

# Computing the Delaunay Triangulation

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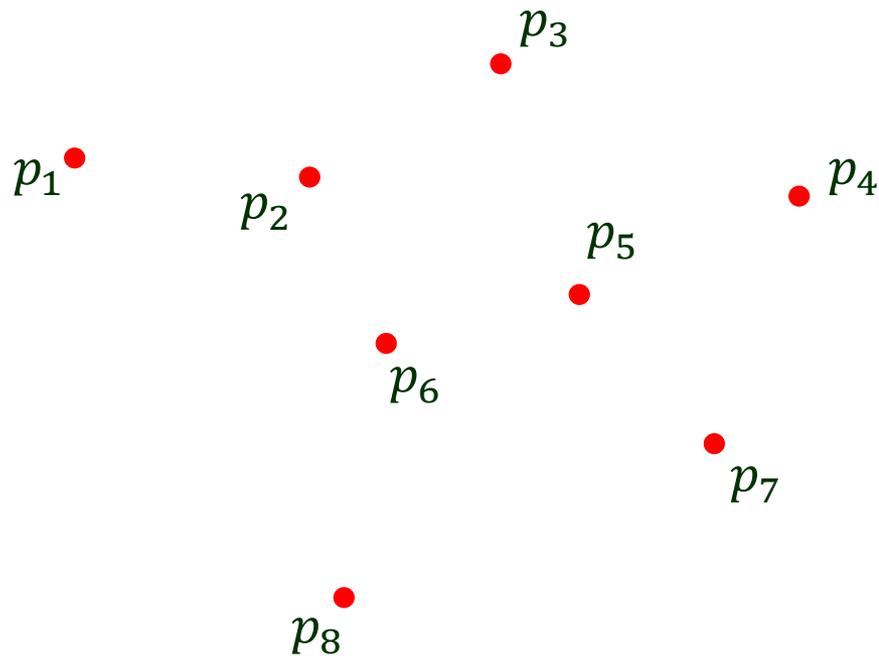
## Outline:

- I. Edge legalization
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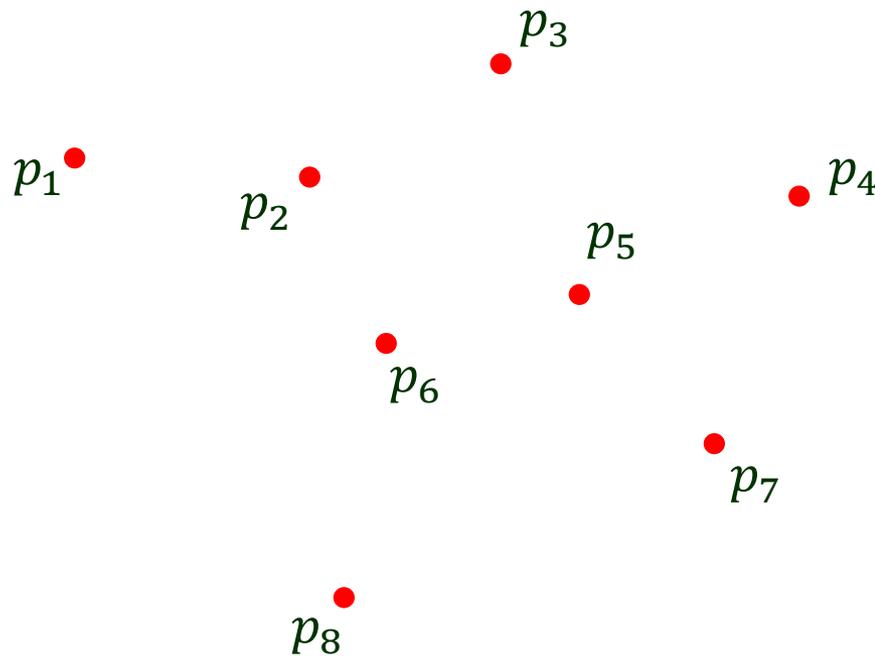
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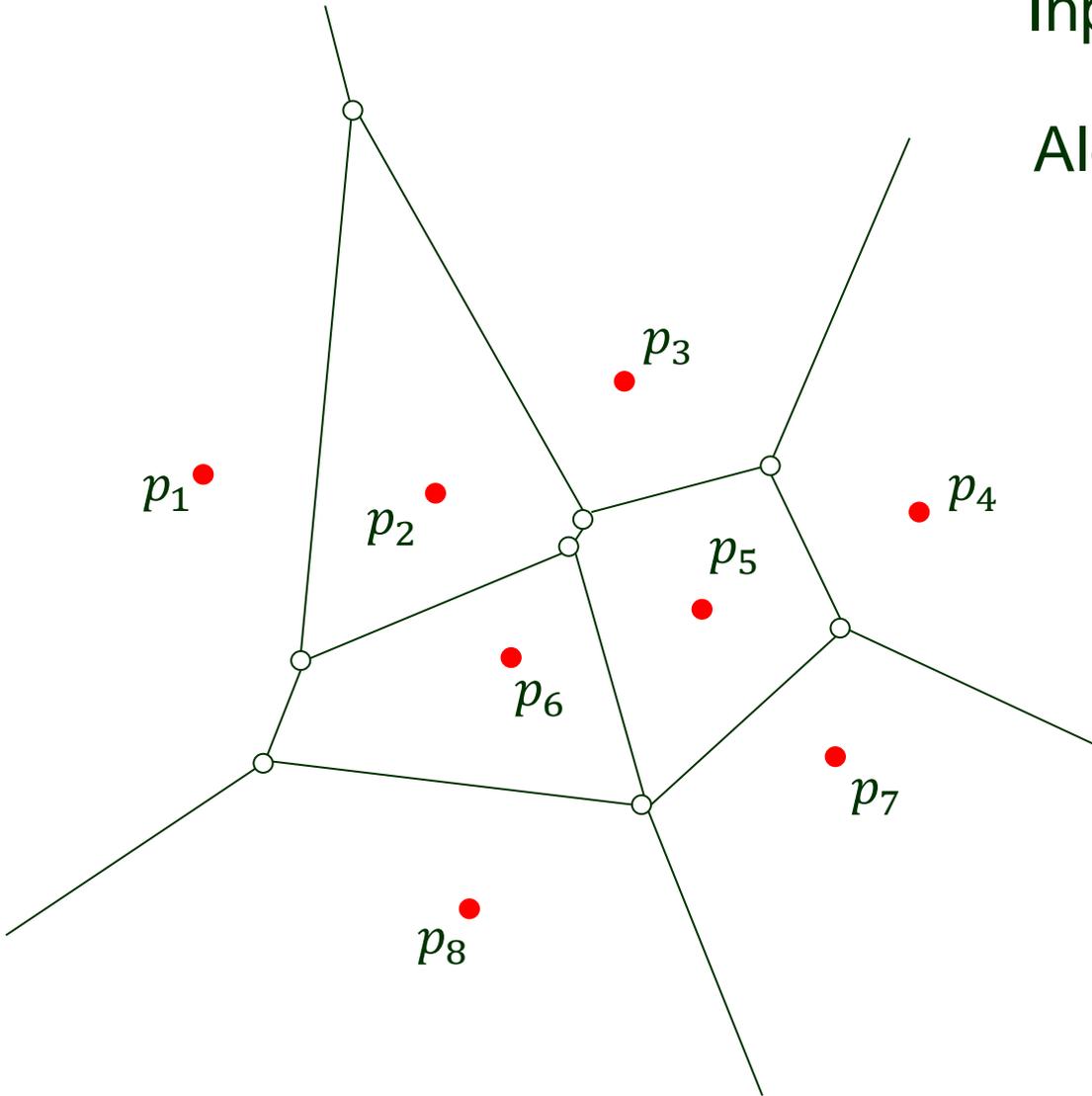
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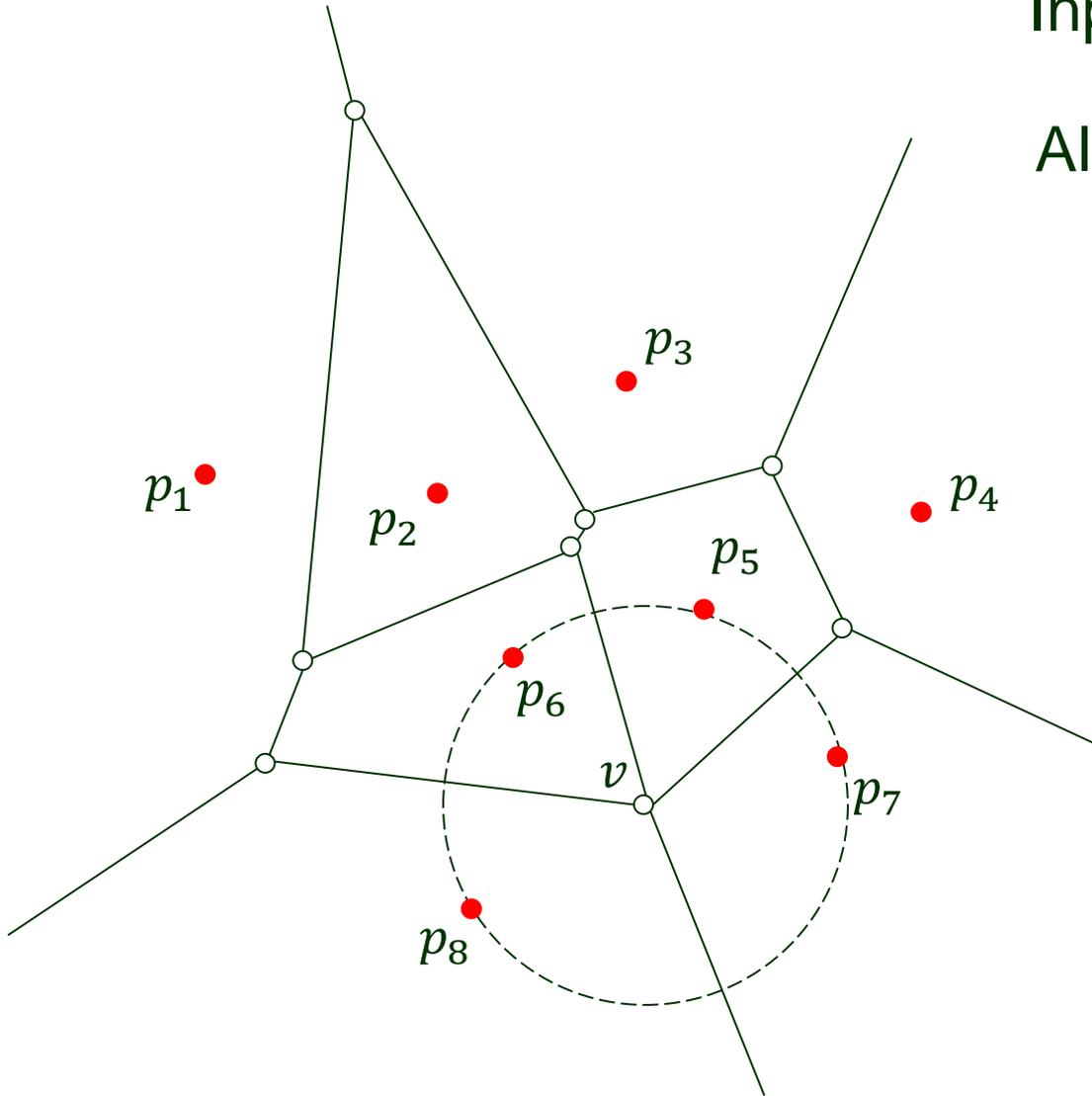
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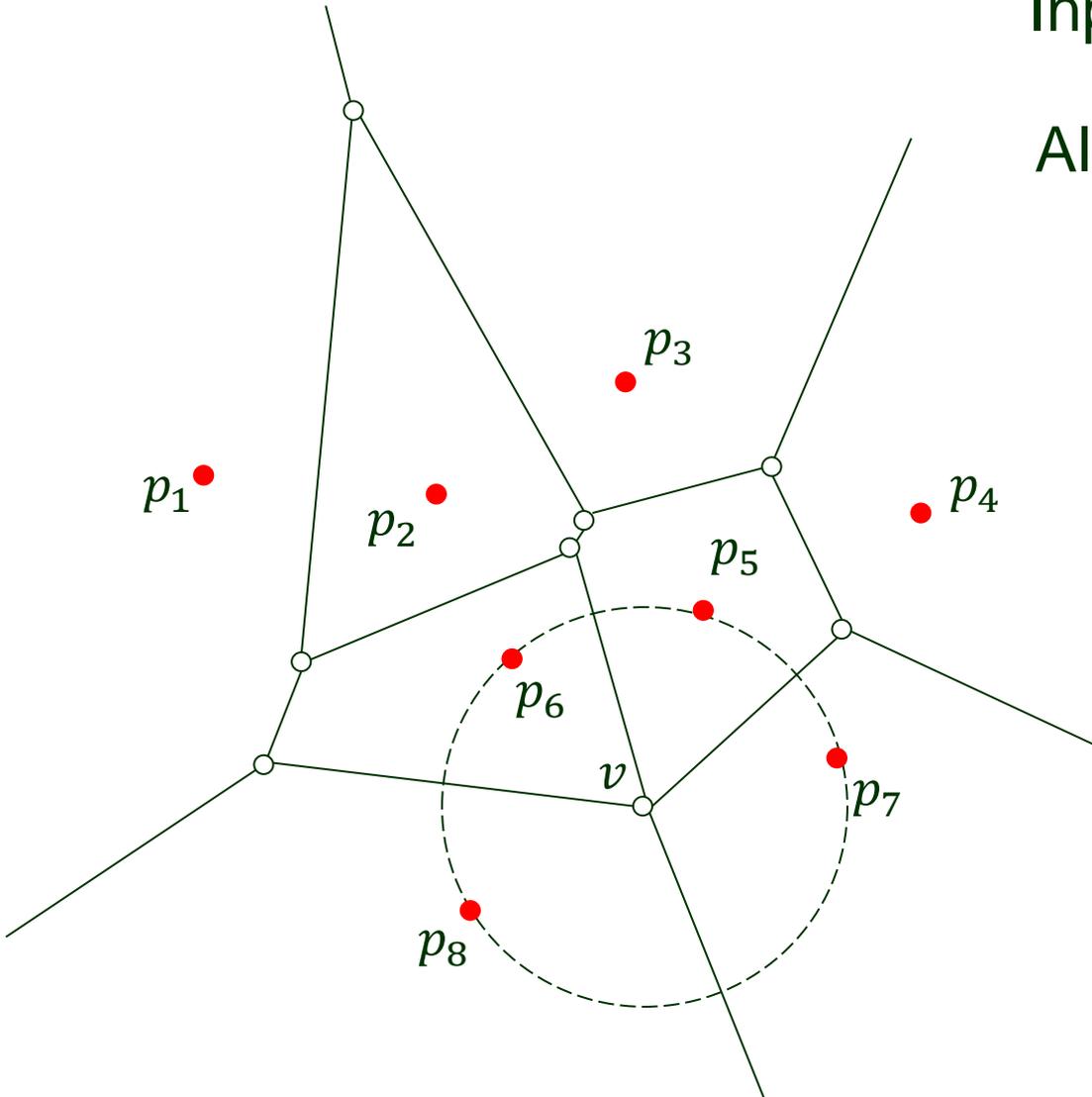
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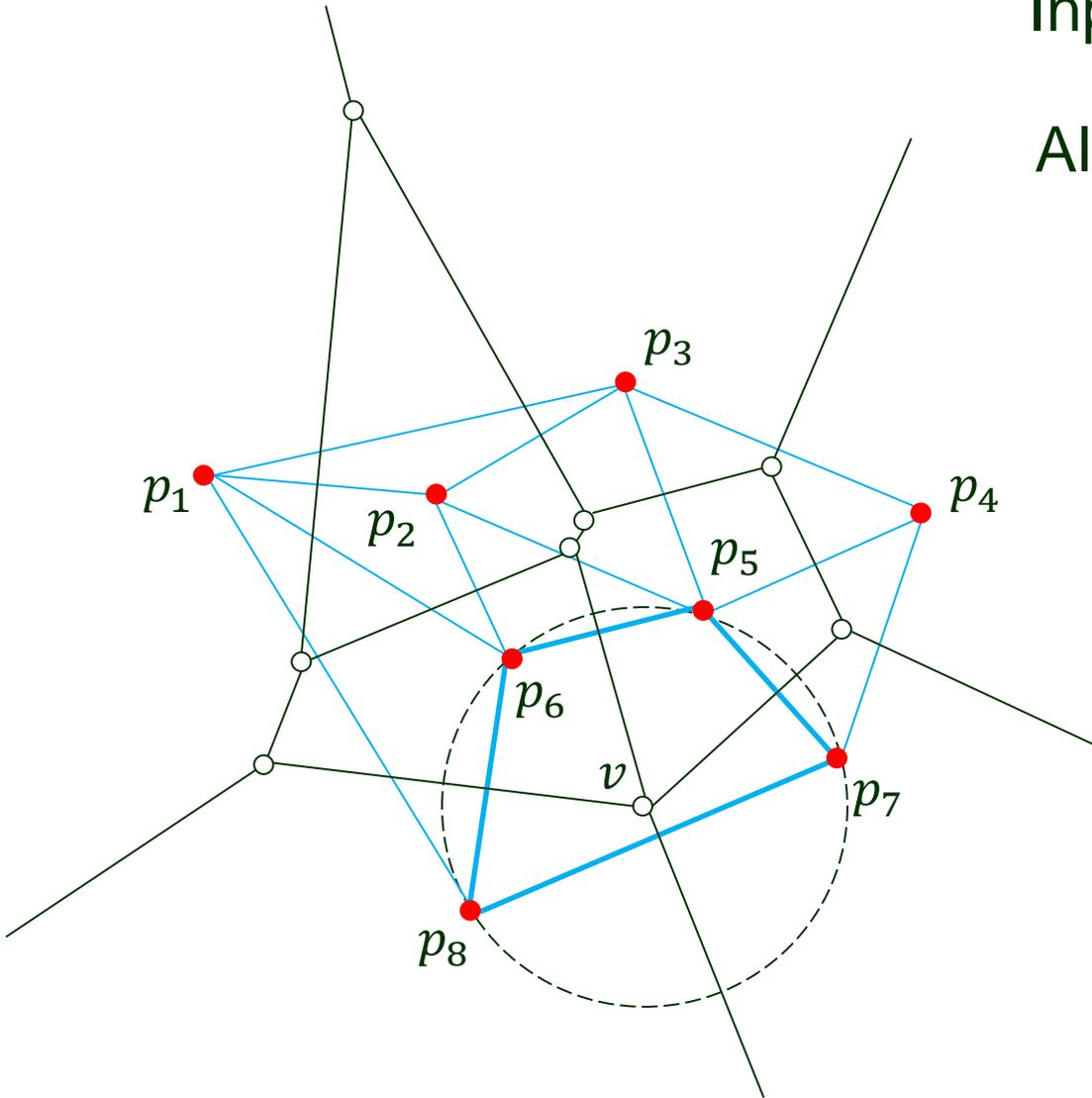
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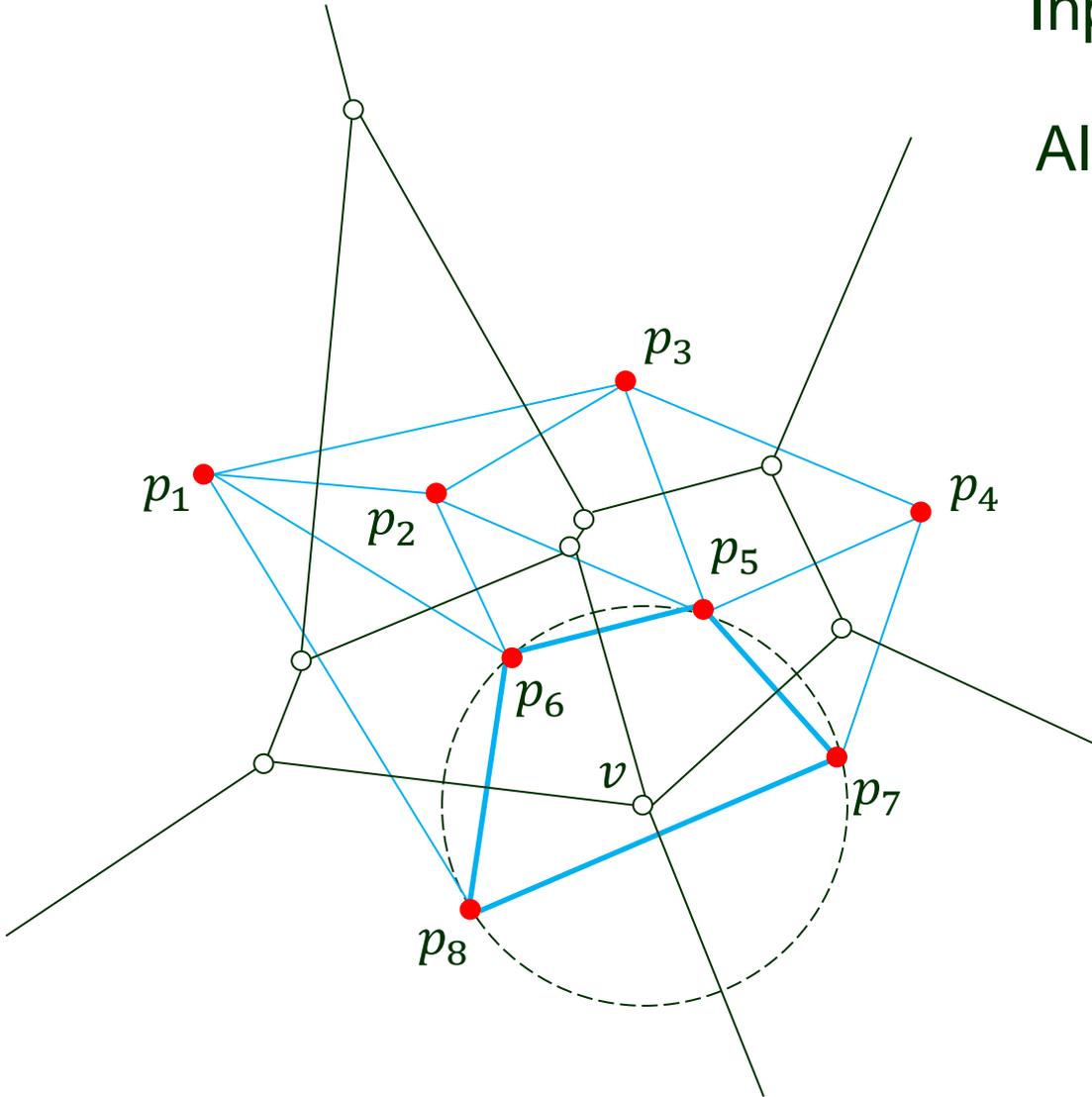
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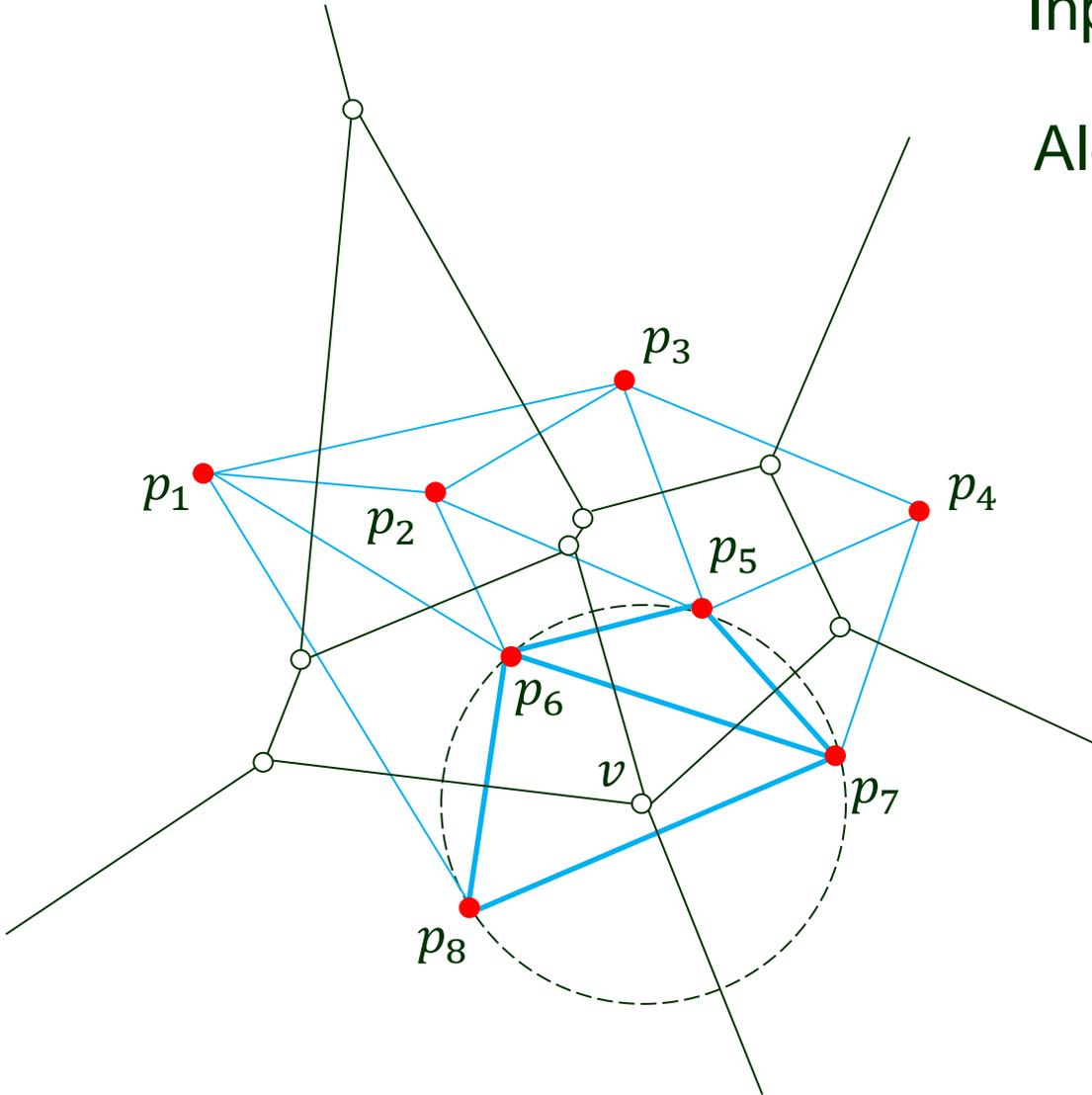
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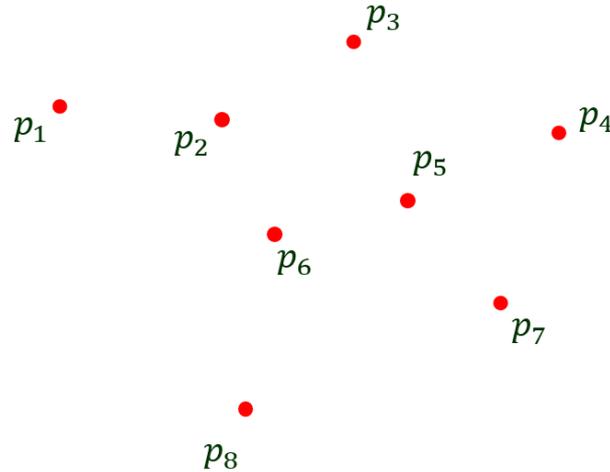


