

# Guarding Problems and $k$ -Transmitter Watchman Routes

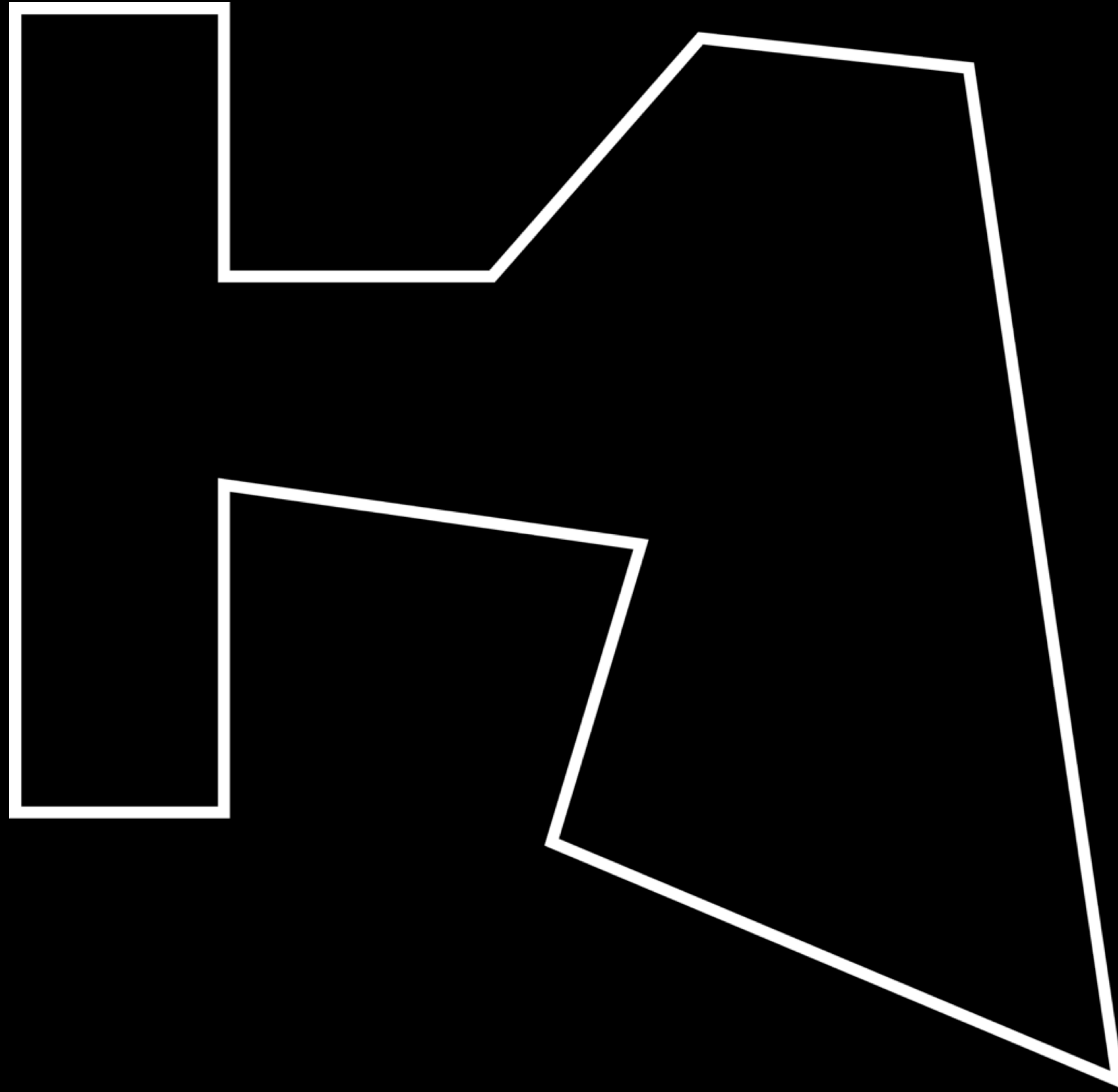
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- The Art Gallery Problem and Its Variants
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- The Watchman Route Problem (WRP)
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- Outlook

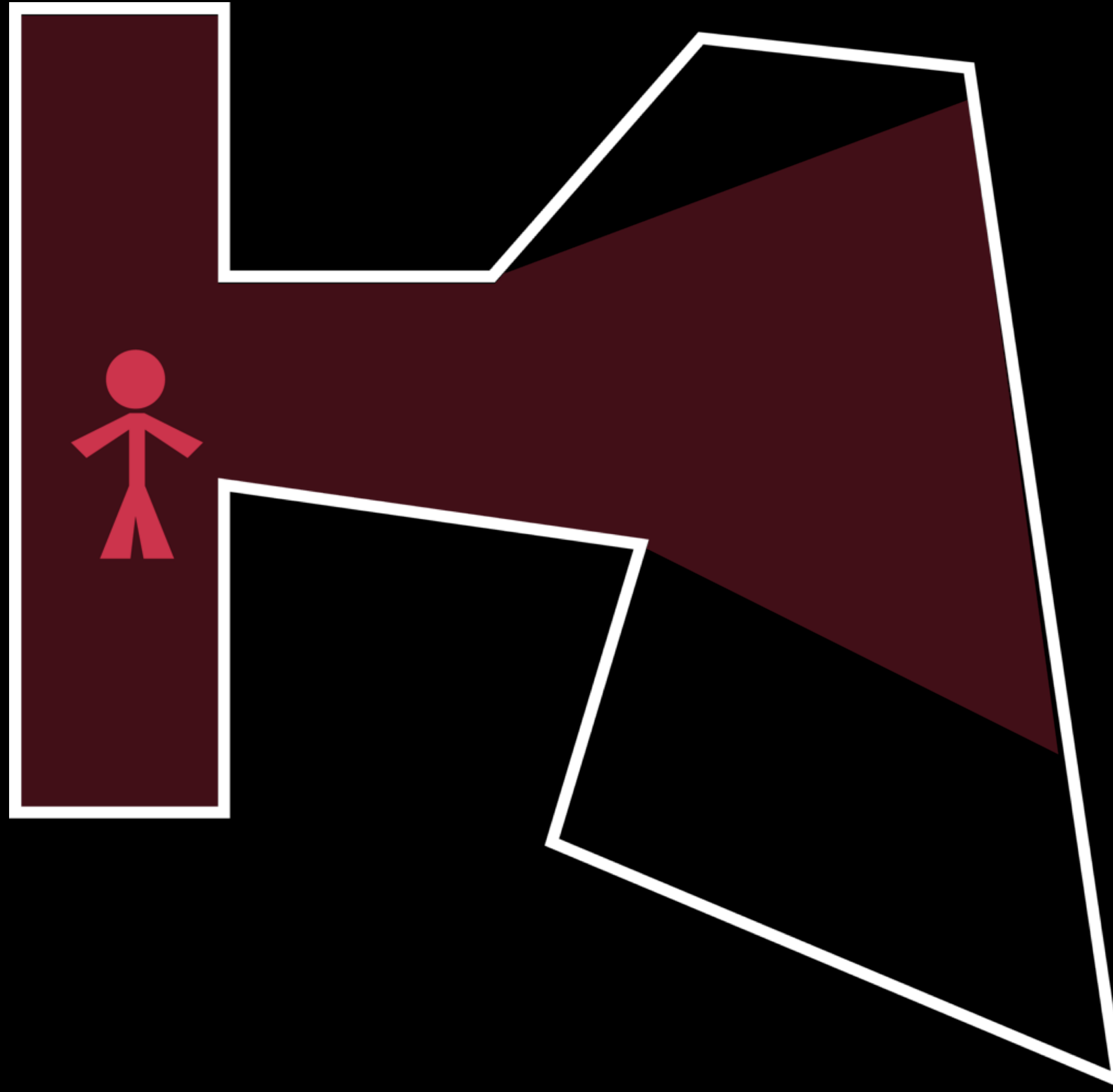
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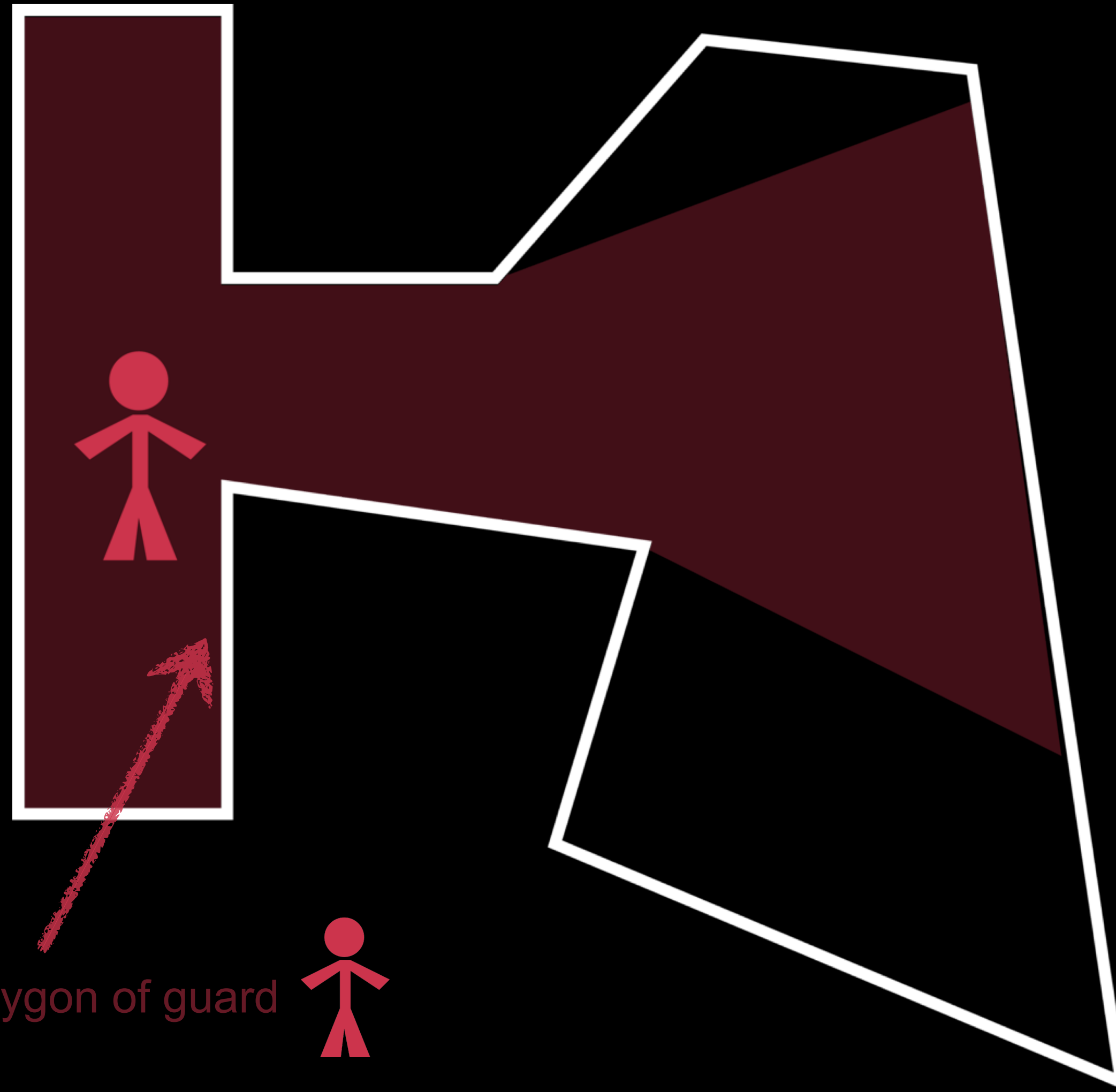
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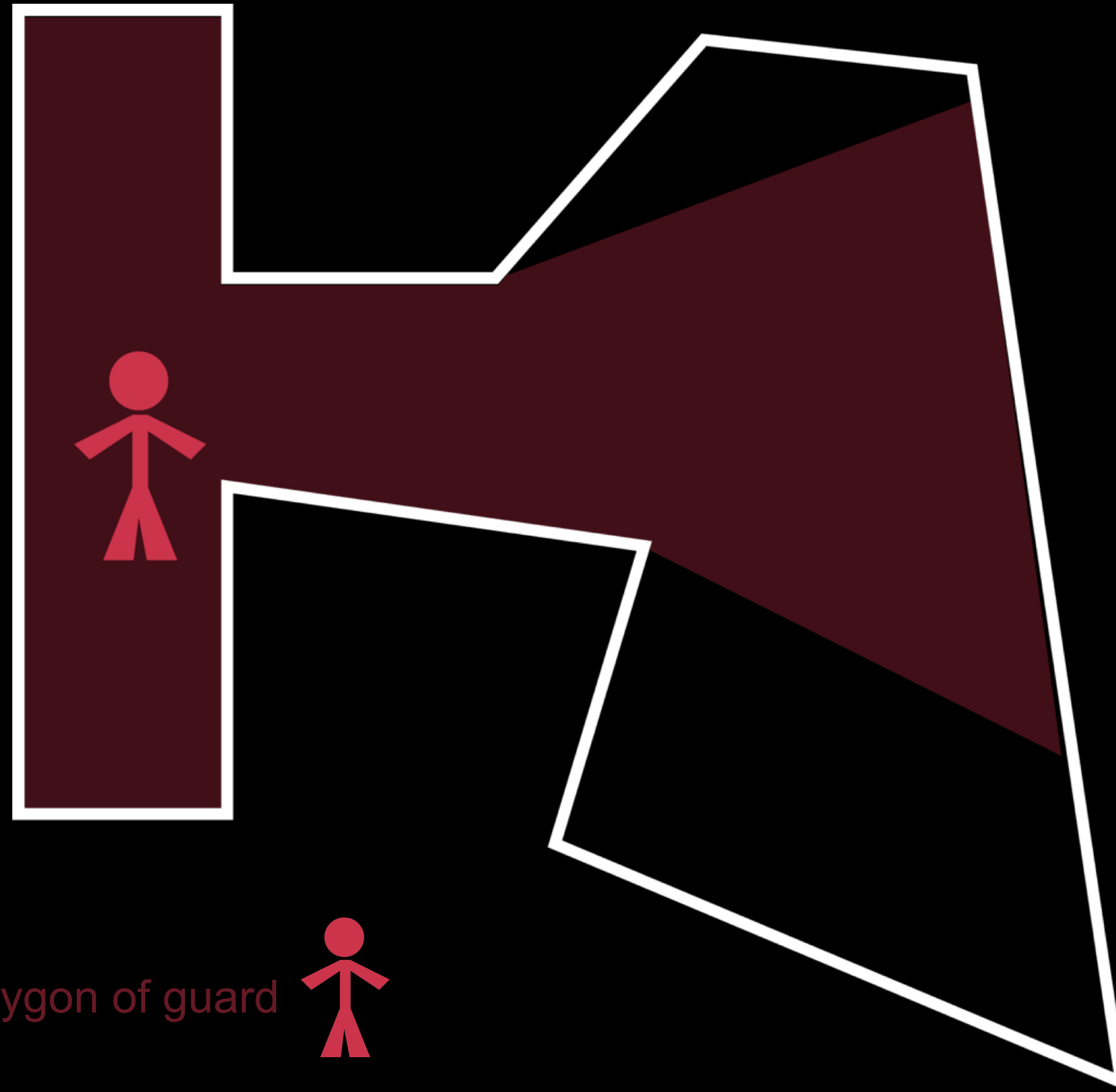
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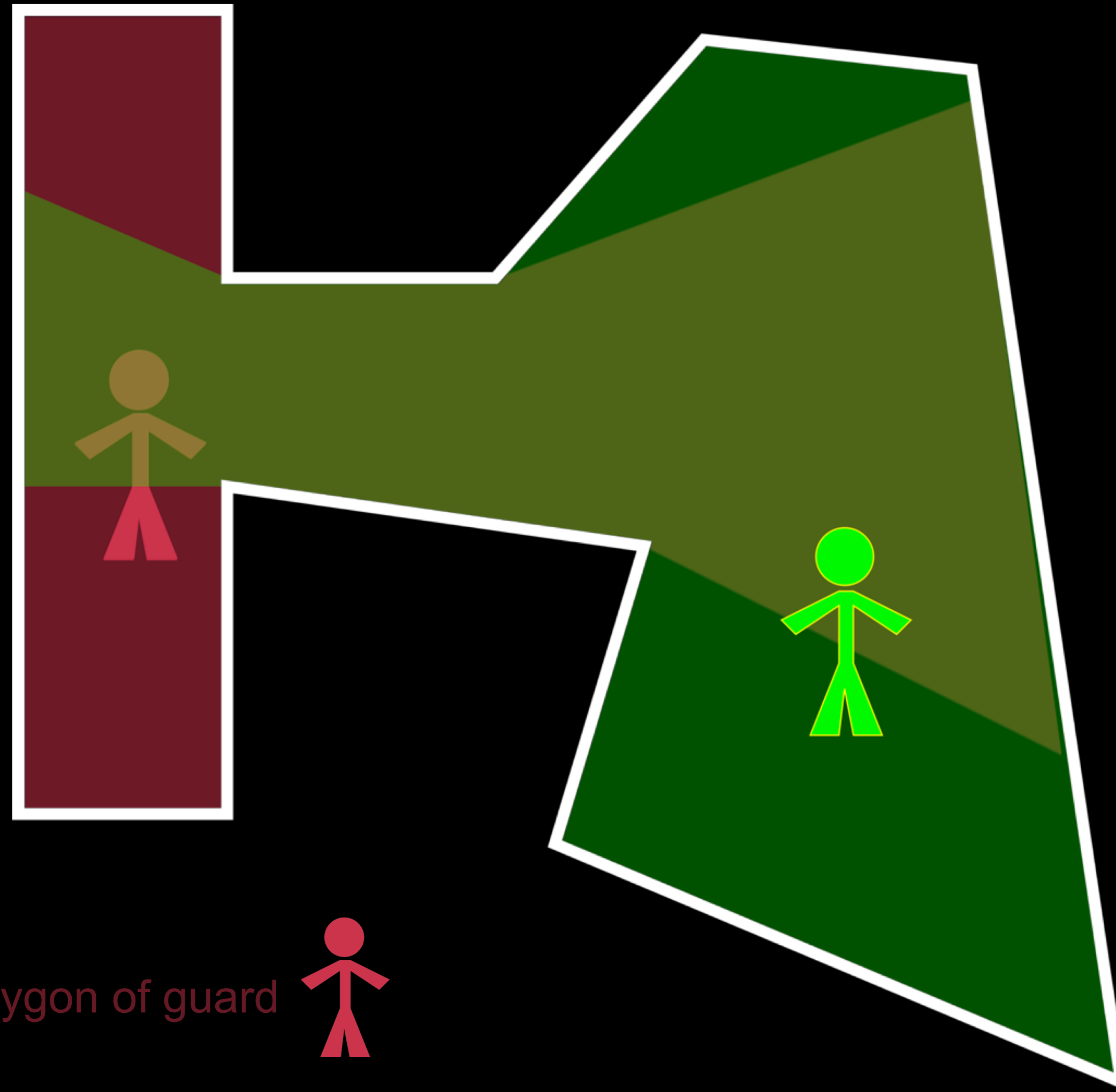


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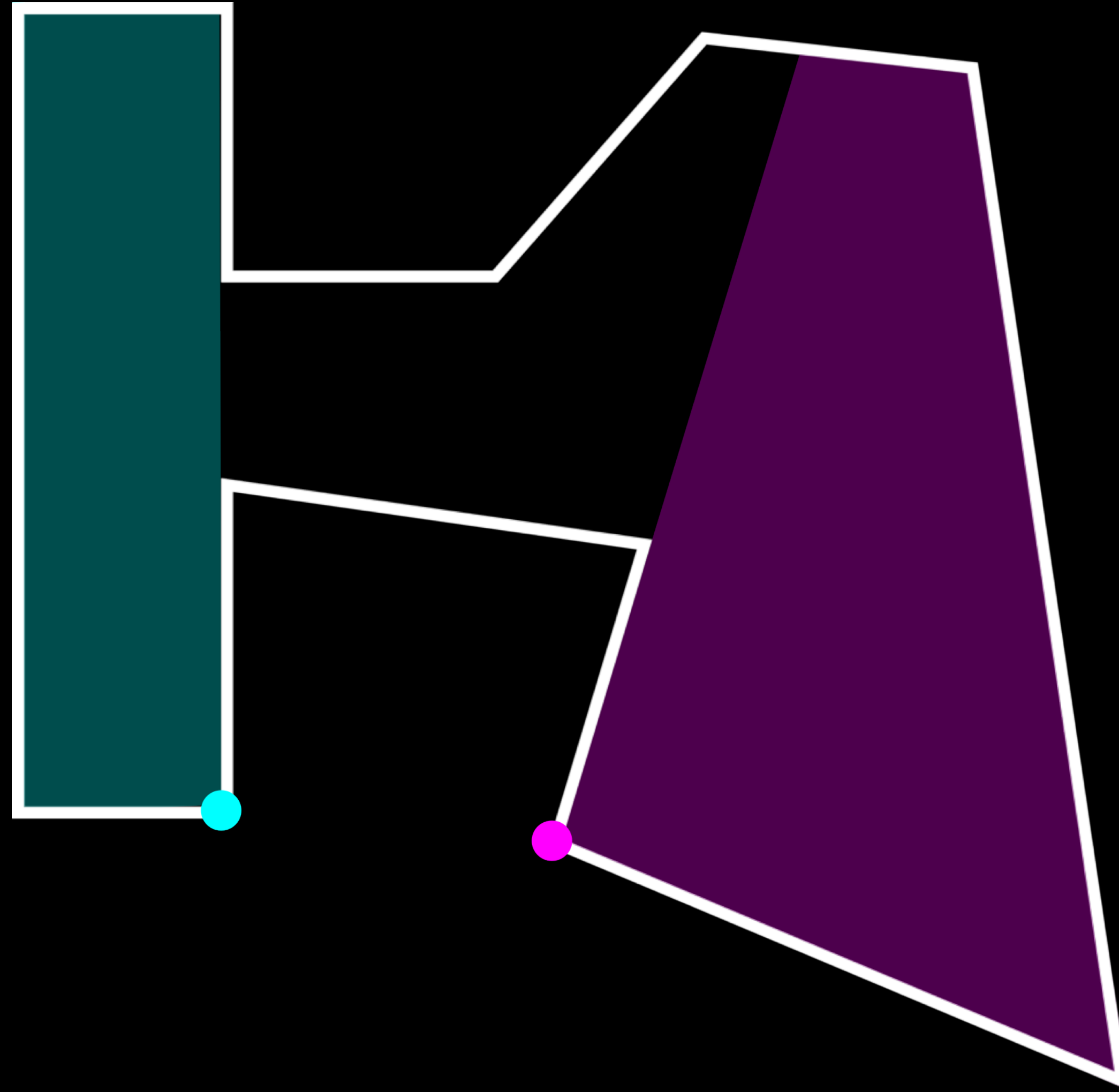
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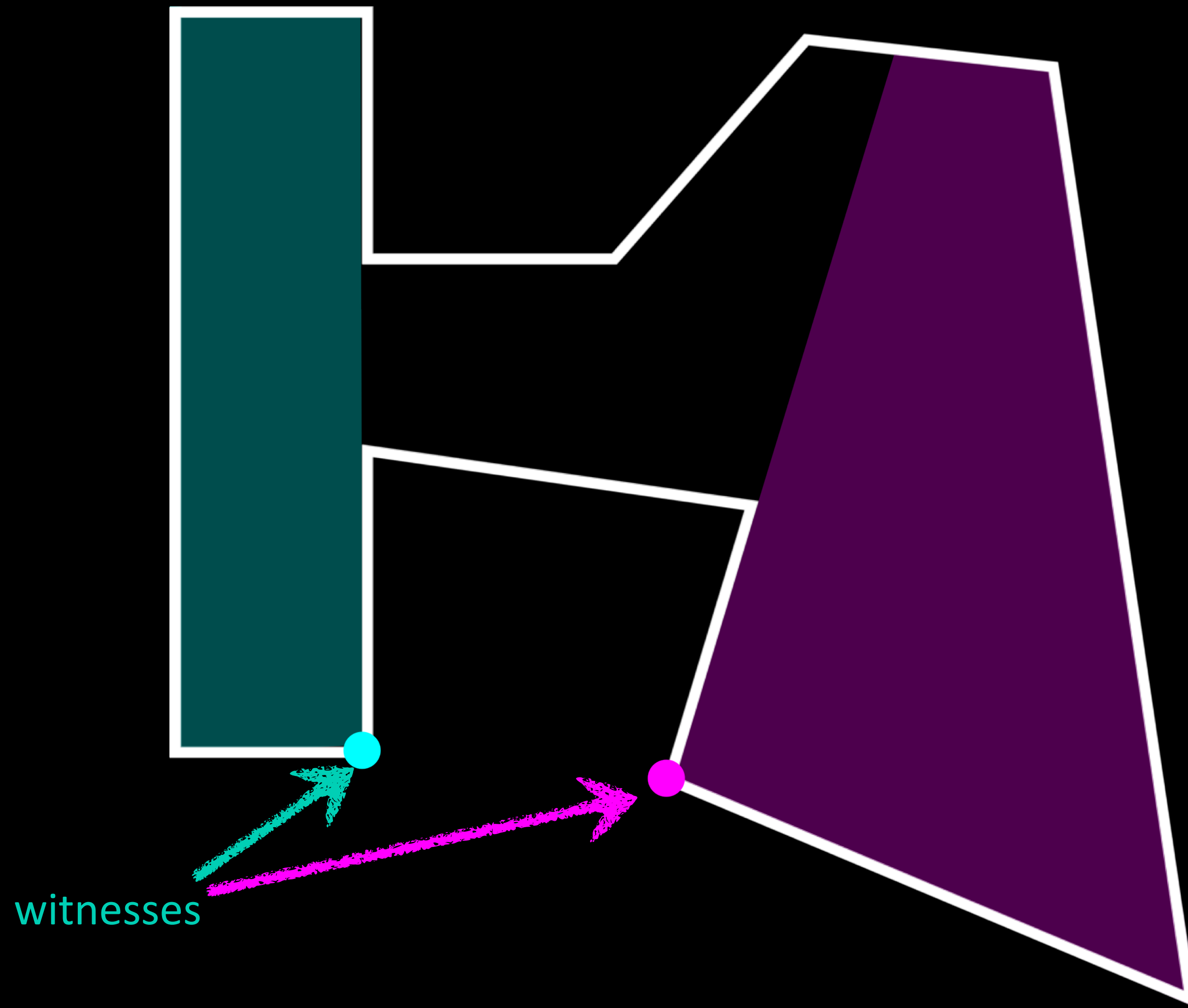
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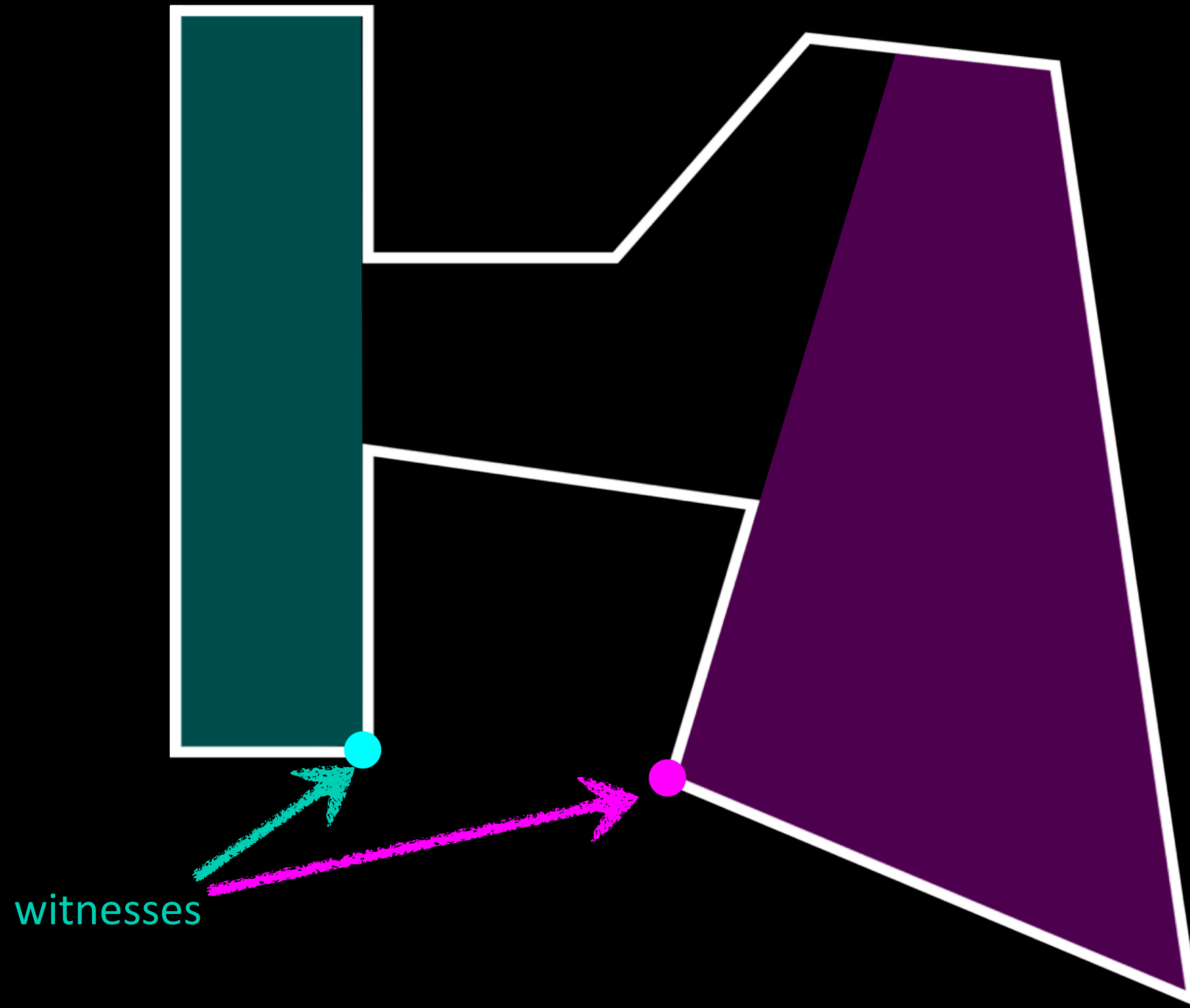


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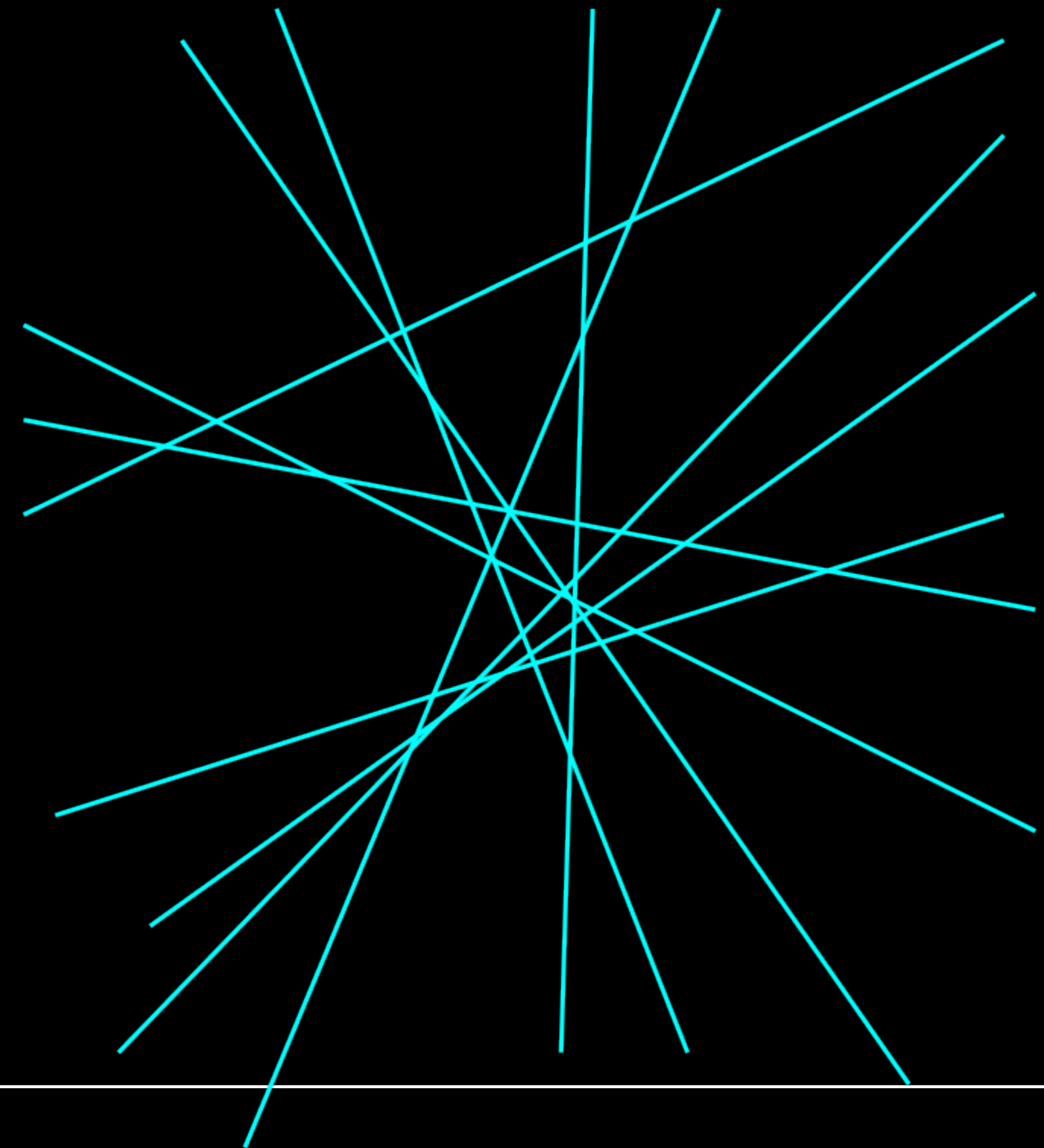
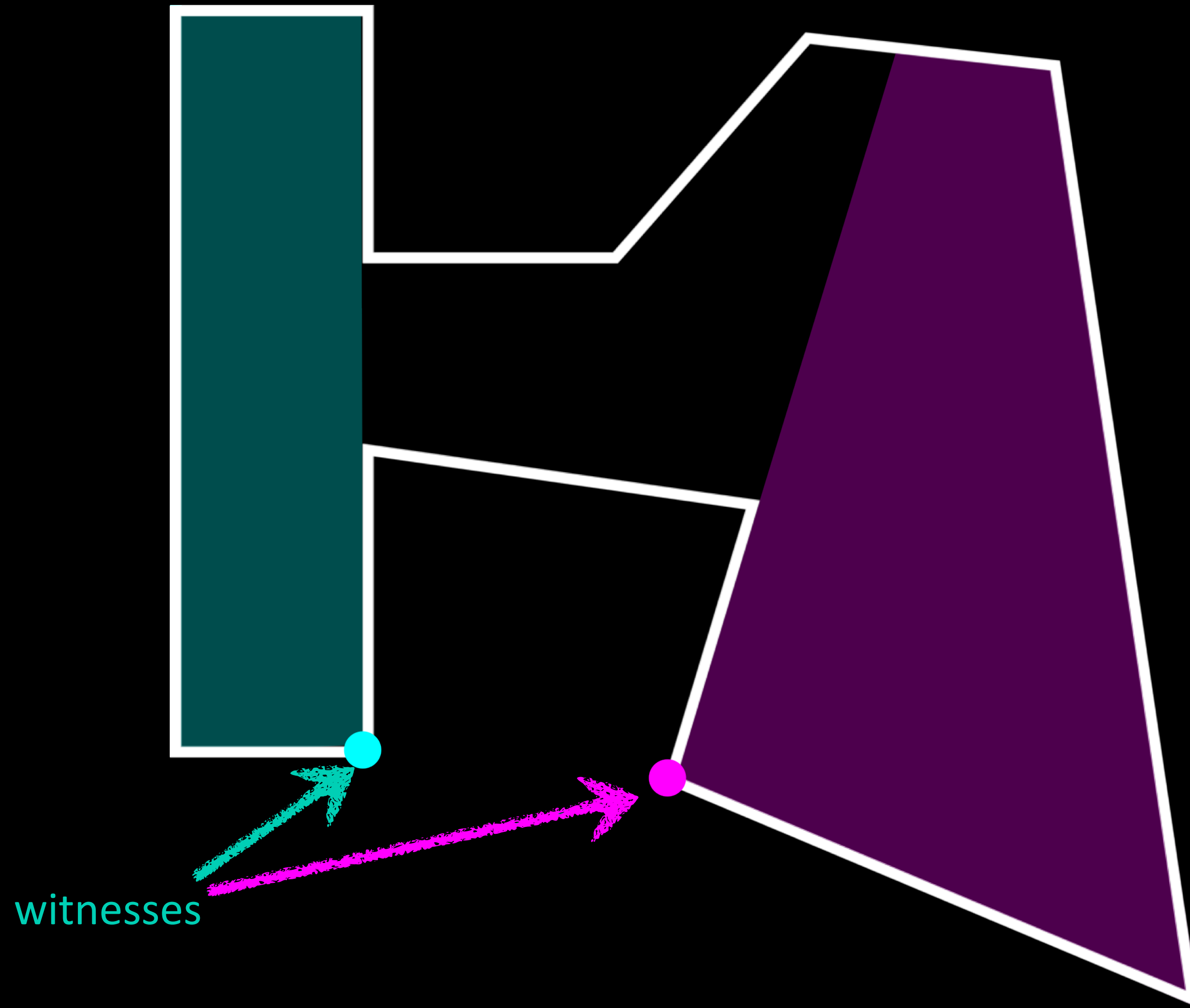
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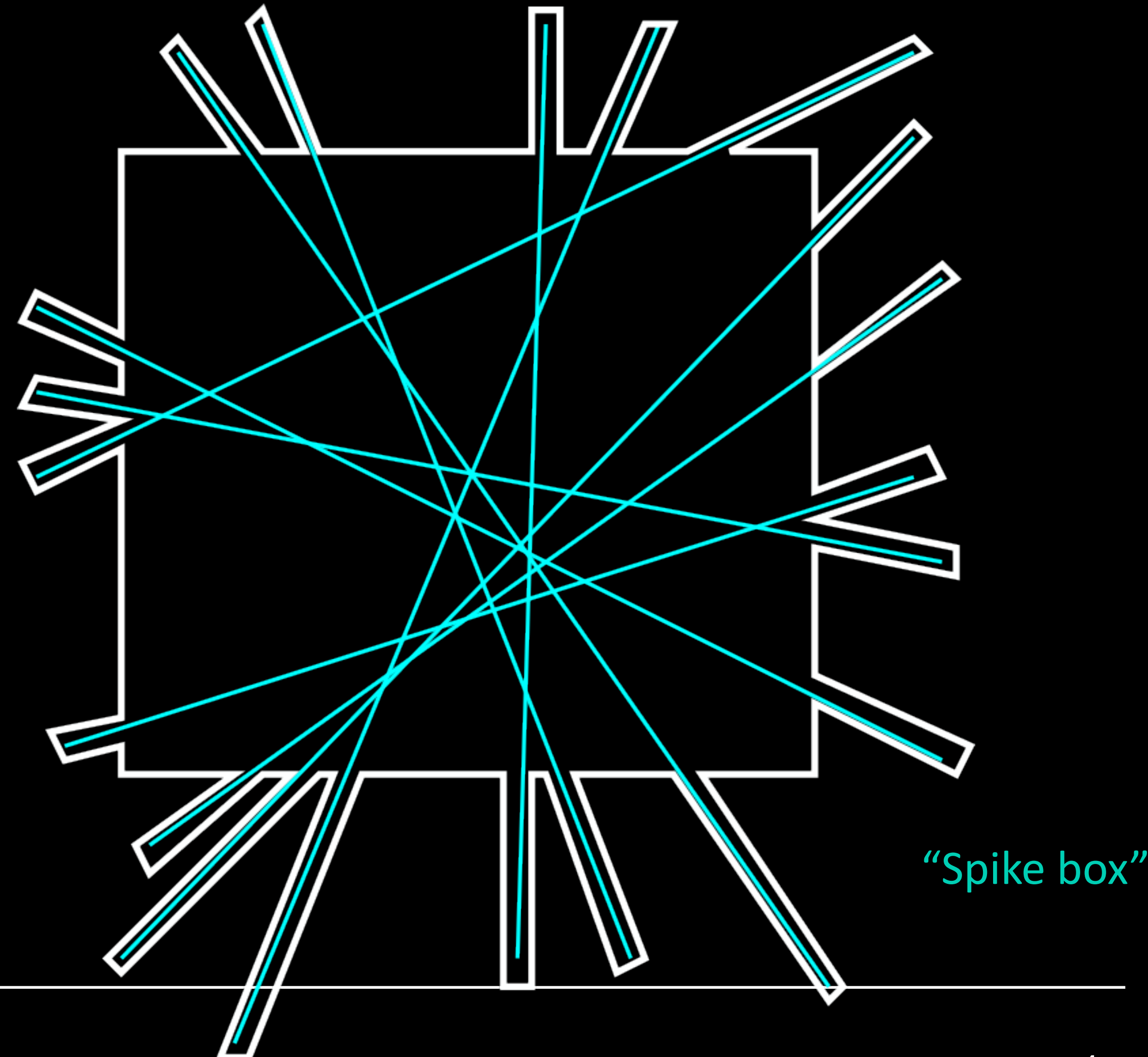
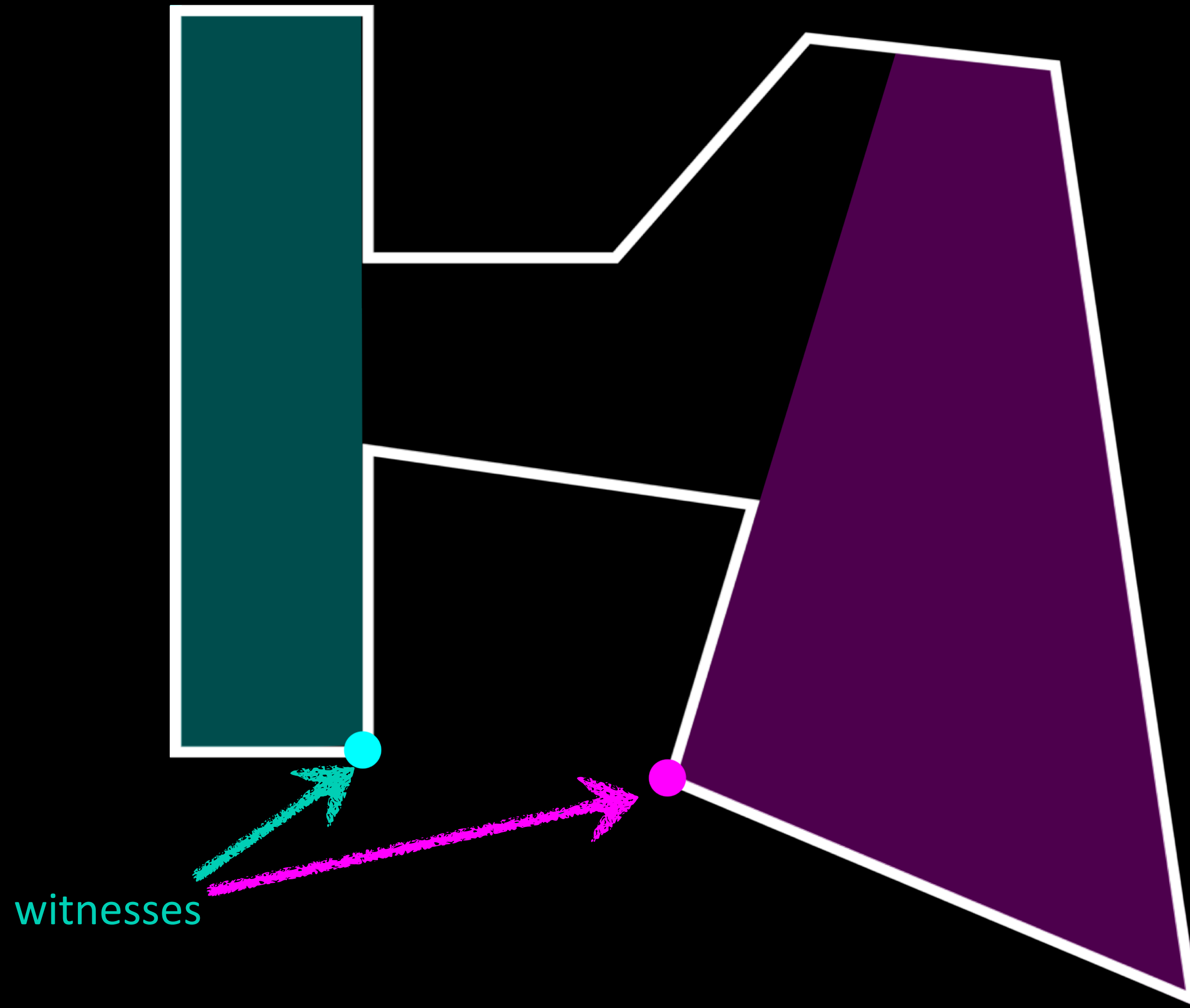
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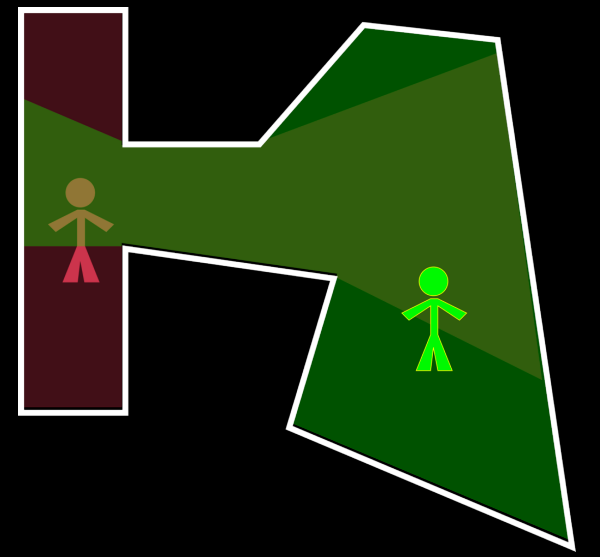


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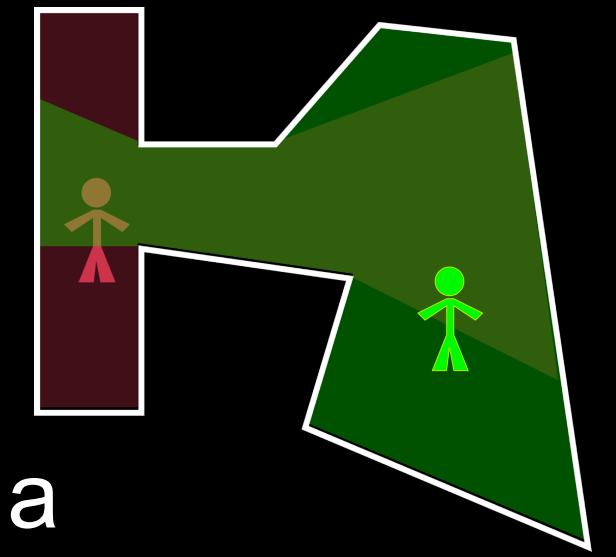
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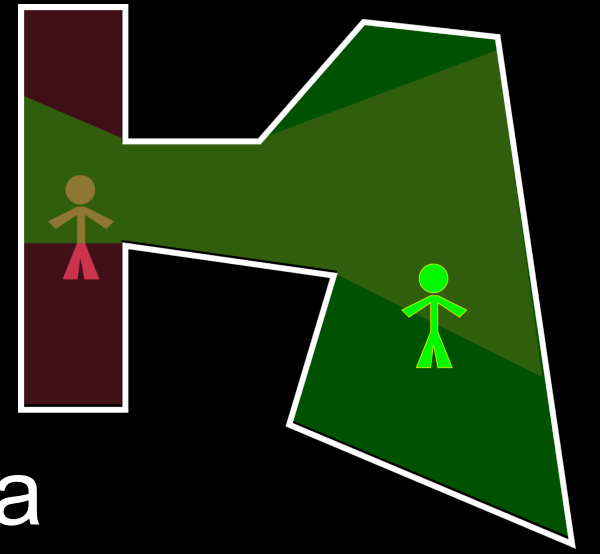


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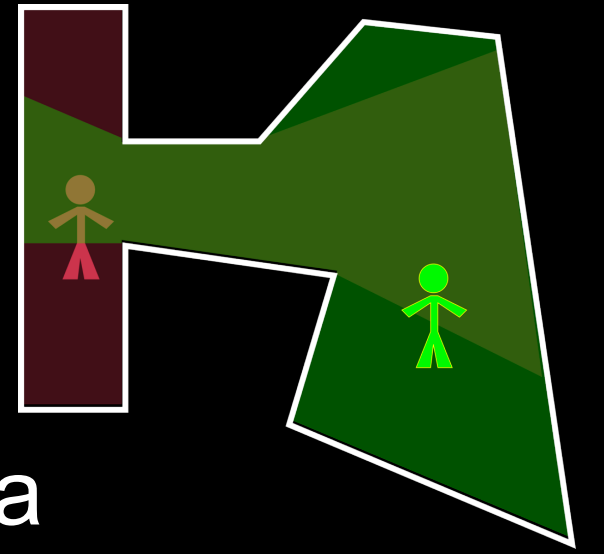
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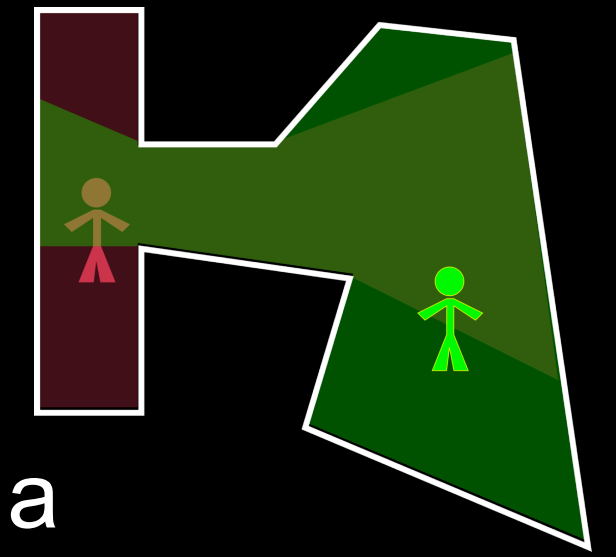
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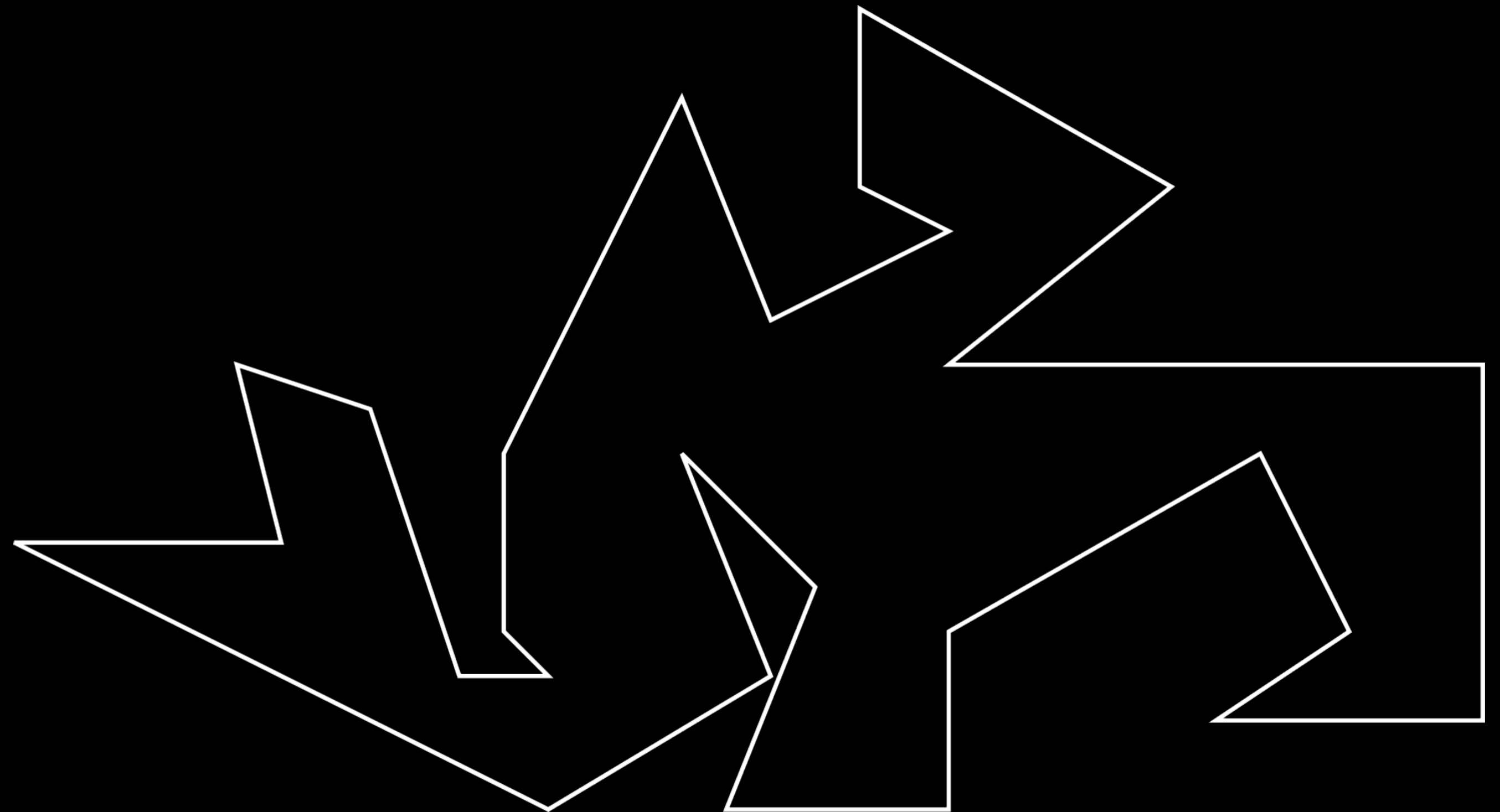
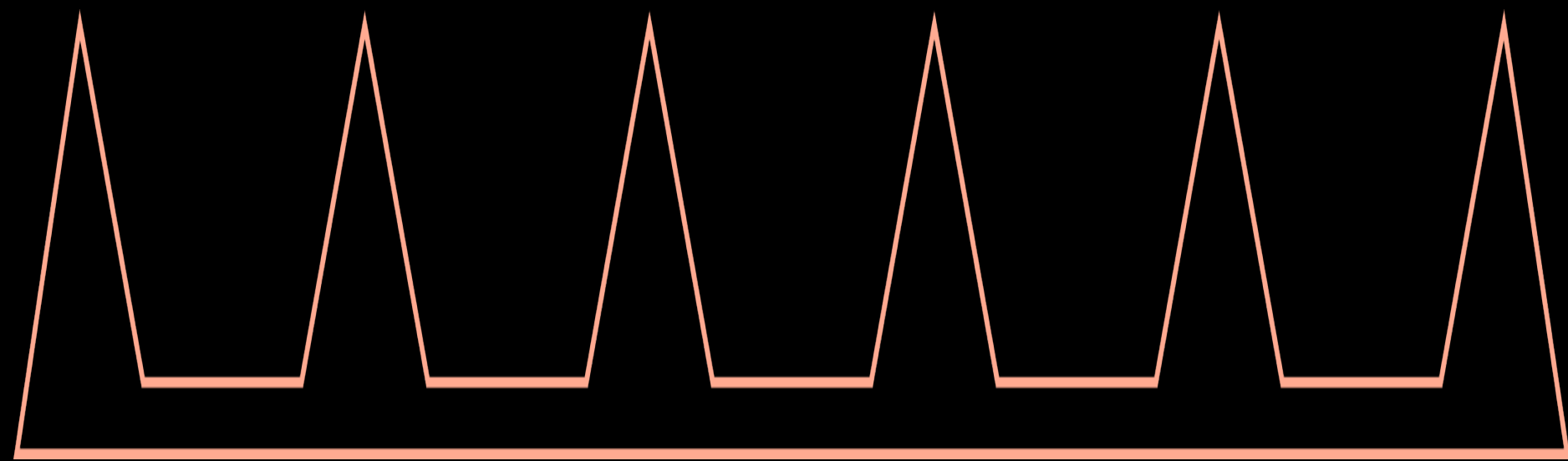


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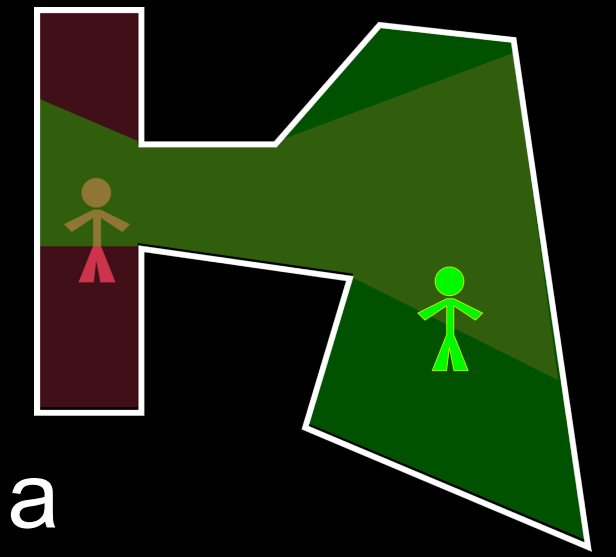


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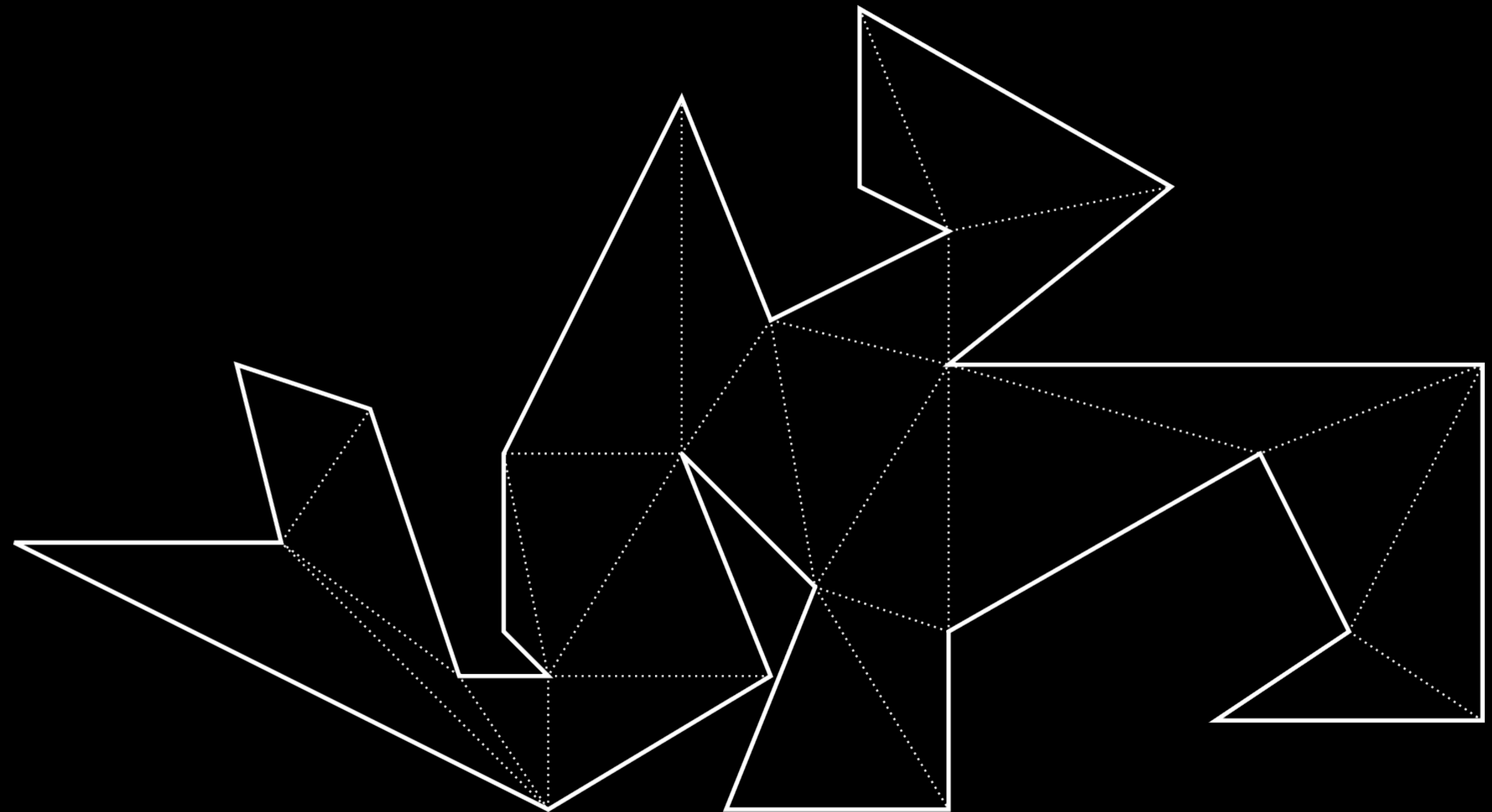


