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# TRIANGULATIONS

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Based on [Berg] and [Mount]

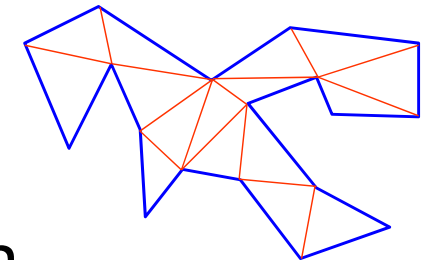
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# Talk overview

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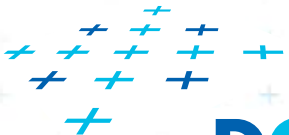
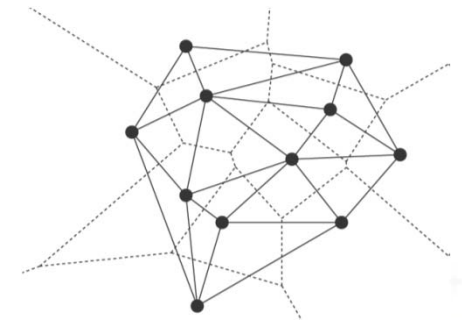
- **Polygon** triangulation

- Monotone polygon triangulation
- Monotonization of non-monotone polygon



- **Delaunay triangulation (DT) of points**

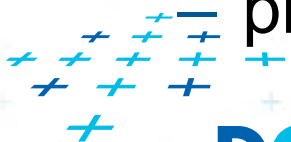
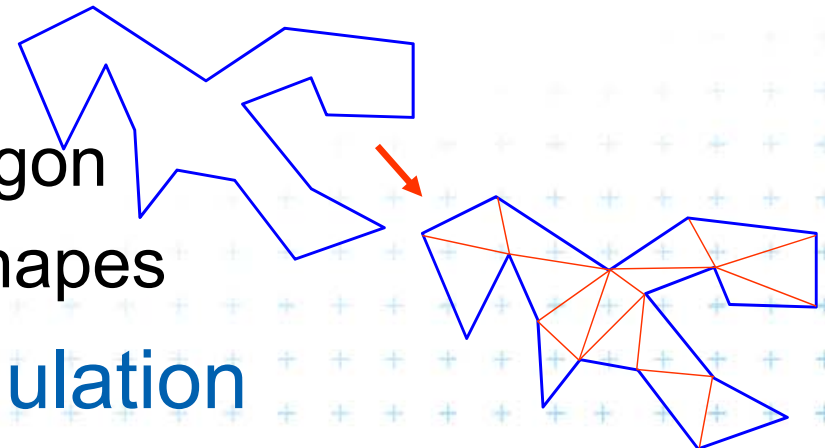
- Input: set of 2D points
- Properties
- Incremental Algorithm
- Relation of DT in 2D and lower envelope (CH) in 3D and  
relation of VD in 2D to upper envelope in 3D



# Polygon triangulation problem

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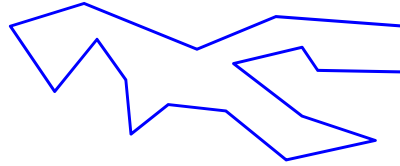
- Triangulation (in general)
  - = subdividing a spatial domain into simplices
- Application
  - decomposition of complex shapes into simpler shapes
  - art gallery problem (how many cameras and where)
- We will discuss
  - Triangulation of a simple polygon
  - without demand on triangle shapes
- Complexity of polygon triangulation
  - $O(n)$  alg. exists [Chazelle91], but it is too complicated
  - practical algorithms run in  $O(n \log n)$



# Terminology

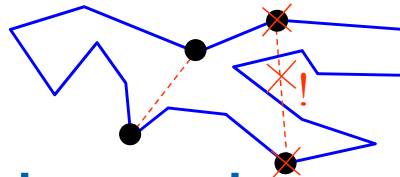
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## Simple polygon



= region enclosed by a closed polygonal chain that does not intersect itself

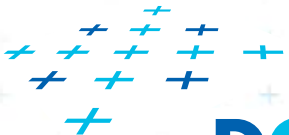
## Visible points



= two points on the boundary are visible if the interior of the line segment joining them lies entirely in the interior of the polygon

## Diagonal

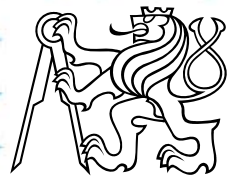
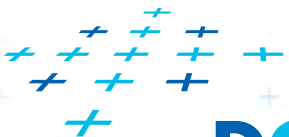
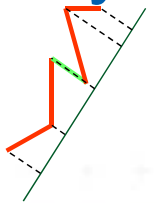
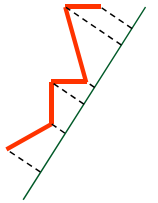
= line segment joining any pair of visible vertices



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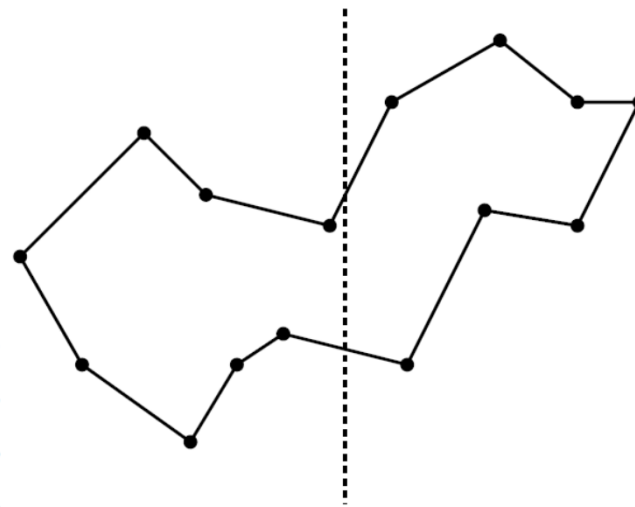
- A polygonal chain  $C$  is **strictly monotone with respect to line  $L$** , if any line orthogonal to  $L$  intersects  $C$  in at most one *point*
- A chain  $C$  is **monotone with respect to line  $L$** , if any line orthogonal to  $L$  intersects  $C$  in at most one *connected component* (point, line segment,...)
- Polygon  $P$  is **monotone with respect to line  $L$** , if its boundary ( $\text{bnd}(P)$ ,  $\partial P$ ) can be split into two chains, each of which is monotone with respect to  $L$



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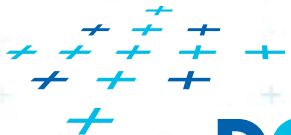
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- **Horizontally monotone polygon**  
= monotone with respect to  $x$ -axis
  - Can be tested in  $O(n)$
  - Find leftmost and rightmost point in  $O(n)$
  - Split boundary to **upper and lower chain**
  - Walk left to right, verifying that  $x$ -coord are non-decreasing

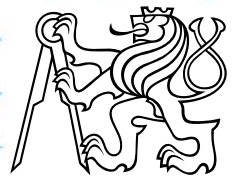


$x$ -monotone polygon

[Mount]



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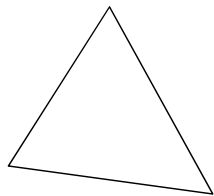


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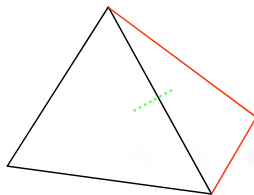
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- Every simple polygon can be triangulated
- Simple polygon with  $n$  vertices consists of
  - exactly  $n-2$  triangles
  - exactly  $n-3$  diagonals
  - Each diagonal is added once  
=>  $O(n)$  sweep line algorithm exist

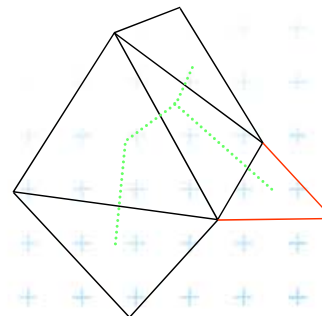
Proof by induction



$n = 3 \Rightarrow 0$  diagonal

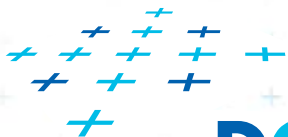


$n = 4 \Rightarrow 1$  diagonal



$n := n+1 \Rightarrow n + 1 - 3$  diagonals

$n + 1 = 7 \Rightarrow 4$  diagonals)



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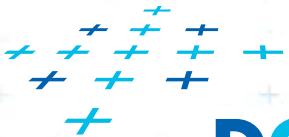


# Simple polygon triangulation

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- Simple polygon can be triangulated in 2 steps:
  1. Partition the polygon into x-monotone pieces
  2. Triangulate all monotone pieces

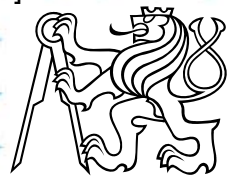
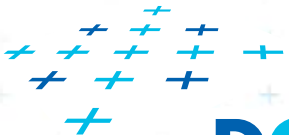
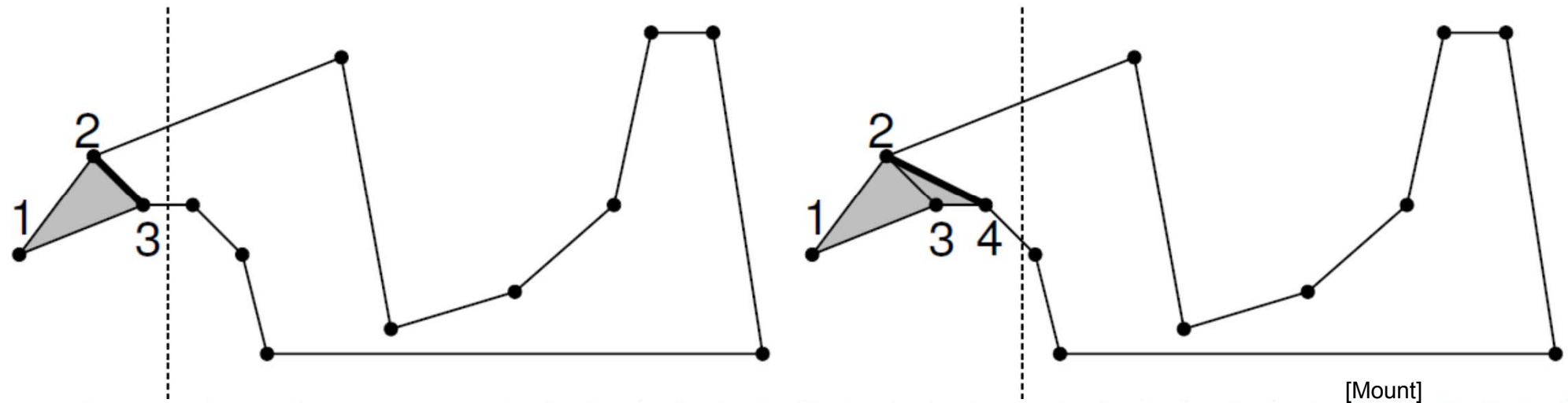
(we will discuss the steps in the reversed order)





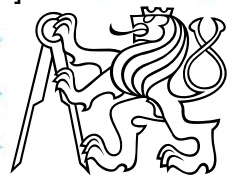
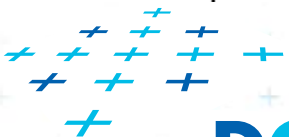
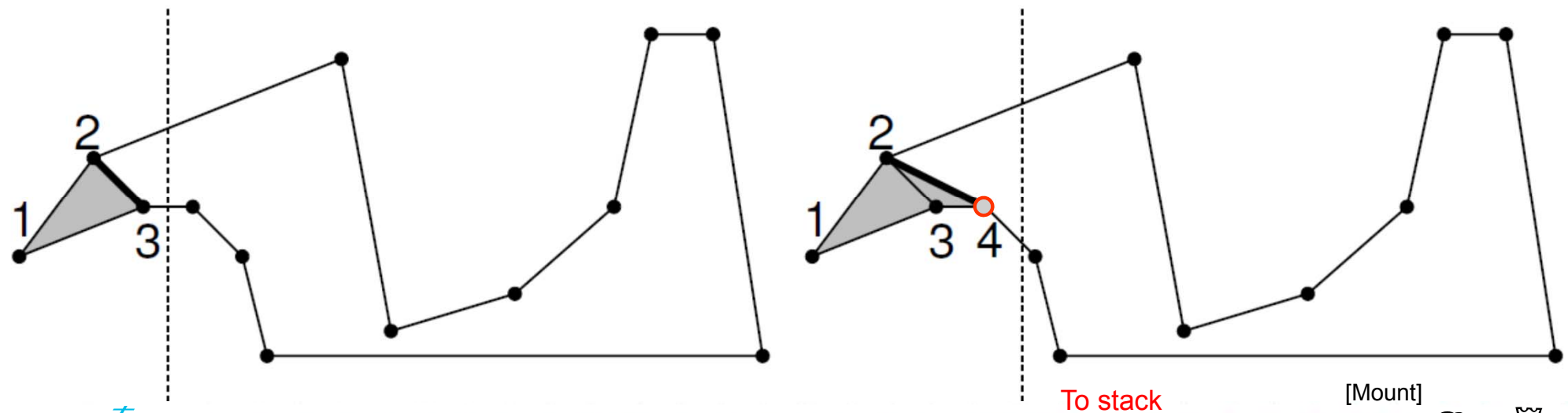
## 2. Triangulation of the monotone polygon

- Sweep left to right - in  $O(n)$  time
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- Remove triangulated region from further consideration – mark as **DONE**



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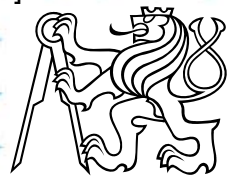
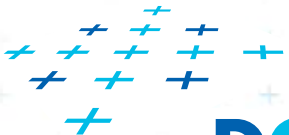
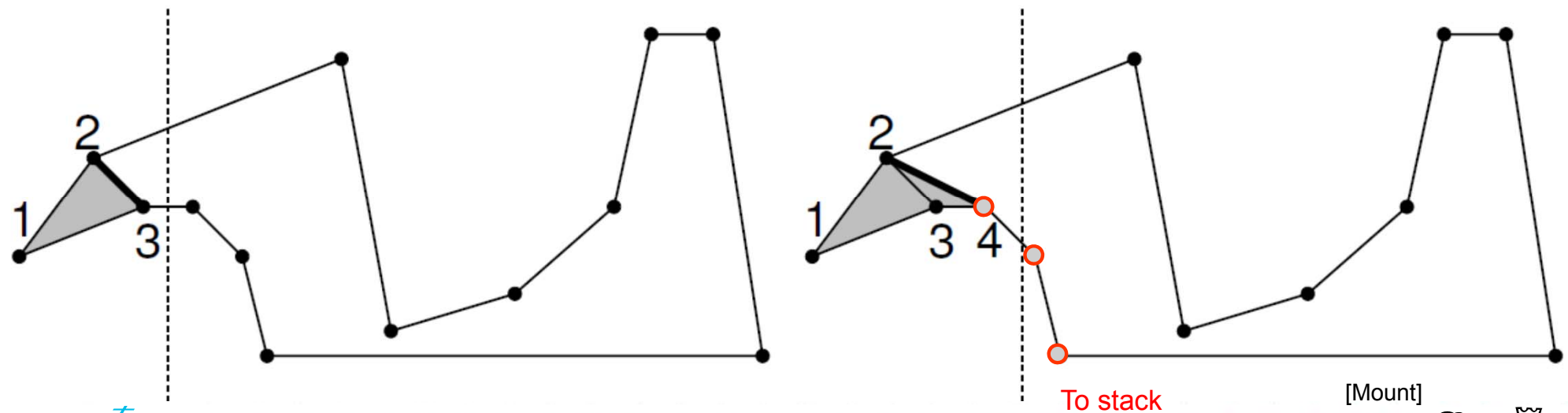
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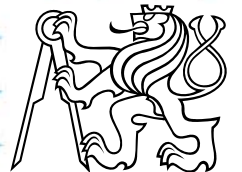
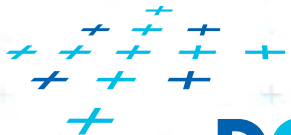
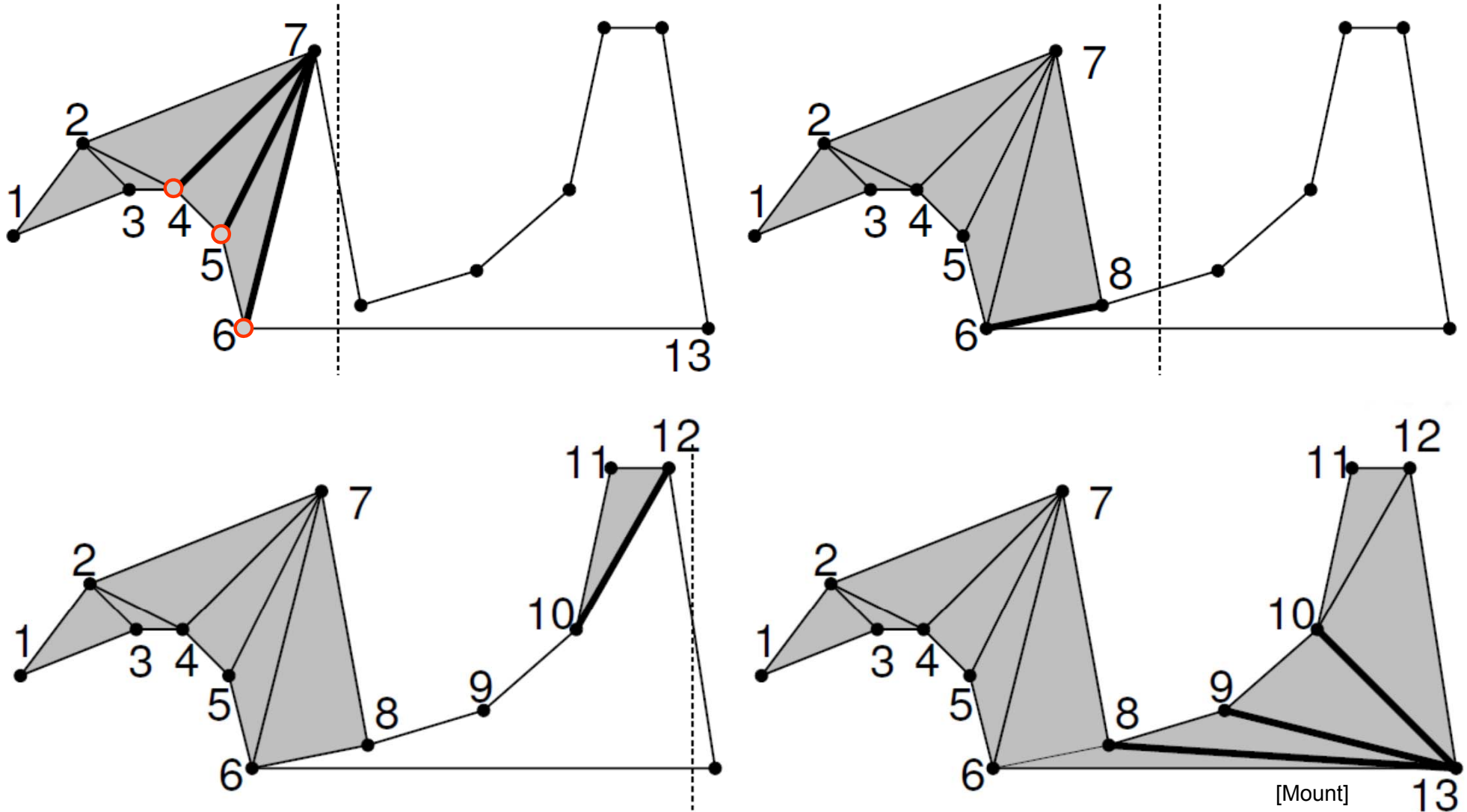


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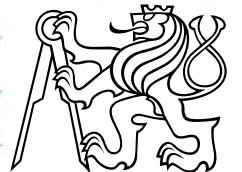
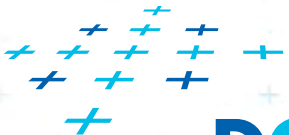
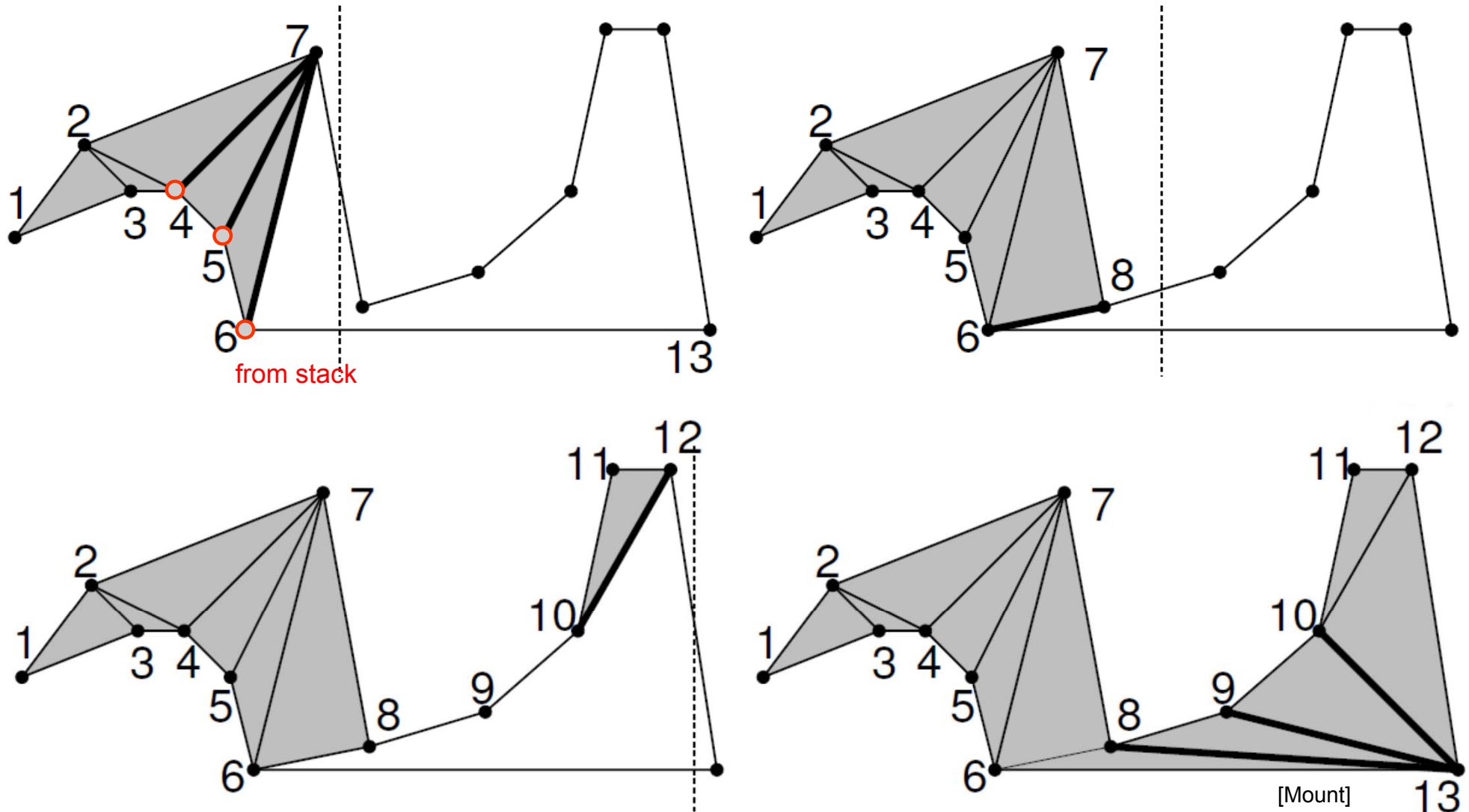
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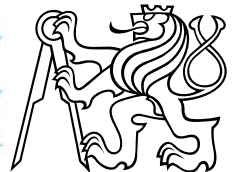
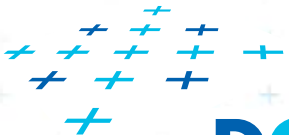
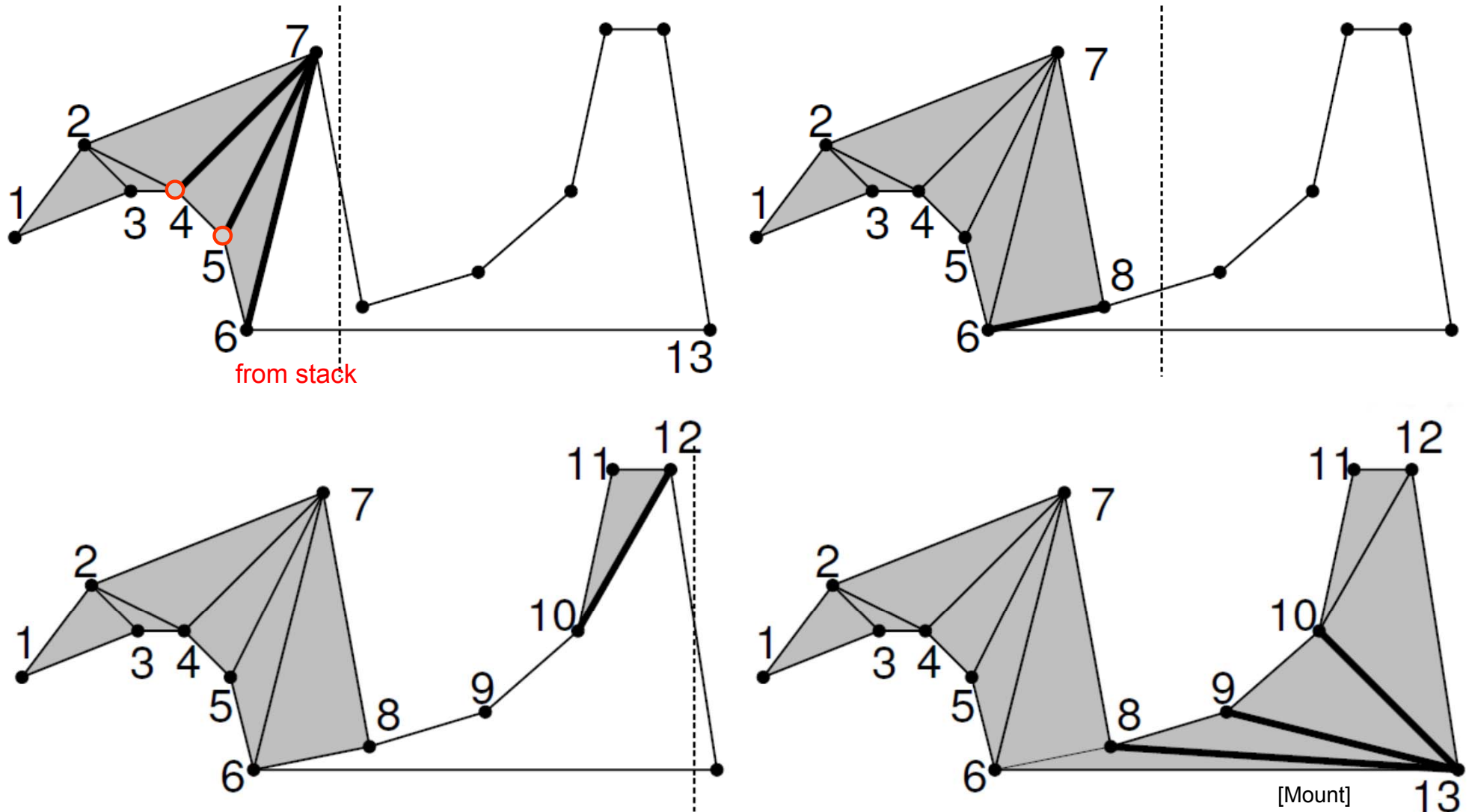
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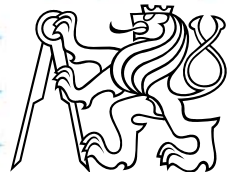
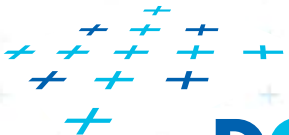
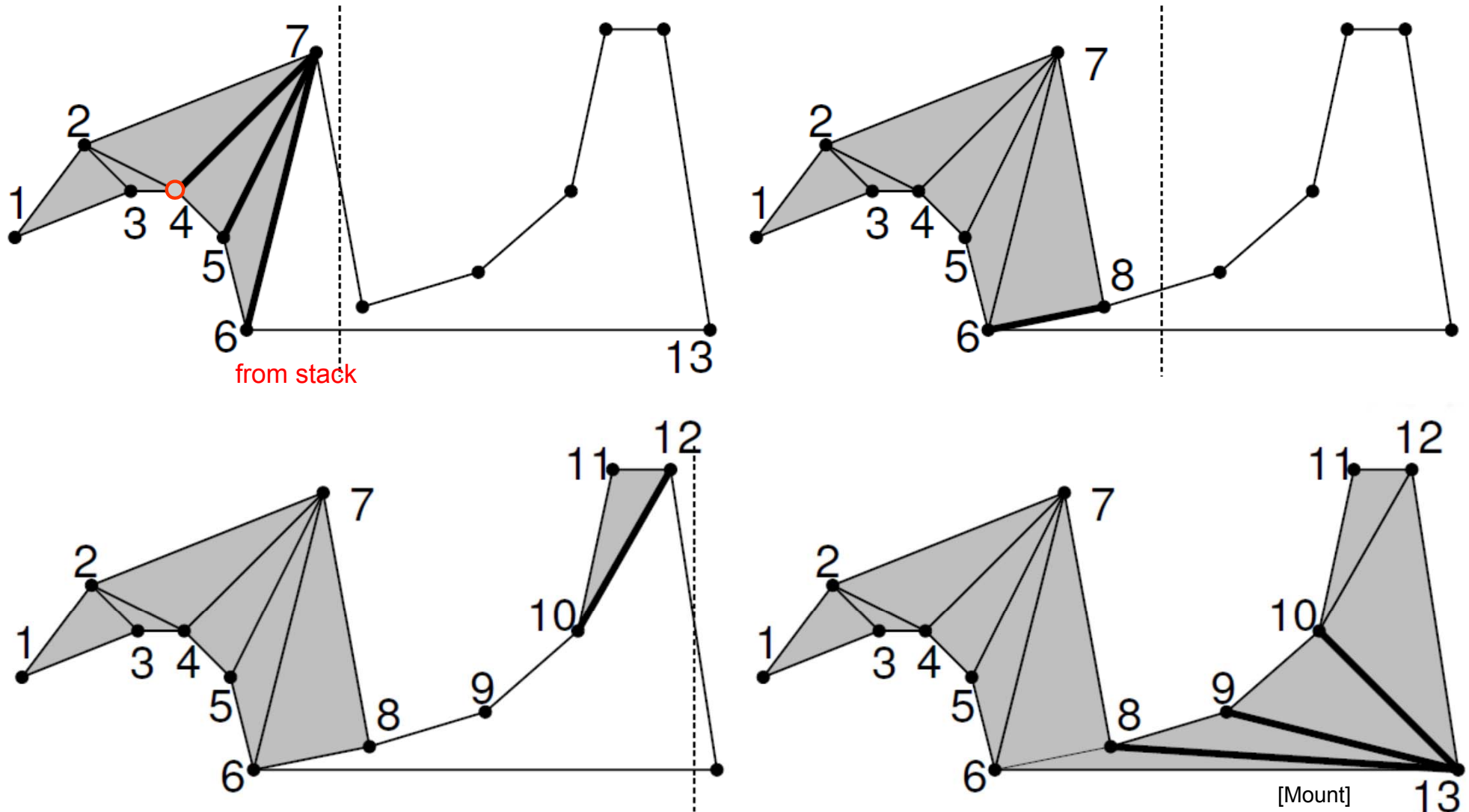
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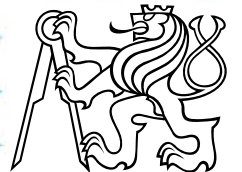
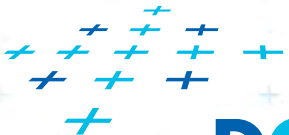
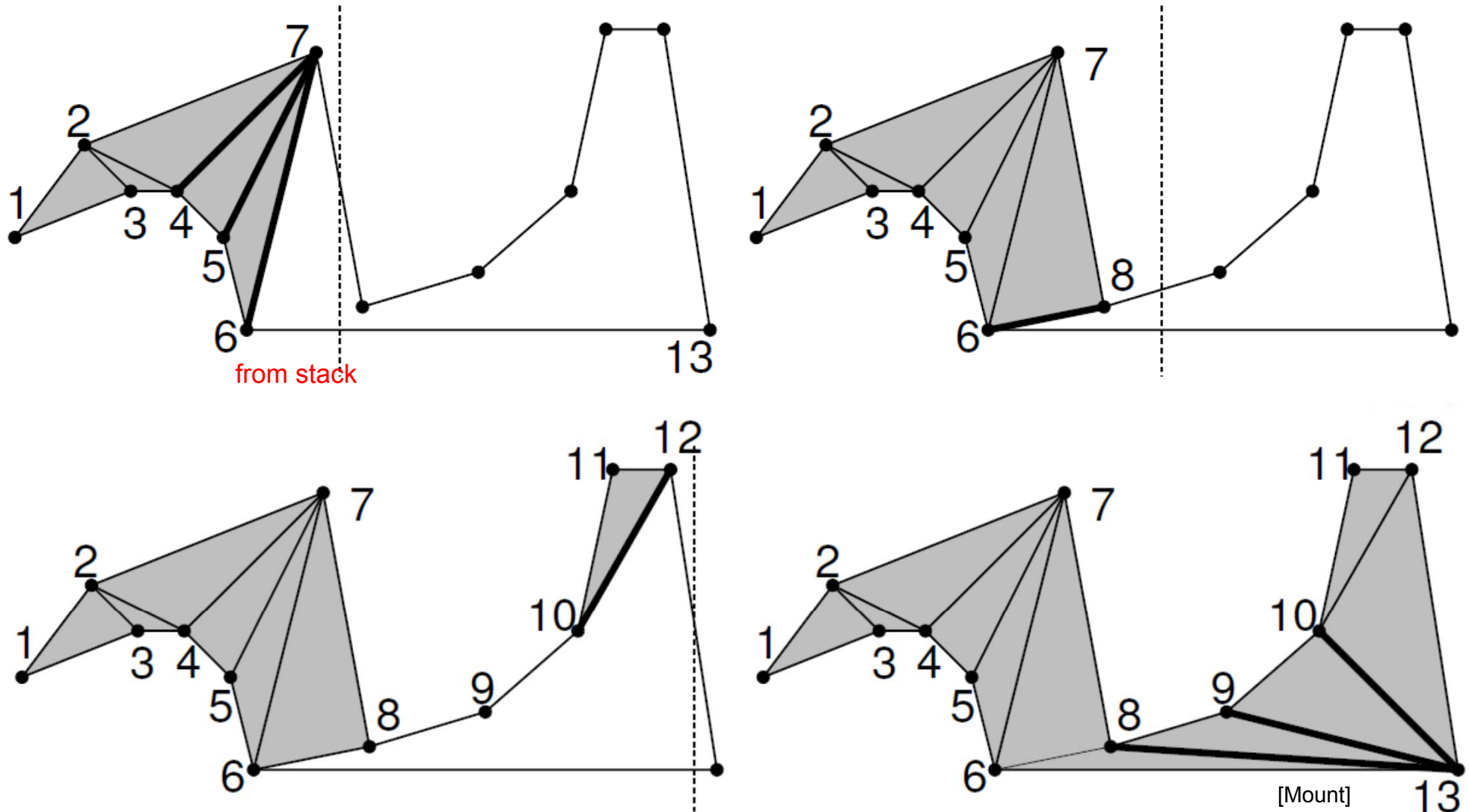


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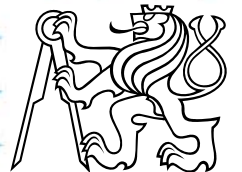
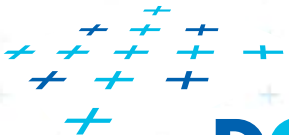
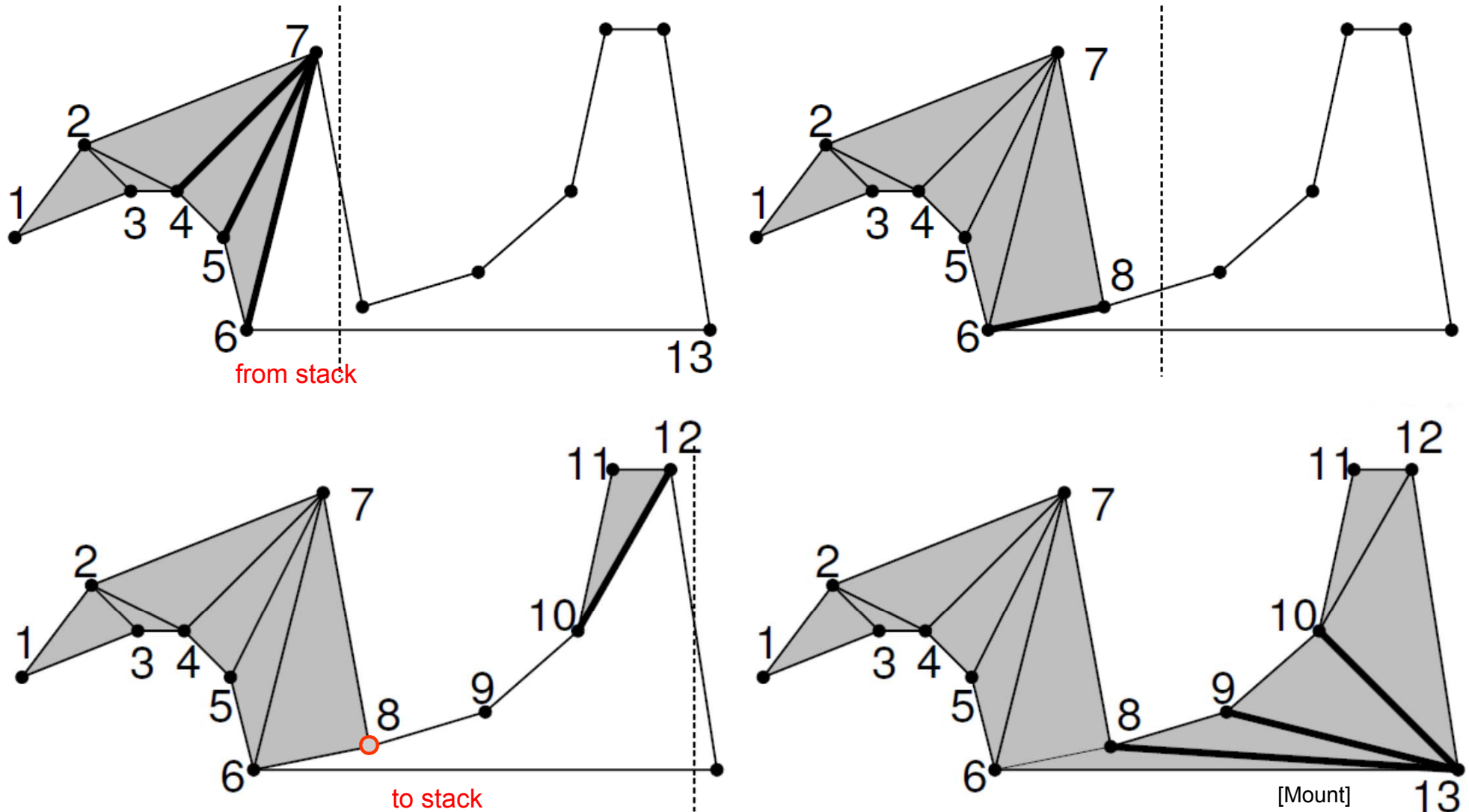




