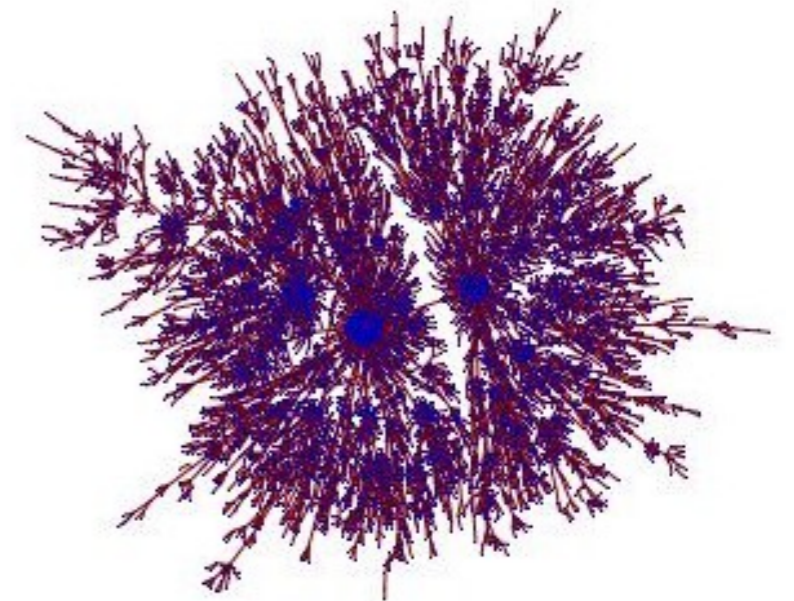
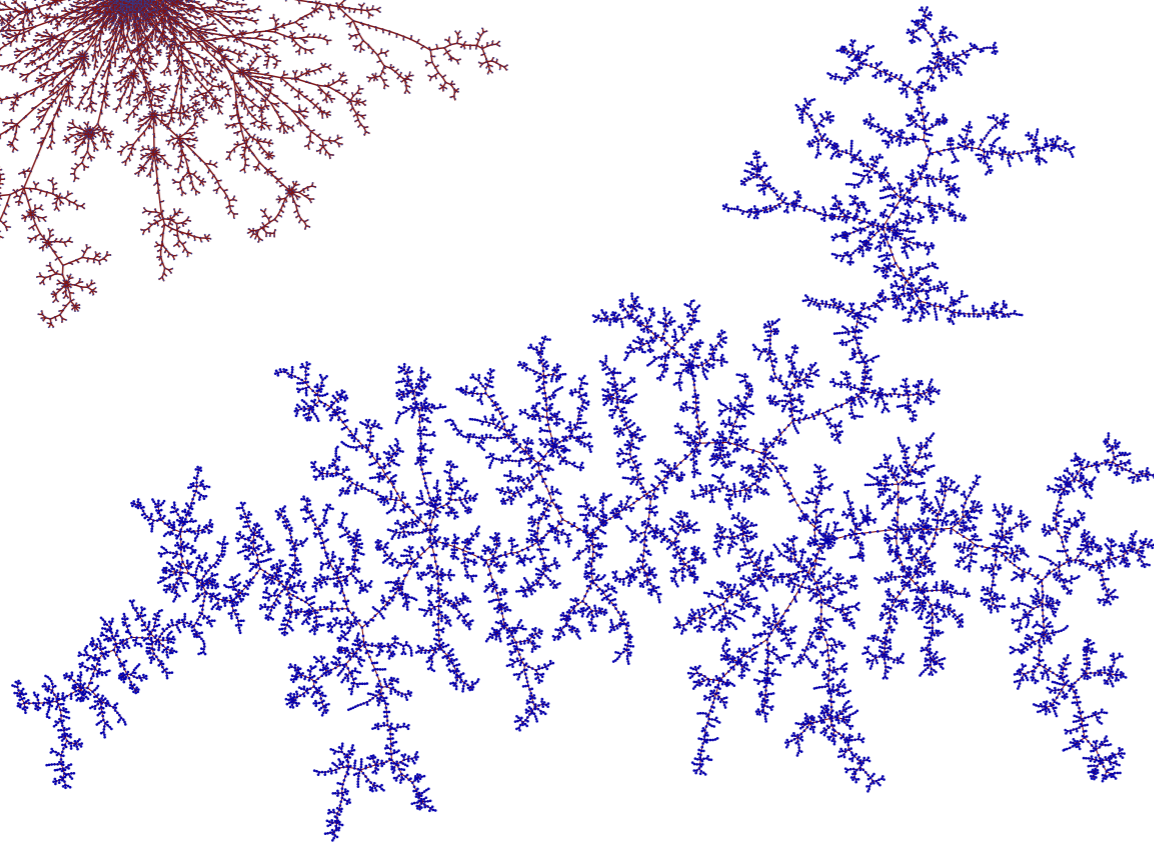
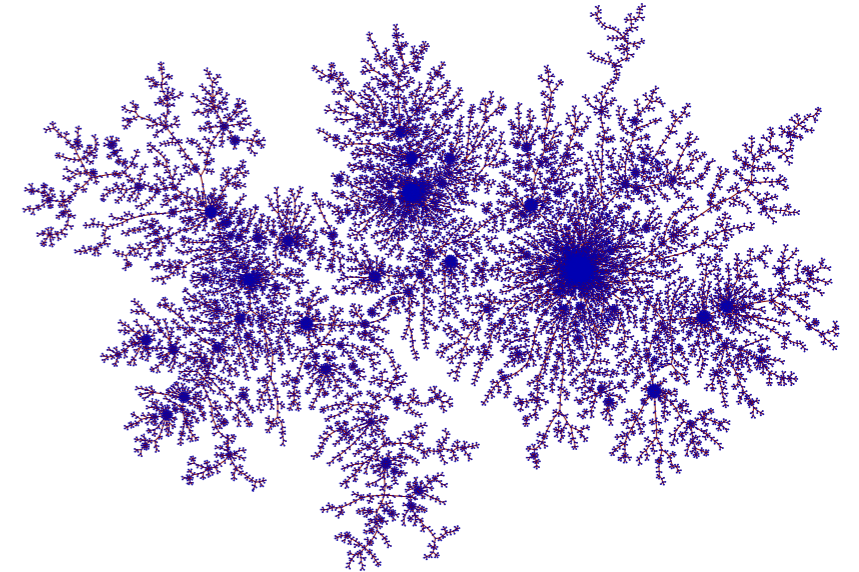
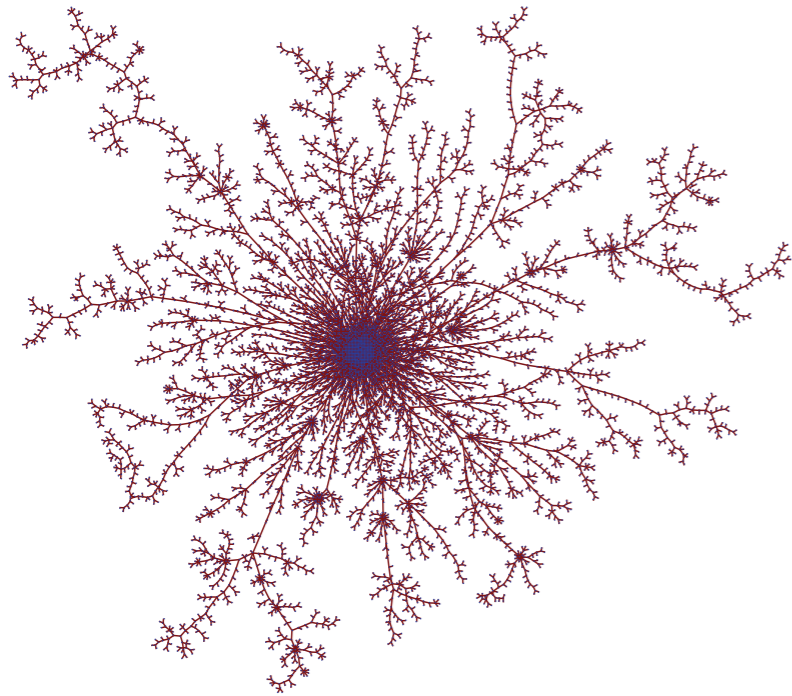


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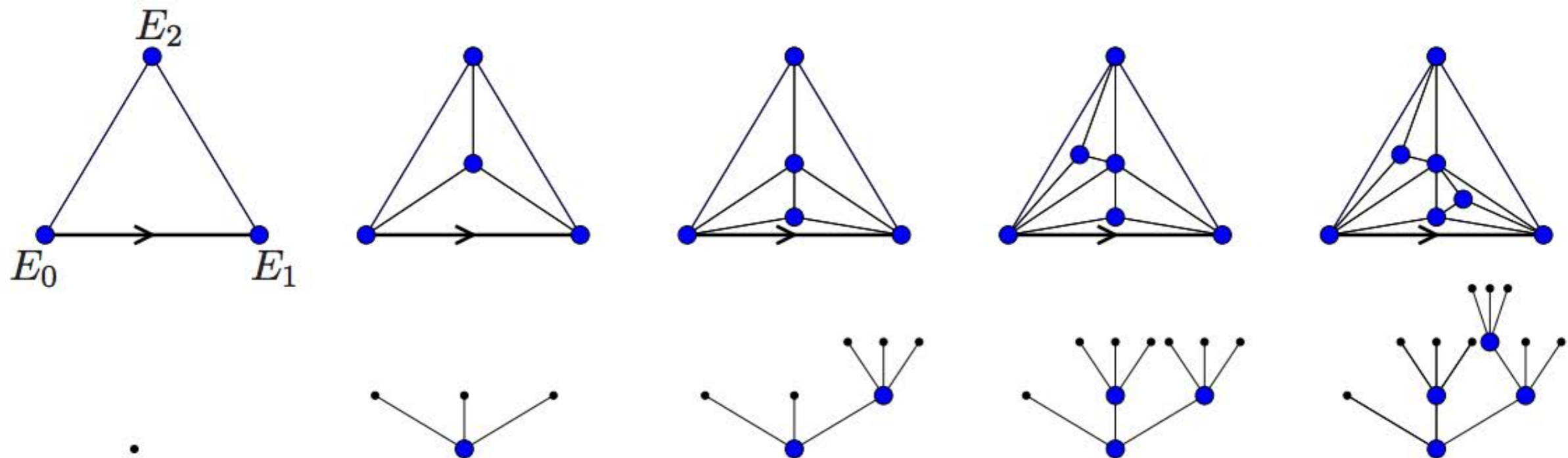


Figure 8: Construction of the ternary tree associated with an history of a stack-triangulation

Dissections (Curien, \mathcal{K} .)

