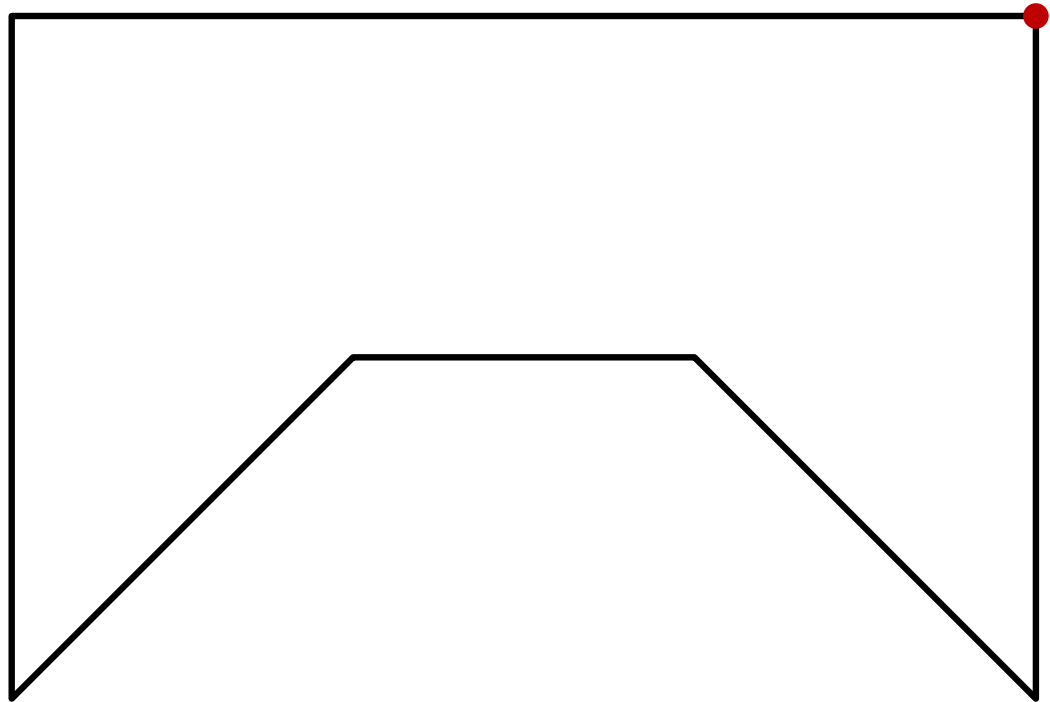
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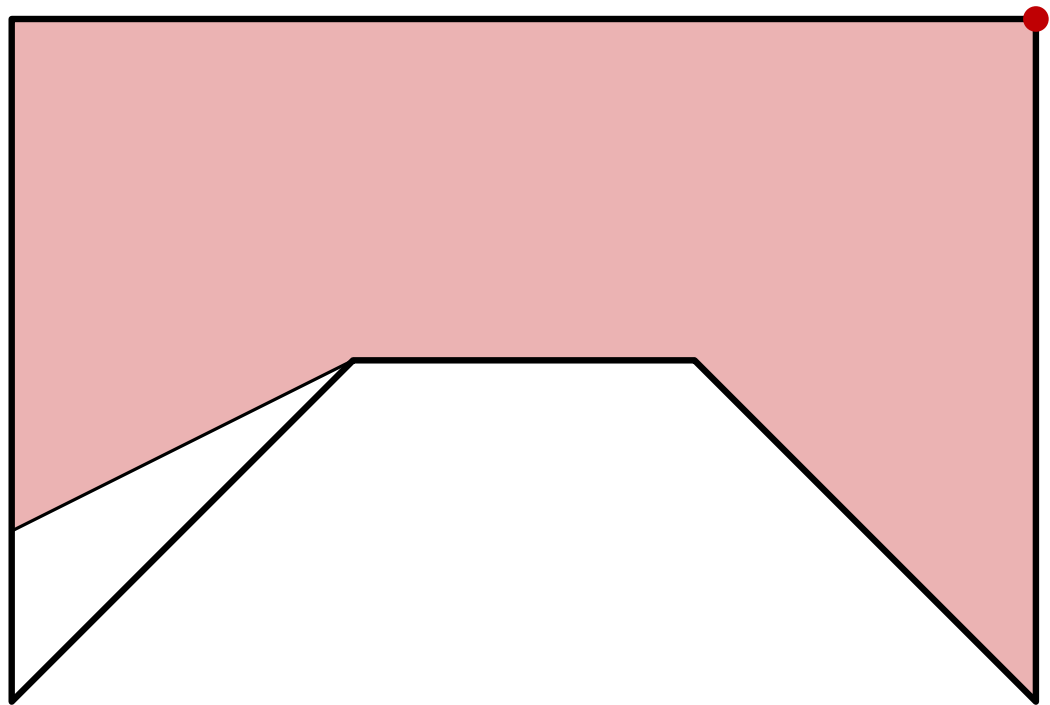
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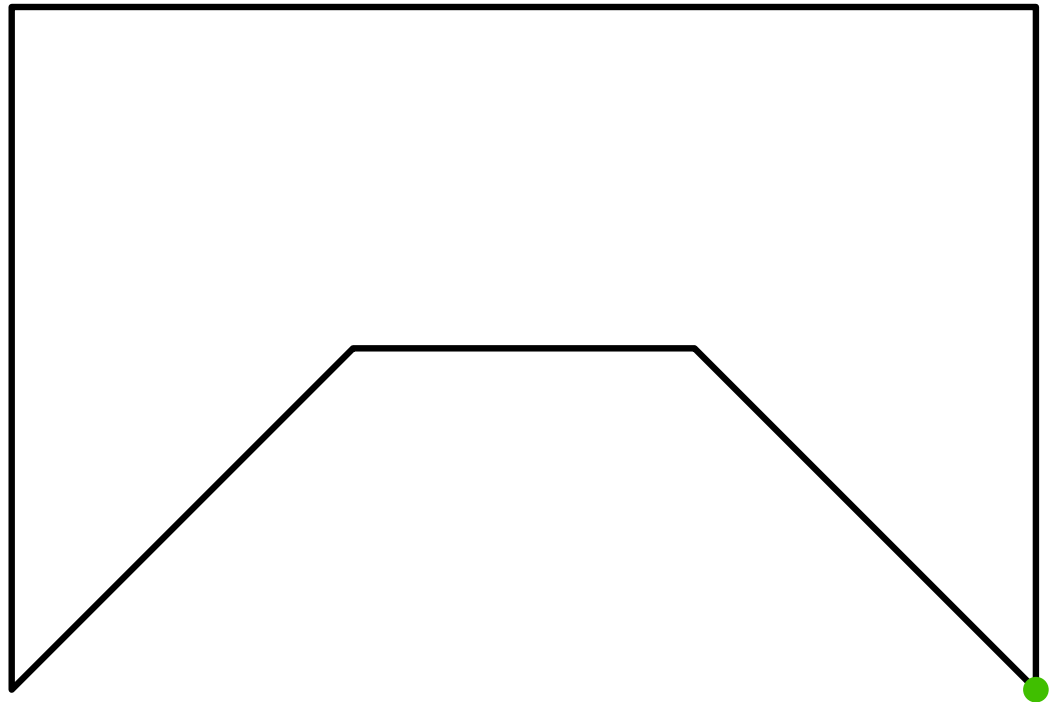
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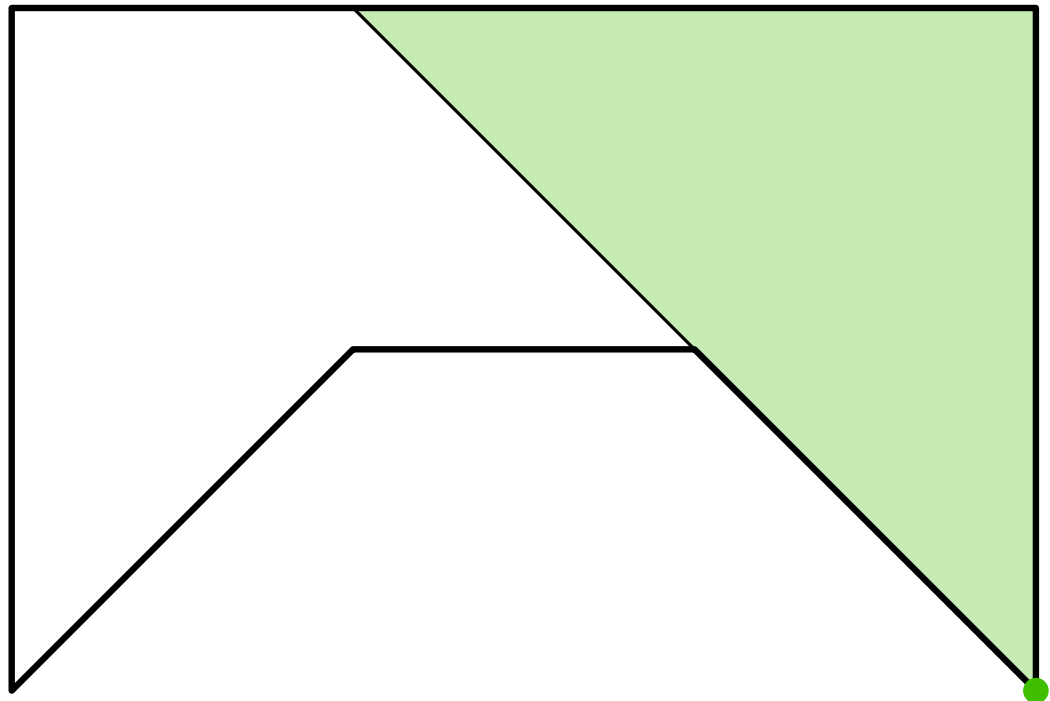
