

7: Geometric Algorithms

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Introduction and Line Intersection

Convex Hull



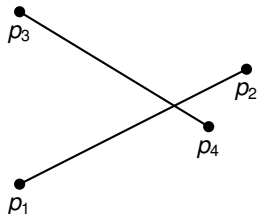
Introduction

Computational Geometry

- Branch that studies algorithms for geometric problems
- typically, input is a set of points, line segments etc.

Applications

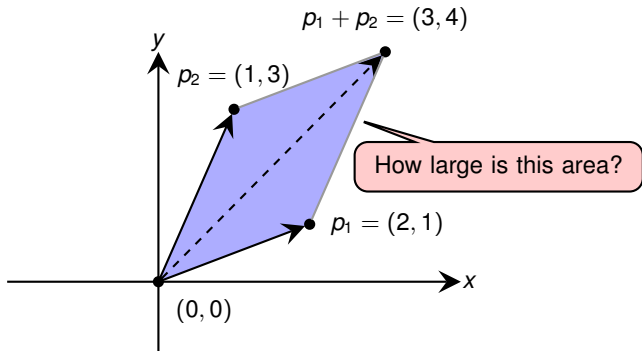
- computer graphics
- computer vision
- textile layout
- VLSI design
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Do these lines intersect?



Cross Product (Area)



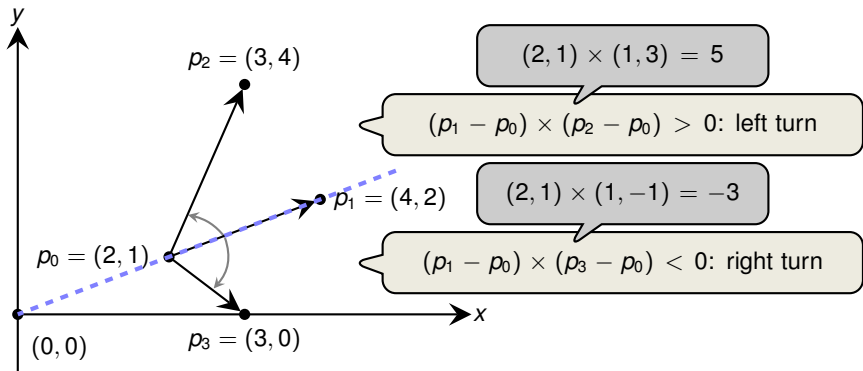
Alternatively, one could take the dot-product (but not used here): $p_1 \cdot p_2 = \|p_1\| \cdot \|p_2\| \cdot \cos(\phi)$.

$$p_1 \times p_2 = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 \\ y_1 & y_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 = 2 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 1 = 5$$

$$p_2 \times p_1 = y_1 x_2 - y_2 x_1 = -(p_1 \times p_2) = -5$$



Using Cross product to determine Turns (2/2)



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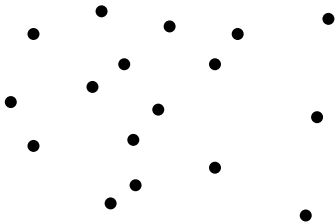


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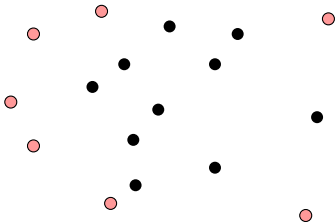


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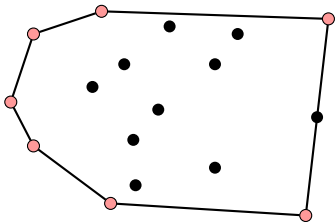


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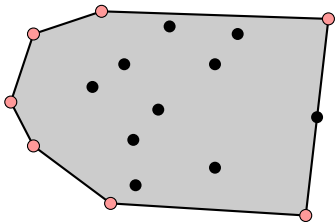


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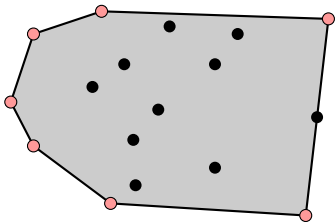
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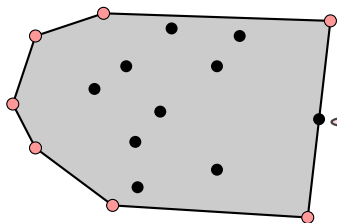
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Smallest perimeter fence enclosing the points



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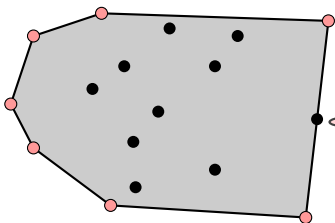


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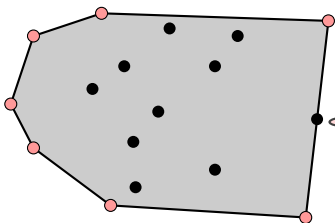
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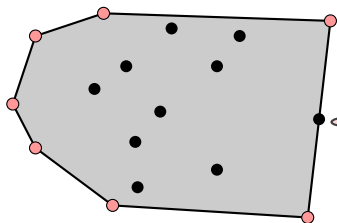
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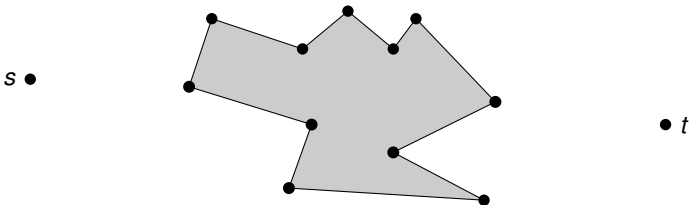
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- **Output:** return points of the convex hull in counterclockwise order



Application of Convex Hull

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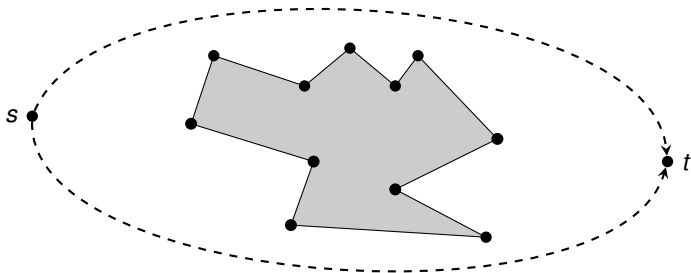
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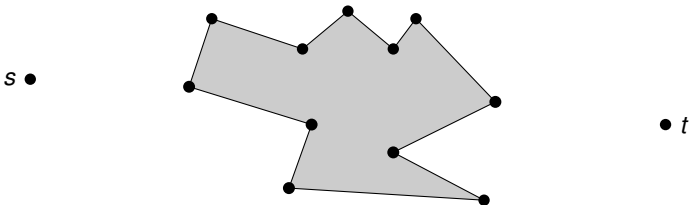
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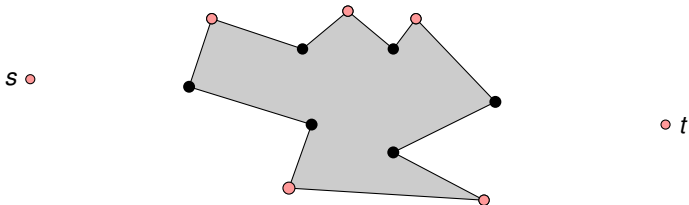
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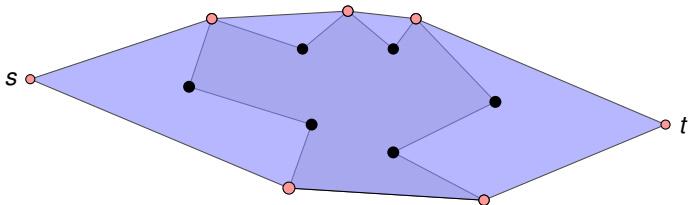
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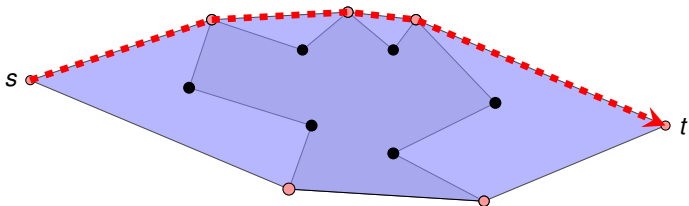
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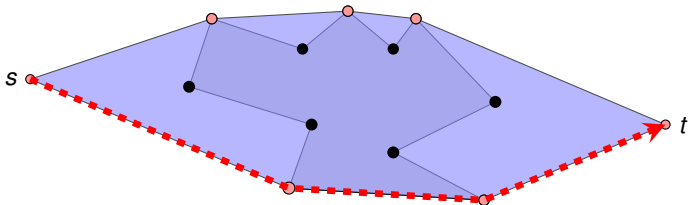
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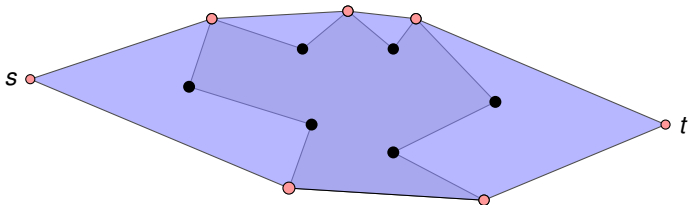


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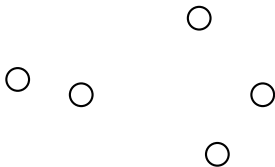
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can be solved by computing the Convex hull!



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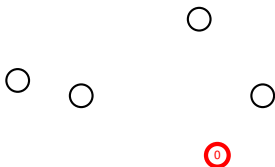


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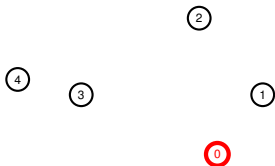


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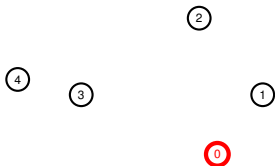


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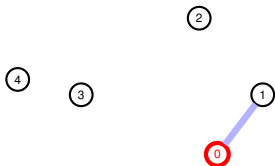


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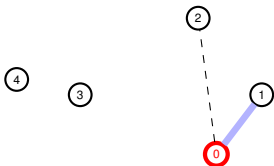


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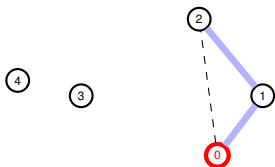


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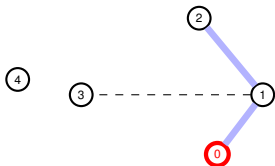


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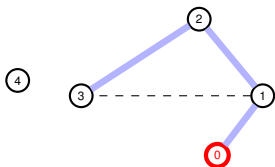


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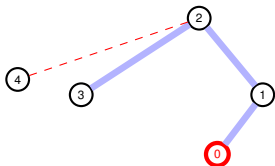


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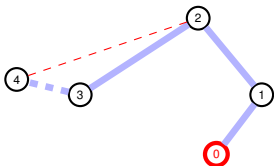


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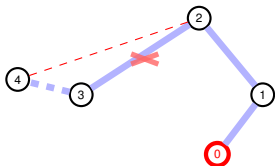


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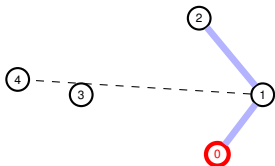


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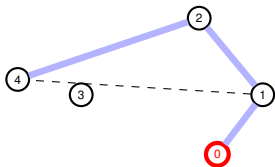


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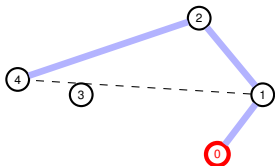


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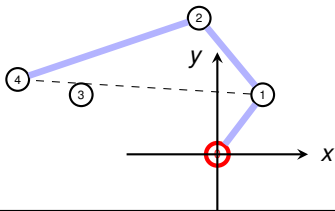
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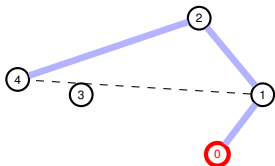
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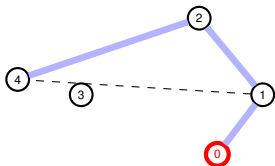
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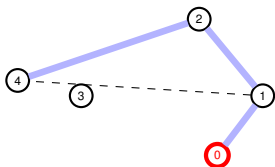
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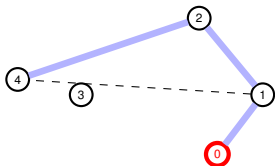
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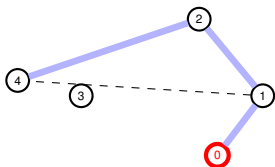
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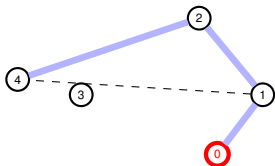


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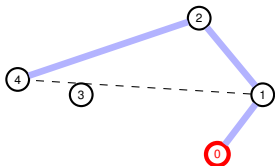


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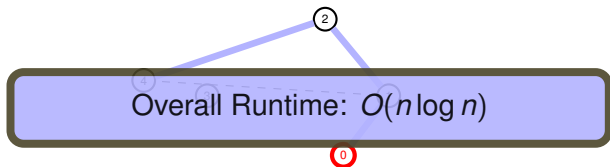
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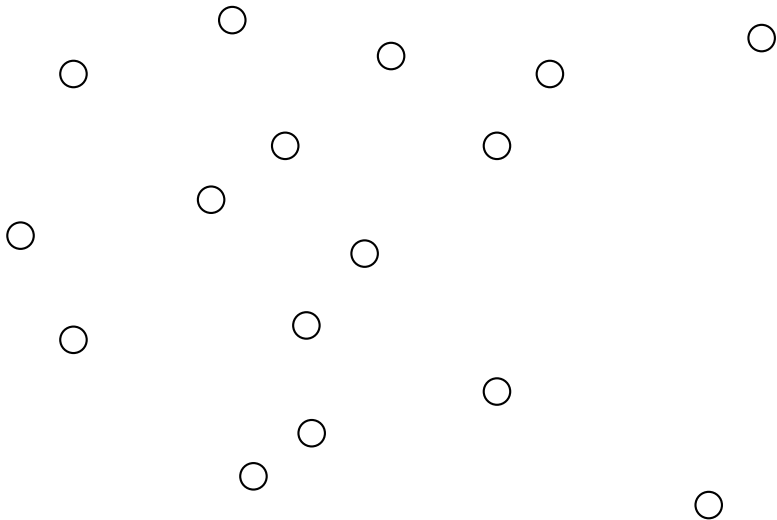
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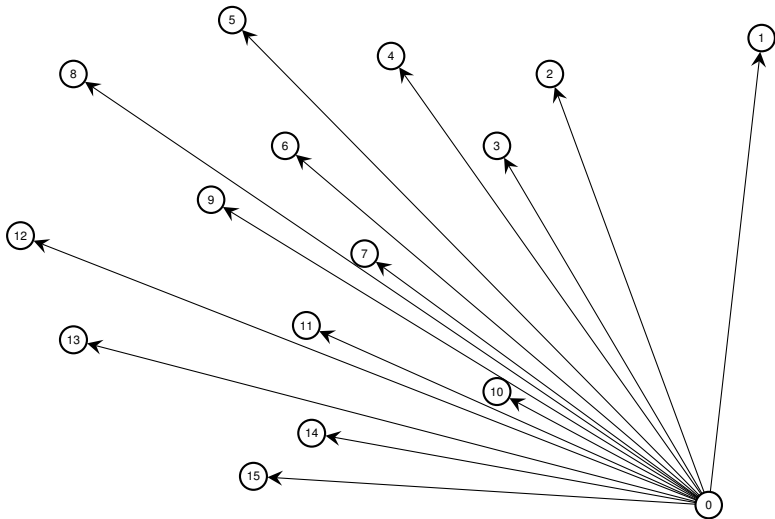


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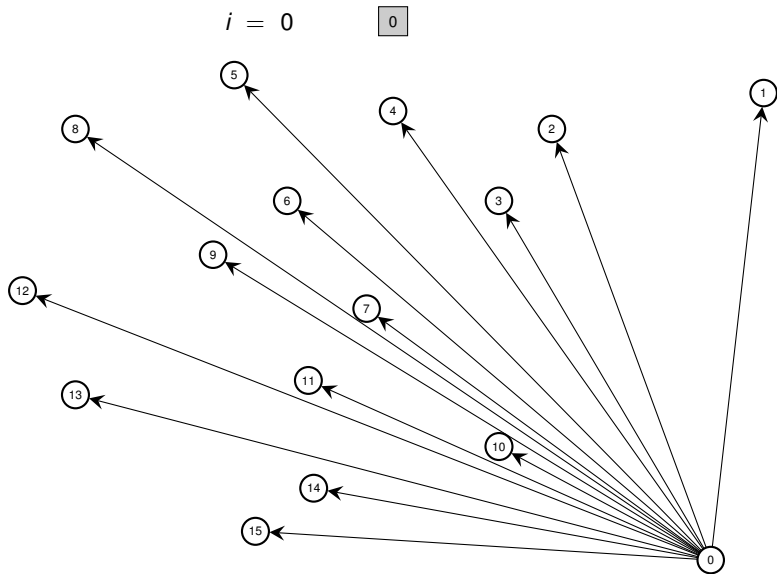
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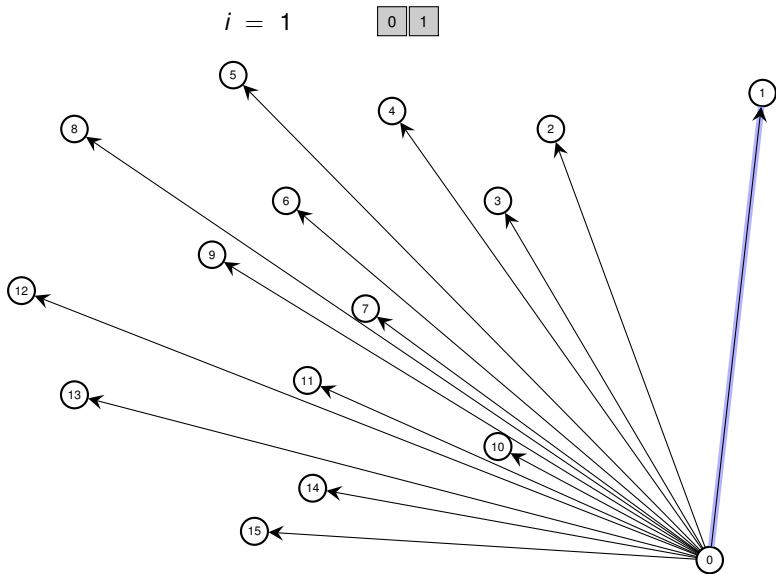
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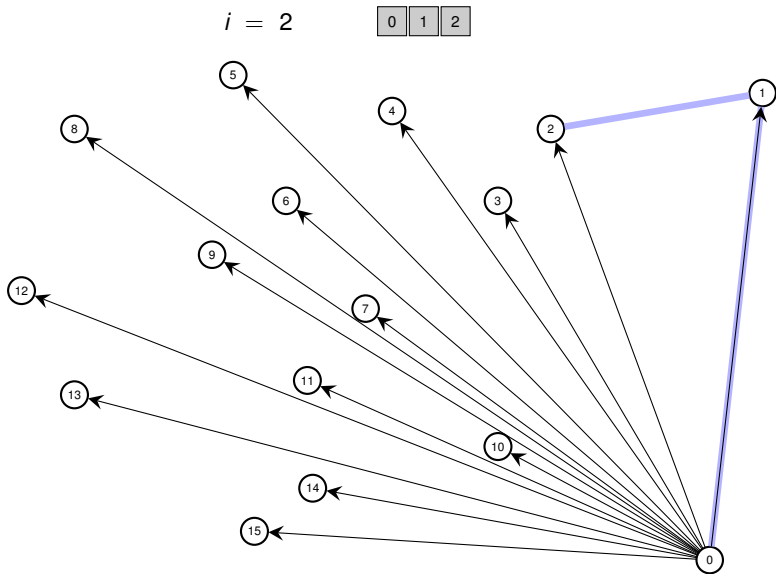
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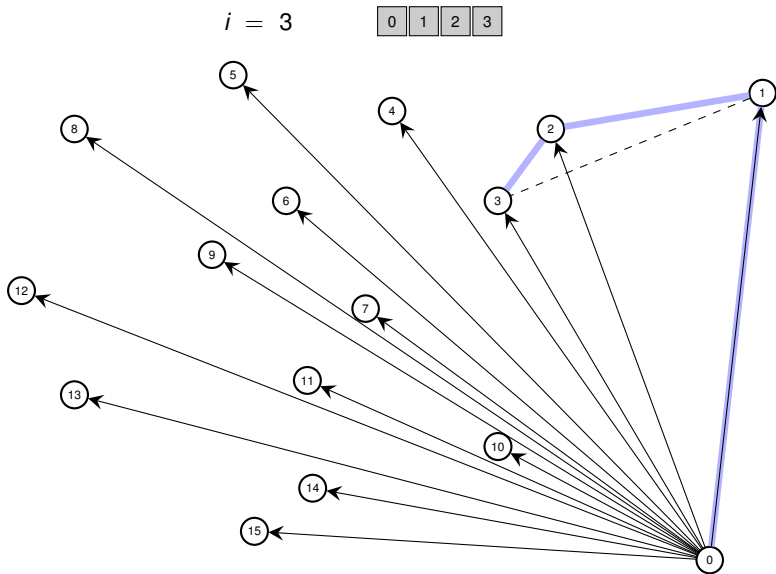
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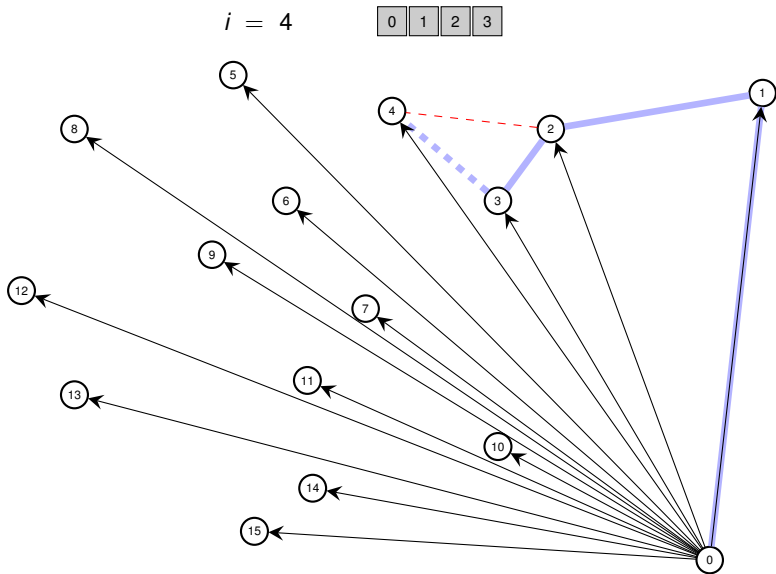
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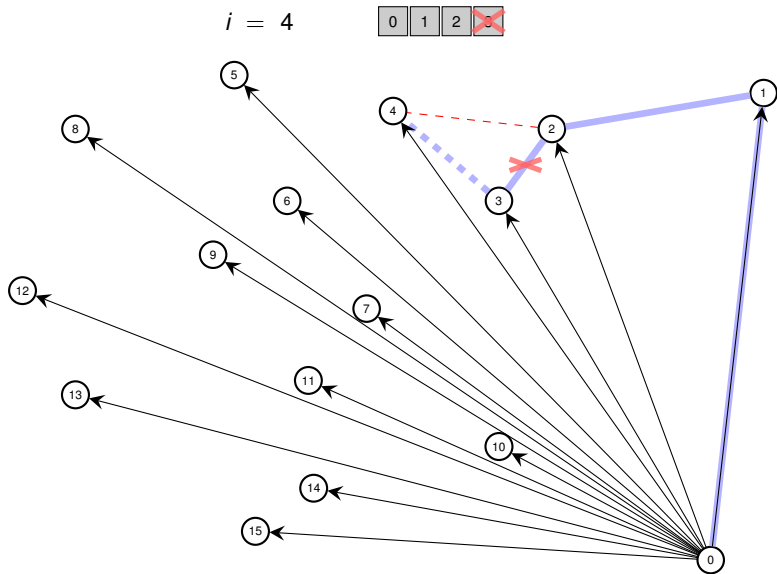
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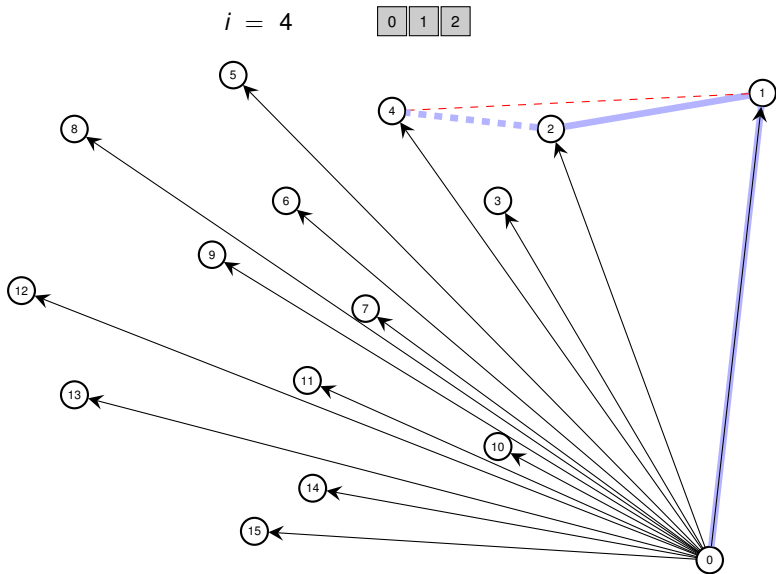