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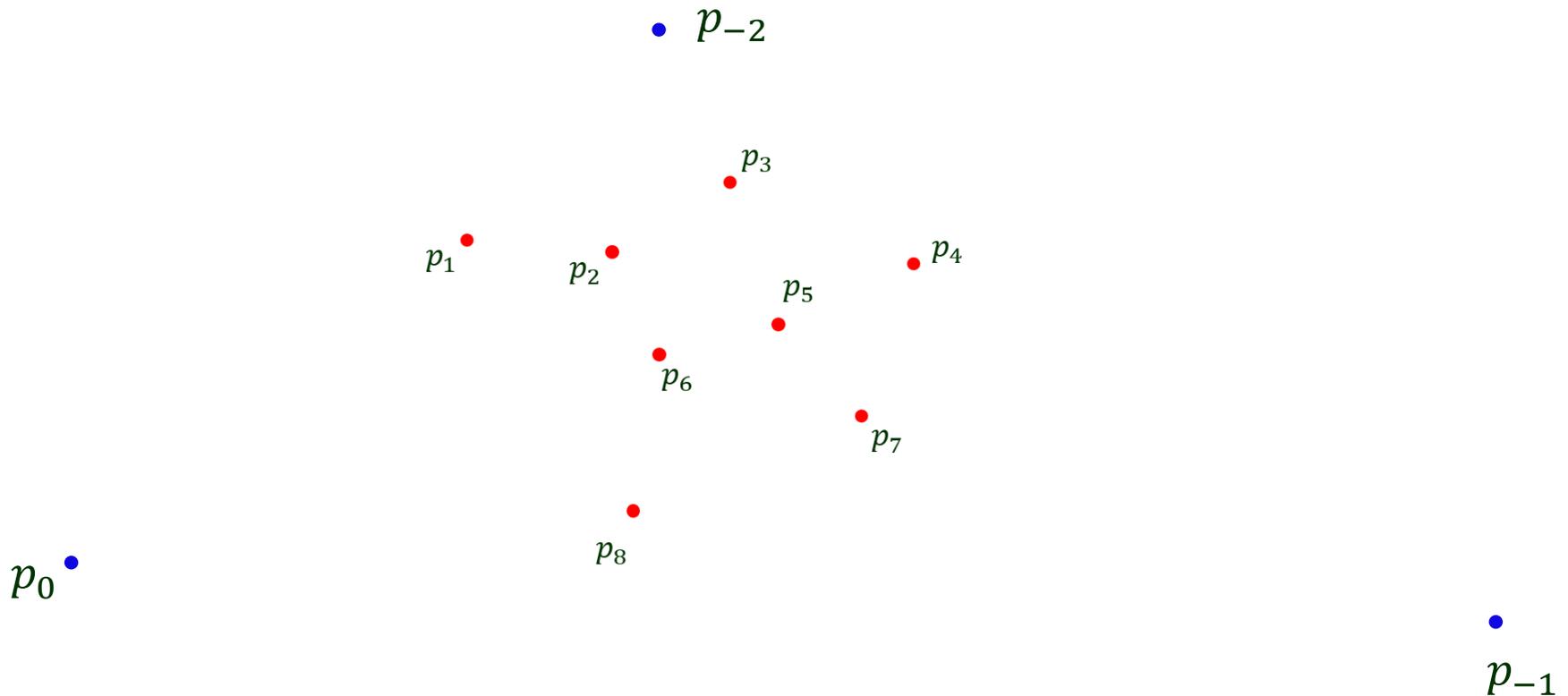


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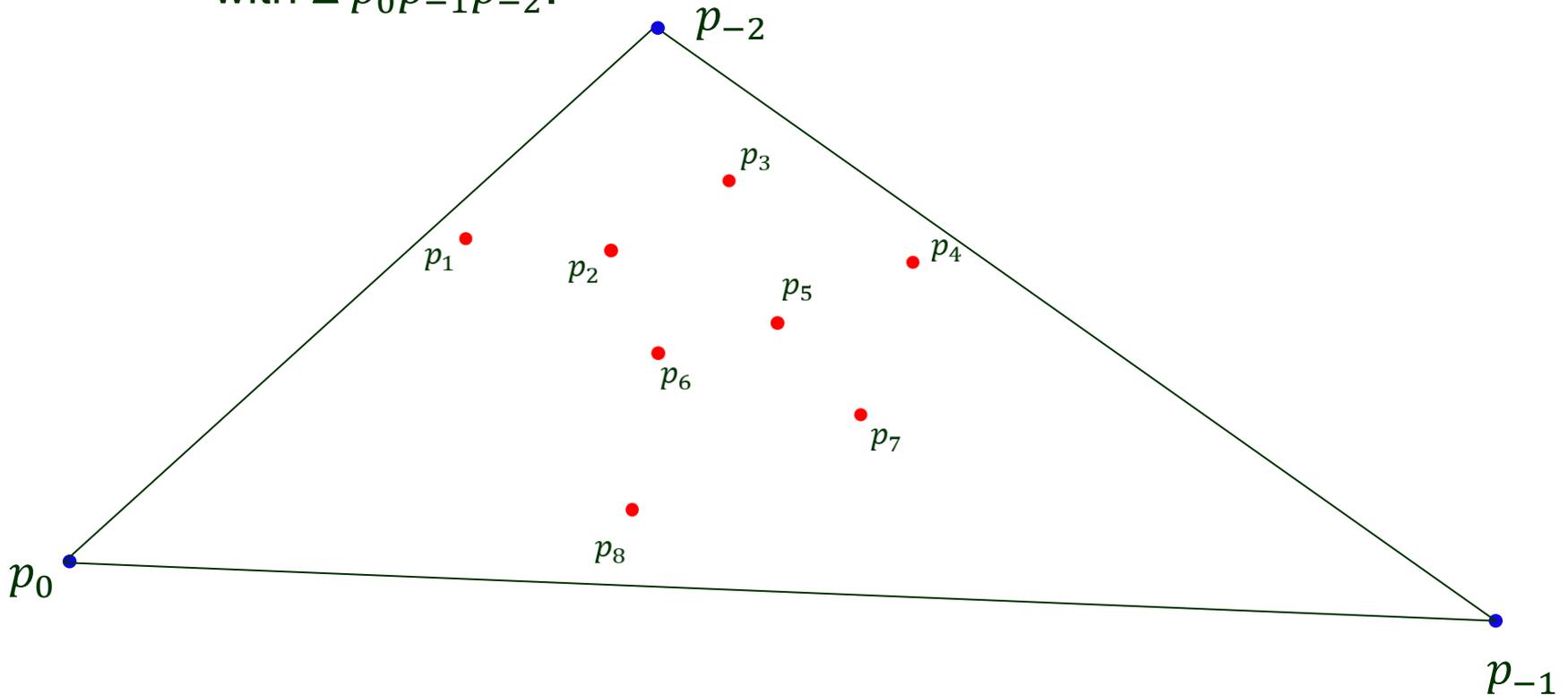