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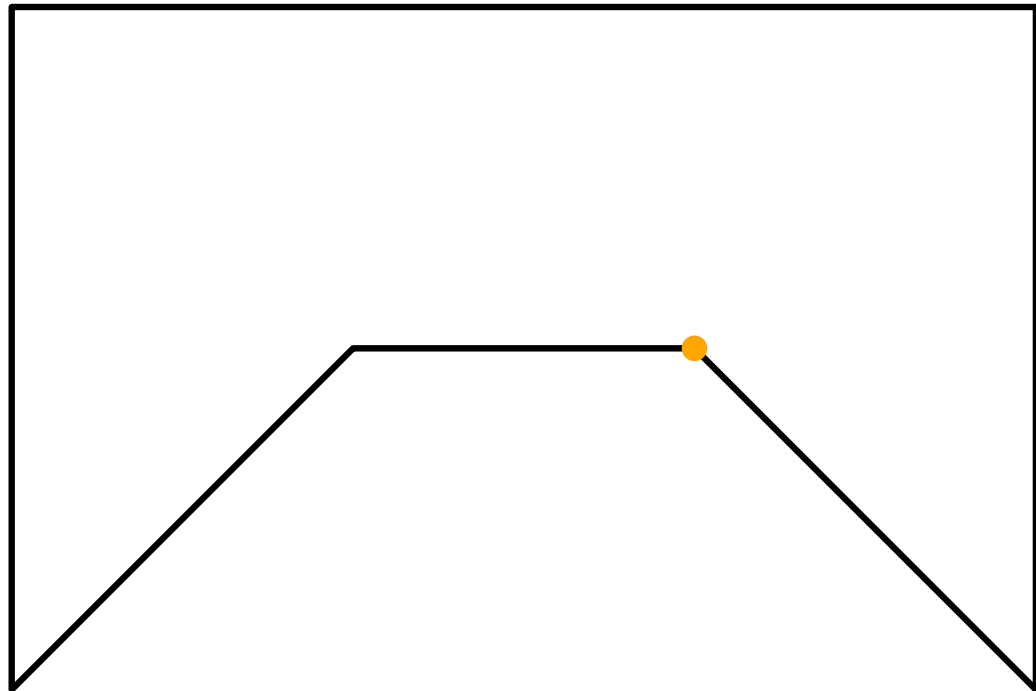
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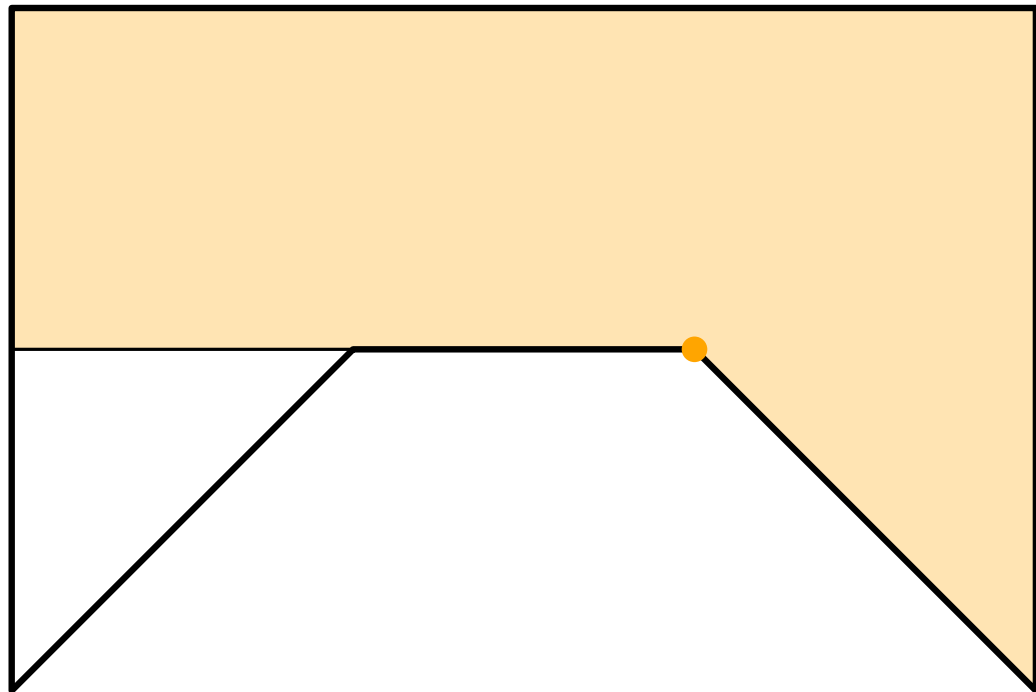
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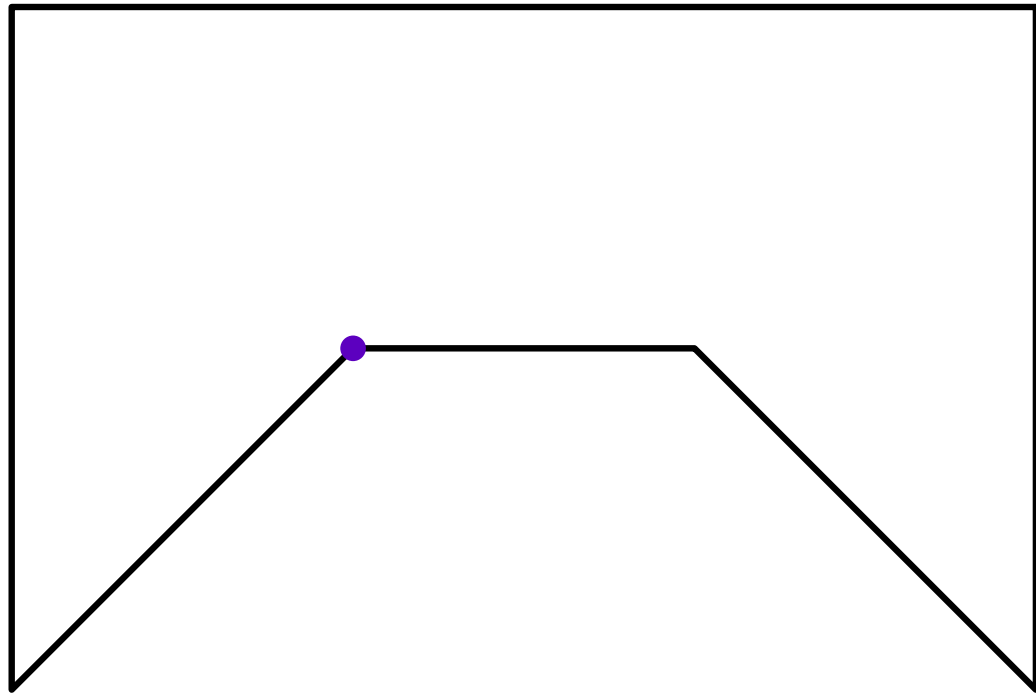
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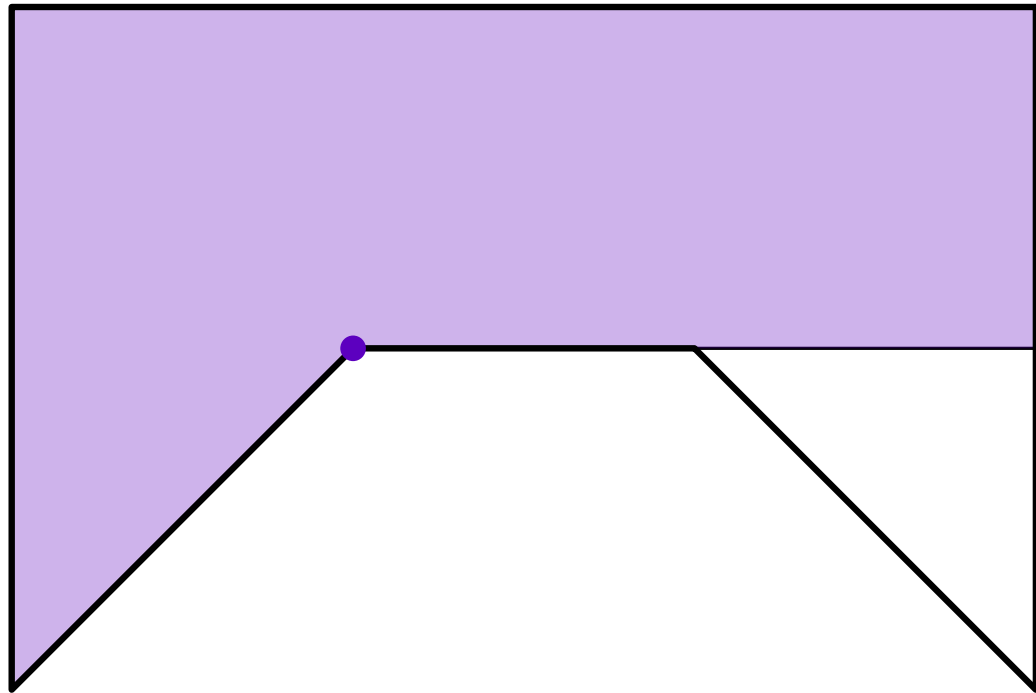
