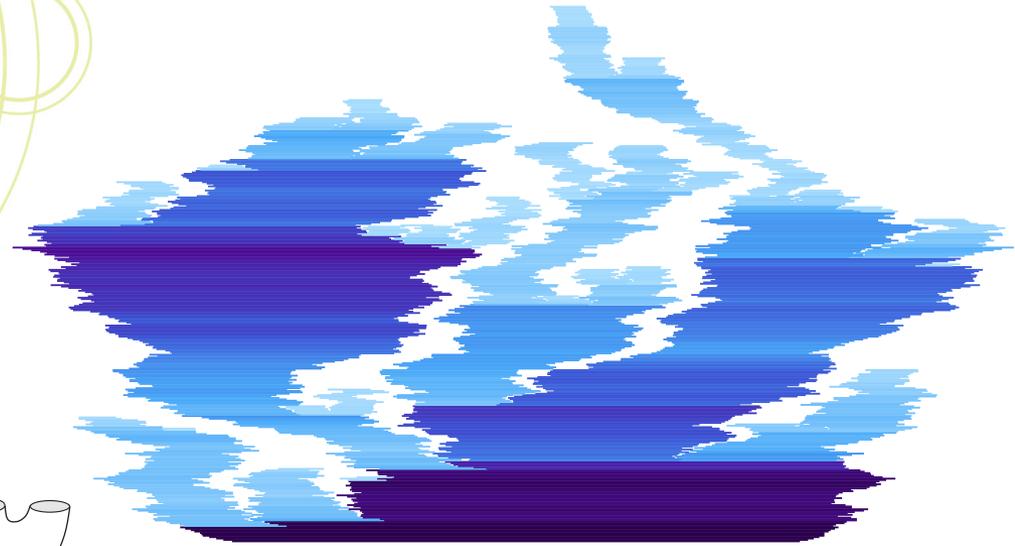
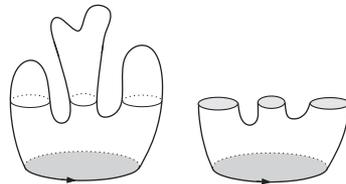
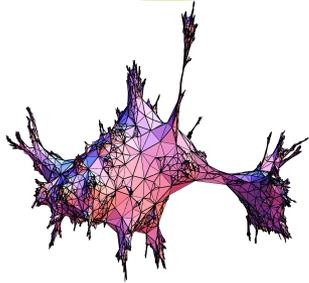


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Random planar maps & growth-fragmentations

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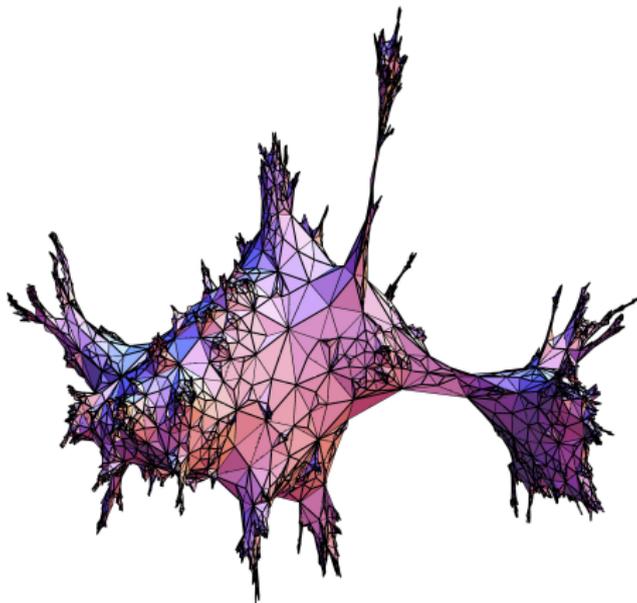


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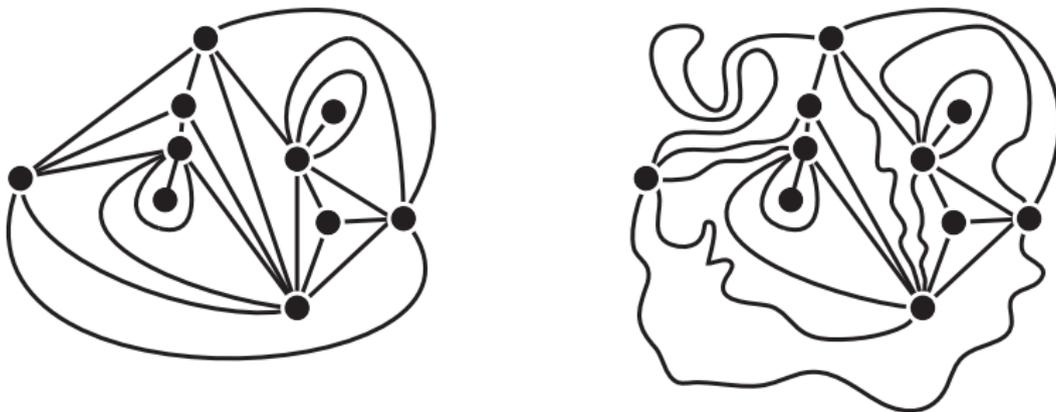


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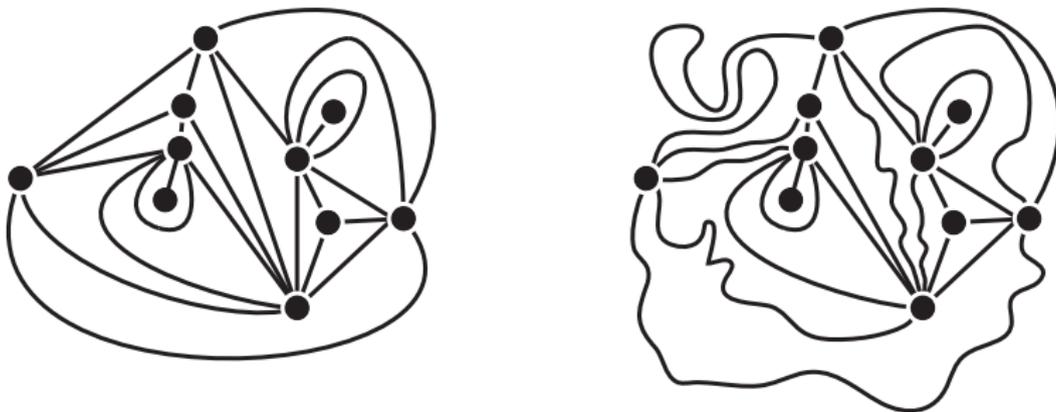