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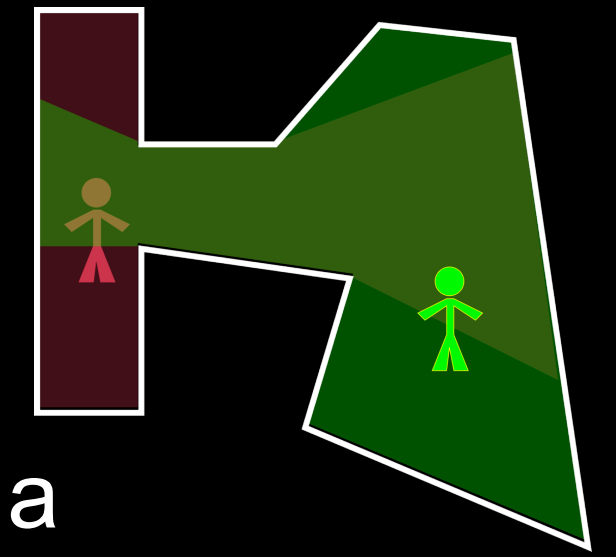


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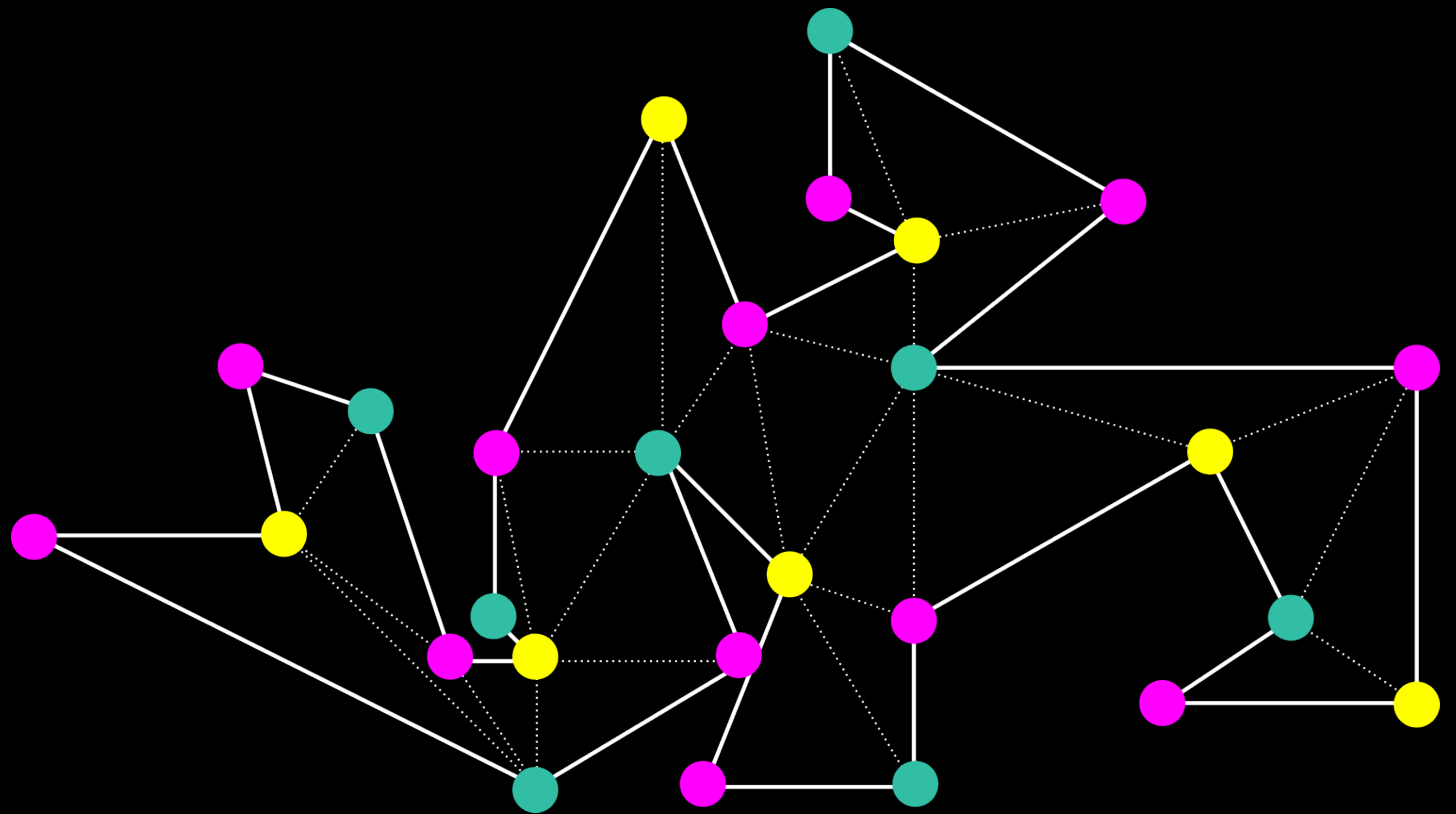


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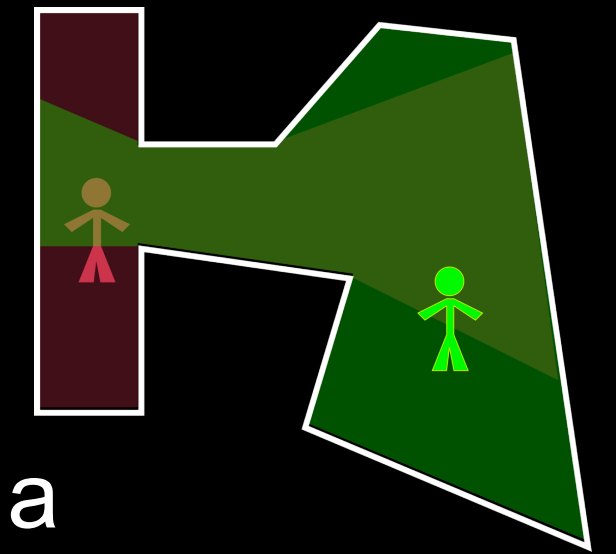


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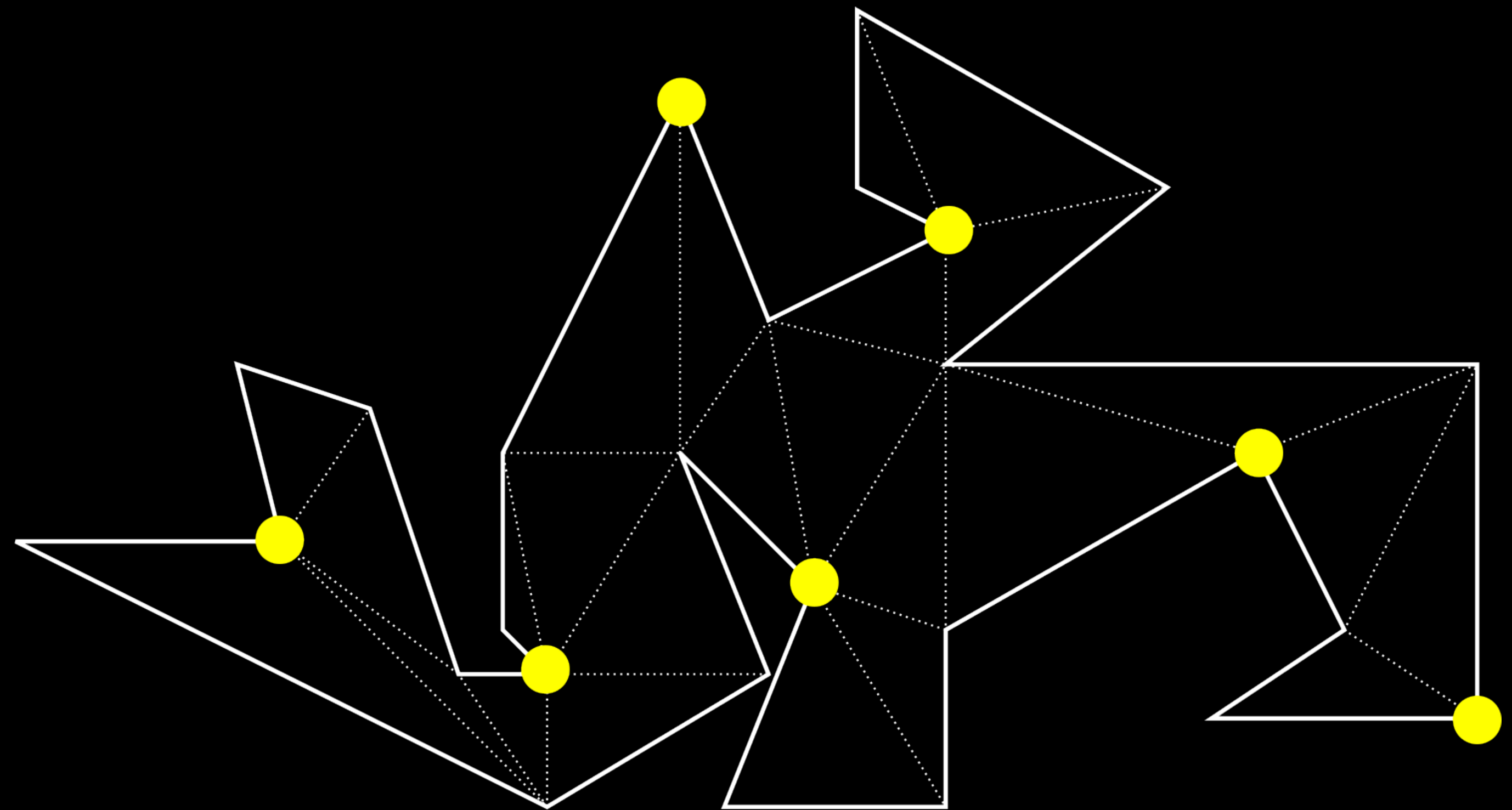


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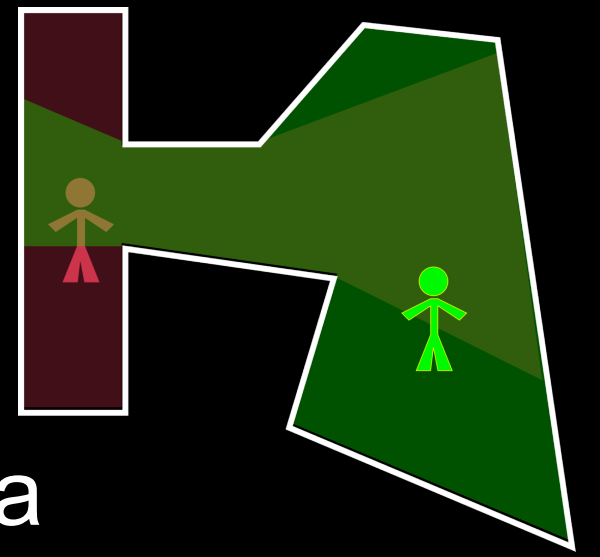


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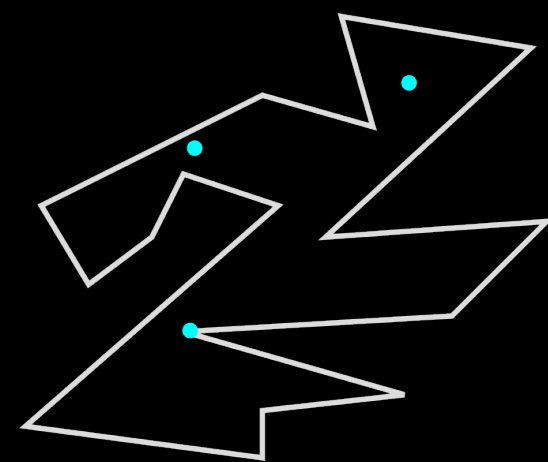
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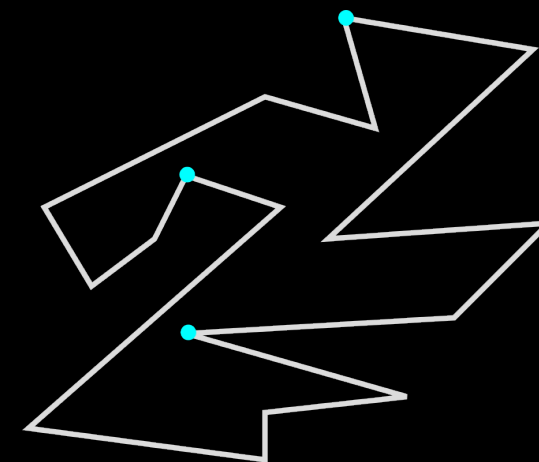
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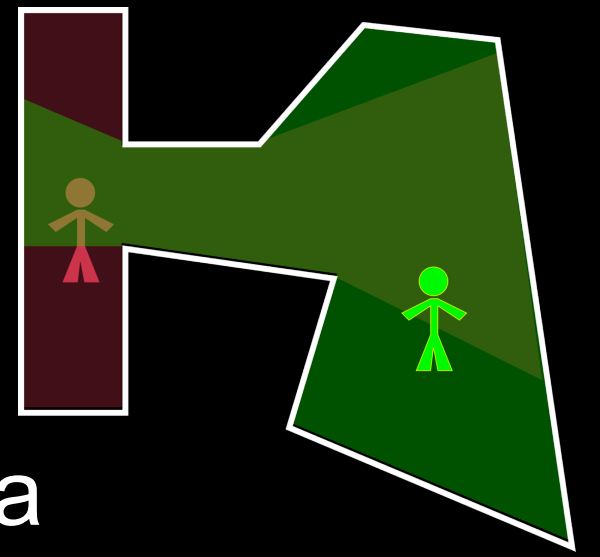
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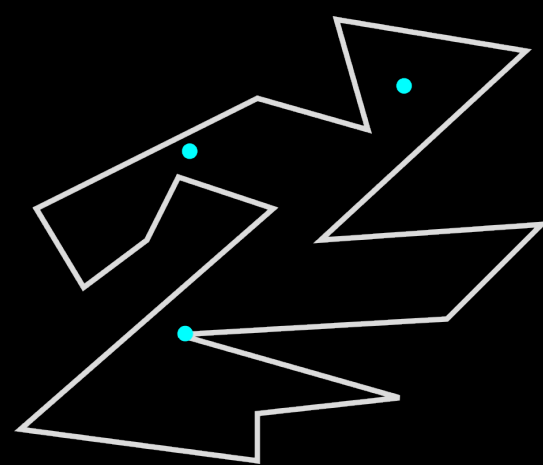
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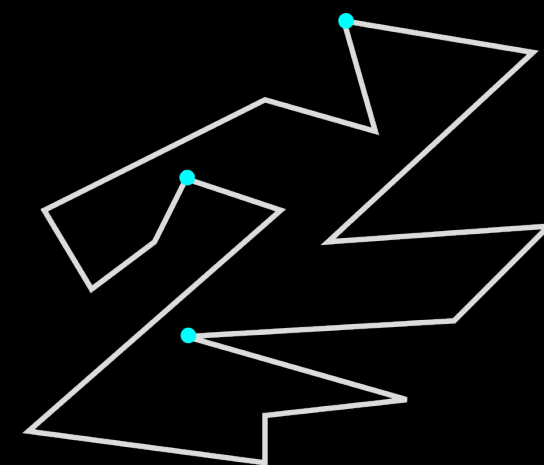
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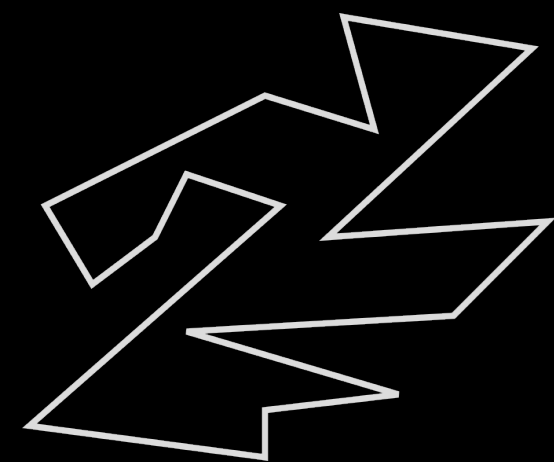


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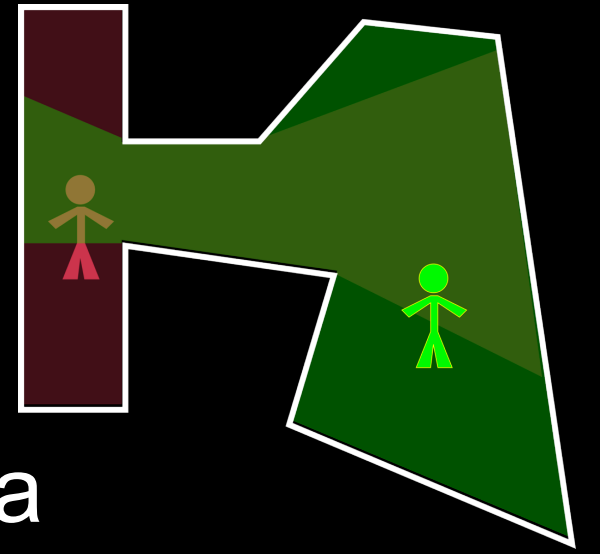
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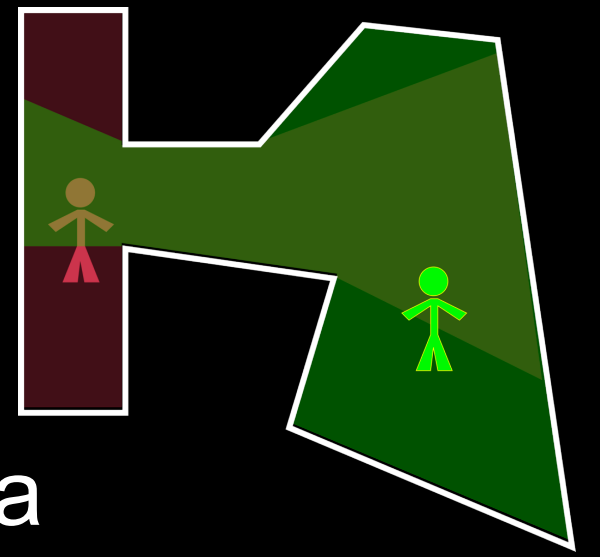
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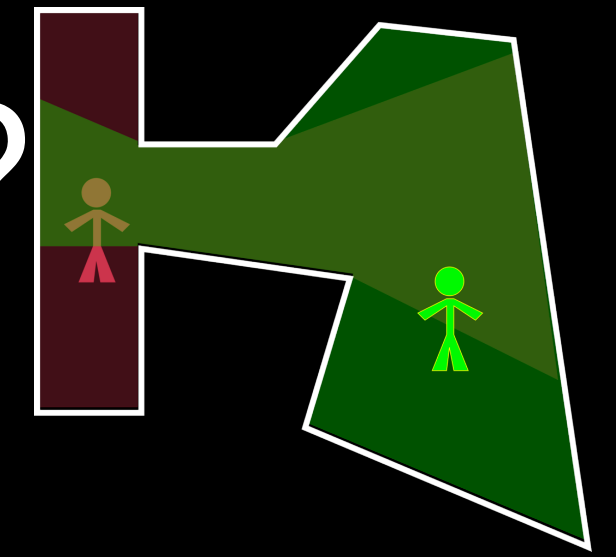
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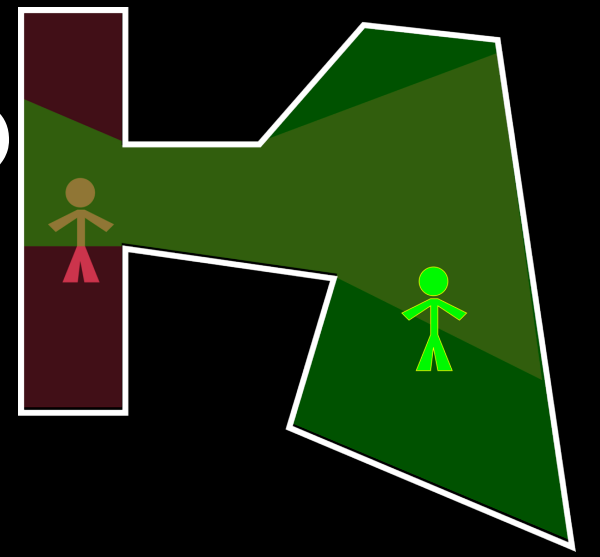
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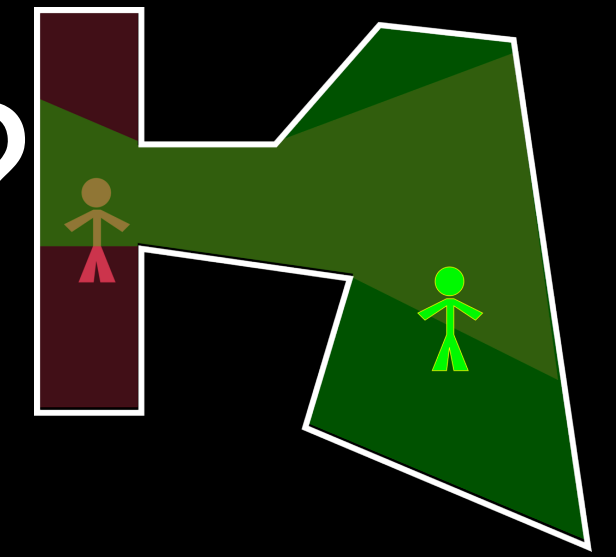
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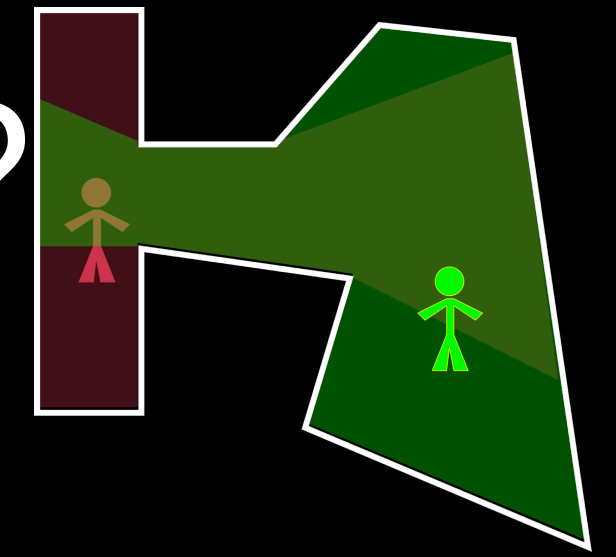
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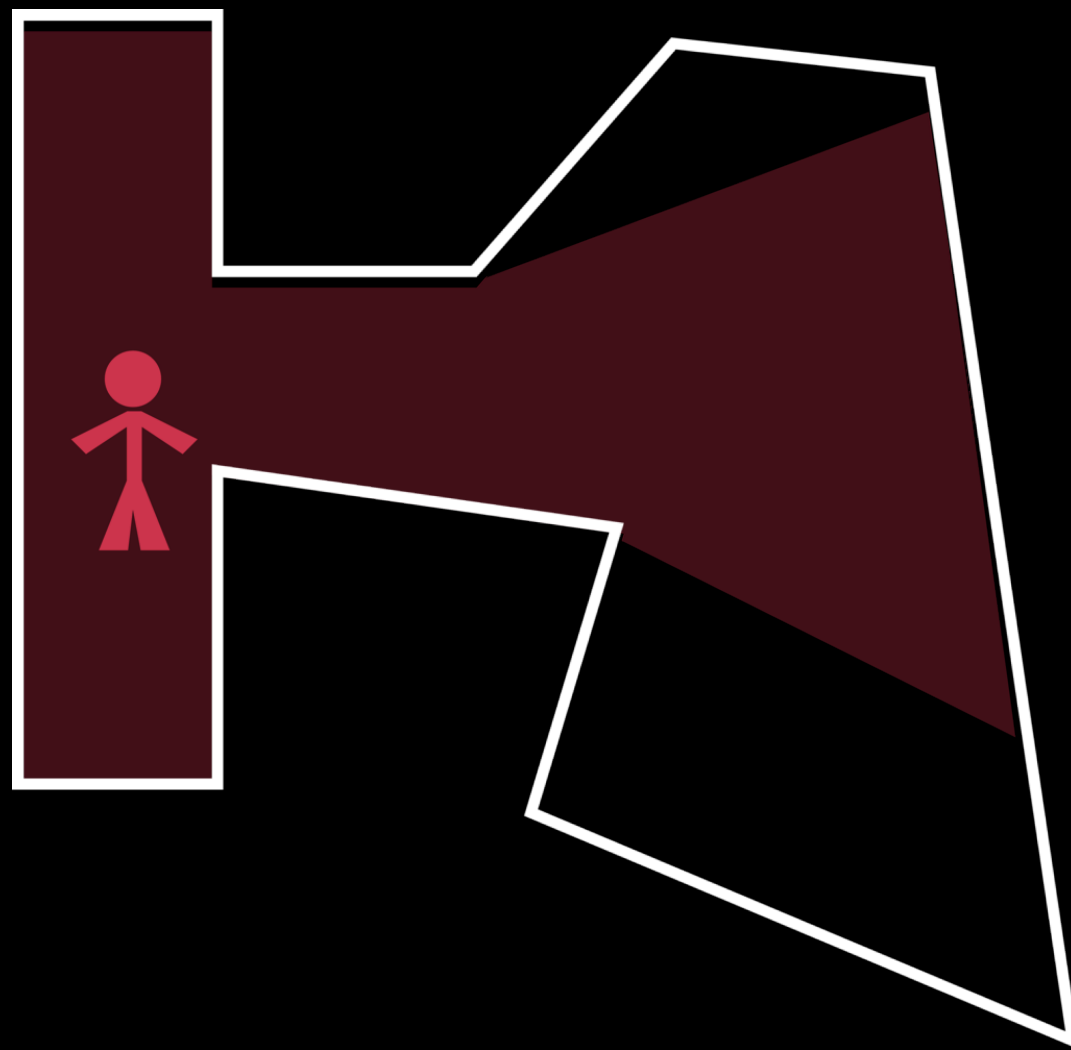
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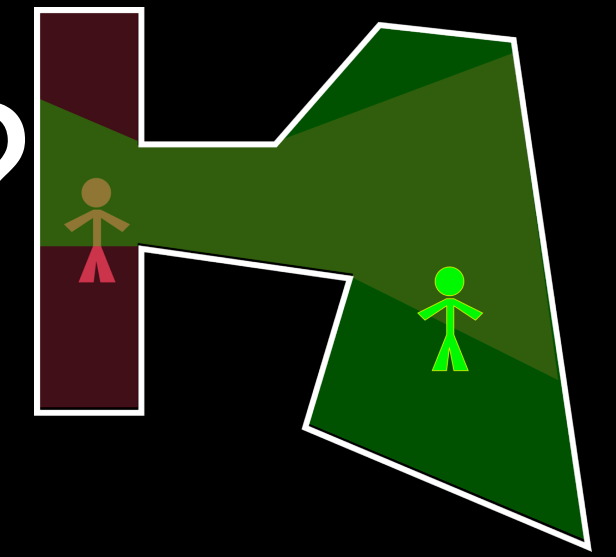
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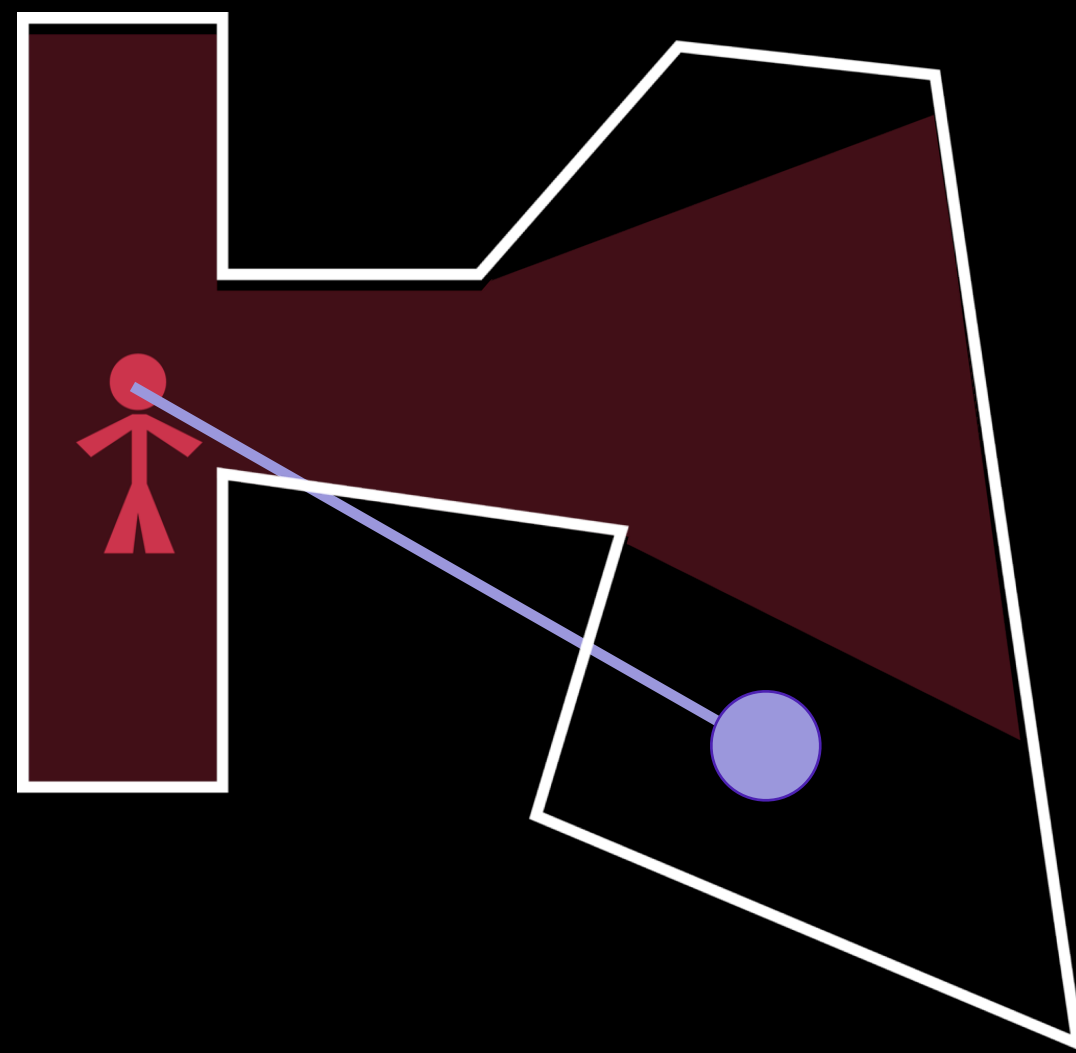
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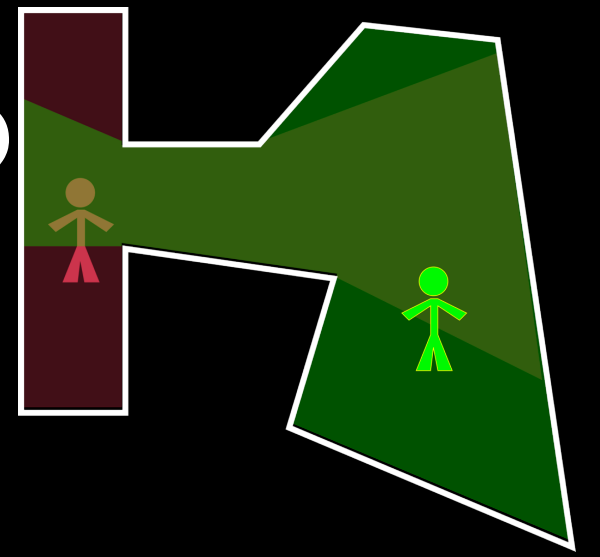
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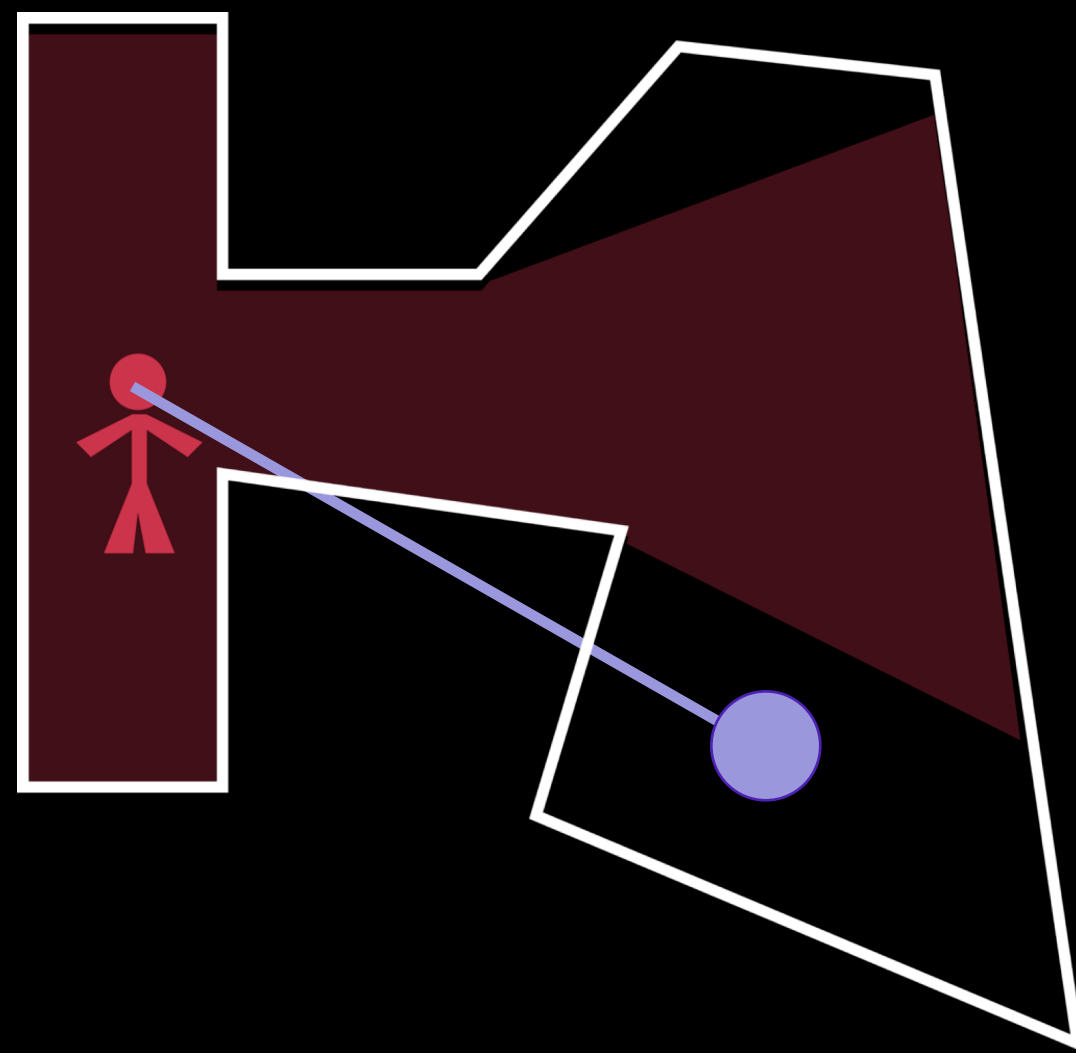
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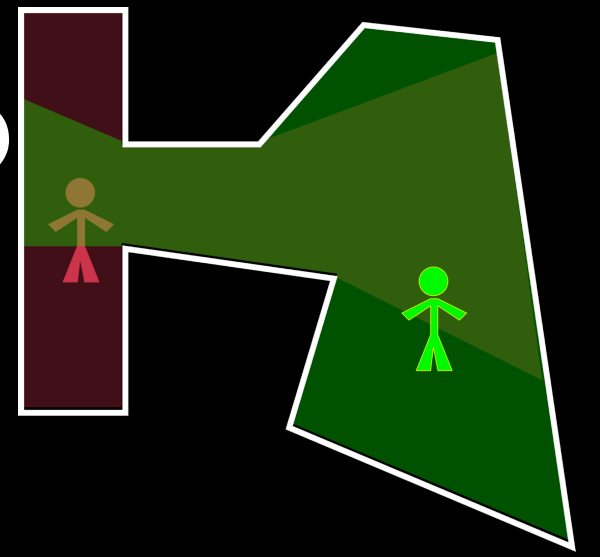
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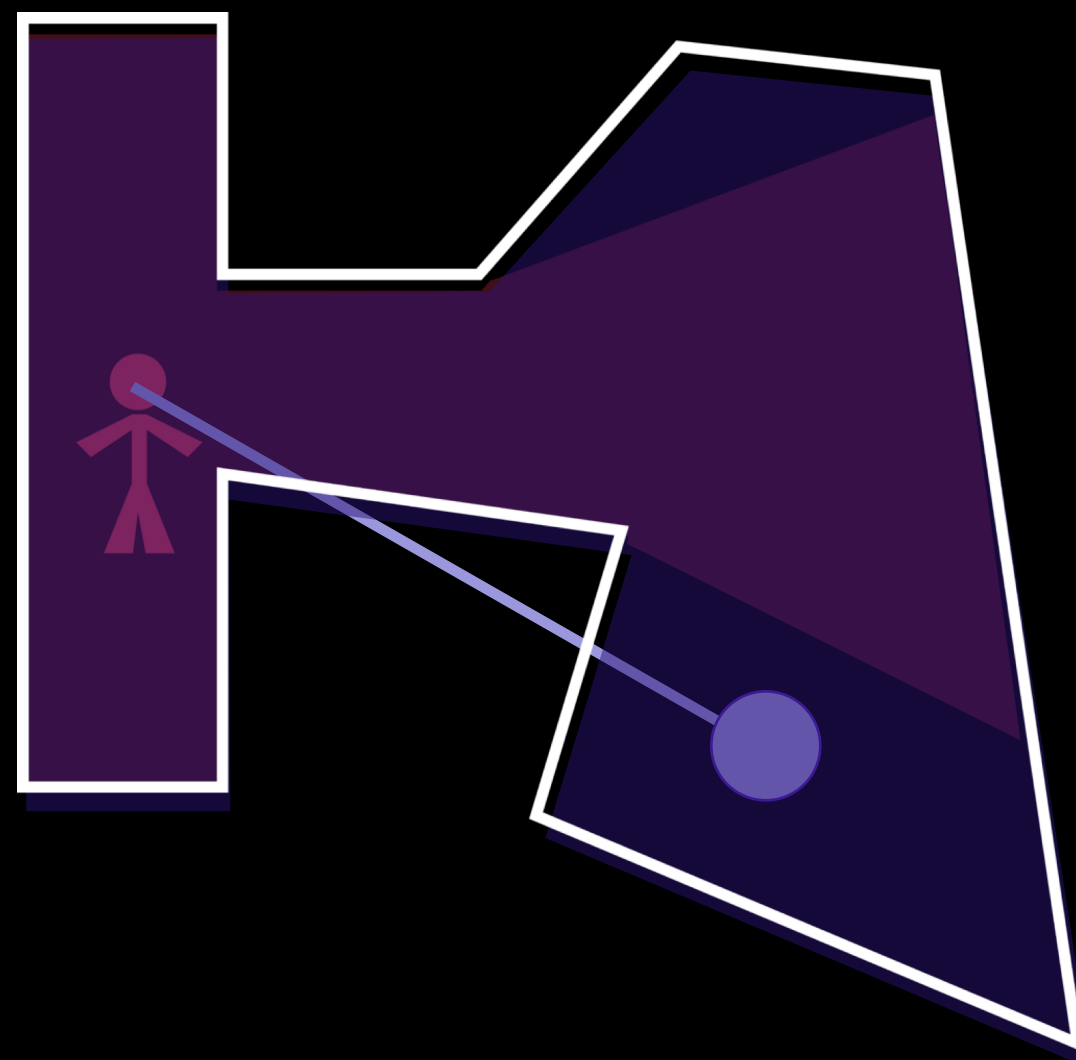
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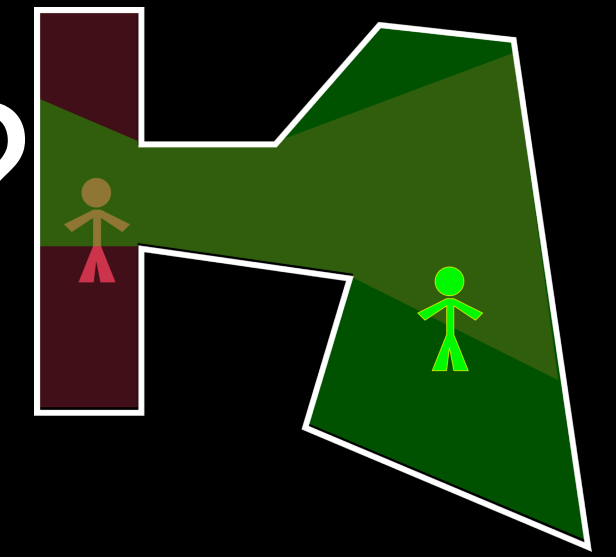
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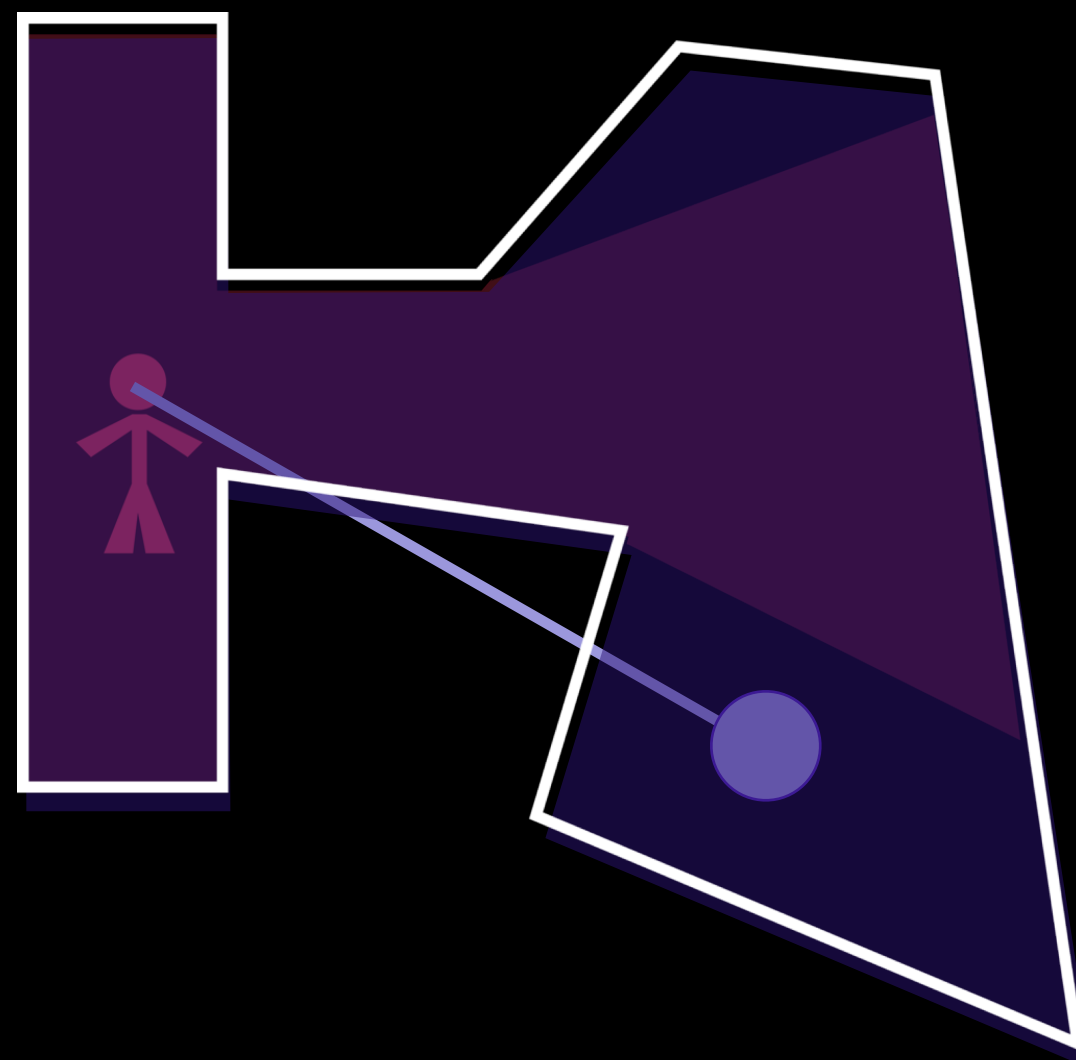


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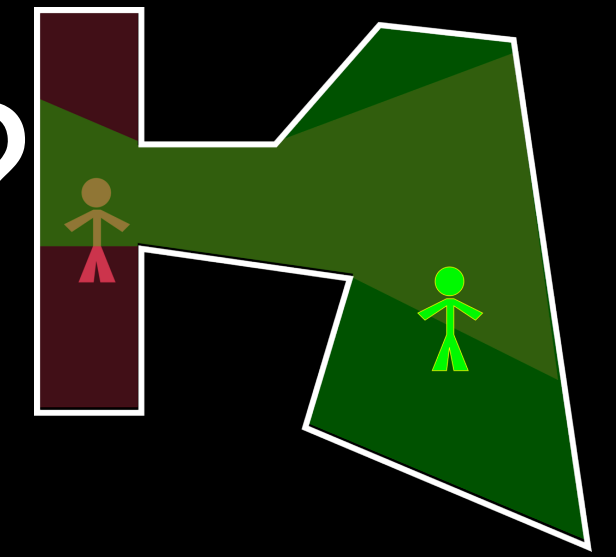
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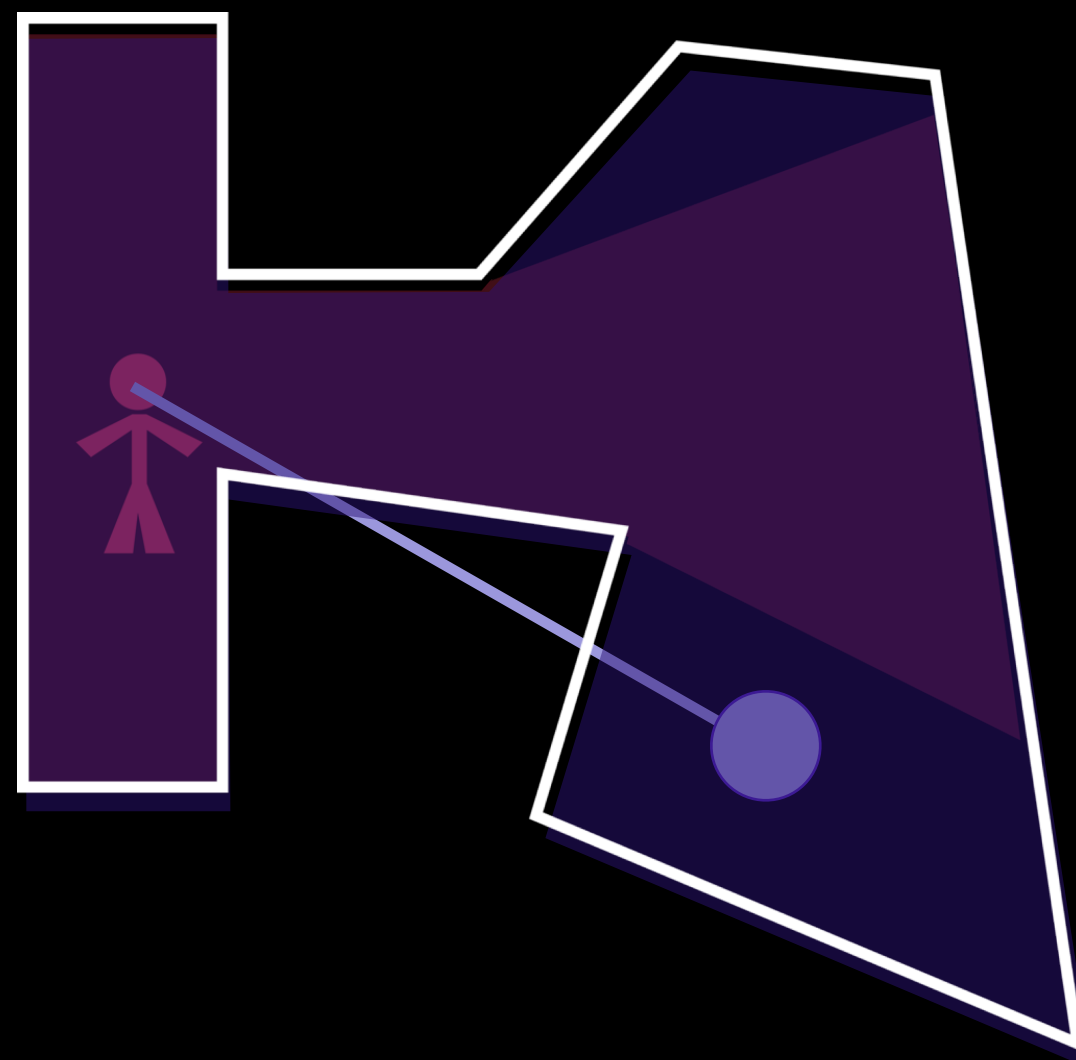
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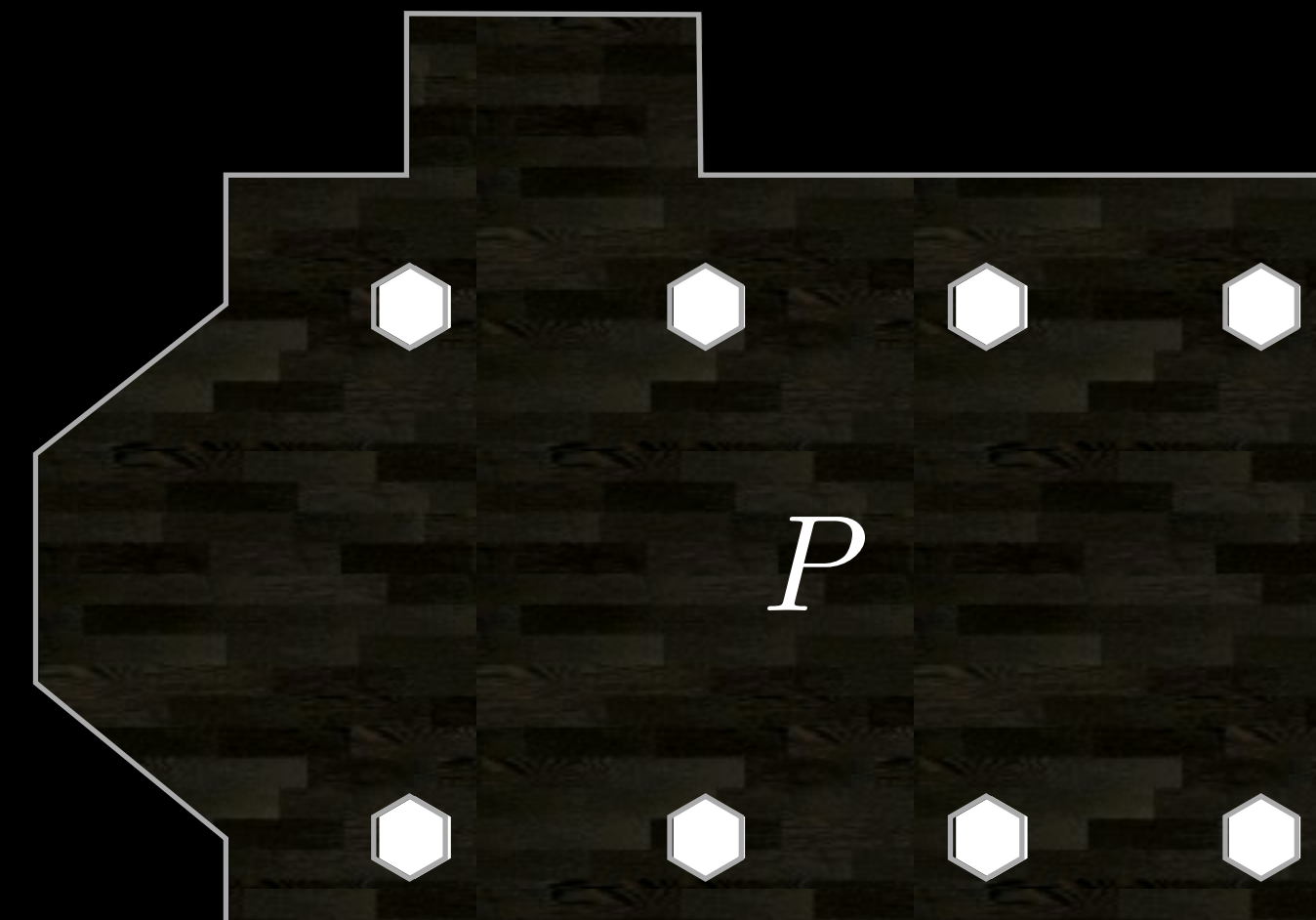
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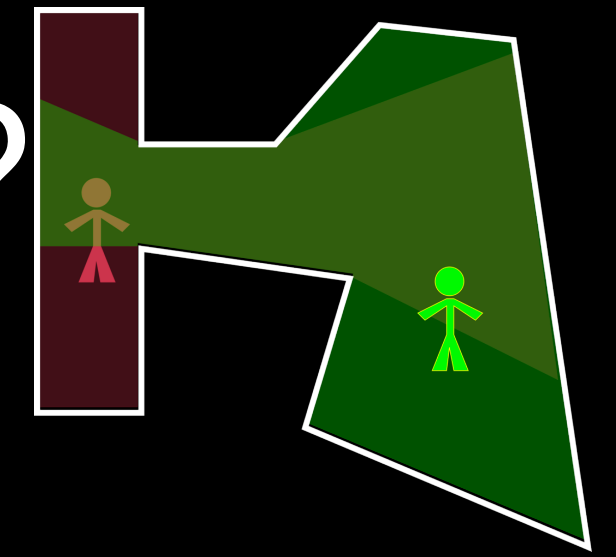