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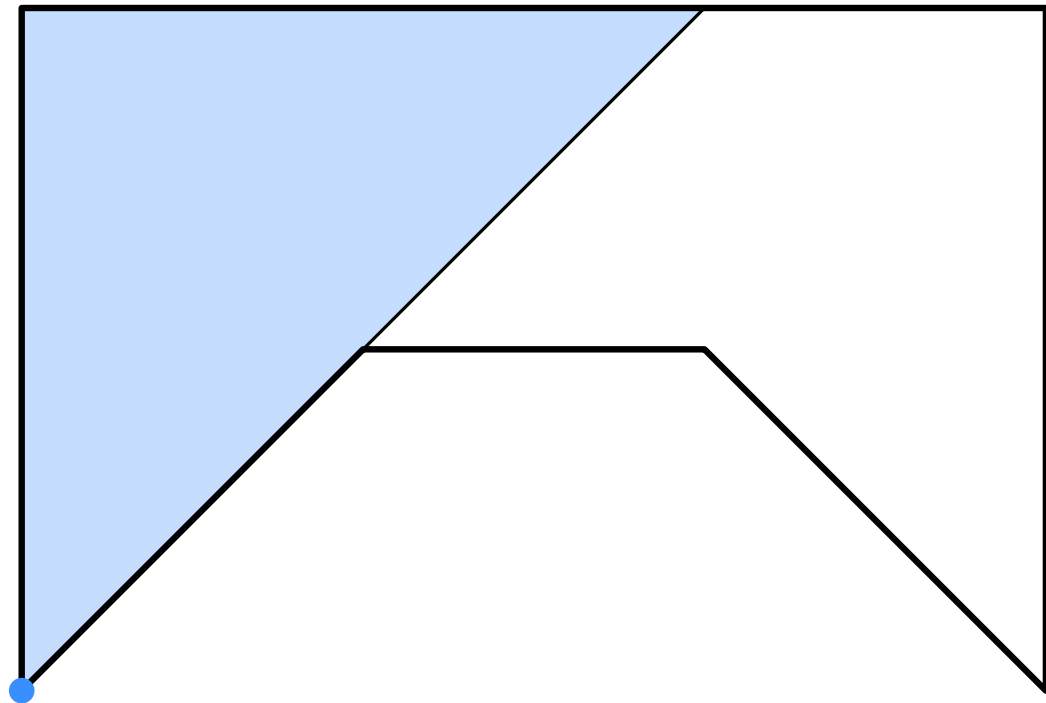
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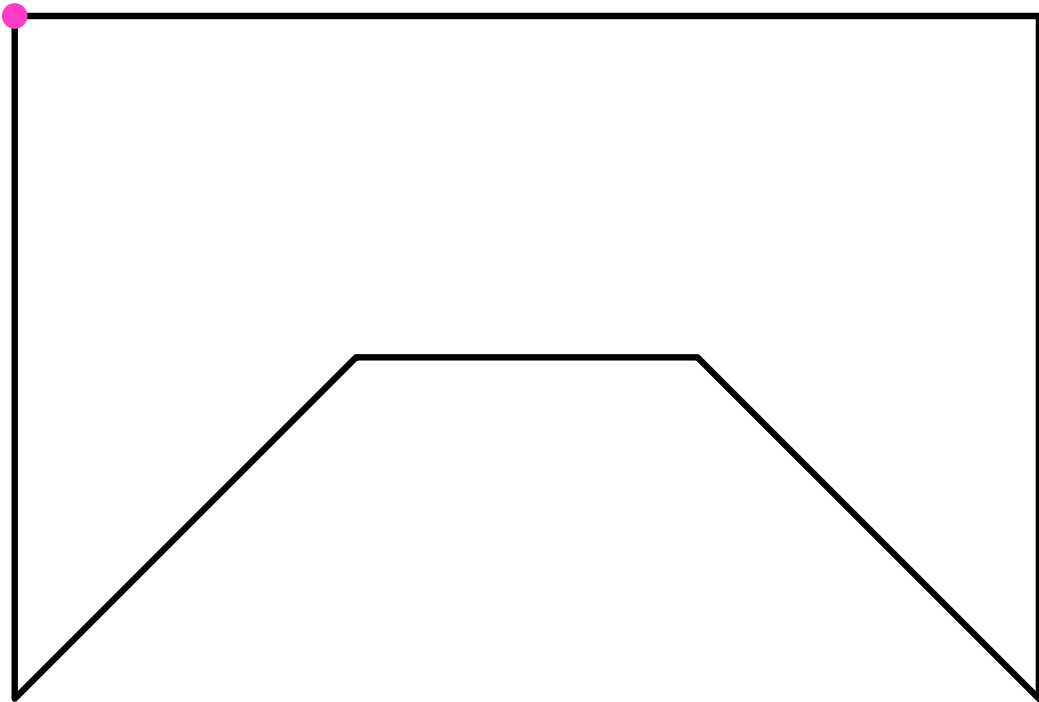
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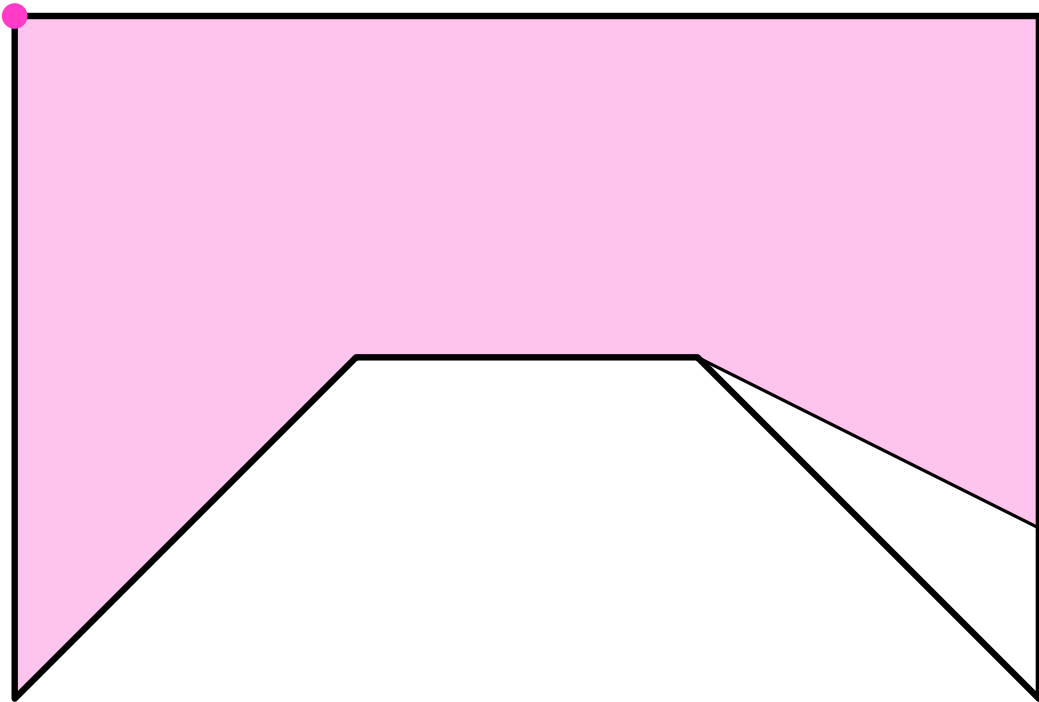
