

Rectangle-of-influence triangulations

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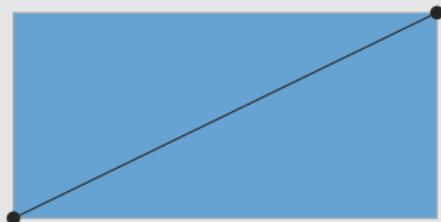
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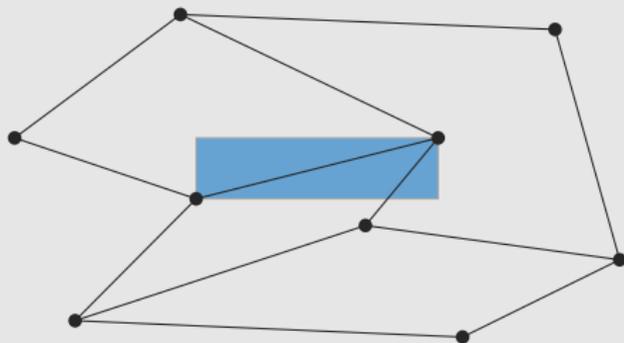
RI-Edges

- An edge is RI if its supporting rectangle (smallest axis-aligned bounding box) is empty of (other) points



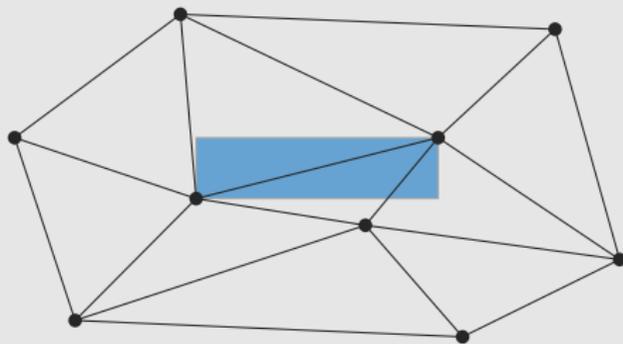
RI-Drawings

- Drawing of a graph where all edges are RI
- Well-studied in Graph Drawing community



RI-Triangulations

- All internal faces are triangles
- Maximal



RI-Problems

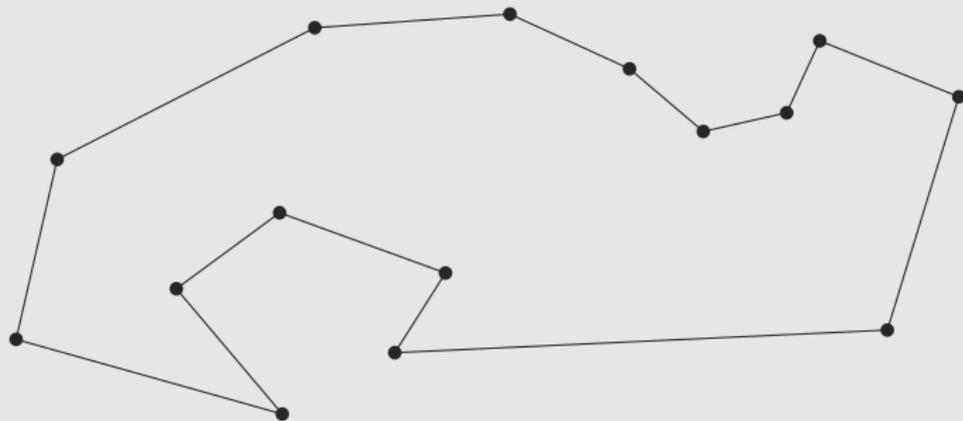
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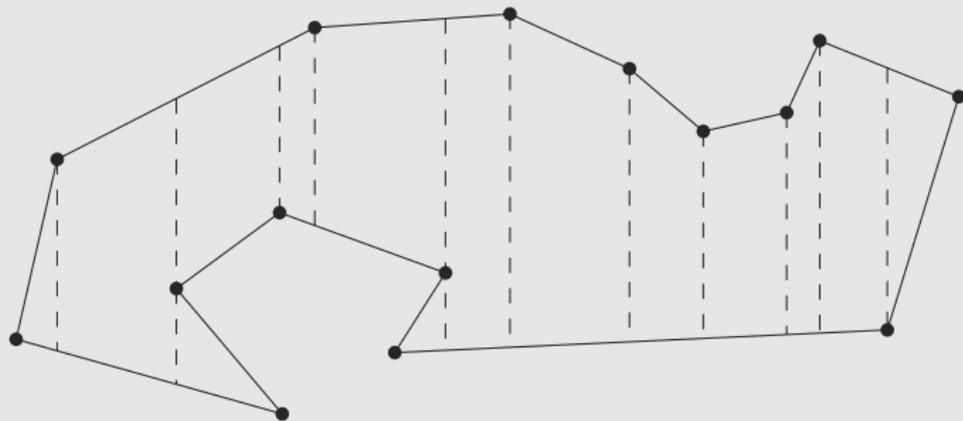
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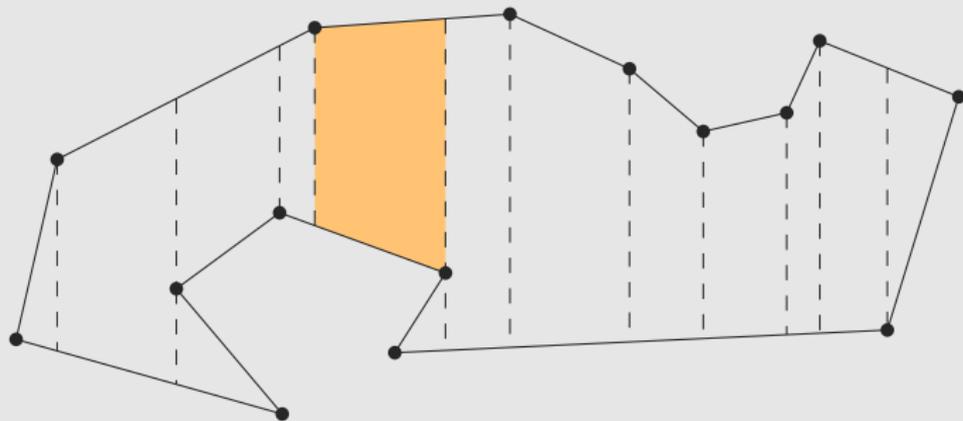
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- Compute trapezoidal decomposition