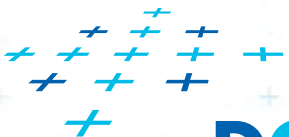
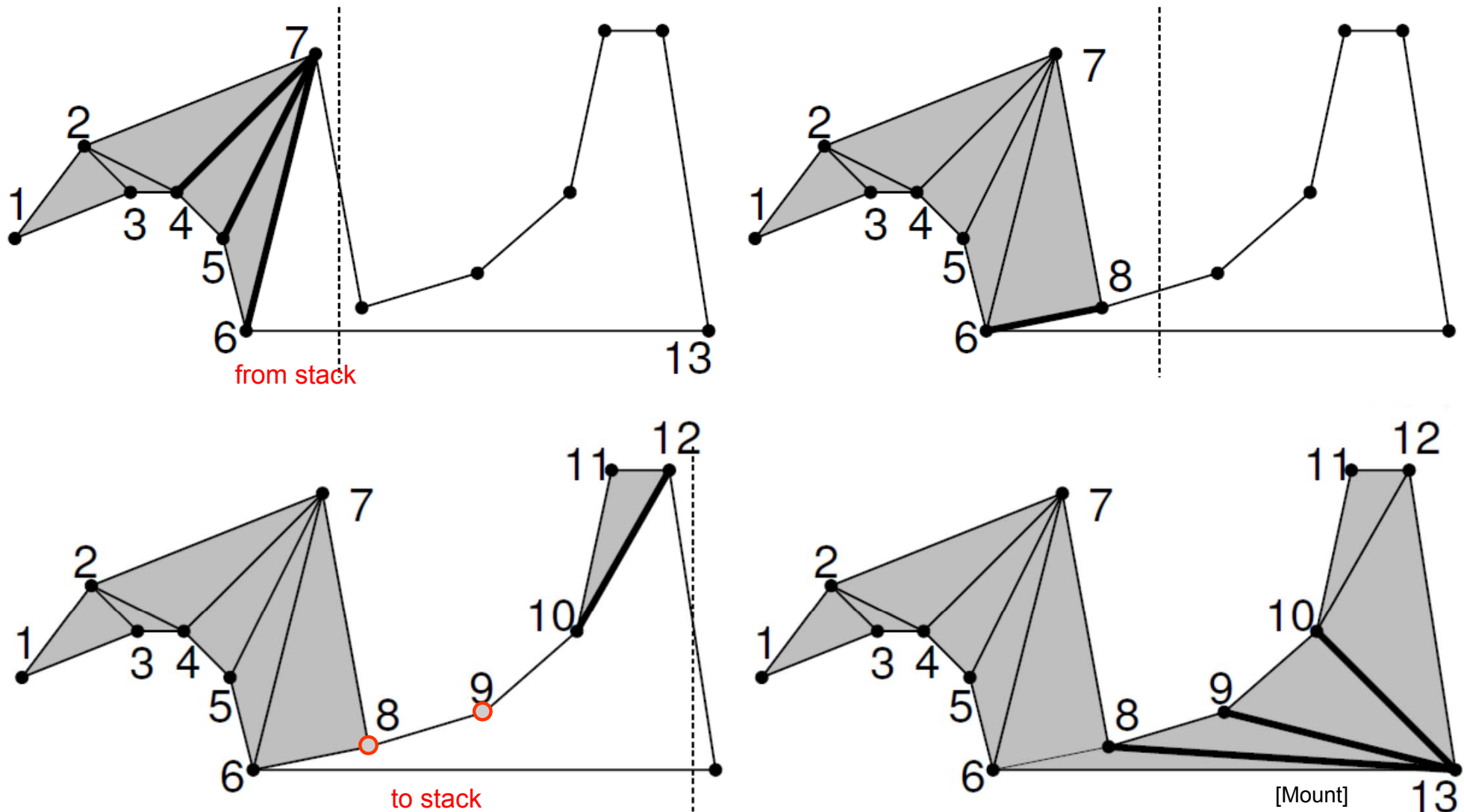
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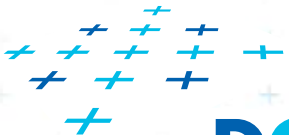
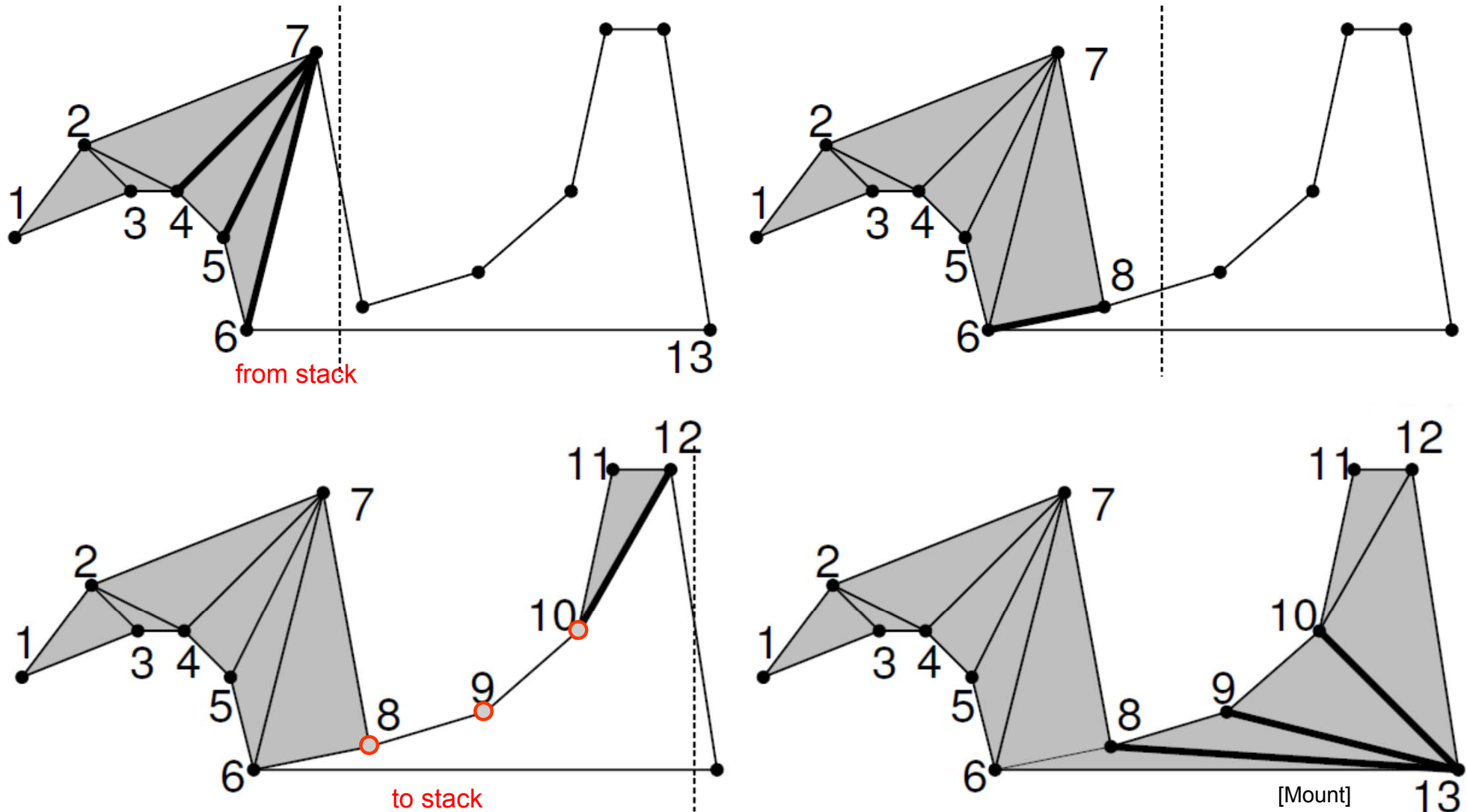
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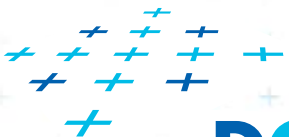
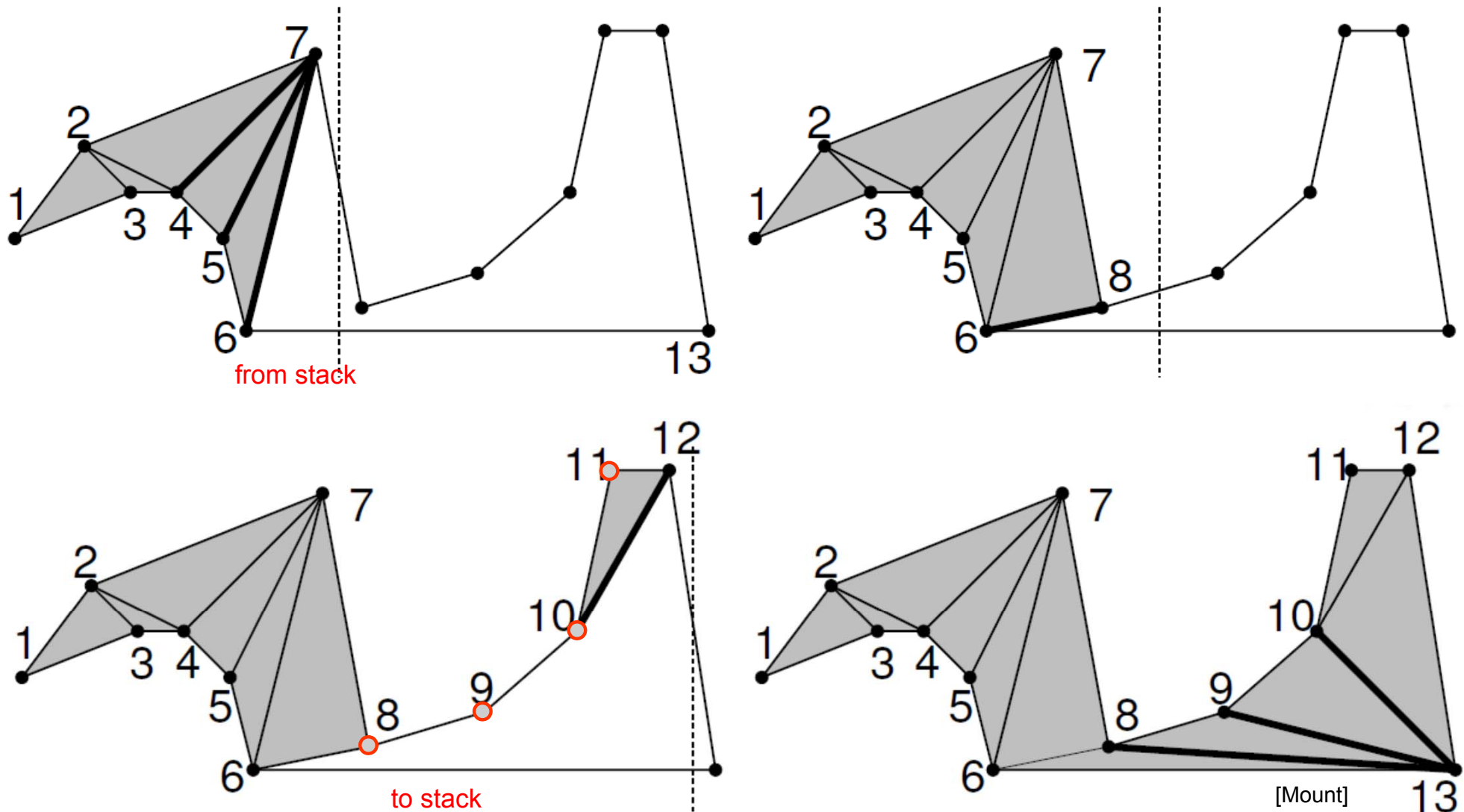
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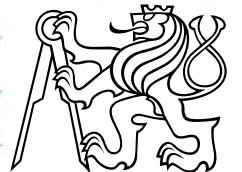
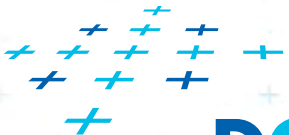
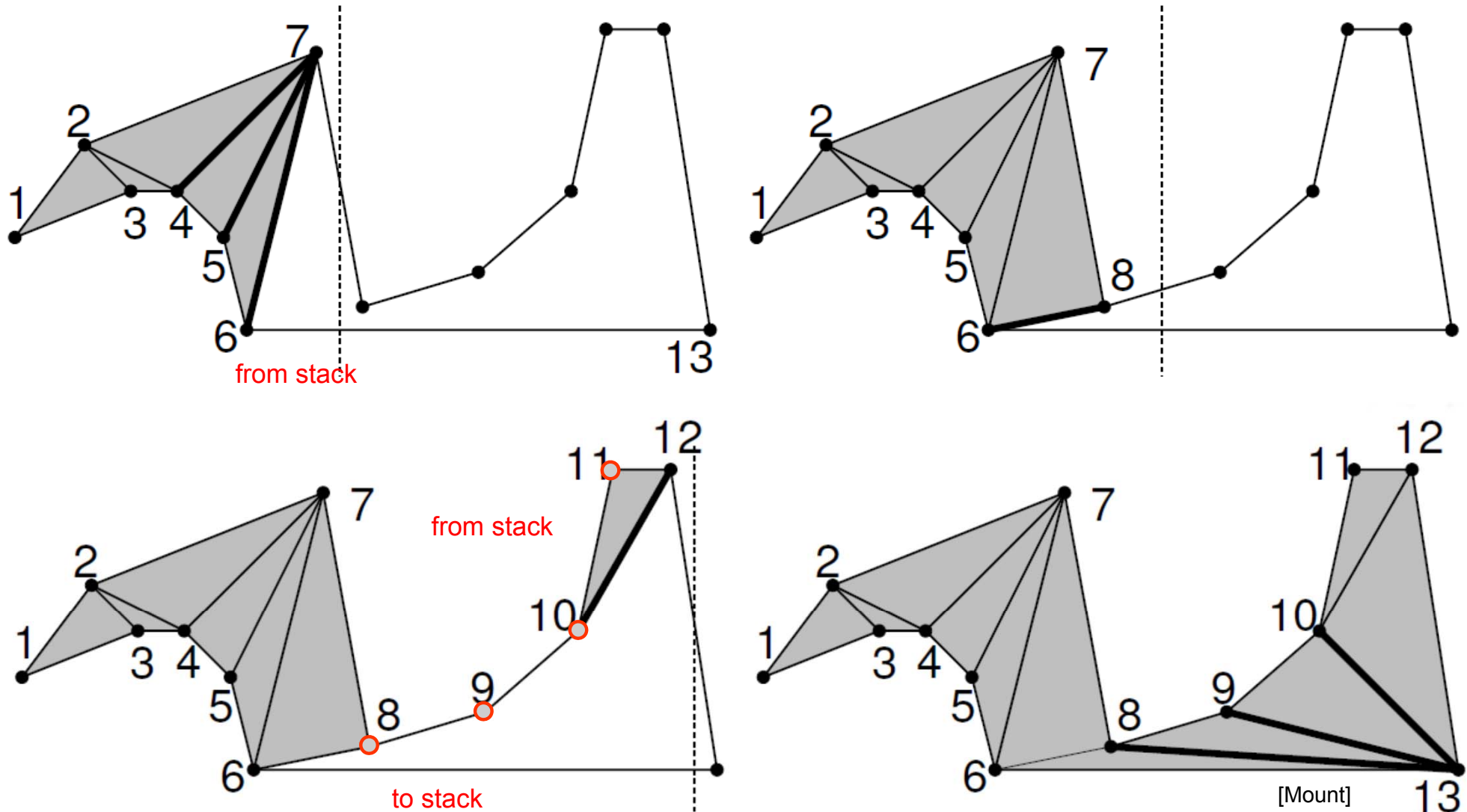
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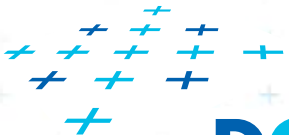
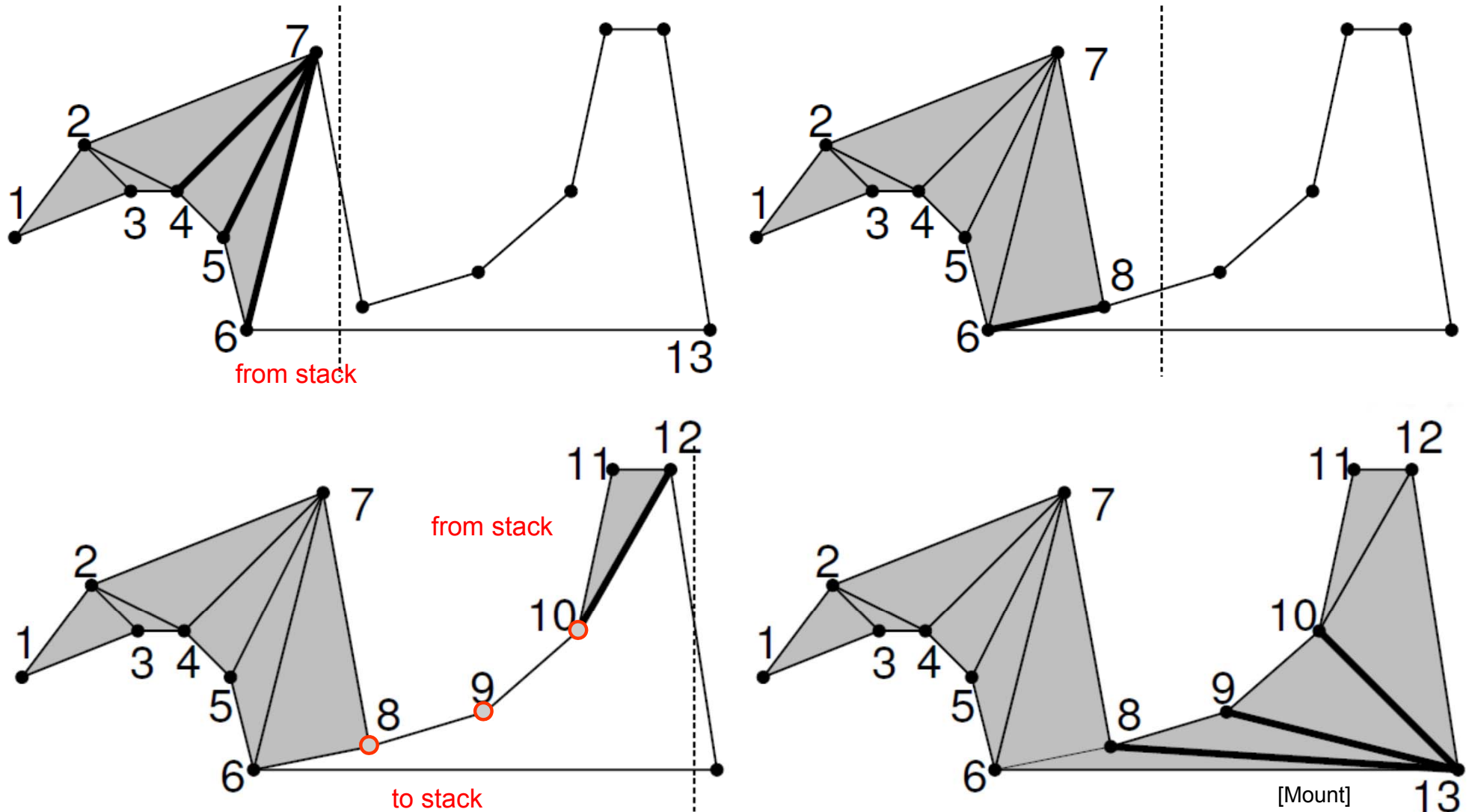
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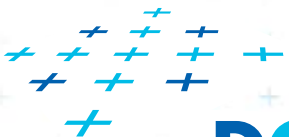
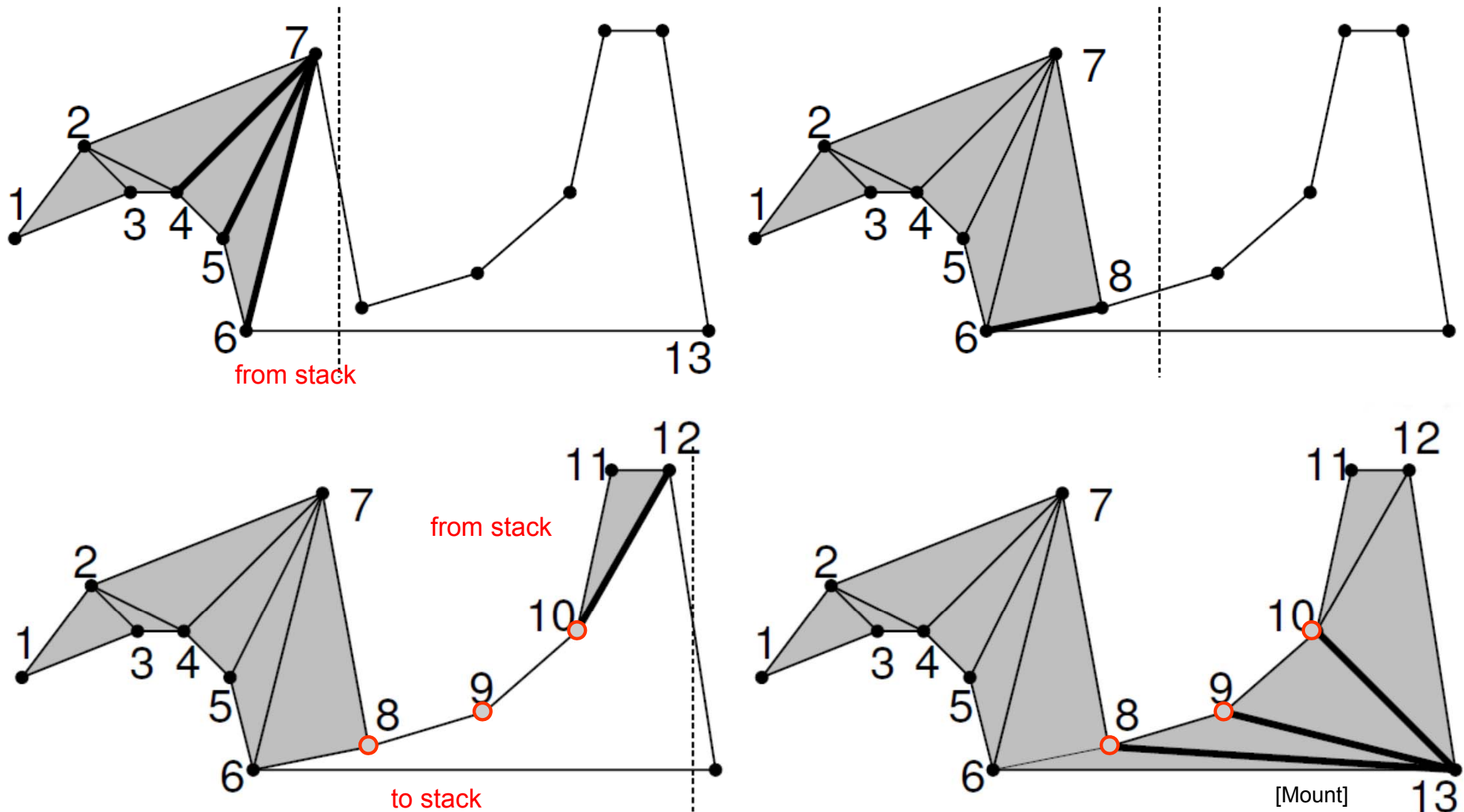
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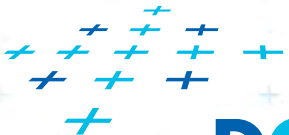
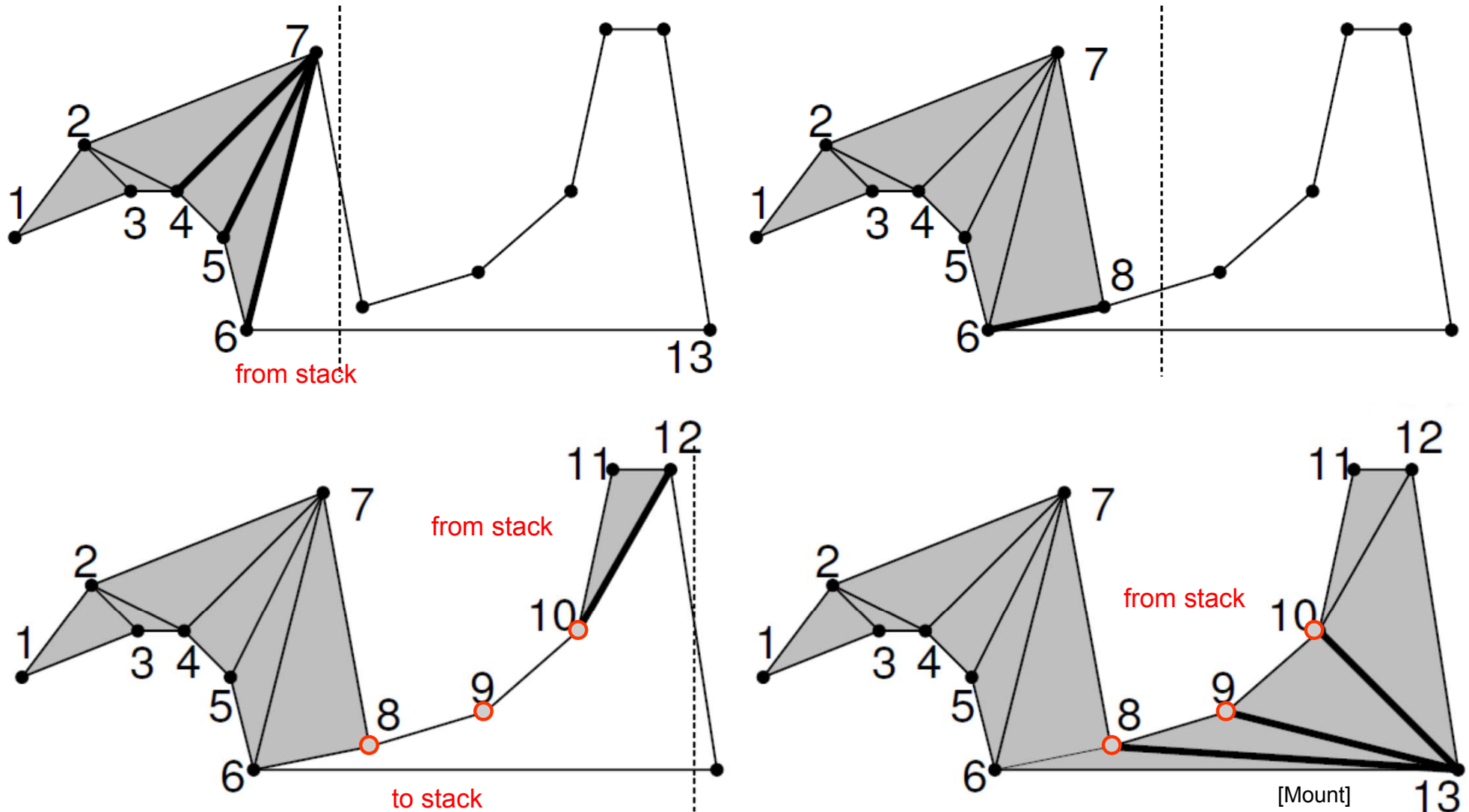


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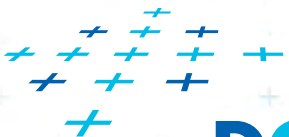
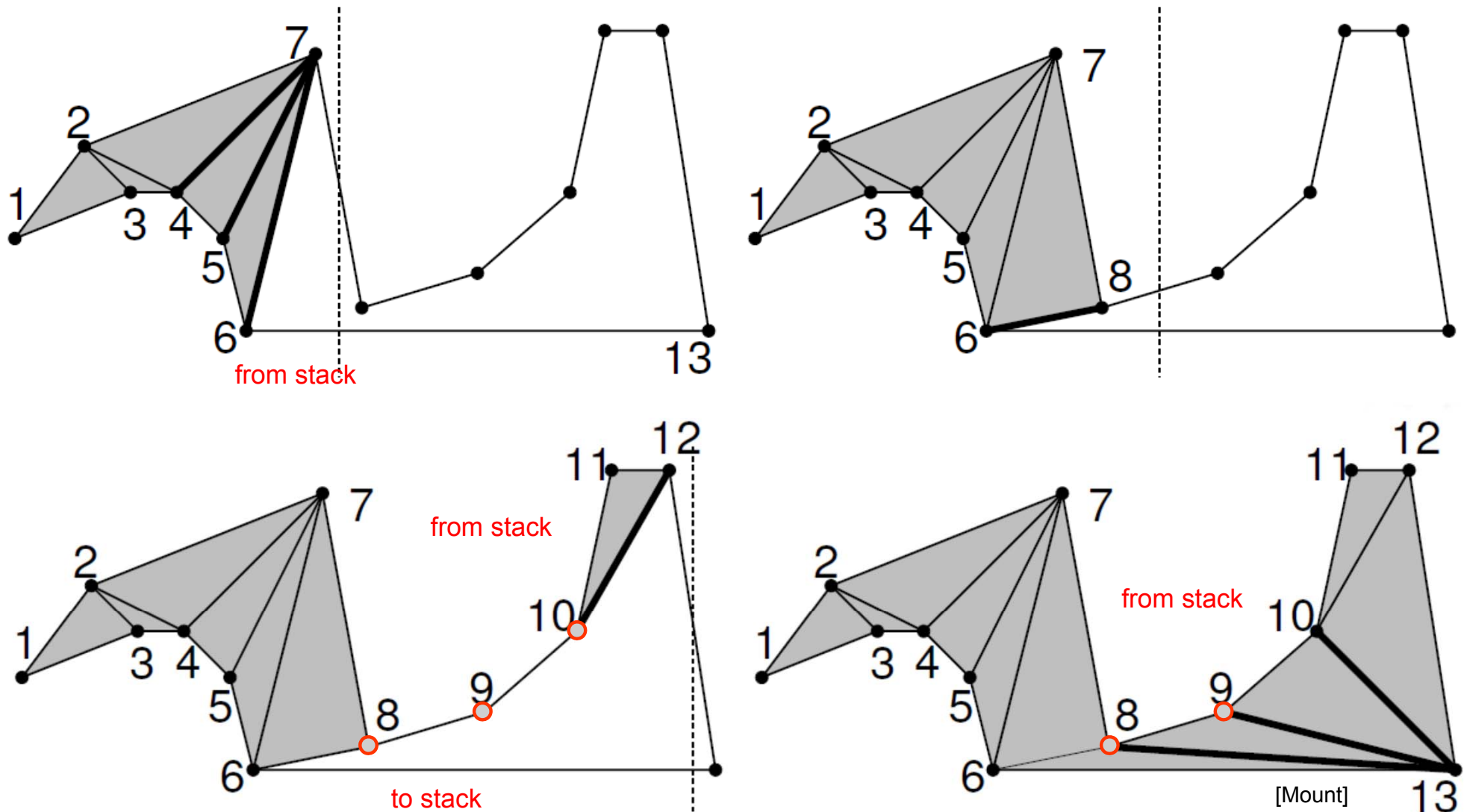




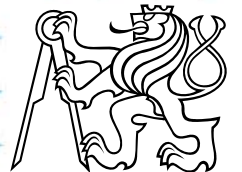
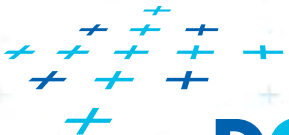
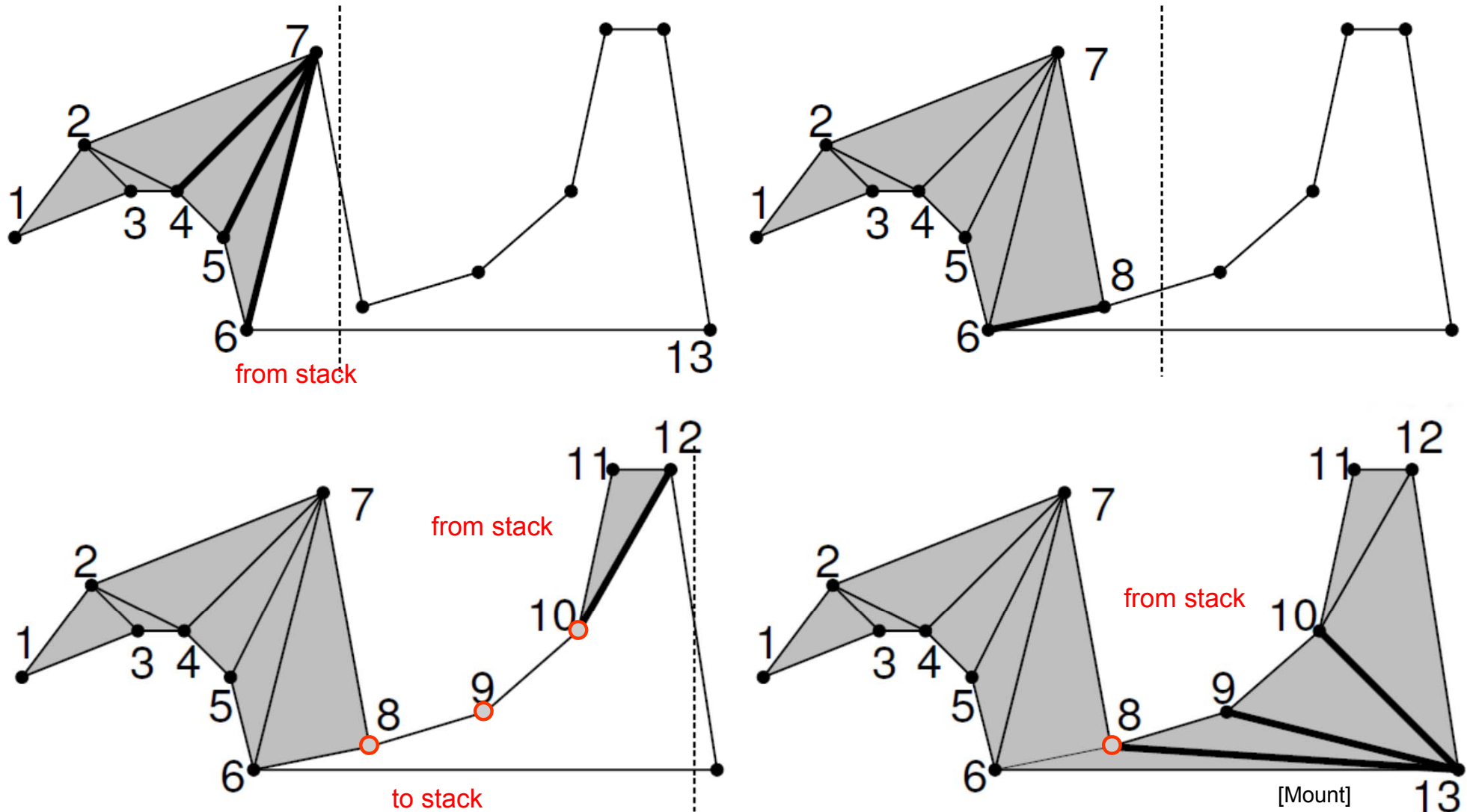
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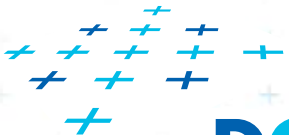
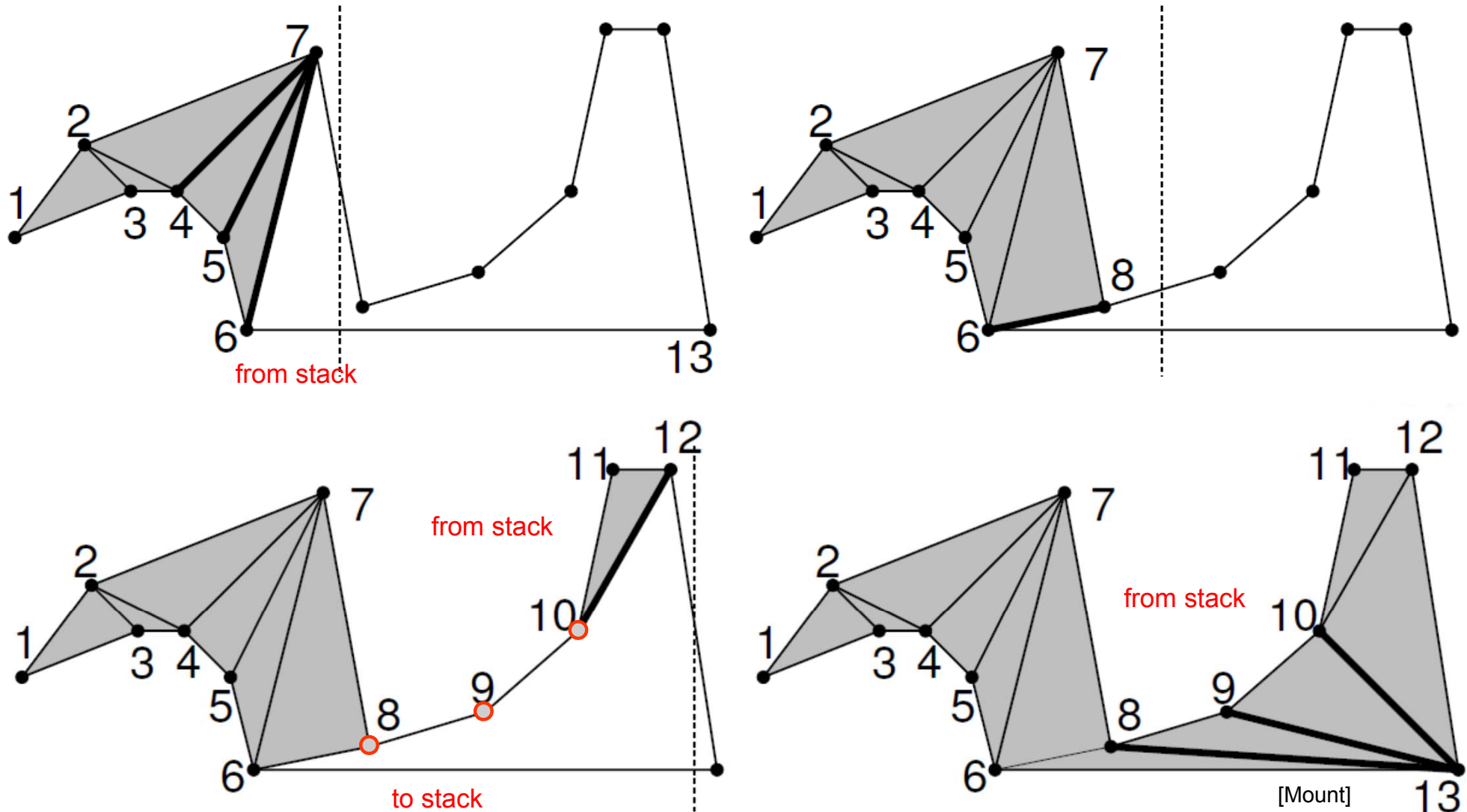
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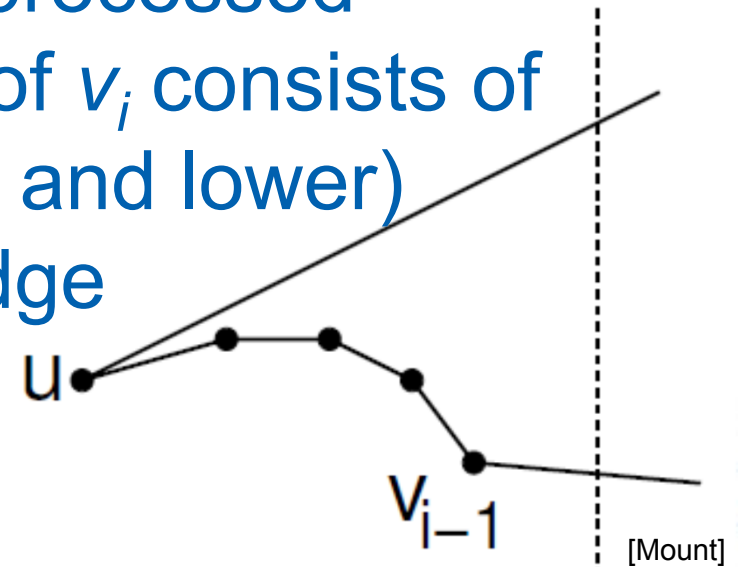
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# Main invariant of the untriangulated region

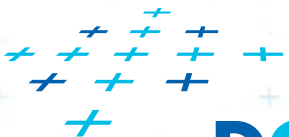
## Main invariant

- Let  $v_i$  be the vertex being just processed
- The **untriangulated region** left of  $v_i$  consists of **two x-monotone chains** (upper and lower)
- Each chain has at least one edge
- If it has more than one edge
  - these edges form a **reflex chain**
  - = sequence of vertices with interior angle  $\geq 180^\circ$



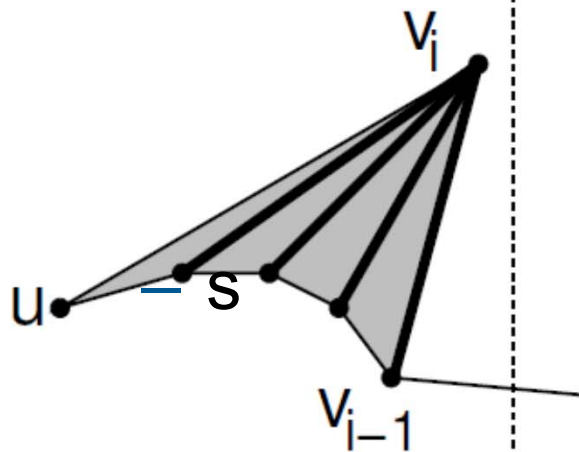
Initial invariant

- Left vertex of the last added diagonal is  $u$
- Vertices between  $u$  and  $v_i$  are waiting in the **stack**

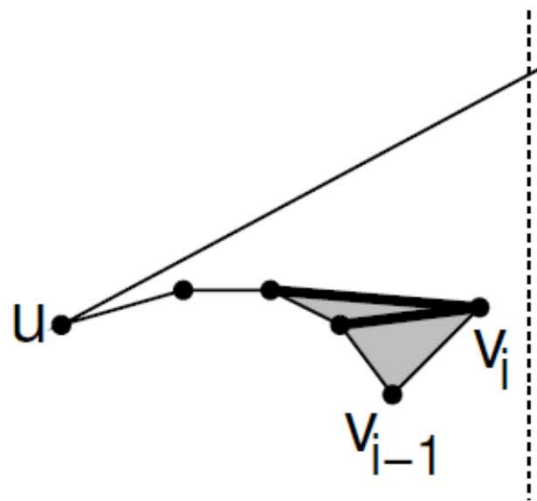


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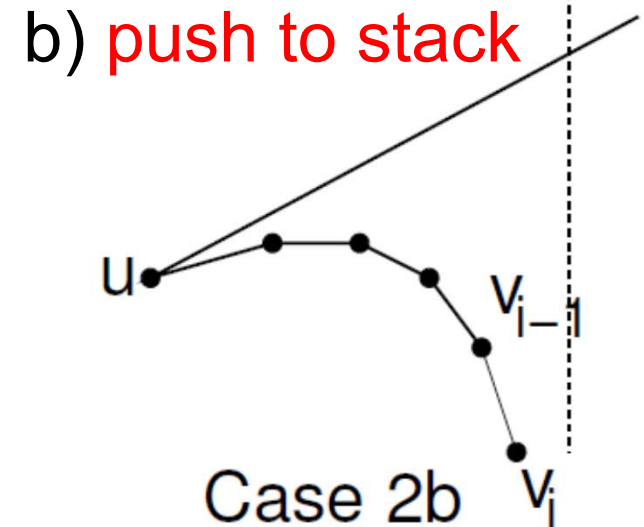
- Case 1:  $v_i$  lies on the **opposite chain**
  - **Add diagonals** from  $\text{next}(u)$  to  $v_{i-1}$
  - Set  $u = v_{i-1}$ . Last diagonal (invariant) is  $v_i v_{i-1}$
- Case 2:  $v$  is on the **same chain** as  $v_{i-1}$ 
  - walk back**, adding diagonals joining  $v_i$  to prior vertices until the angle becomes  $> 180^\circ$  or  $u$  is reached - **pop**)



Case 1



Case 2a



Case 2b

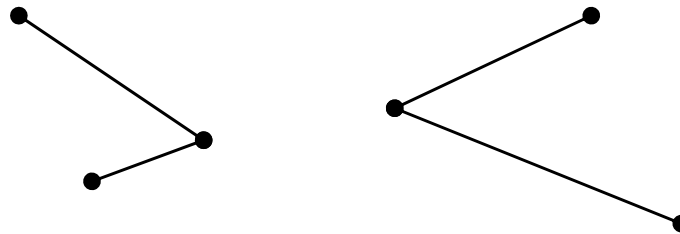
b) **push to stack**

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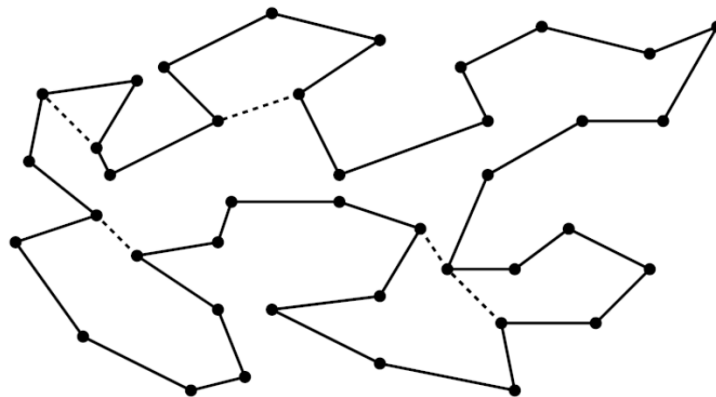


# 1. Polygon subdivision into monotone pieces

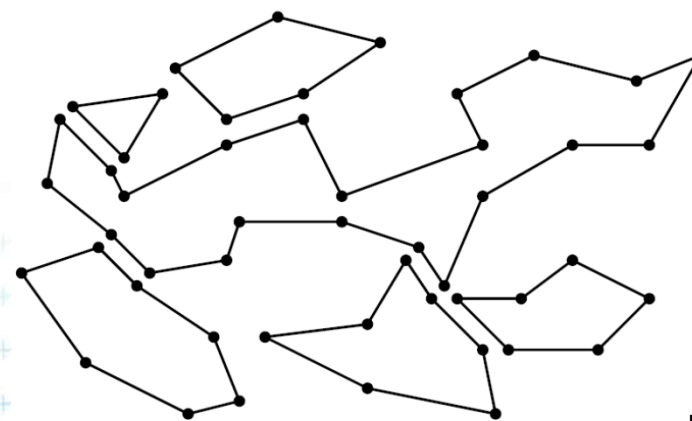
- X-monotonicity breaks the polygon in vertices with edges directed **both left** or **both right**



- The monotone polygons parts are separated by the **splitting diagonals** (joining **vertex** and **helper**)

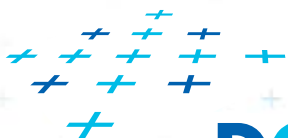


Splitting diagonals



Monotone decomposition

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# Data structures for subdivision

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## ■ Events

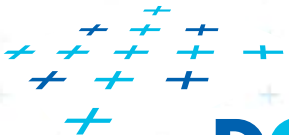
- **Endpoints of edges**, known from the beginning
- Can be stored in sorted list – no priority queue

