

# Computational Geometry • Lecture

## Well-Separated Pair Decompositions

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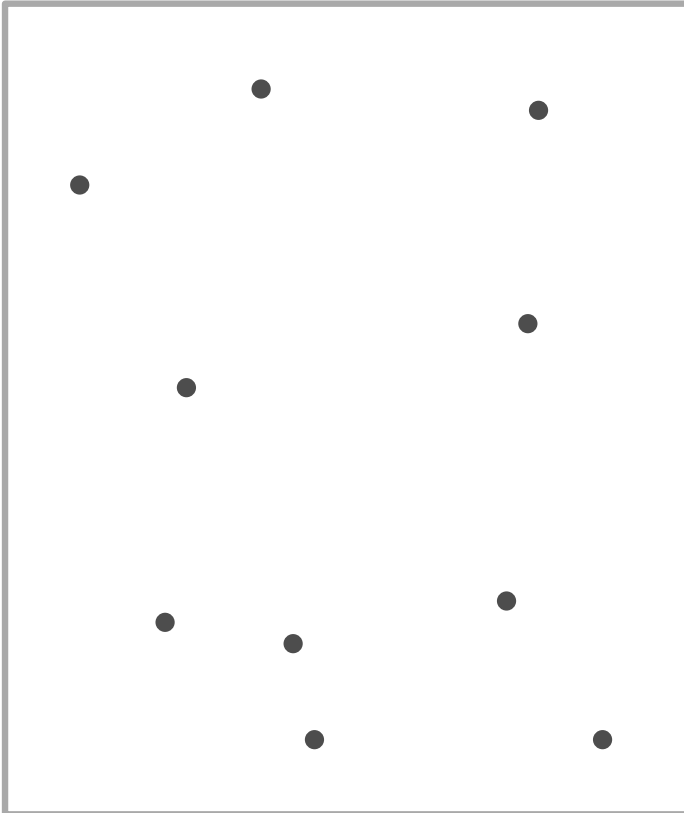
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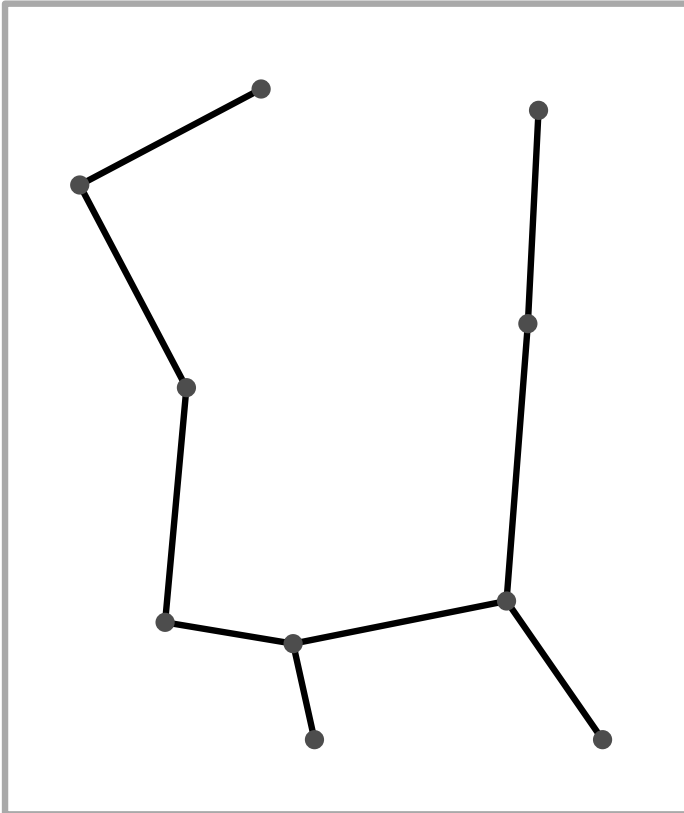
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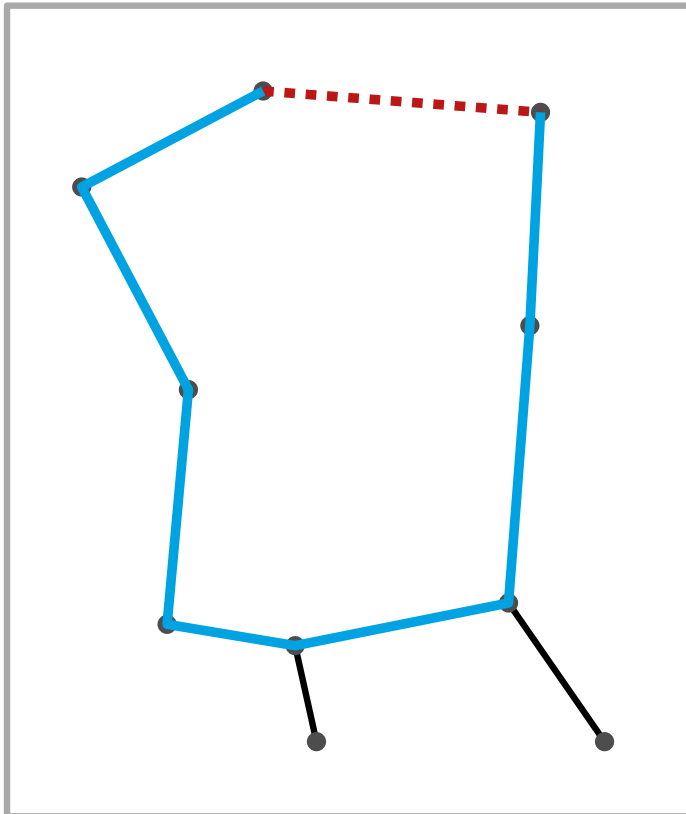


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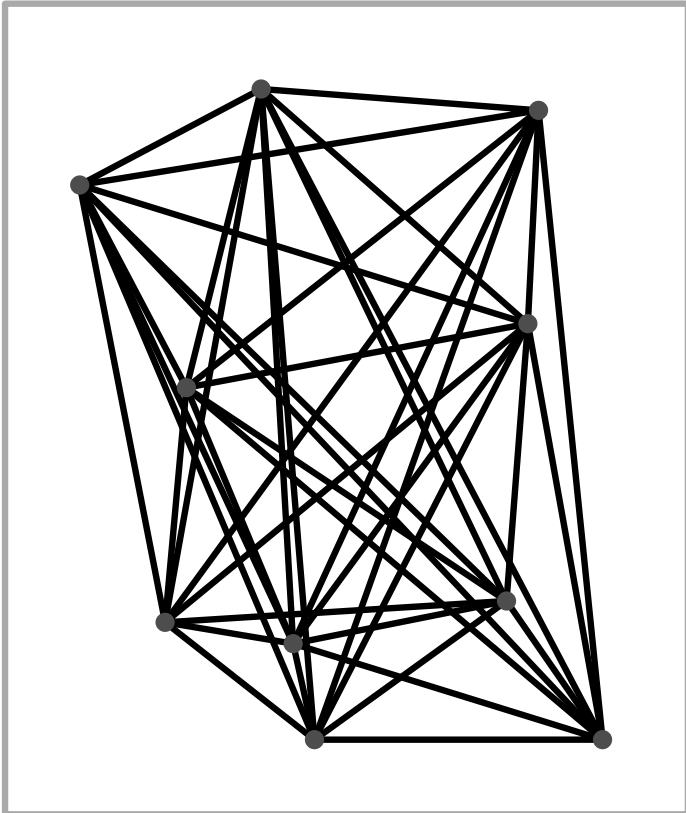
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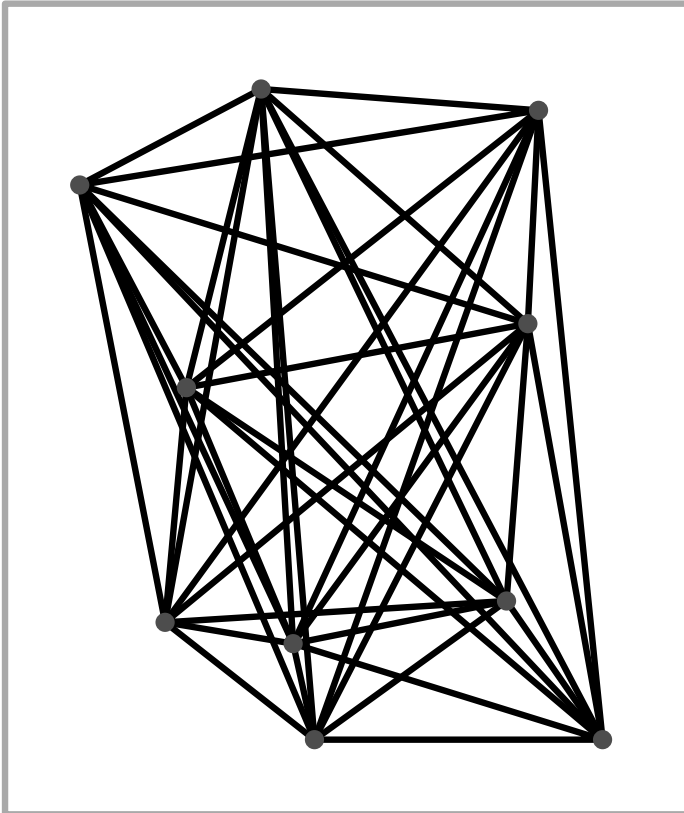
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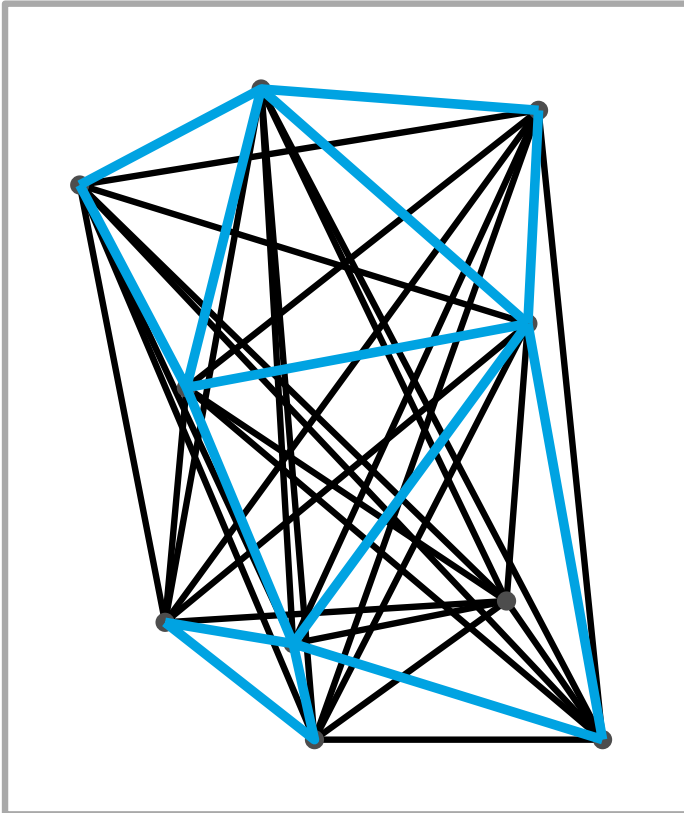
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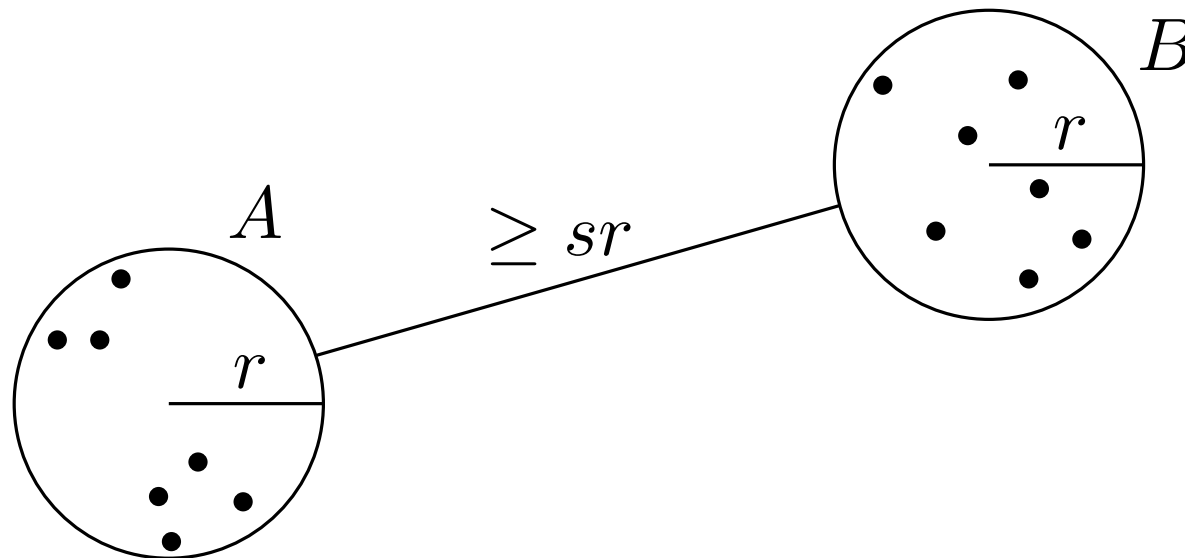
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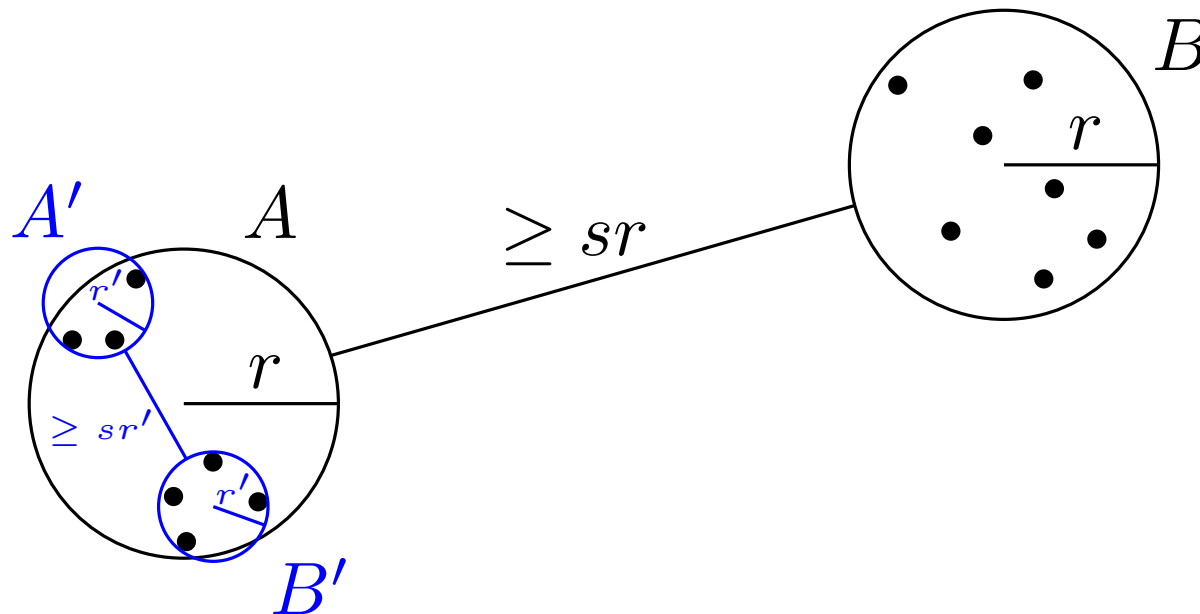
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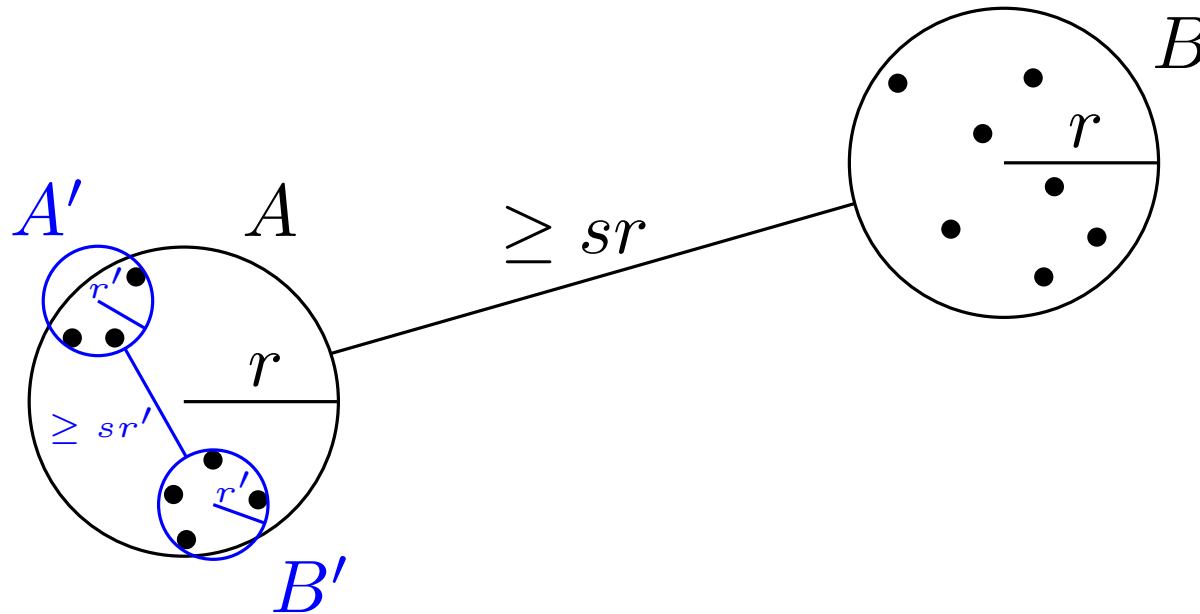
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- Obs:**
- $s$ -well separated  $\Rightarrow s'$ -well separated for all  $s' \leq s$
  - singletons  $\{a\}$  and  $\{b\}$  are  $s$ -well separated for all  $s > 0$