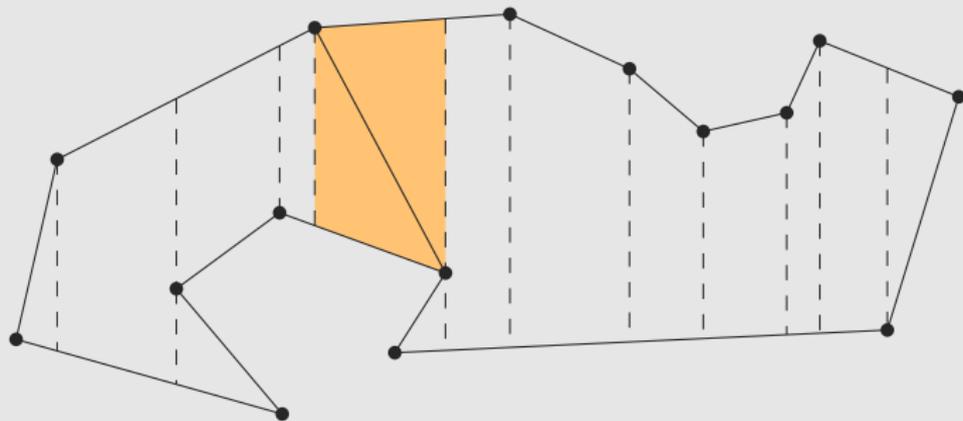
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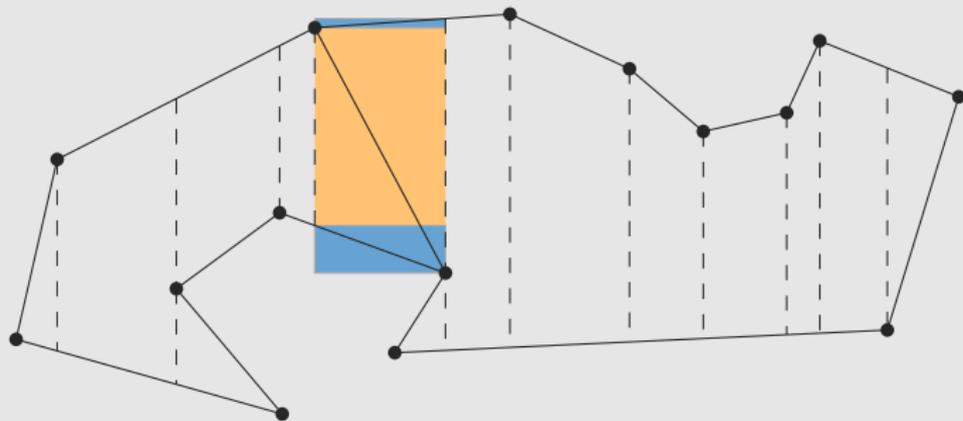
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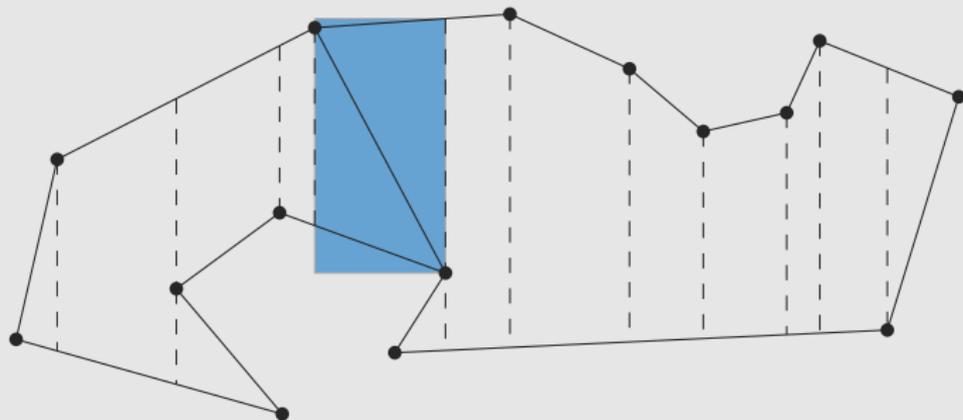
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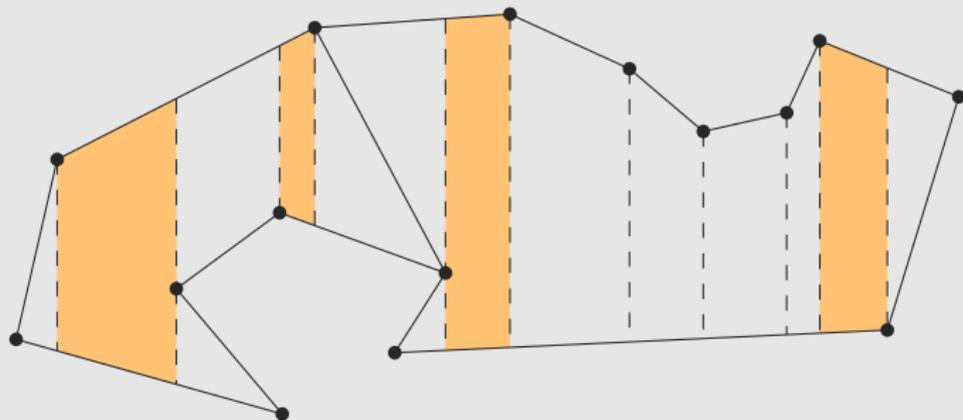
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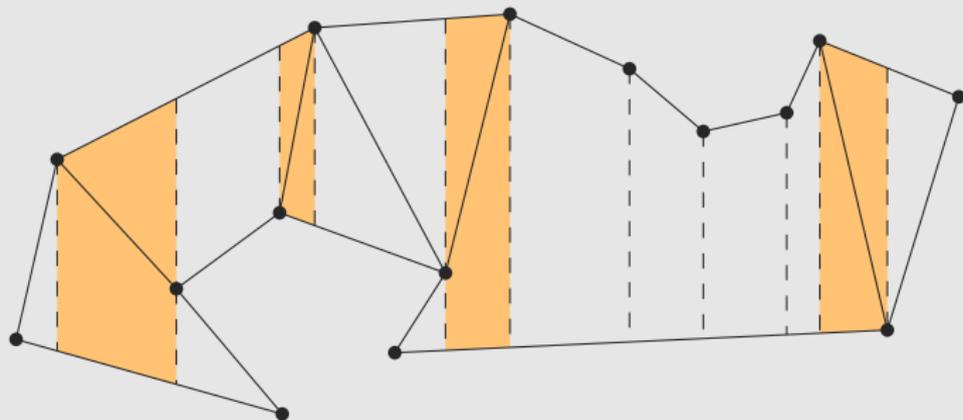
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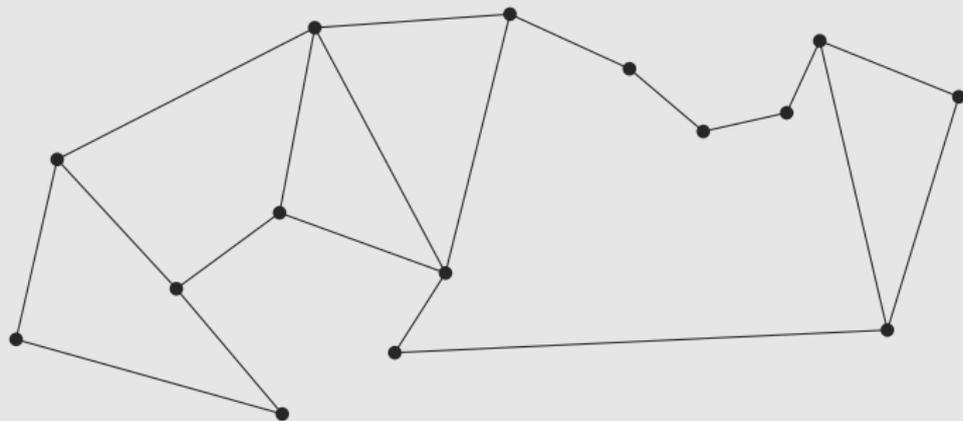
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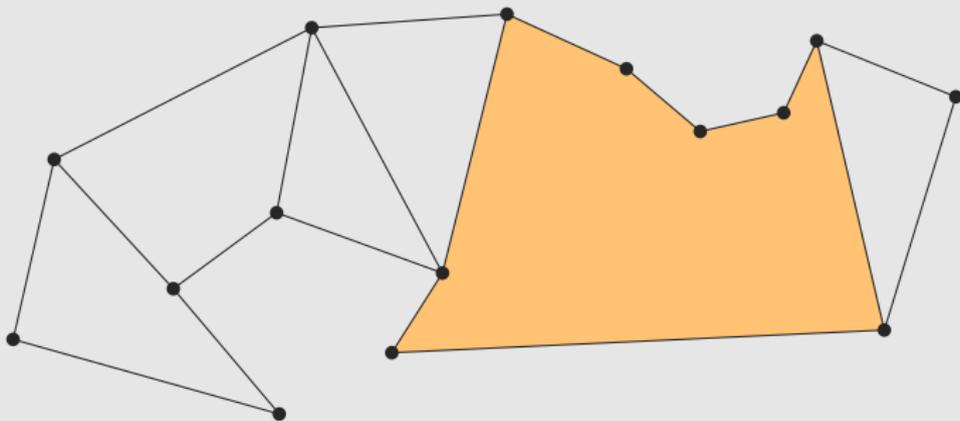
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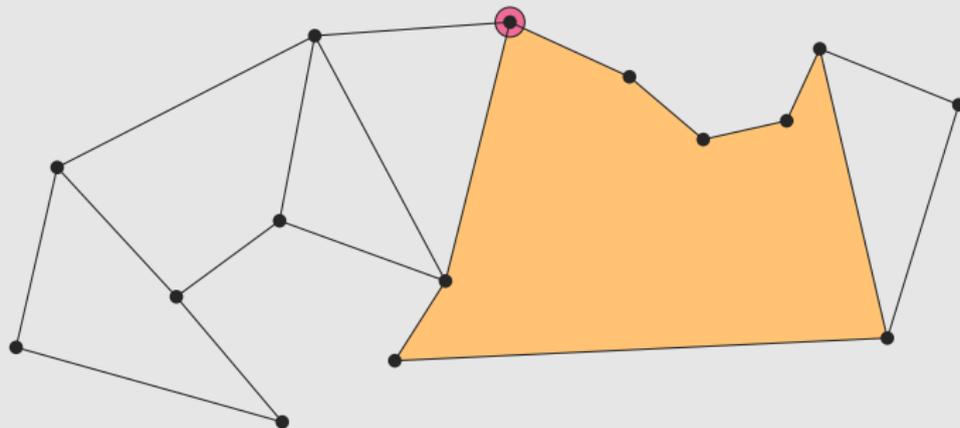
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- Remaining pieces are x -monotone and one-sided