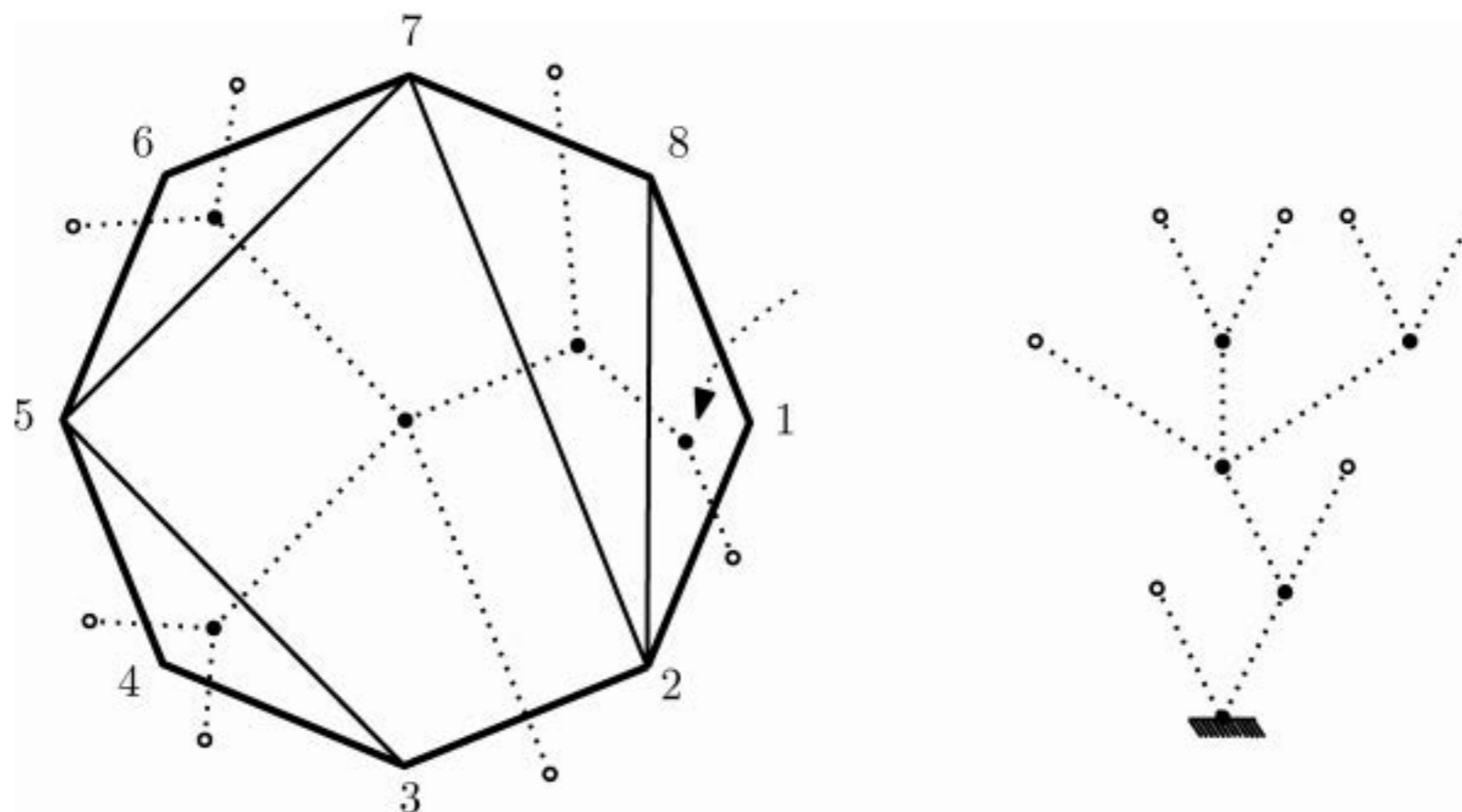


Fig. 4. The dual tree of a dissection of P_8 , note that the tree has 7 leaves.

Maps (Schaeffer)