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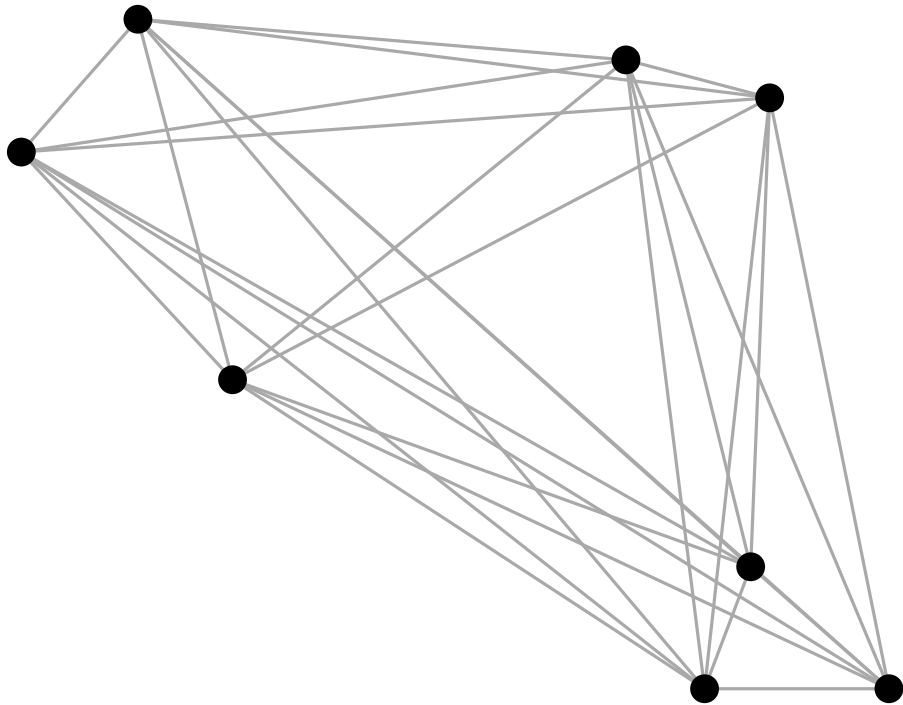
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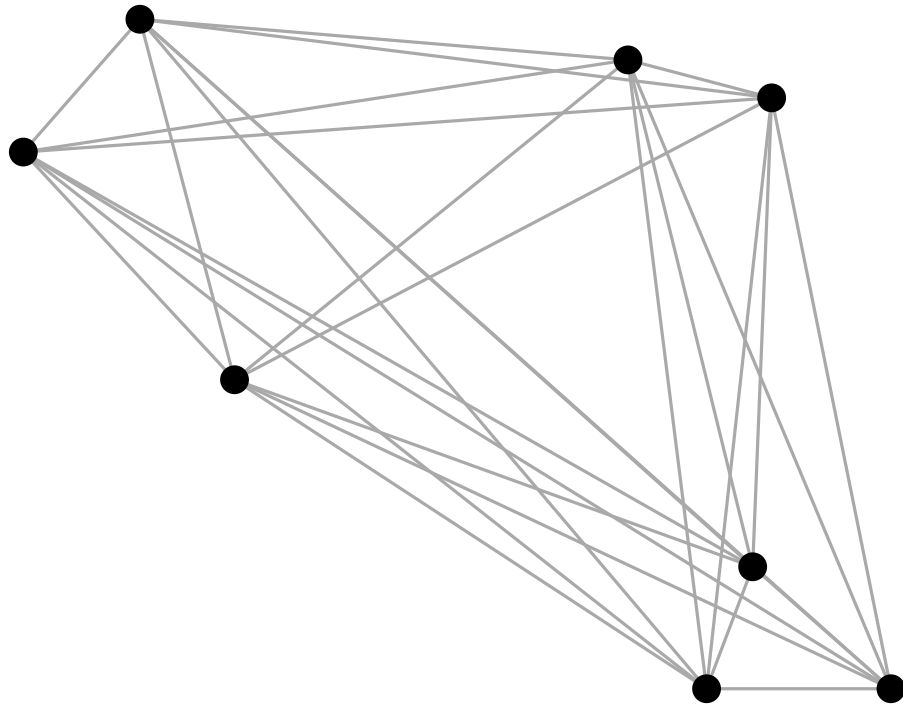
- $A_i, B_i \subset P$  for all  $i$
- $A_i \cap B_i = \emptyset$  for all  $i$
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- $\{A_i, B_i\}$   $s$ -well separated for all  $i$

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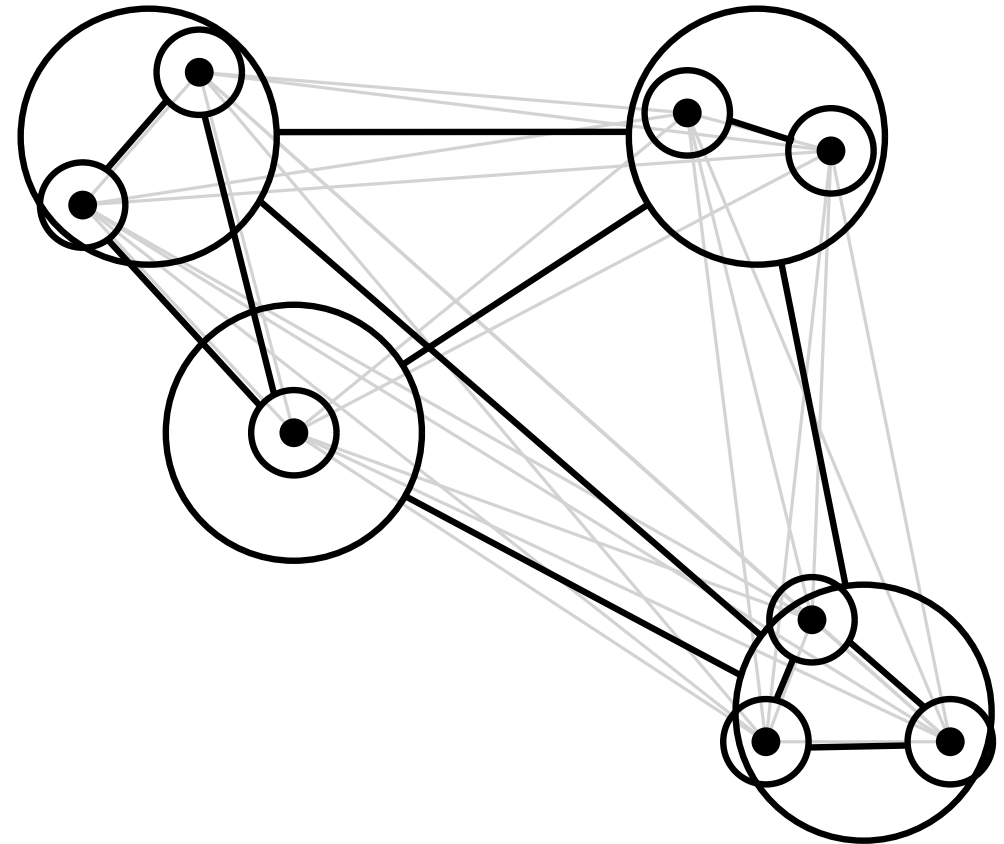