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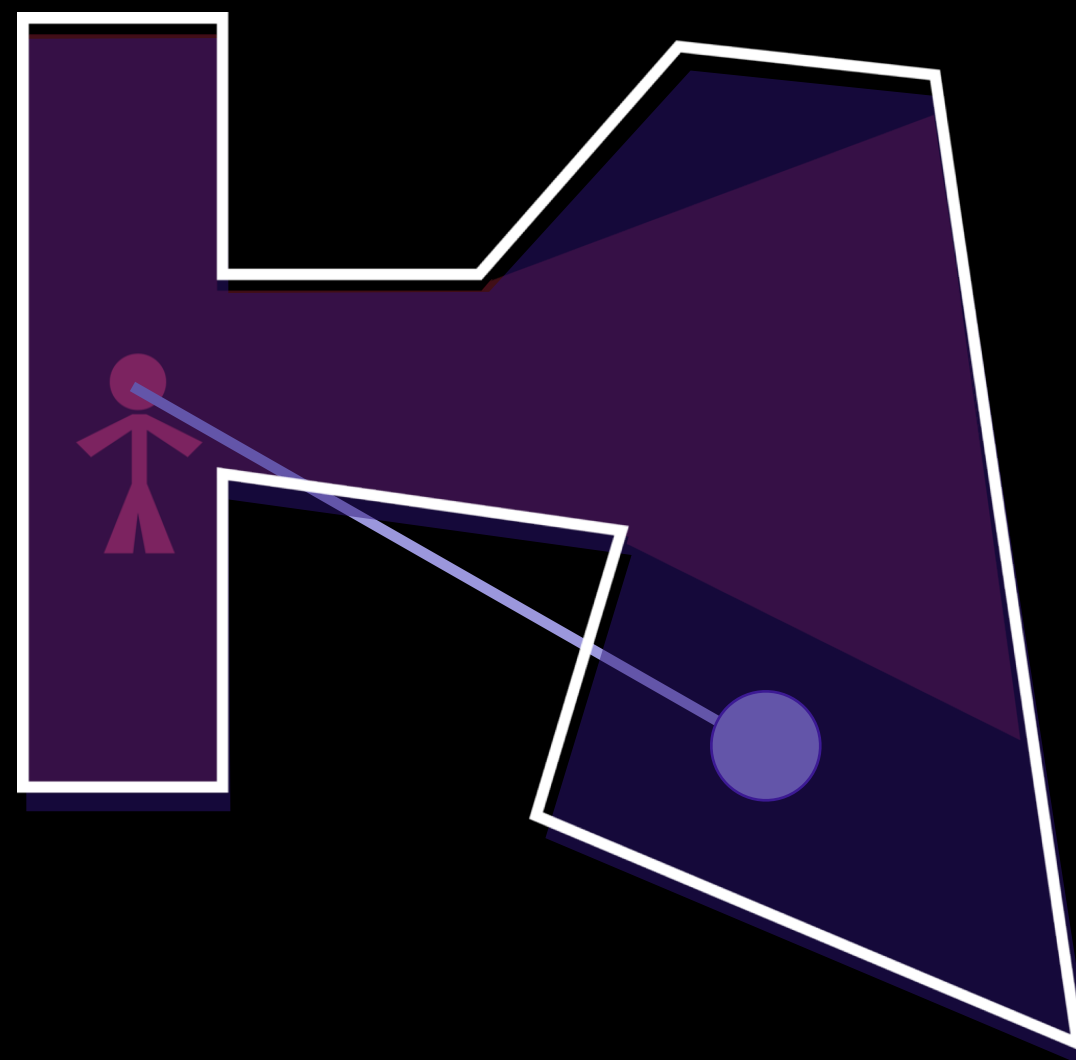
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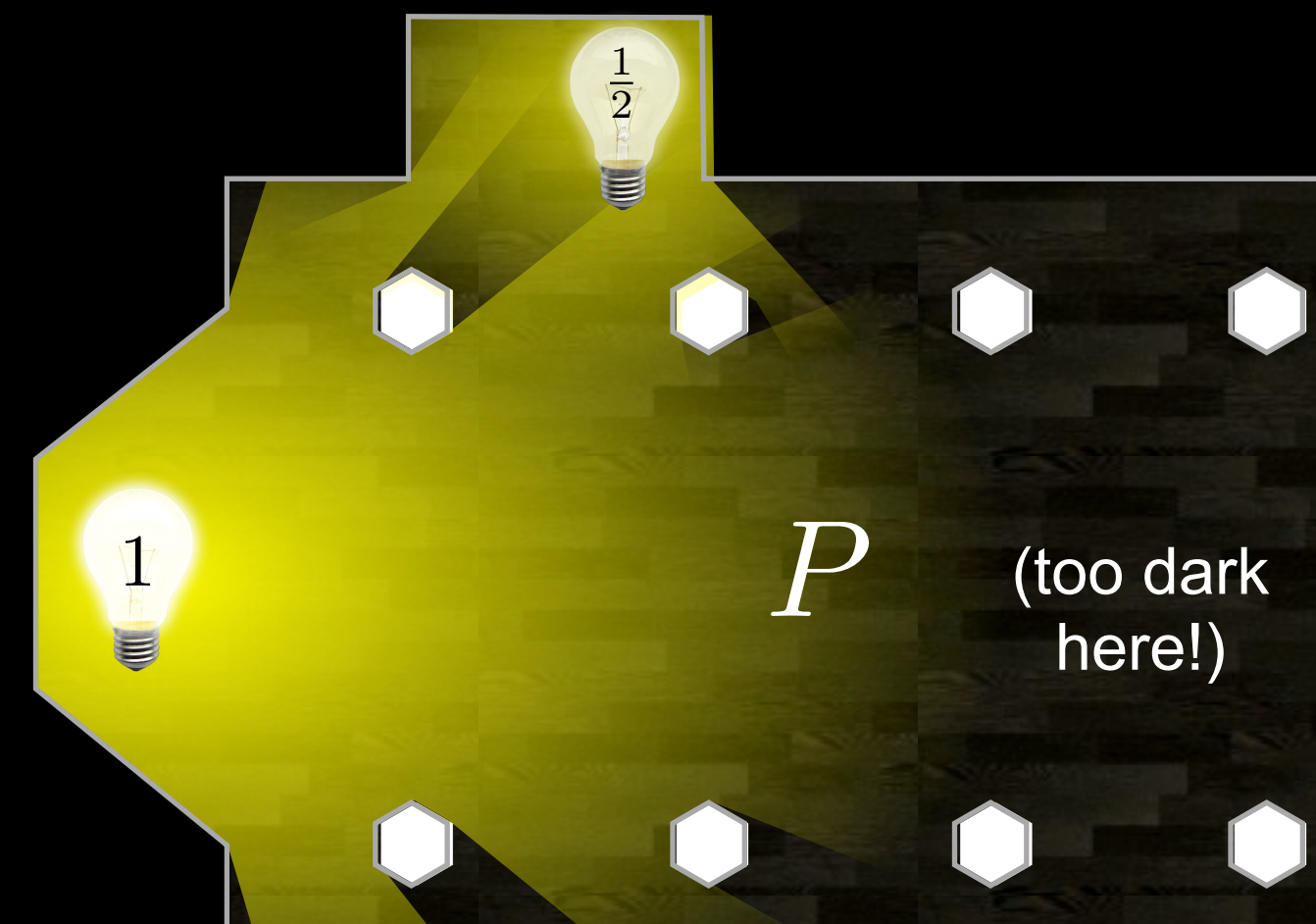
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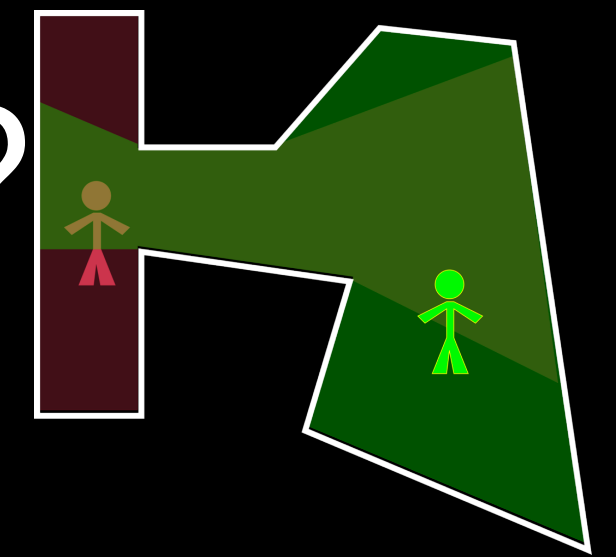
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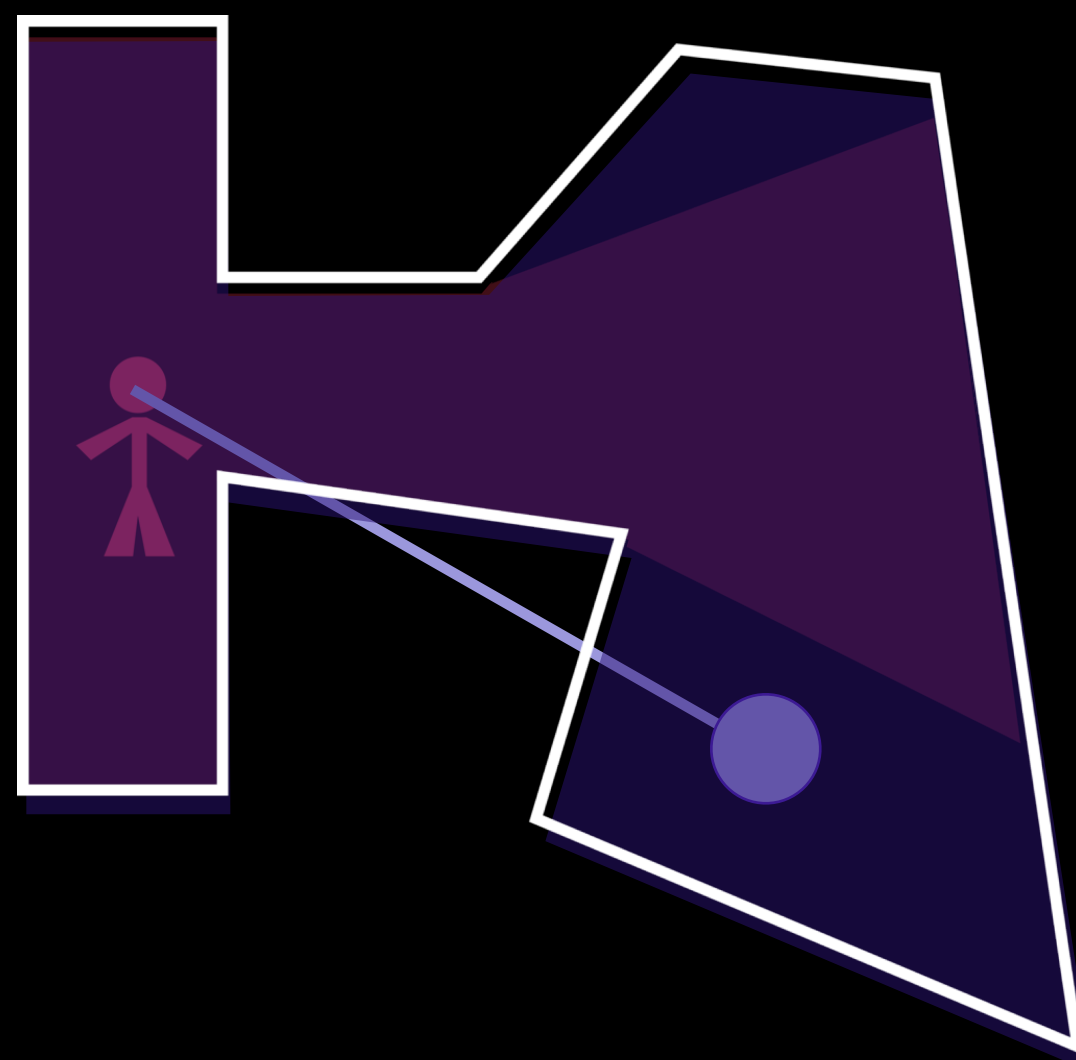
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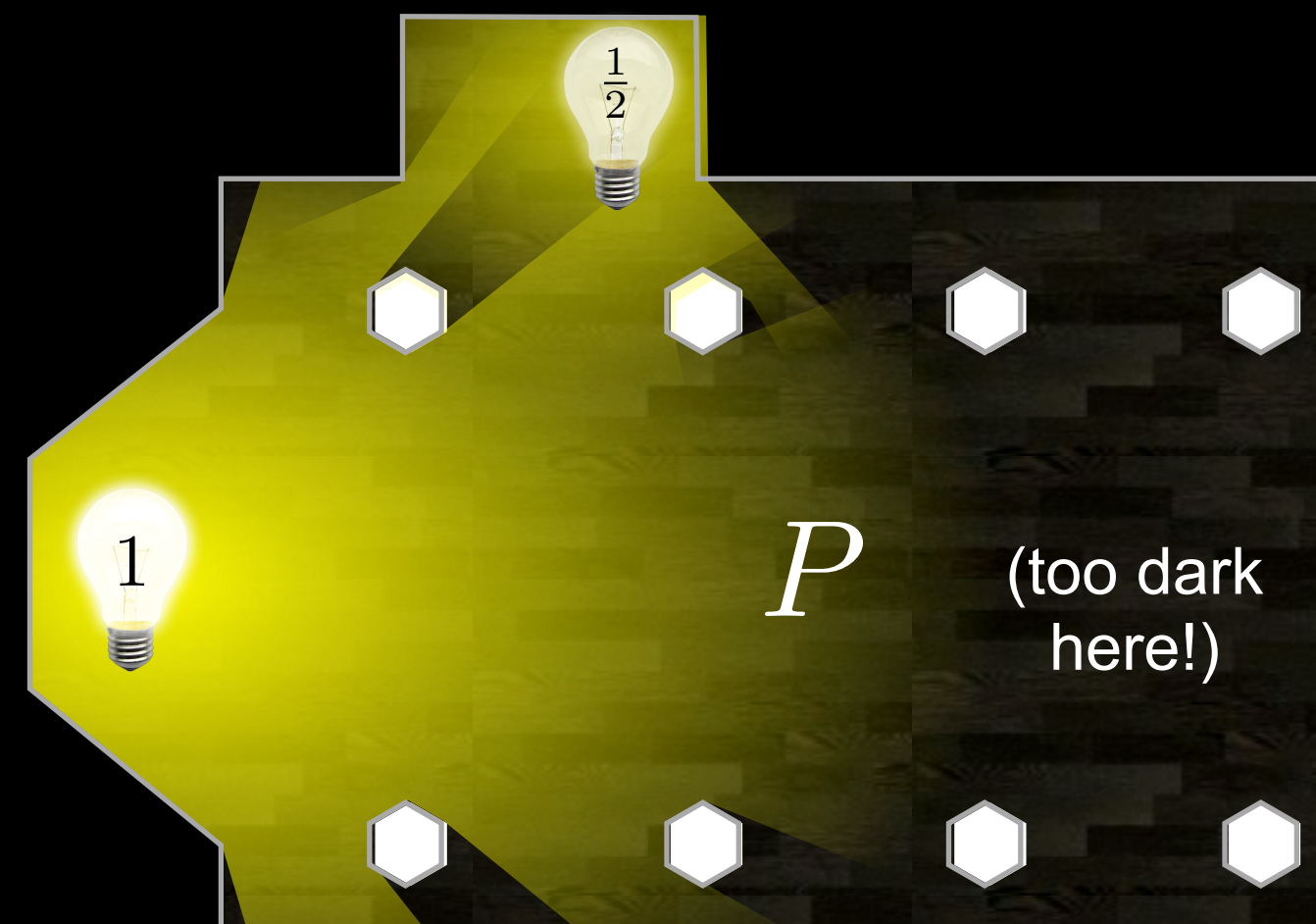
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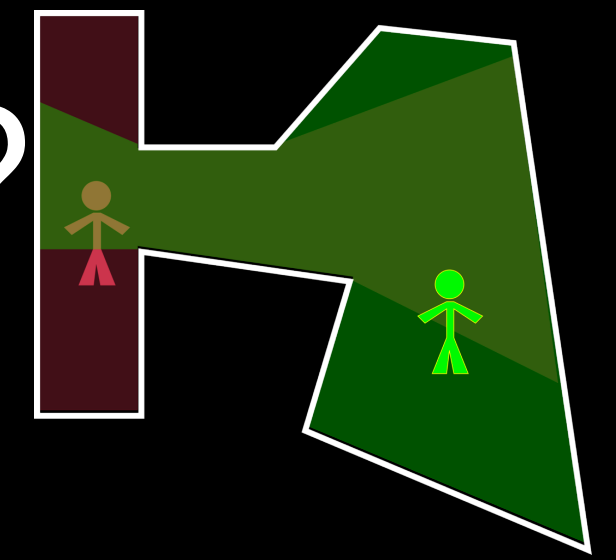
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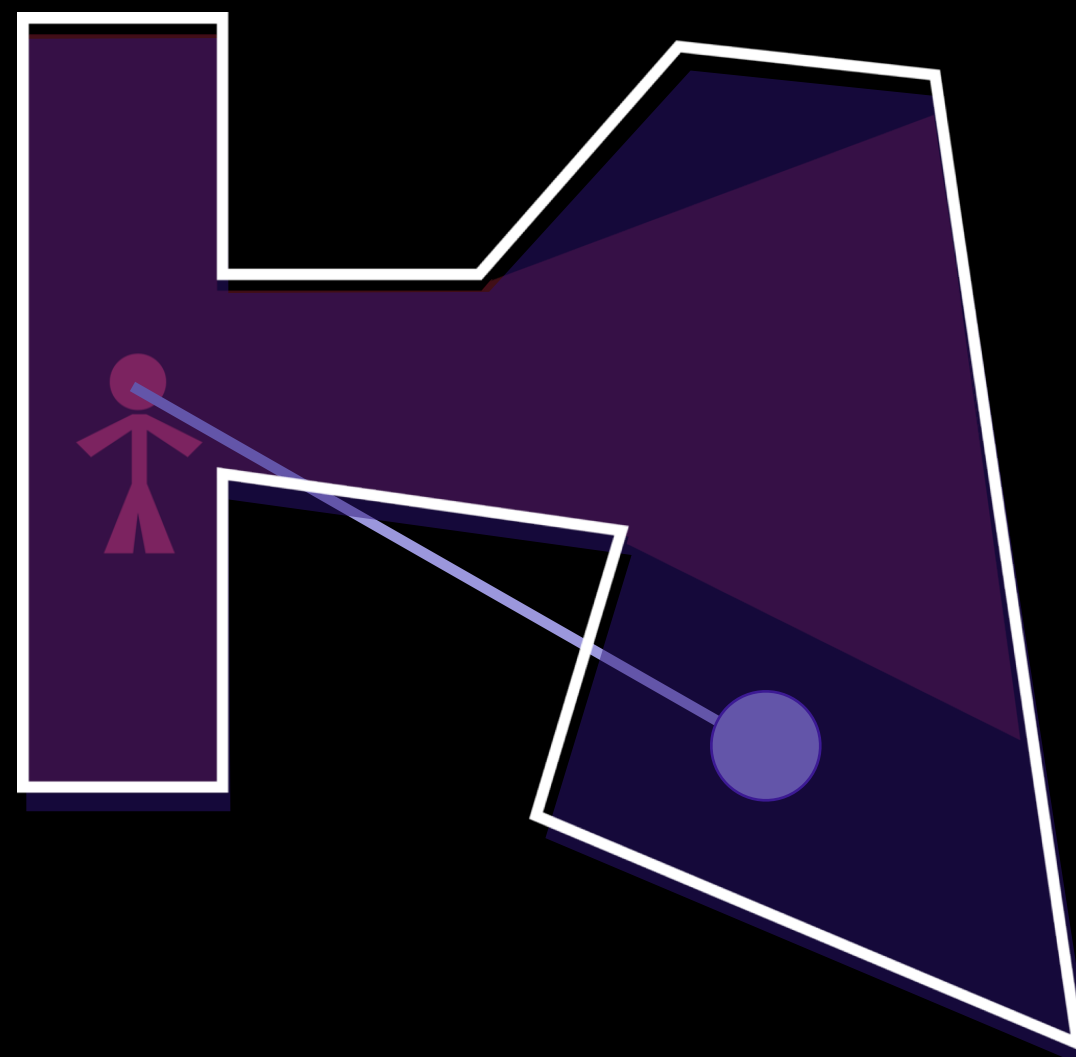
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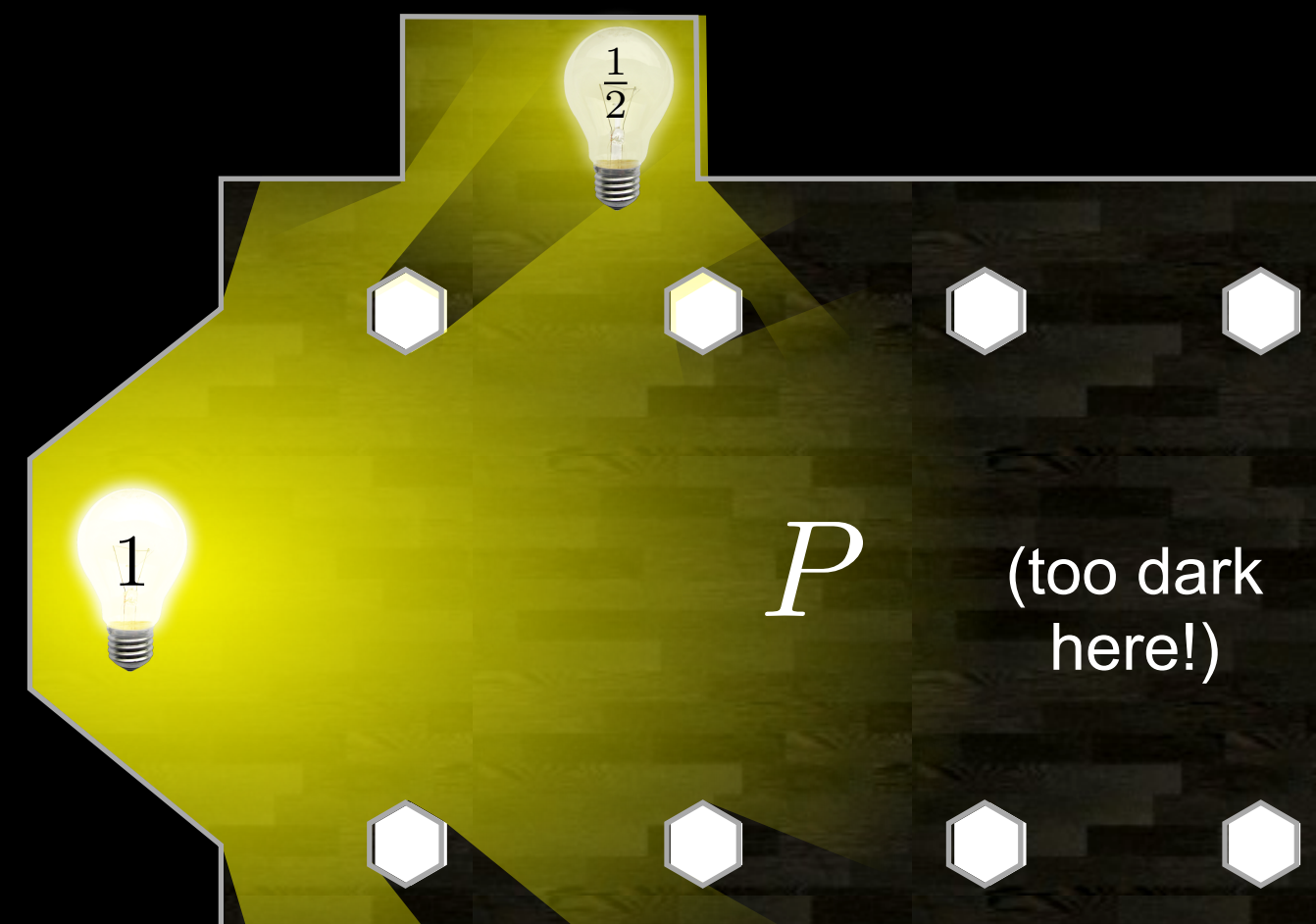
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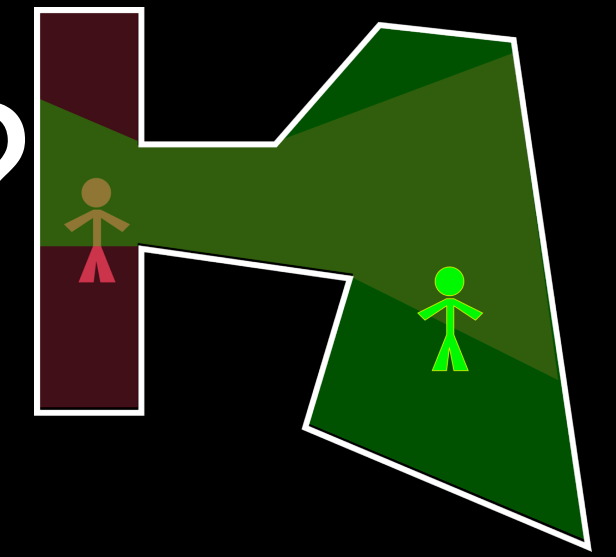
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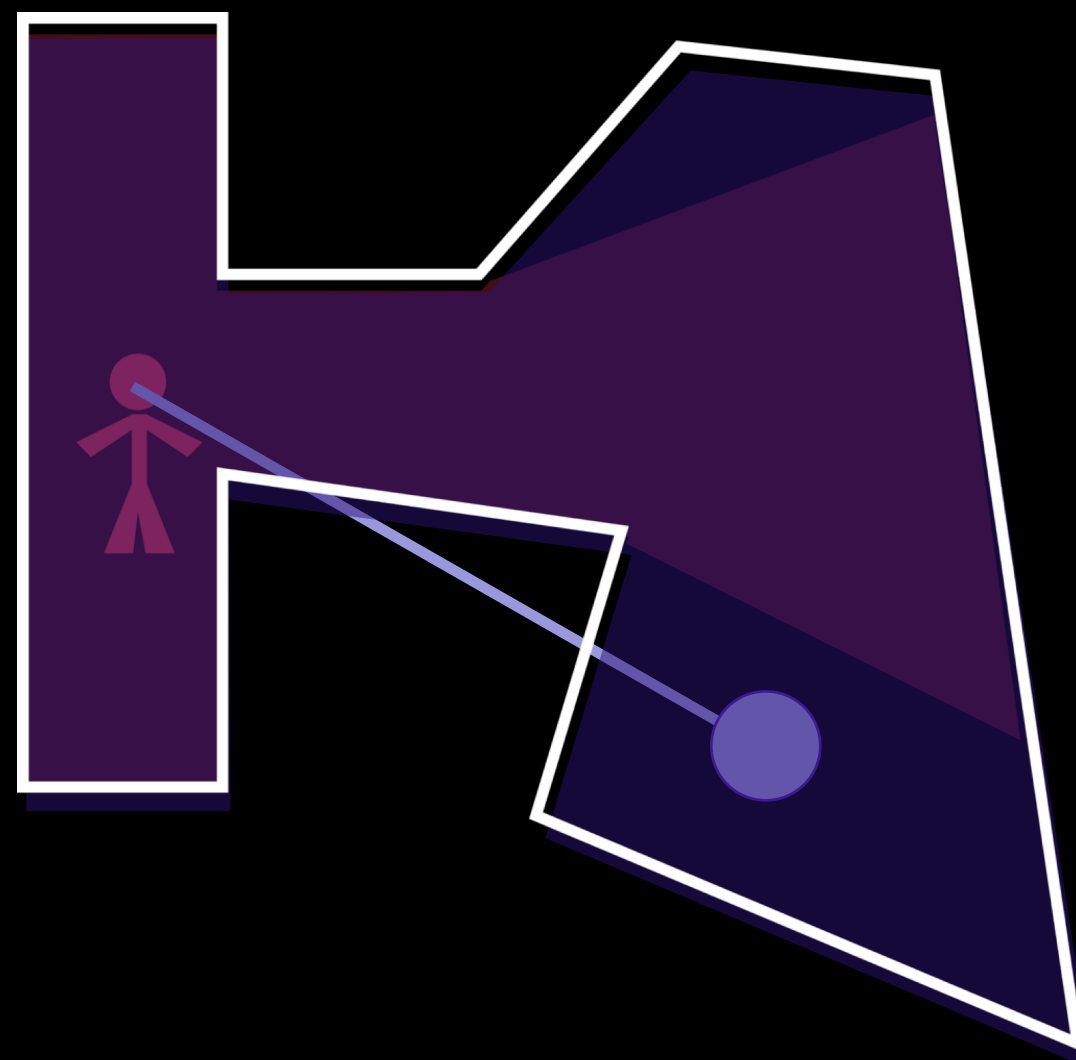
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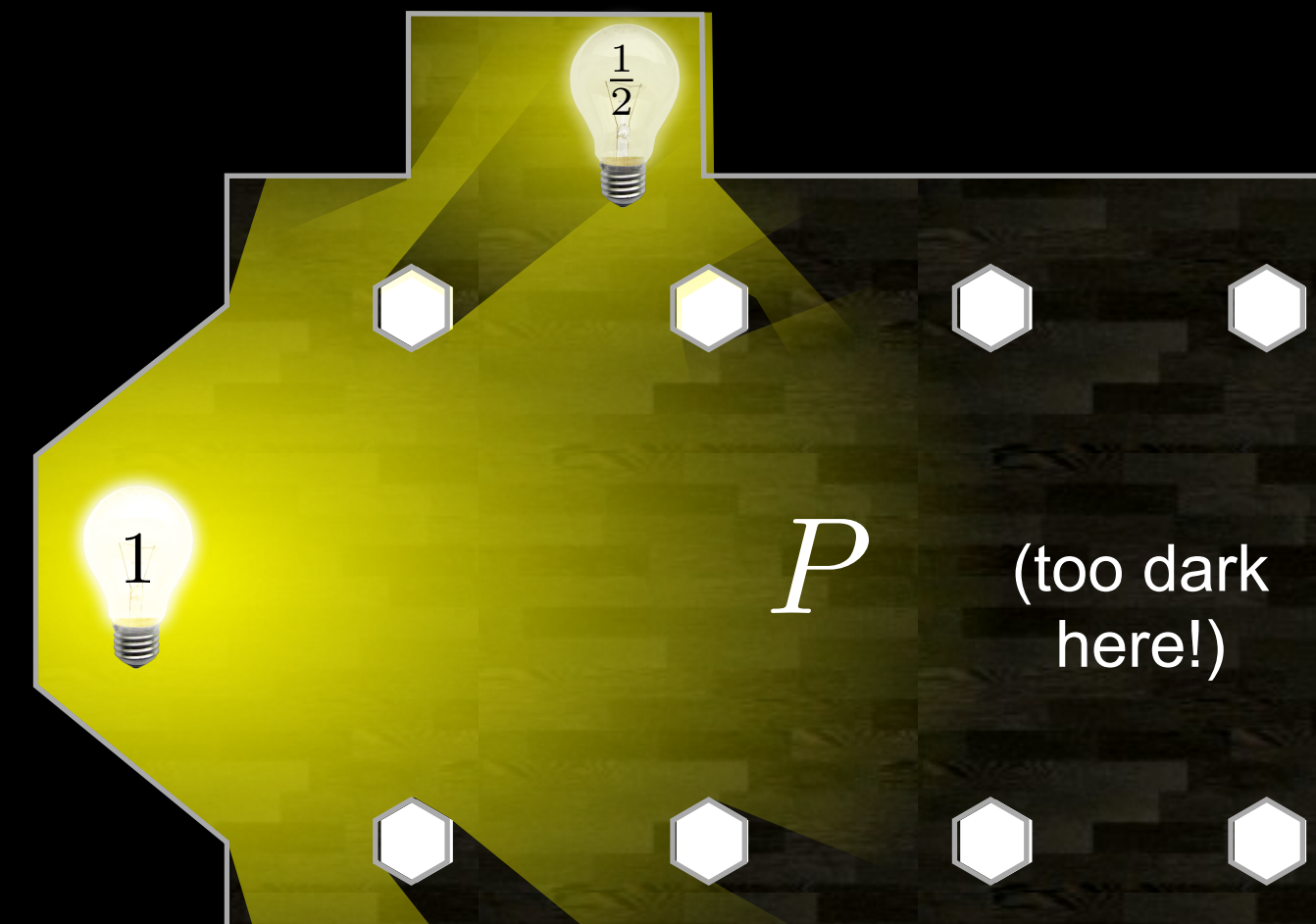
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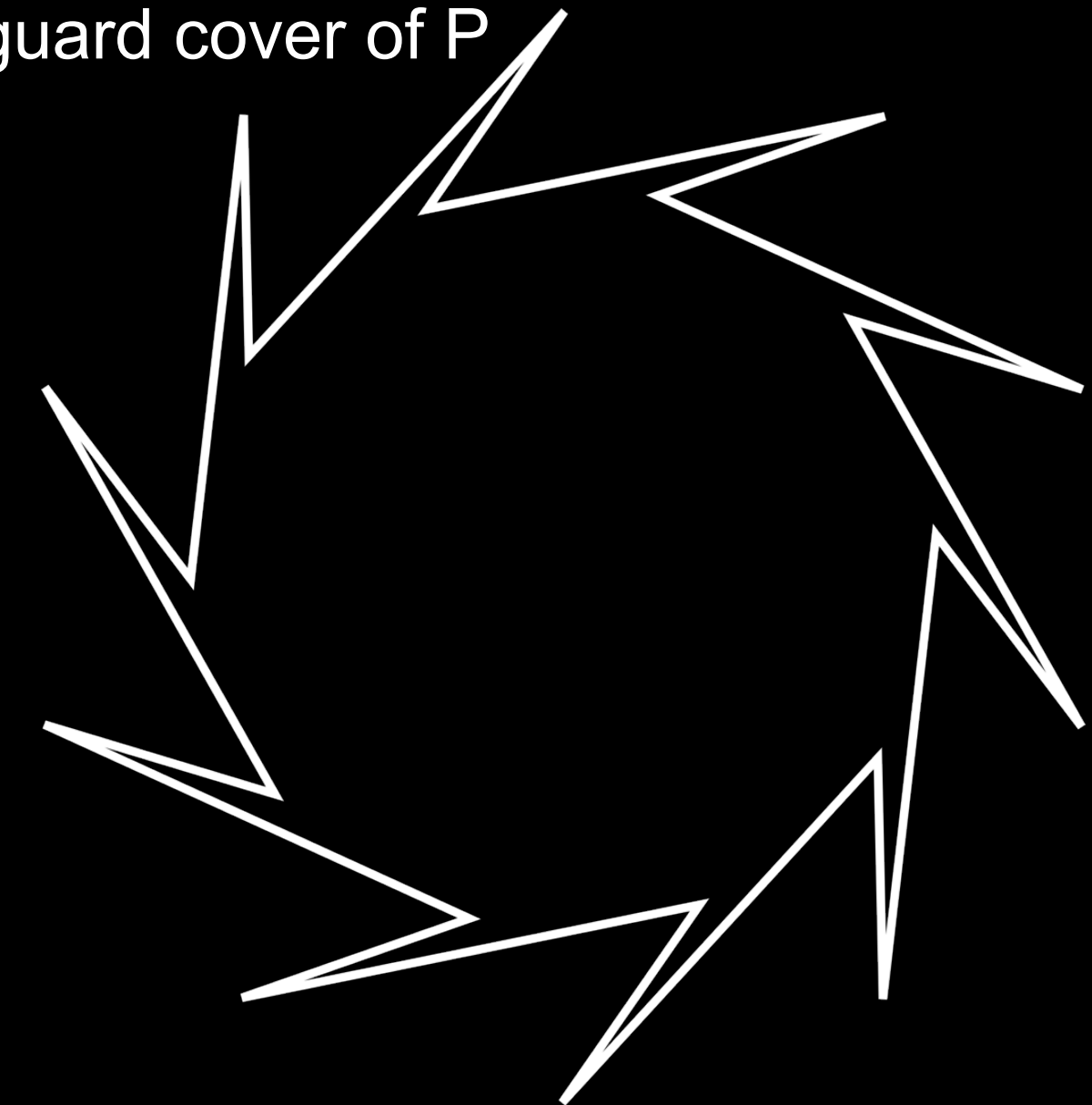


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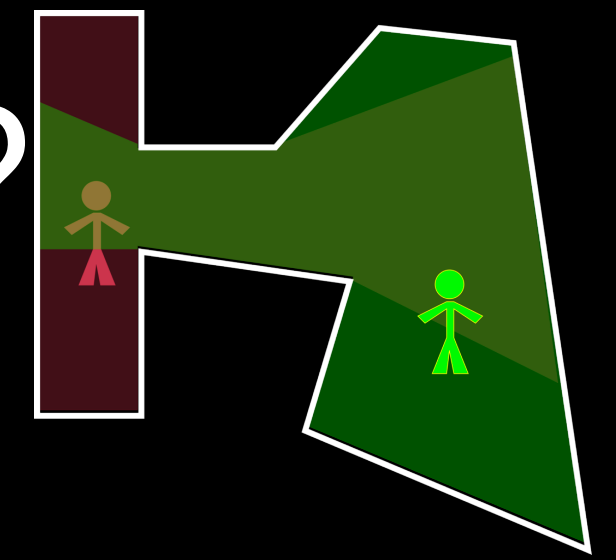
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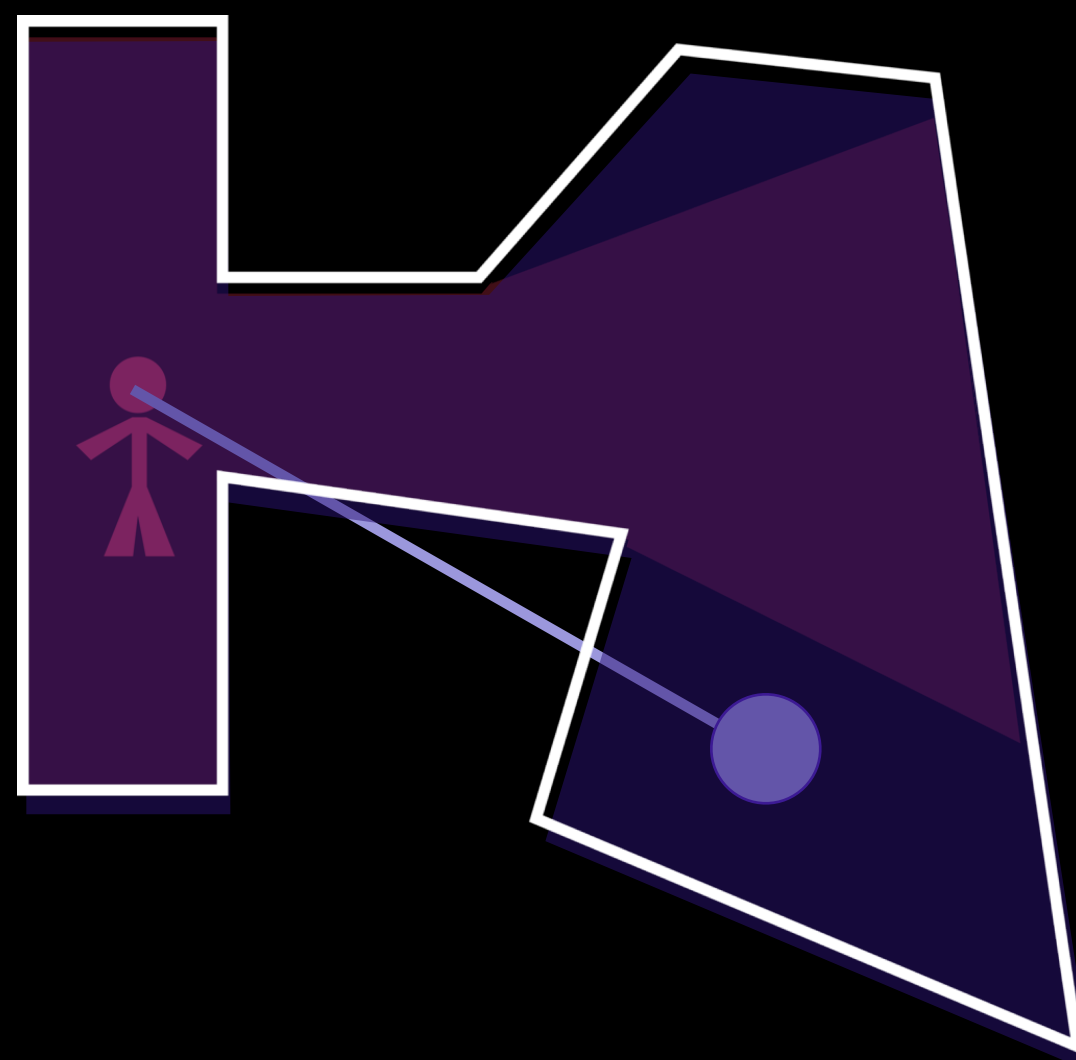
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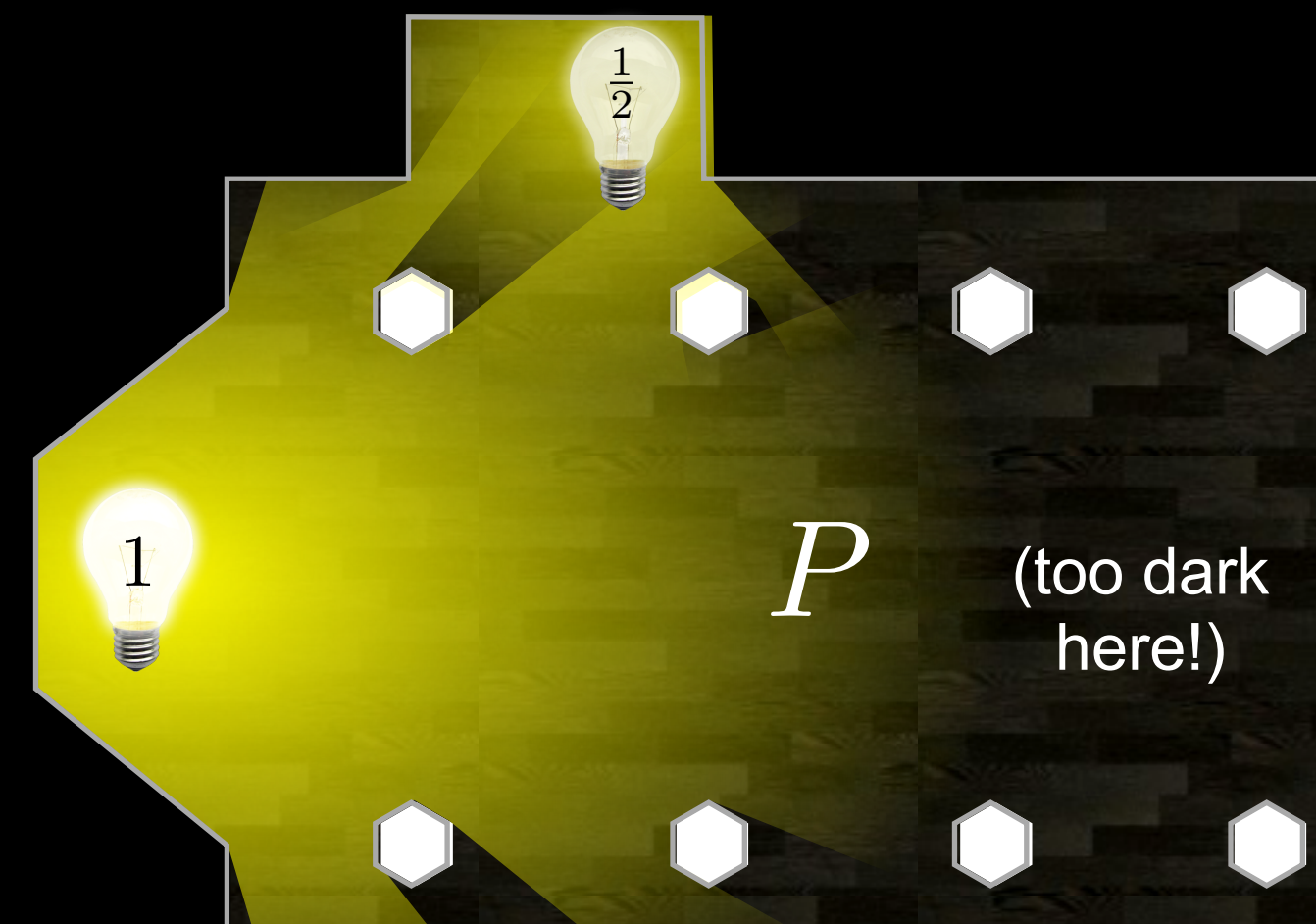
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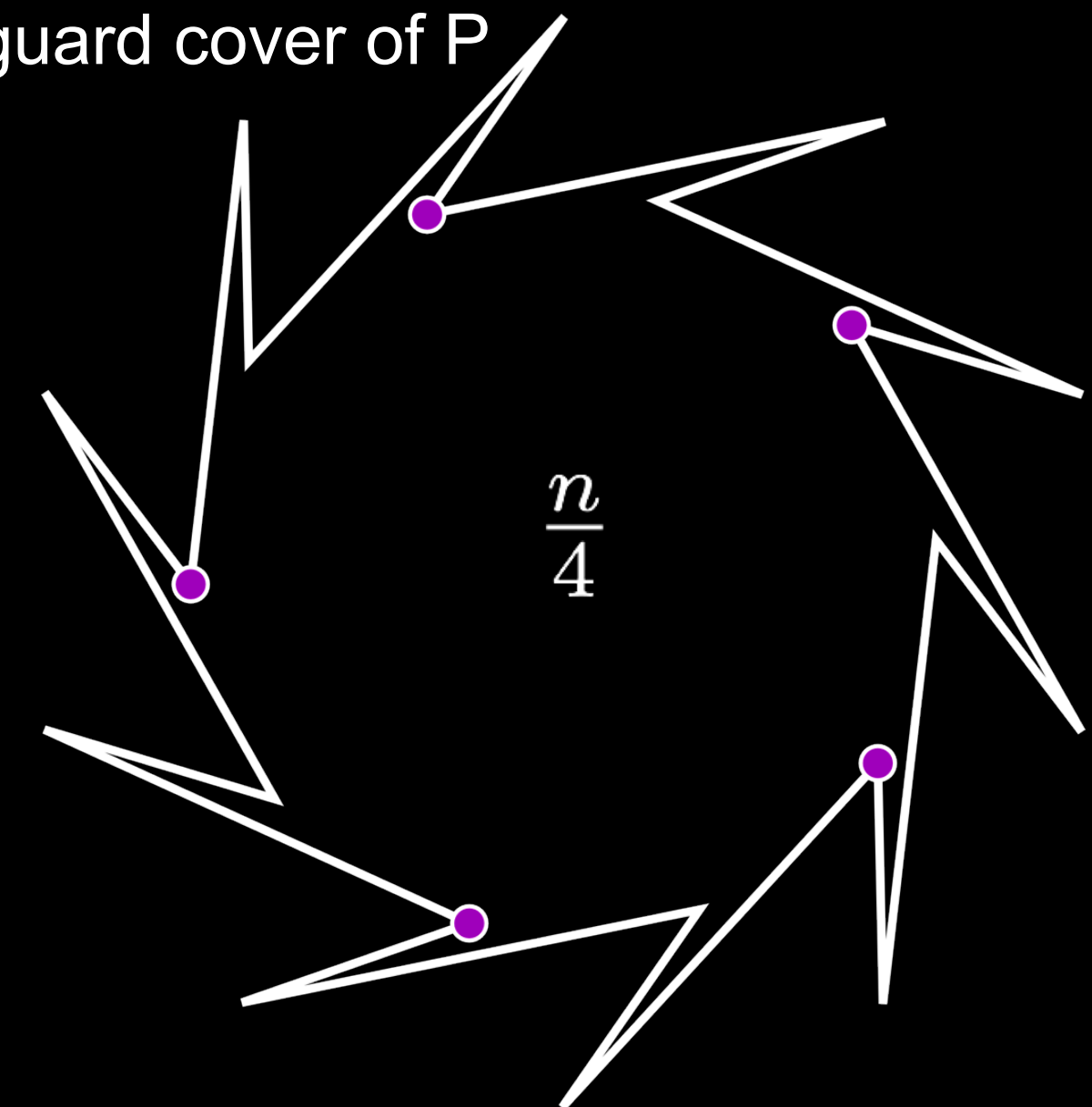


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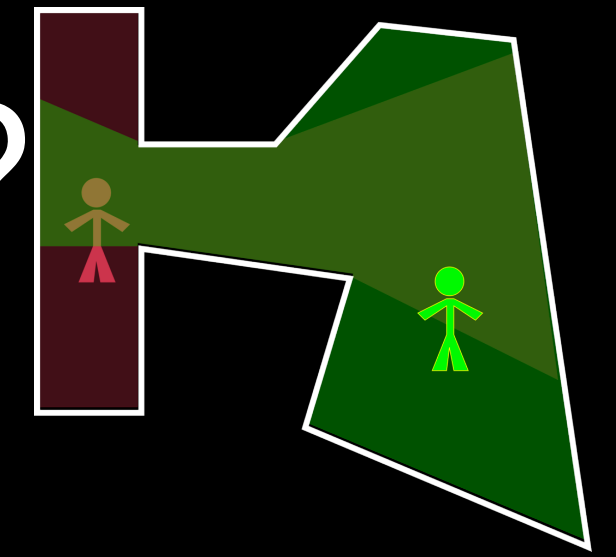
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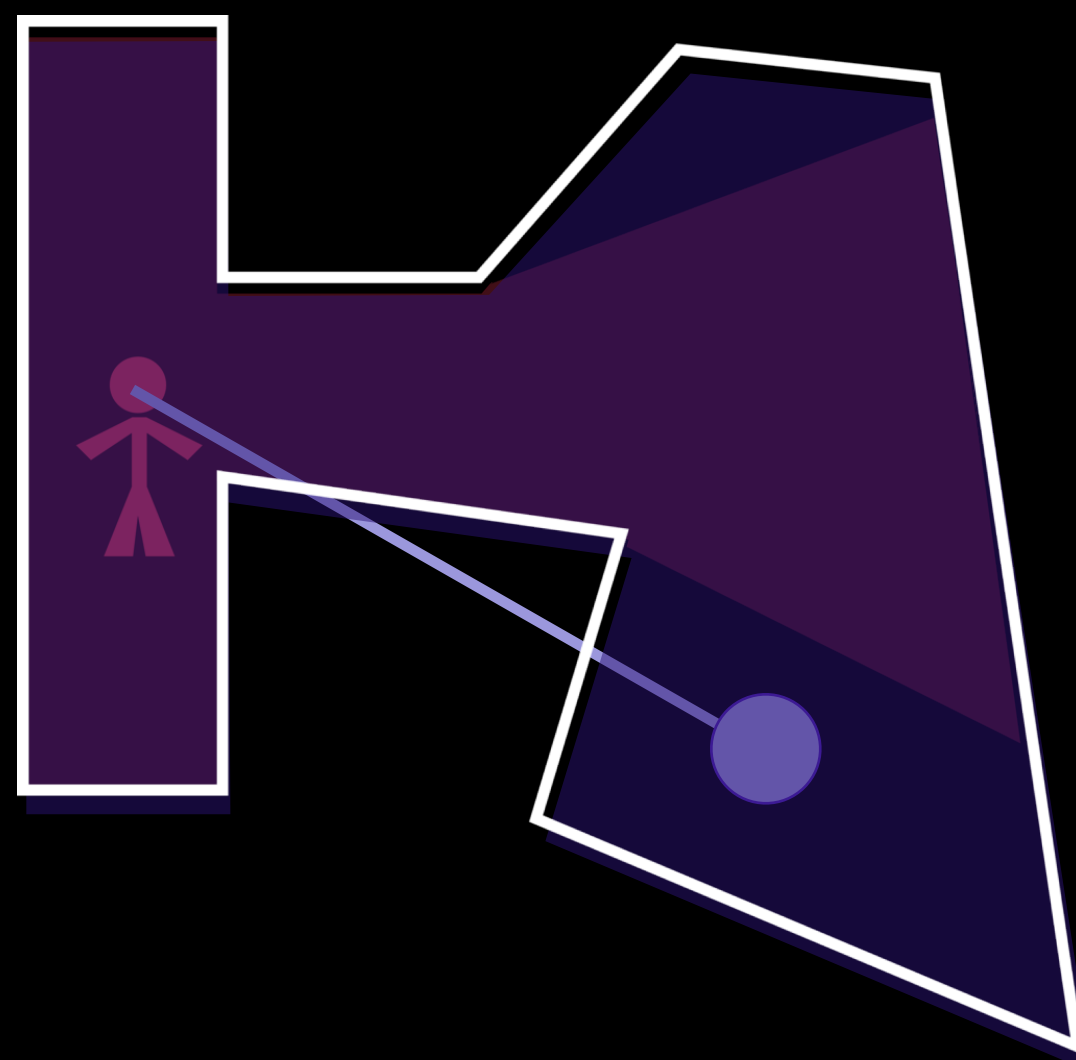
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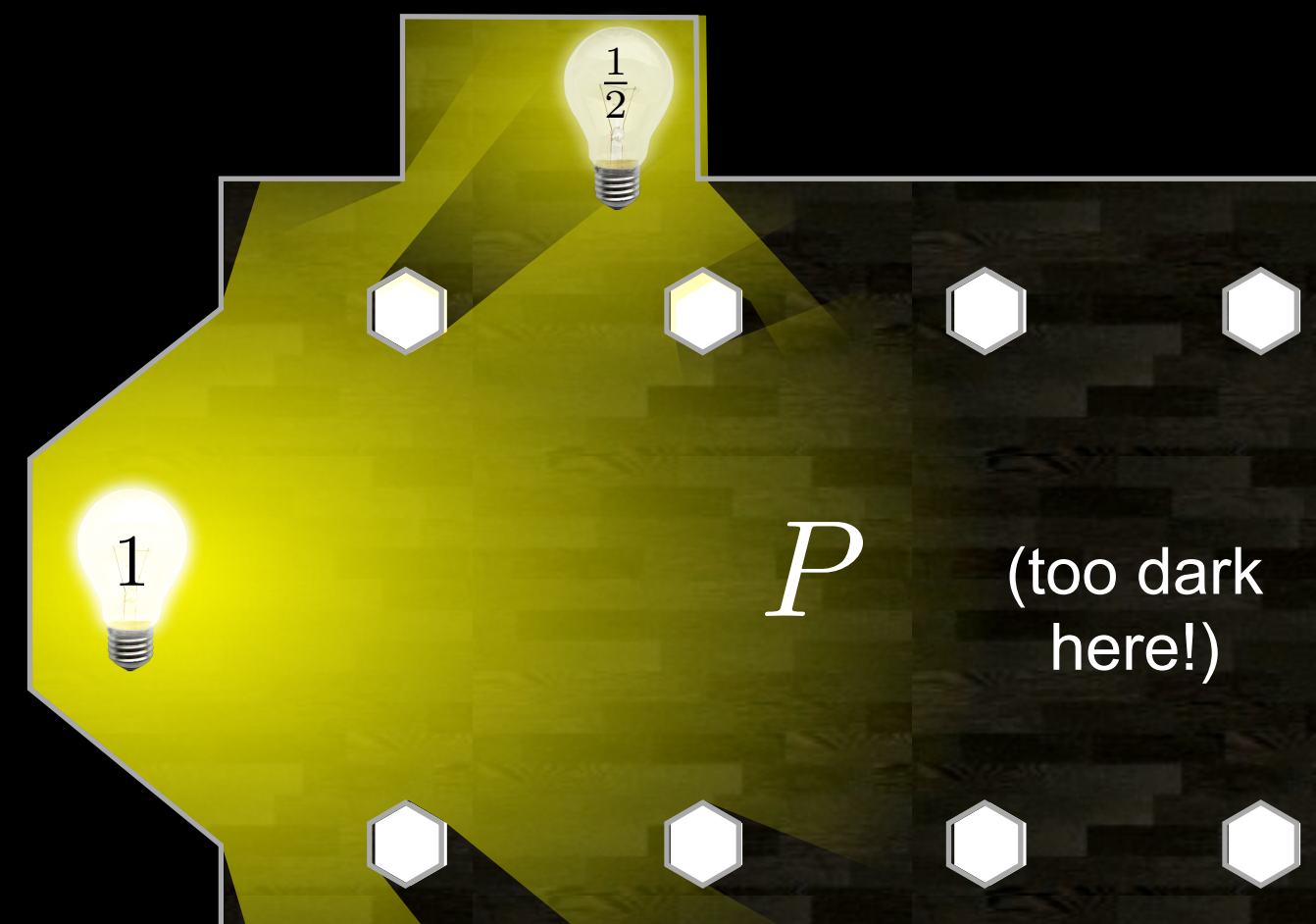
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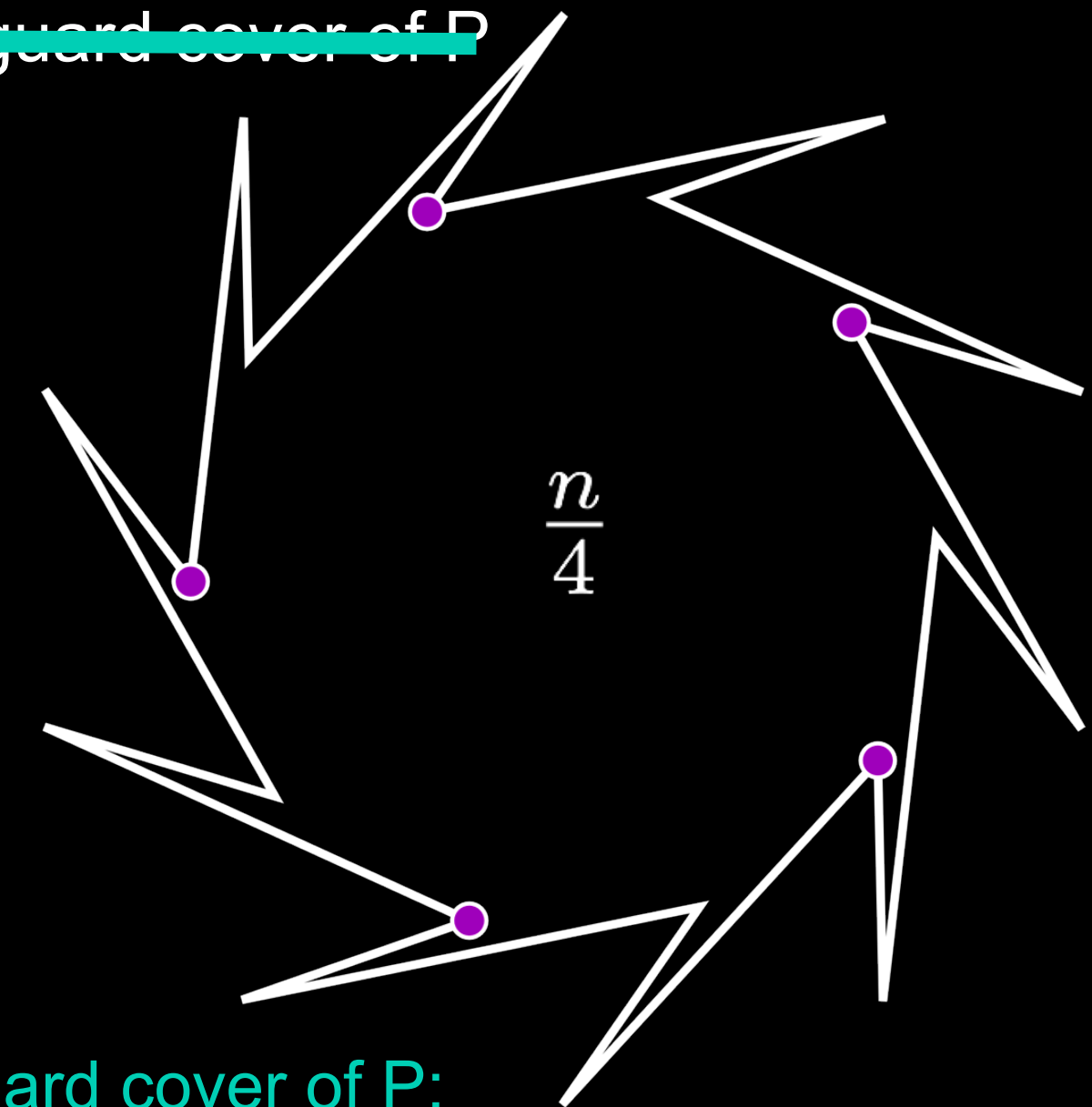


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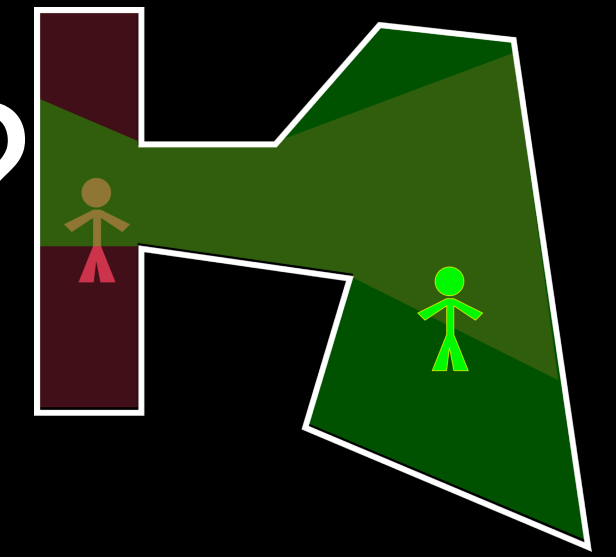
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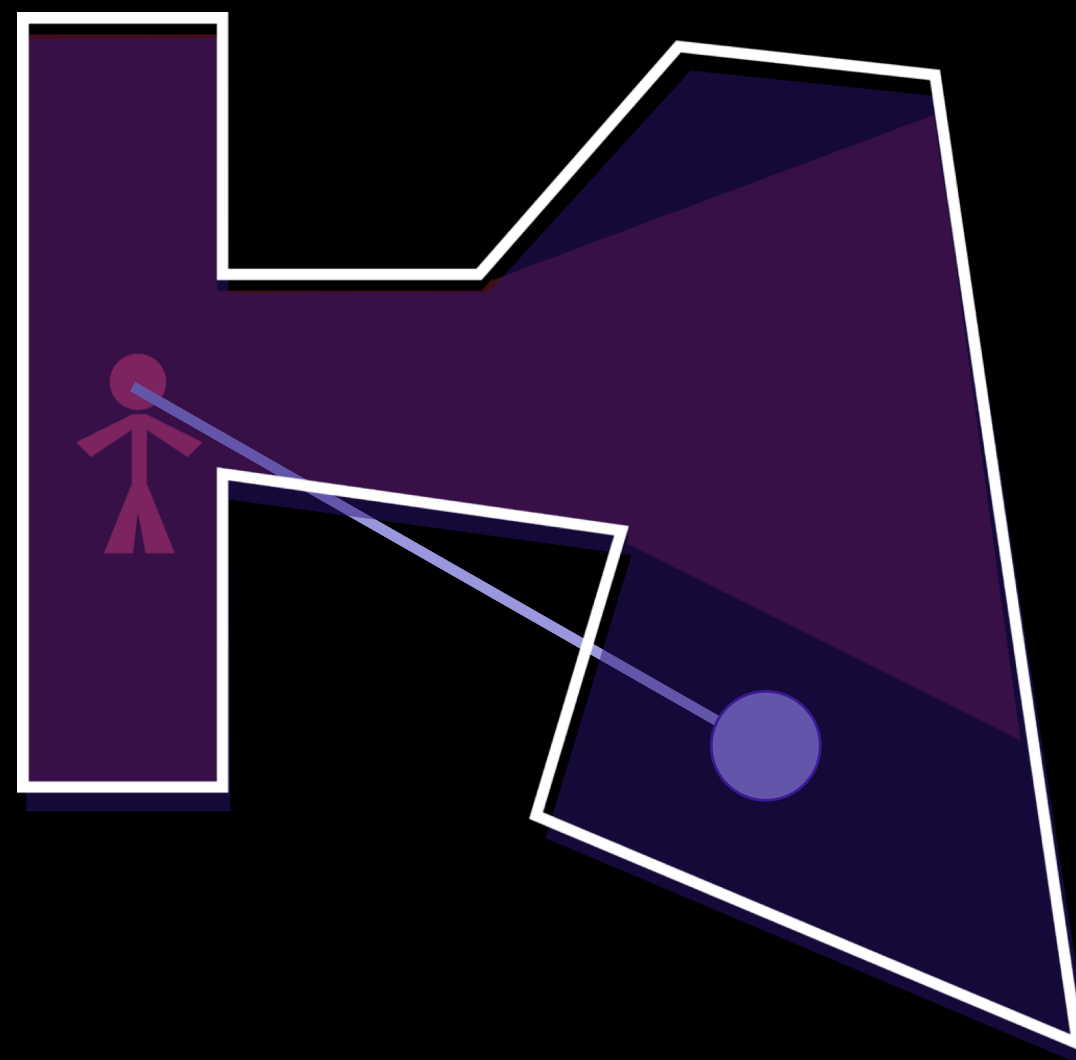
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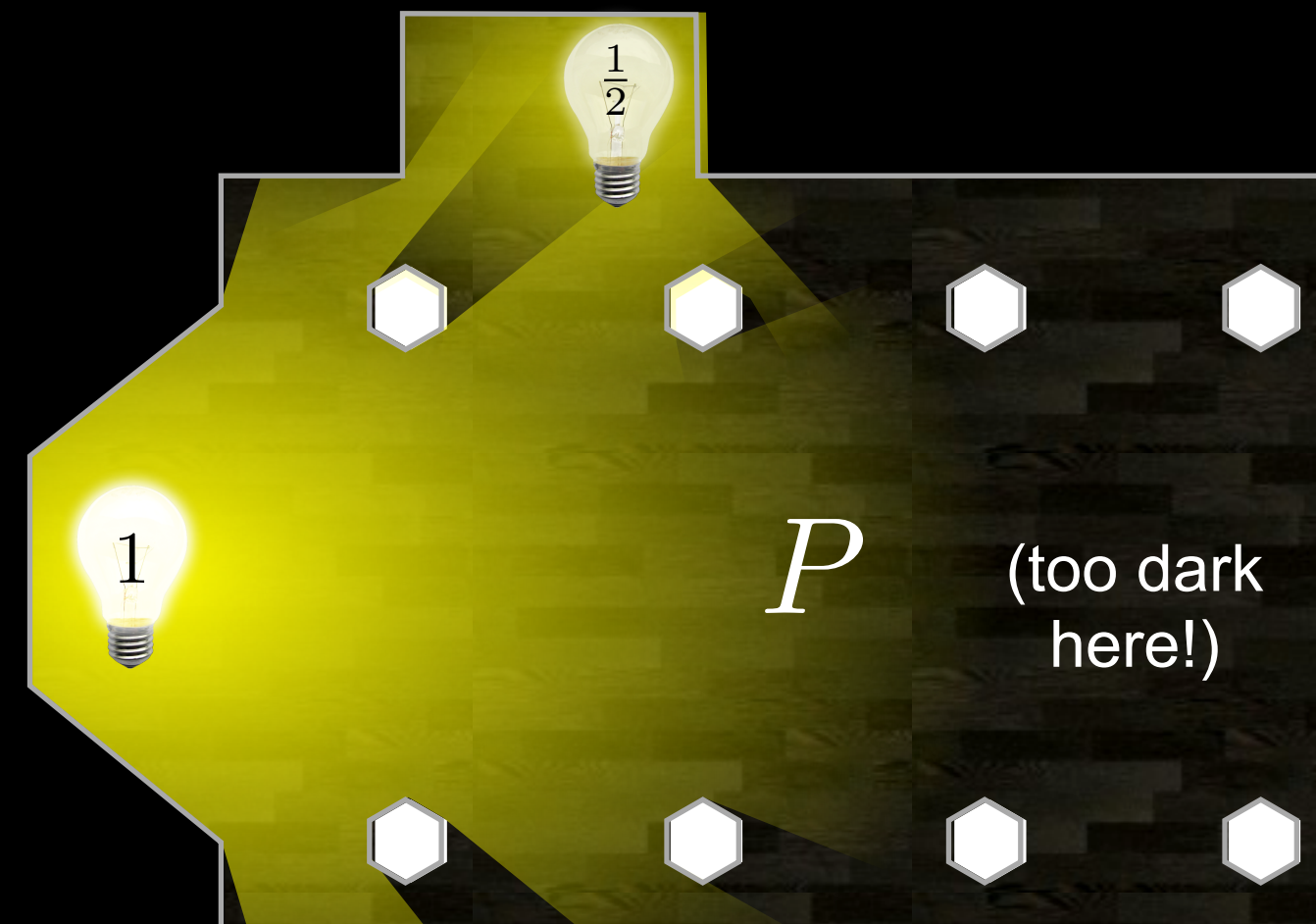
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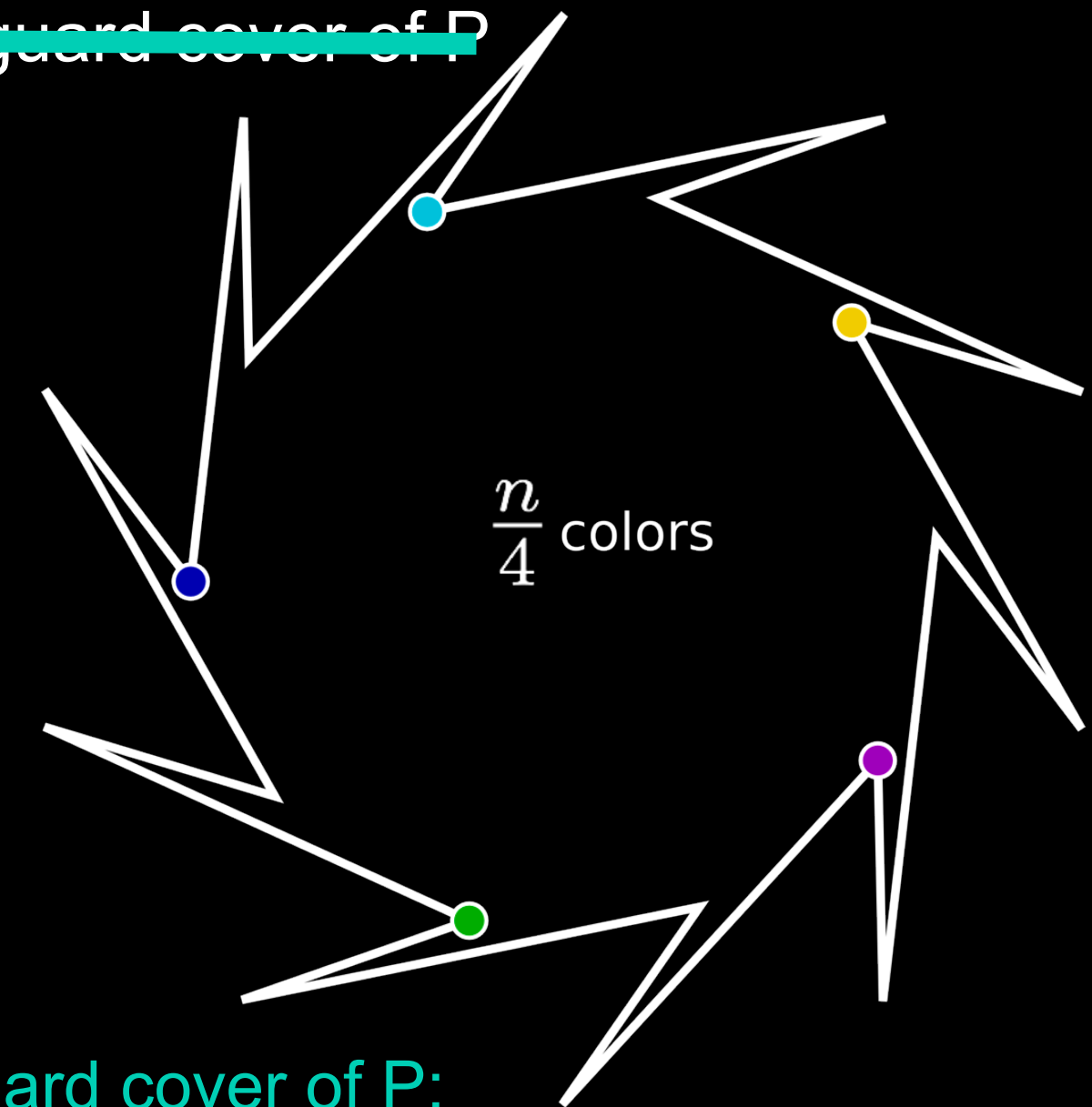