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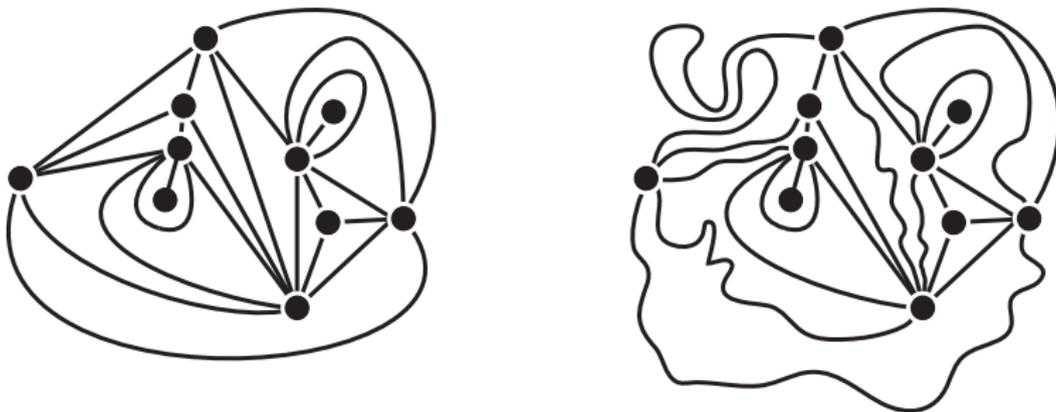


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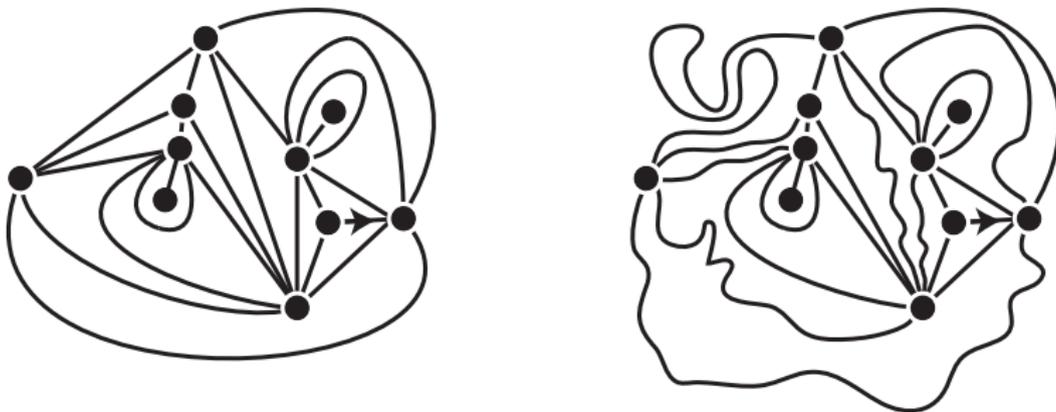


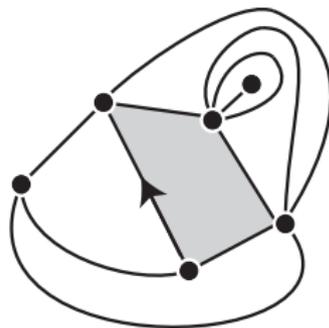
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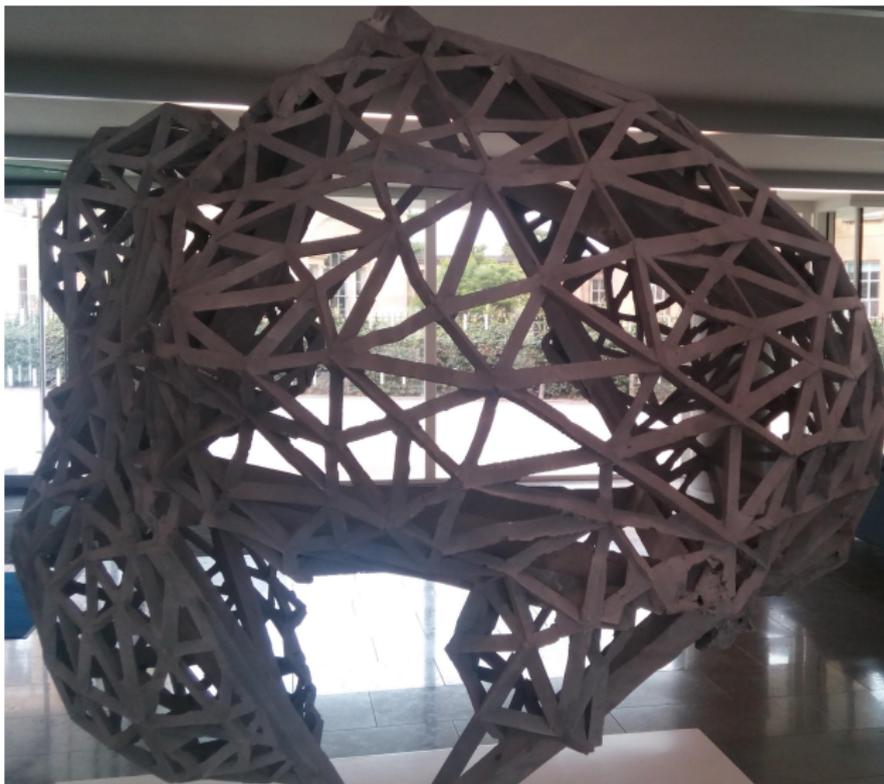


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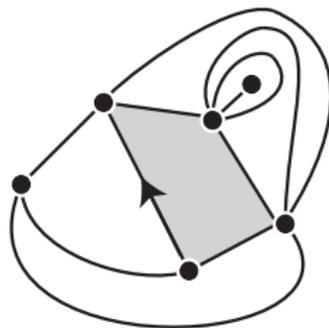


Another example of a triangulation with a boundary



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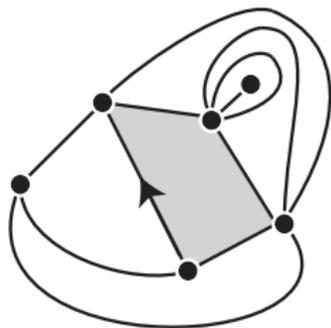
