

# Colored Point-set Embeddings of Acyclic Graphs

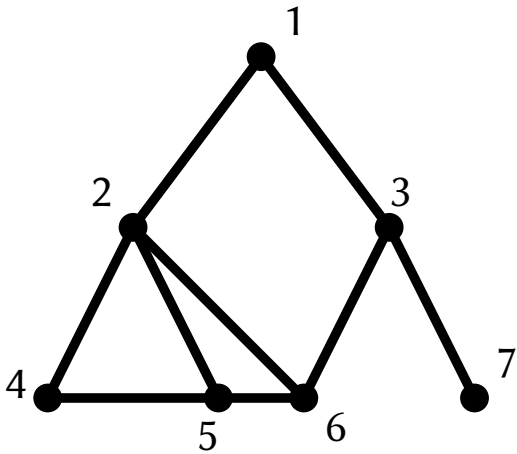
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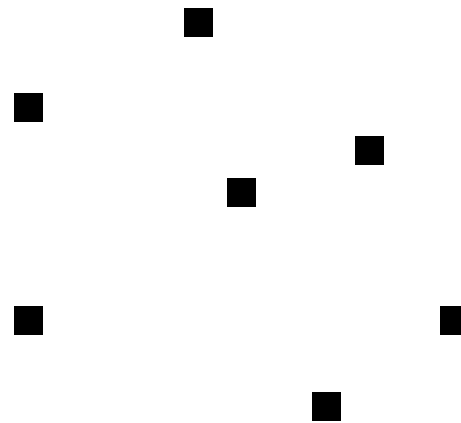
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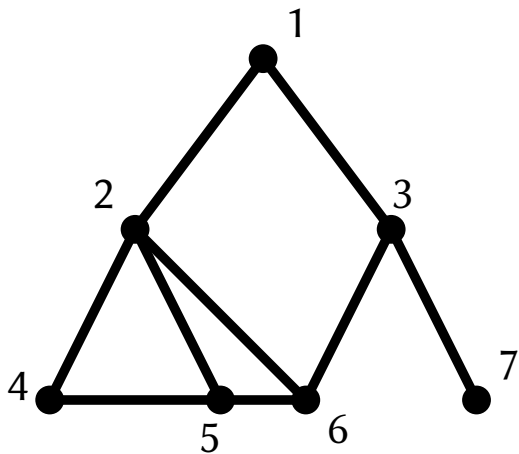
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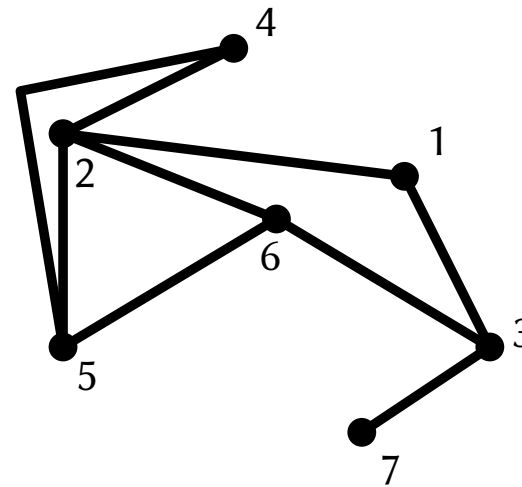
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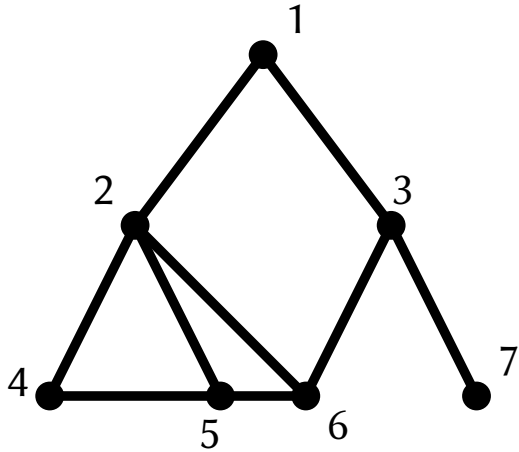
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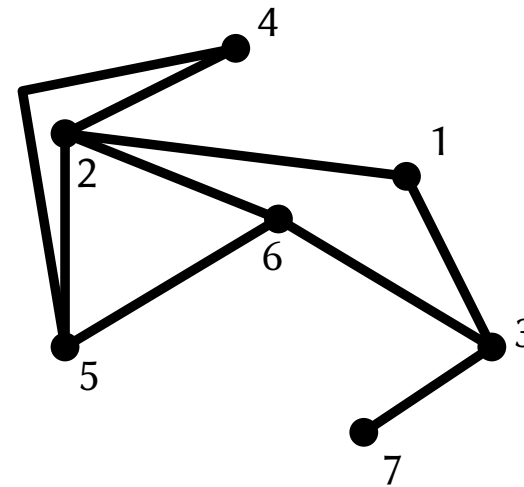
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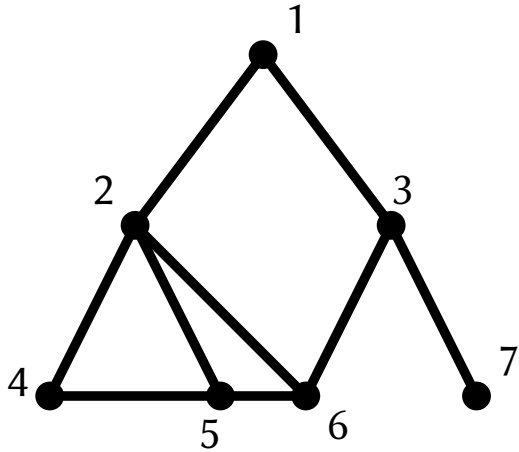
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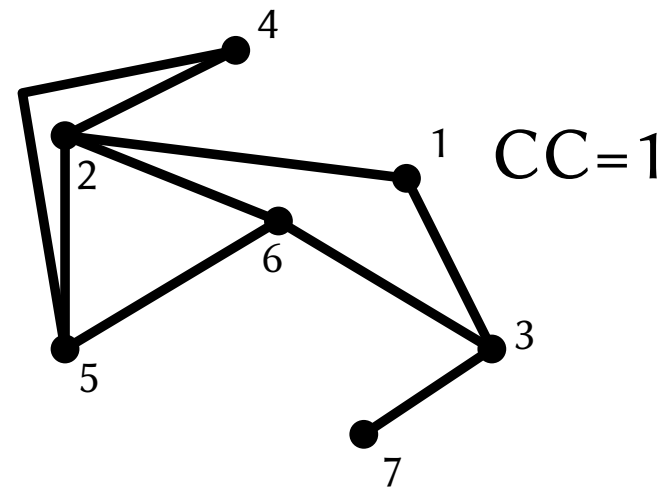
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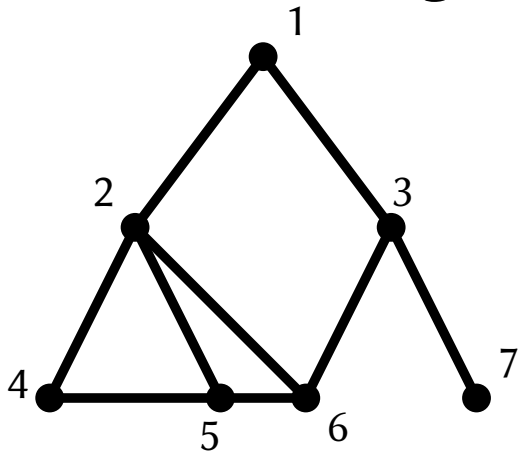
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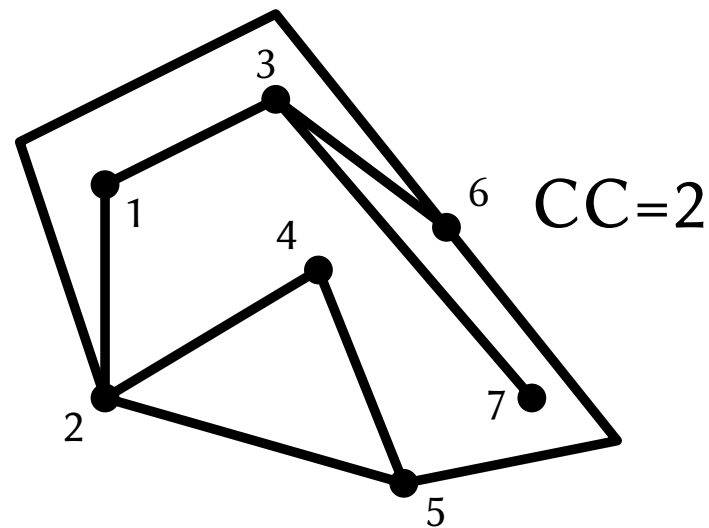
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# Colored PSE

In a *colored PSE* vertices and points are colored; a vertex can *only* be represented by a point of its color

Colors are used to describe the mapping between vertices and points. In particular:

- 1 color  $\equiv$  No mapping
- $n$  colors  $\equiv$  Complete mapping
- $1 < k < n \equiv$  Partial mapping

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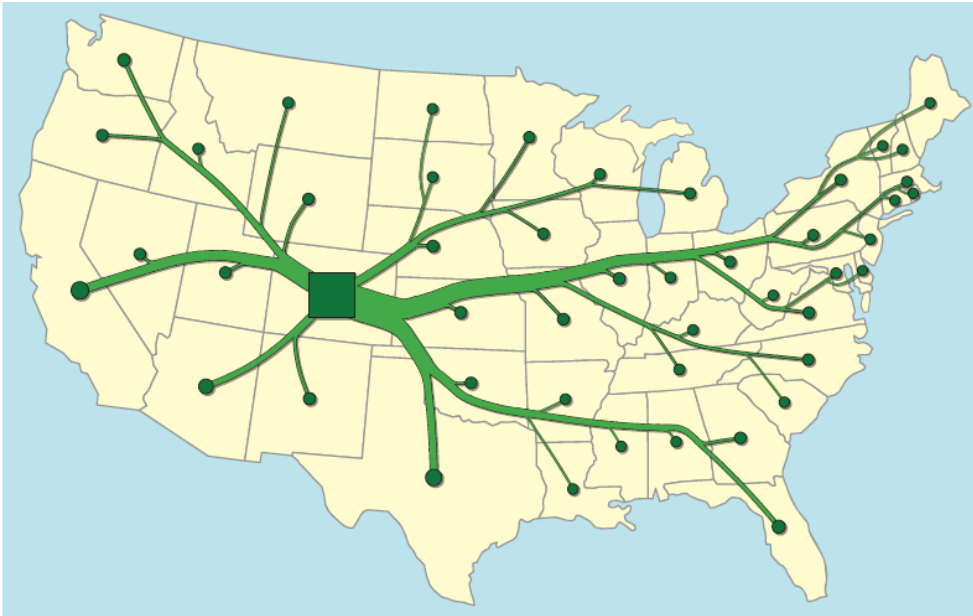
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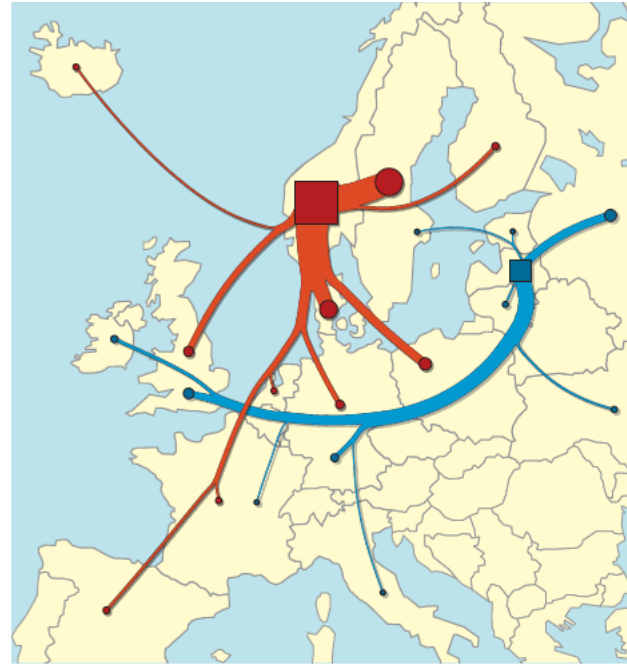
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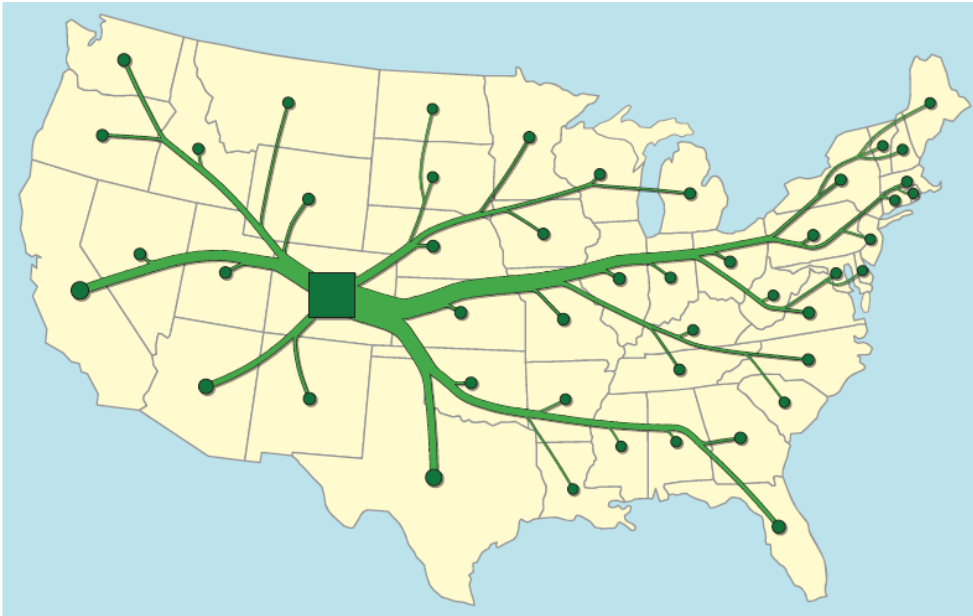


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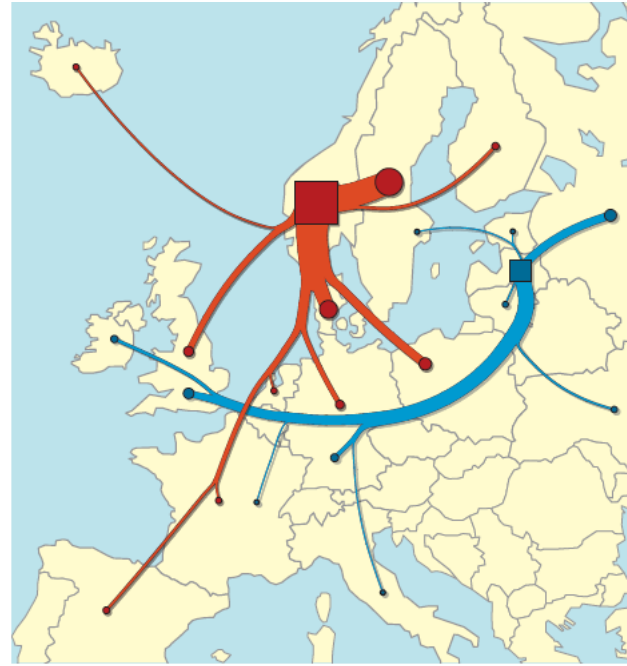


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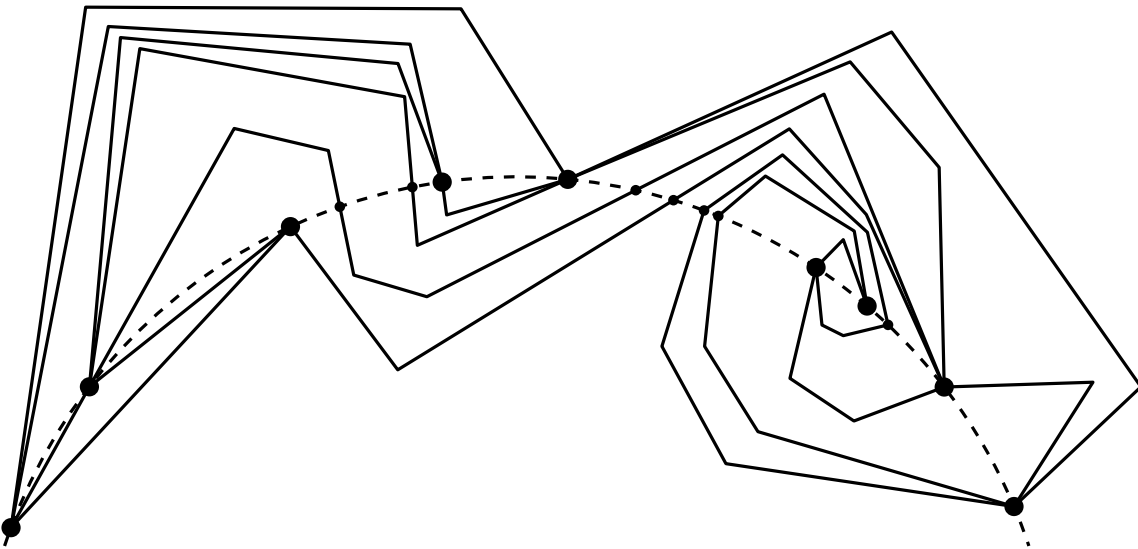
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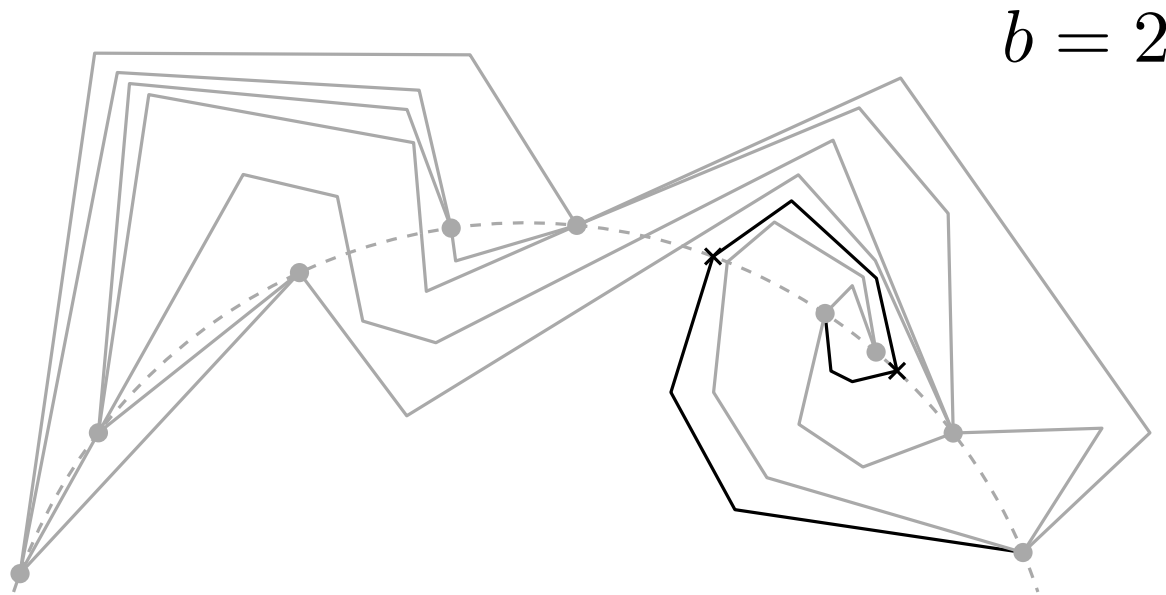
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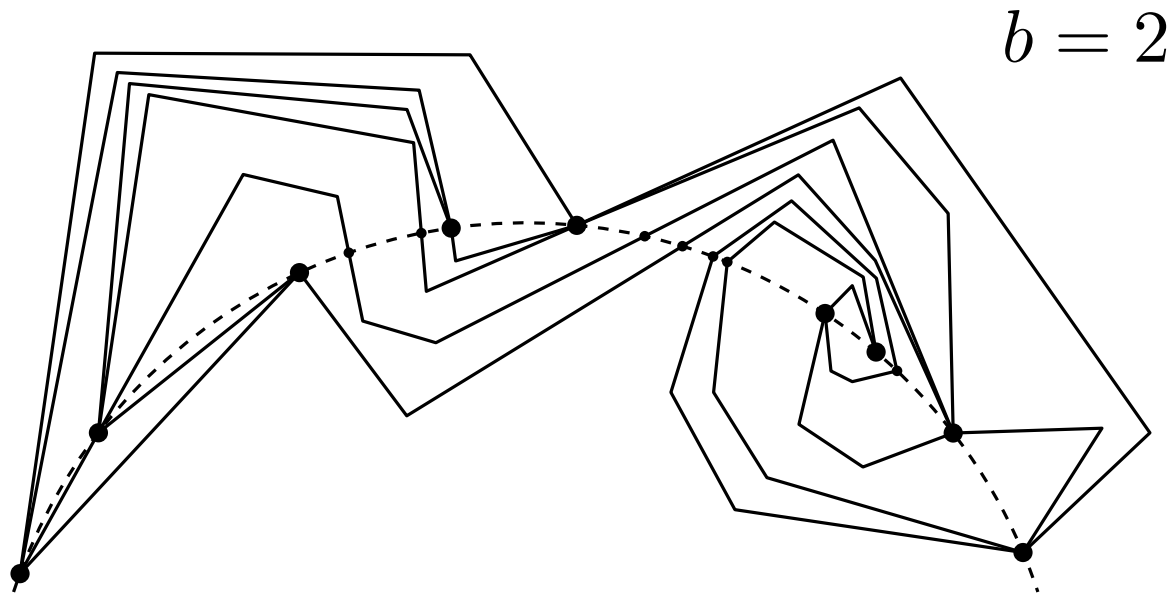
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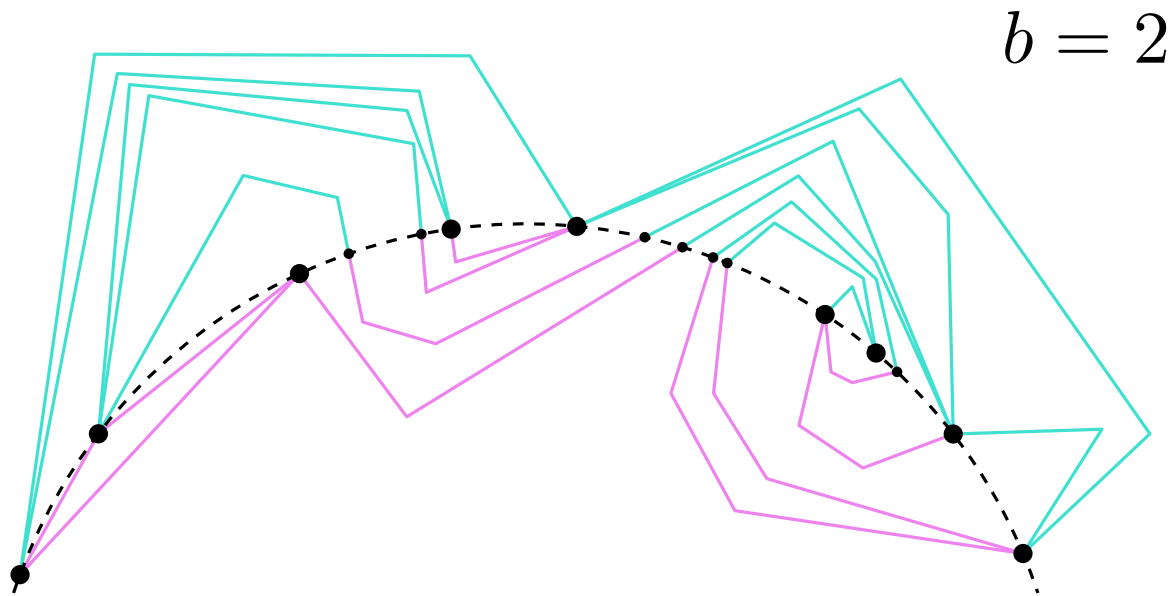
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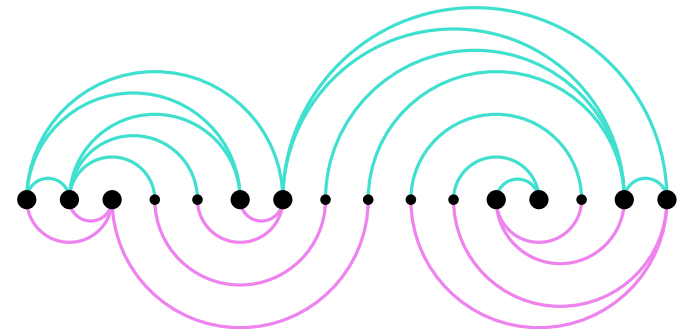
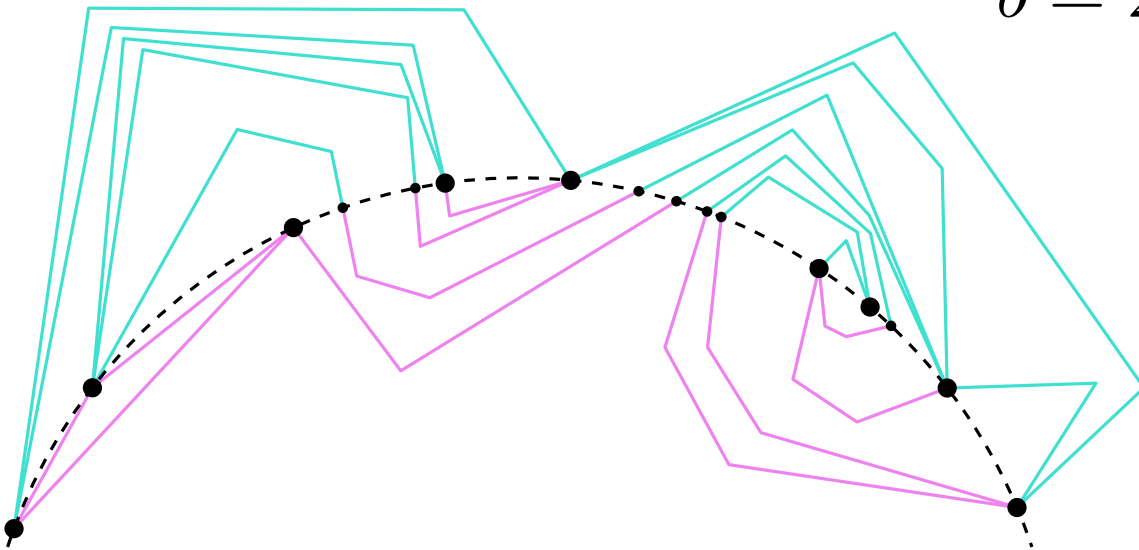
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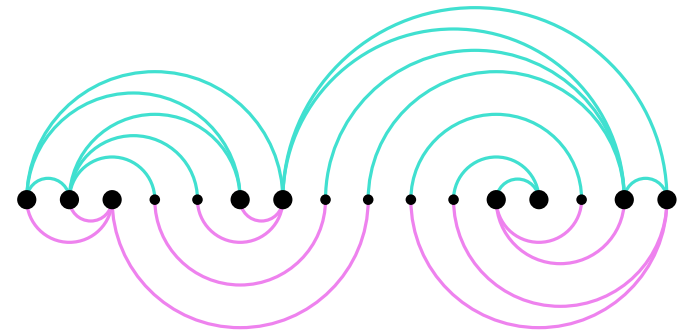
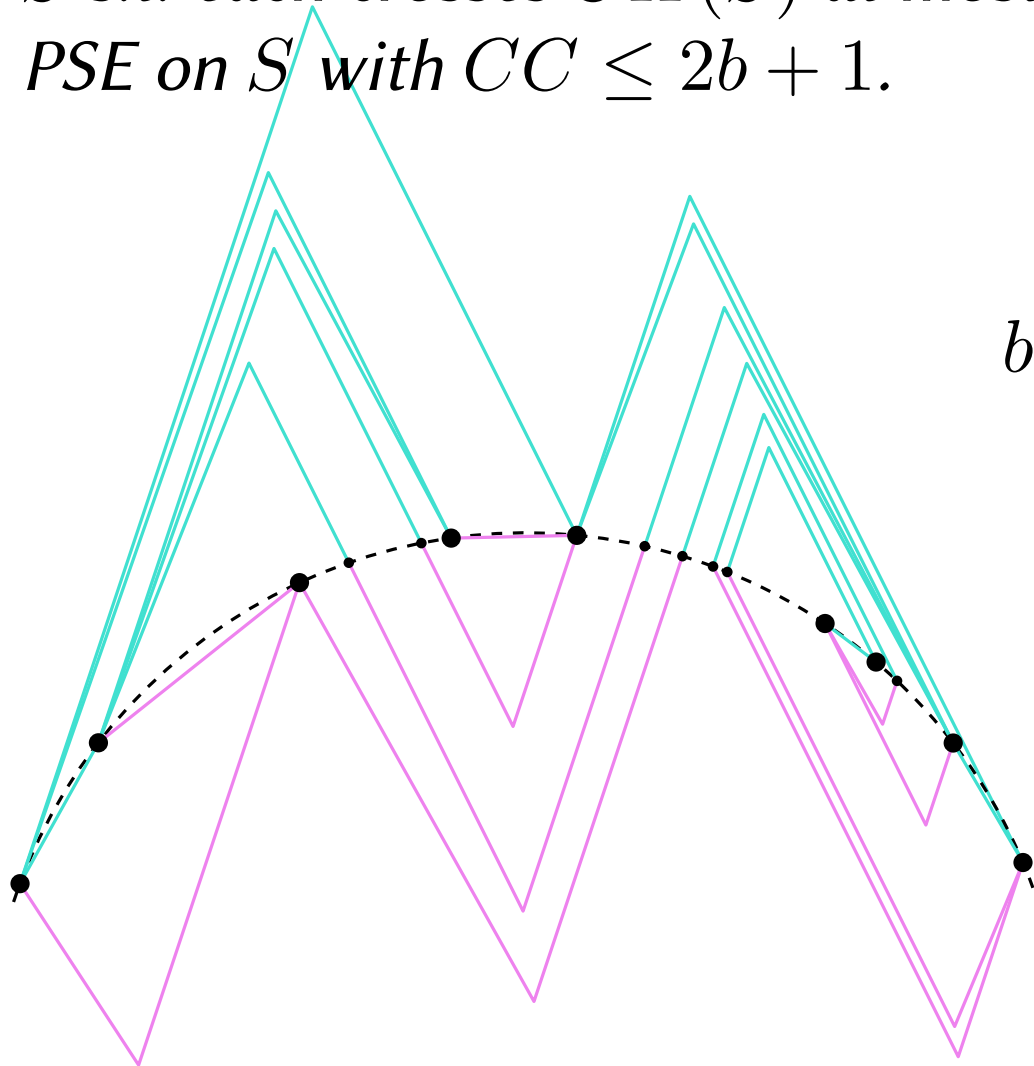
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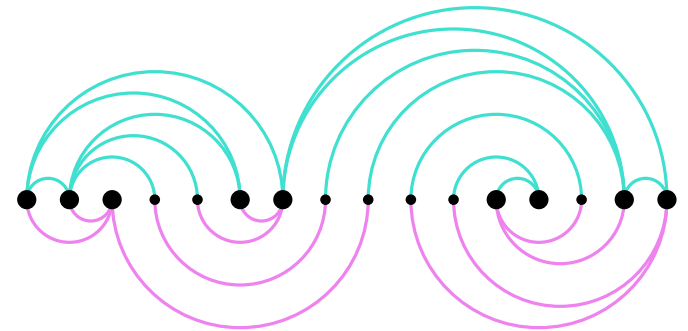
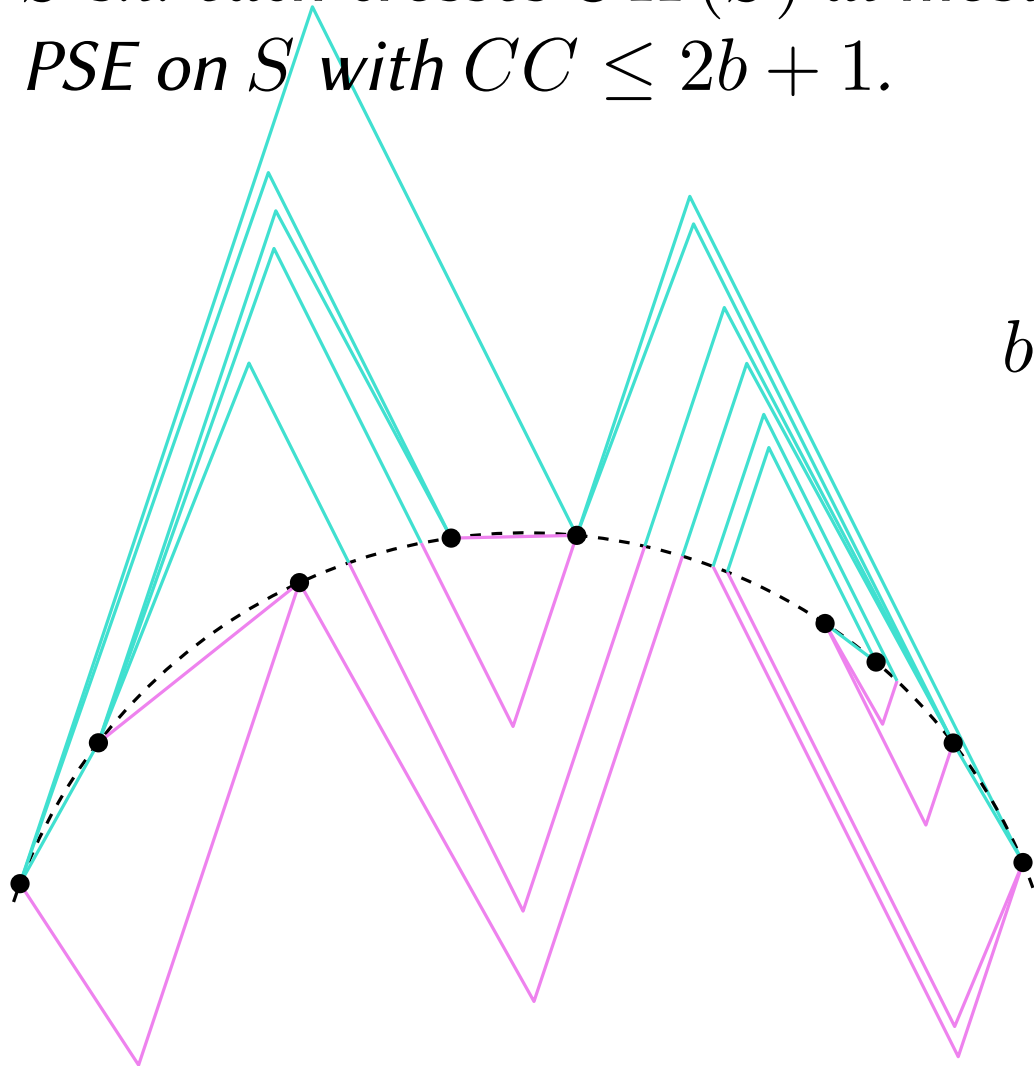
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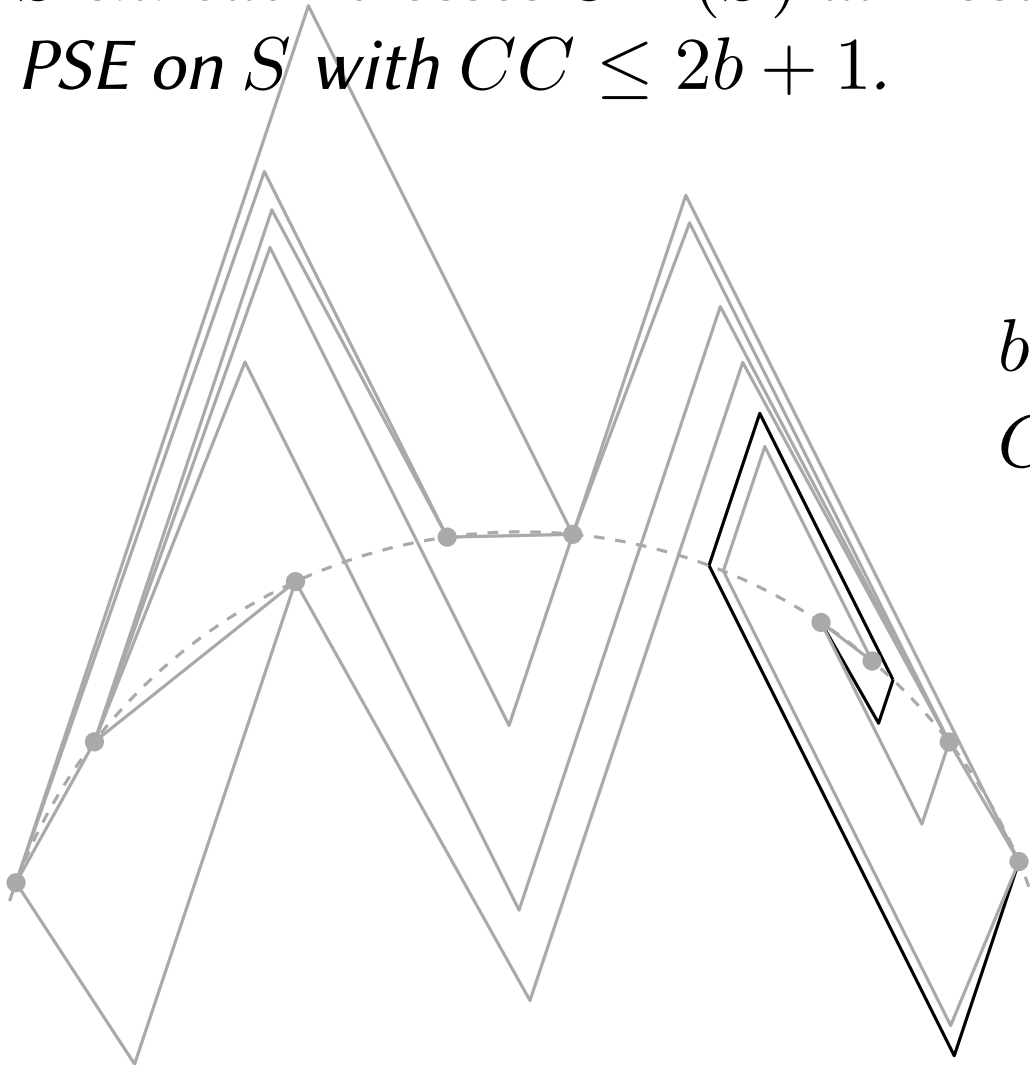
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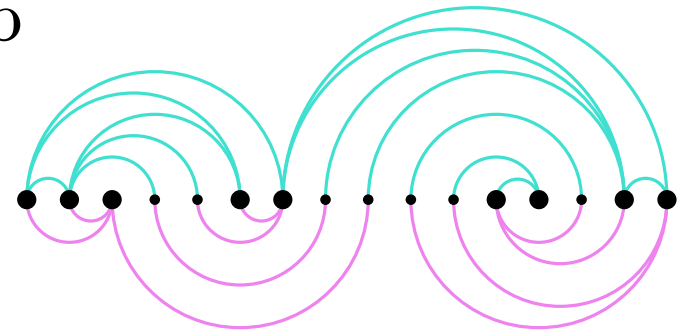
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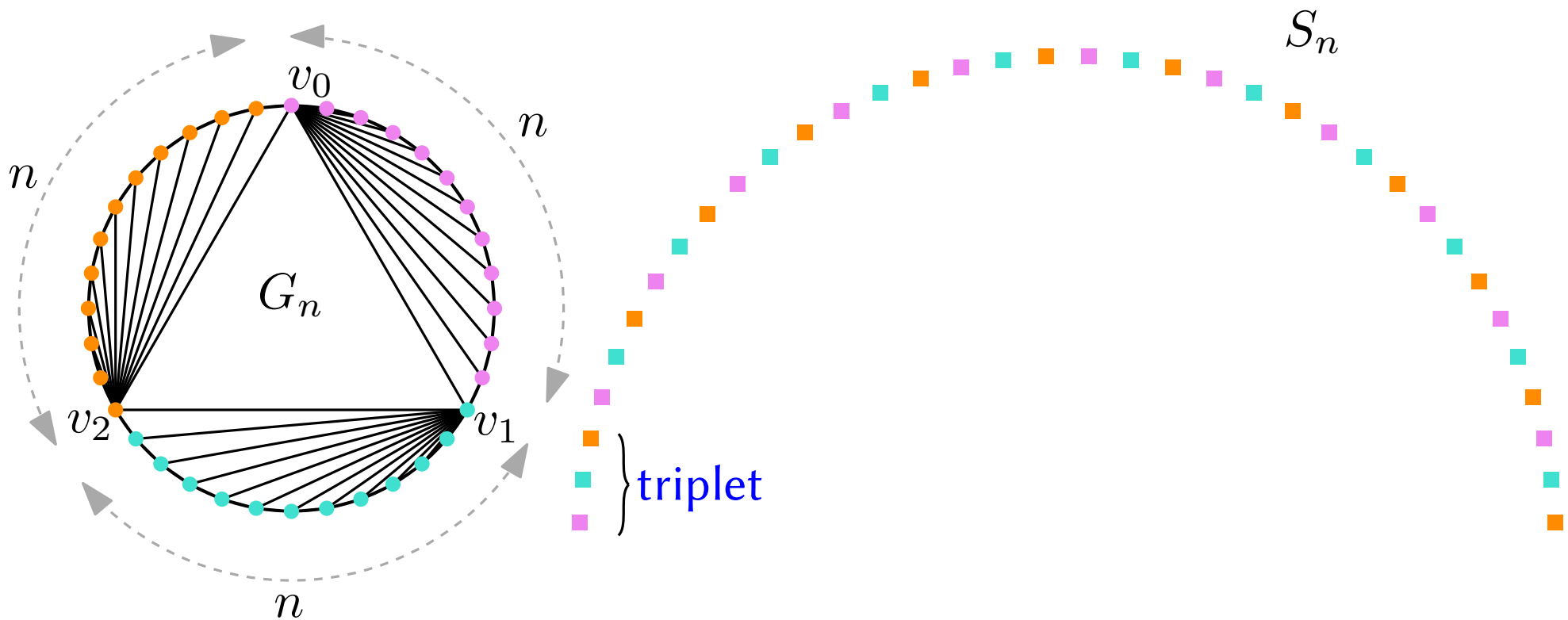
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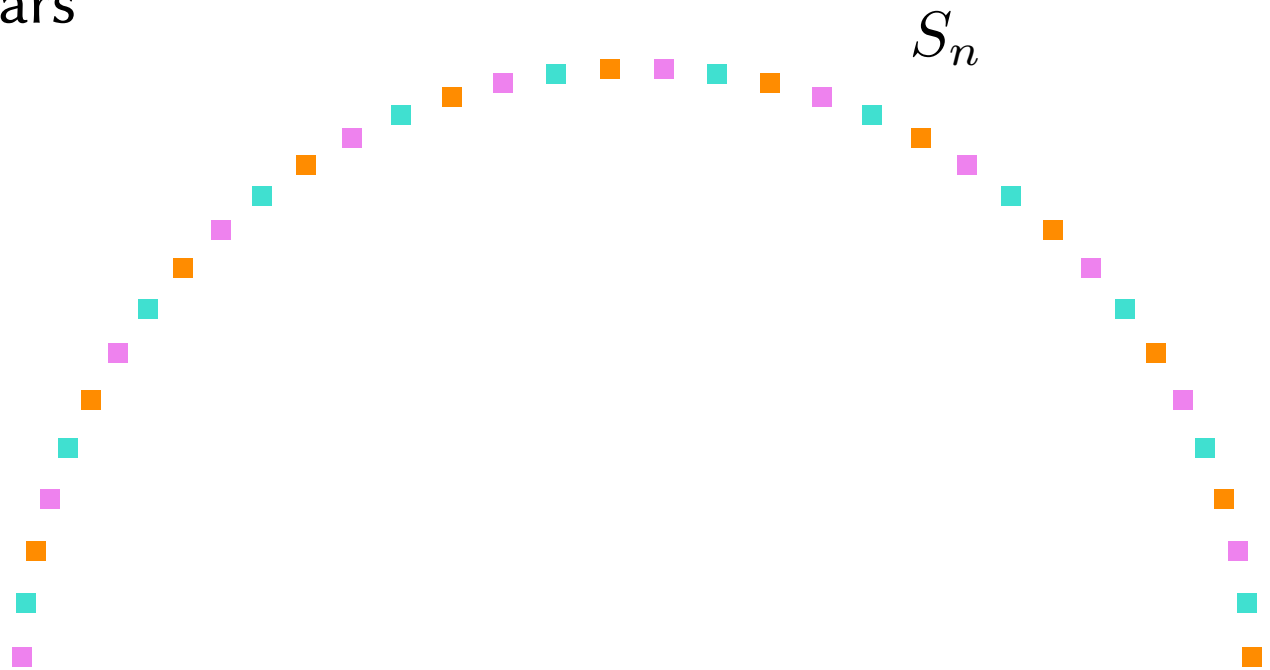
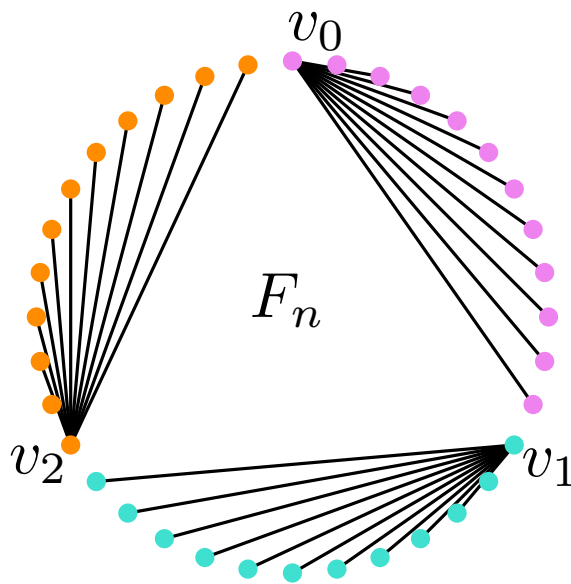
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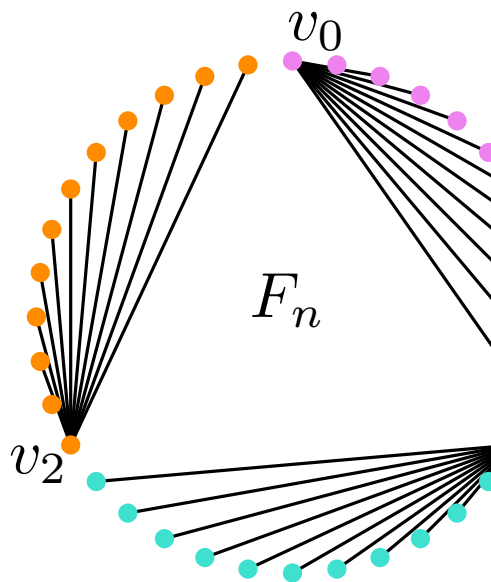