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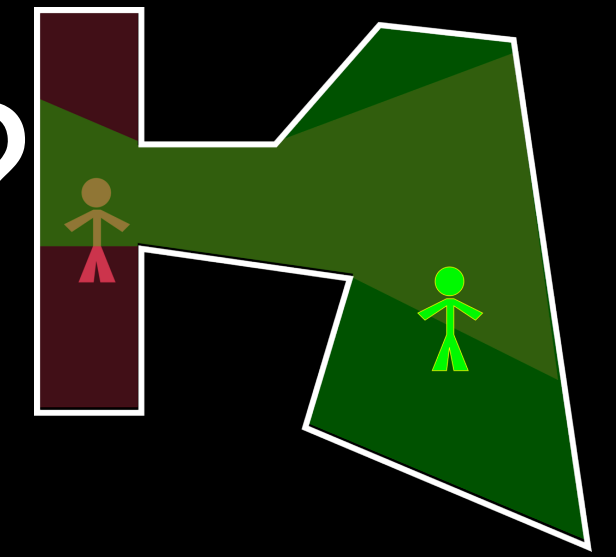
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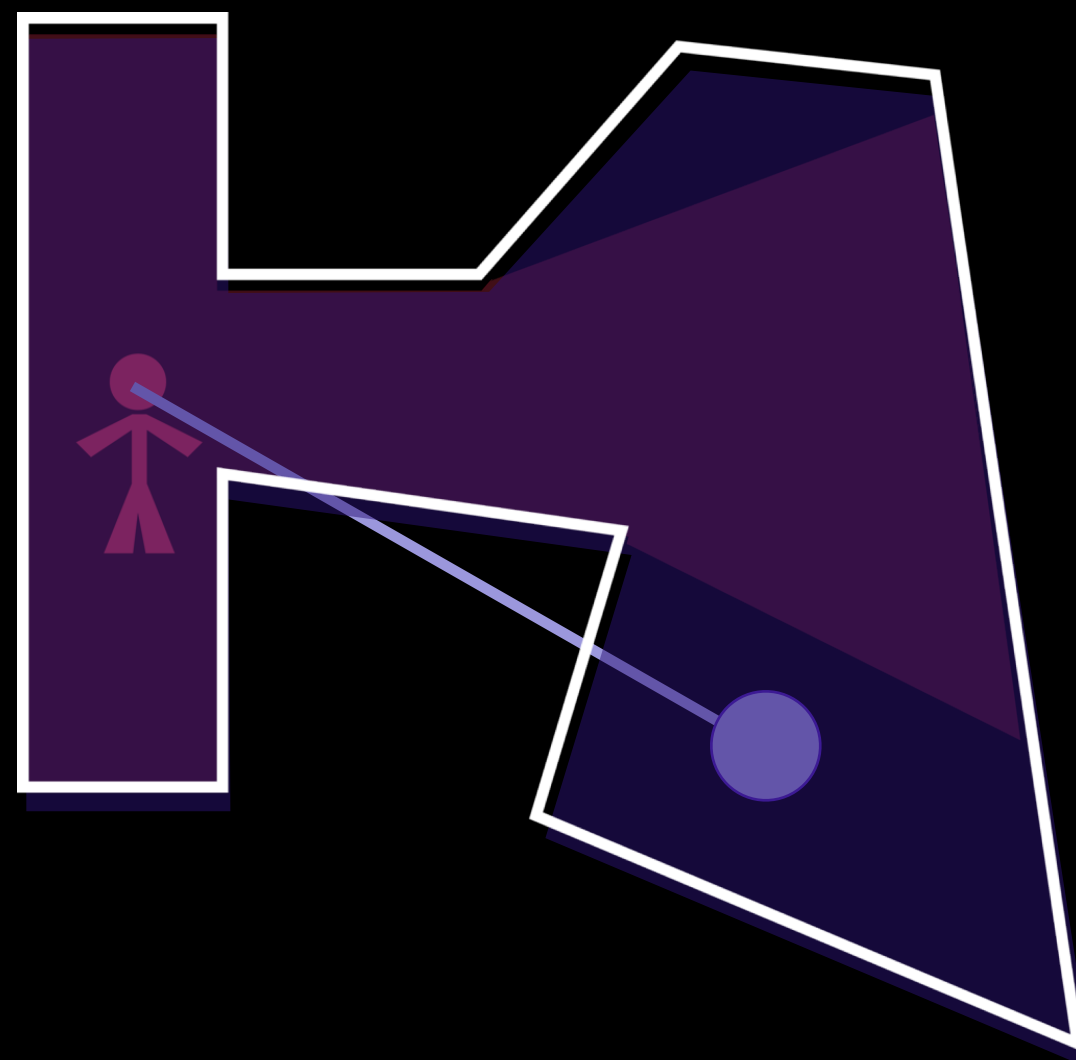


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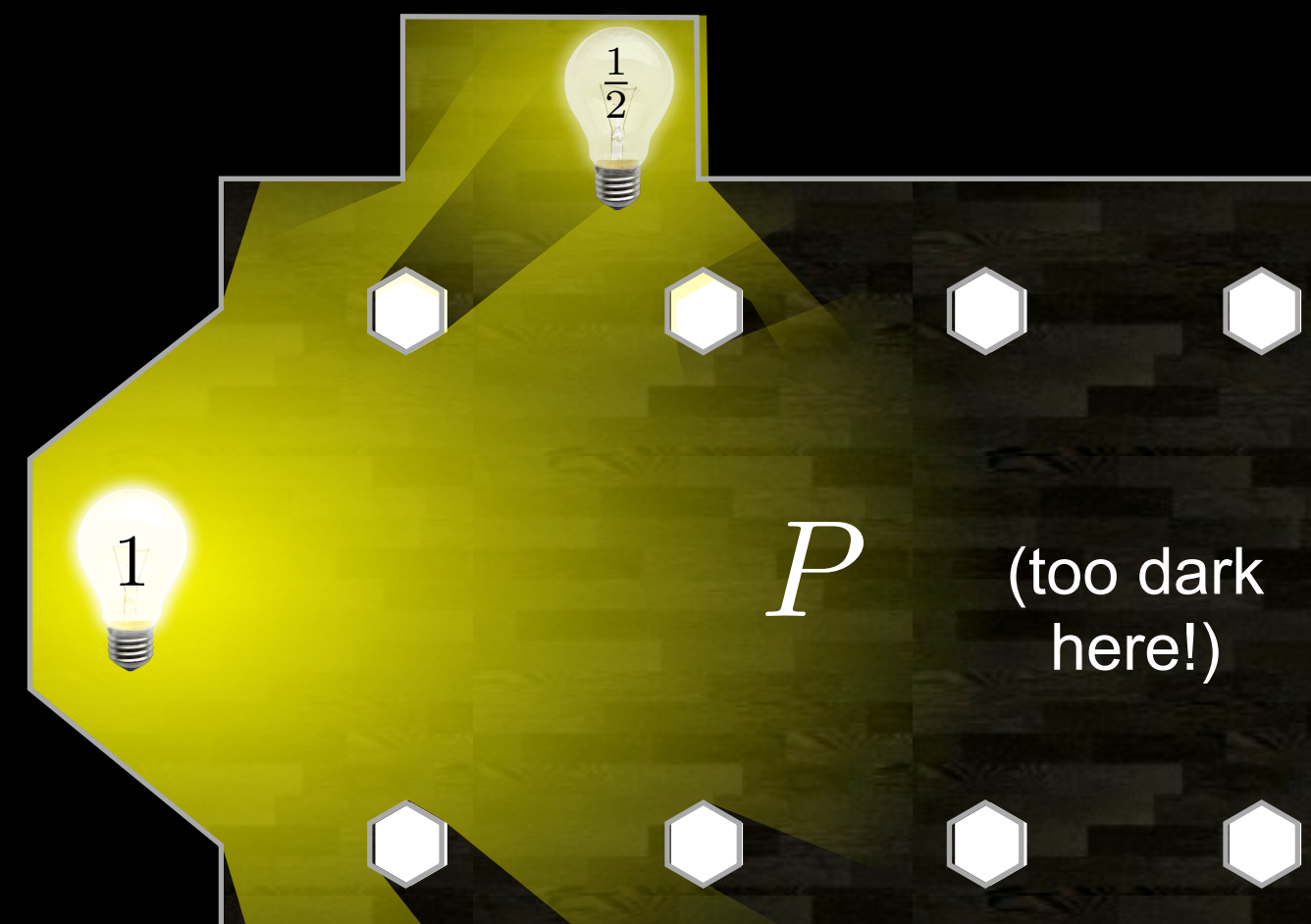
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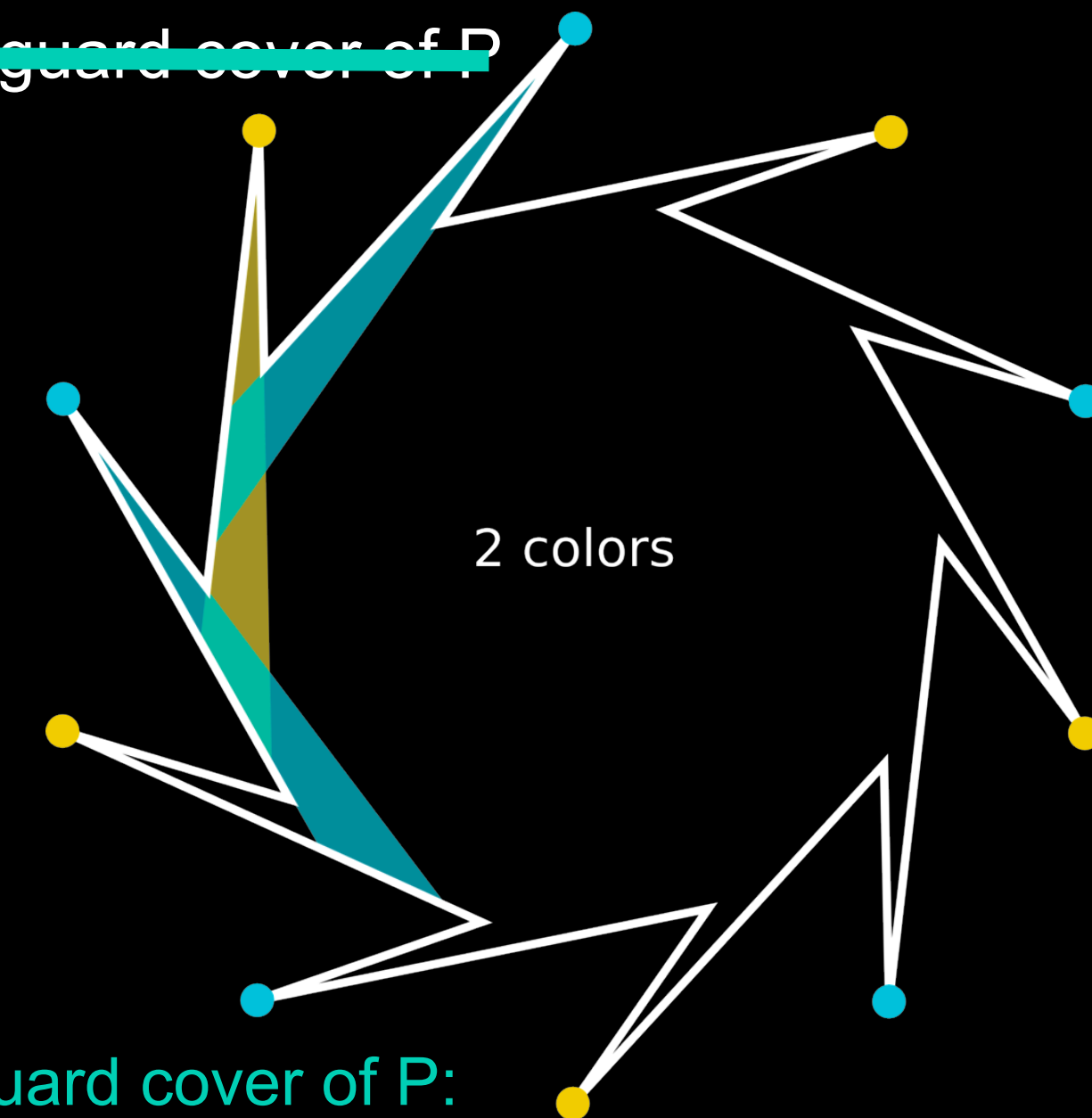


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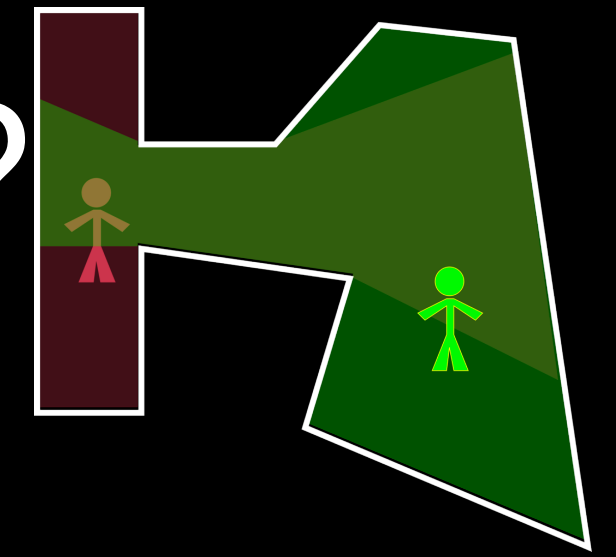
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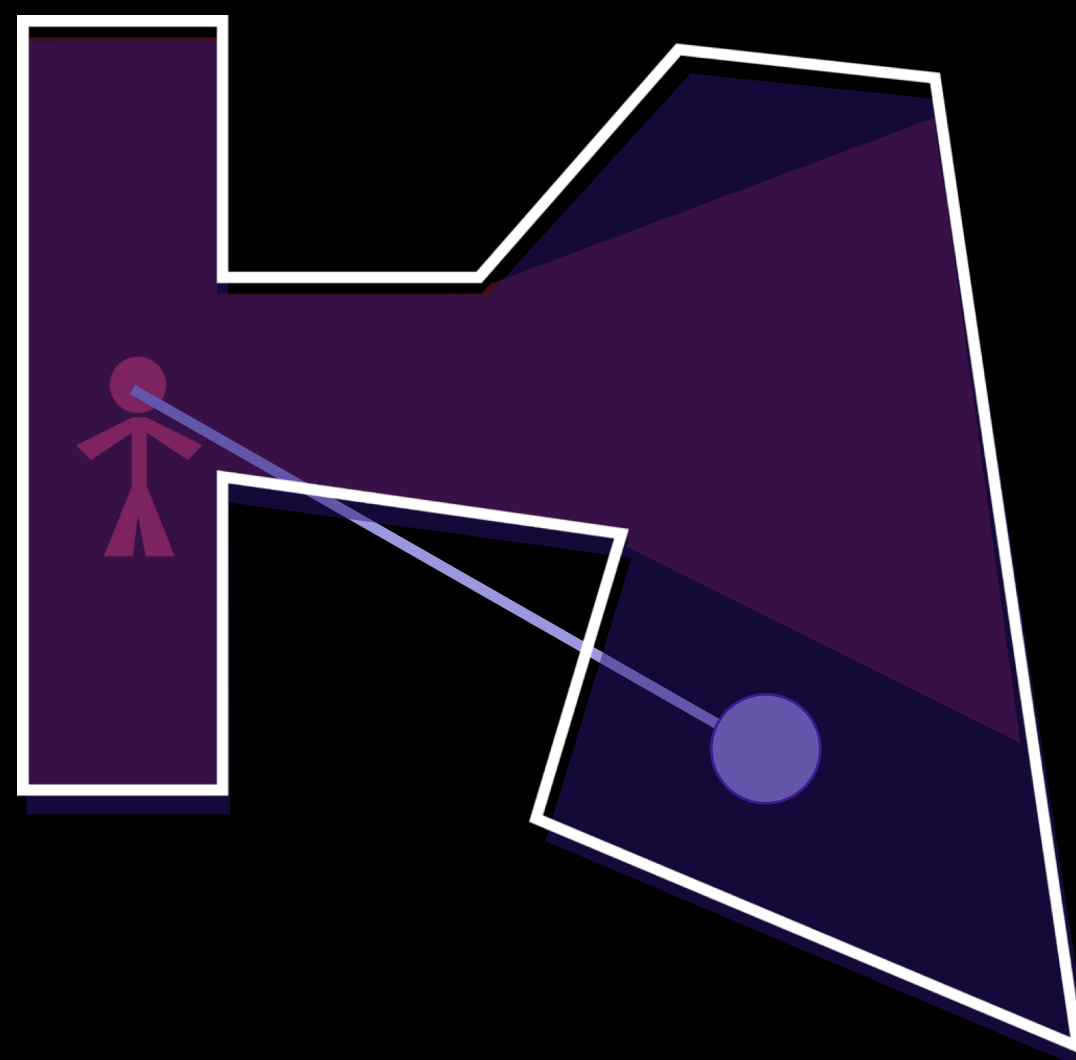


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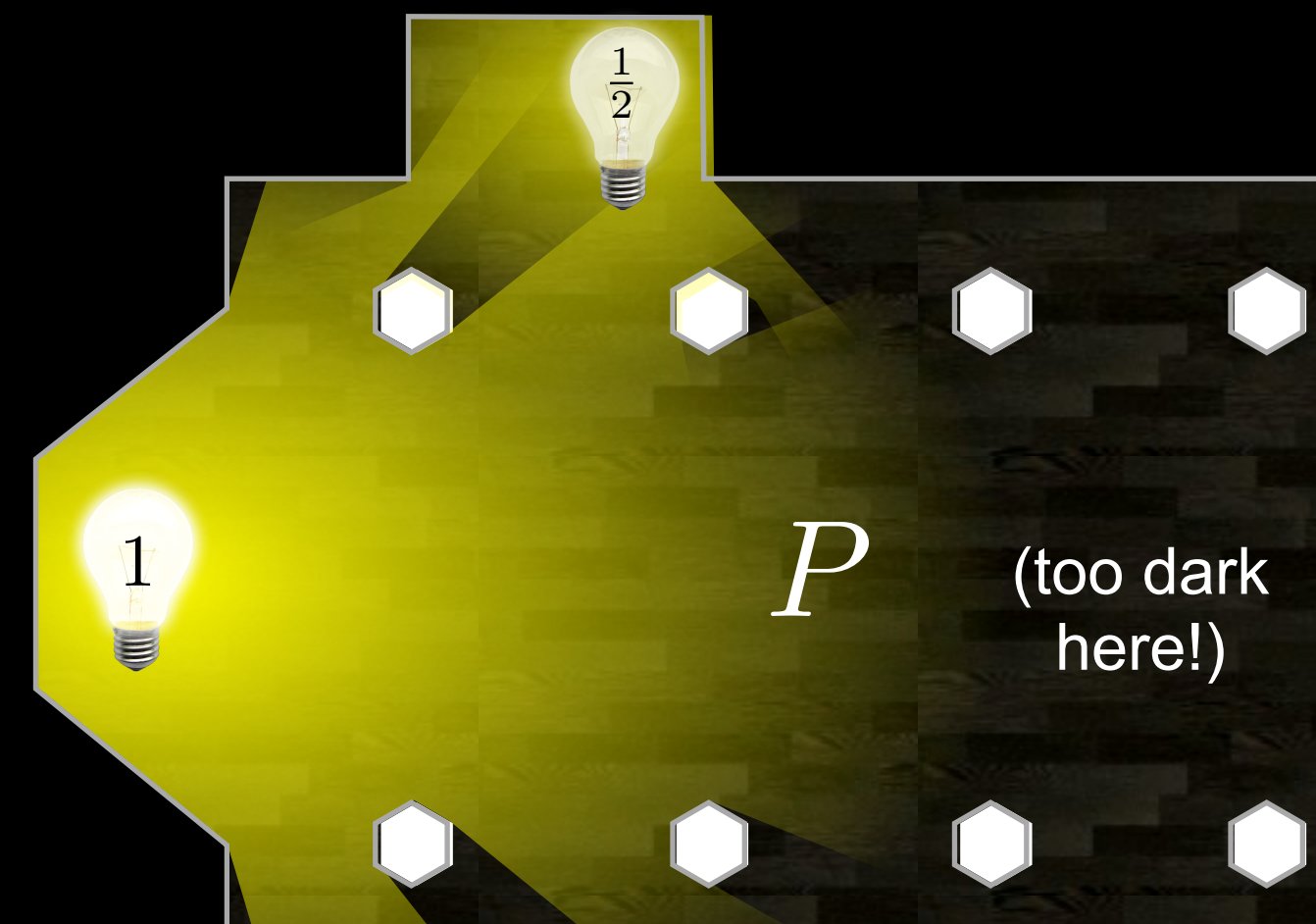
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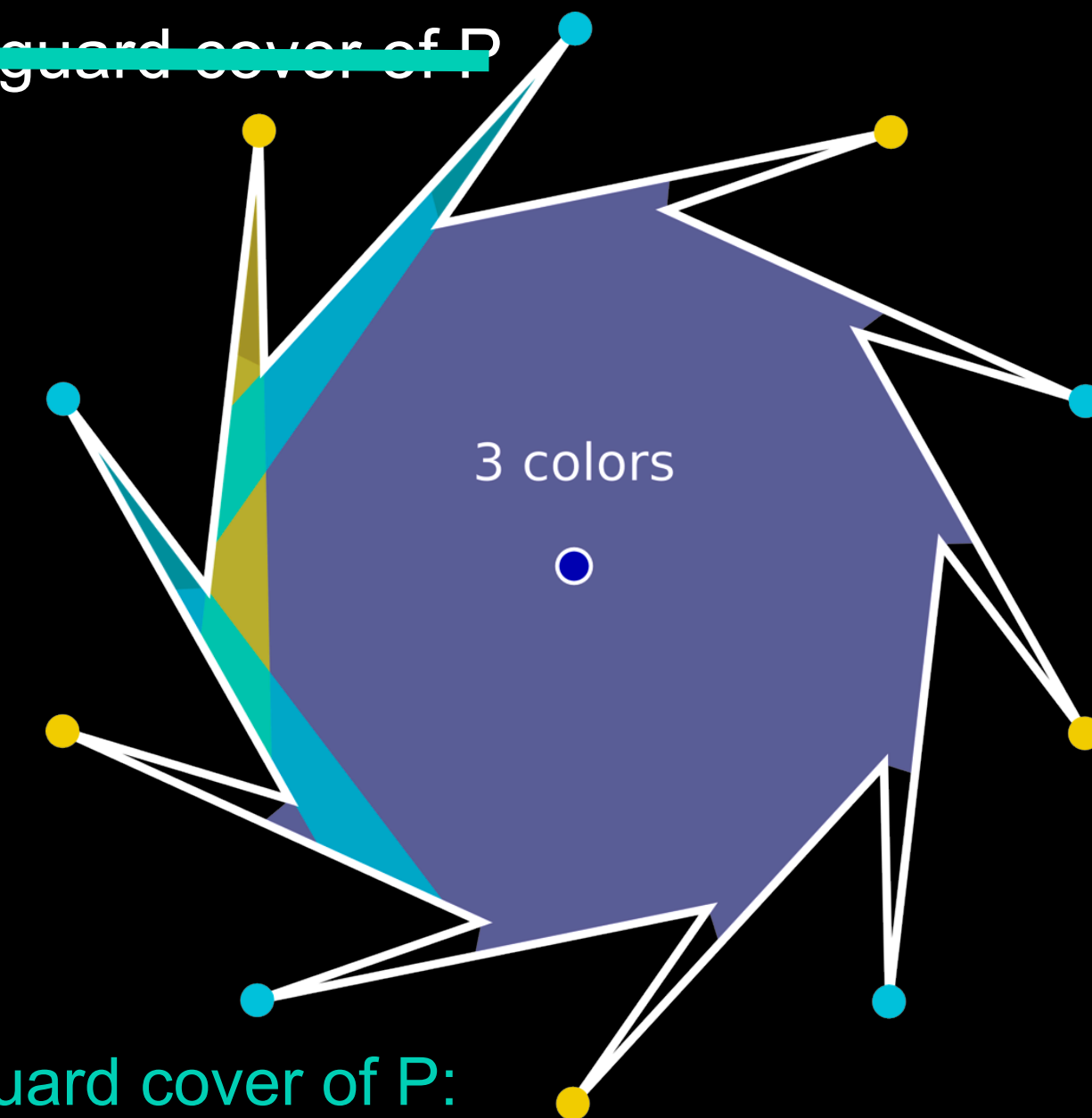


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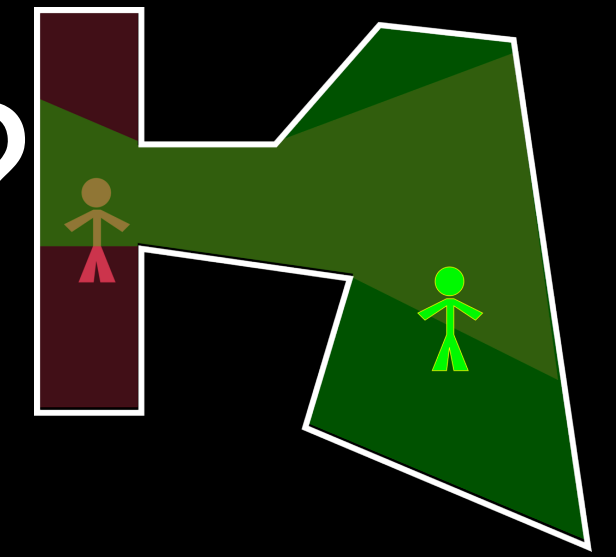
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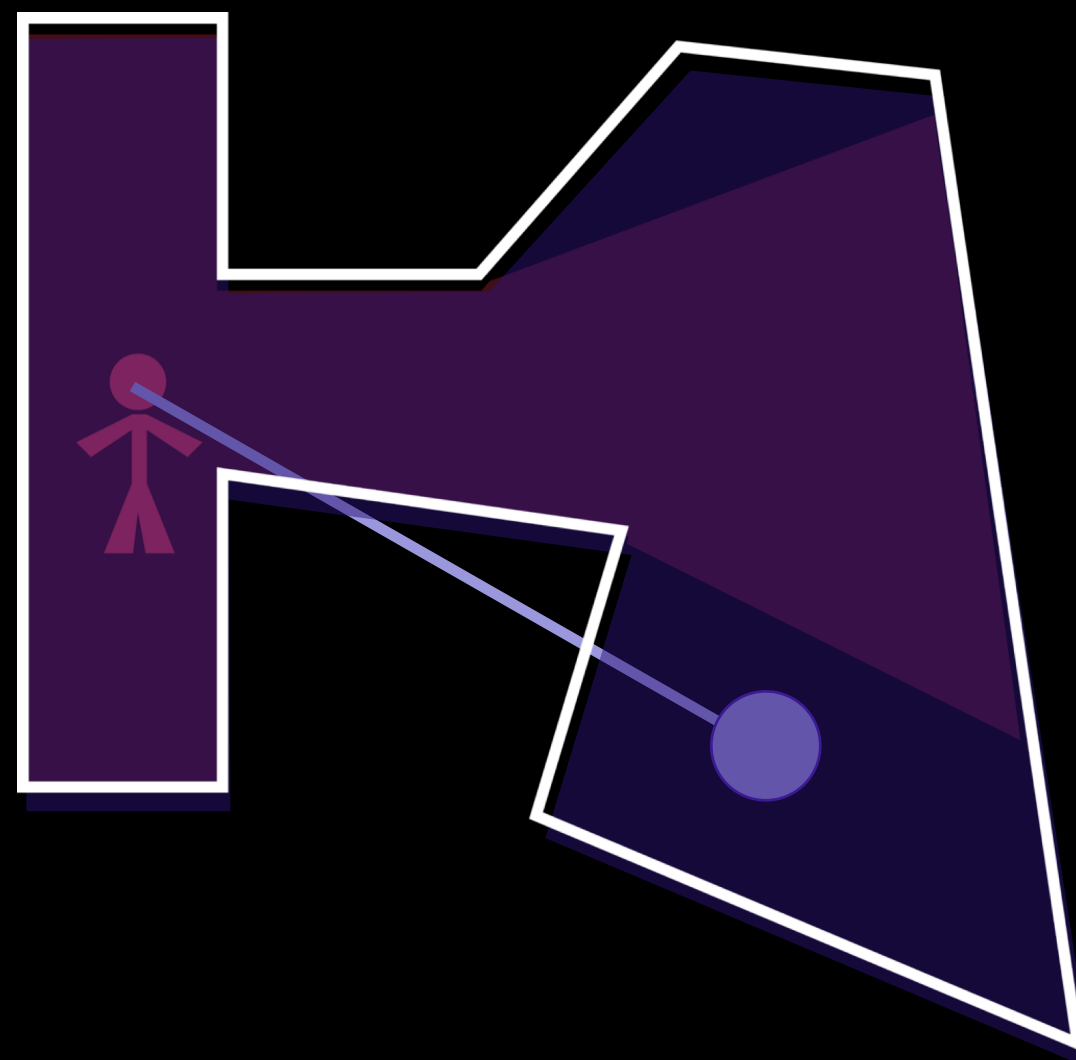
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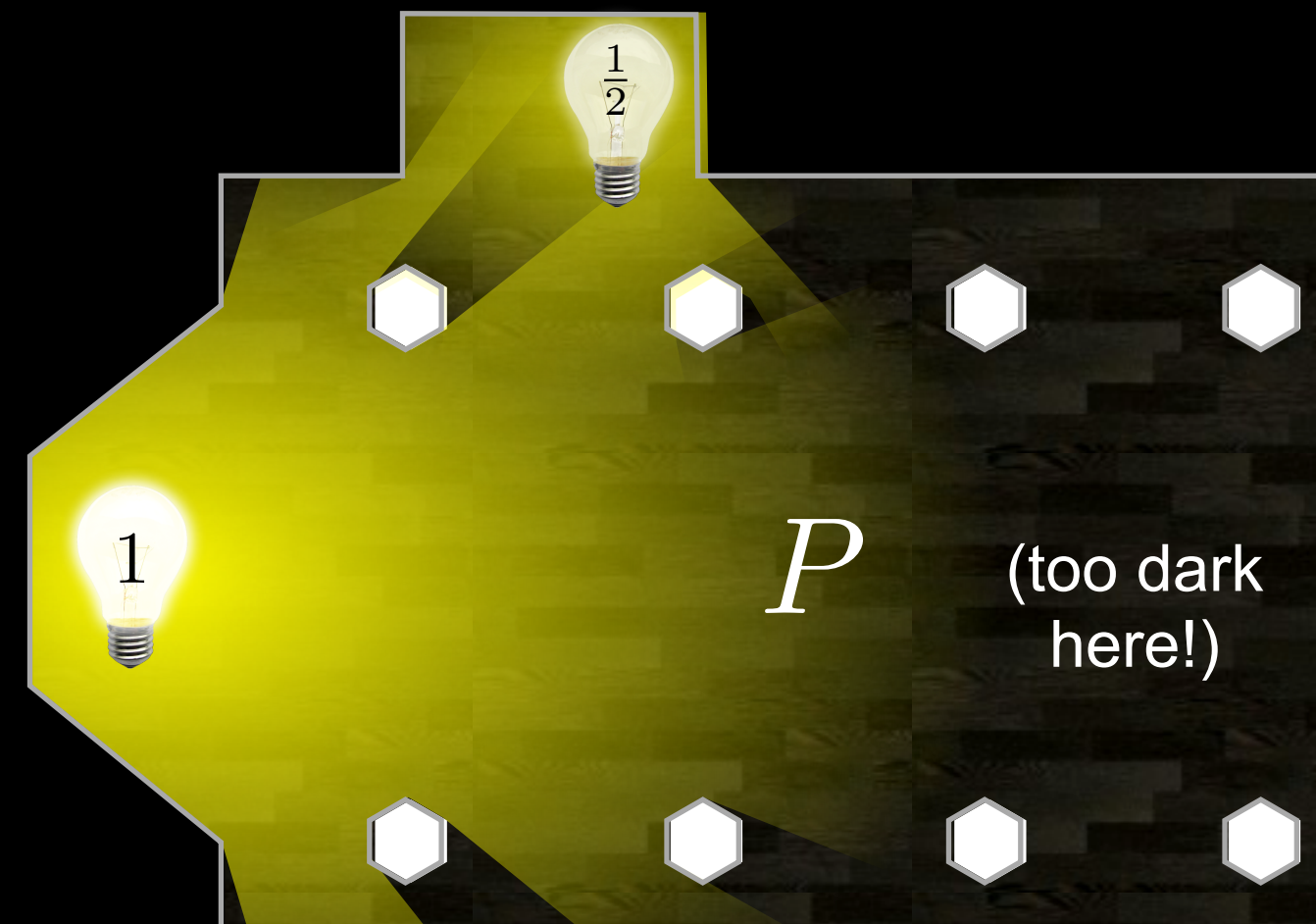
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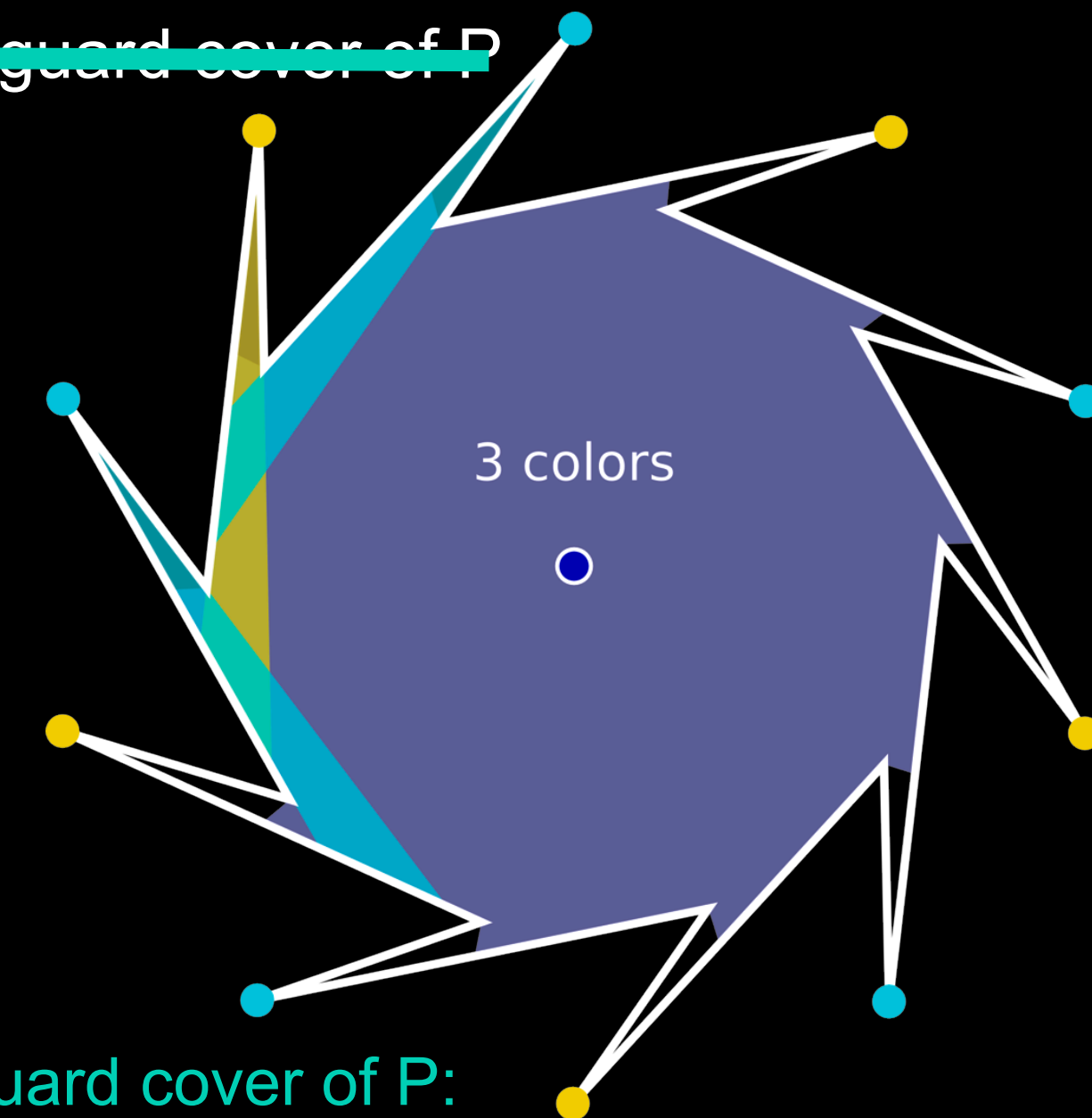
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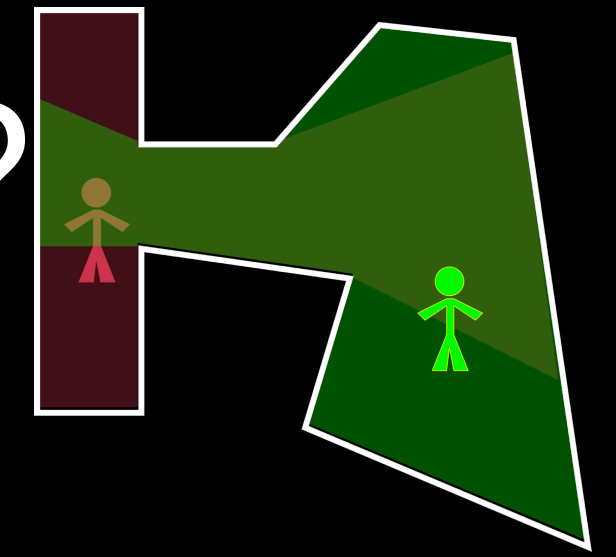
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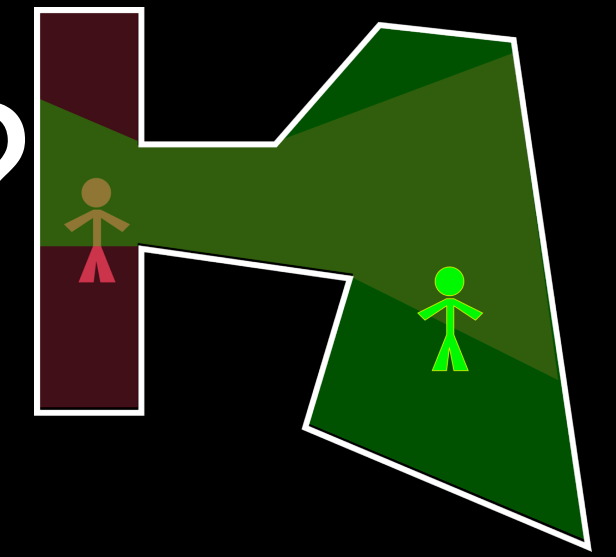
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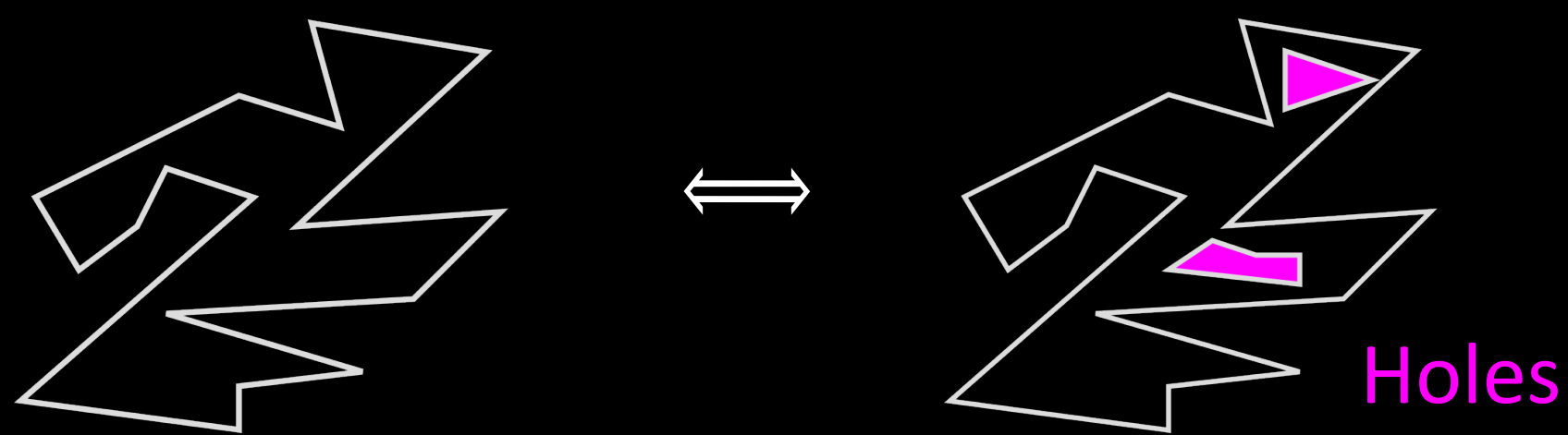


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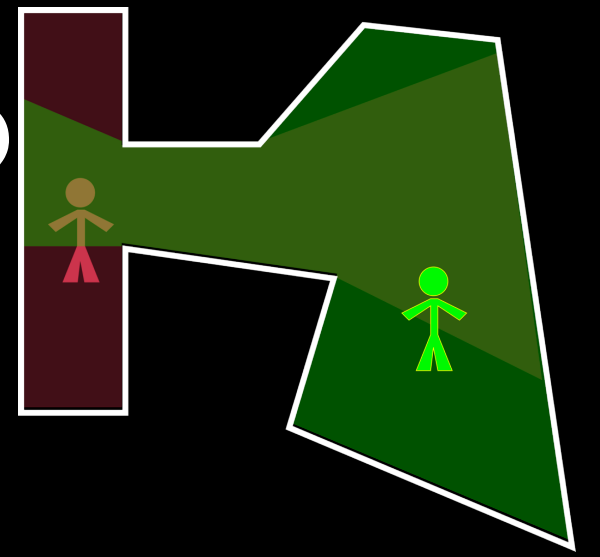
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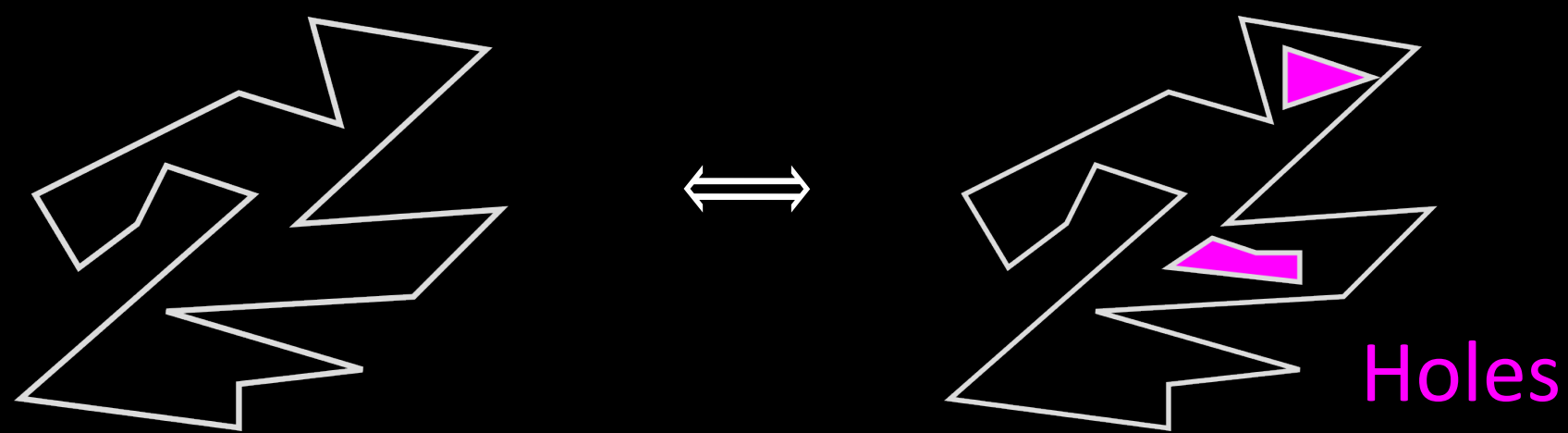


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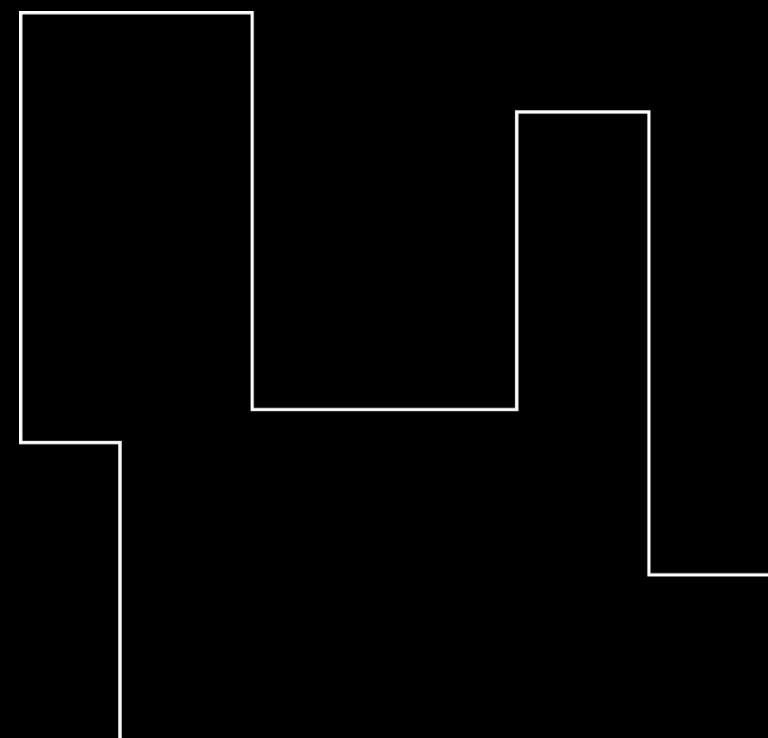
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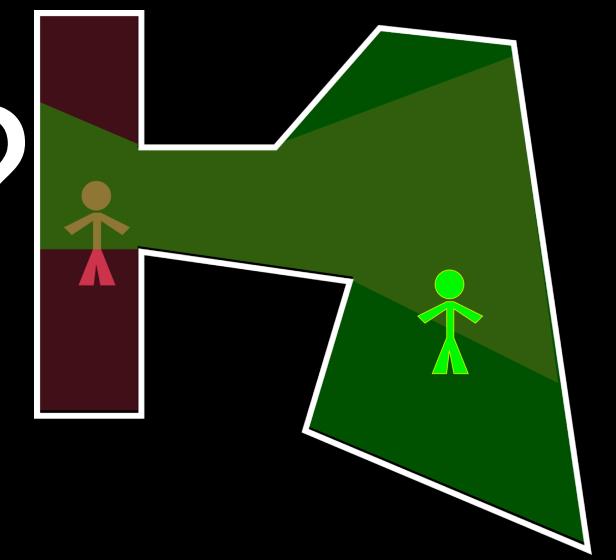
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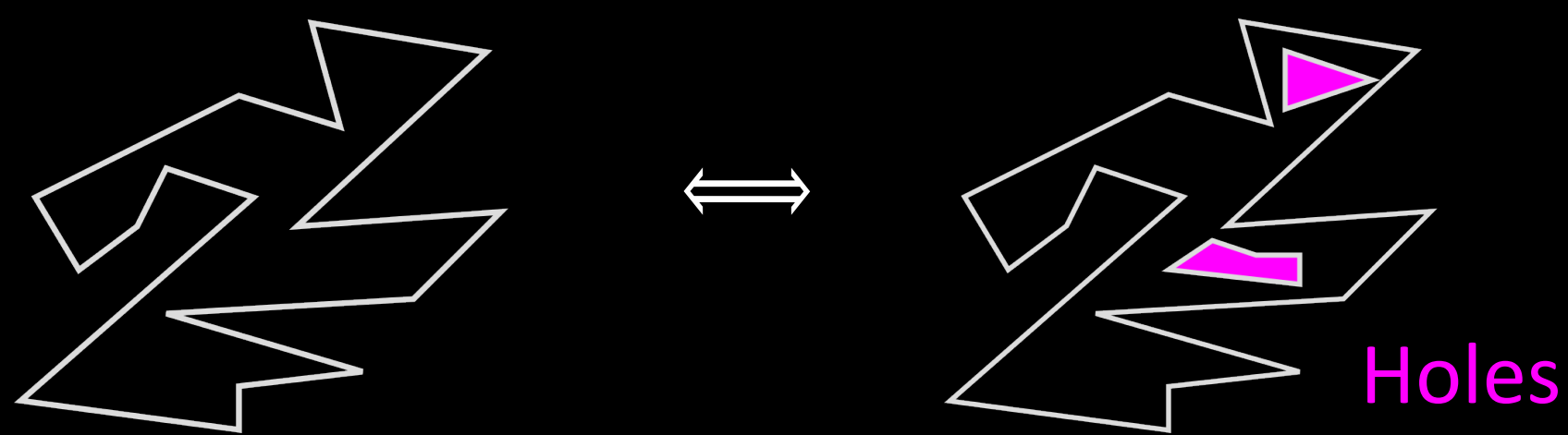


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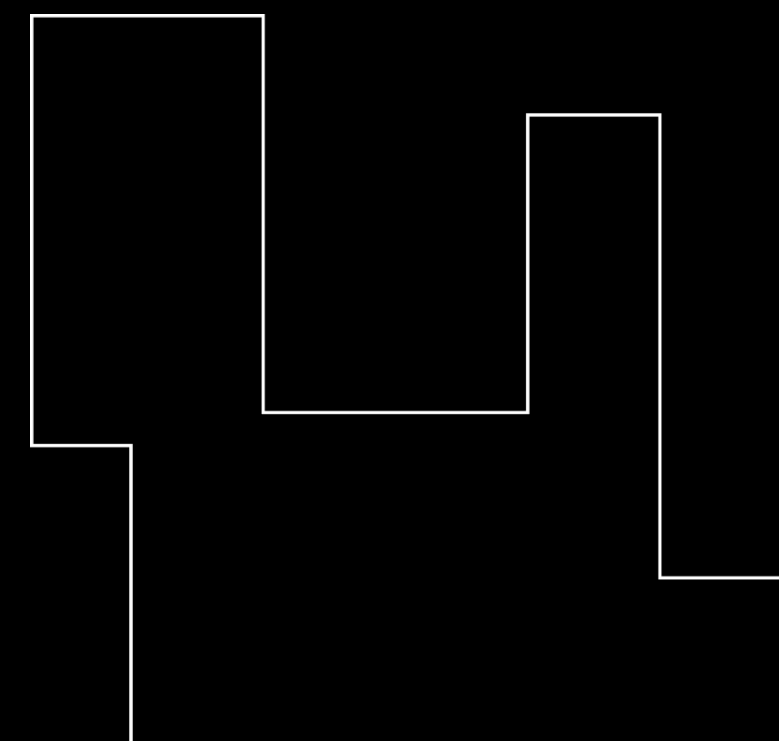
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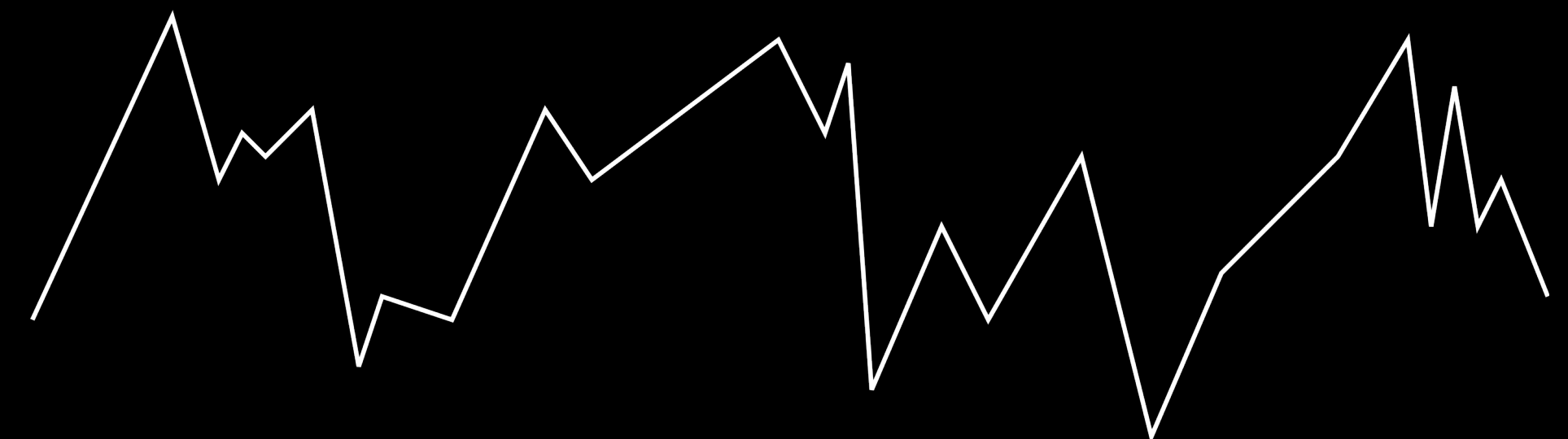
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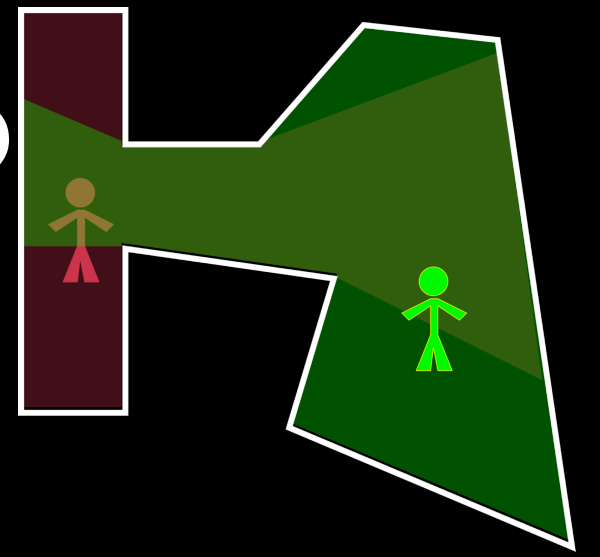


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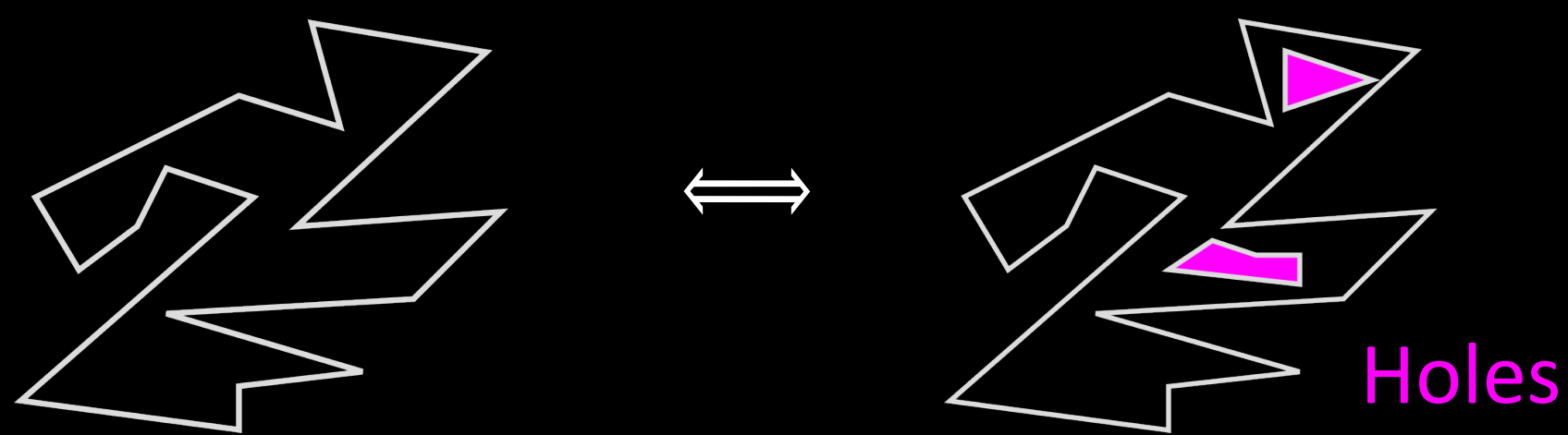