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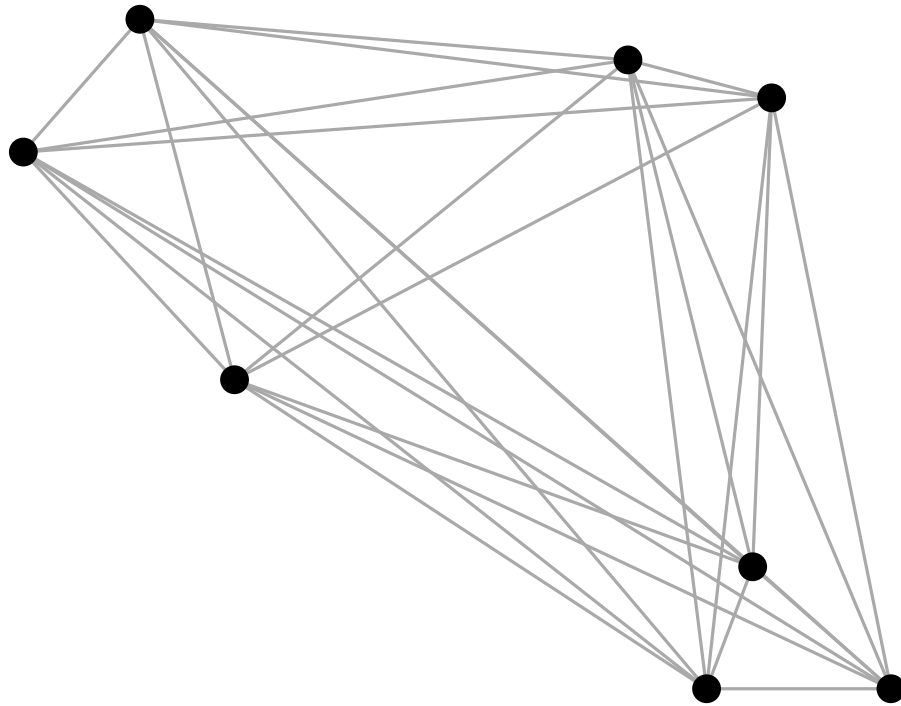


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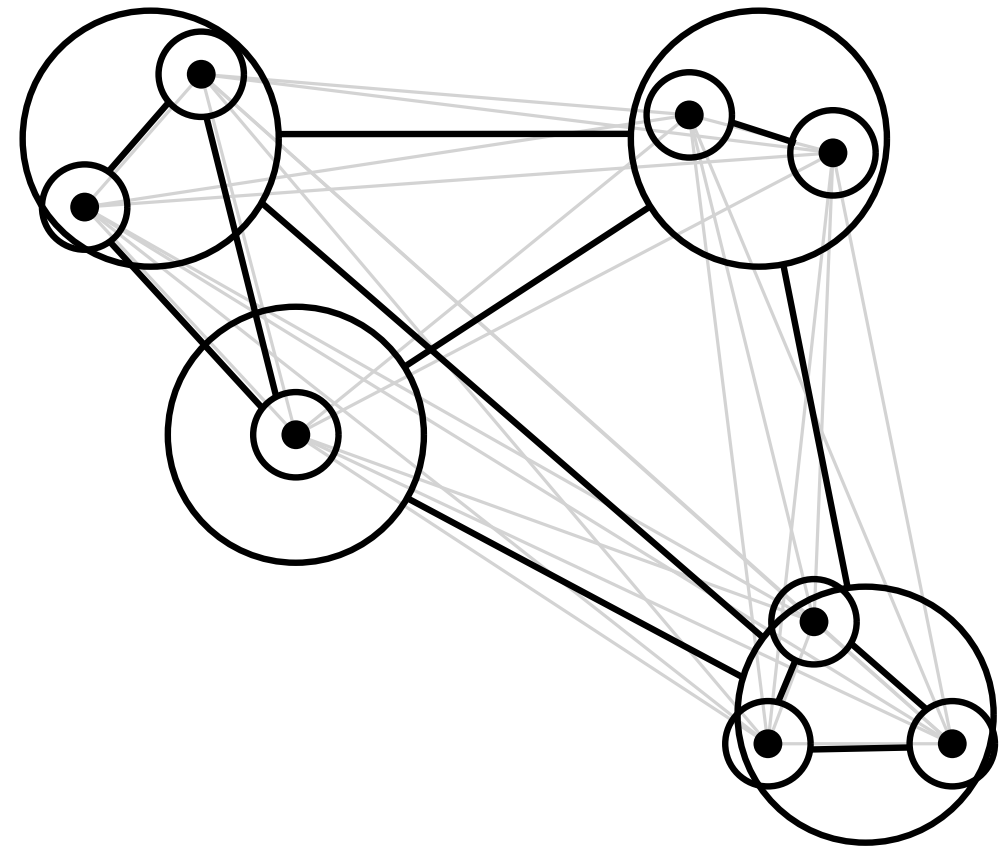


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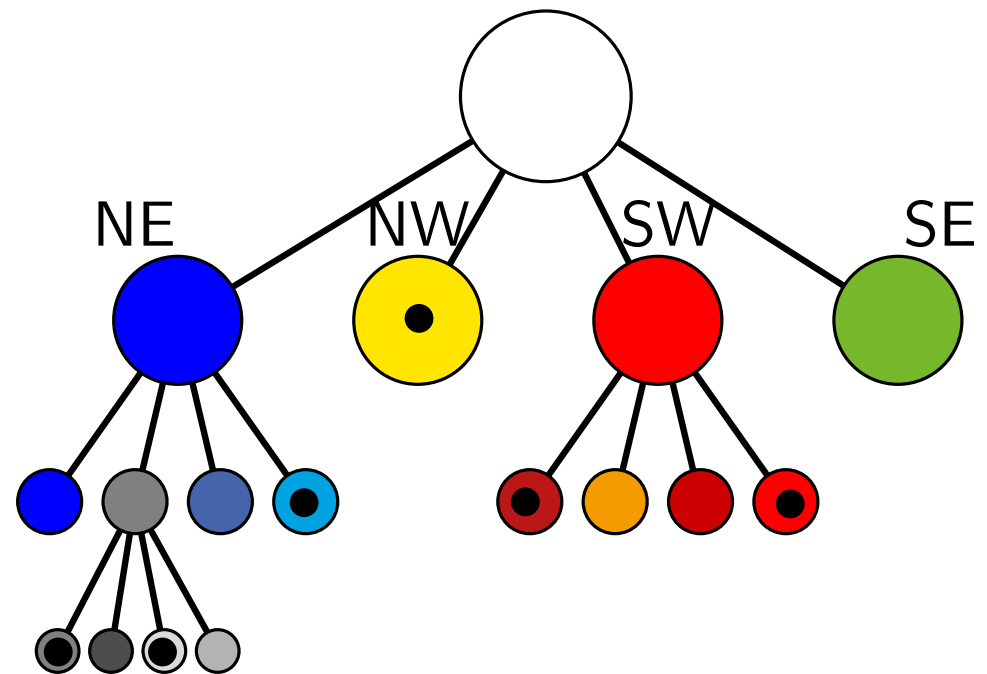
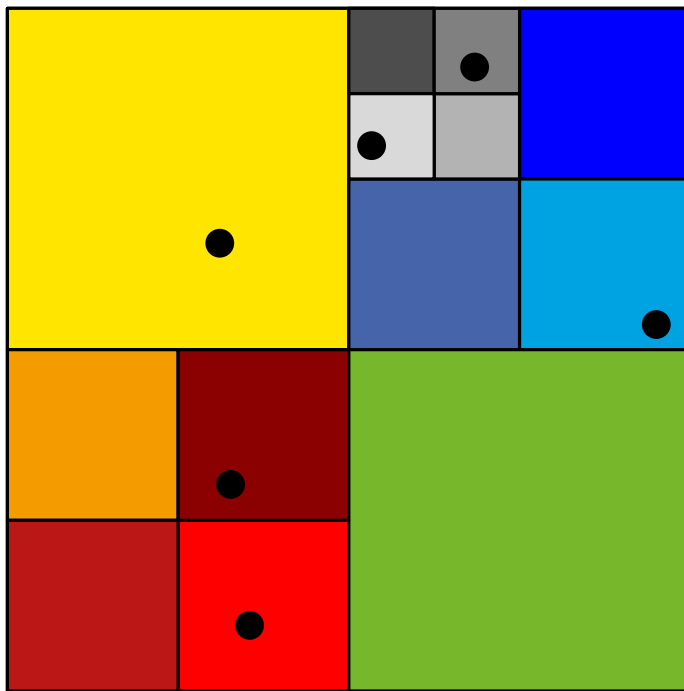


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WSPD of size  $O(n^2)$  is trivial. Can we do it in  $O(n)$ ?

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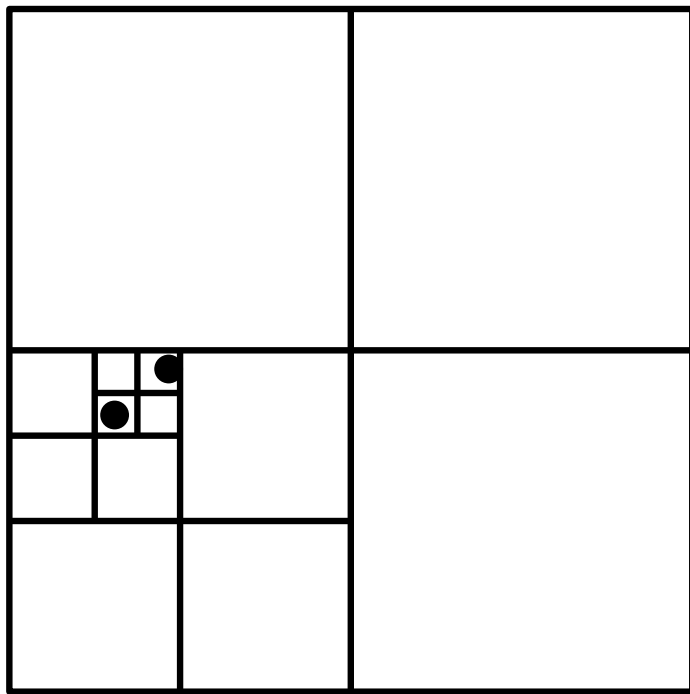
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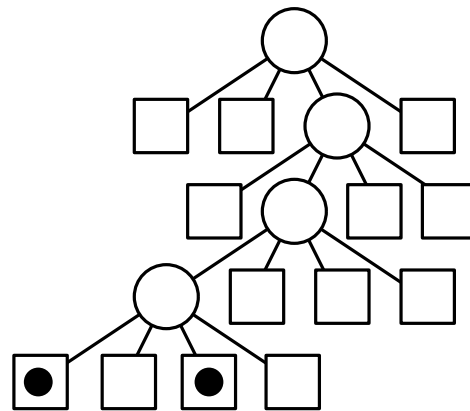
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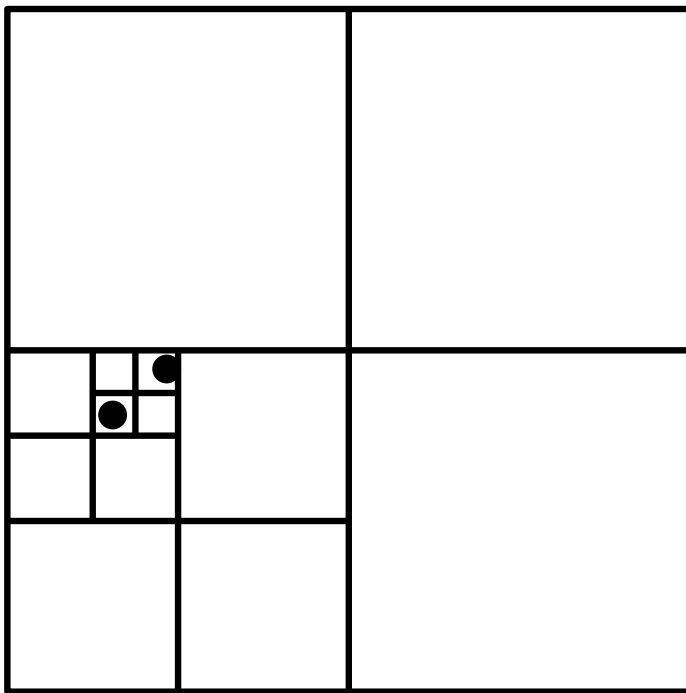