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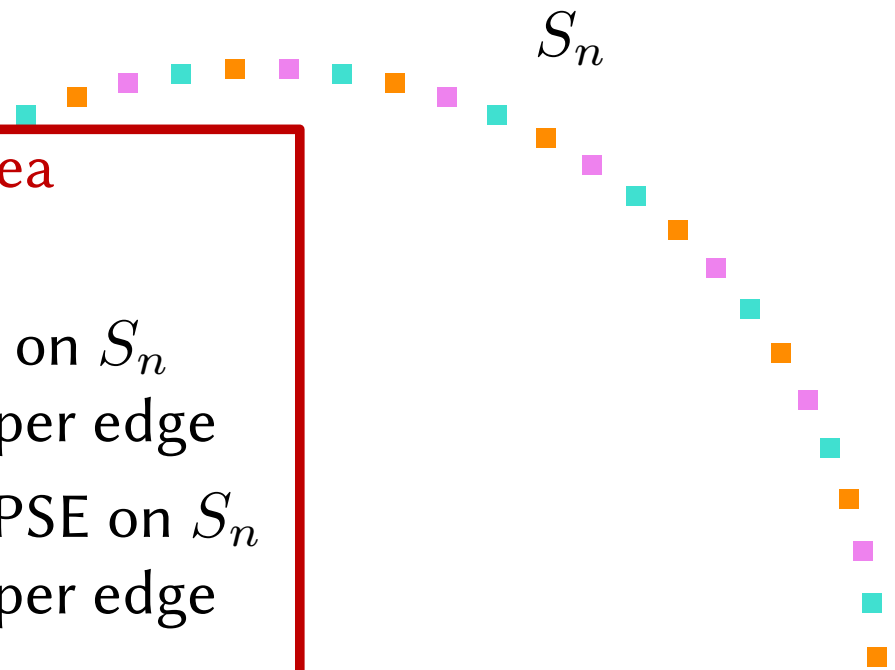


### High-level idea

We prove that

if  $F_n$  admits a PSE on  $S_n$  with  $o(n^{\frac{1}{3}})$  bends per edge

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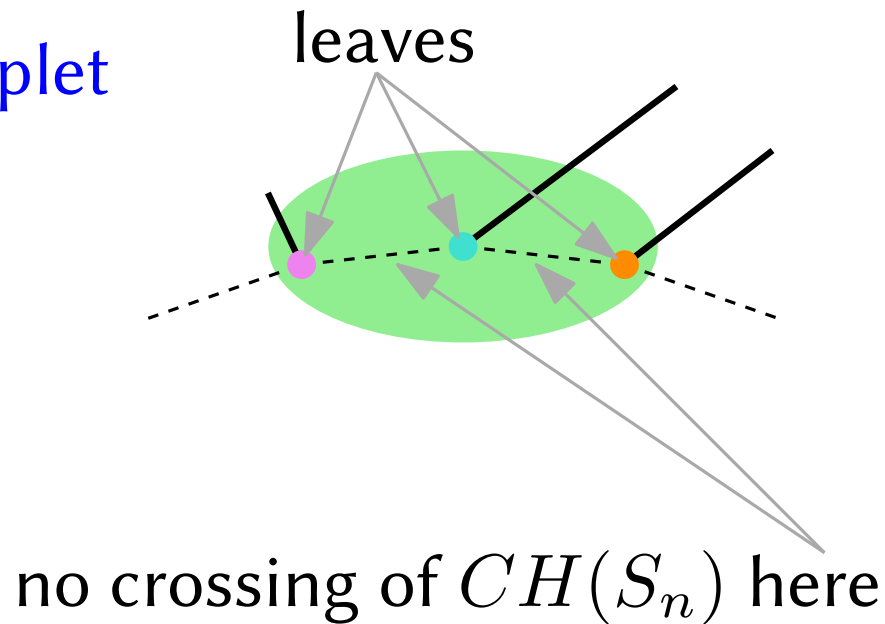