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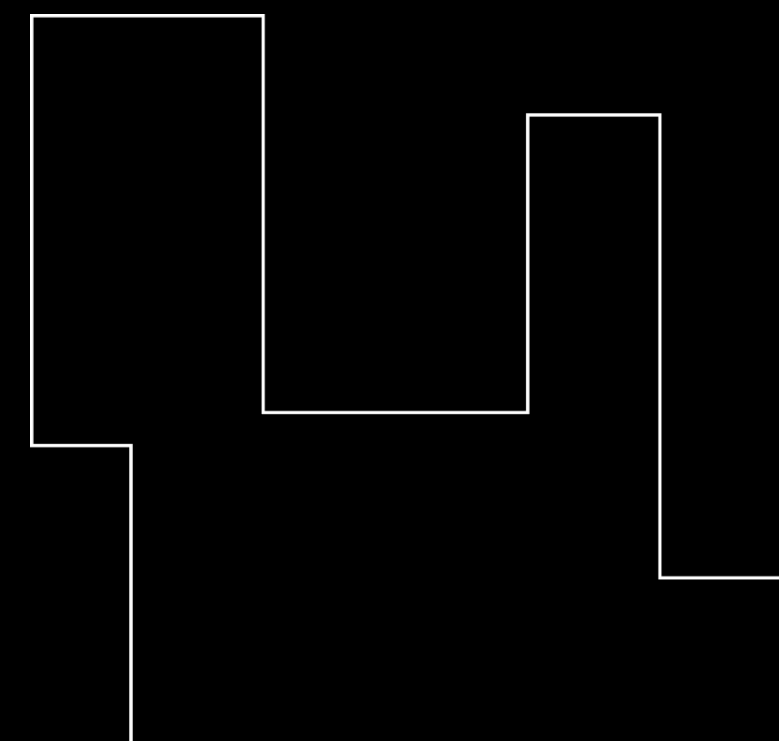
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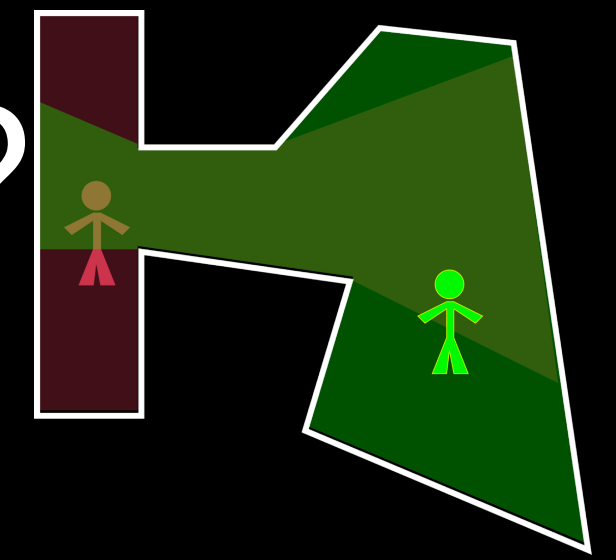
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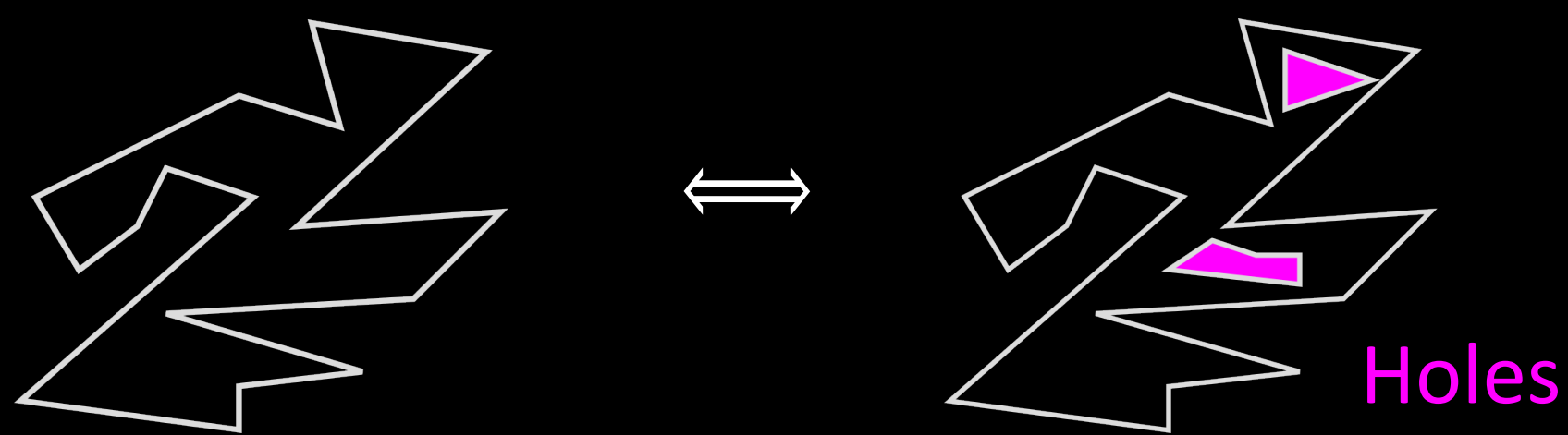
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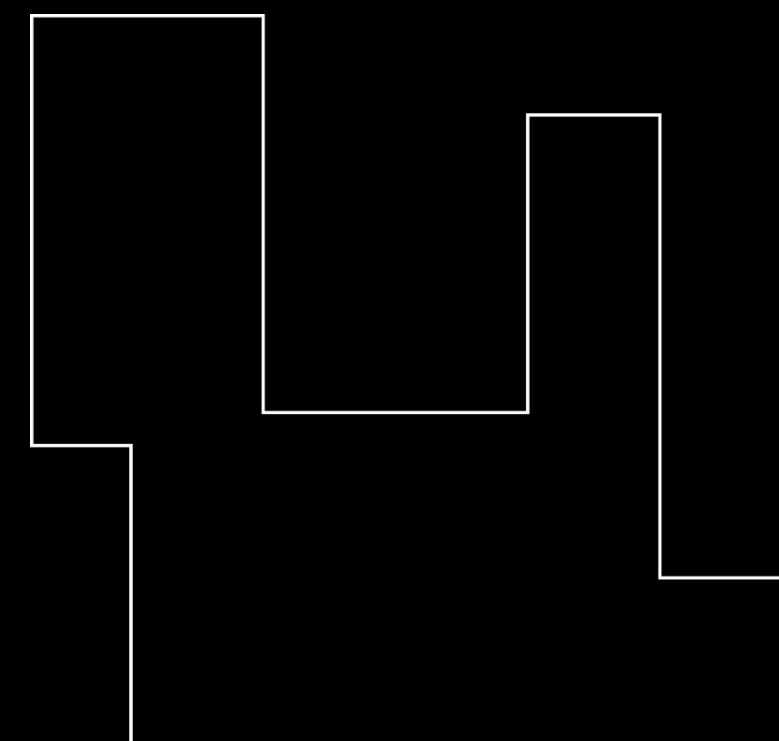
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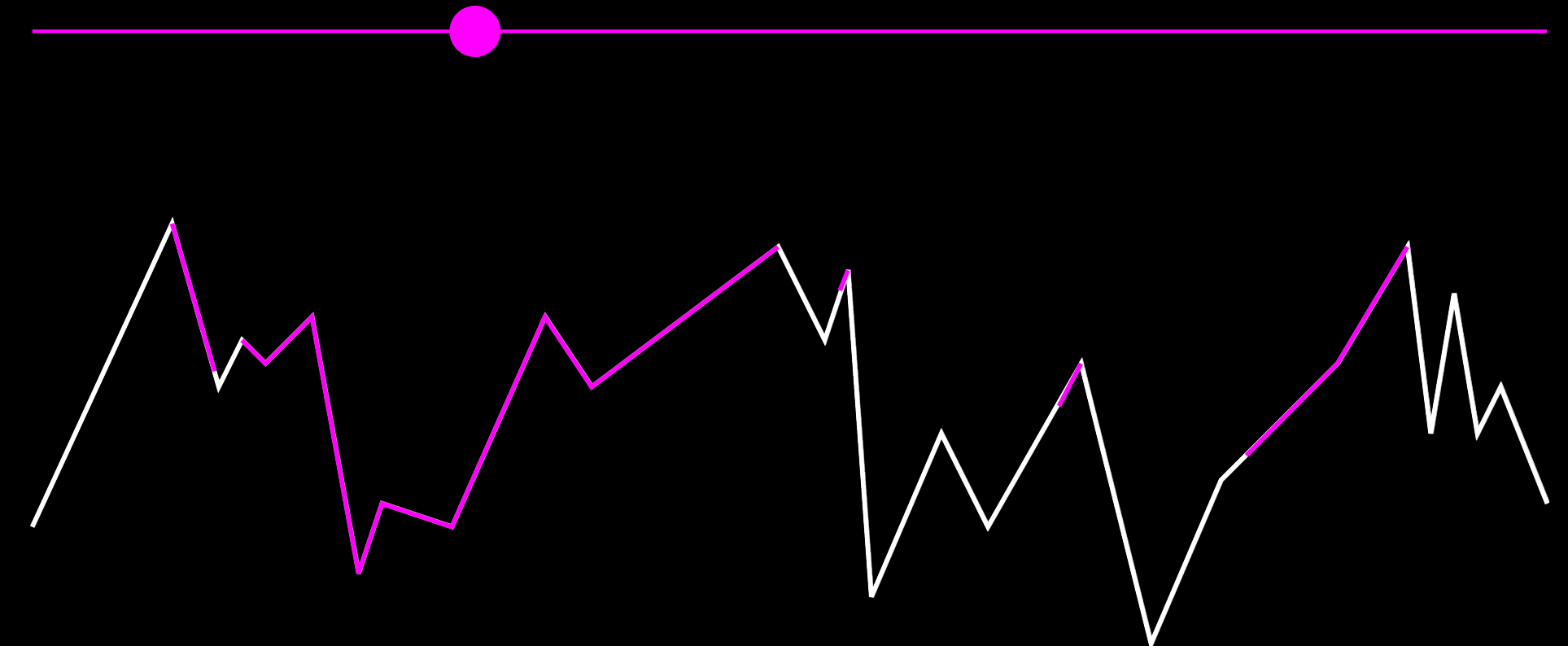


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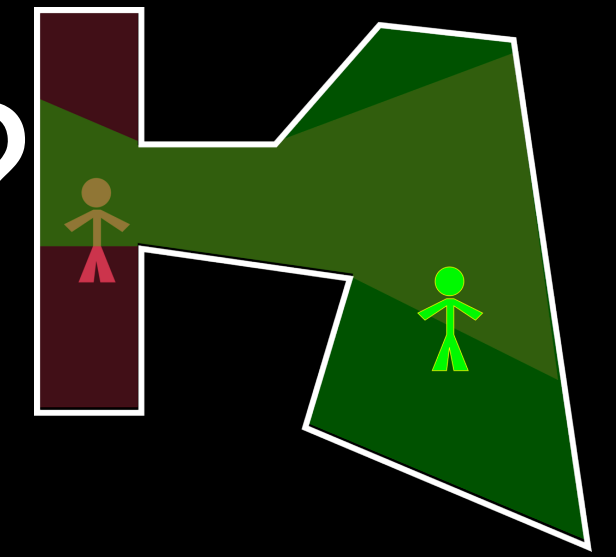


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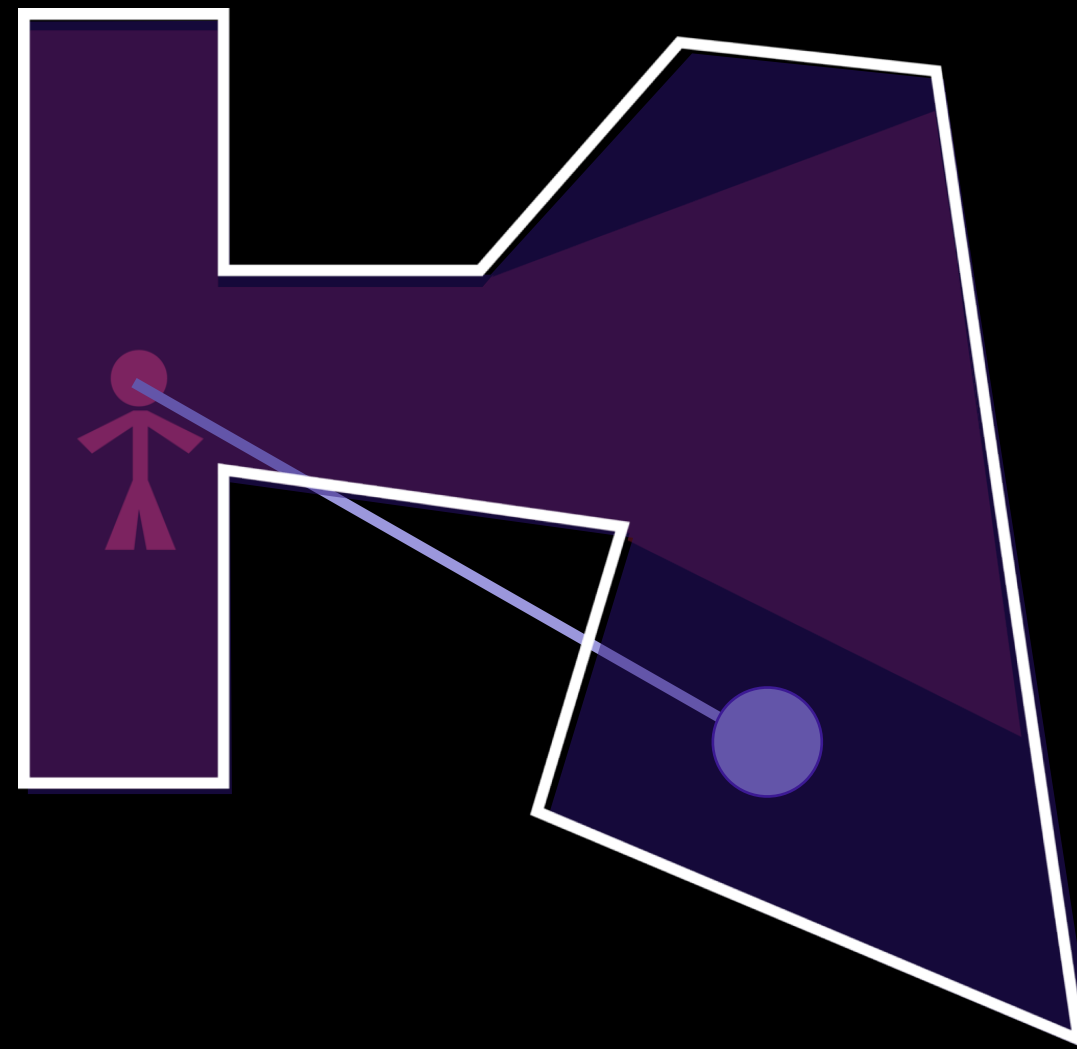
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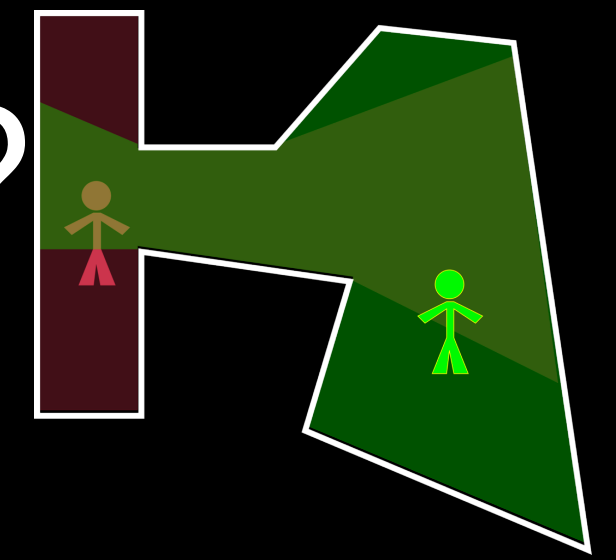
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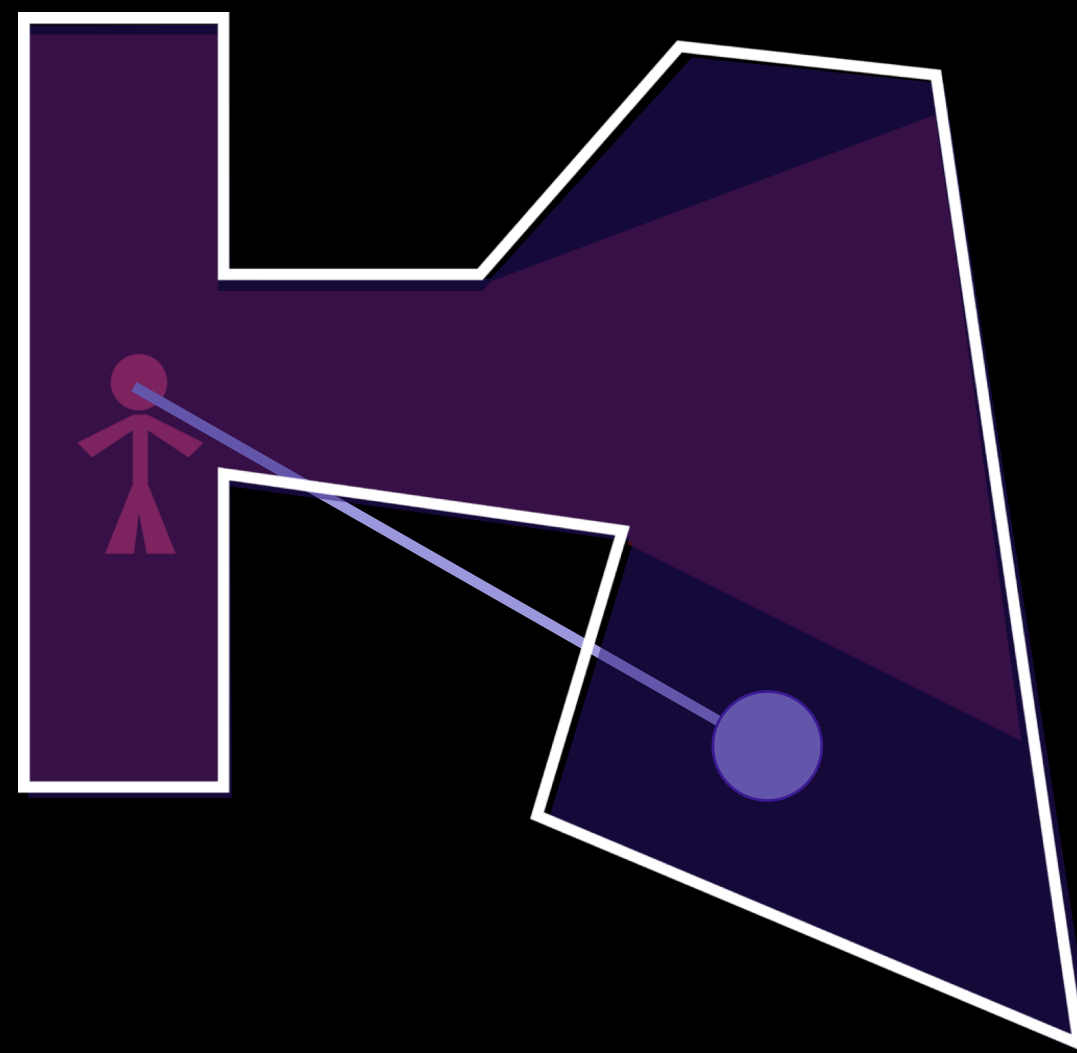
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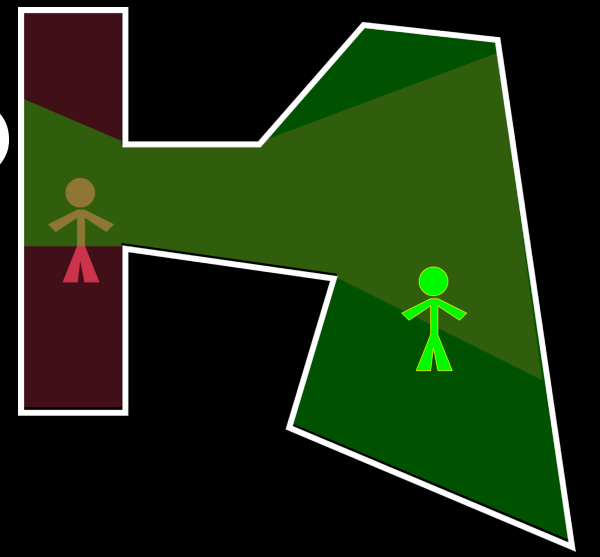
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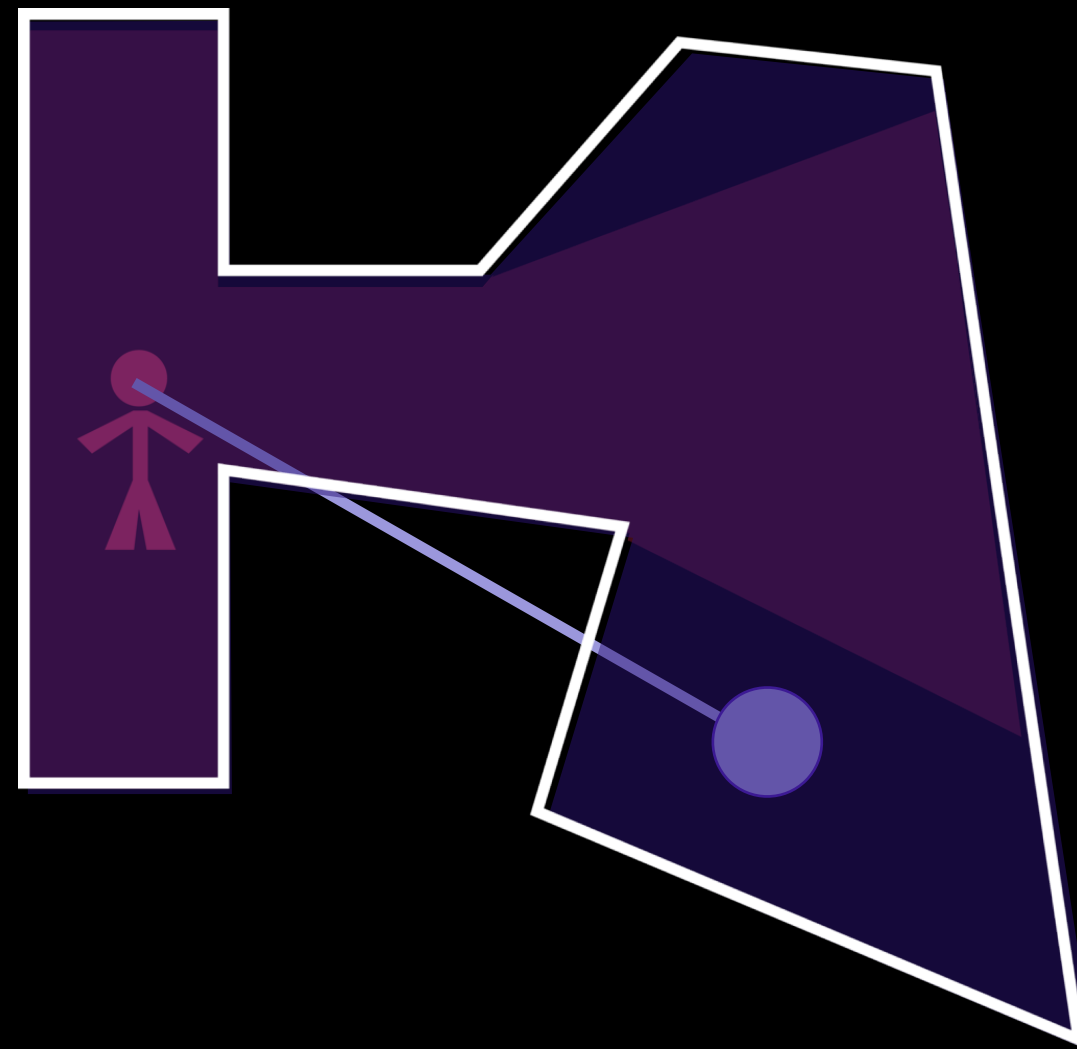
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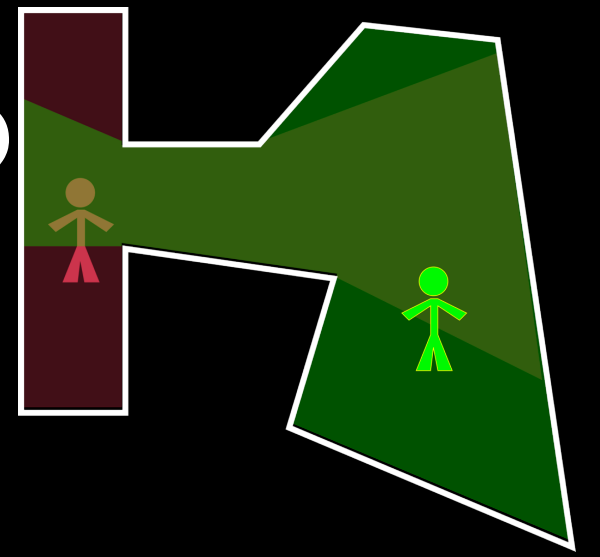