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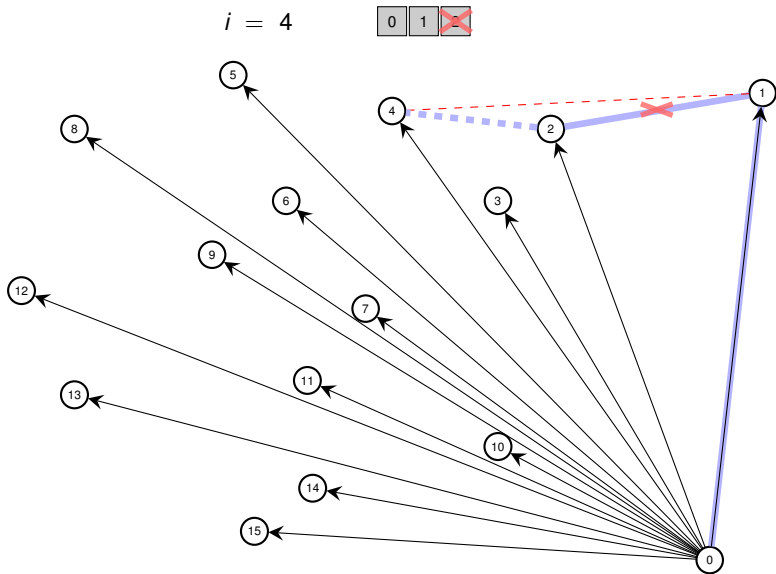




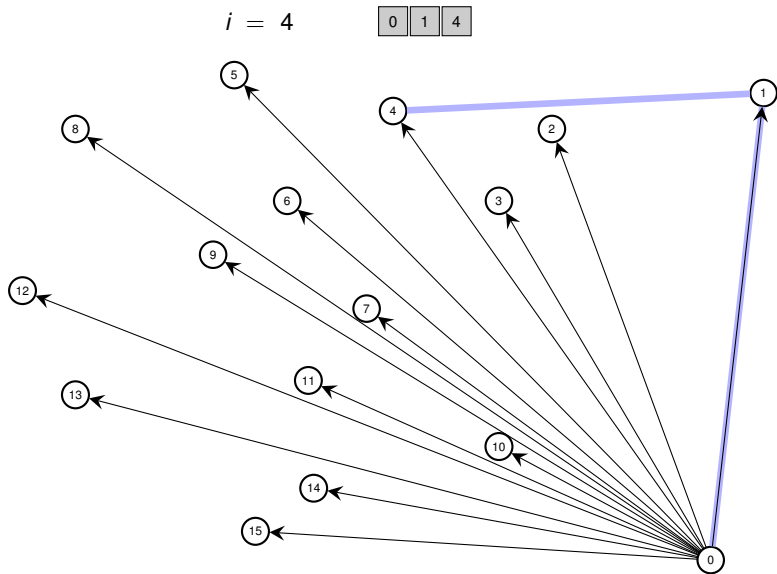
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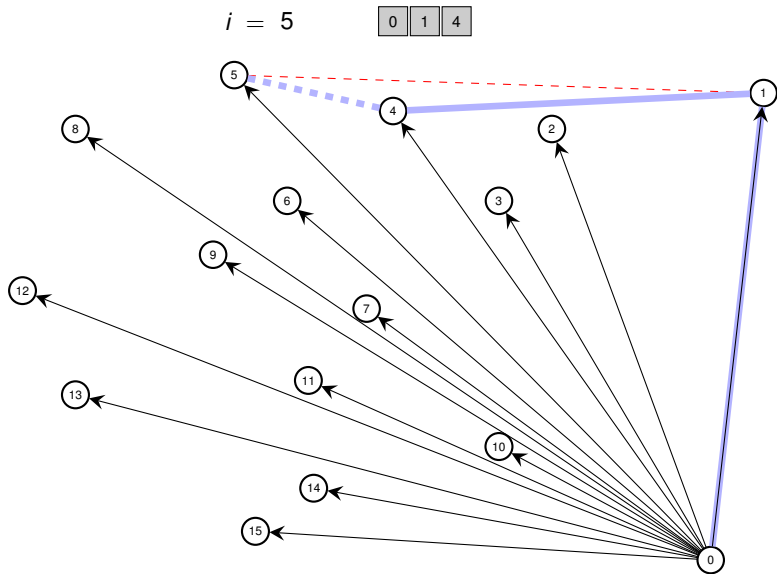
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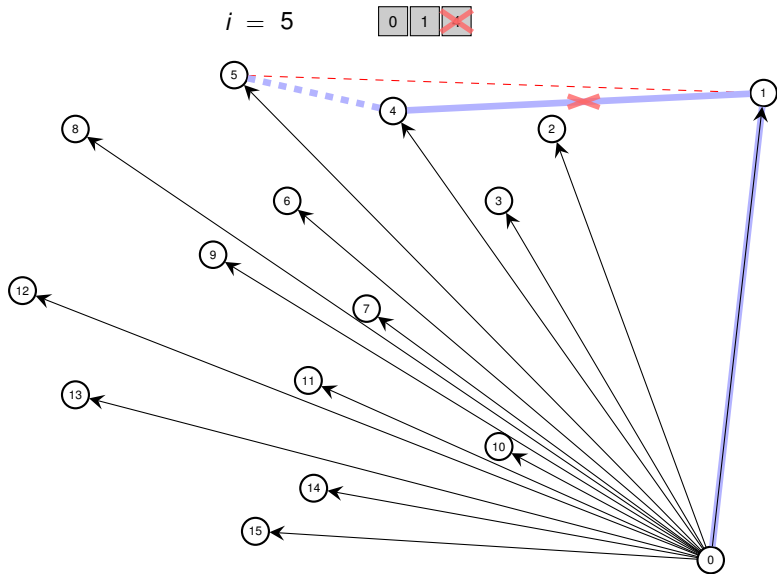
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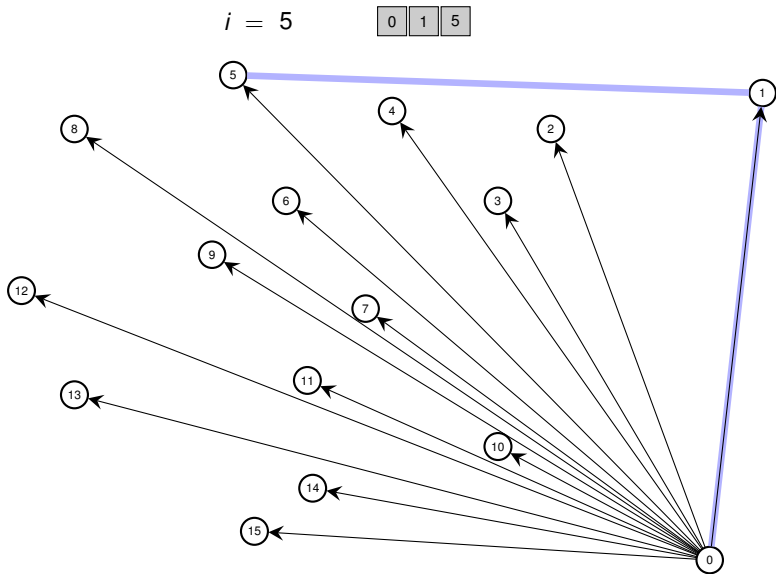
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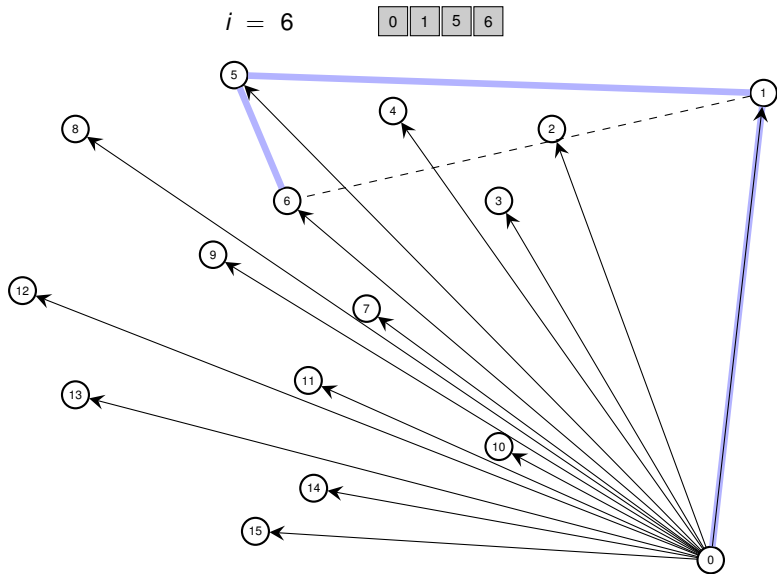
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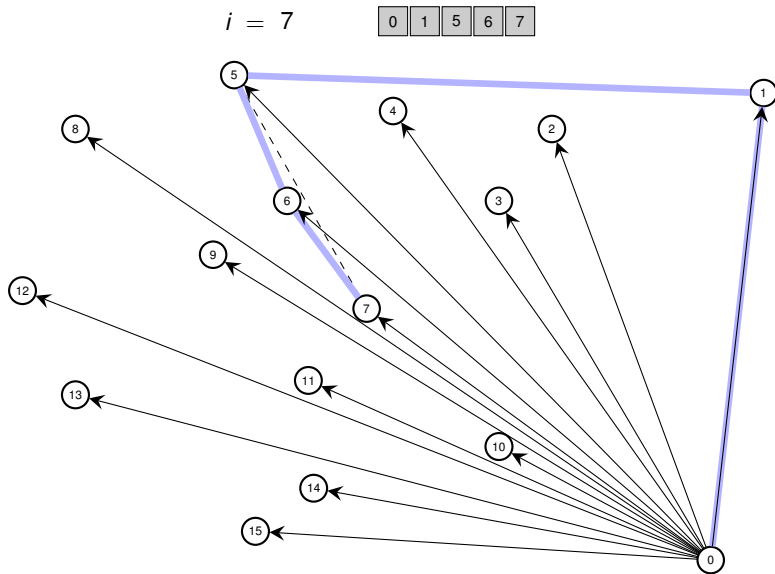
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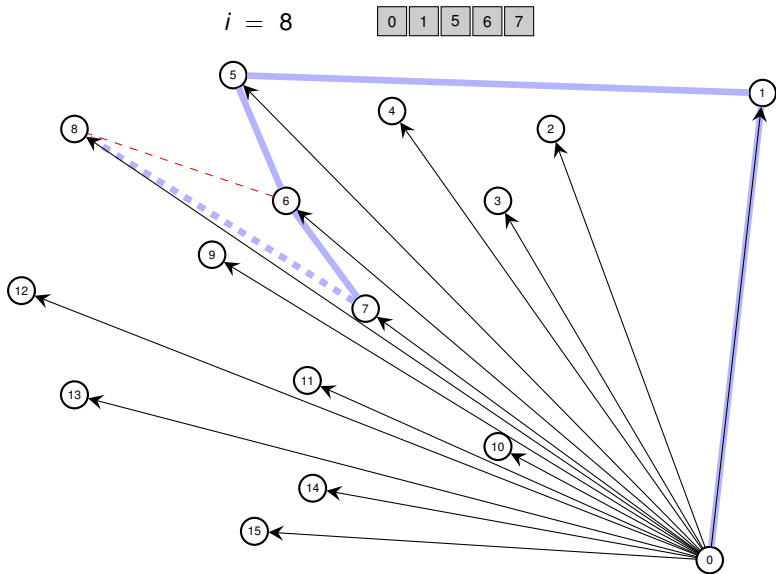


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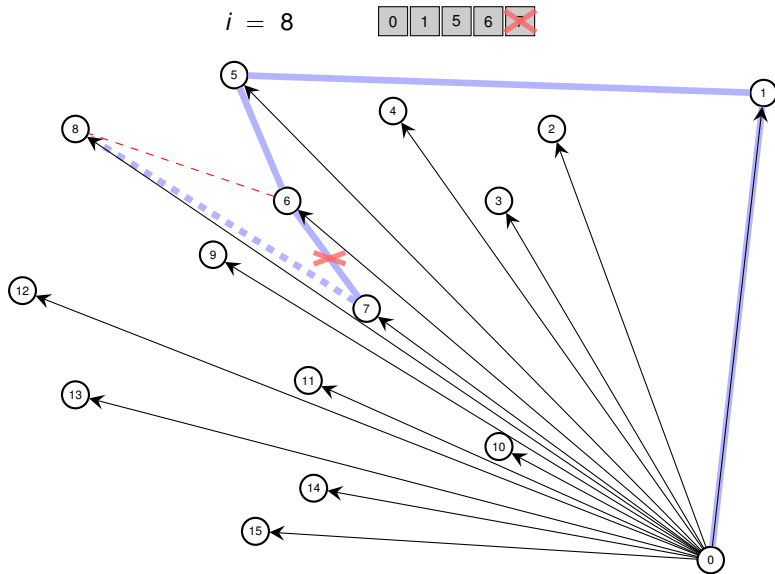