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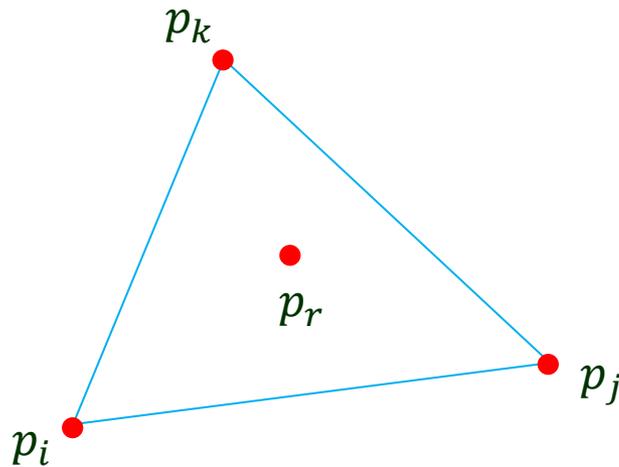
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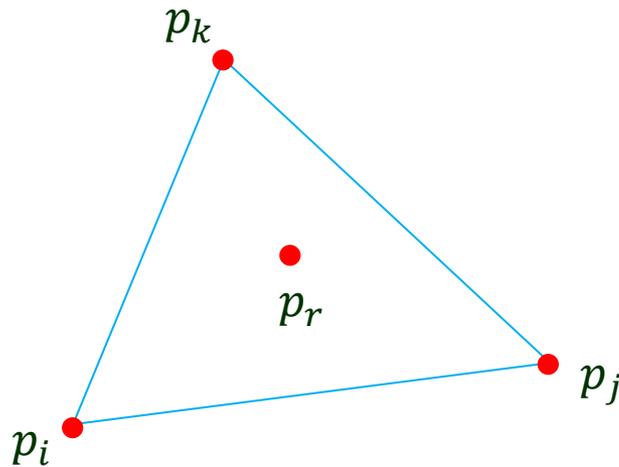
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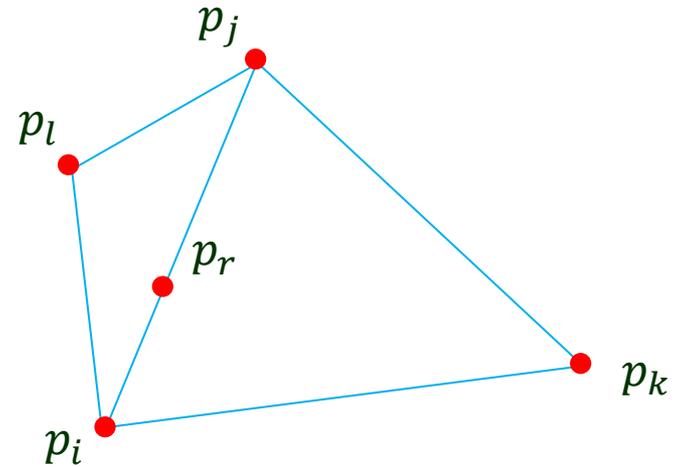
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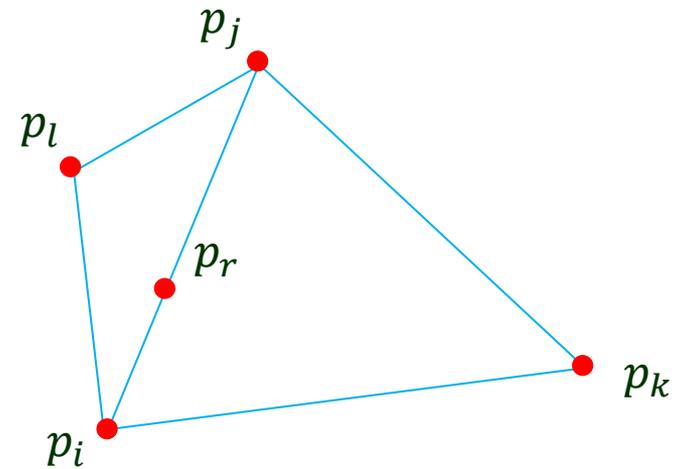
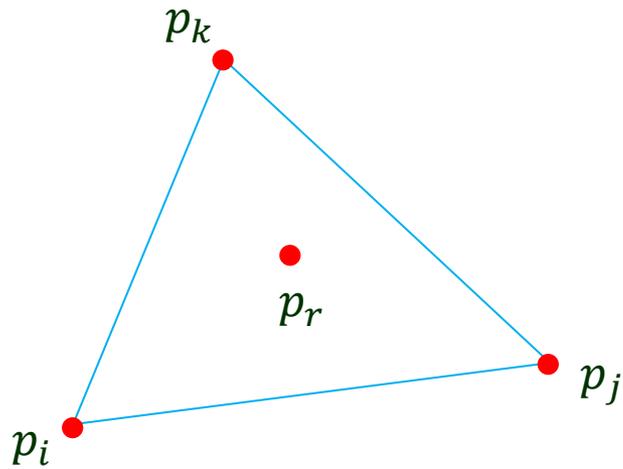


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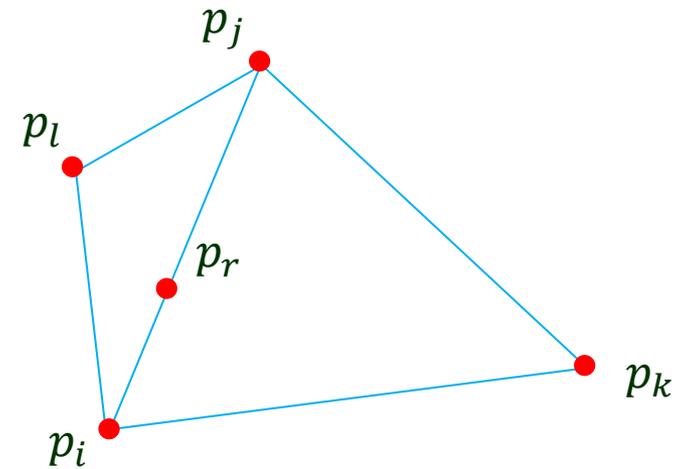
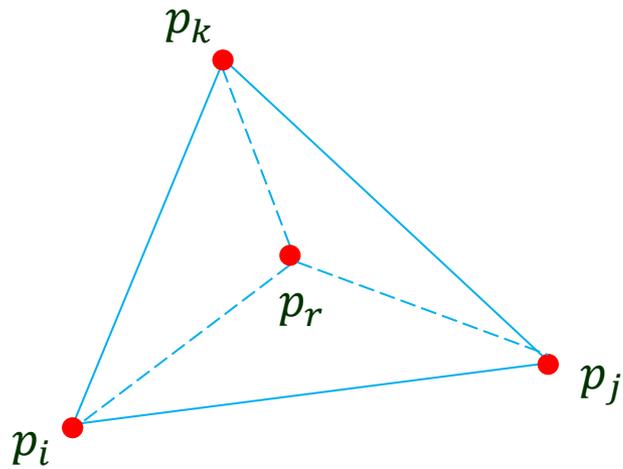
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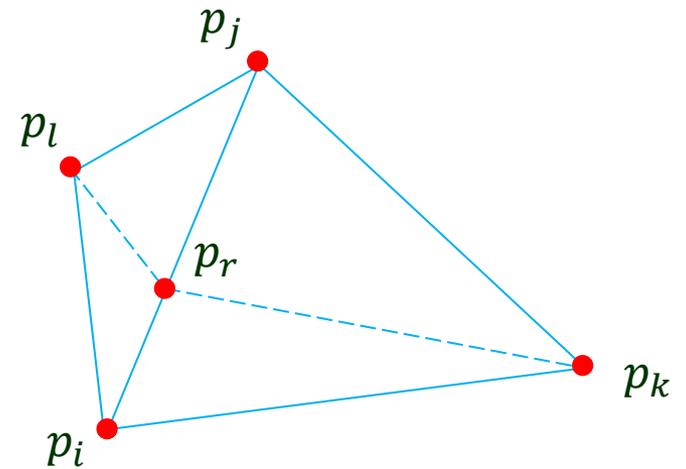
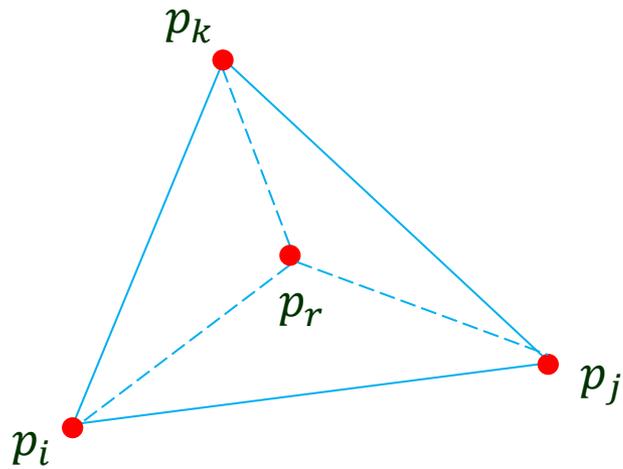
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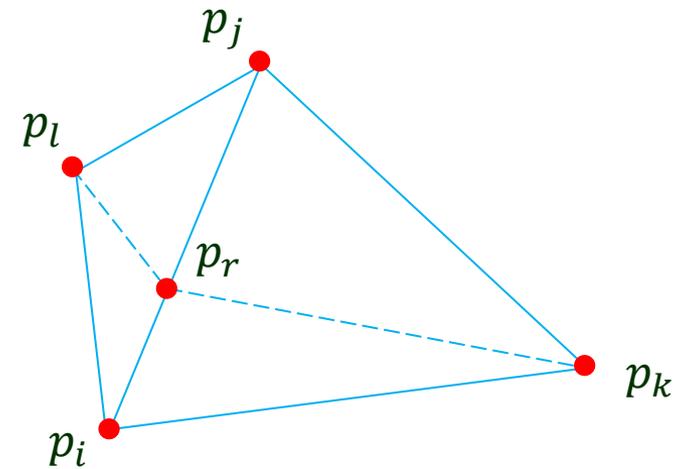
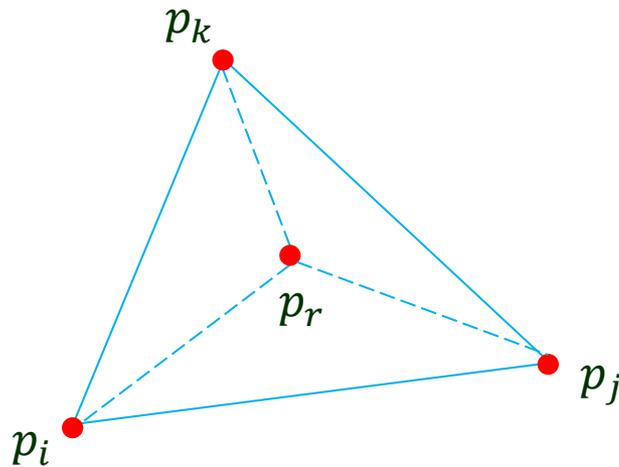


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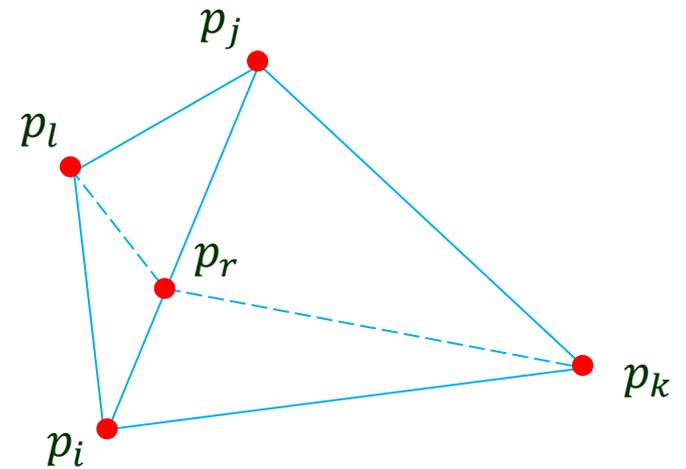
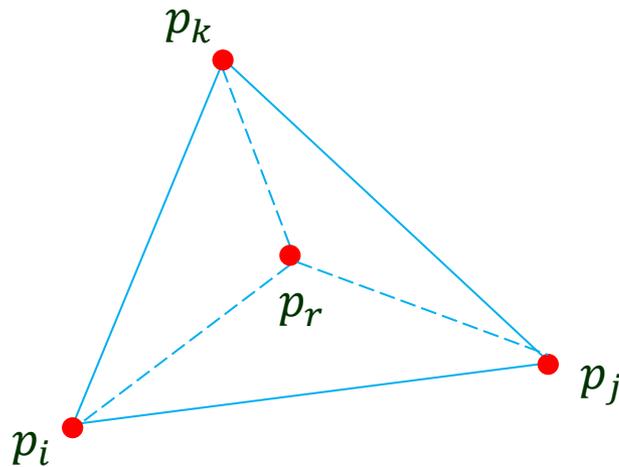


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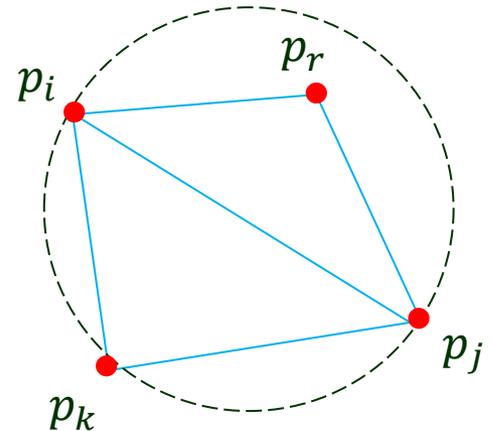
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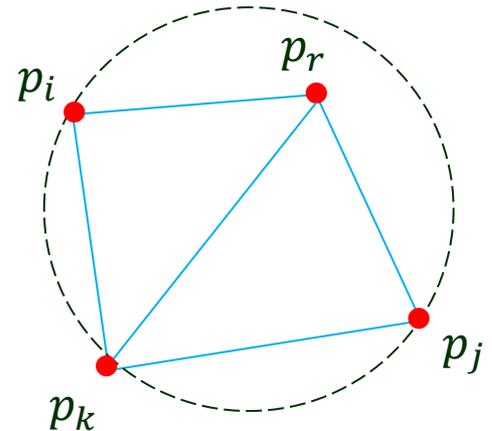


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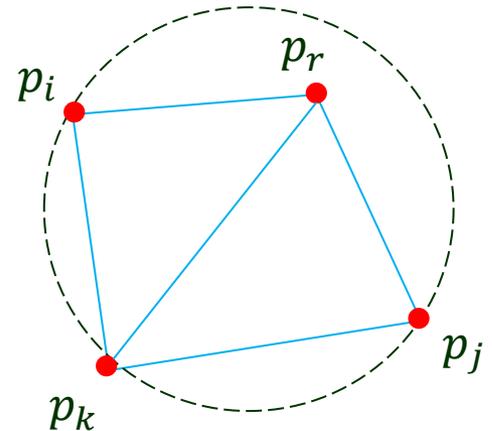


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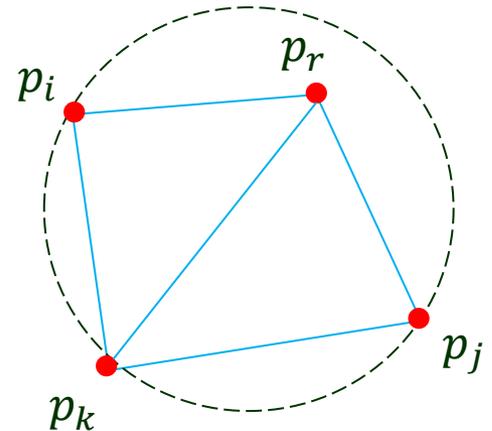
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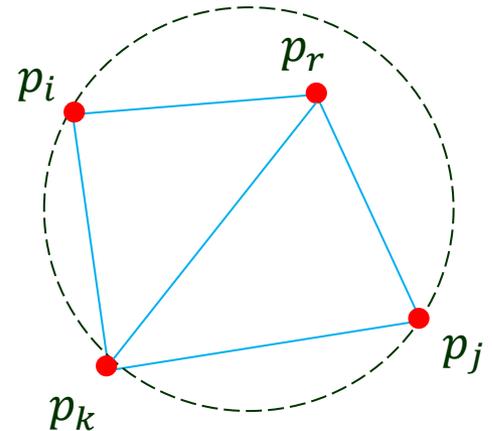
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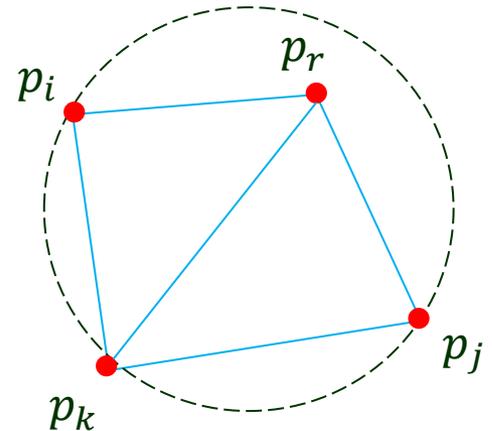


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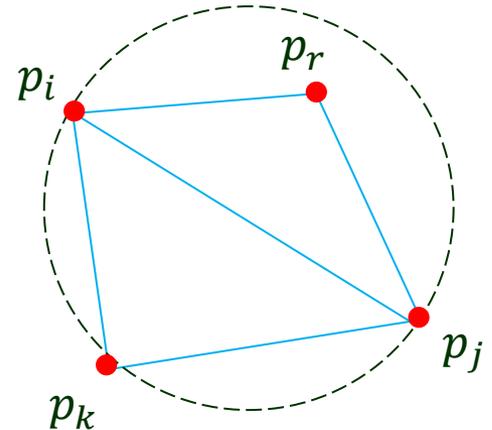


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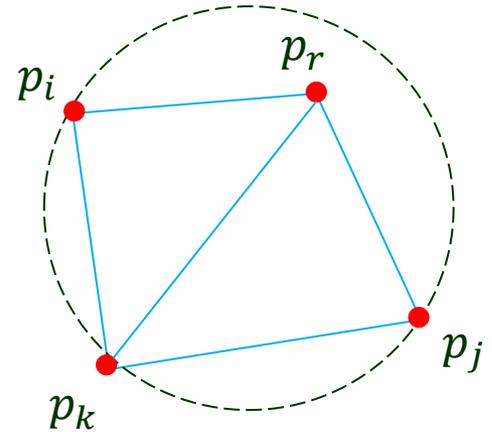


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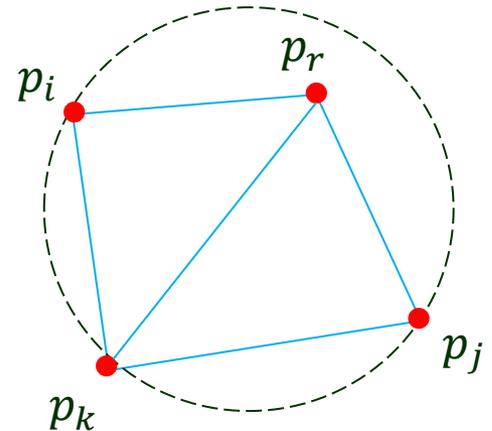


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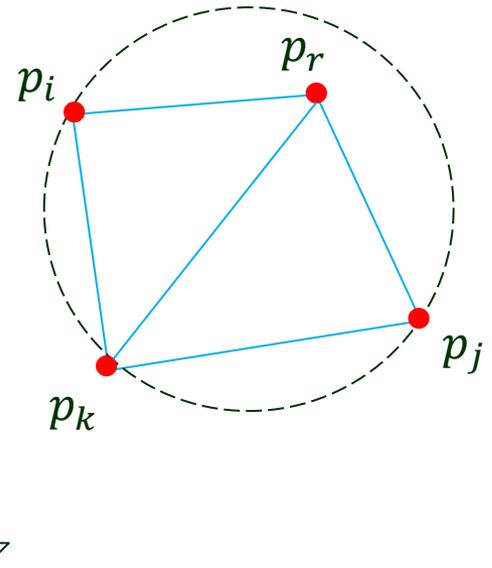