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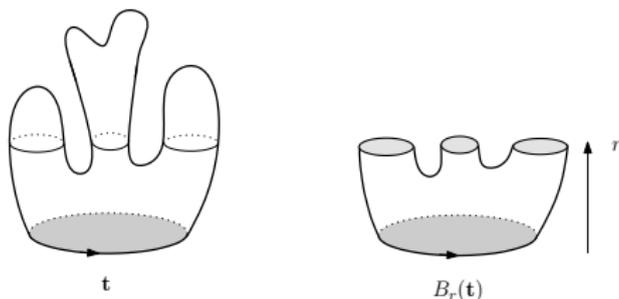
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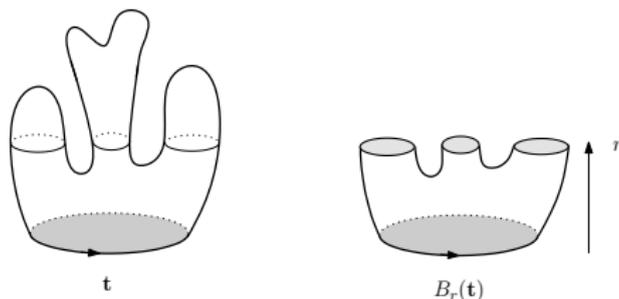


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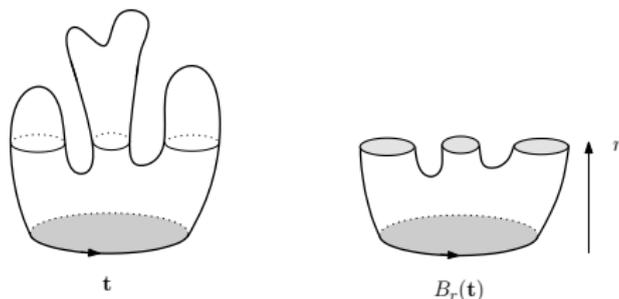


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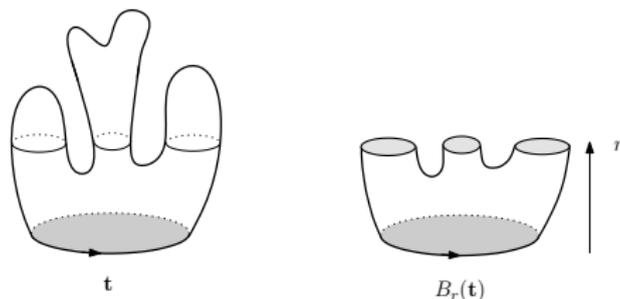
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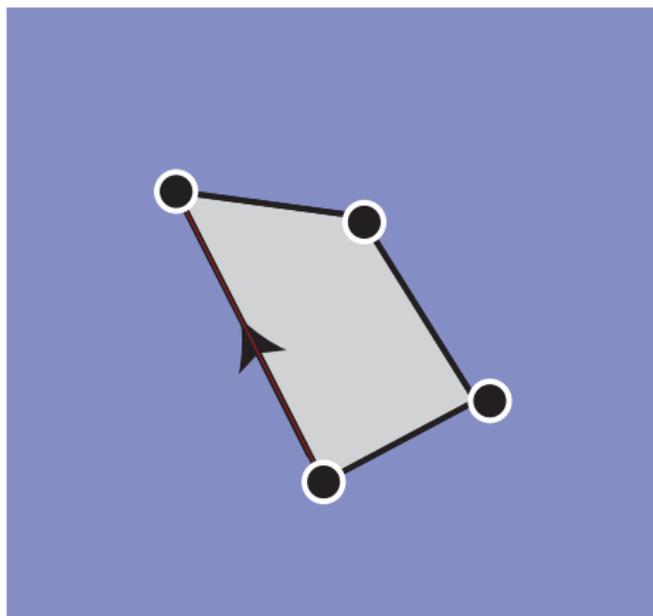
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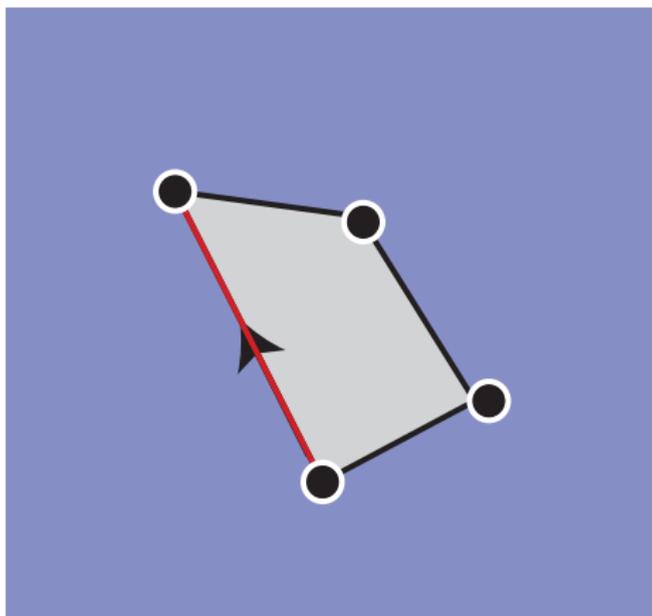