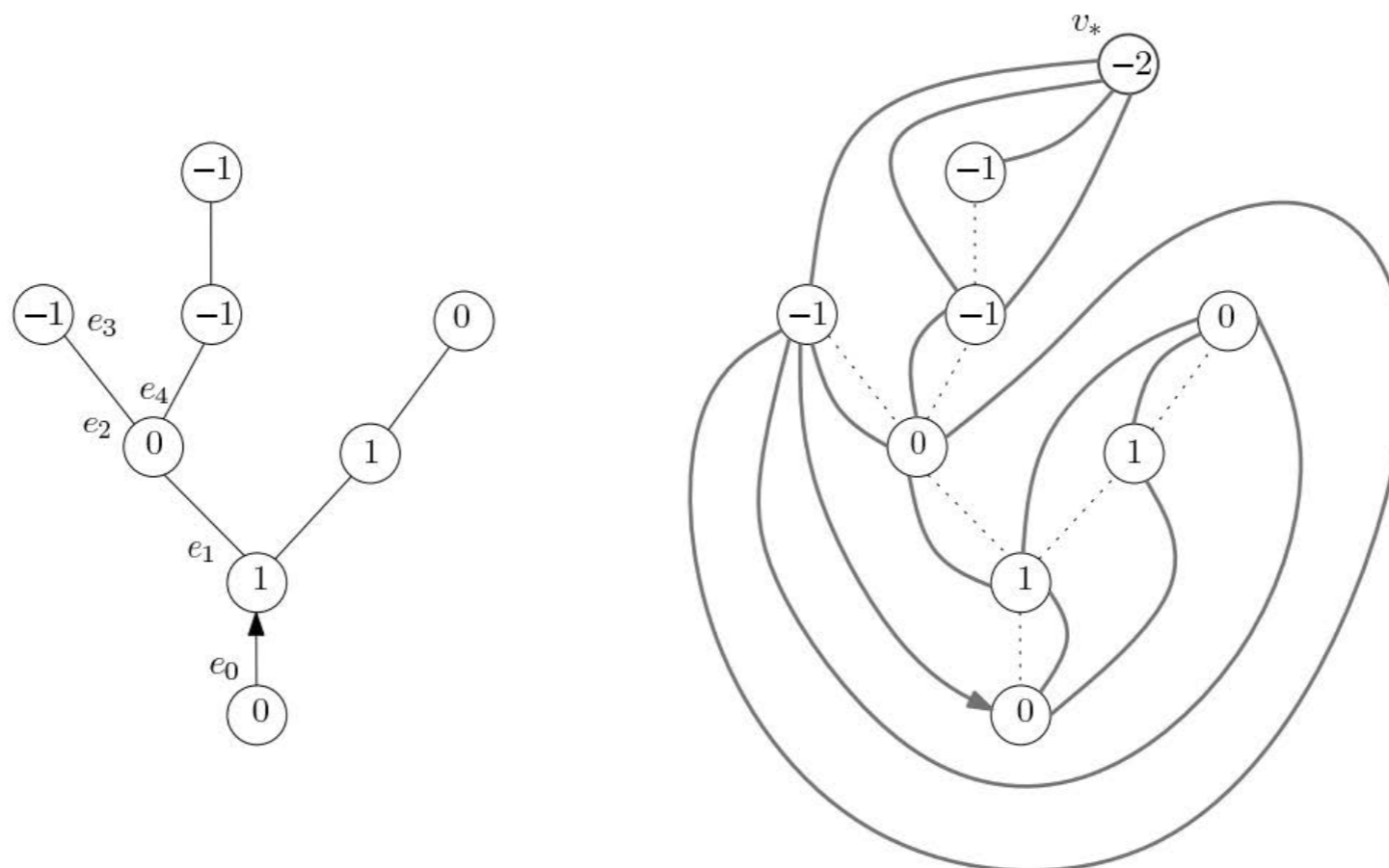
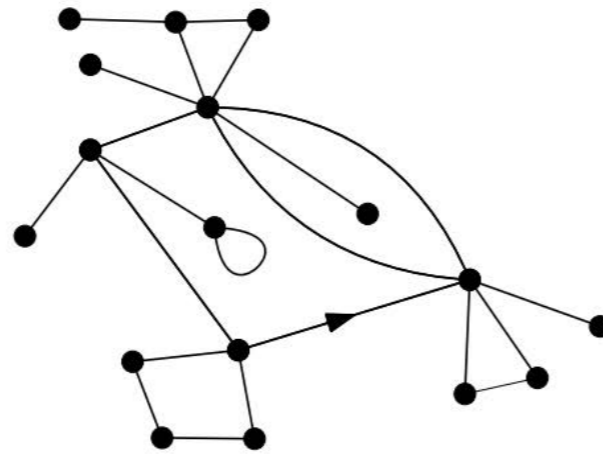
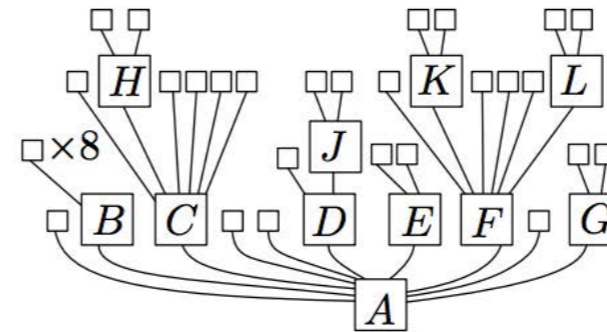
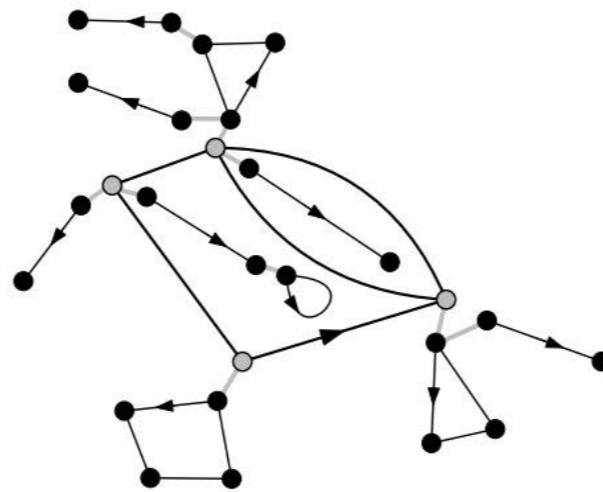
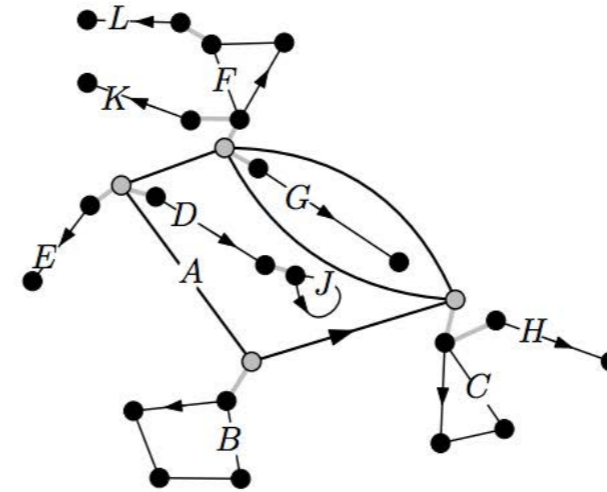
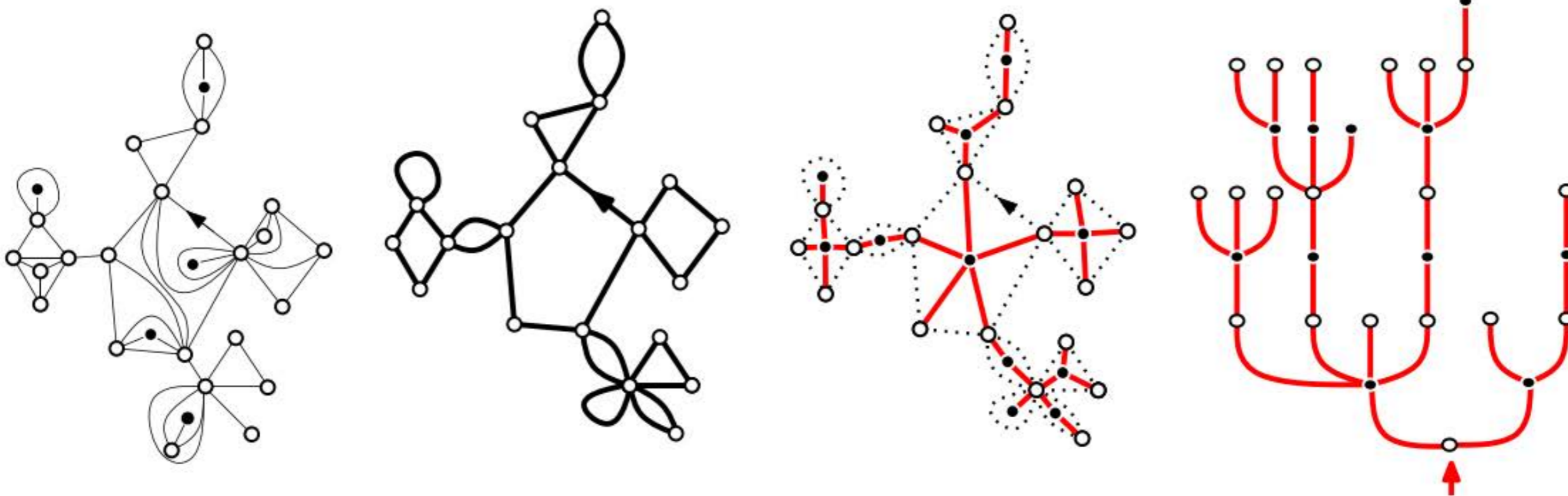
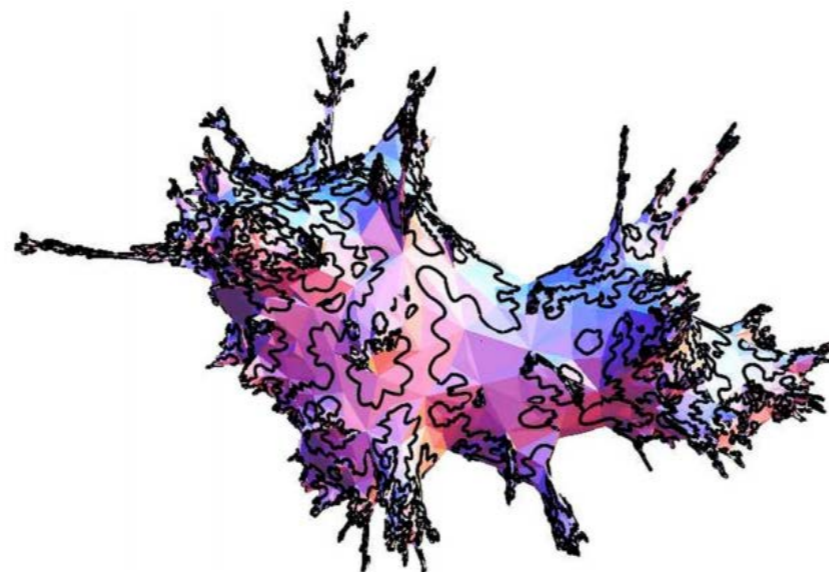


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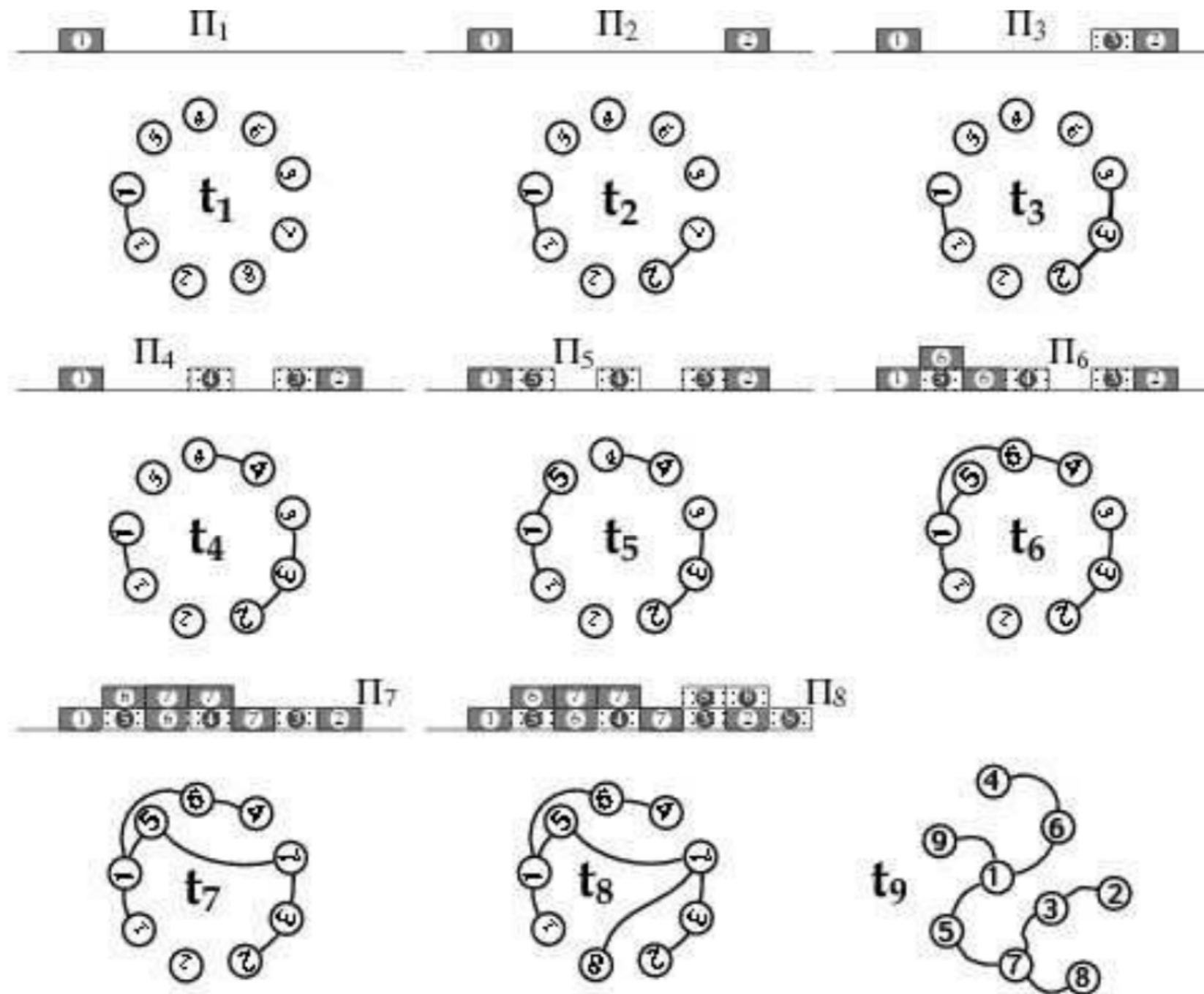
Maps (Addario-Berry)

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Maps with percolation (Curien, \mathcal{K} .)