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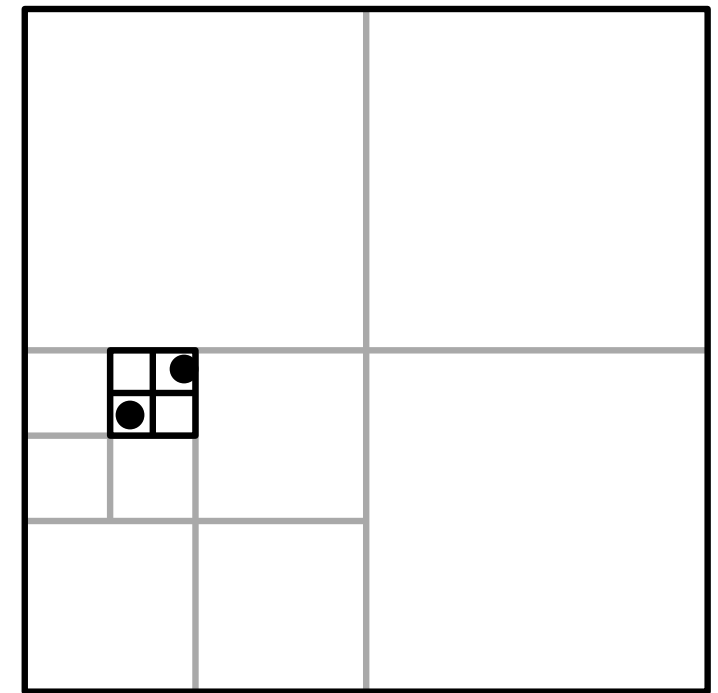
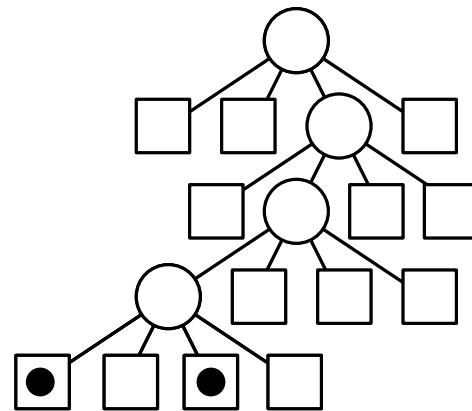


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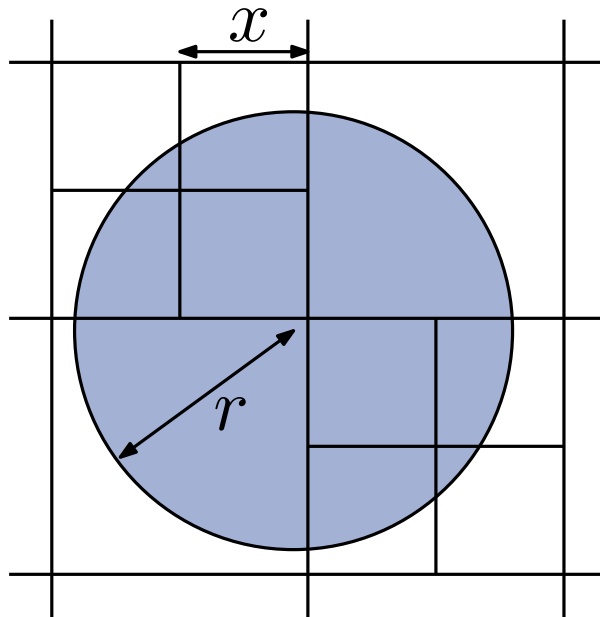
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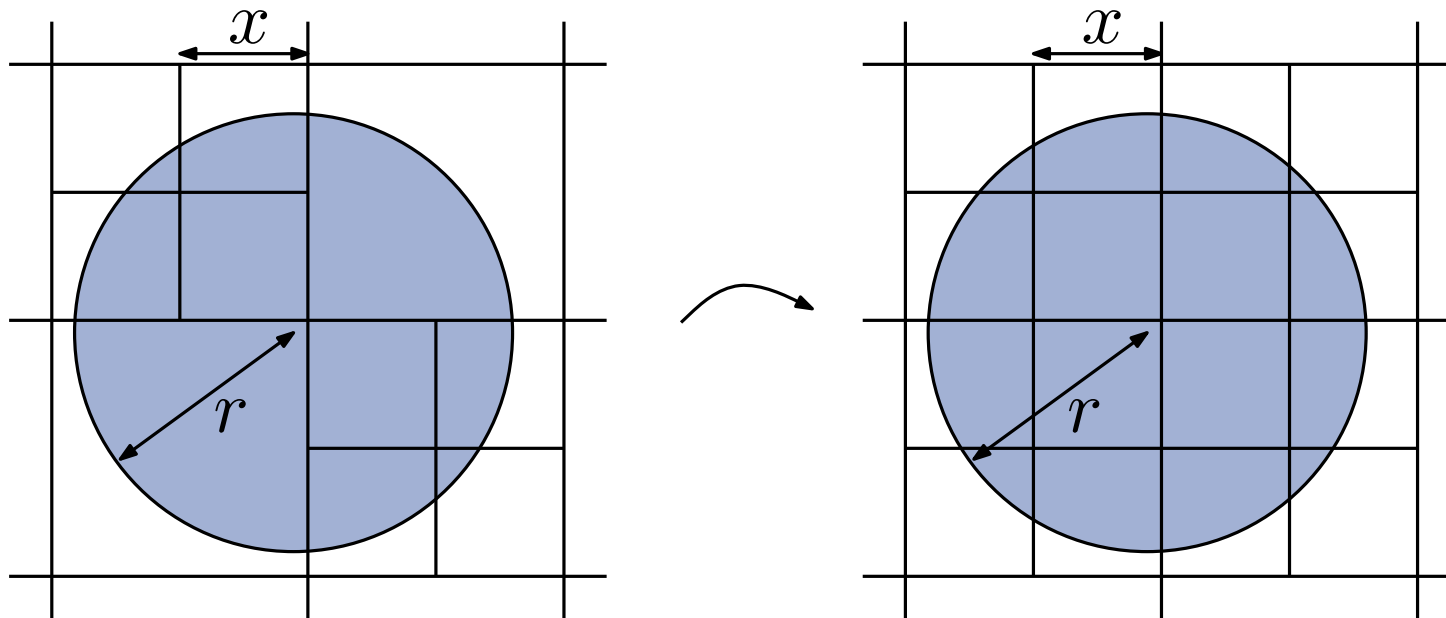


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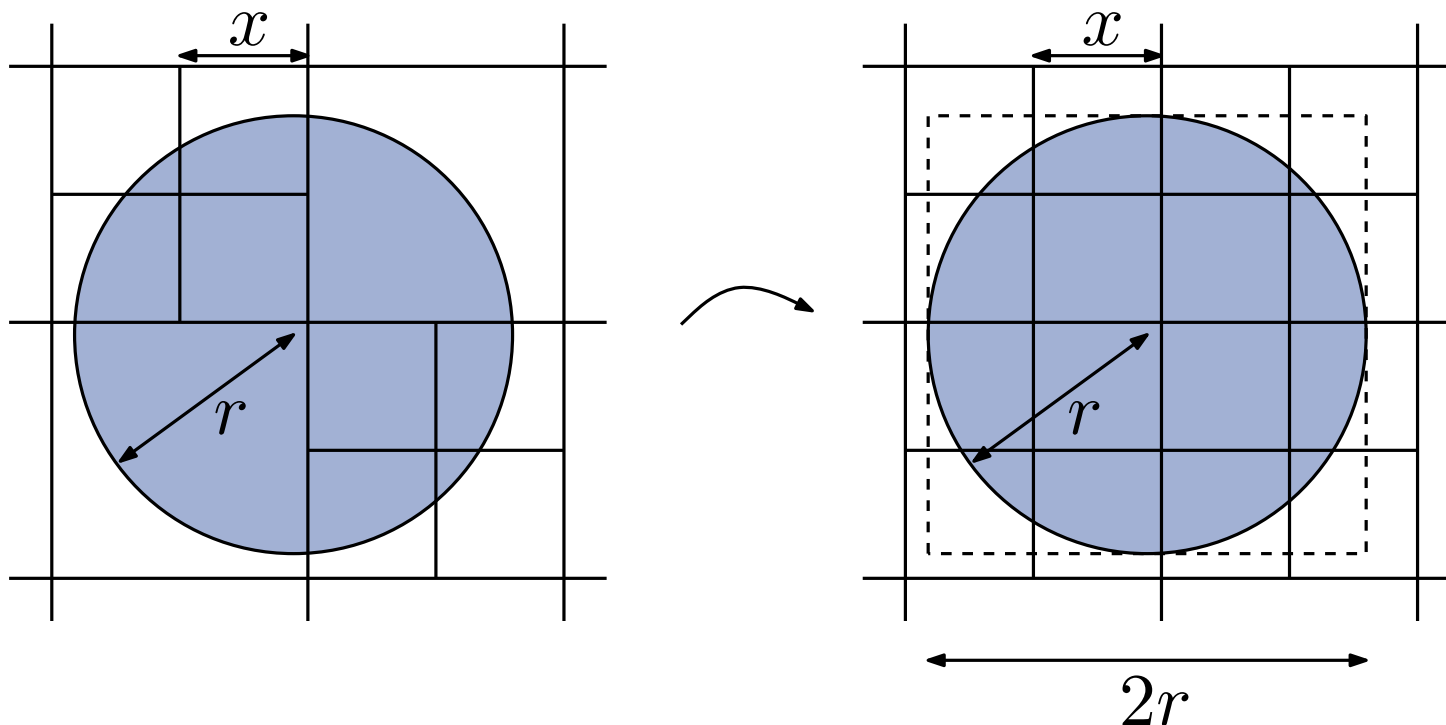