## ■ Sweep status

- List of **edges intersecting sweep line** (top to bottom)
- Stored in  $O(\log n)$  time dictionary (like balanced tree)

## ■ Event processing

- Six event types based on local structure of edges around vertex  $v$



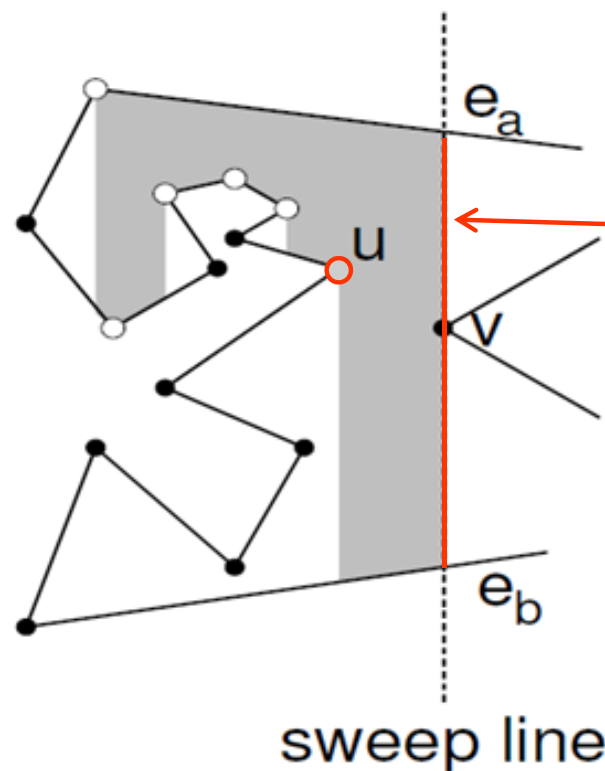


# Helper – definition

helper( $e_a$ )

= the rightmost vertically visible processed vertex  $u$   
below edge  $e_a$  on polygonal chain between edges  $e_a$  &  $e_b$

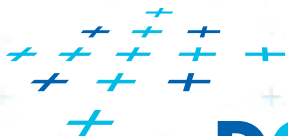
is visible to every point along the sweep line between  $e_a$  &  $e_b$



○ = vertically visible  
processed vertex

all these vertices  
see  $u = \text{helper}(e_a)$  ○

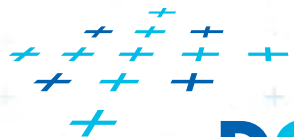
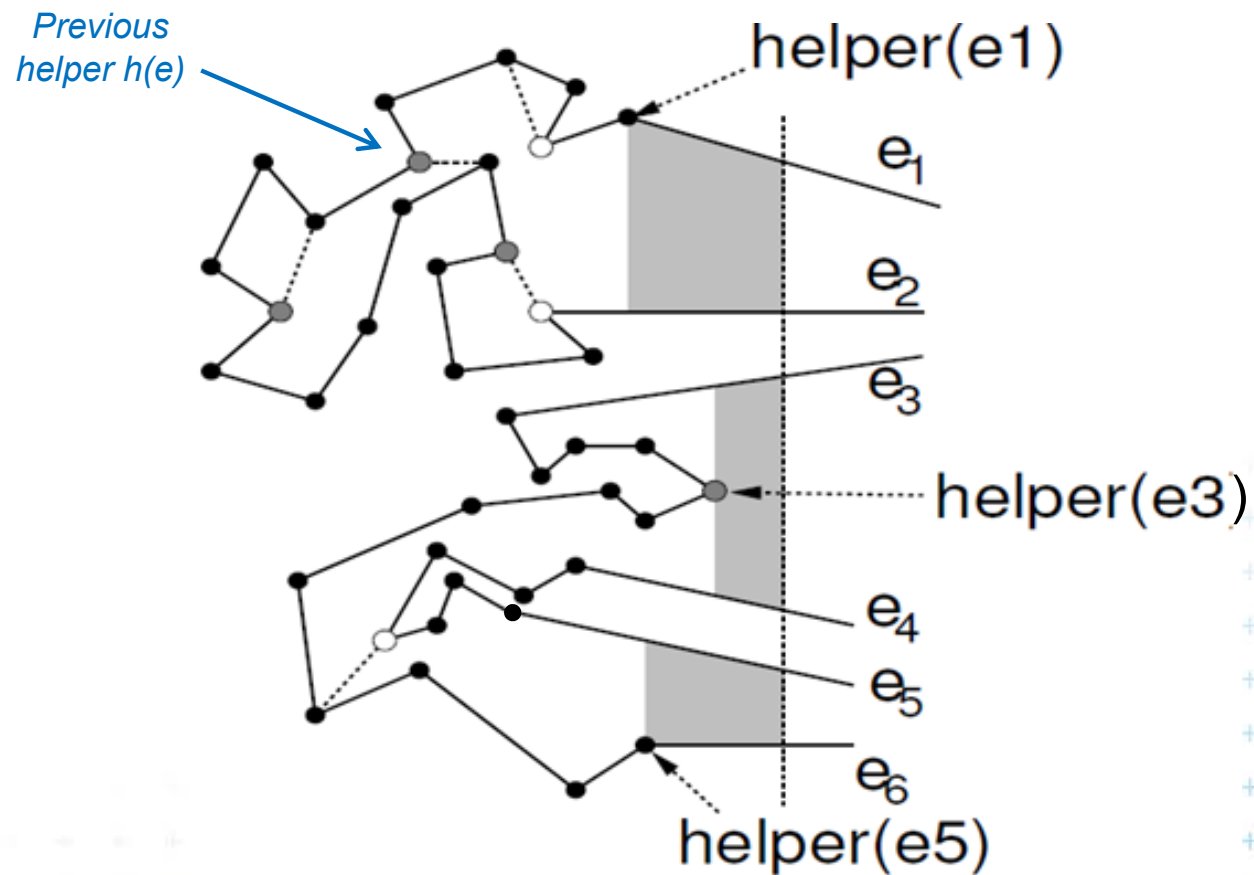
$v$  = current vertex  
(sweep line stop)



# Helper

$\text{helper}(e_a)$

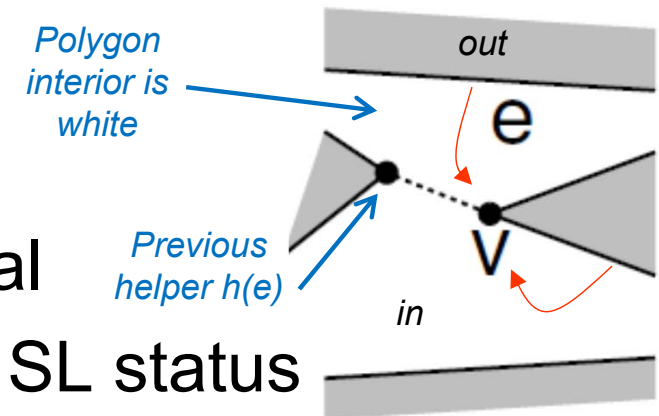
is defined only for edges intersected by the sweep line



# Six event types of vertex $v$

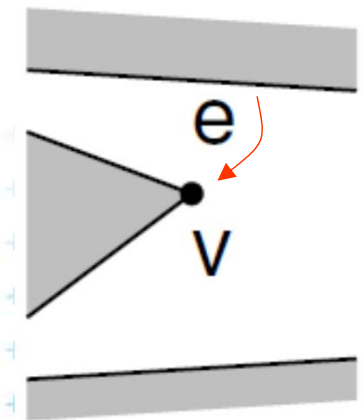
## 1. Split vertex

- Find edge  $e$  above  $v$ ,  
**connect  $v$  with  $\text{helper}(e)$**  by diagonal
- Add 2 new edges incident to  $v$  into SL status
- Set new  **$\text{helper}(e) = \text{helper}(\text{lower edge of these two}) = v$**



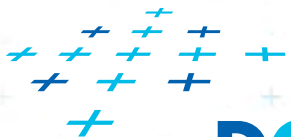
## 2. Merge vertex

- Find two edges incident with  $v$  in SL status
- Delete both from SL status
- Let  $e$  is edge immediately above  $v$
- Make  **$\text{helper}(e) = v$**



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(Interior angle  $>180^\circ$  for both – split & merge vertices)

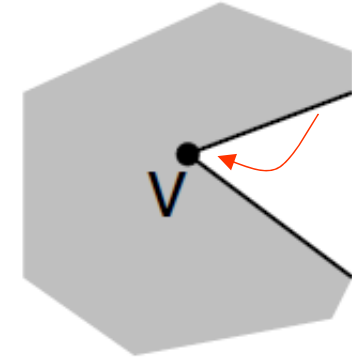


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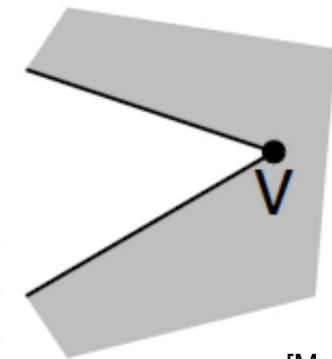
## 3. Start vertex

- Both incident edges lie right from  $v$
- But interior angle  $< 180^\circ$
- Insert both edges to SL status
- Set **helper(upper edge)** =  $v$

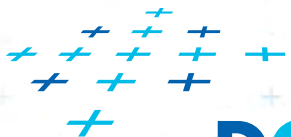


## 4. End vertex

- Both incident edges lie left from  $v$
- But interior angle  $< 180^\circ$
- Delete both edges from SL status
- No helper set – we are out of the polygon



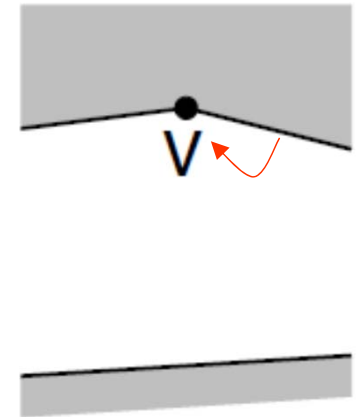
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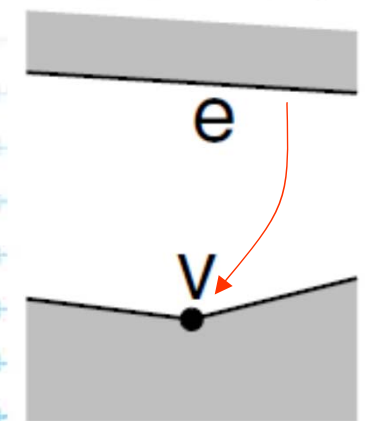
## 5. Upper chain-vertex

- one side is to the left, one side to the right, interior is below
- replace the left edge with the right edge in SL status
- Make  $v$  **helper** of the new (upper) edge

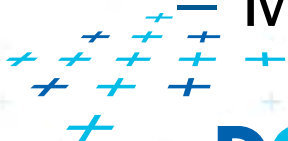


## 6. Lower chain-vertex

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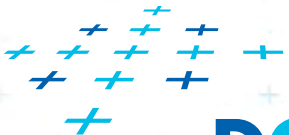
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# Polygon subdivision complexity

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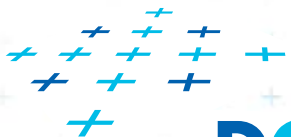
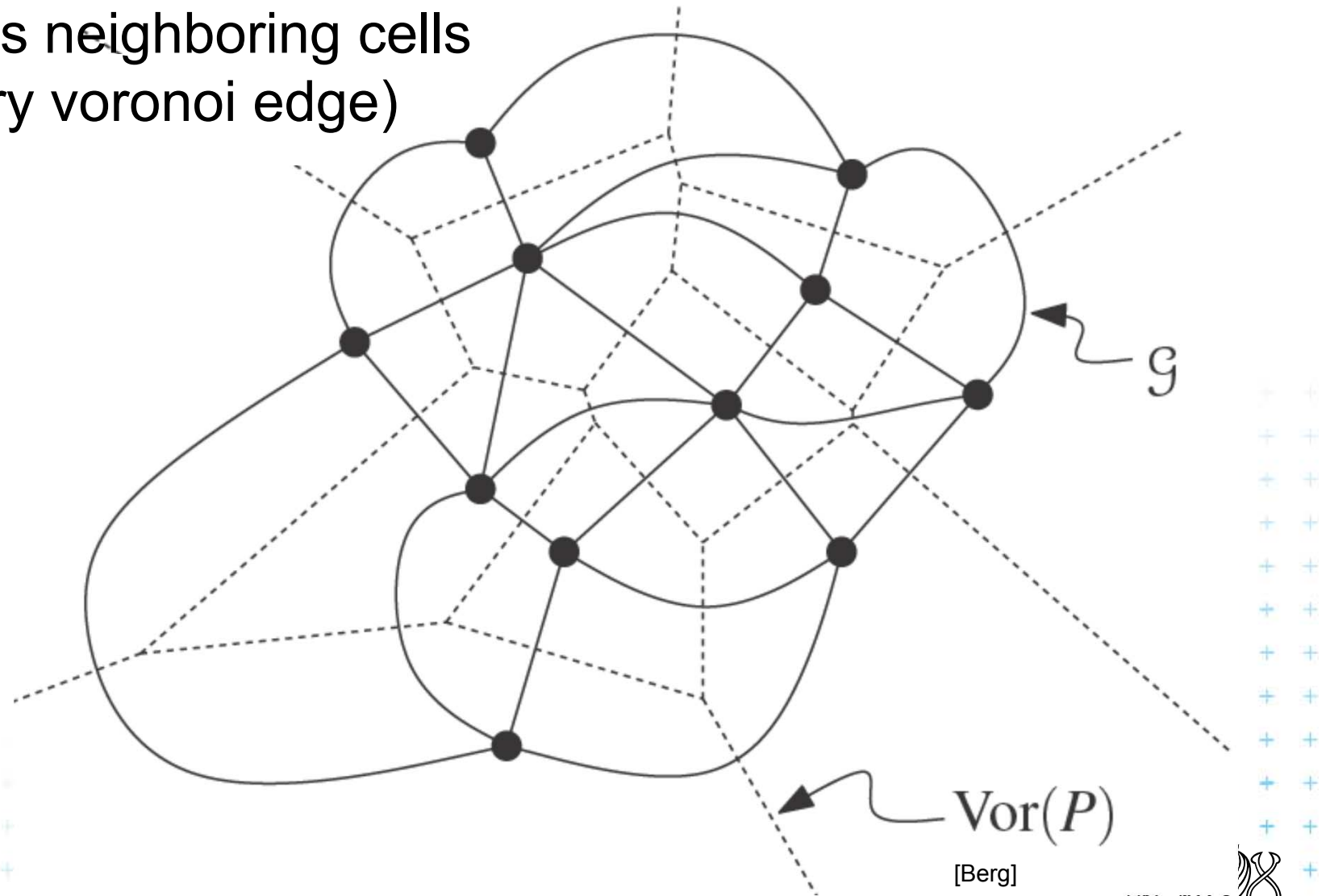
- Simple polygon with  $n$  vertices can be partitioned into  $x$ -monotone polygons in
  - $O(n \log n)$  time (n steps of SL, log n search each)
  - $O(n)$  storage
- Complete simple polygon triangulation
  - $O(n \log n)$  time for partitioning into monotone polygons
  - $O(n)$  time for triangulation
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# Dual graph $G$ for a Voronoi diagram

Graph  $G$ : **Node** for each Voronoi-diagram cell  $V(p) \sim$  VD site  $p$

**Arc** connects neighboring cells  
(arc for every voronoi edge)



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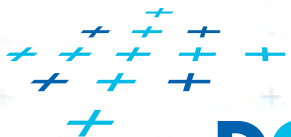
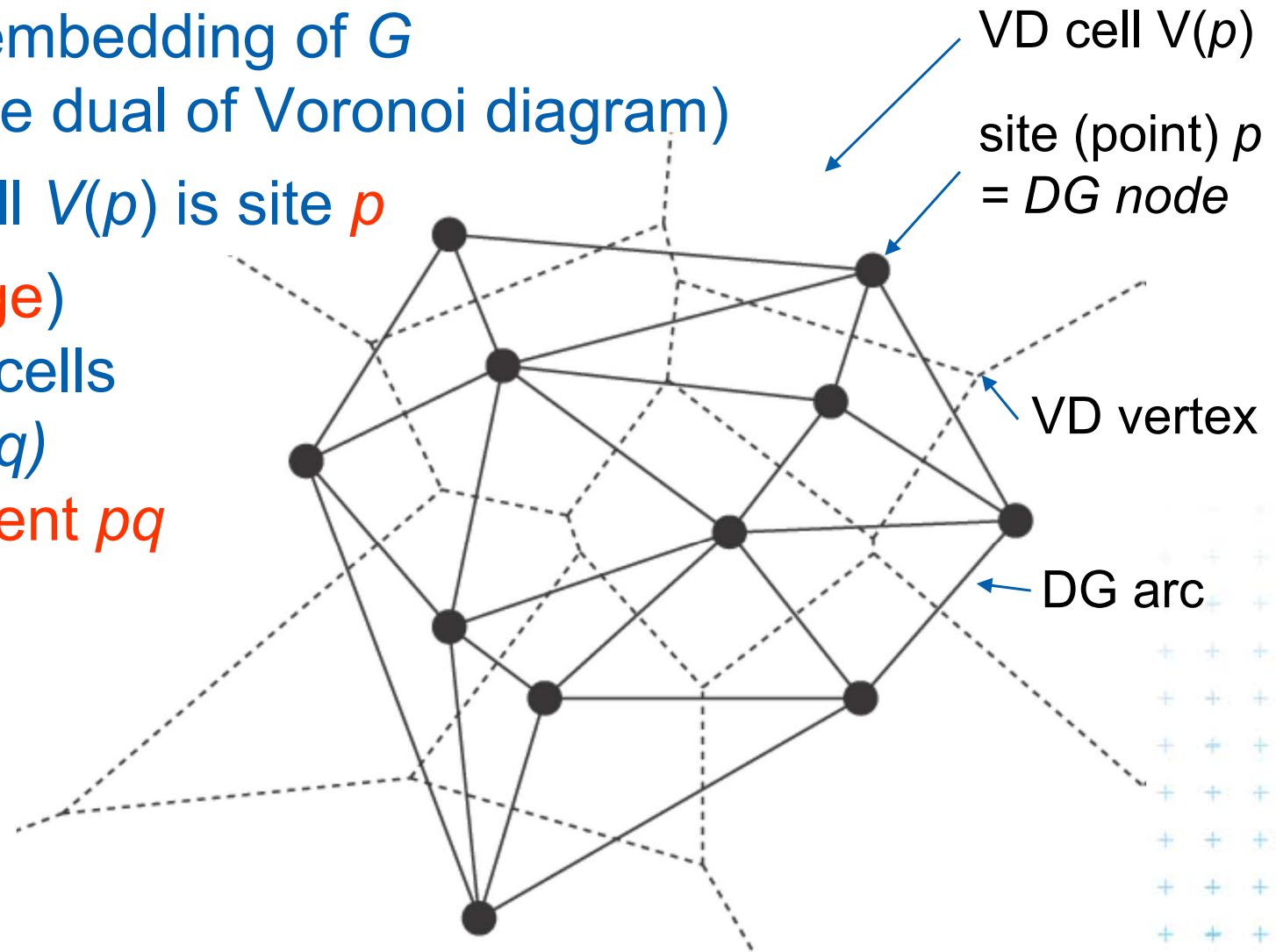


# Delaunay graph $DG(P)$

[Борис Николаевич Делоне]

= straight line embedding of  $G$   
(straight-line dual of Voronoi diagram)

- **Node** for cell  $V(p)$  is site  $p$
- **Arc (DT edge)** connecting cells  $V(p)$  and  $V(q)$  is the **segment  $pq$**



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# Delaunay graph and Delaunay triangulation

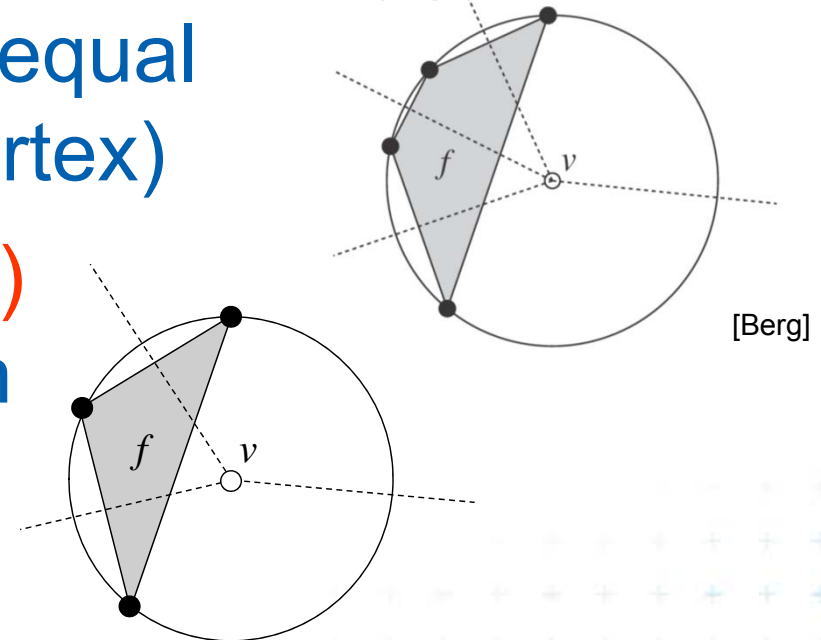
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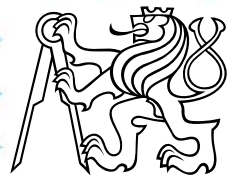
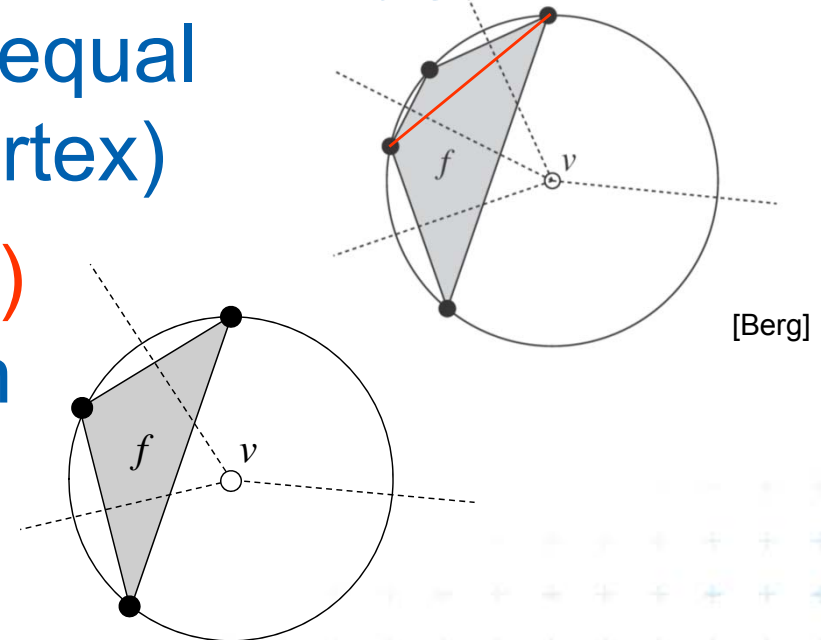
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## Circumcircle property

- The **circumcircle** of any triangle in DT is **empty** (no sites)  
Proof: It's center is the Voronoi vertex
- Three points  $a, b, c$  are **vertices of the same face** of  $DG(P)$  iff circle through  $a, b, c$  contains no point of  $P$  in its interior

## Empty circle property and legal edge

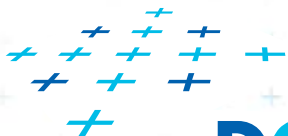
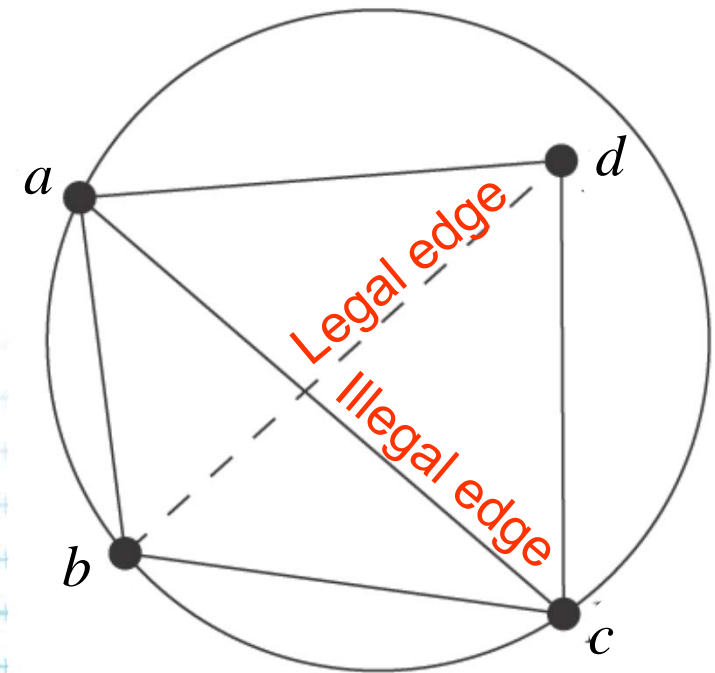
- Two points  $a, b$  form an **edge of  $DG(P)$**  – it is a **legal edge** iff  $\exists$  closed disc with  $a, b$  on its boundary that contains no other point of  $P$  in its interior
- ... disc minimal diameter =  $\text{dist}(a, b)$

## Closest pair property

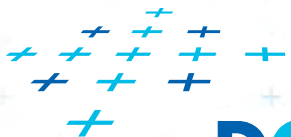
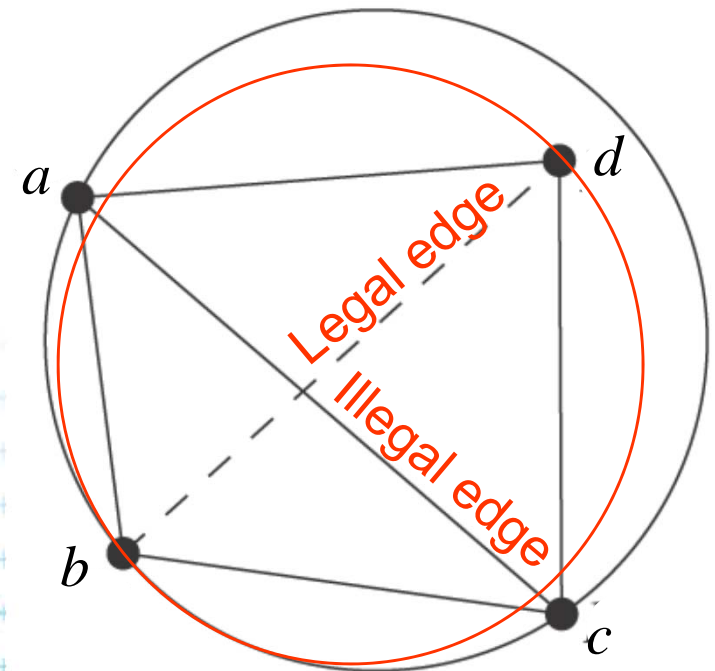
- The closest pair of points in  $P$  are neighbors in  $DT(P)$



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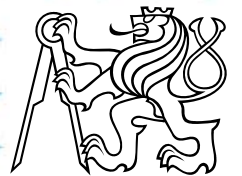
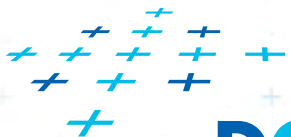
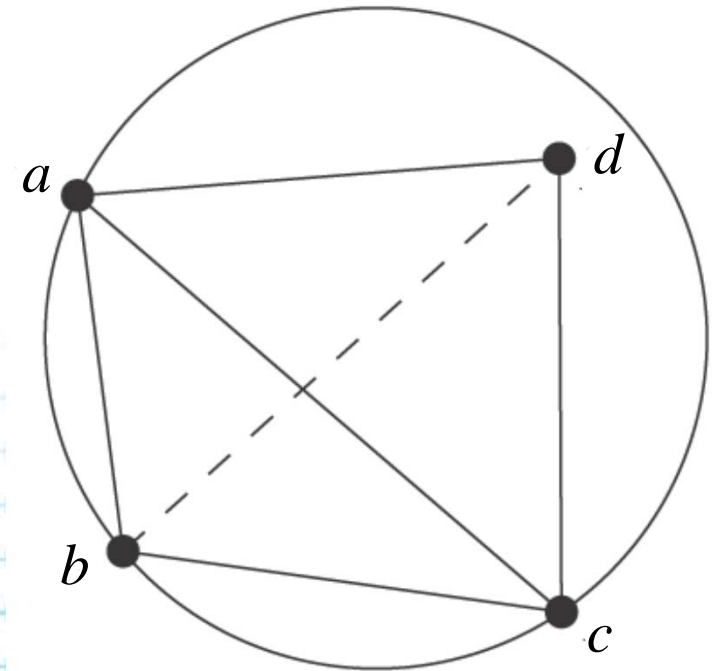
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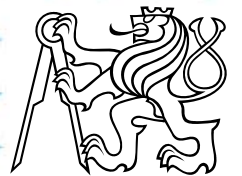
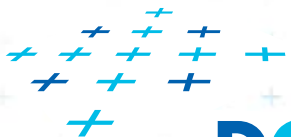
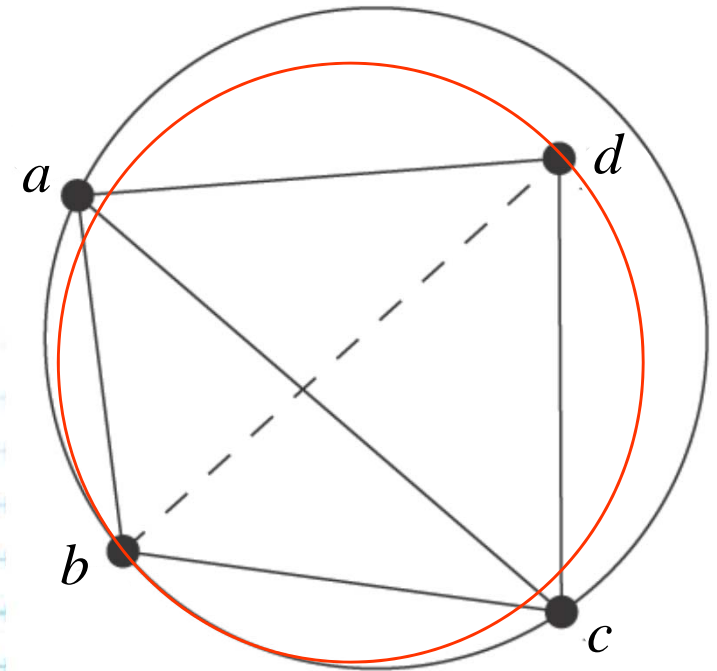
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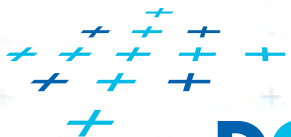
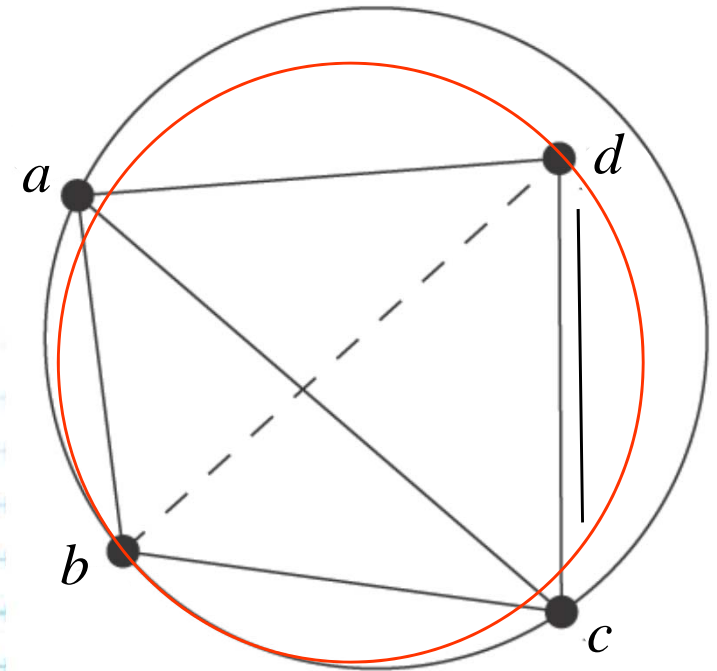


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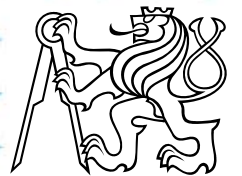
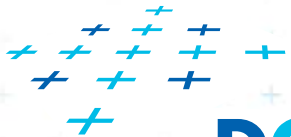
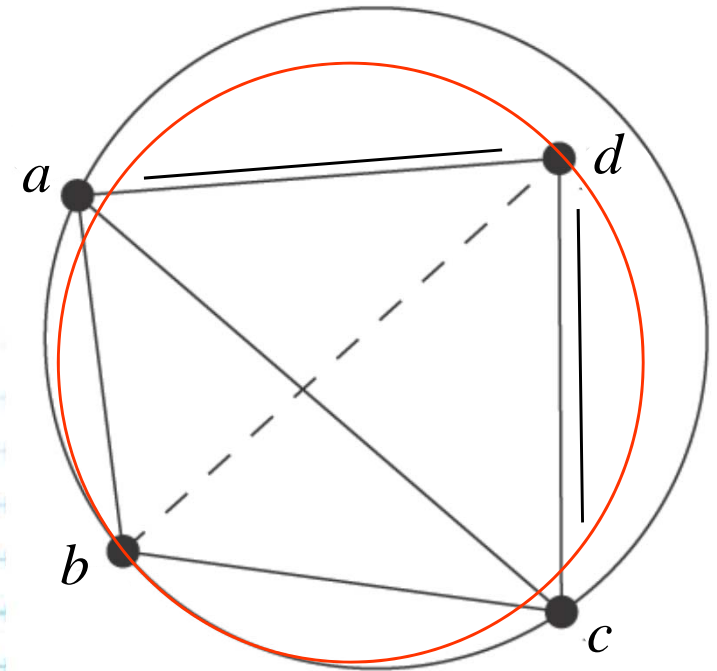


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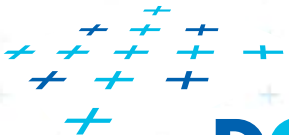
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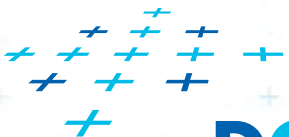
- Let  $T$  be a triangulation with  $m$  triangles (and  $3m$  angles)
- **Angle-vector**  
= non-decreasing ordered sequence  $(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{3m})$   
inner angles of triangles,  $\alpha_i \leq \alpha_j$ , for  $i < j$
- In the plane, Delaunay triangulation has the **lexicographically largest angle sequence**
  - It maximizes the minimal angle (the first angle in angle-vector)
  - It maximizes the second minimal angle, ...
  - It maximizes all angles
  - It is an **angle sequence optimal triangulation**



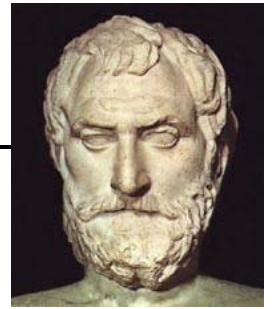
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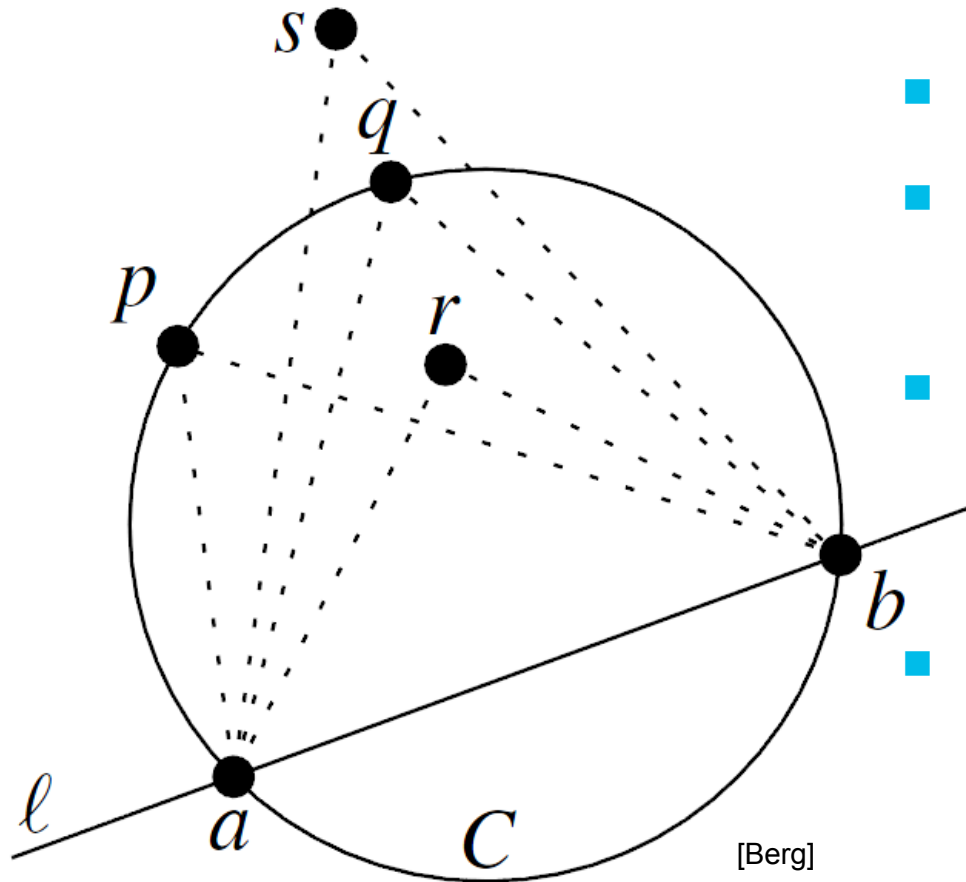
- It maximizes the minimal angle
  - The smallest angle in the DT is at least as large as the smallest angle in any other triangulation.
- However, the Delaunay triangulation
  - does not necessarily minimize the maximum angle.<sup>[4]</sup>
  - does not necessarily minimize the length of the edges.