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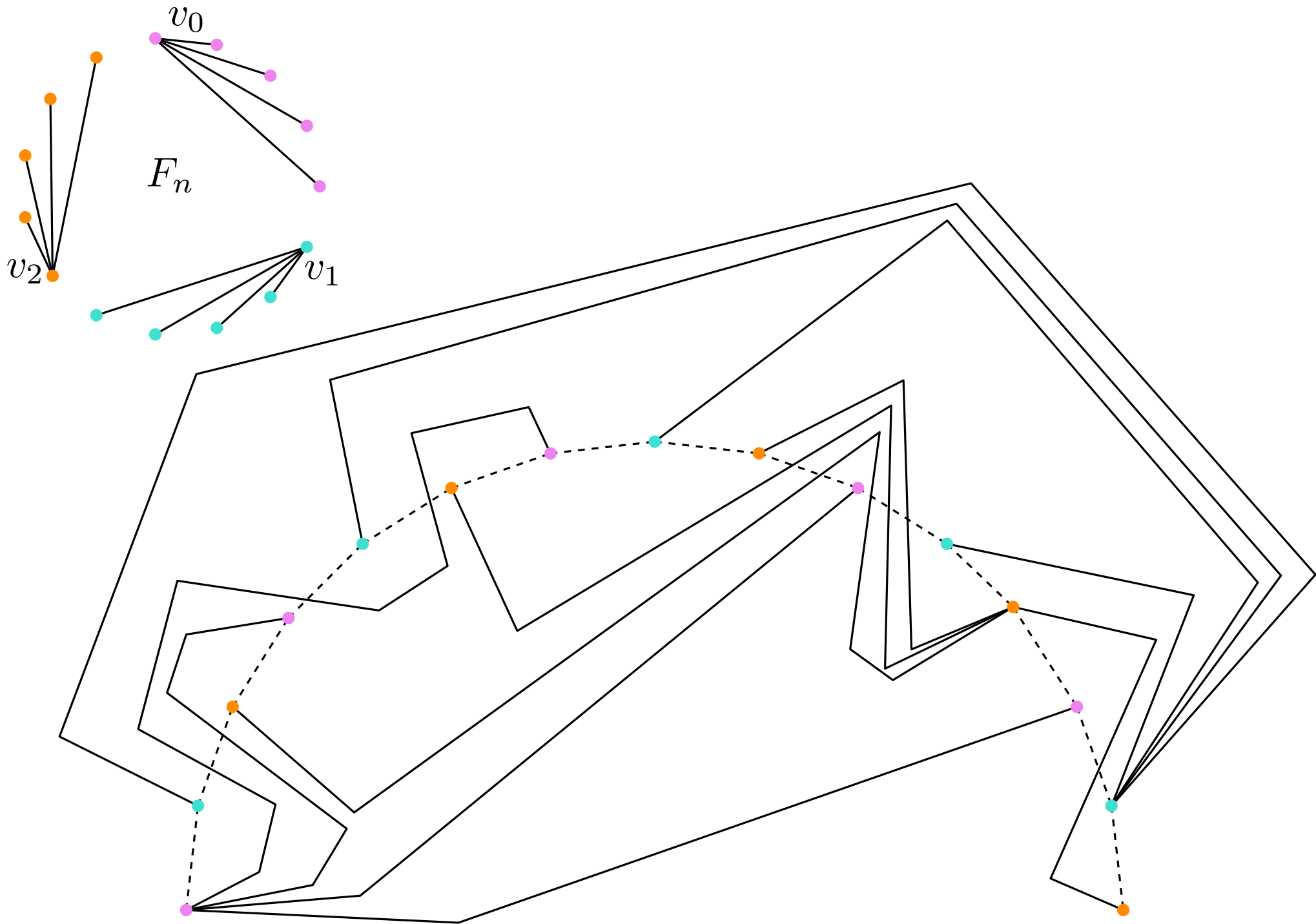
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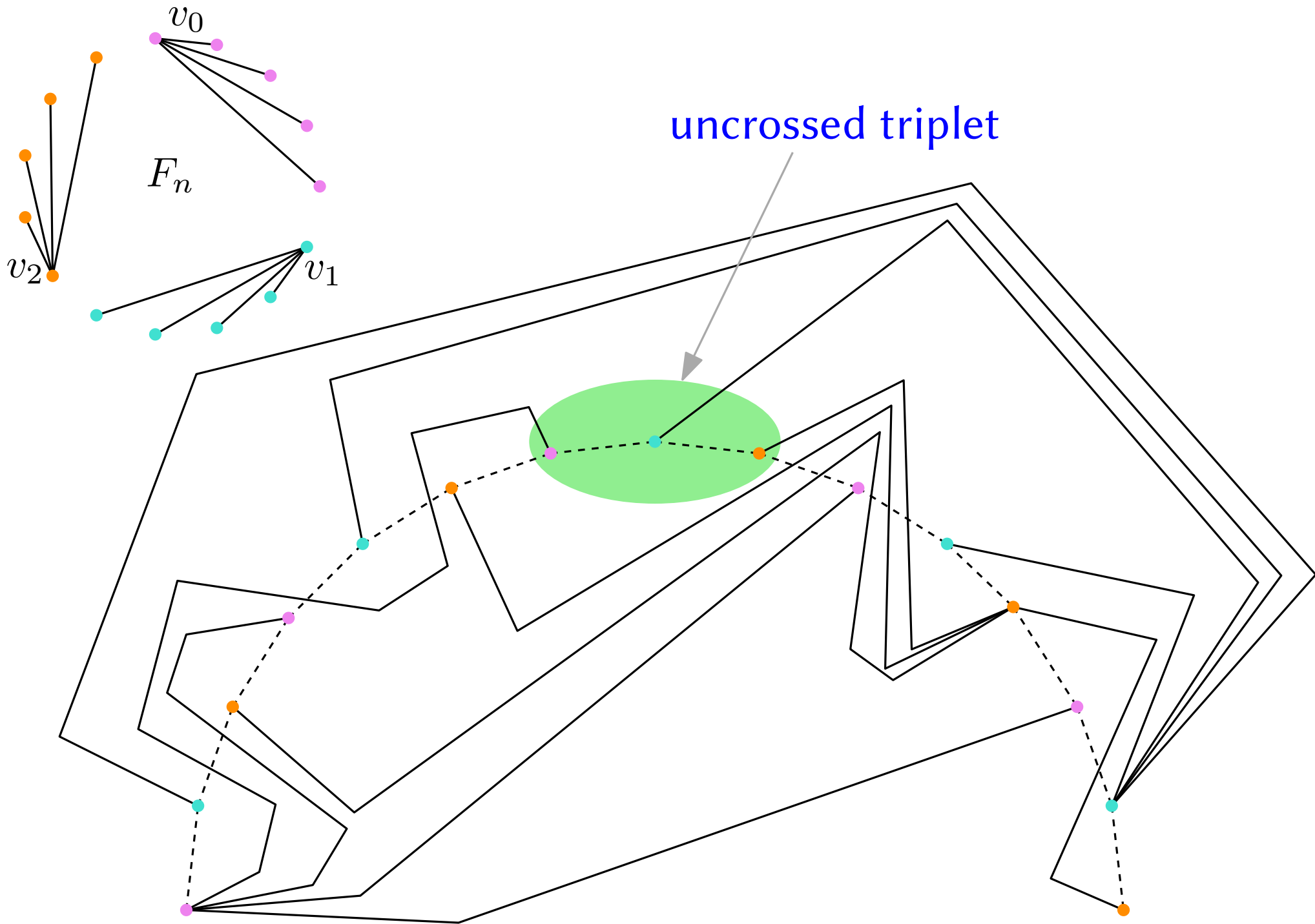
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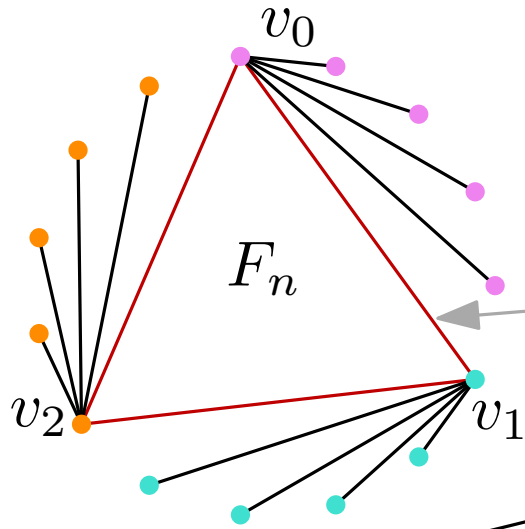
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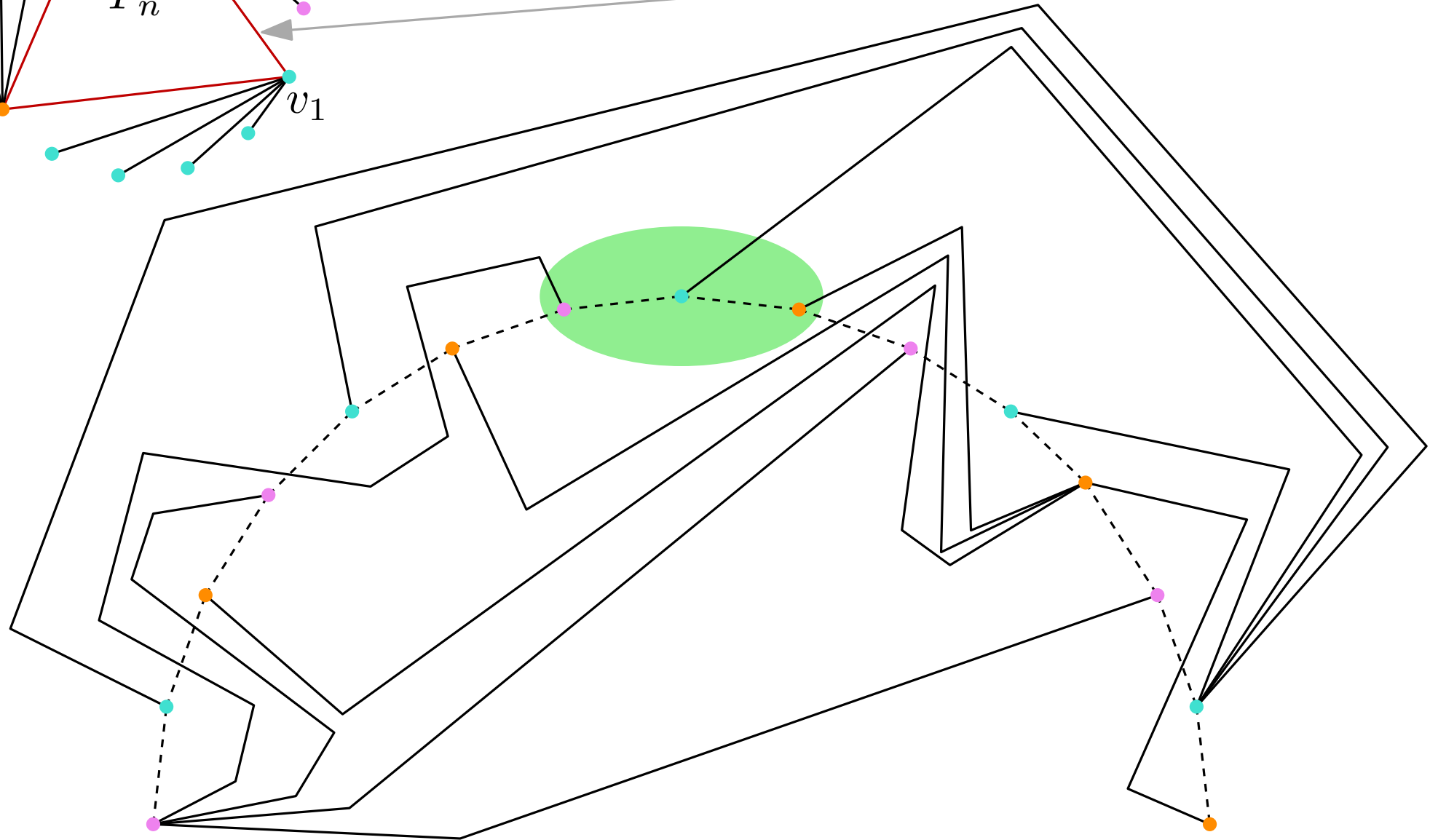
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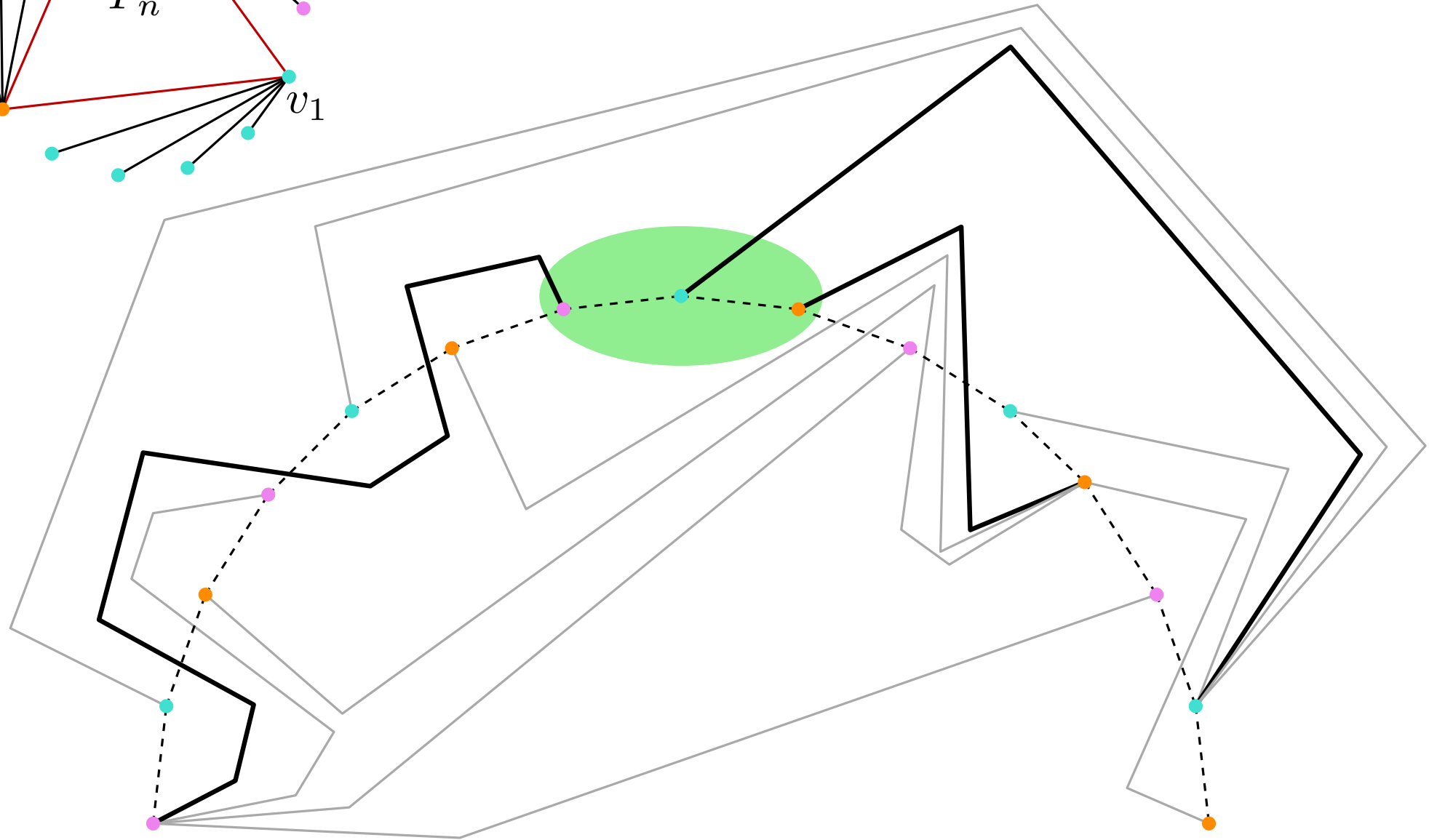
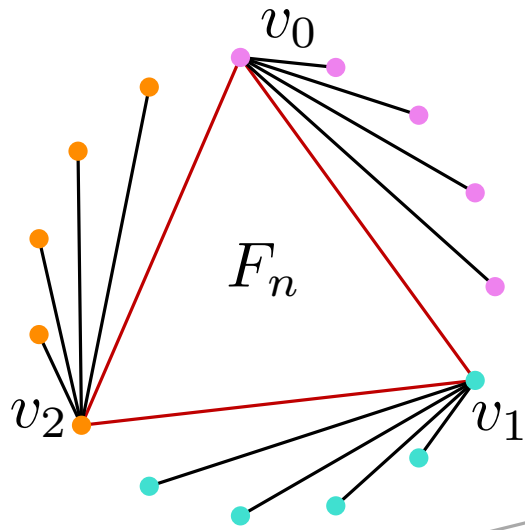
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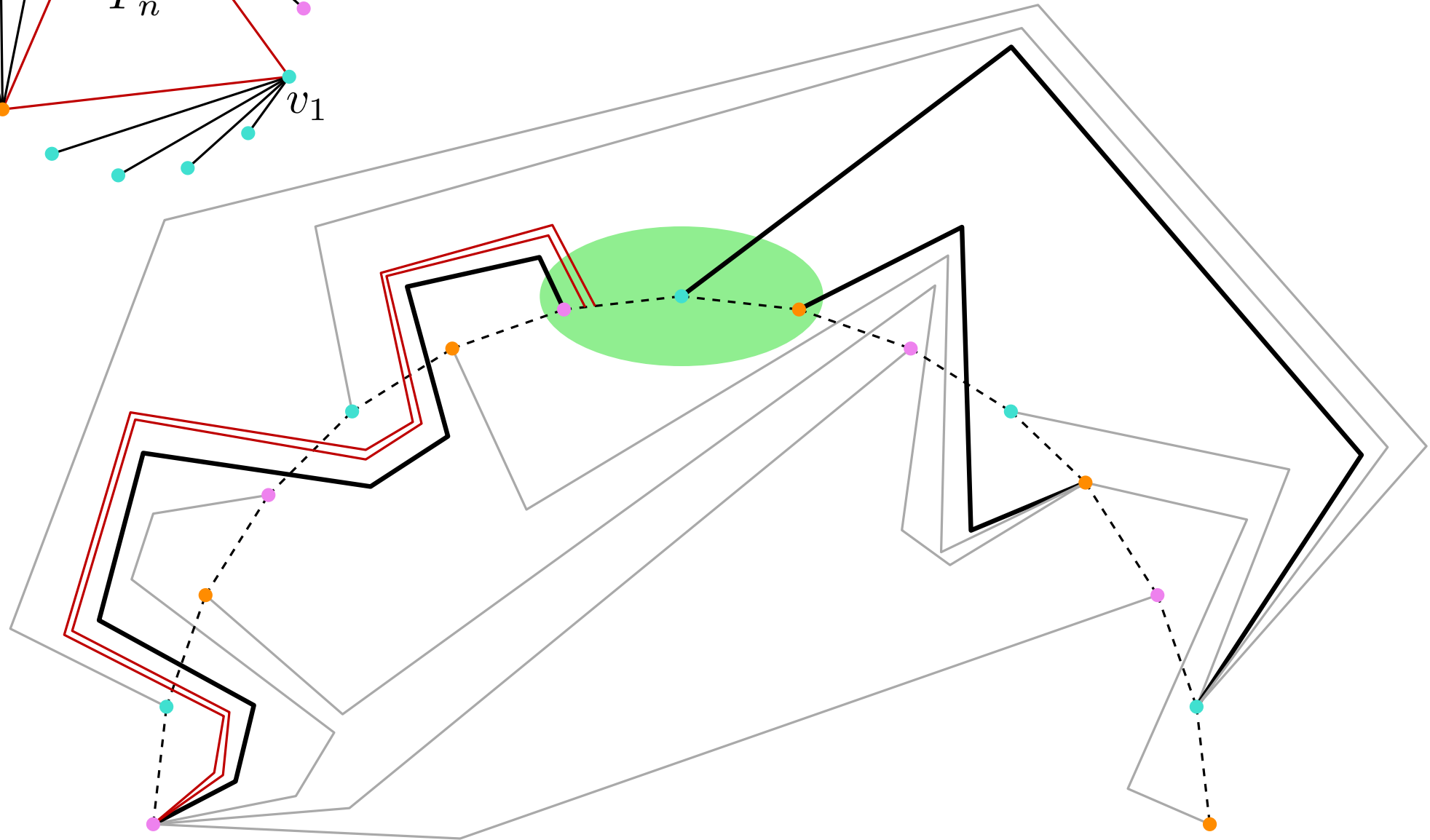
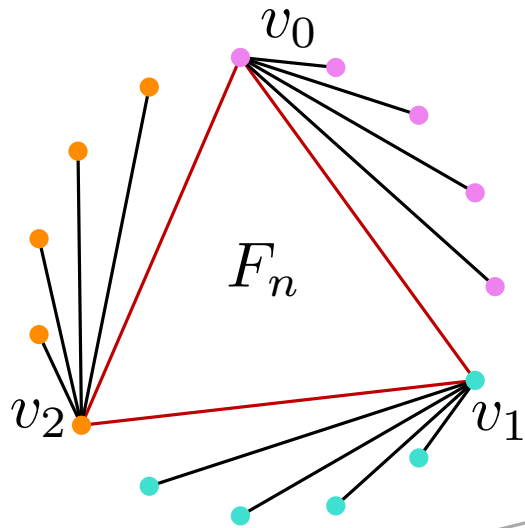
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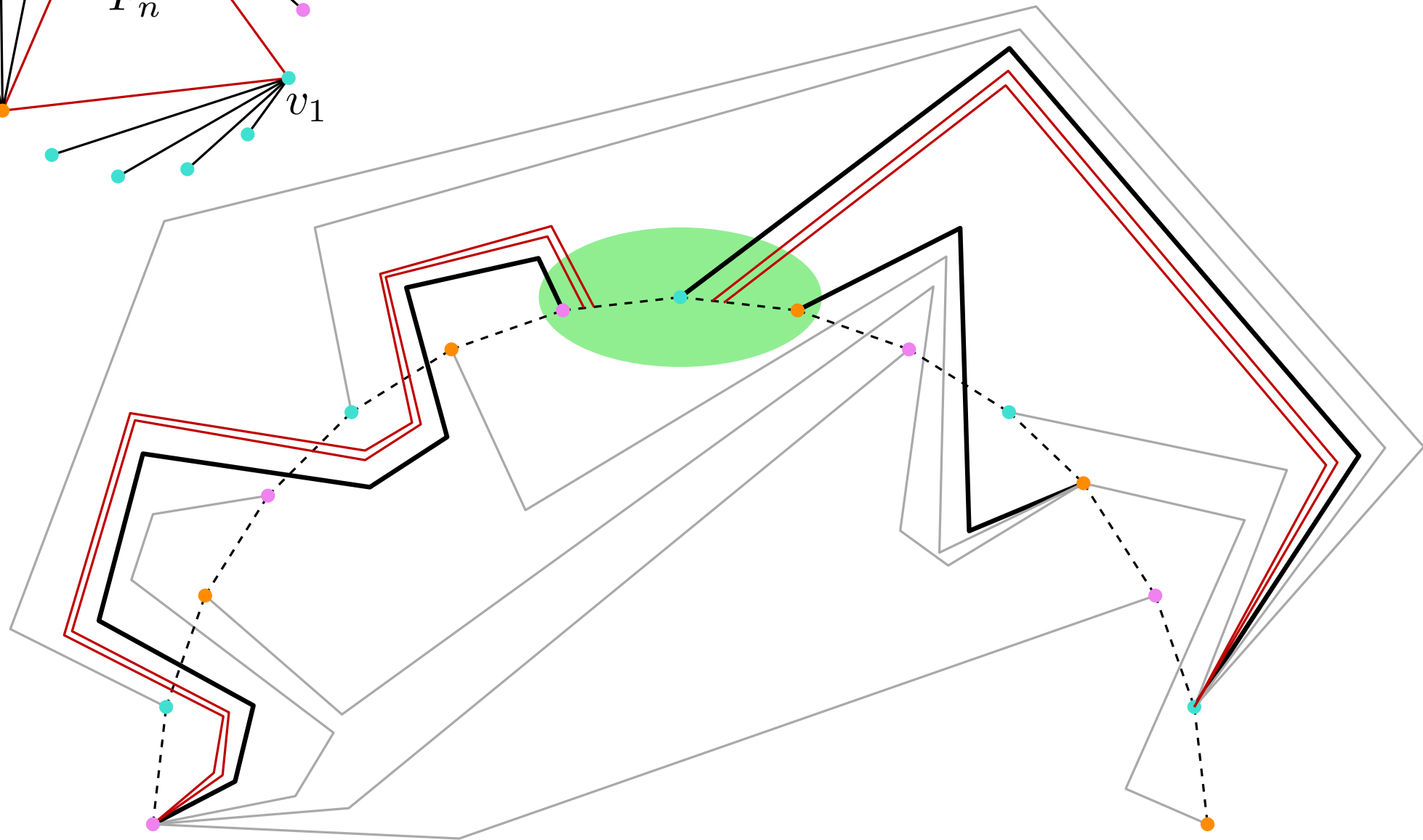
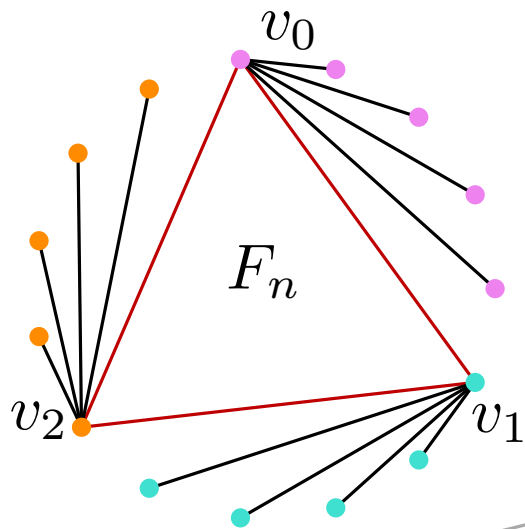
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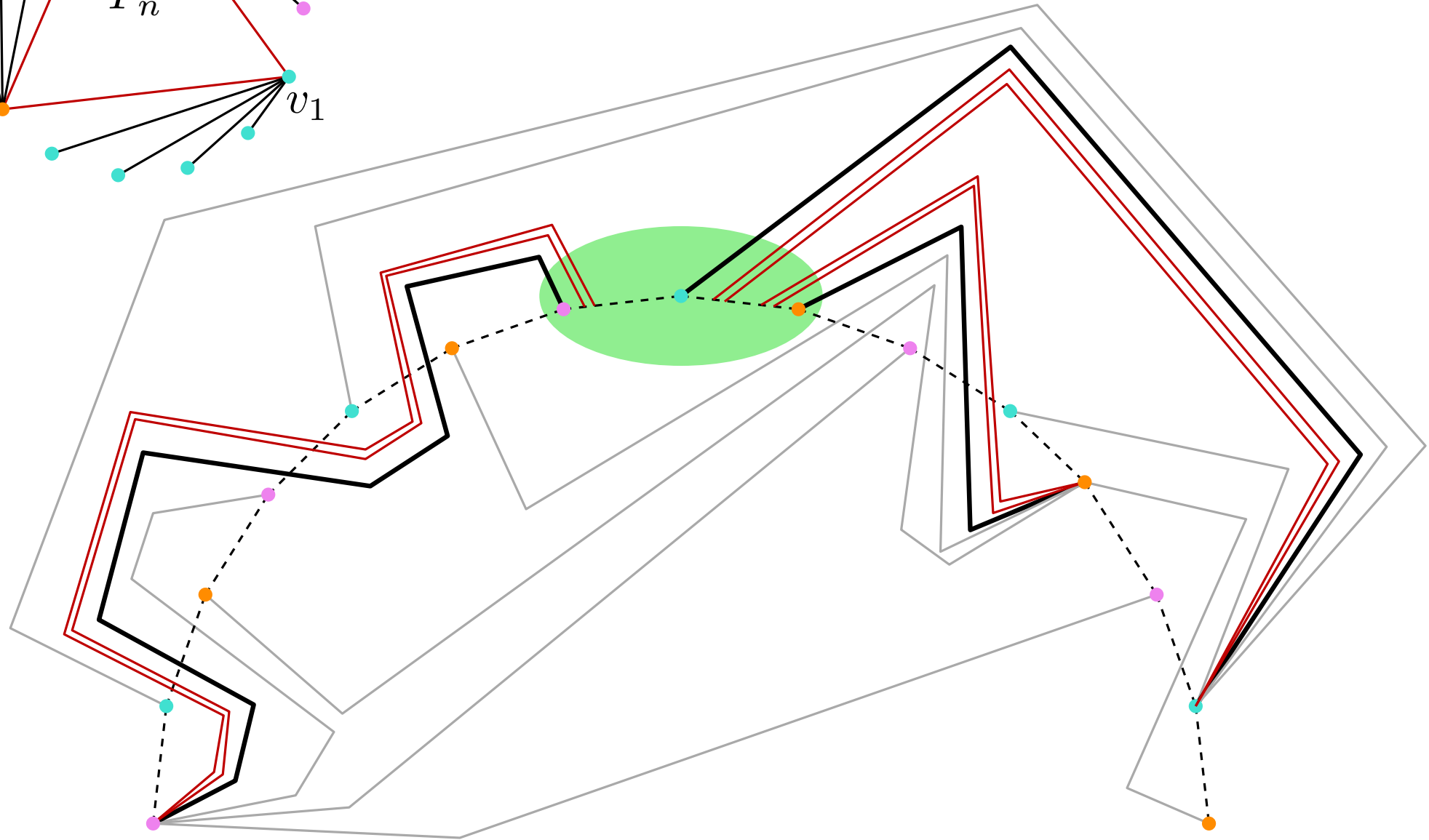
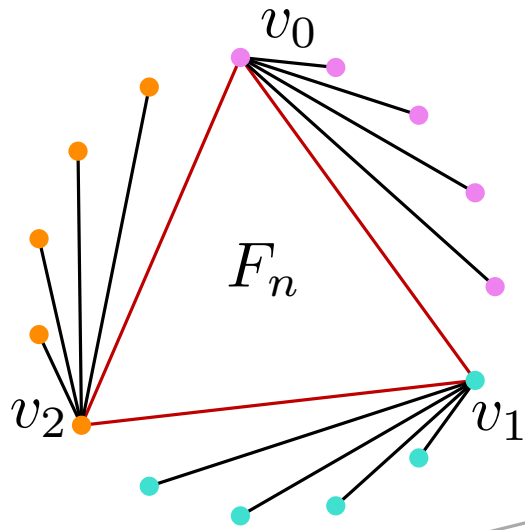


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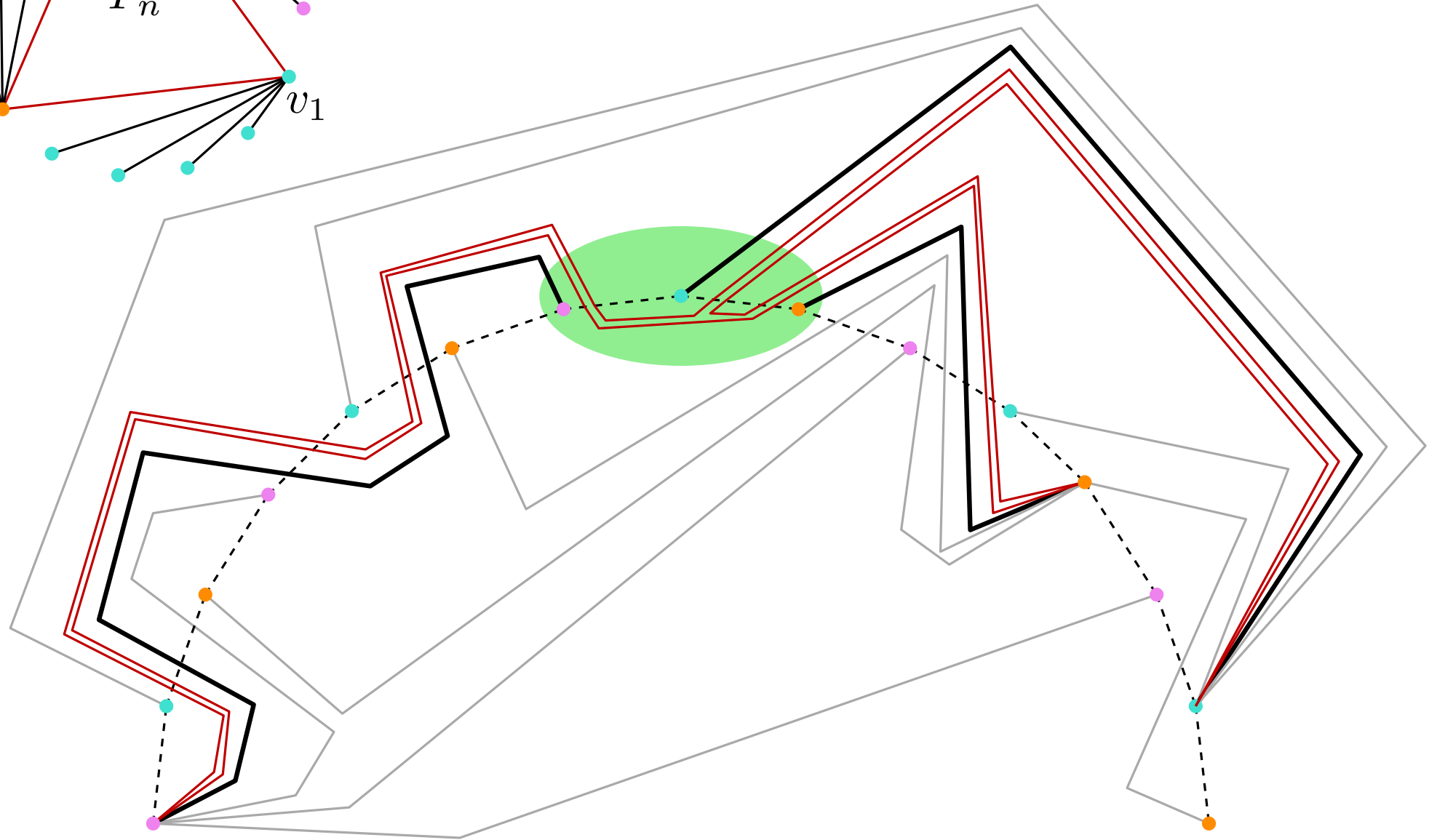
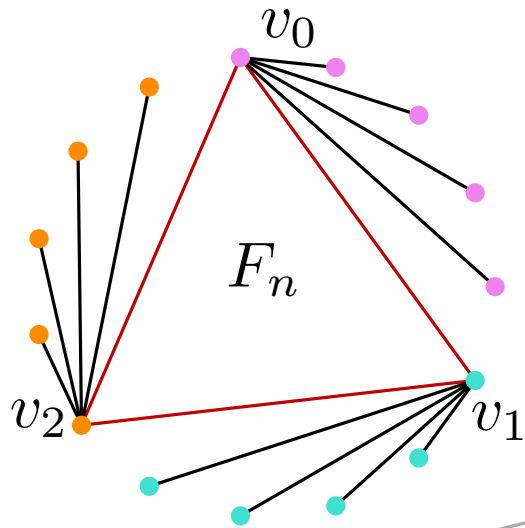




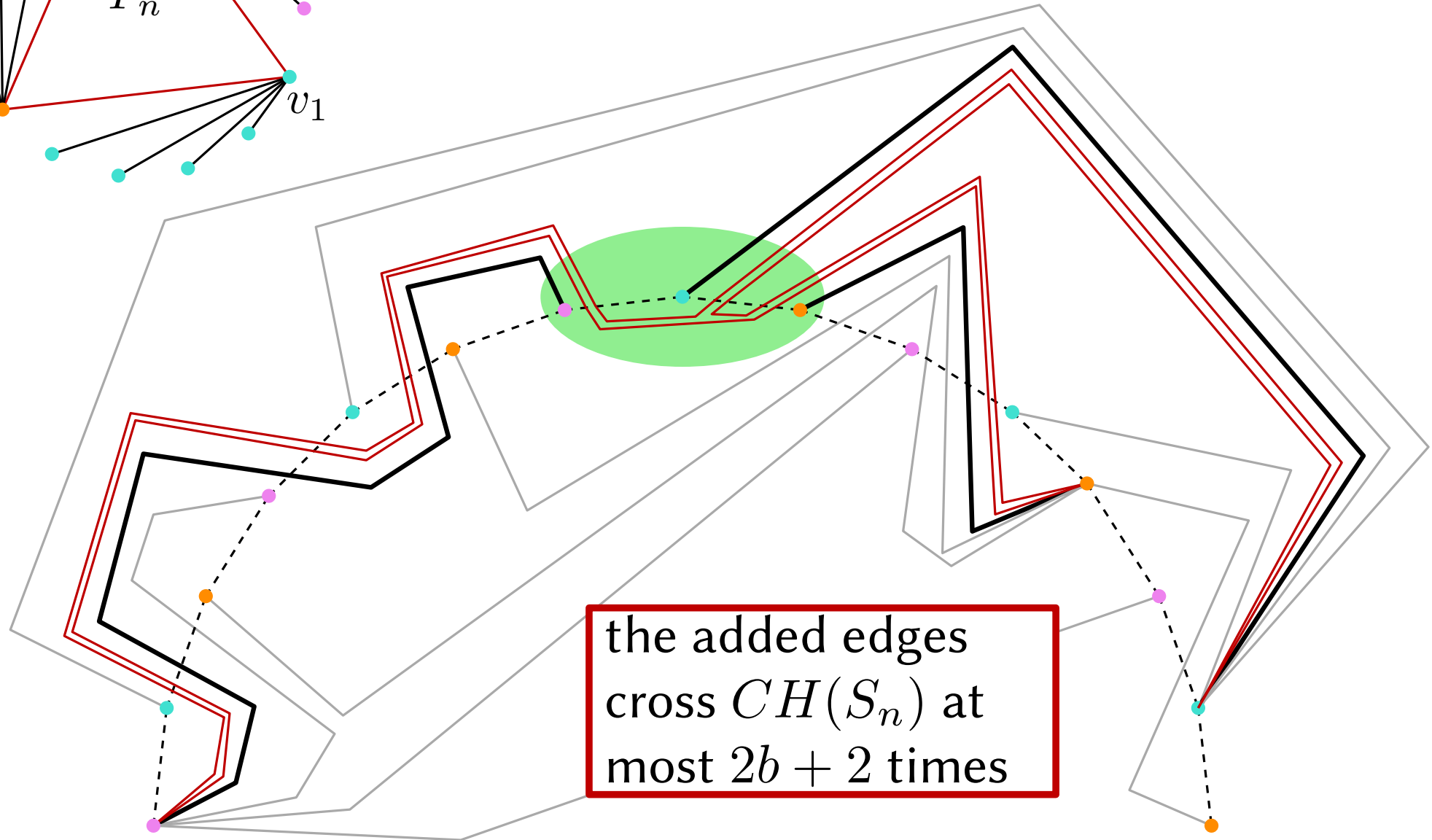
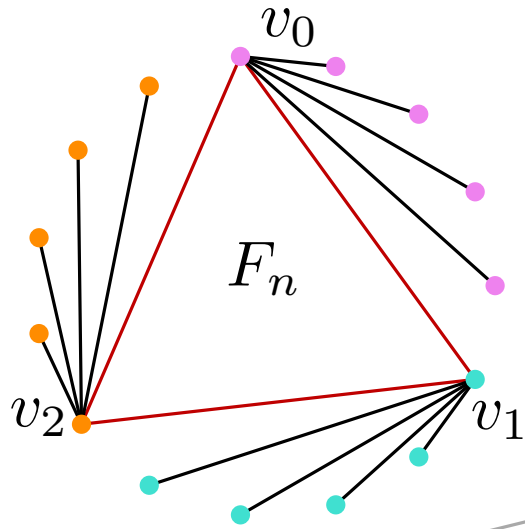
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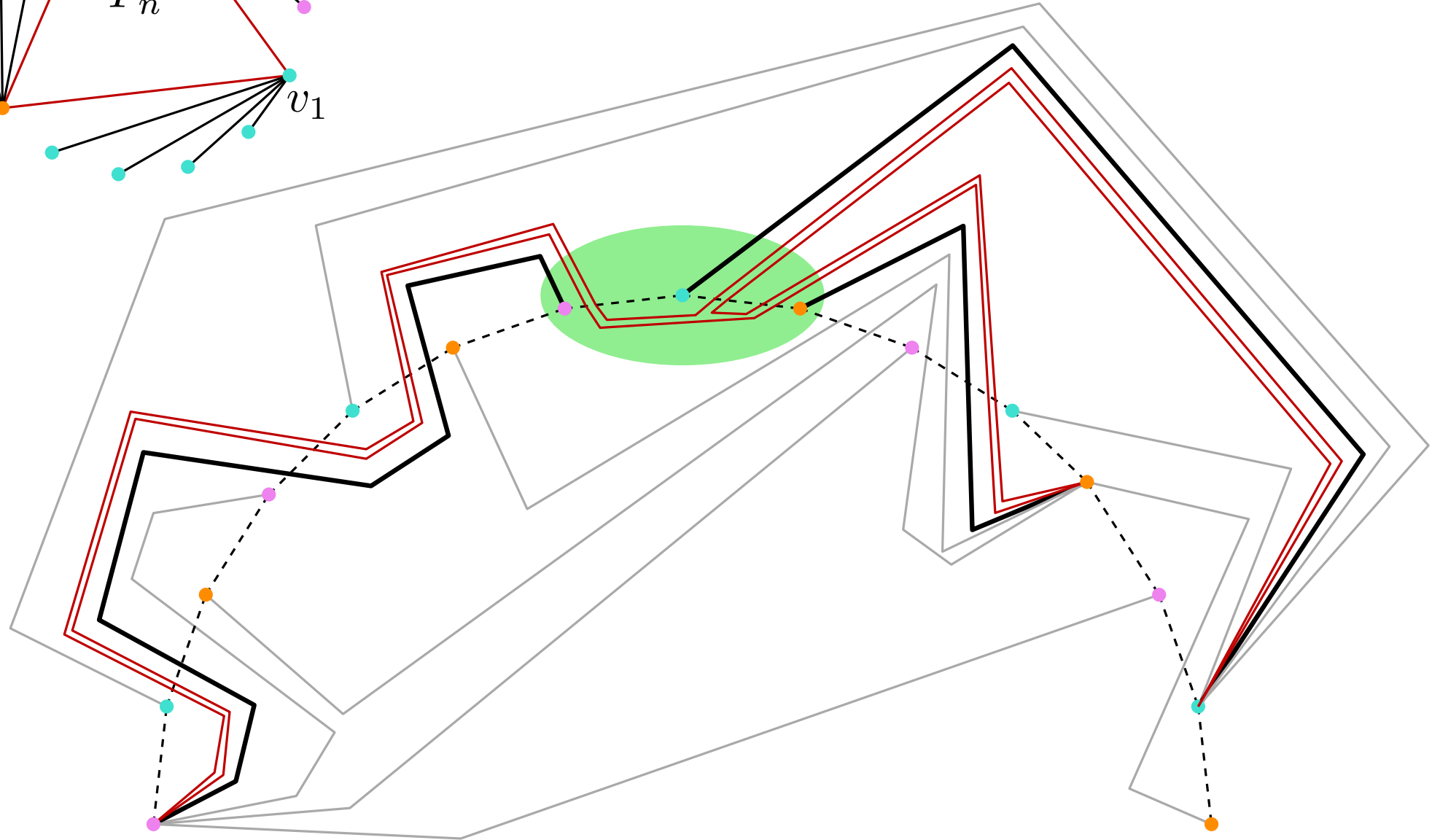
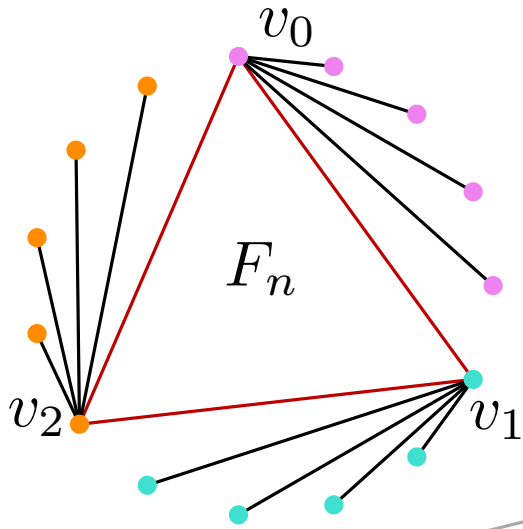