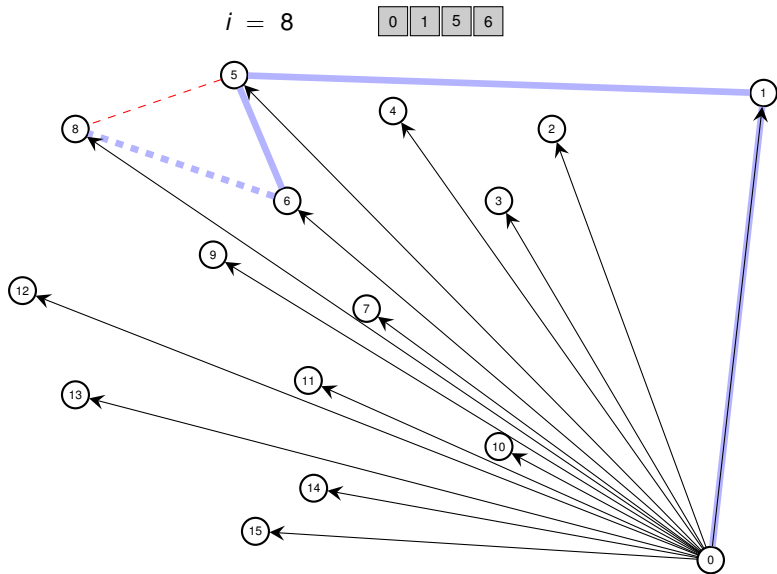
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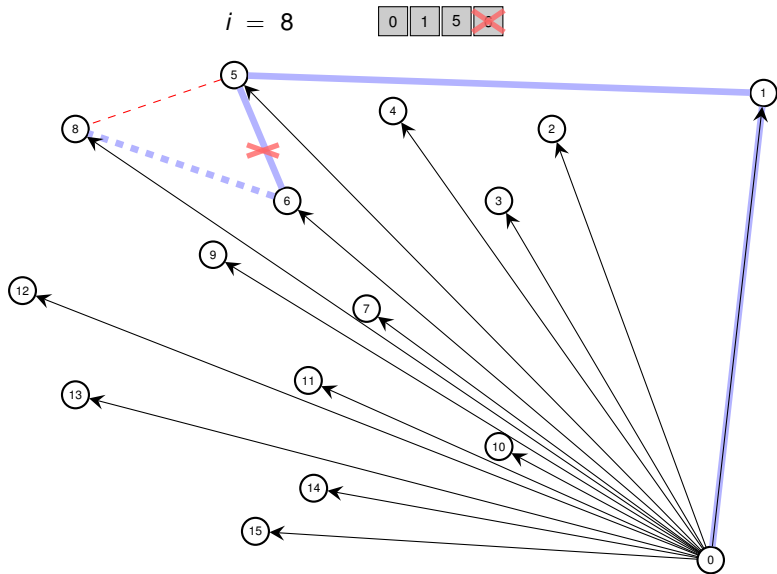
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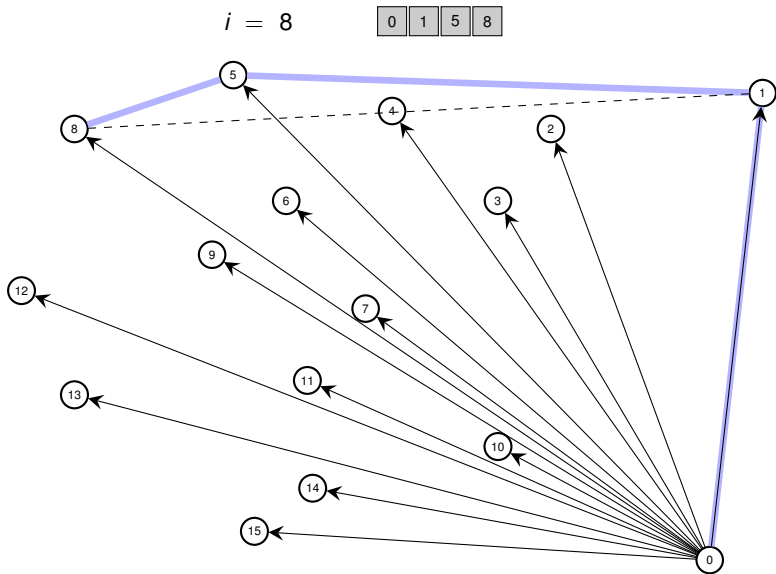
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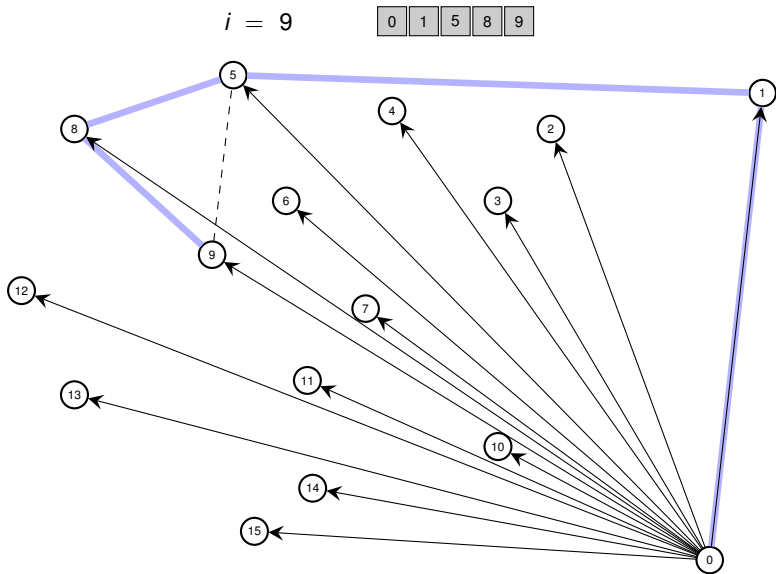
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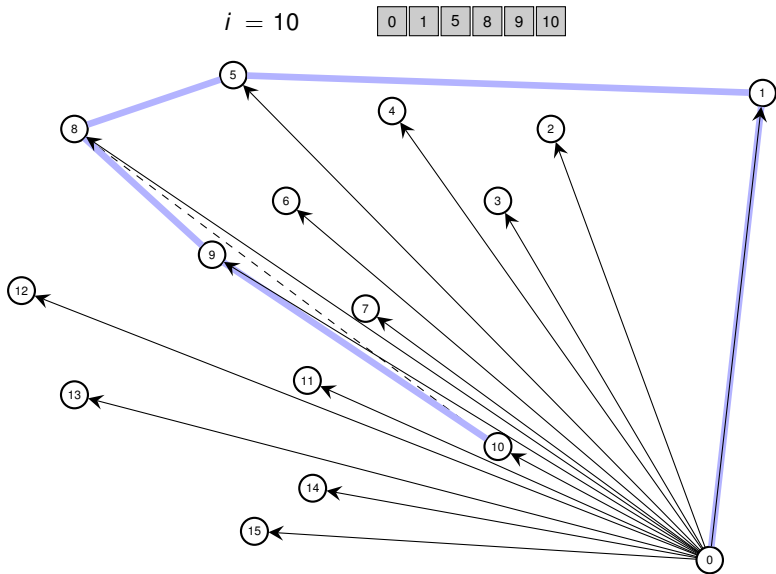
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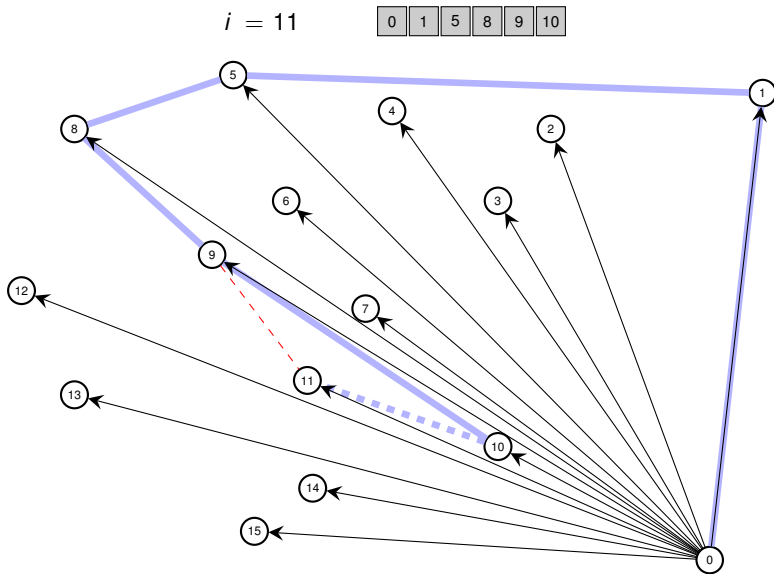
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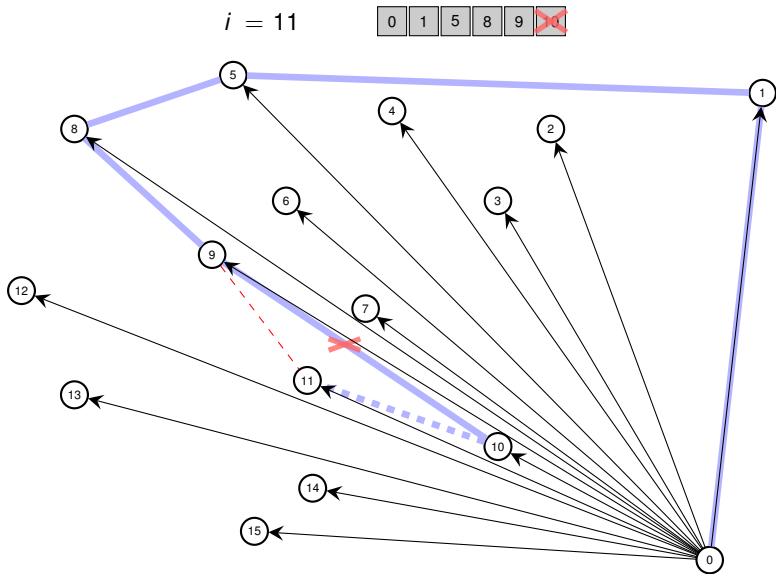


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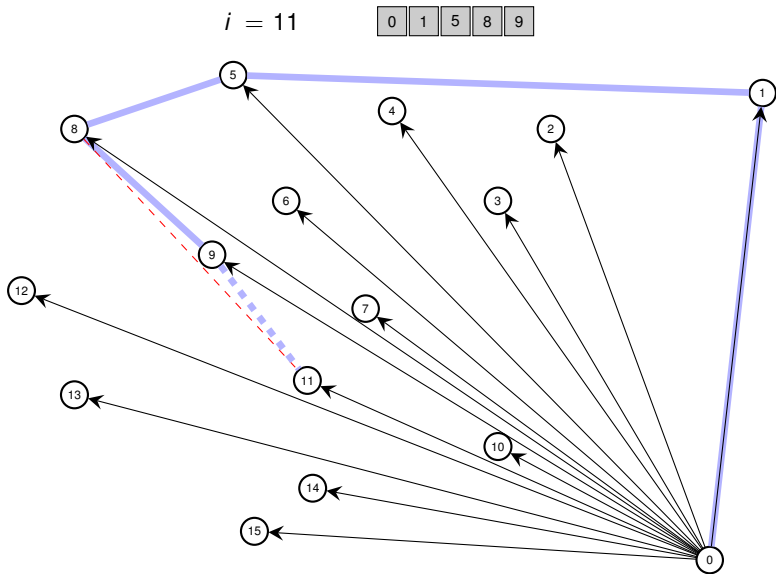




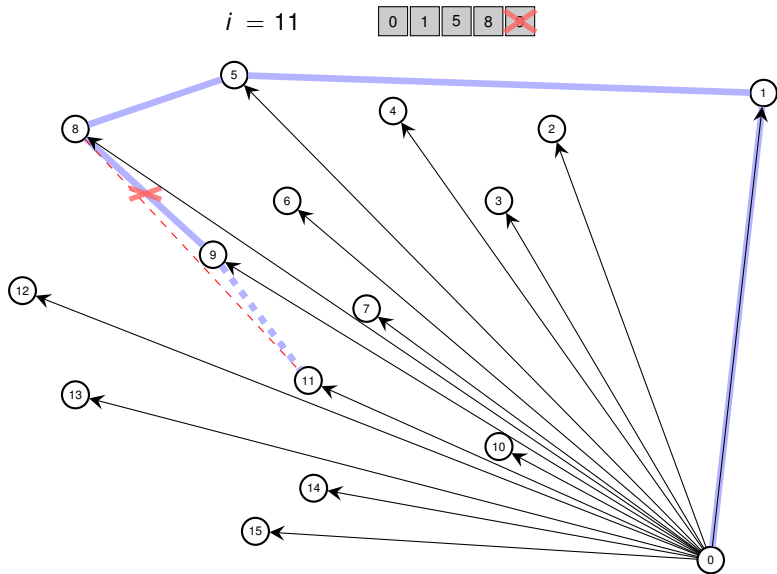
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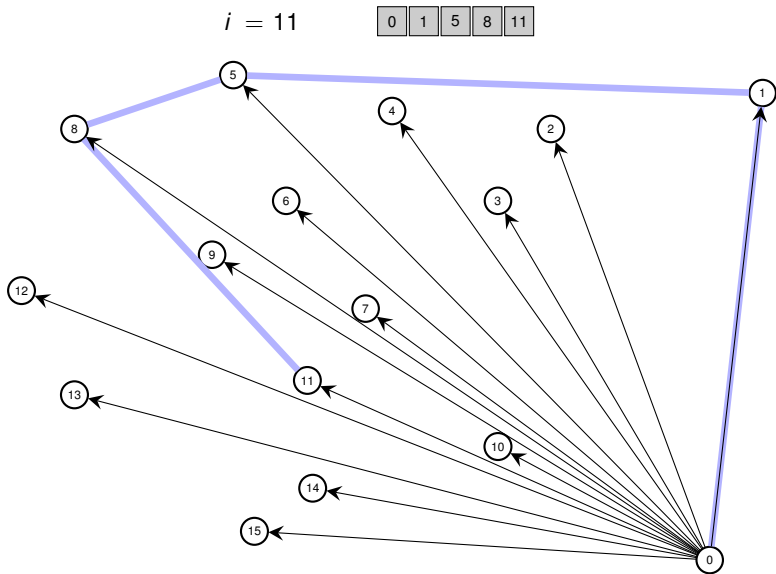
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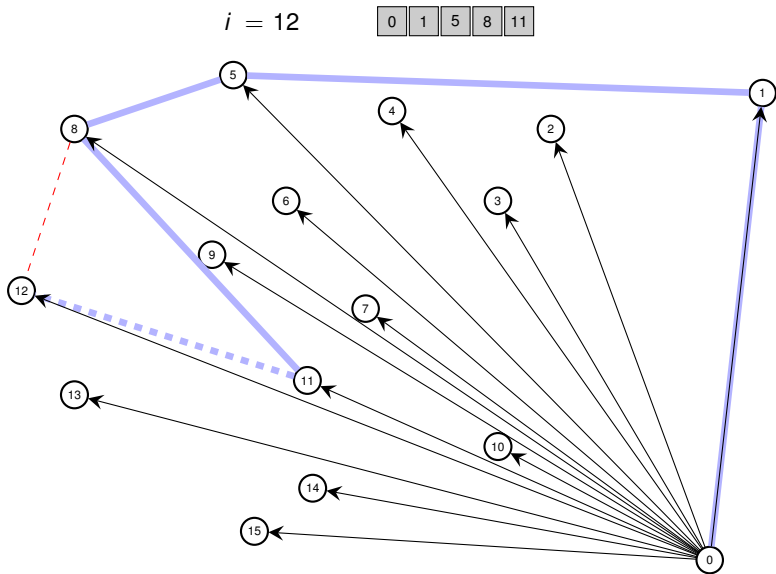
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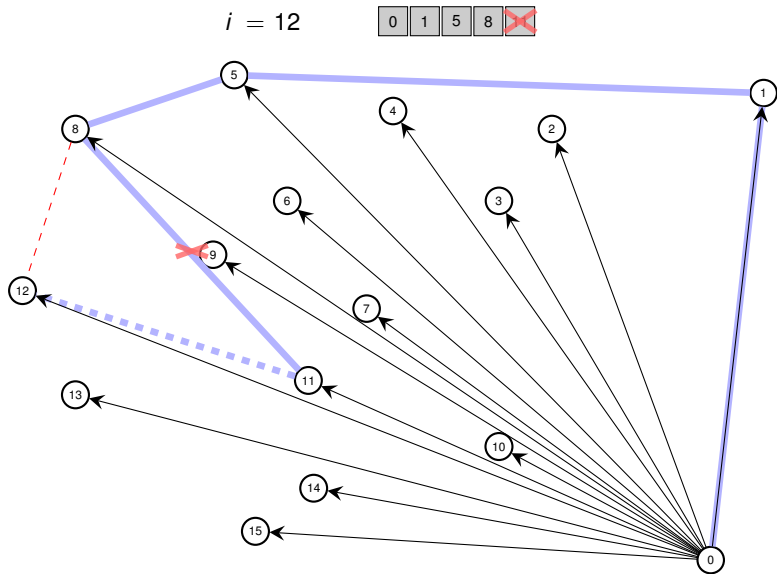
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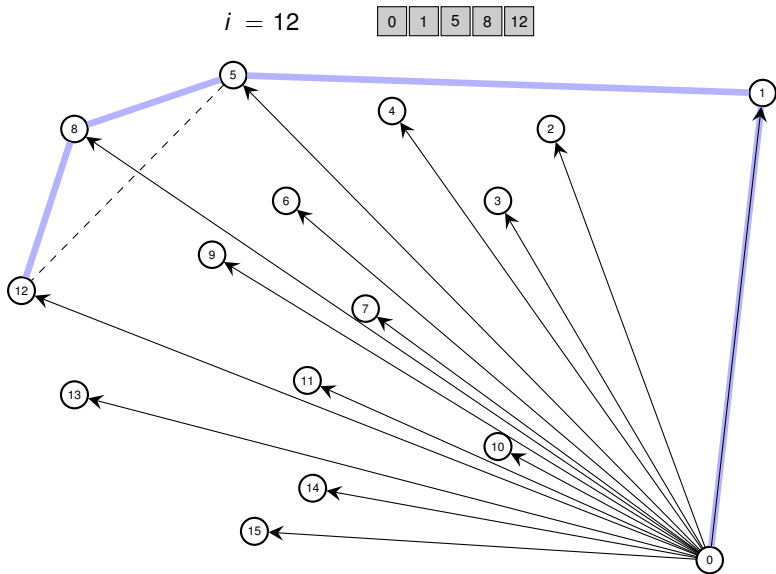
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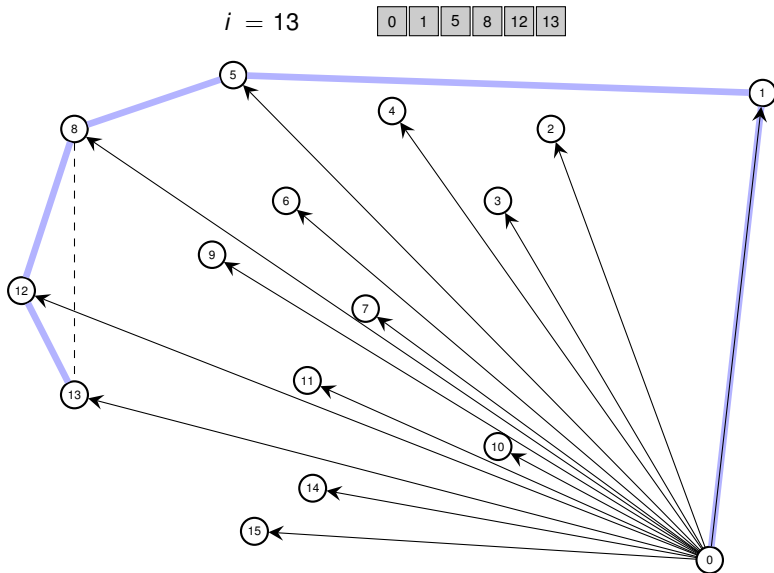
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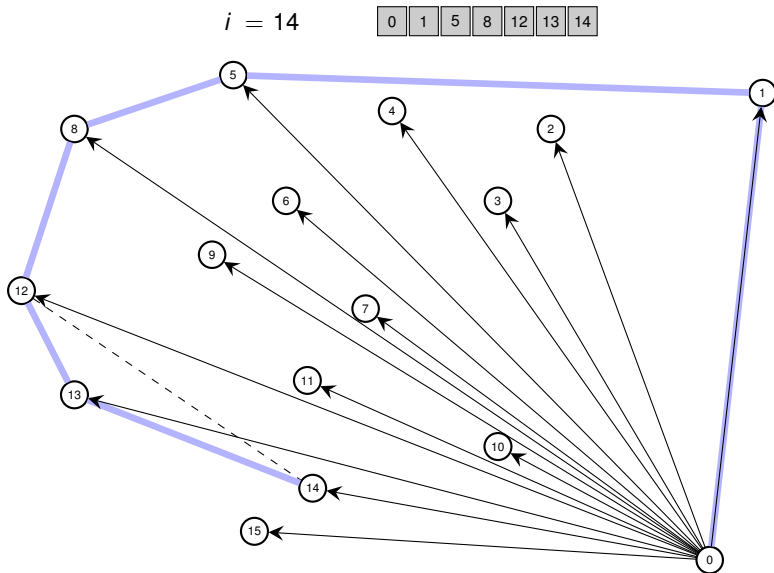


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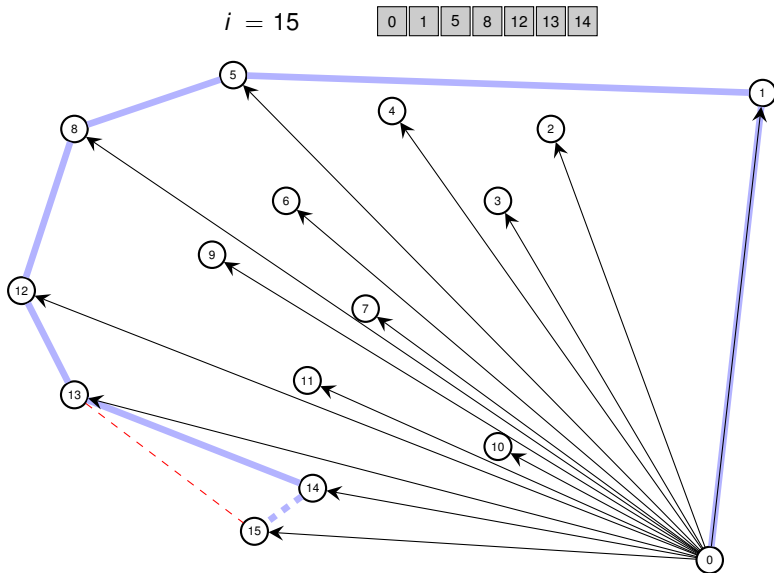