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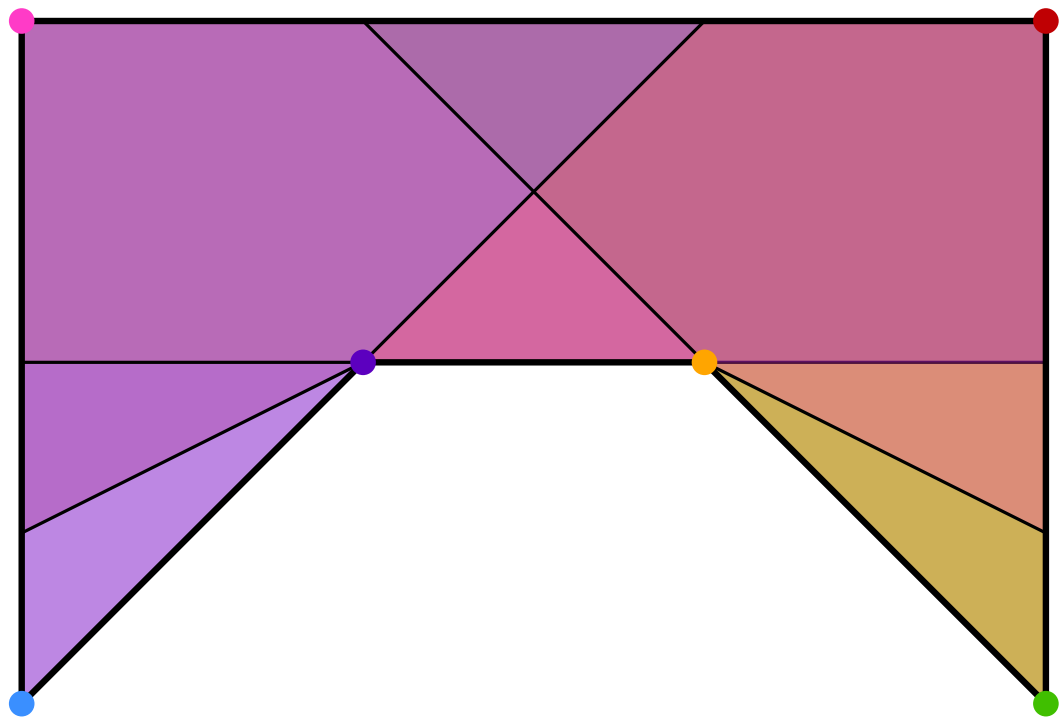
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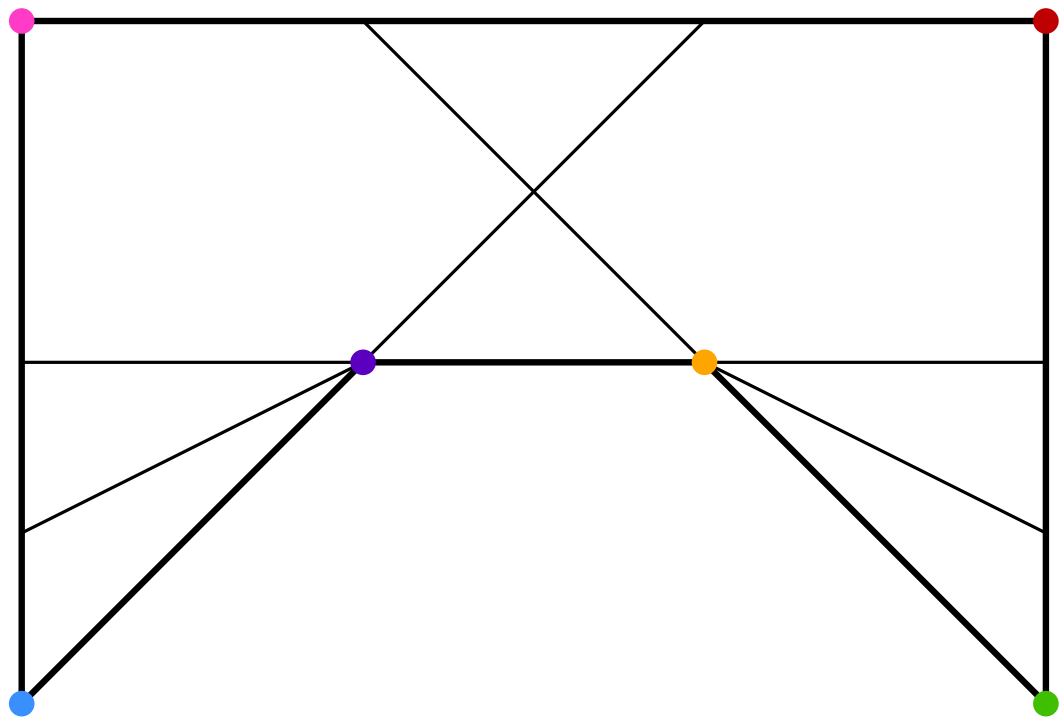
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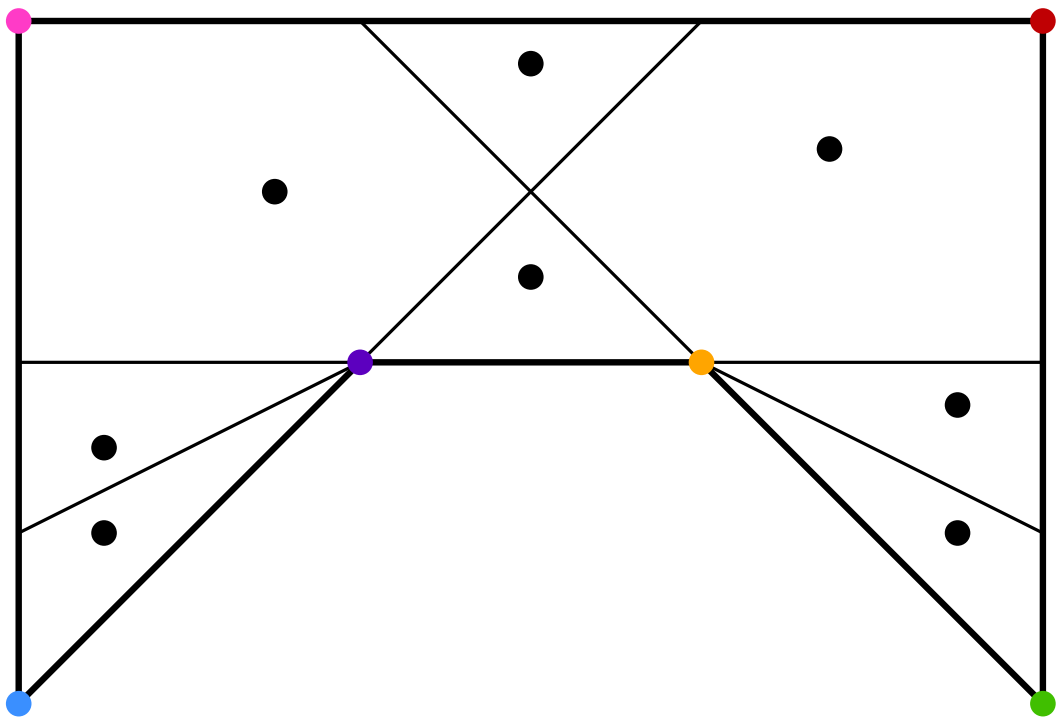