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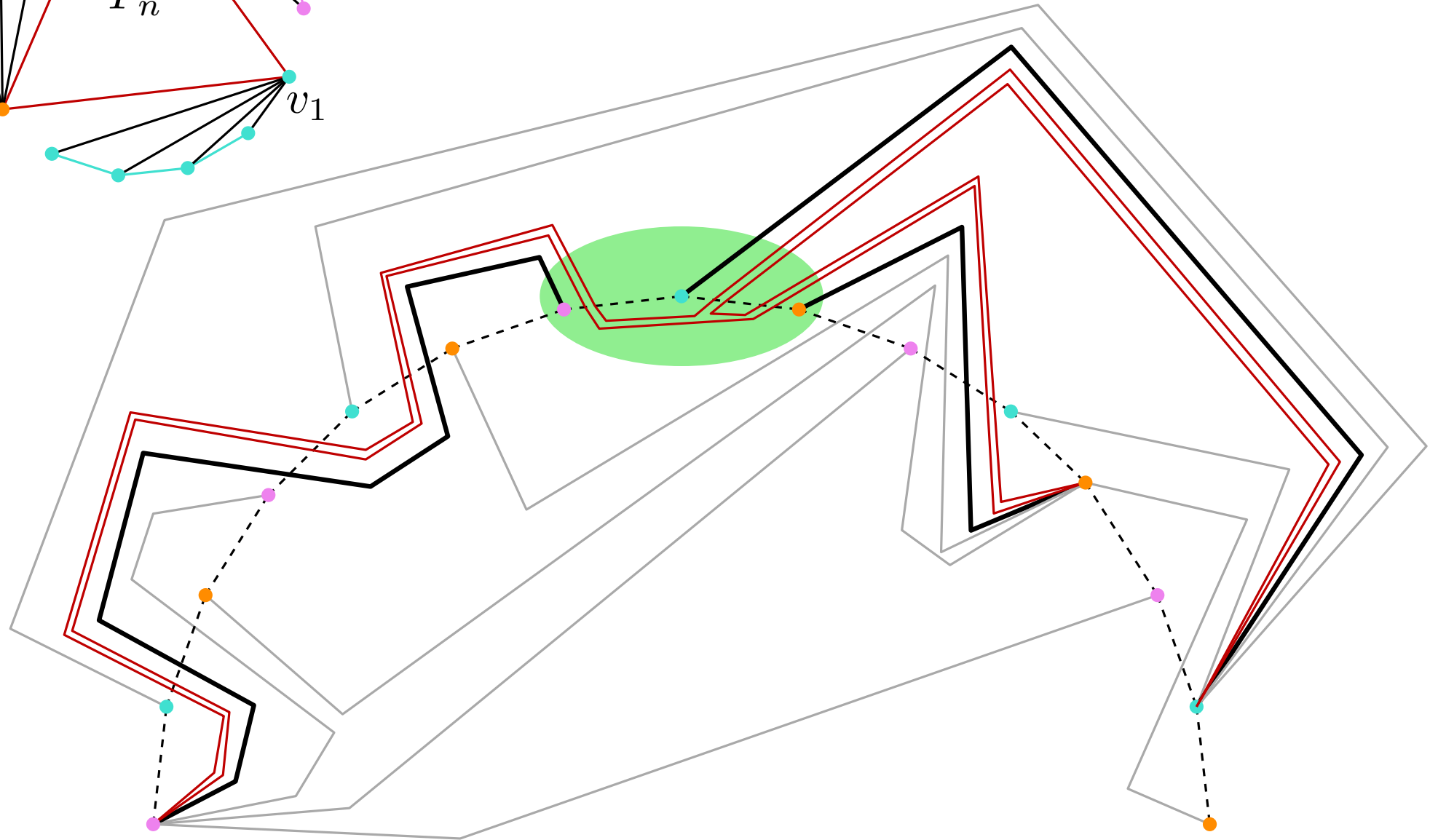
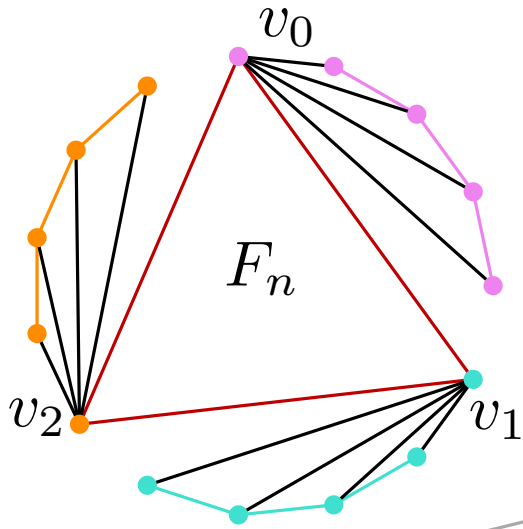
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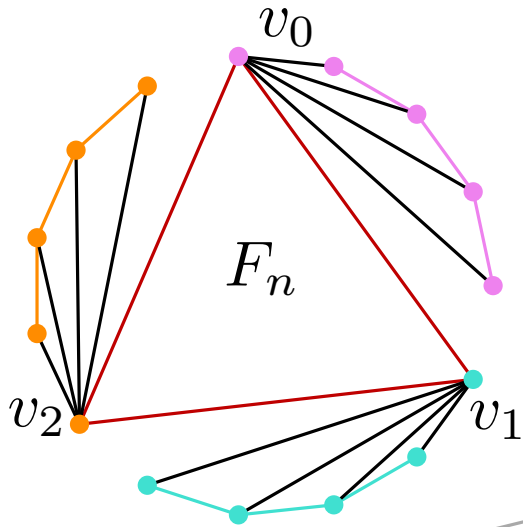
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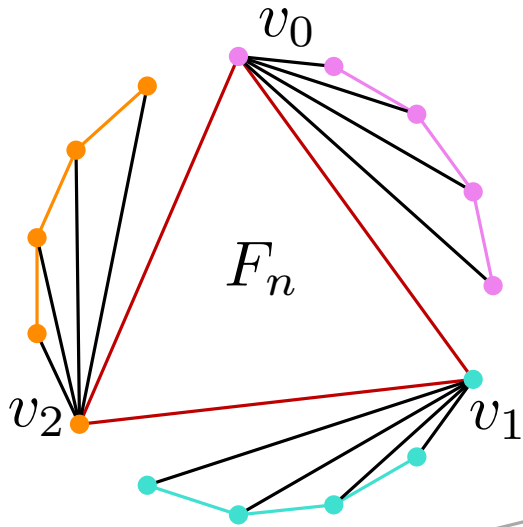
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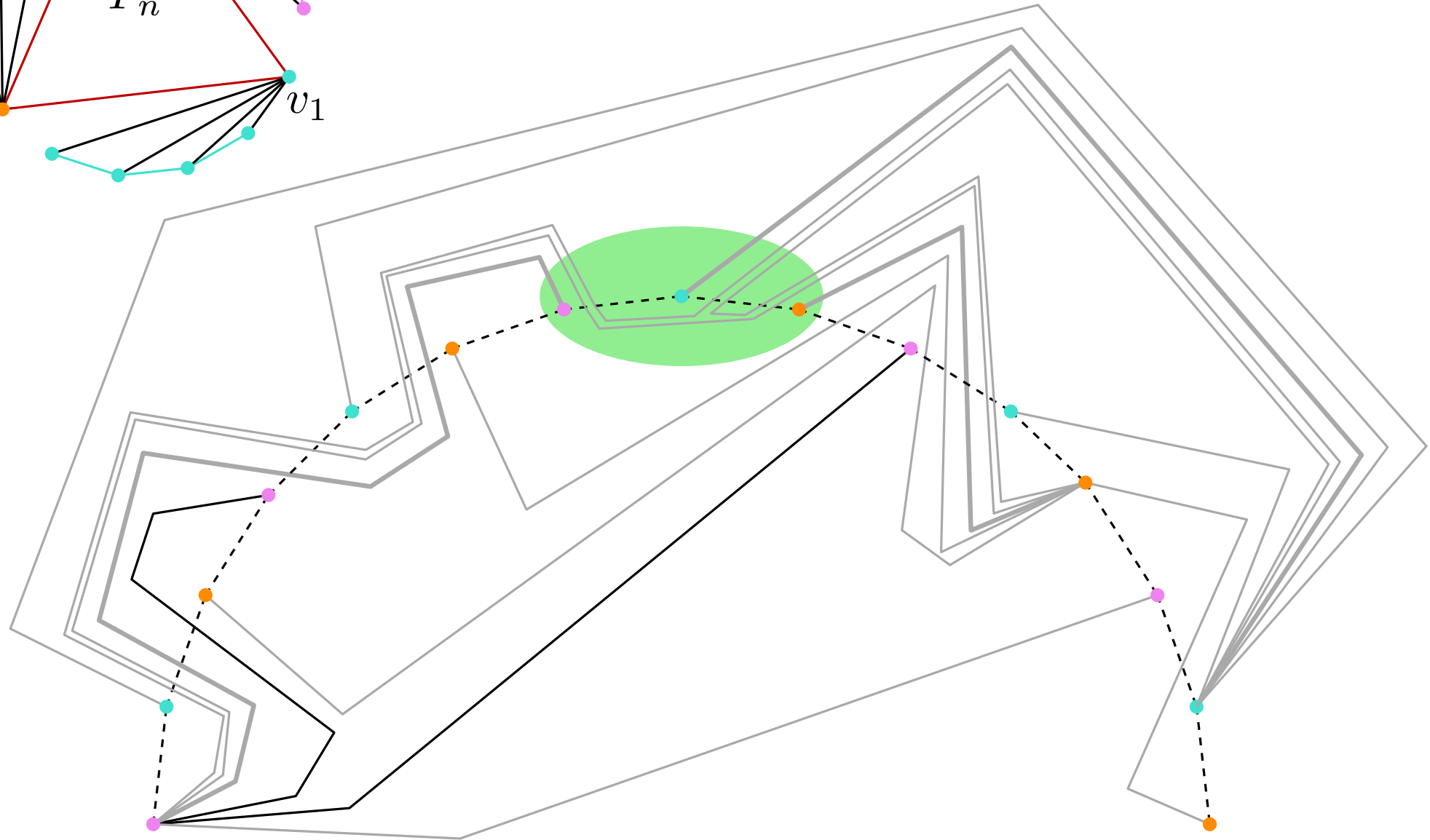
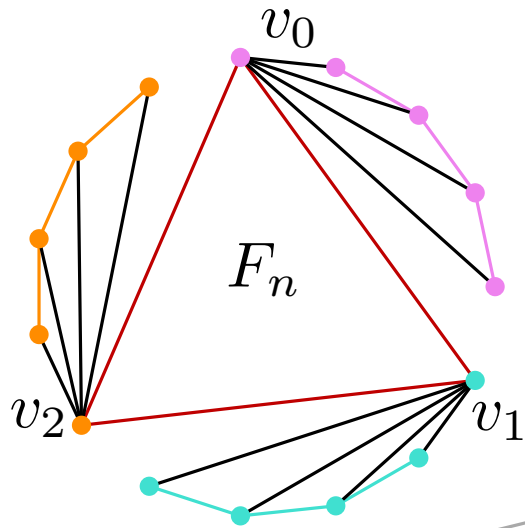


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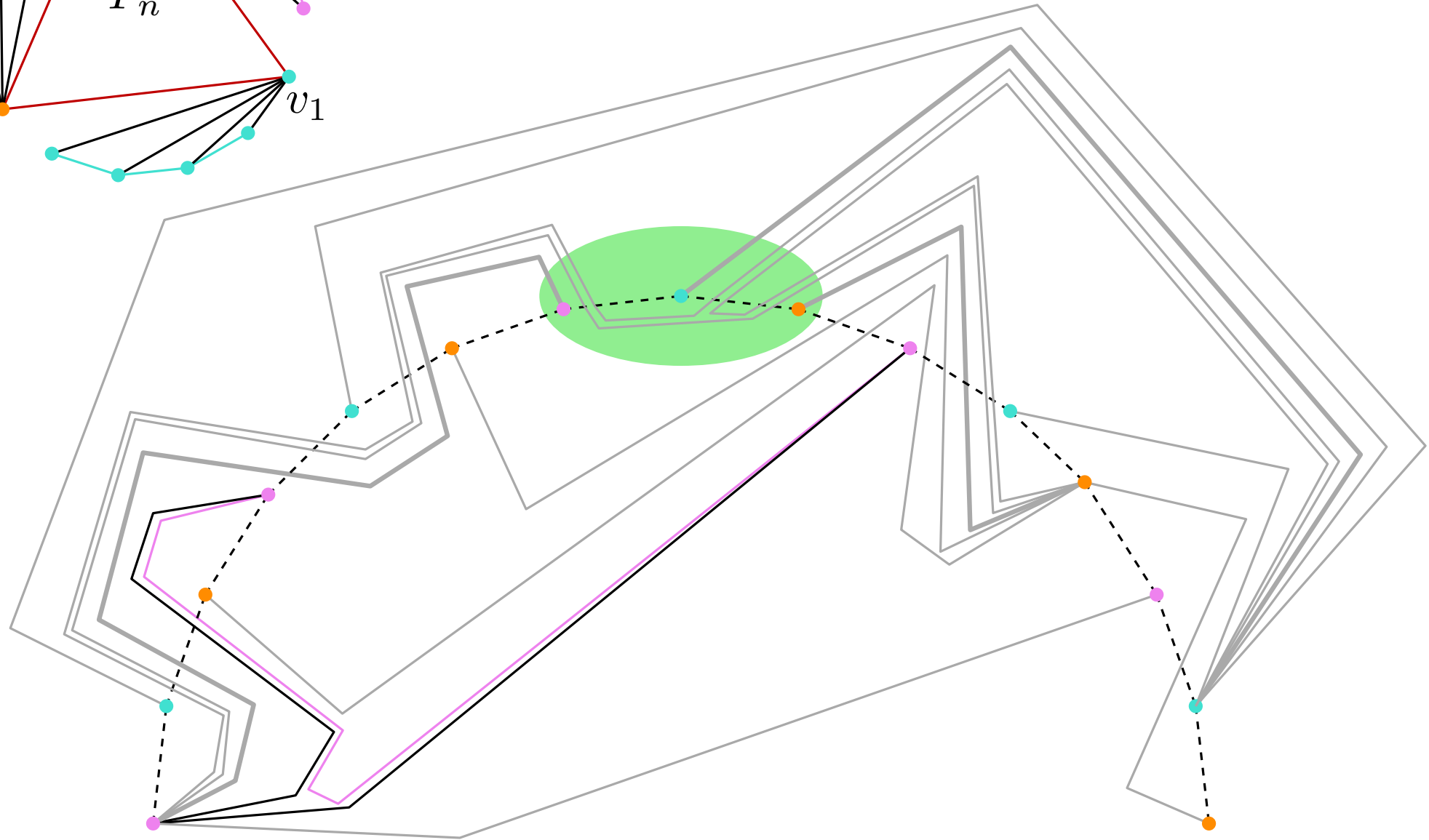
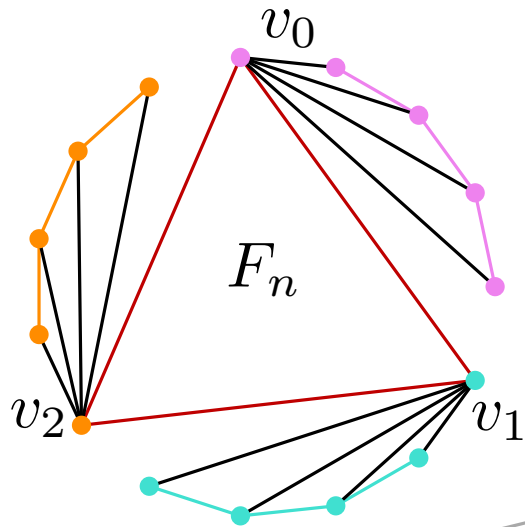


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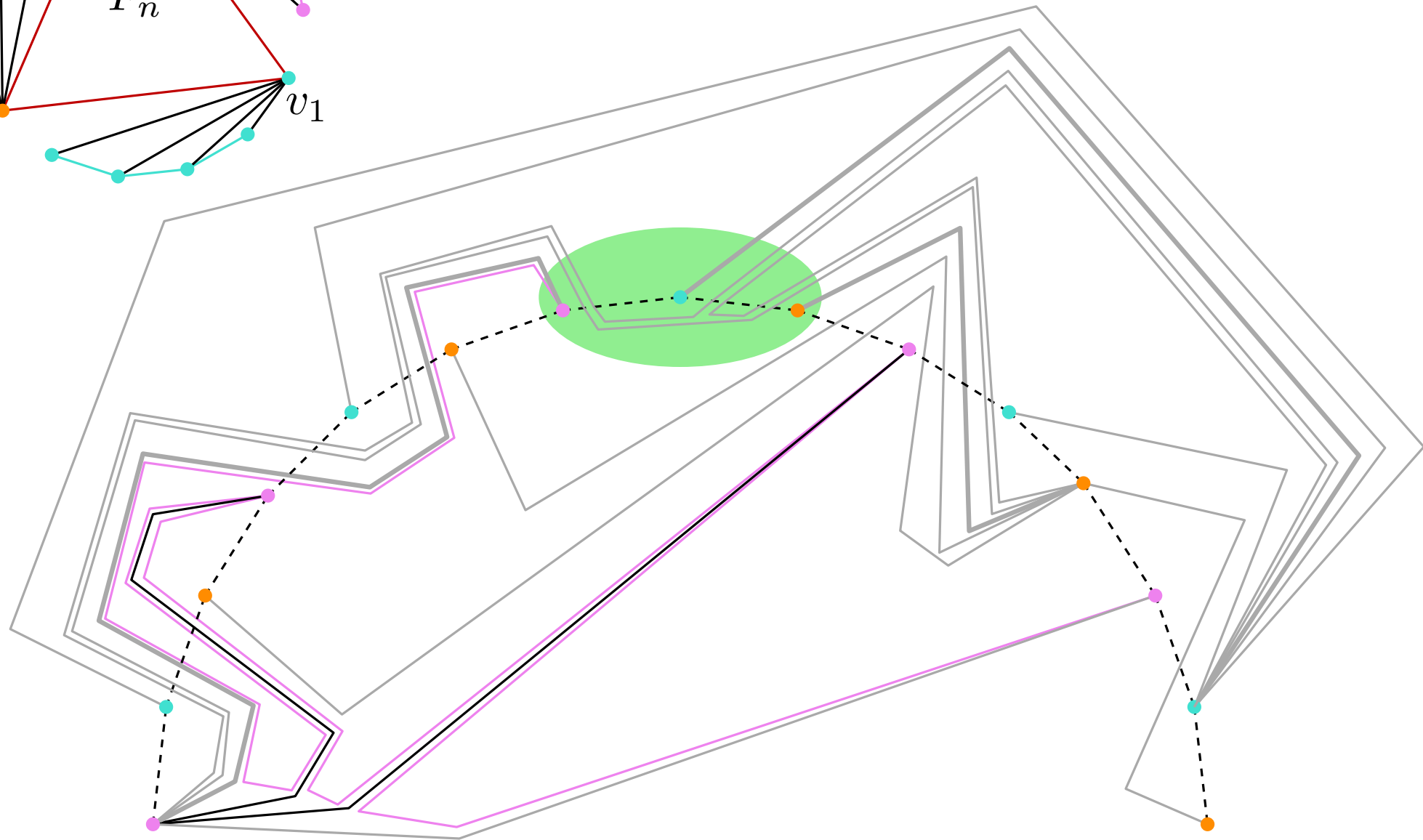
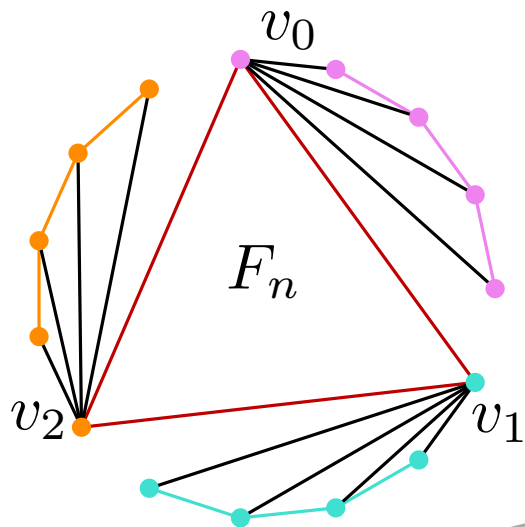




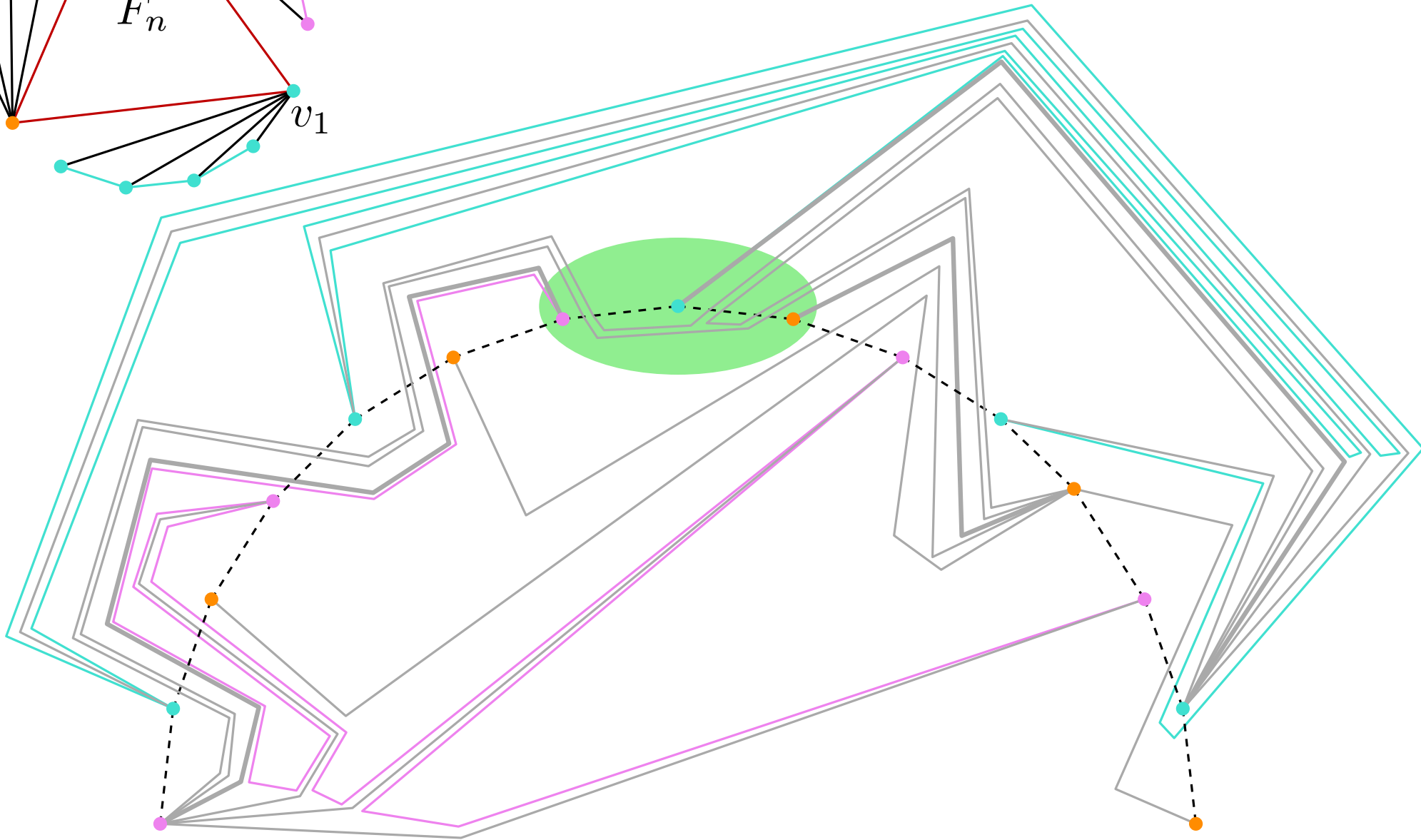
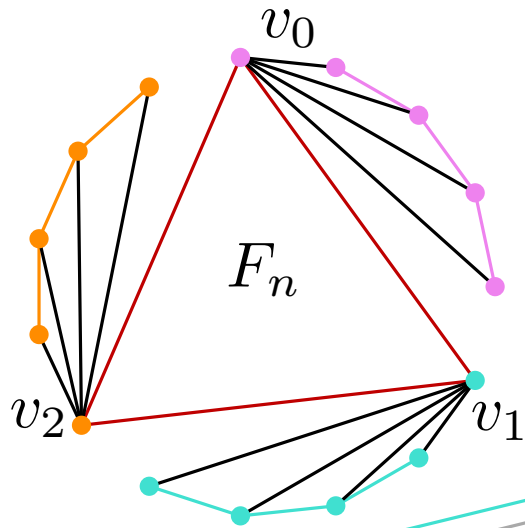
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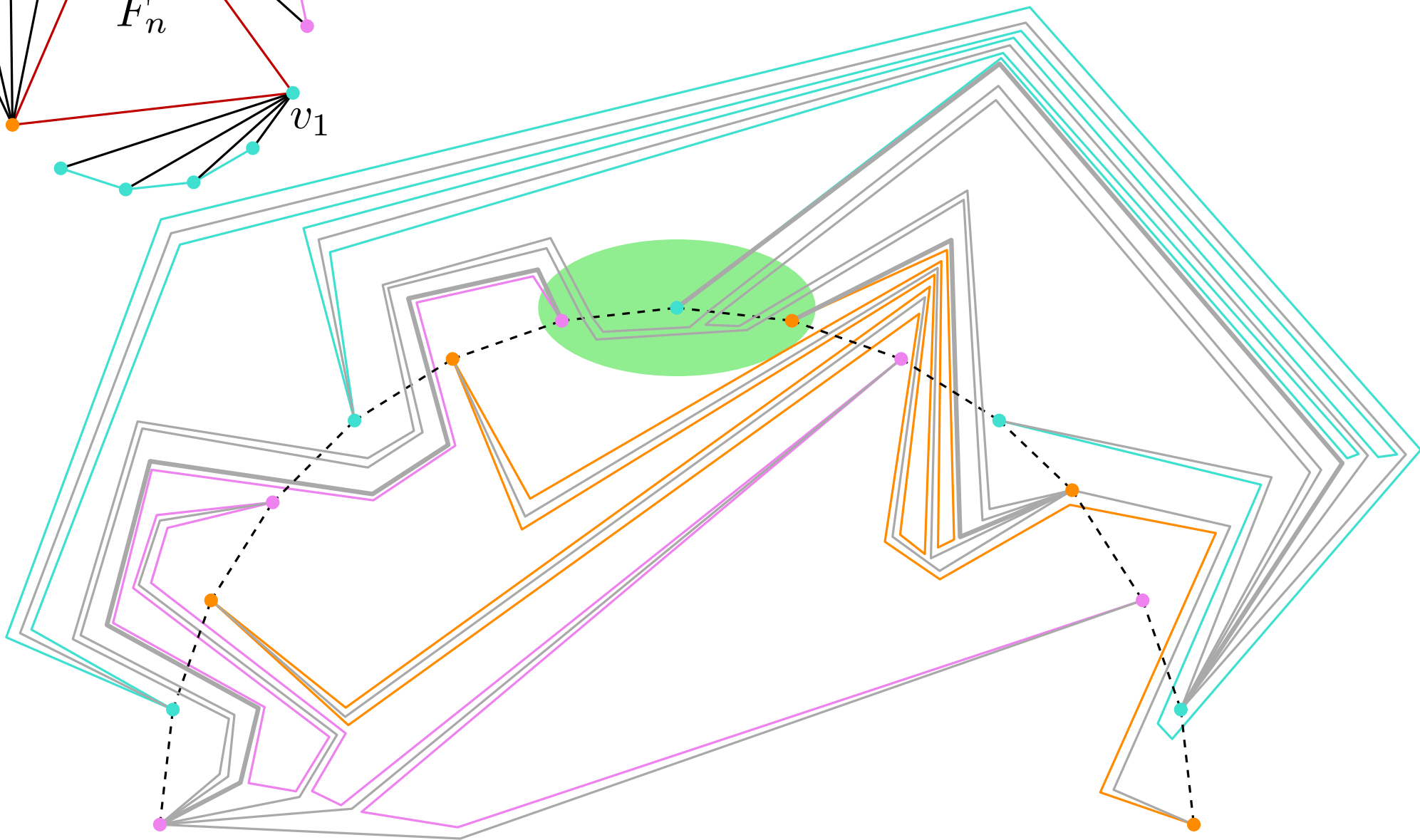
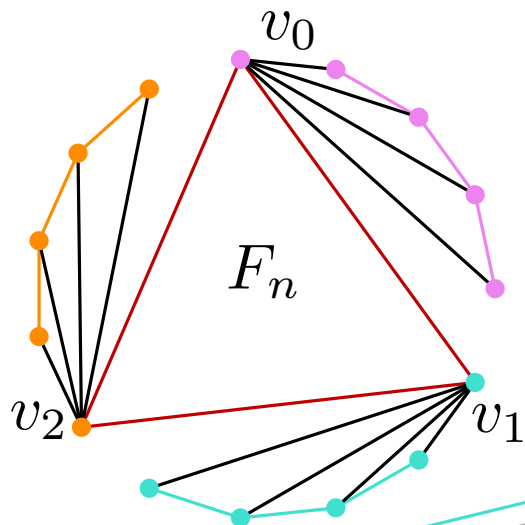
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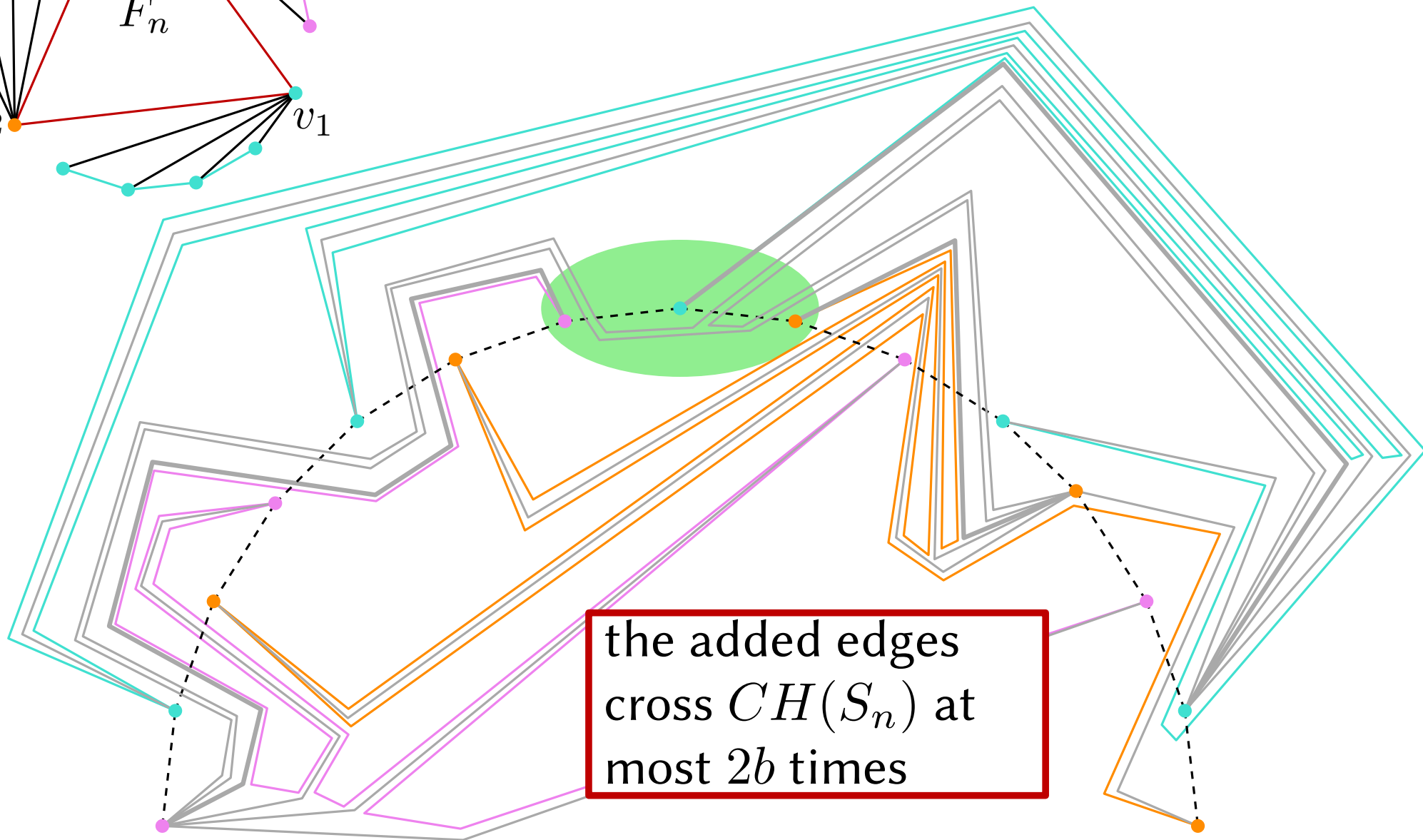
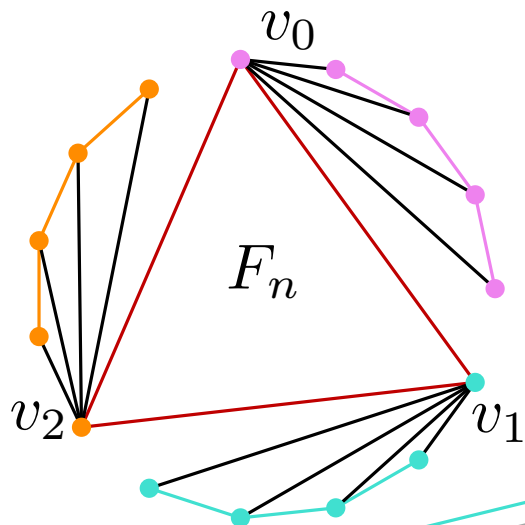
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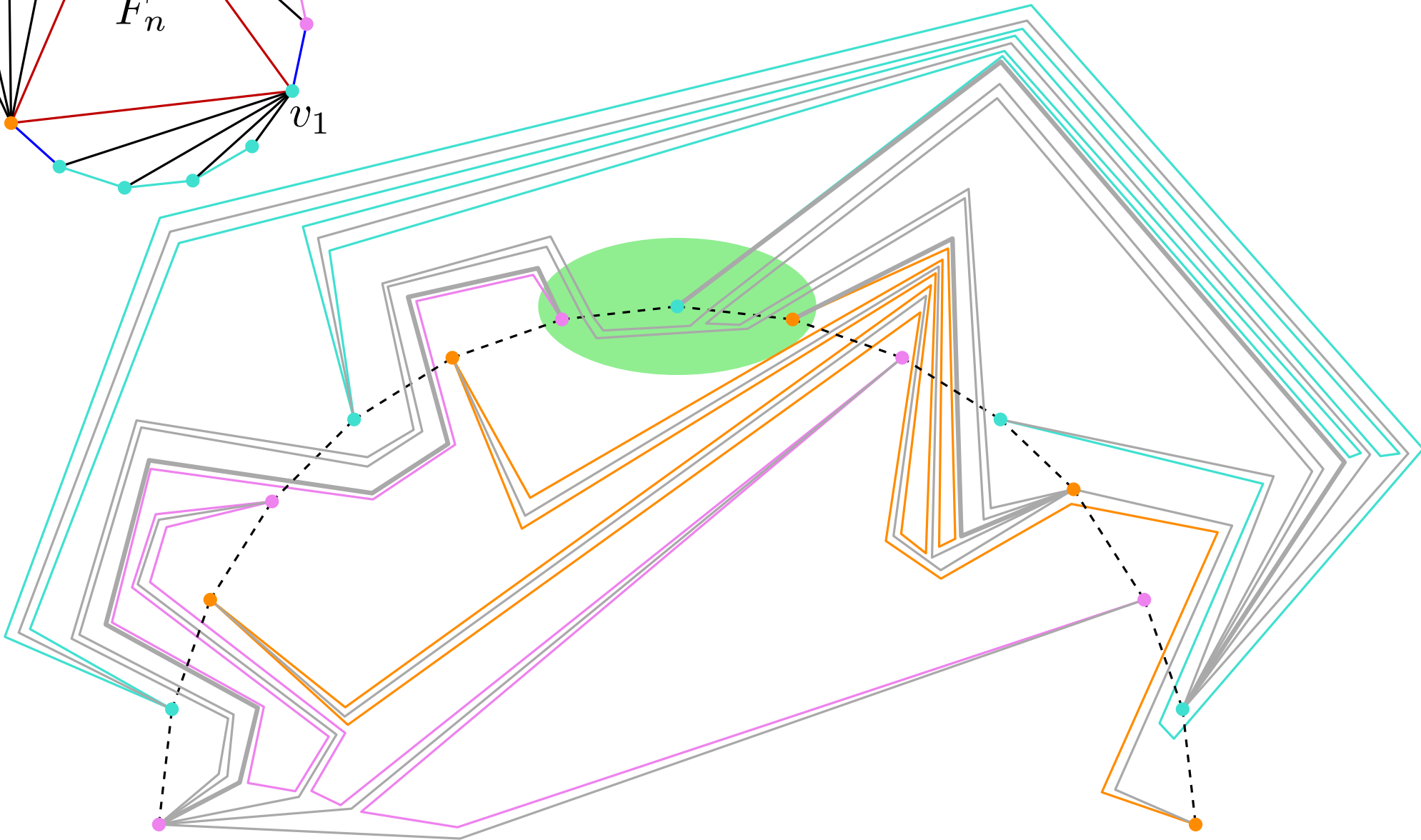
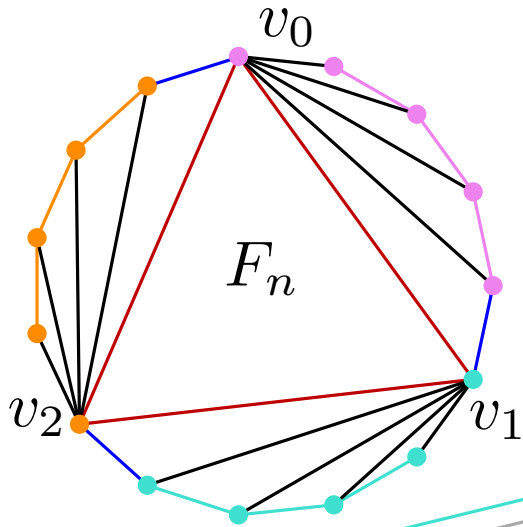