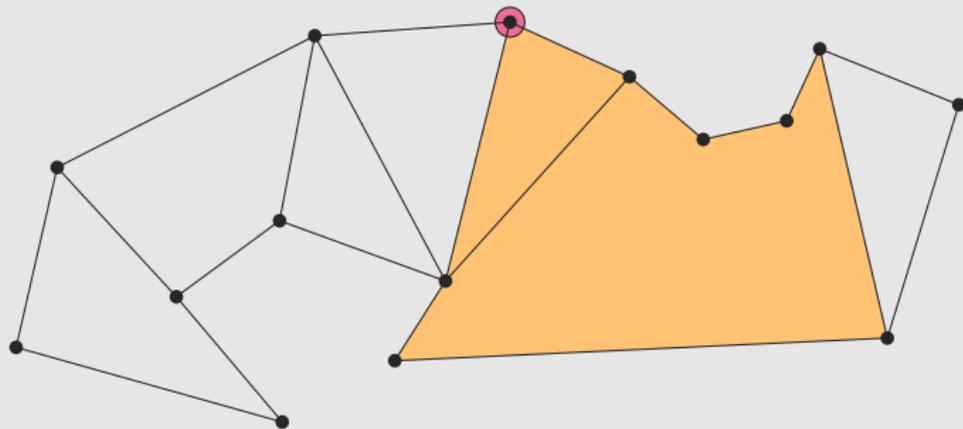
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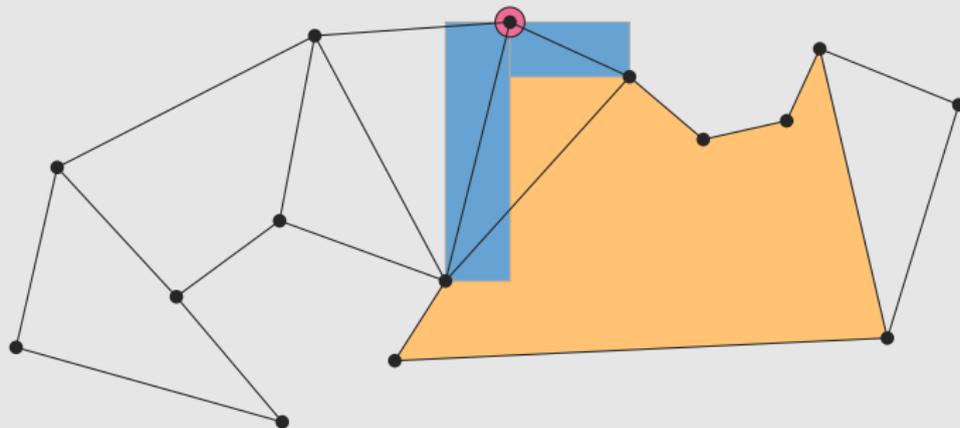
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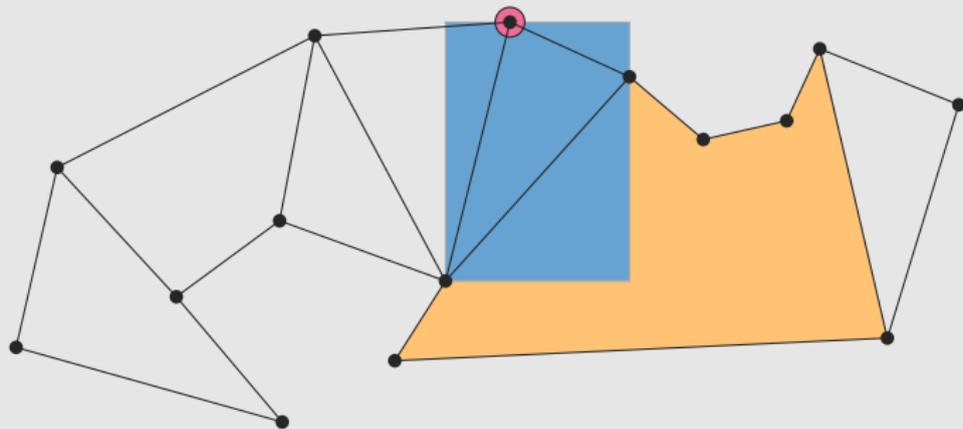
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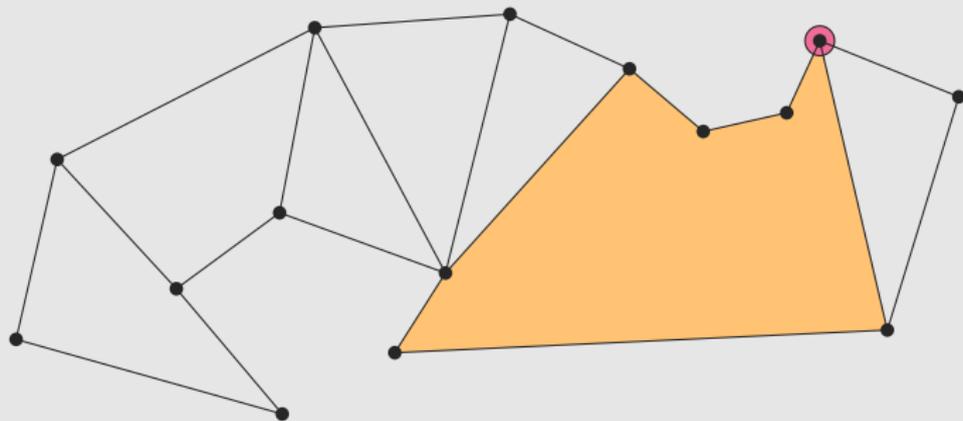
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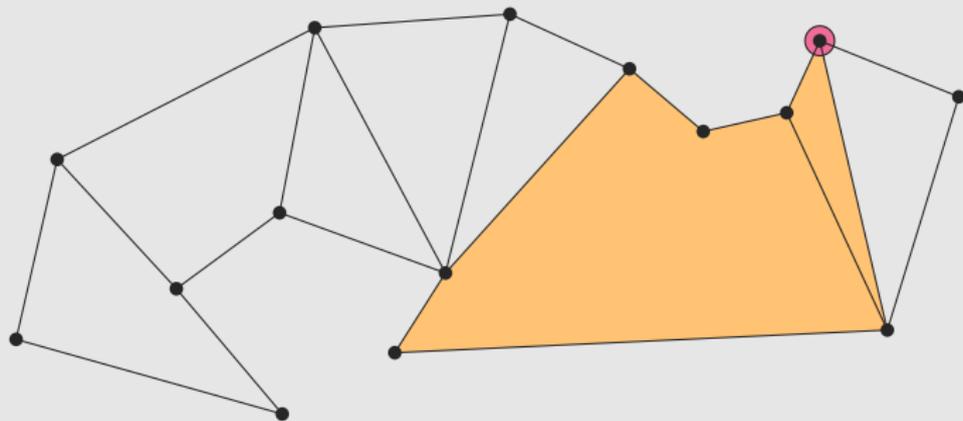
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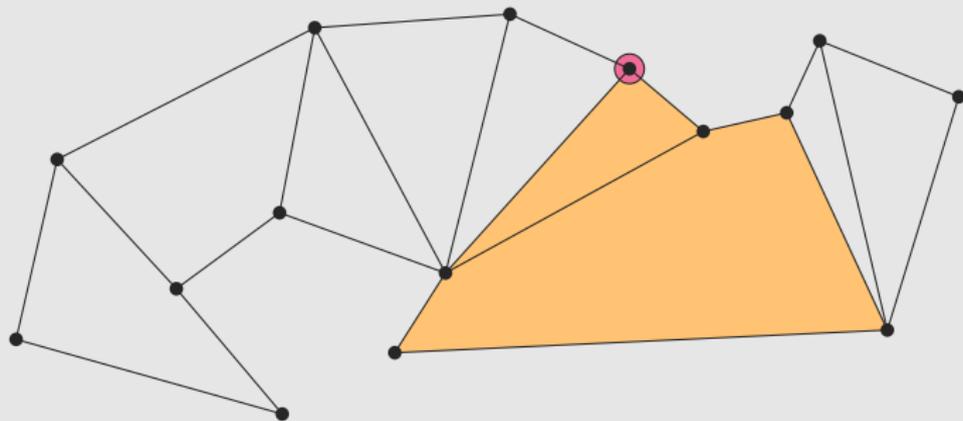
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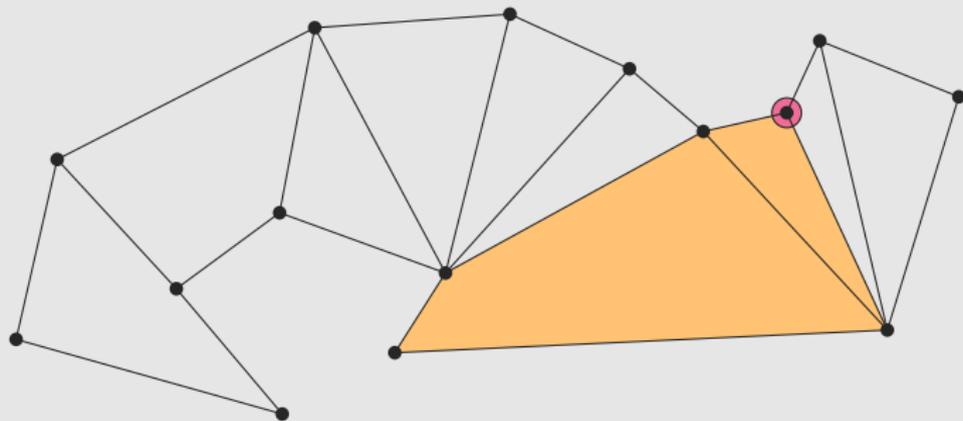
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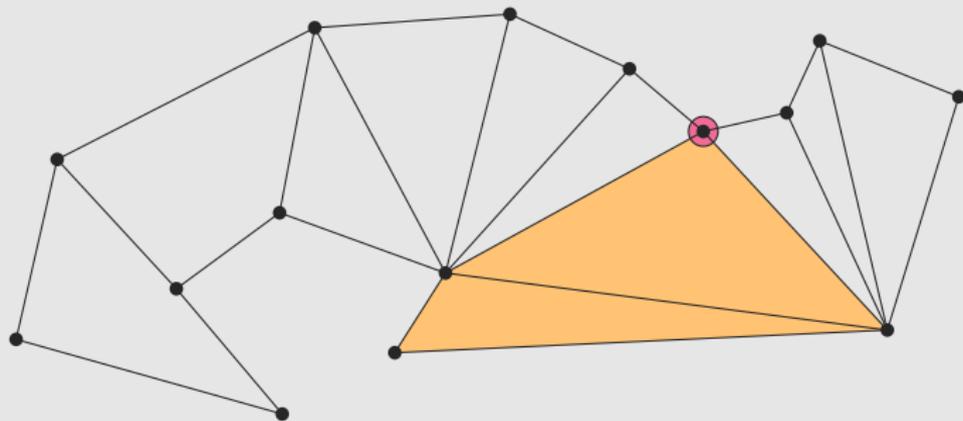
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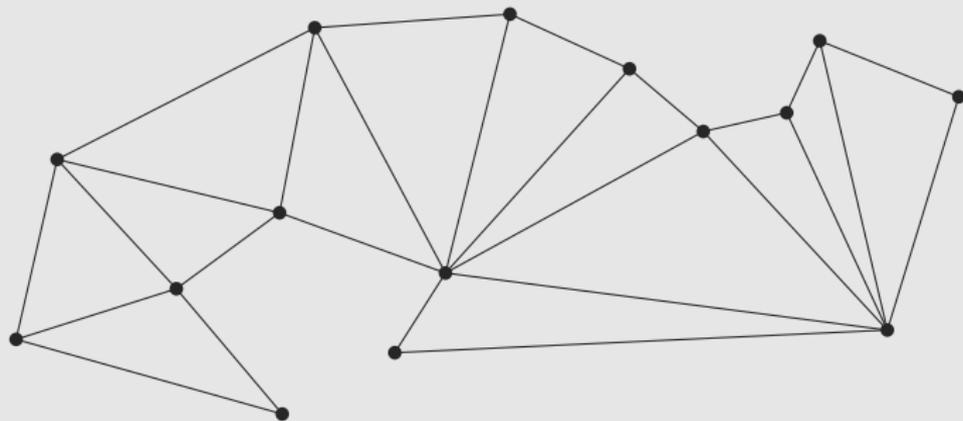
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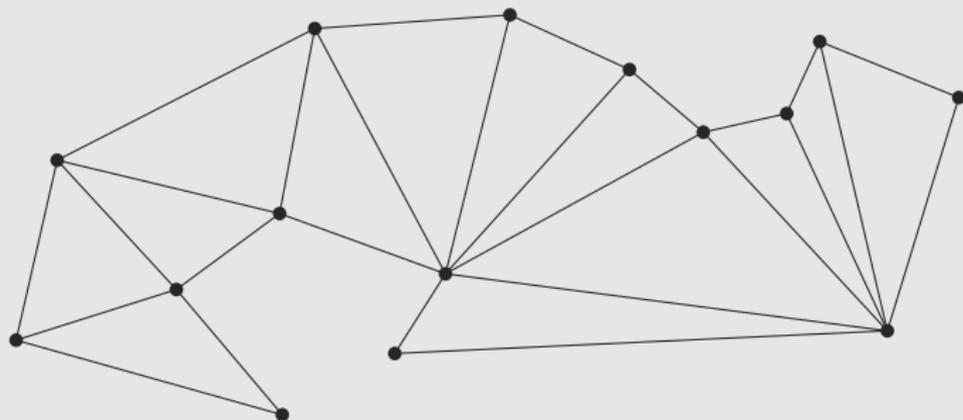
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RI-Polygons