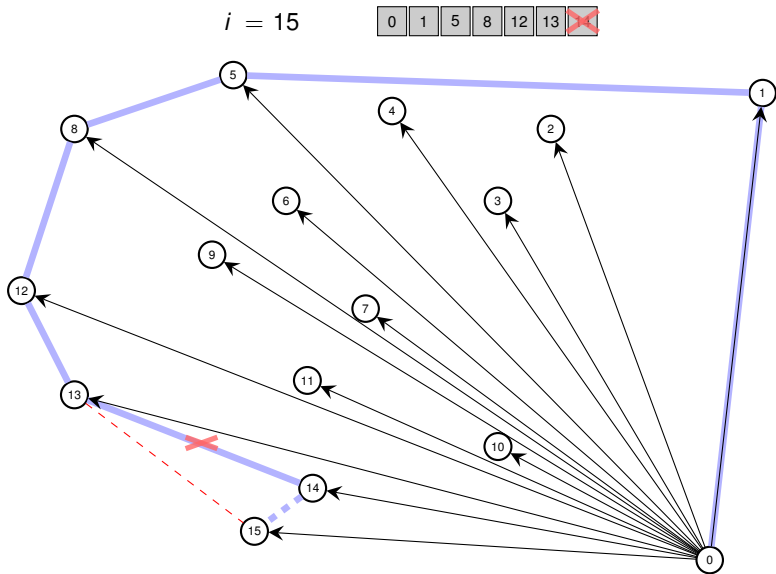
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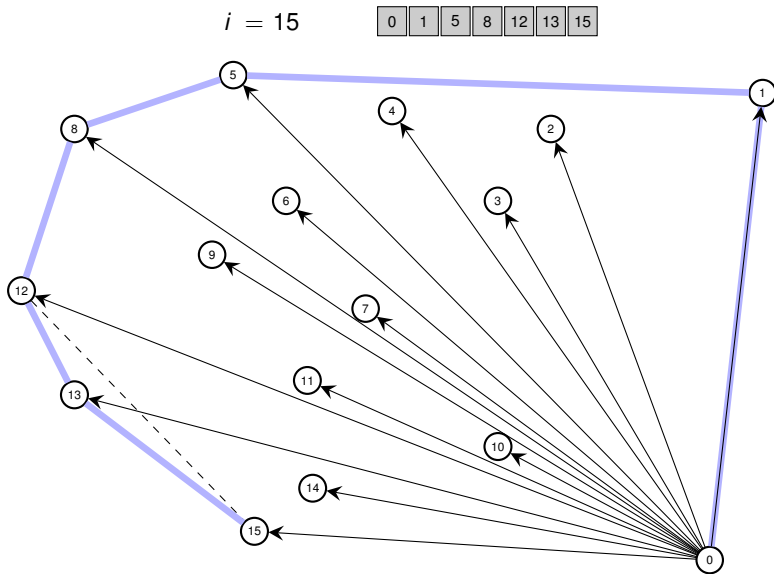
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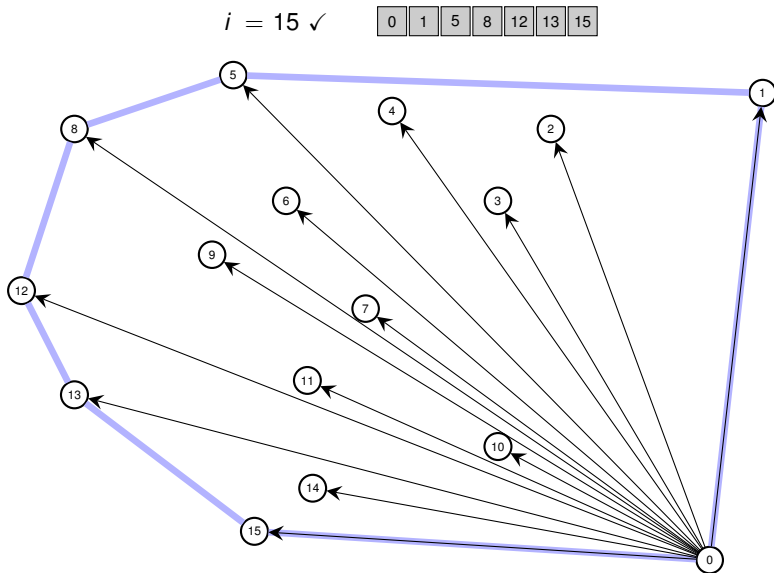
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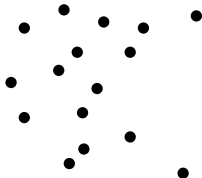


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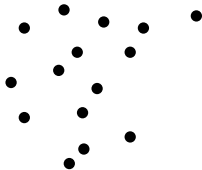


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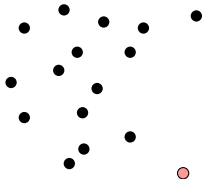


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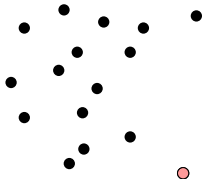


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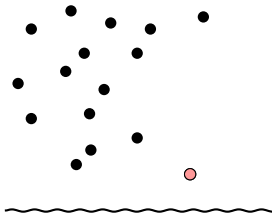


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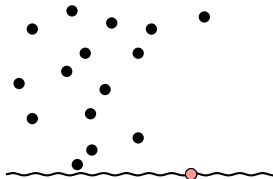


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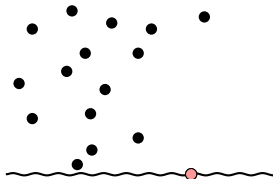


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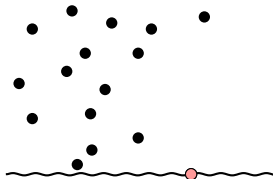


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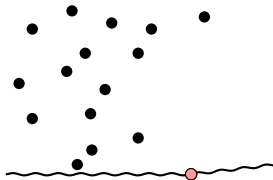


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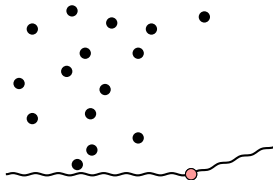


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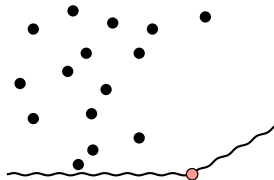


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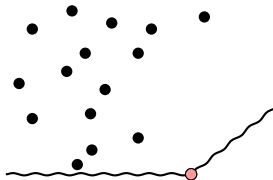


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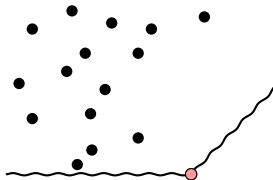


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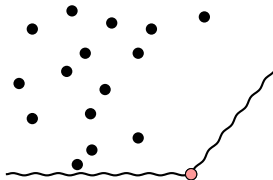


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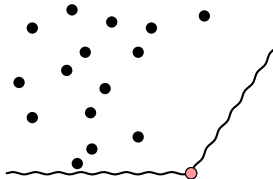


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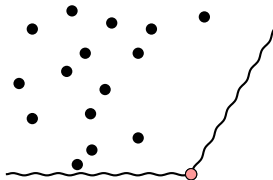


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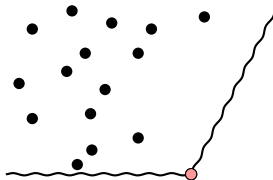


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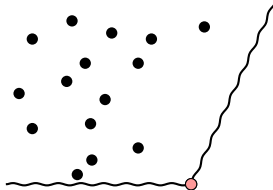


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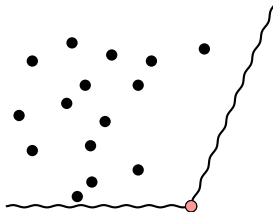


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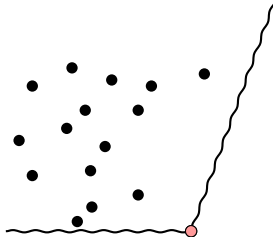


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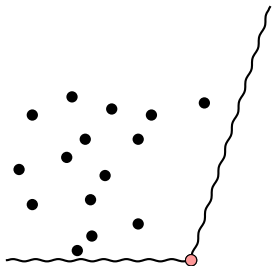


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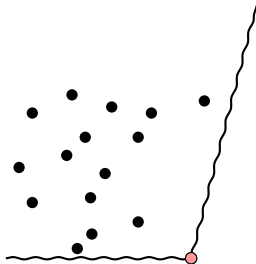


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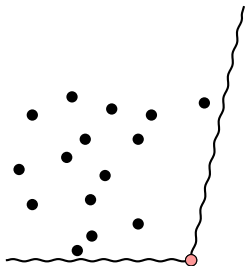


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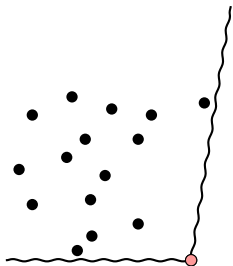


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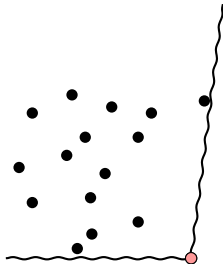


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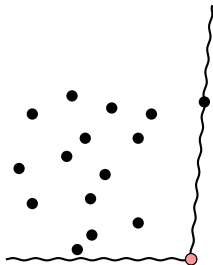


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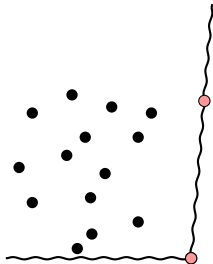
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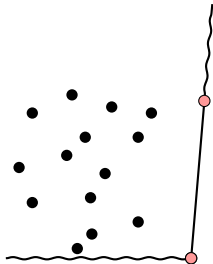




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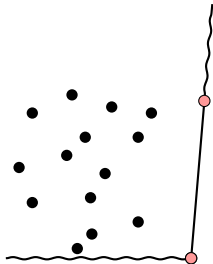
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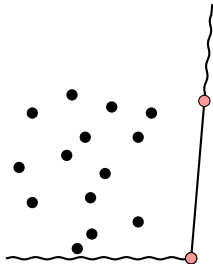
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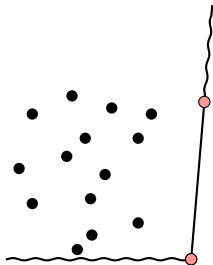
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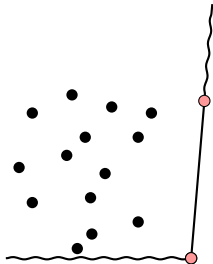
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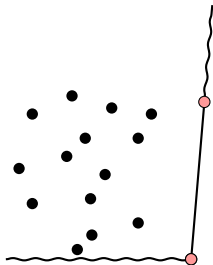
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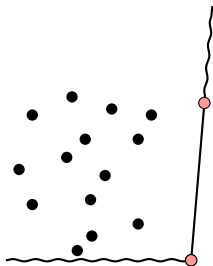
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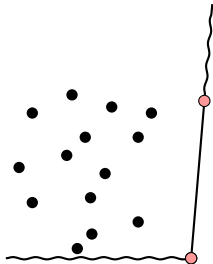
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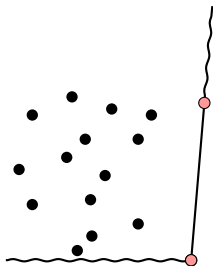
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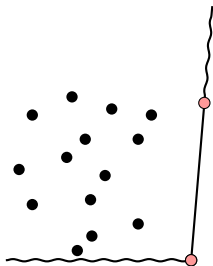
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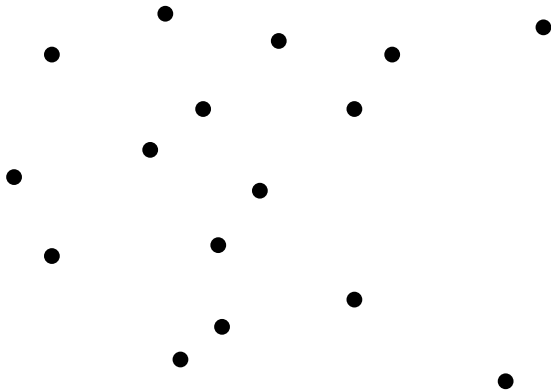
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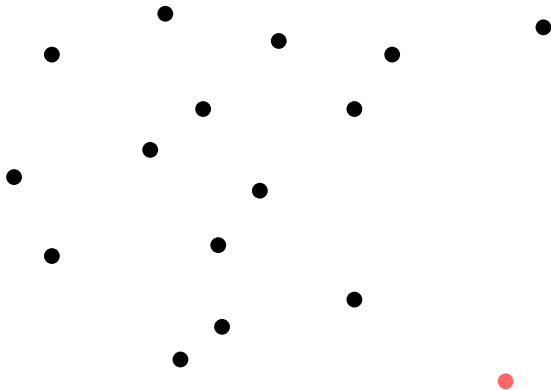
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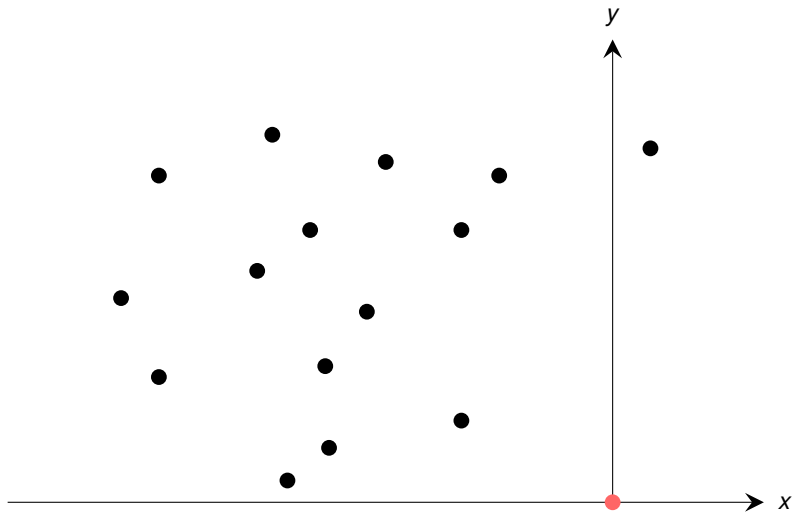


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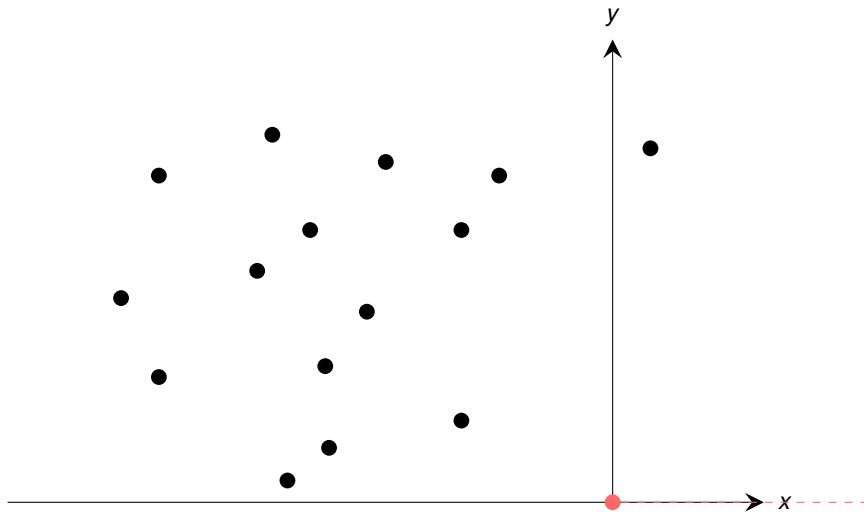
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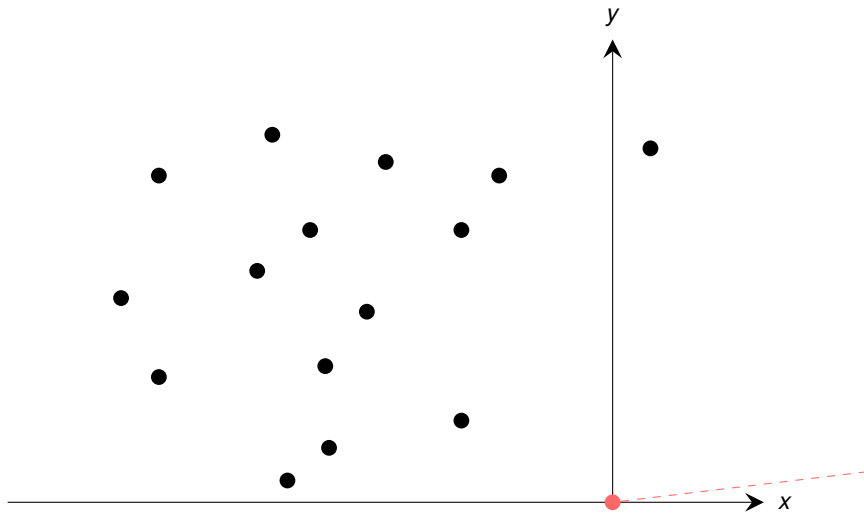
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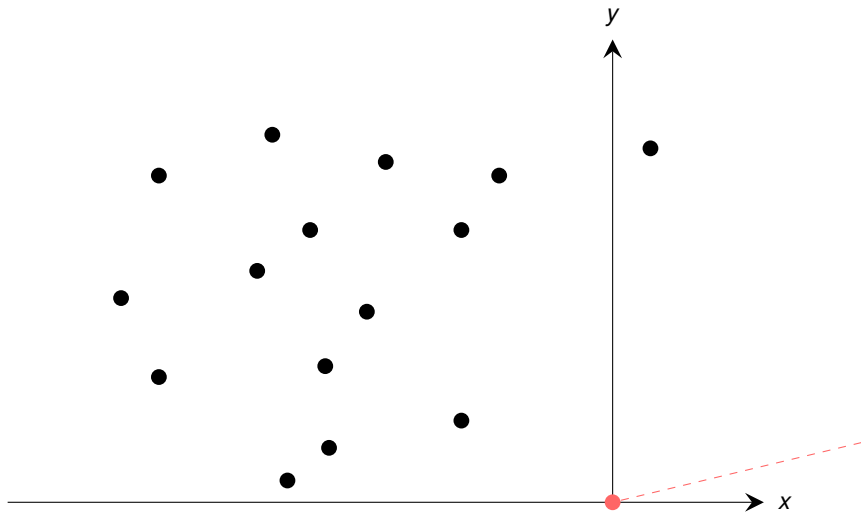
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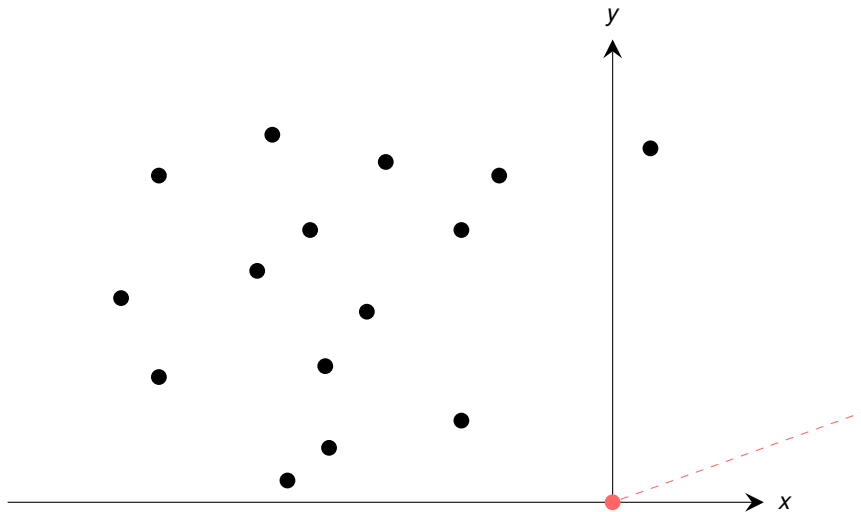


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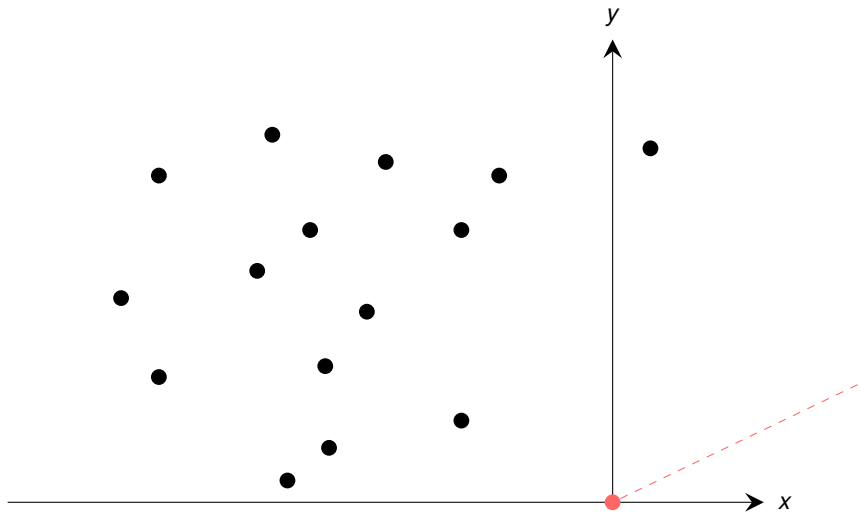