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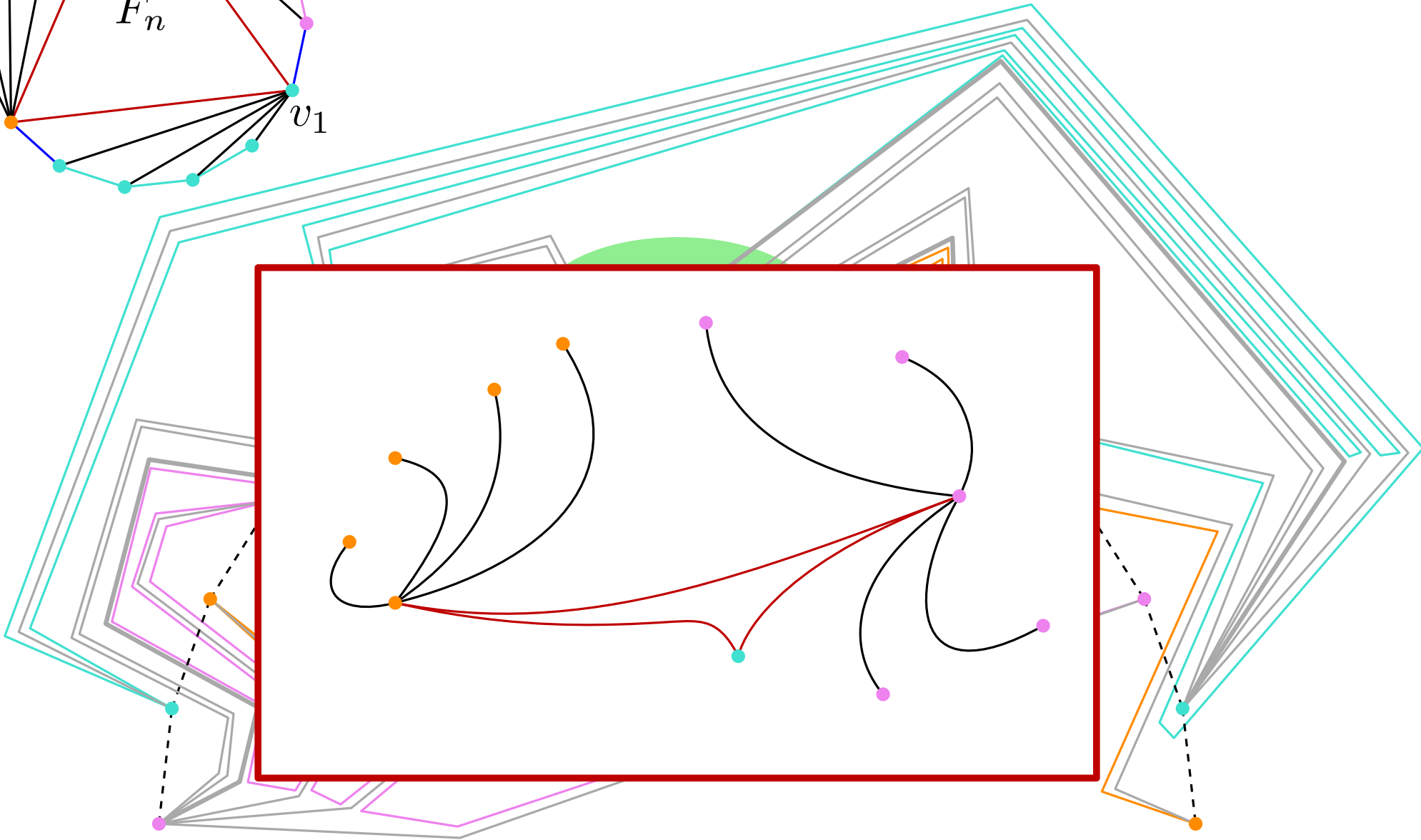
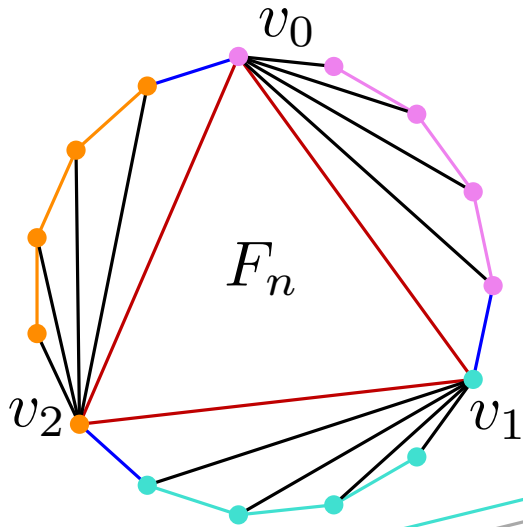
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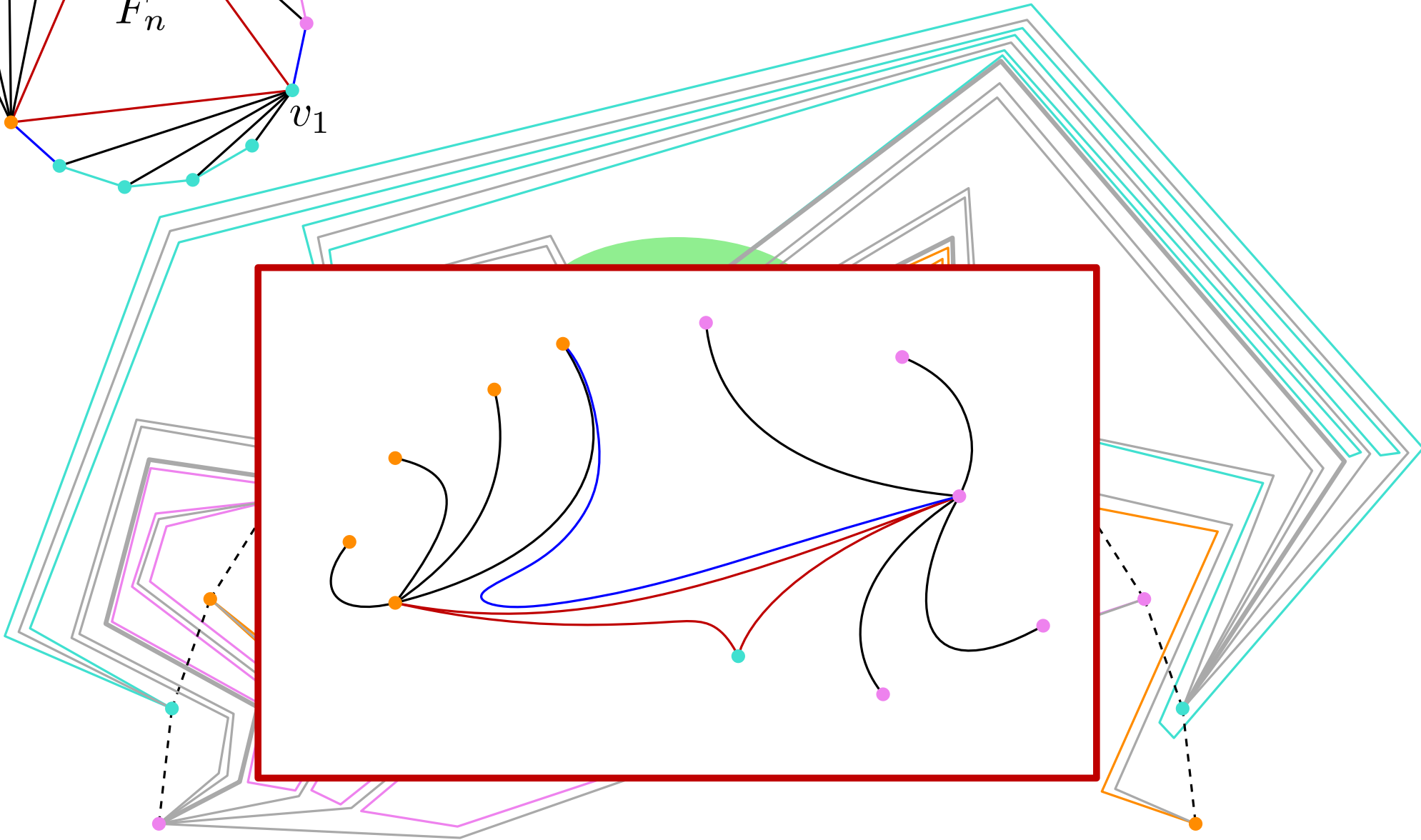
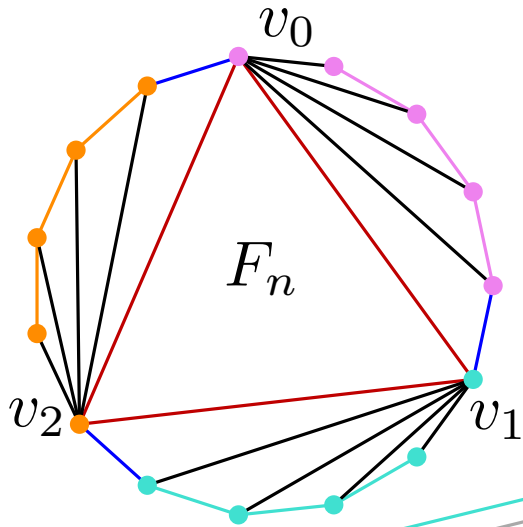
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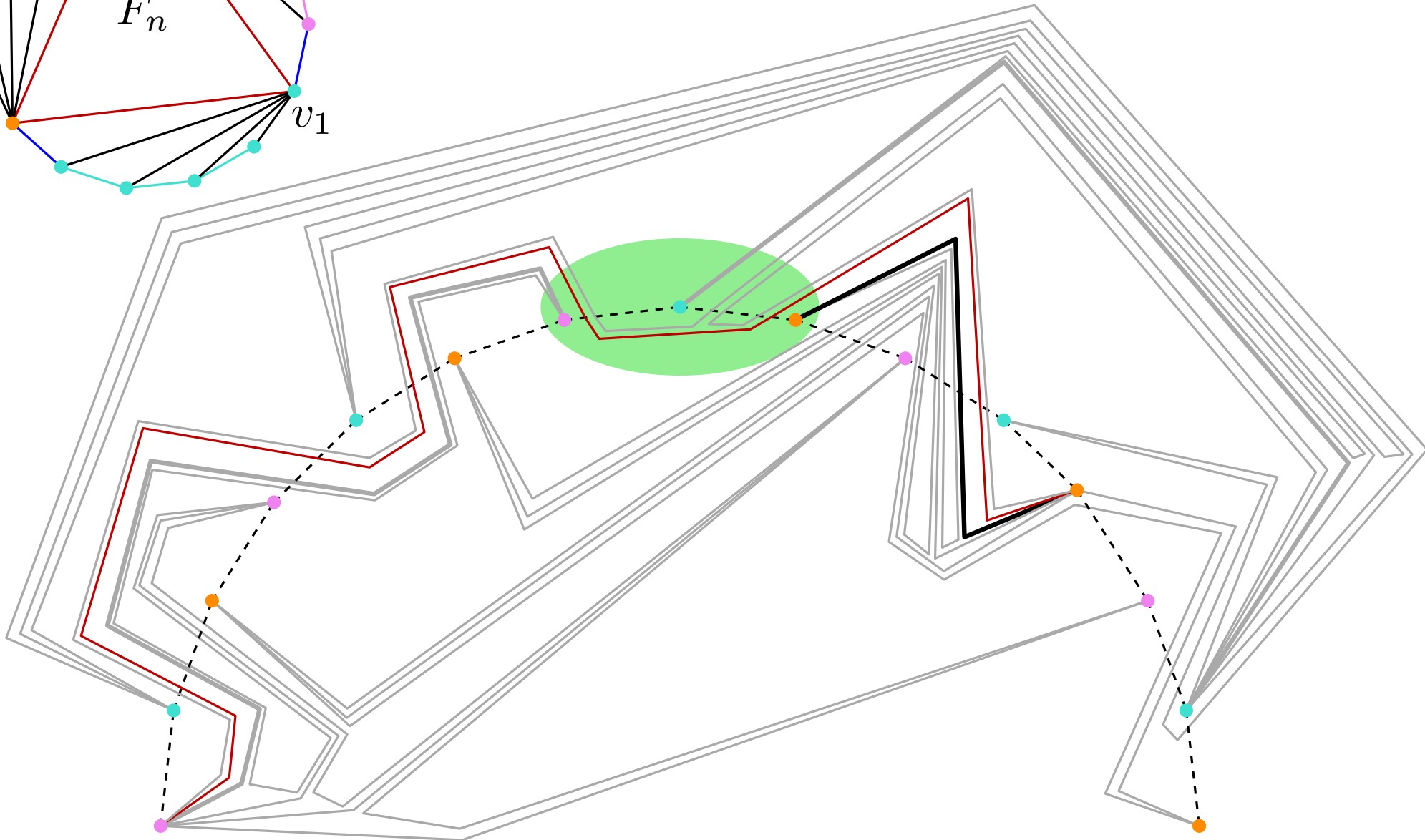
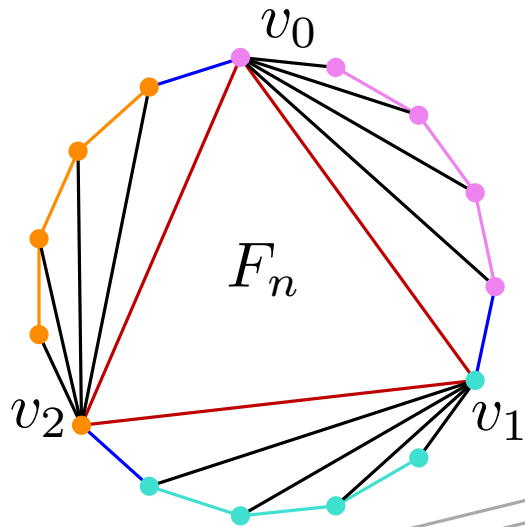
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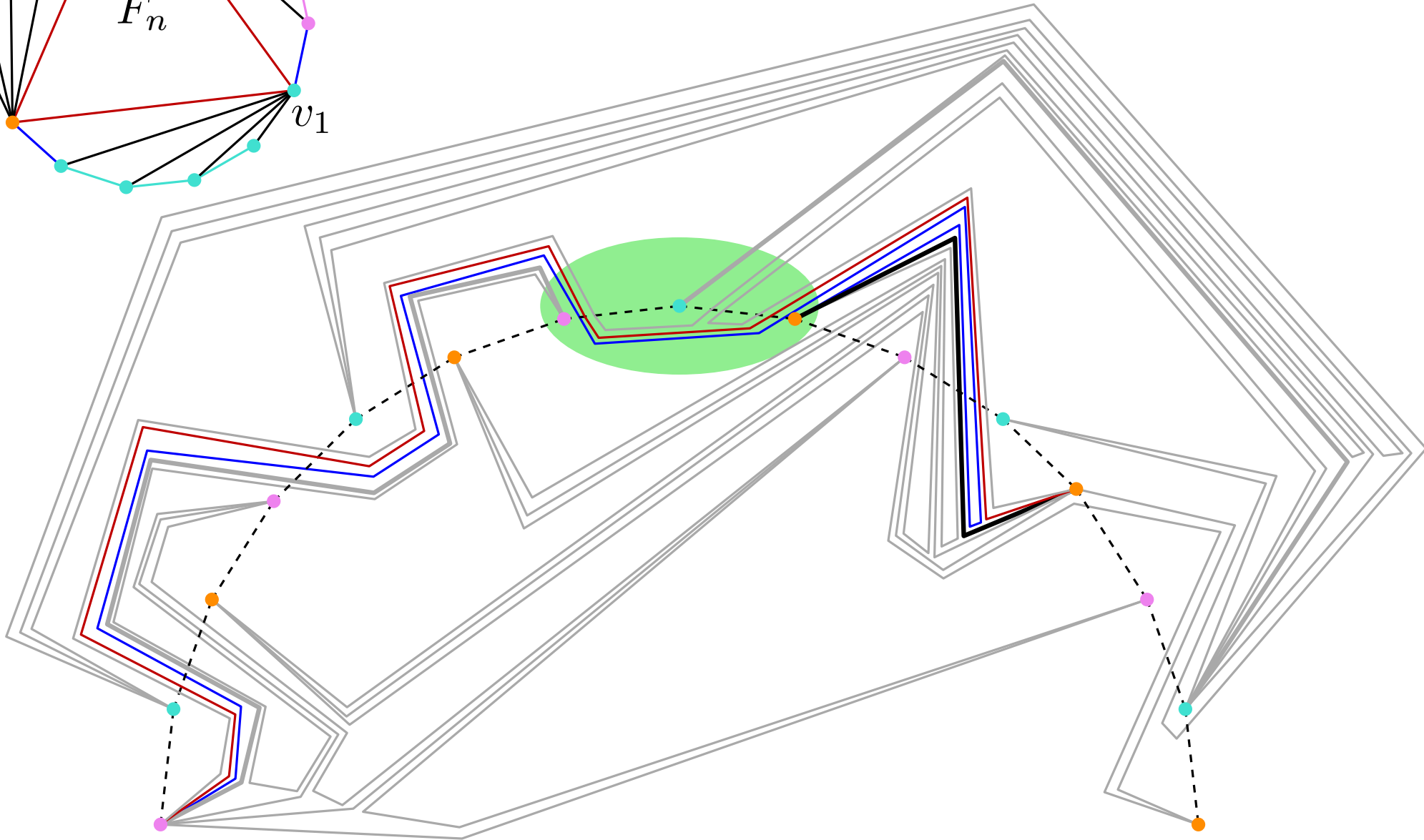
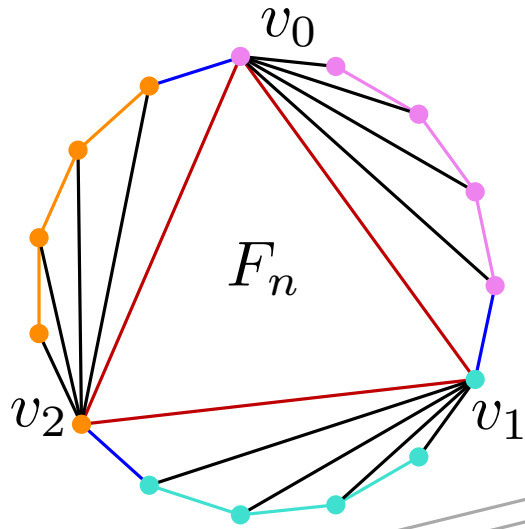




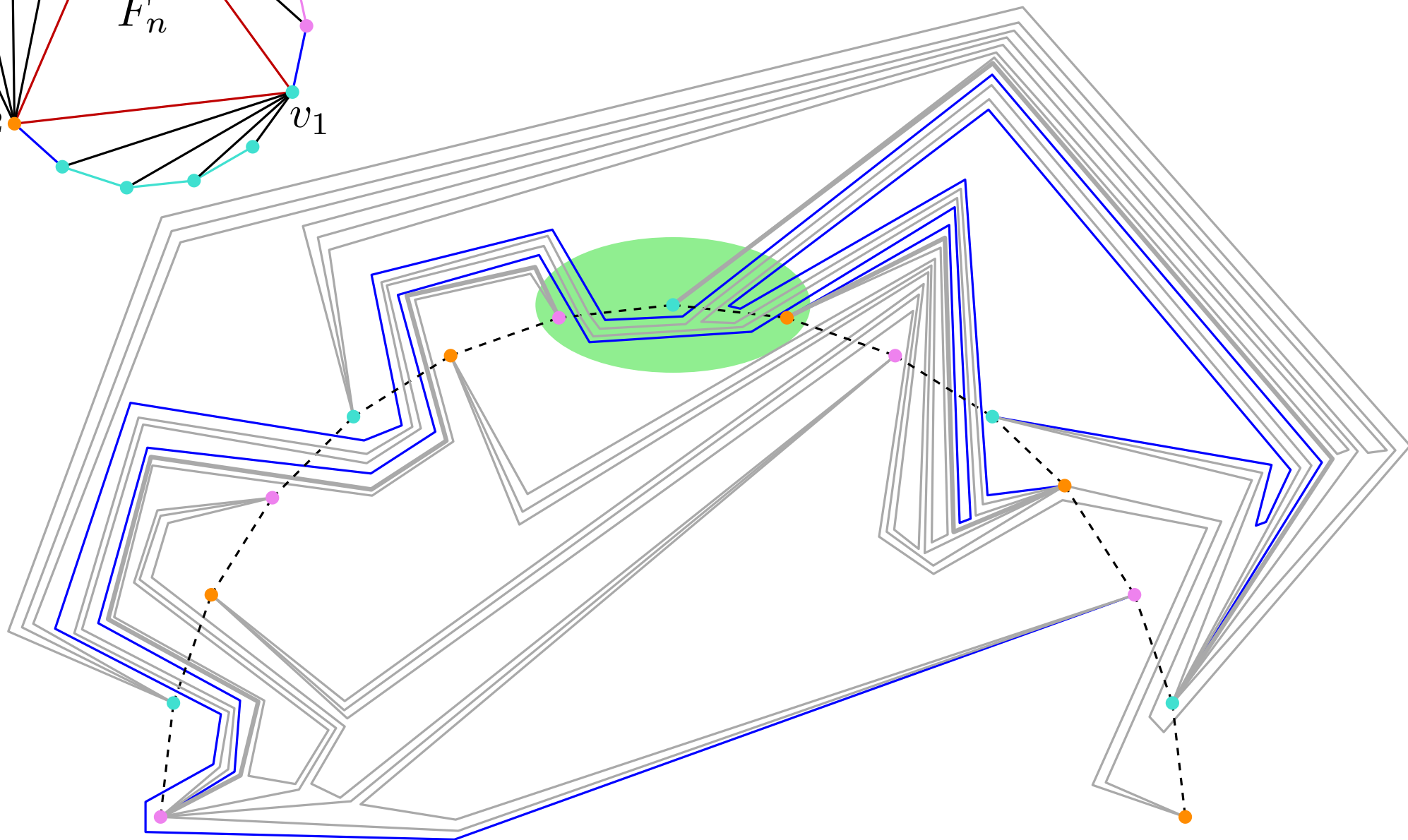
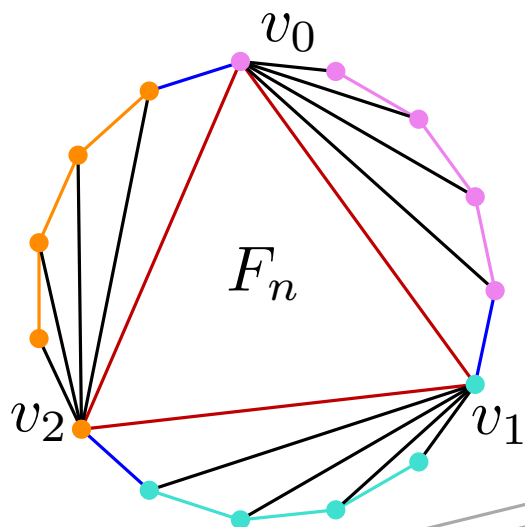
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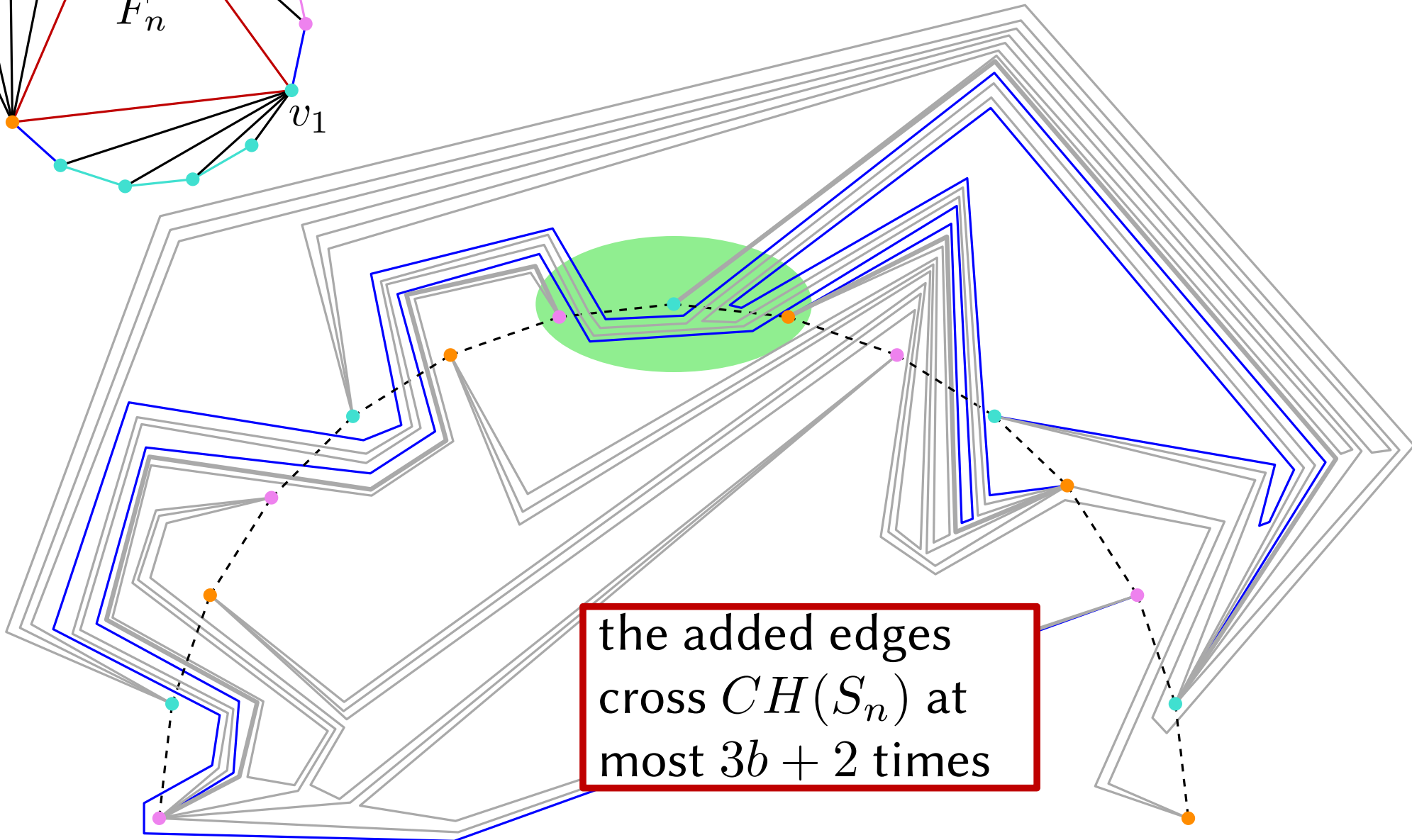
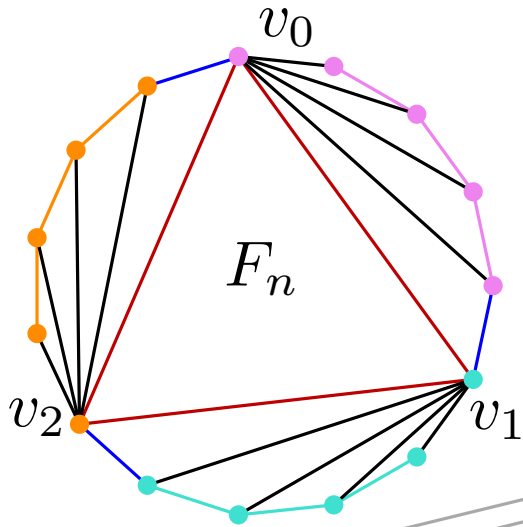
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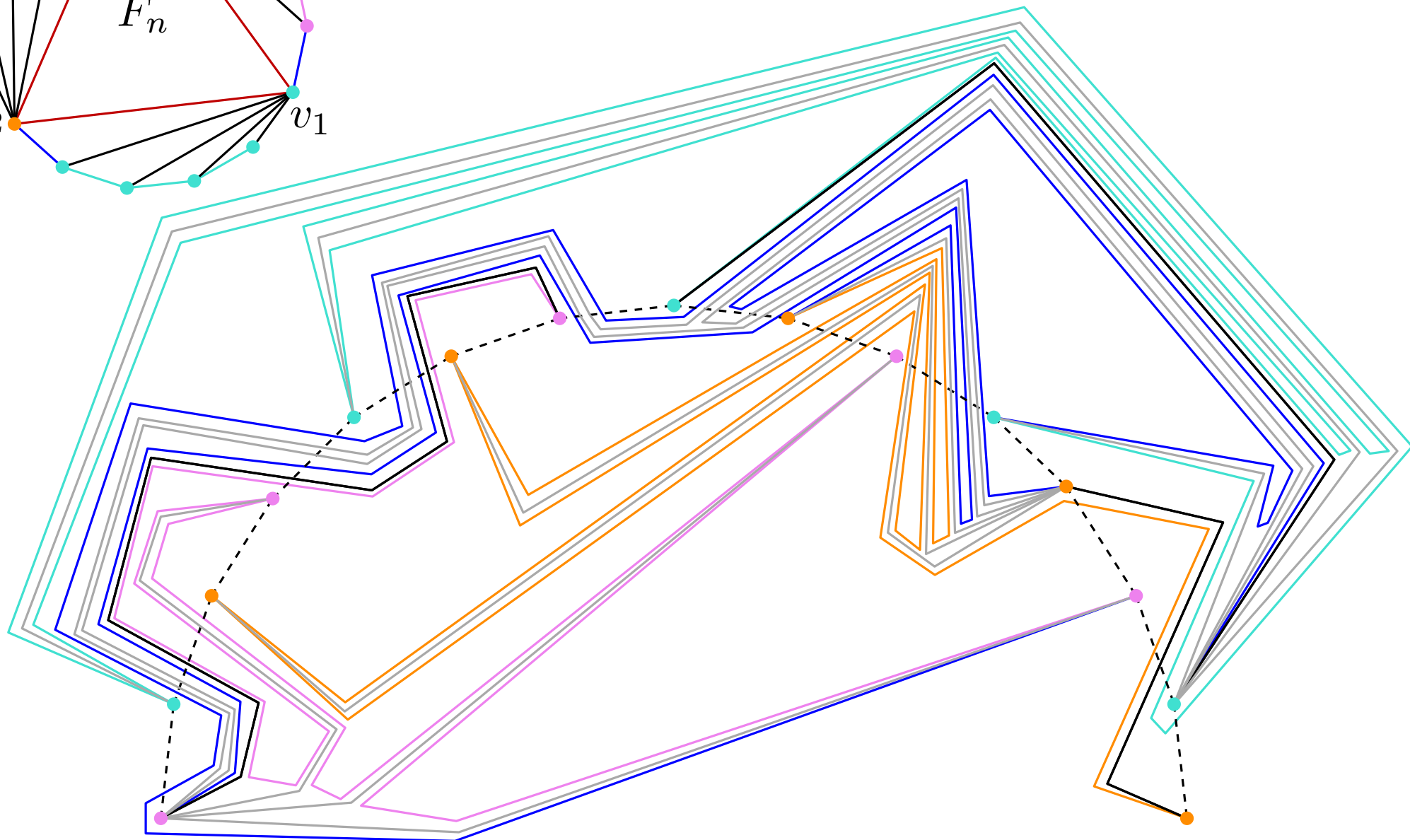
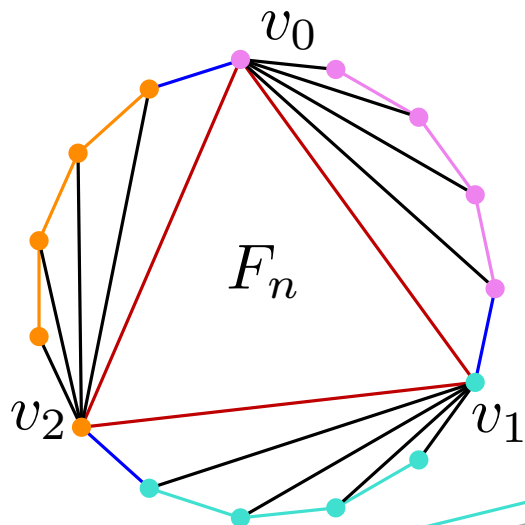