Parking functions (Chassaing, Louchard)



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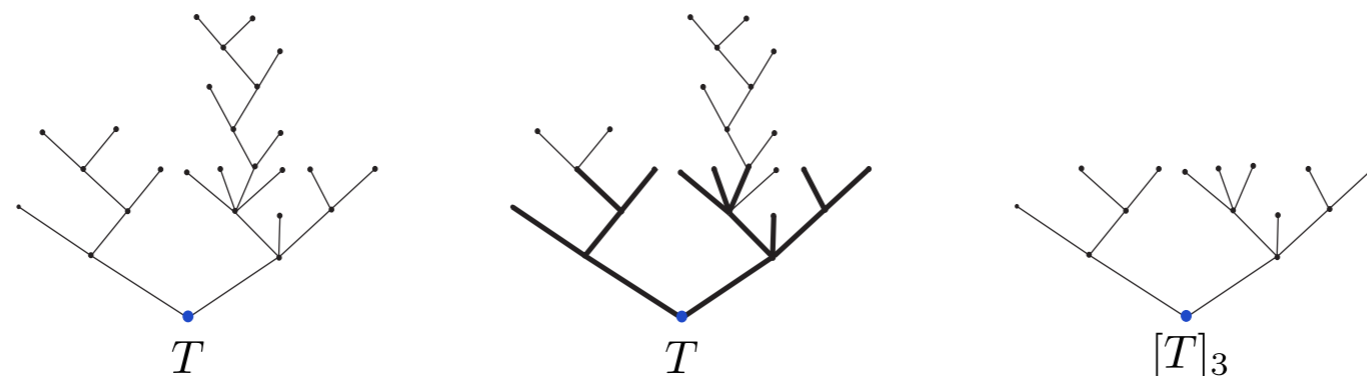
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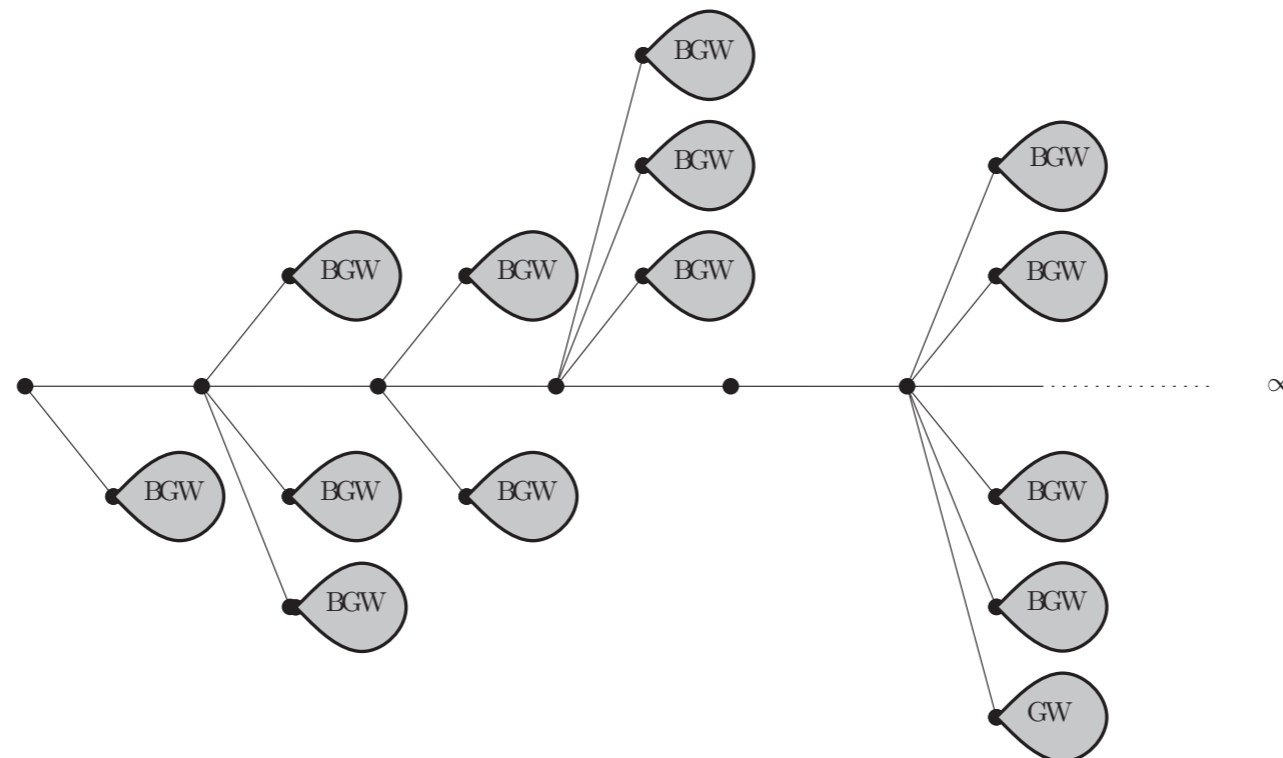
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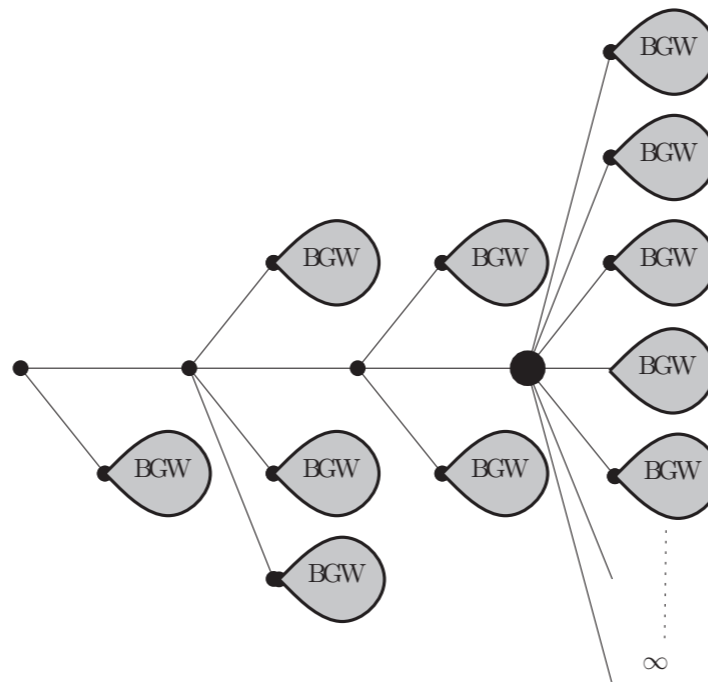
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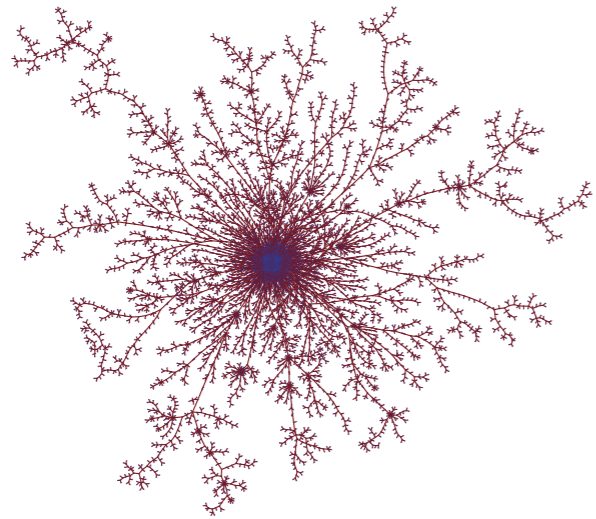