Theorem

Every RI-polygon can be RI-triangulated in linear time.

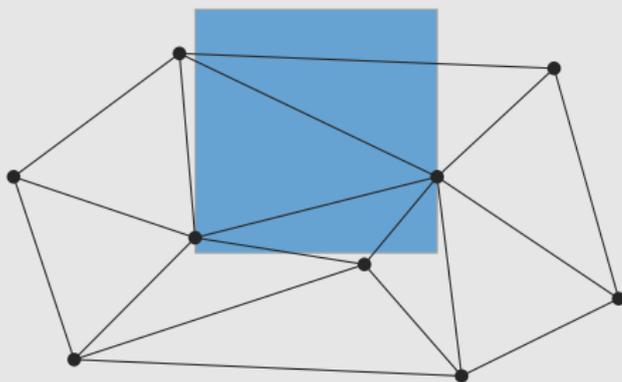
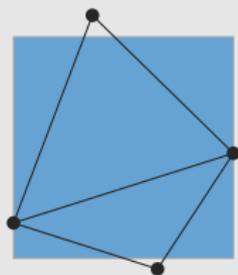


RI-Problems

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2. **RI-triangulating a point set**
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RI-Point Sets

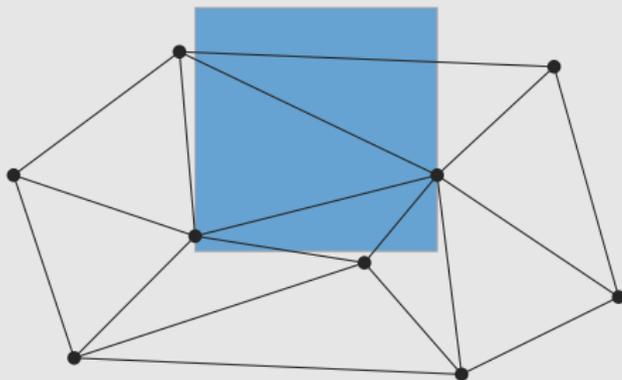
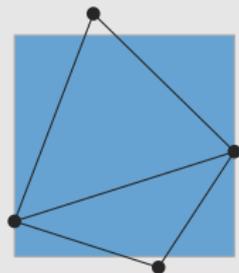
- The L_∞ -Delaunay triangulation is RI



RI-Point Sets

Theorem

Any point set can be RI-triangulated in $O(n \log n)$ time.