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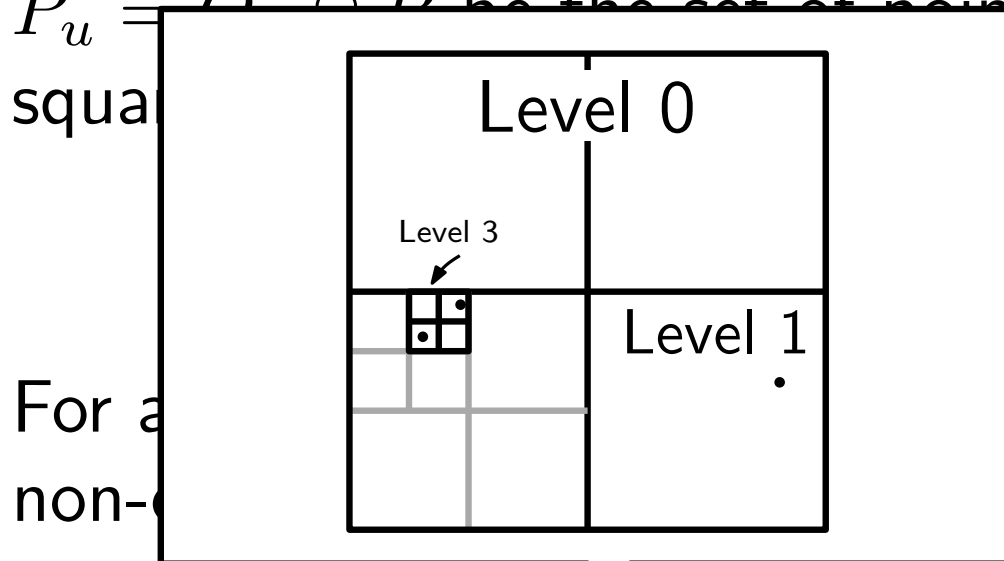
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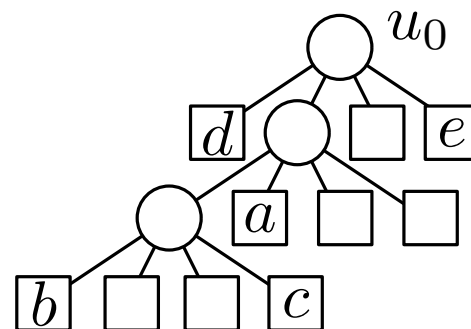
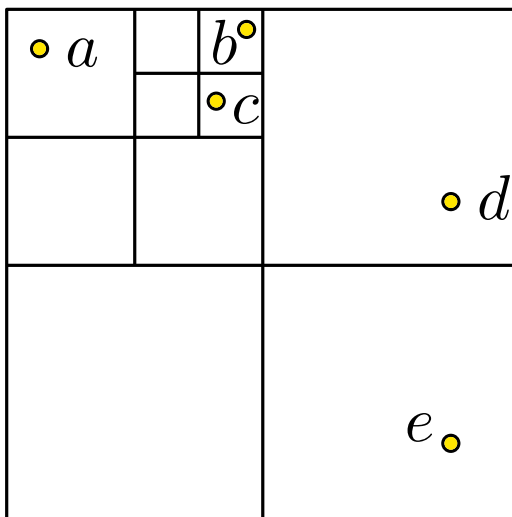
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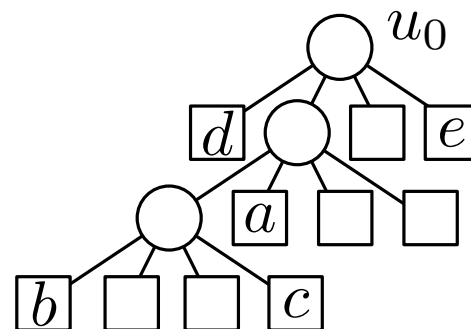
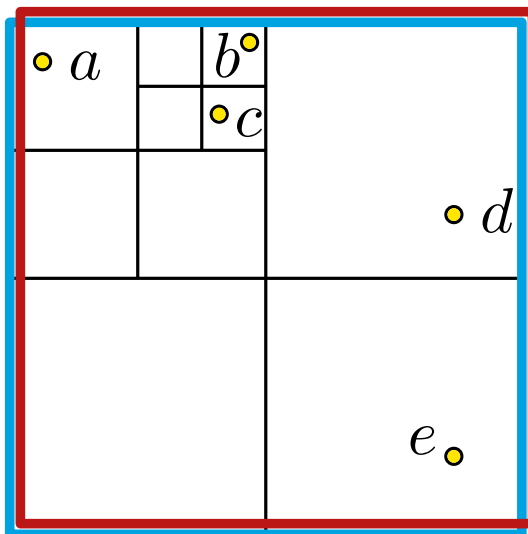
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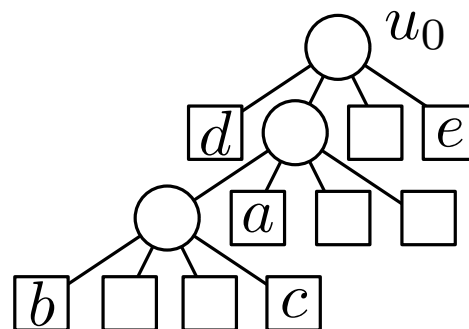
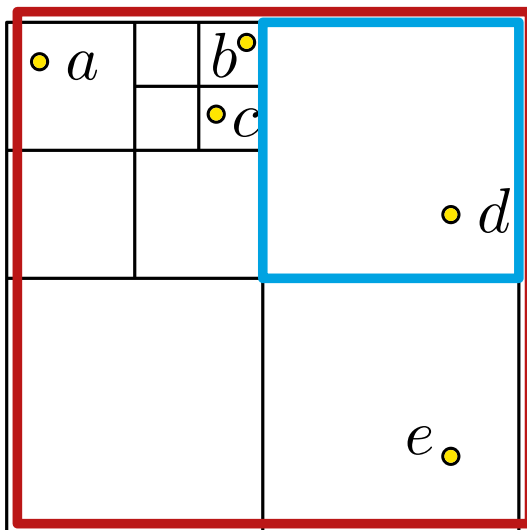
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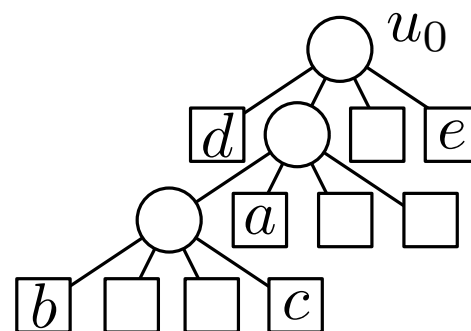
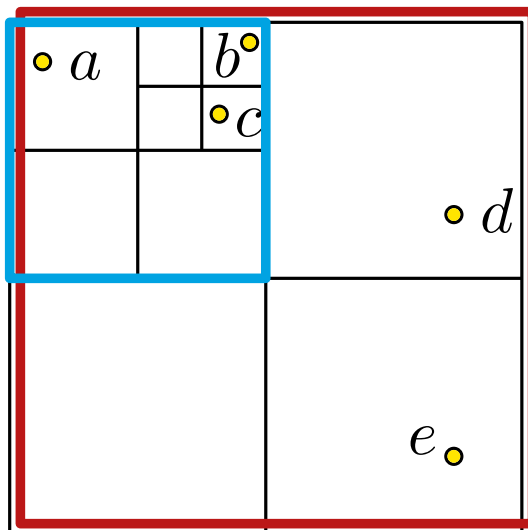
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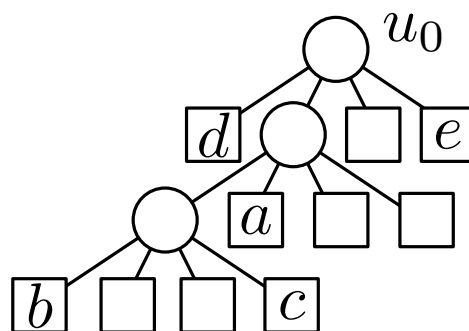
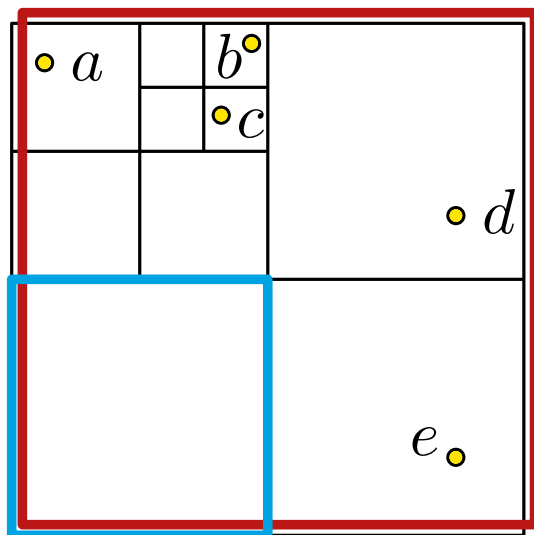
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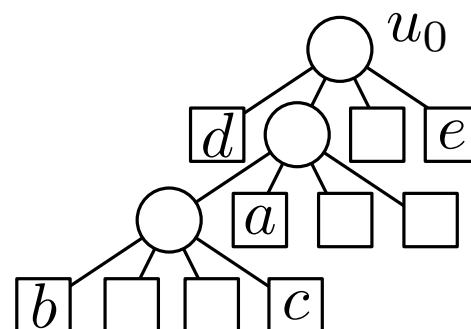
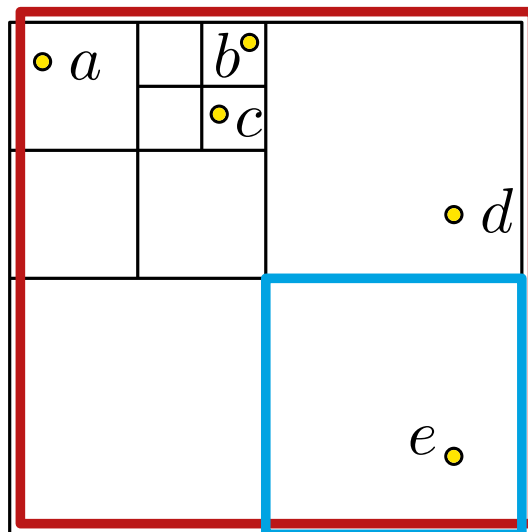