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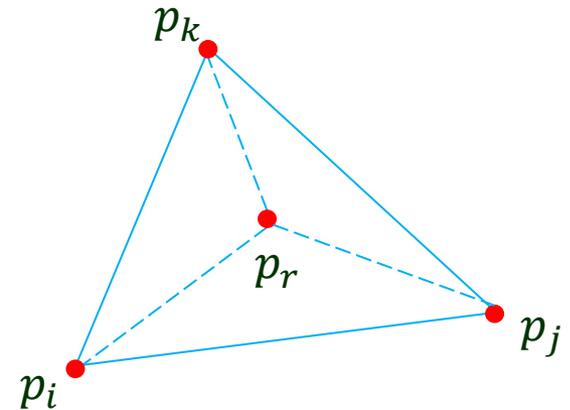
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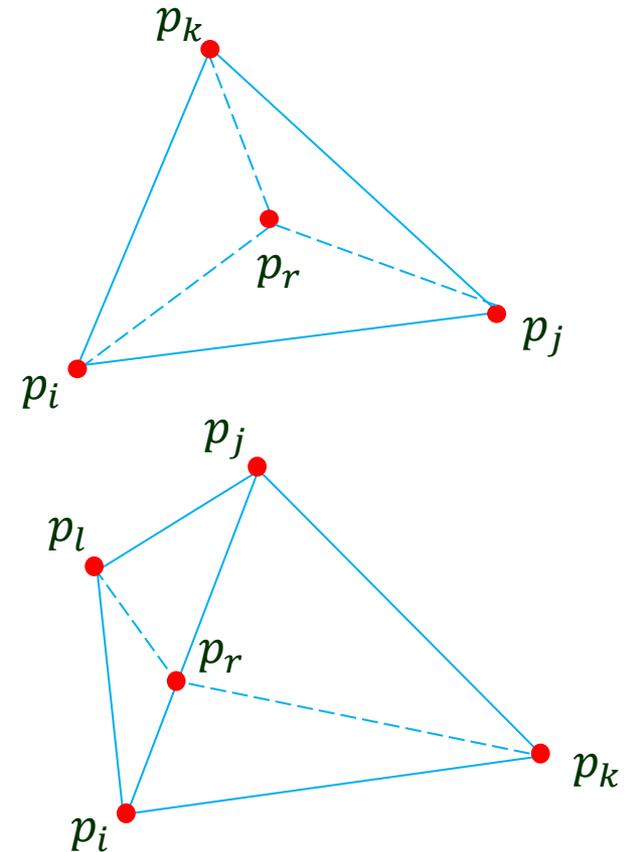
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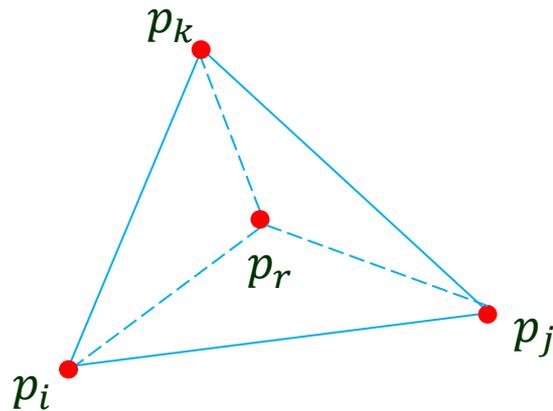
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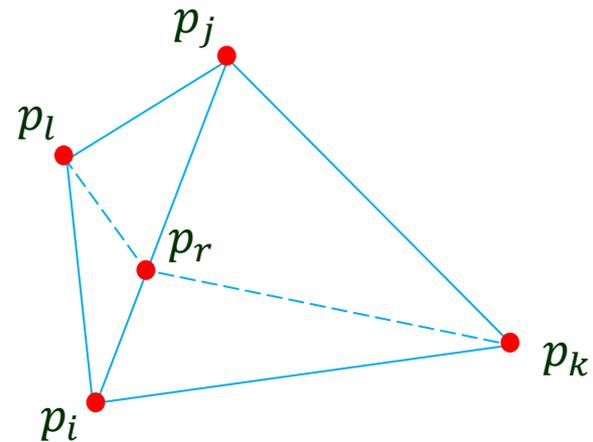
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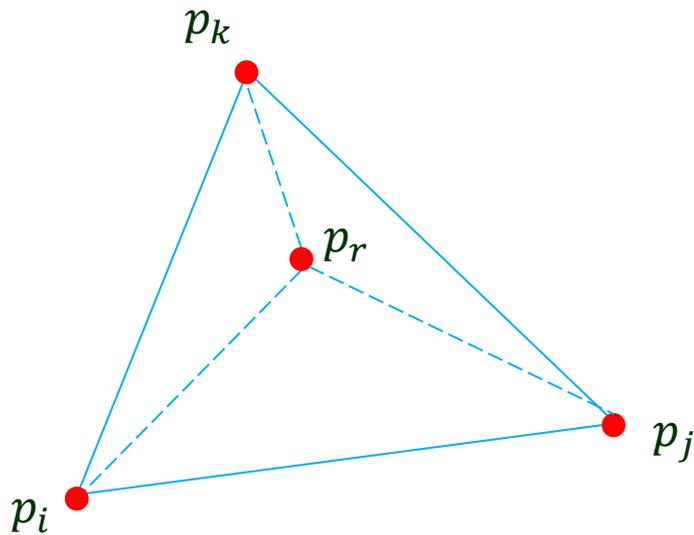
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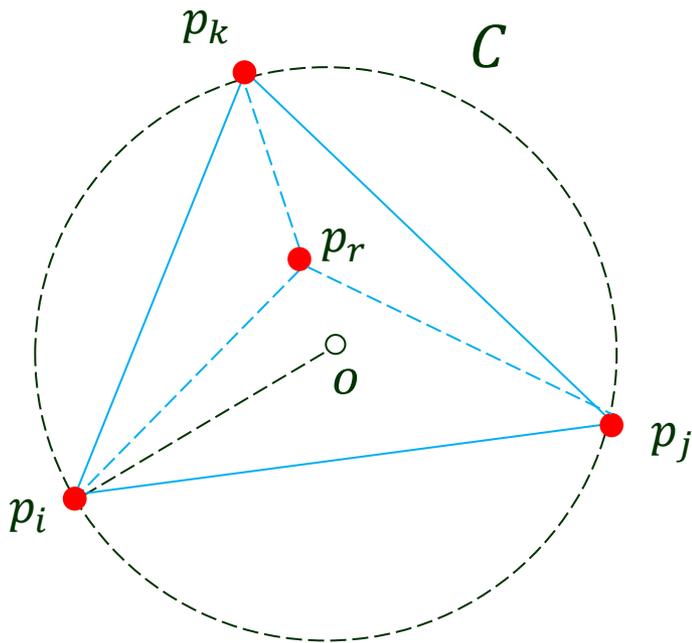


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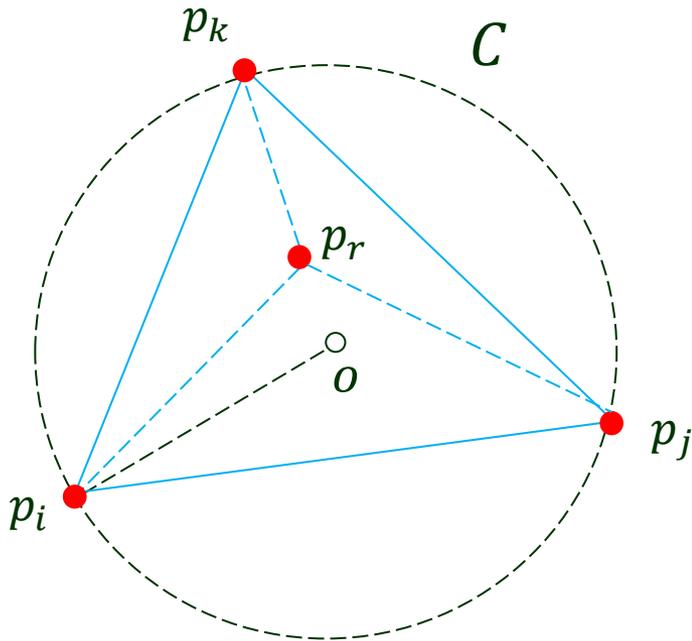
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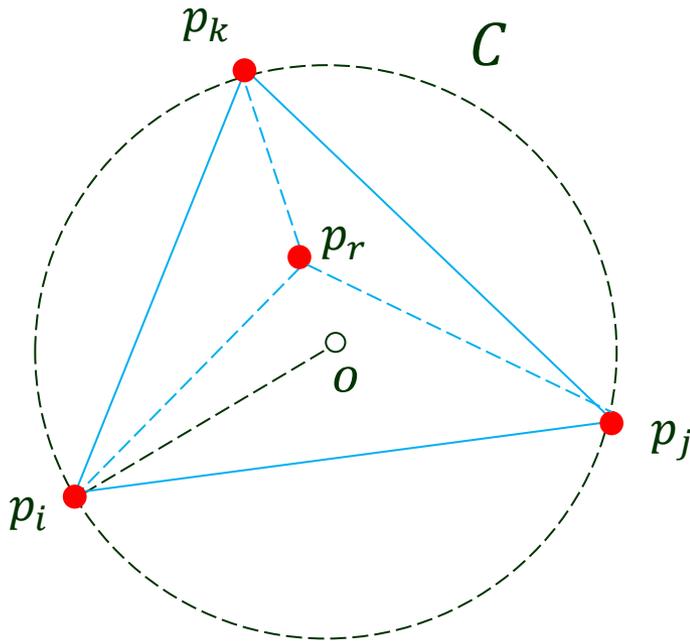
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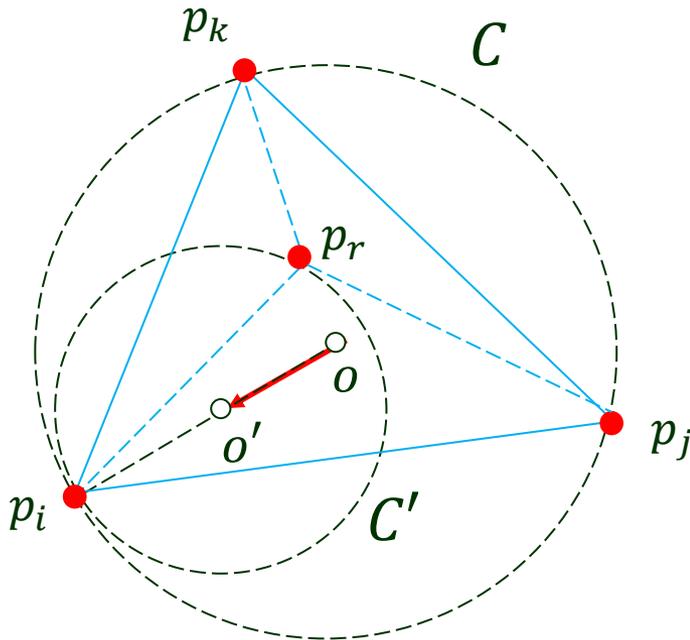
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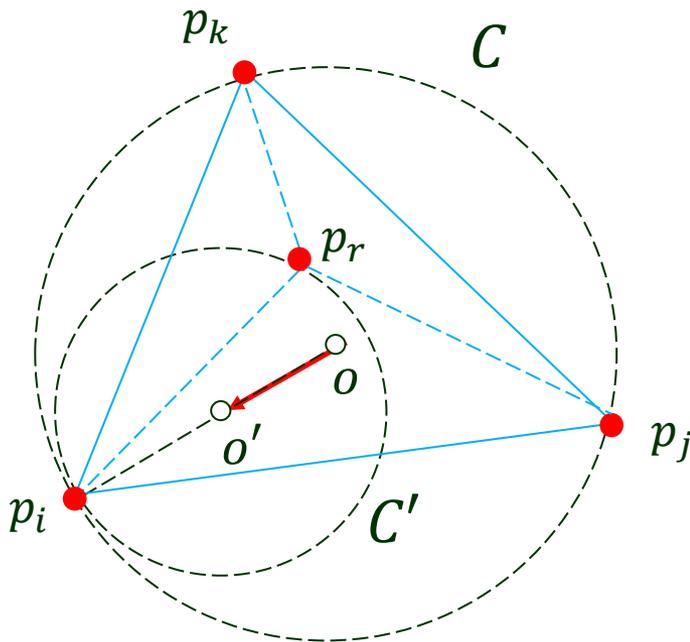
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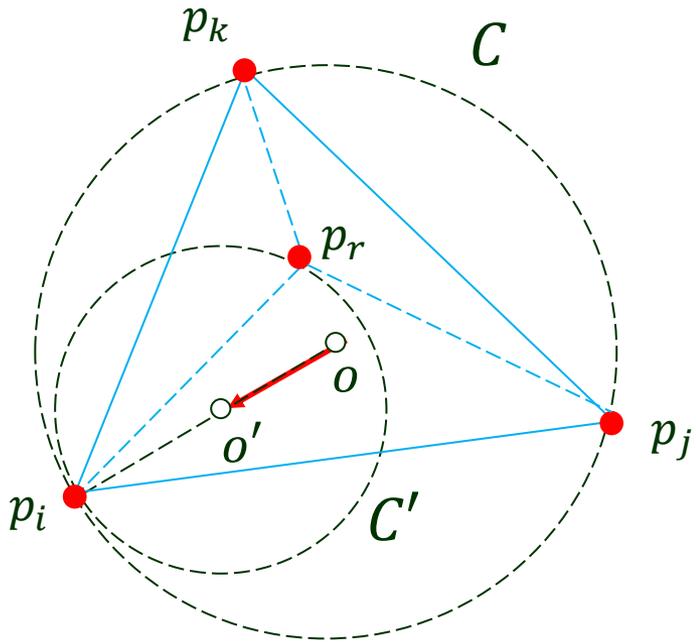
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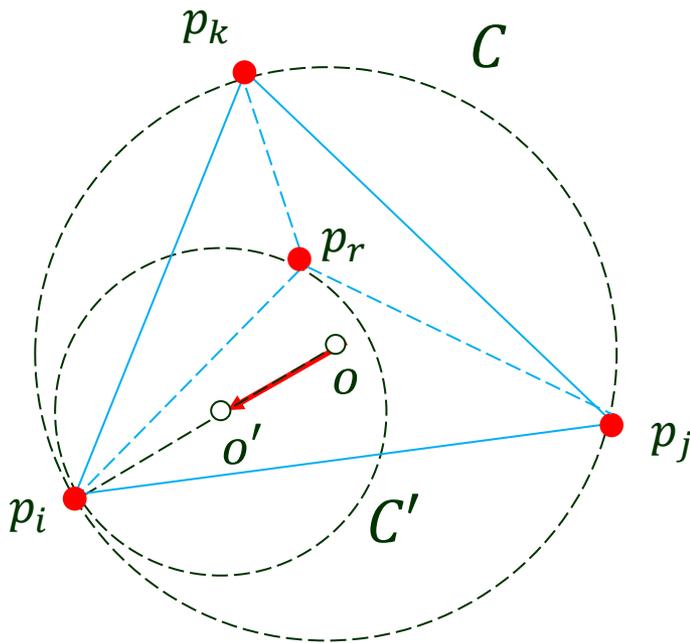


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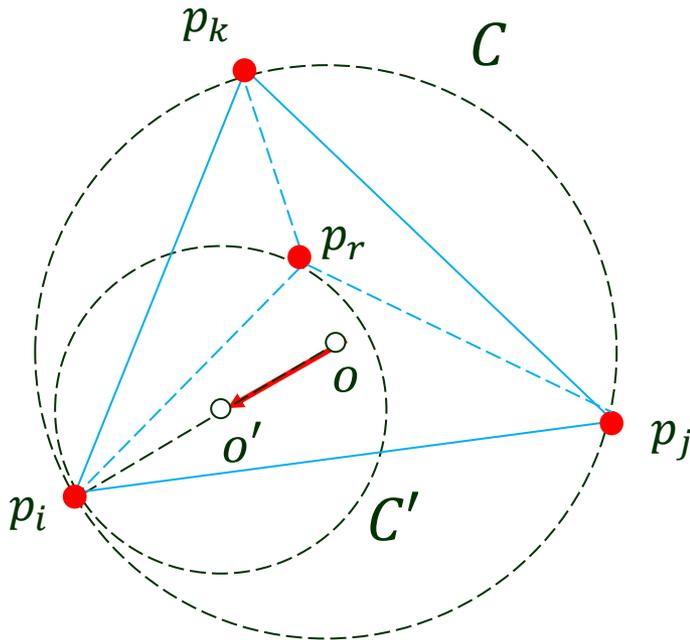
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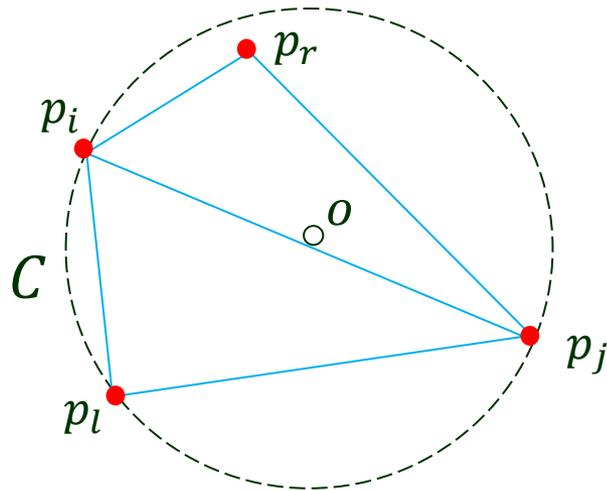


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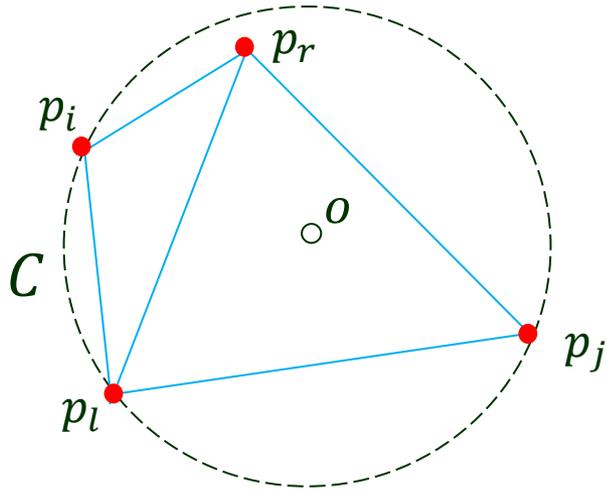