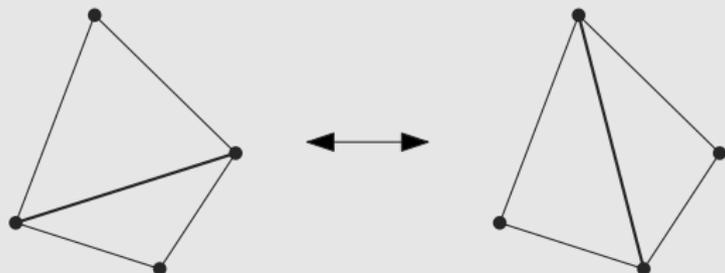


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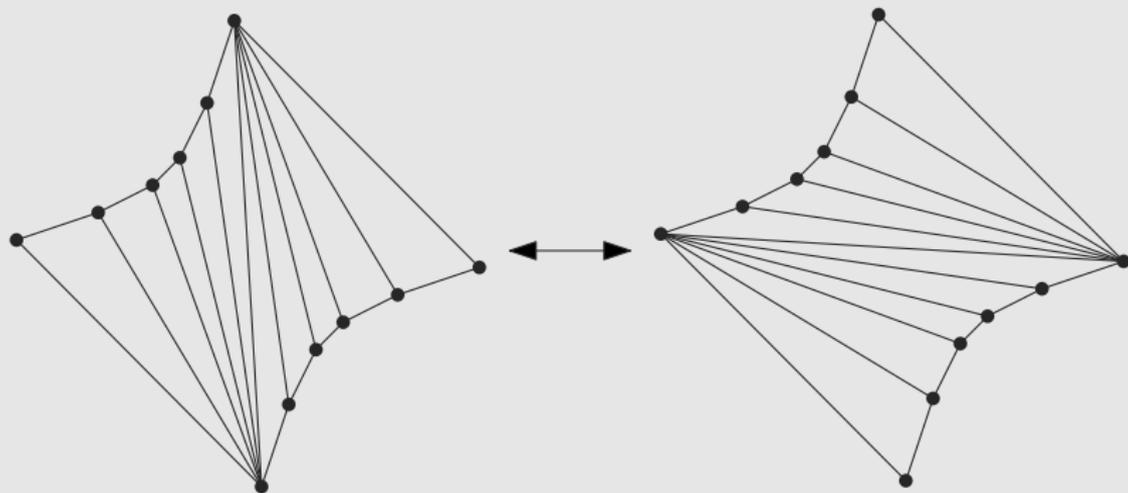
RI-Flips

- Exchange one diagonal of a convex quad for the other



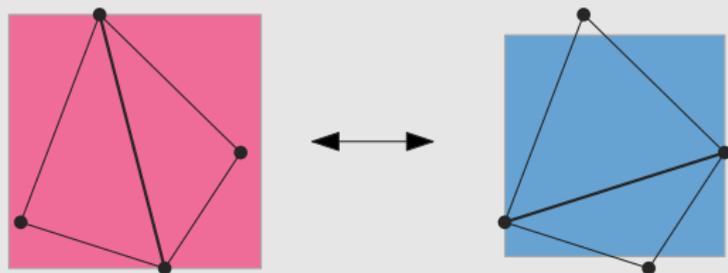
RI-Flips

- Is the class of RI-triangulations closed under flips?
- Diameter is $\Omega(n^2)$



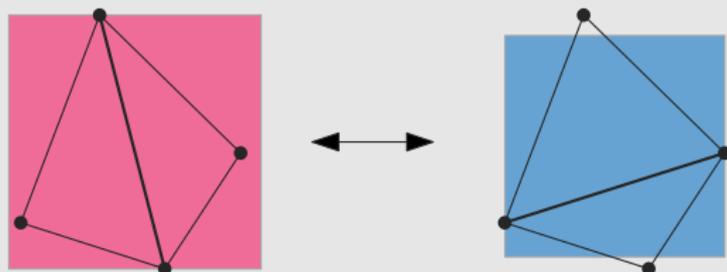
RI-Flips

- Transform into the L_∞ -Delaunay triangulation
- An edge is locally L_∞ if its is L_∞ w.r.t. its neighbouring triangles
- If all edges are locally L_∞ , we are in the L_∞ -Delaunay triangulation



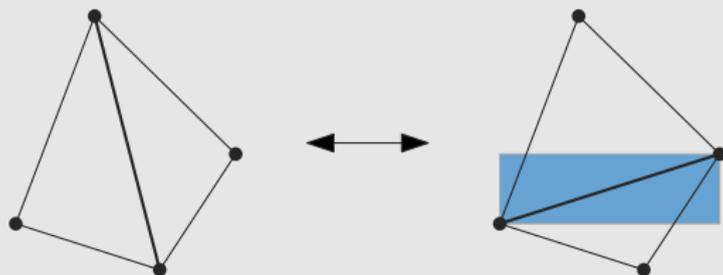
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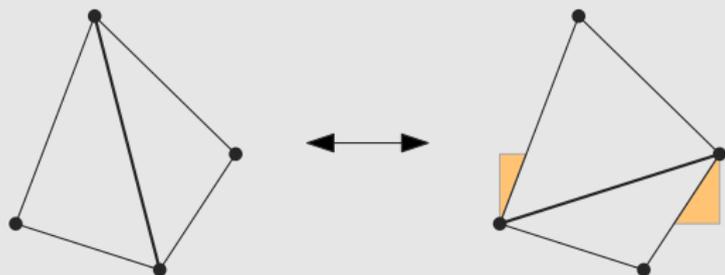
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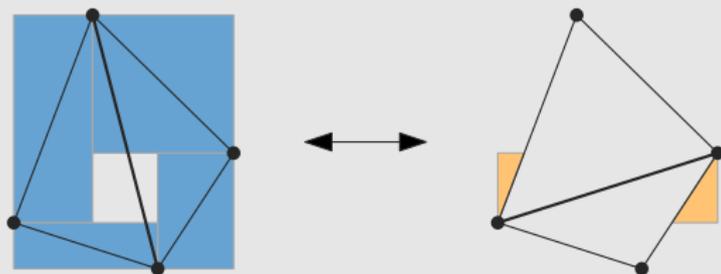
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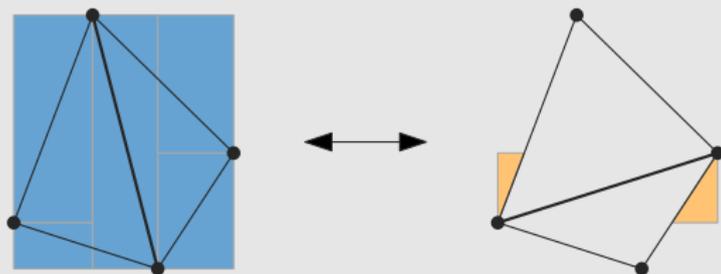
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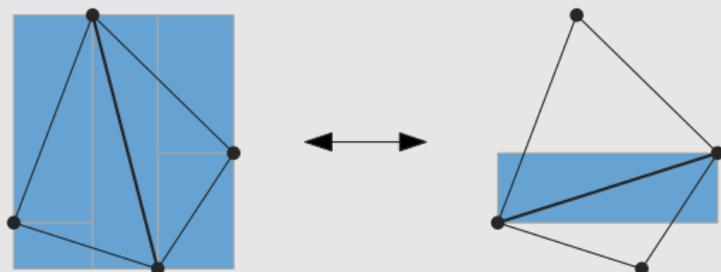
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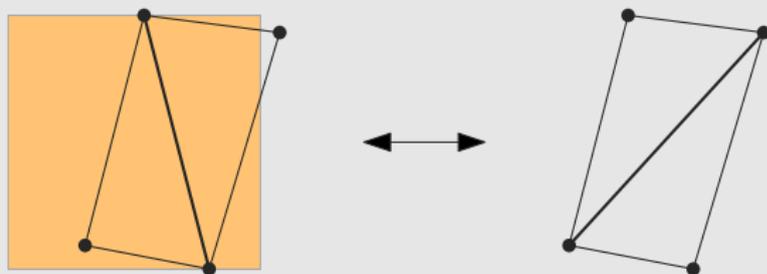
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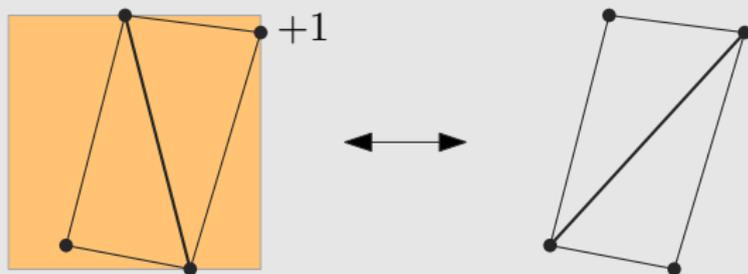
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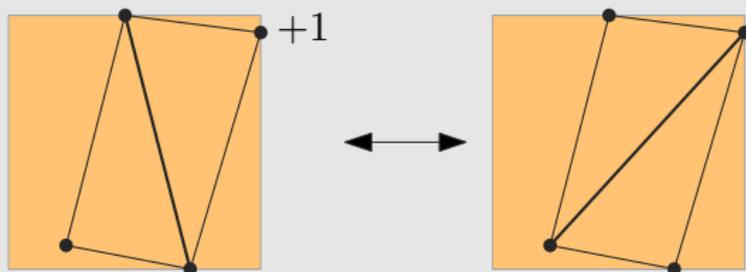
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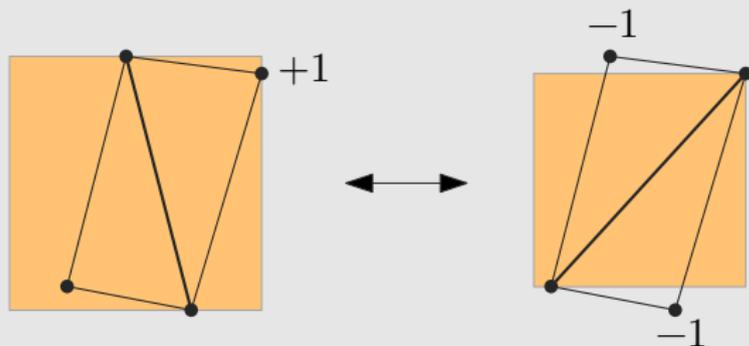
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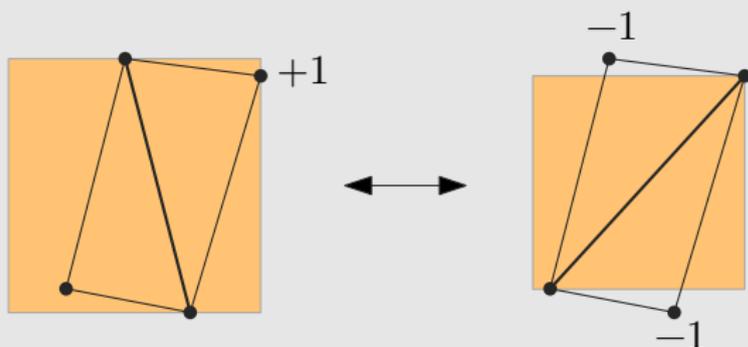
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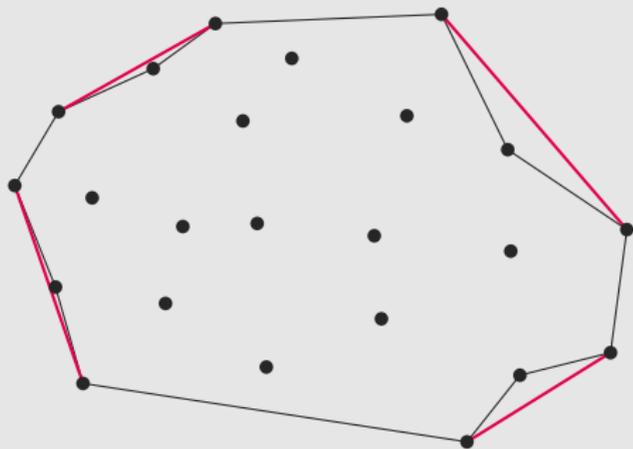