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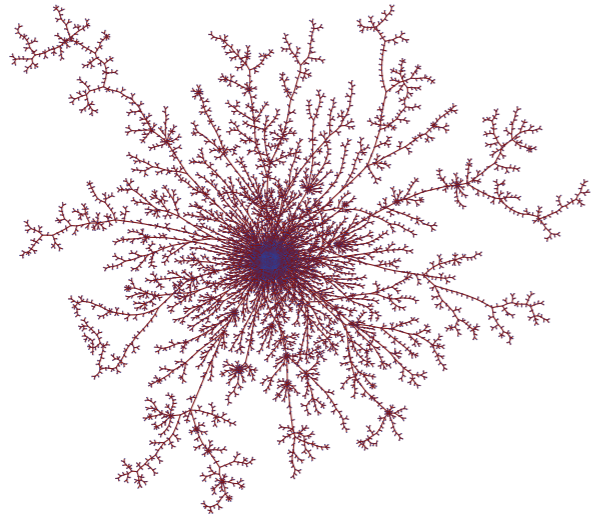


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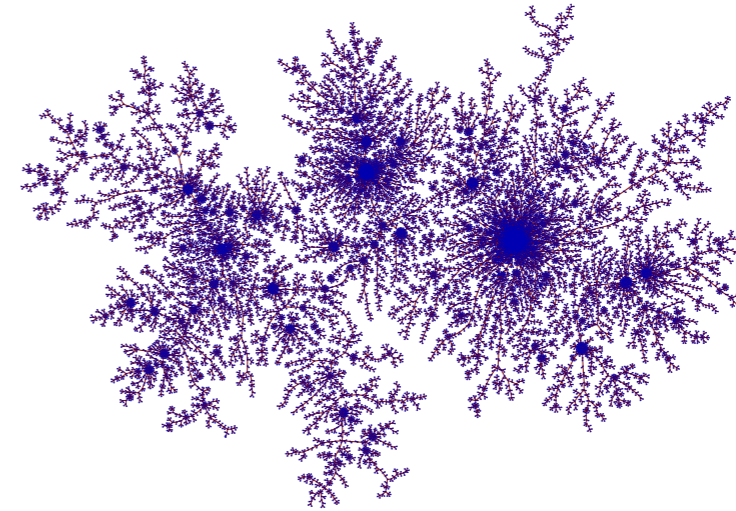


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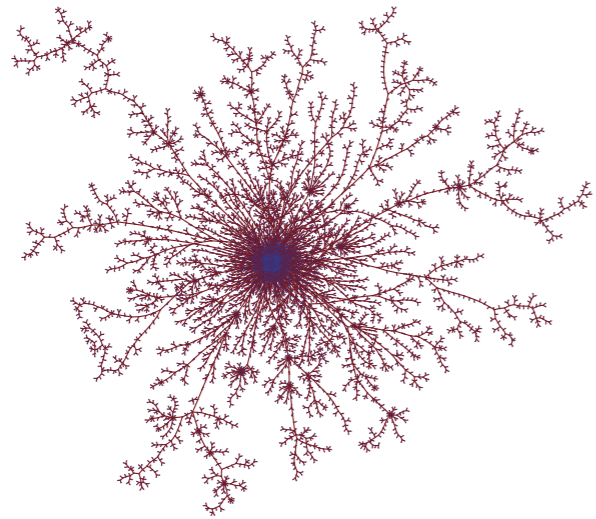


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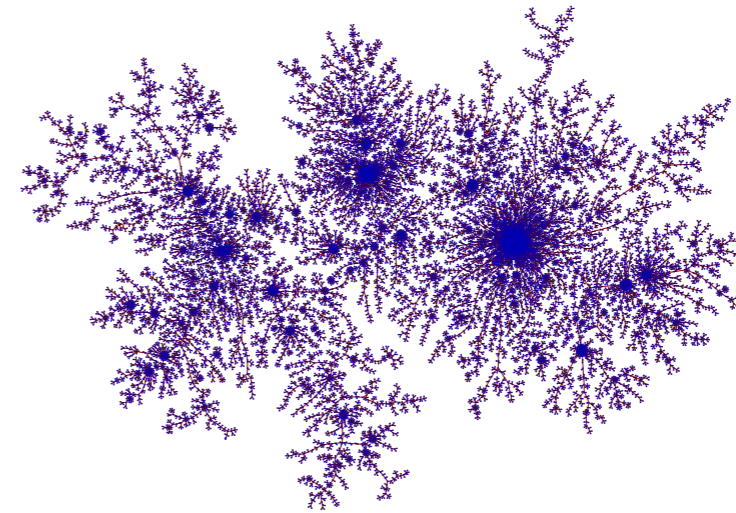


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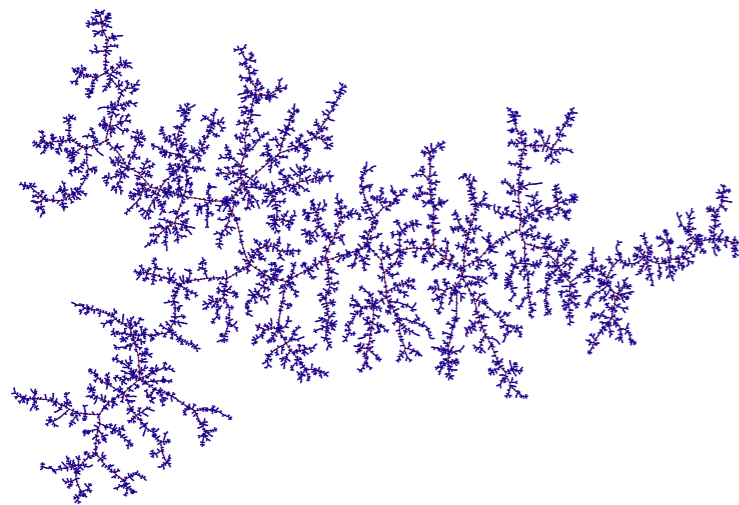


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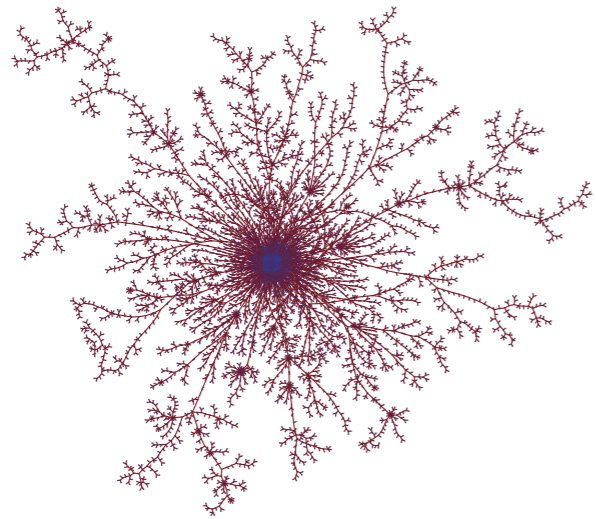


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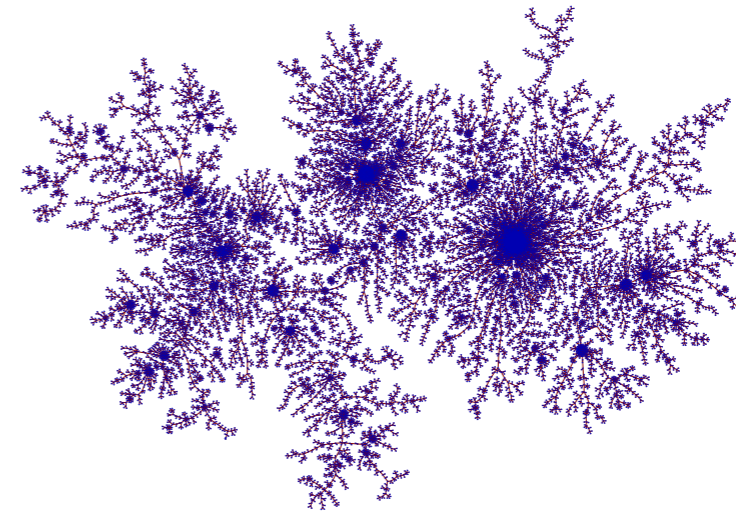


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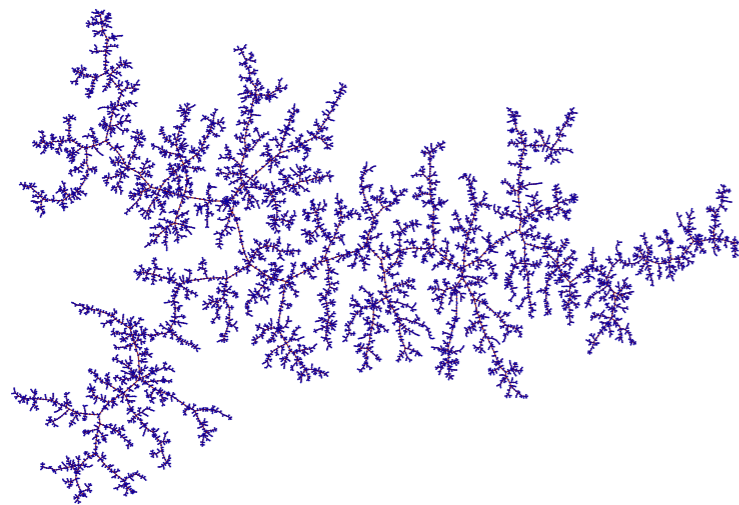