# Thales's theorem (624-546 BC)

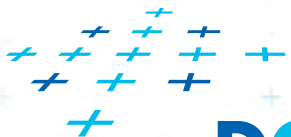


## Respective Central Angle Theorem

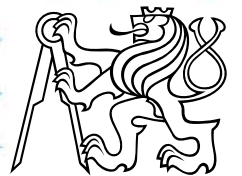


- Let  $C =$  circle,
- $l =$  line intersecting  $C$  in points  $a, b$
- $p, q, r, s =$  points on the same side of  $l$   
 $p, q$  on  $C$ ,  $r$  is in,  $s$  is out
- Then for the angles holds:  
 $\sphericalangle arb > \sphericalangle apb = \sphericalangle aqb > \sphericalangle asb$

<http://www.mathopenref.com/arccentralangletheorem.html>



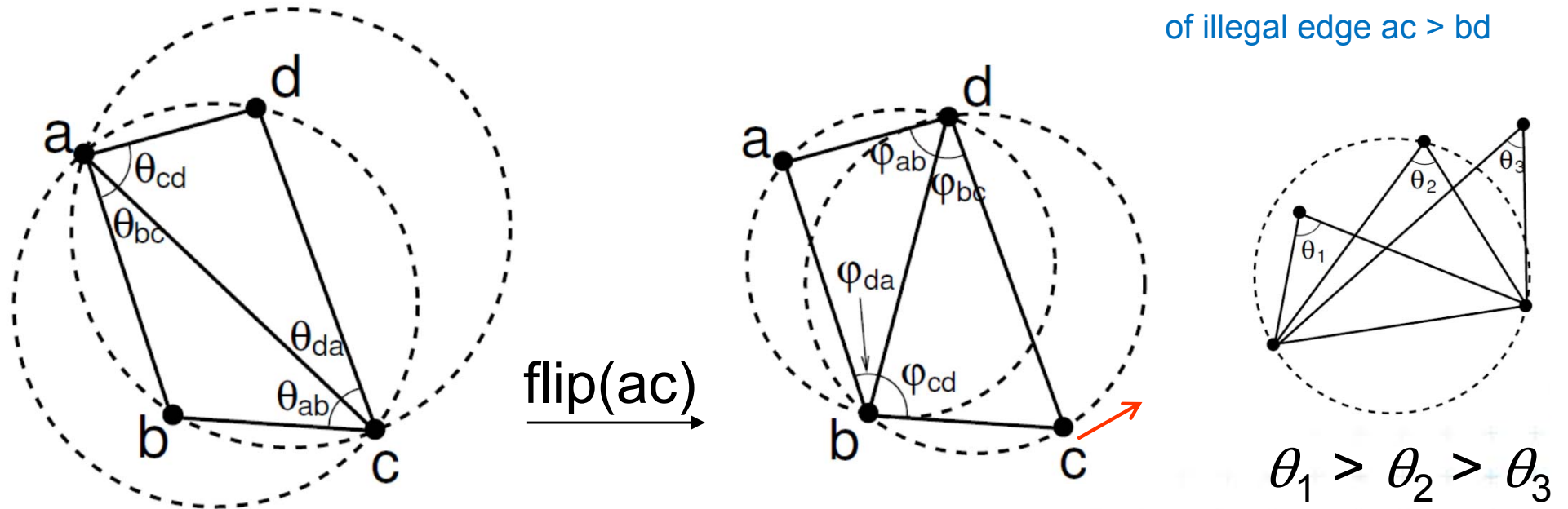
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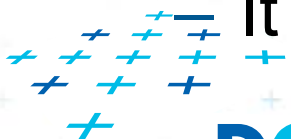


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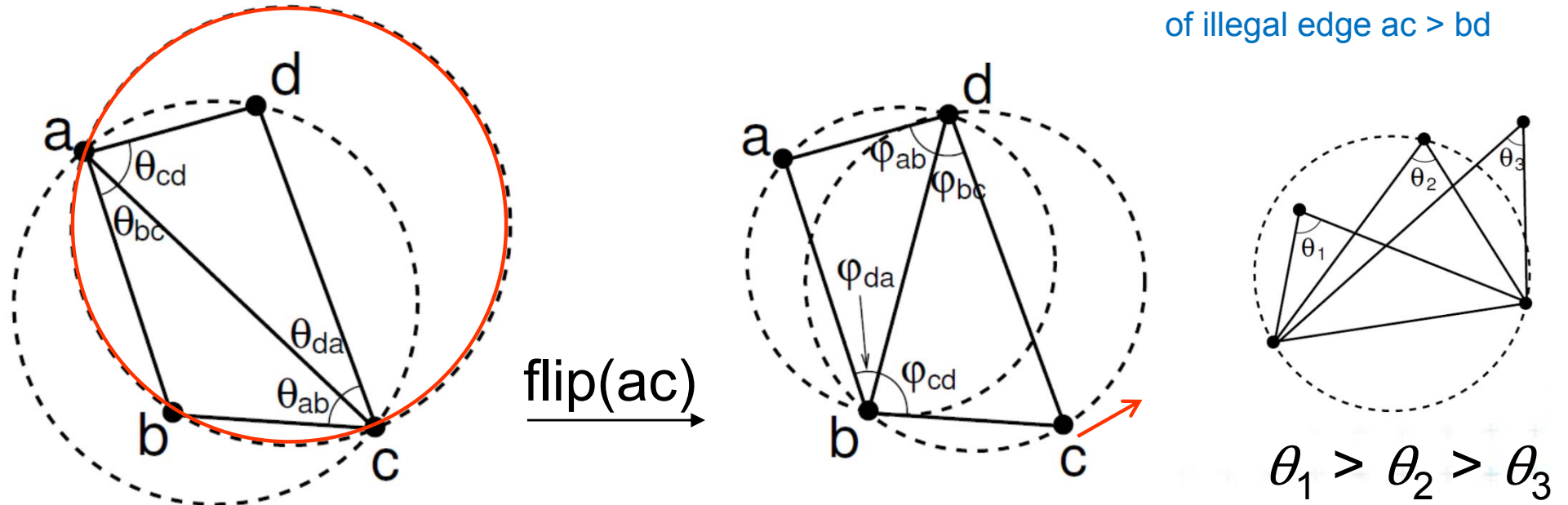
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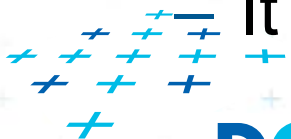


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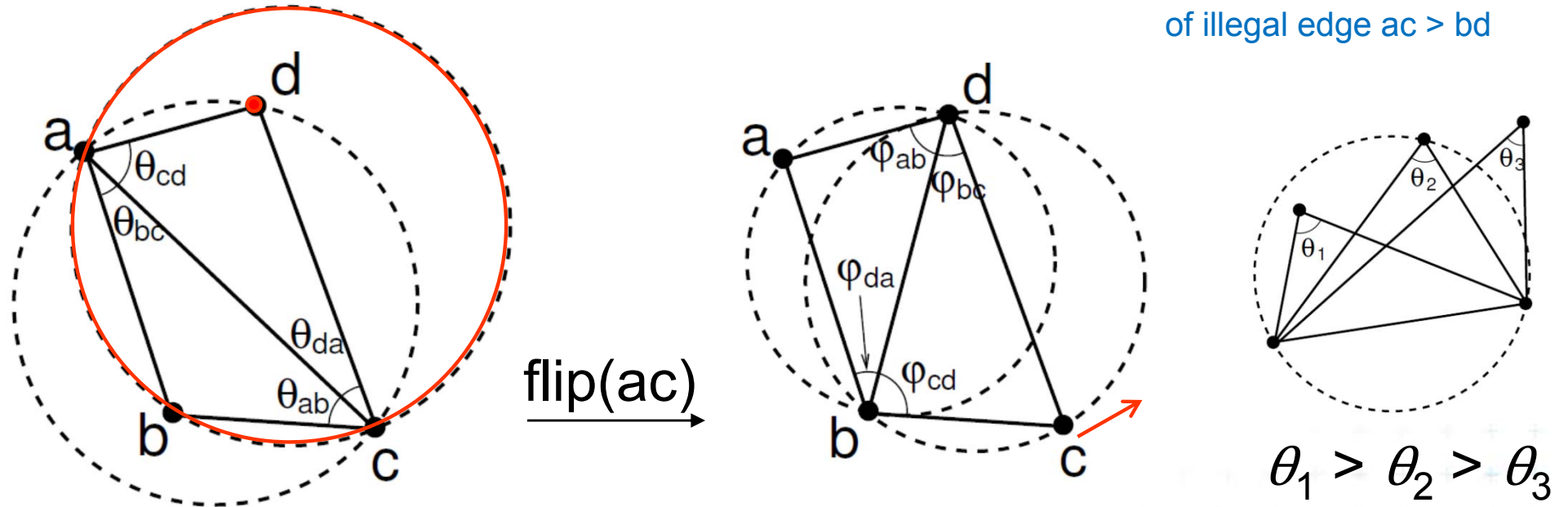
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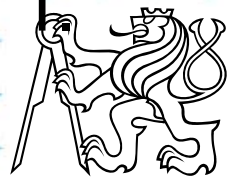
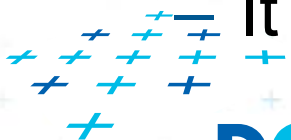


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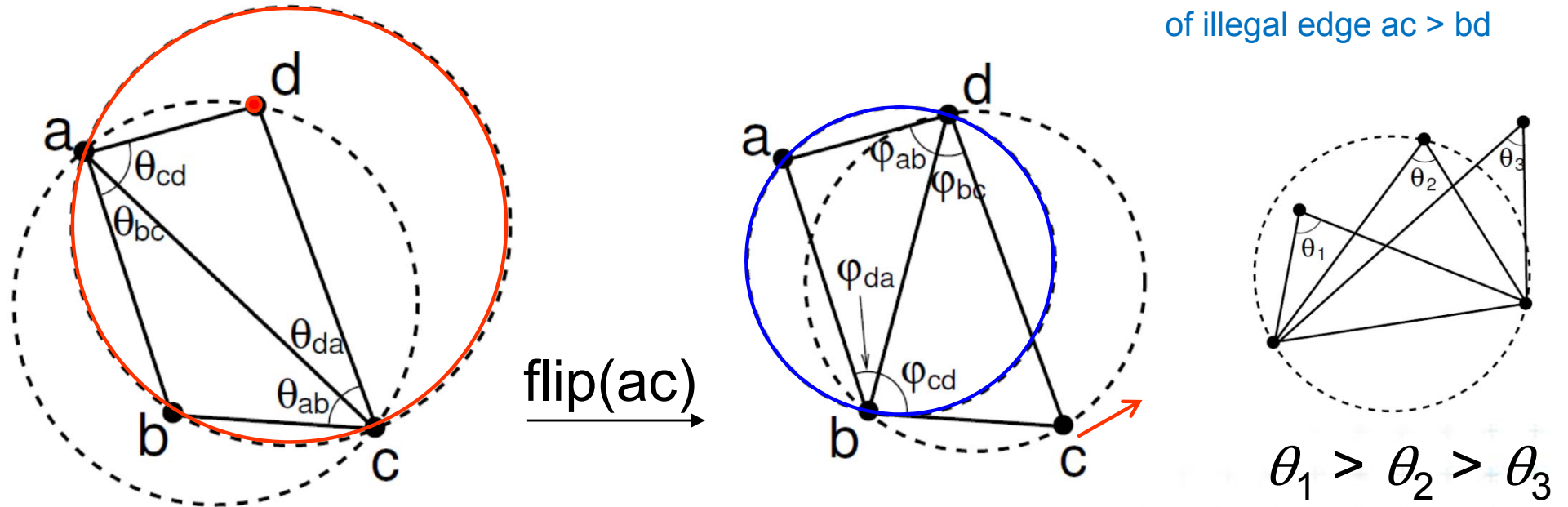
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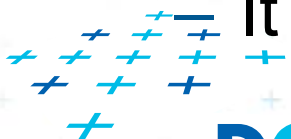


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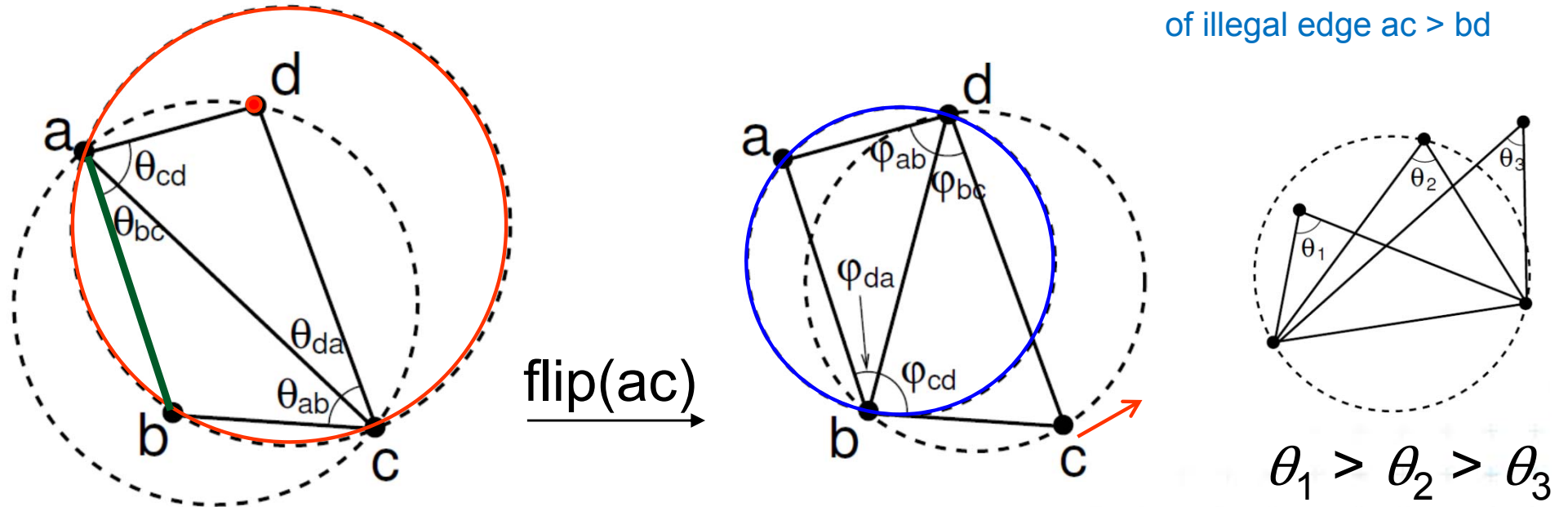




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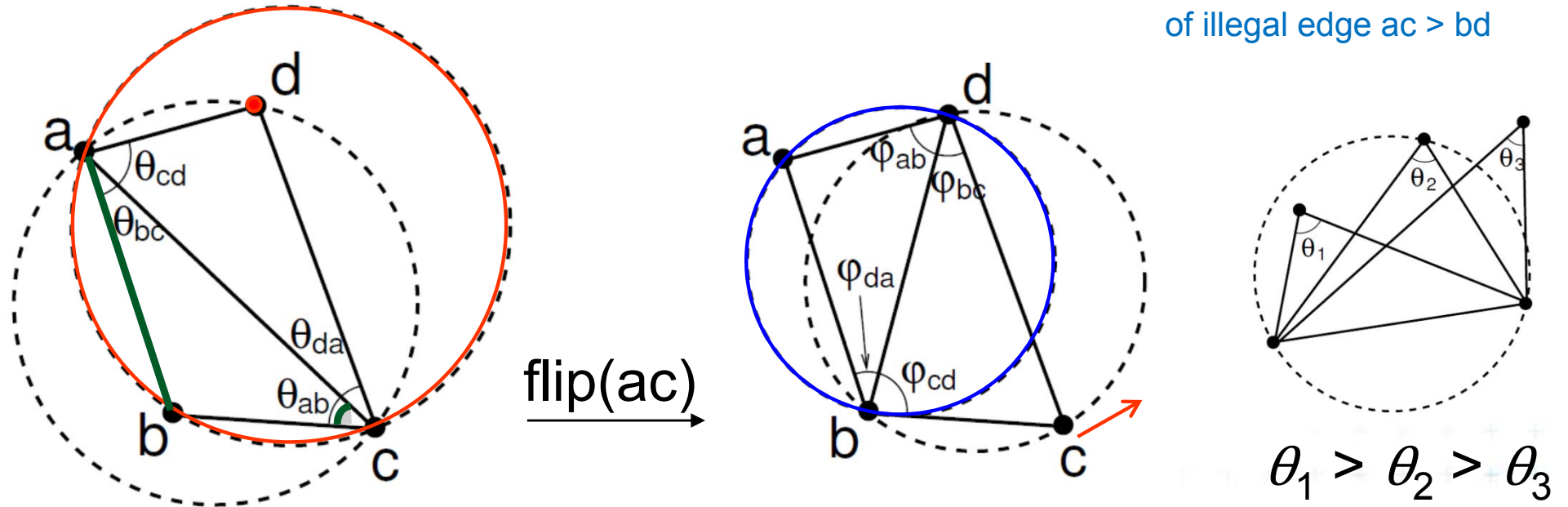
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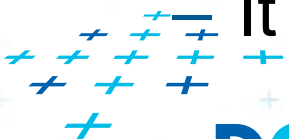


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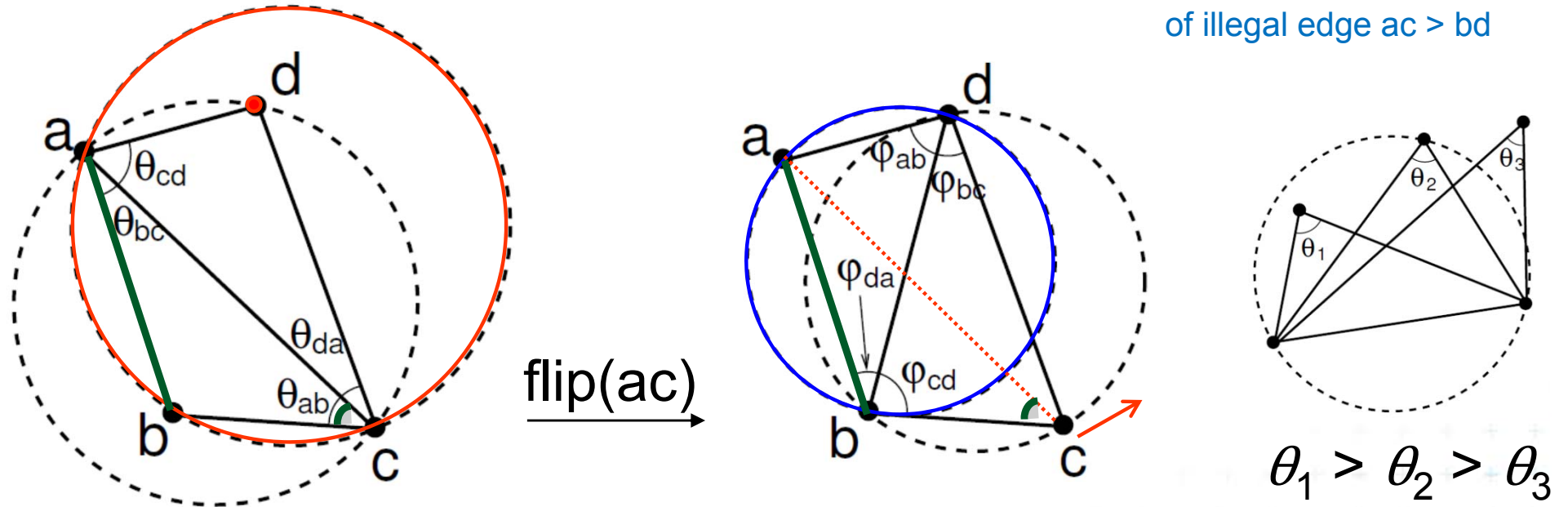
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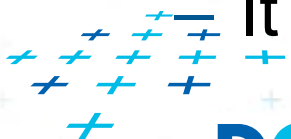


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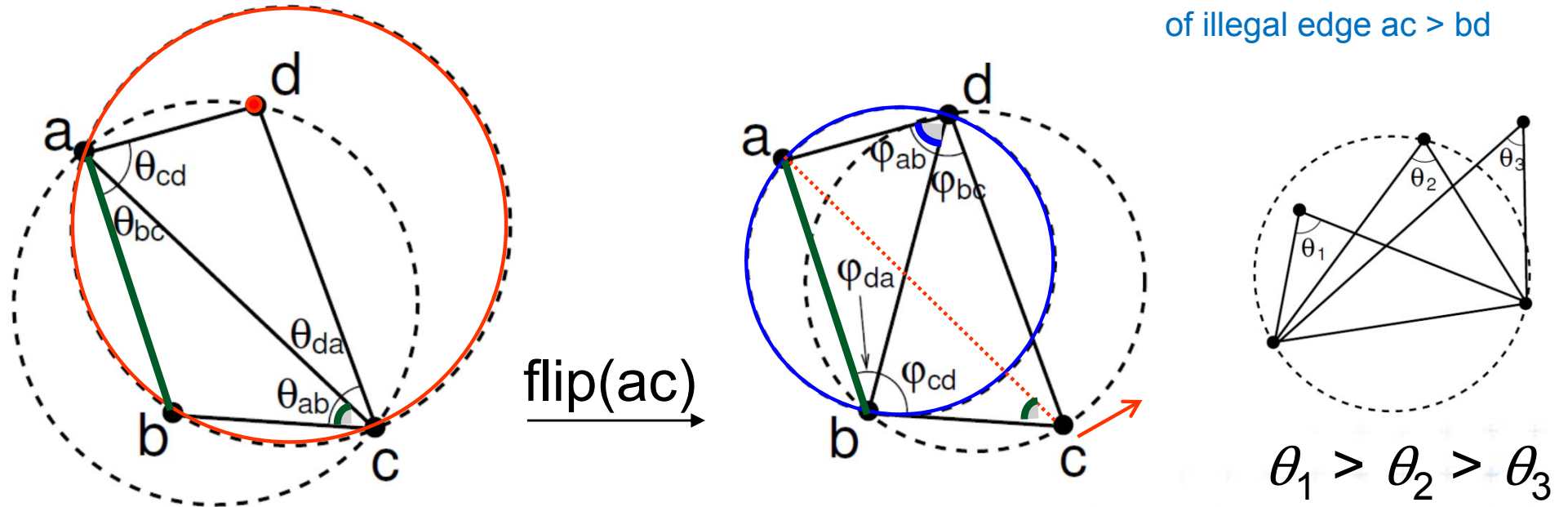
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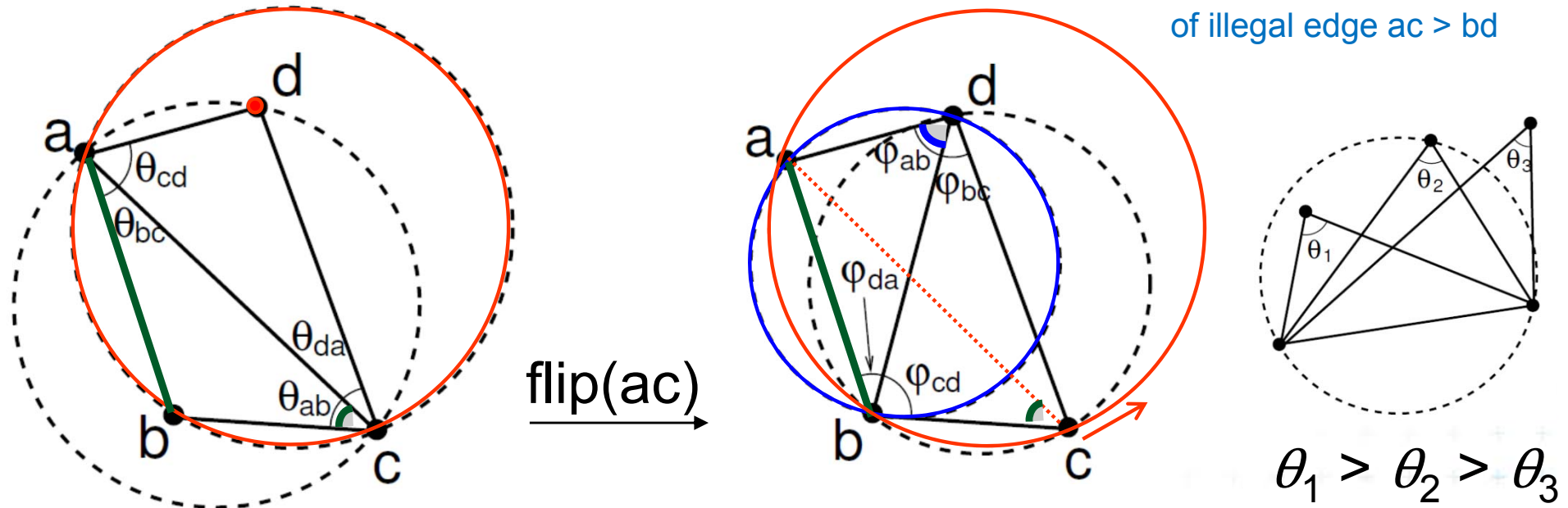
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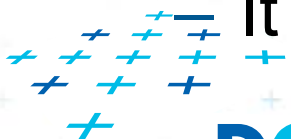


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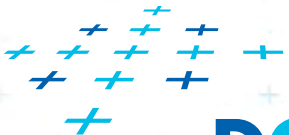
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# Incremental algorithm principle

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1. Create a large triangle containing all points  
(to avoid problems with unbounded cells)
  - must be larger than the largest circle through 3 points
  - will be discarded at the end
2. Insert the points in random order
  - Find triangle with inserted point  $p$
  - Add edges to its vertices  
(these new edges are correct)
  - Check correctness of the old edges (triangles)  
“around  $p$ ” and legalize (flip) potentially illegal edges
3. Discard the large triangle and incident edges



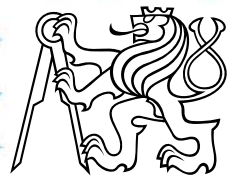
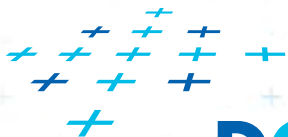
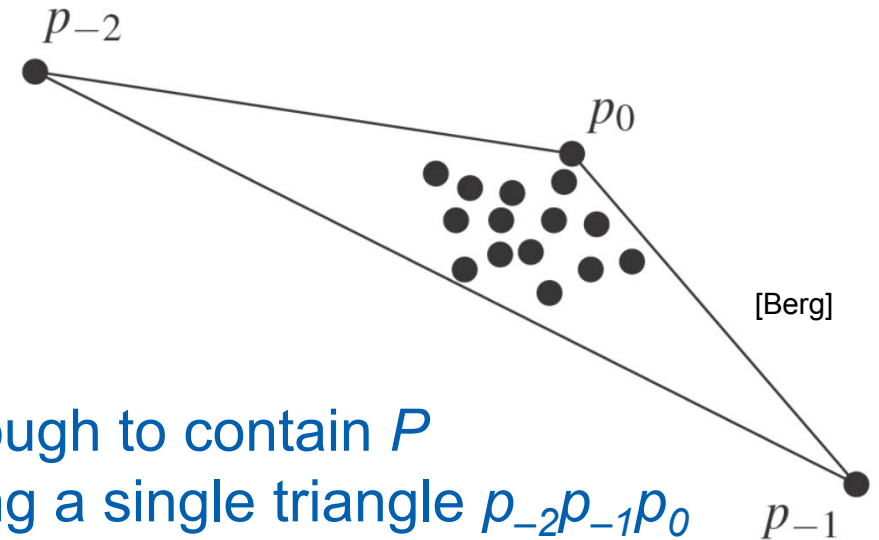
# Incremental algorithm in detail

## DelaunayTriangulation( $P$ )

*Input:* Set  $P$  of  $n$  points in the plane

*Output:* A Delaunay triangulation  $T$  of  $P$

1. Let  $p_{-2}, p_{-1}, p_0$  form a triangle large enough to contain  $P$
2. Initialize  $T$  as the triangulation consisting a single triangle  $p_{-2}p_{-1}p_0$
3. Compute **random permutation**  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  of  $P \setminus \{p_0\}$
4. **for**  $r = 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**
5.      $T = \text{Insert}(p_r, T)$
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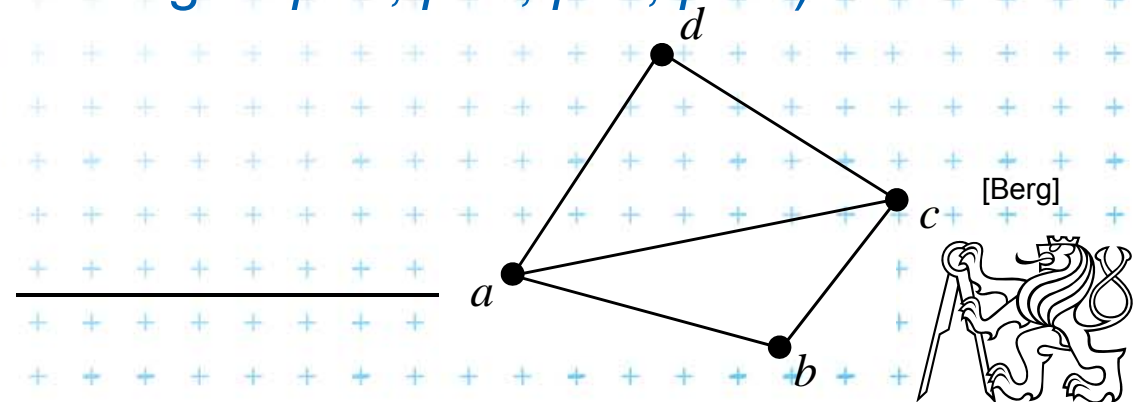
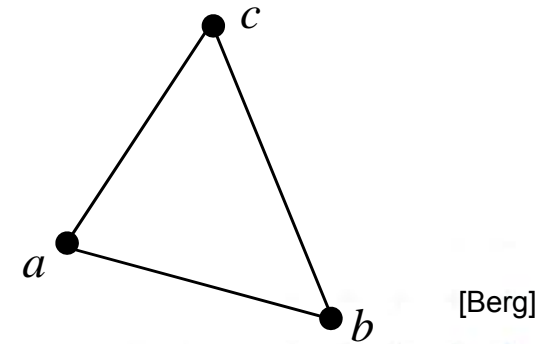
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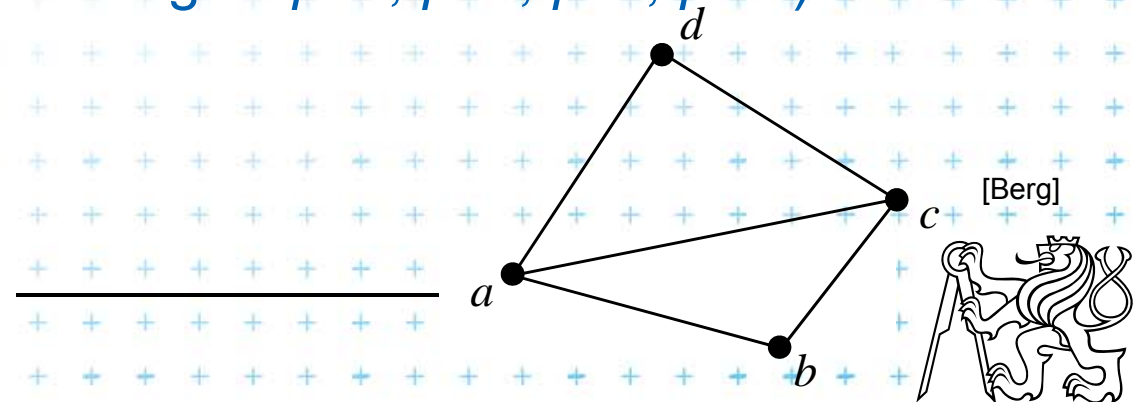
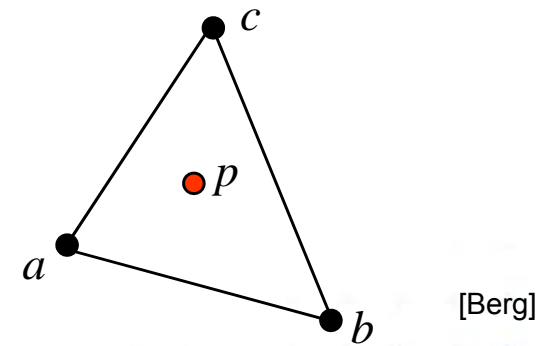
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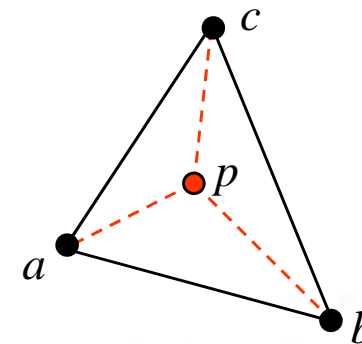
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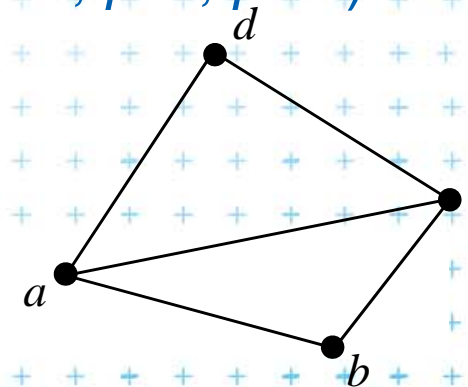
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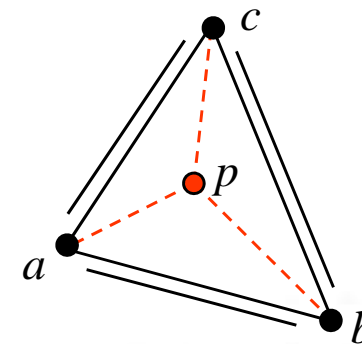
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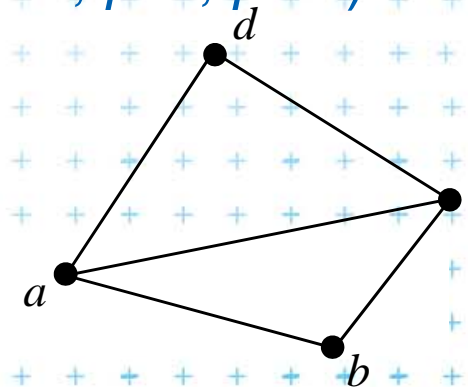
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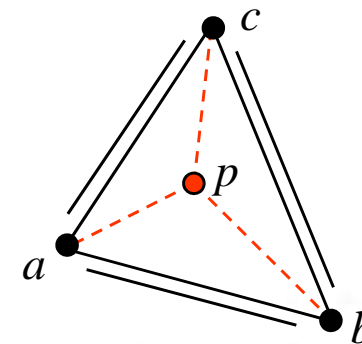
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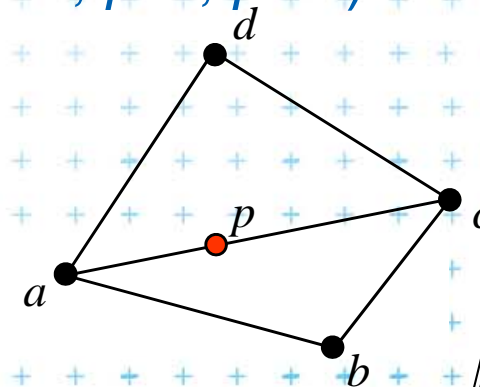
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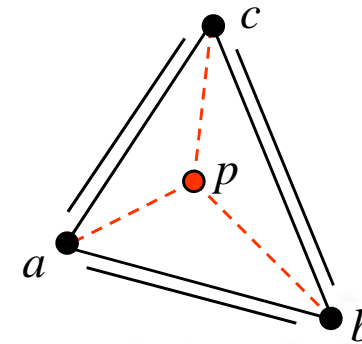
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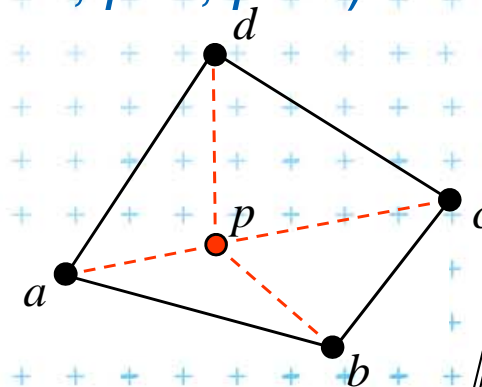
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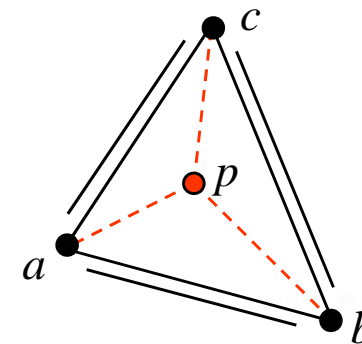
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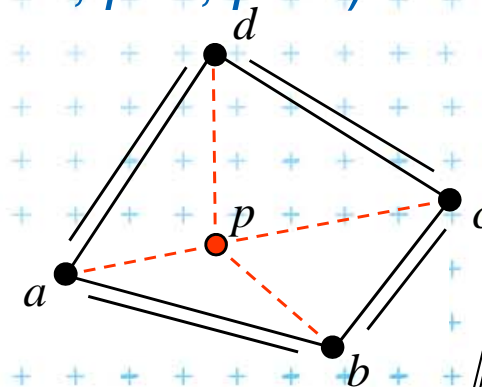
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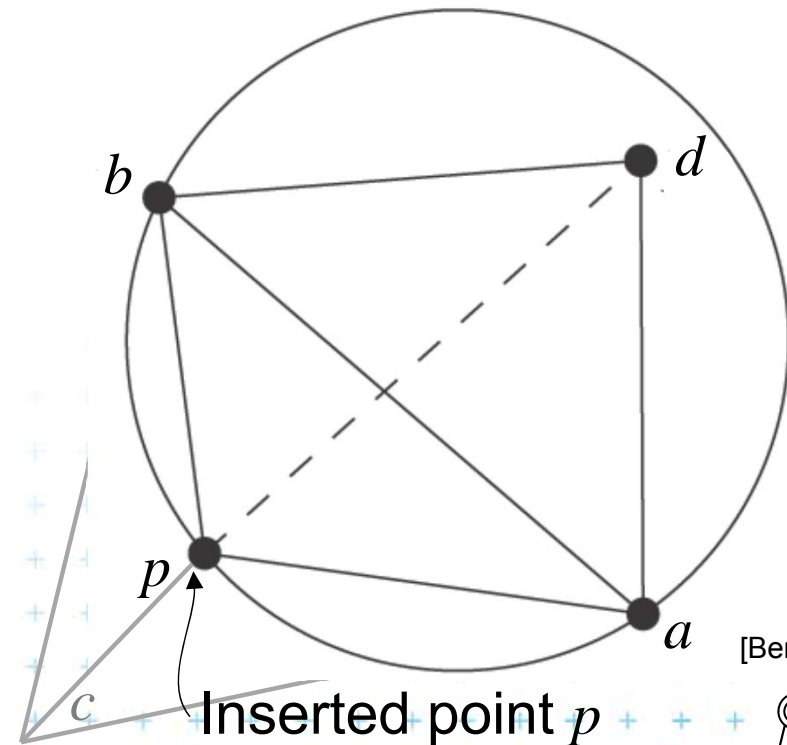
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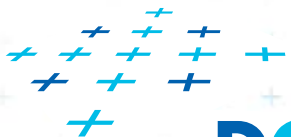
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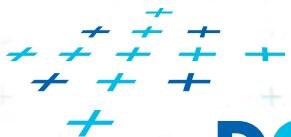
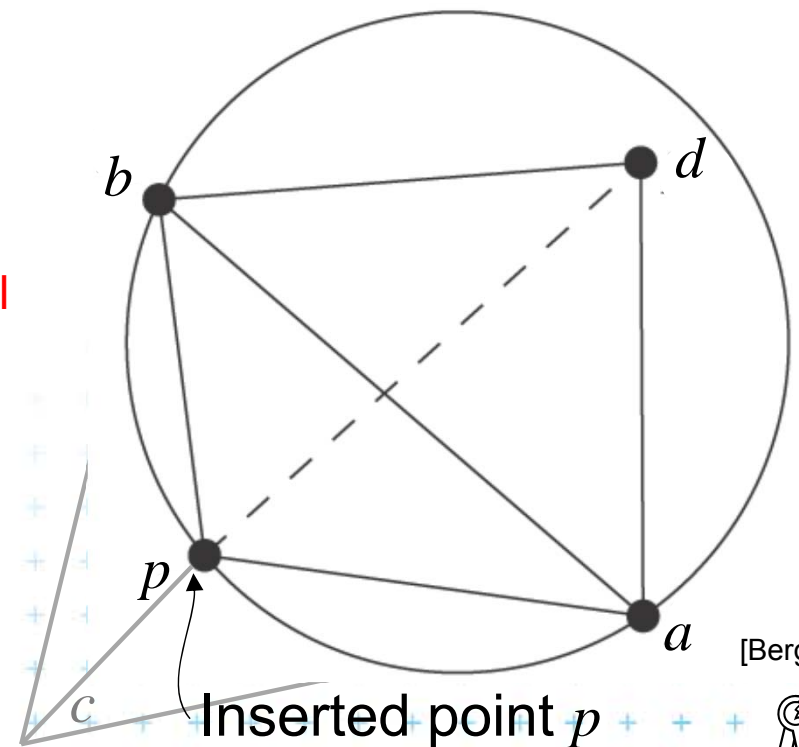
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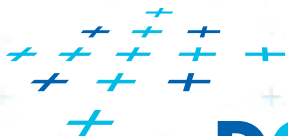
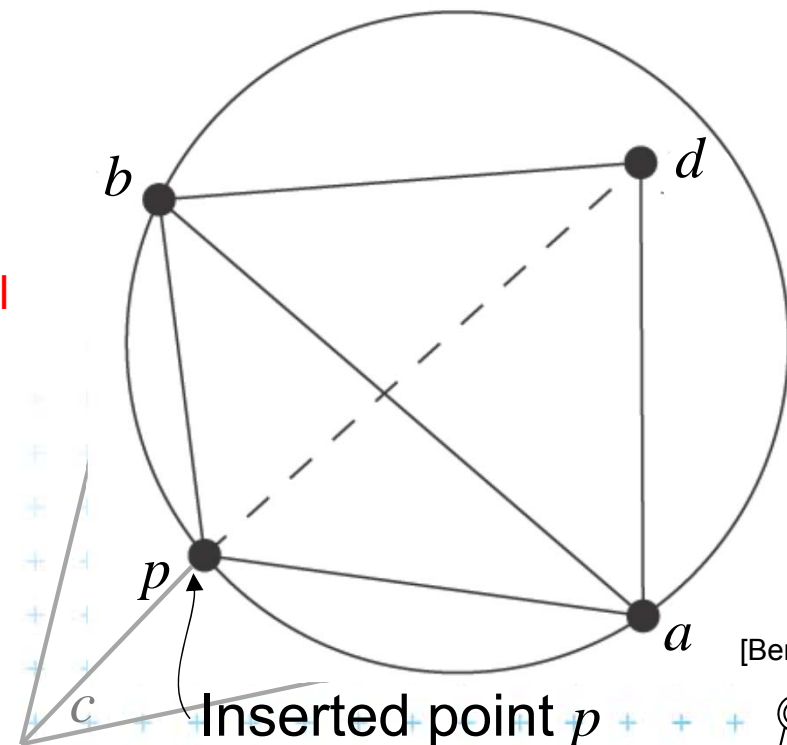
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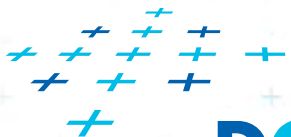
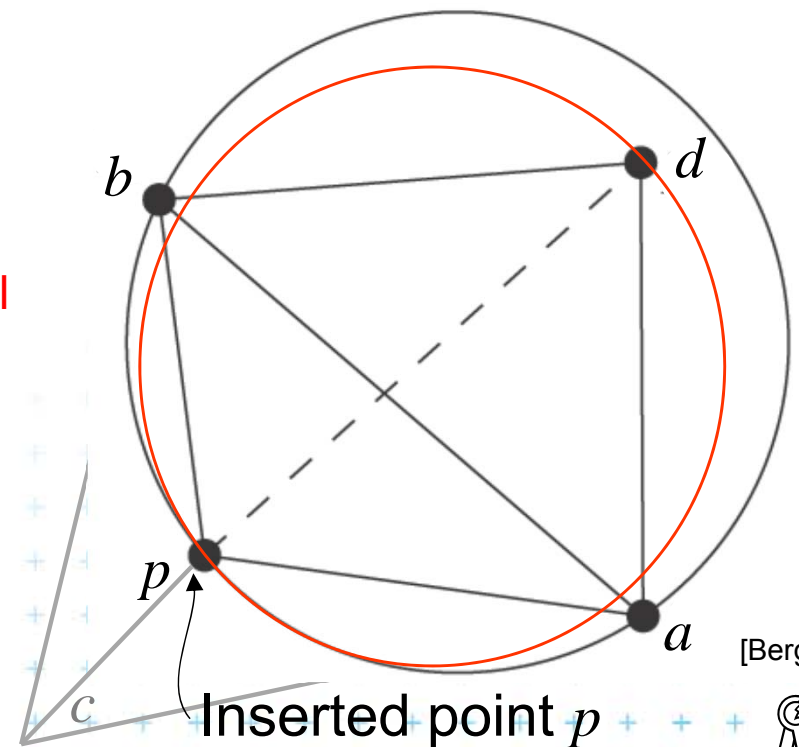
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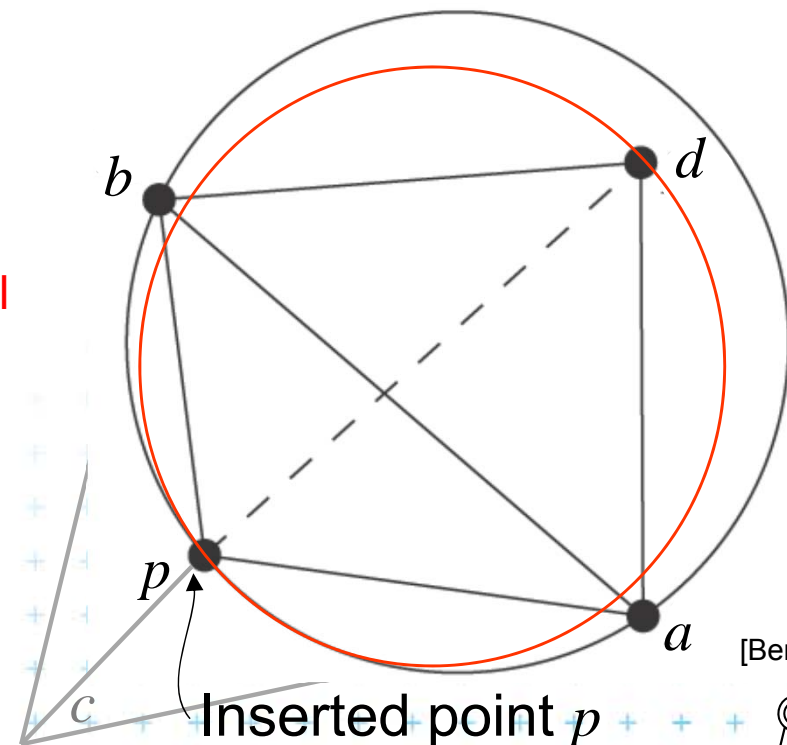
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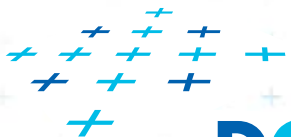
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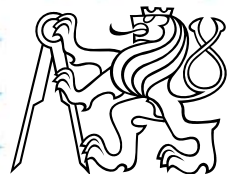
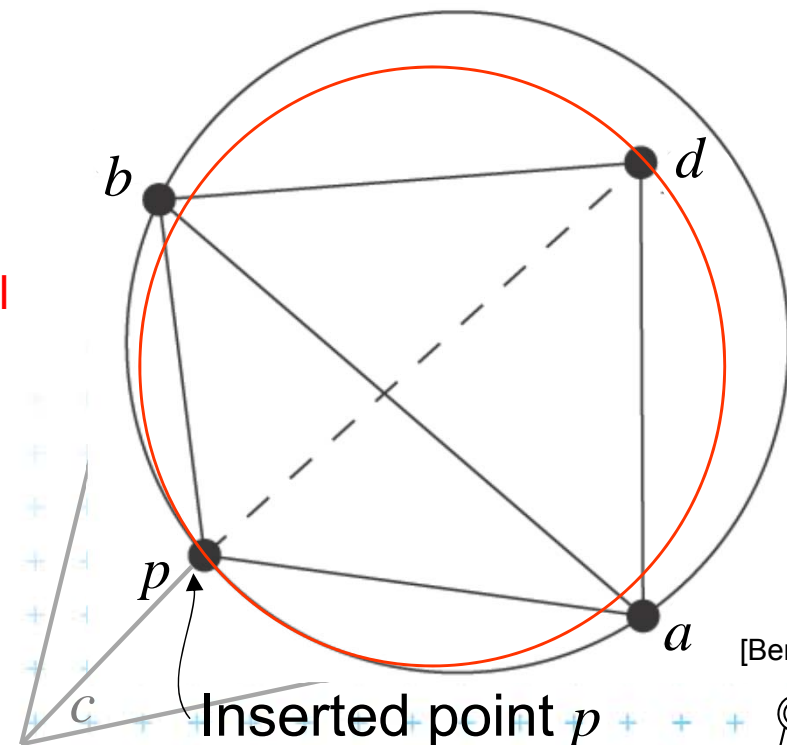
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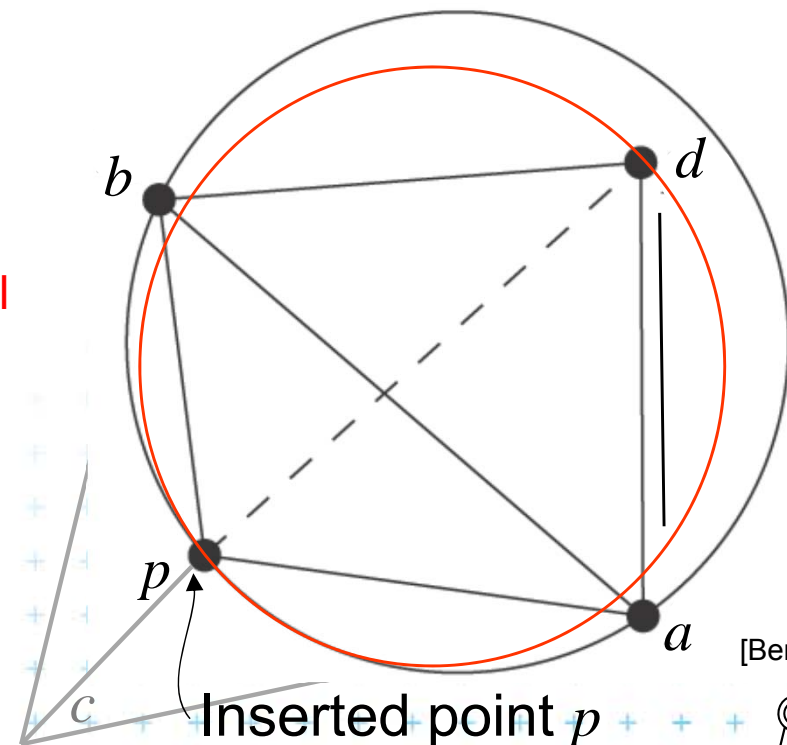
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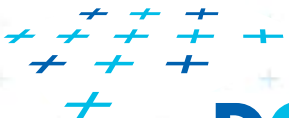
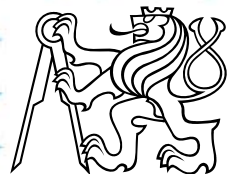
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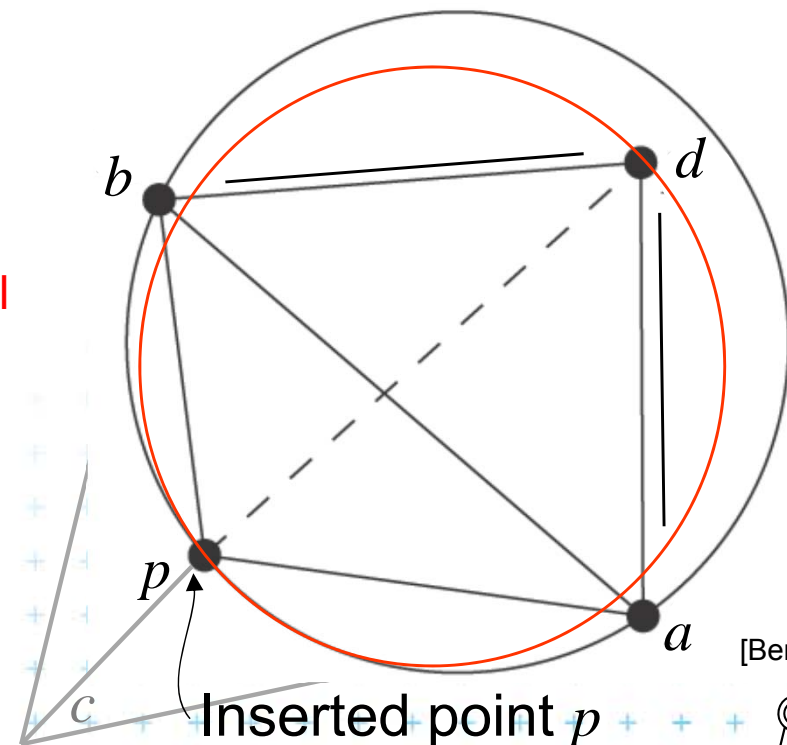
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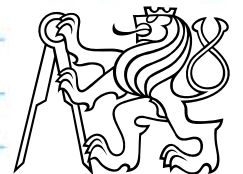
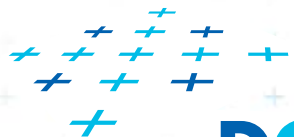
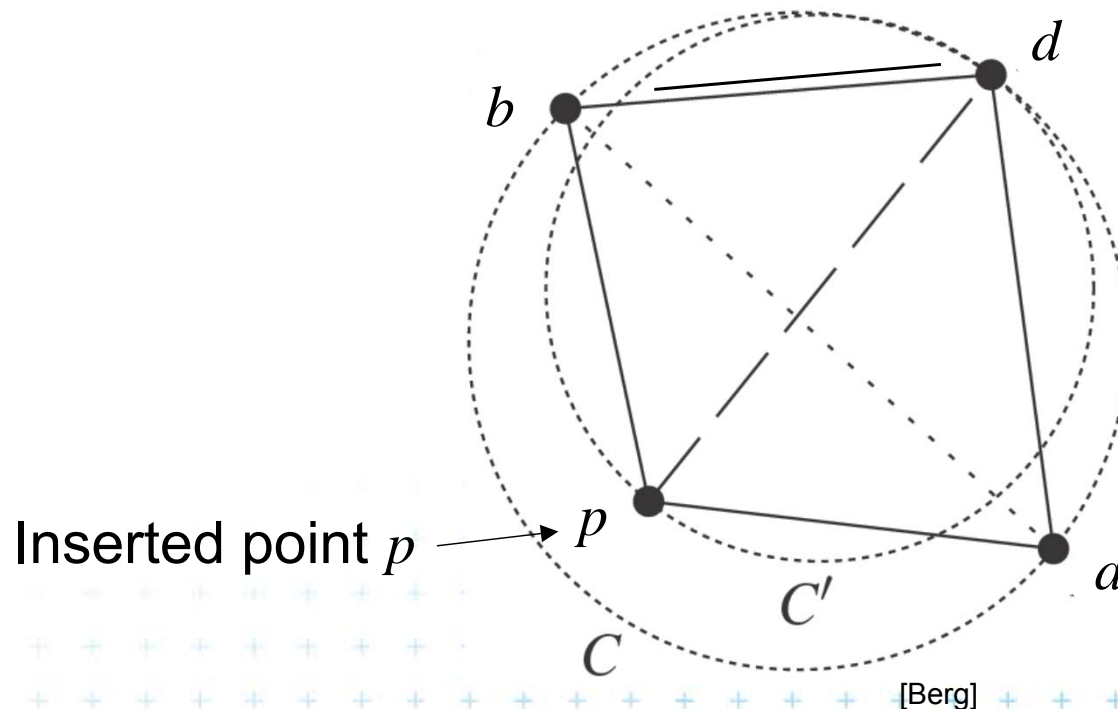