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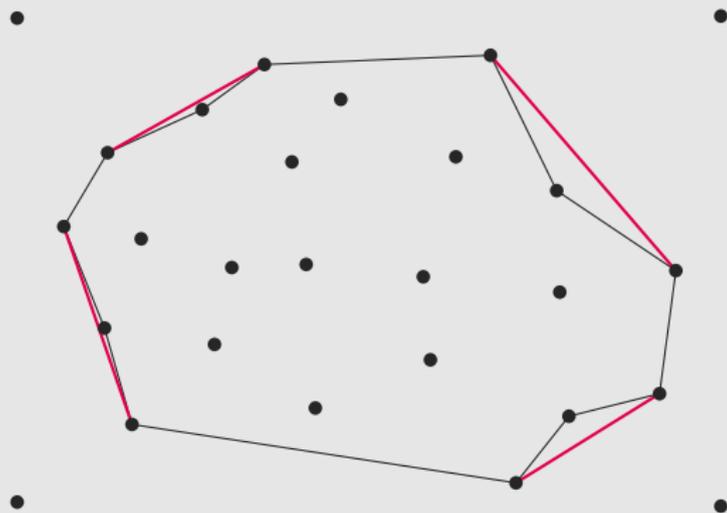
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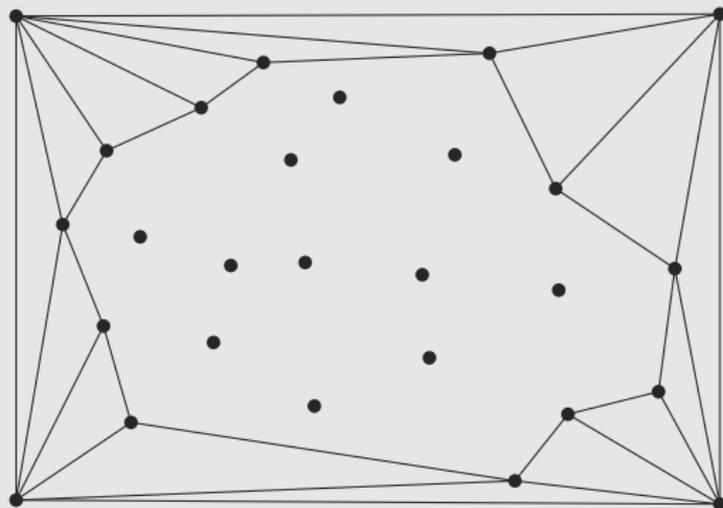
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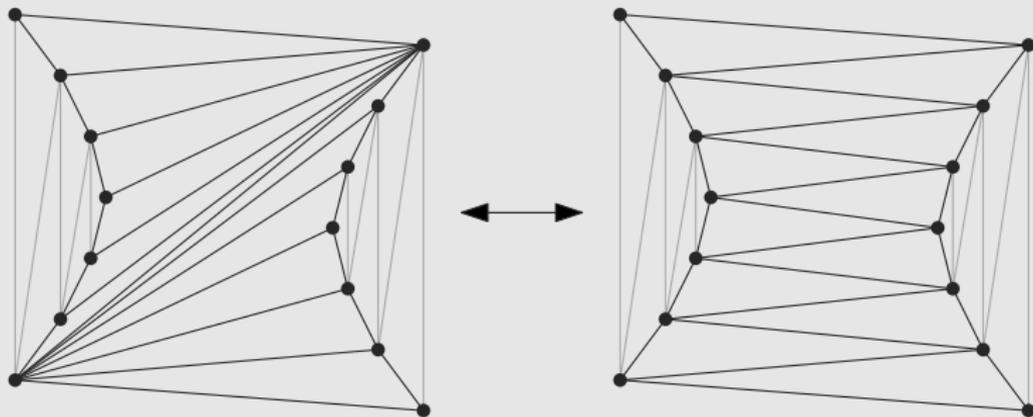
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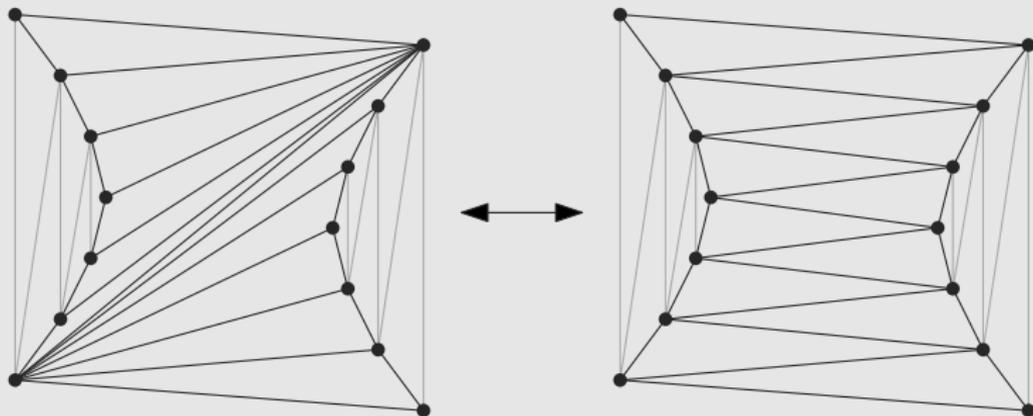
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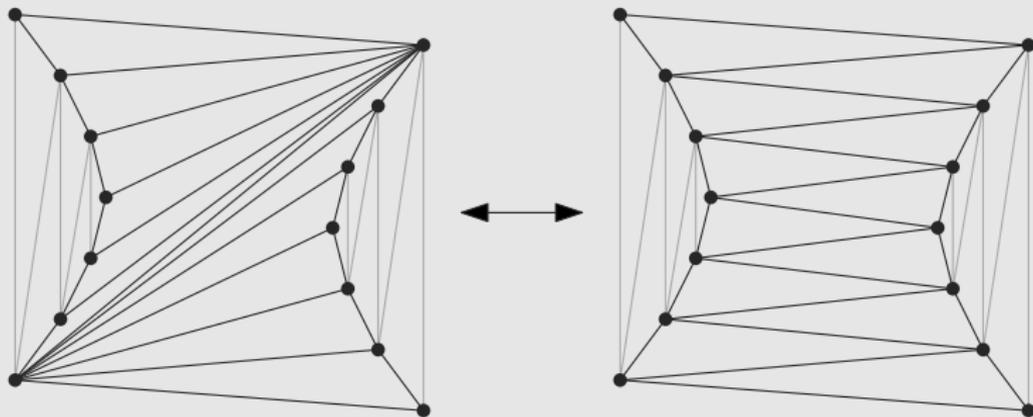
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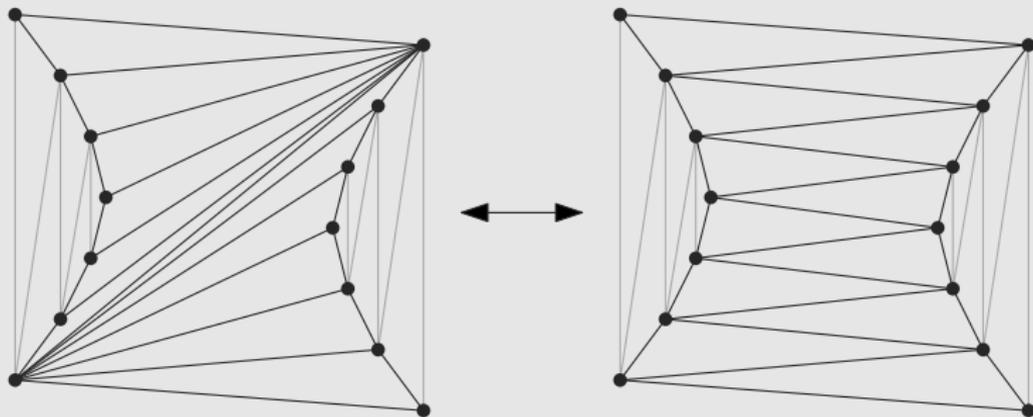
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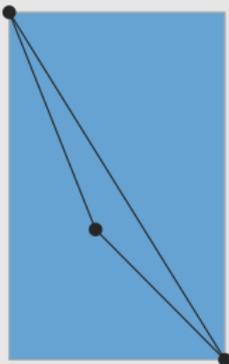
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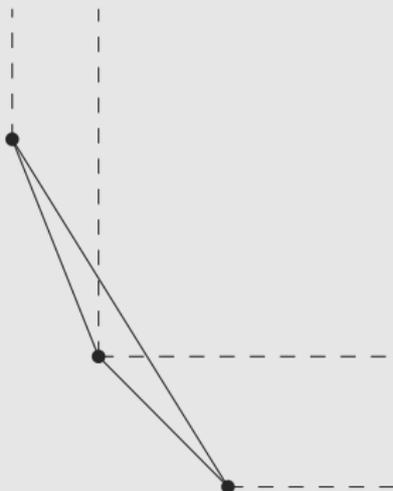