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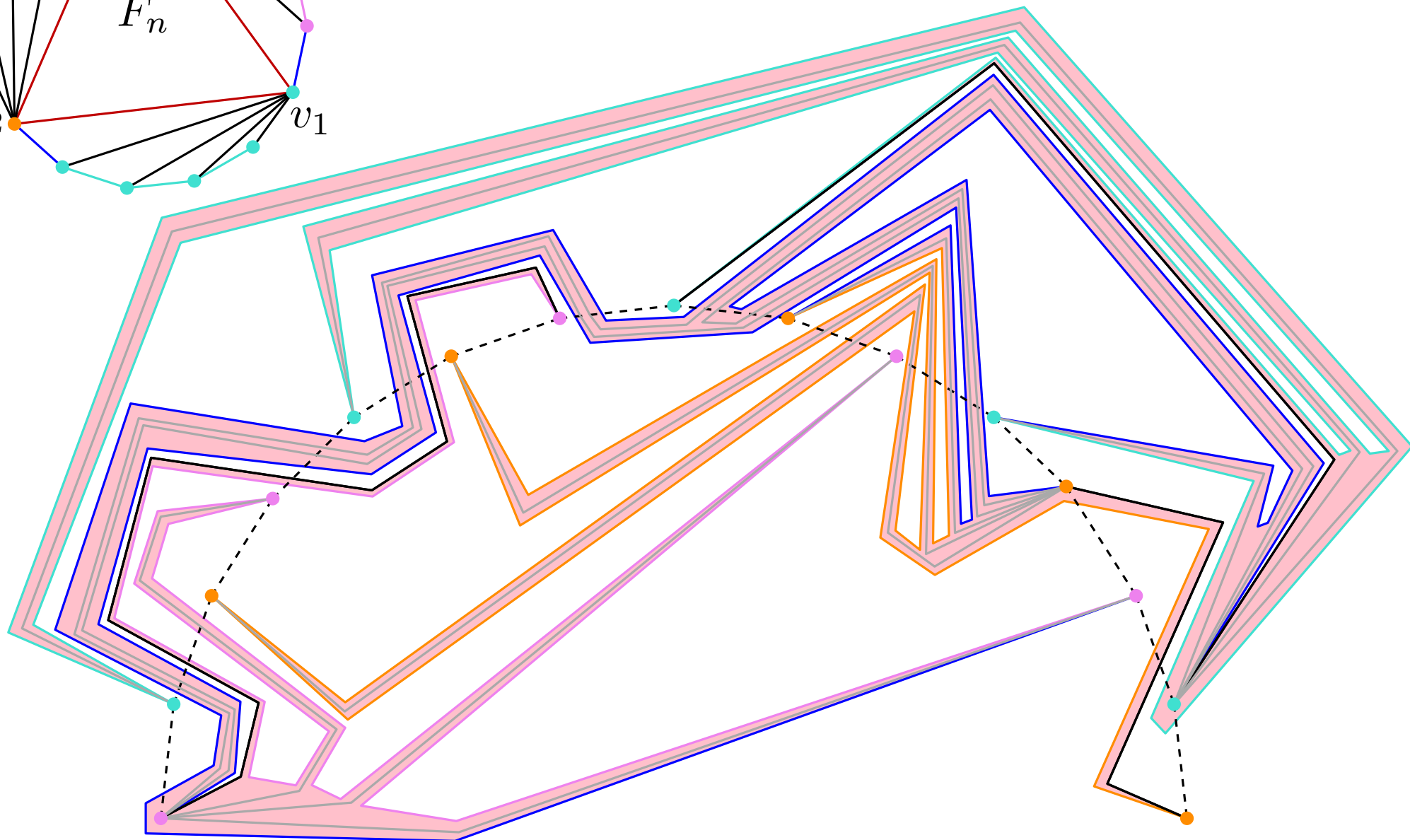
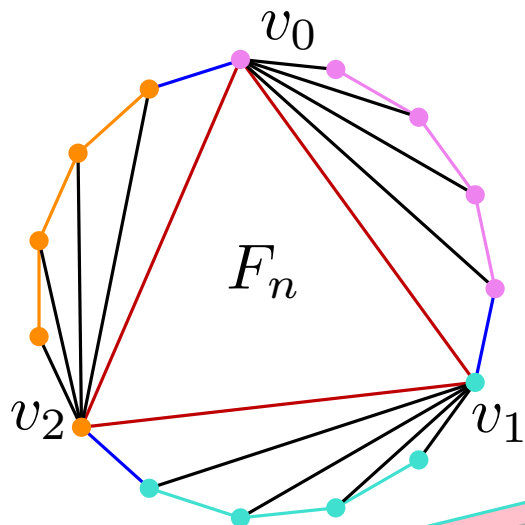


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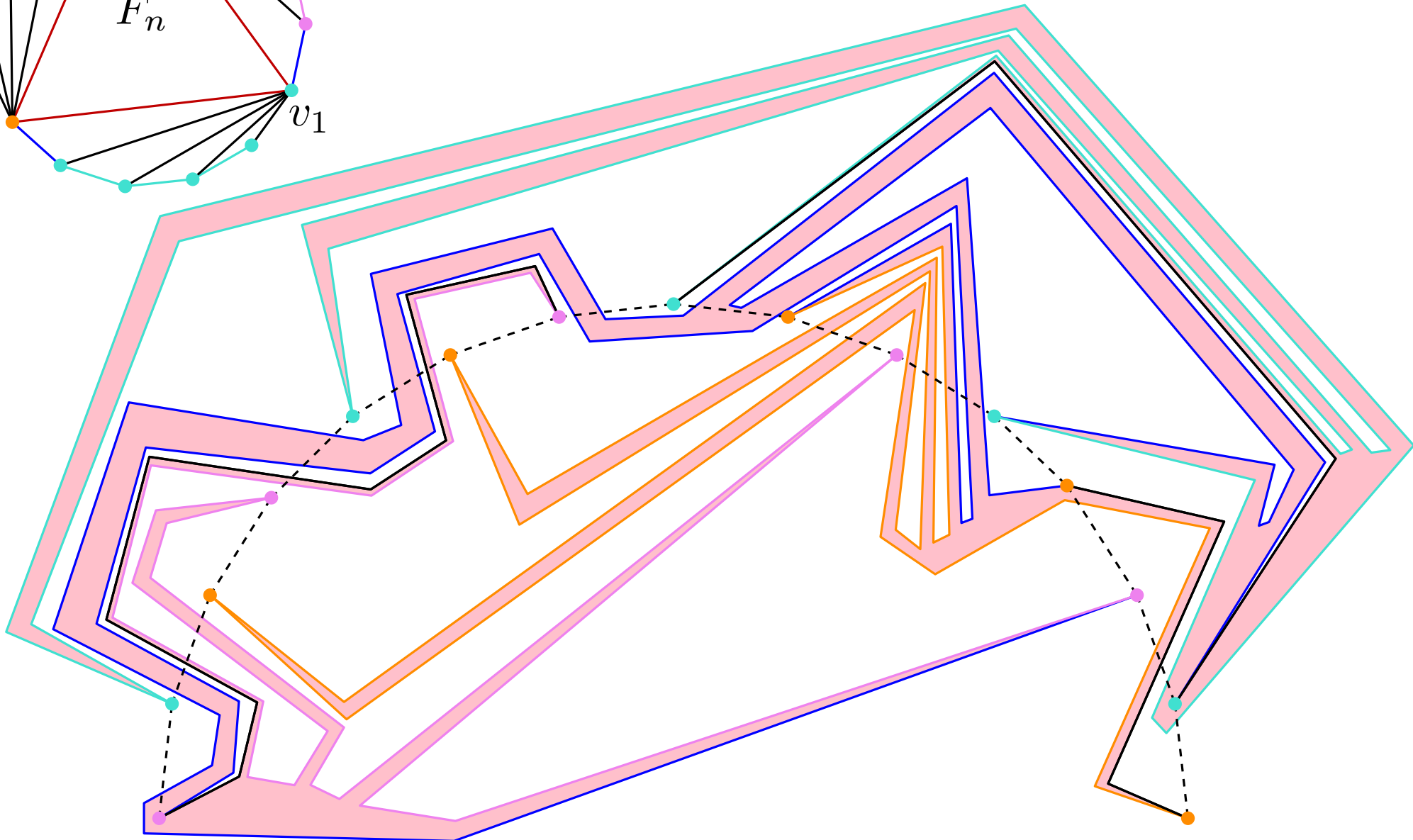
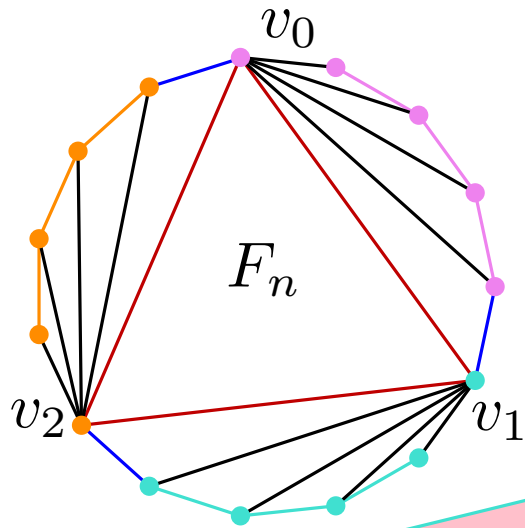
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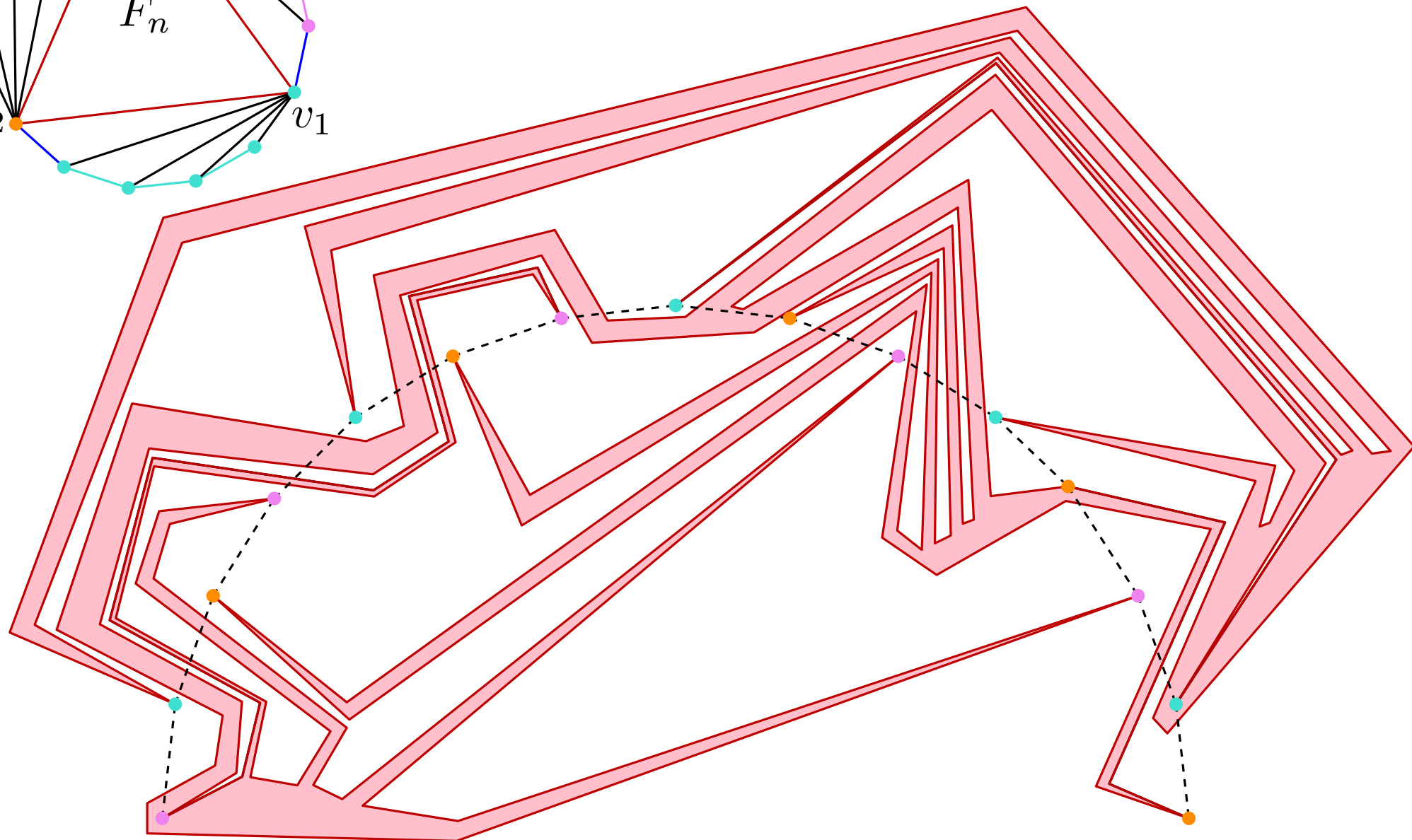
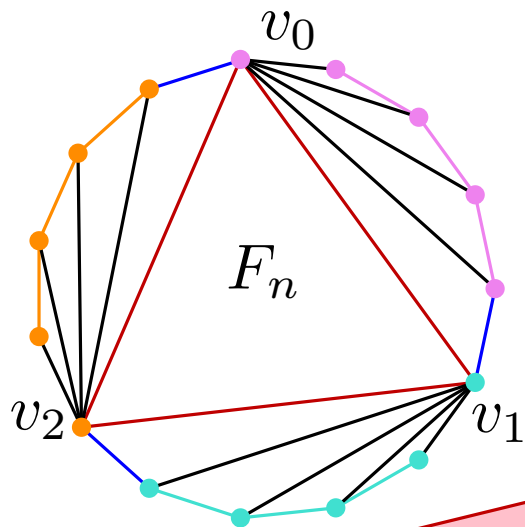
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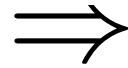
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# Putting all together

$F_n$  admits a PSE with  
 $CC \leq b$



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 $2b + 1$  crossings of  
 $CH(S_n)$

Lm. 1 A downward-pointing double arrow indicating an implication from the top-right box to the bottom-right box.

$G_n$  admits a PSE with  
 $CC \leq 12b + 5$

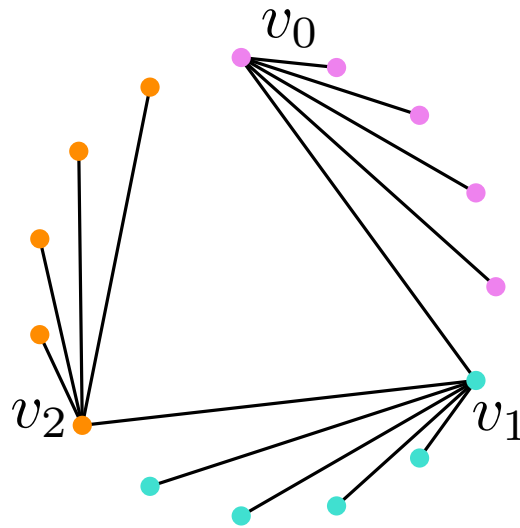


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$G_n$  admits a PSE with  
 $6b + 2$  crossings of  
 $CH(S_n)$

# Comments

Since there exists a caterpillar that is a supergraph of  $F_n$  for every  $n$ ,  $\Omega(n^{\frac{1}{3}})$  bends may be necessary also for 3-colored caterpillars



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Our result:

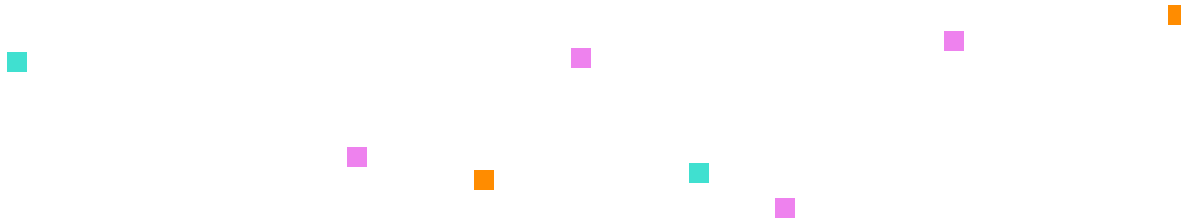
- Every 3-colored path admits a PSE with  $CC \leq 5$  onto any 3-colored point set.

# Proof approach

Path



Point set



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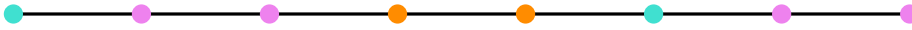


Project the points on a horizontal line (*spine*)



# Proof approach

Path



Sequence of colors



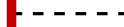
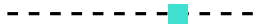
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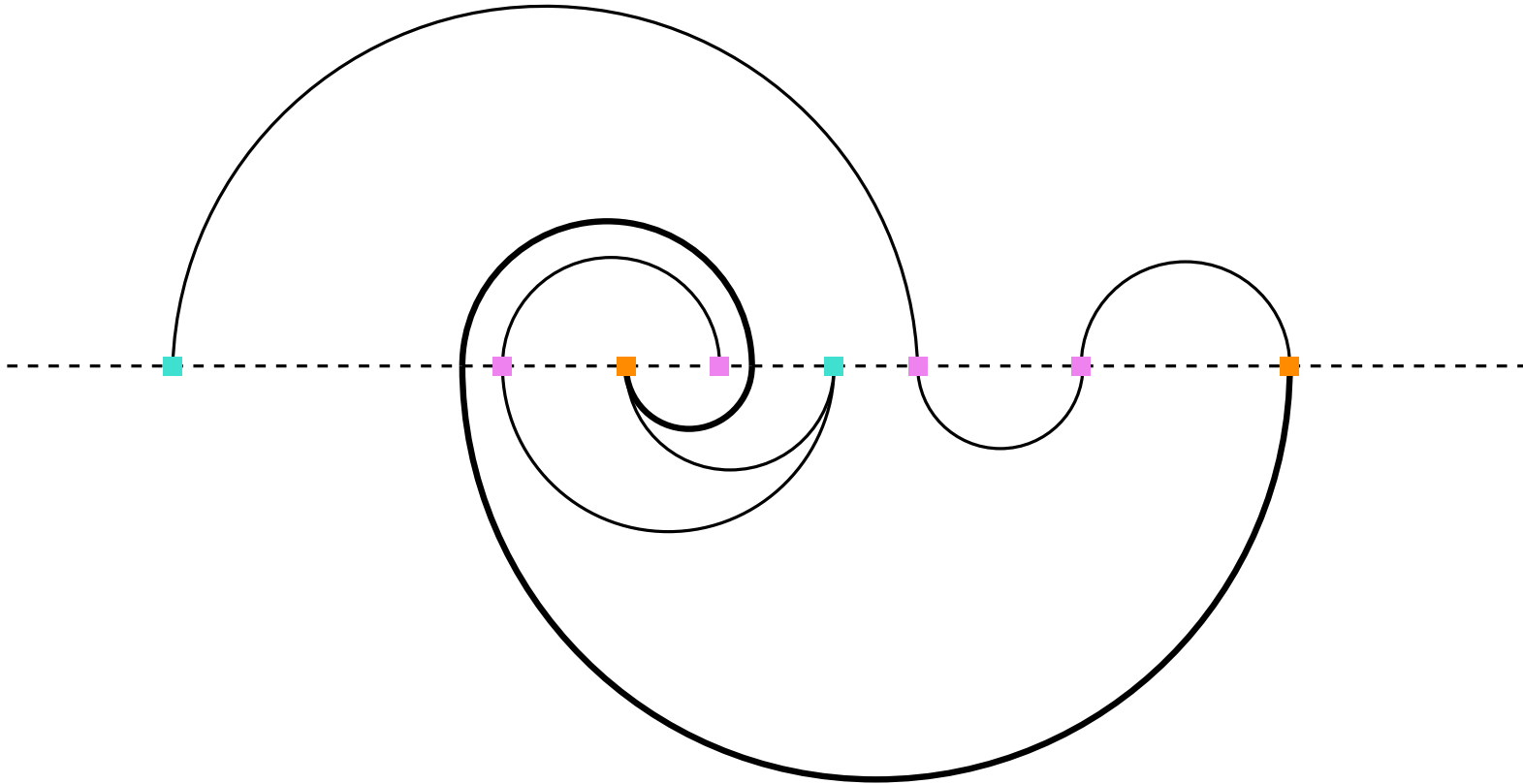
Compute a **2-page topological book embedding** consistent with the sequence of colors and with at most 2 spine crossings per edges





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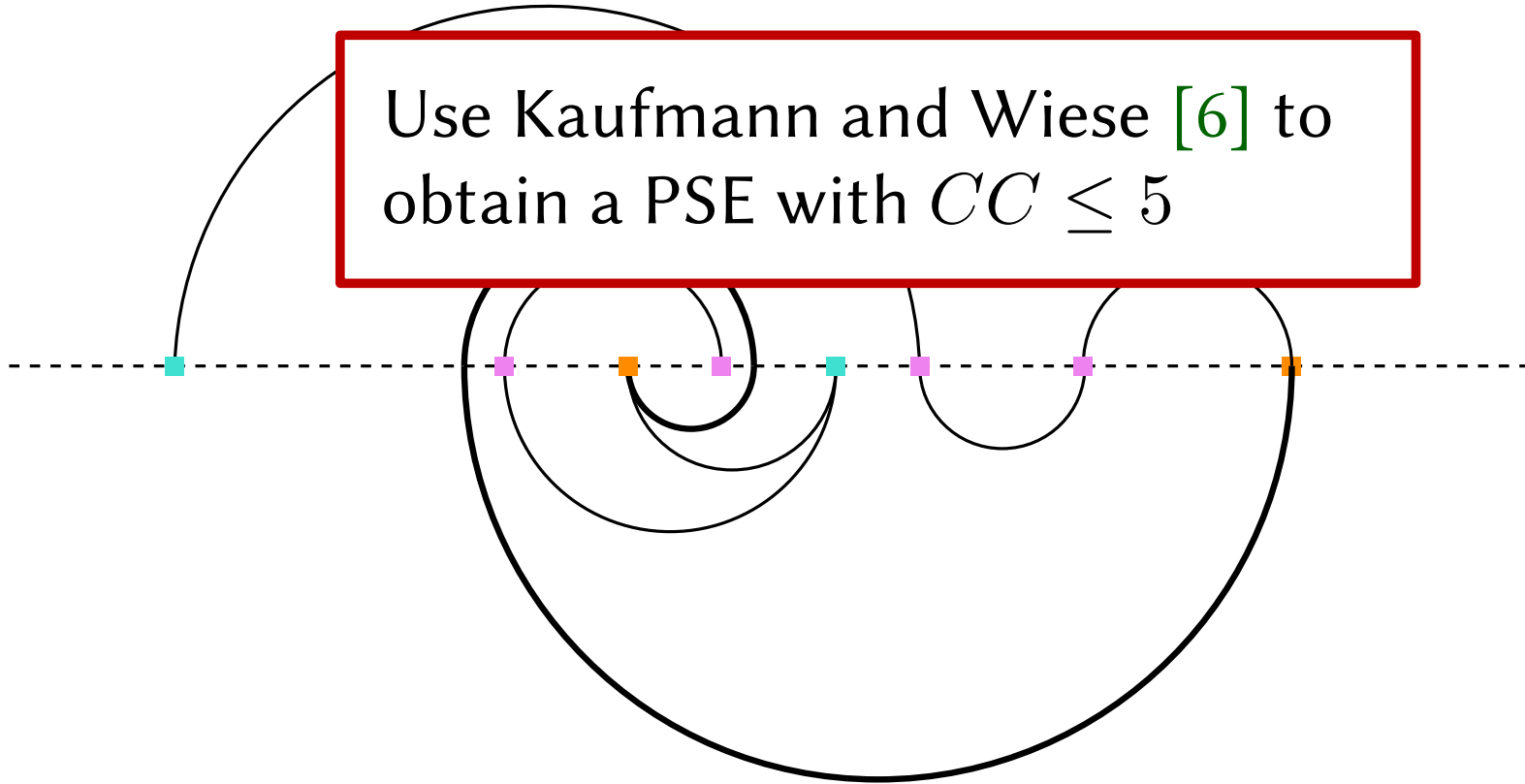


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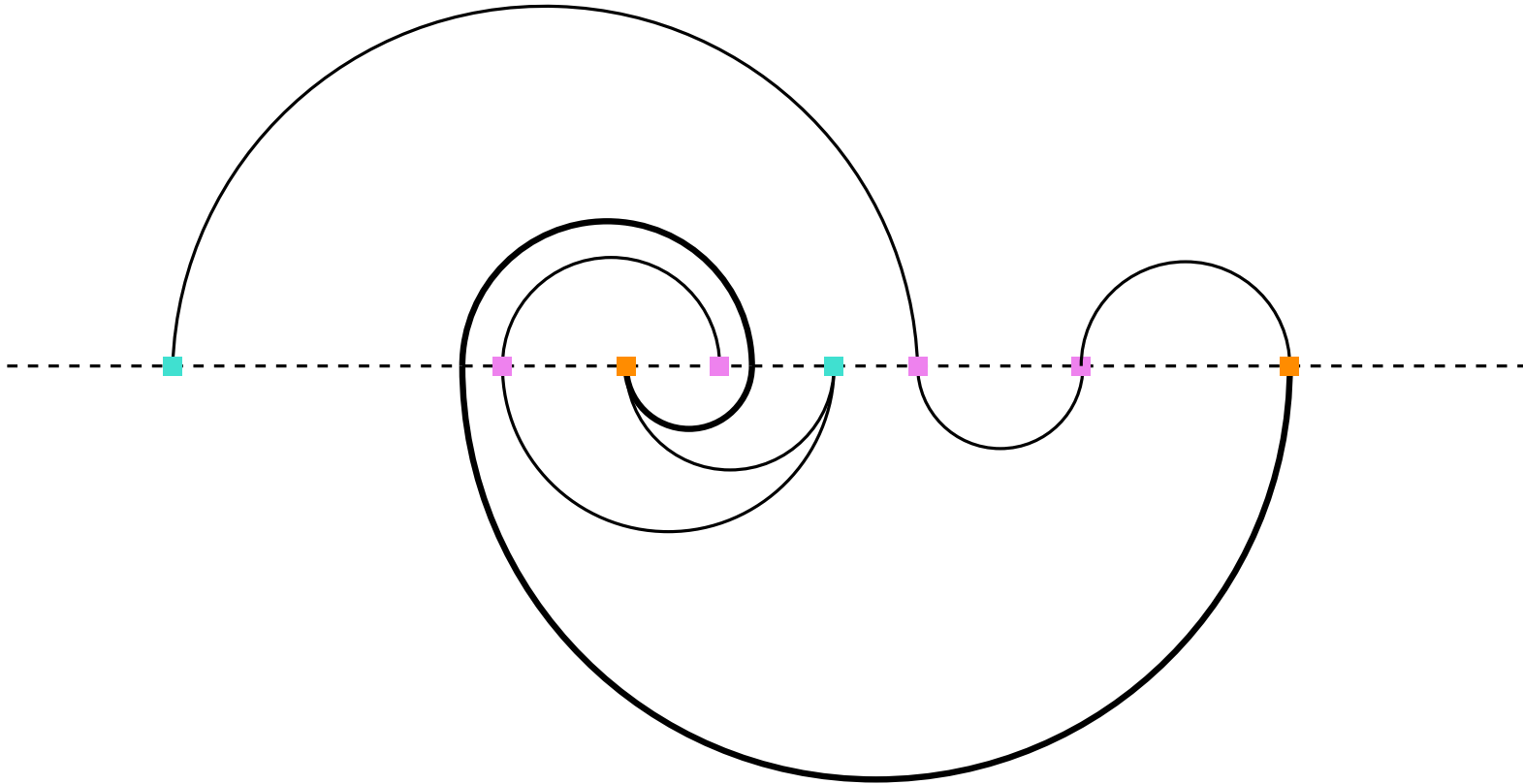
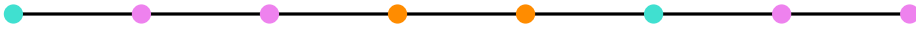