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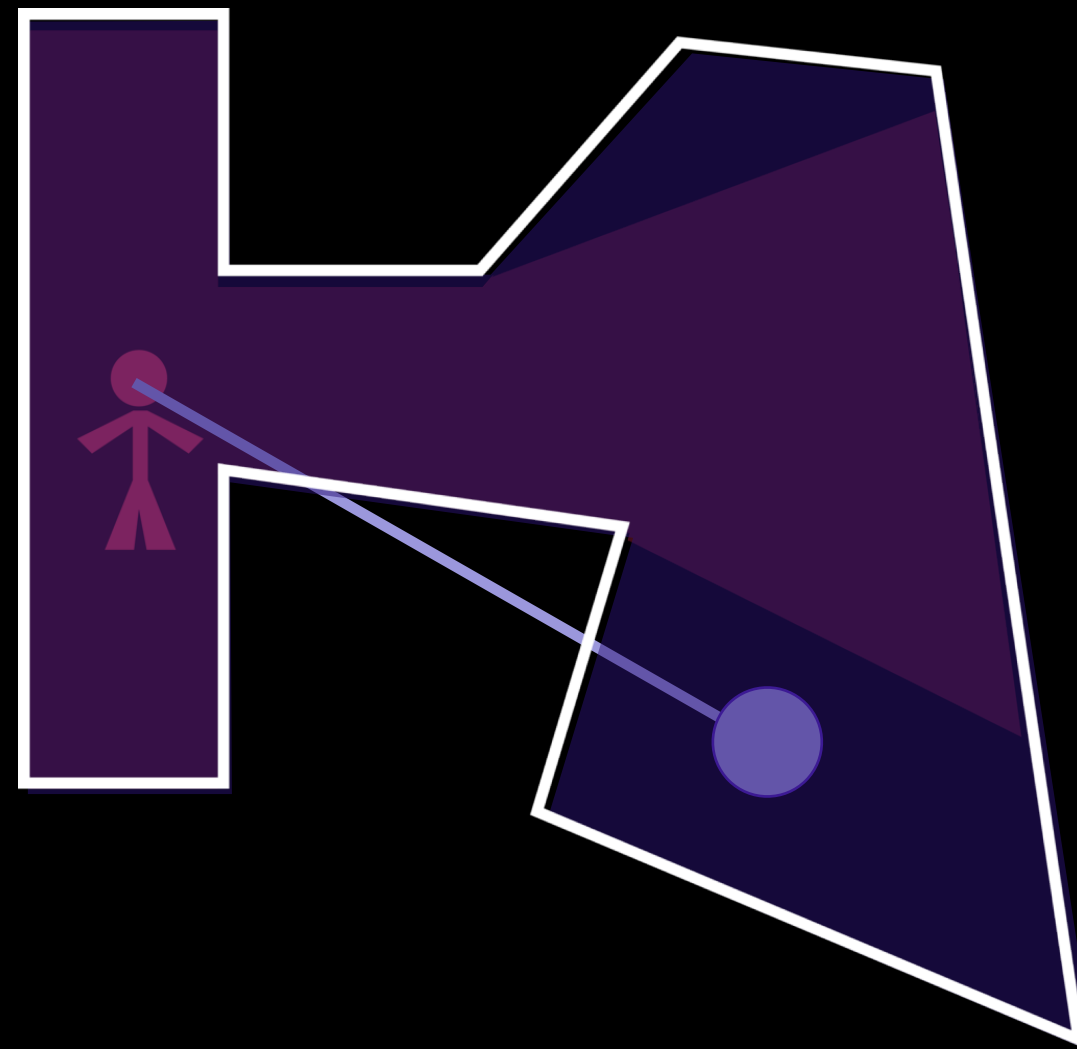
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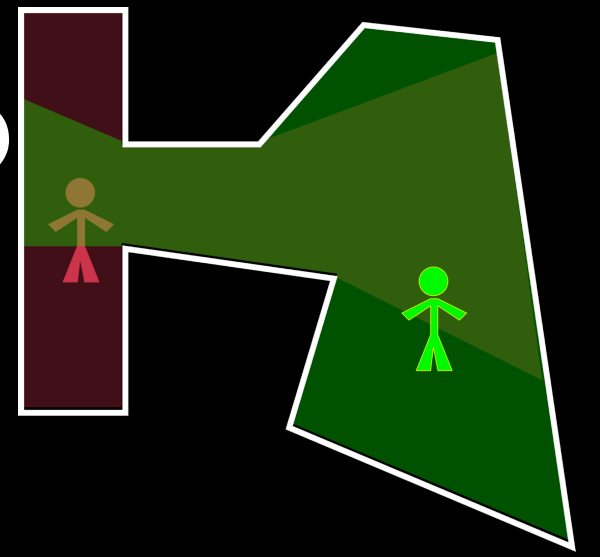
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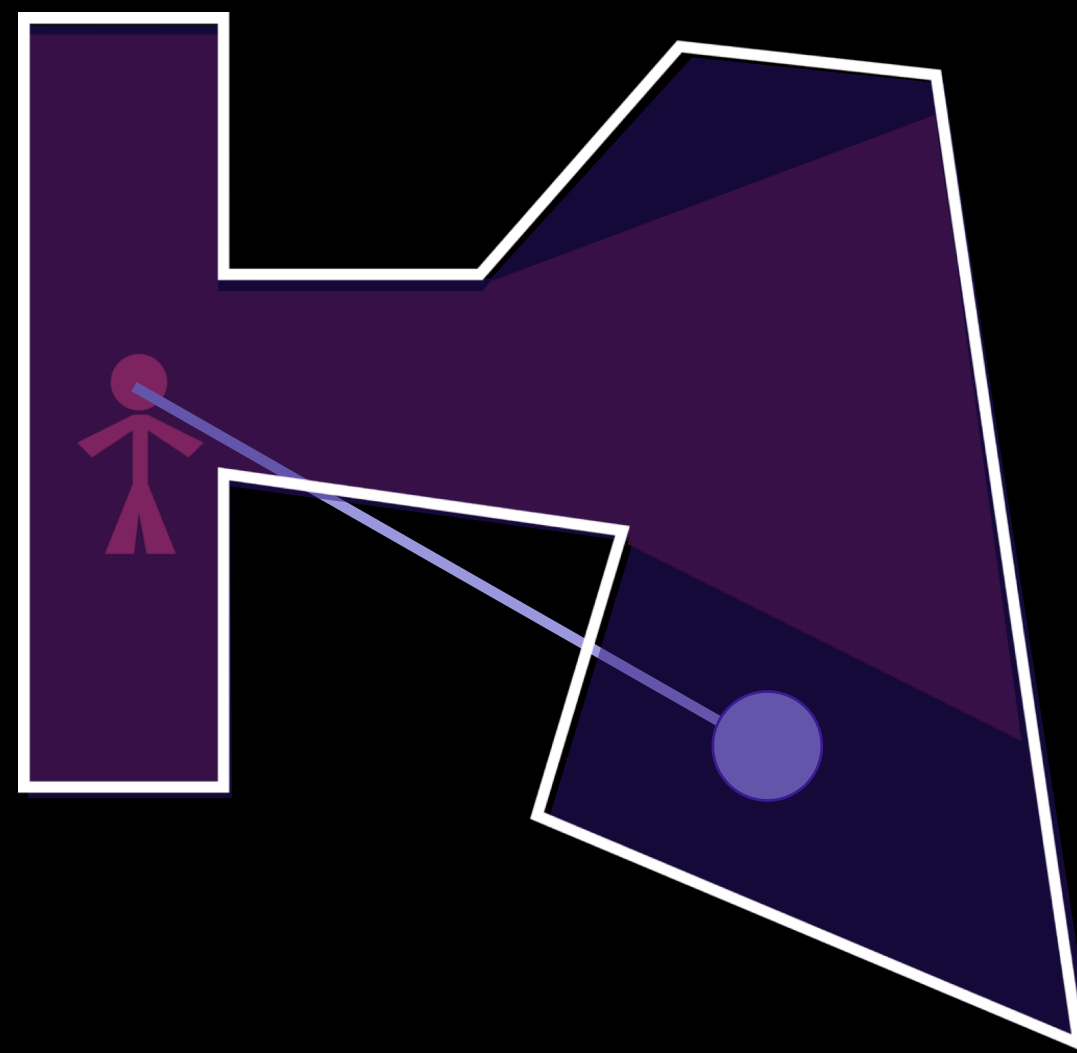
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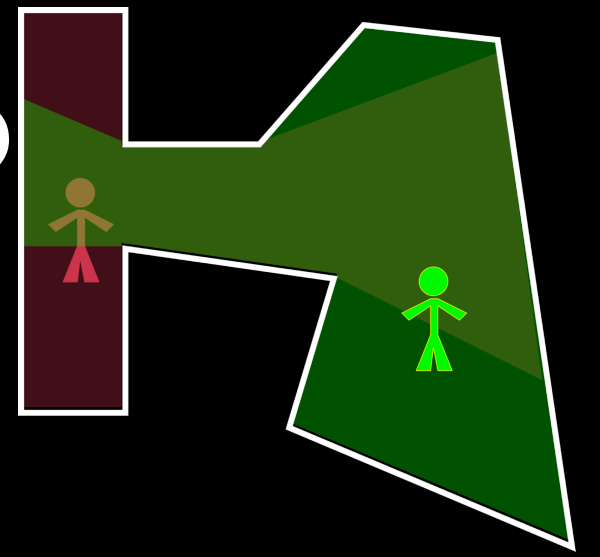
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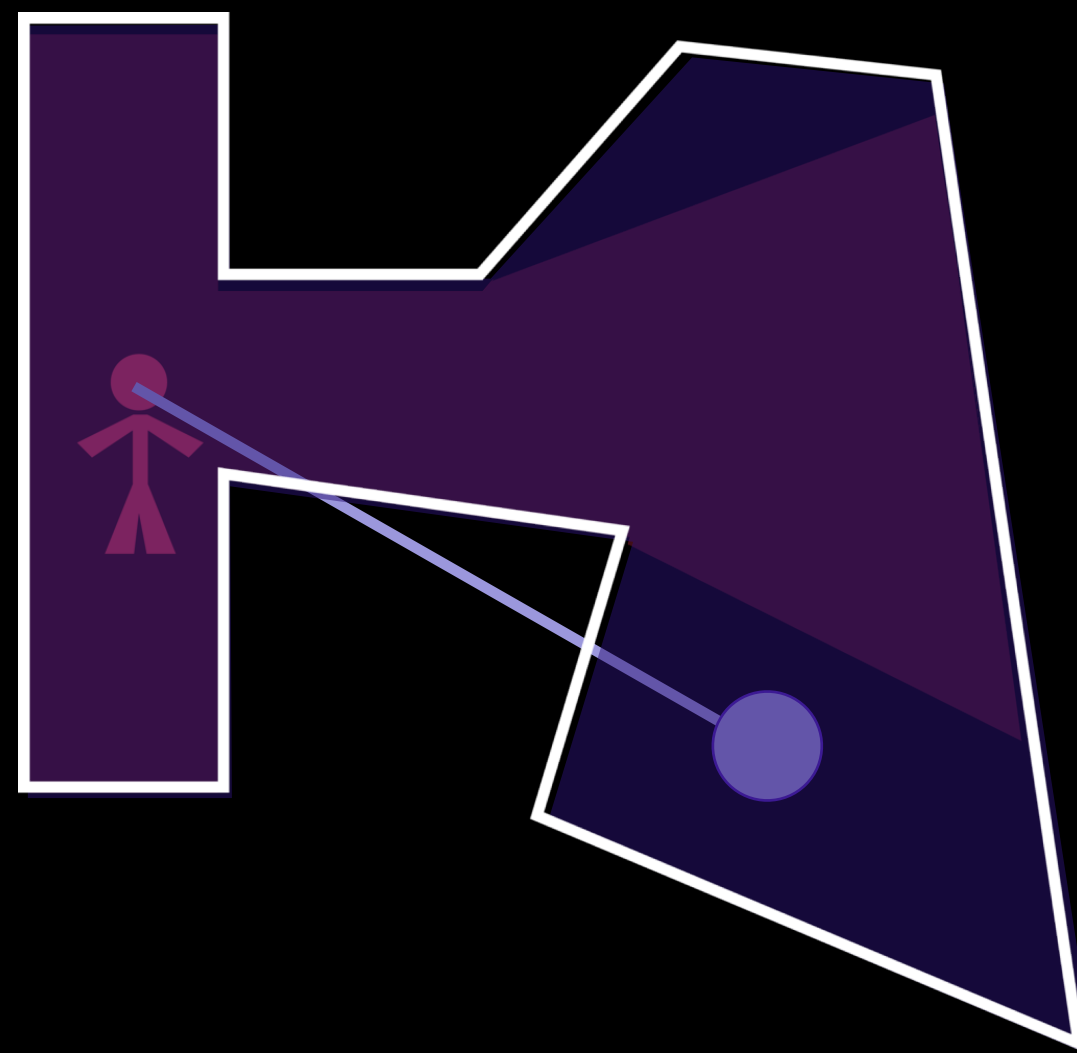
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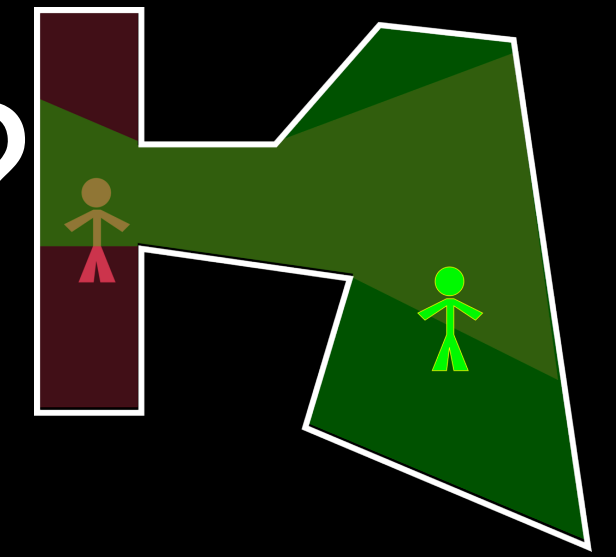
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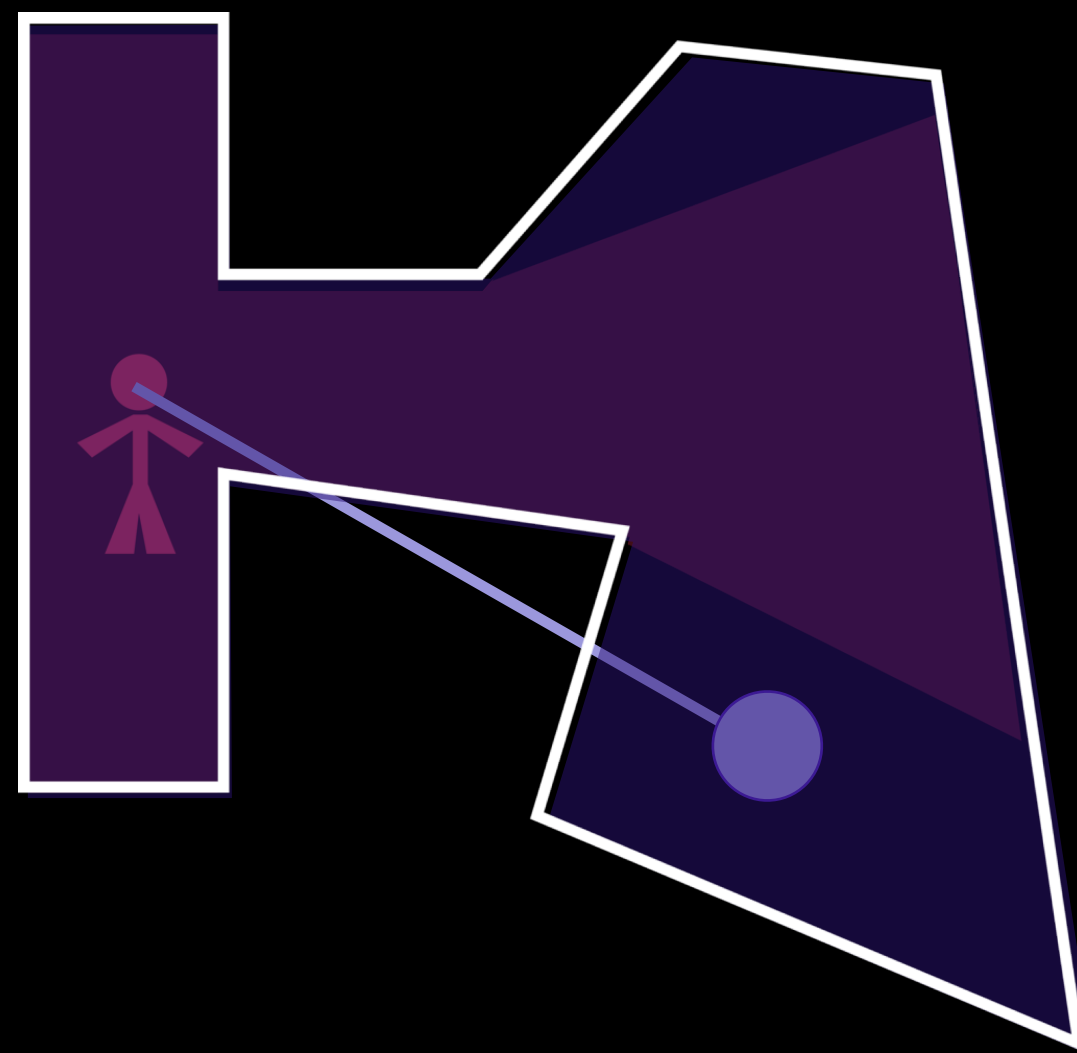
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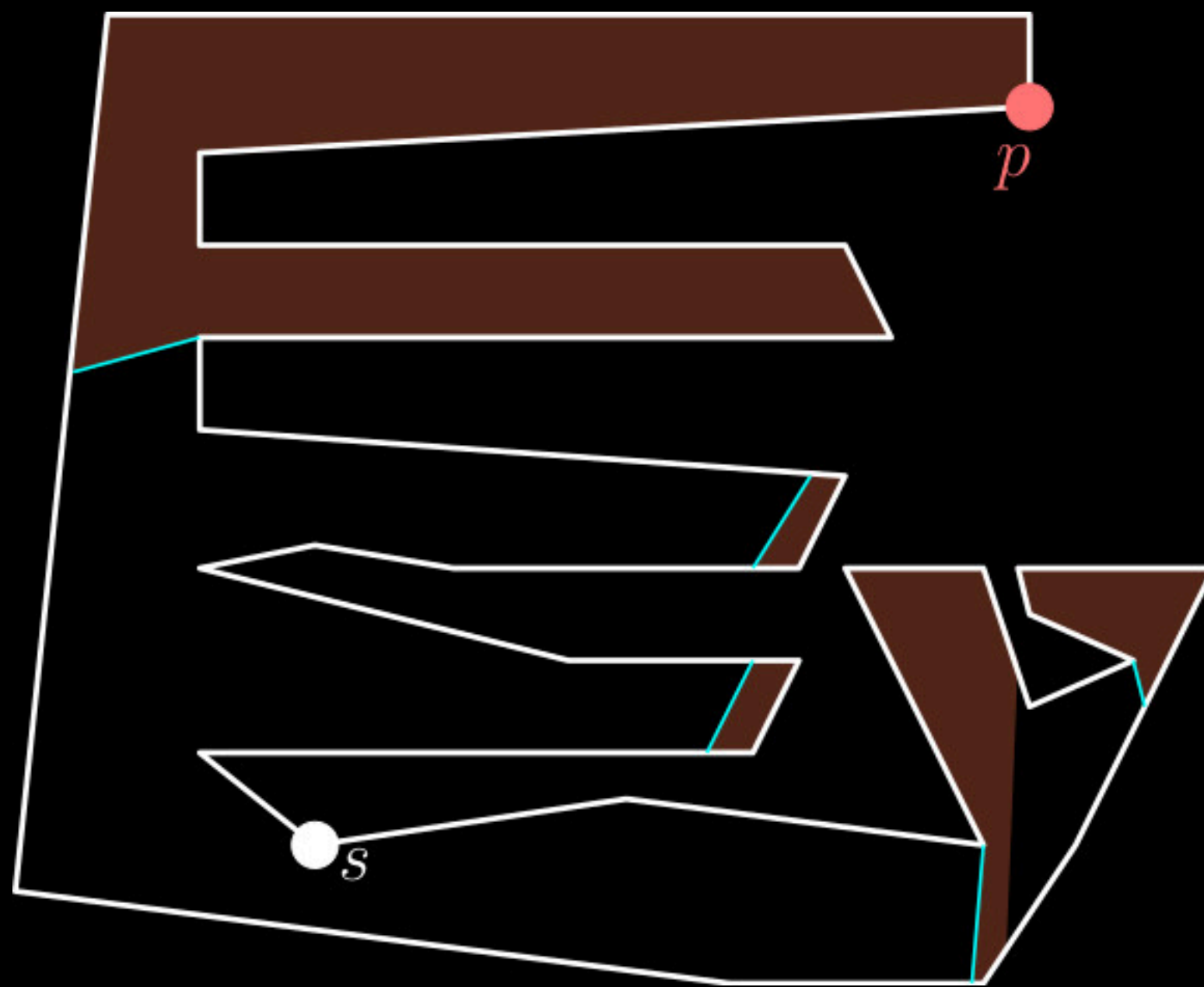
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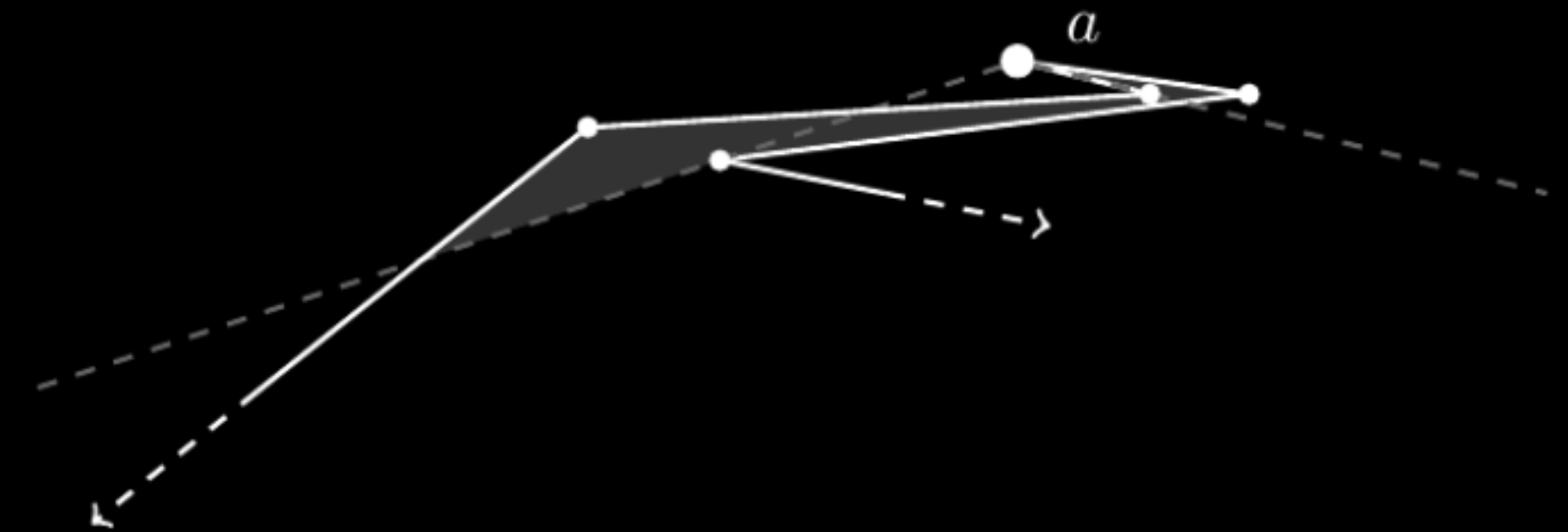
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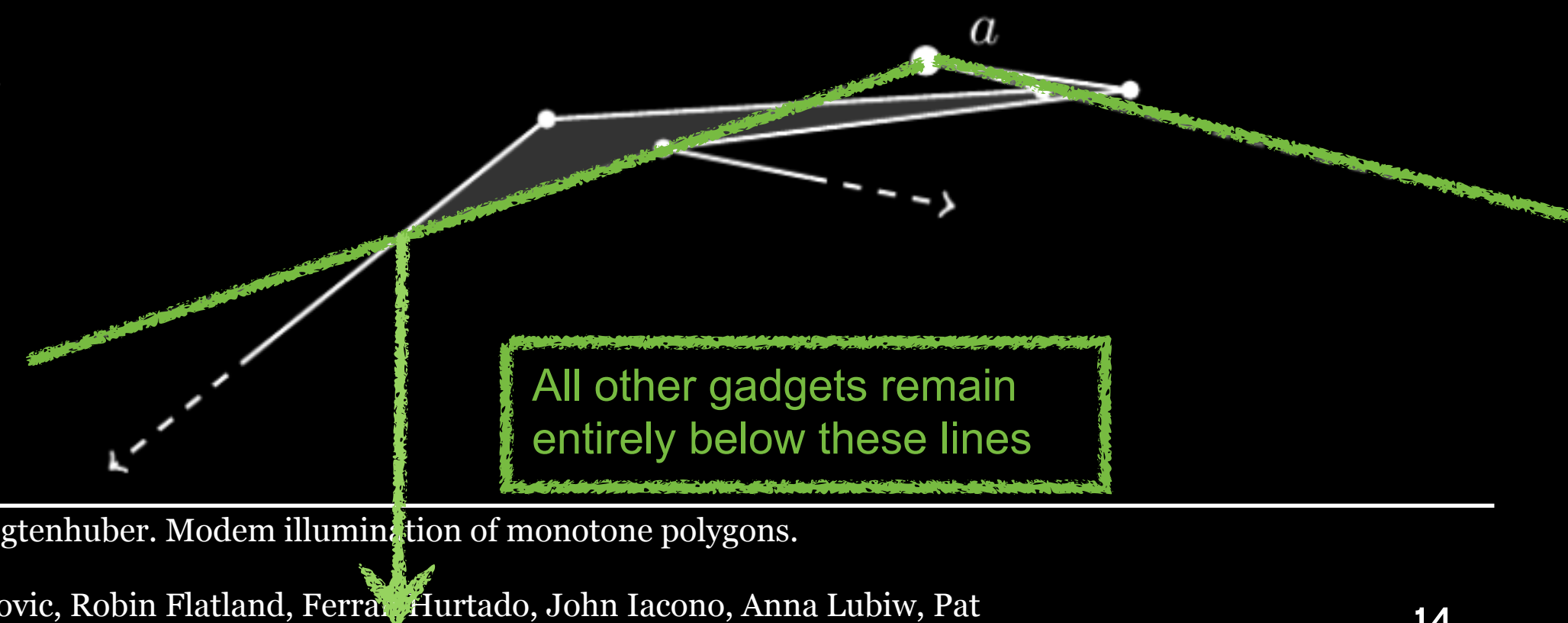
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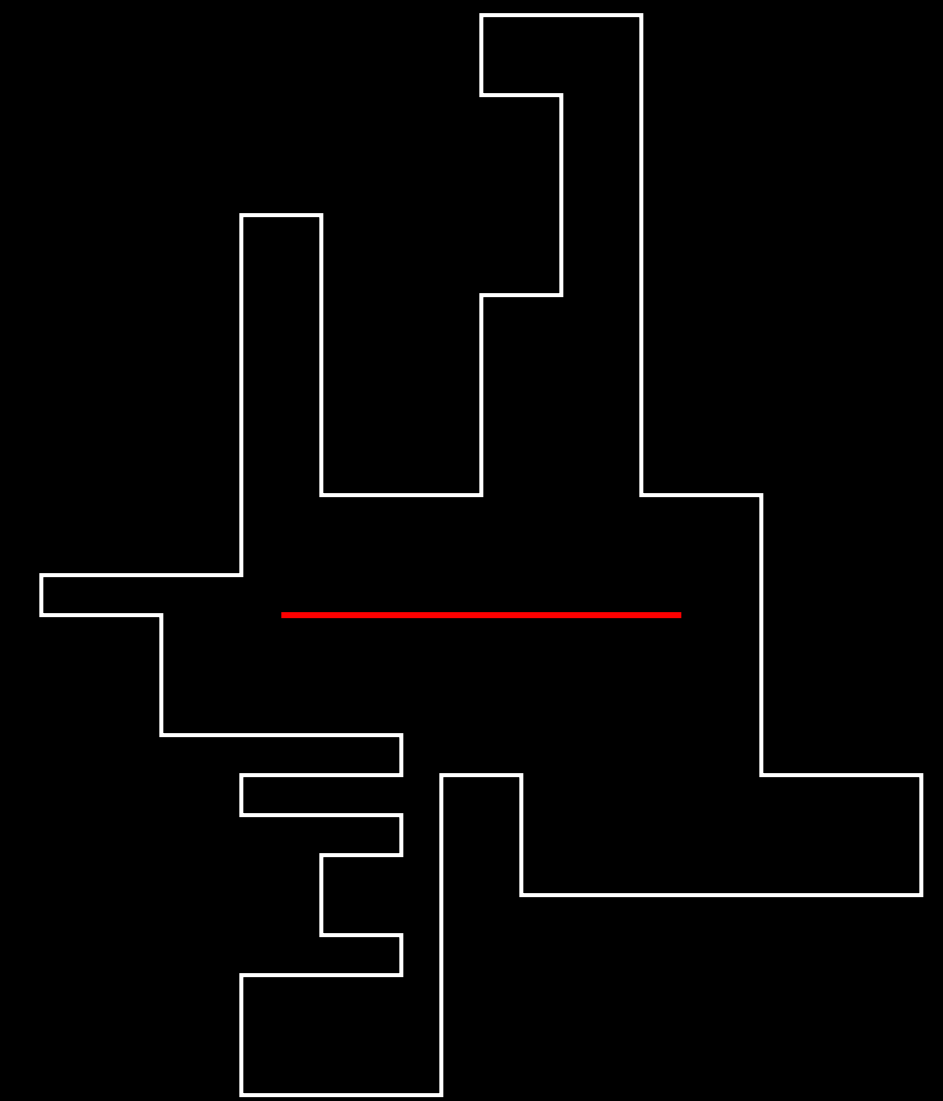
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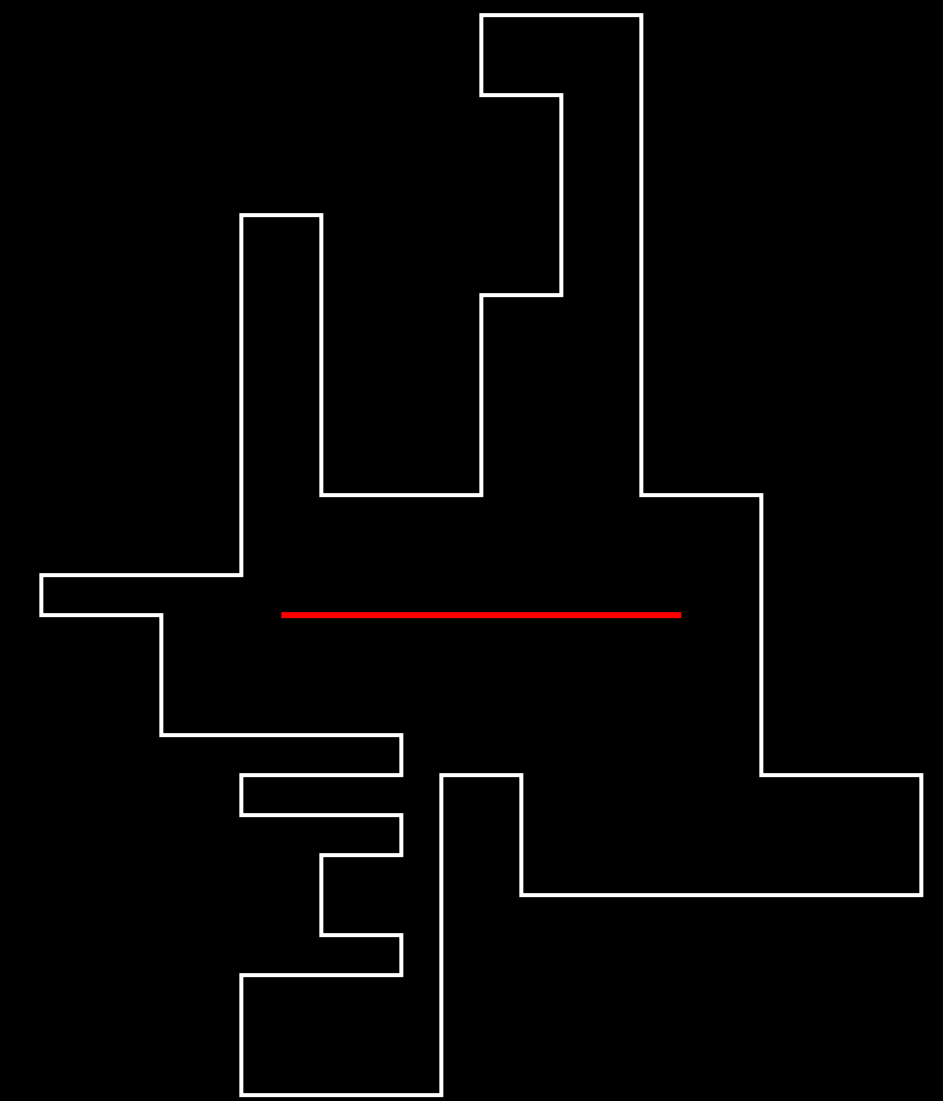
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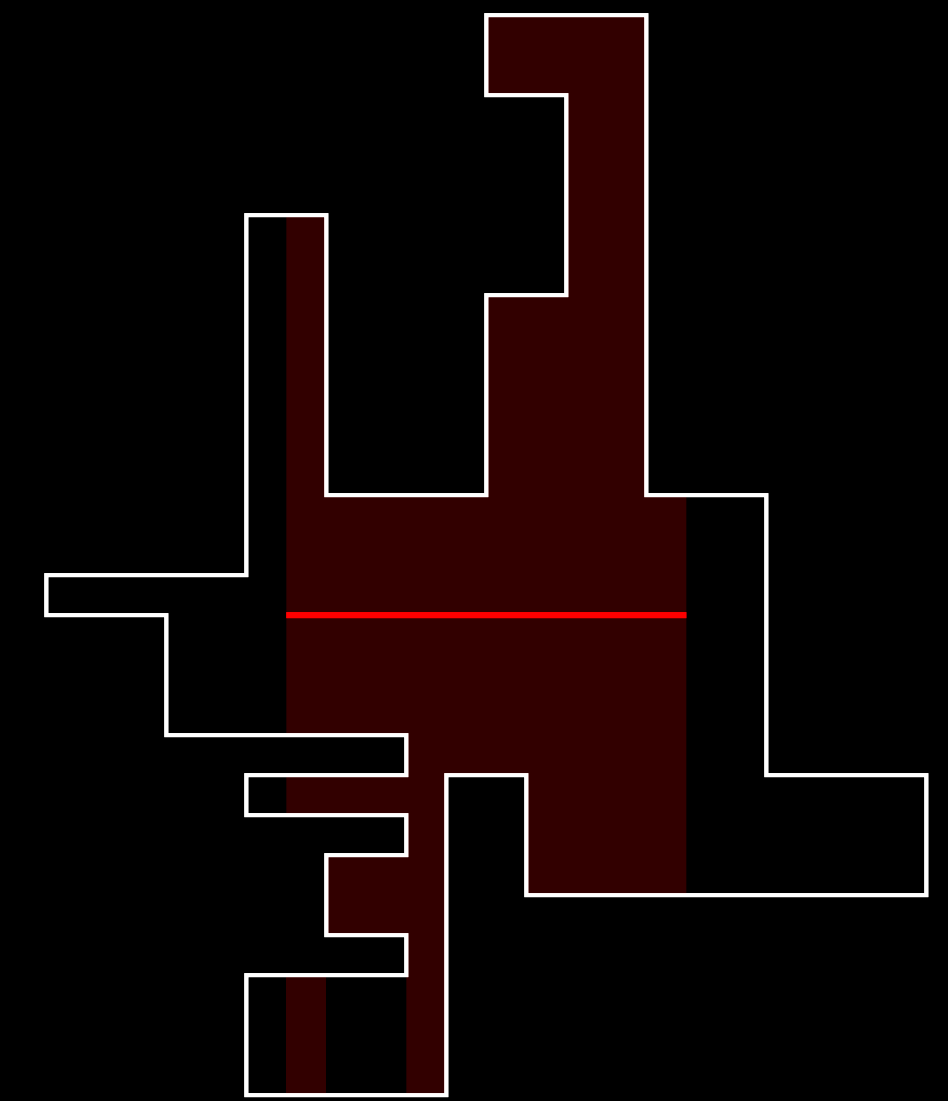
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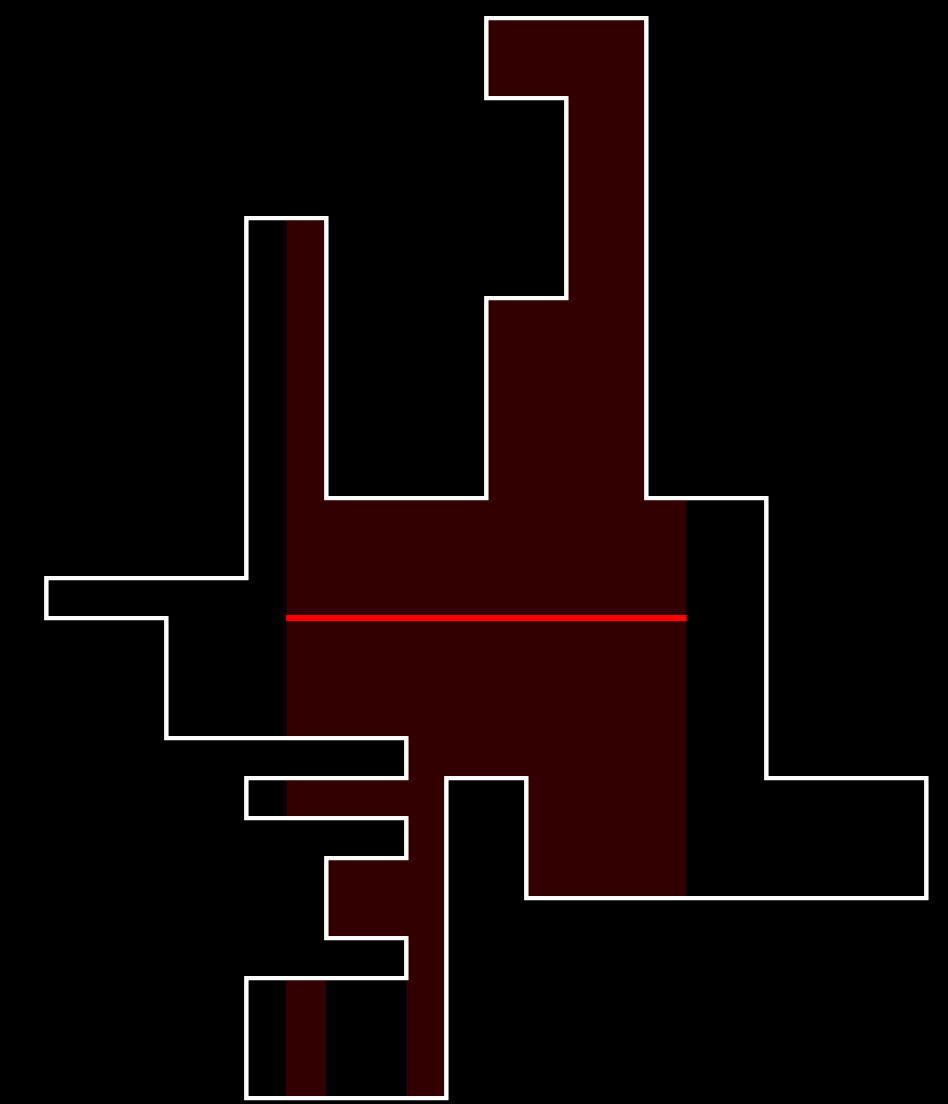
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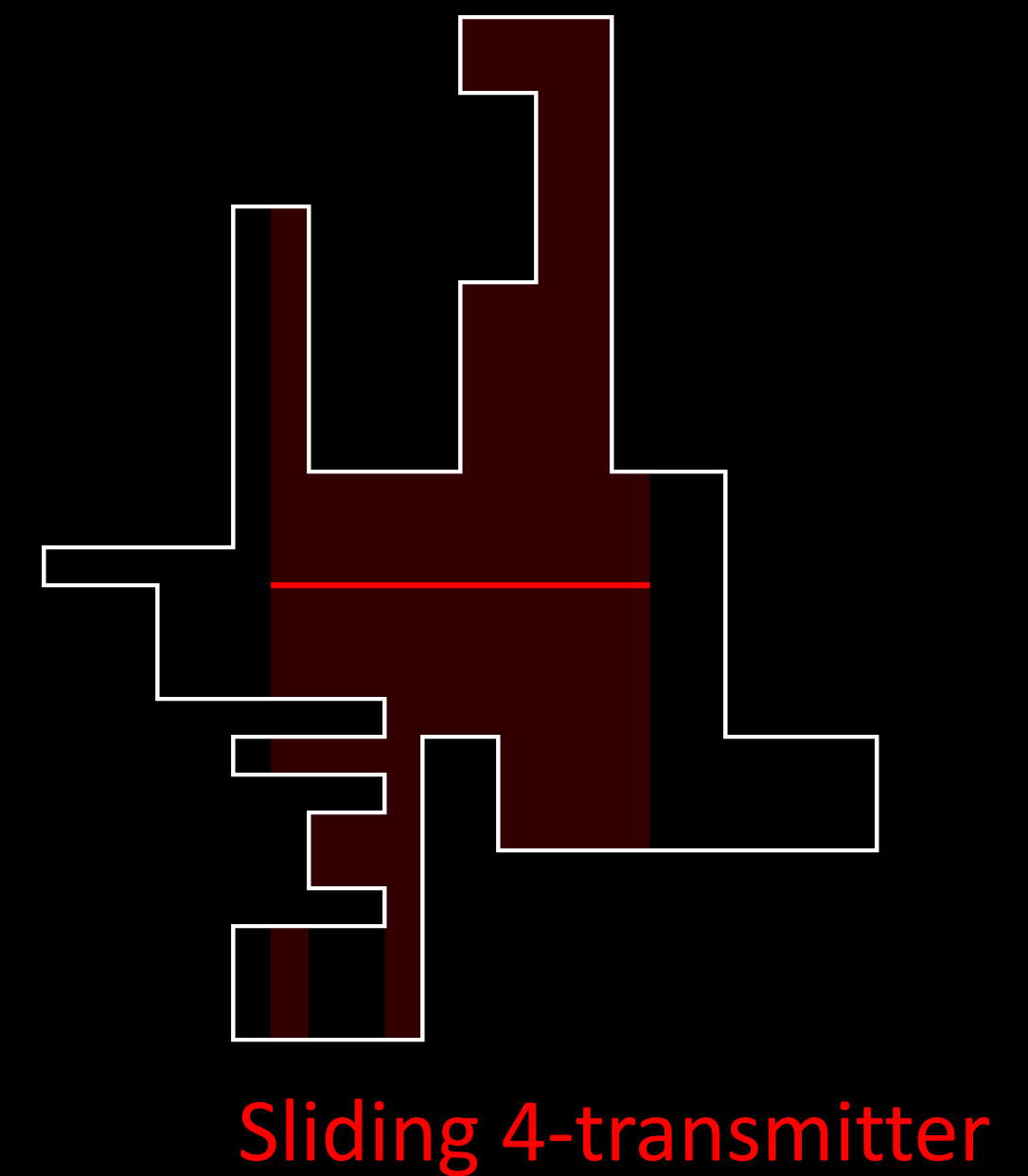
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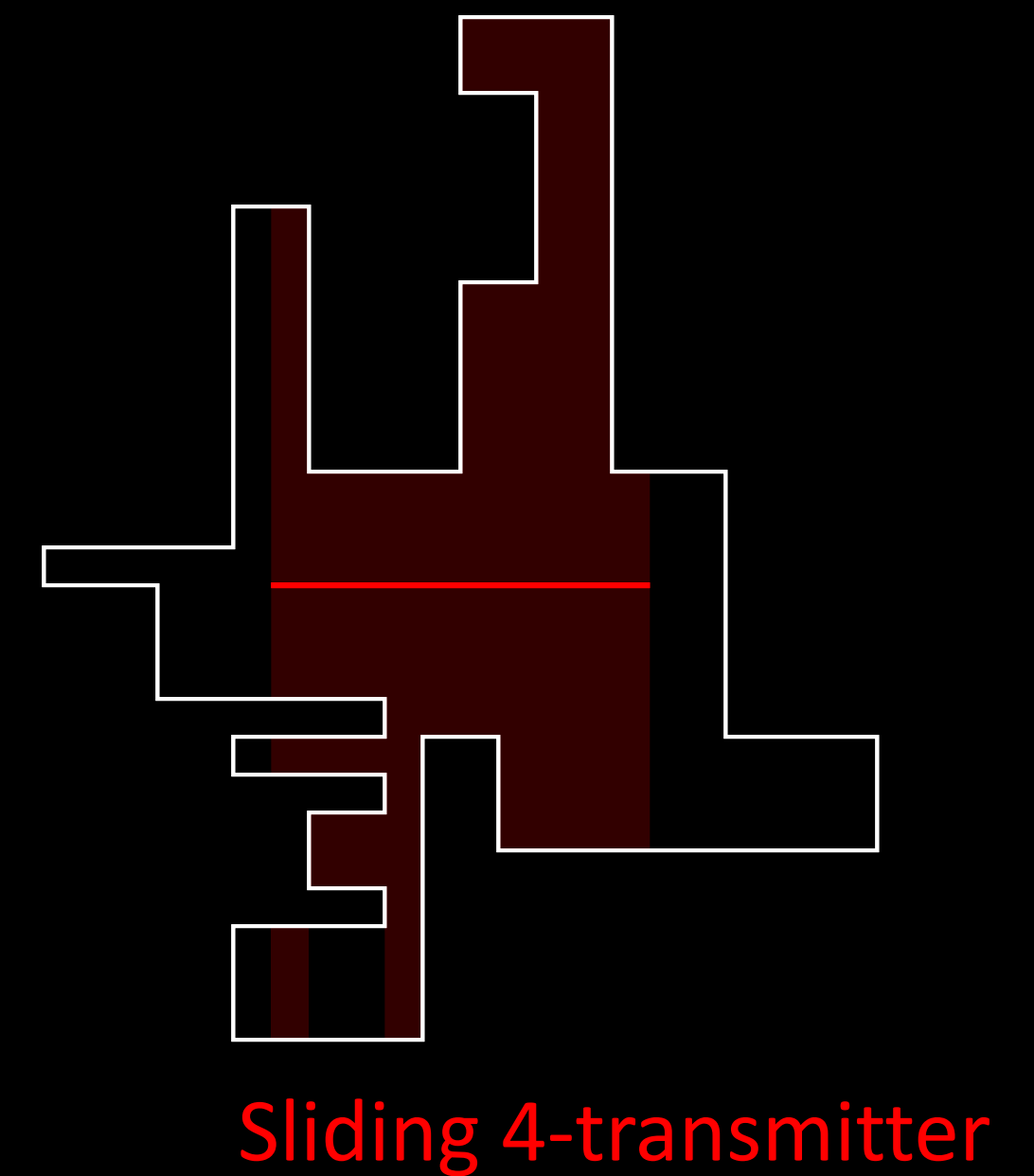
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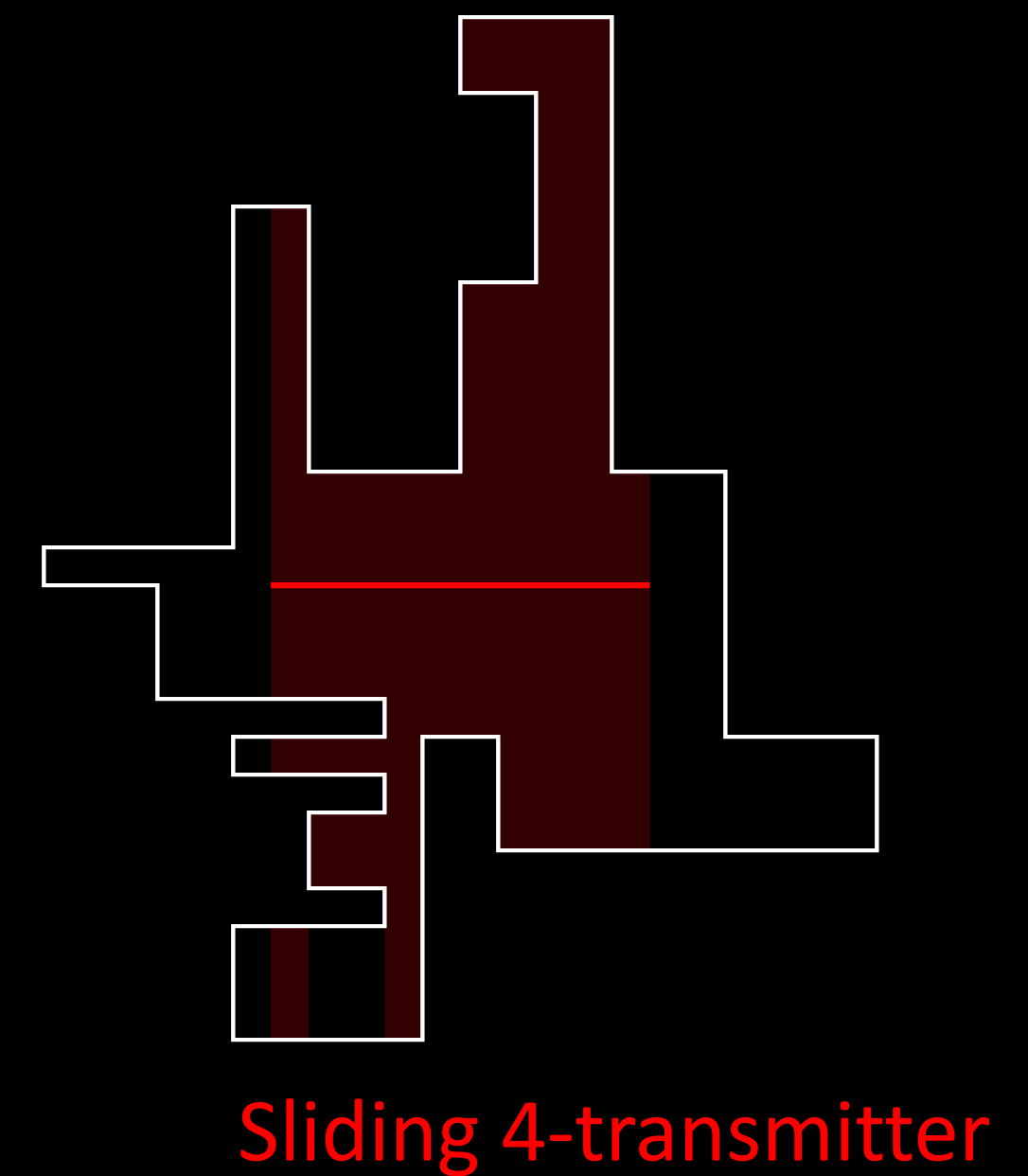
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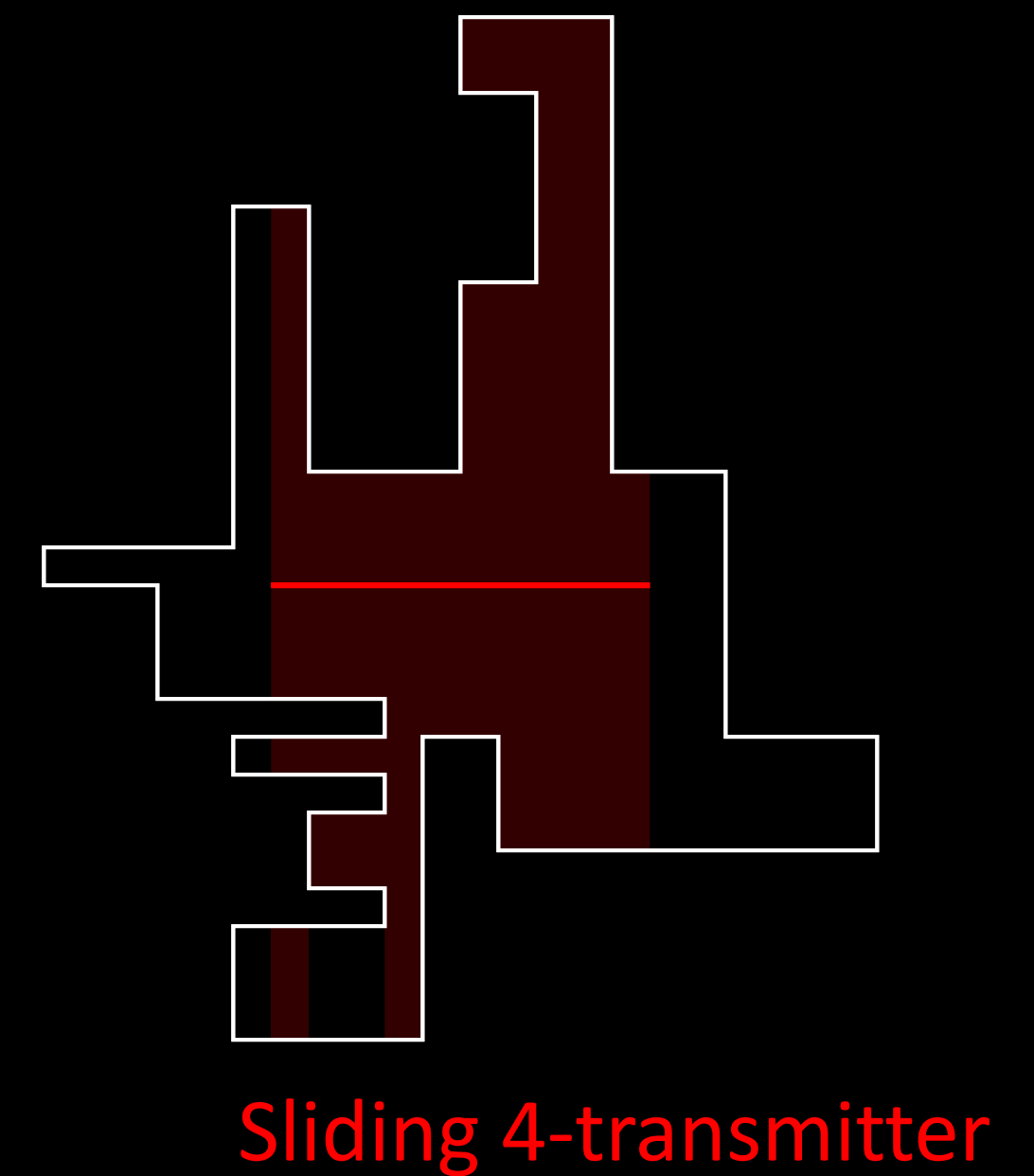
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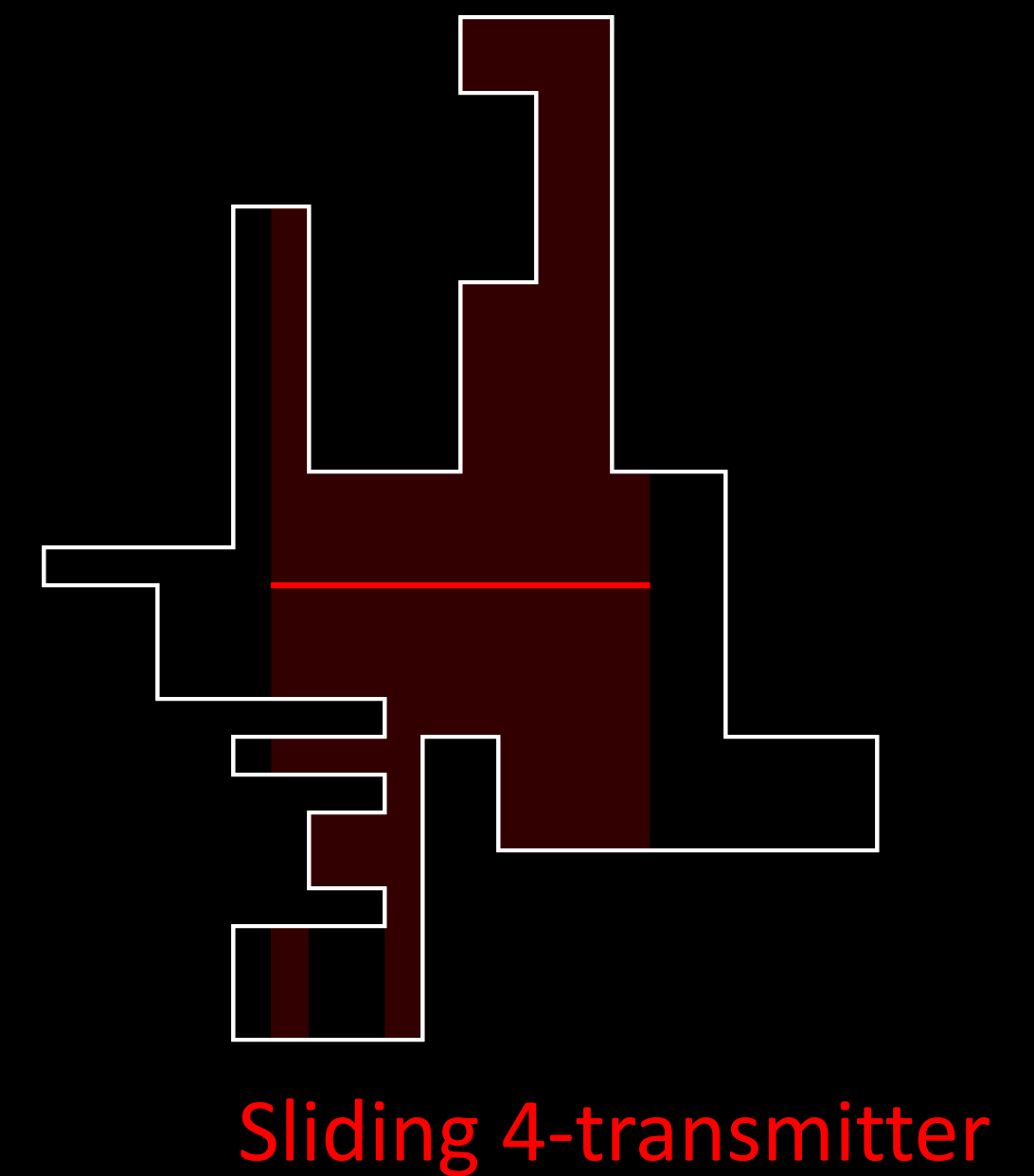
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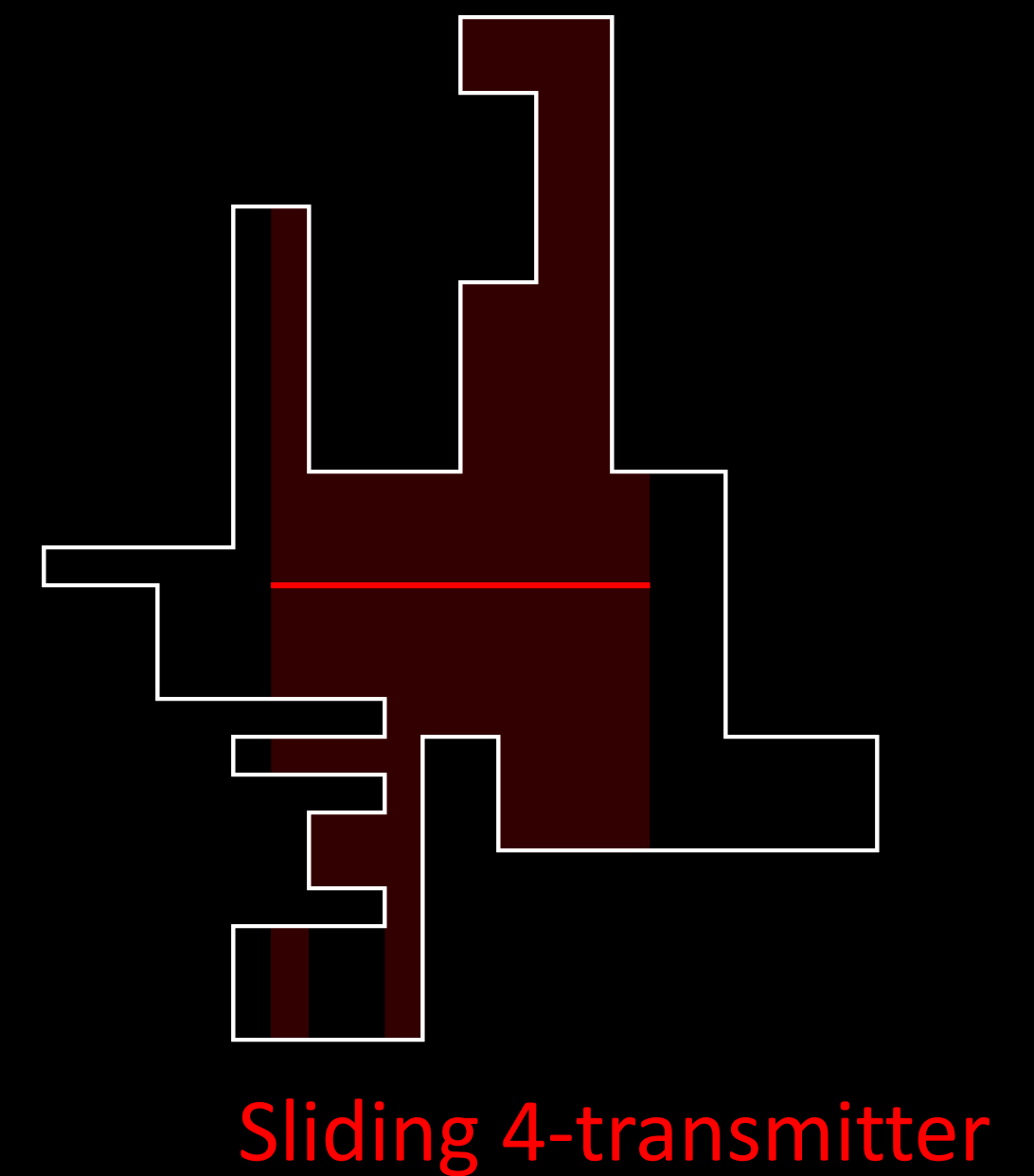
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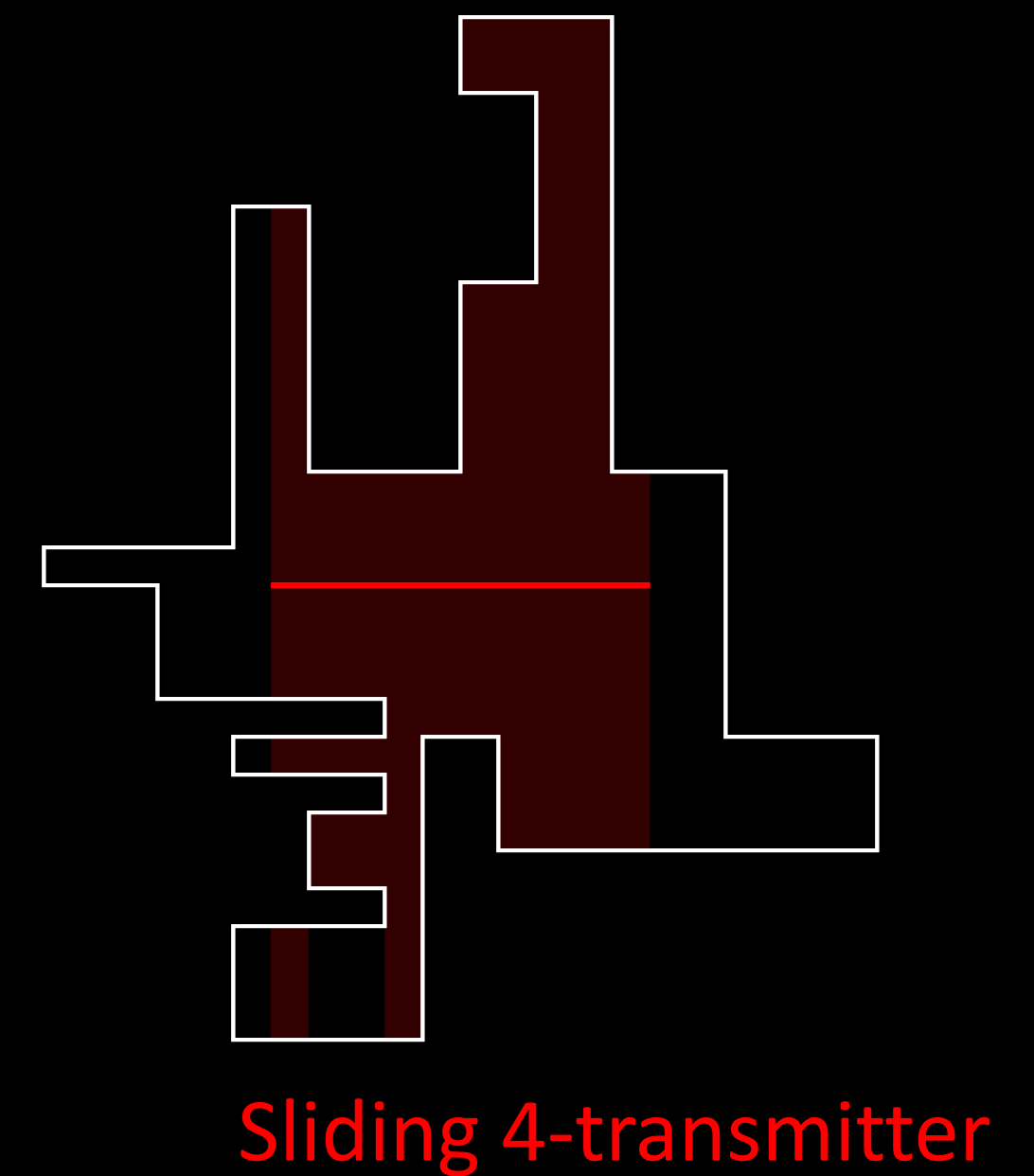
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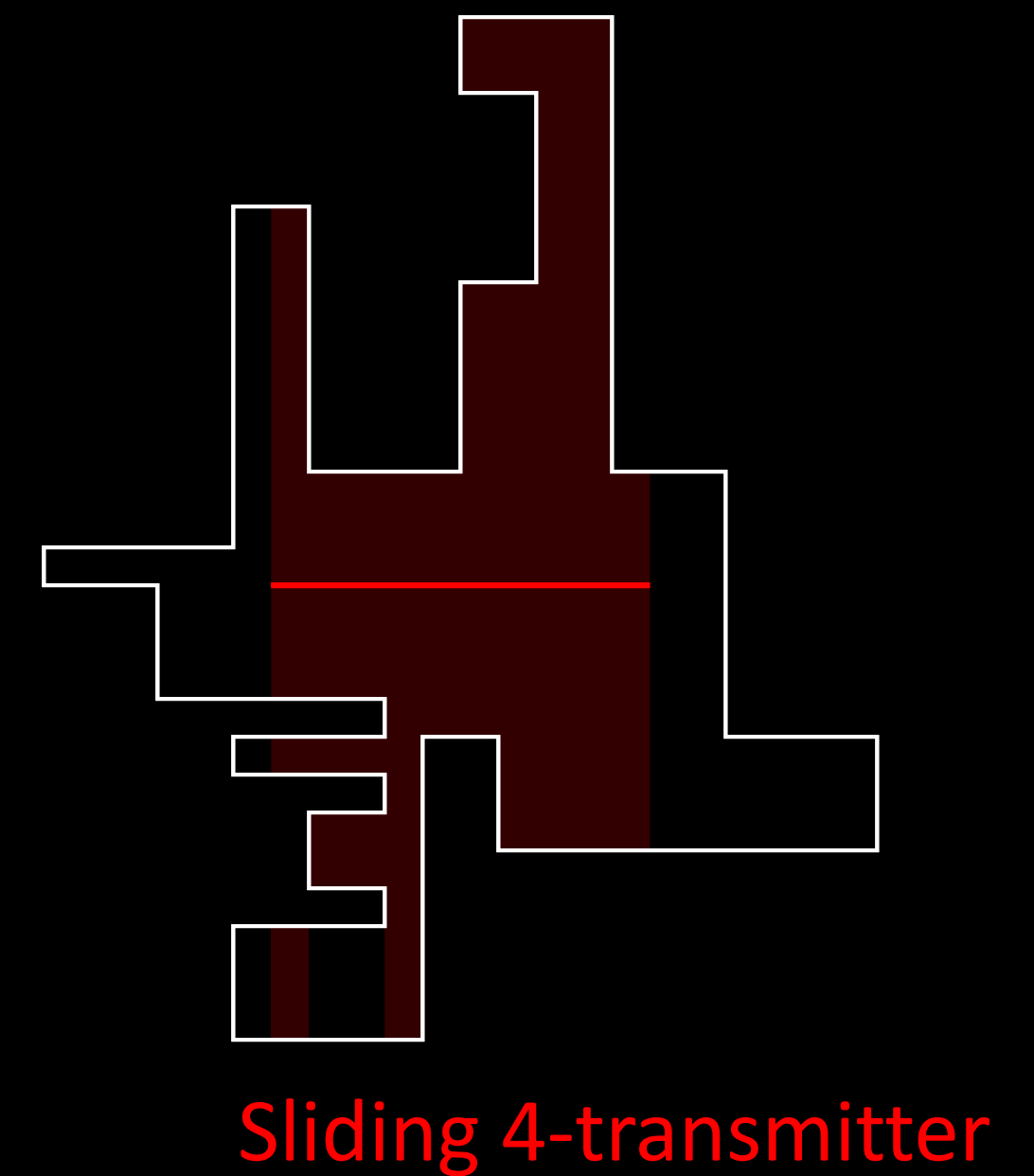
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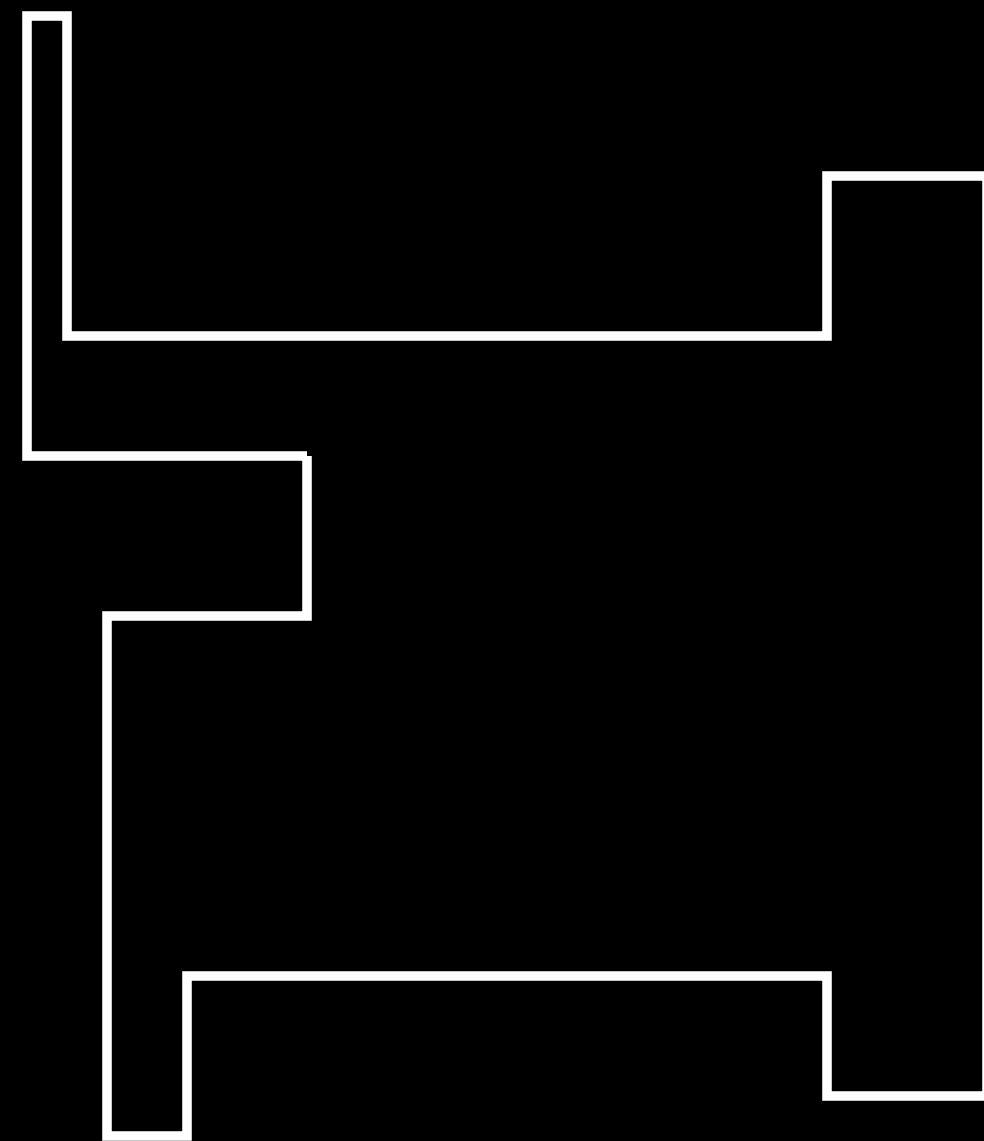
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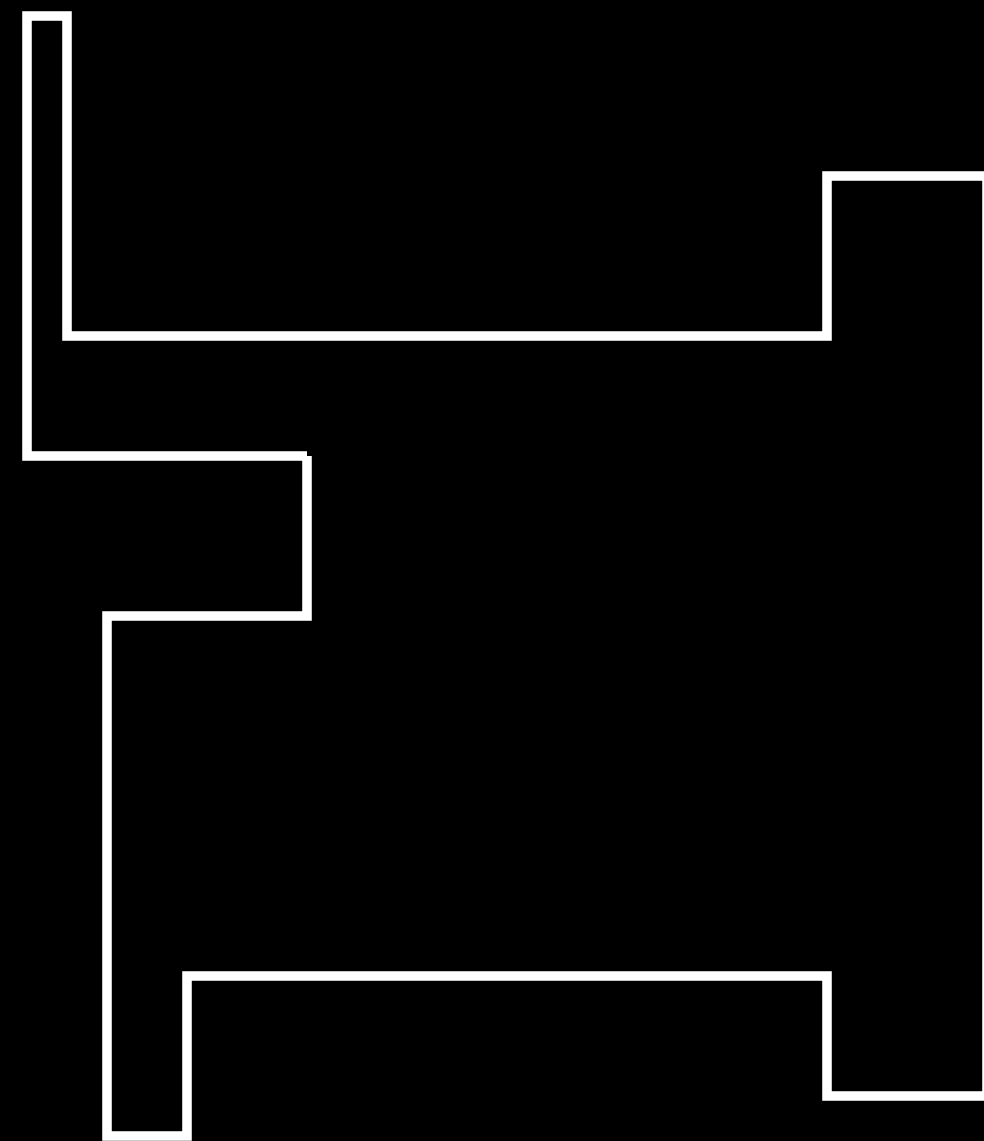


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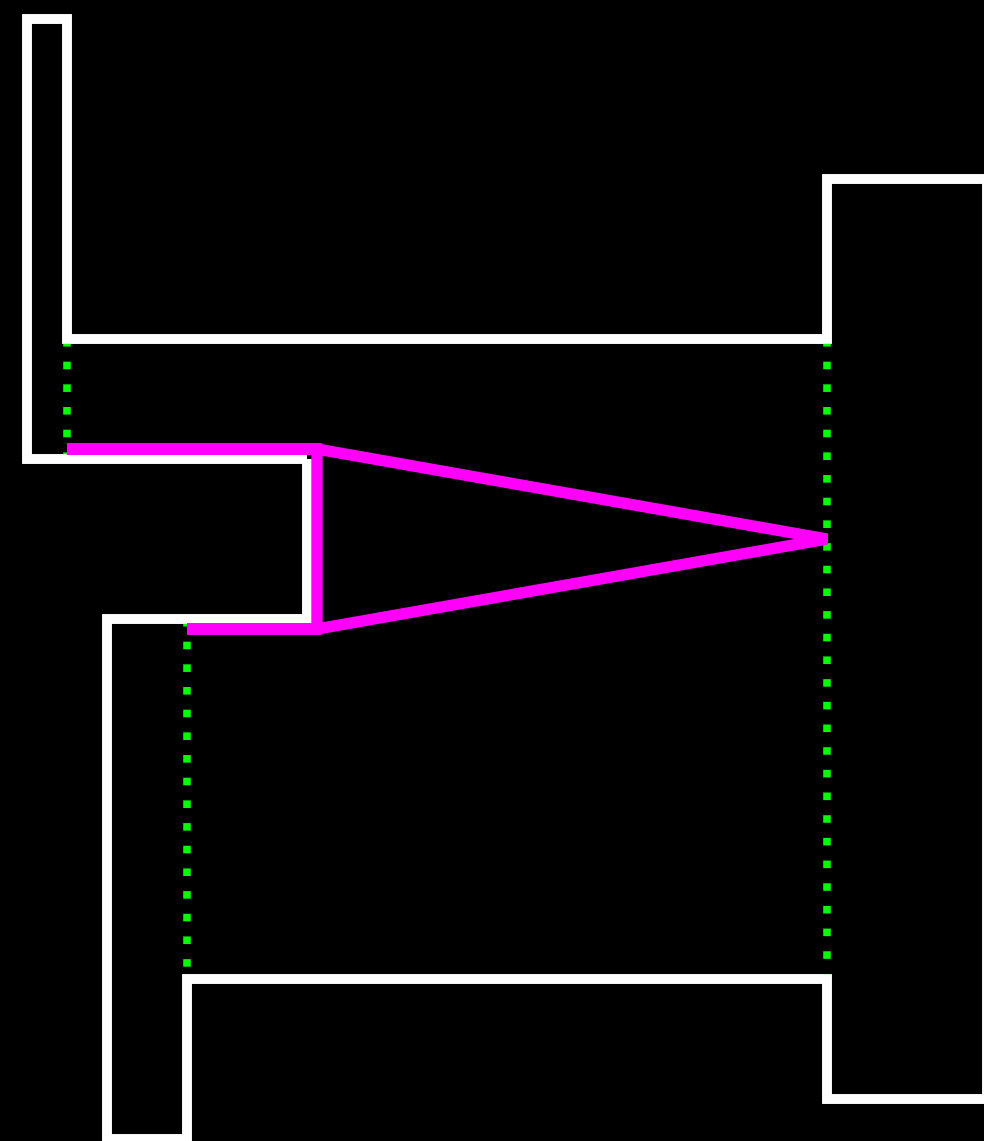


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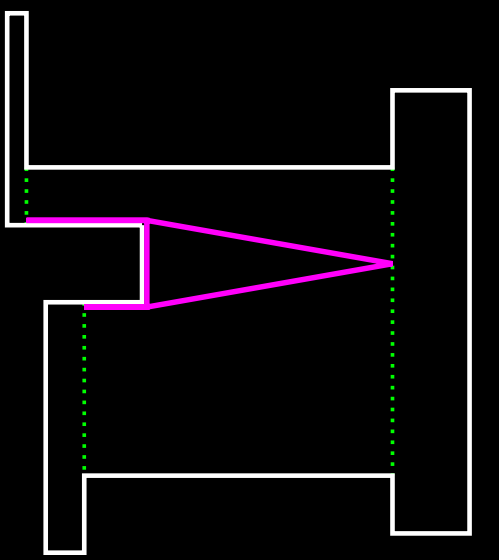
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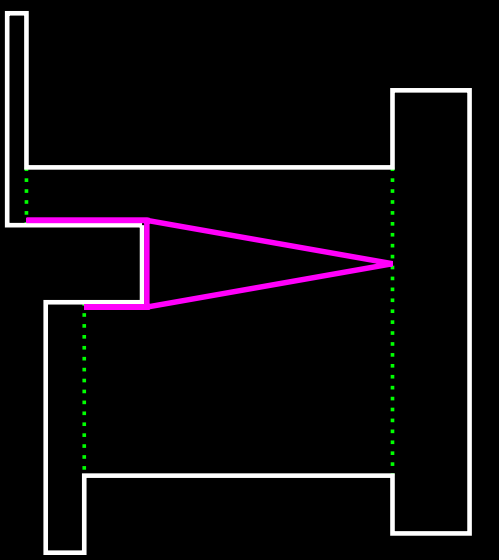
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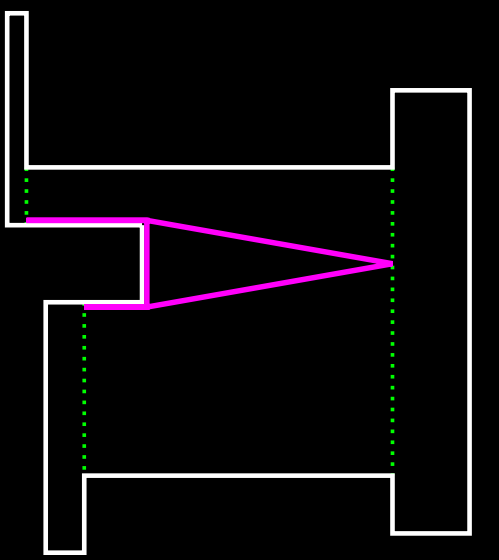


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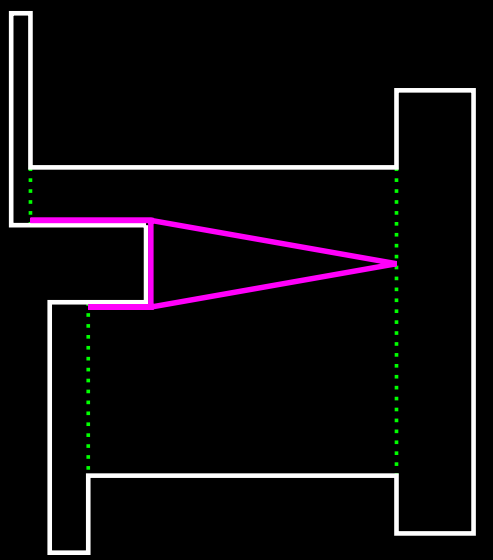
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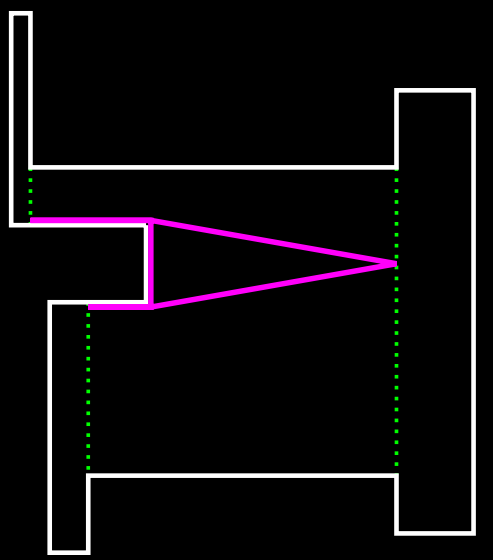
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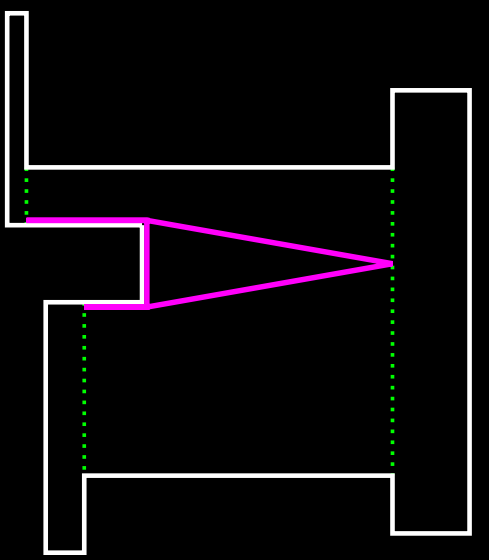
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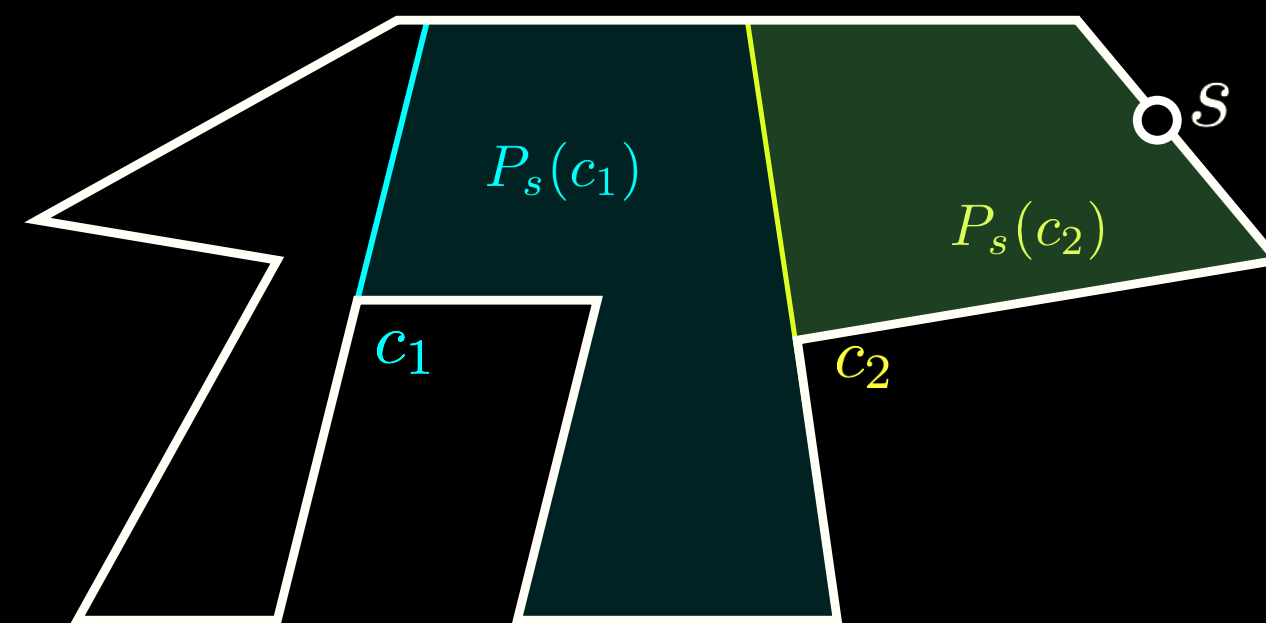




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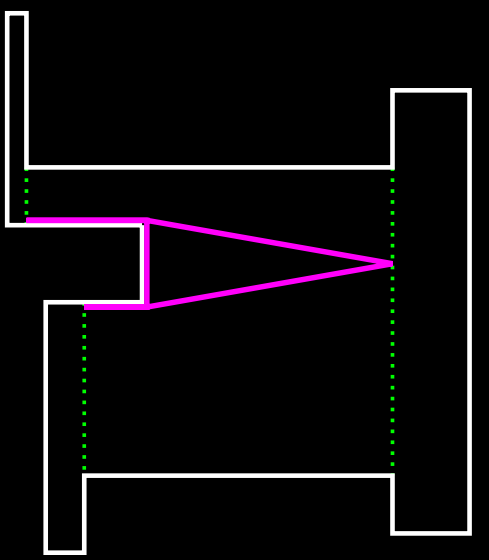


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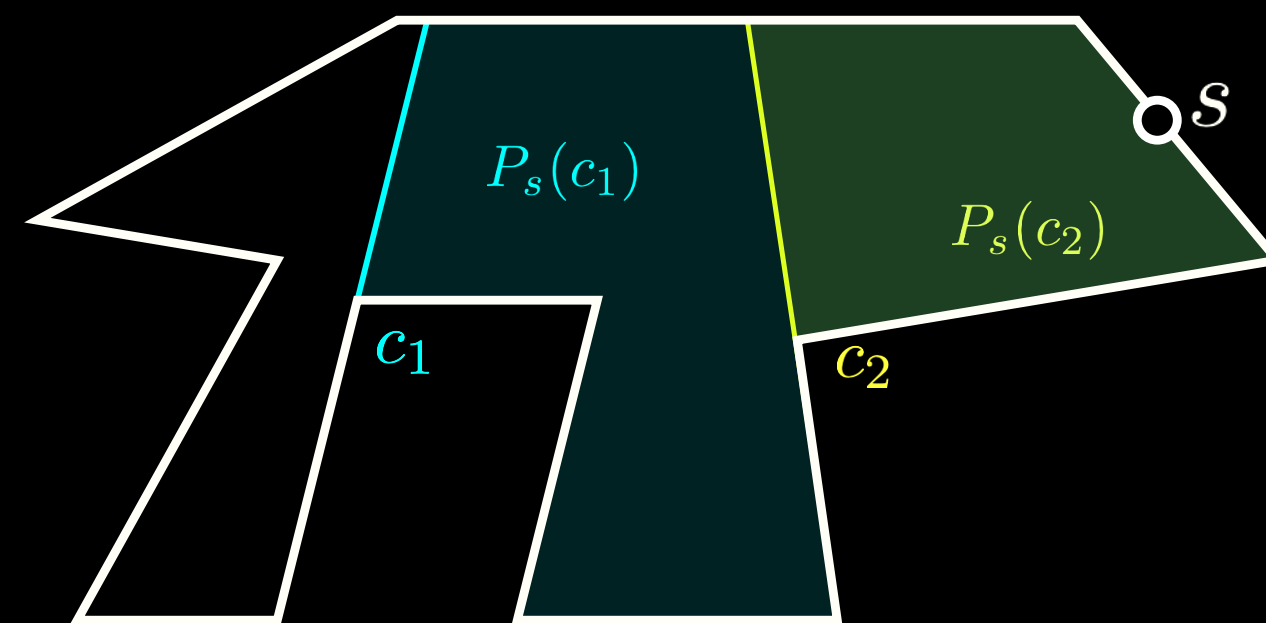


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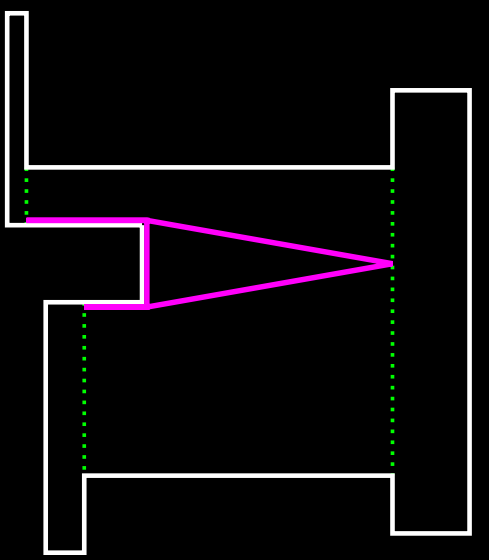


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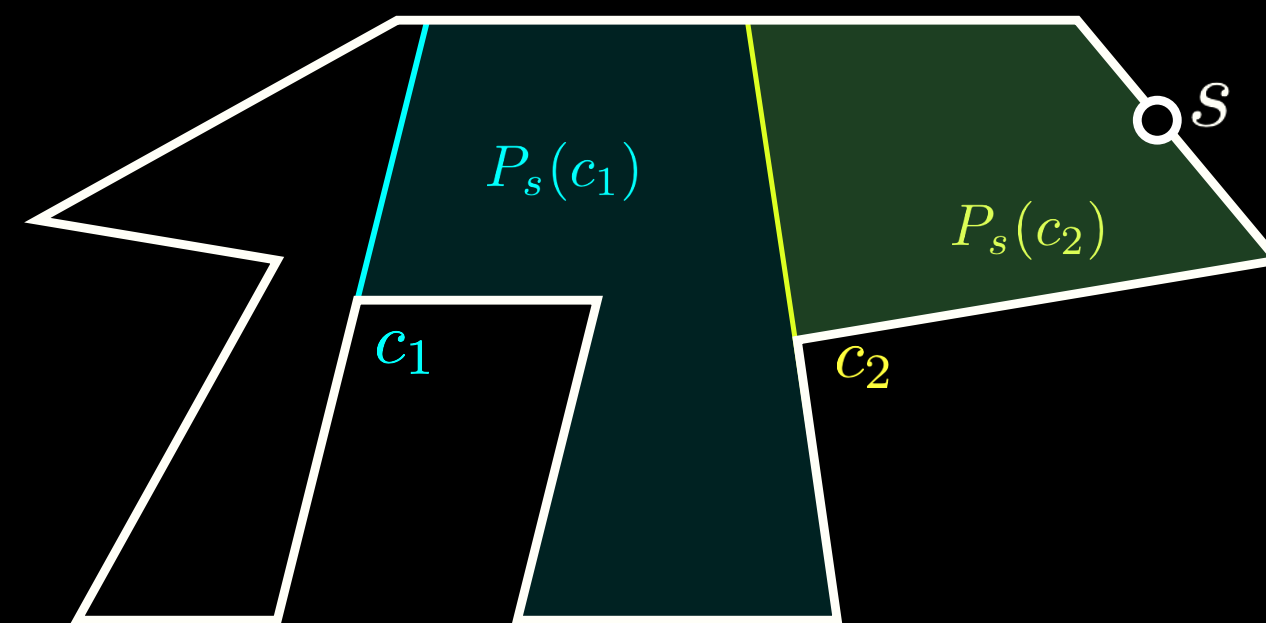


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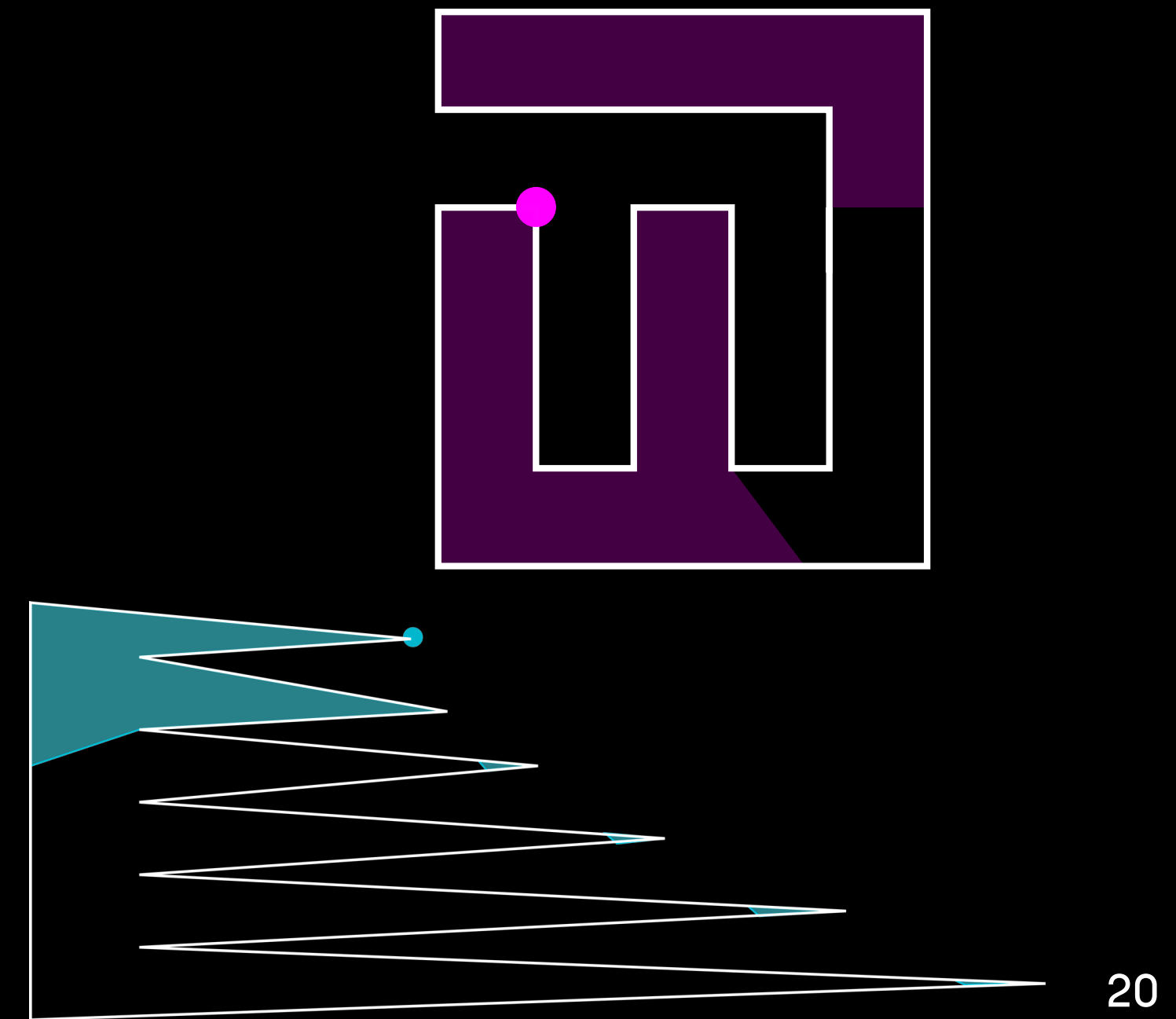