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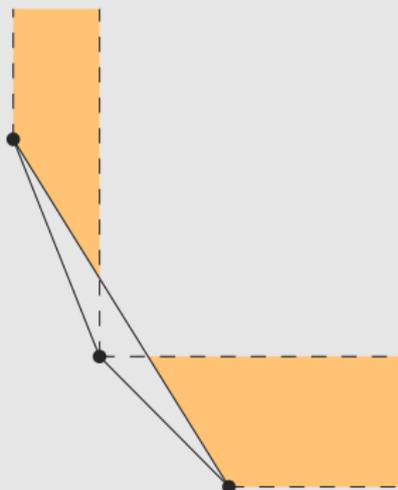
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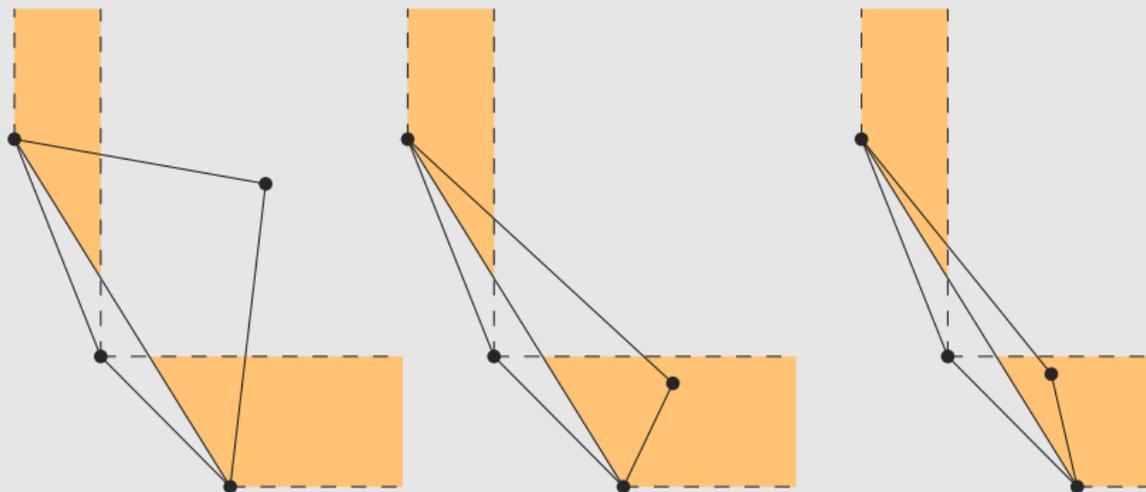
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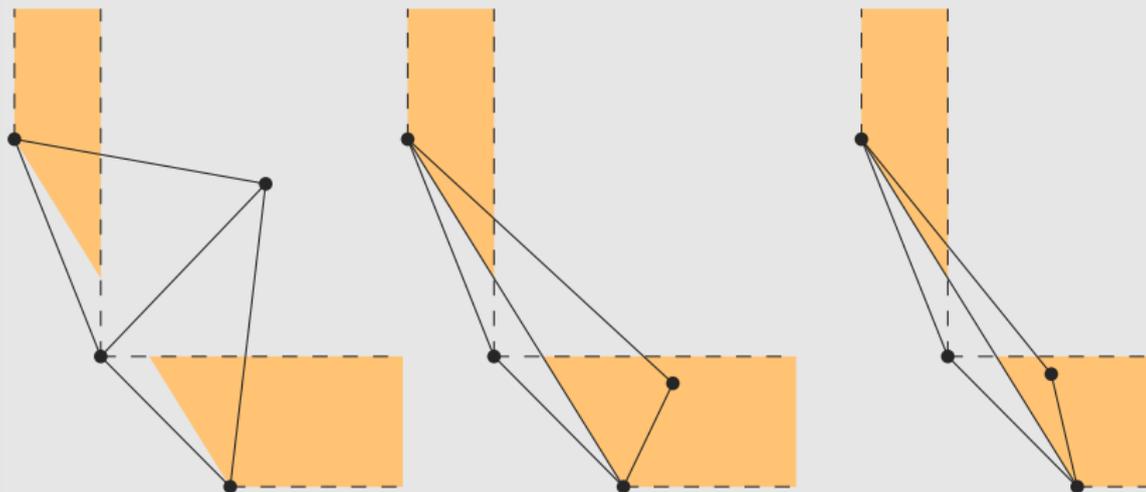
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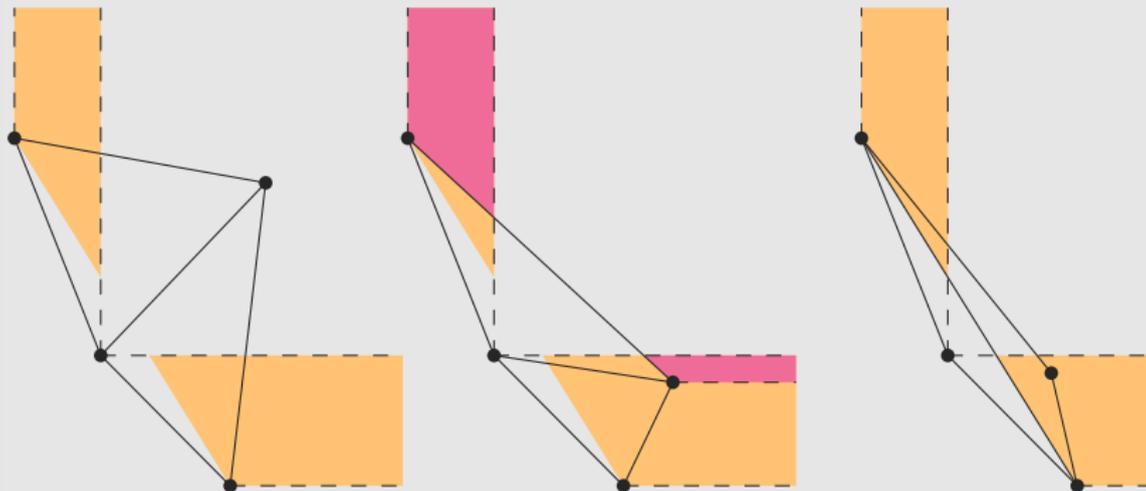
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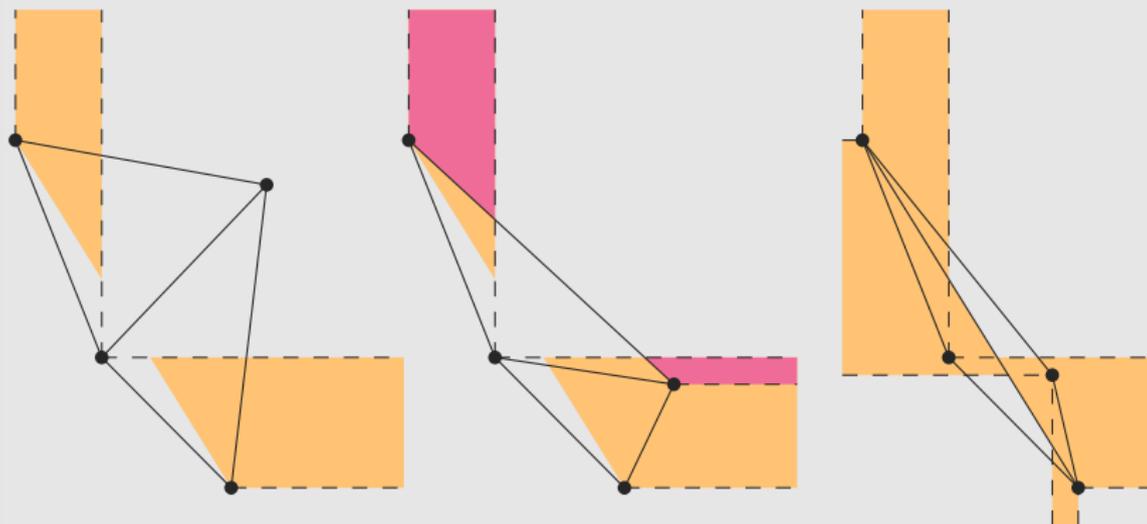
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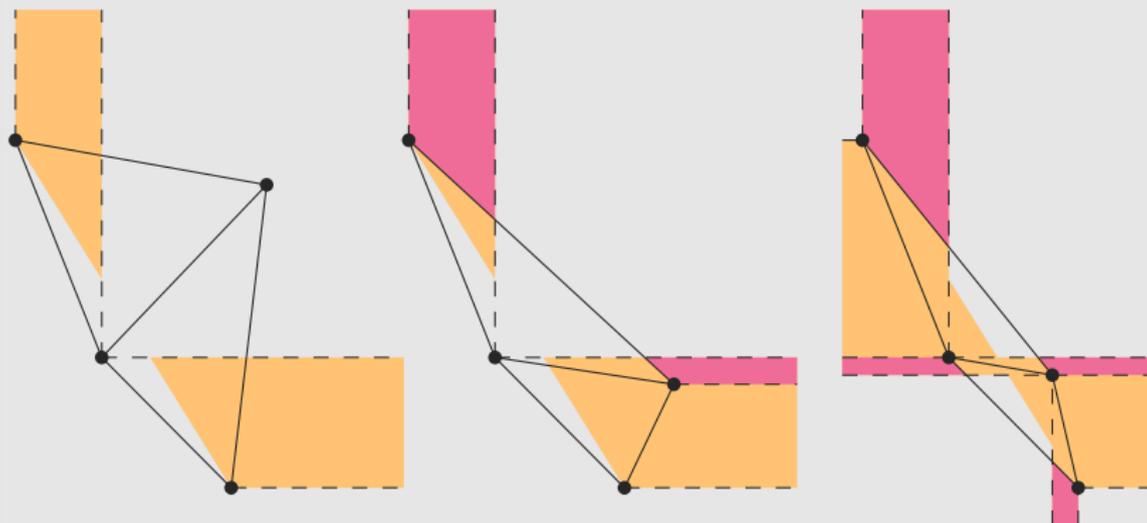
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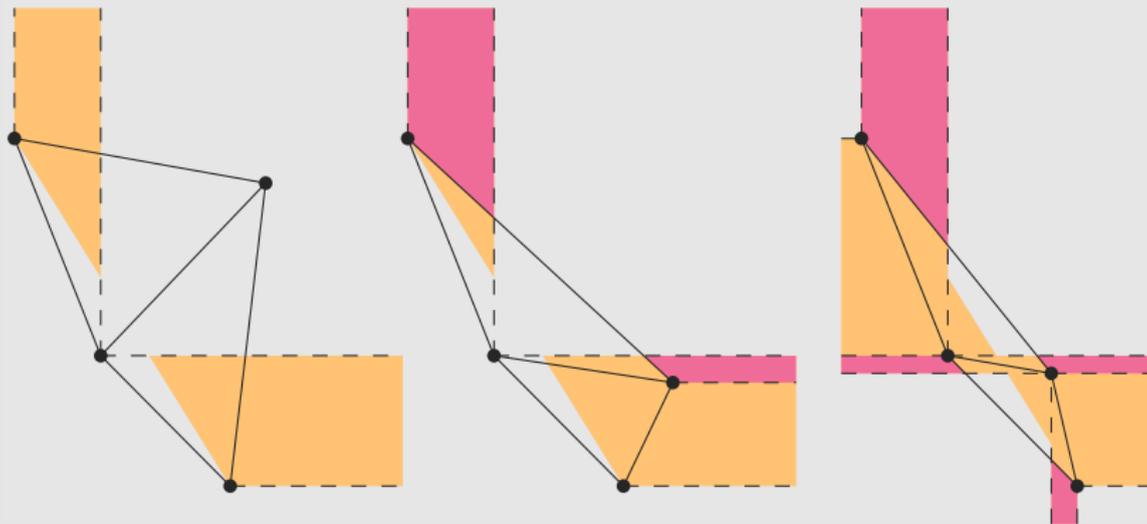
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RI-Flips