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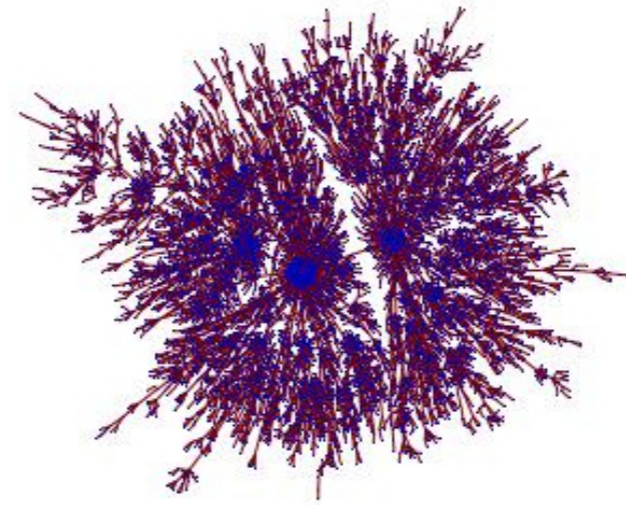


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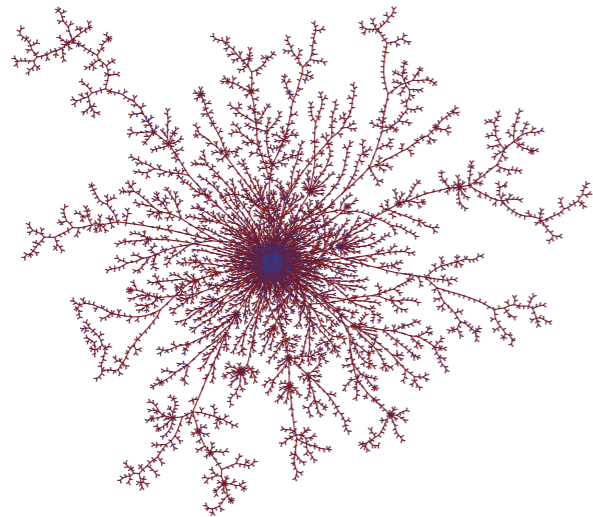


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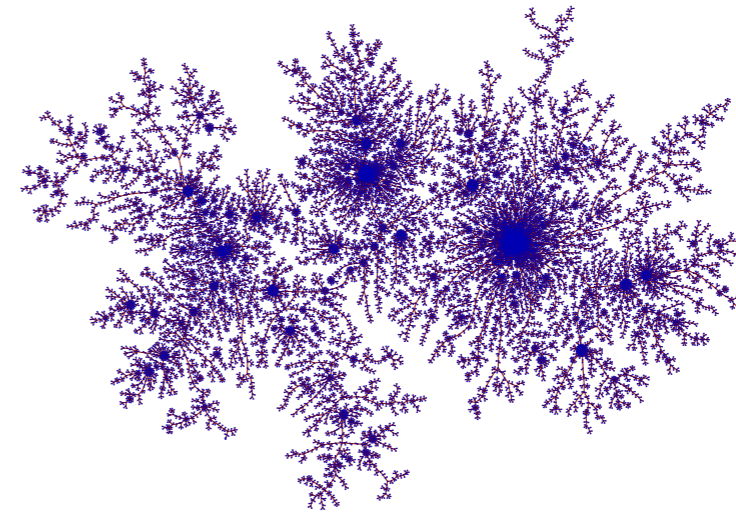


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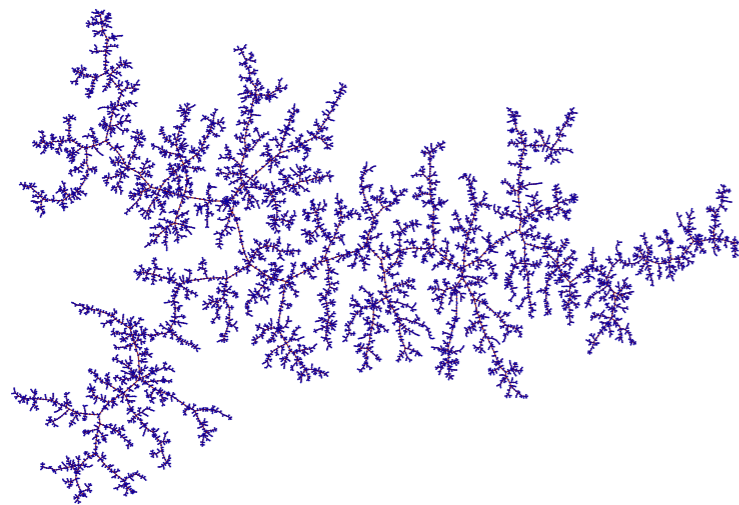


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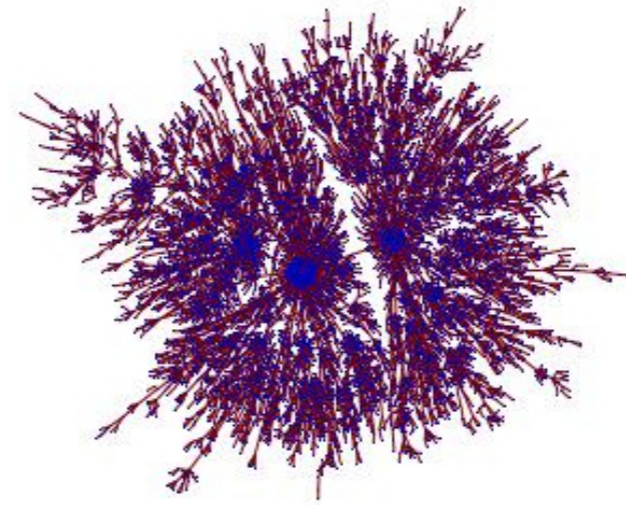