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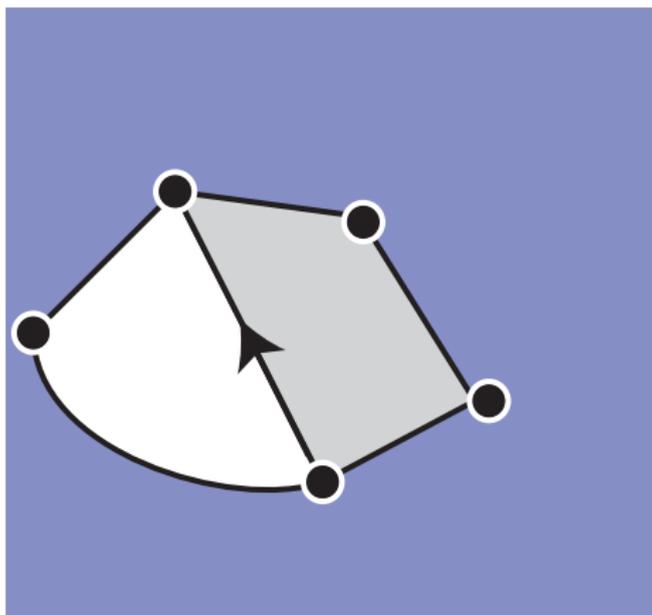
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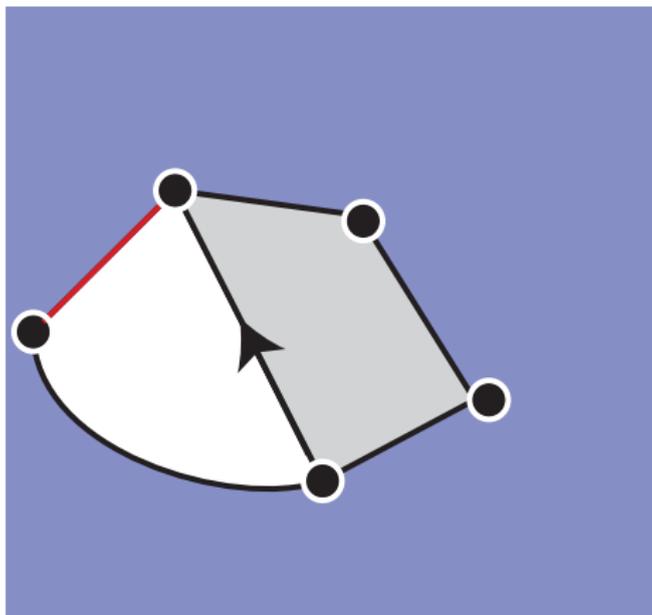
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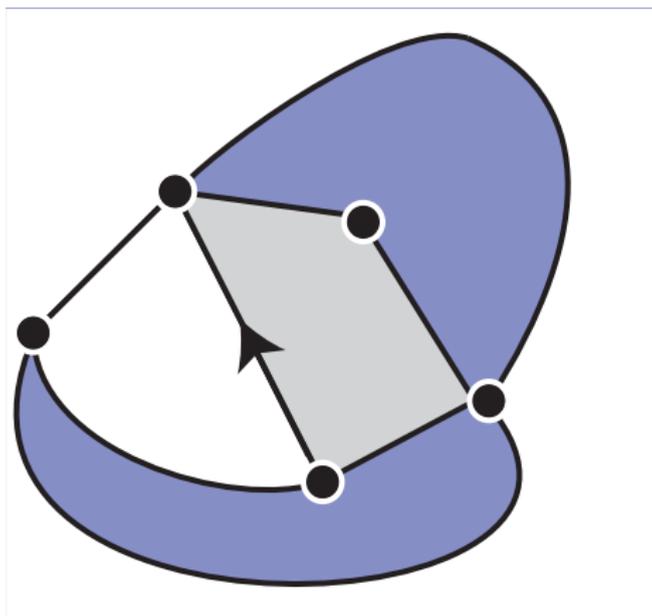
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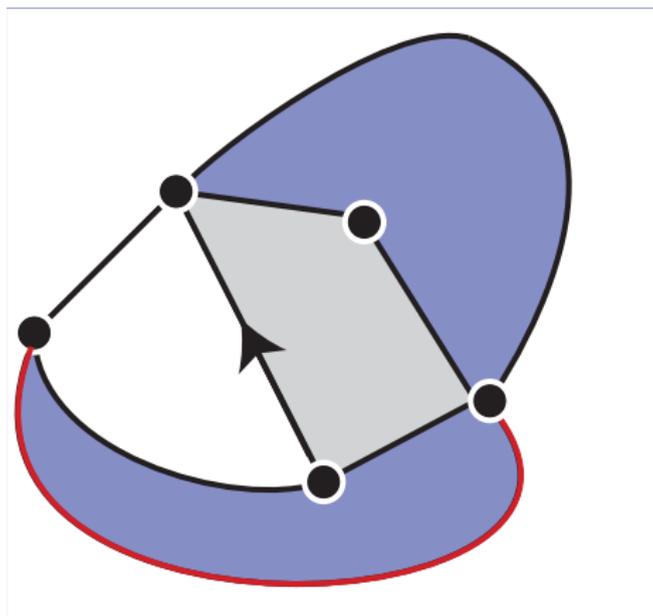
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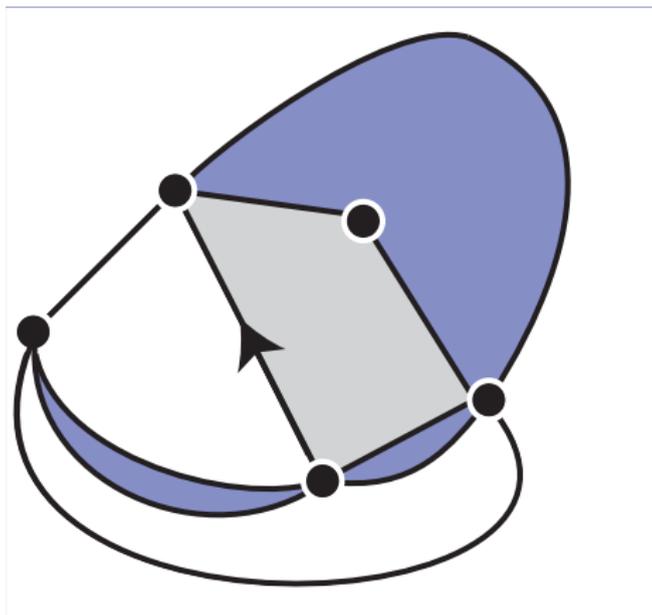
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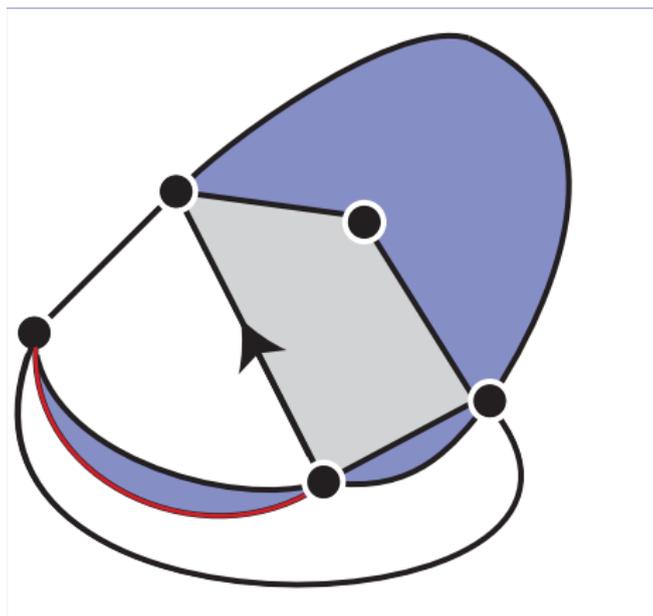