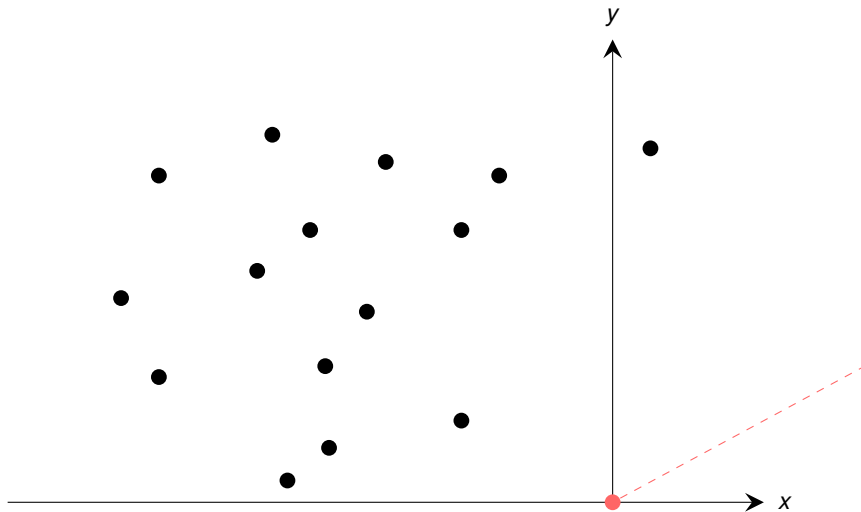
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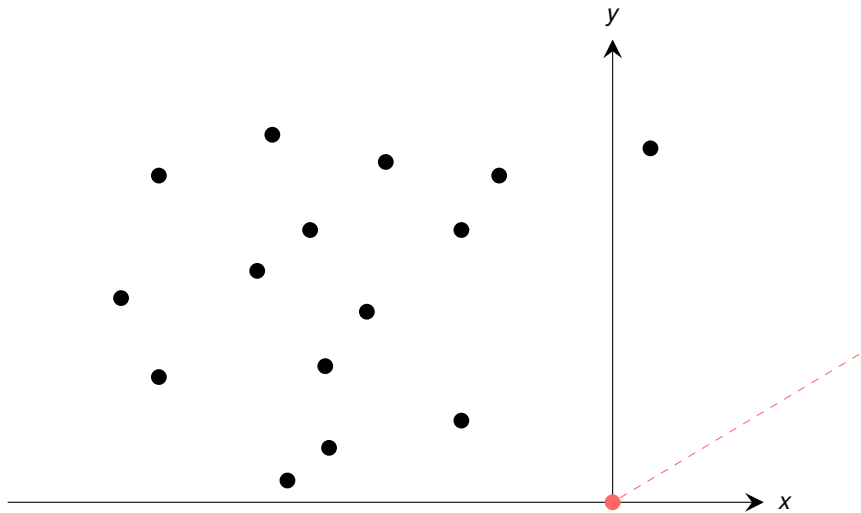
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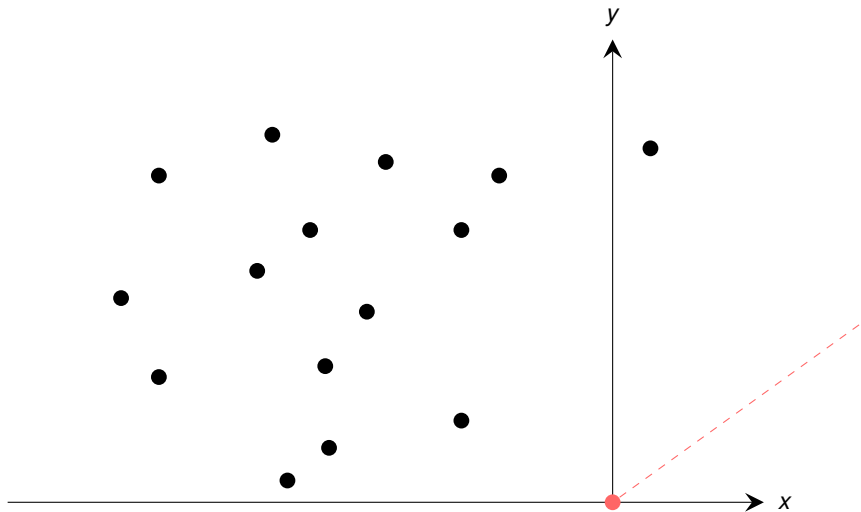
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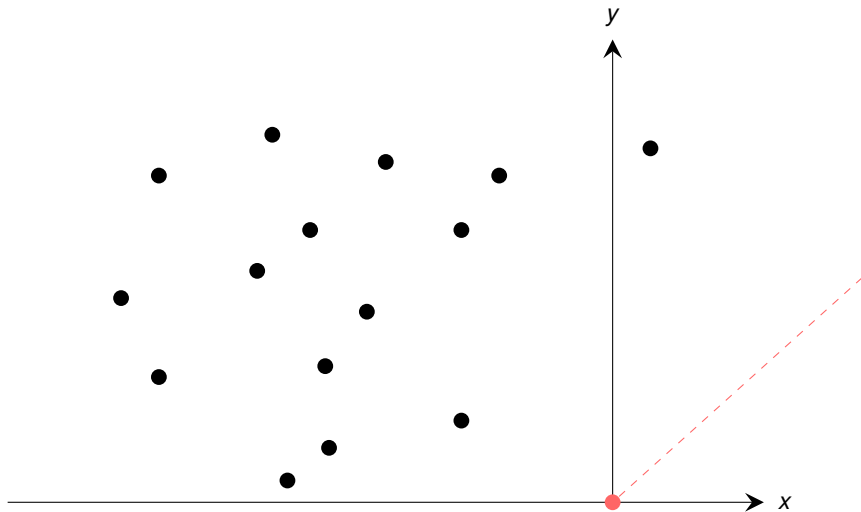
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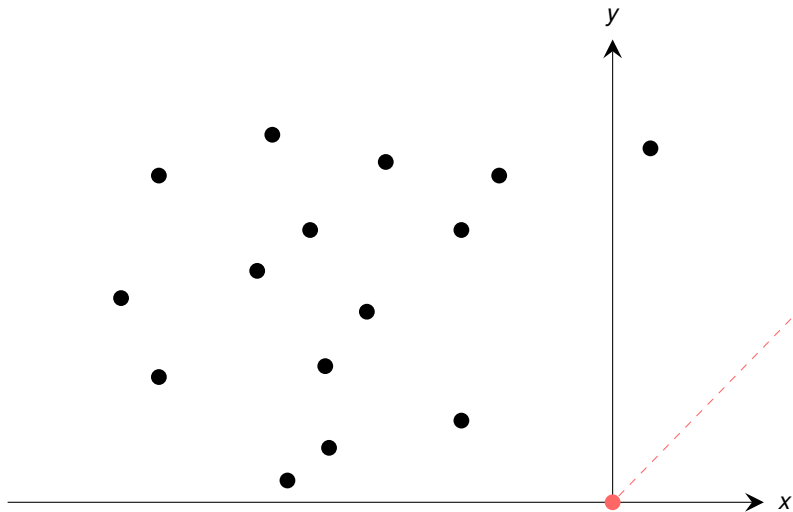
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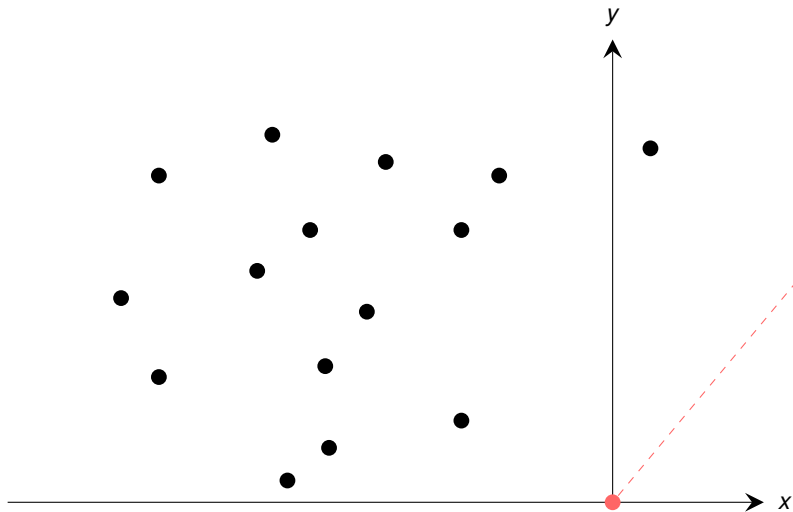
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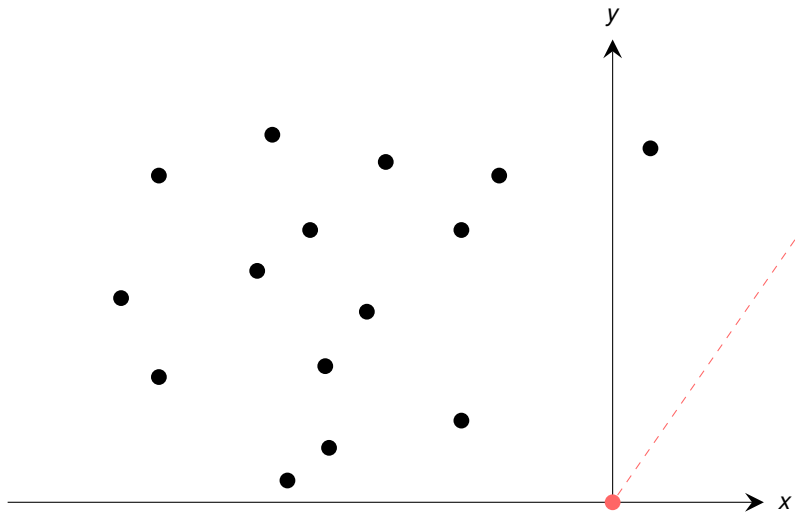


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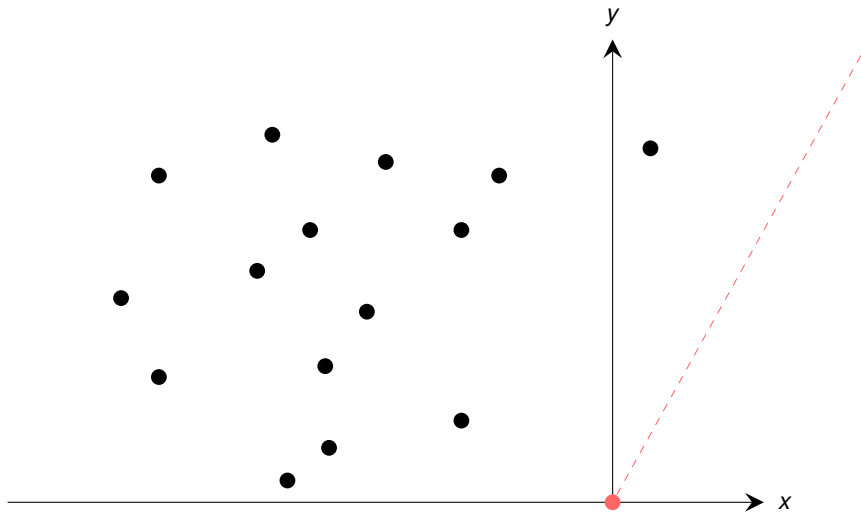




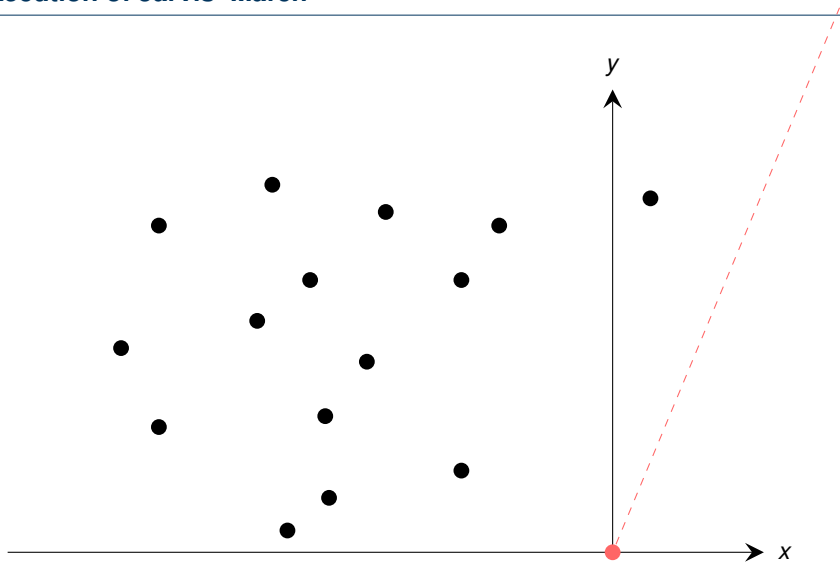
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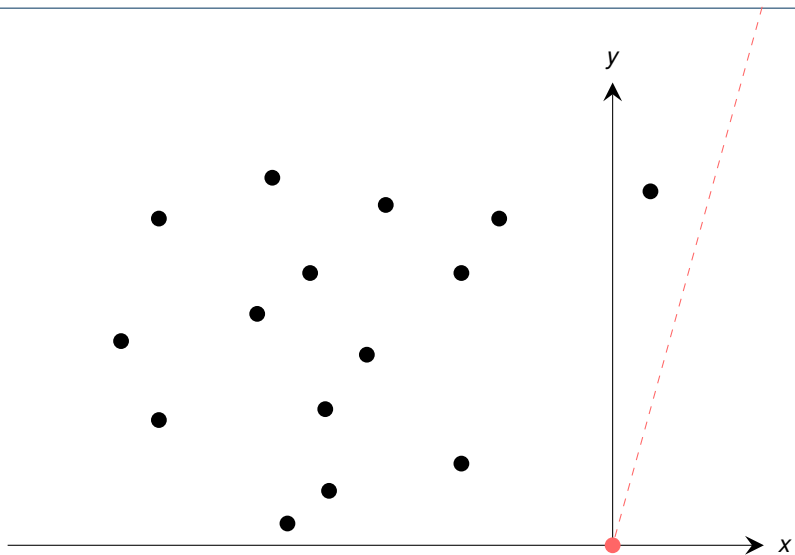
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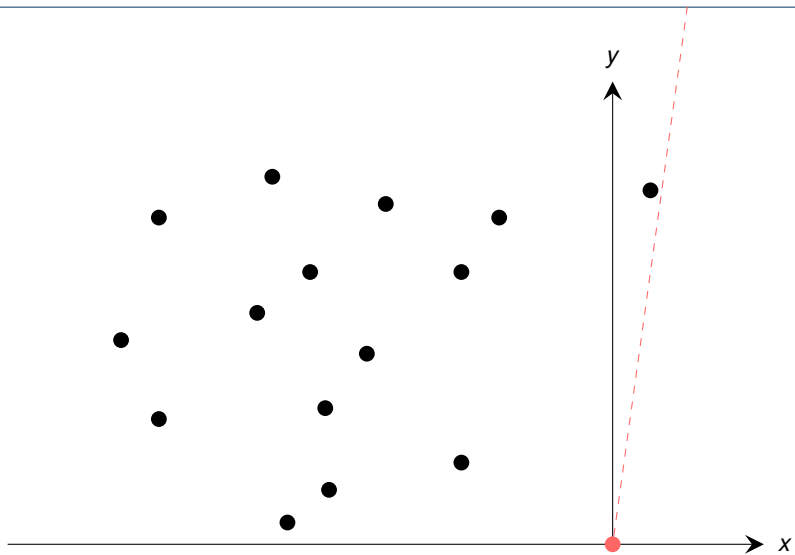
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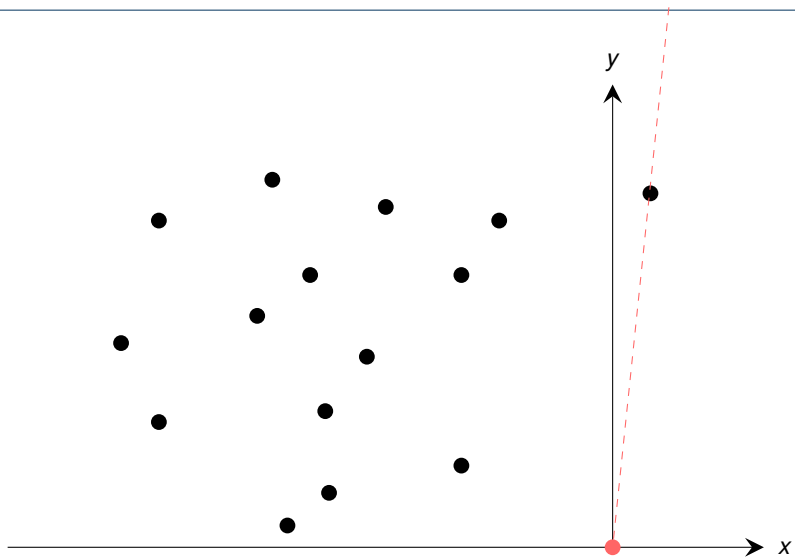
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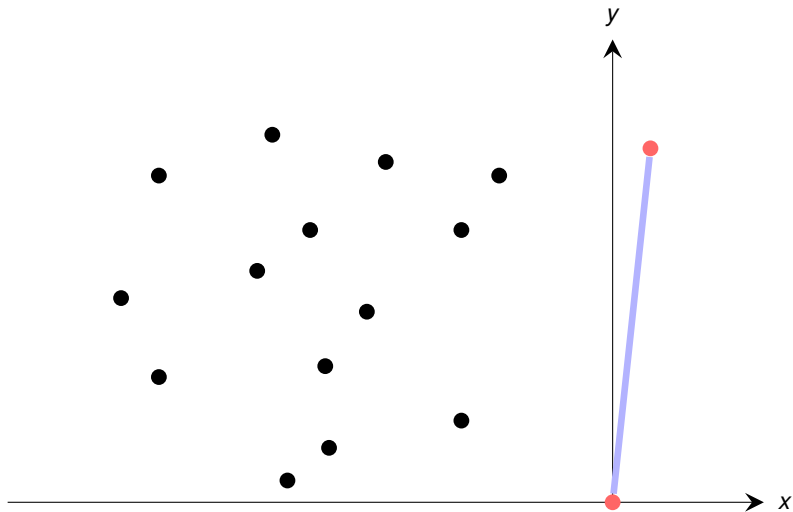
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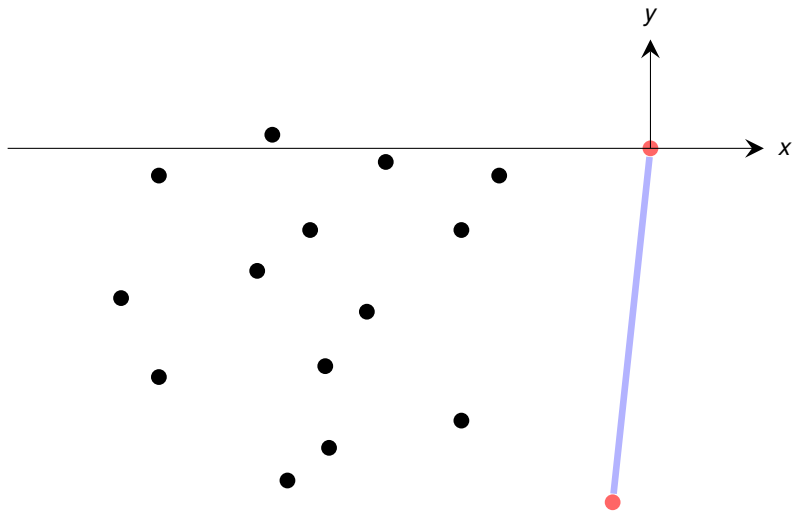
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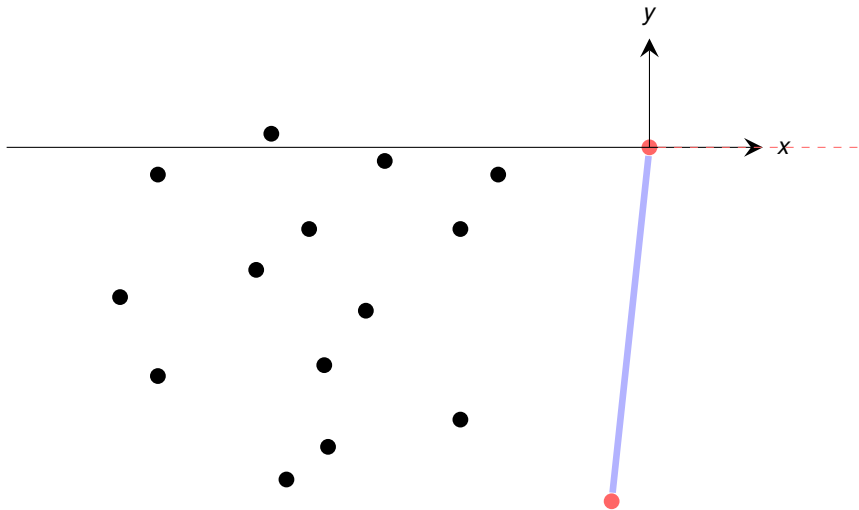