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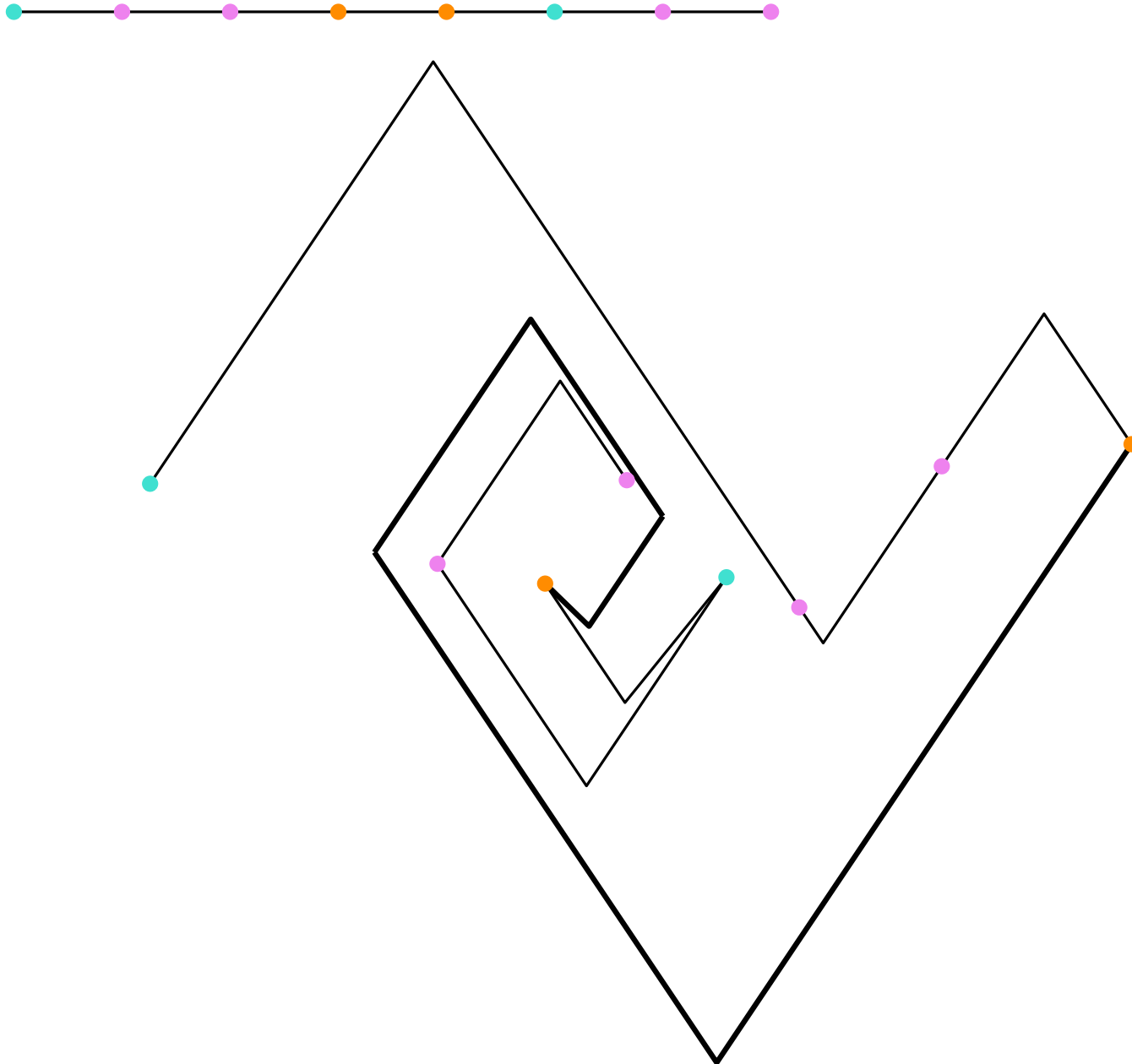
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## 2-page topological book embedding of paths

Every **3-colored path** admits a 2-page topological book embedding with at most 2 spine crossing per edge for any given sequence of colors

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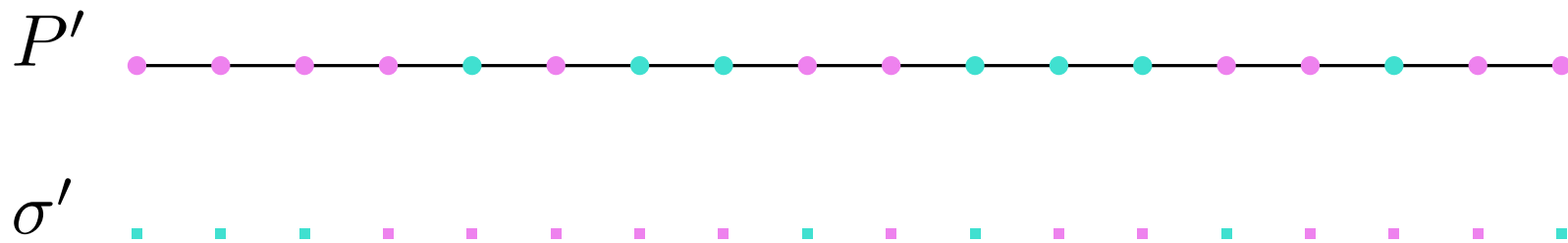


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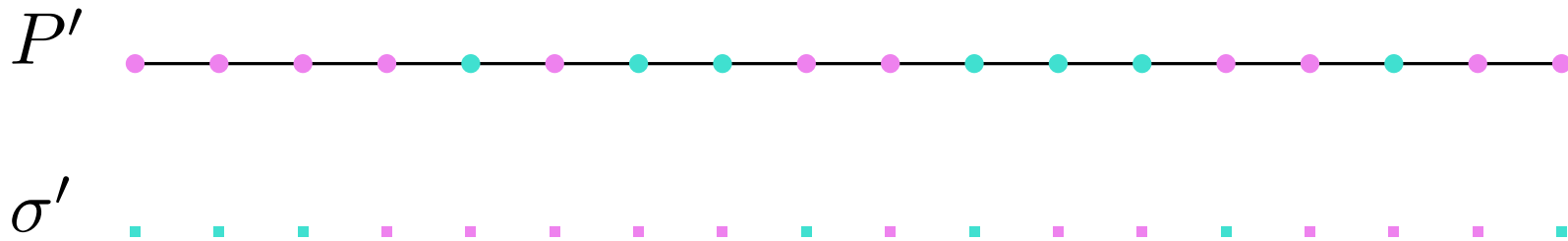


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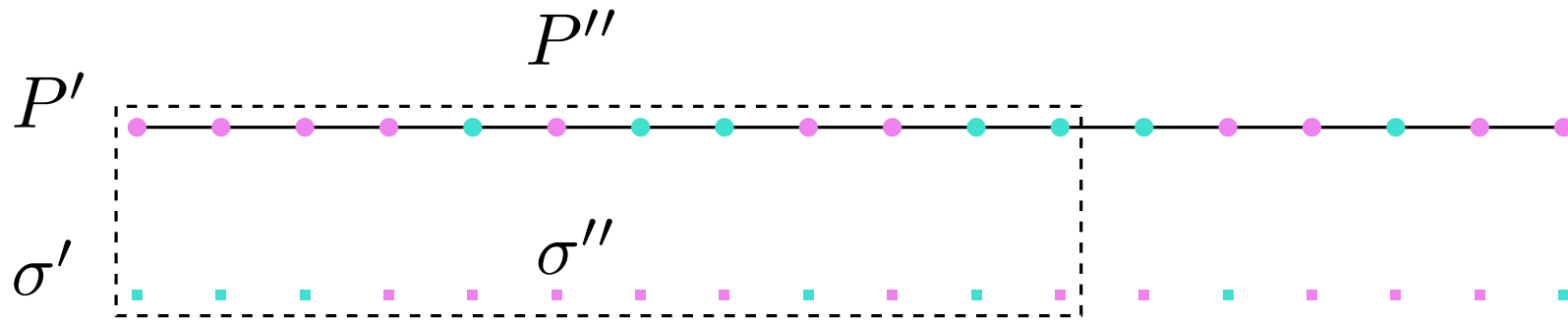
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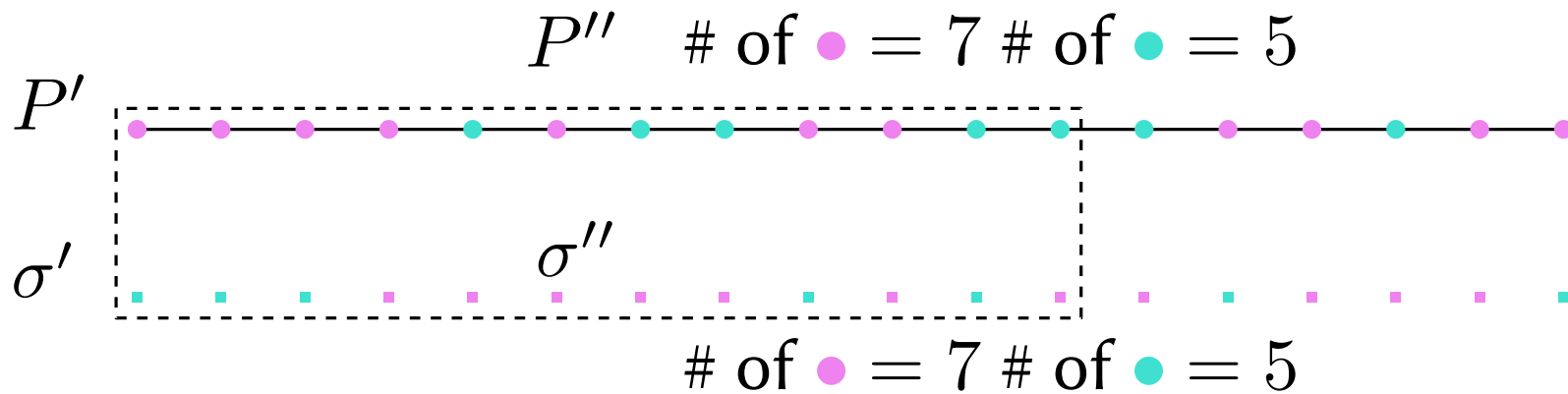
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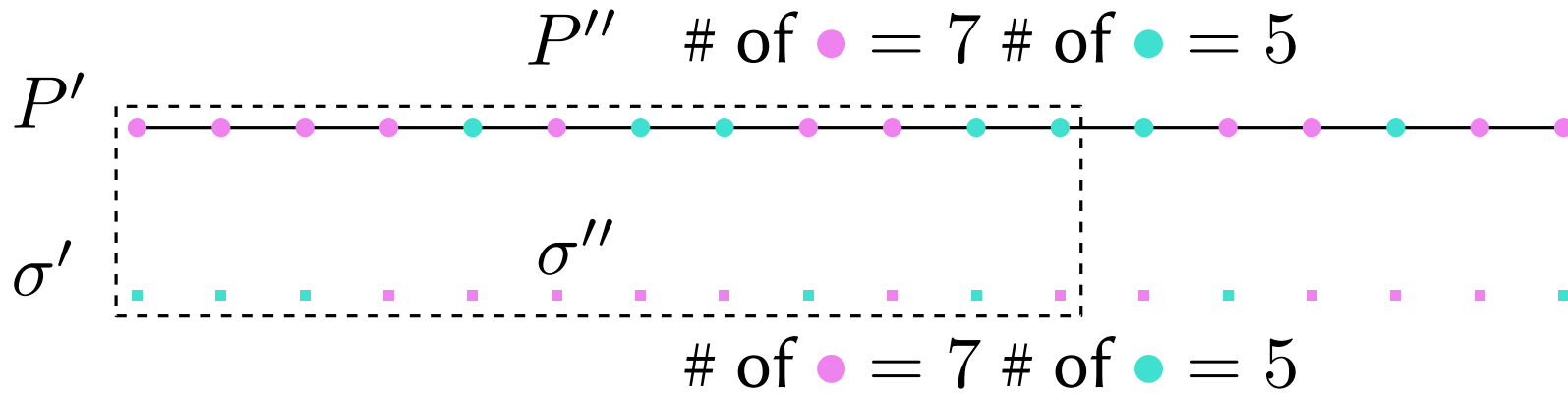
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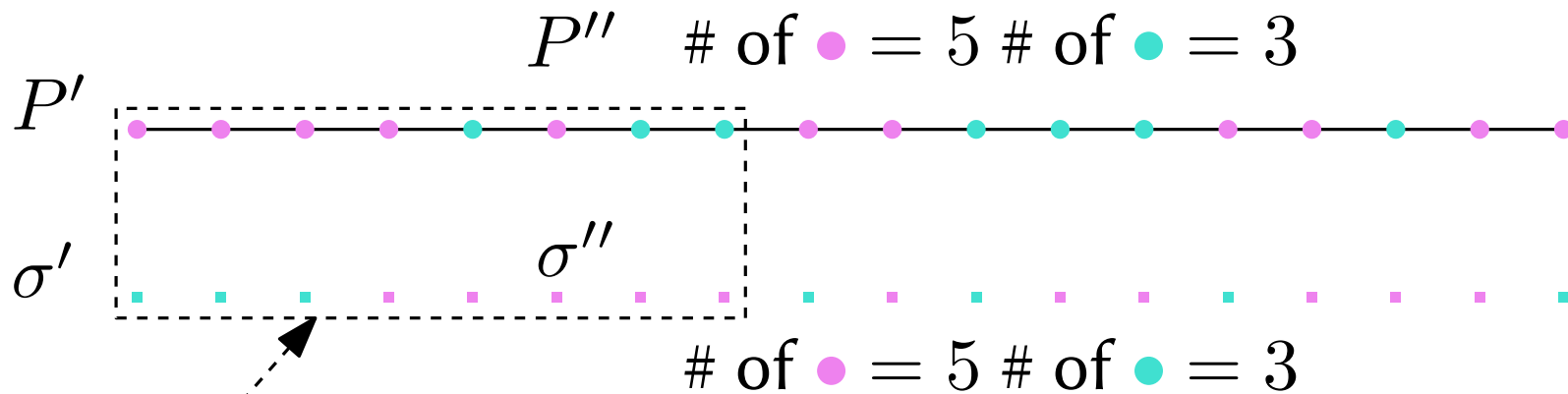
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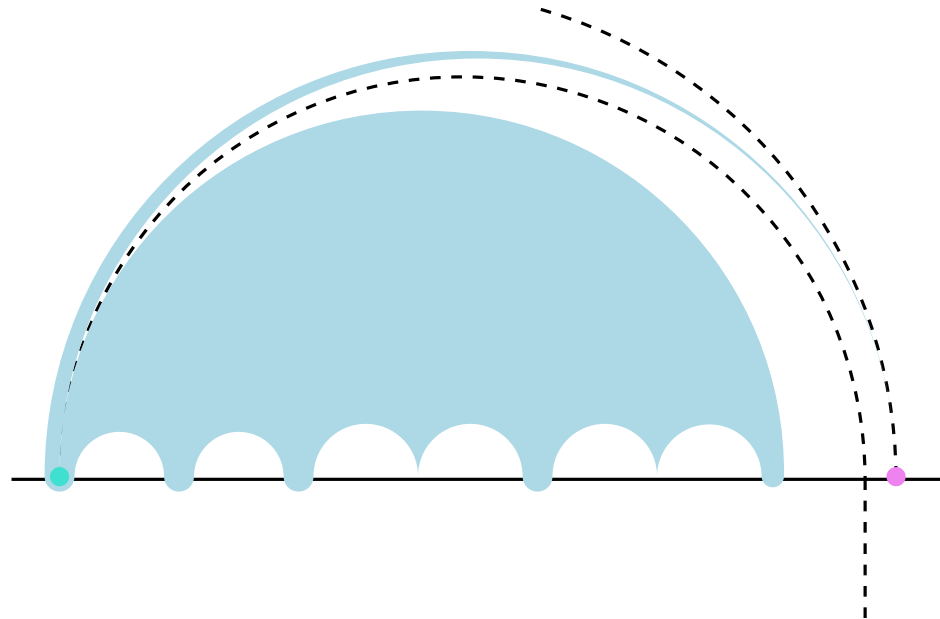


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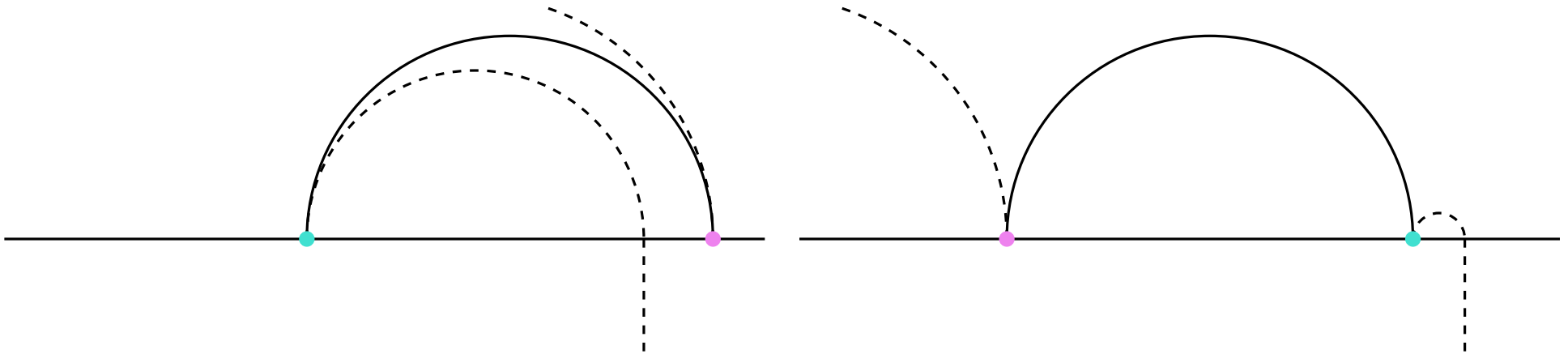
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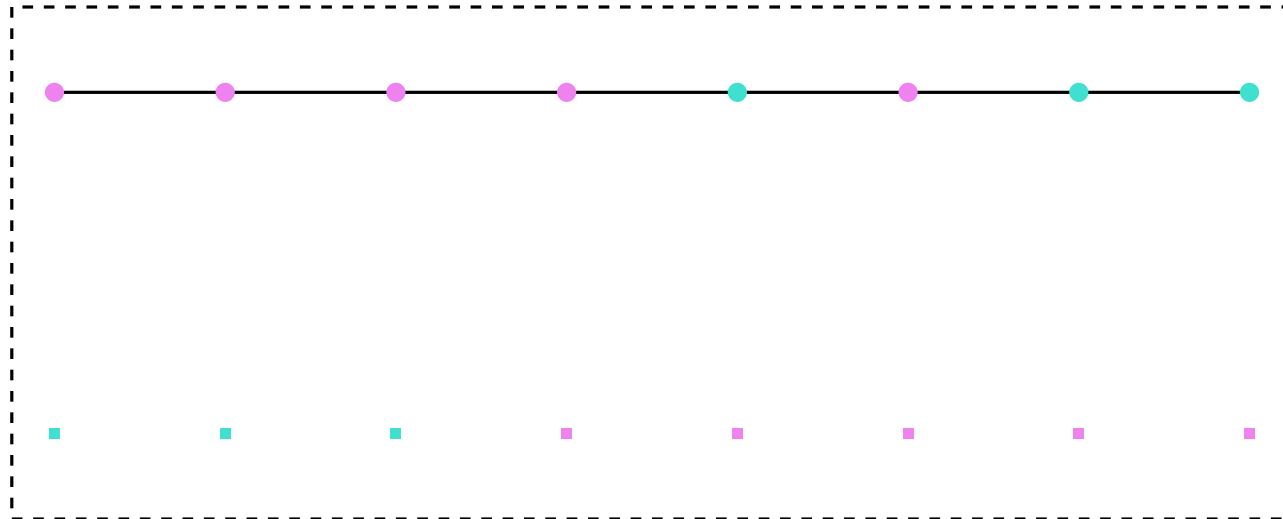
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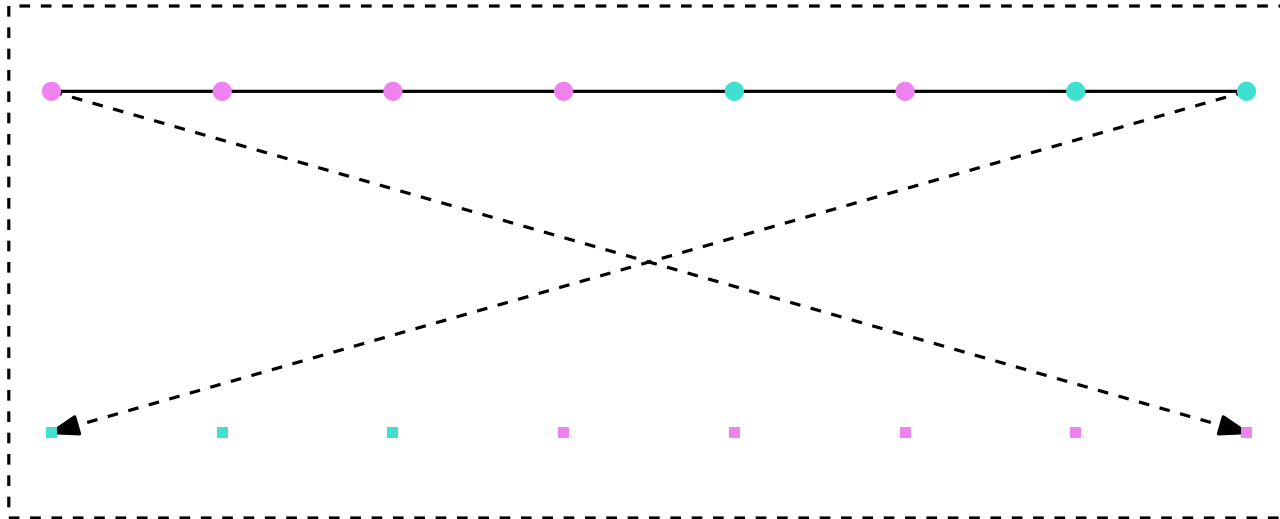


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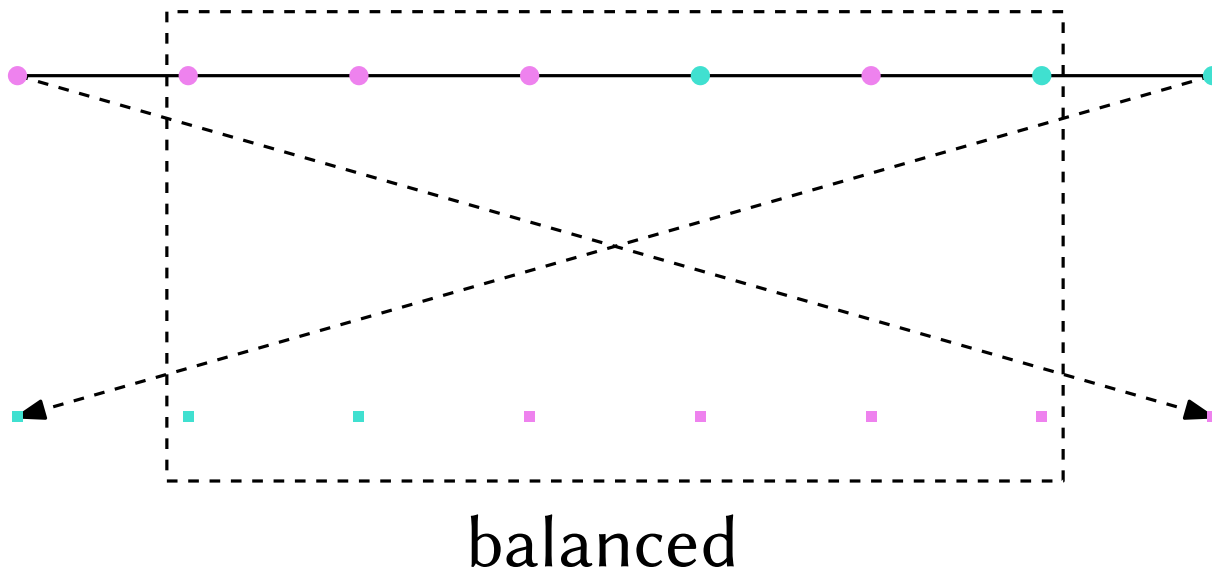


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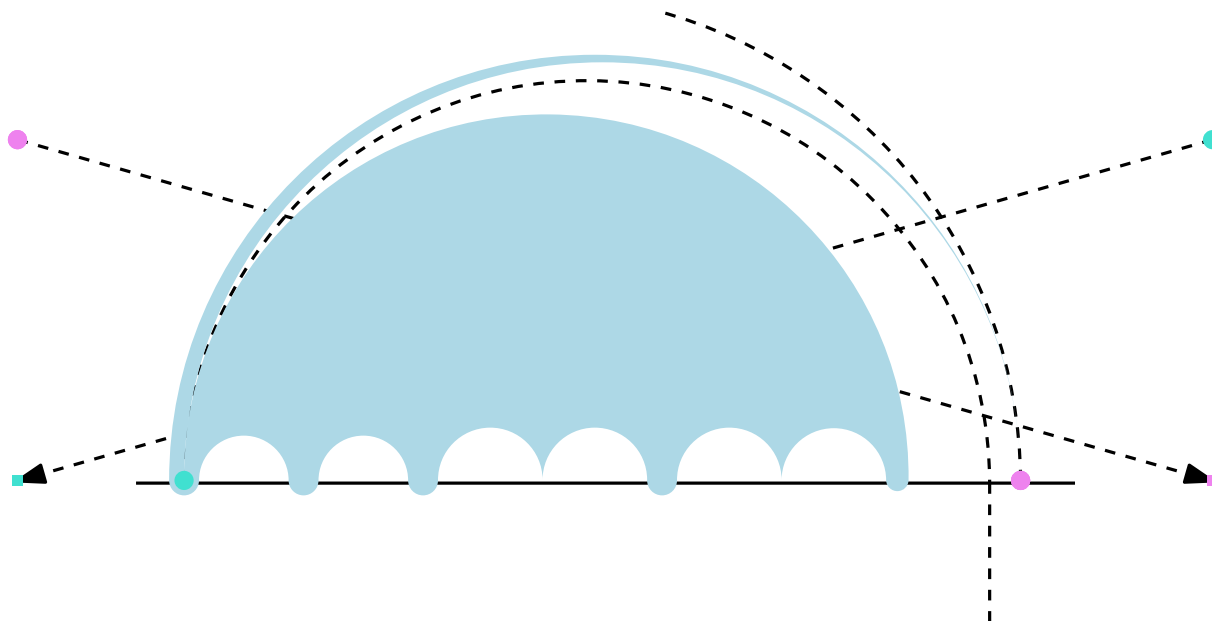


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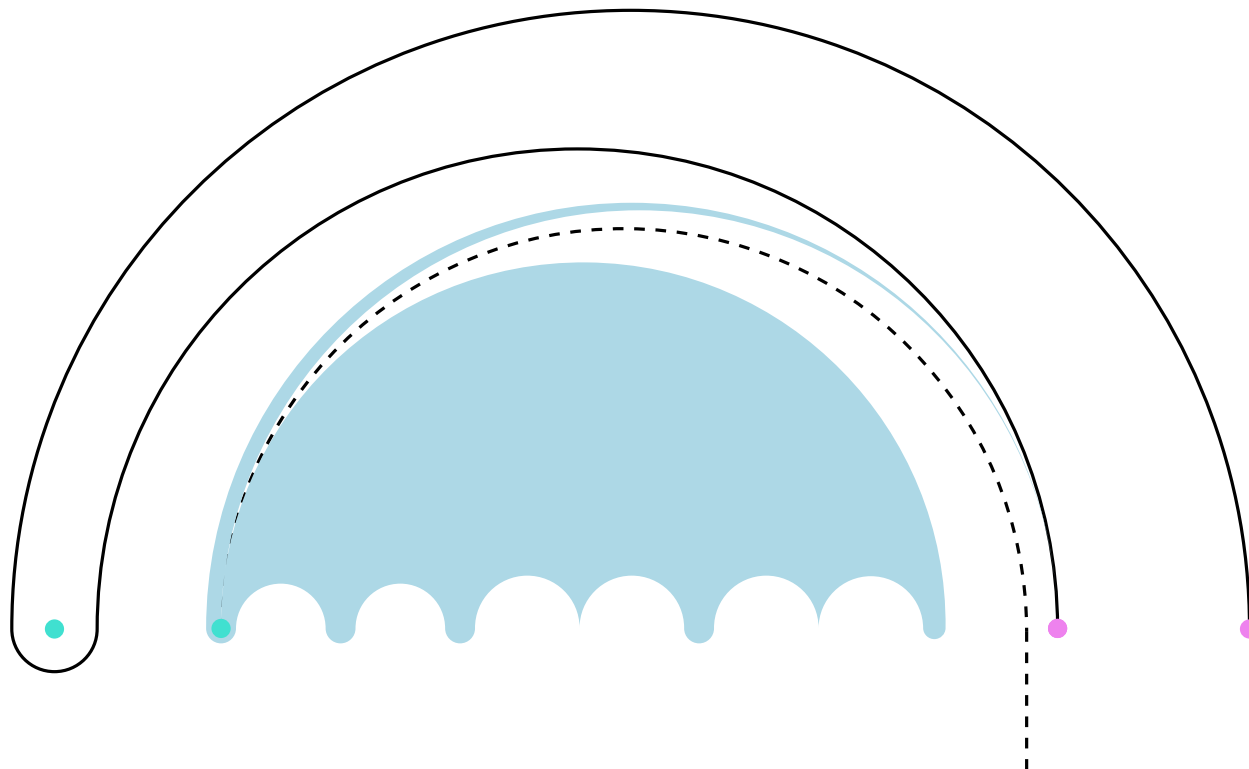


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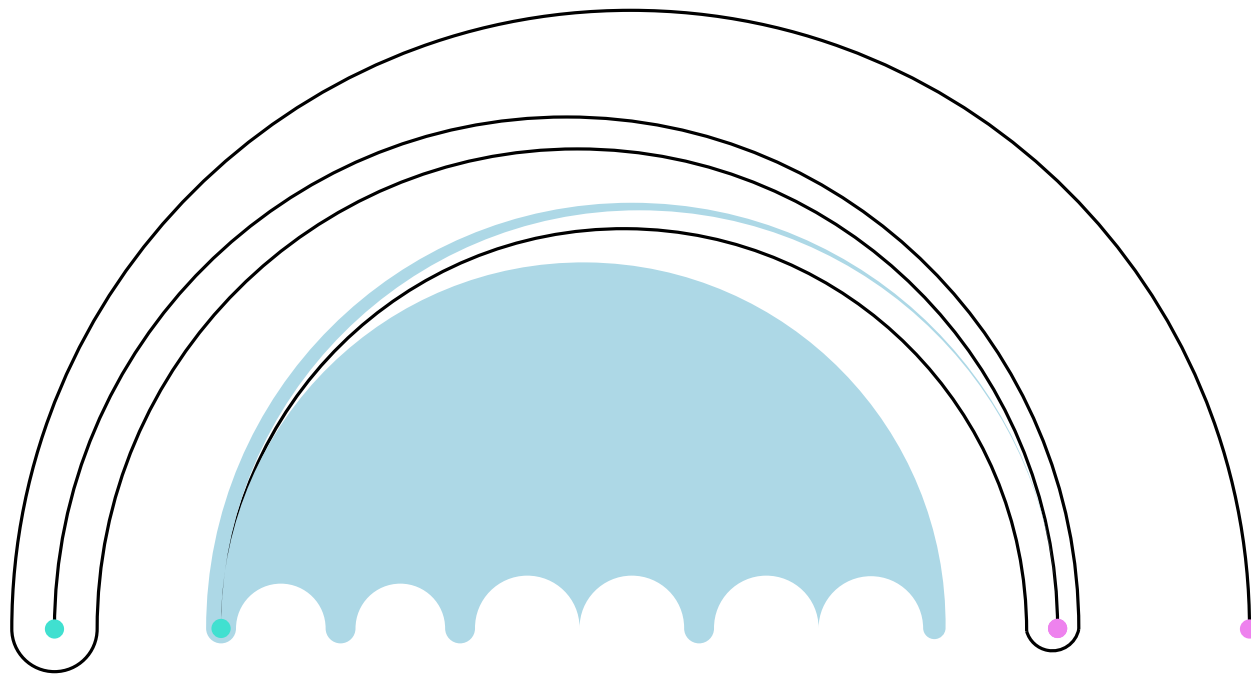