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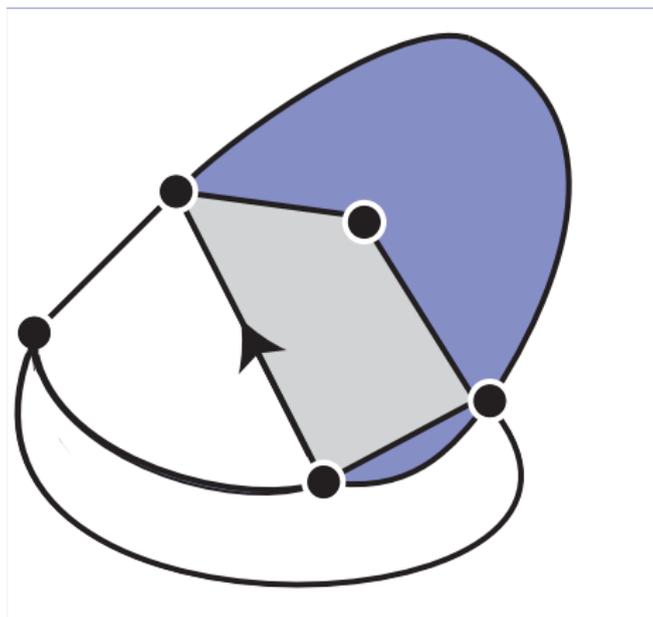
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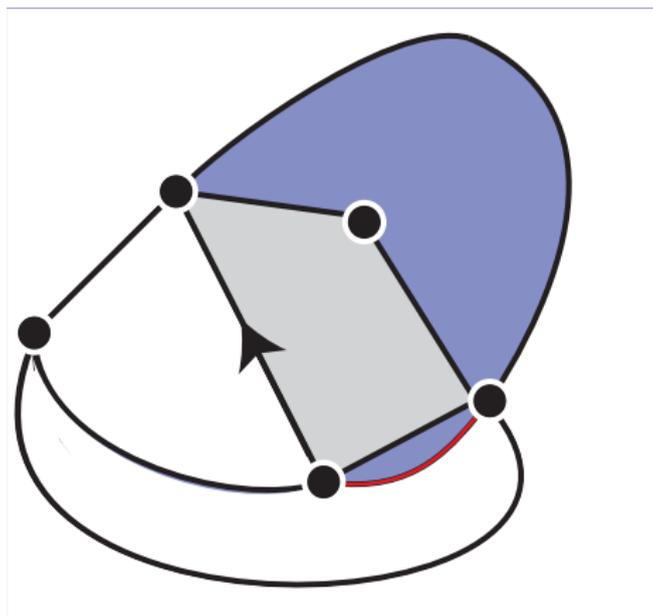
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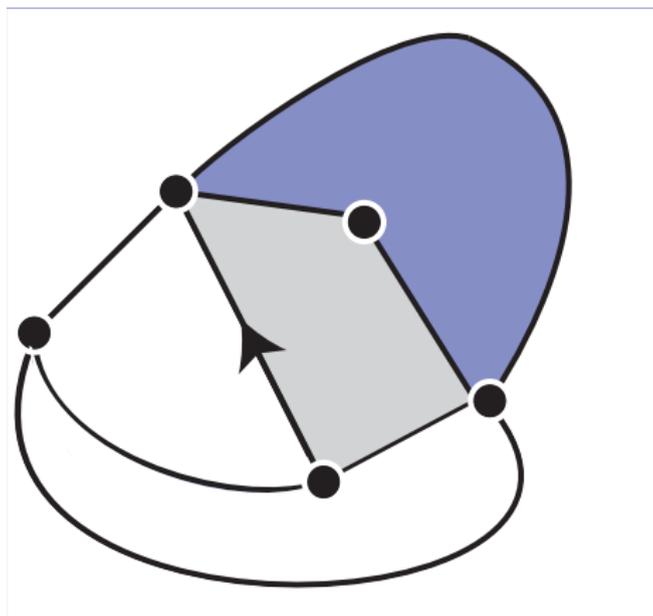
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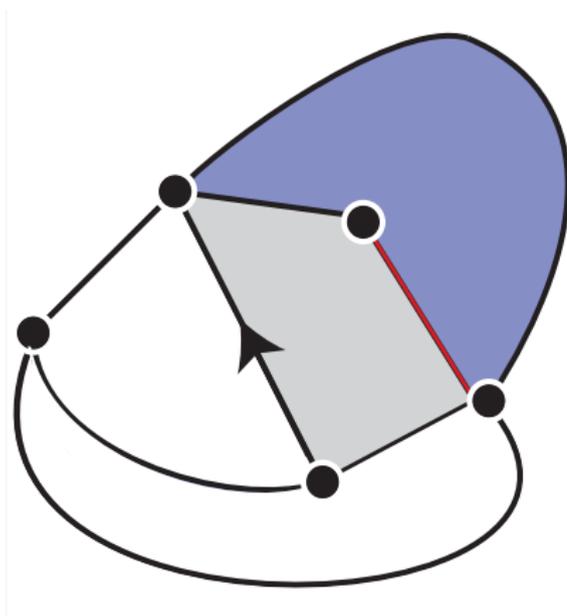
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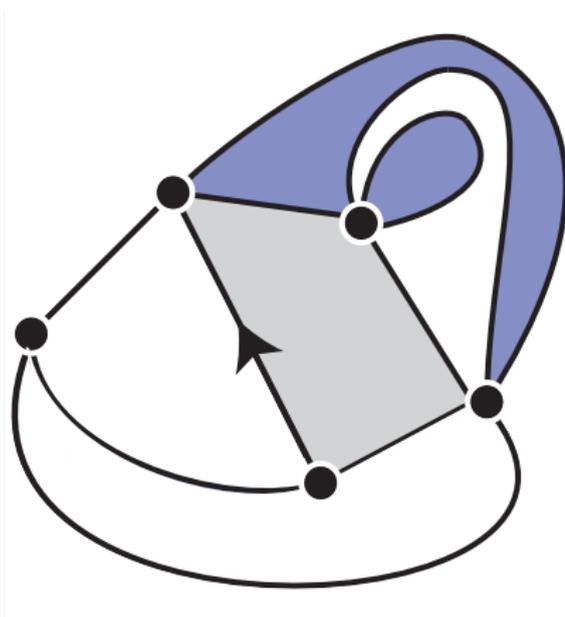
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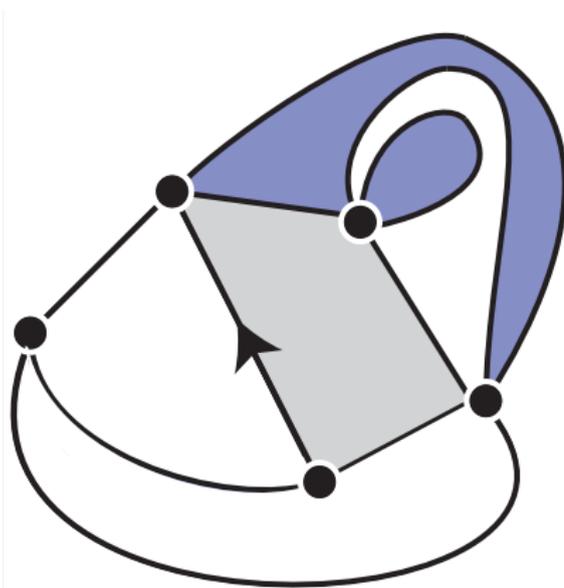