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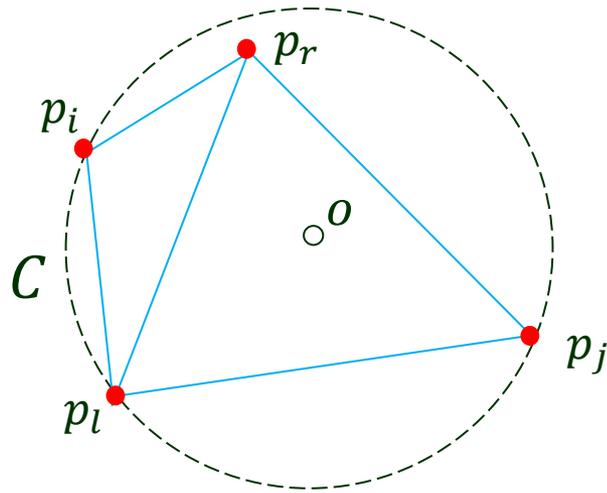
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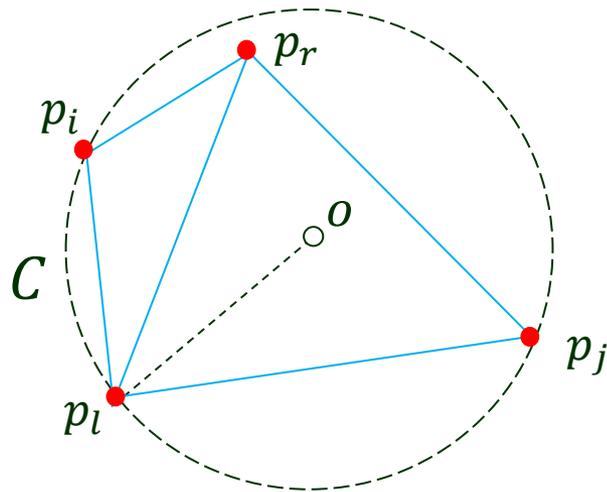


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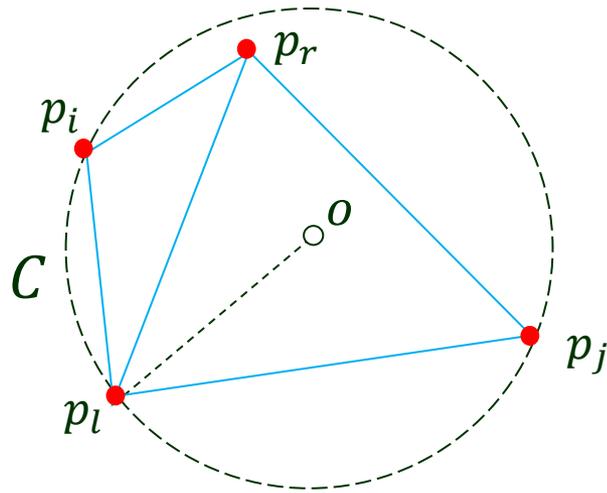
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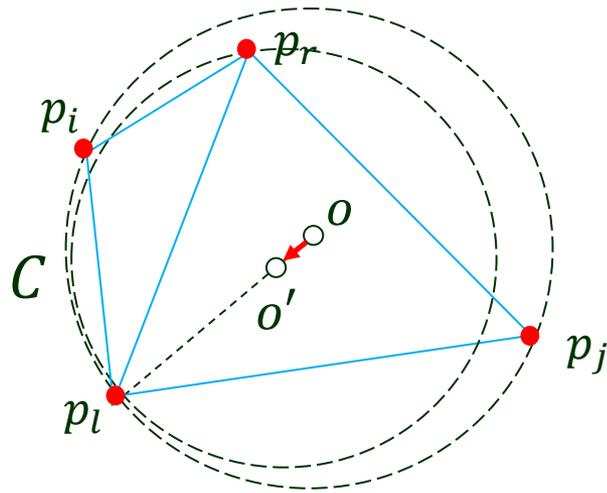
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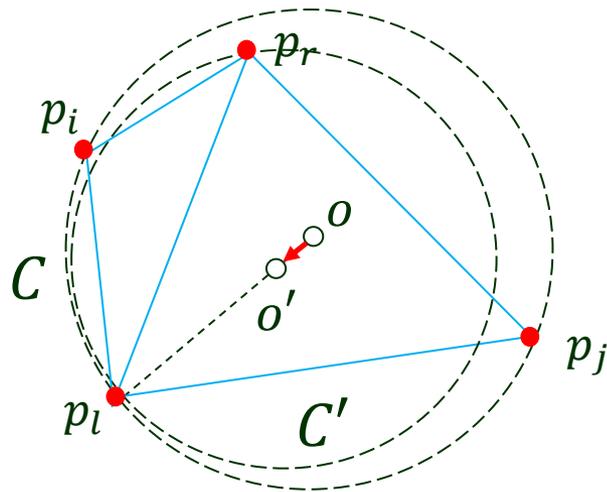
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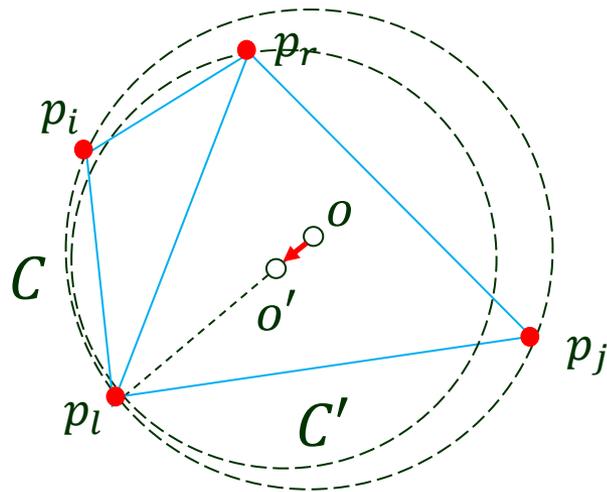
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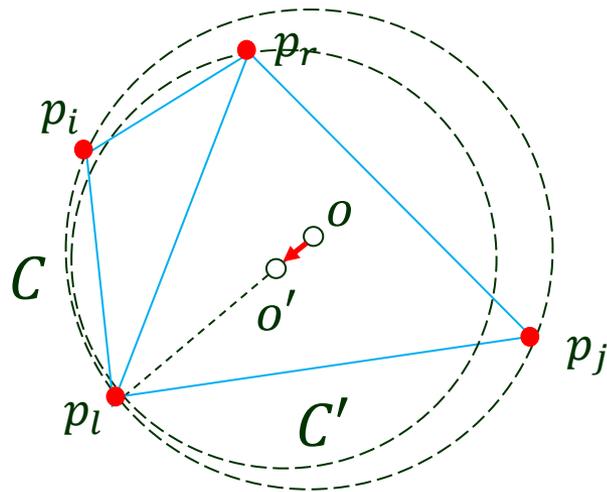
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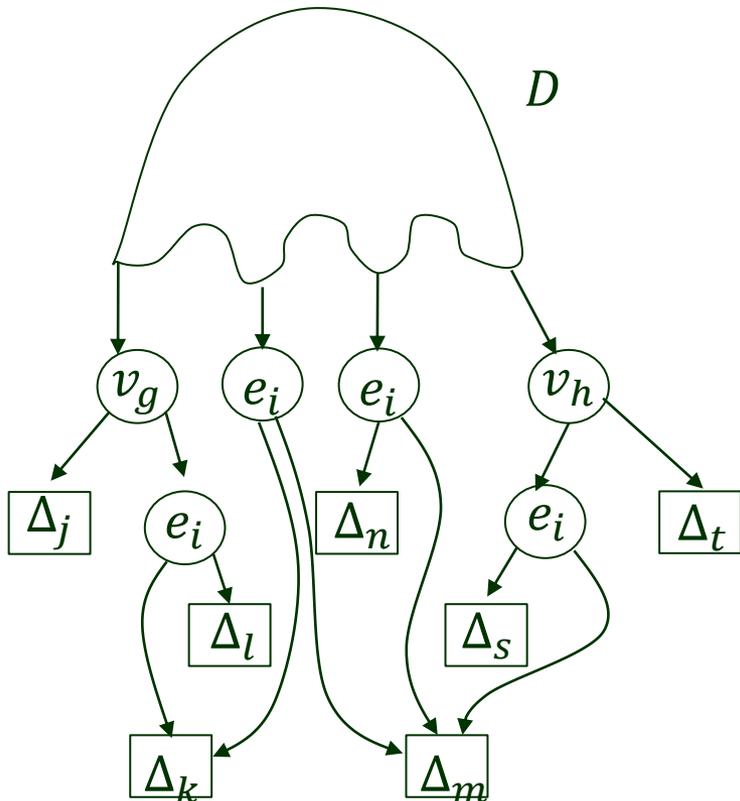
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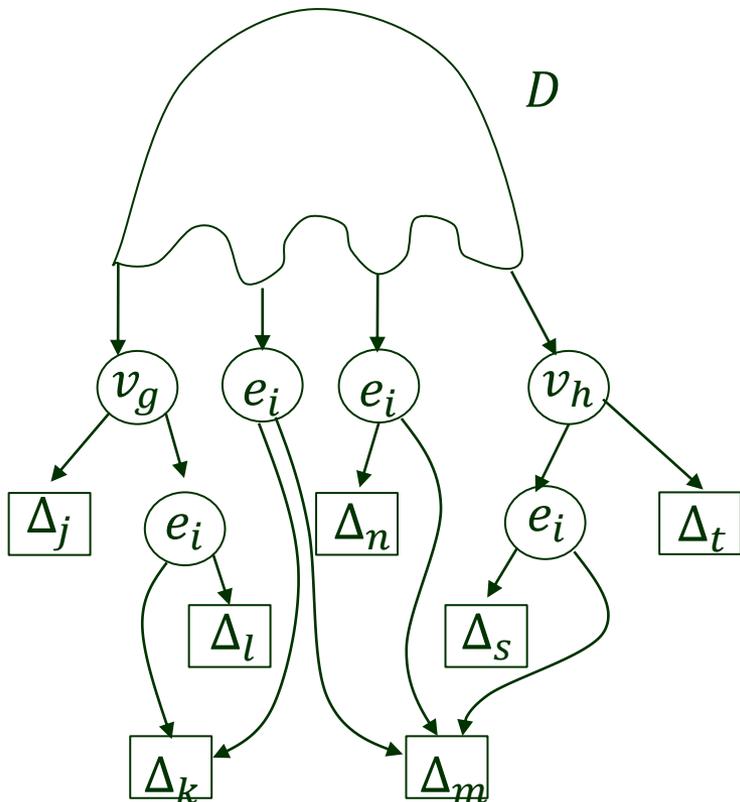


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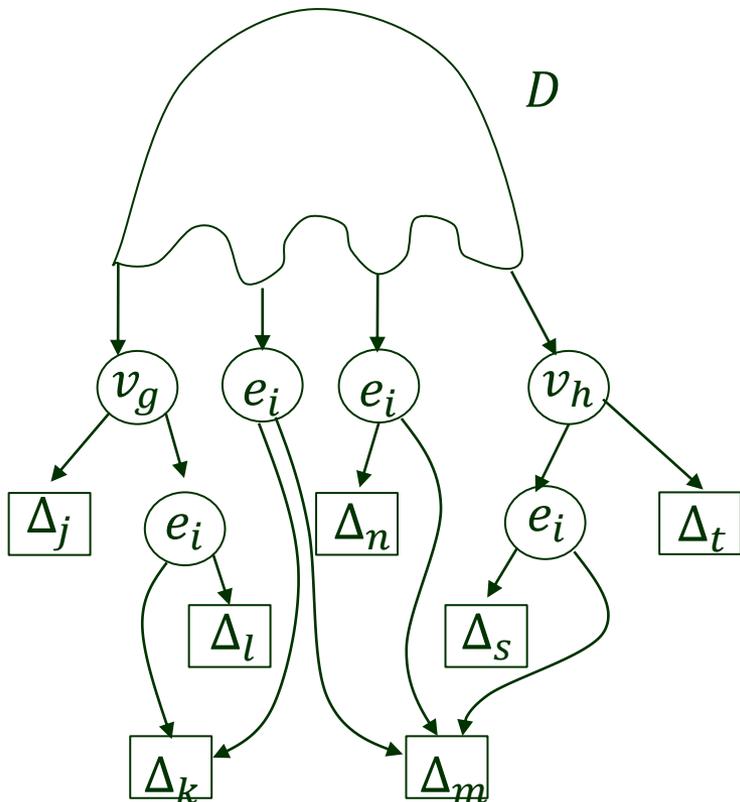


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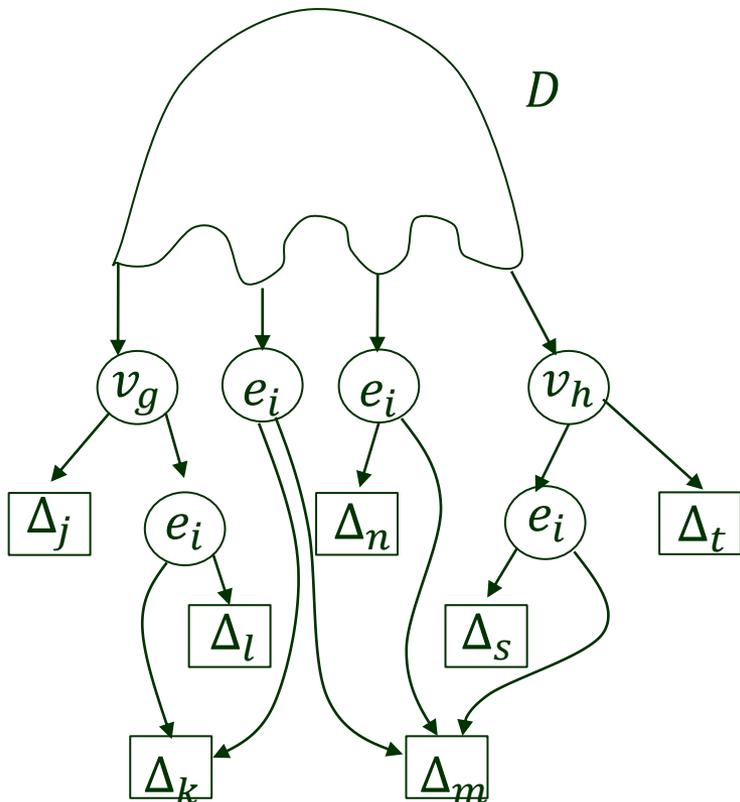