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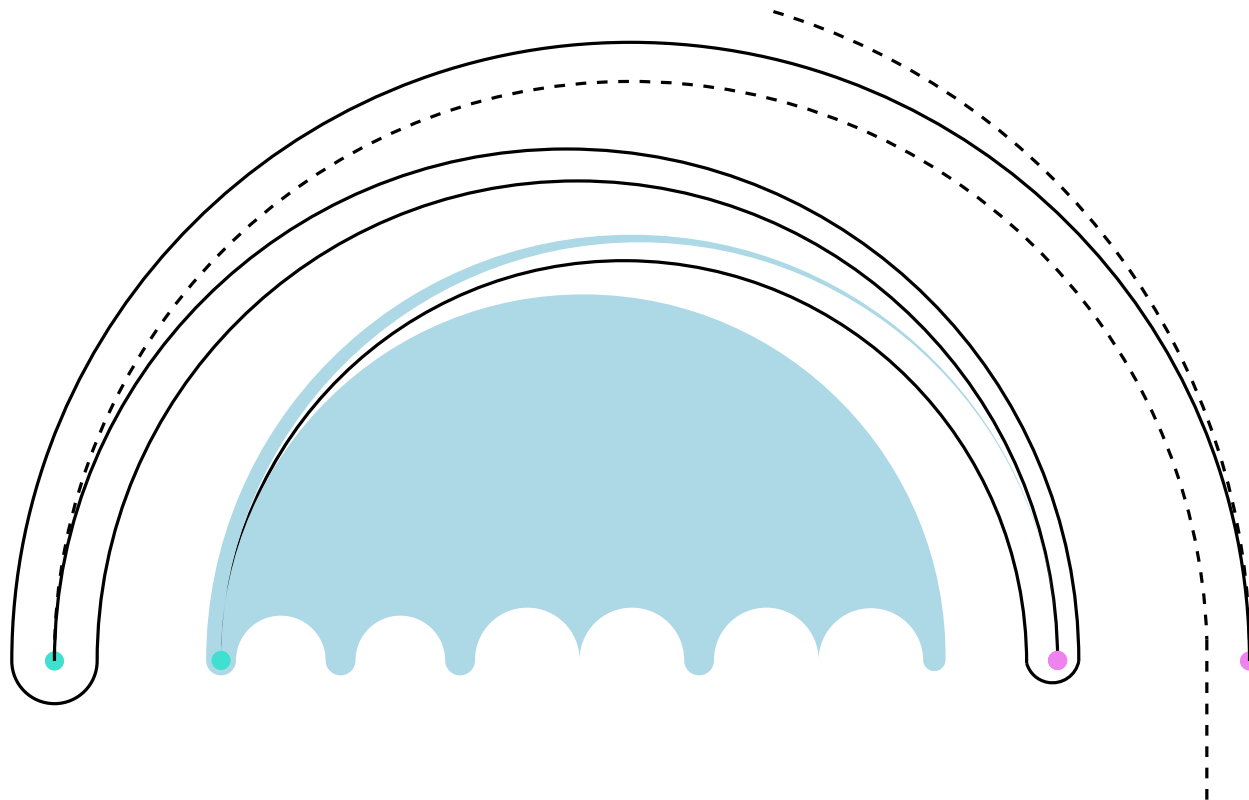


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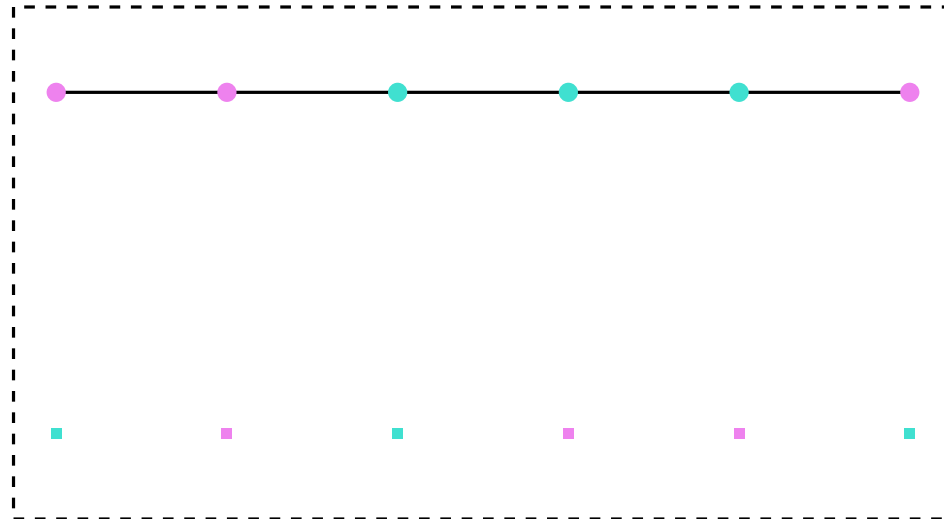


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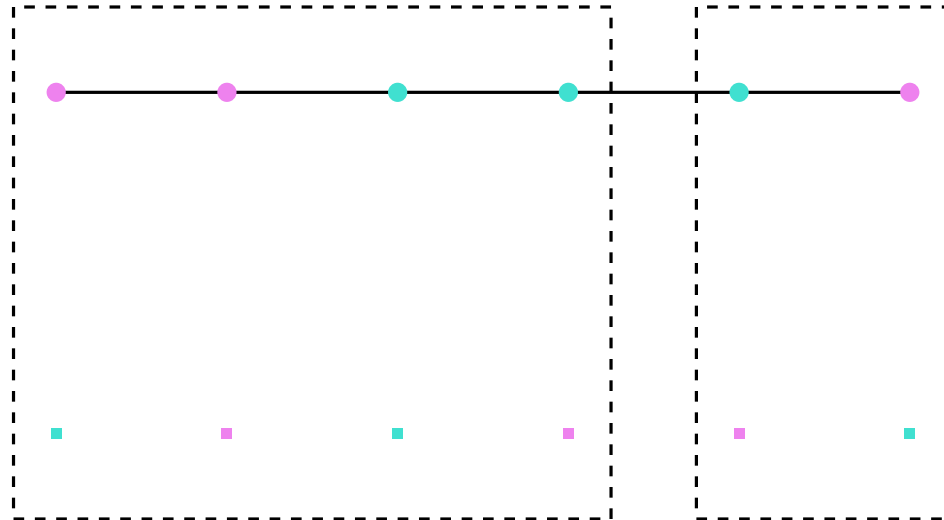


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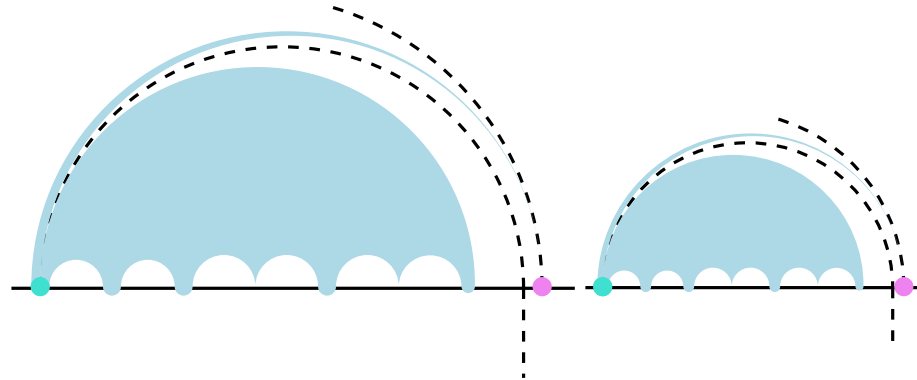


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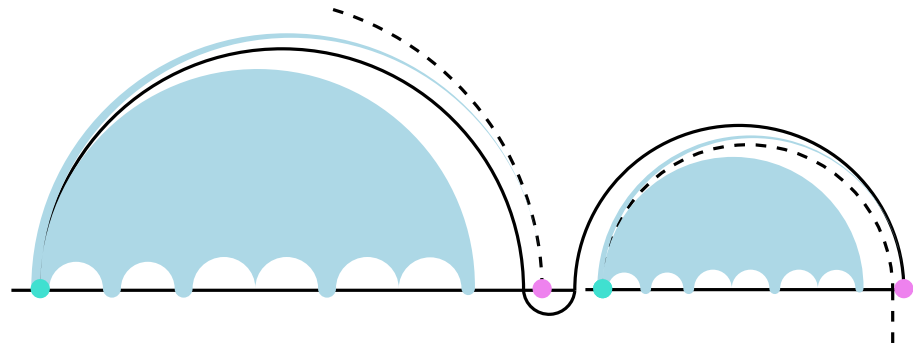


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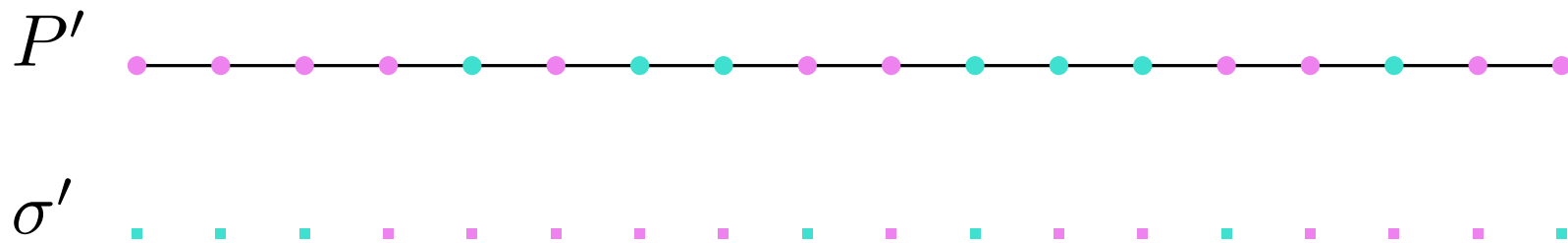
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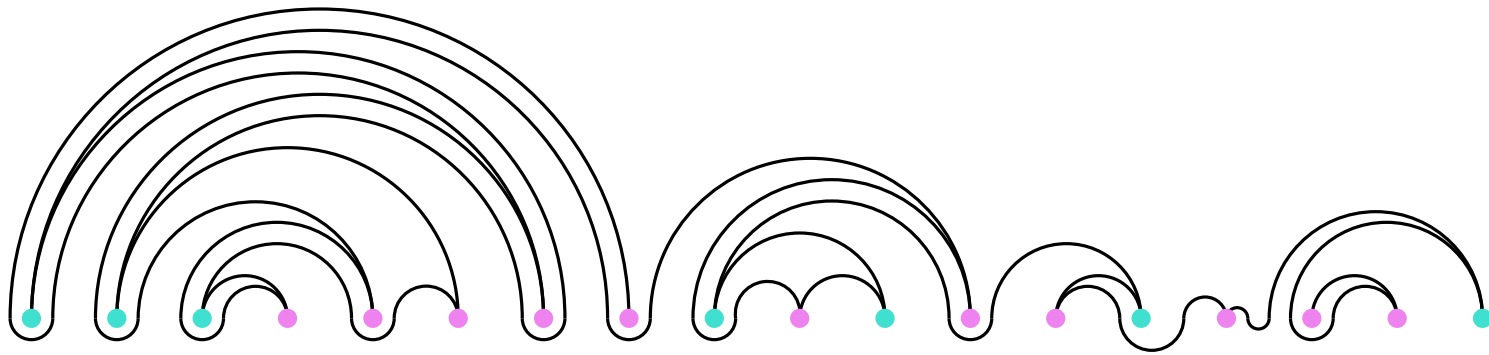
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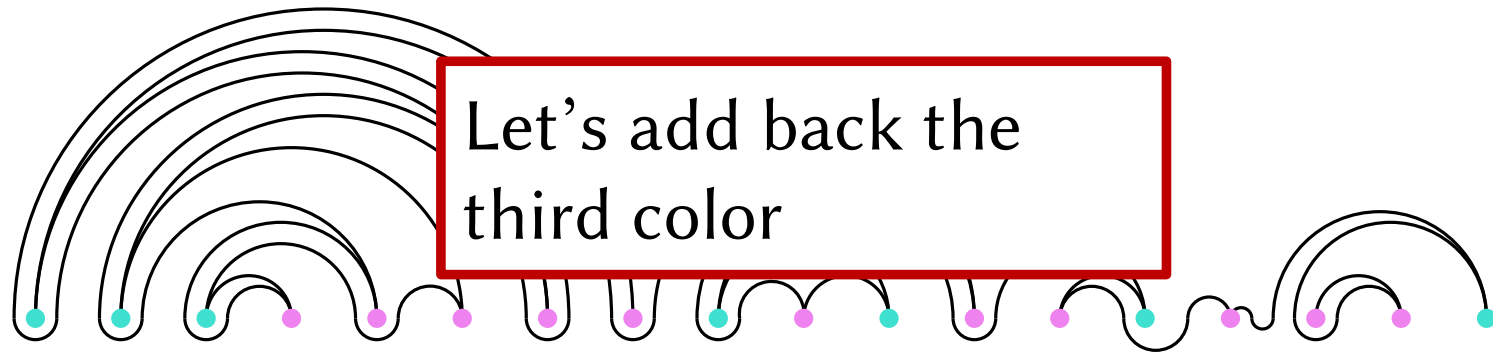
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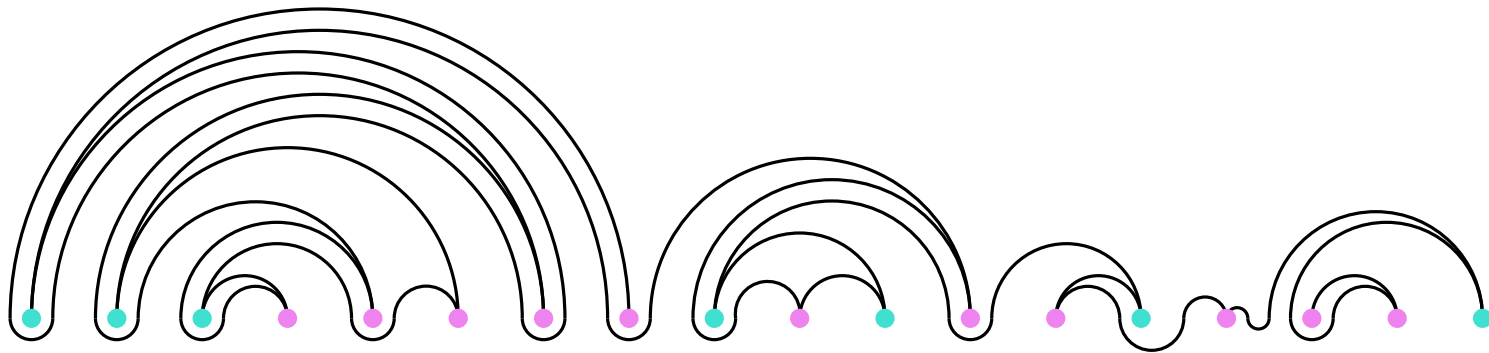
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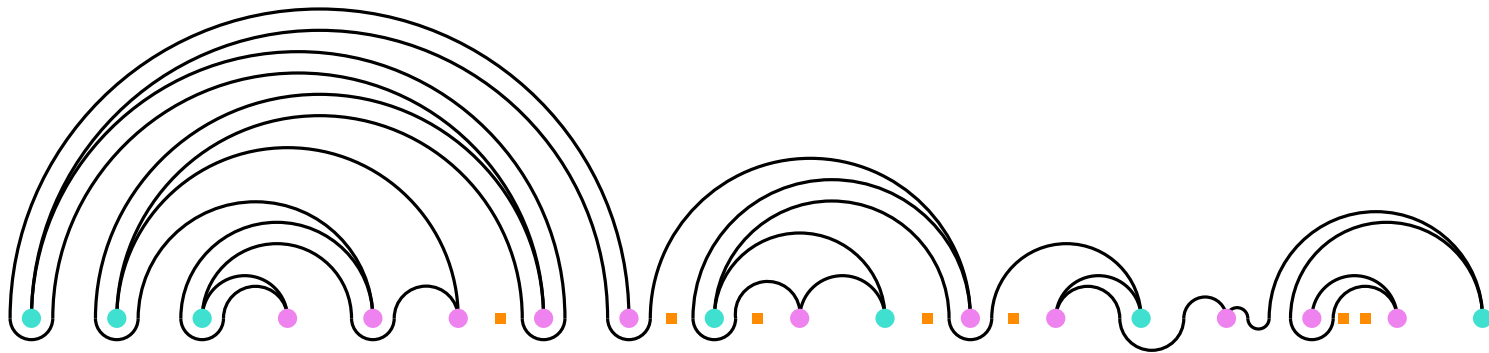
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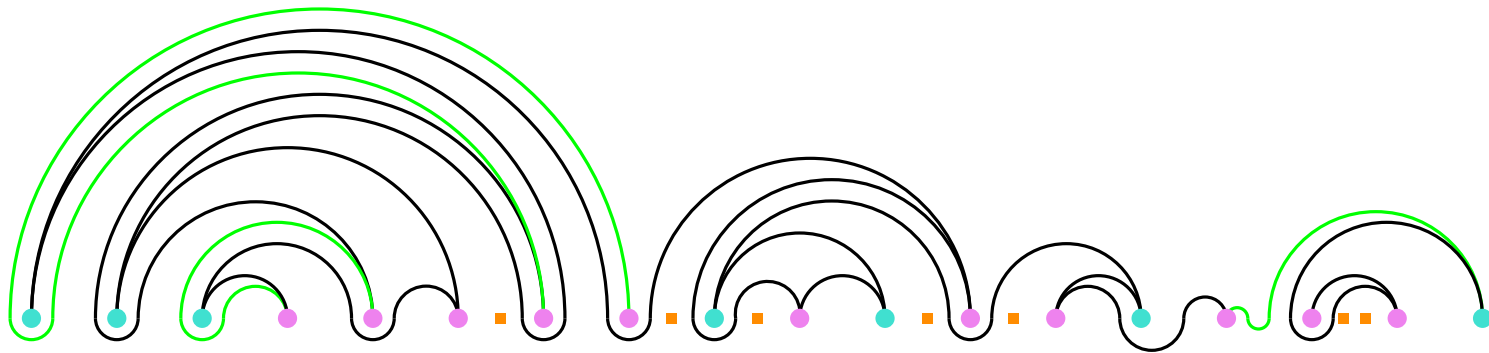
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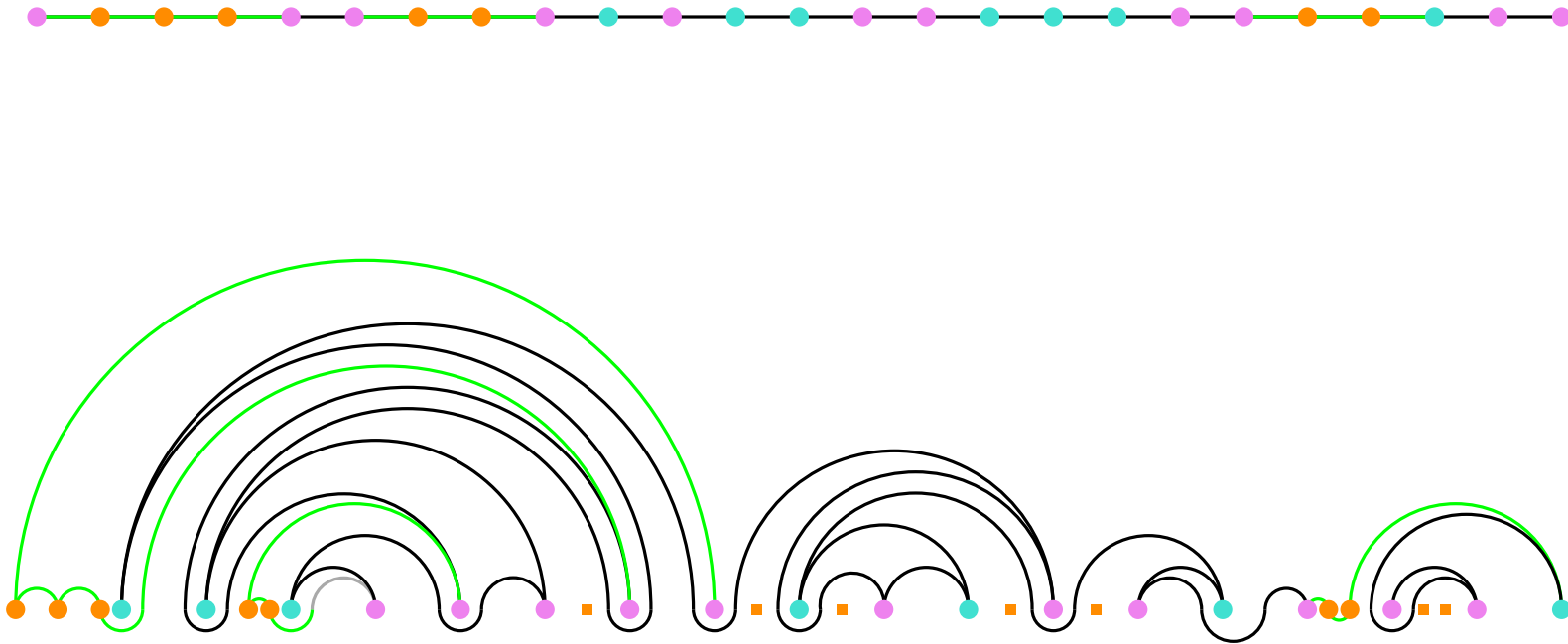
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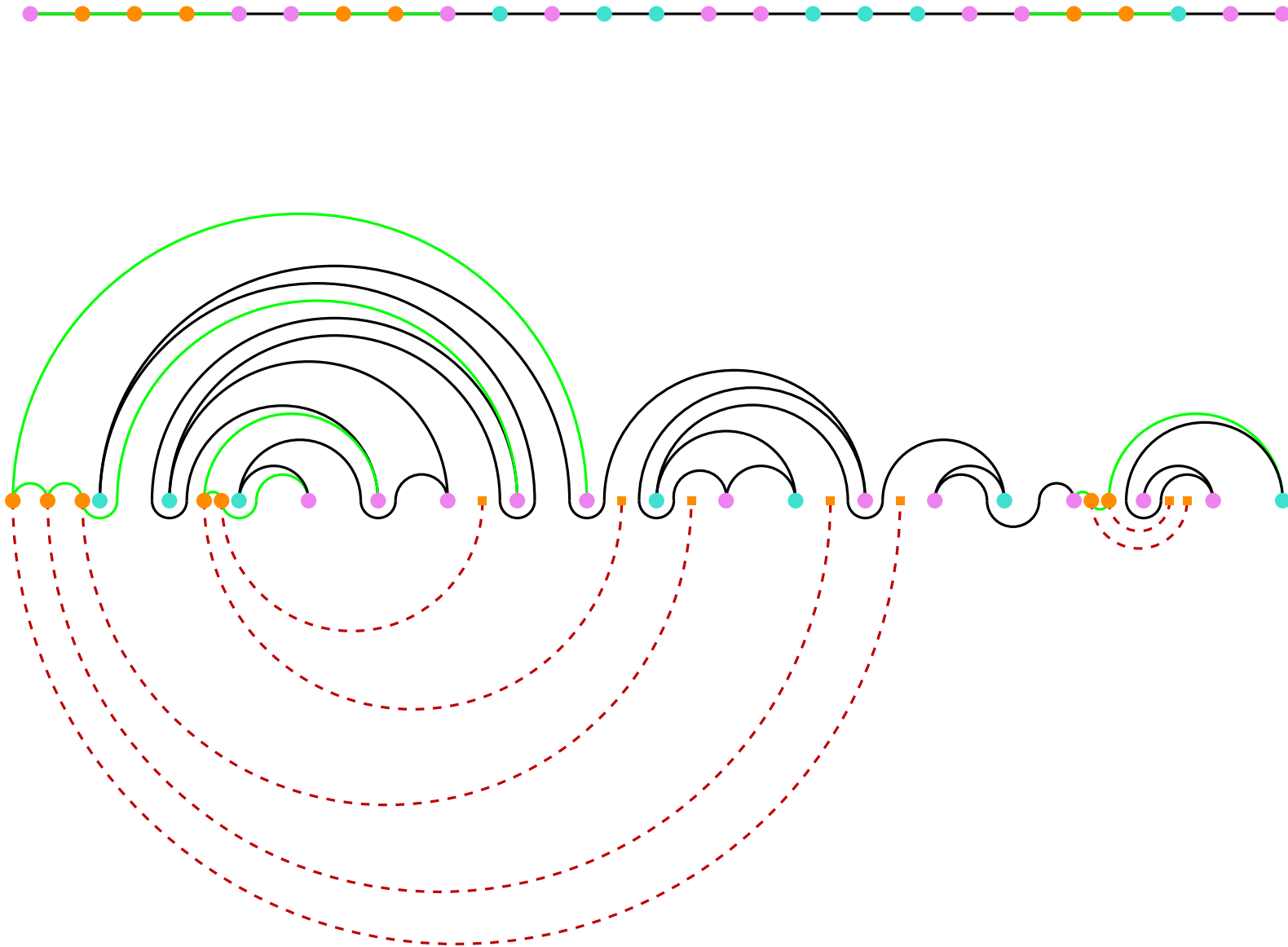
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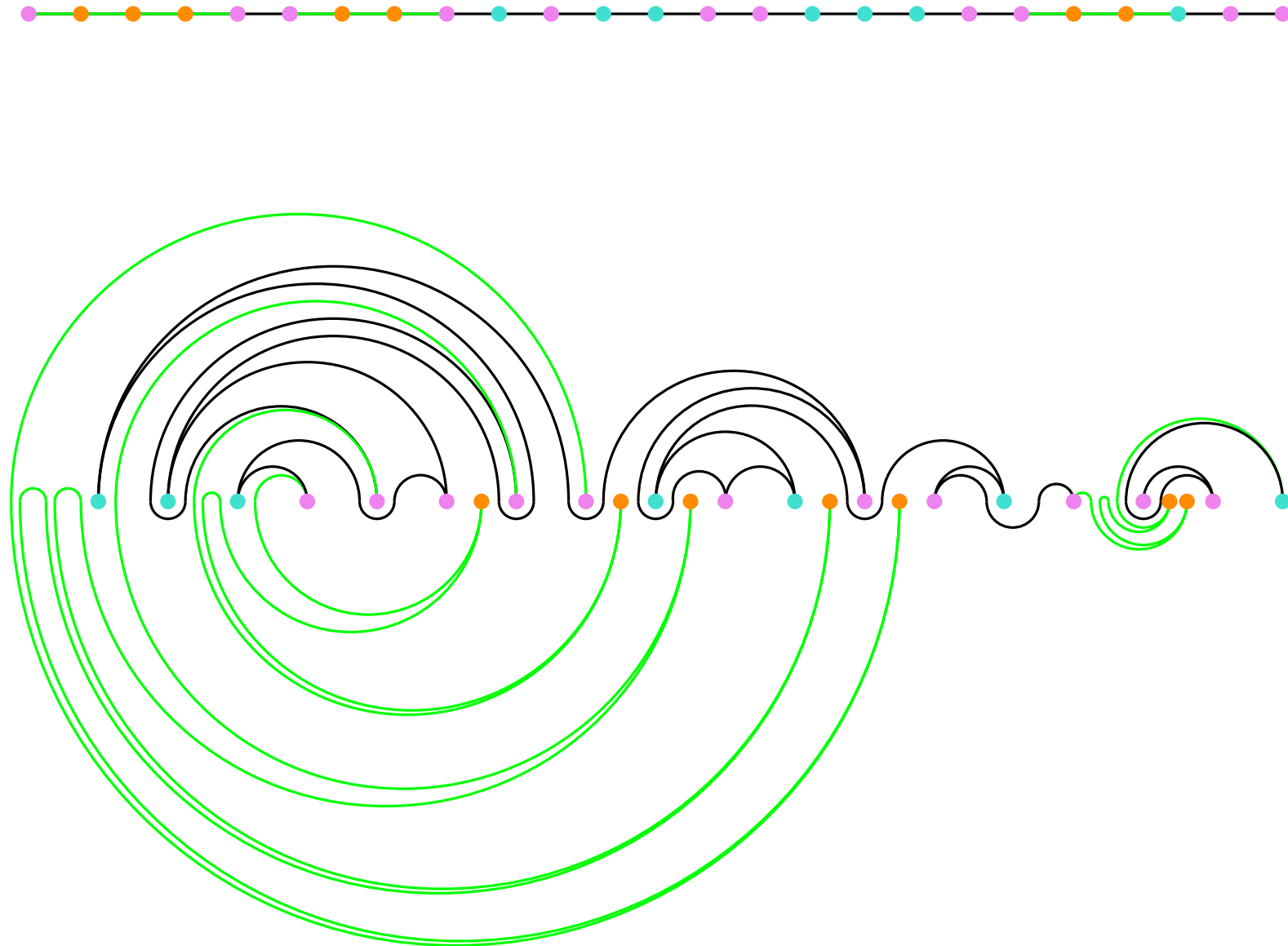
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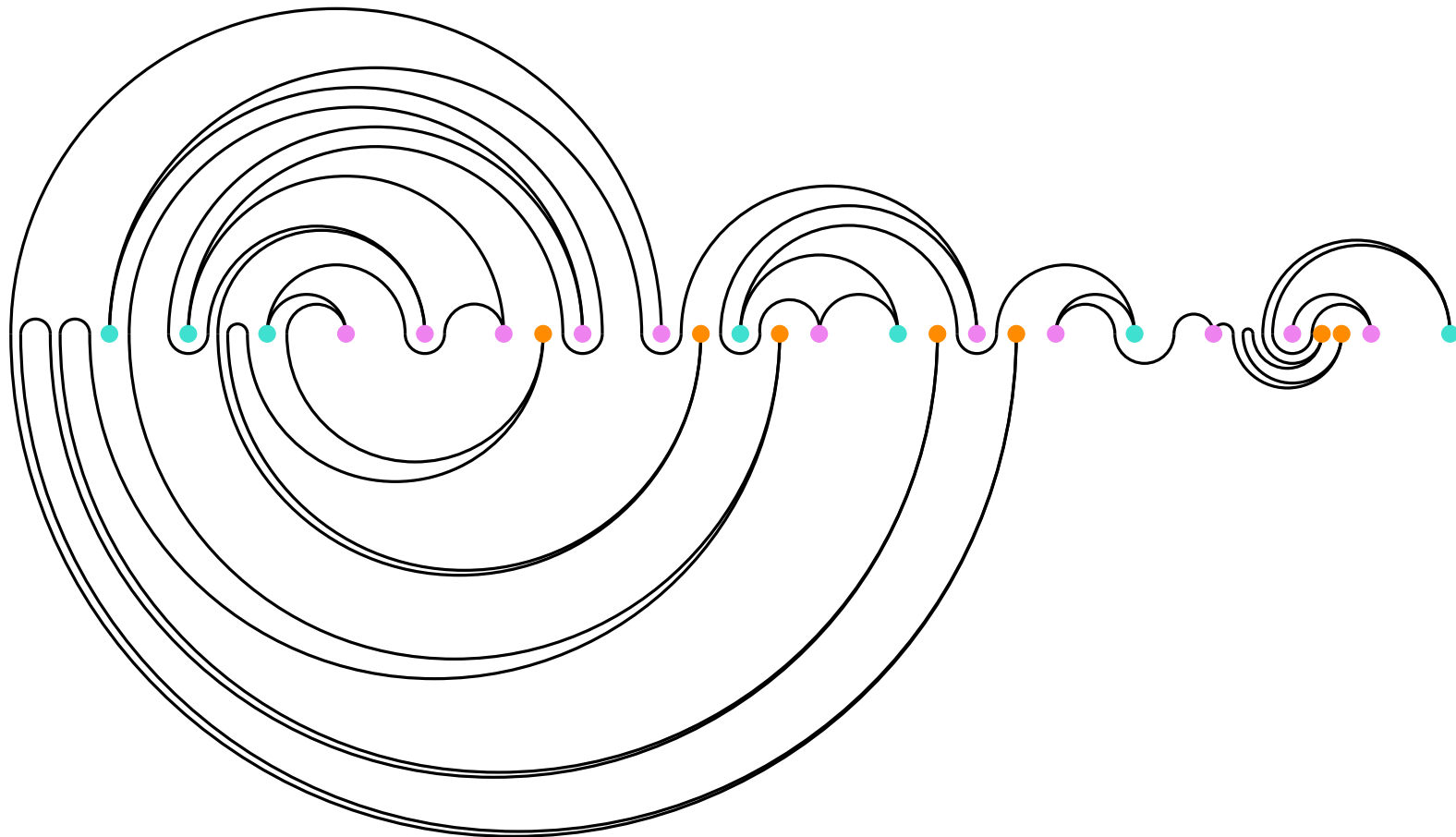
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