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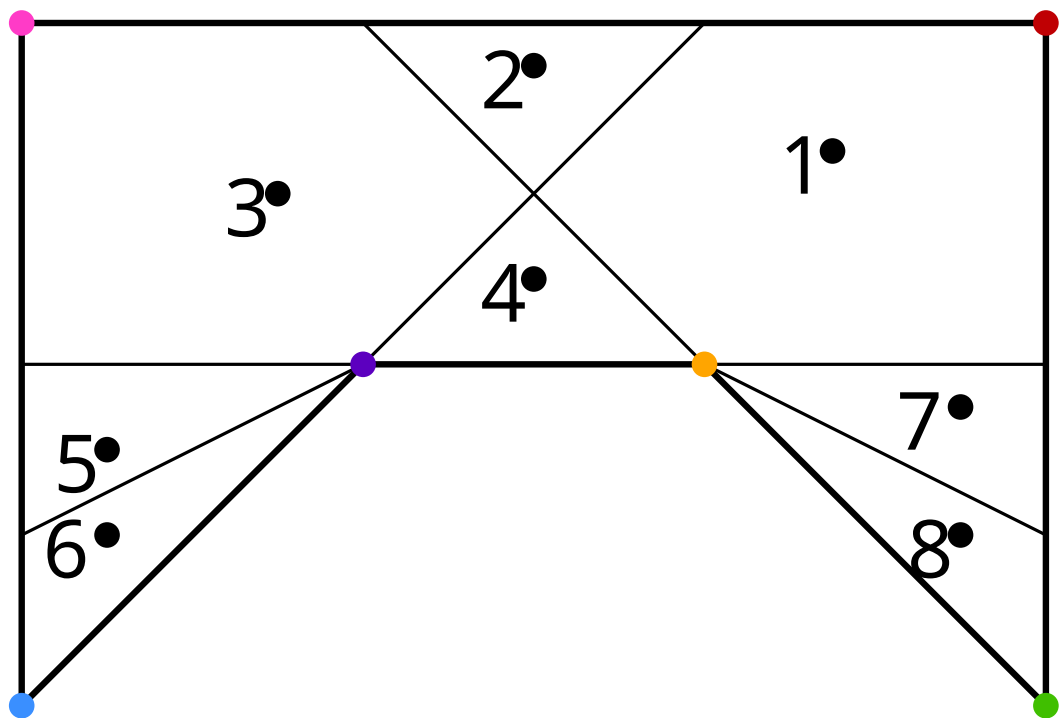
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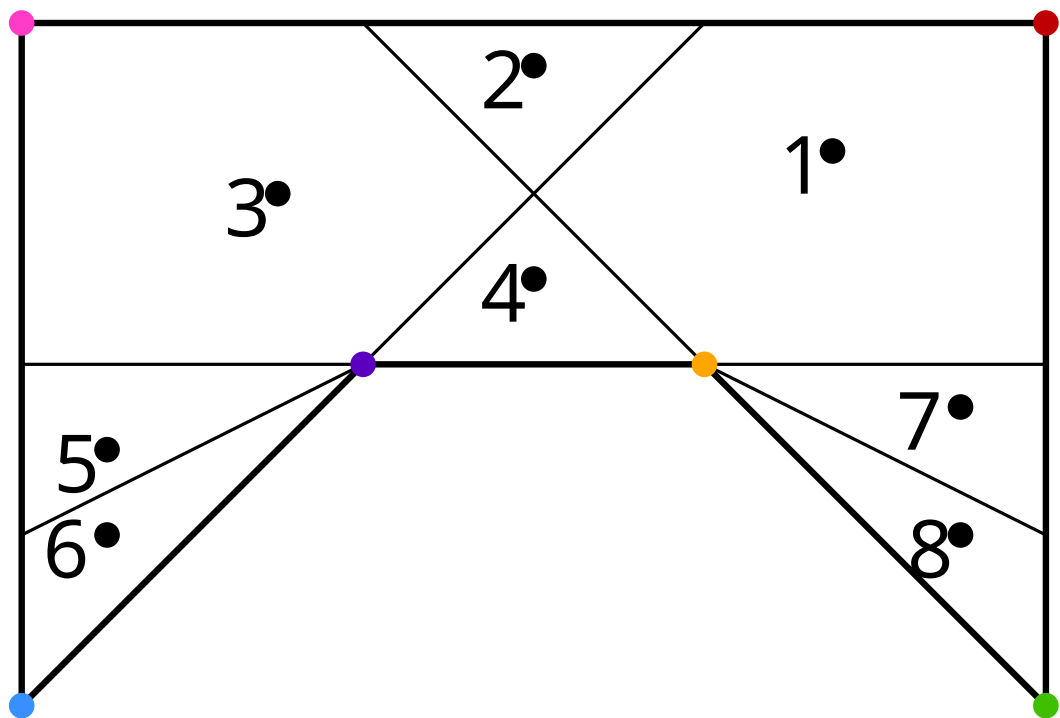
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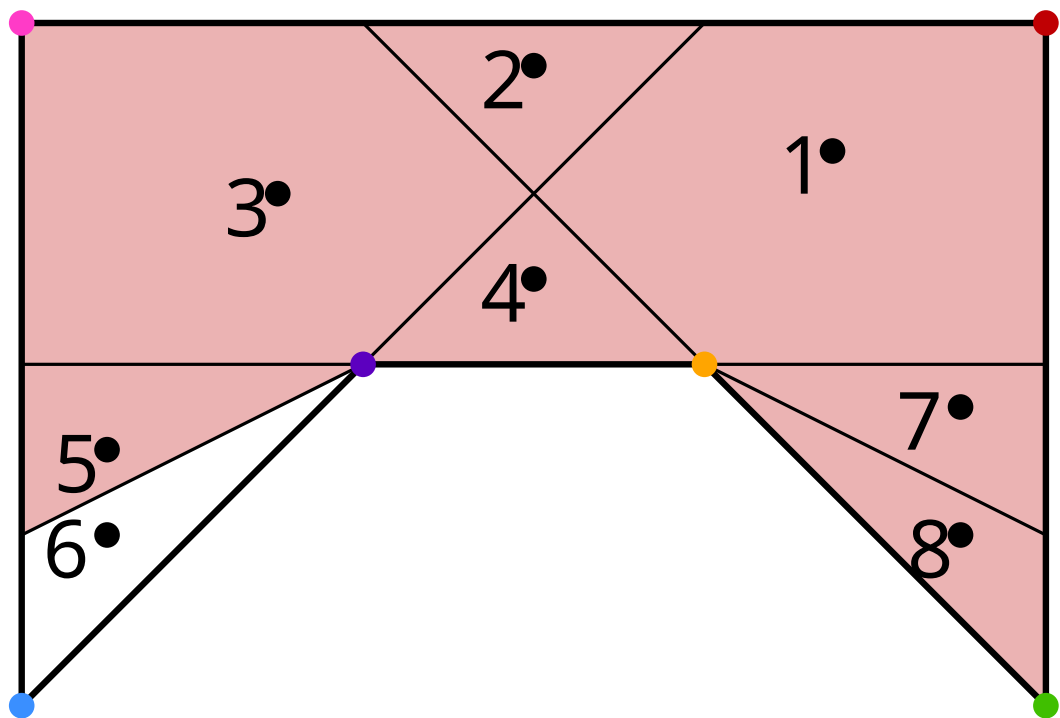
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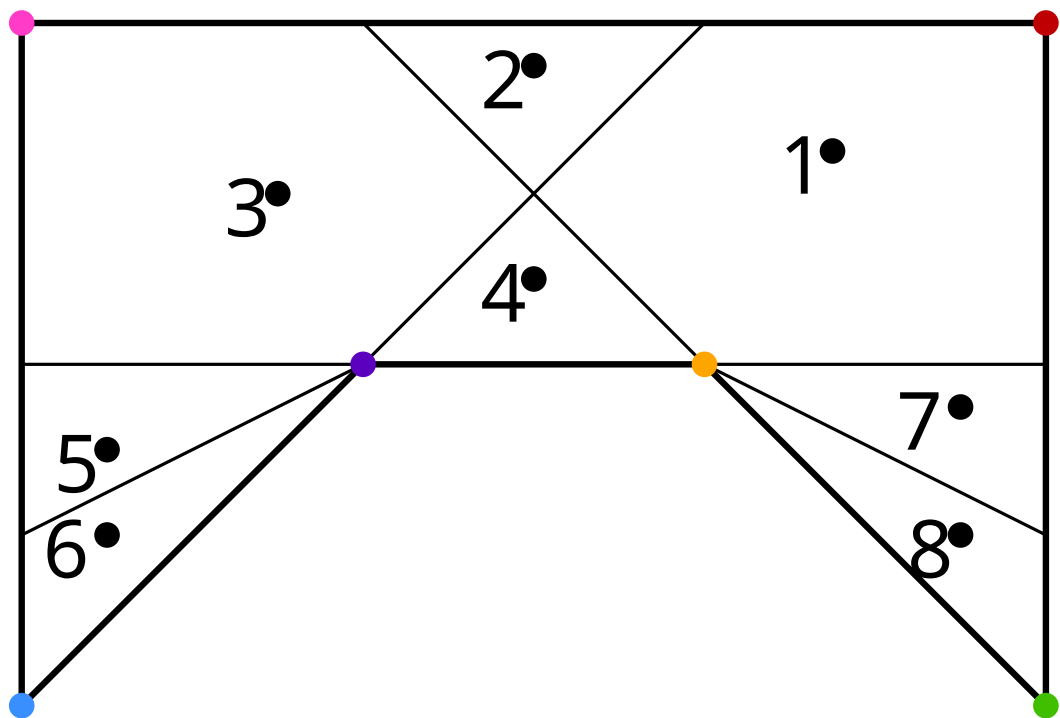