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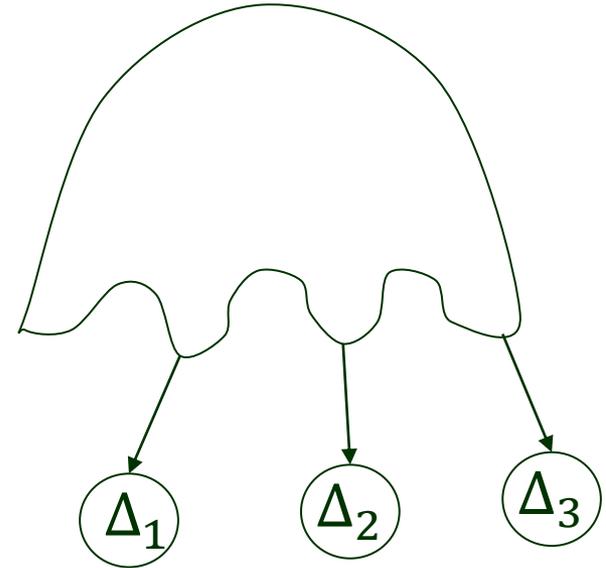
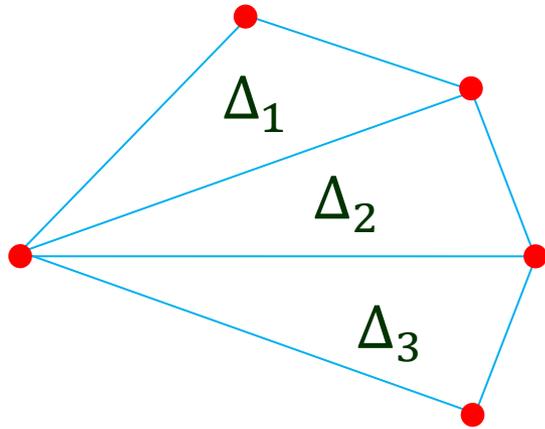
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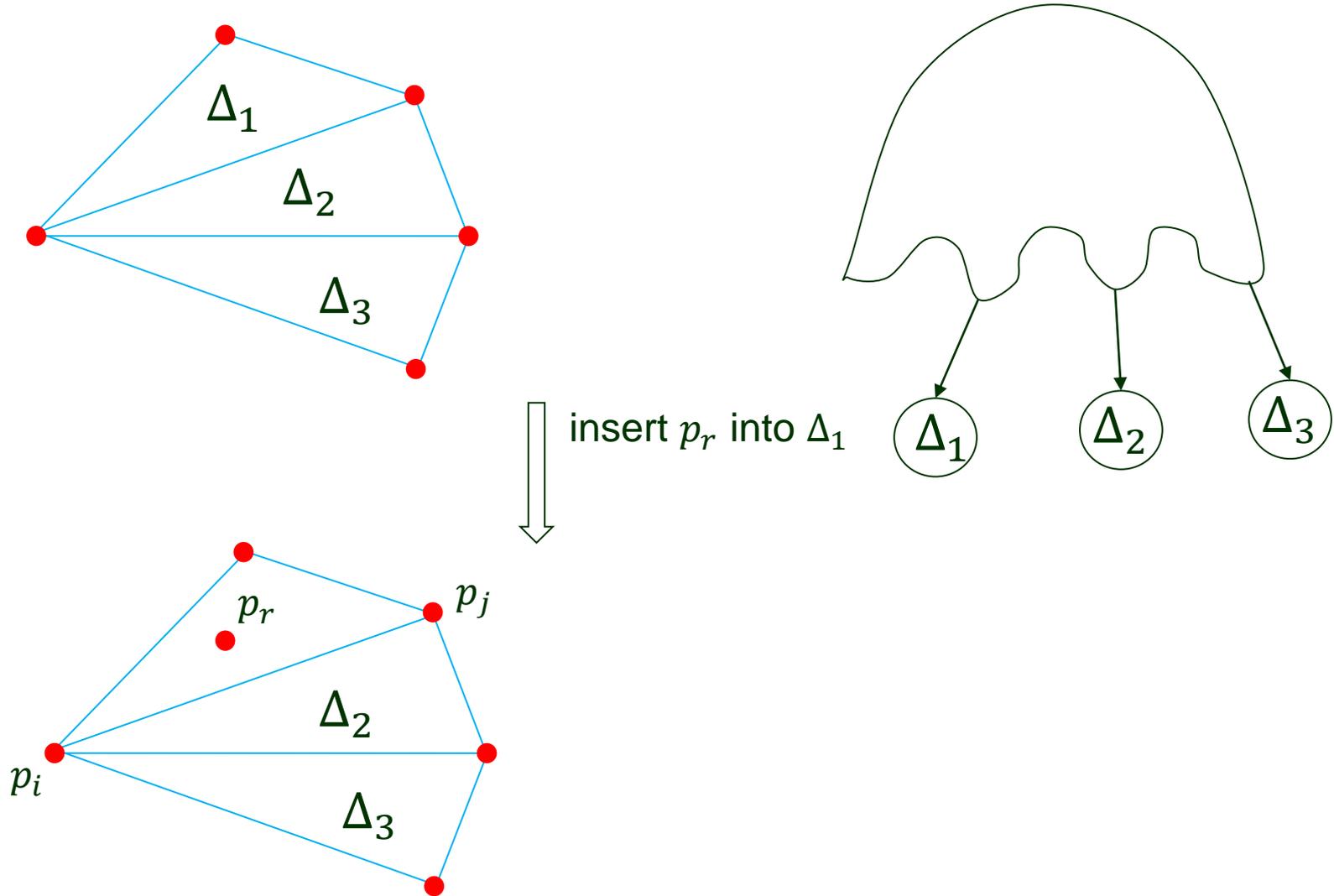
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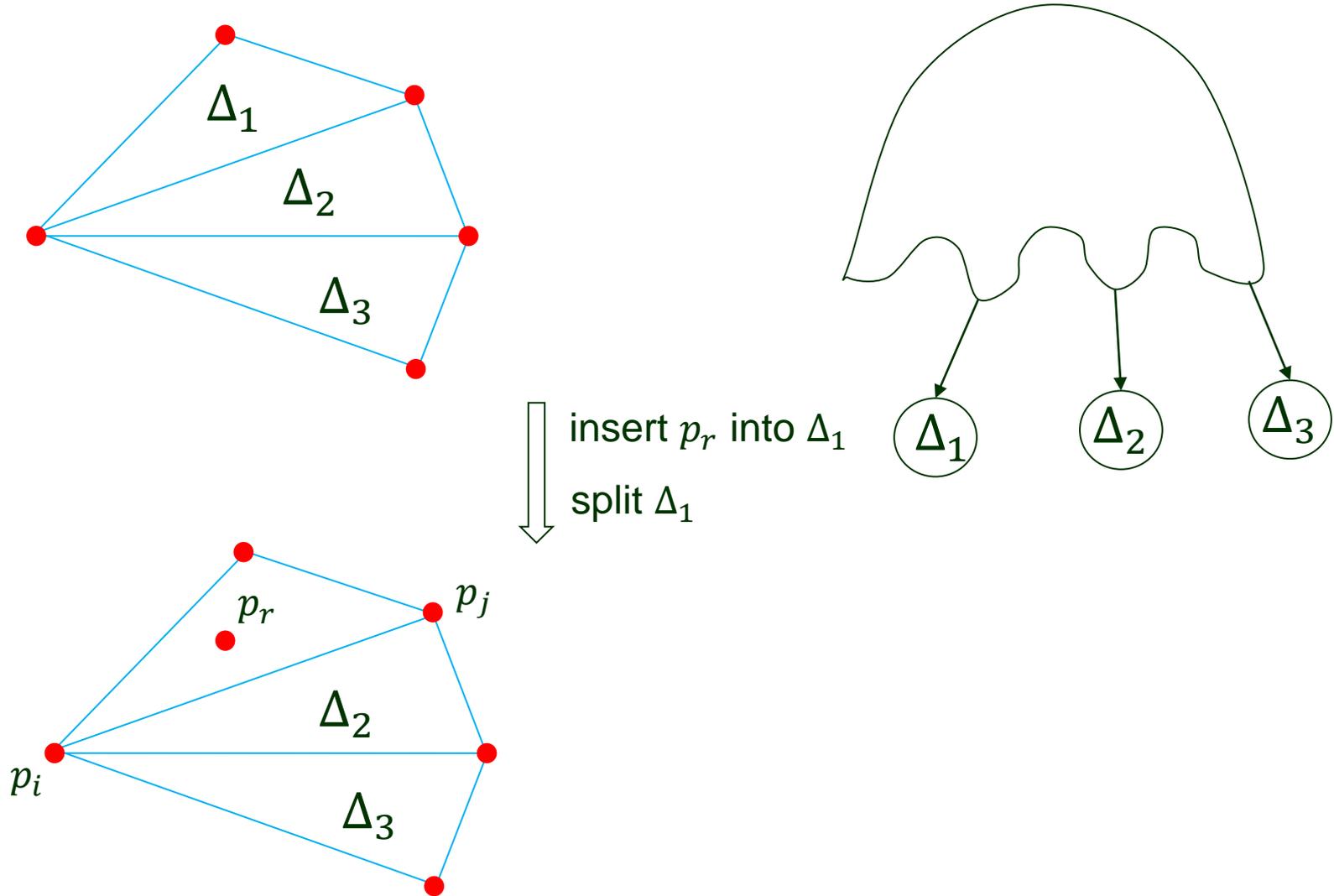
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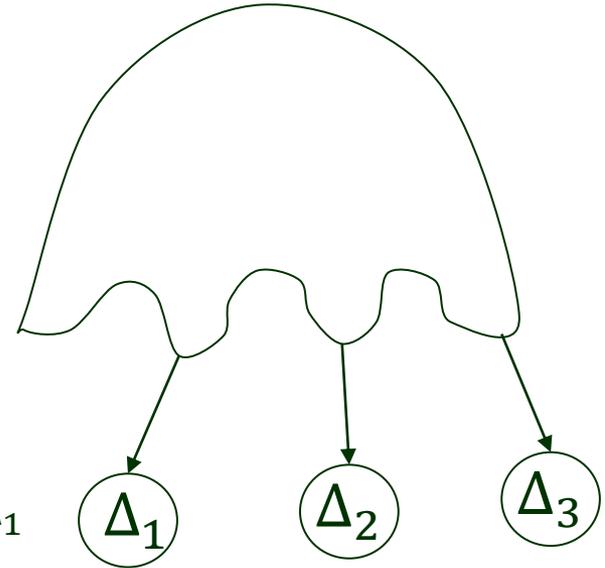
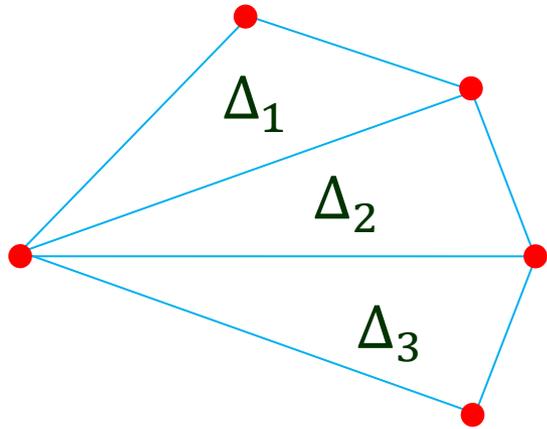
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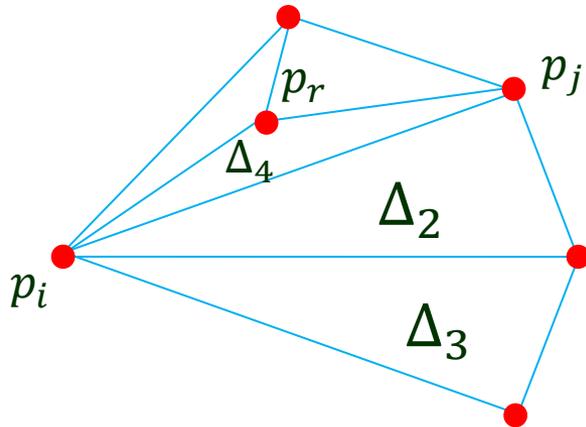
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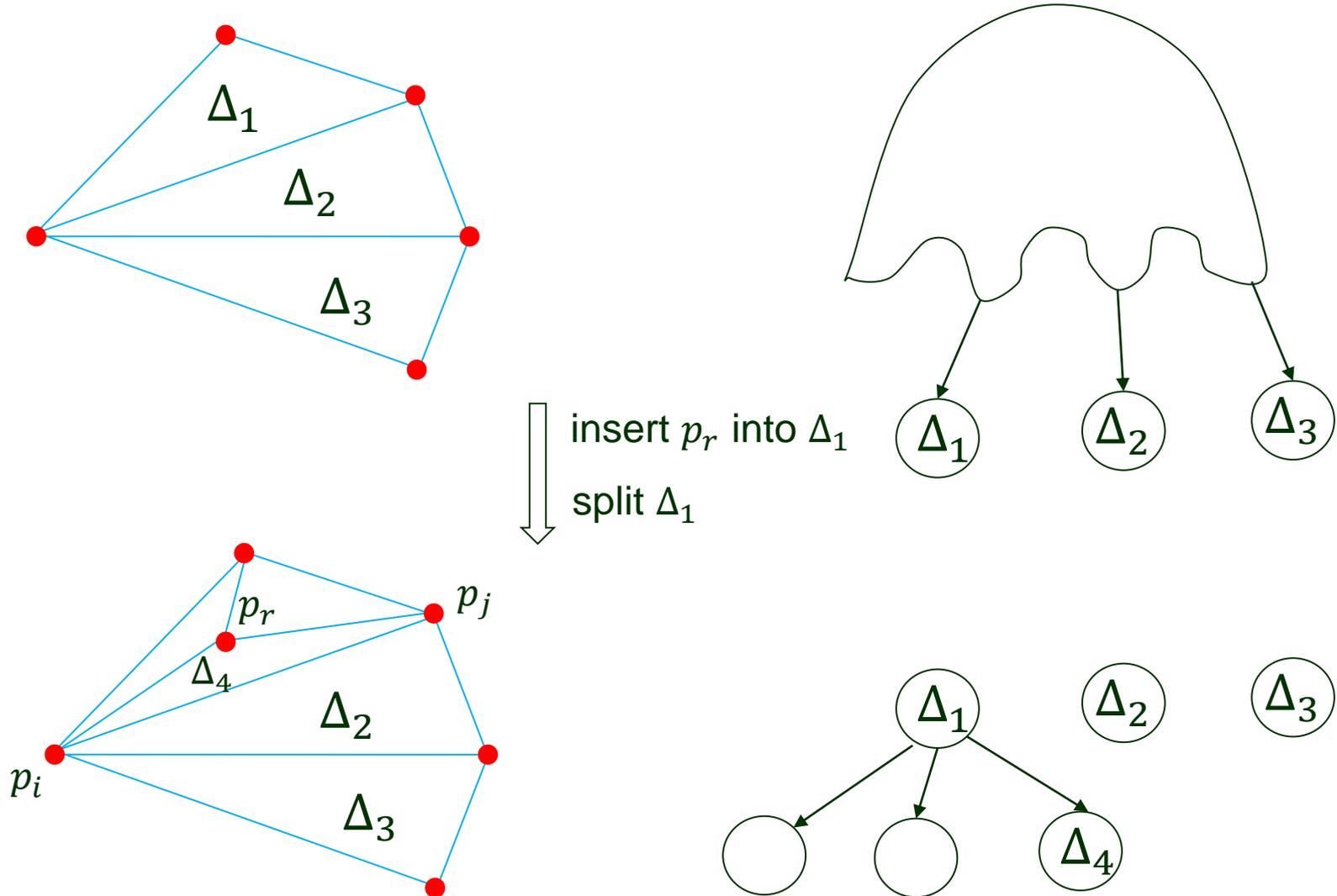
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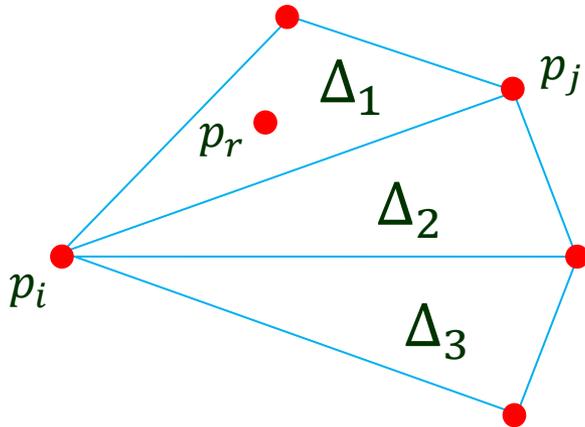
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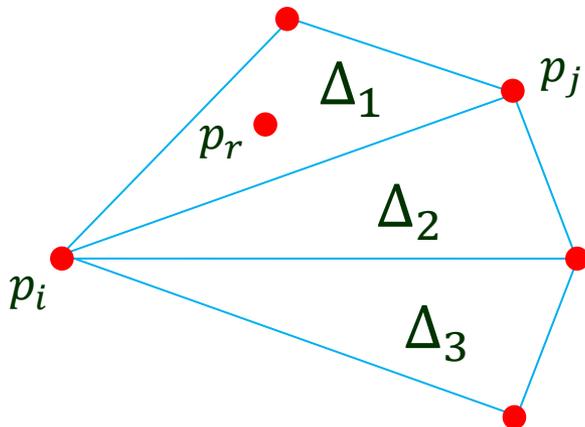