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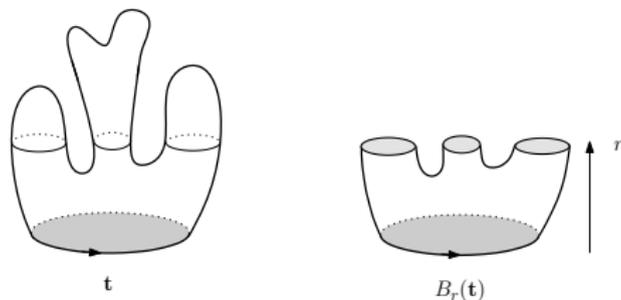


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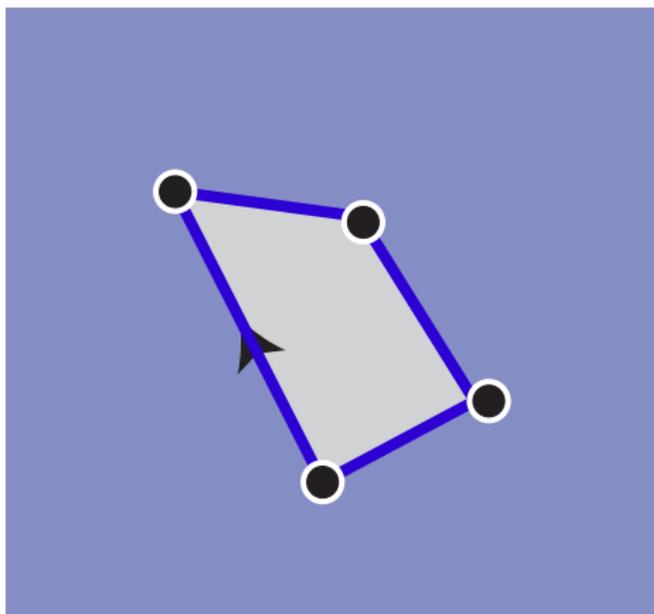
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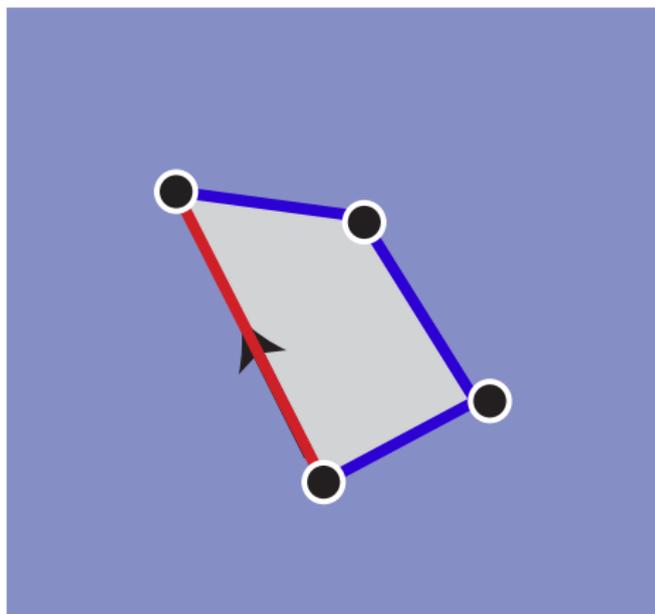
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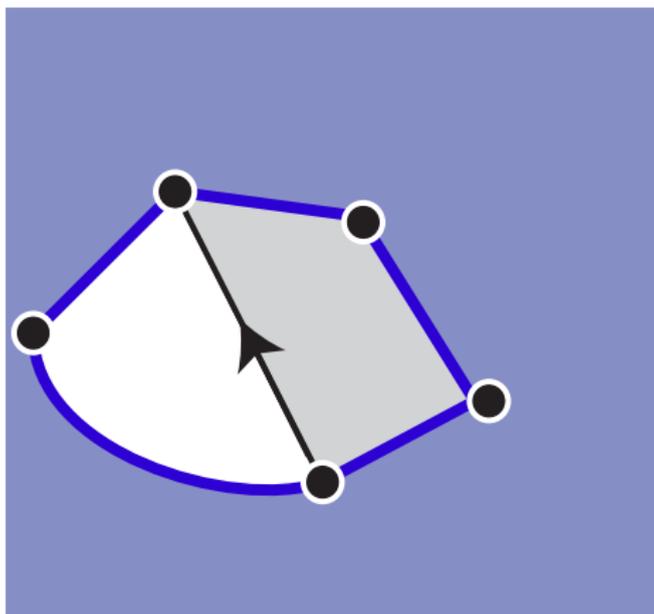
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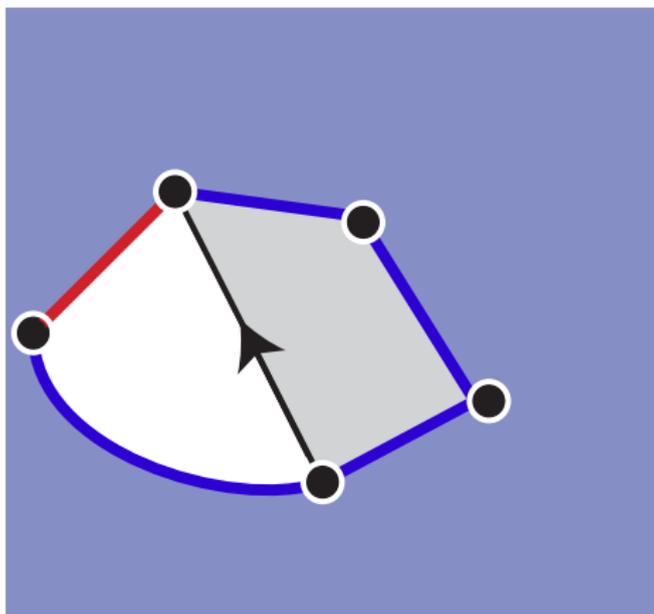
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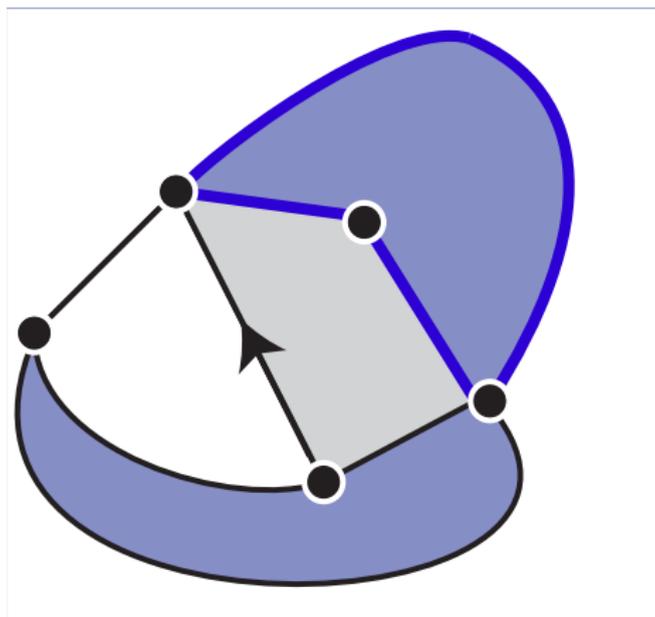