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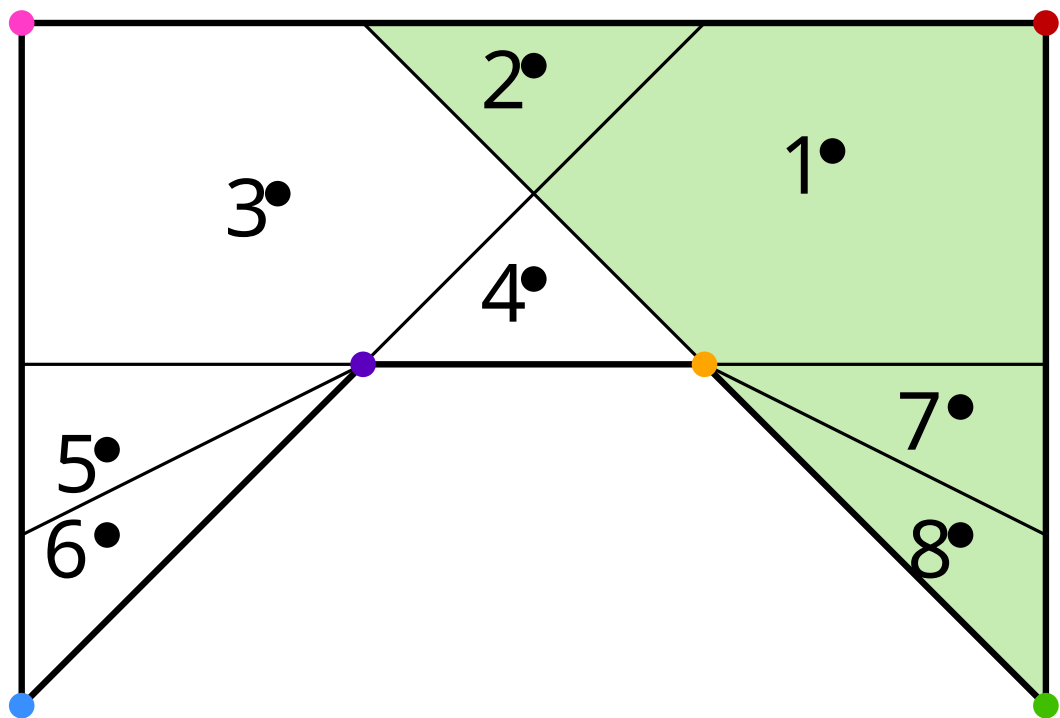
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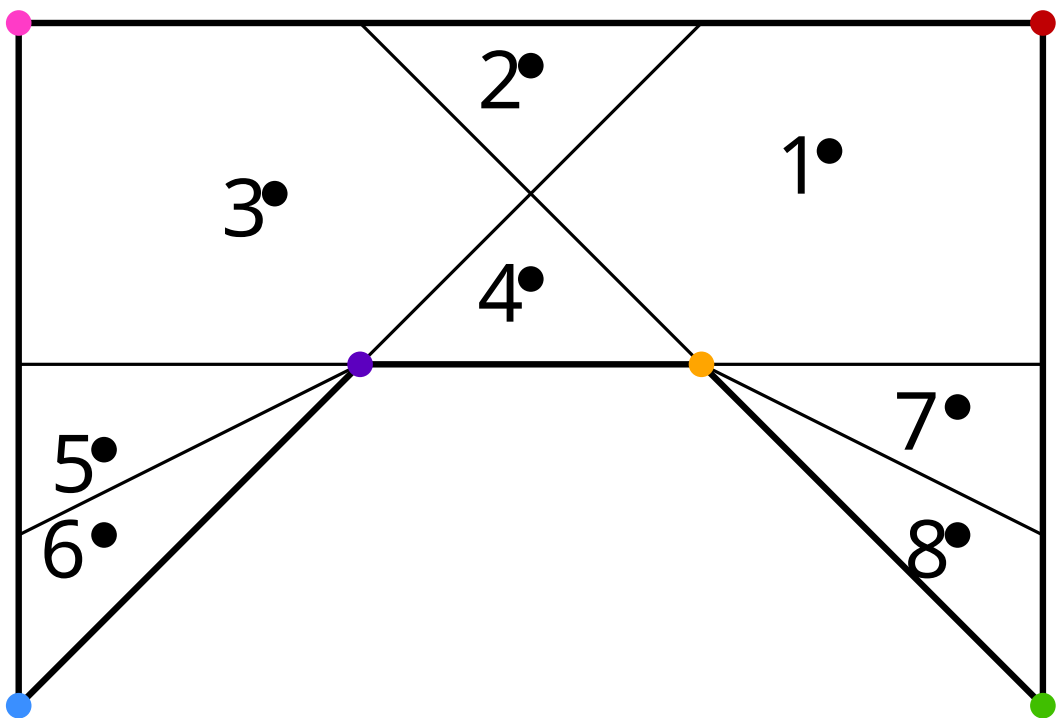
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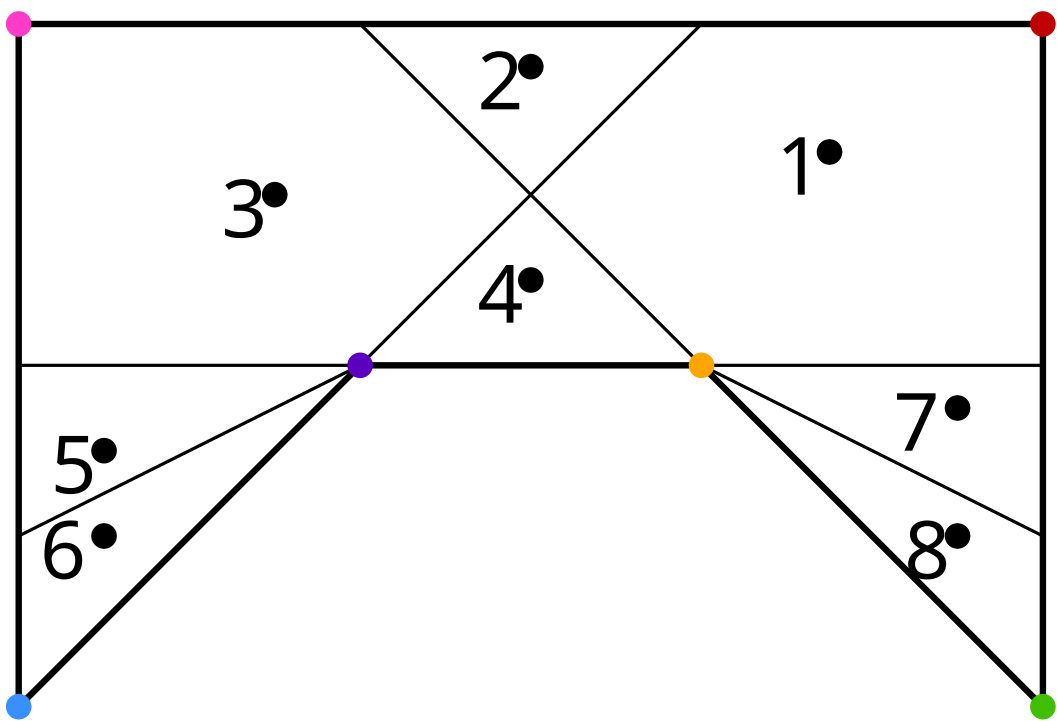