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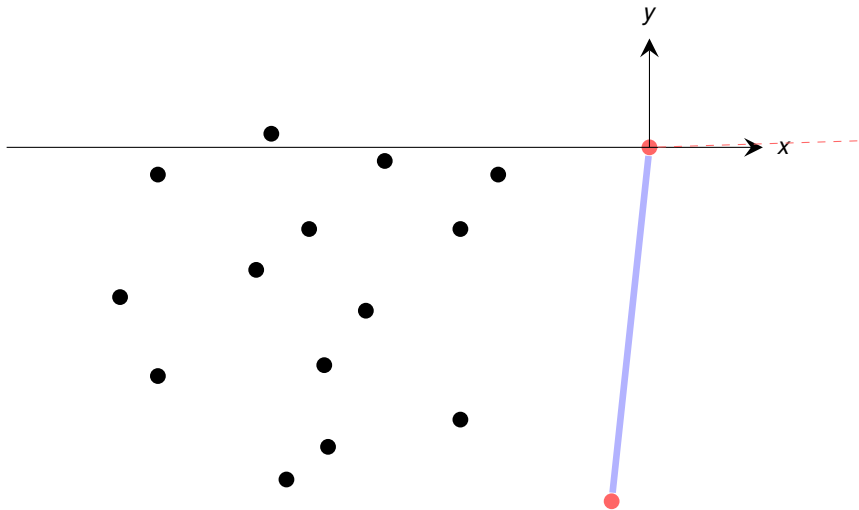




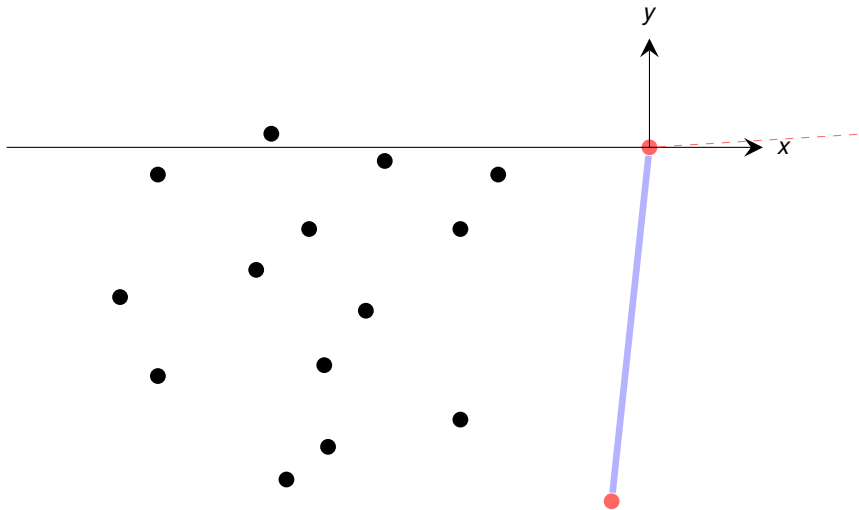
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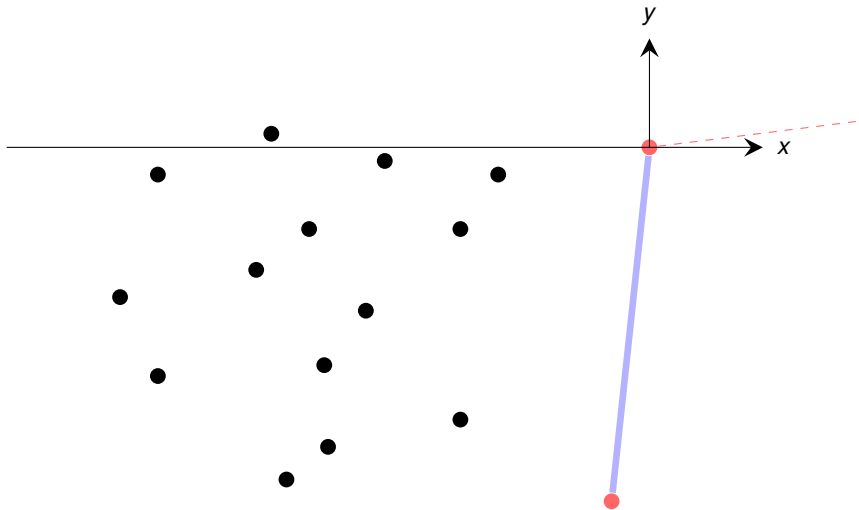
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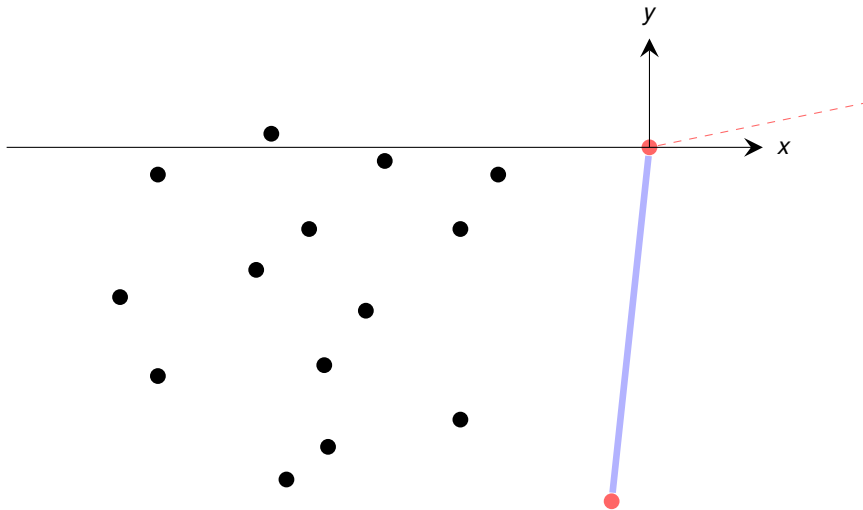
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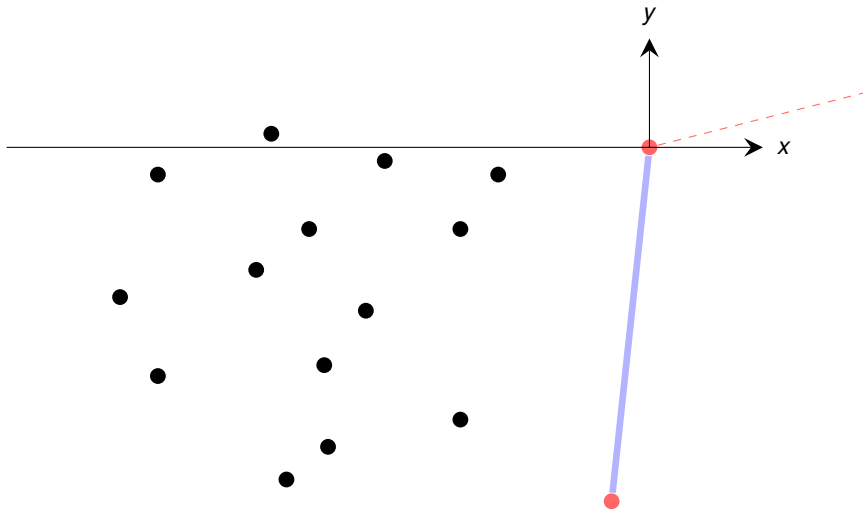
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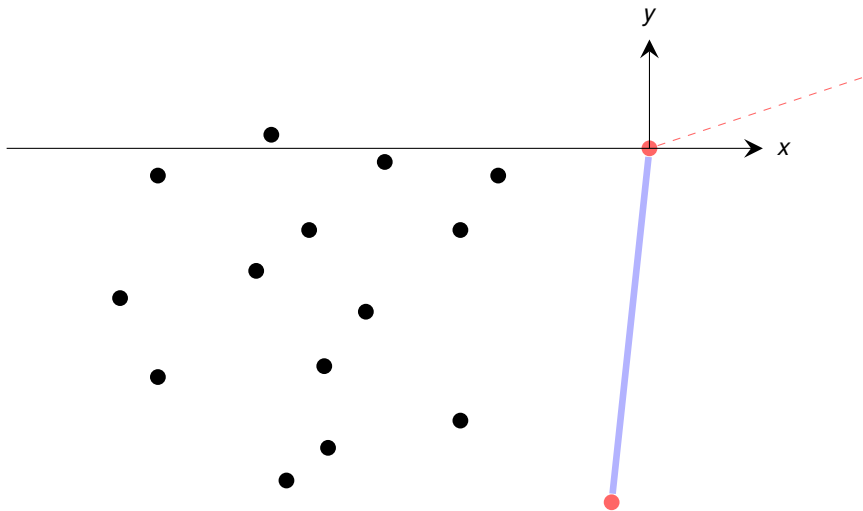
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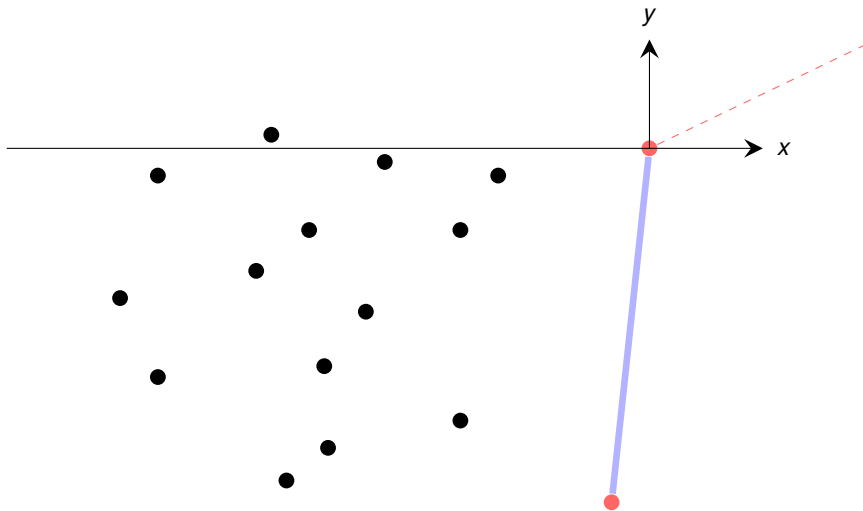
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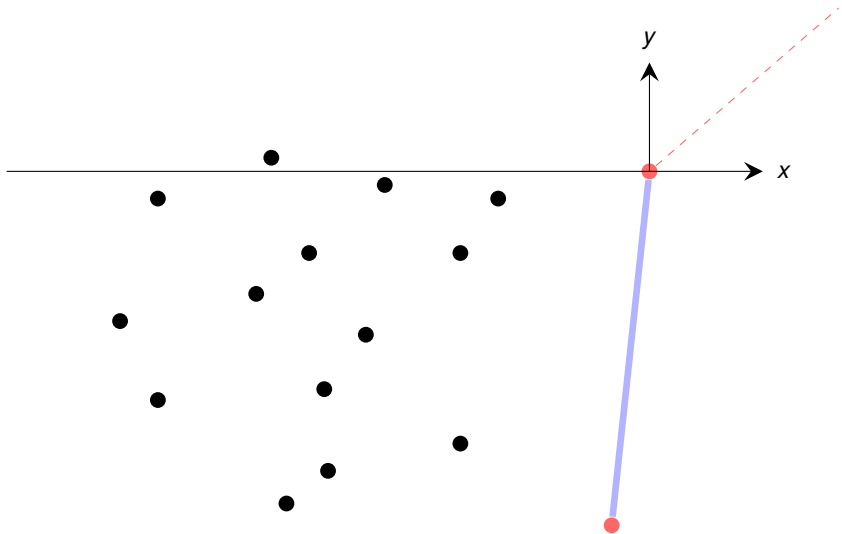


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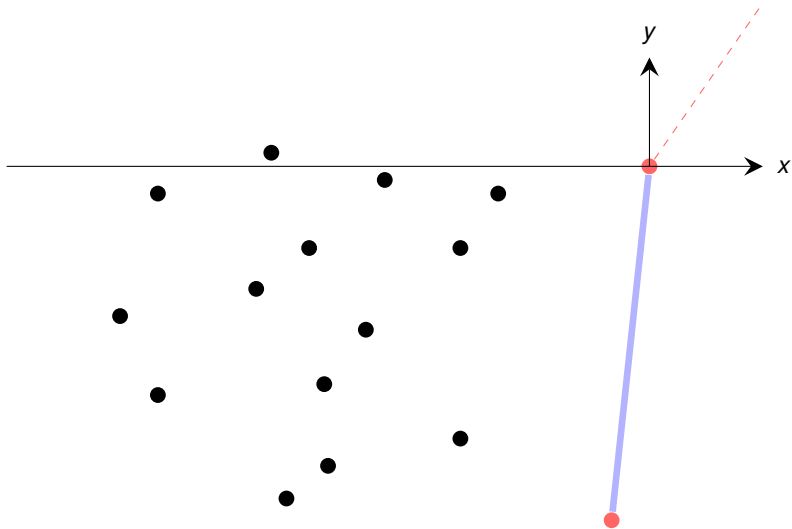




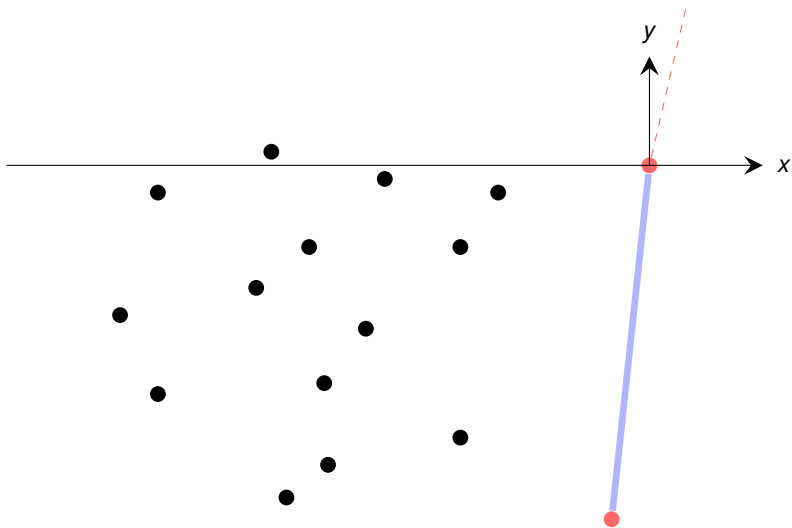
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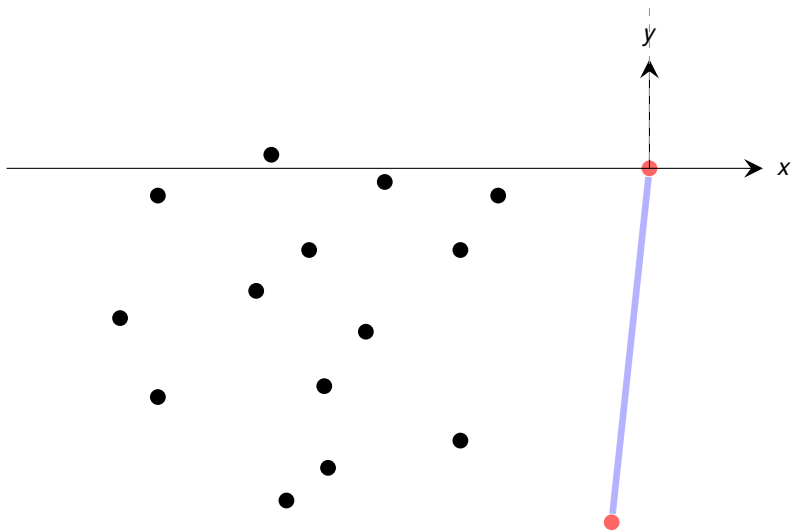
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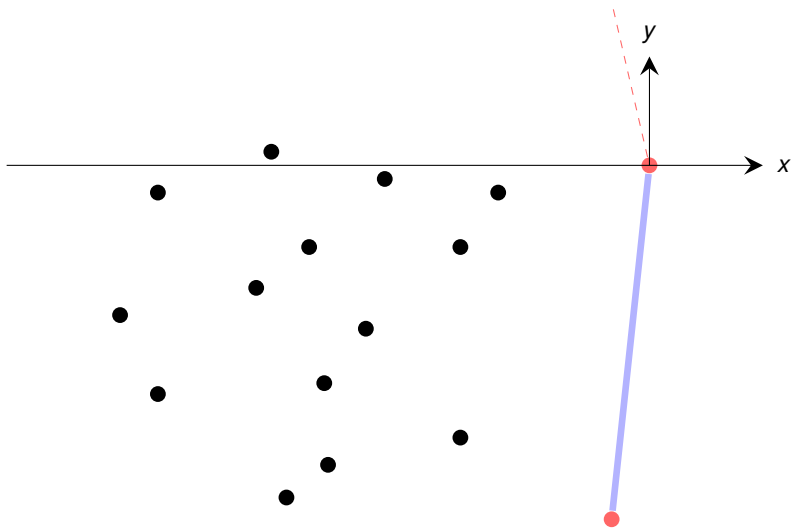
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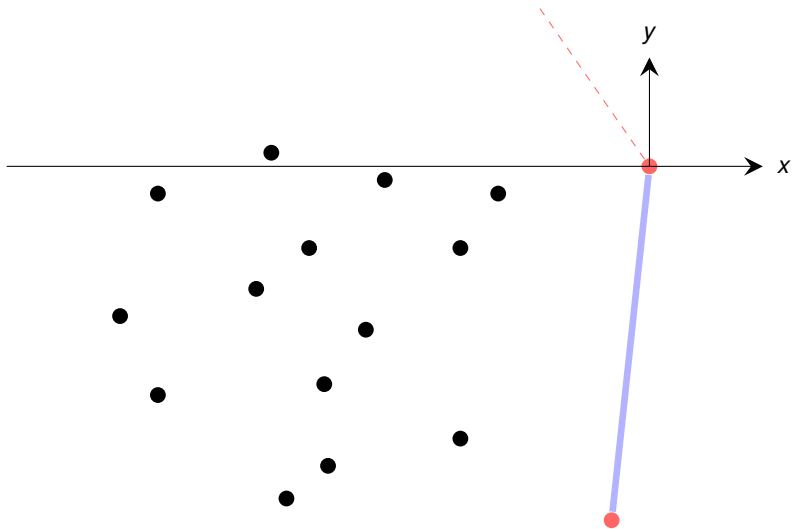
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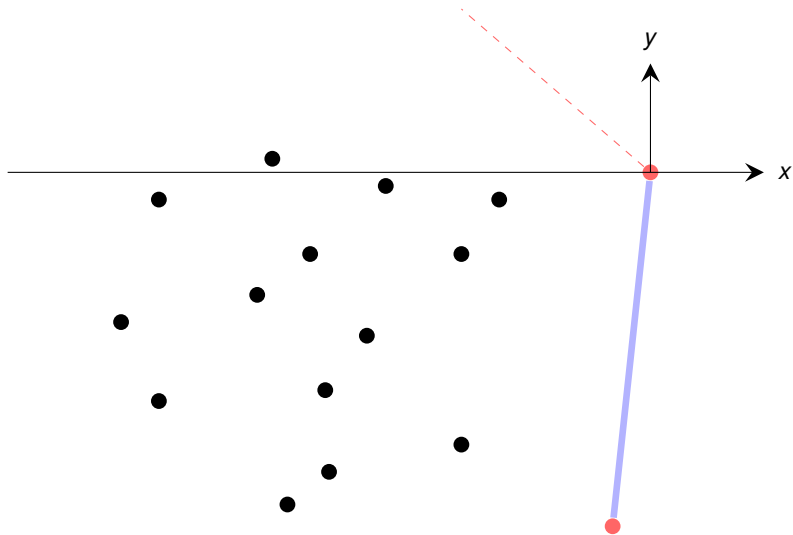
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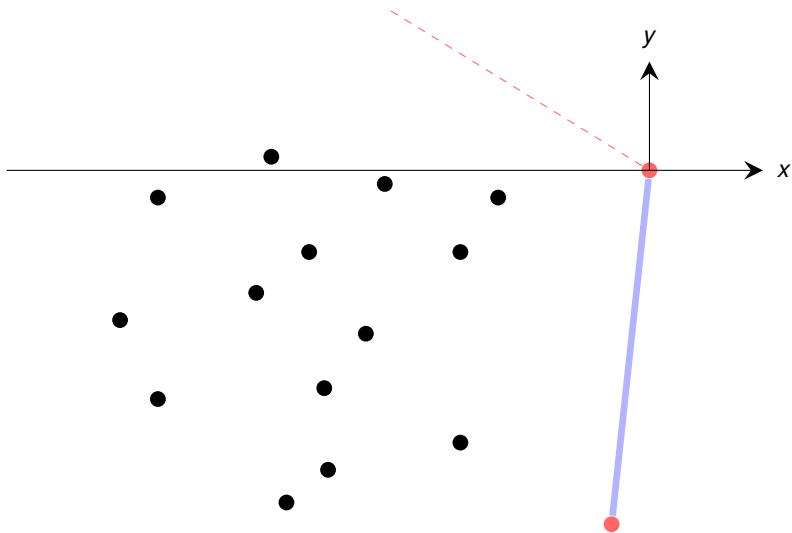
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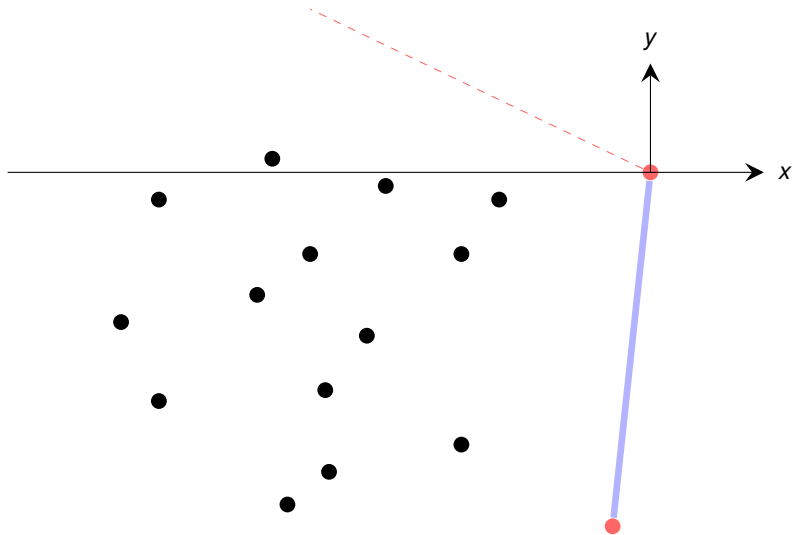