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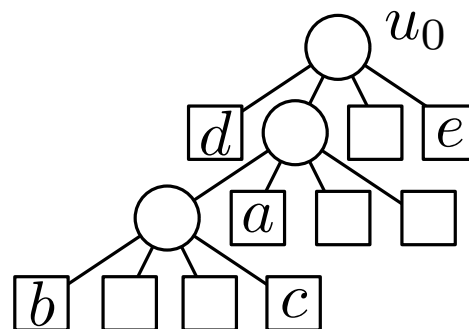
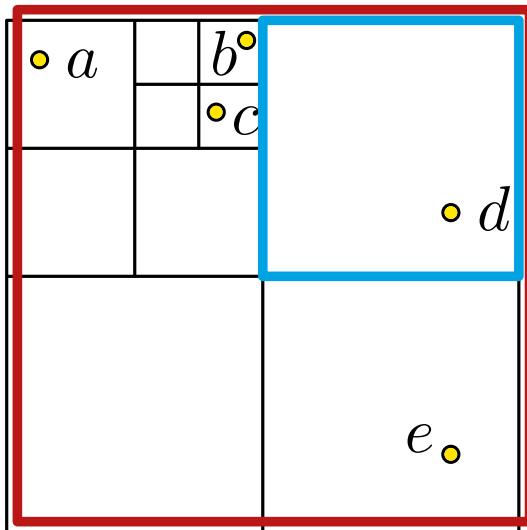
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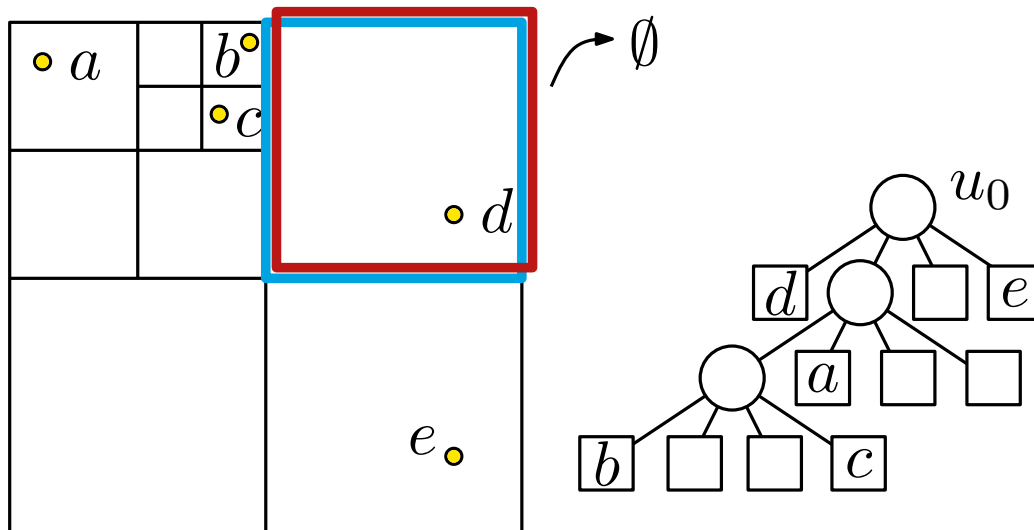
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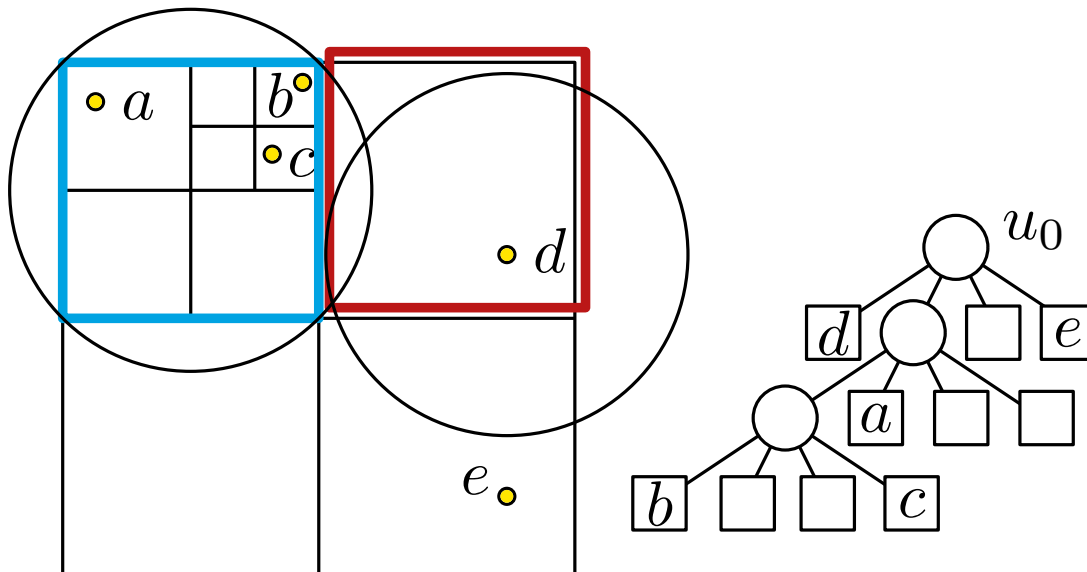
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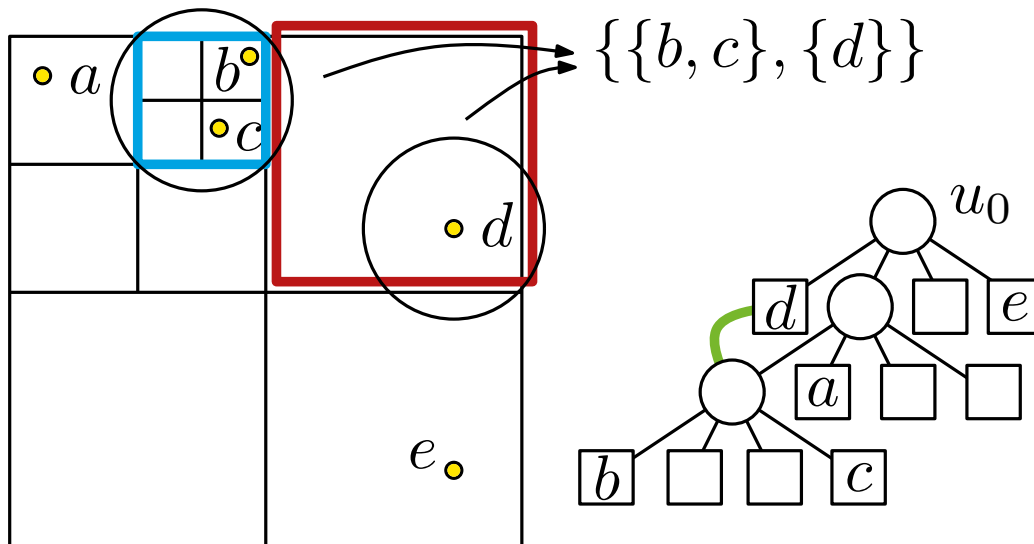
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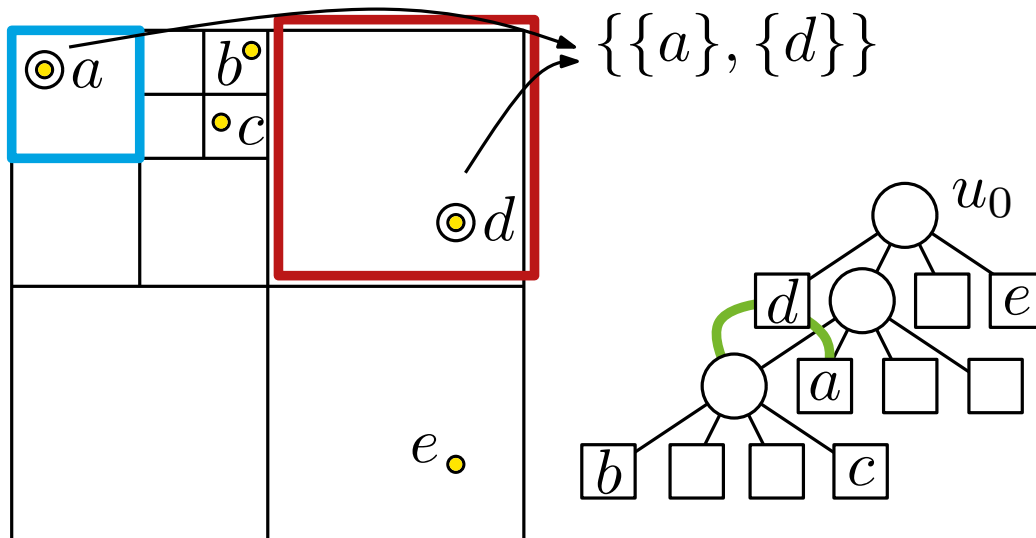
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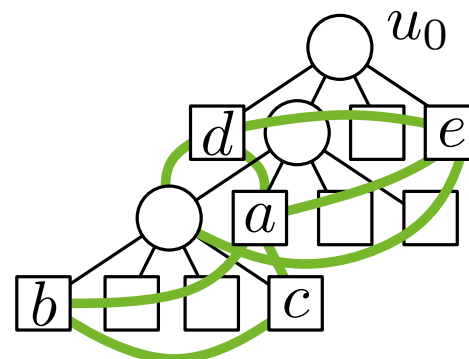
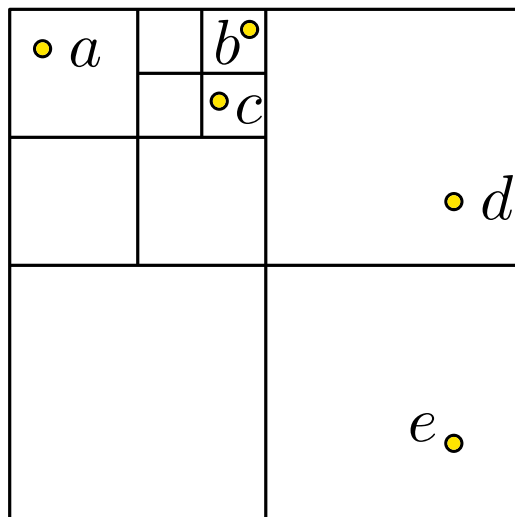
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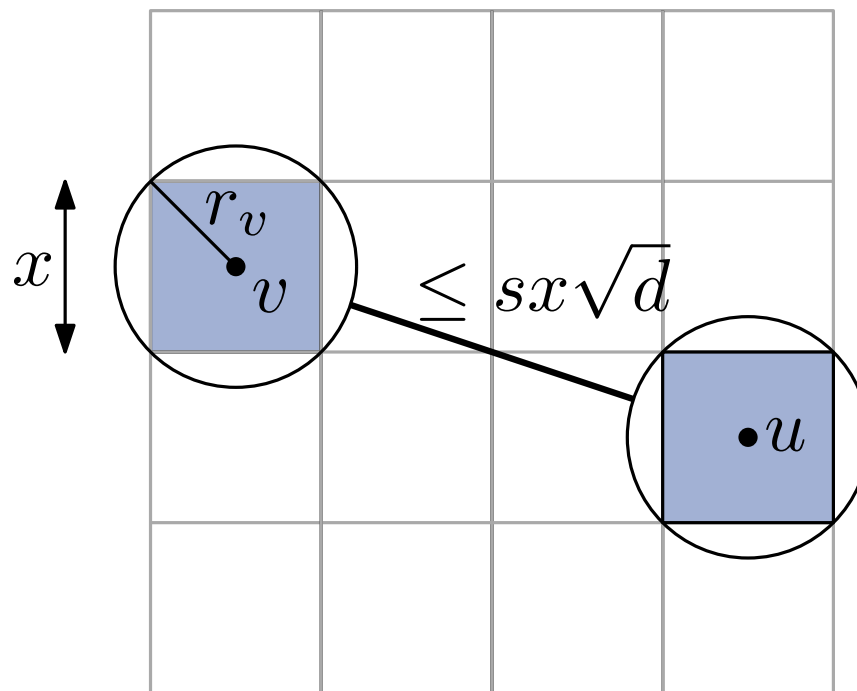
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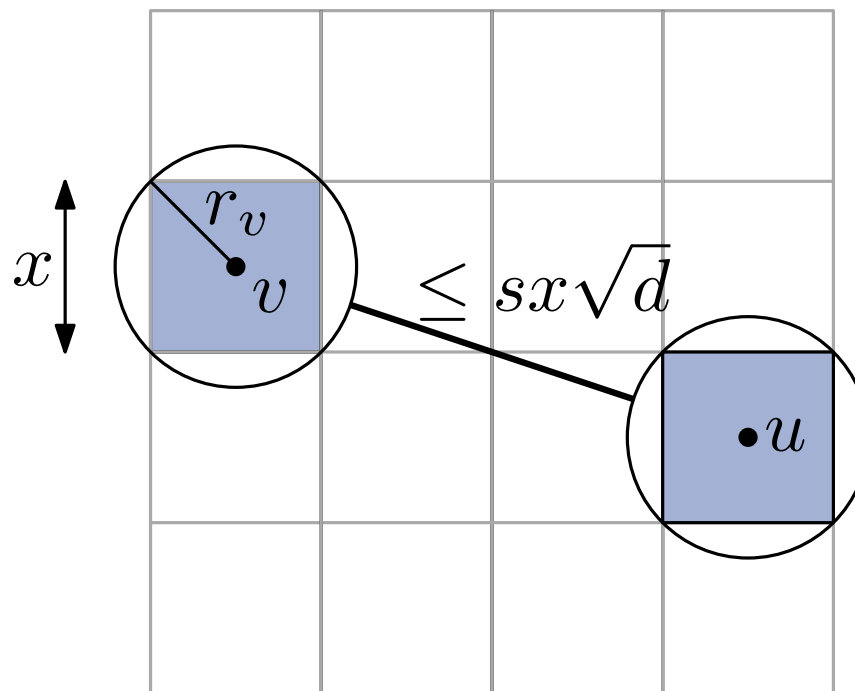
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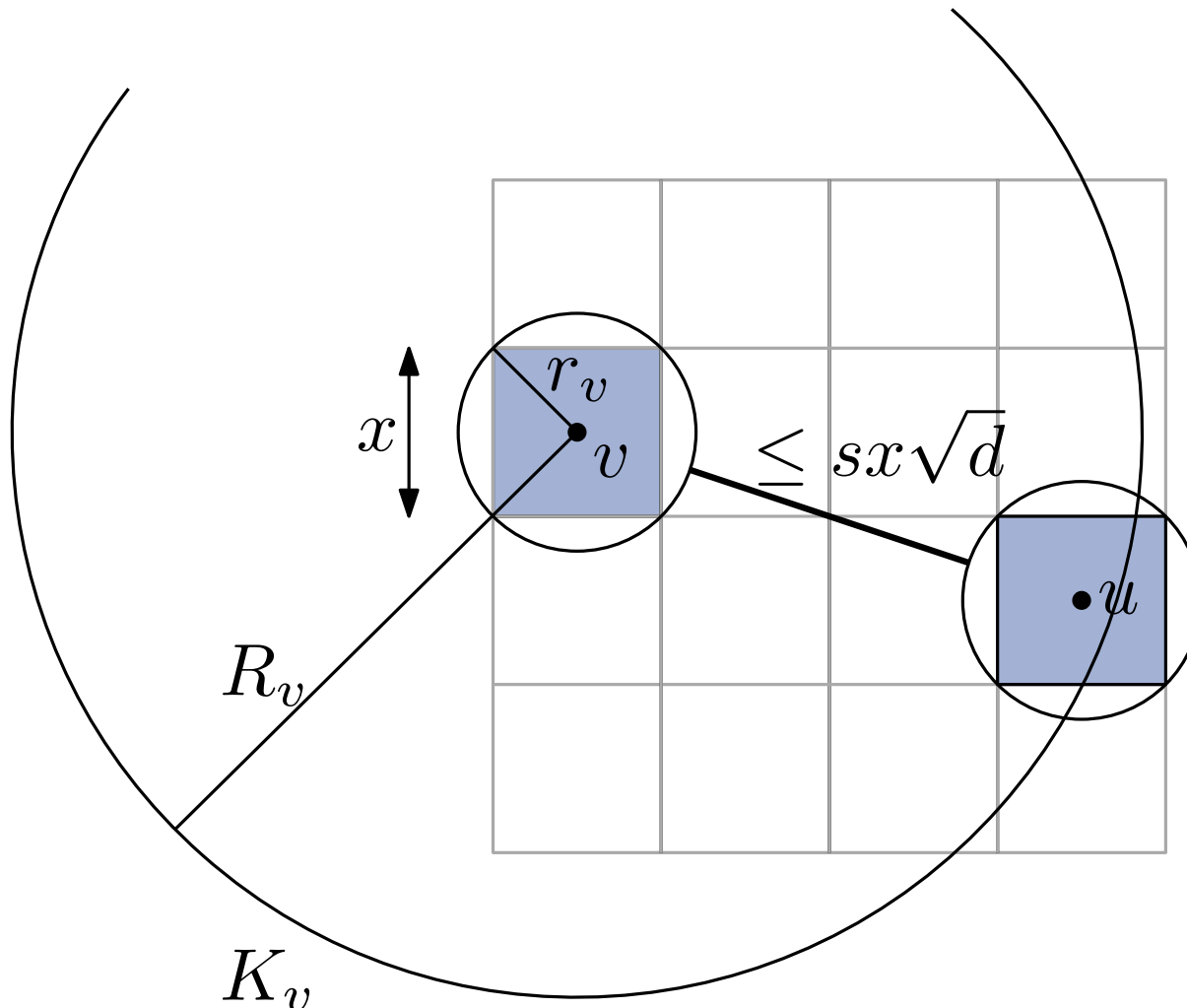