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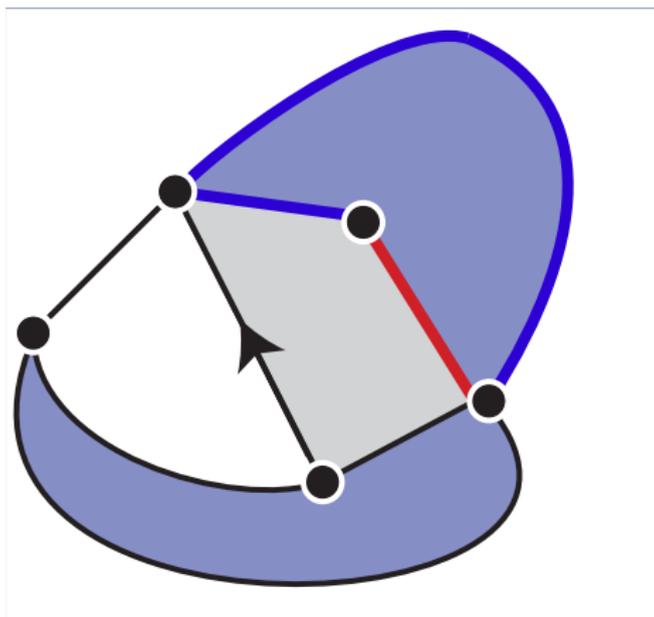
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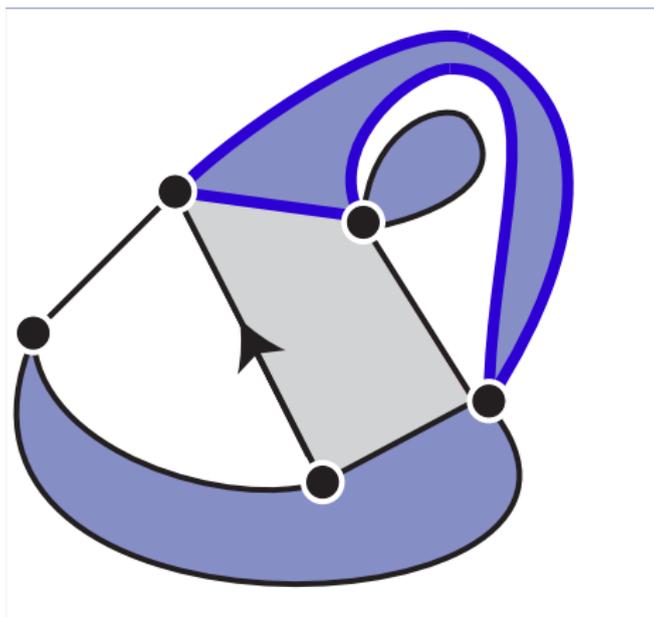
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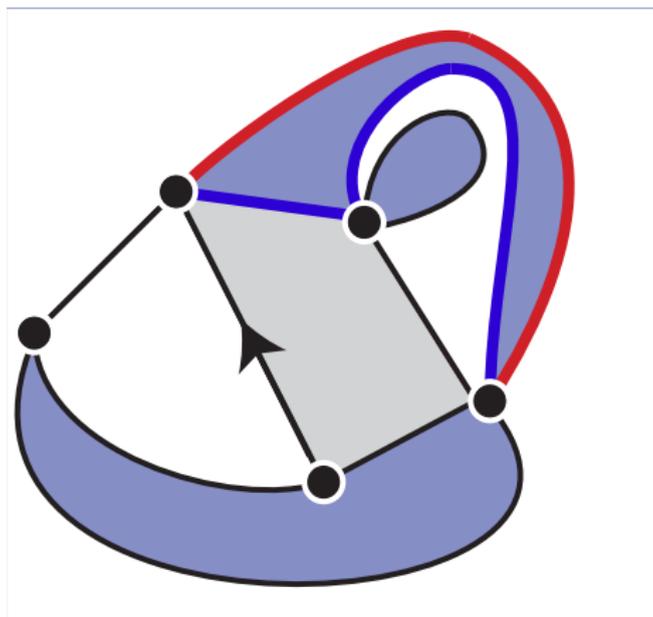
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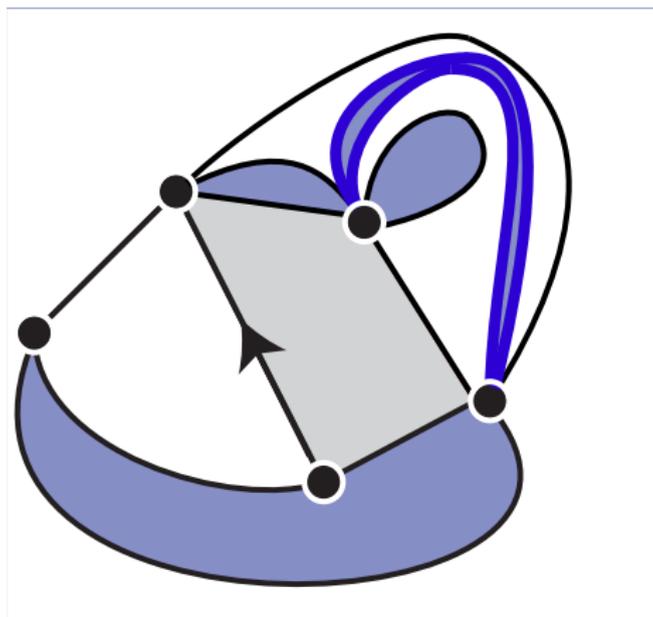
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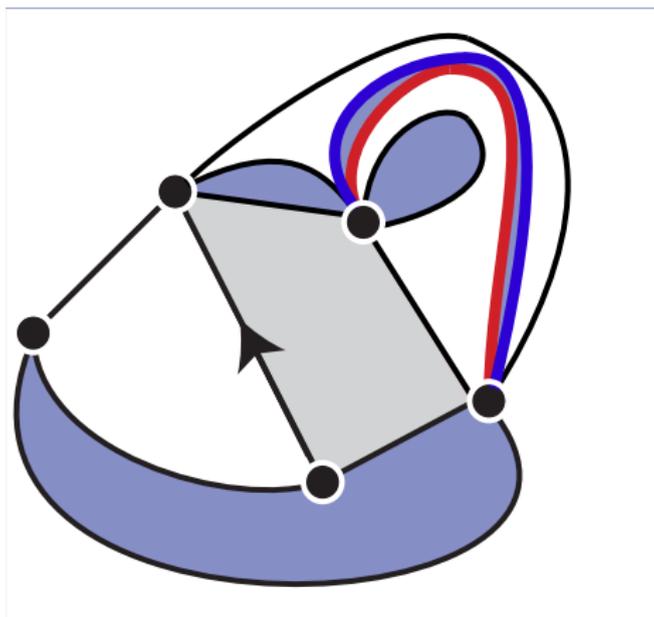
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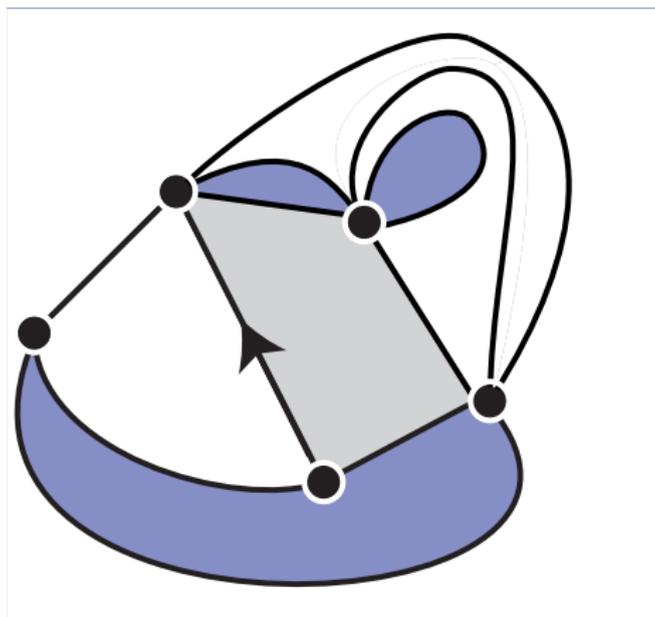