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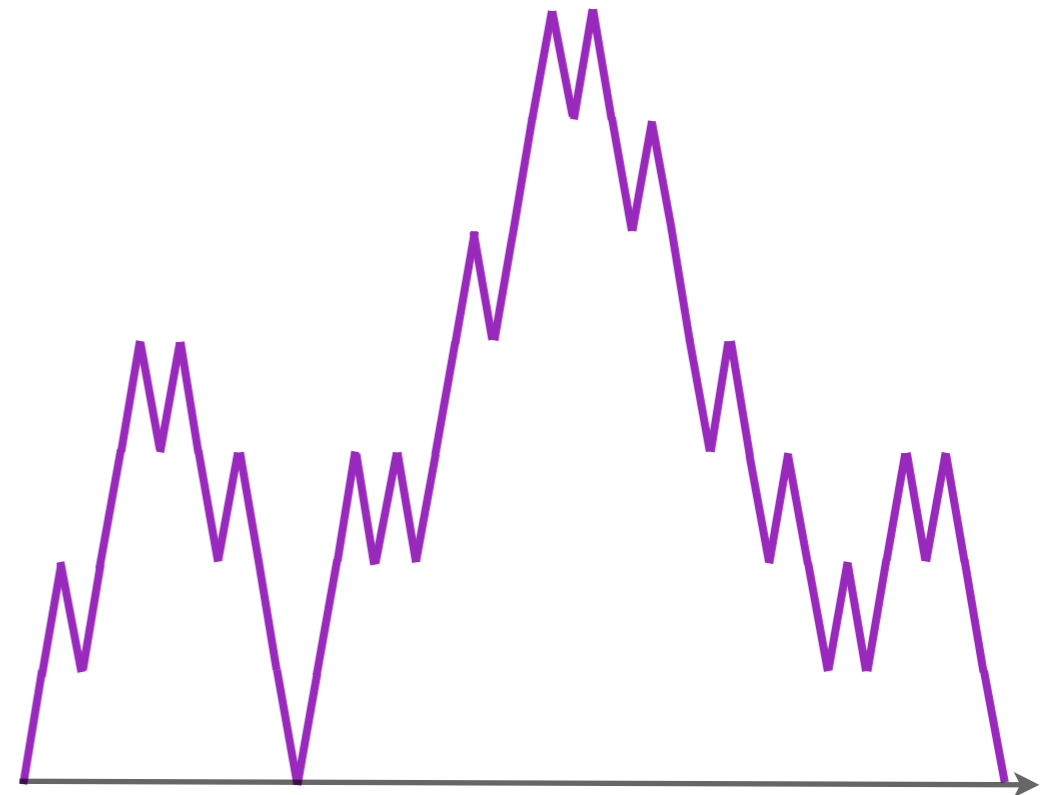
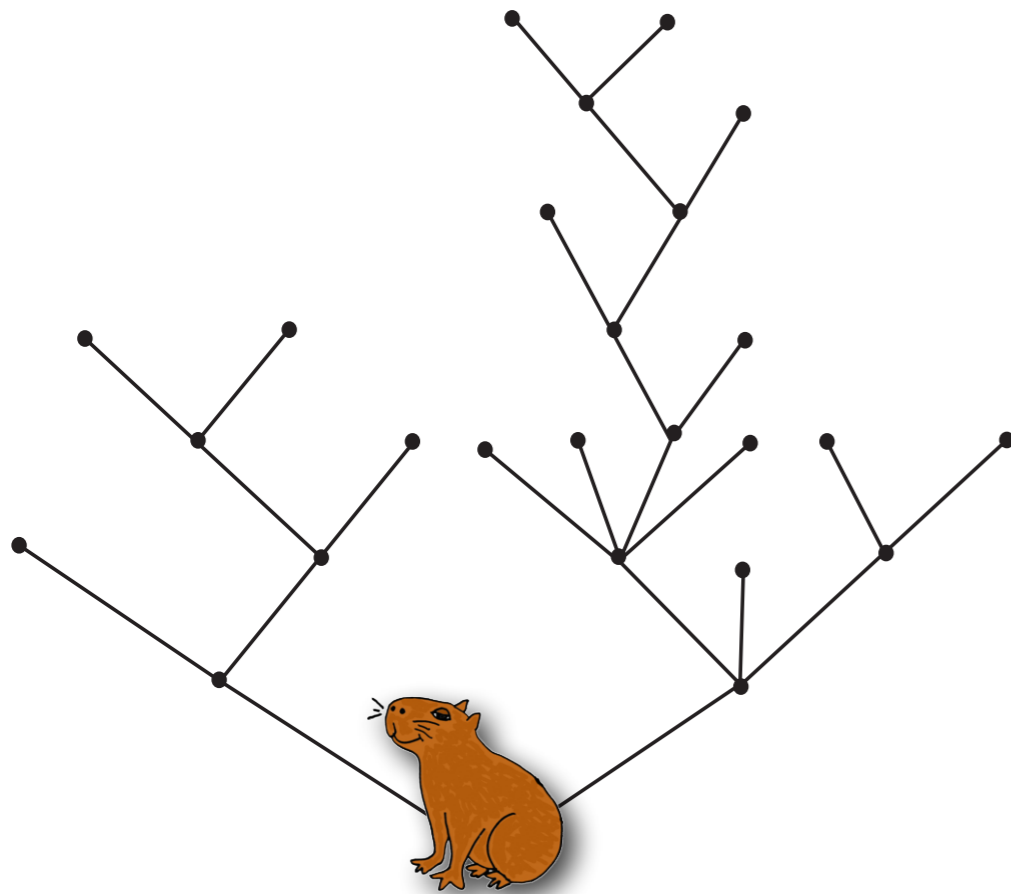
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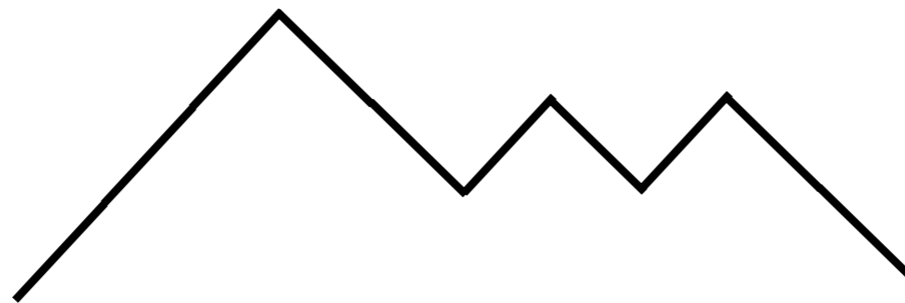
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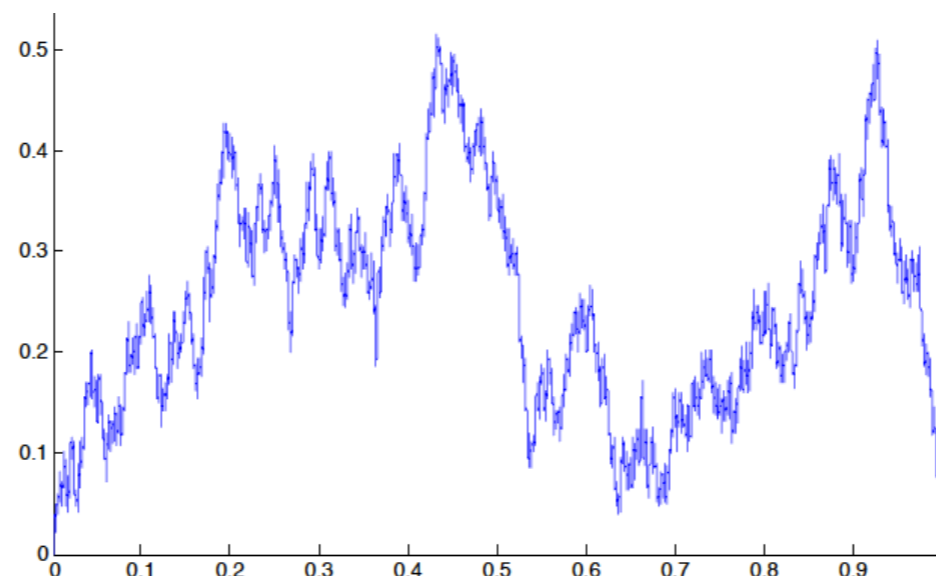
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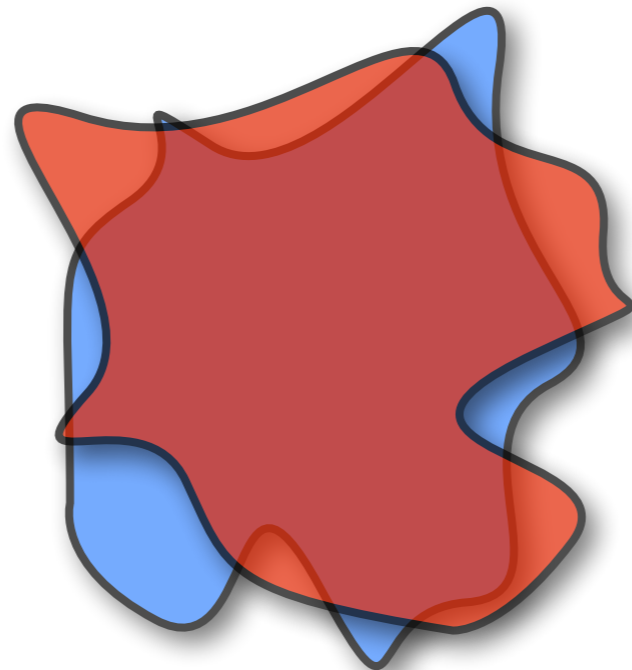
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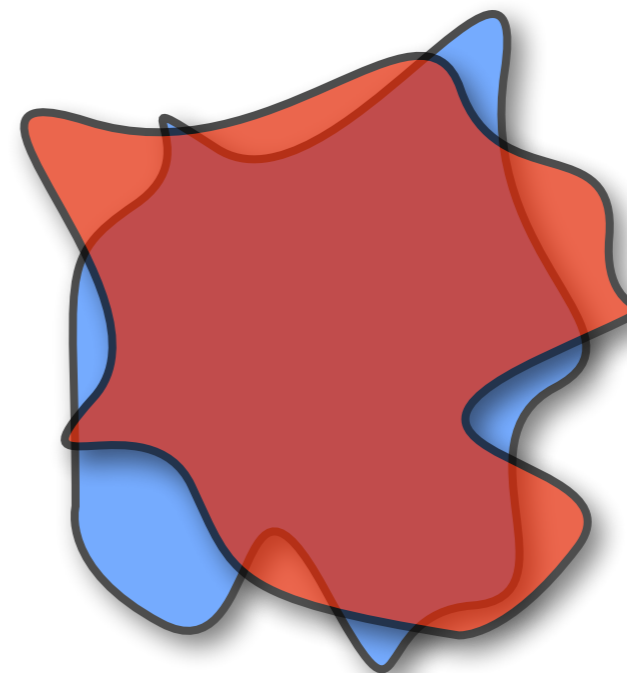
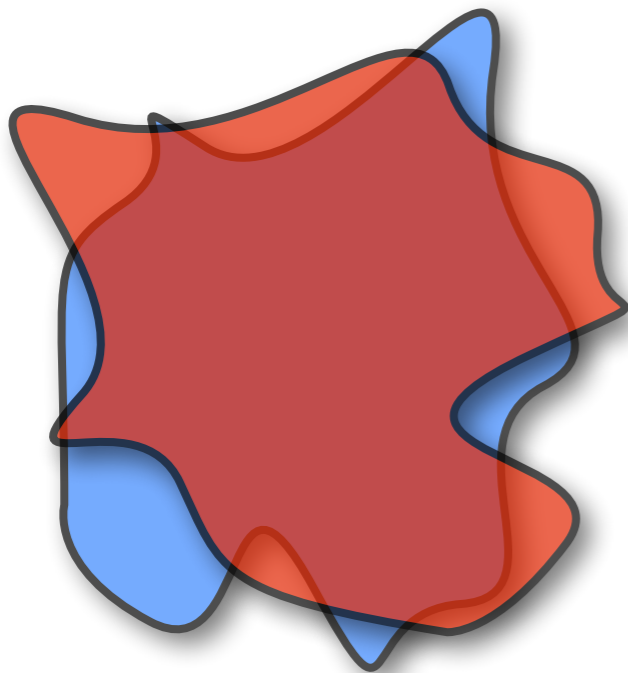
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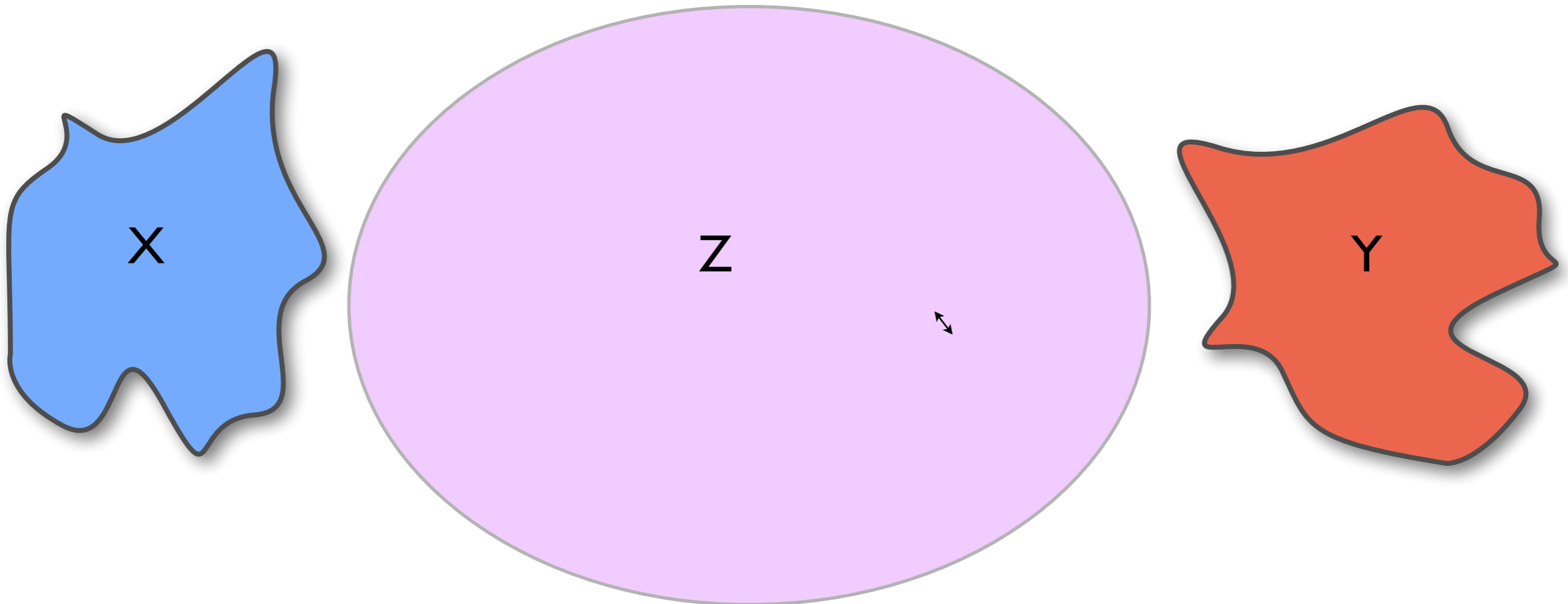