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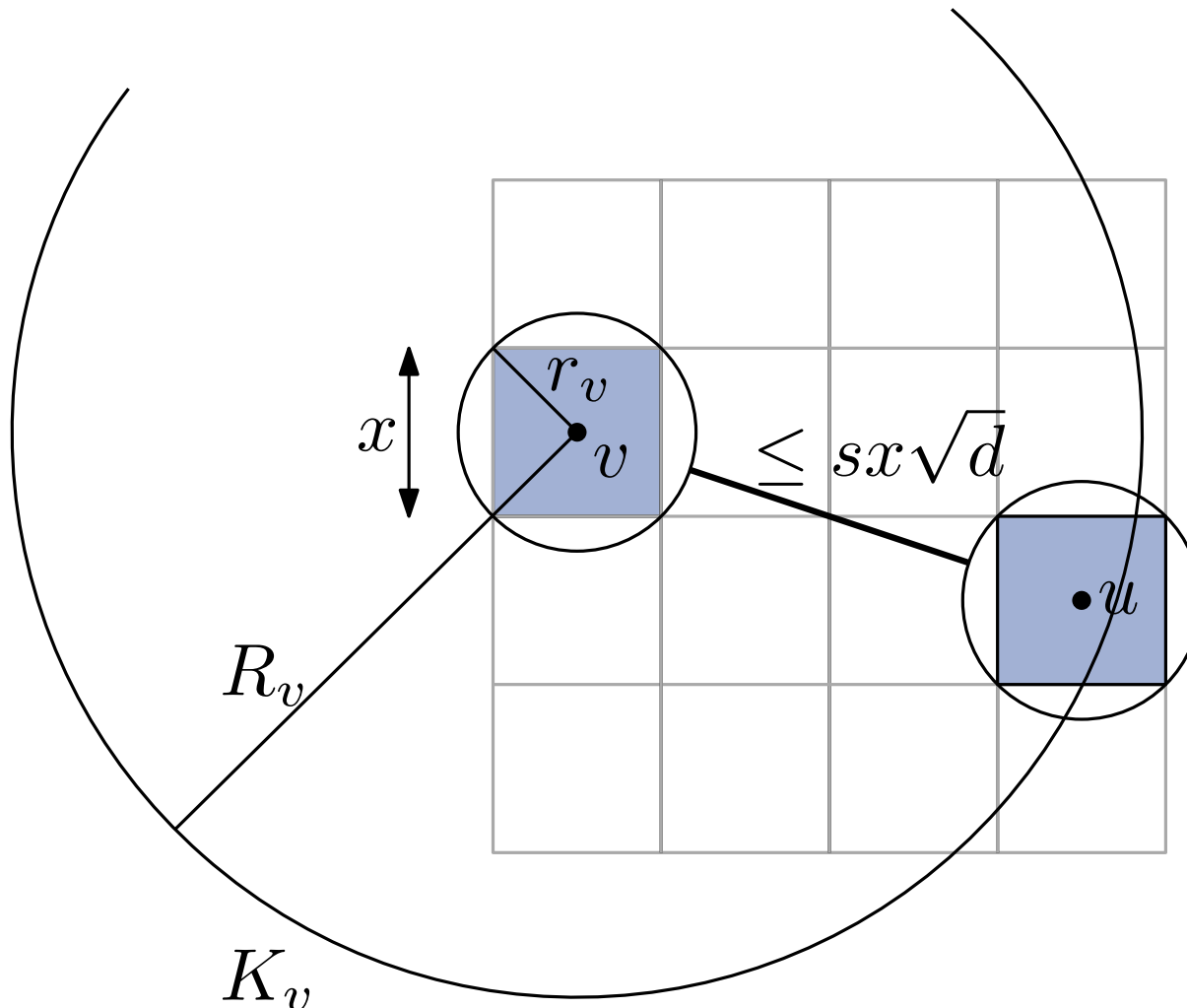