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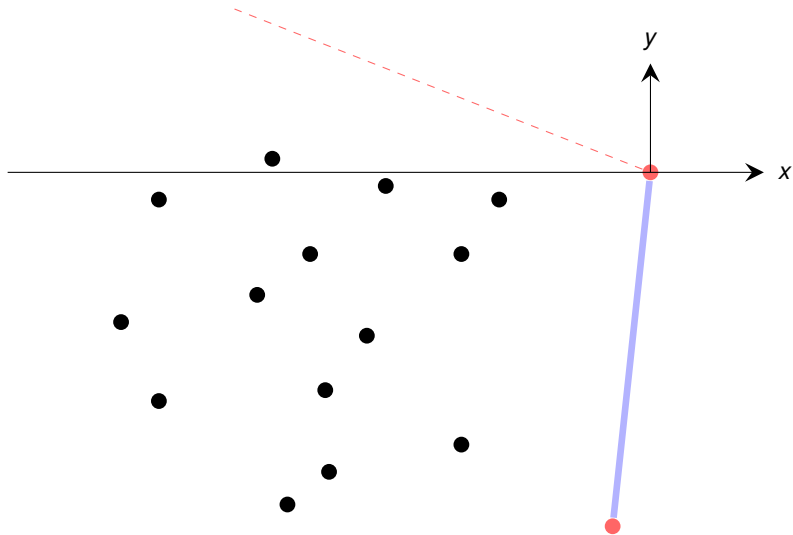




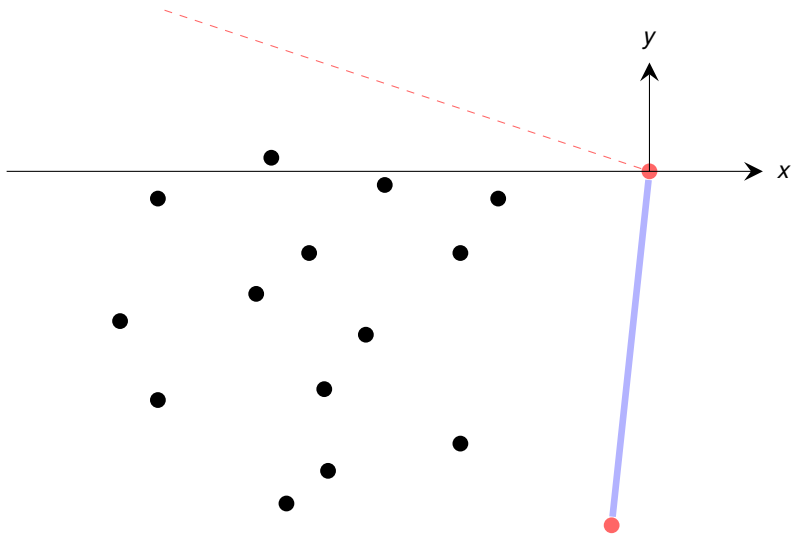
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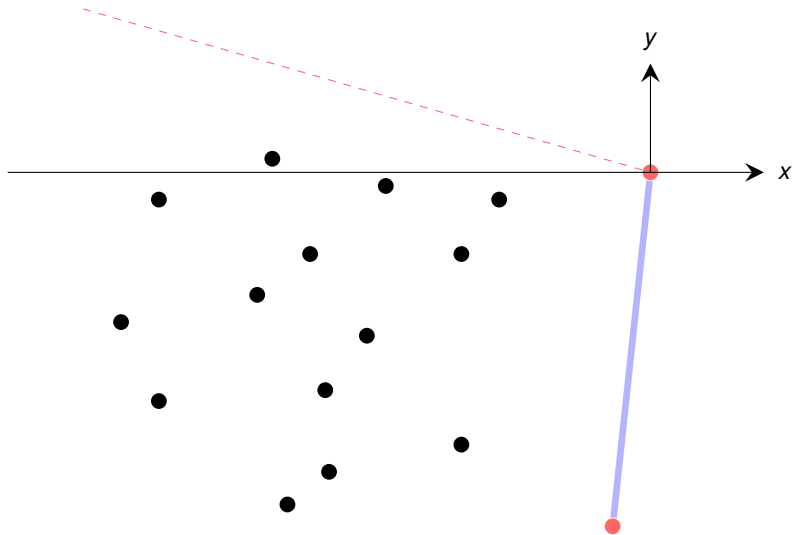
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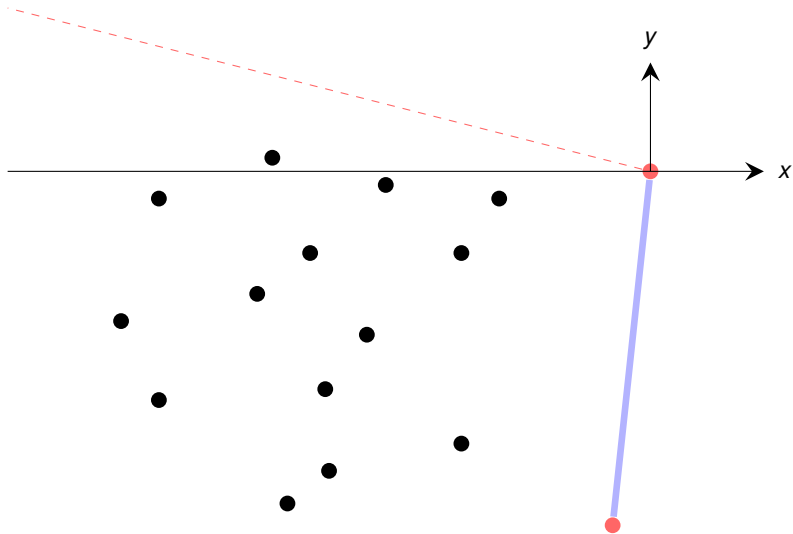
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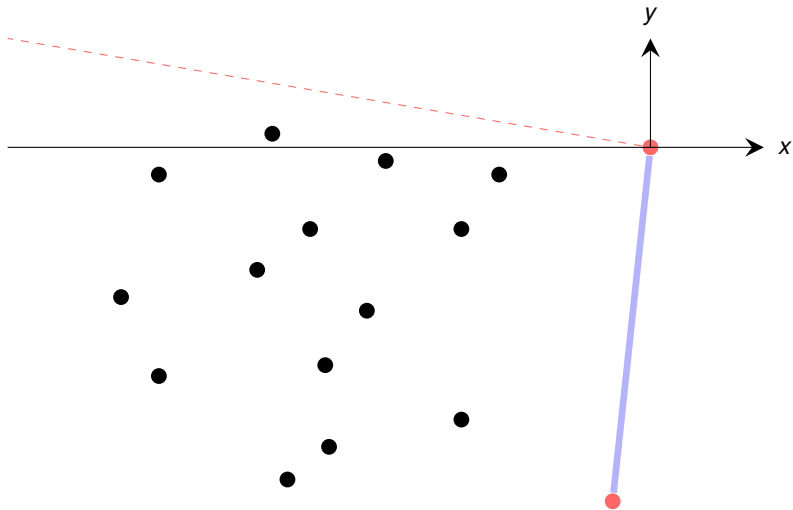
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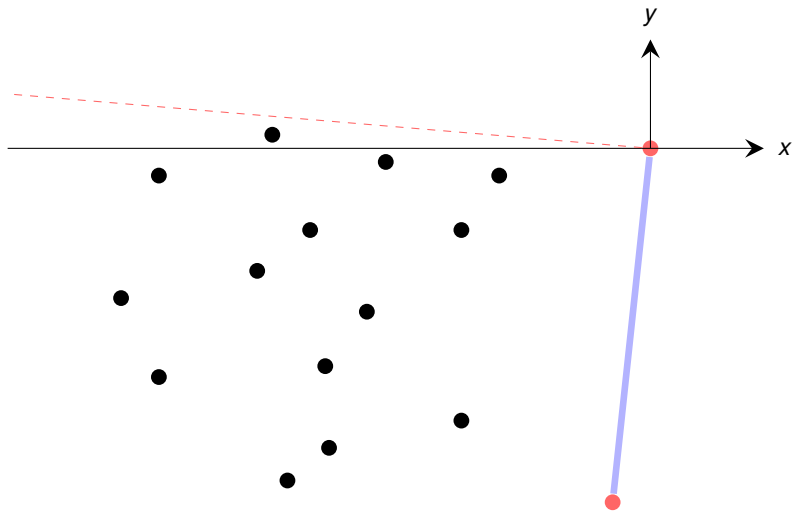
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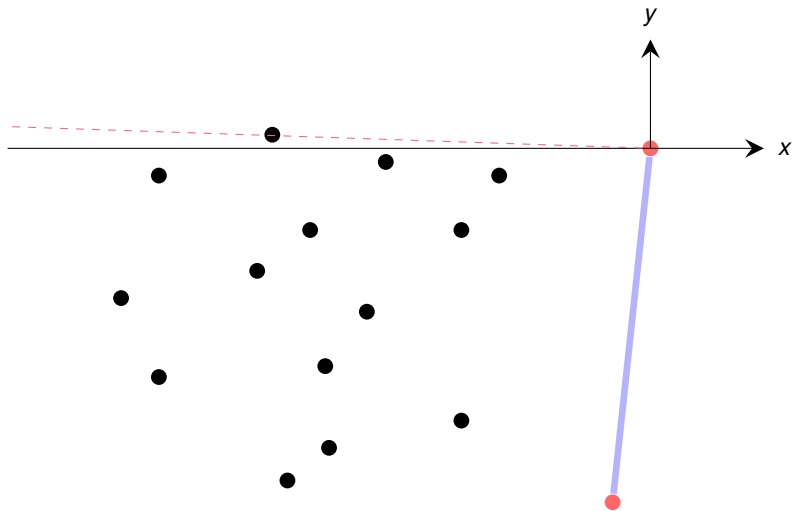
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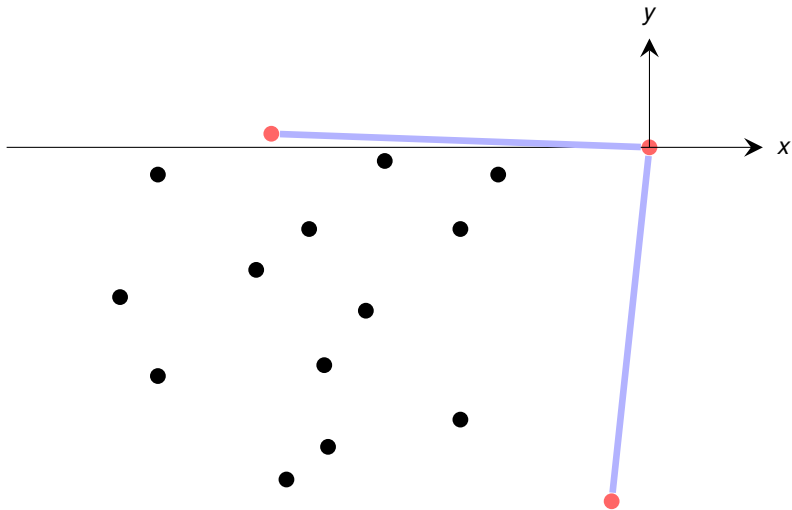


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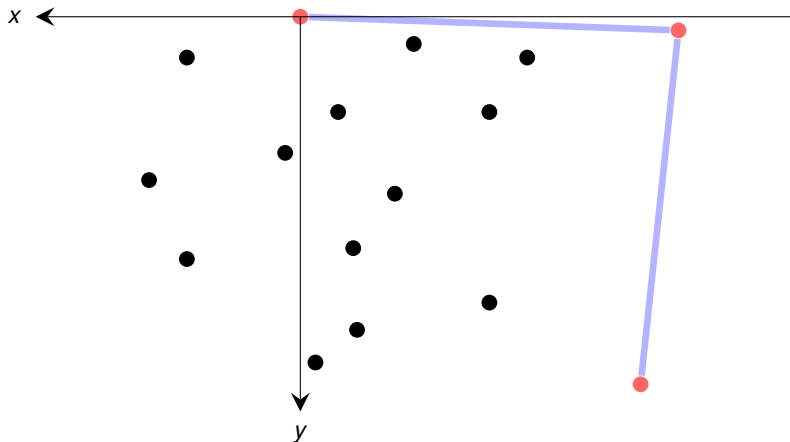




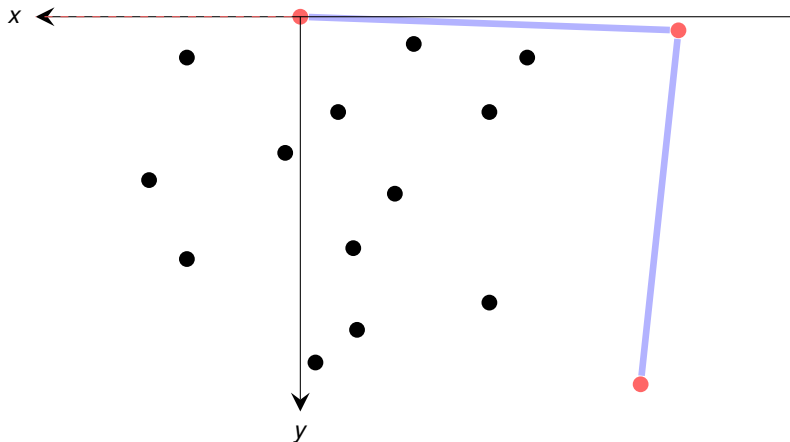
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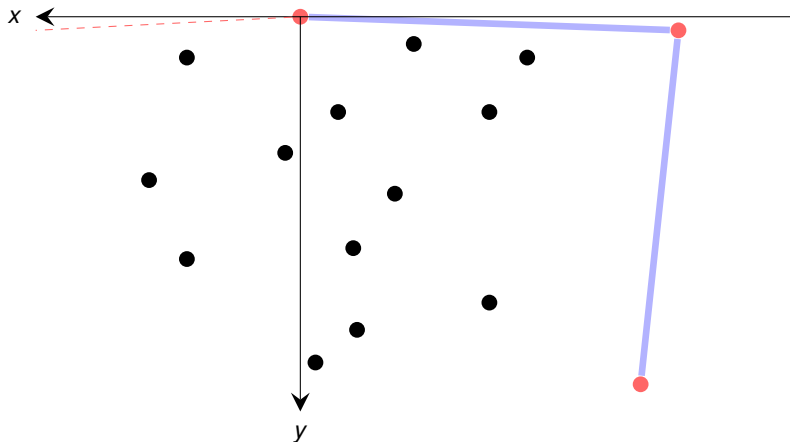
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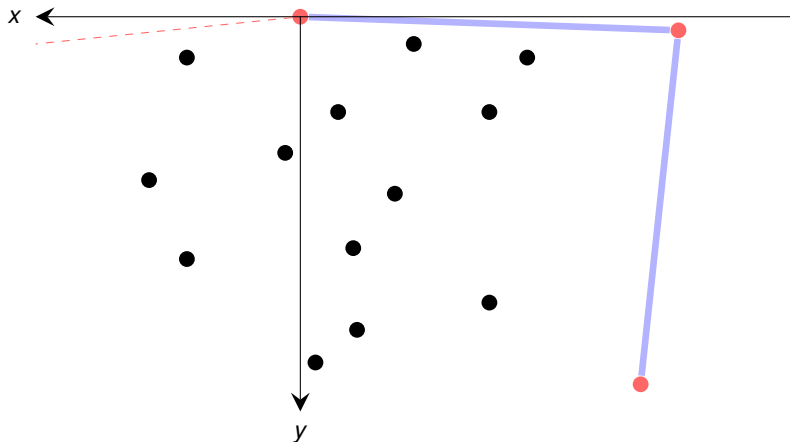
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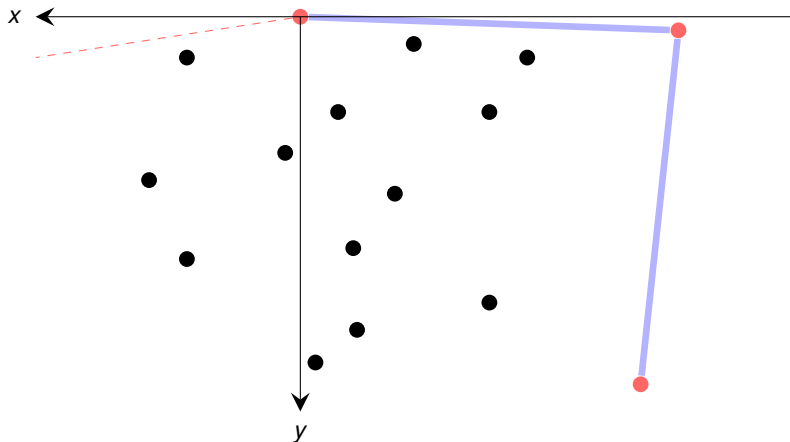
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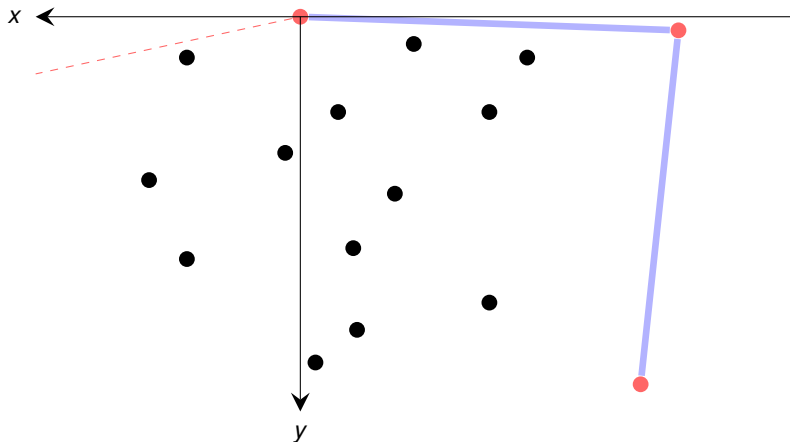
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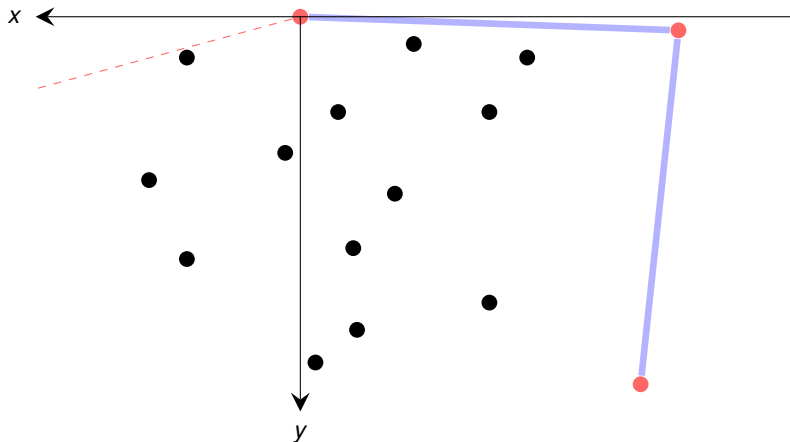
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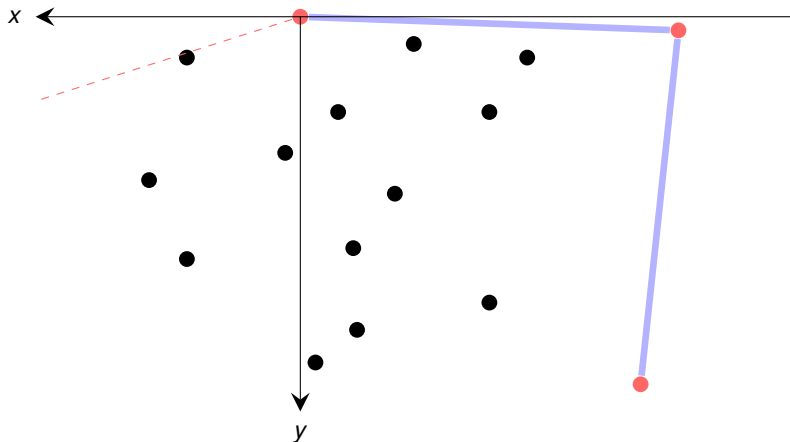