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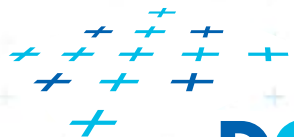
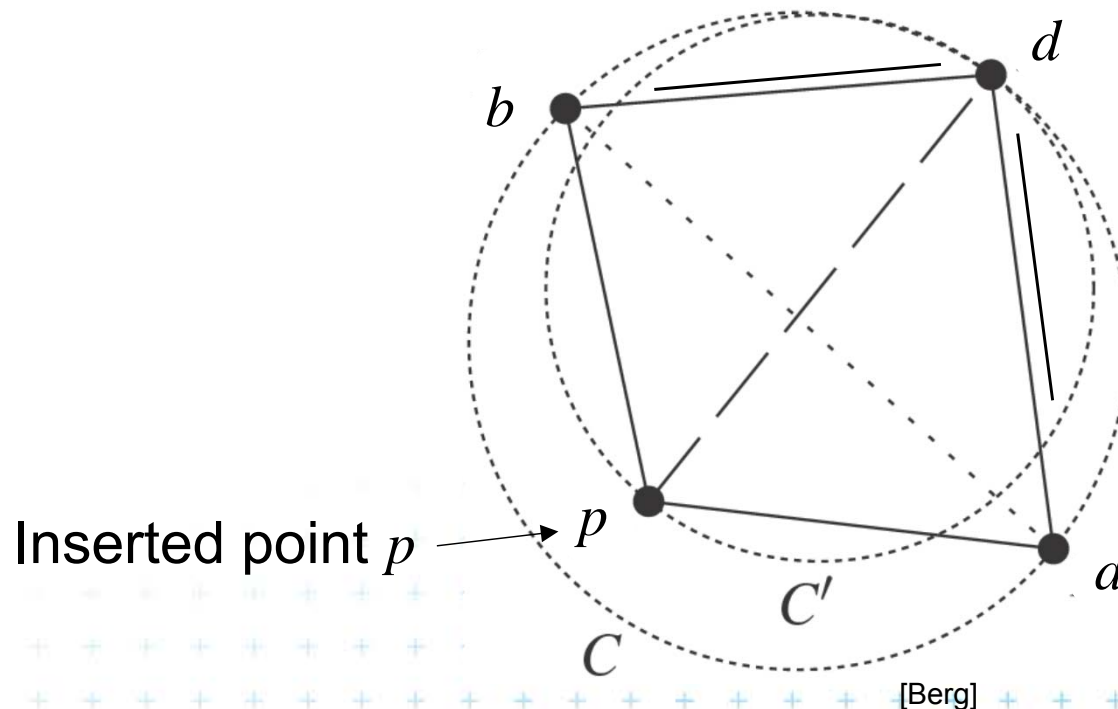
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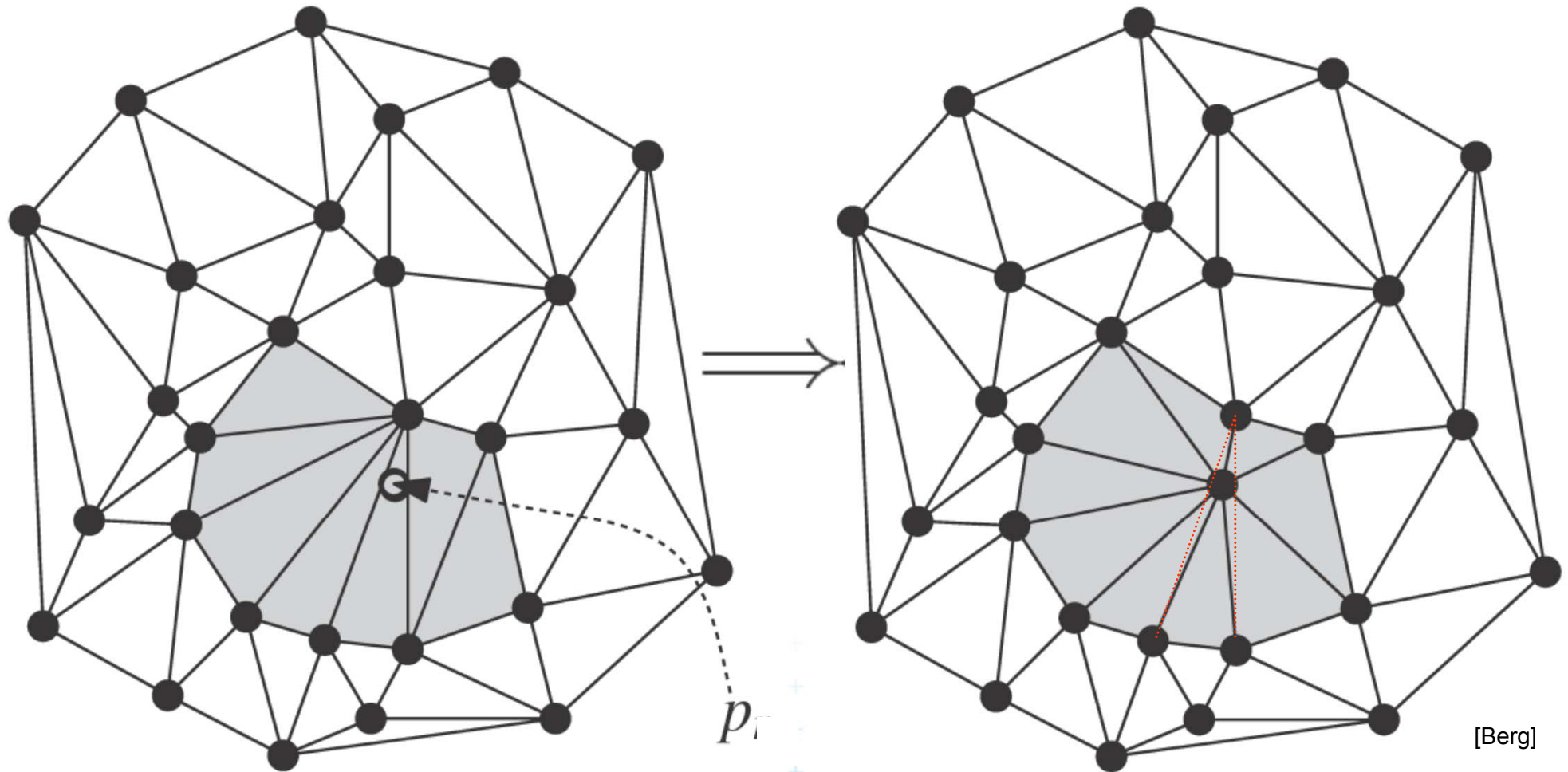
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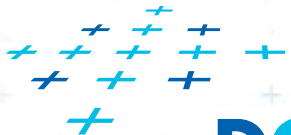


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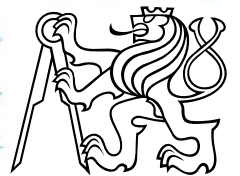


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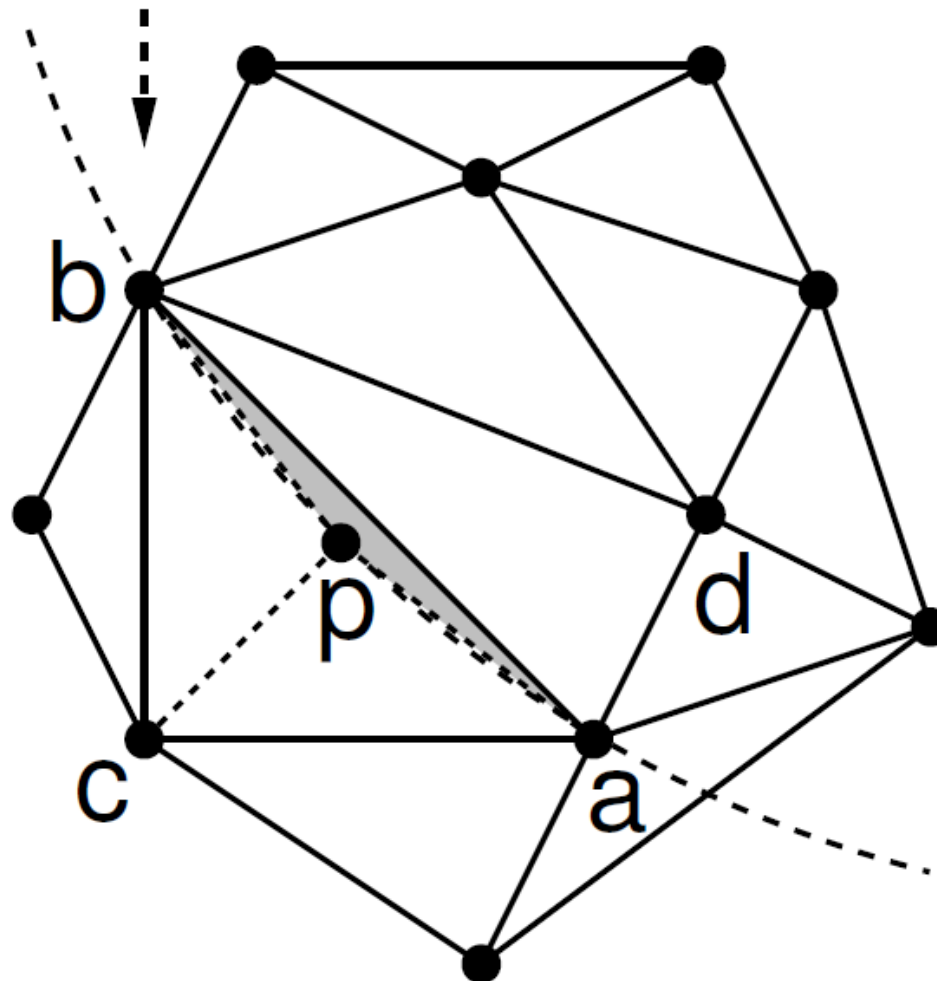


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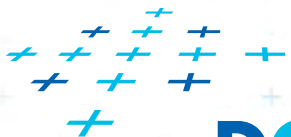
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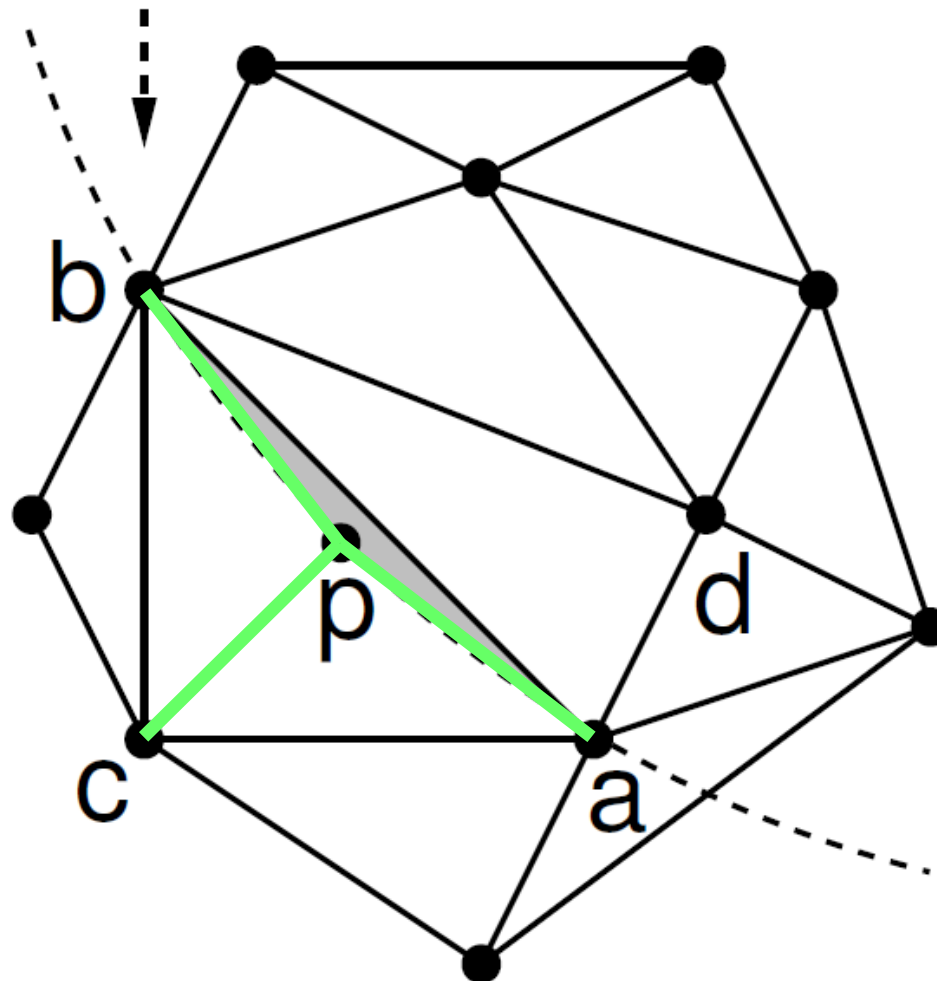


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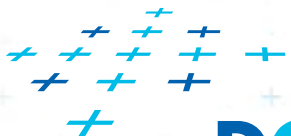
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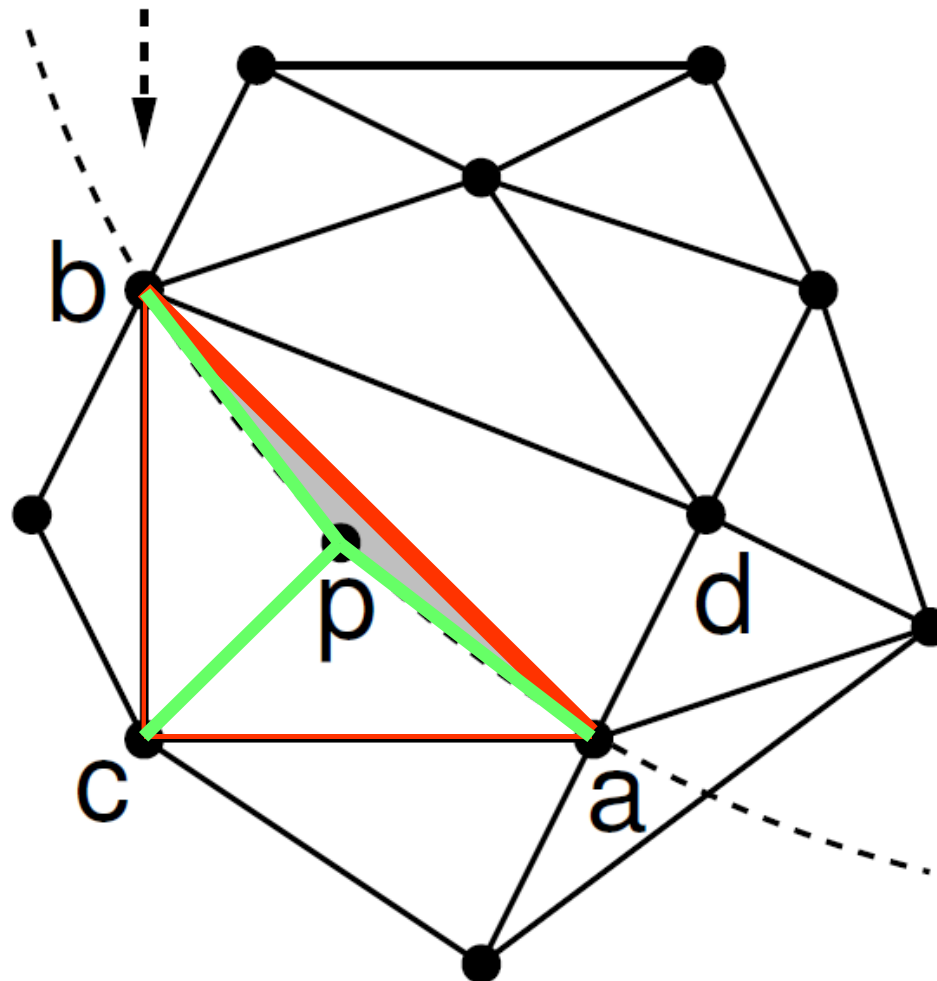


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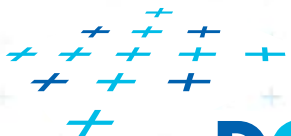
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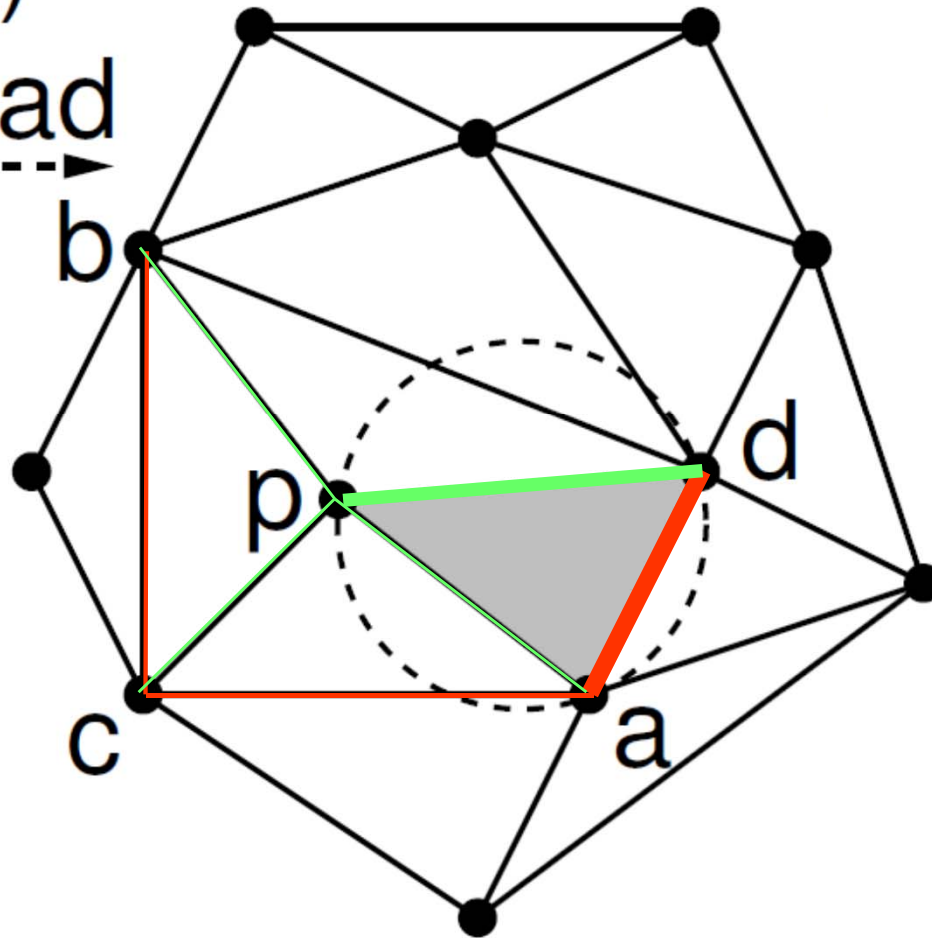