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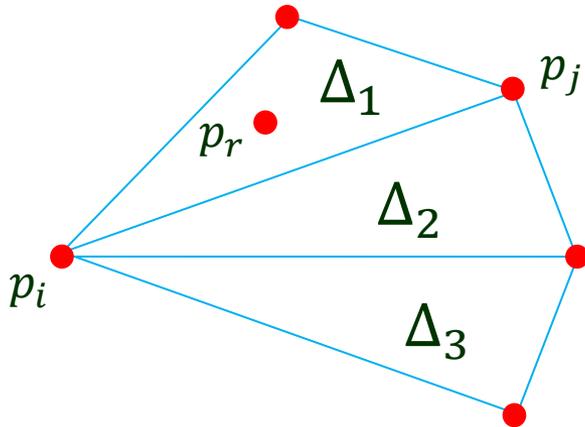
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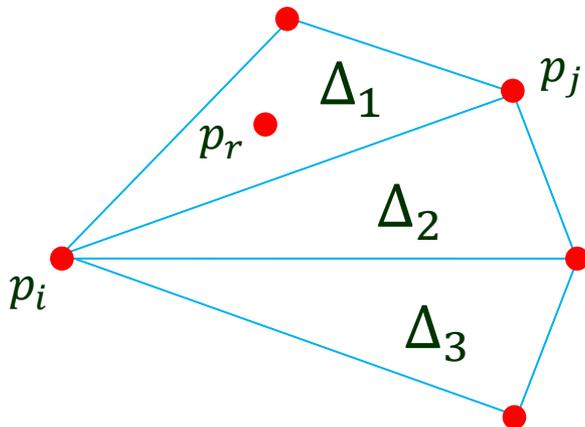
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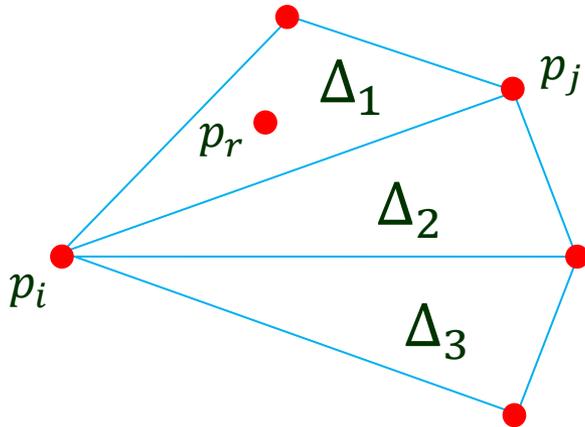
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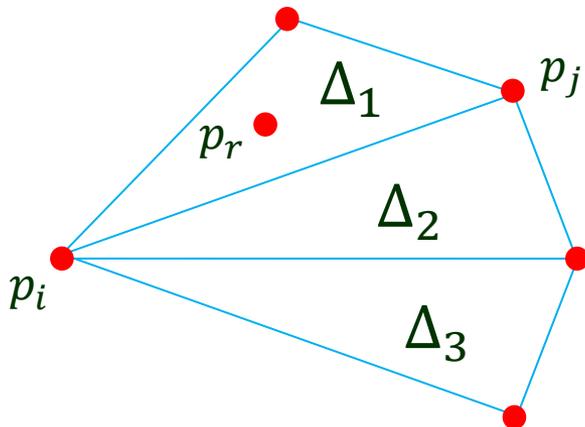
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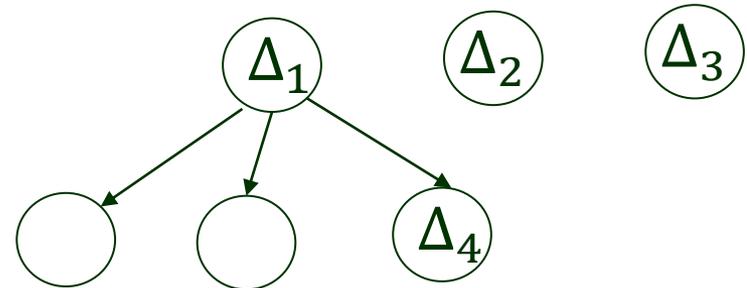
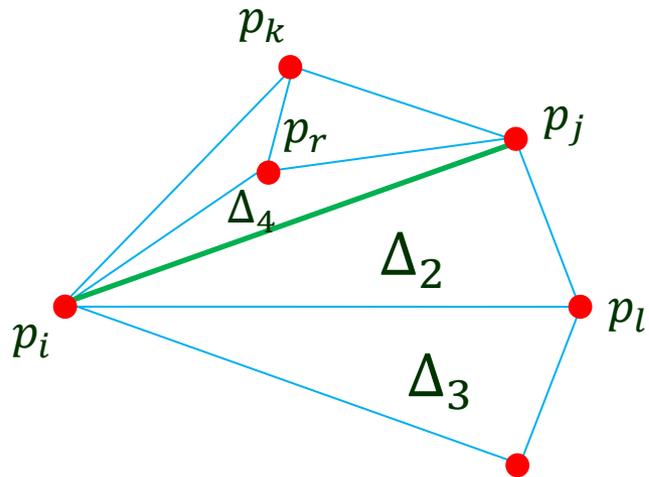
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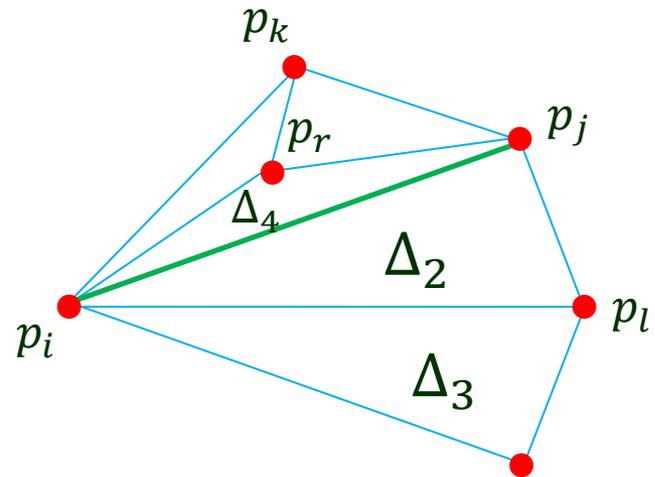
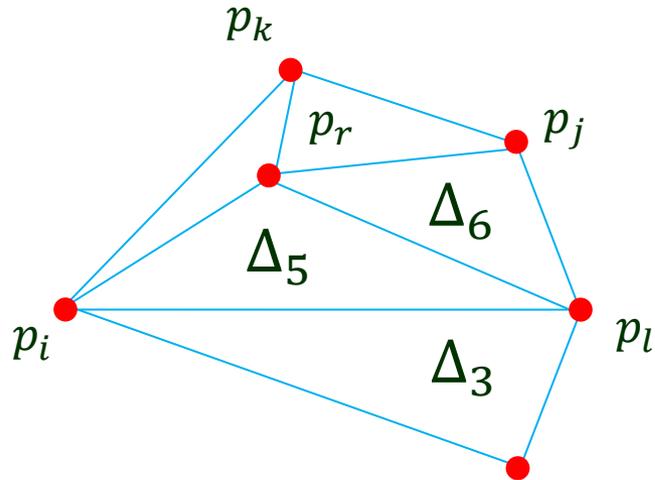
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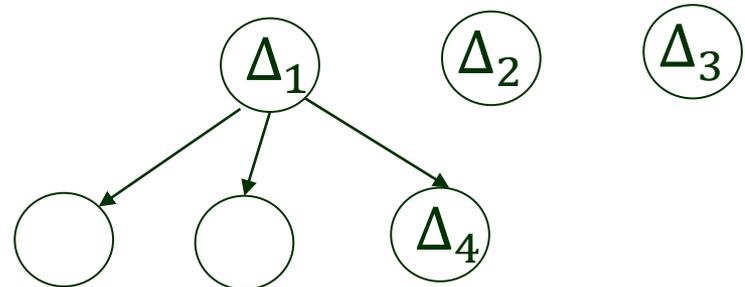
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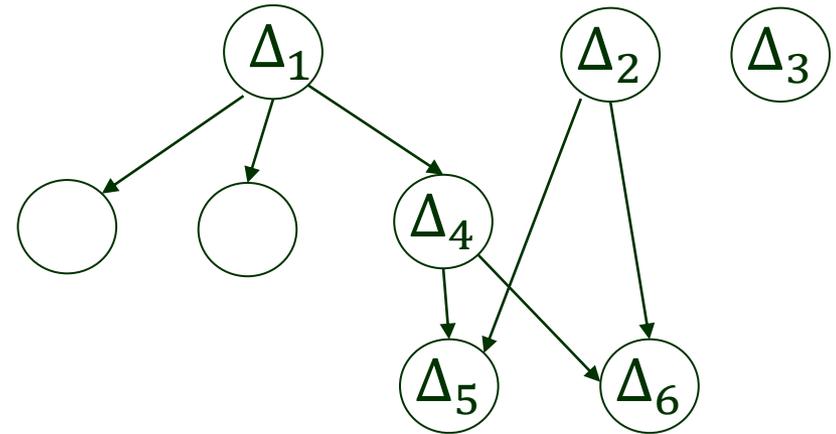
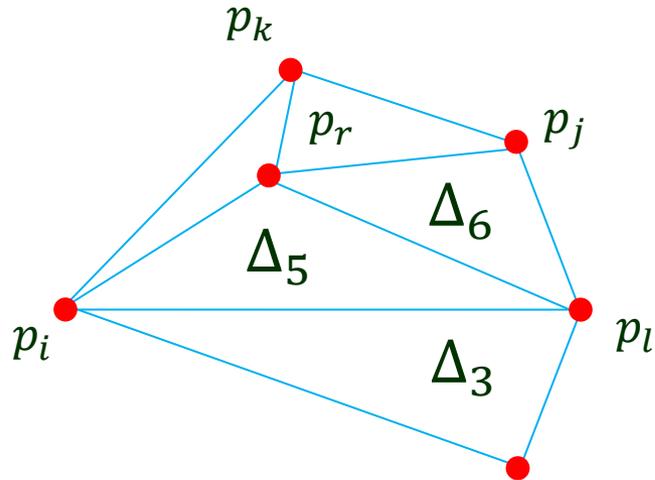
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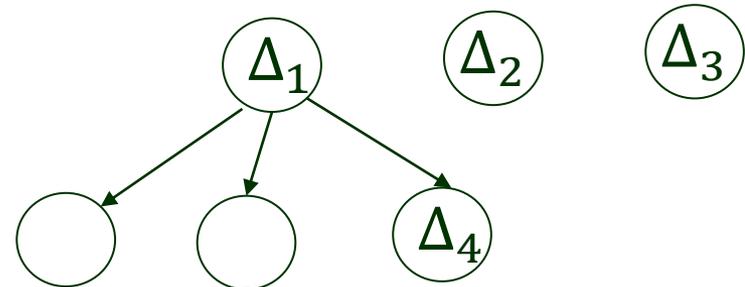
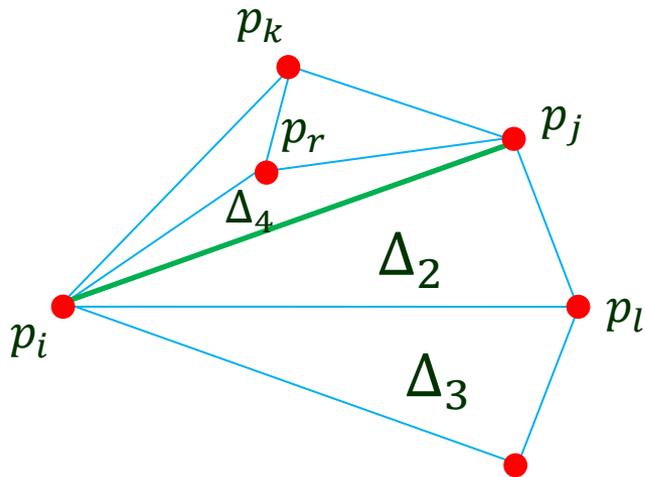
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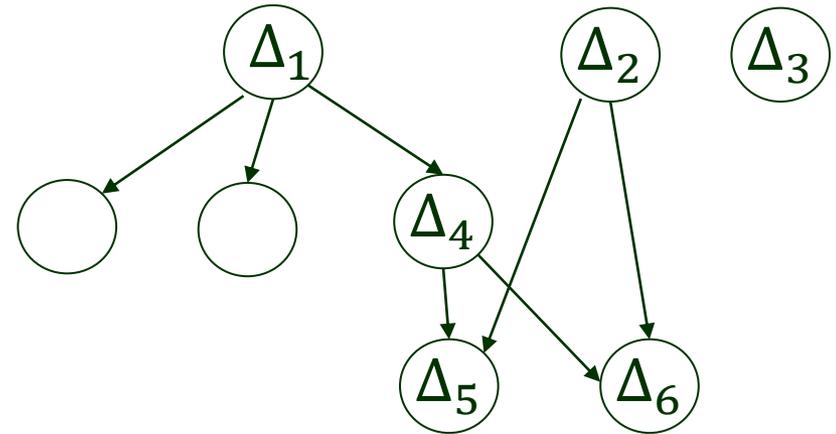
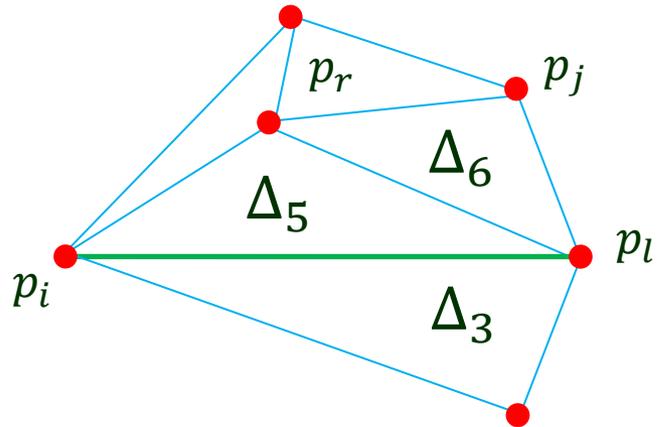


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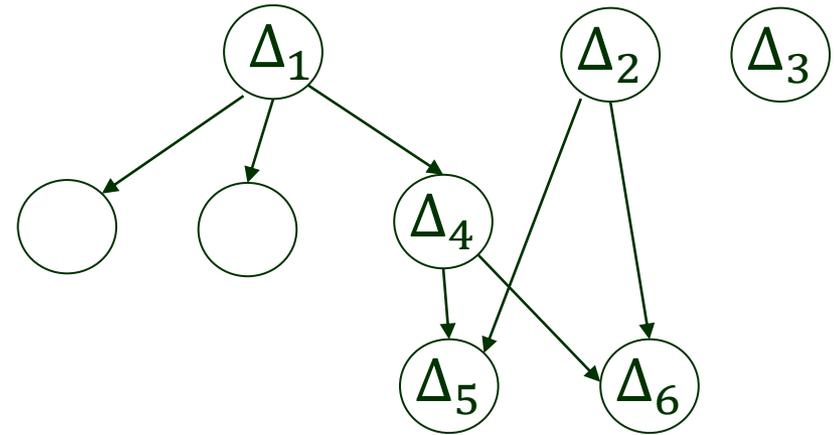
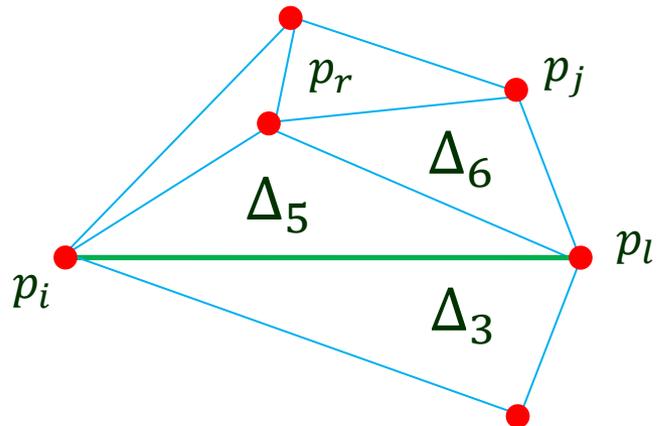


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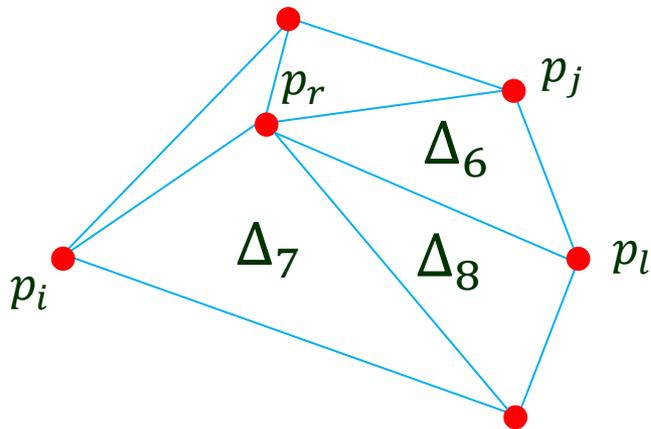
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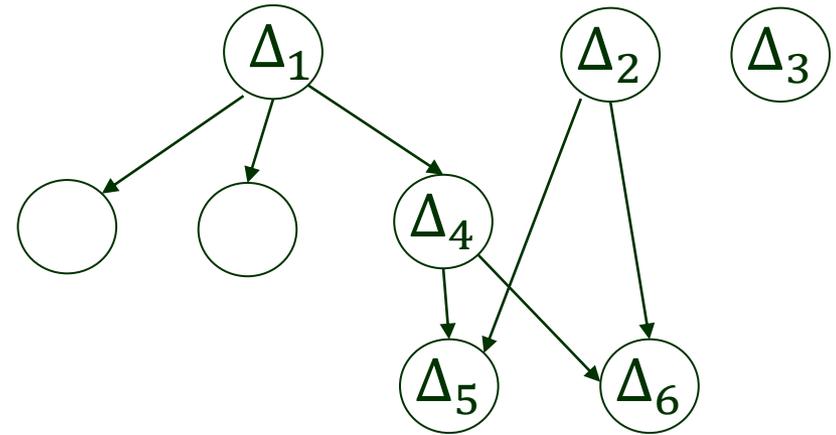
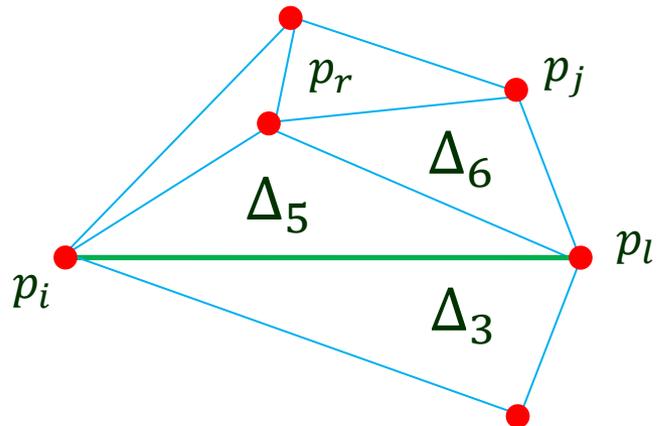
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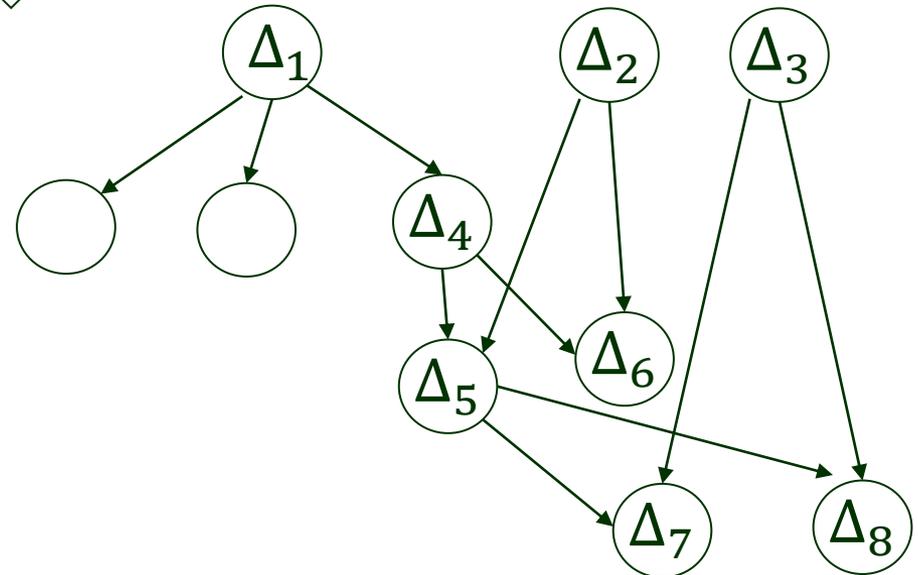
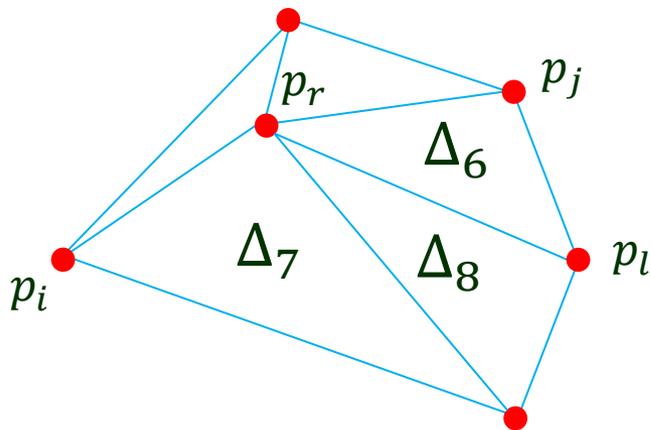
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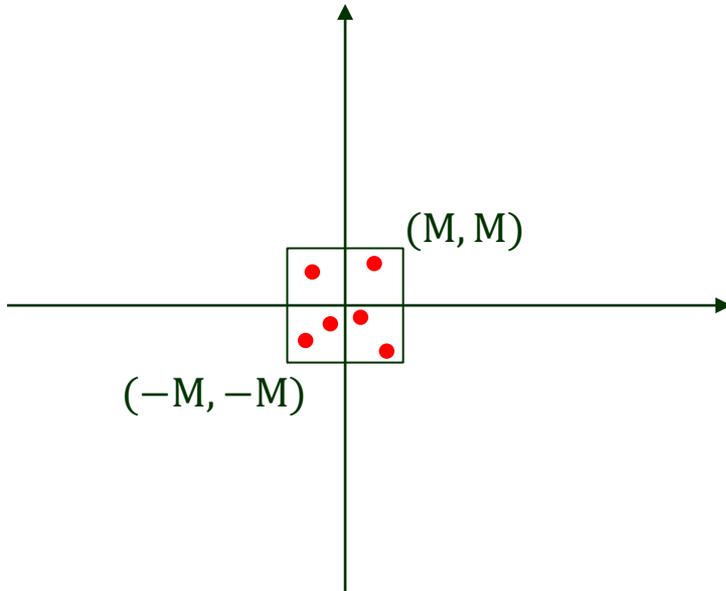
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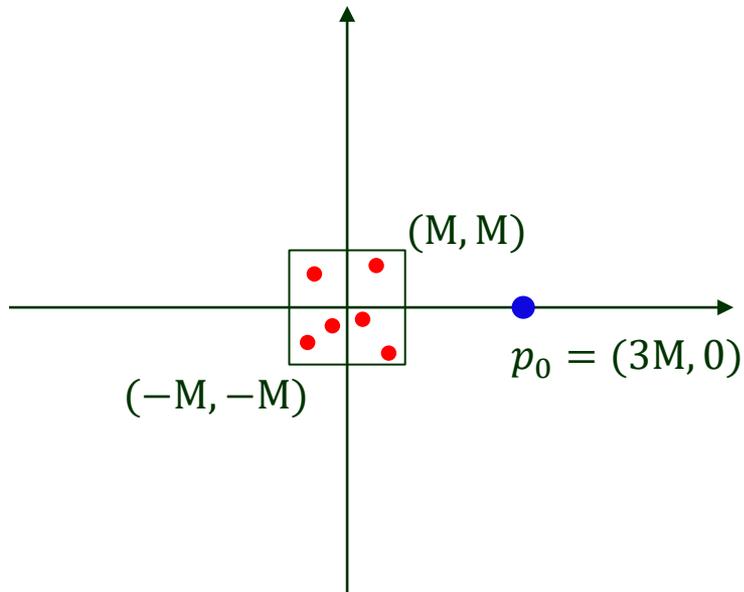