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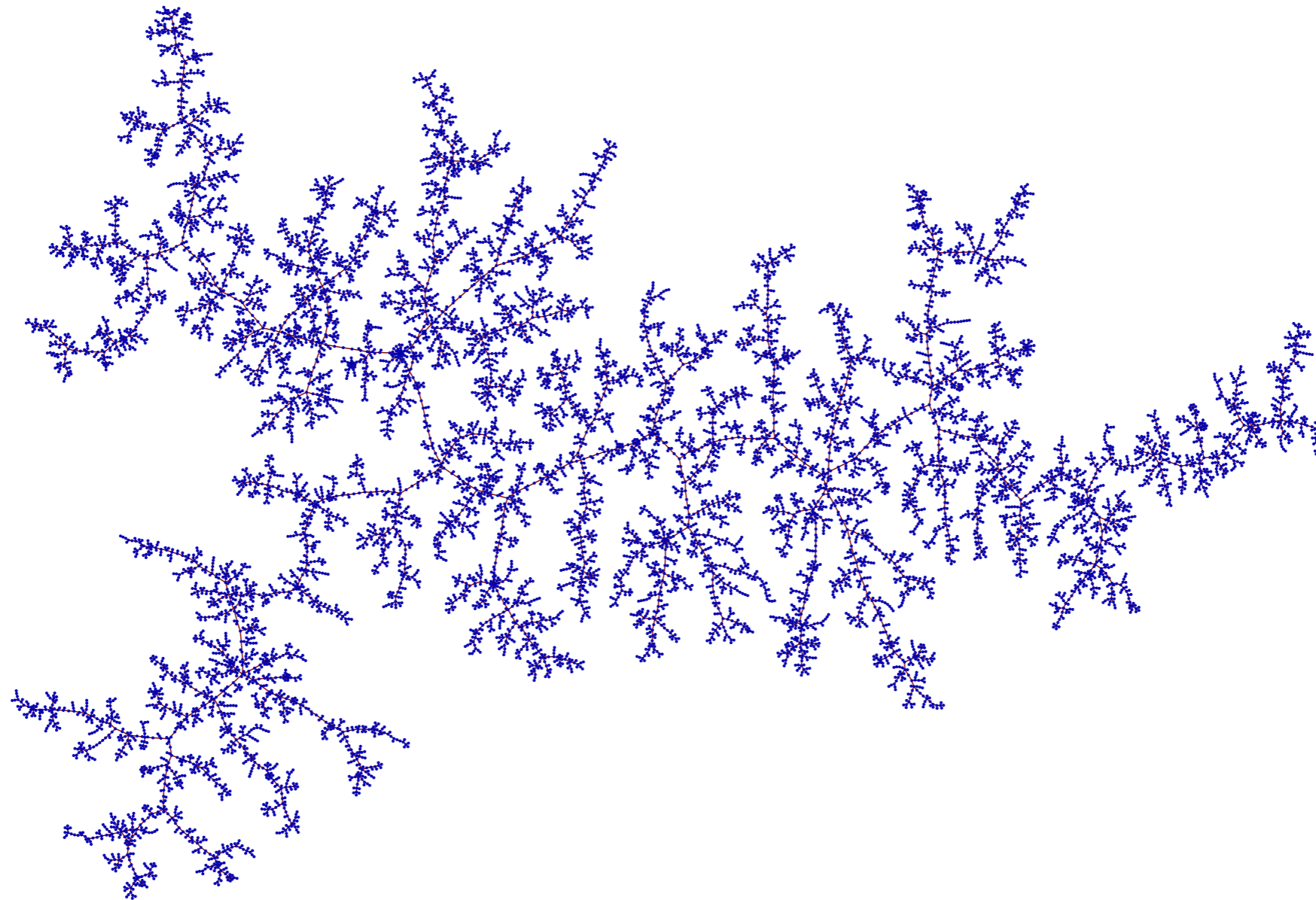
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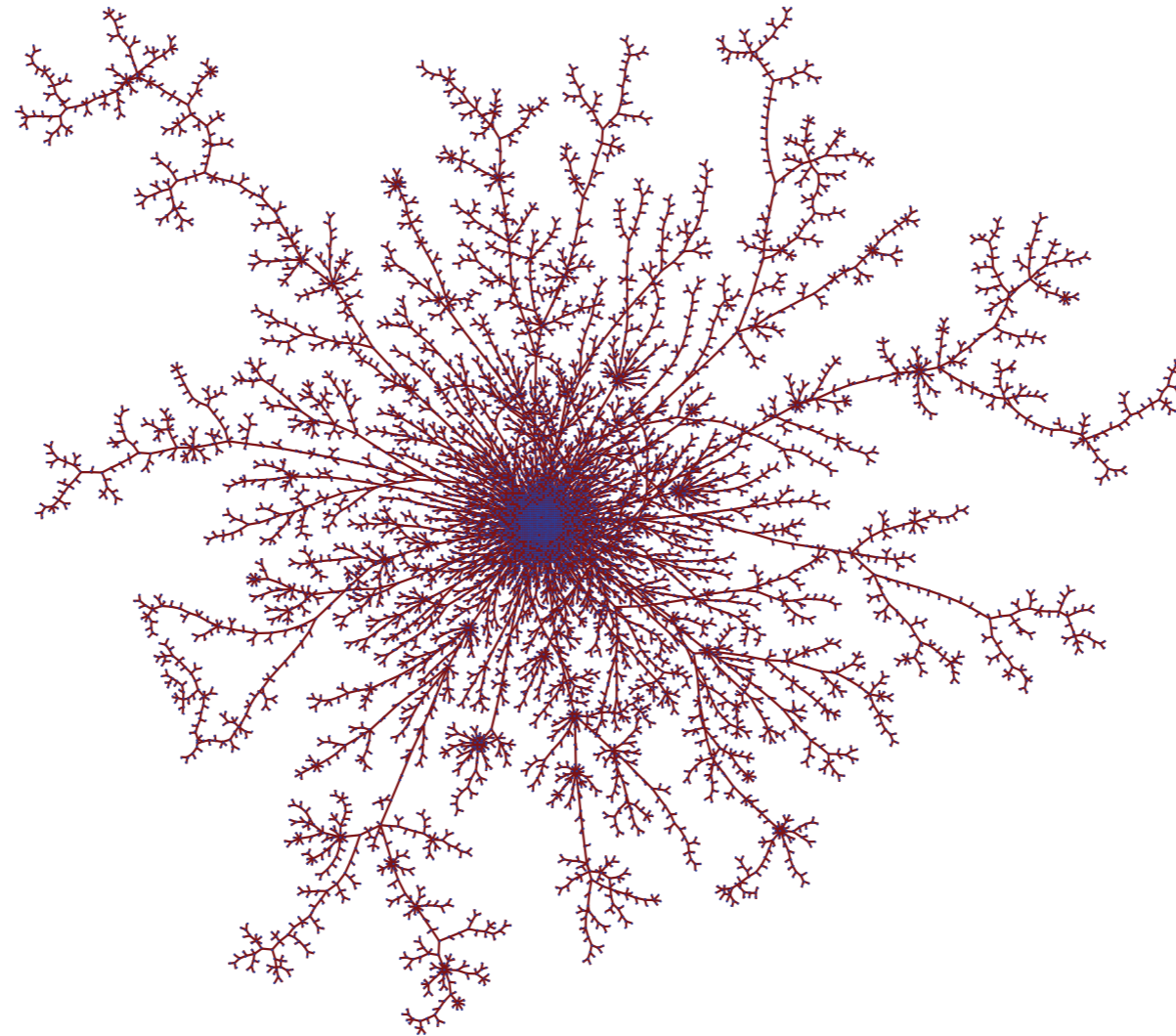
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