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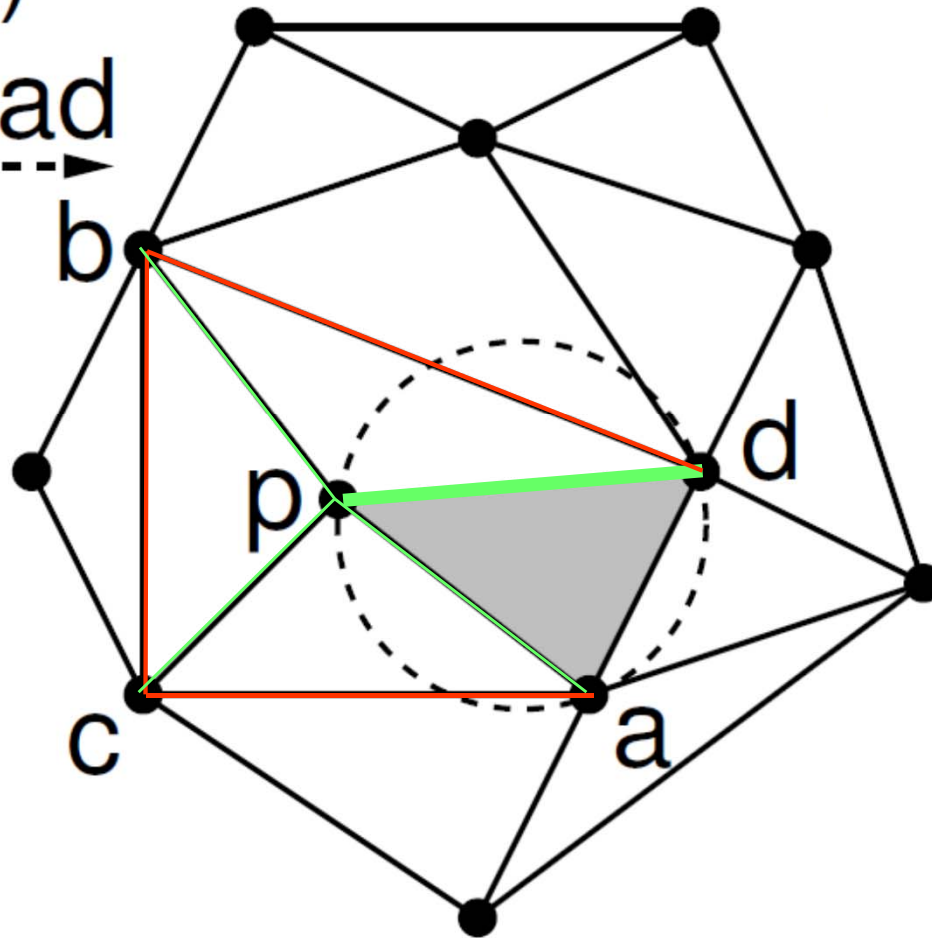
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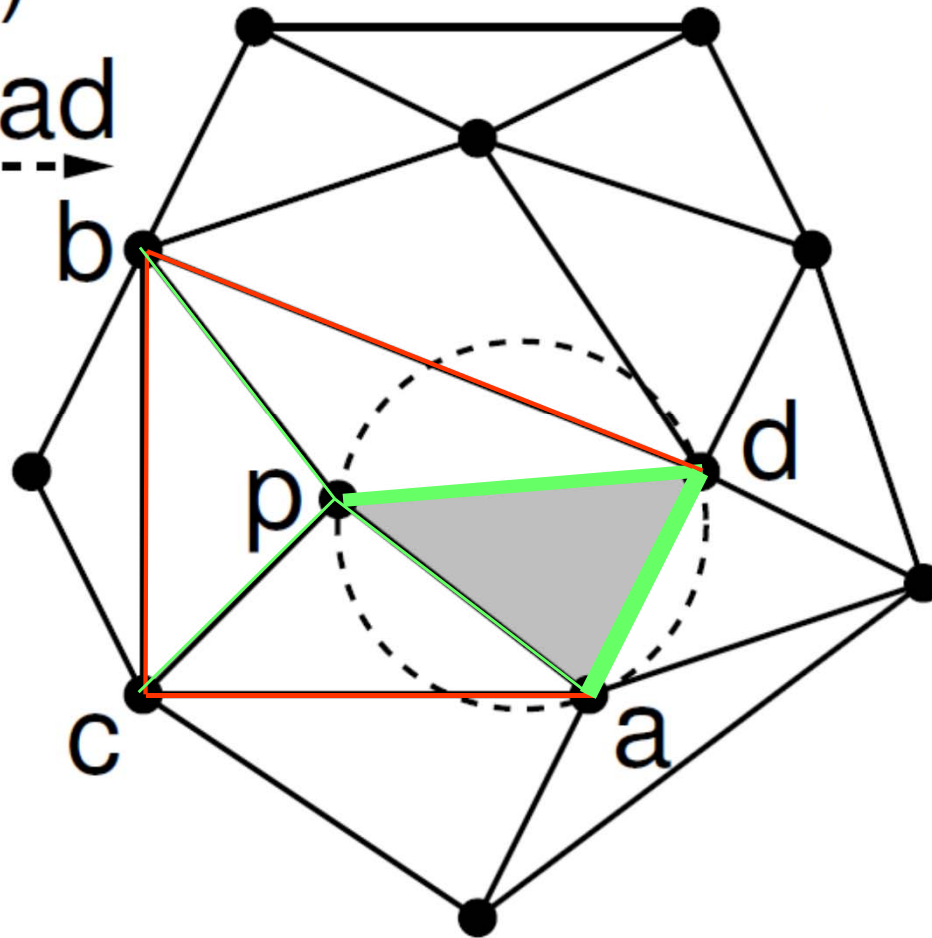
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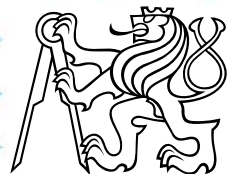
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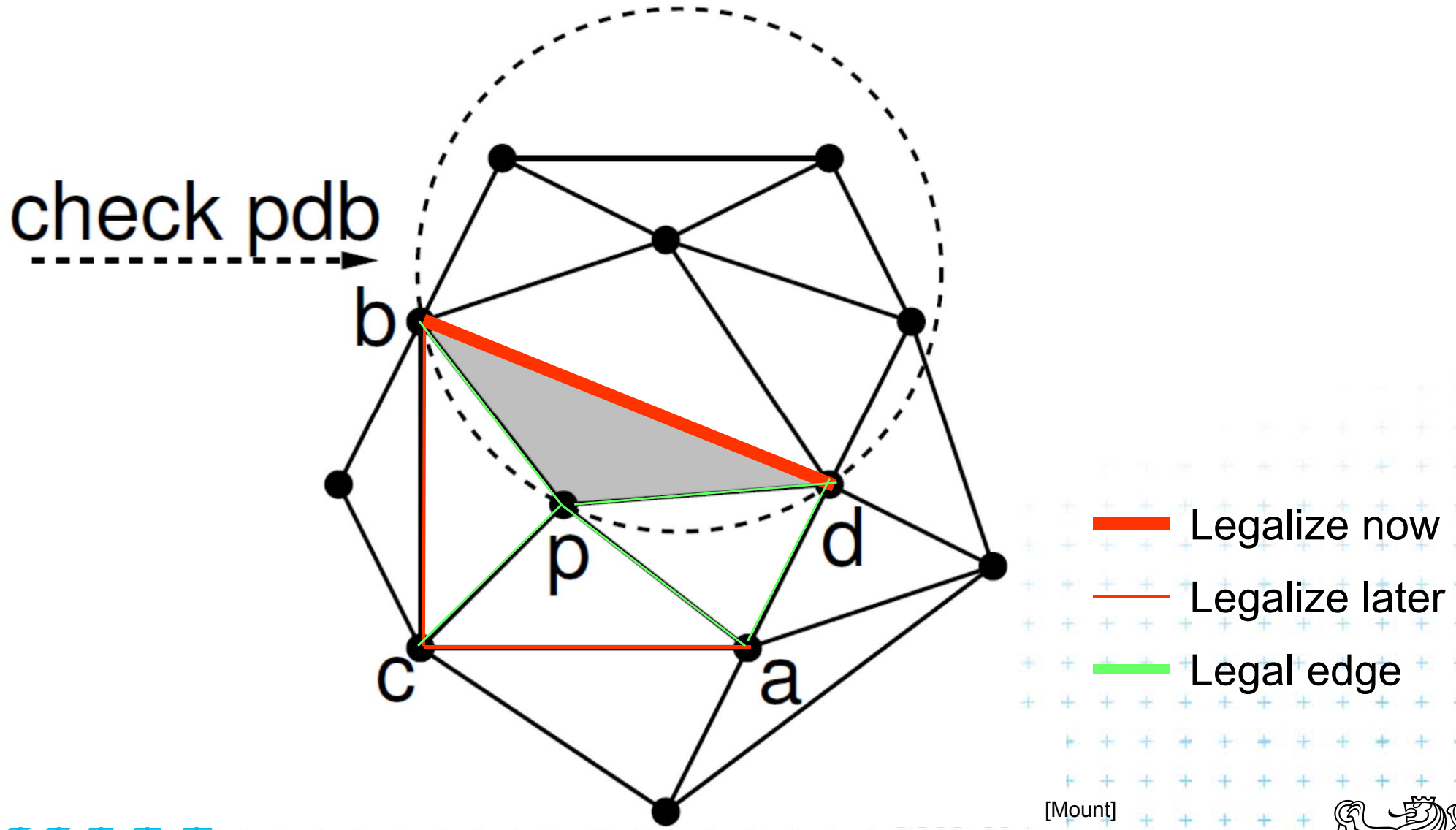
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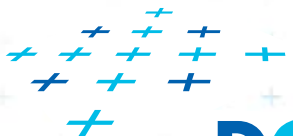
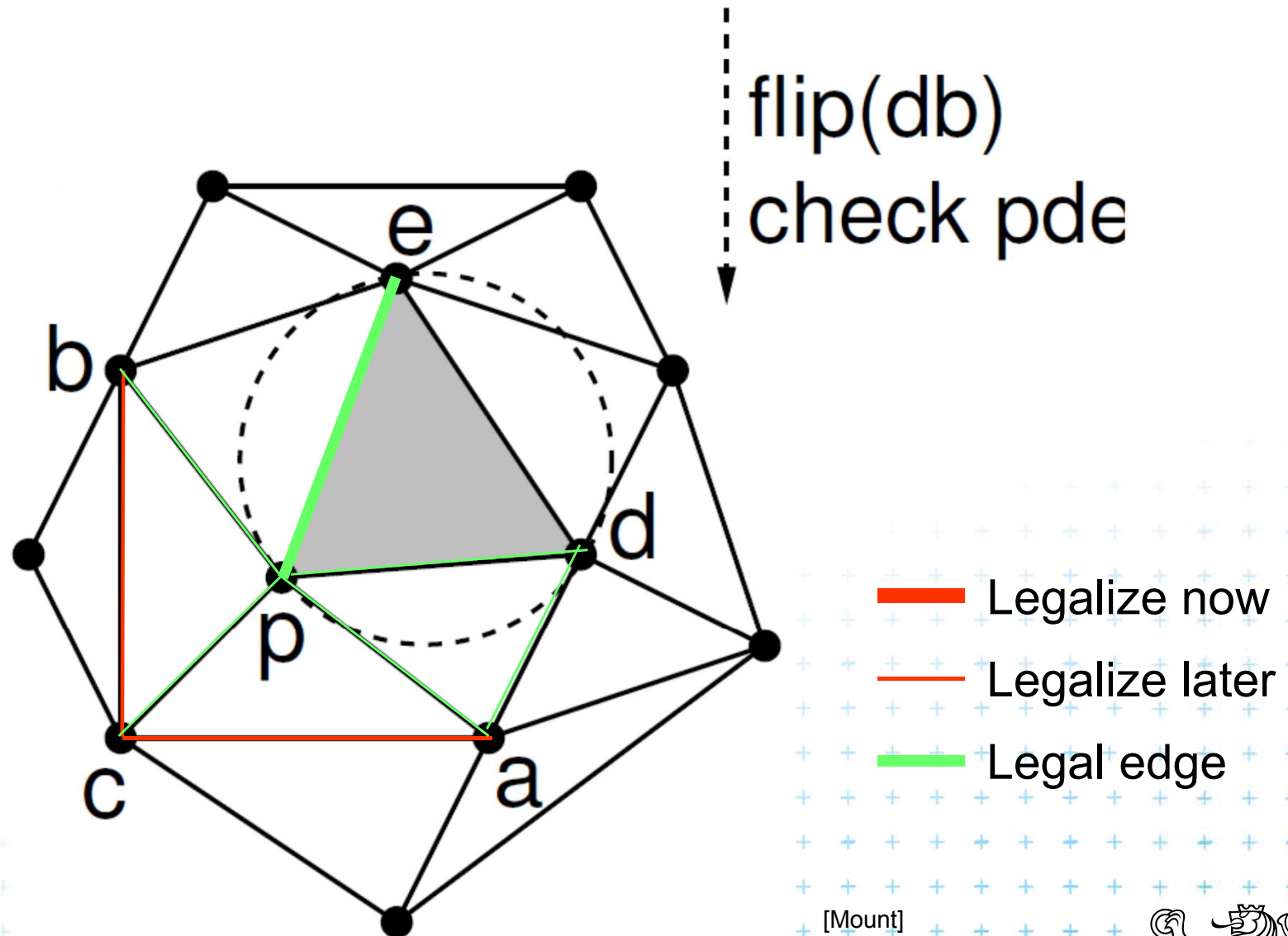
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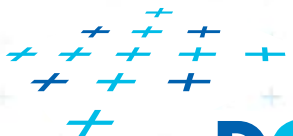
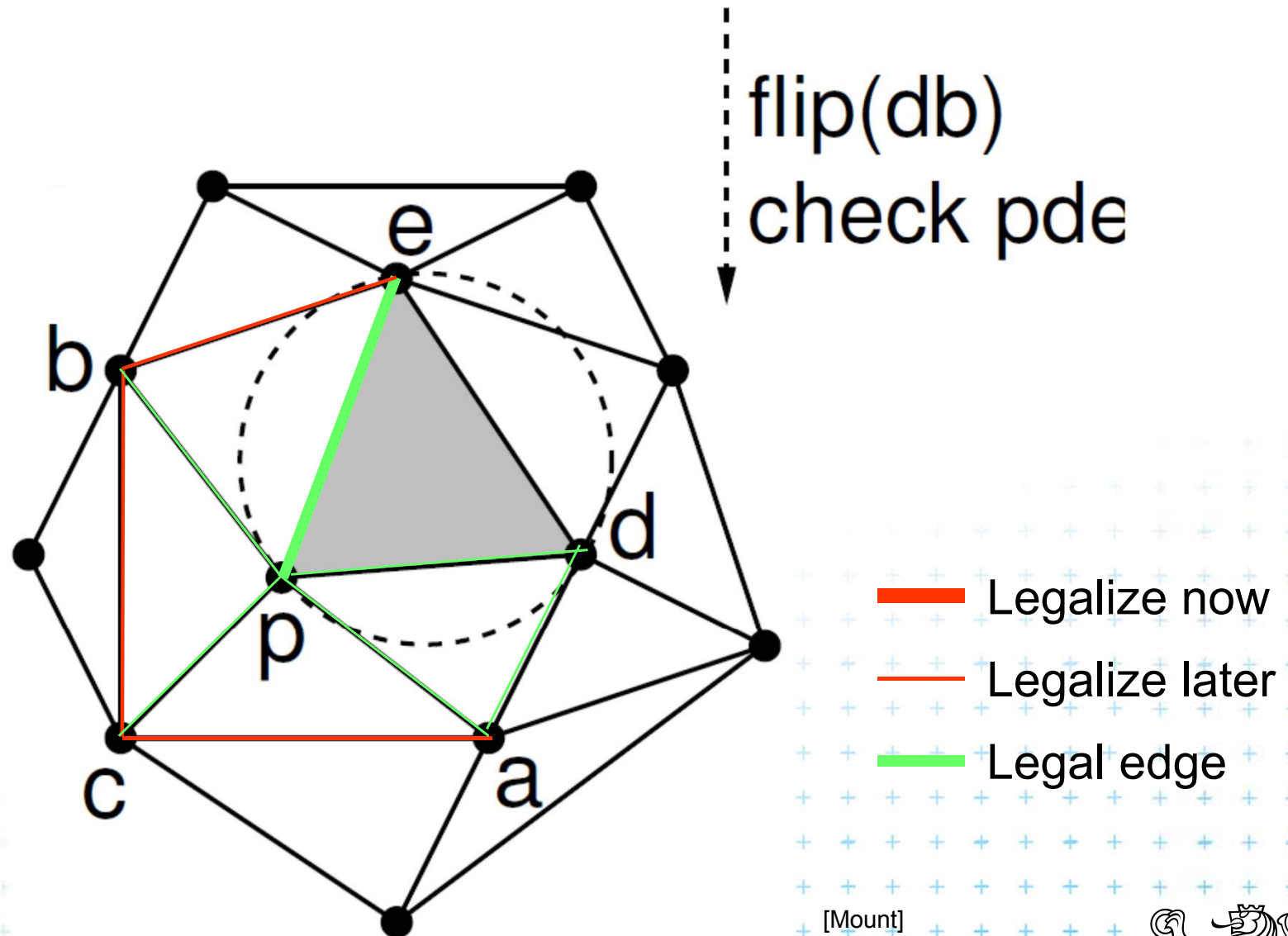
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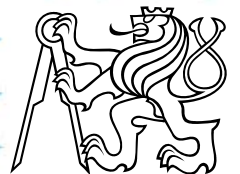
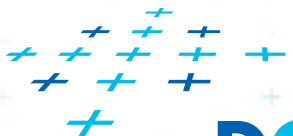
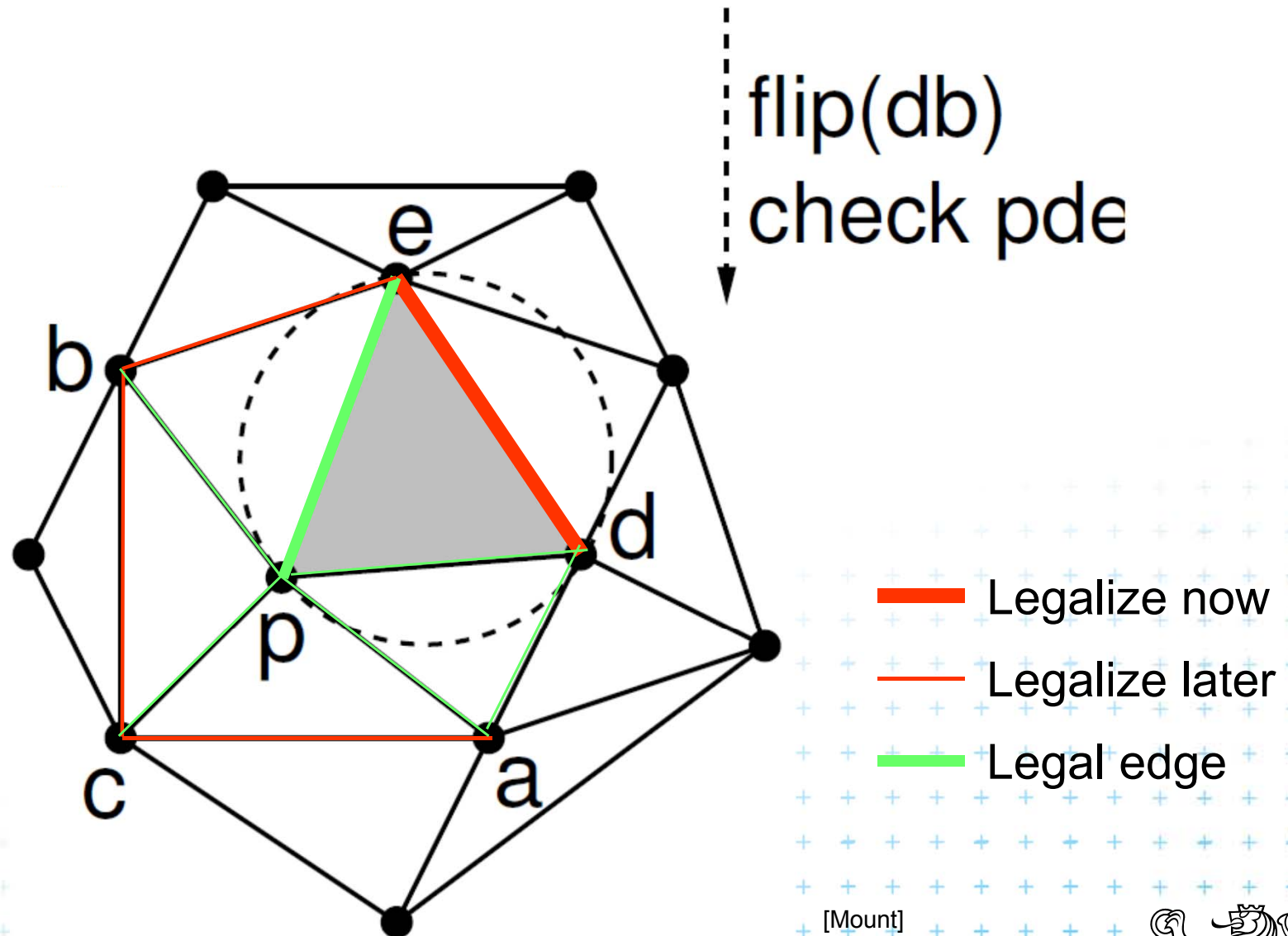
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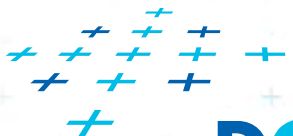
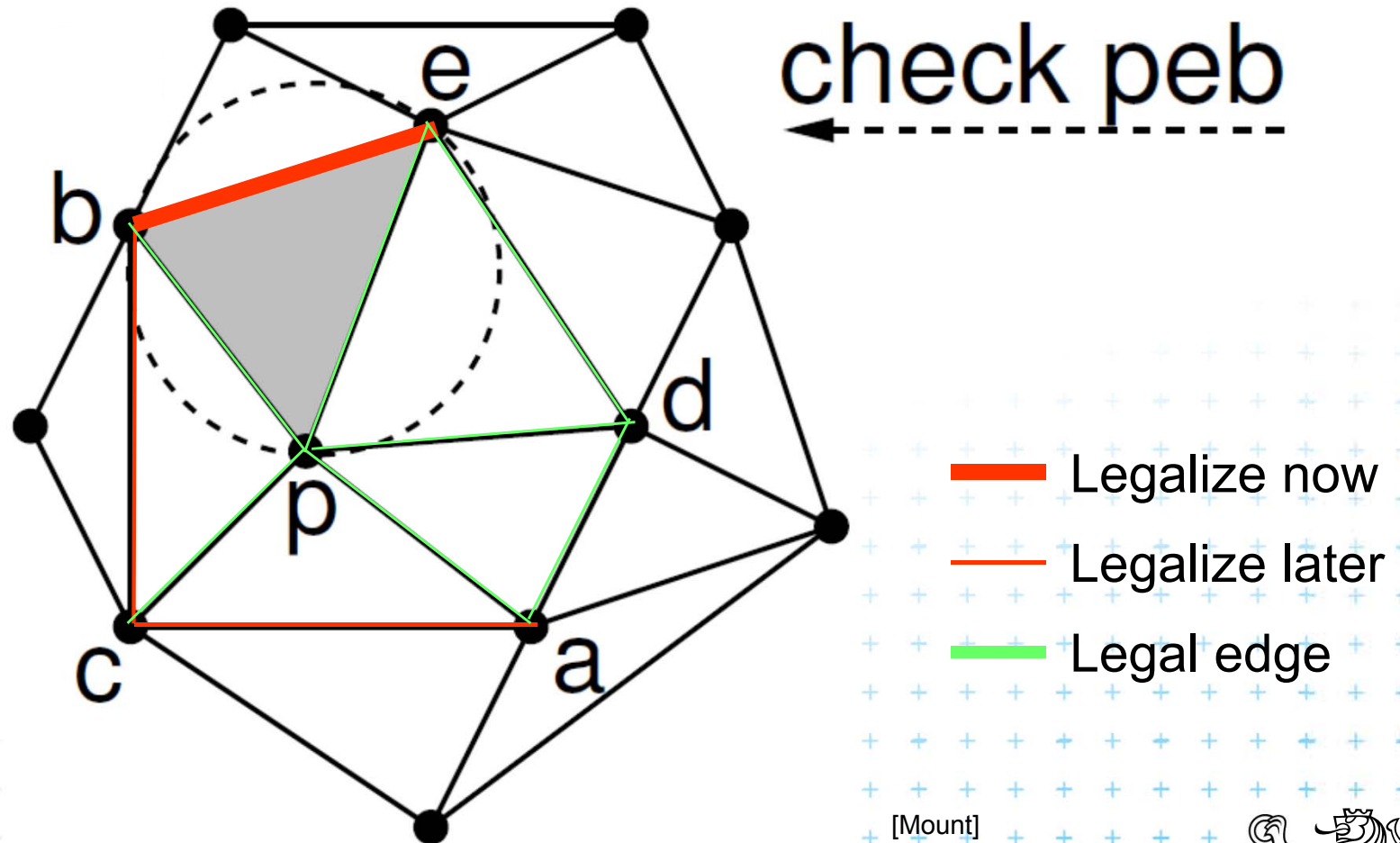
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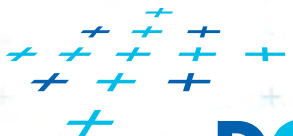
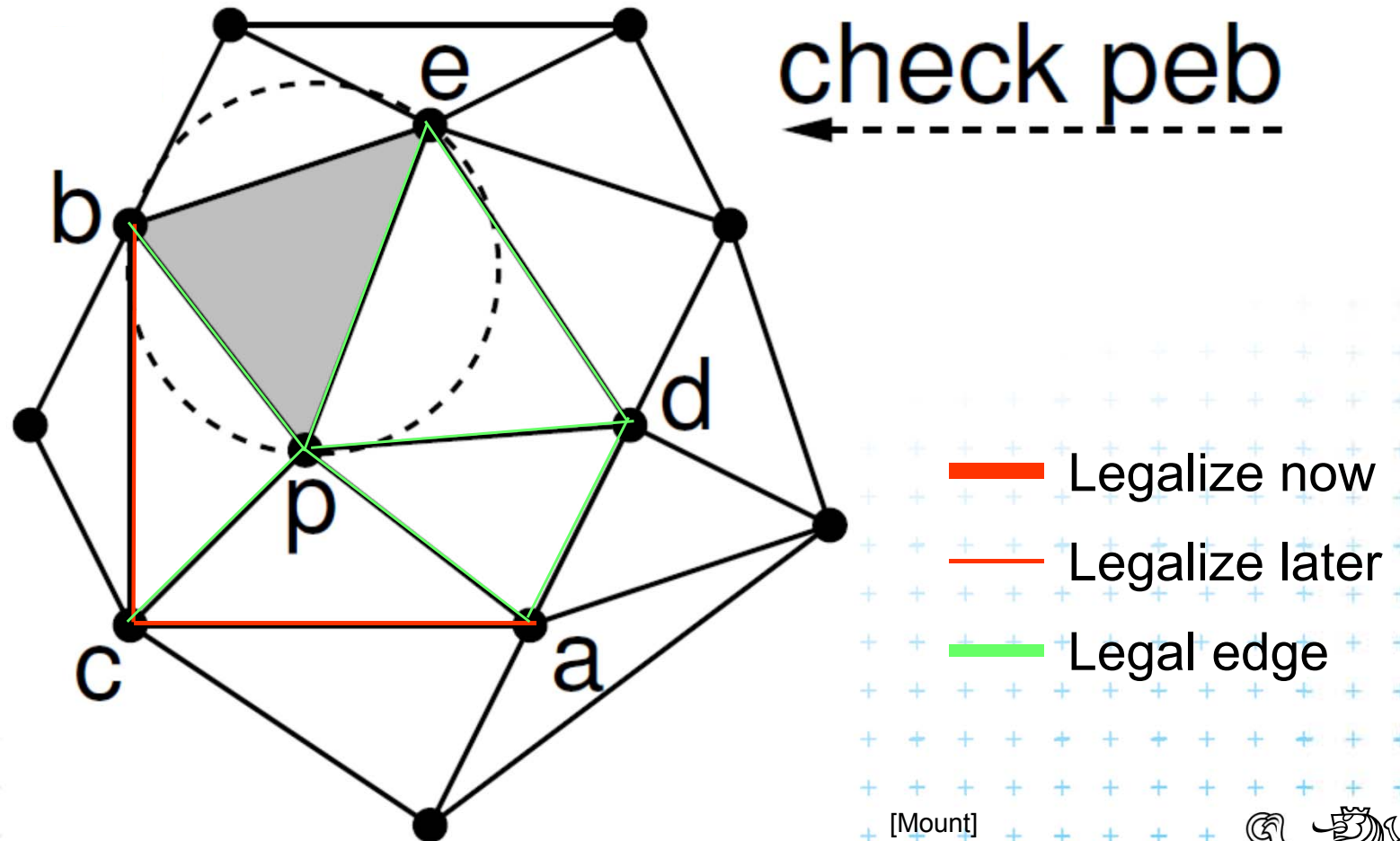
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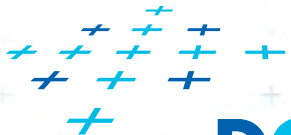
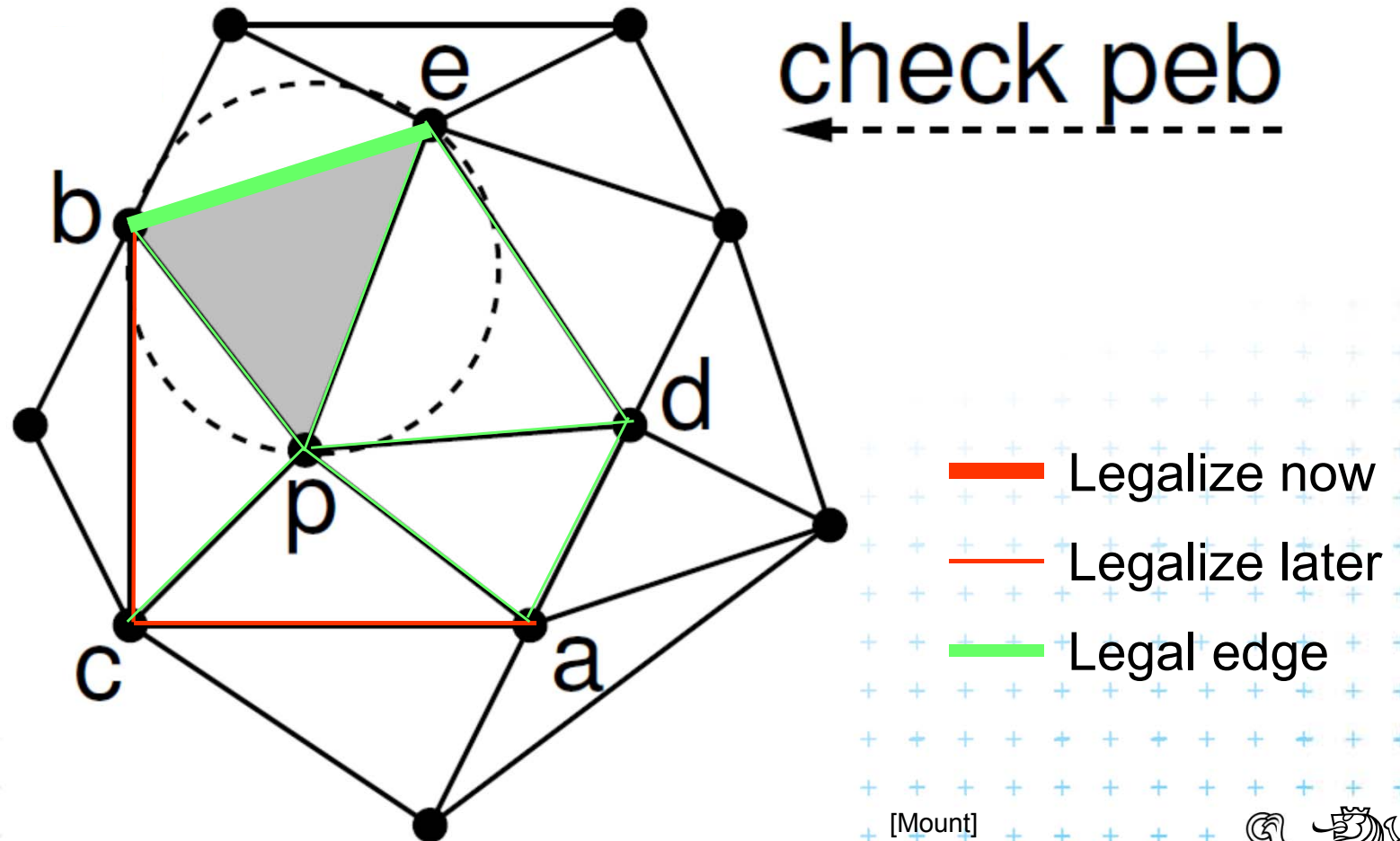
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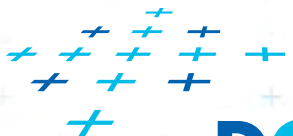
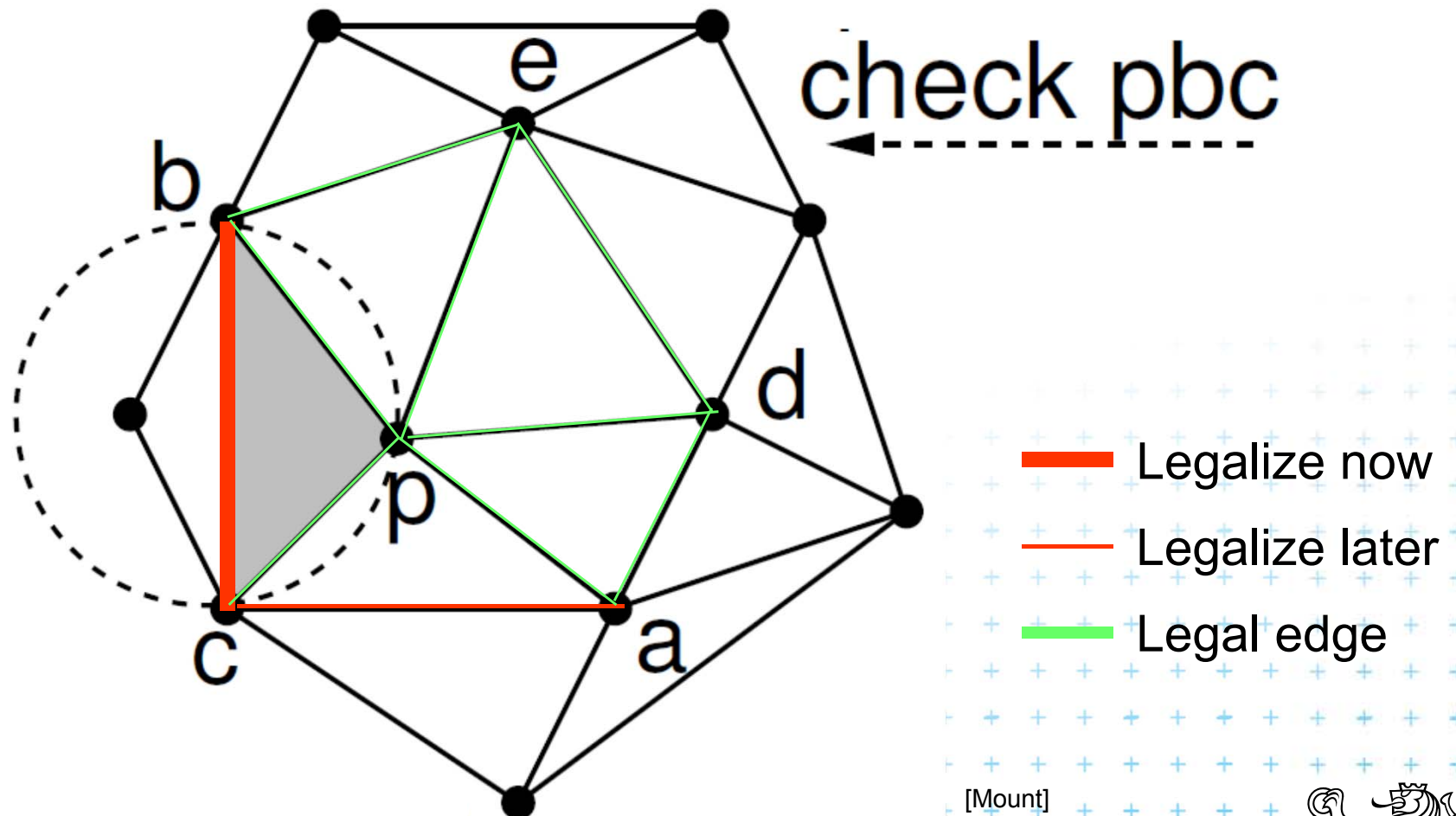
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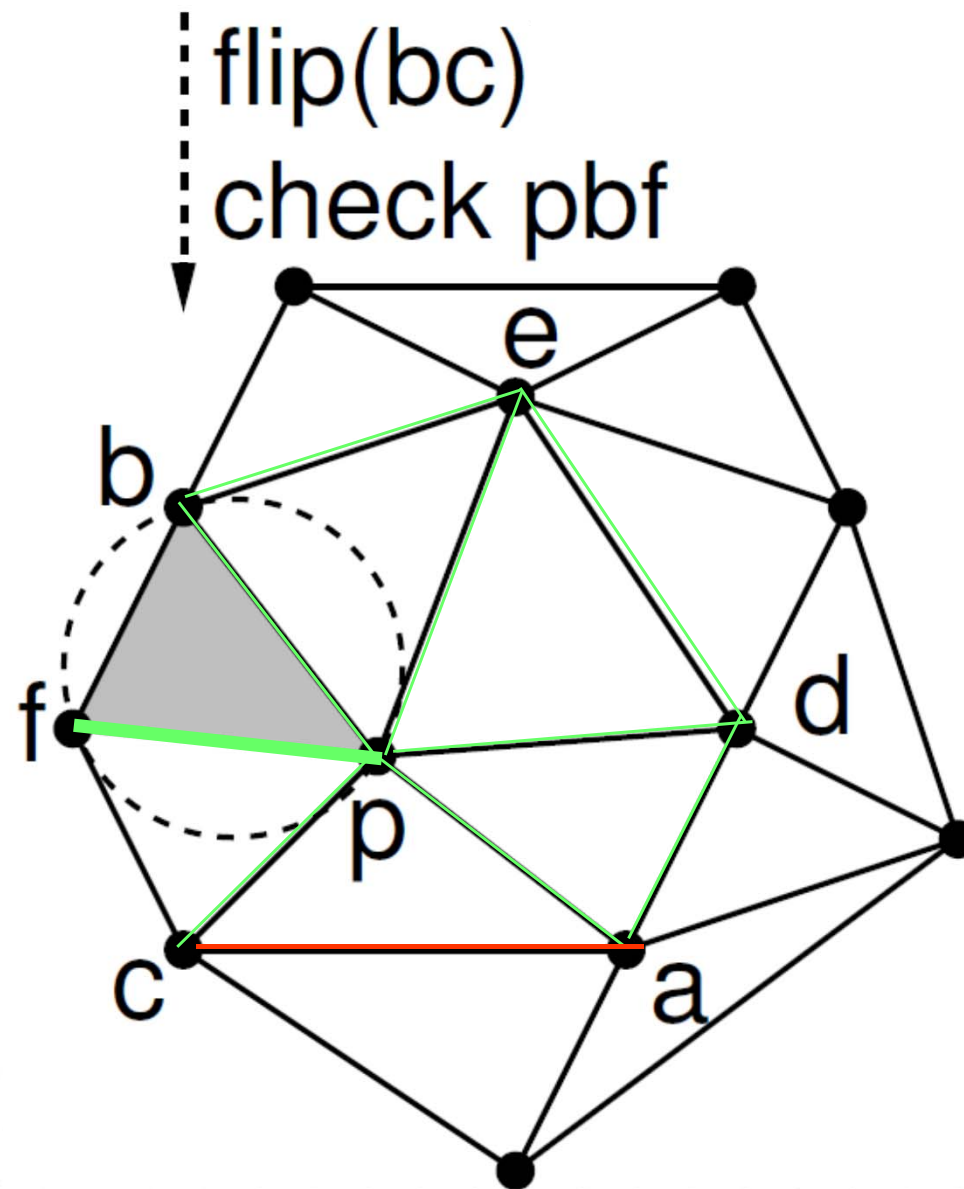


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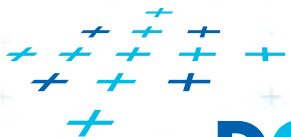




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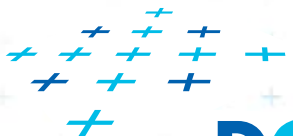
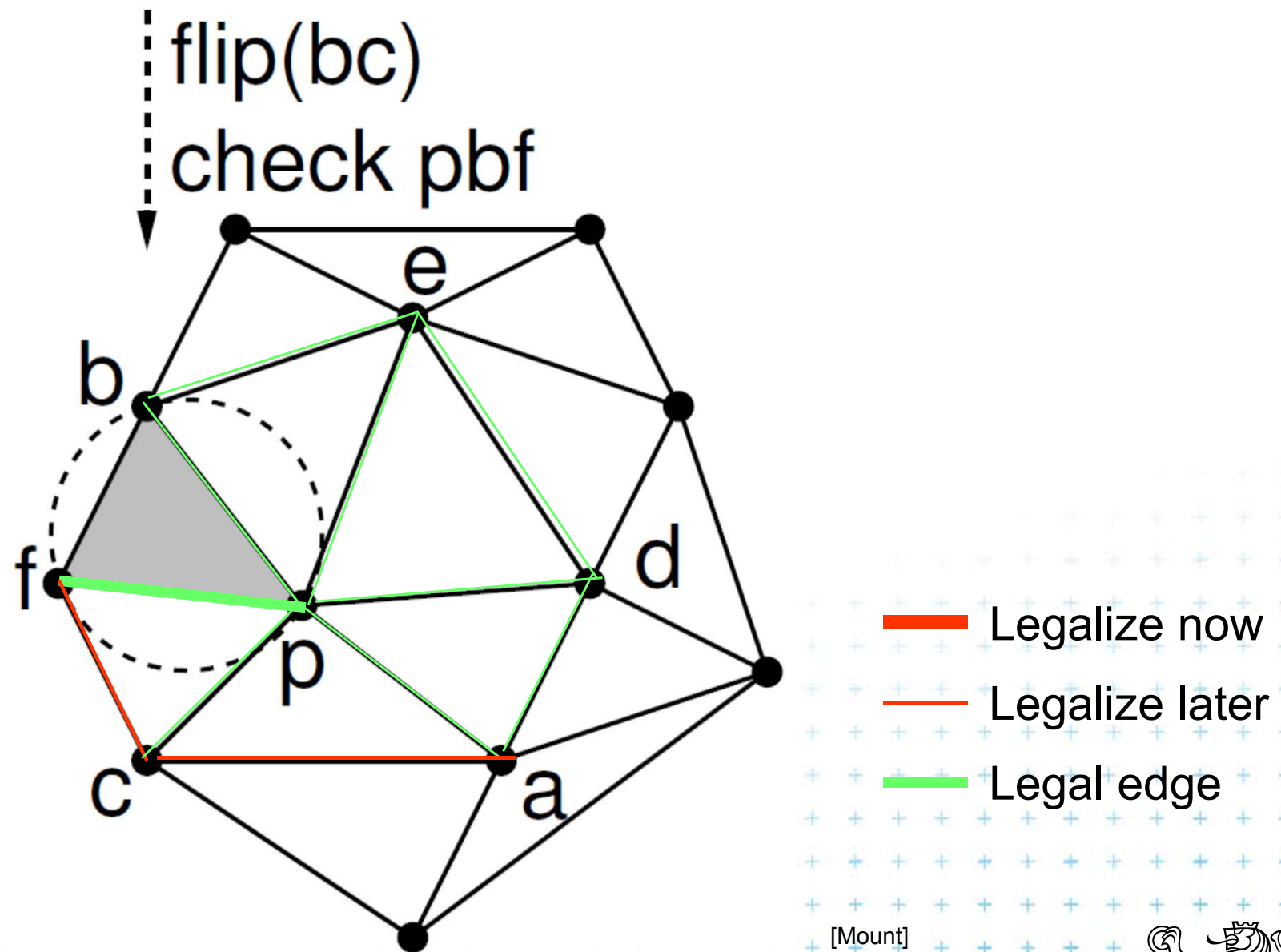
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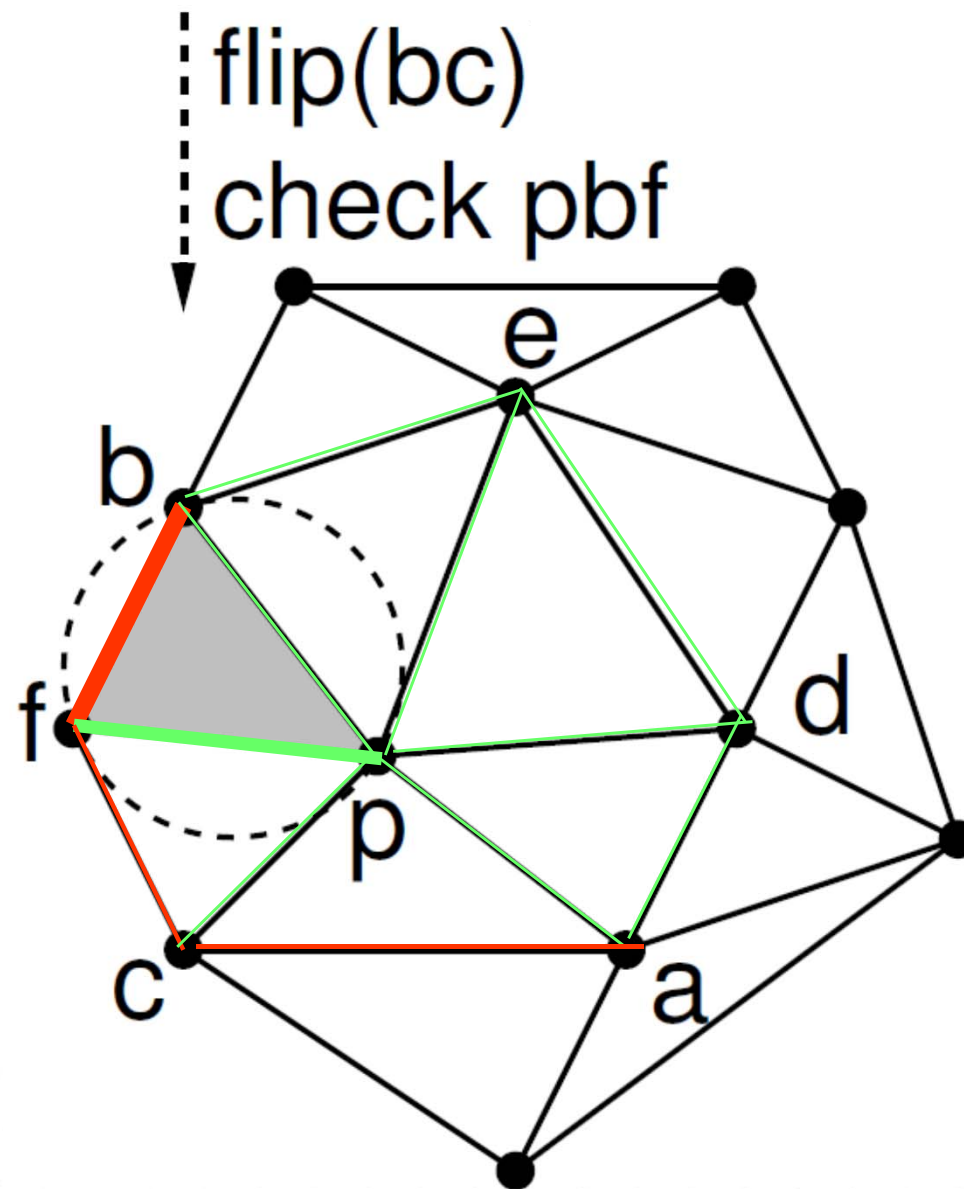
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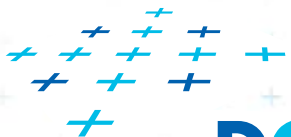


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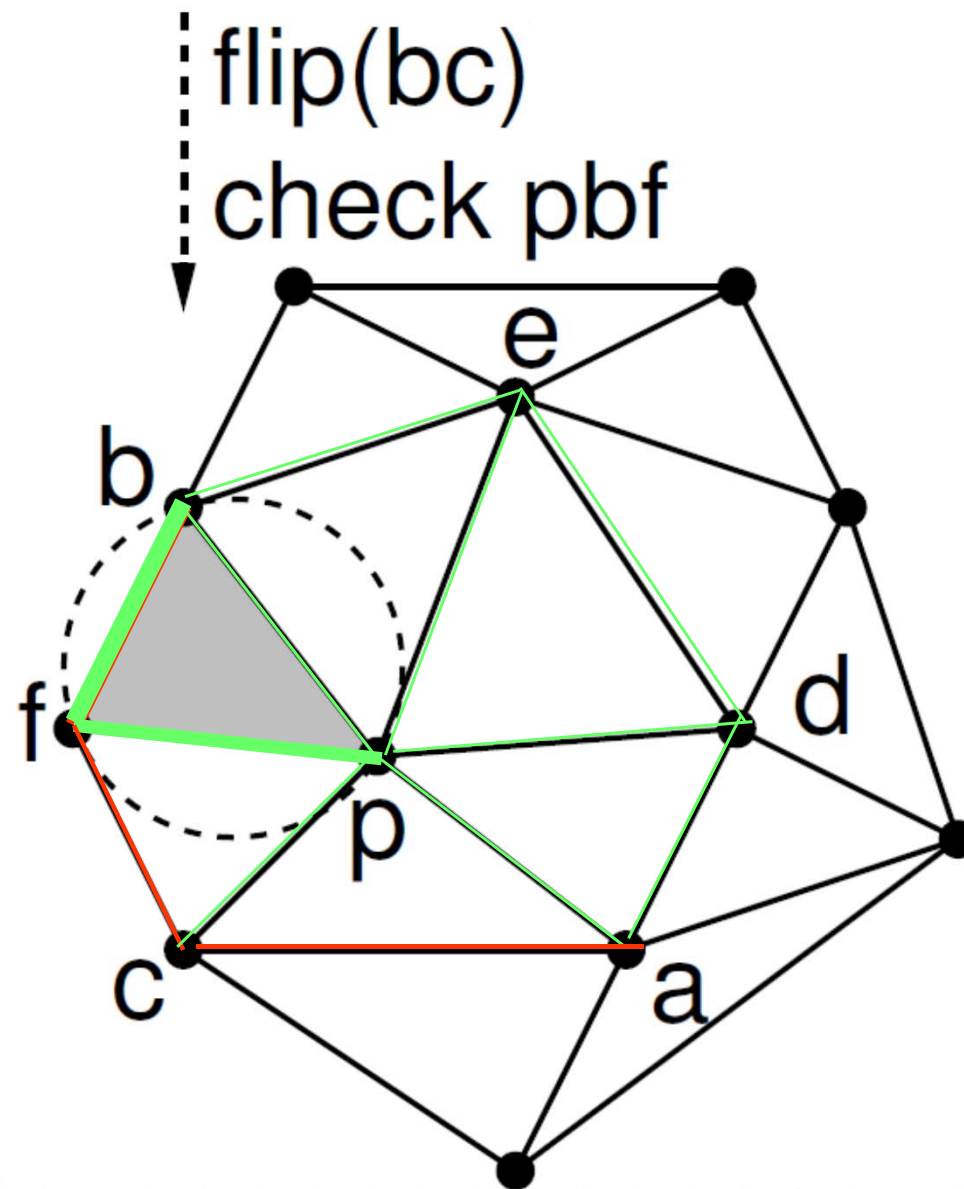
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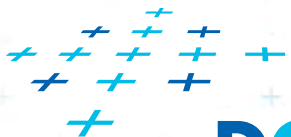
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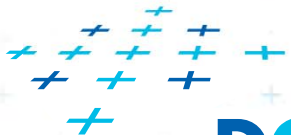
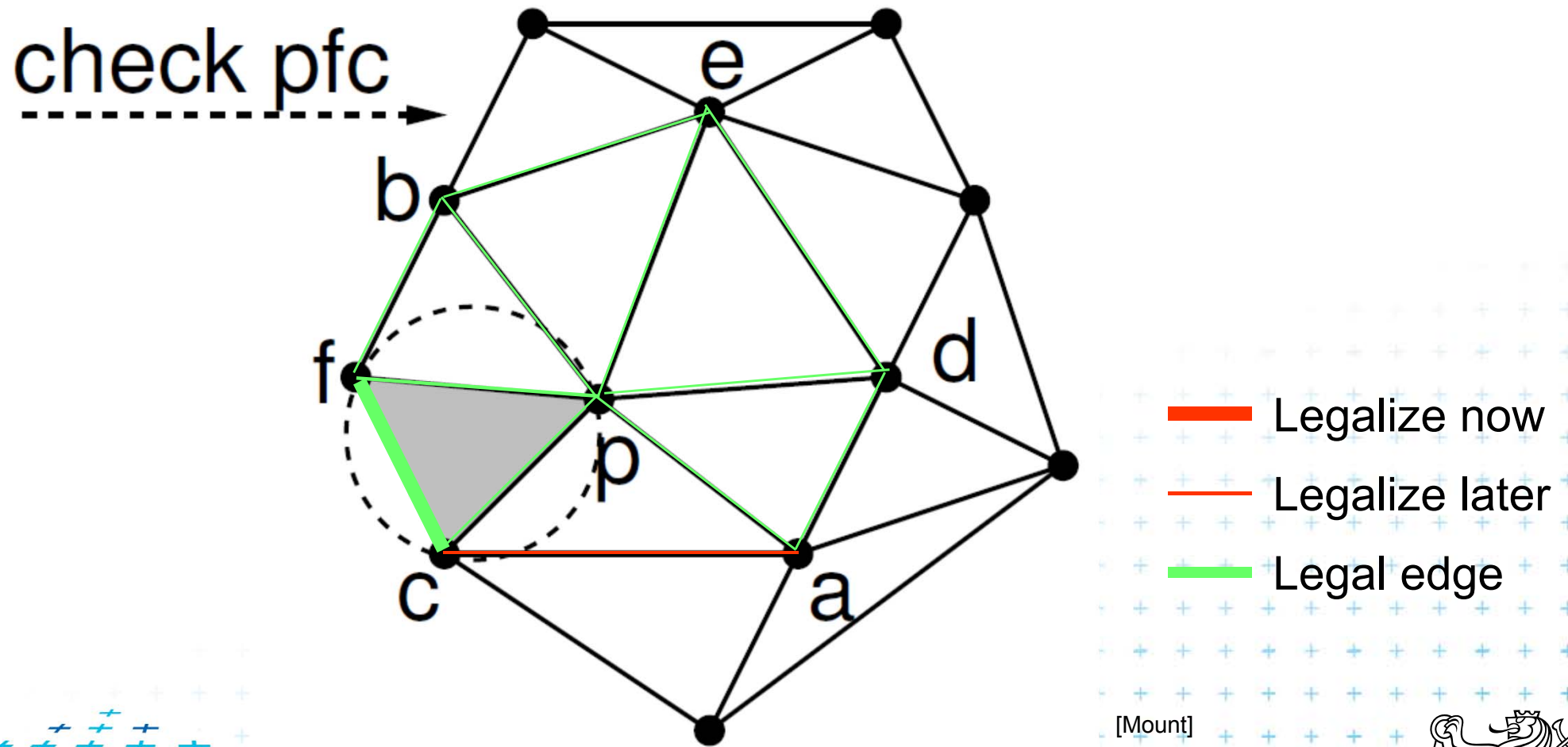


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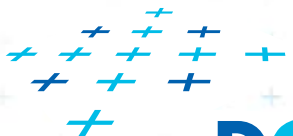
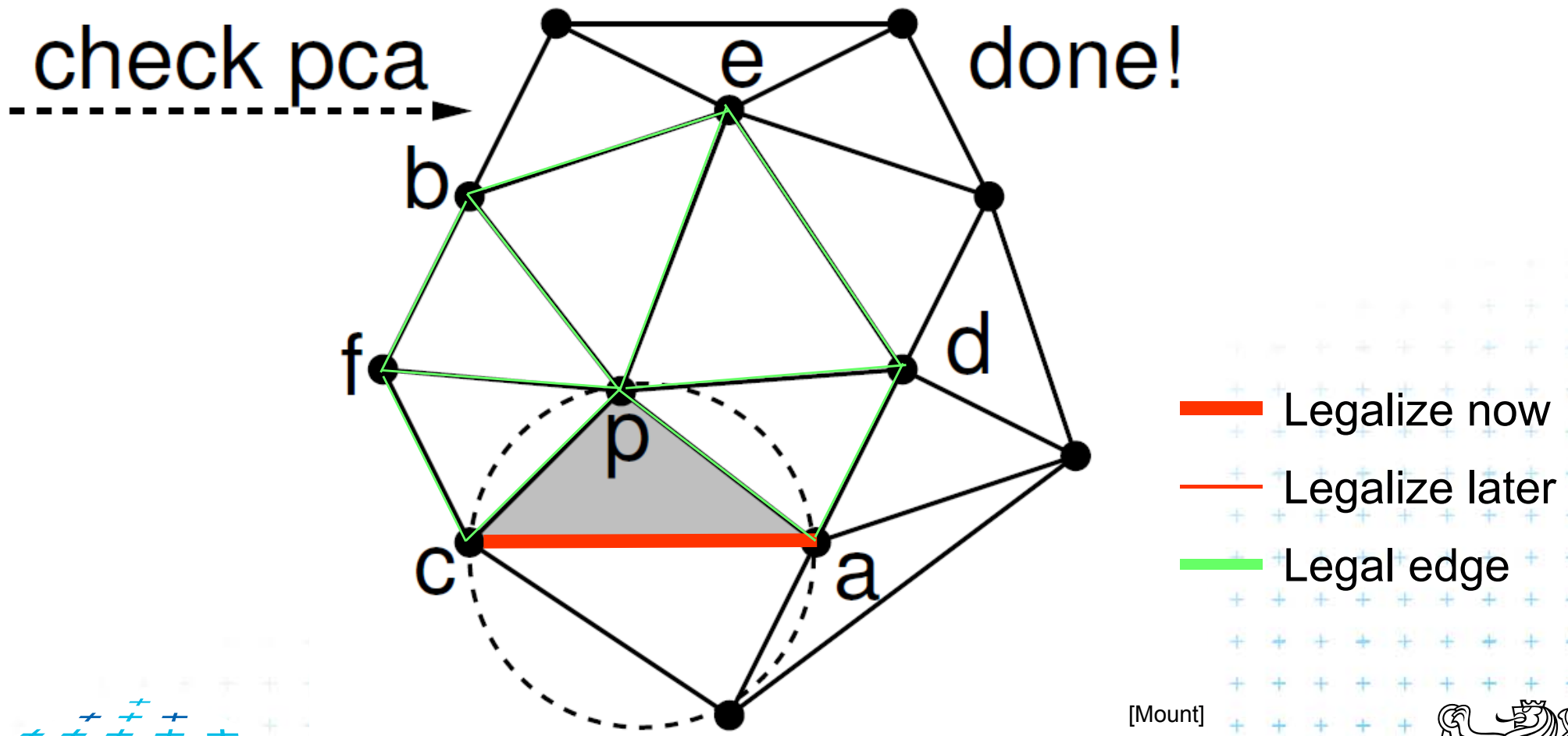