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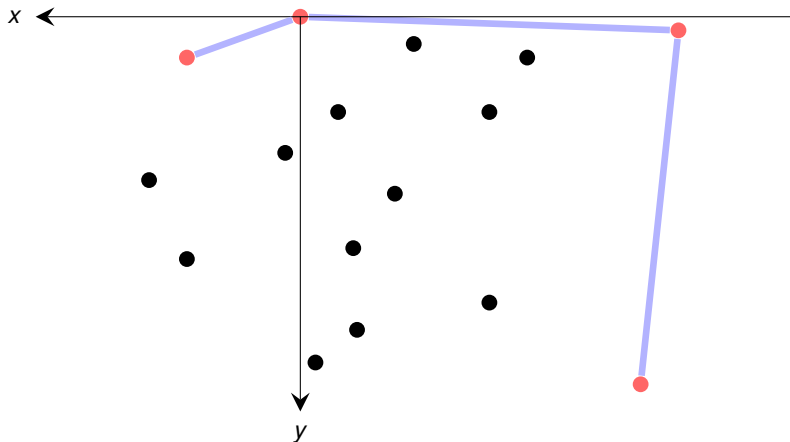




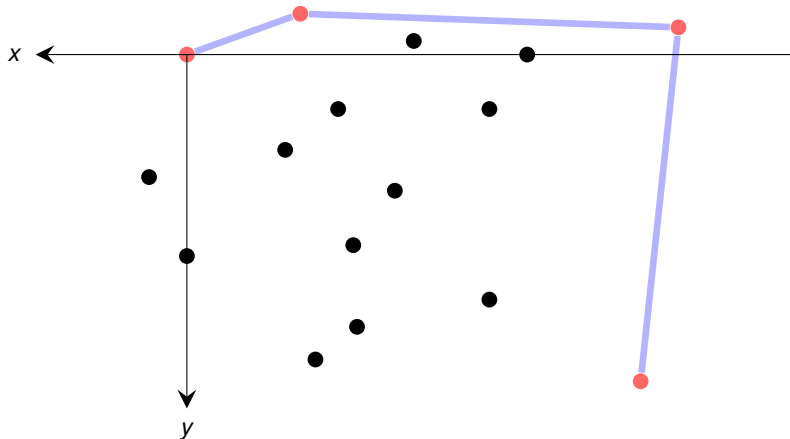
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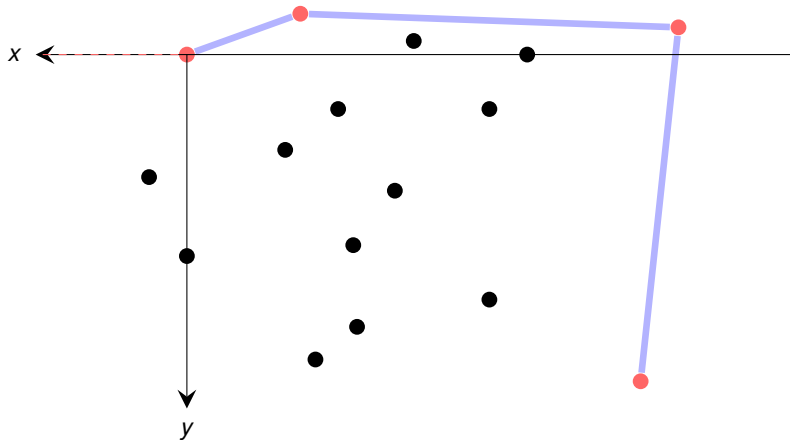
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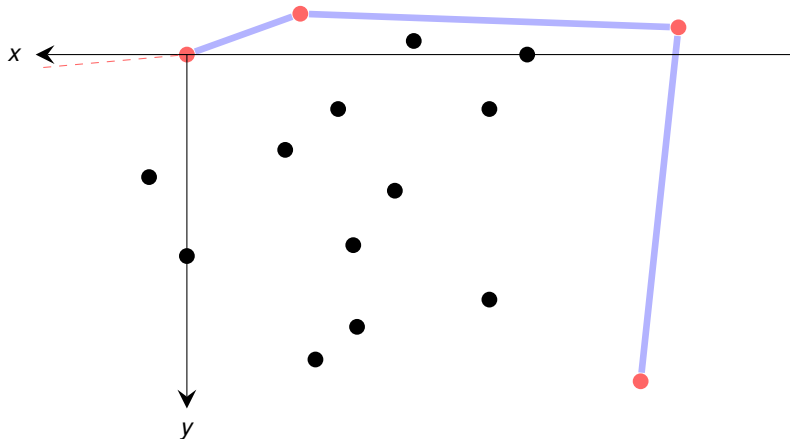
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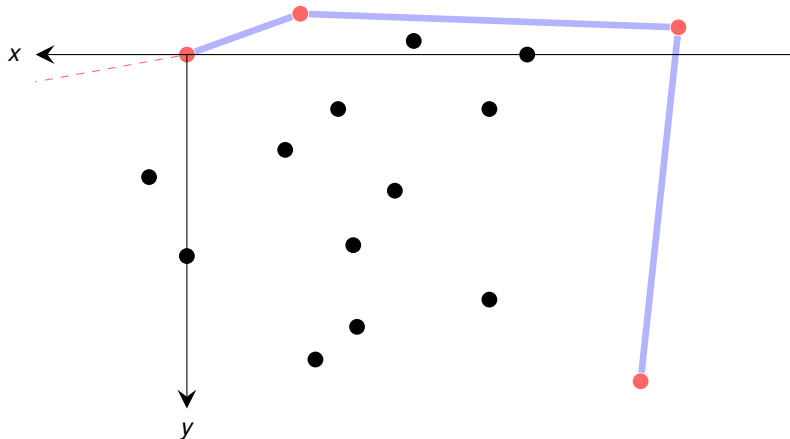
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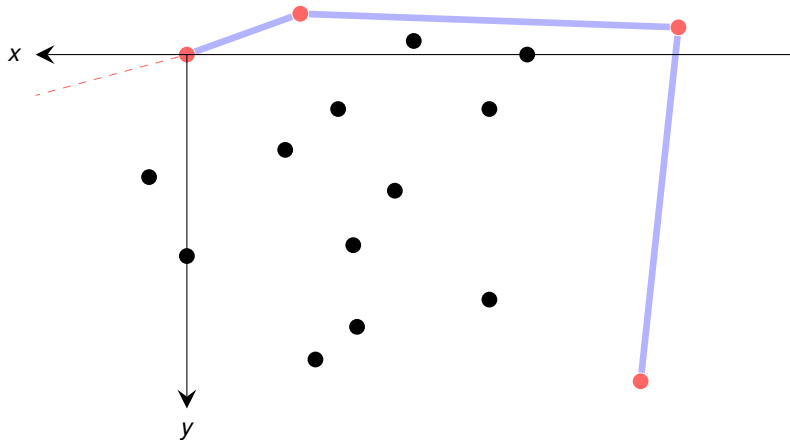
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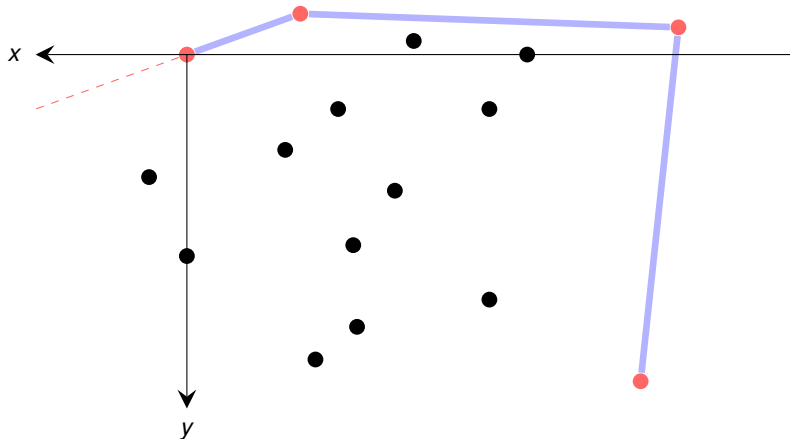
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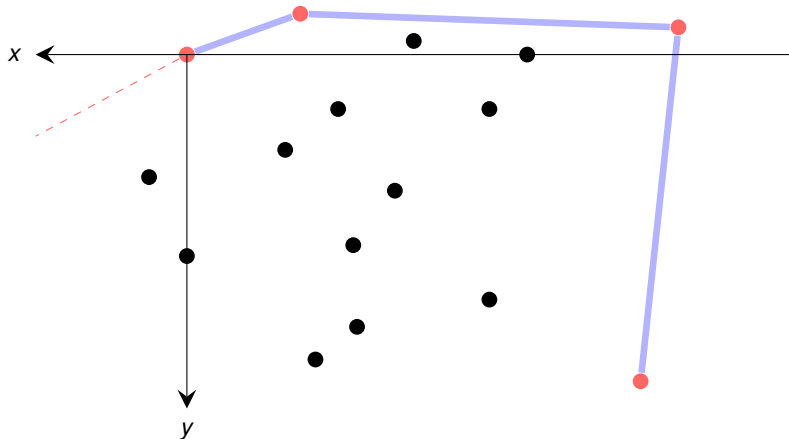


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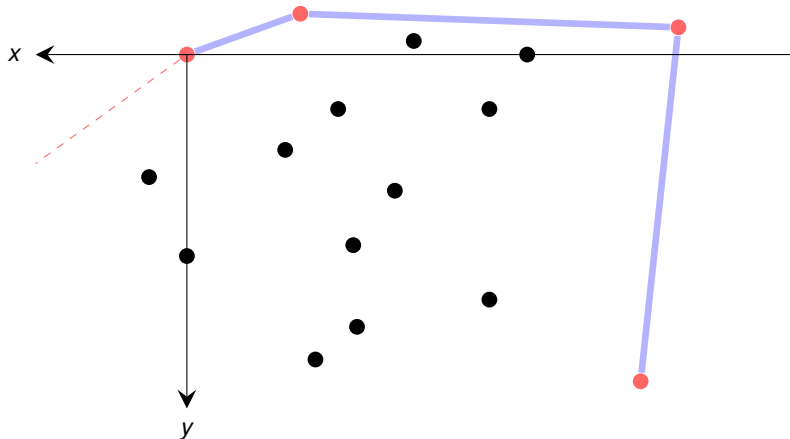




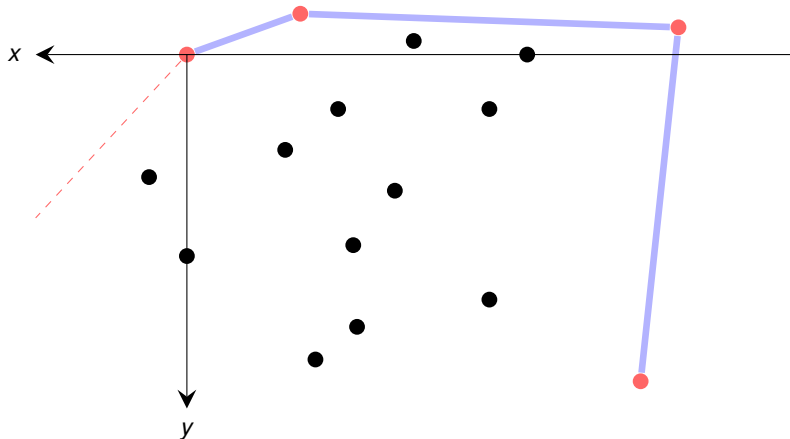
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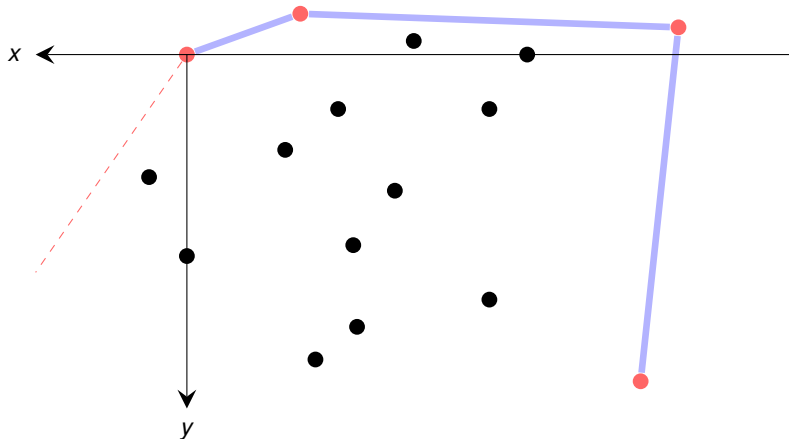
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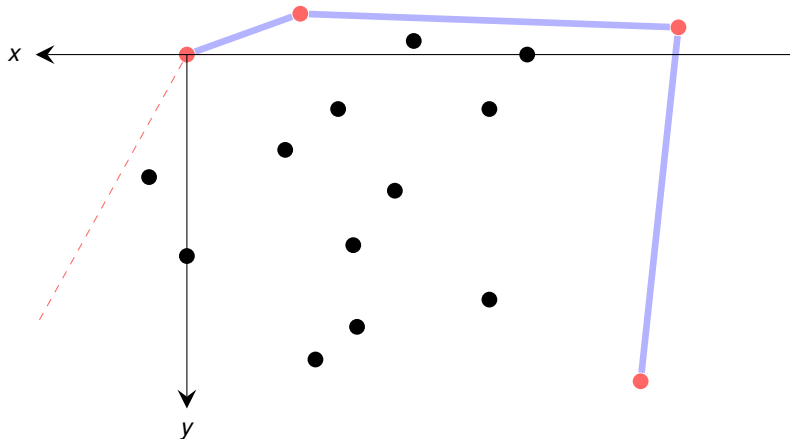
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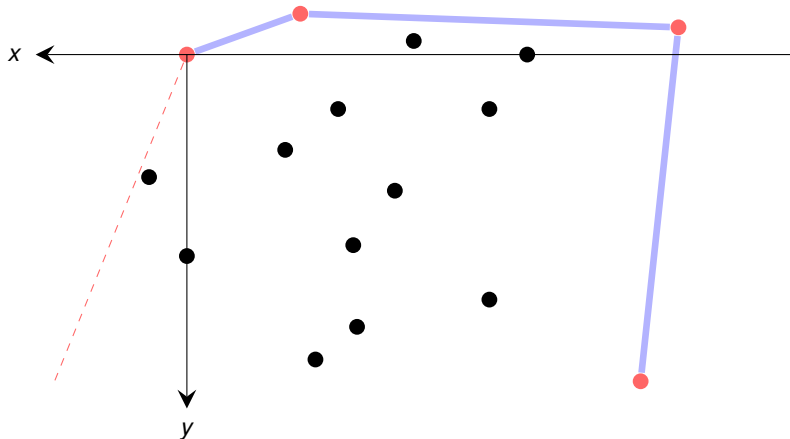
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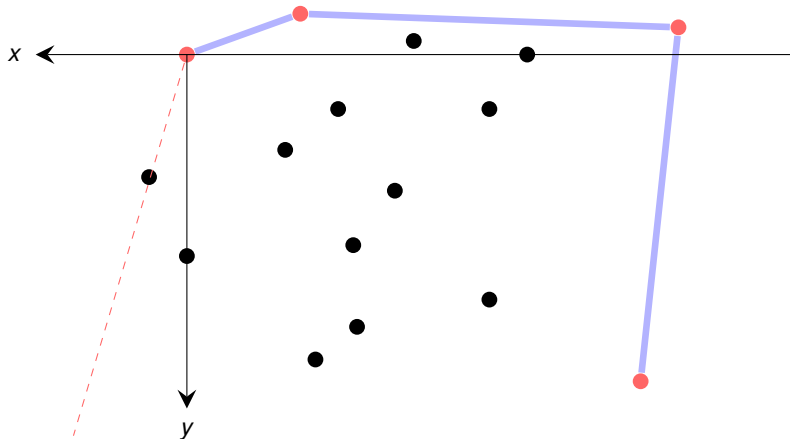
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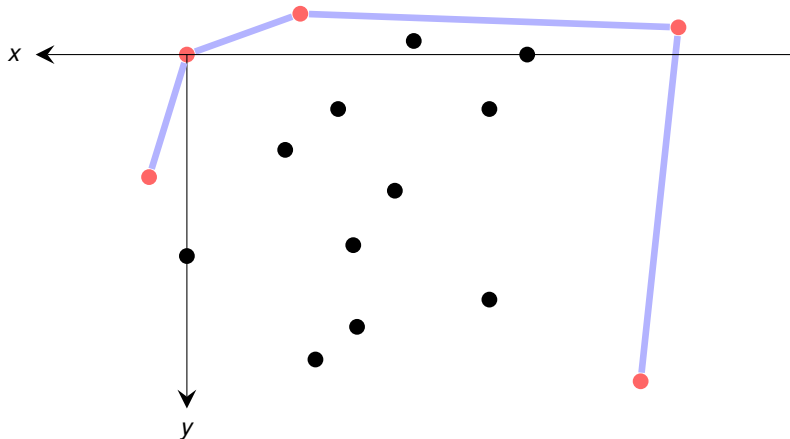
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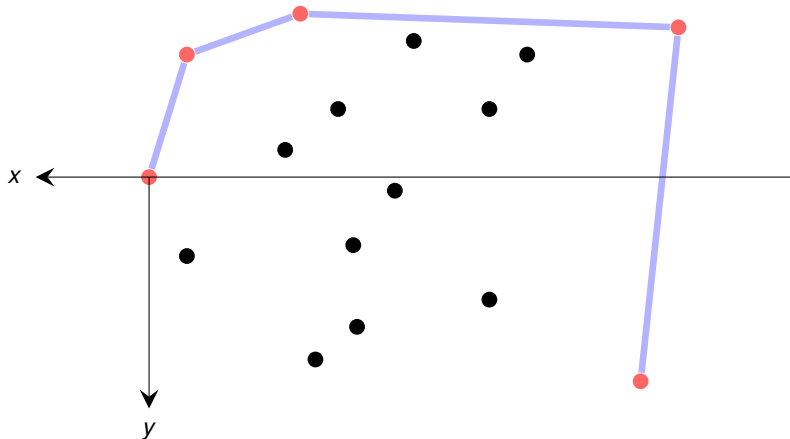


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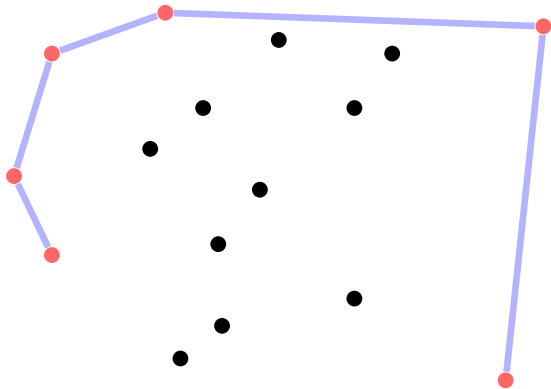


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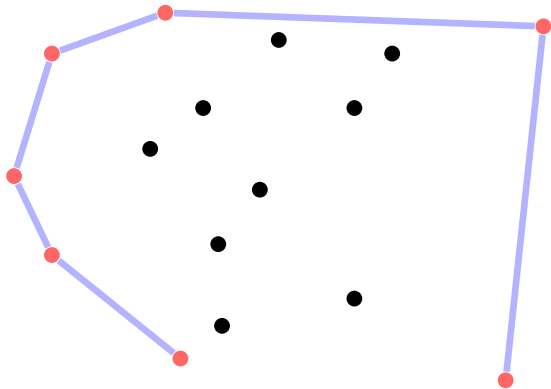
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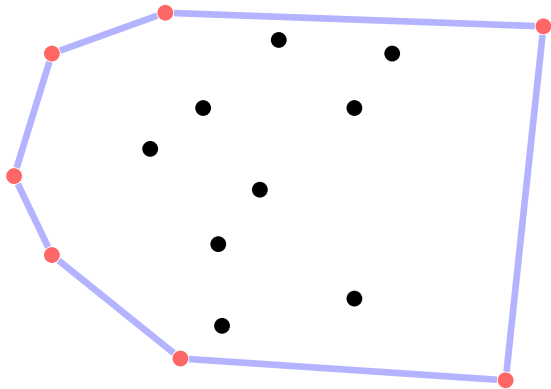
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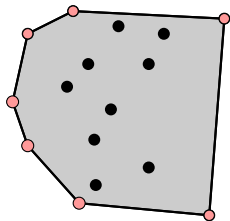
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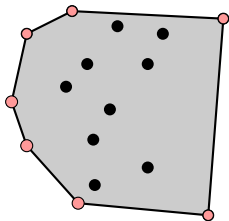
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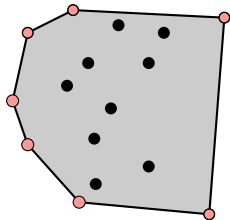
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### Lessons Learned

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- need to take care of degenerate cases, numerical precision



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