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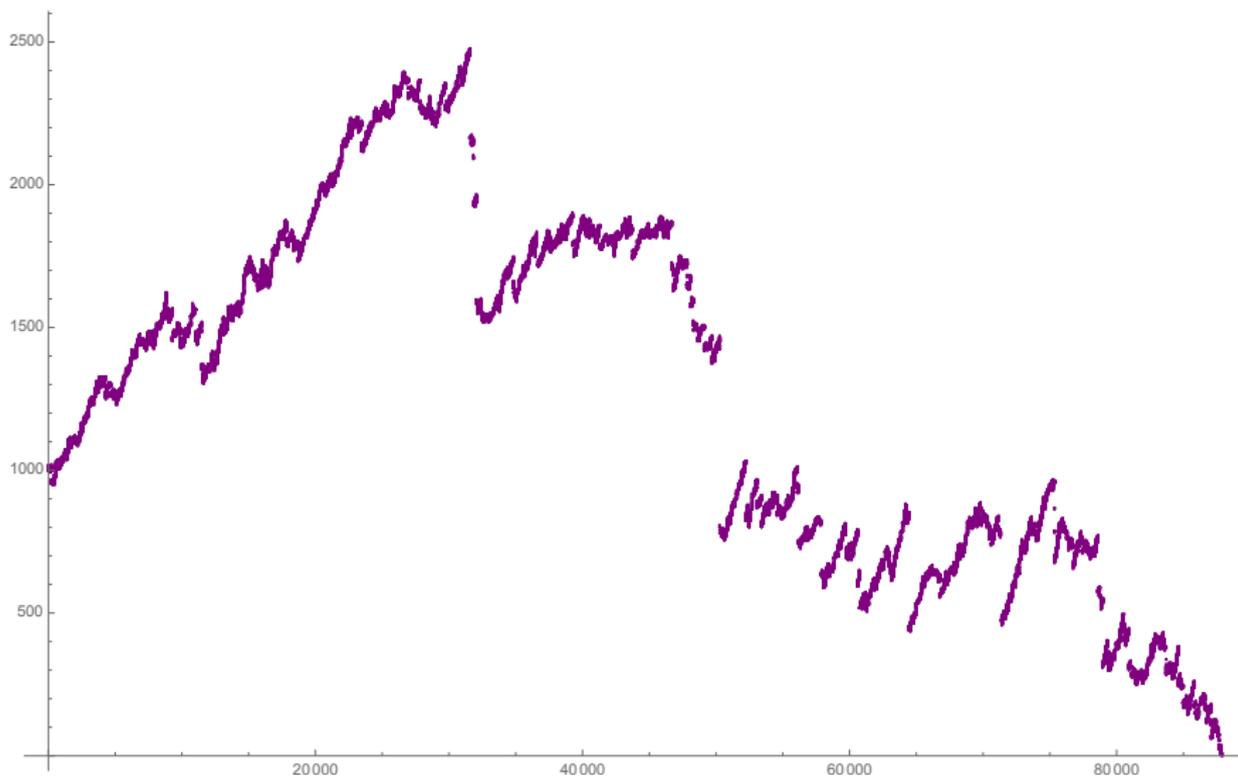
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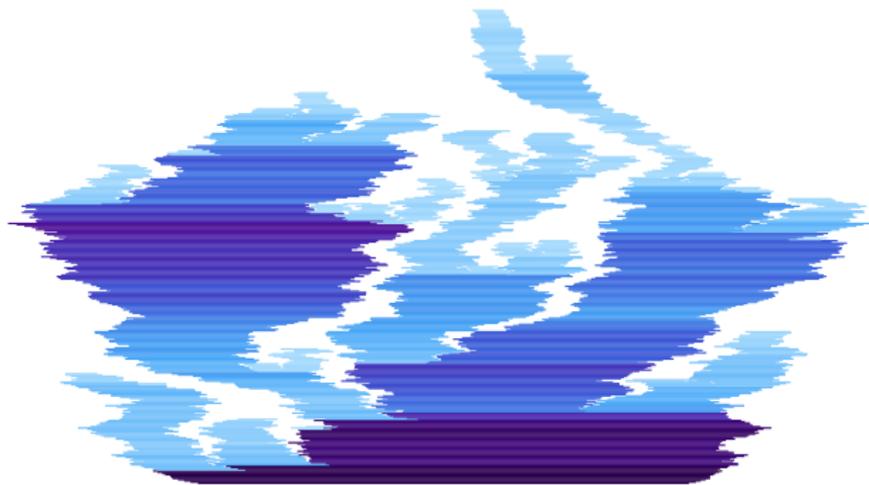


Figure: An artistic representation of the cycle lengths of a Boltzmann triangulation with a large boundary obtained by slicing it at all heights: horizontal line segments correspond to the lengths of the cycles of the ball of radius r of the triangulation as r increases. Here the longest cycles are the darkest ones.