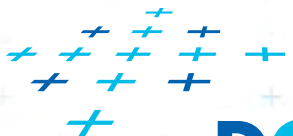
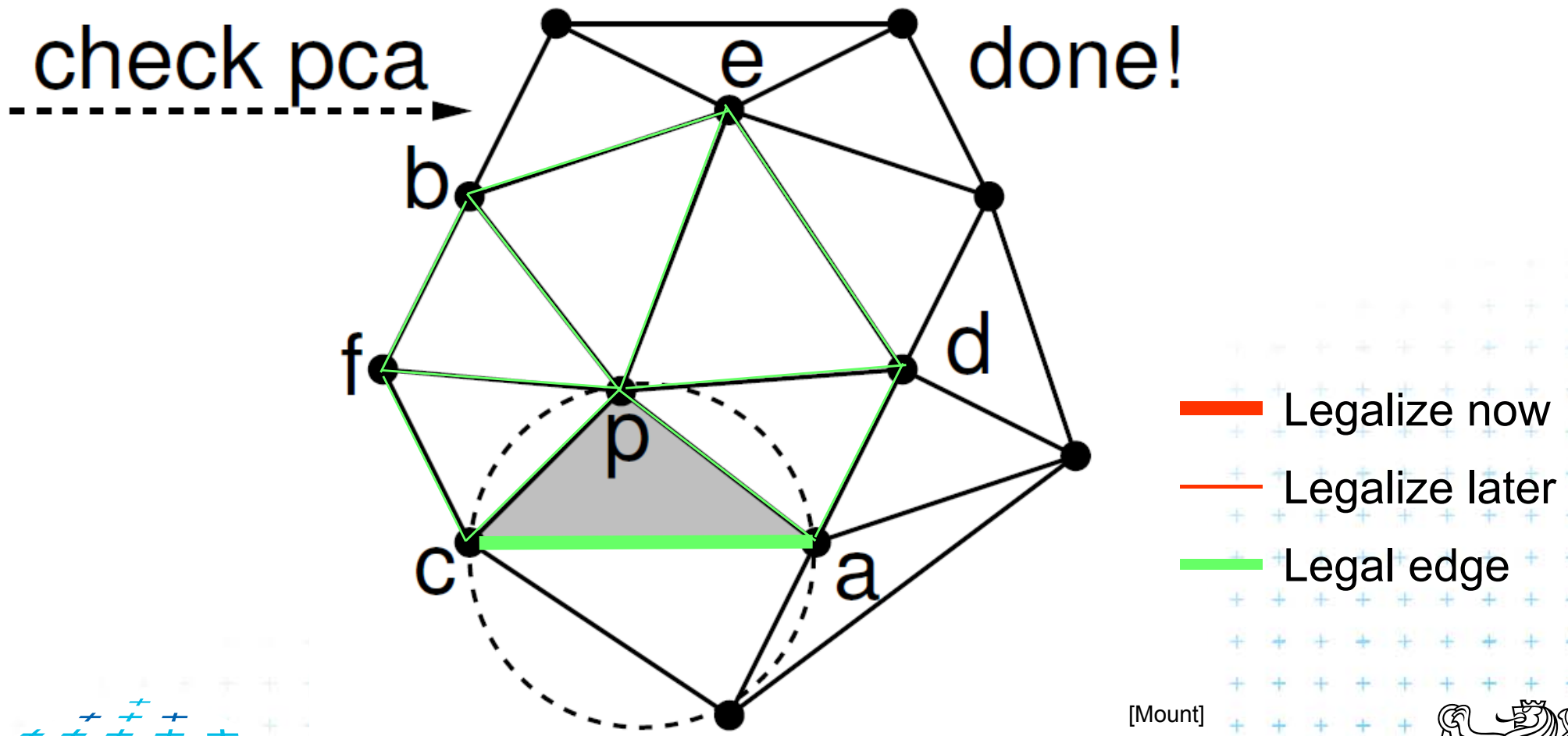
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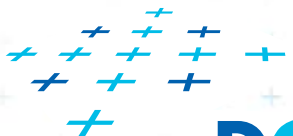
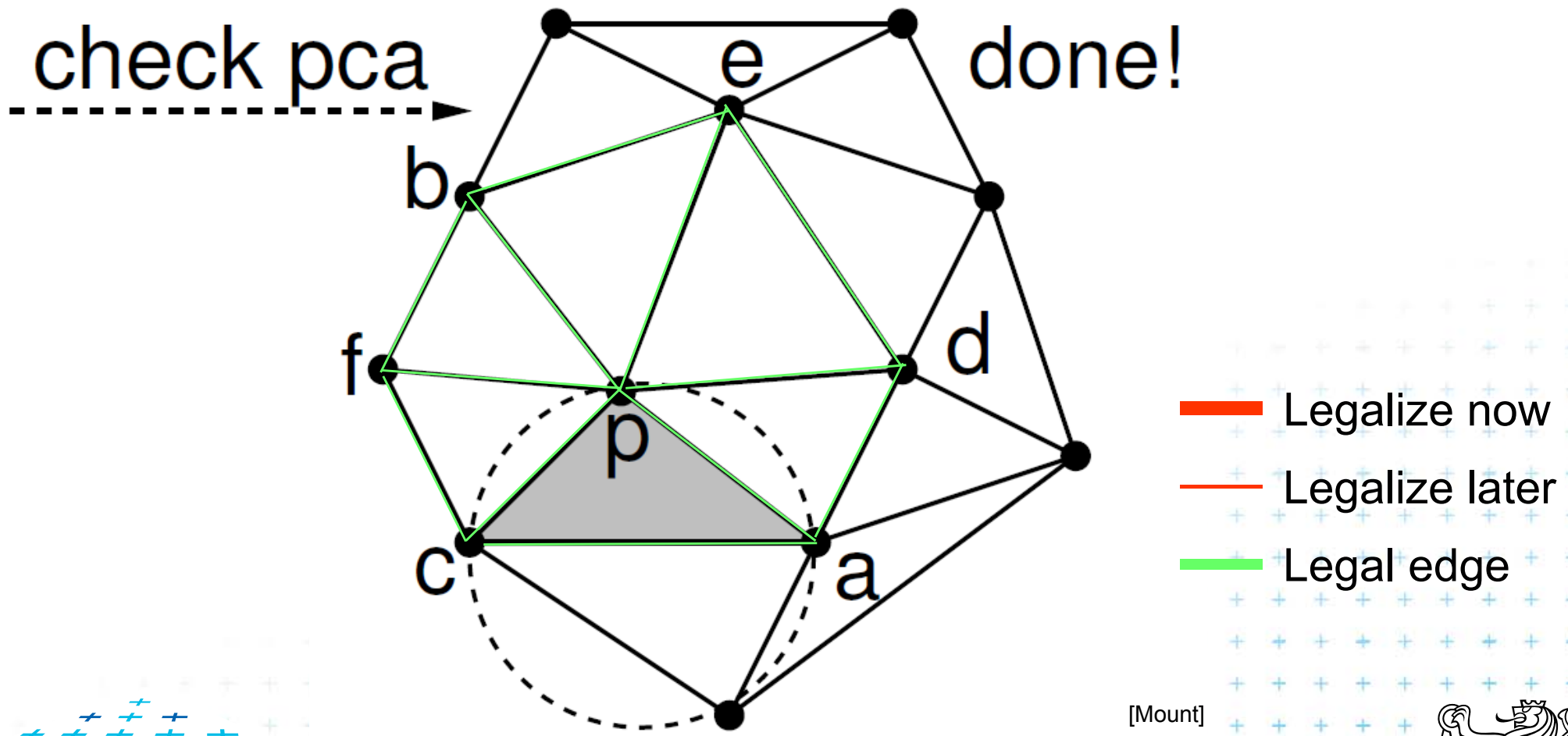


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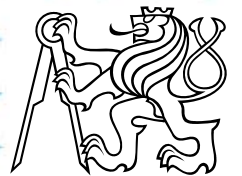
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# Correctness of the algorithm

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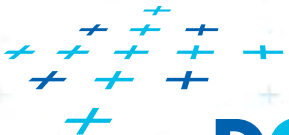
- Every **new edge** (created due to insertion of  $p$ )
  - is incident to  $p$
  - must be legal
  - => no need to test them
- Edge can only become **illegal** if one of its incident triangle changes
  - Algorithm tests any edge that may become illegal
  - => the algorithm is correct
- Every **edge flip** makes the angle-vector larger  
=> algorithm can never get into infinite loop



# Point location data structure

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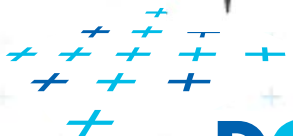
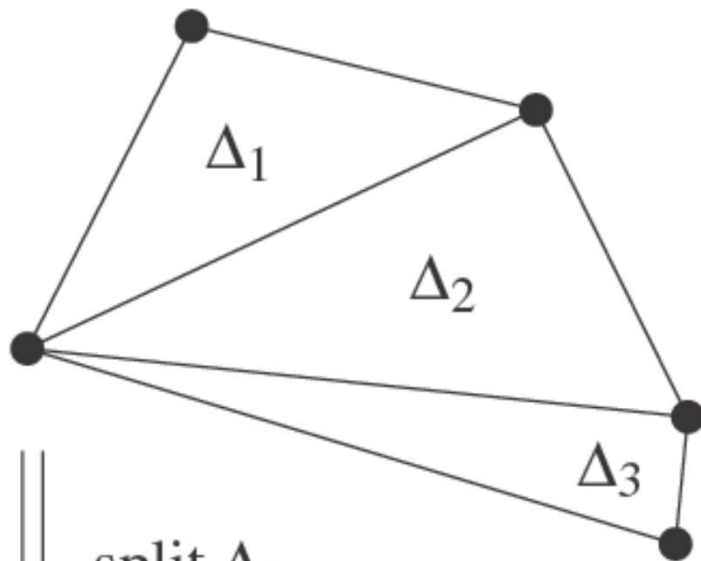
- For finding a triangle  $abc \in T$  containing  $p$ 
  - Leaves for active (current) triangles
  - Internal nodes for destroyed triangles
  - Links to new triangles
- Search  $p$ : start in root (initial triangle)
  - In each inner node of  $T$ :
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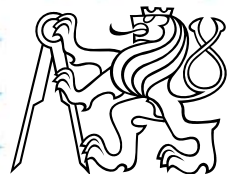
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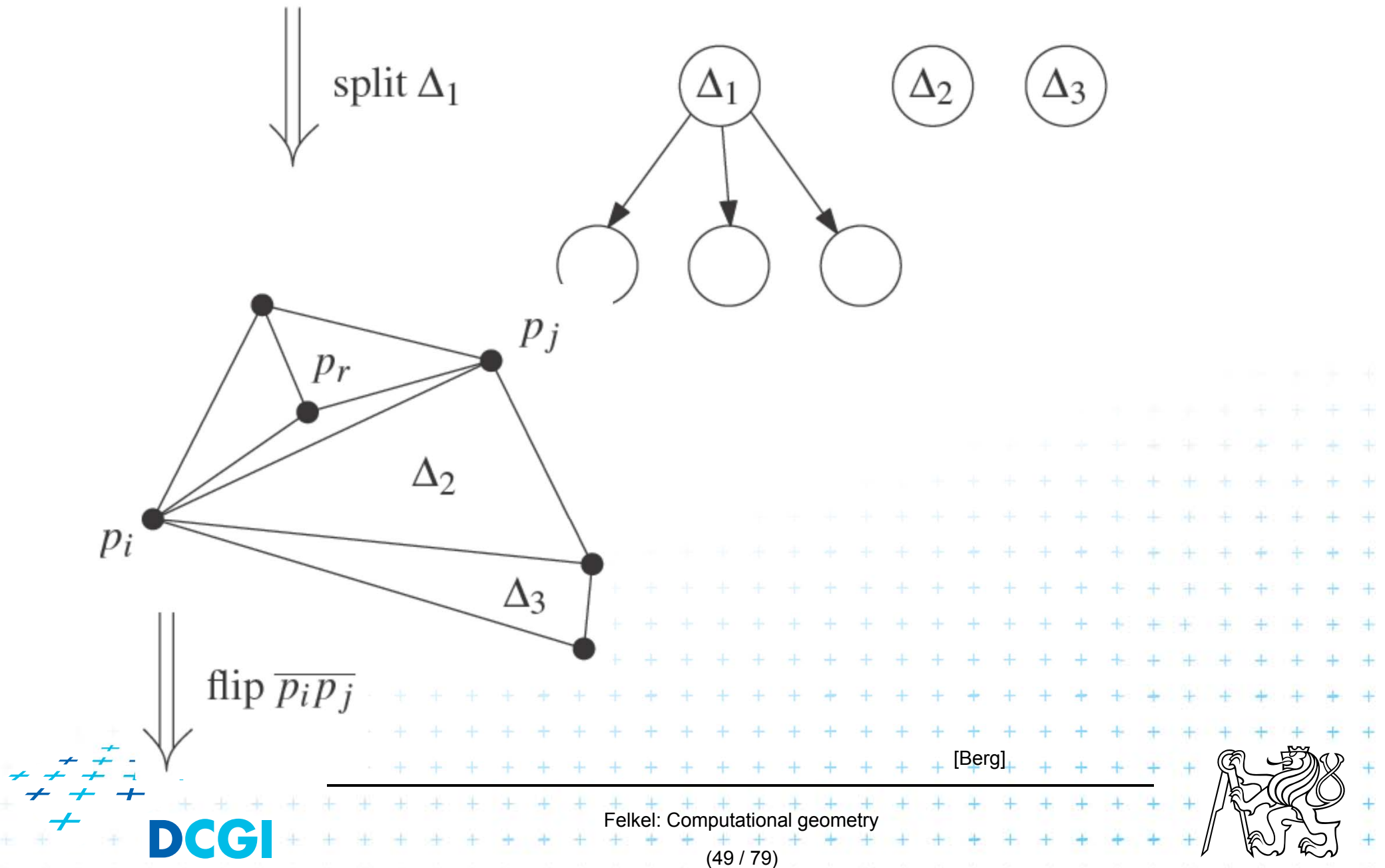


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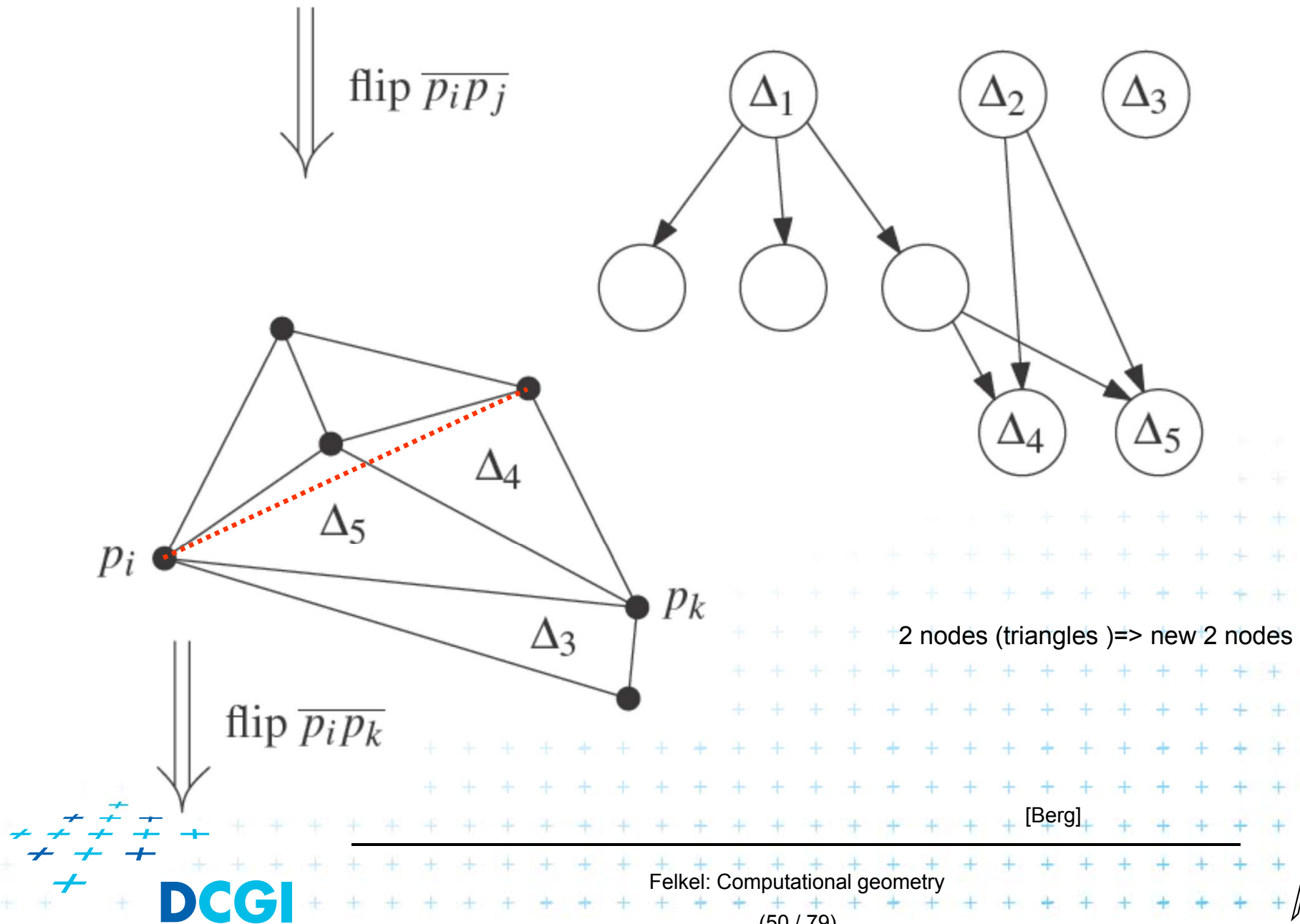
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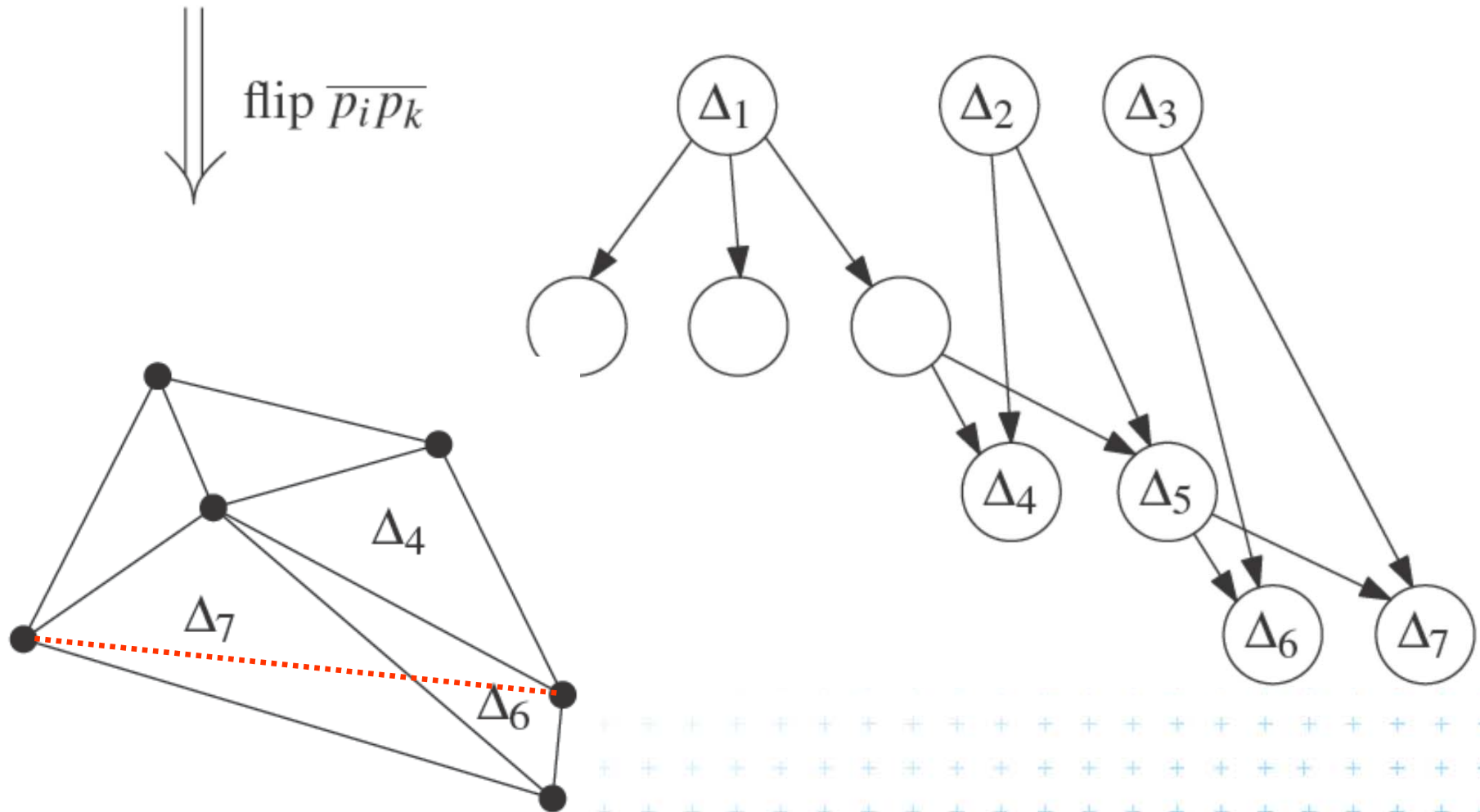
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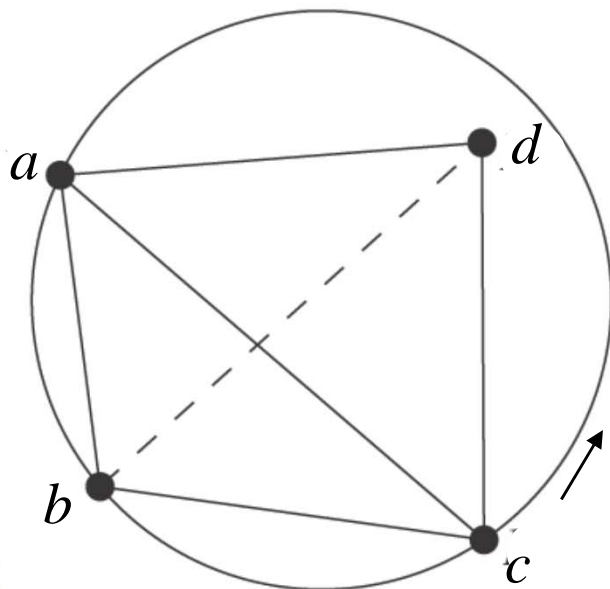
# Point location data structure



# InCircle test

- $a, b, c$  are counterclockwise in the plane
- Test, if  $d$  lies to the left of the oriented circle through  $a, b, c$

$$\text{inCircle}(a, b, c, d) = \det \begin{pmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_x^2 + a_y^2 & 1 \\ b_x & b_y & b_x^2 + b_y^2 & 1 \\ c_x & c_y & c_x^2 + c_y^2 & 1 \\ d_x & d_y & d_x^2 + d_y^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0$$



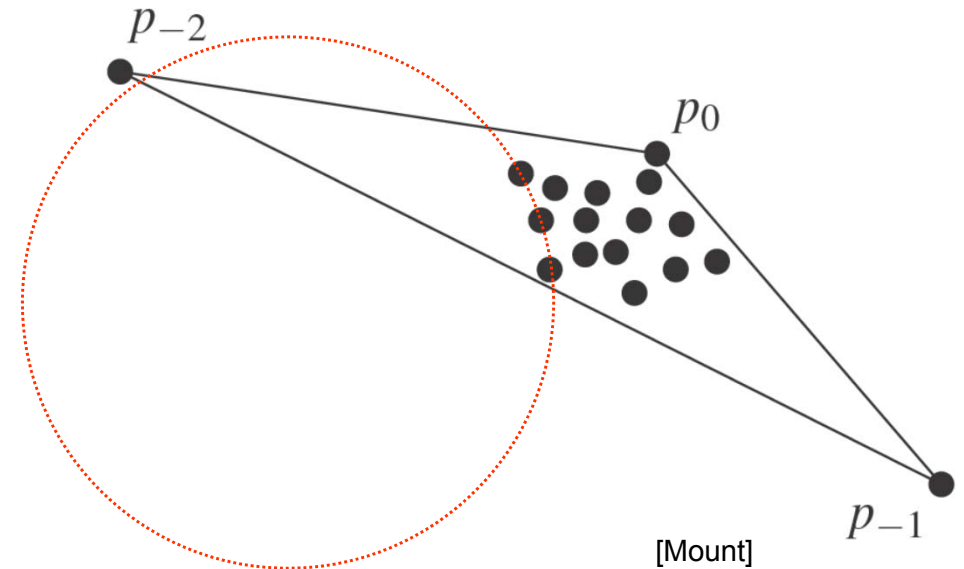
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# Creation of the initial triangle

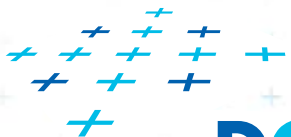
- For given points set  $P$
- Initial triangle  $p_{-2}p_{-1}p_0$ 
  - Must contain all points of  $P$
  - Must not be (none of its points) in any circle defined by non-collinear points of  $P$
- $l_{-2}$  = horizontal line above  $P$
- $l_{-1}$  = horizontal line below  $P$
- $p_{-2}$  = lies on  $l_{-2}$  as far left that  $p_{-2}$  lies outside every circle
- $p_{-1}$  = lies on  $l_{-1}$  as far right that  $p_{-1}$  lies outside every circle defined by 3 non-collinear points of  $P$
- Symbolical tests with this triangle  $\Rightarrow p_{-1}$  and  $p_{-2}$  always



# Complexity of incremental DT algorithm

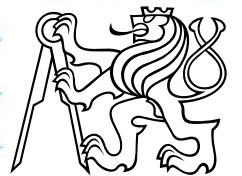
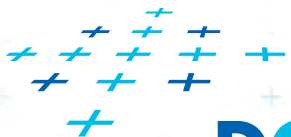
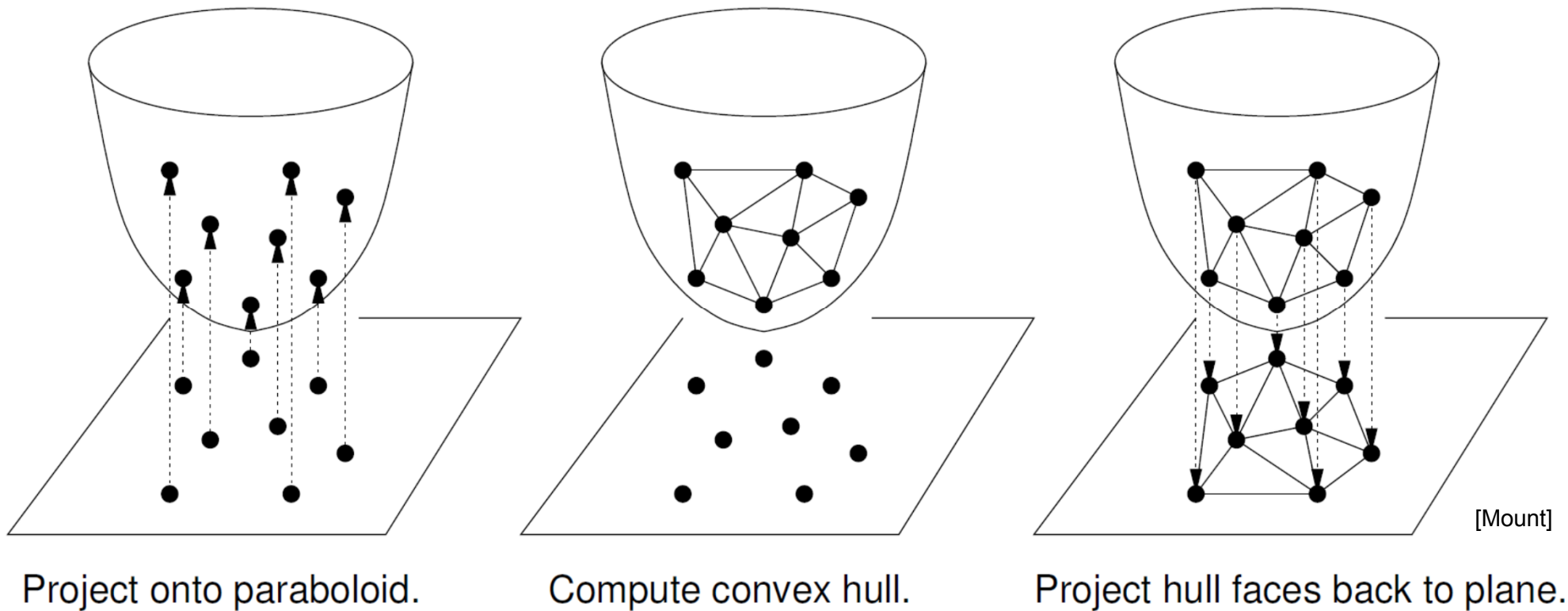
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- Delaunay triangulation of a set  $P$  in the plane can be computed in
  - $O(n \log n)$  expected time
  - using  $O(n)$  storage
- For details see [Berg, Section 9.4]



# Delaunay triangulations and Convex hulls

- Delaunay triangulation in  $R^d$  can be computed as part of the convex hull in  $R^{d+1}$  (lower CH)
- 2D: Connection is the paraboloid:  $z = x^2 + y^2$



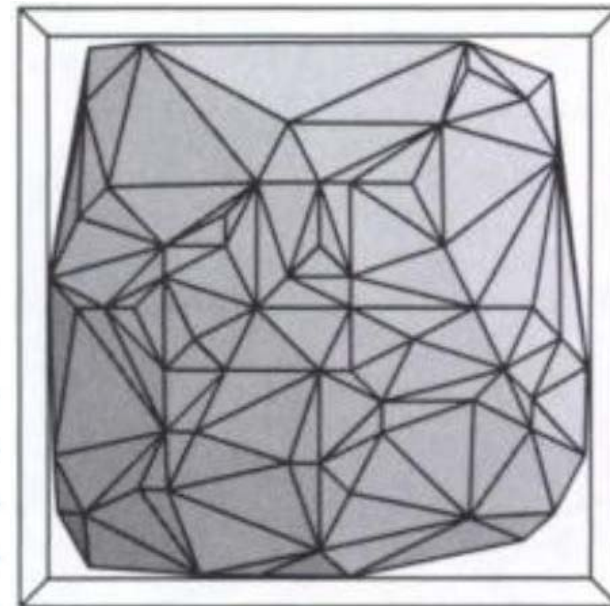
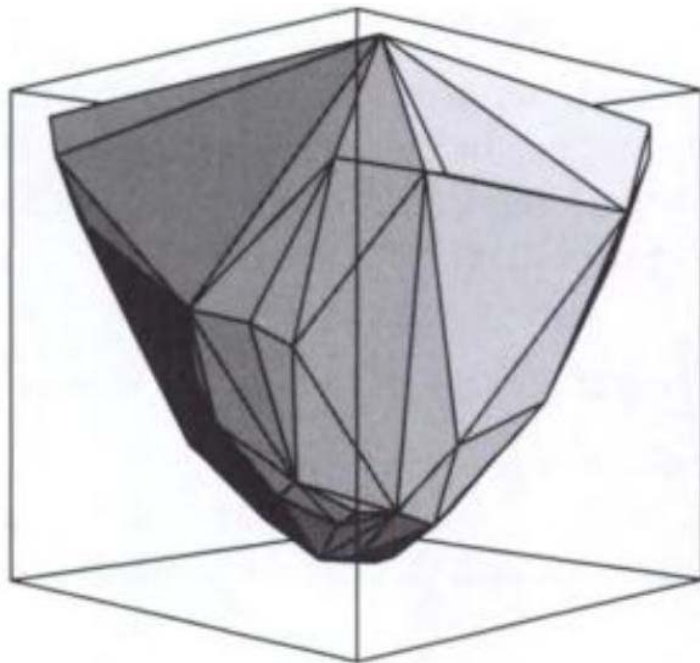
# Vertical projection of points to paraboloid

- Vertical projection of 2D point to paraboloid in 3D

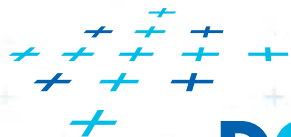
$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x, y, x^2 + y^2)$$

- Lower convex hull

= portion of CH visible from  $z = -\infty$  (forms DT)



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# Relation between CH and DT

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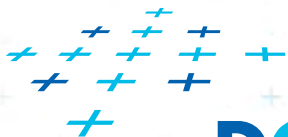
- Delaunay condition (2D)

Points  $p, q, r \in S$  form a Delaunay triangle iff the circumcircle of  $p, q, r$  is empty (contains no point)

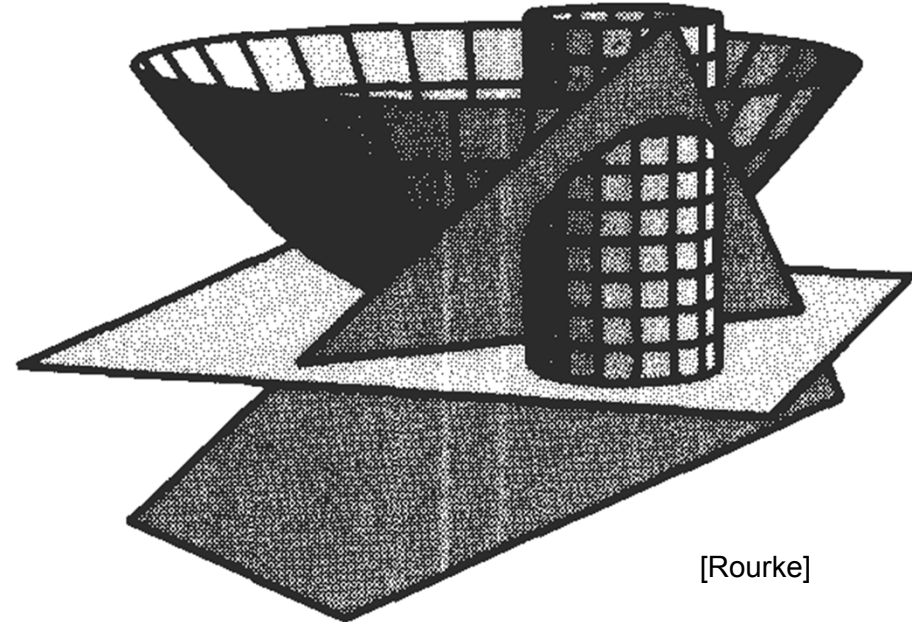
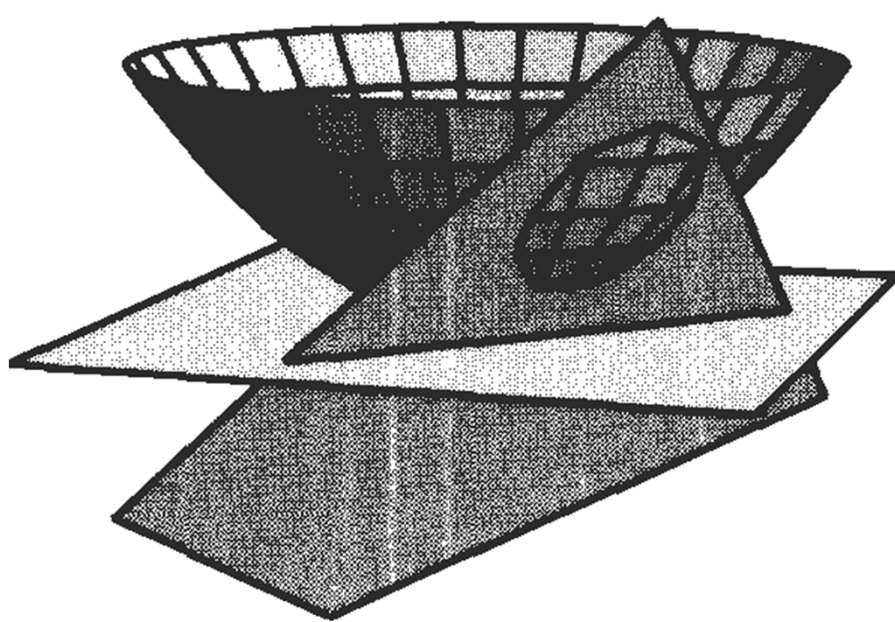
- Convex hull condition (3D)

Points  $p', q', r' \in S'$  form a face of  $CH(S')$  iff the plane passing through  $p', q', r'$  is supporting  $S'$

- all other points lie to one side of the plane
- plane passing through  $p', q', r'$  is supporting hyperplane of the convex hull  $CH(S')$

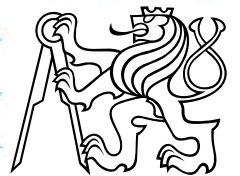
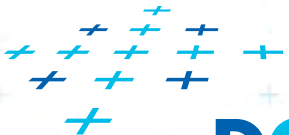


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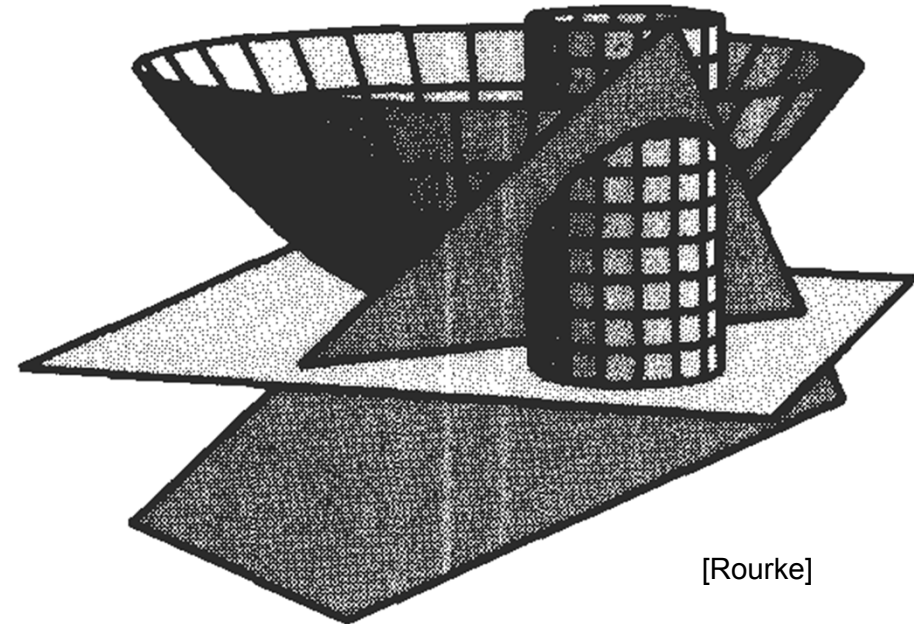
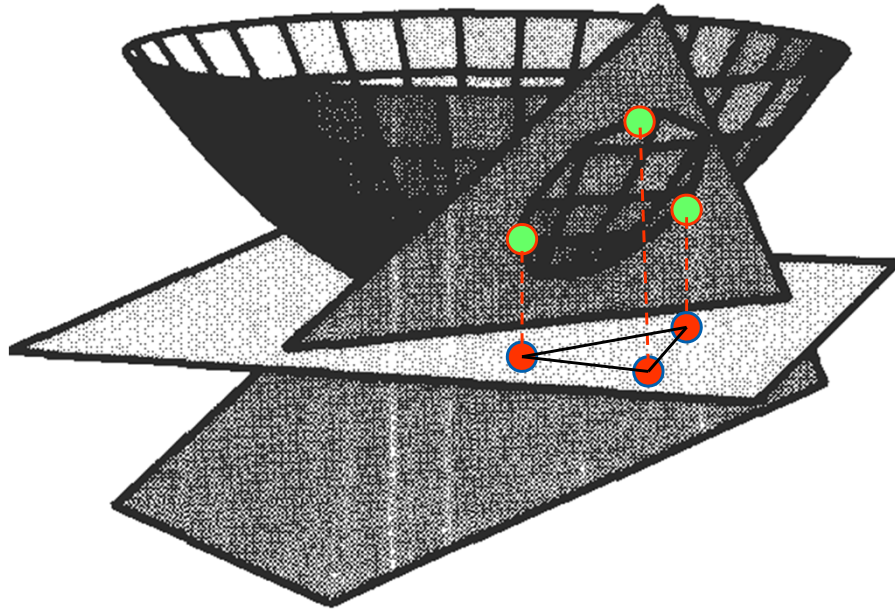


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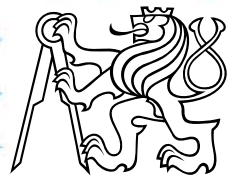
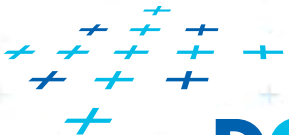


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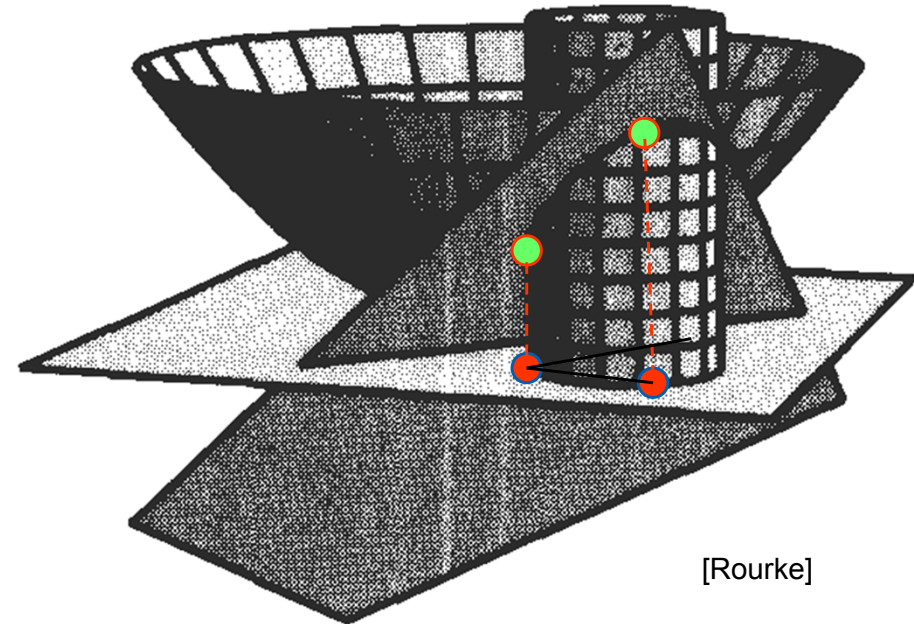
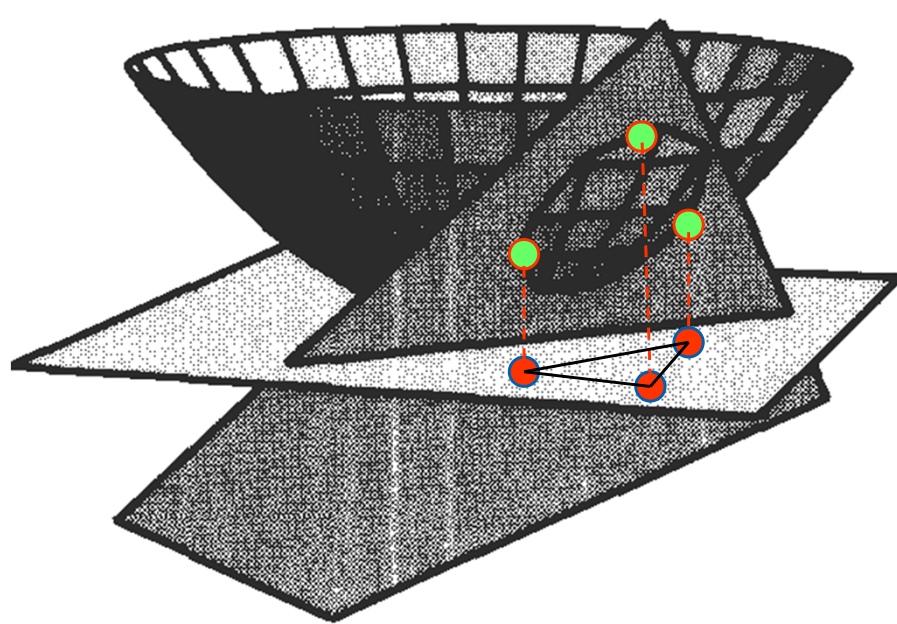