Theorem

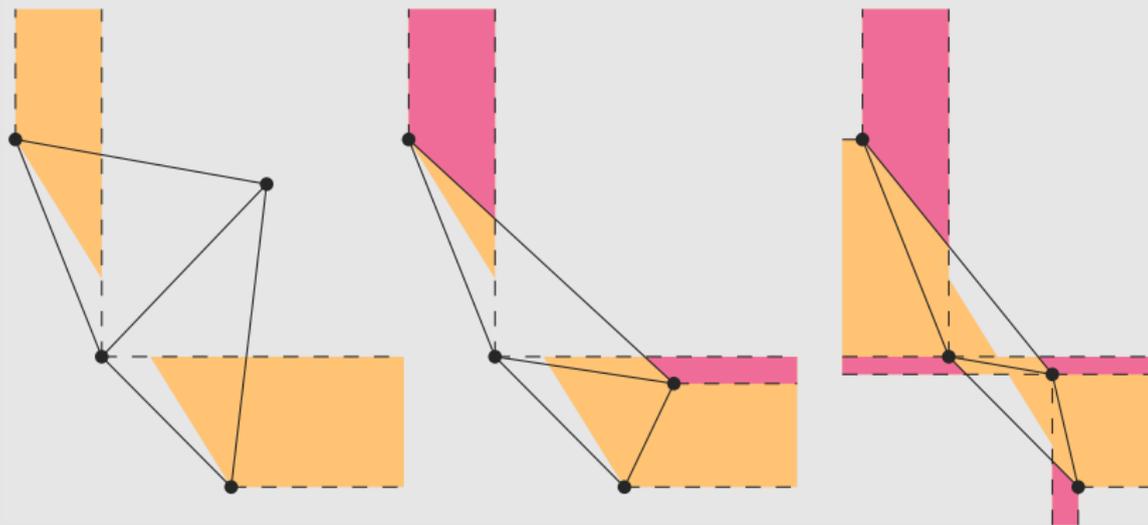
Any augmented triangulation can be converted into an RI-triangulation with $O(n^2)$ flips.



RI-Flips

Theorem

Any maximal triangulation can be converted into an RI-triangulation with $O(n^2)$ flips and $O(n)$ edge deletions.



RI-Problems

1. RI-triangulating a polygon ✓
2. RI-triangulating a point set ✓
3. Flipping one RI-triangulation to another ✓
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RI-Summary

- Any polygon or point set can be RI-triangulated
- Any two RI-triangulations can be transformed into each other with $\Theta(n^2)$ flips
- Any triangulation can be transformed monotonically into an RI-triangulation with $\Theta(n^2)$ flips