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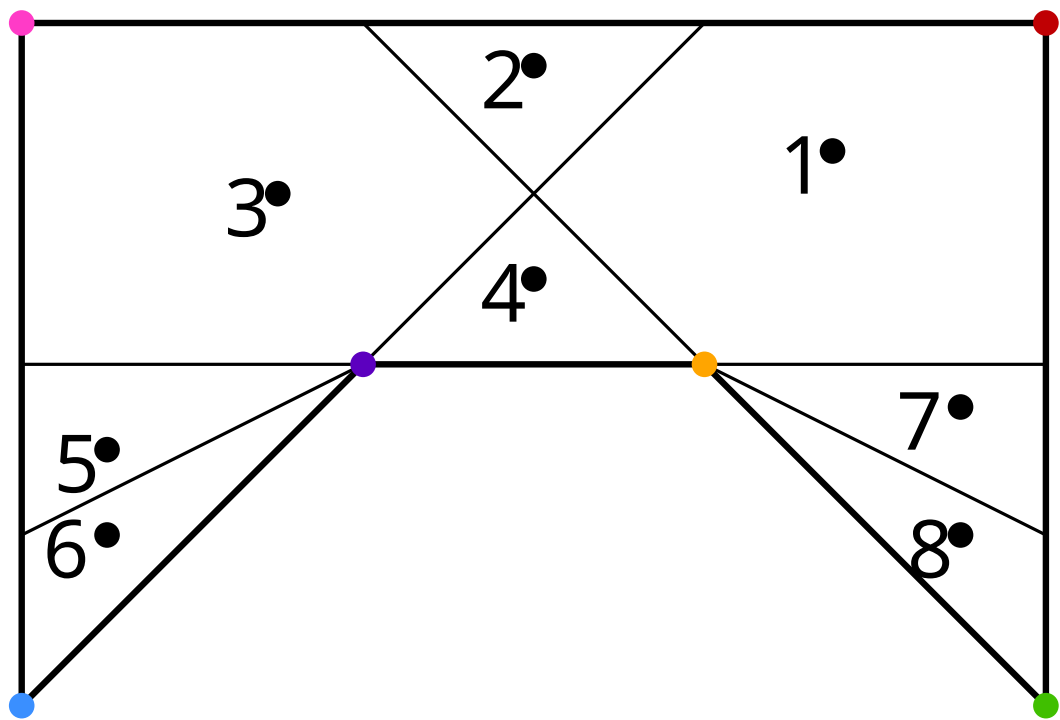
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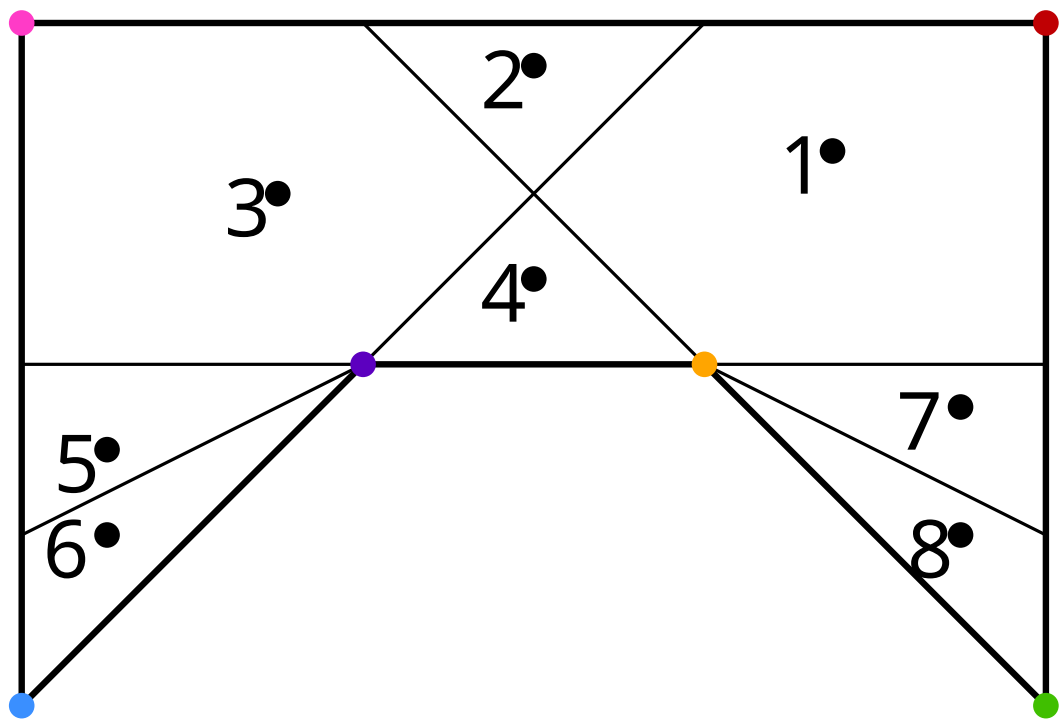
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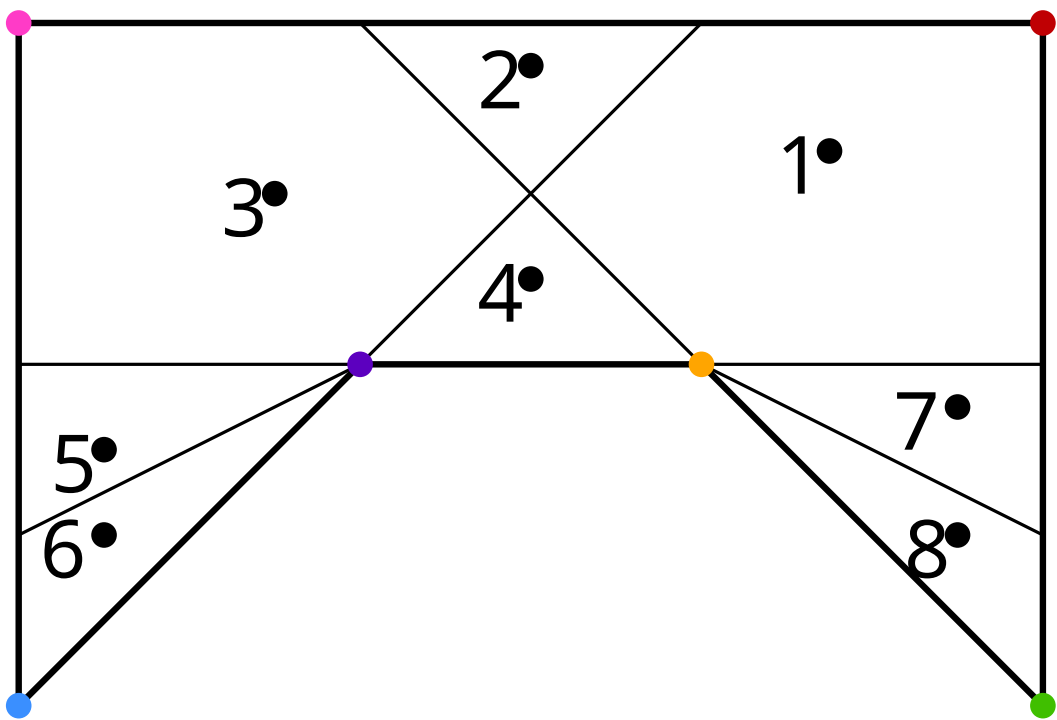


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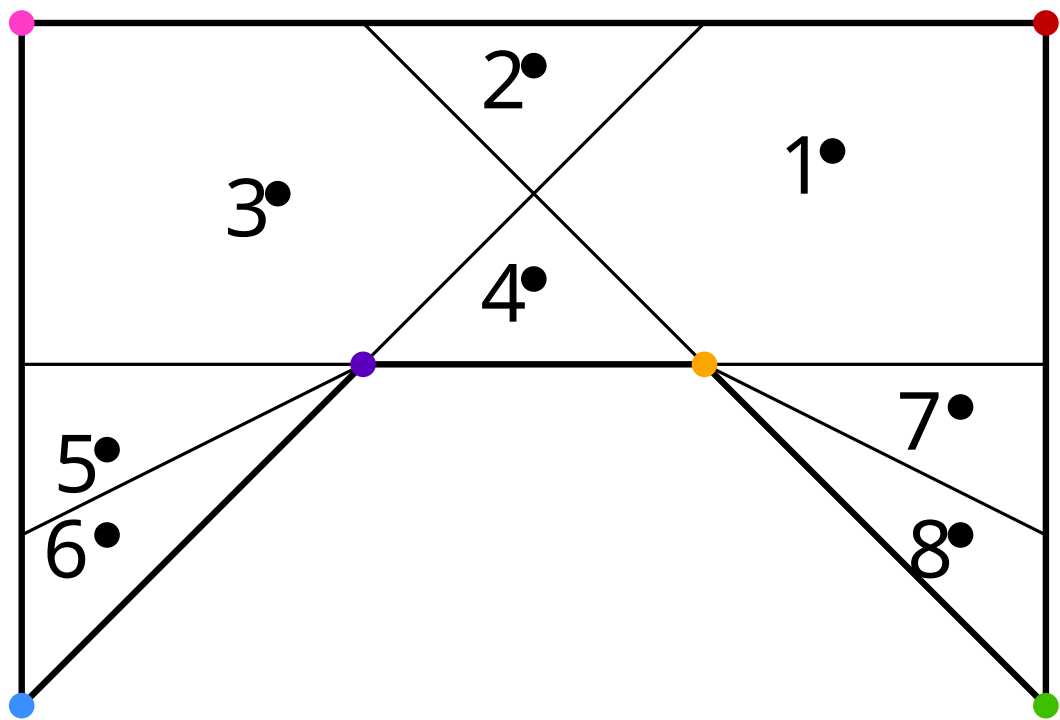
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# Summary

general set cover problem:  $O(\log n)$ -approximation using greedy algorithm

geometric set cover problem:  $O(\log k)$ -approximation using sampling with reweighting (for finite VC-dimension)

applications: covering with disks and art gallery problem