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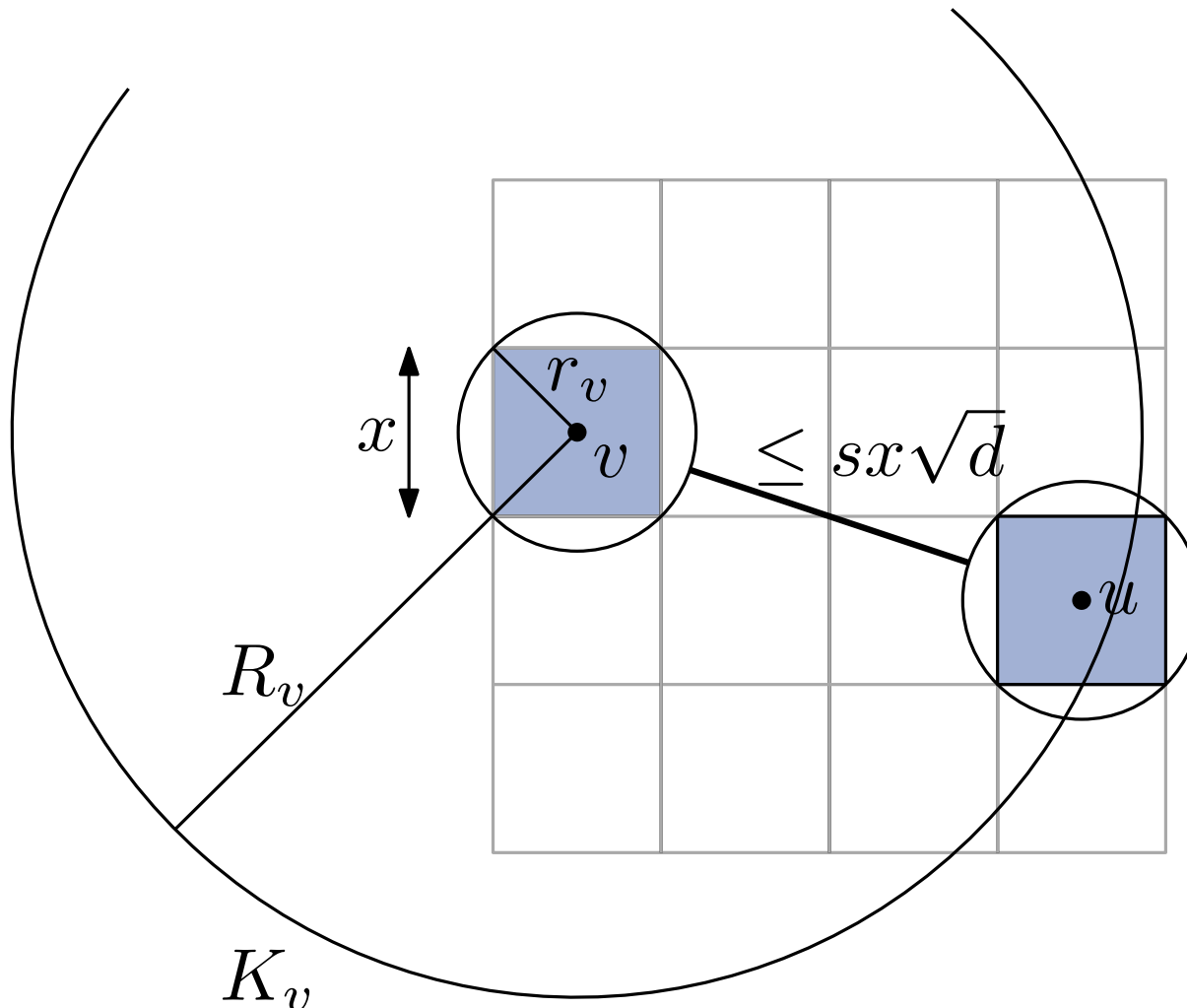
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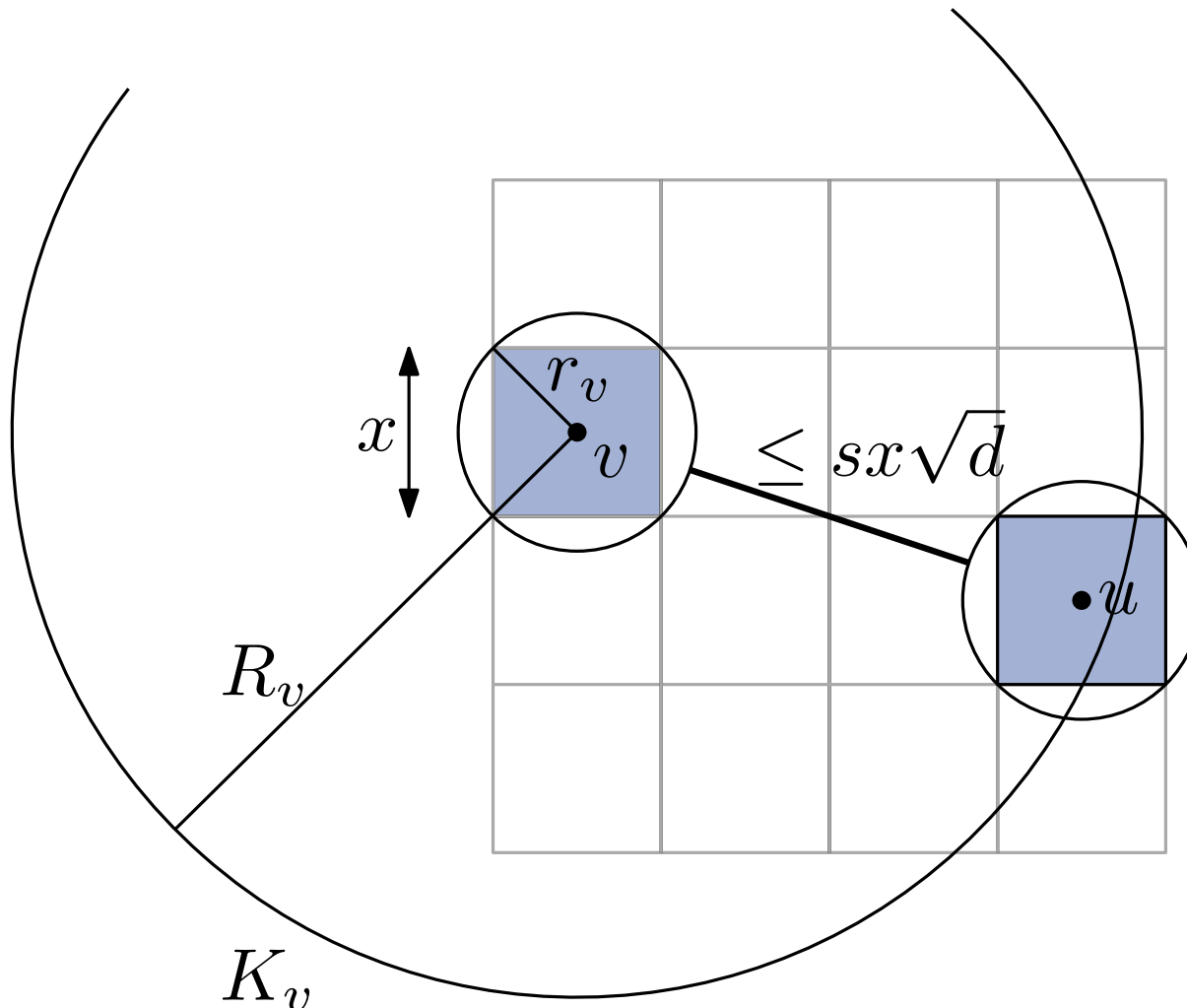
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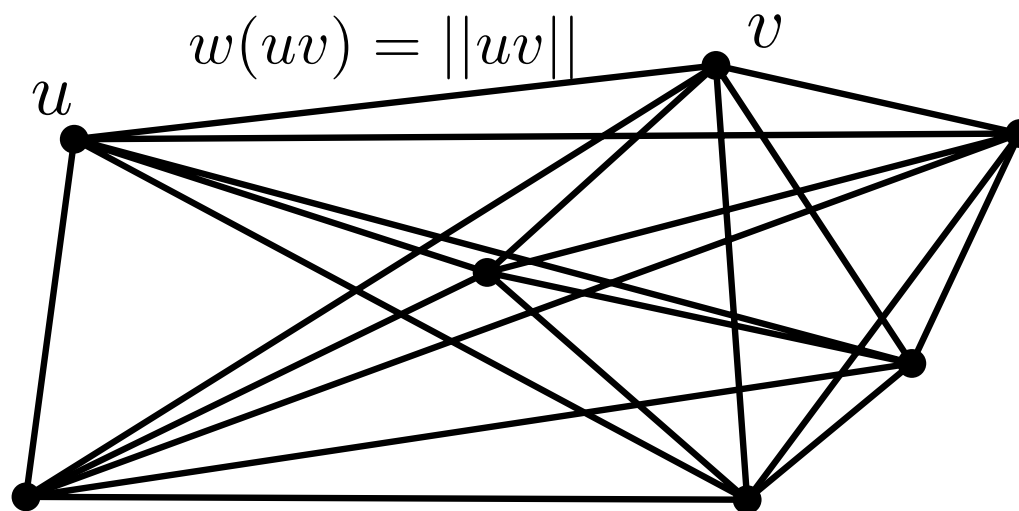
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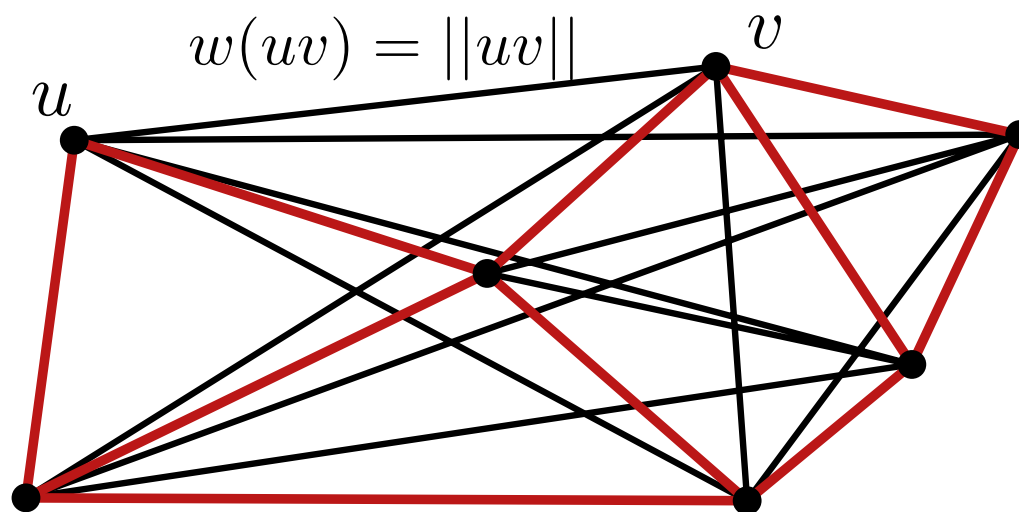
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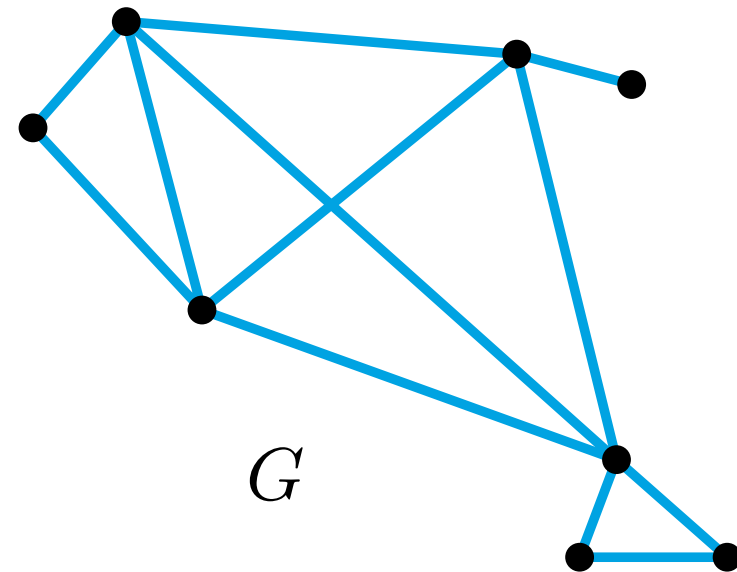
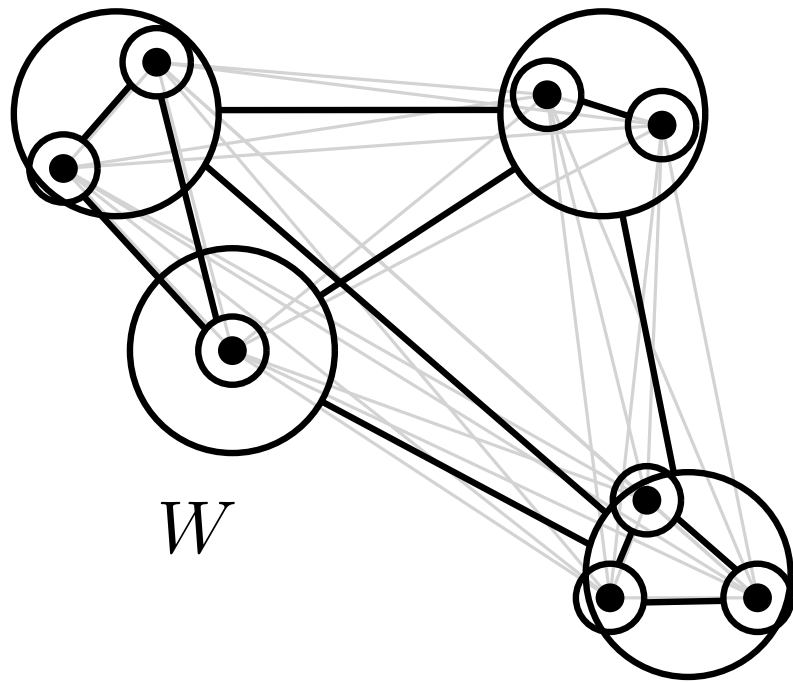
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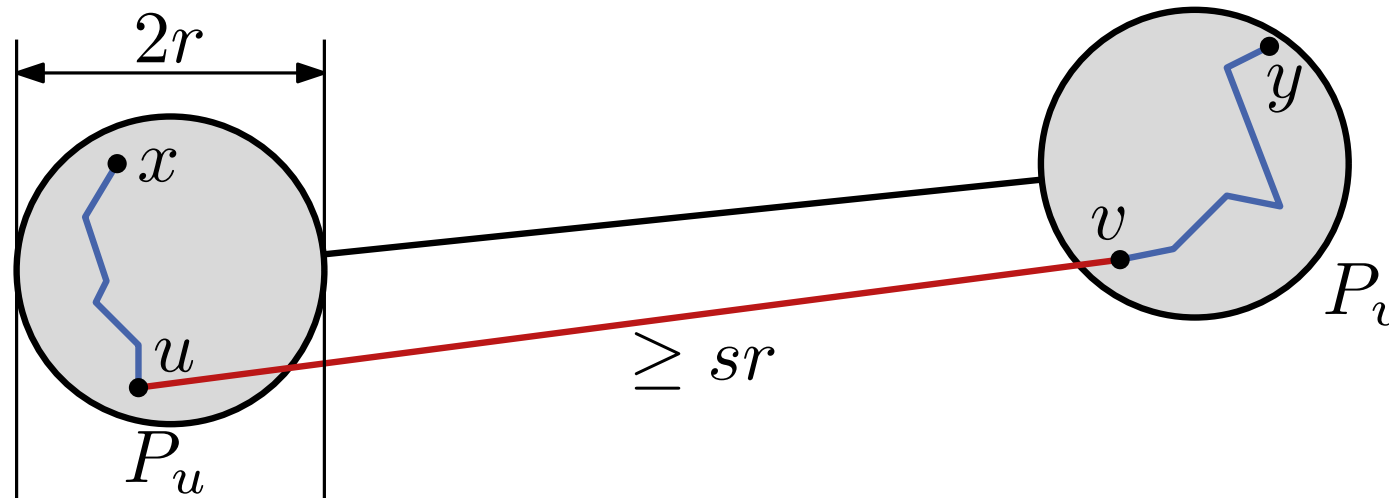
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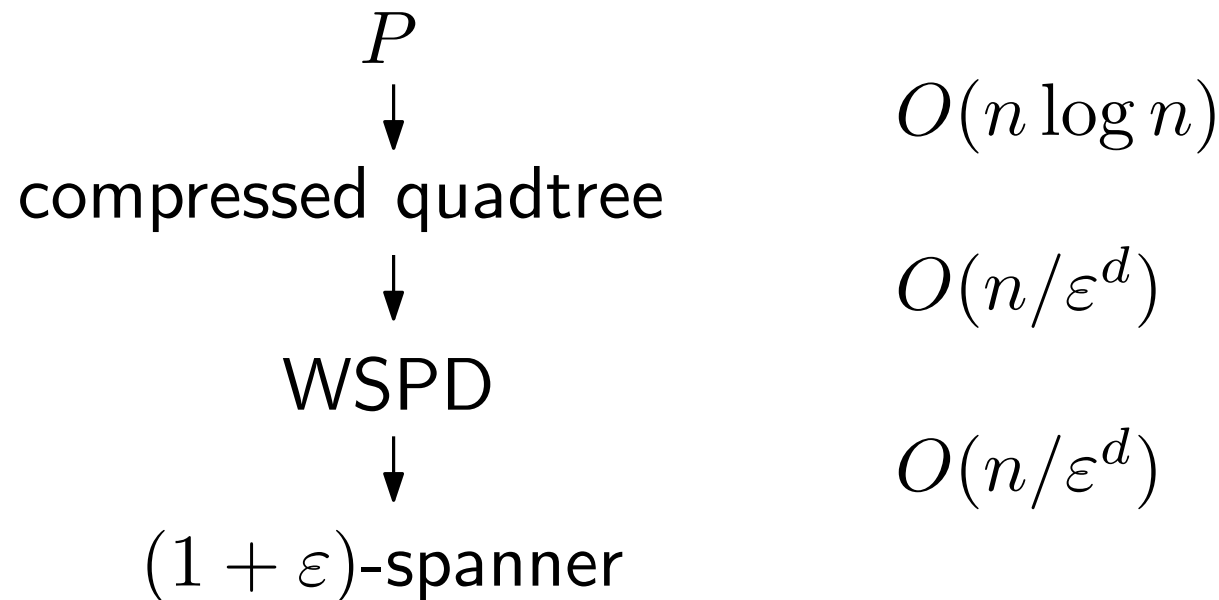


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