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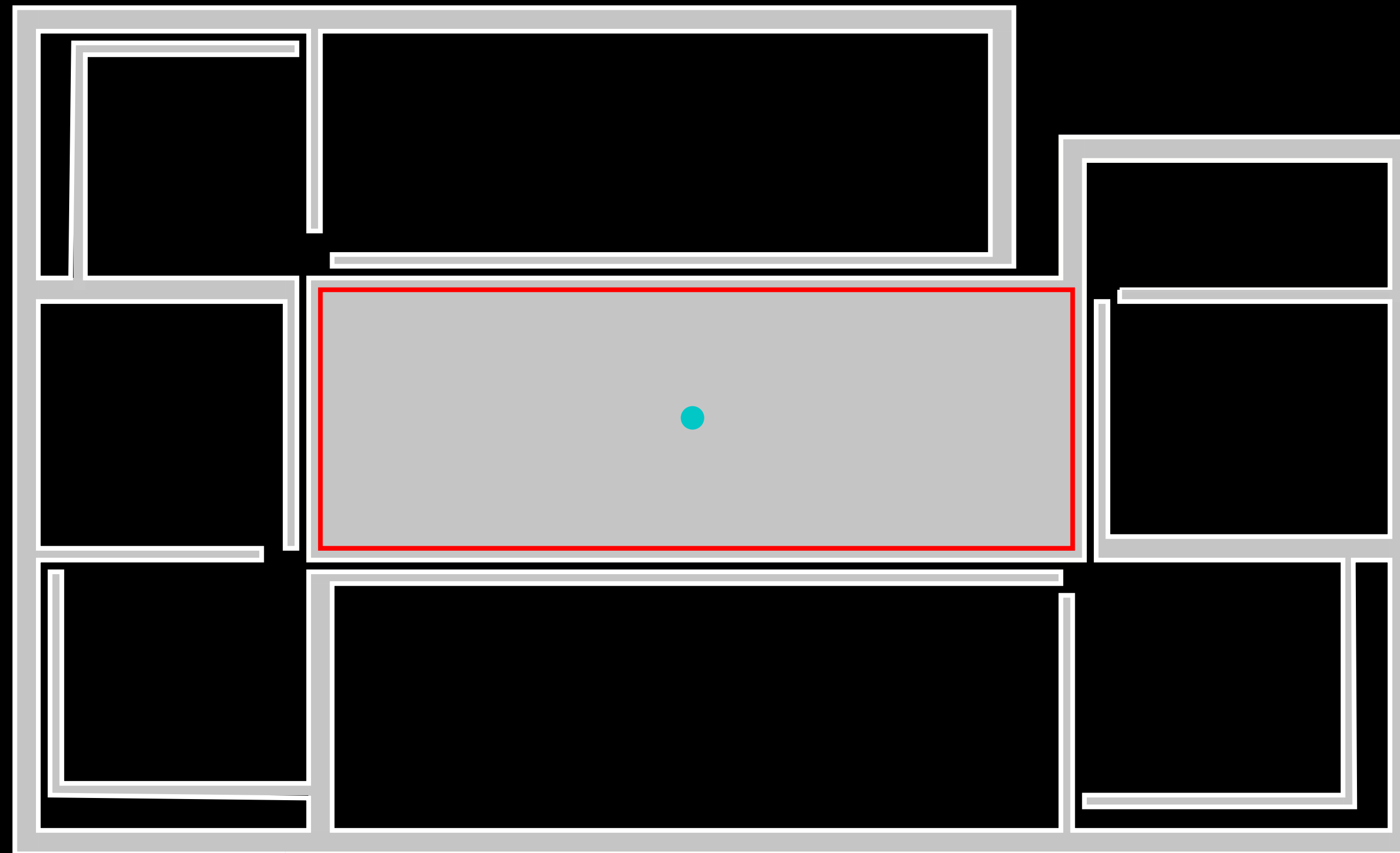
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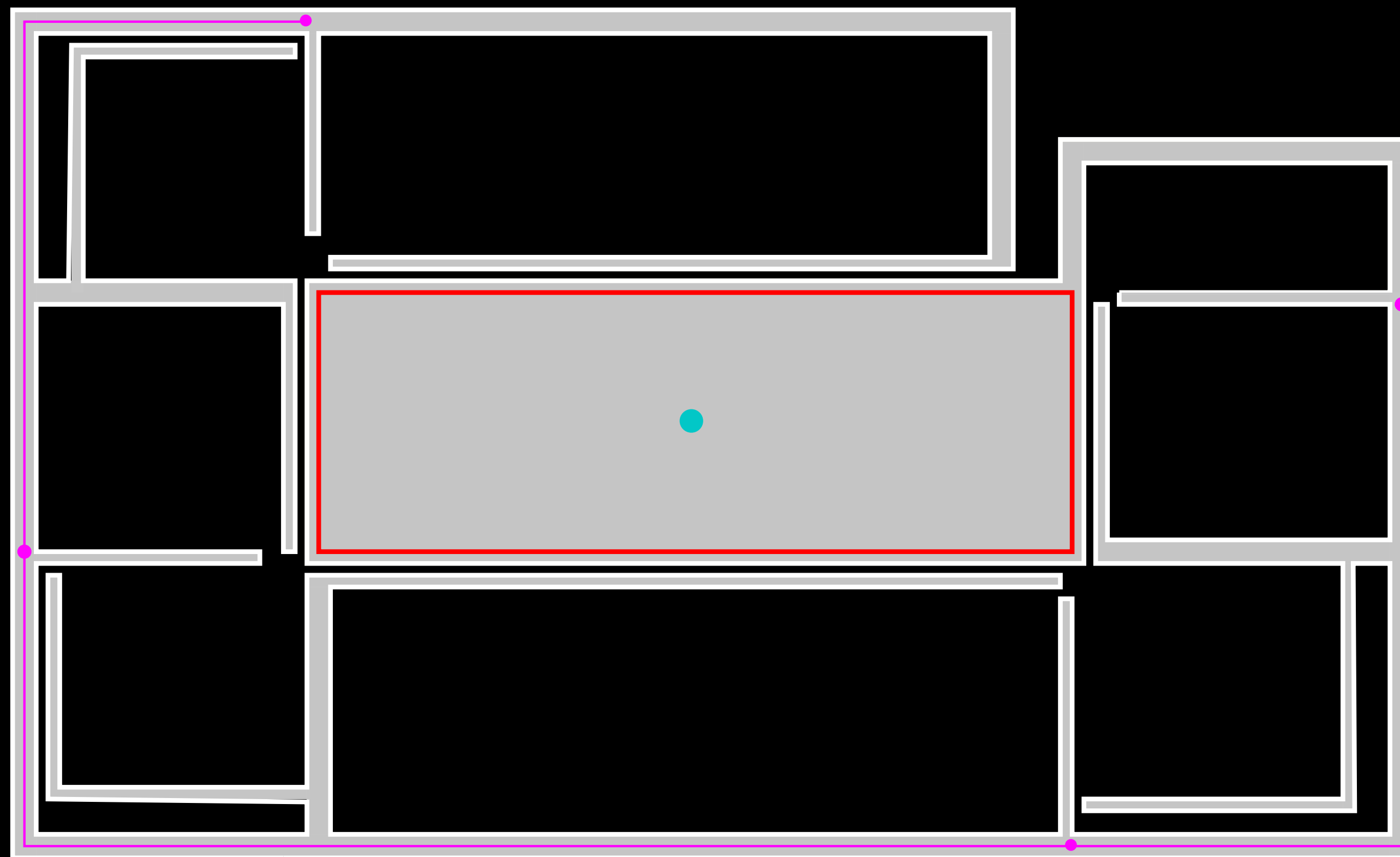
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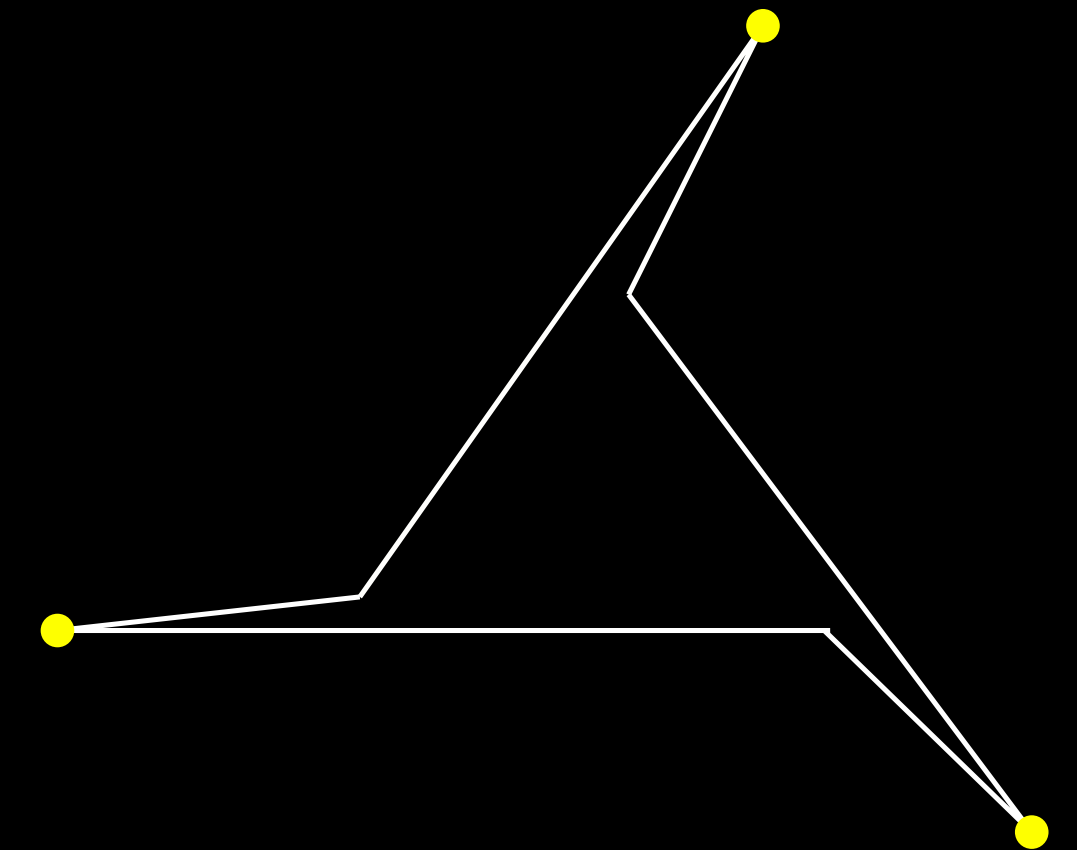
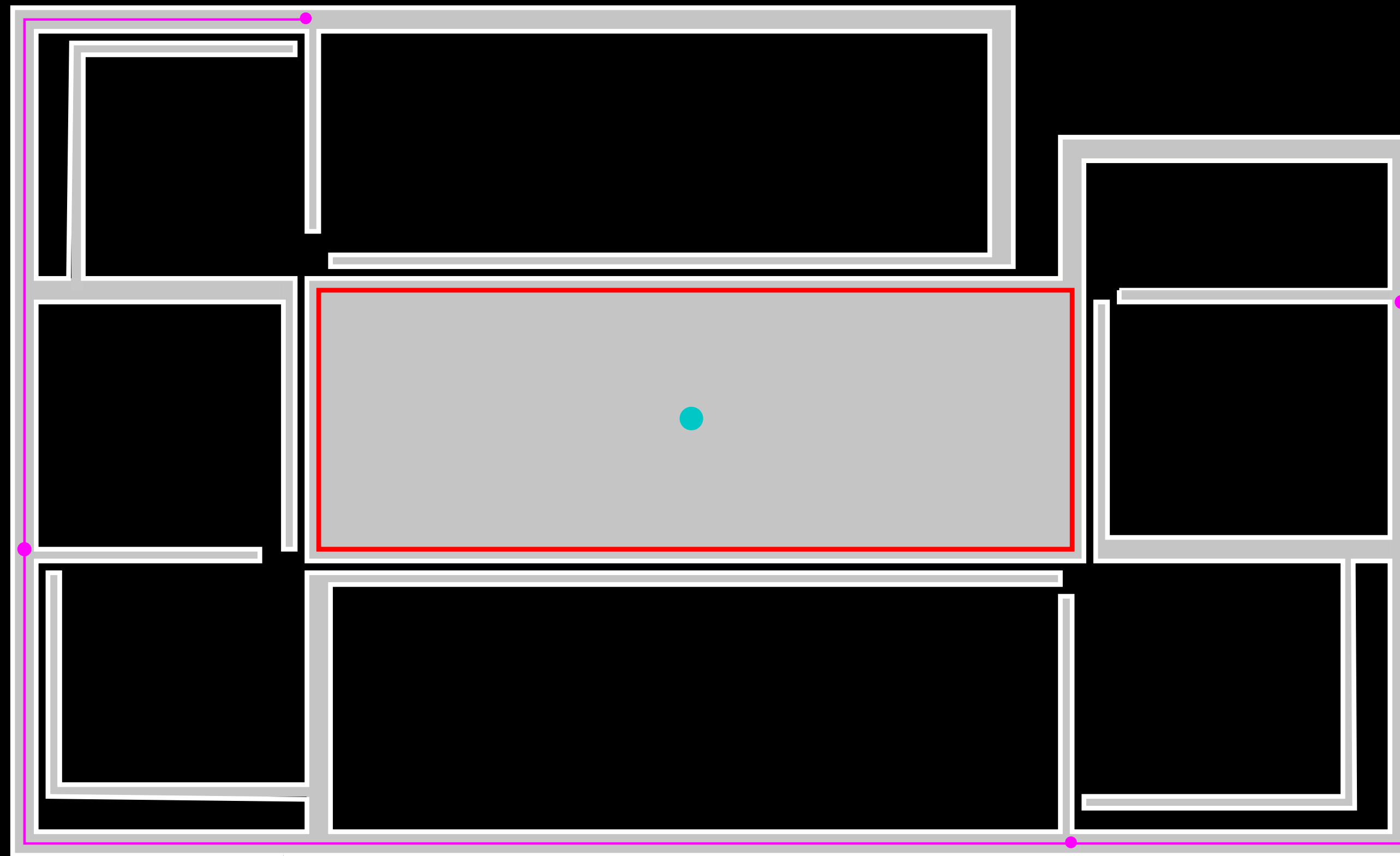
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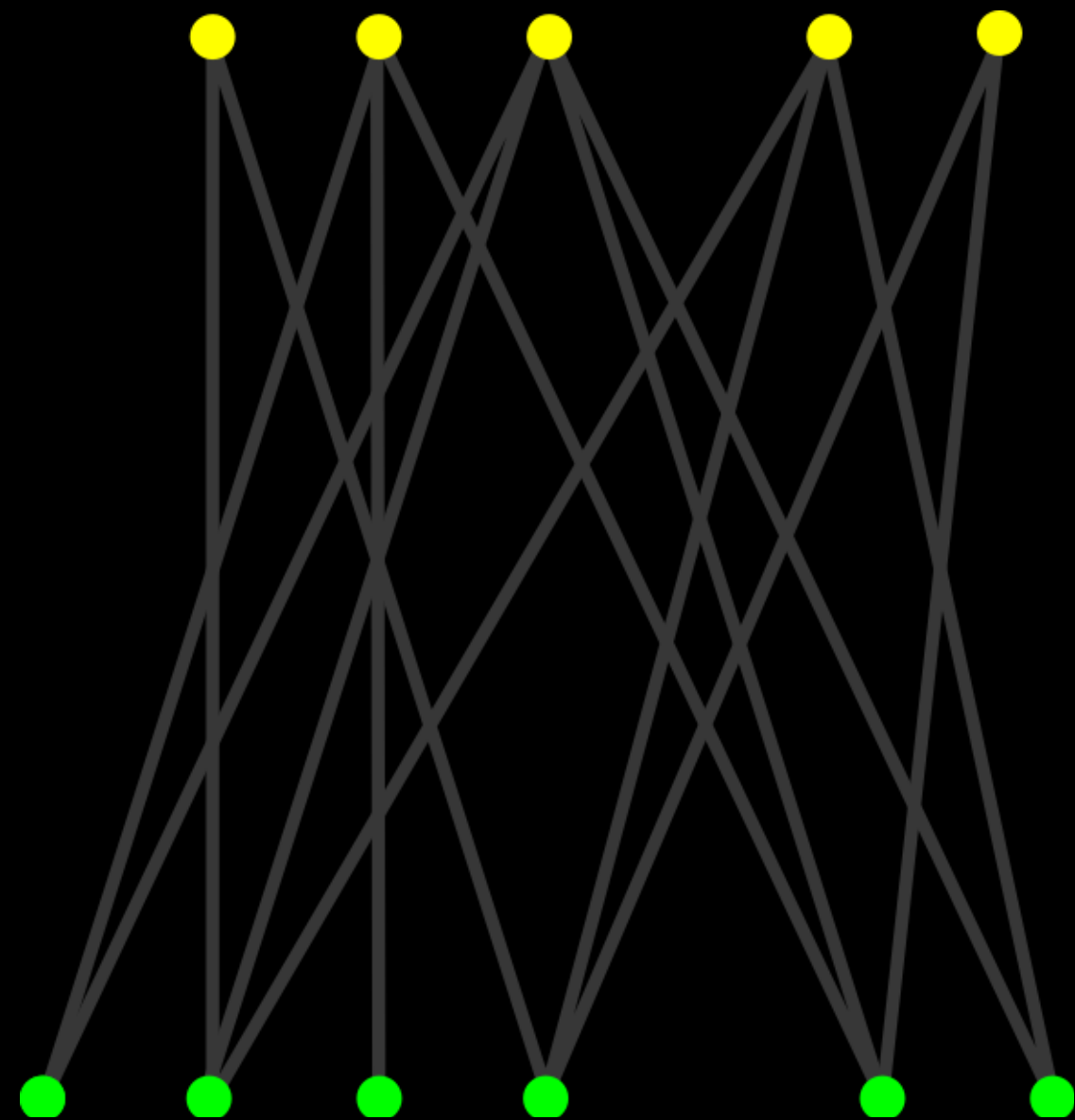
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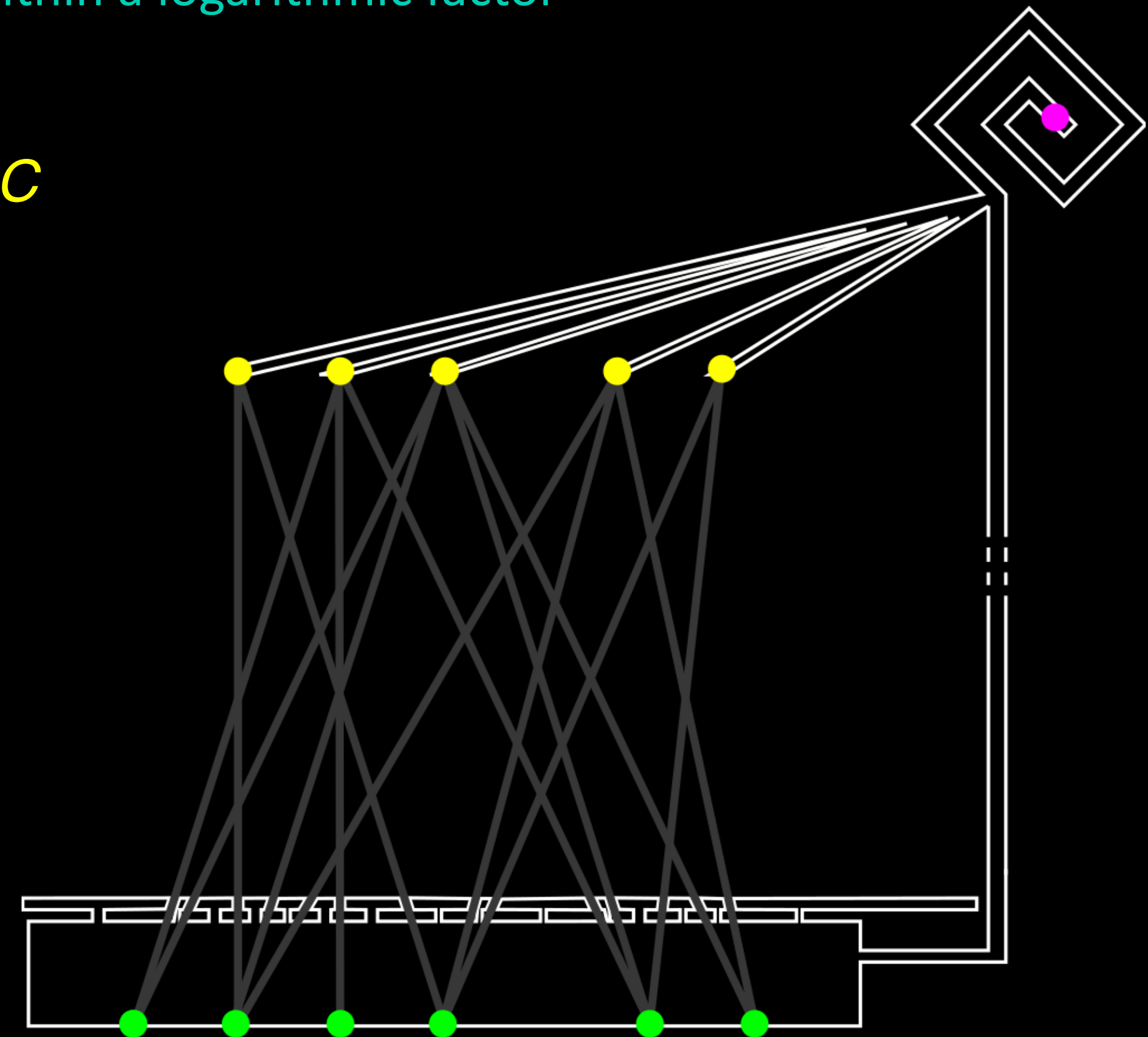
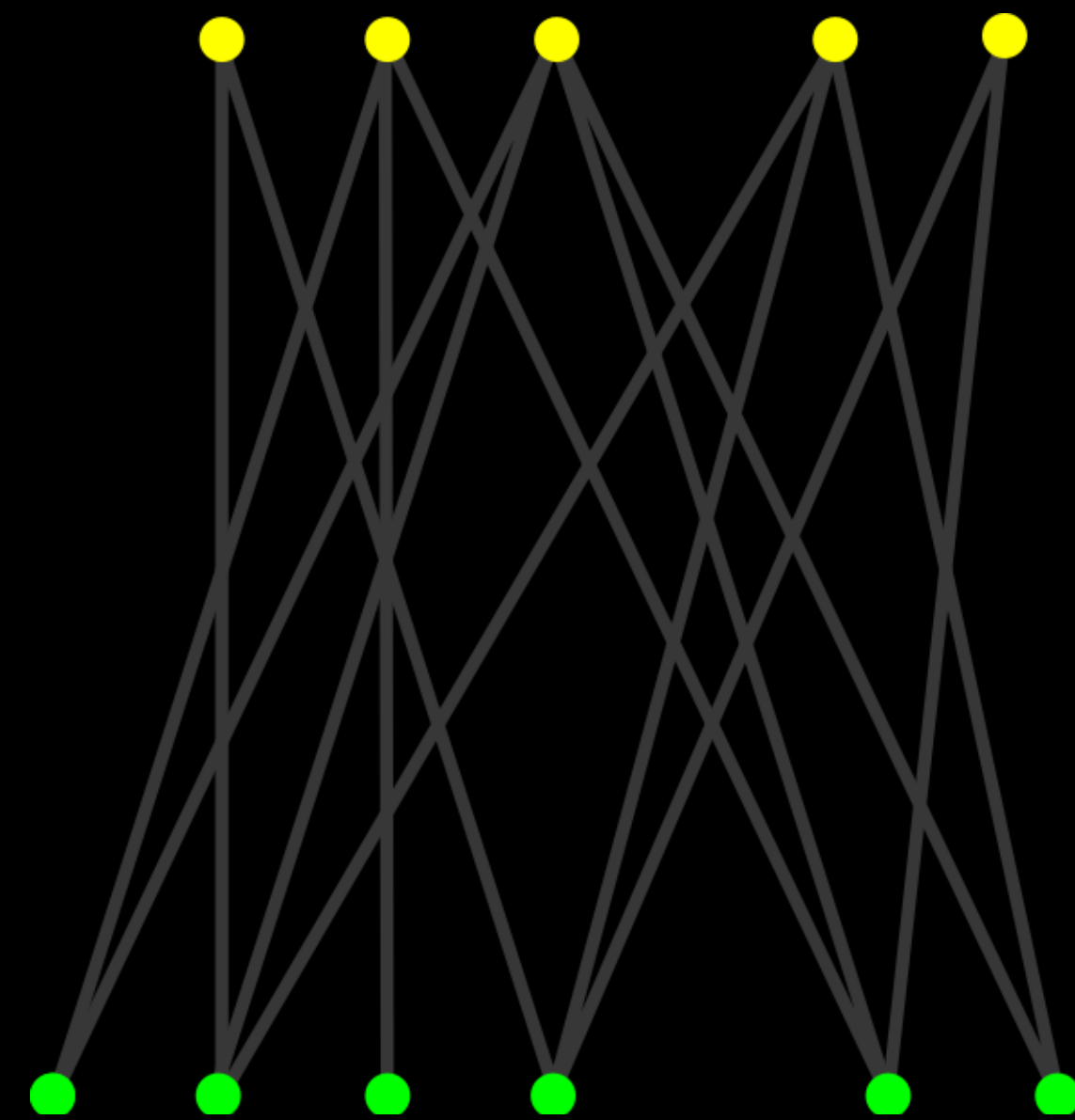
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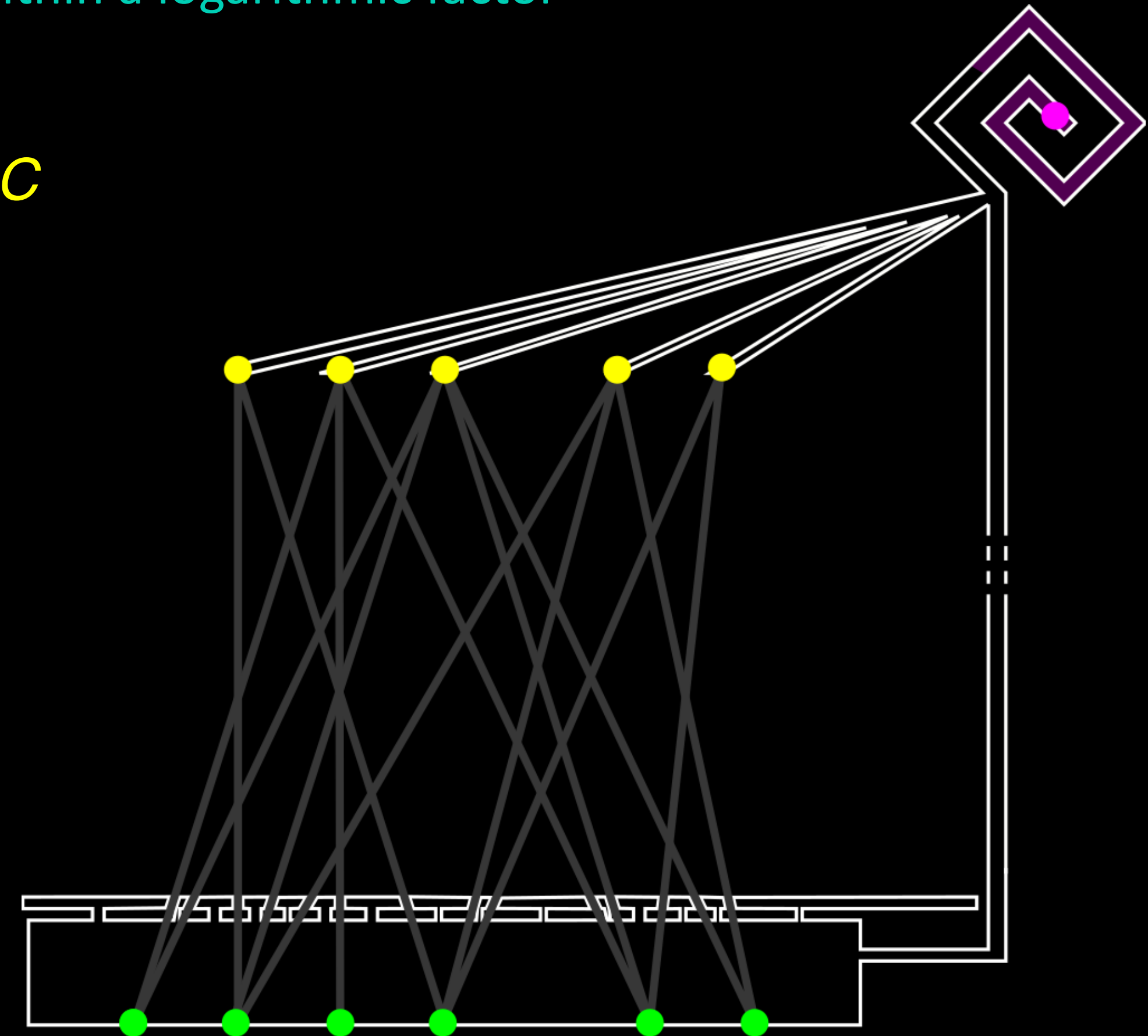
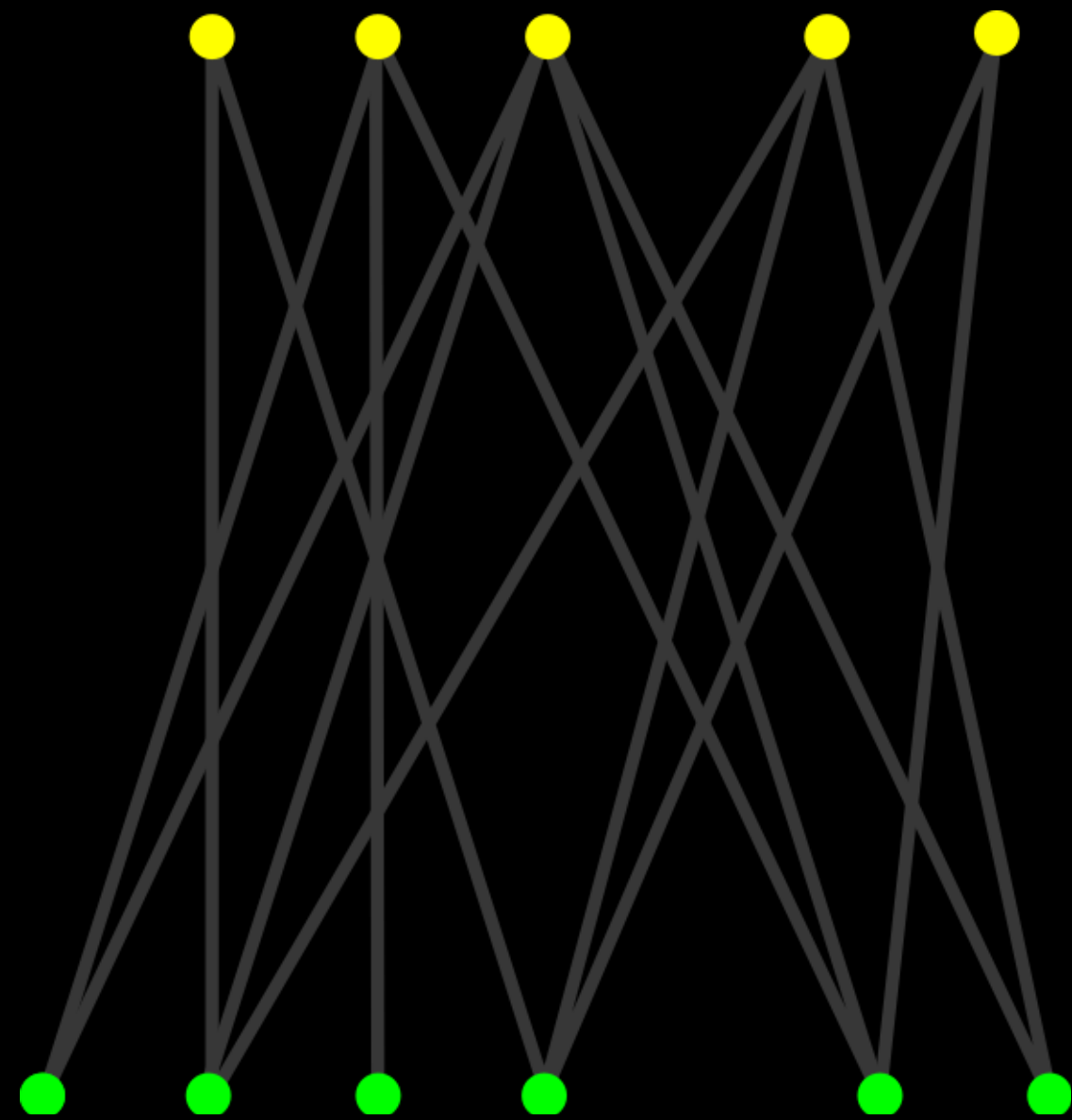
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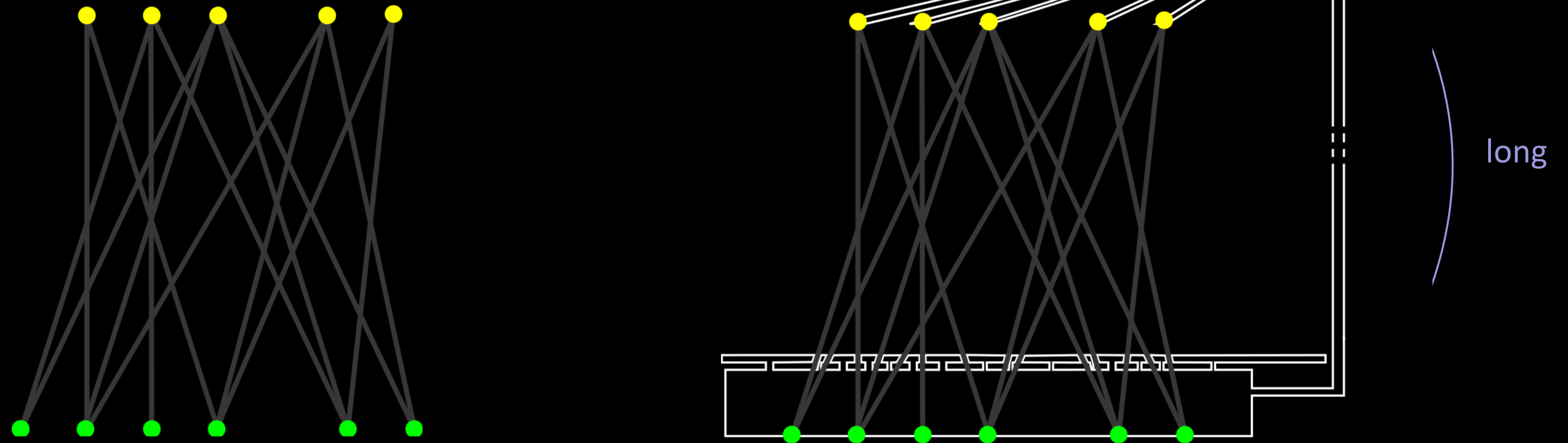
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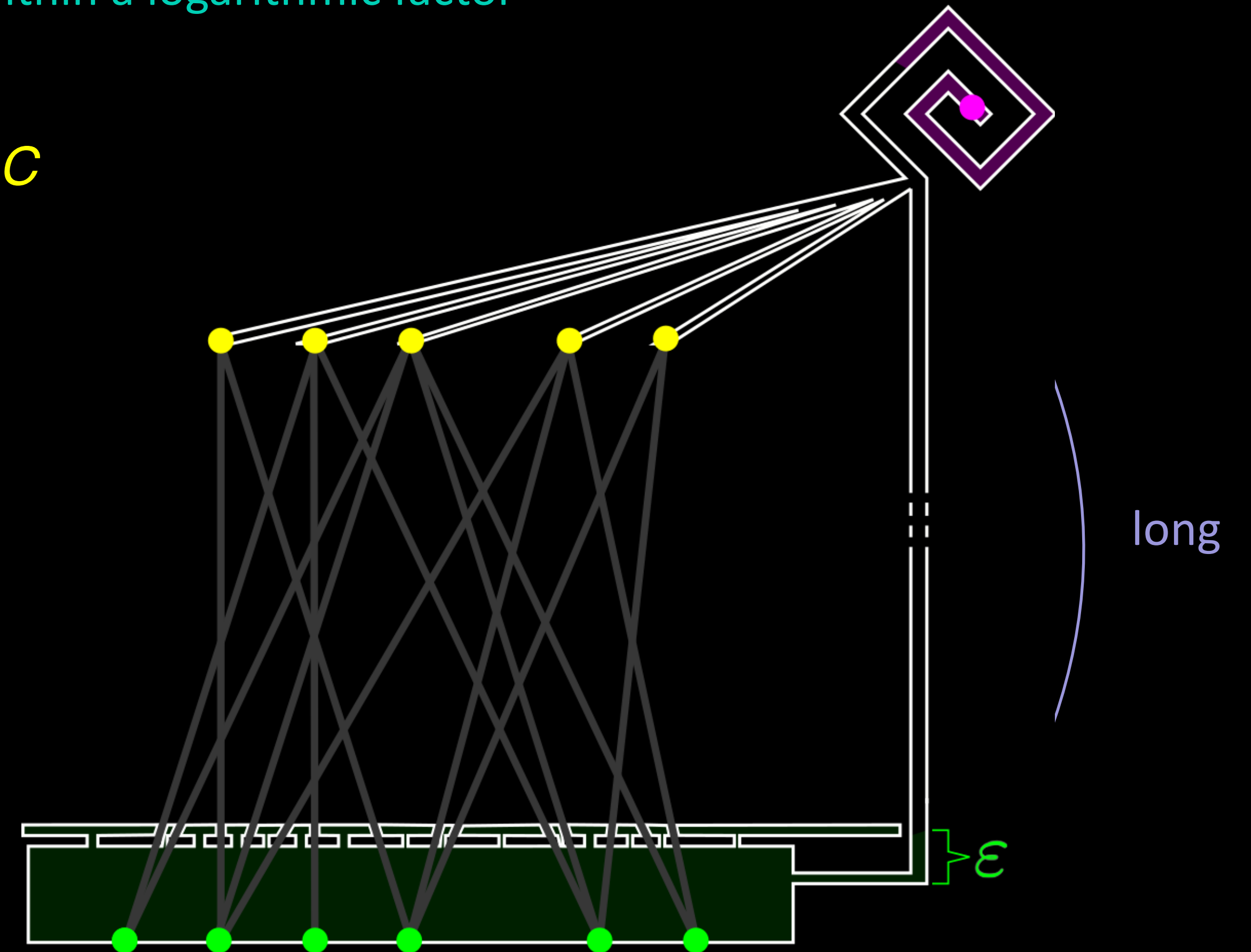
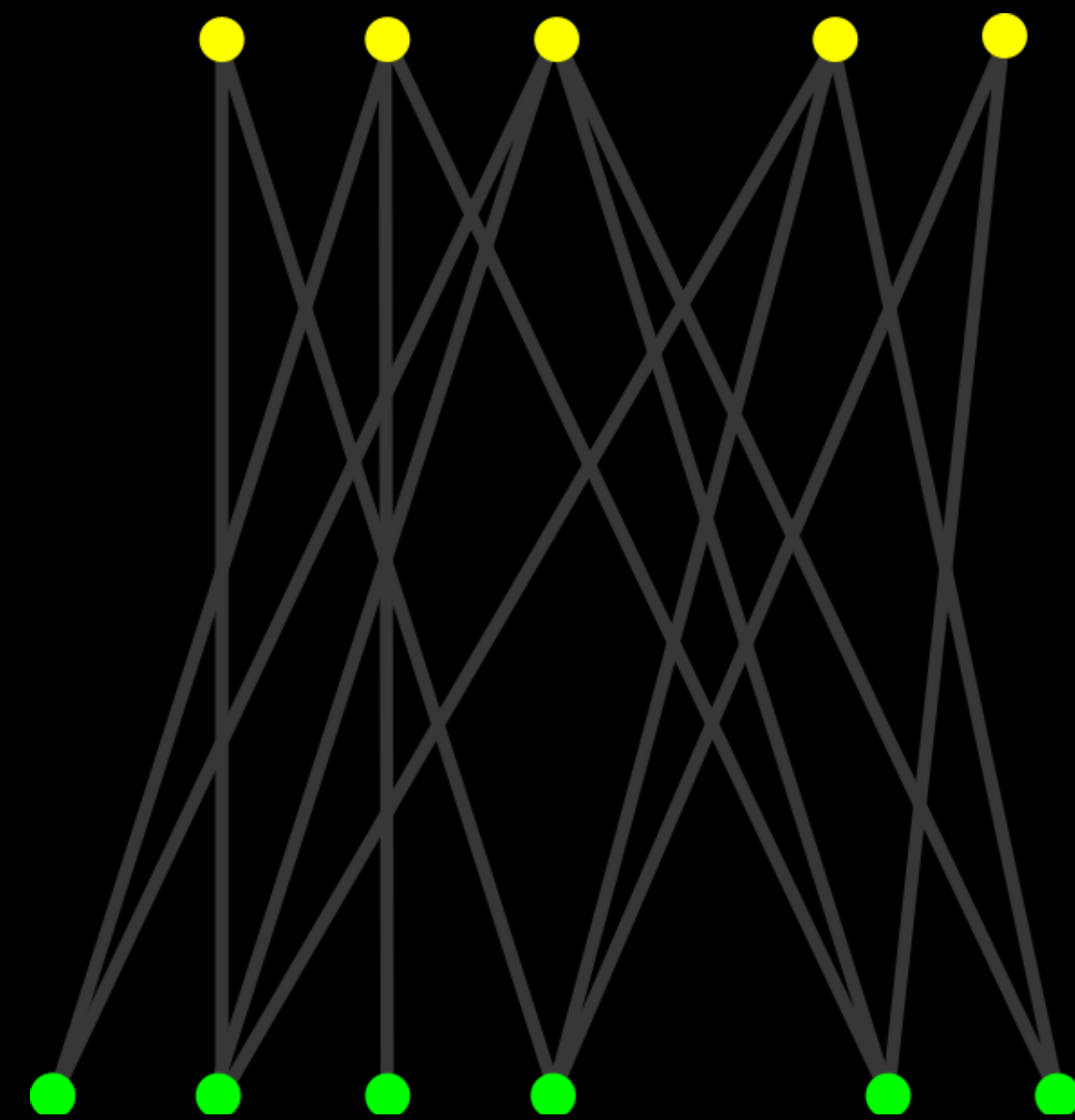
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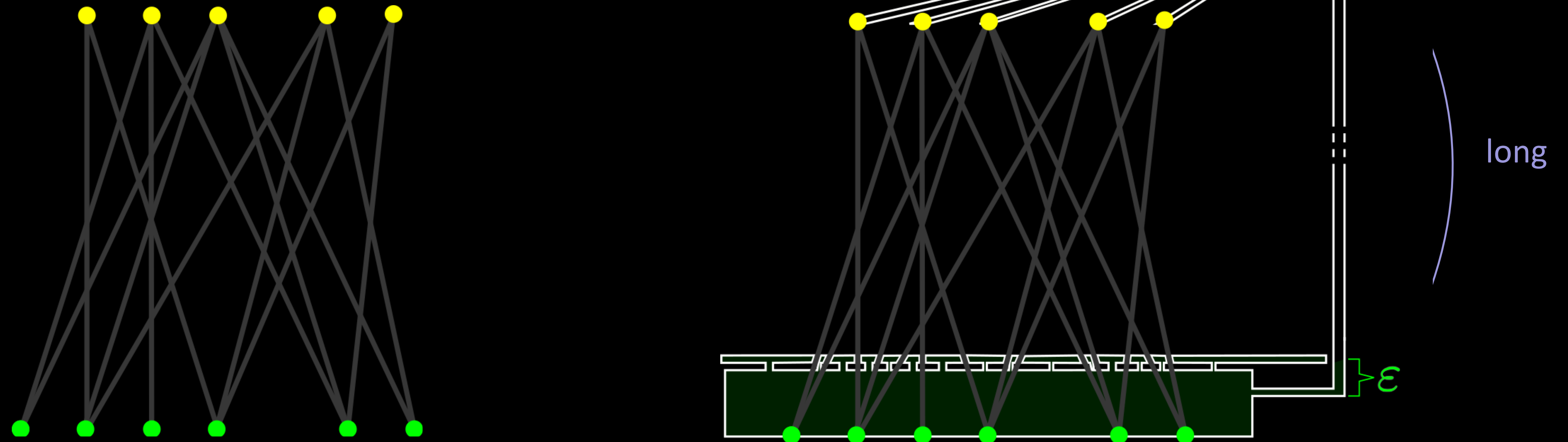
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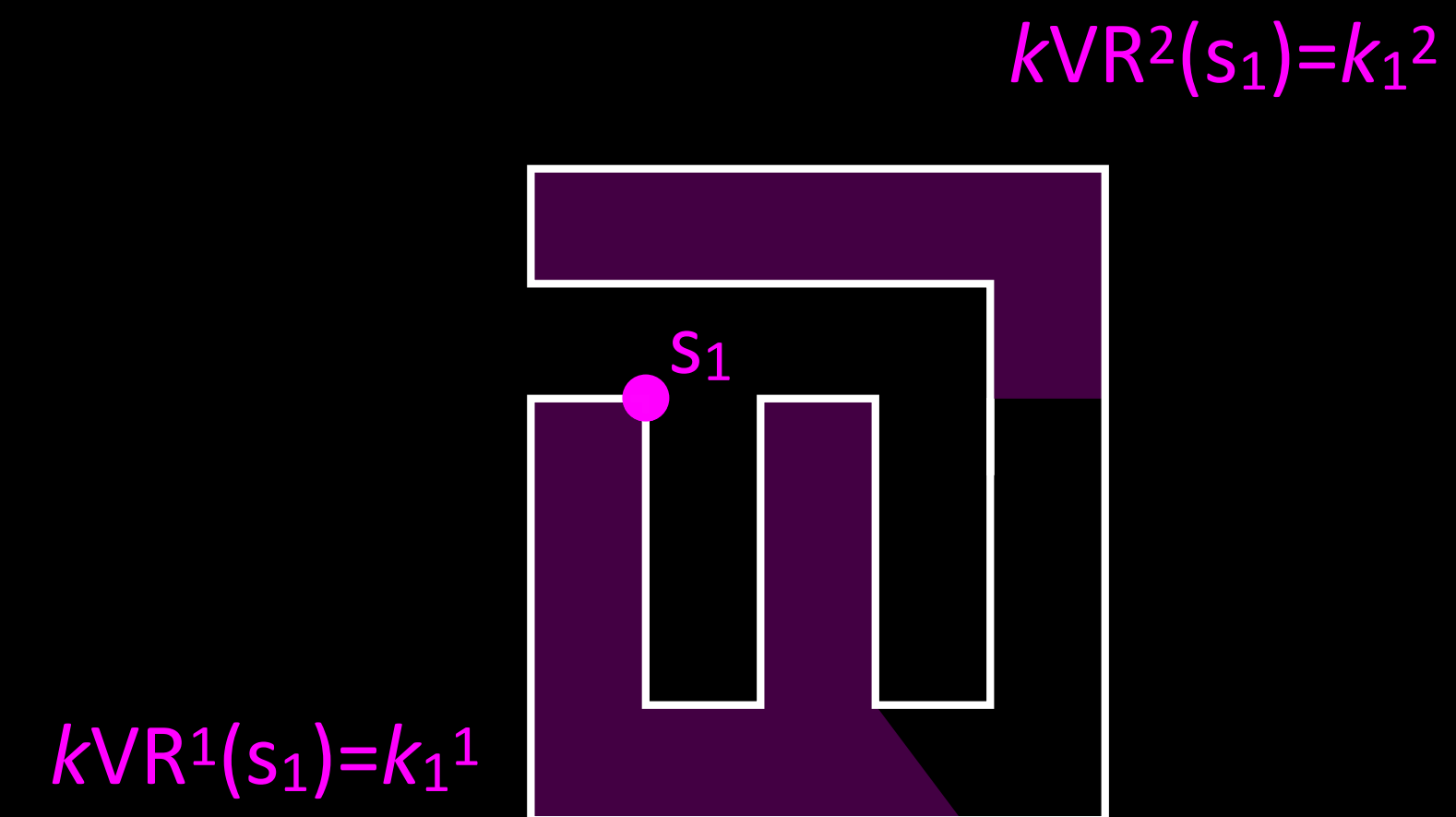
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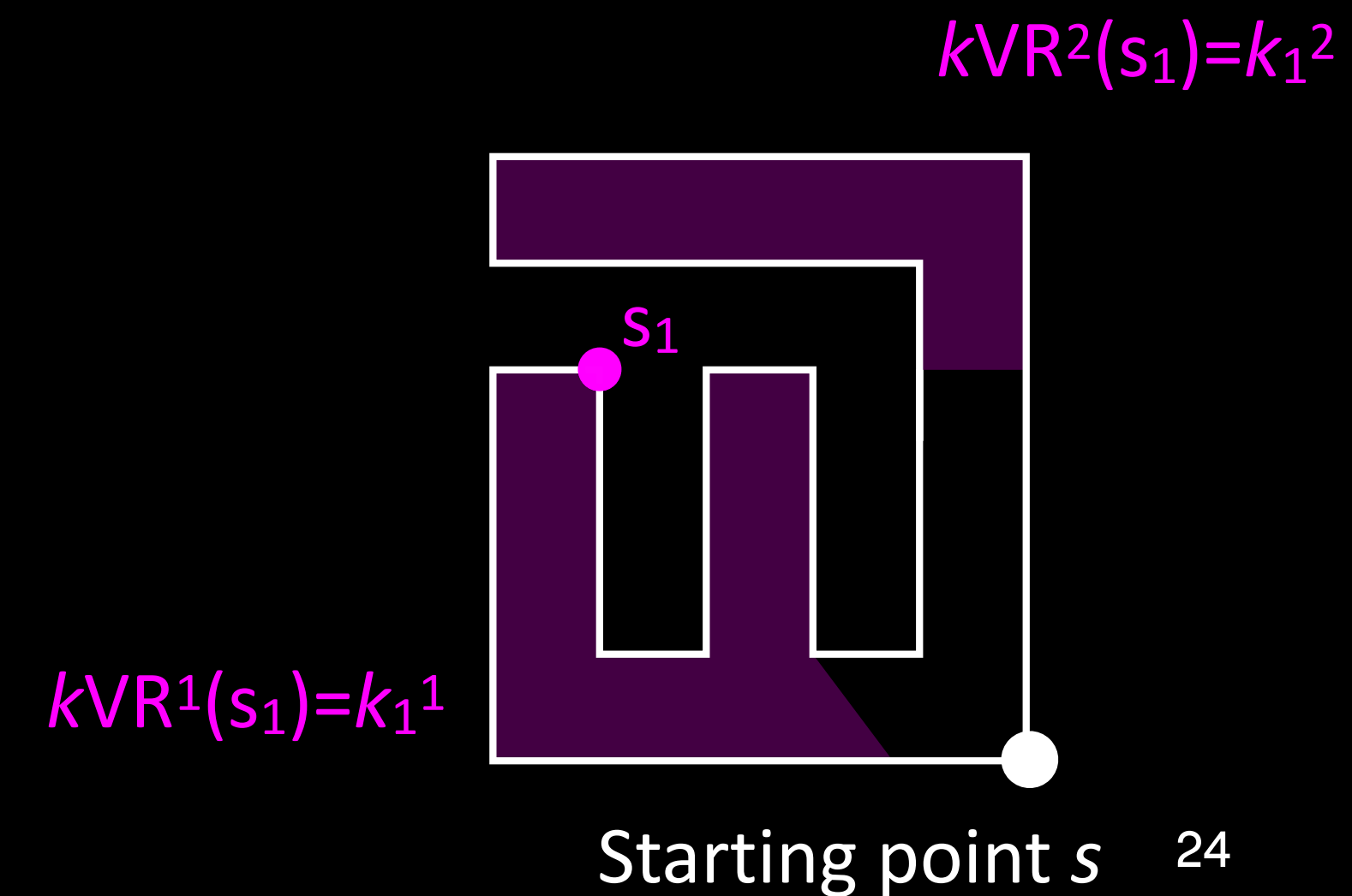
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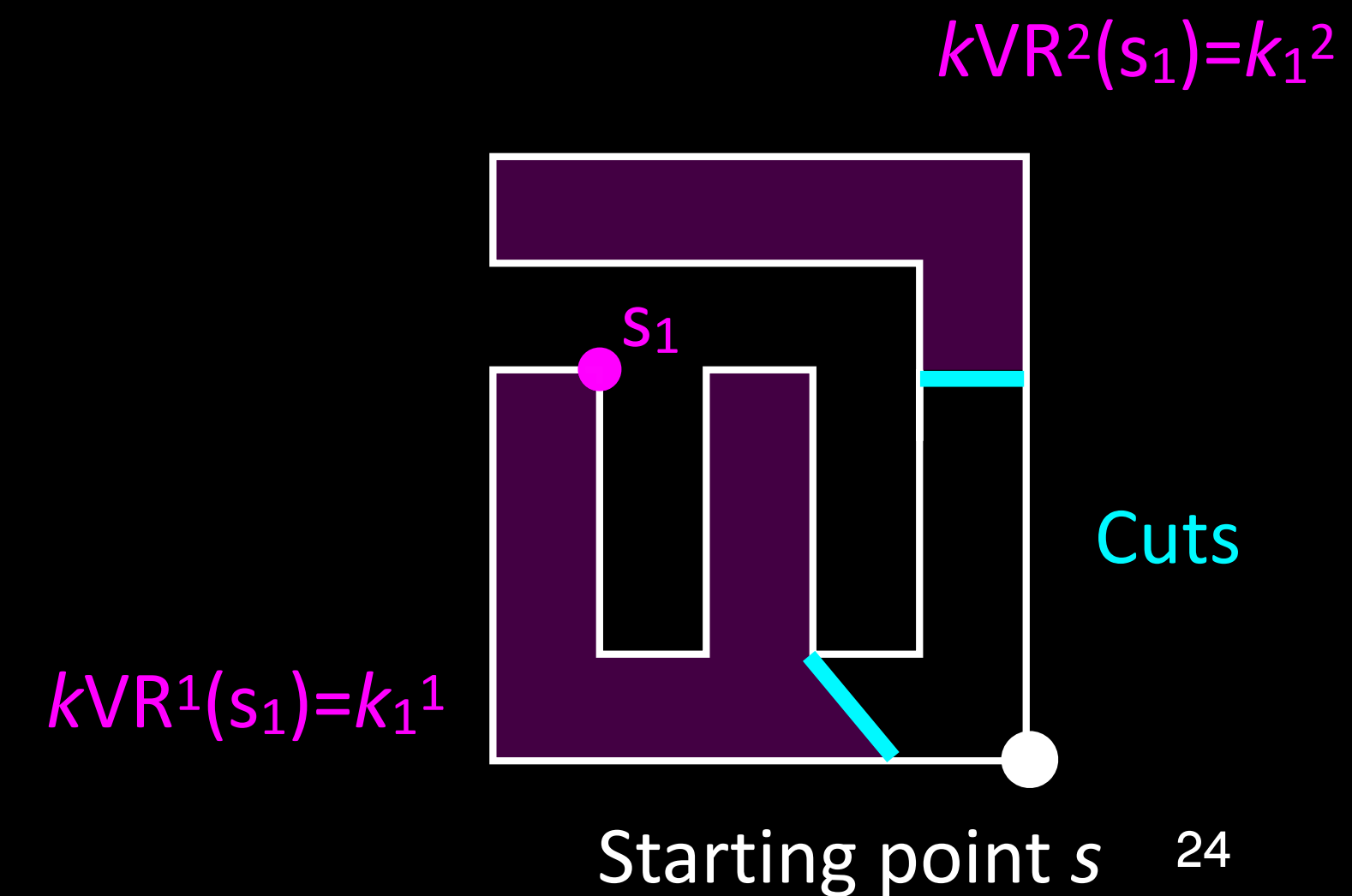
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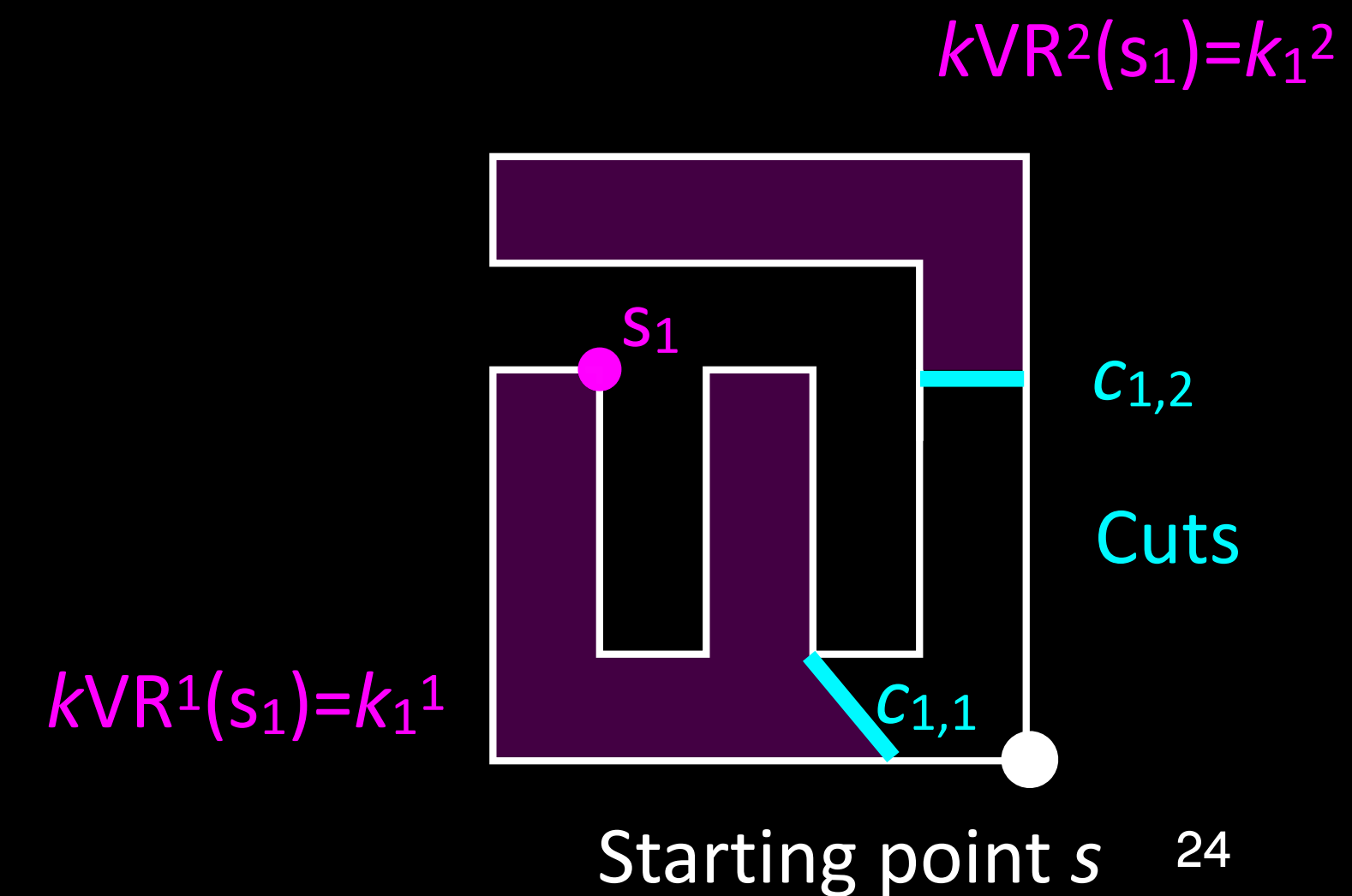
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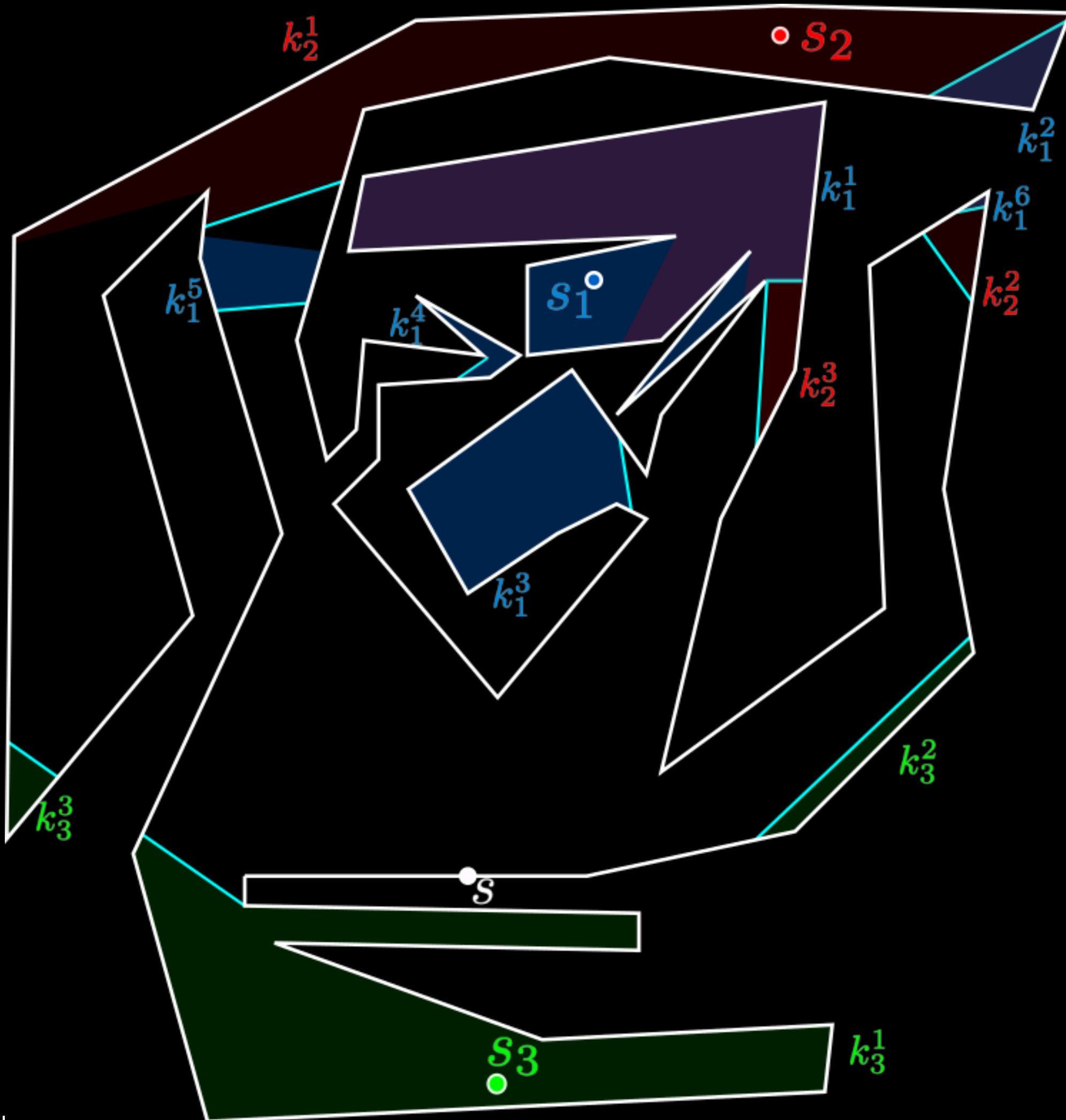
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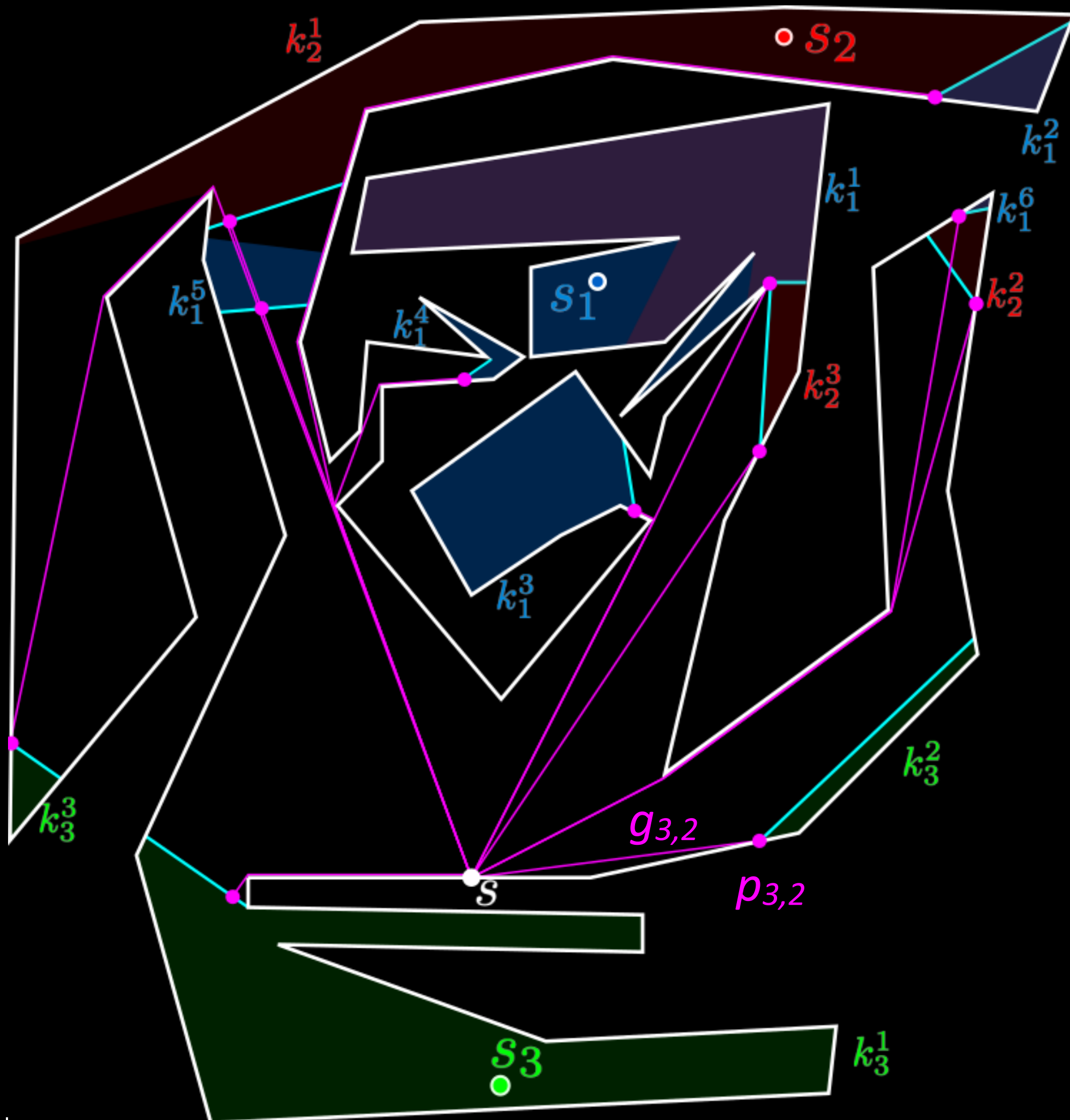
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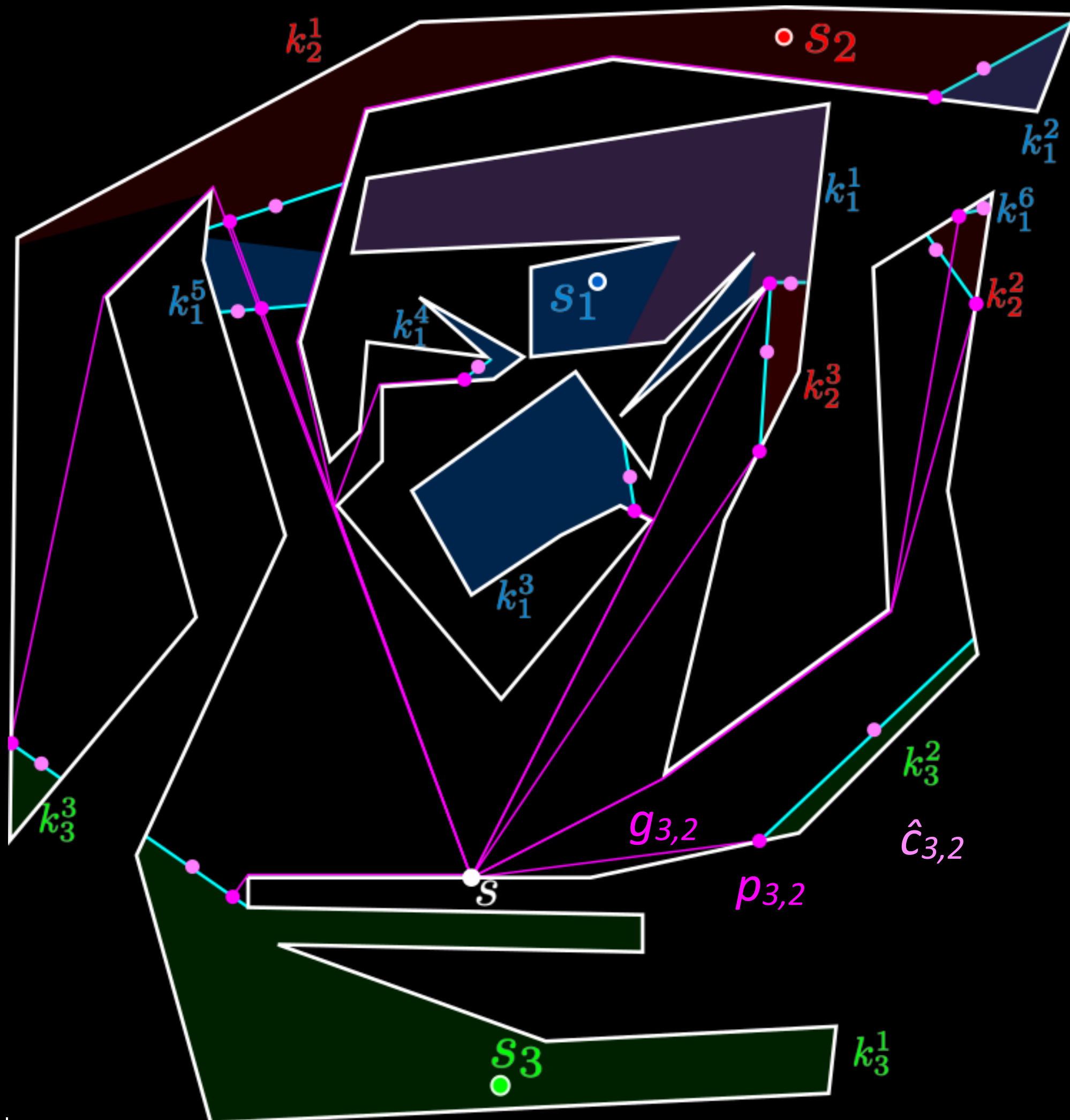
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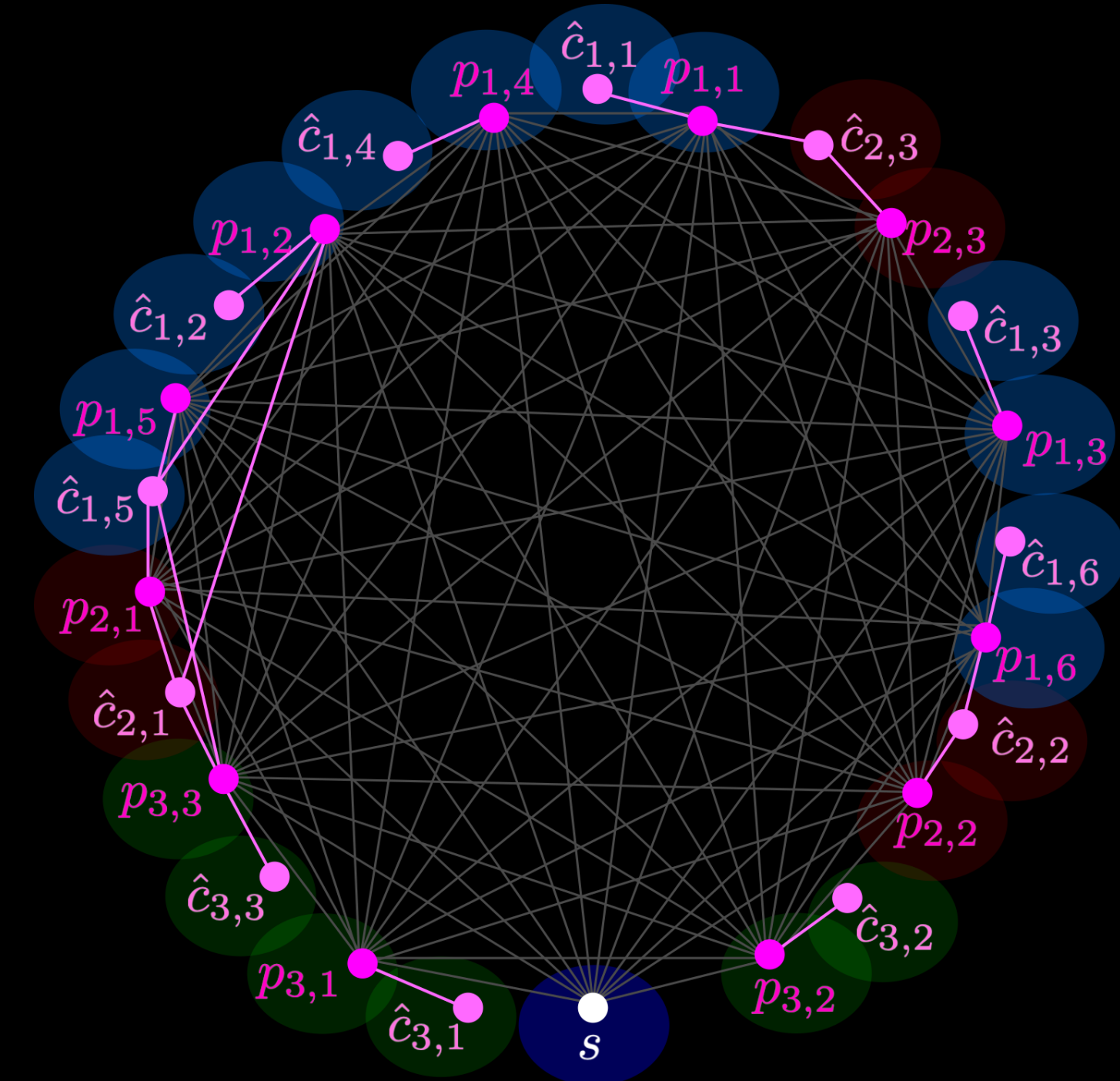
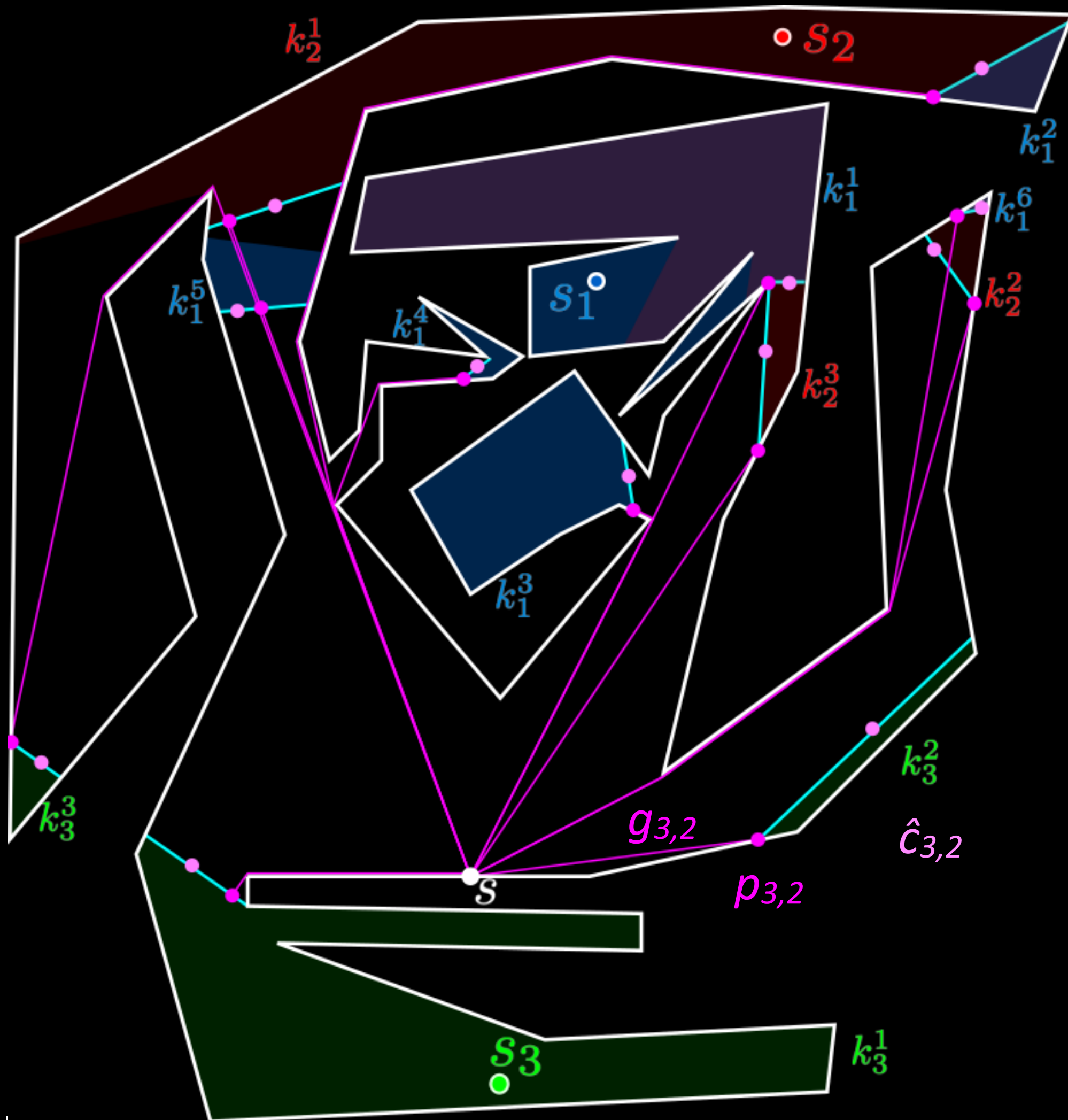
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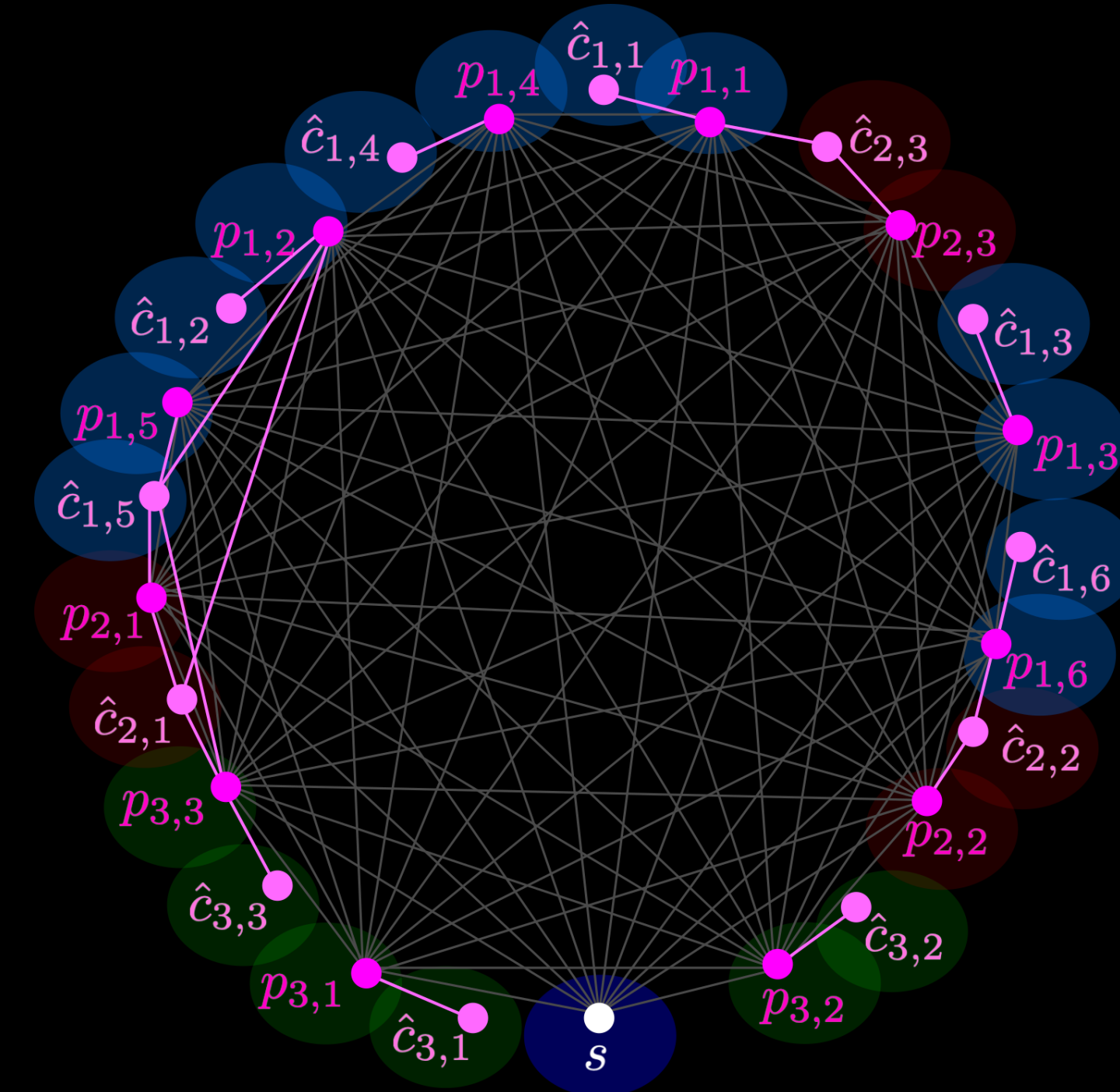
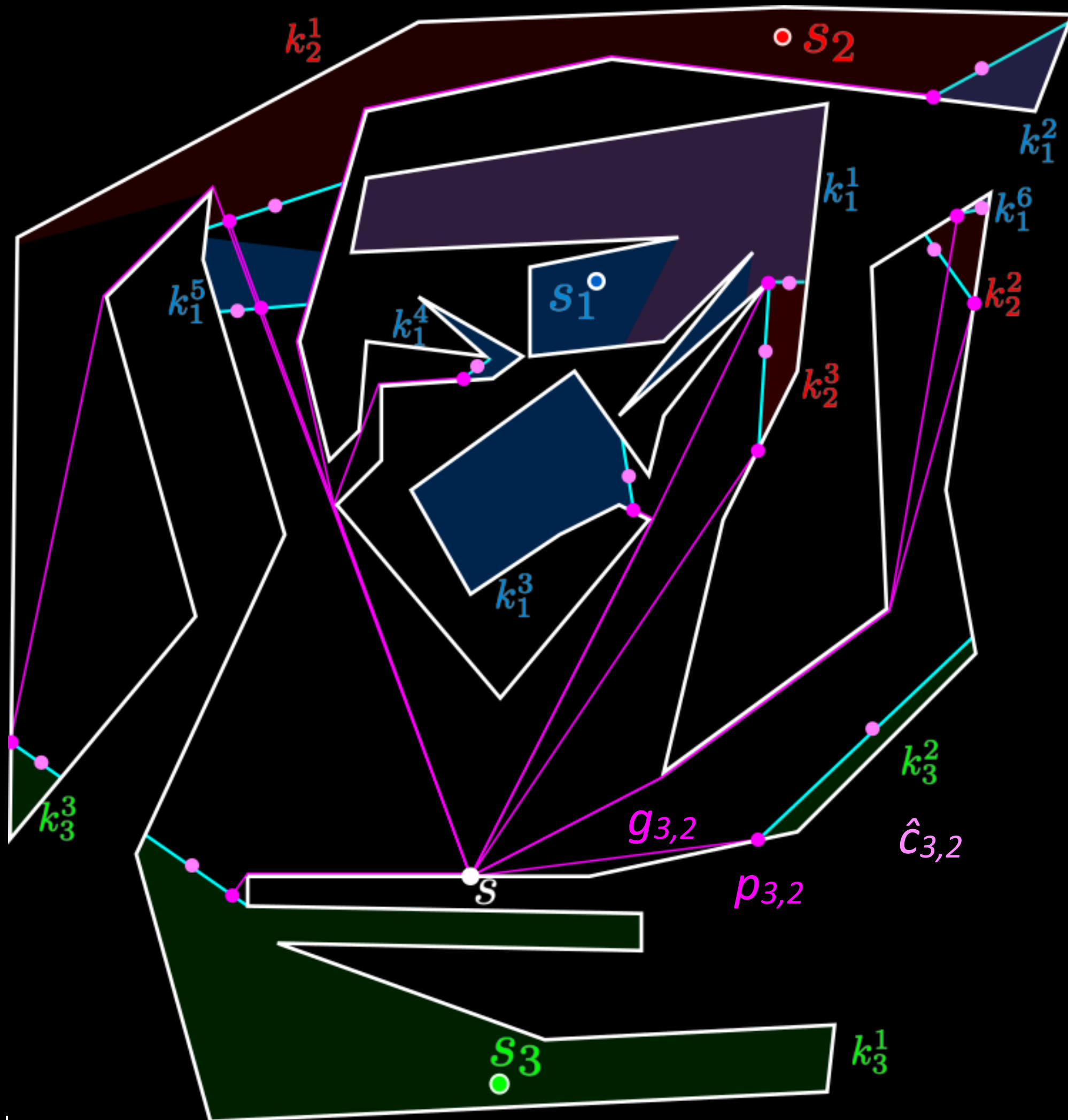
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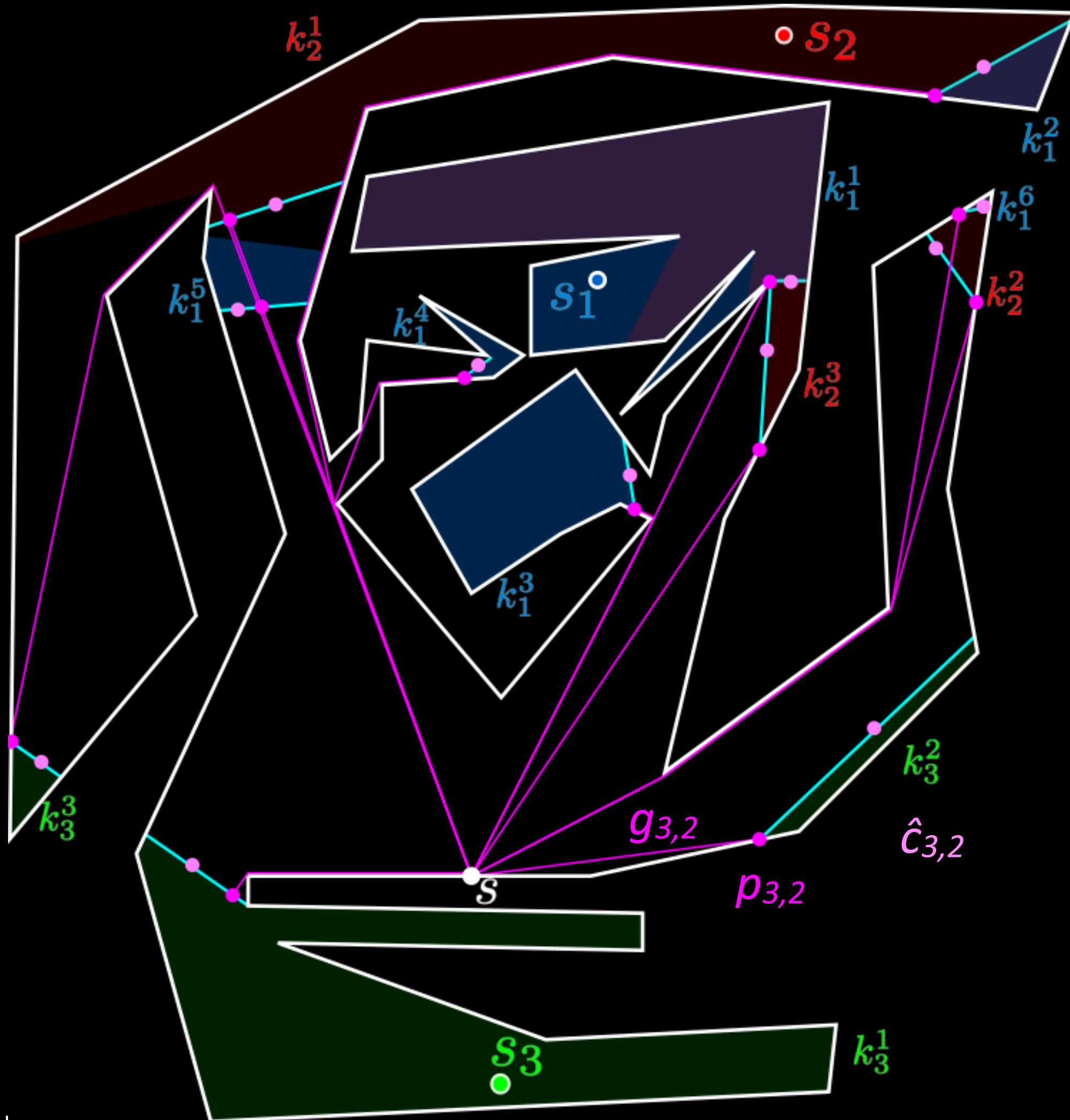