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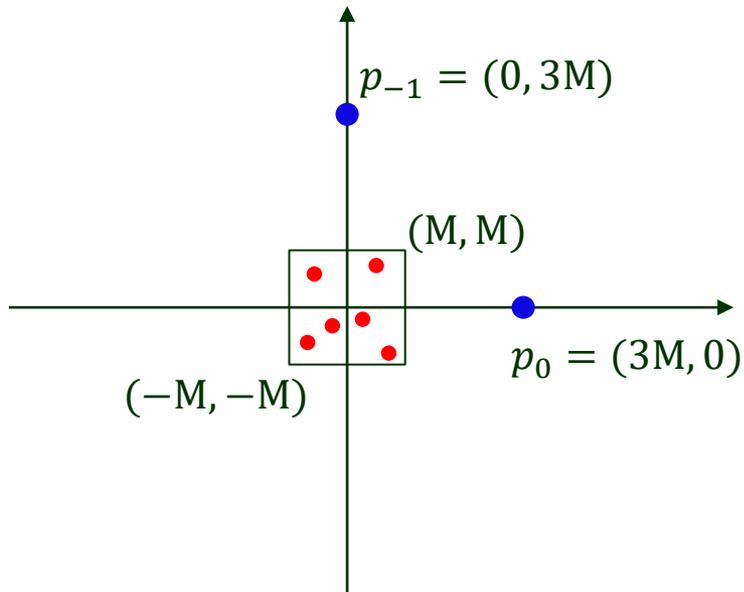
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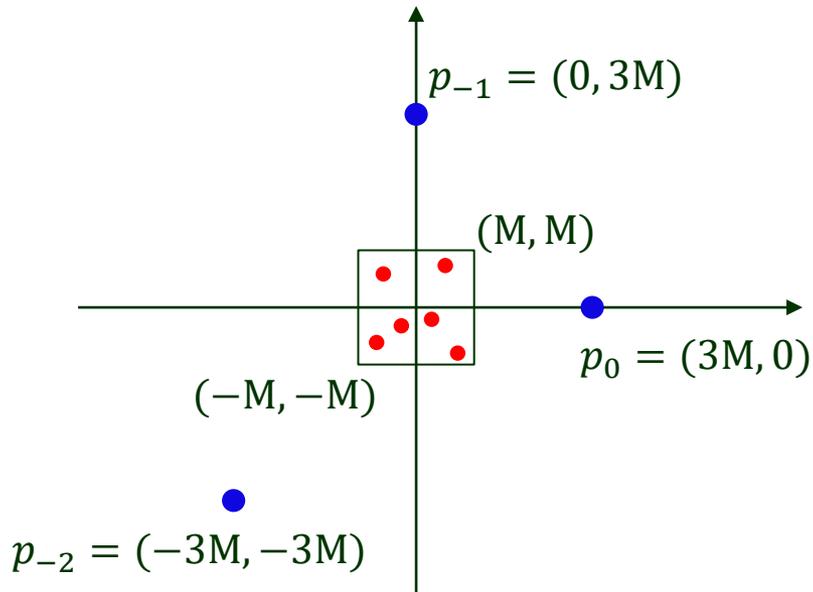
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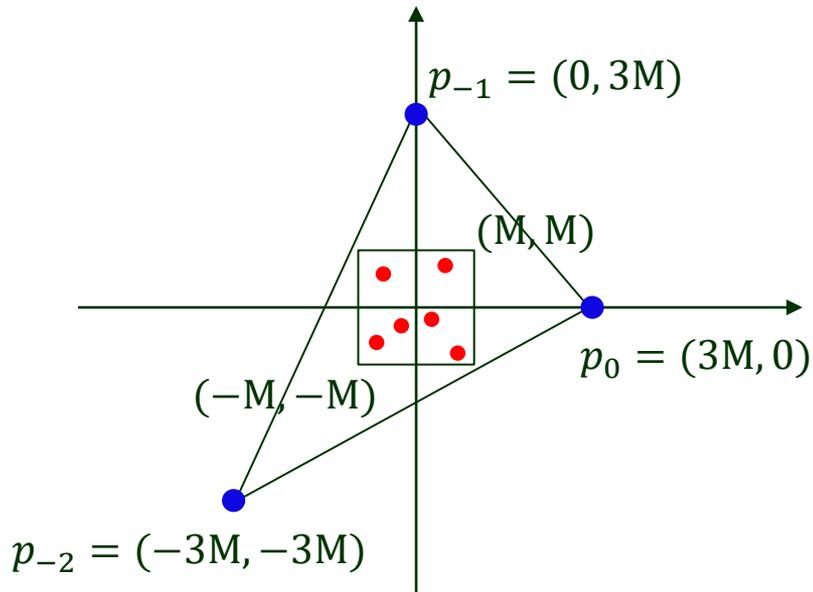
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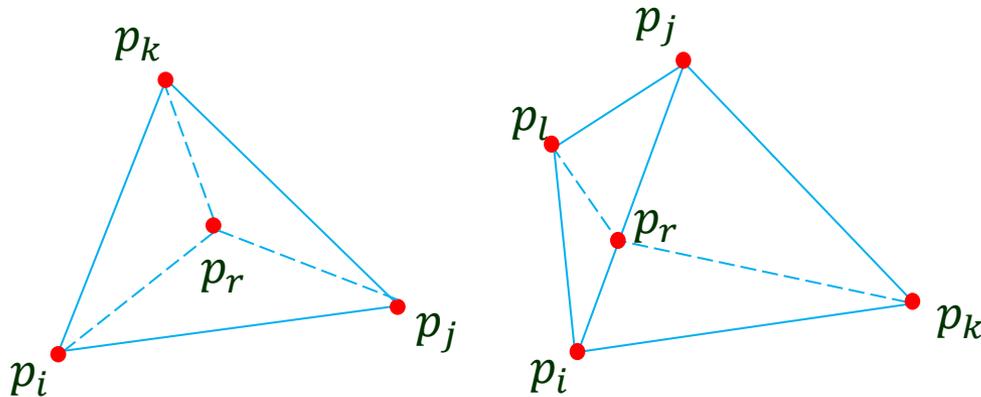
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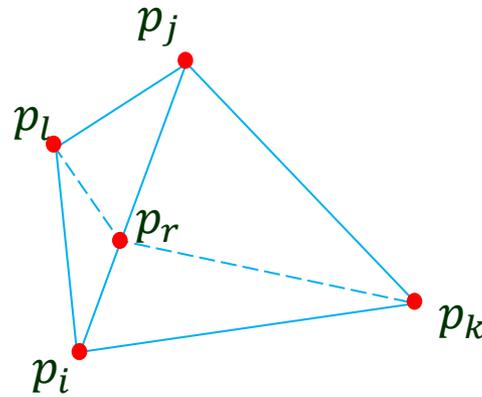
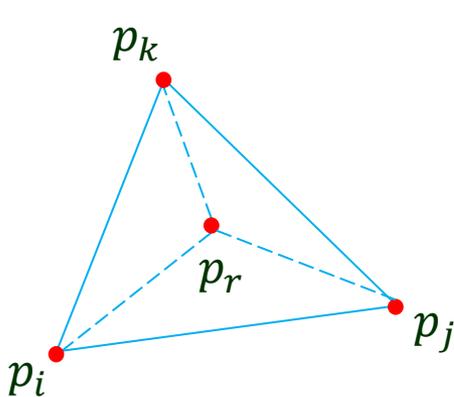
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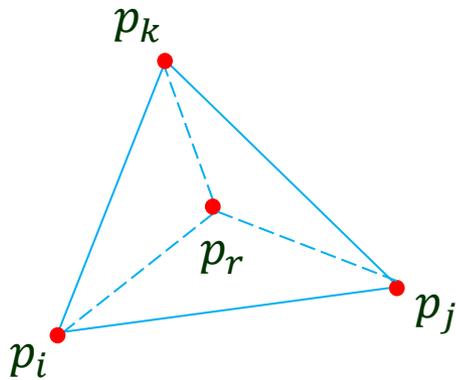
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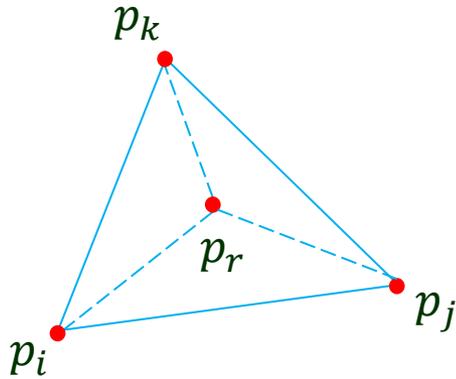


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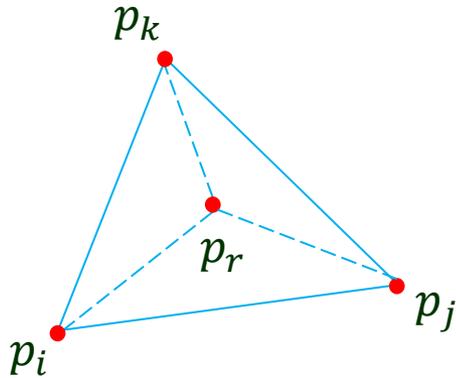
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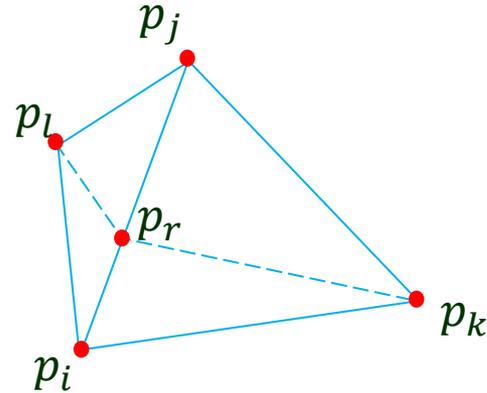
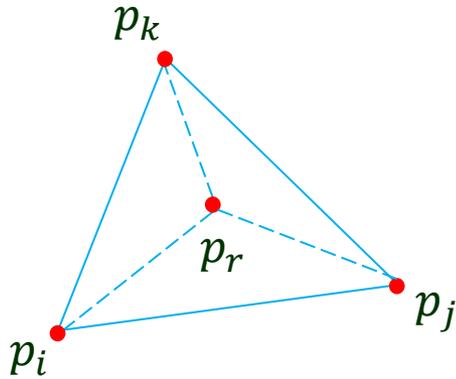
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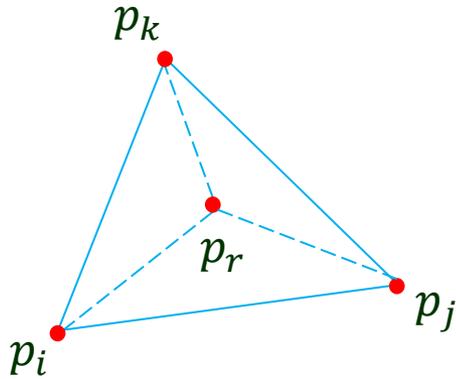
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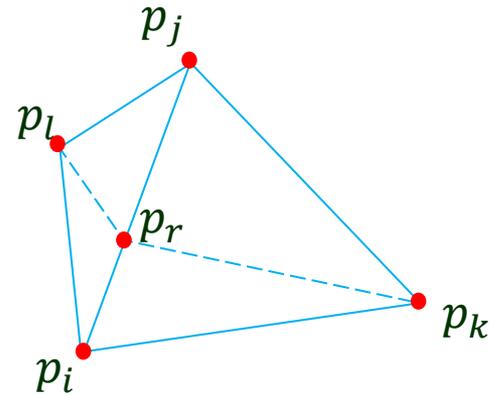
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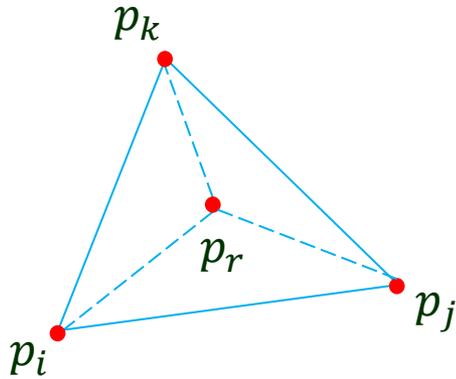
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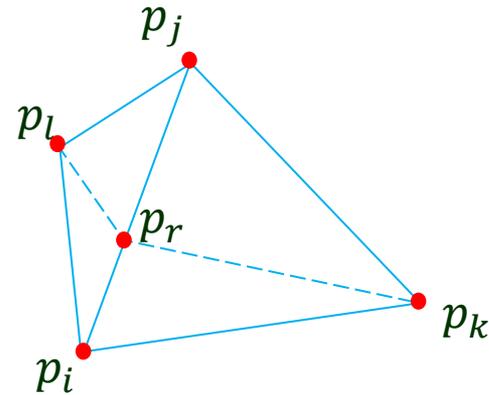
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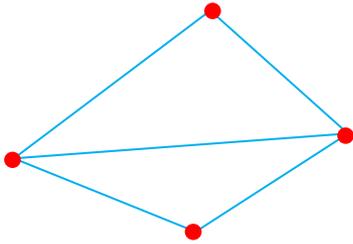
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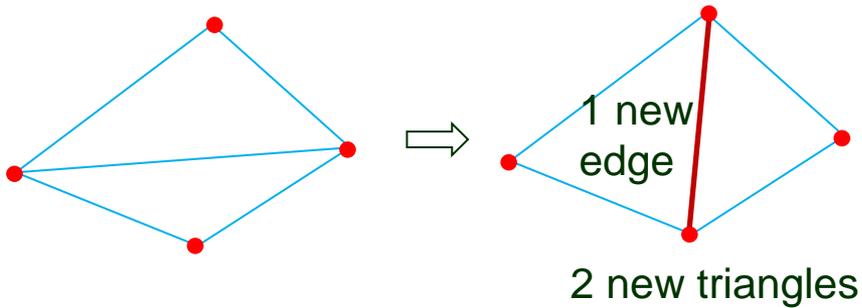


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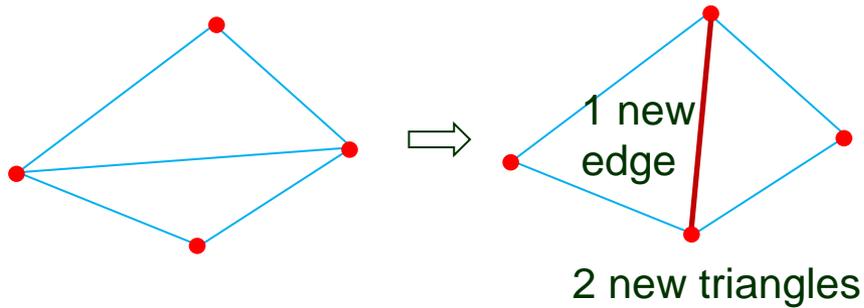


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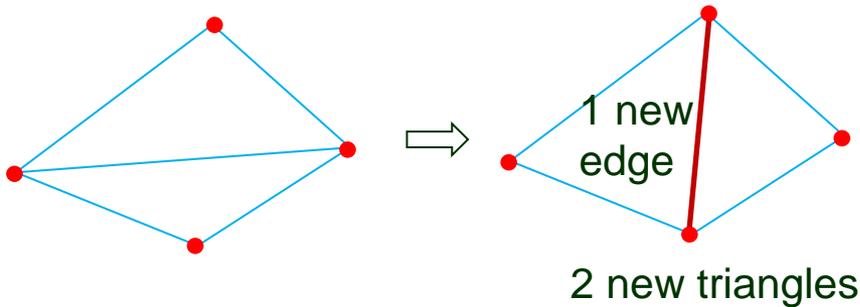
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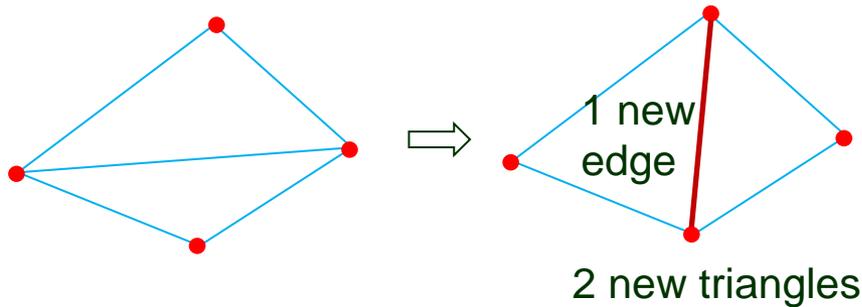
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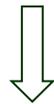
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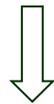
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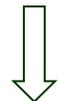
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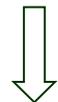
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Expected degree  $\leq 6$   
from previous slide

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 Include  $\Delta p_0 p_{-1} p_{-2}$

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