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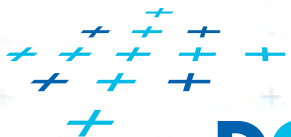


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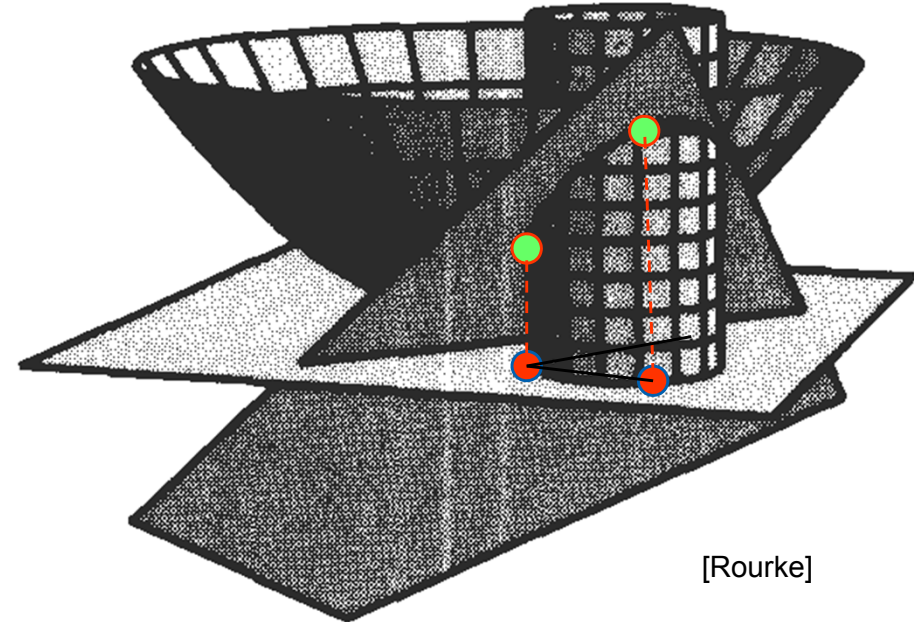
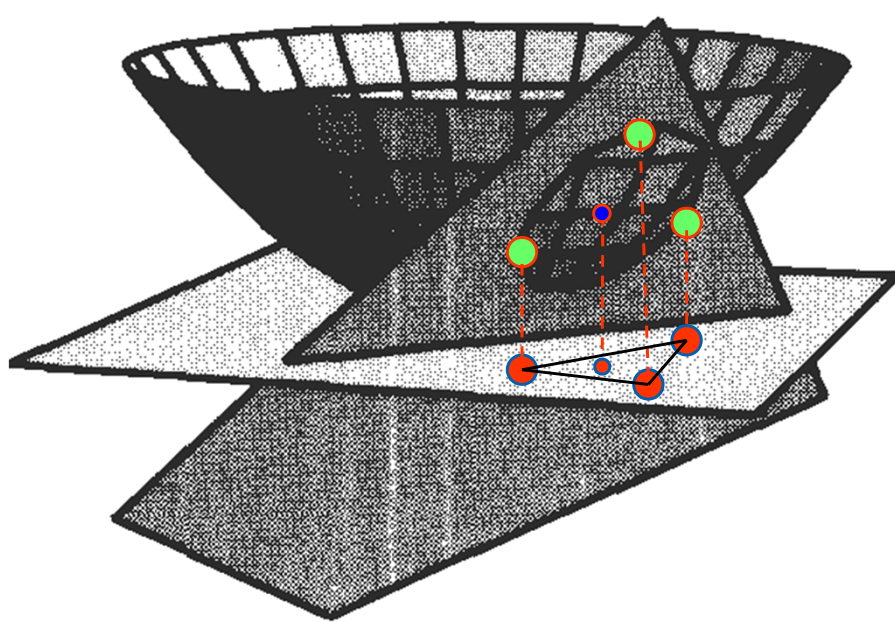
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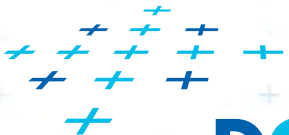


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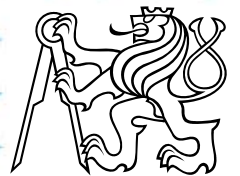
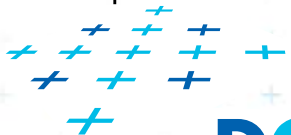
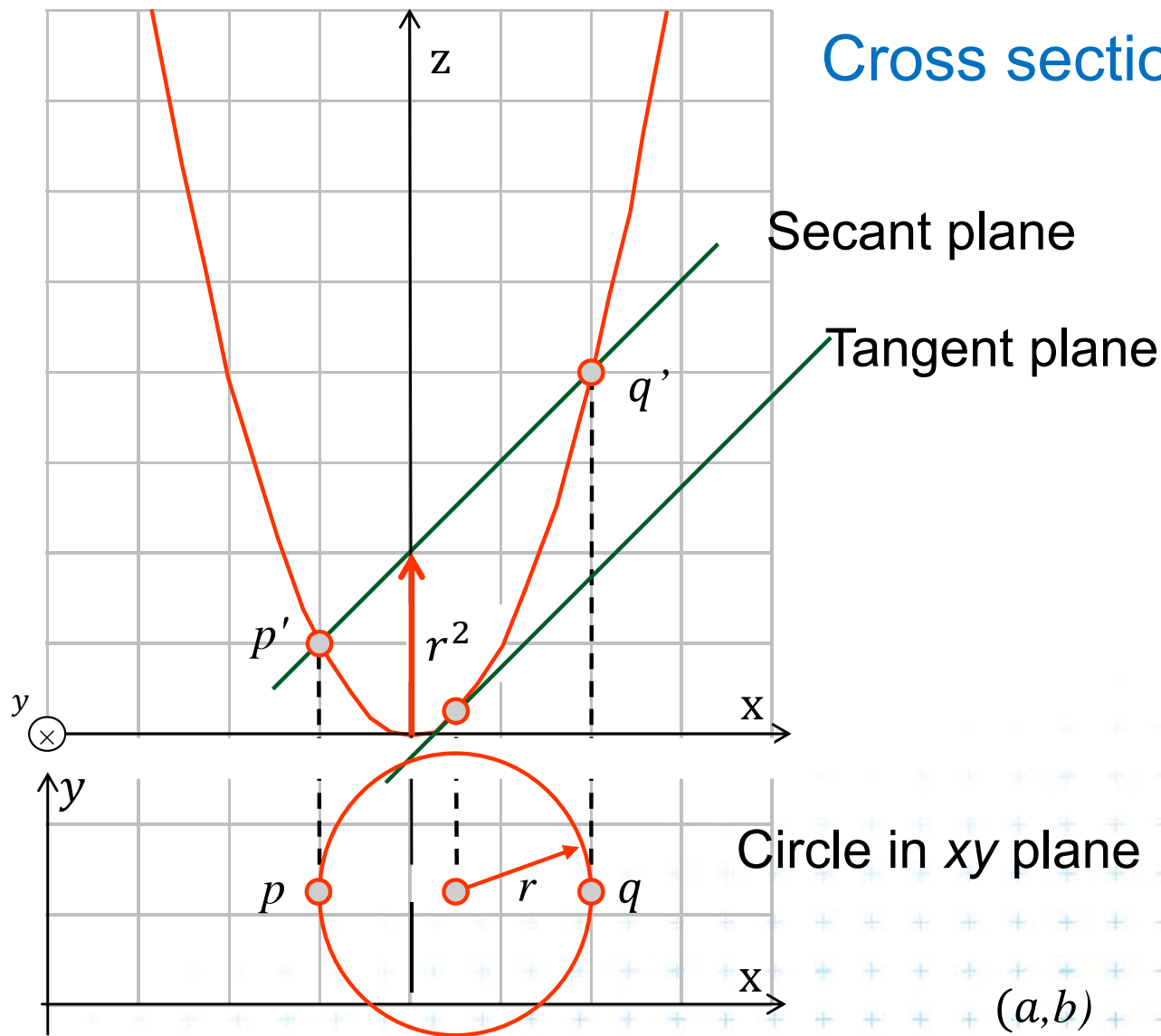


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# Tangent and secant planes



# Tangent plane to paraboloid

- Non-vertical **tangent plane** through  $(a, b, a^2 + b^2)$

- Paraboloid  $z = x^2 + y^2$

- Derivation at this point

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 2x$$

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2y$$

- Evaluates to  $2a$  and  $2b$

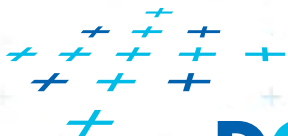
- Plane:  $z = 2ax + 2by + \gamma$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 2a \cdot a + 2b \cdot b + \gamma$$

$$\gamma = -(a^2 + b^2)$$

- **Tangent plane** through point  $(a, b, a^2 + b^2)$

$$z = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2)$$



# Plane intersecting the paraboloid (secant plane)

- Non-vertical **tangent plane** through  $(a, b, a^2 + b^2)$

$$z = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2)$$

- Shift this plane  $r^2$  upwards  $\rightarrow$  **secant plane** intersects the paraboloid in an **ellipse** in 3D

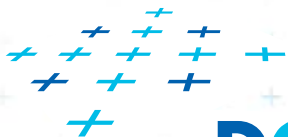
$$z = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2) + r^2$$

- Eliminate  $z$  (project to 2D)  $z = x^2 + y^2$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2) + r^2$$

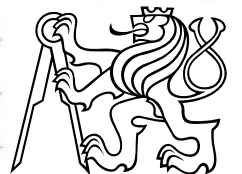
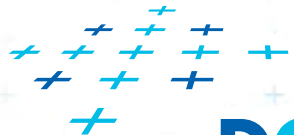
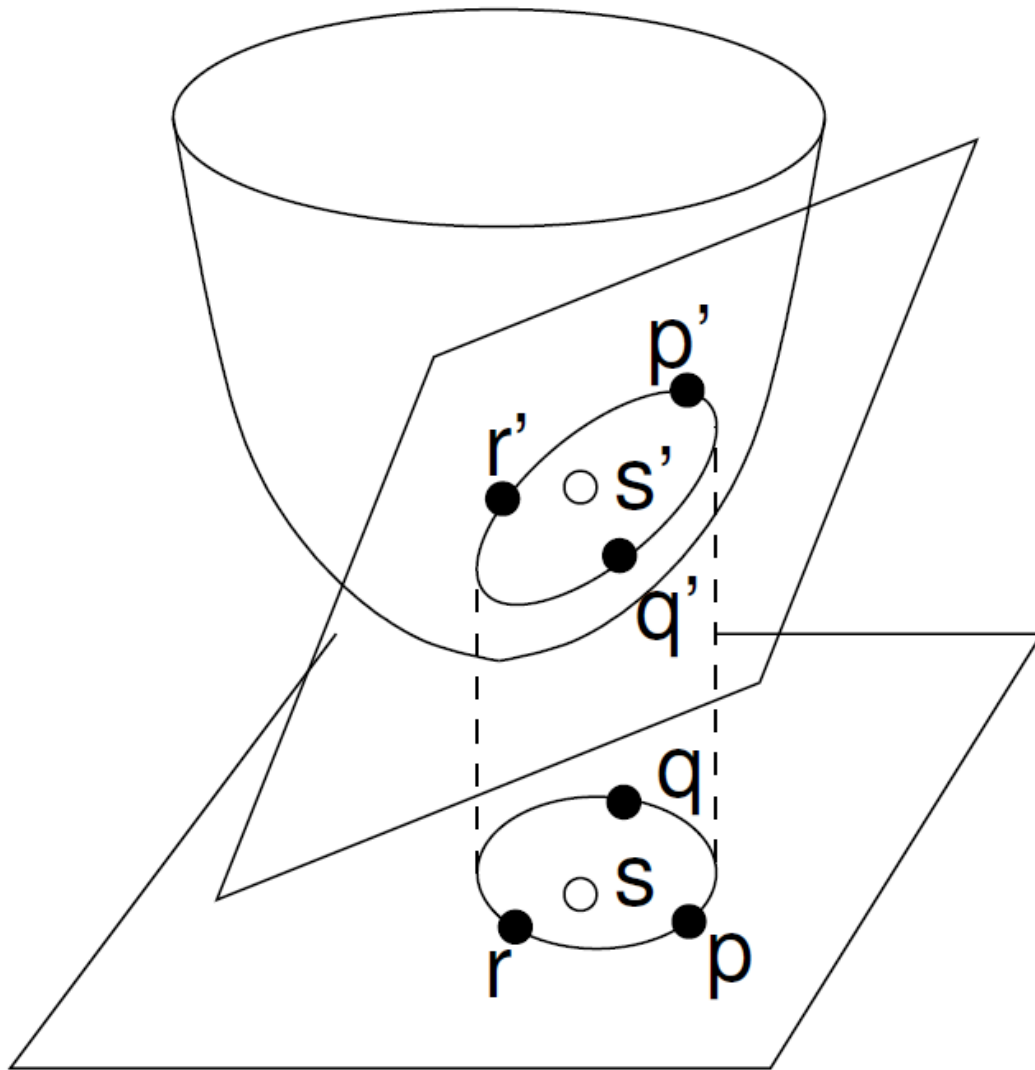
- This is a **circle** projected to 2D with center  $(a, b)$ :

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$



# Secant plane defined by three points

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# Test inCircle – meaning in 3D

- Points  $p, q, r$  are counterclockwise in the plane
- Test, if  $s$  lies **in the circumcircle** of  $\triangle pqr$  is equal to
  - = test, whether  $s'$  lies within a lower half space of the plane passing through  $p', q', r'$  (3D)
  - = test, if quadruple  $p', q', r', s'$  is positively oriented (3D)
  - = test, if  $s$  lies to the left of the oriented circle through  $pqr$  (2D)

$$\text{in}(p, q, r, s) = \det \begin{pmatrix} p_x & p_y & p_x^2 + p_y^2 & 1 \\ q_x & q_y & q_x^2 + q_y^2 & 1 \\ r_x & r_y & r_x^2 + r_y^2 & 1 \\ s_x & s_y & s_x^2 + s_y^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} > 0.$$

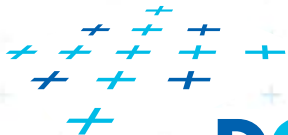
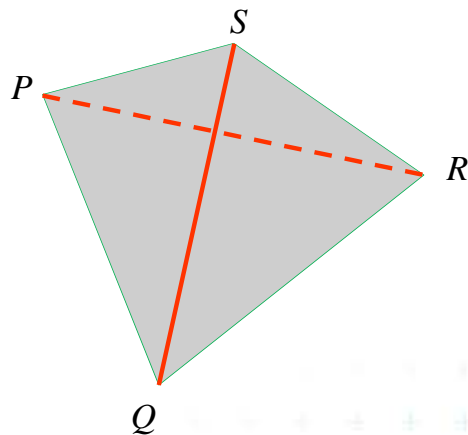
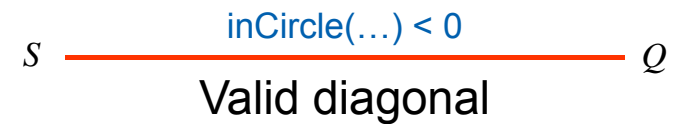
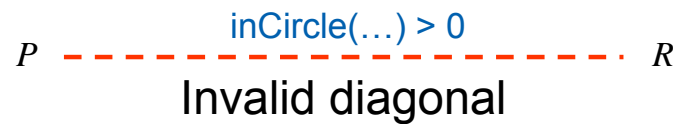


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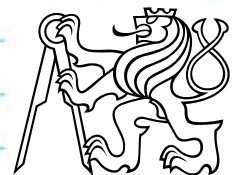
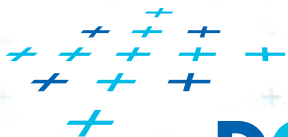
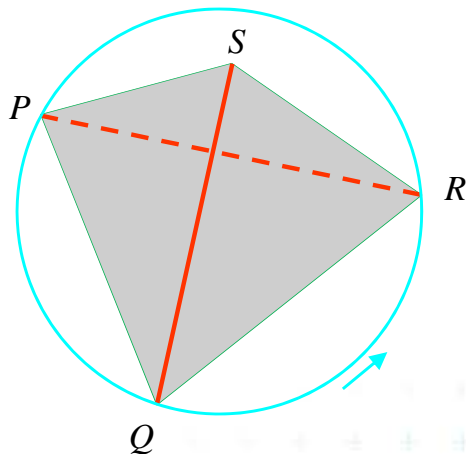
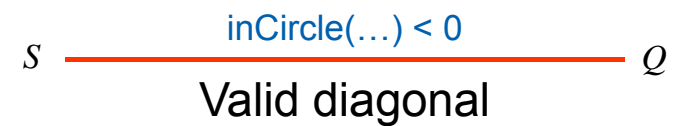
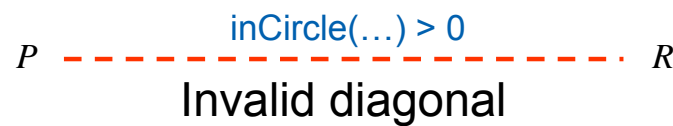
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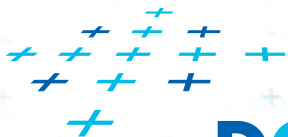
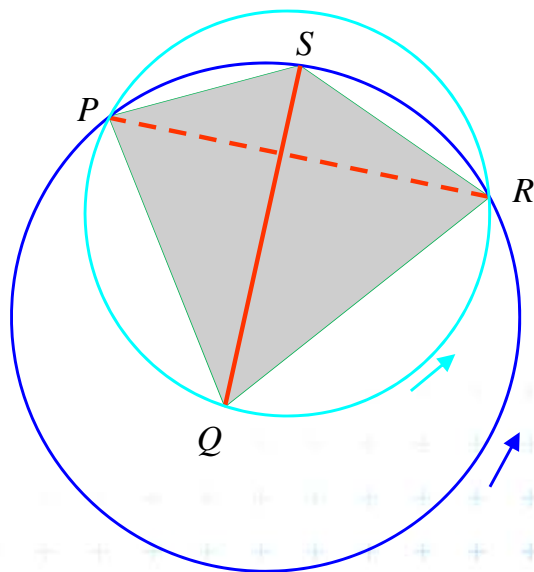
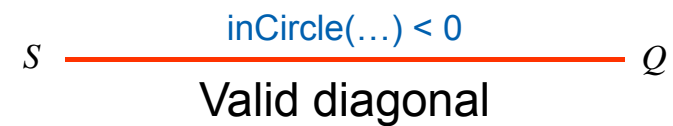
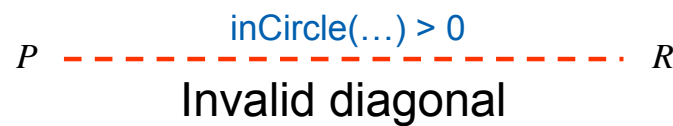
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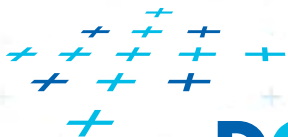
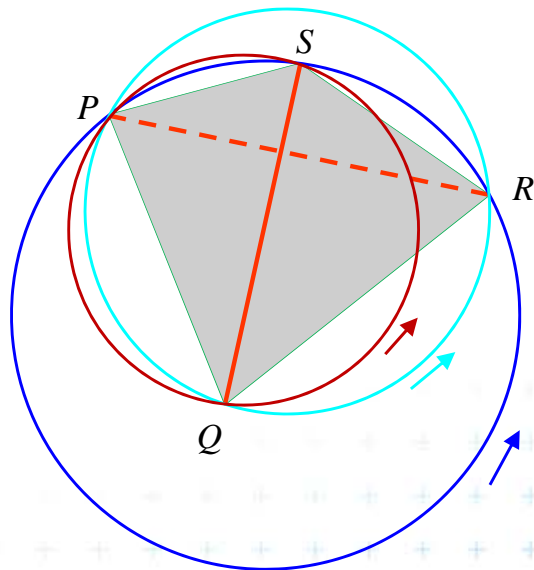
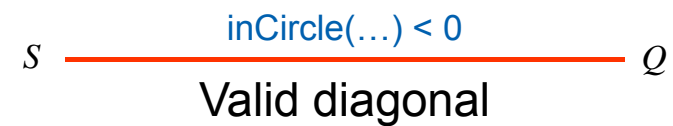
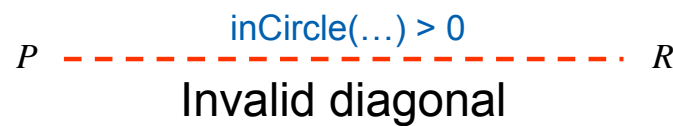
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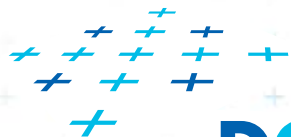
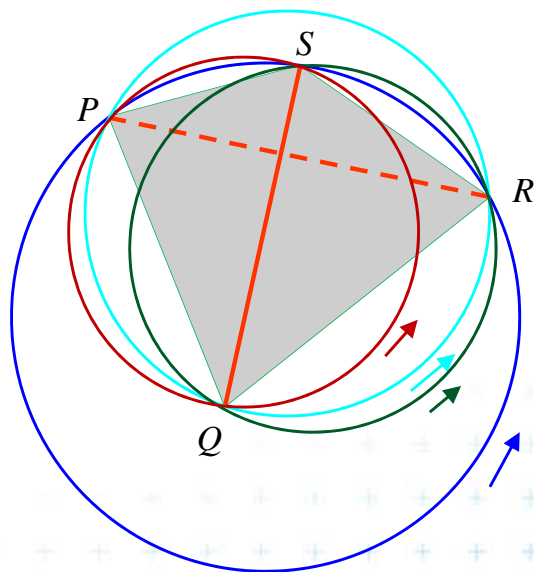
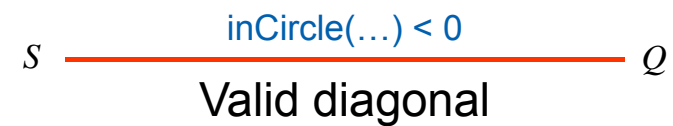
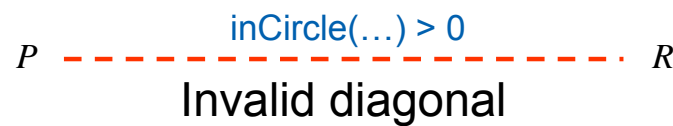
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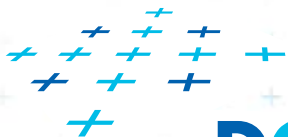
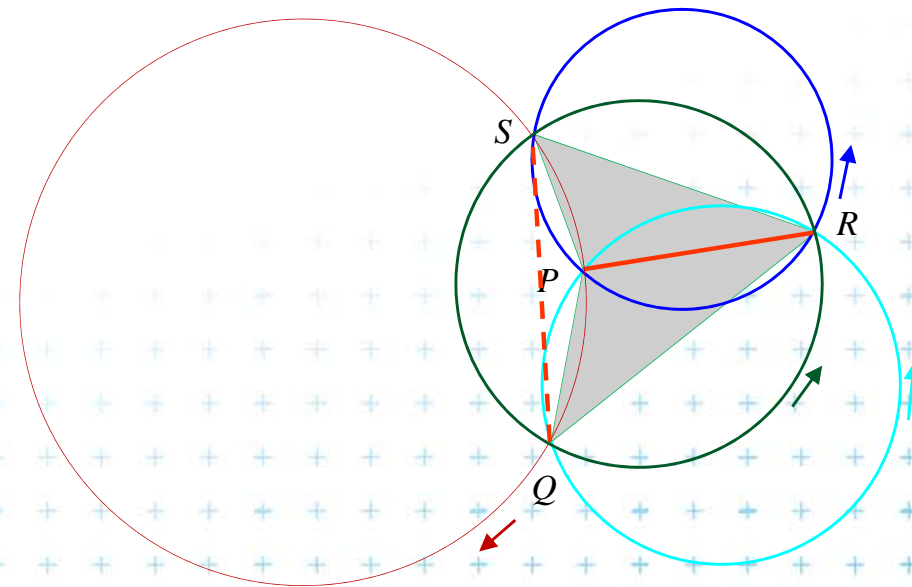
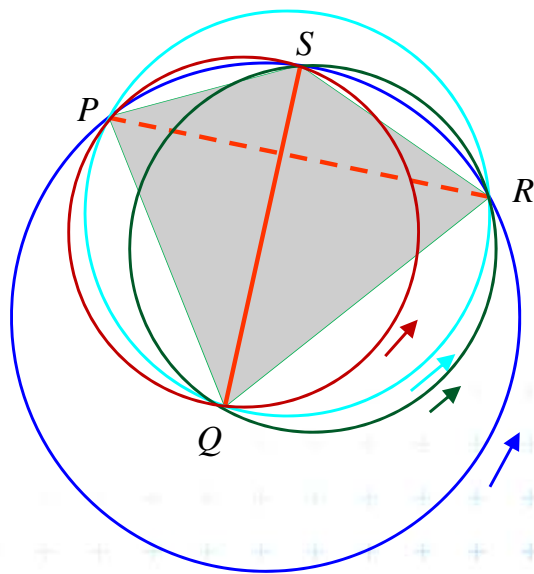
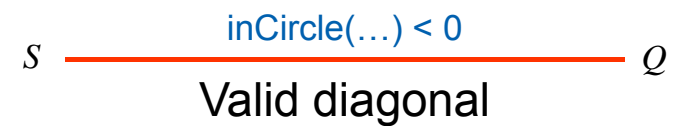
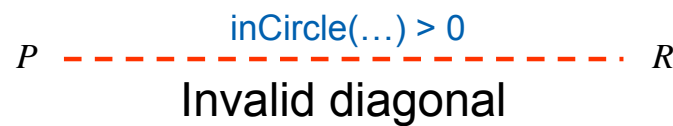
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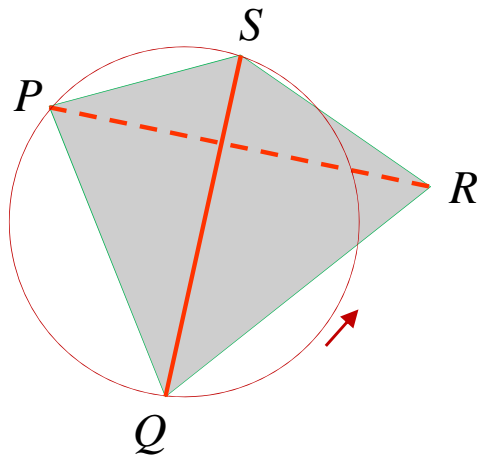
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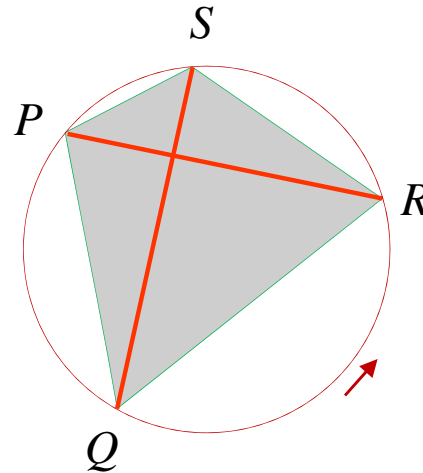
# inCircle test detail

Point  $P$  moves right toward point  $R$

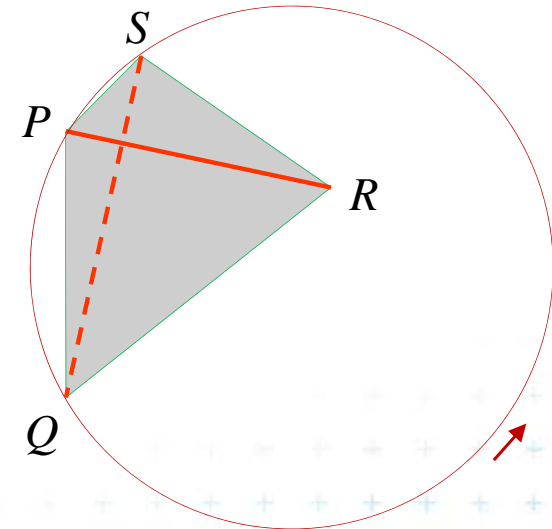
We test position of  $R$  in relation to oriented circle  $(P, Q, S)$



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R is right (out)



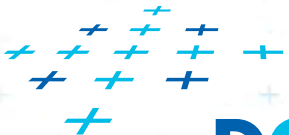
$\text{inCircle}(P, Q, S, R) = 0$   
R is on the circle



$\text{inCircle}(P, Q, S, R) > 0$   
R is left (in)

Invalid diagonal

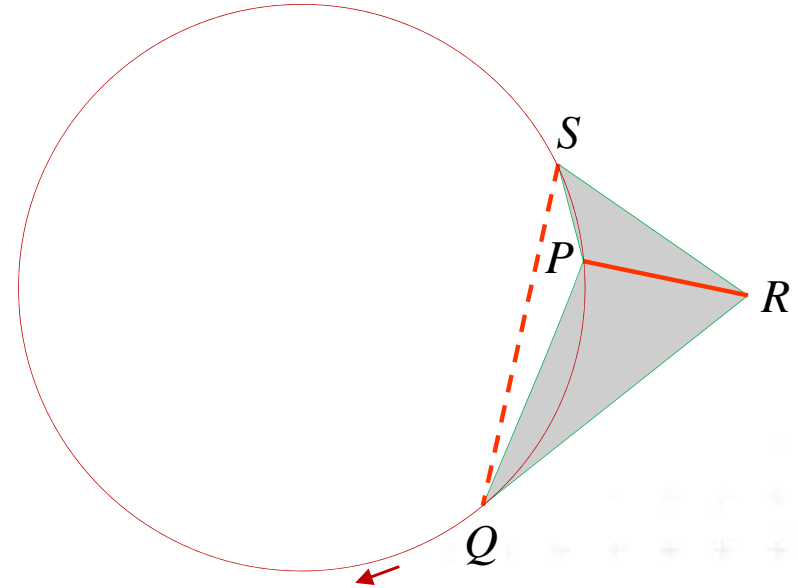
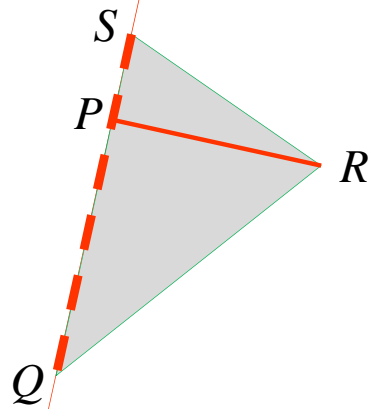
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# inCircle test detail

Circle of infinite diameter

The circle flipped its orientation

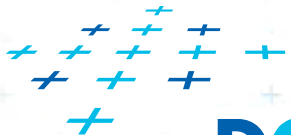


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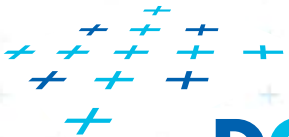
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# An the Voronoi diagram?

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- VD and DT are dual structures
- **Points** and **lines** in the plane are dual to **points** and **planes** in 3D space
- **VD of points in the plane** can be transformed to **intersection of halfspaces in 3D space**

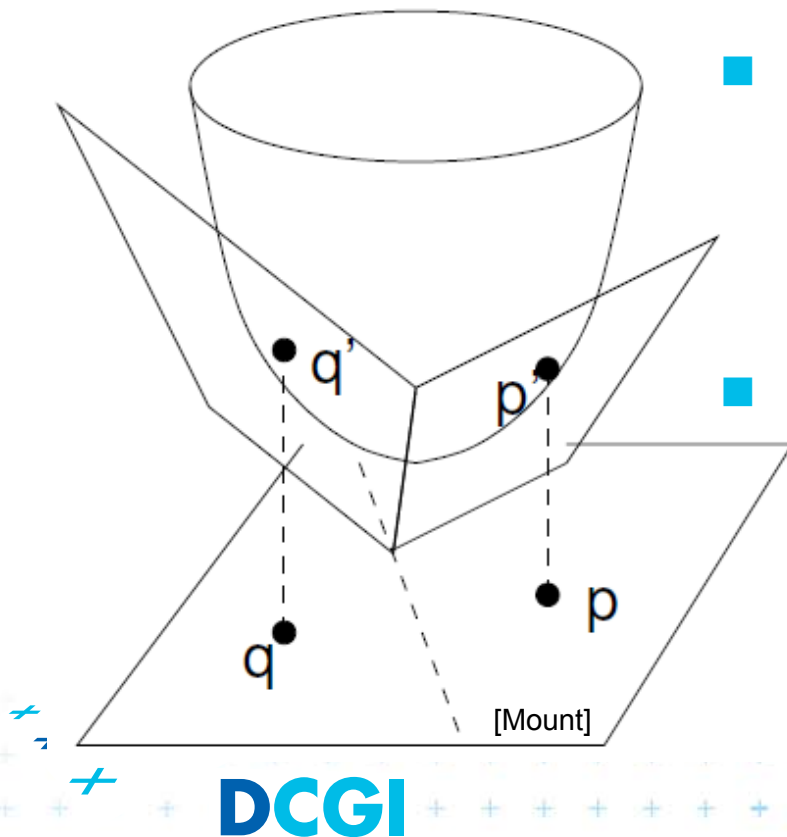


# Voronoi diagram as upper envelope in $\mathbb{R}^{d+1}$

- For each point  $p = (a, b)$  a **tangent plane** to the paraboloid is  $z = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2)$

- $H^+(p)$  is the set of points above this plane

$$H^+(p) = \{(x, y, z) \mid z \geq 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2)\}$$



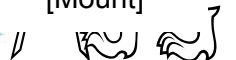
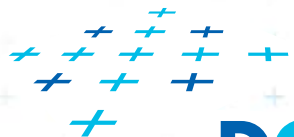
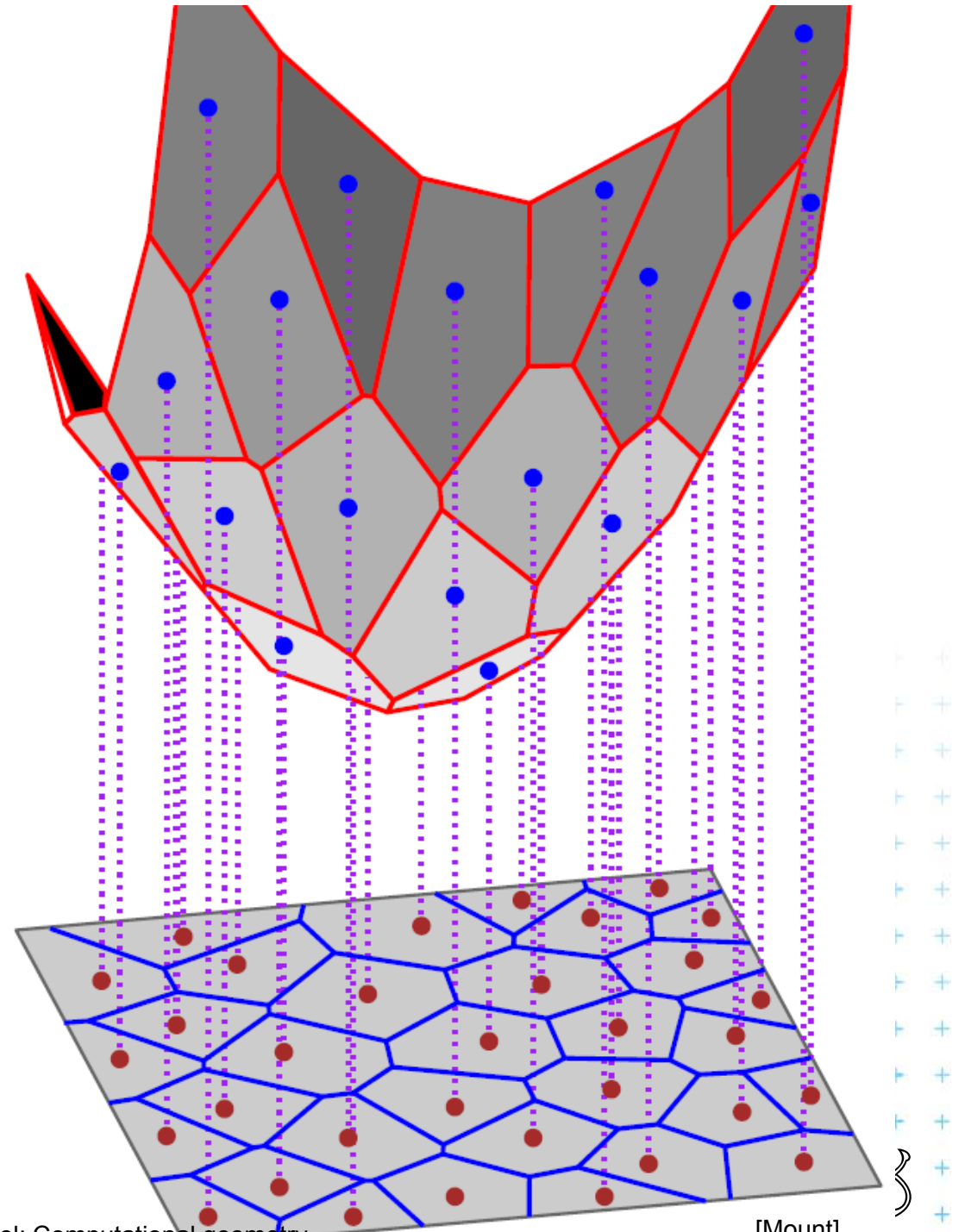
- VD of points in the plane can be computed as **intersection of halfspaces**  $H^+(p_i)$  in 3D
- This intersection of halfspaces = unbounded convex polyhedron = **upper envelope of halfspaces**  $H^+(p_i)$



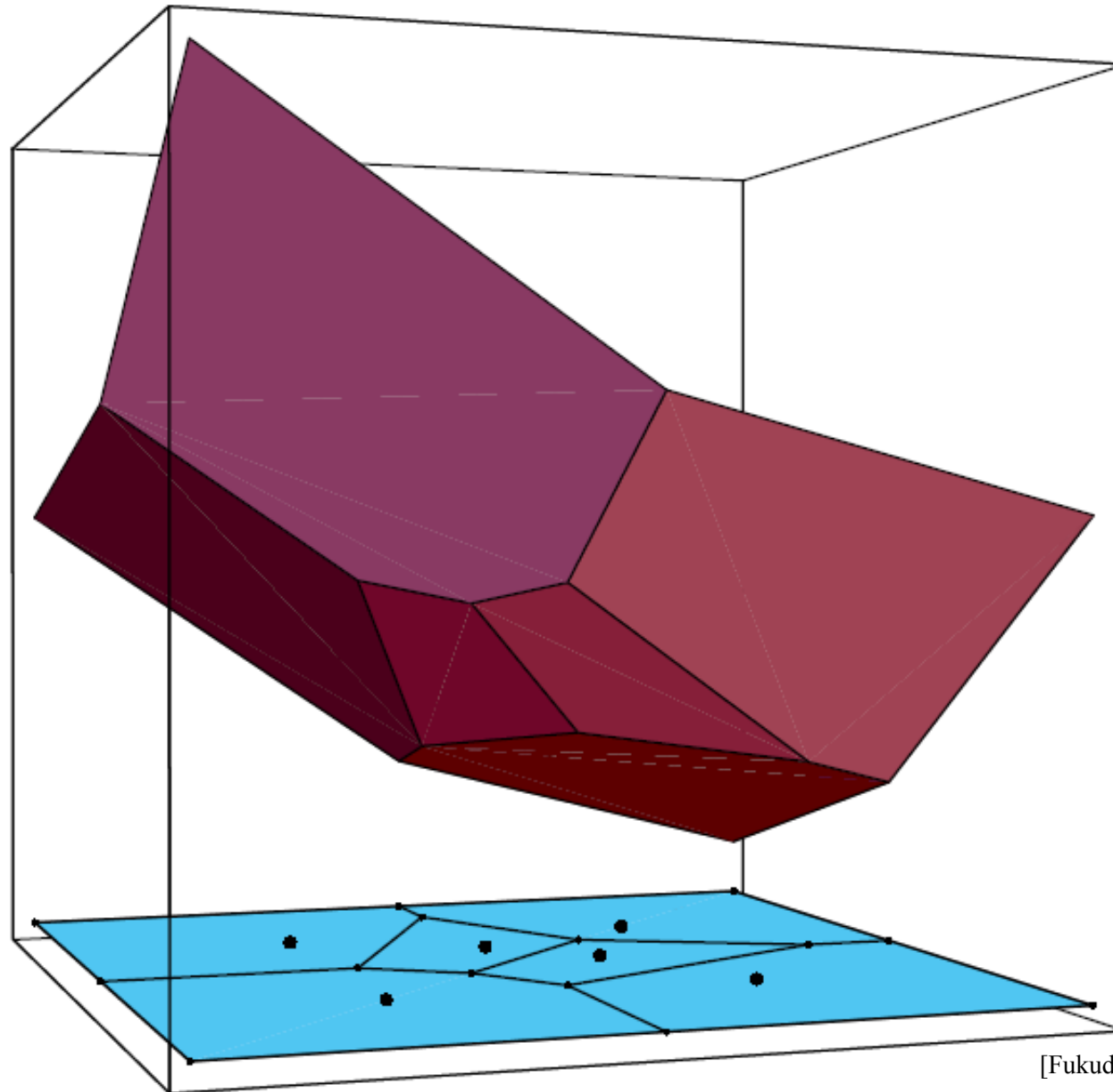


# Projection to 2D

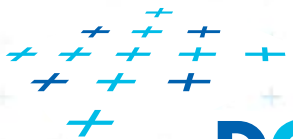
- Upper envelope of tangent hyperplanes (through sites projected upwards to the cone)
- Projected to 2D gives Voronoi diagram



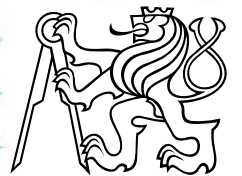
# Voronoi diagram as upper envelope in 3D



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# Derivation of projected Voronoi edge

- **2 points:**  $p = (a, b)$  and  $q = (c, d)$  in the plane

$$z = 2ax + 2by - (a^2 + b^2) \quad \text{Tangent planes}$$

$$z = 2cx + 2dy - (c^2 + d^2) \quad \text{to paraboloid}$$

- Intersect the planes, project onto  $xy$  (eliminate  $z$ )

$$x(2a - 2c) + y(2b - 2d) = (a^2 - c^2) + (b^2 - d^2)$$

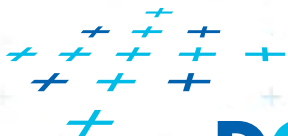
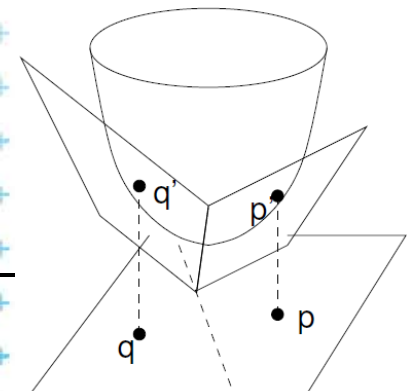
- This **line** passes through midpoint between  $p$  and  $q$

$$\frac{a+c}{2}(2a - 2c) + \frac{b+d}{2}(2b - 2d) = (a^2 - c^2) + (b^2 - d^2)$$

- It is perpendicular bisector with slope

$$-\frac{(a - c)}{(b - d)}$$

[Mount]



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