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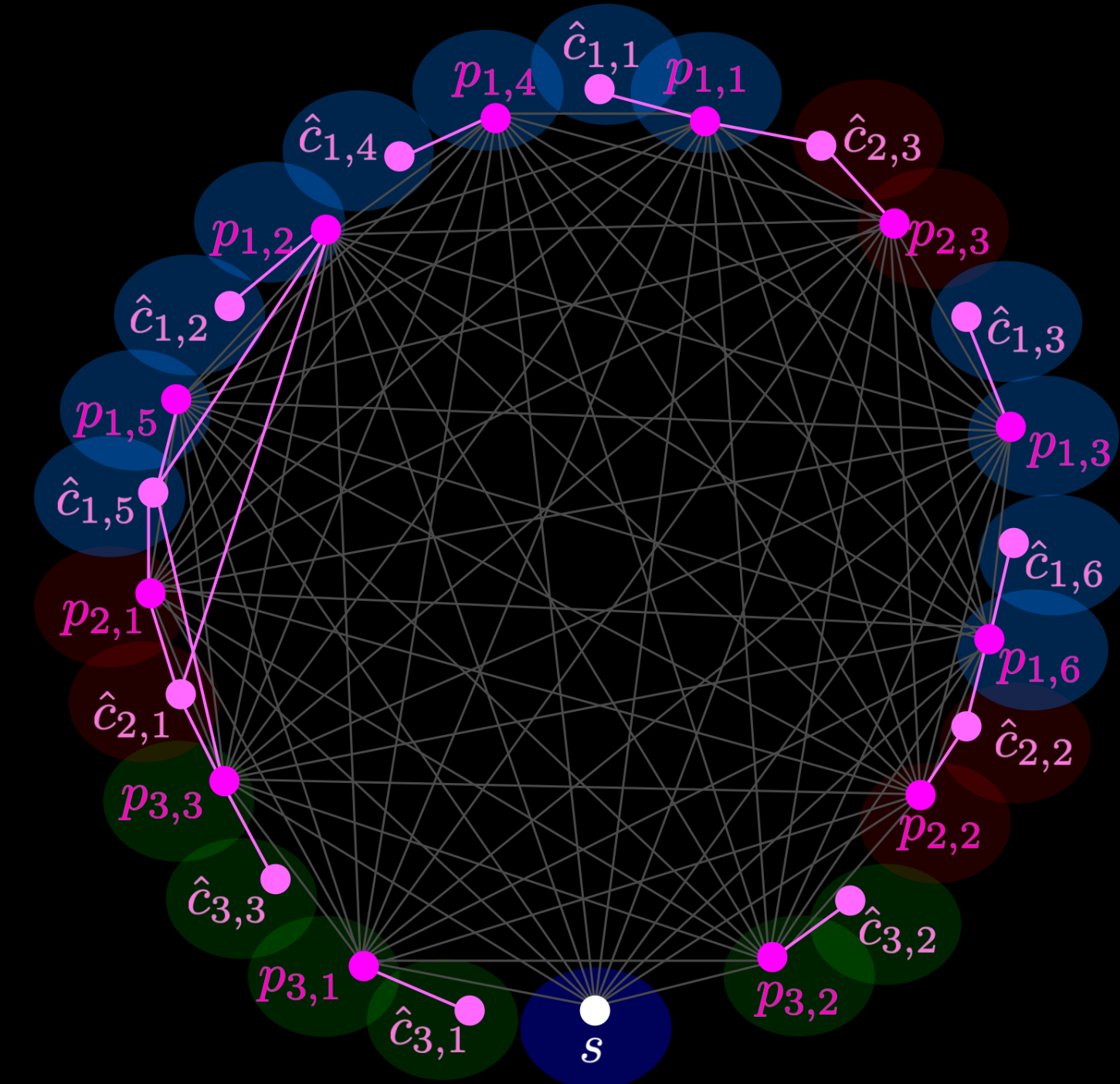
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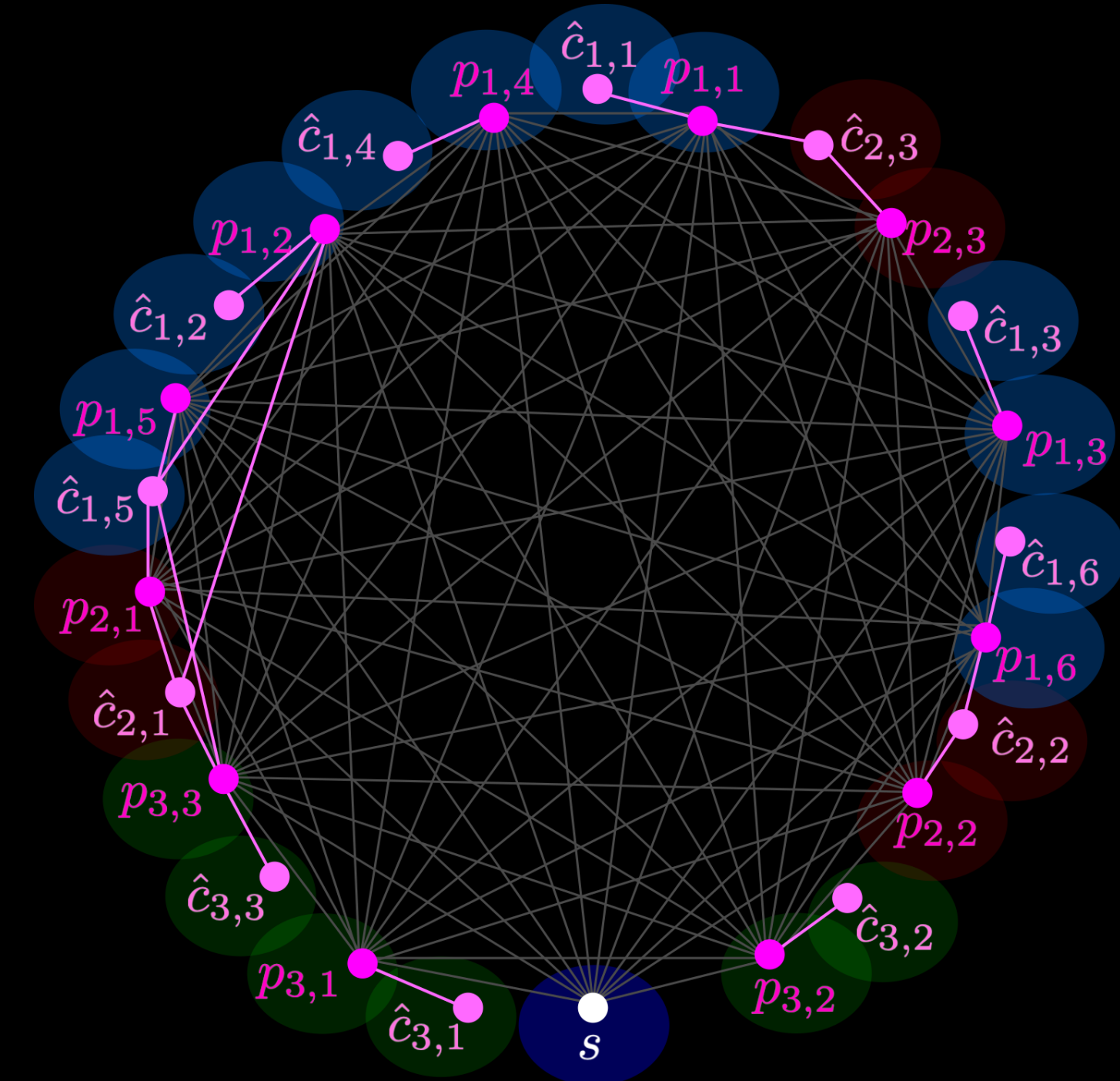
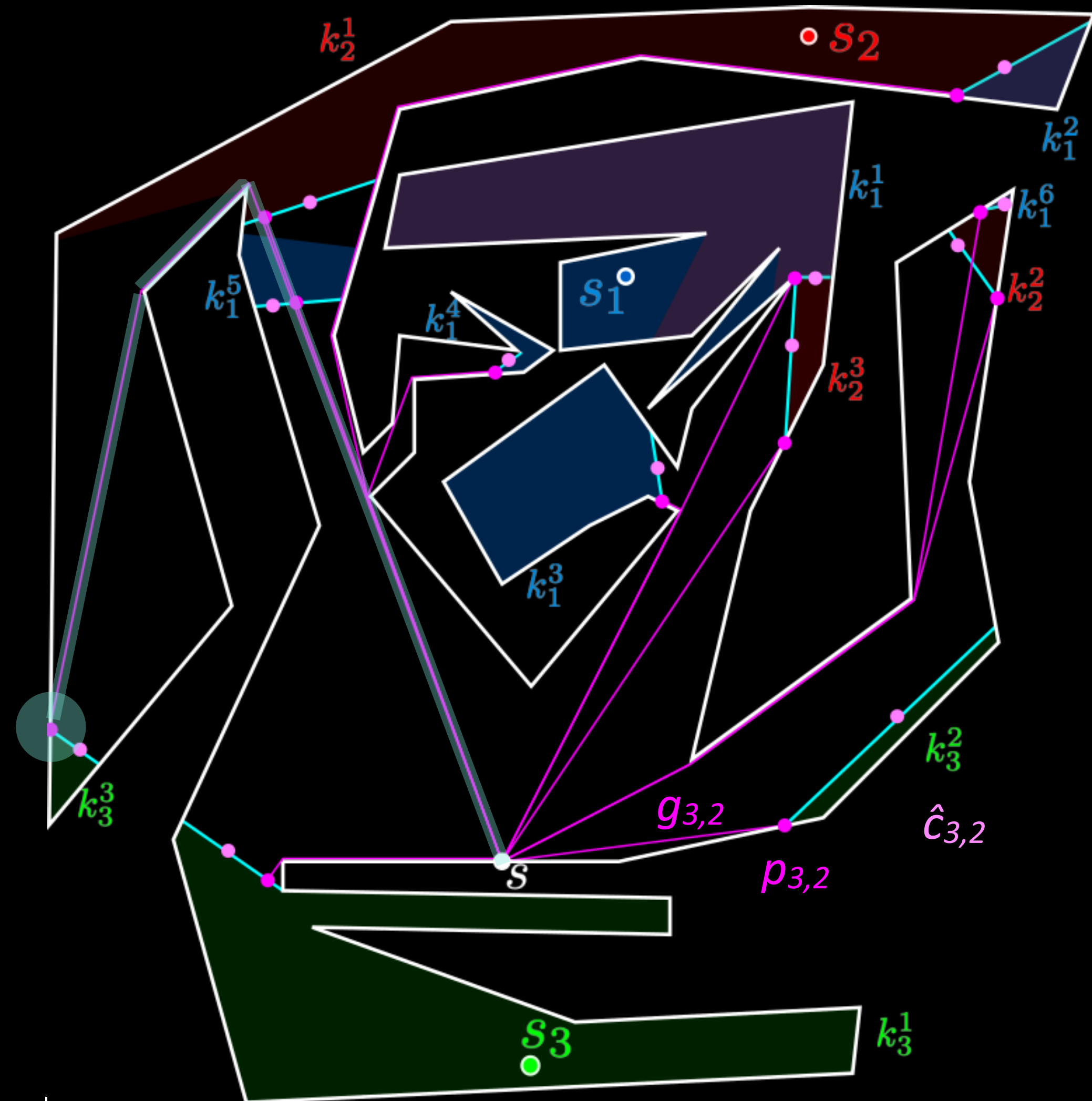
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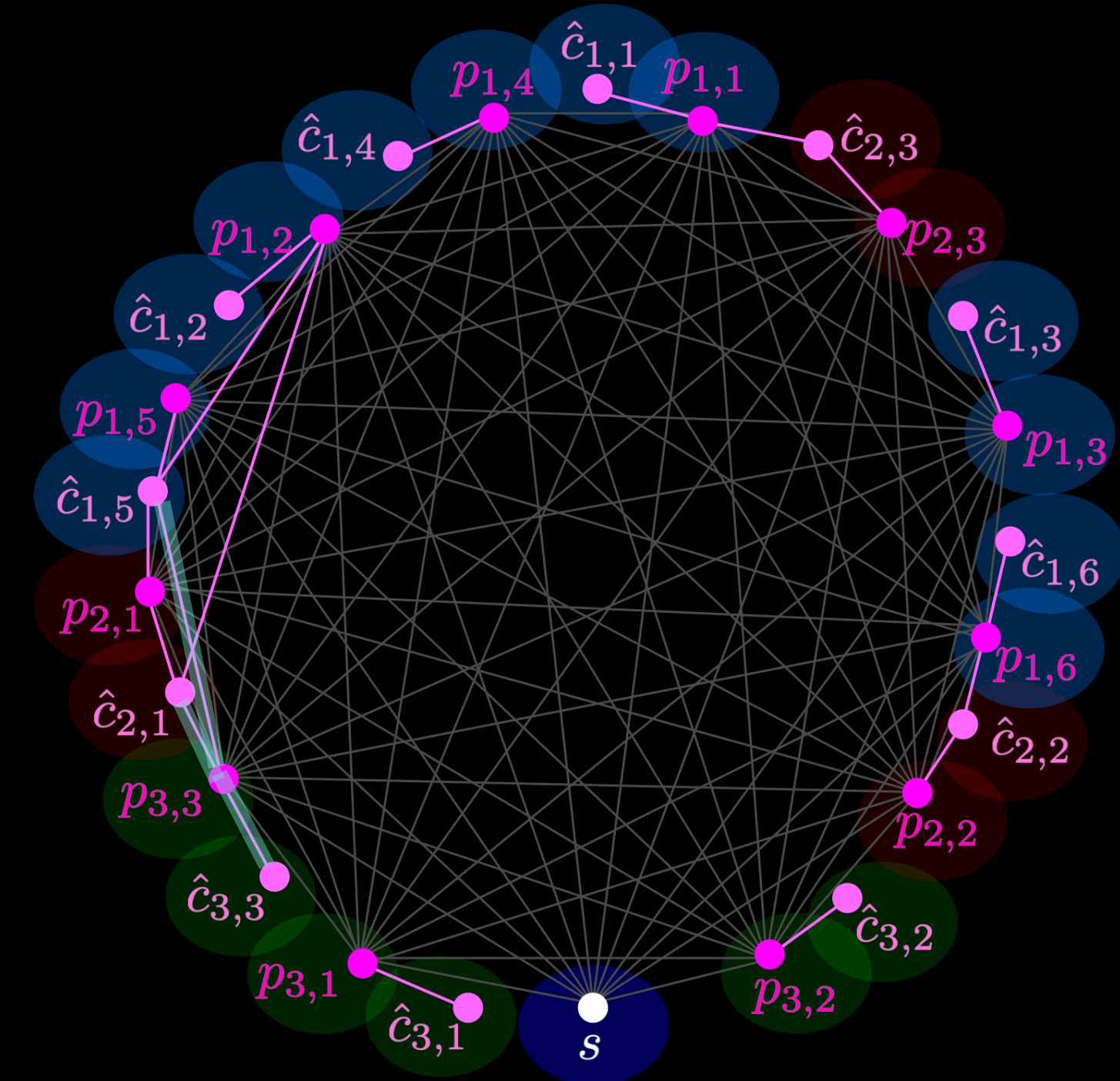
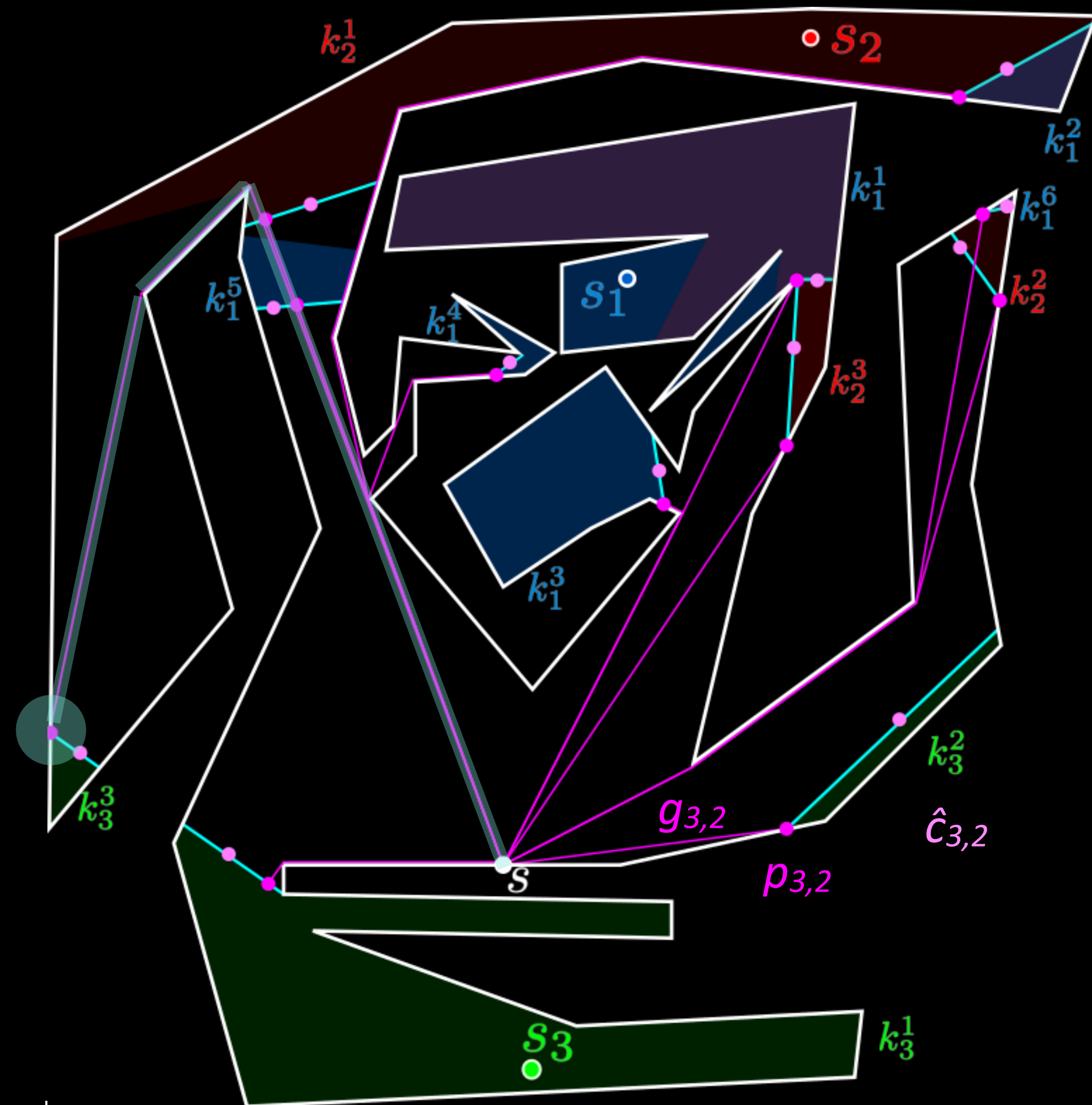




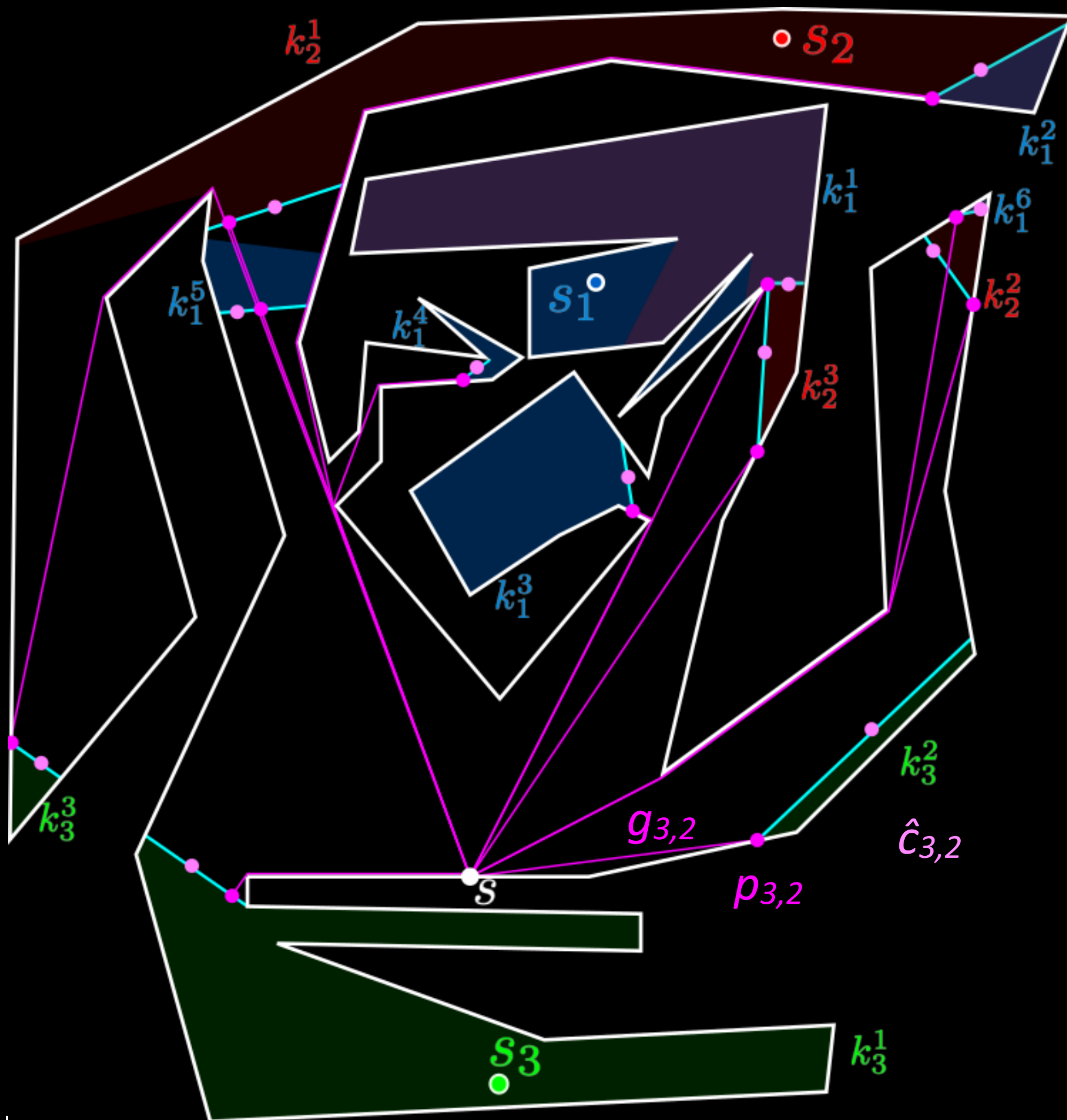


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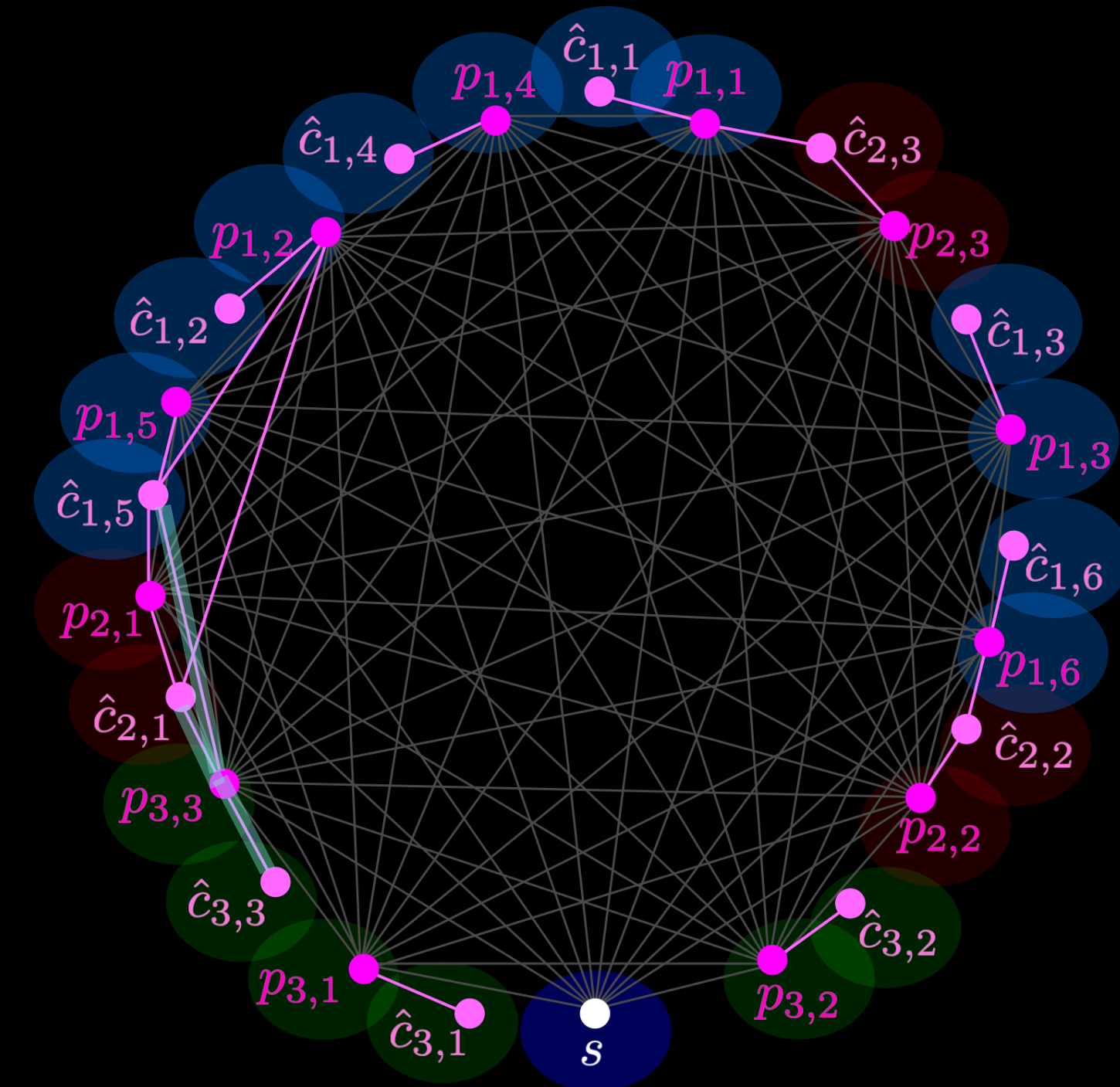
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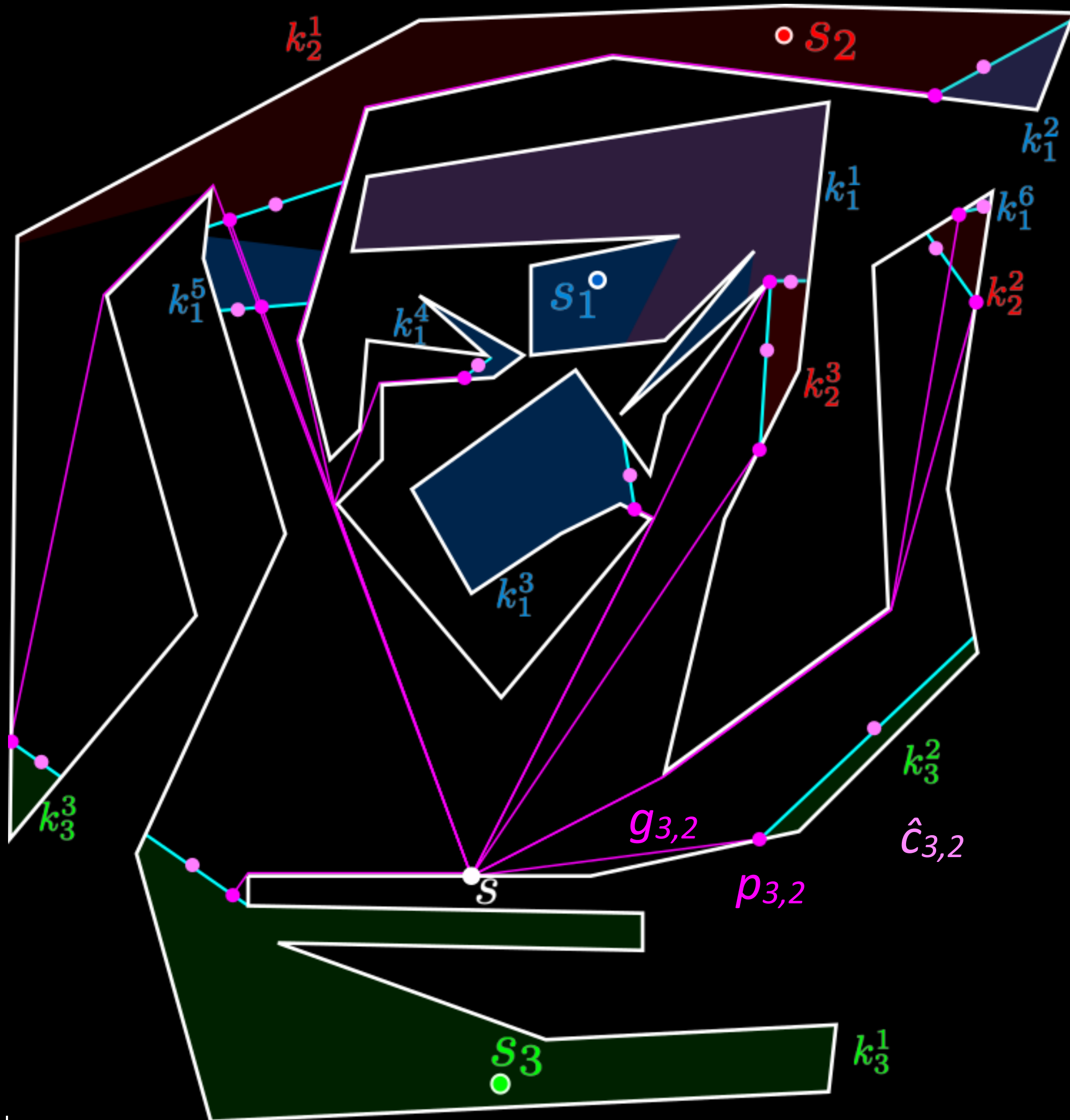
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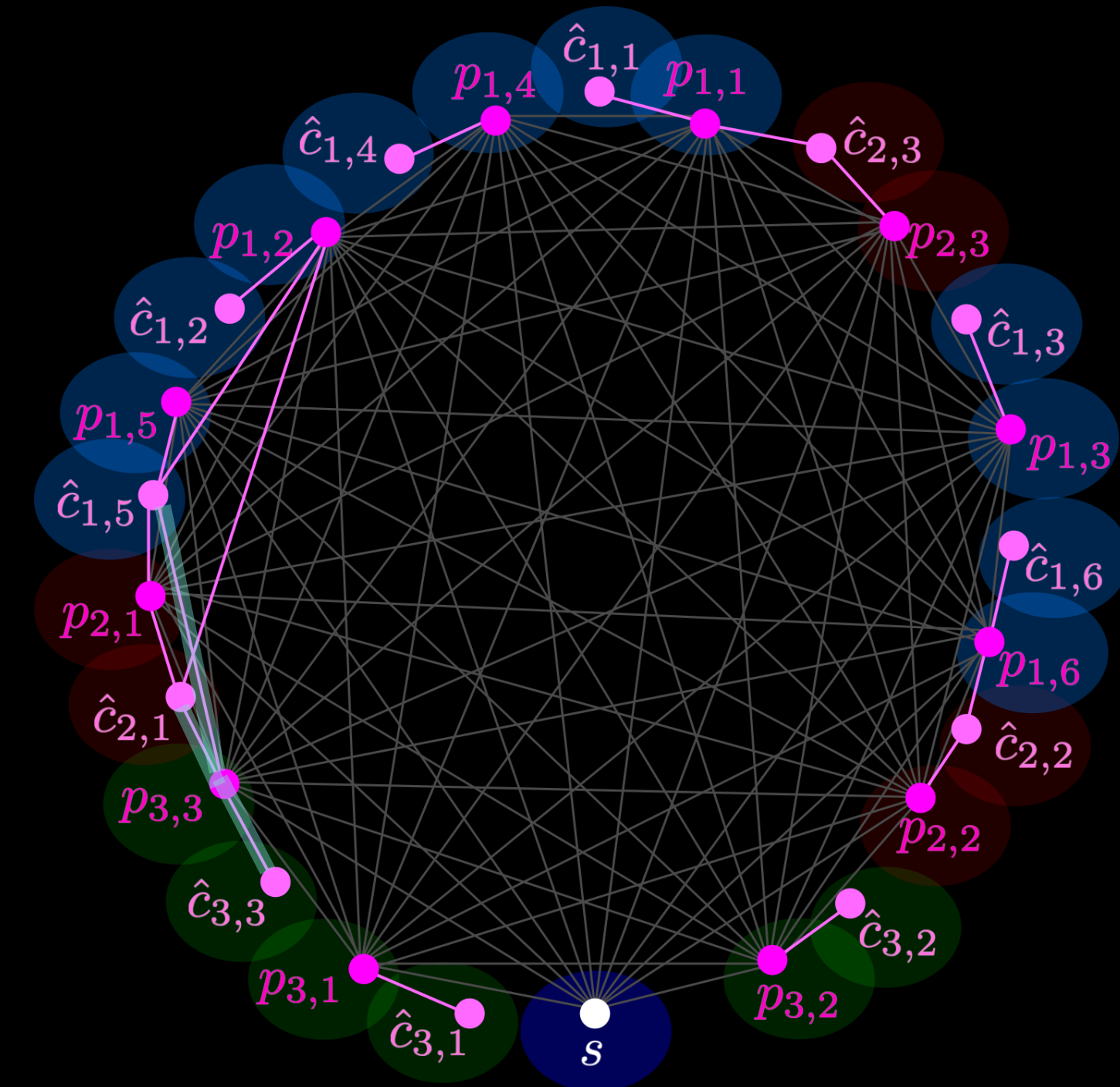
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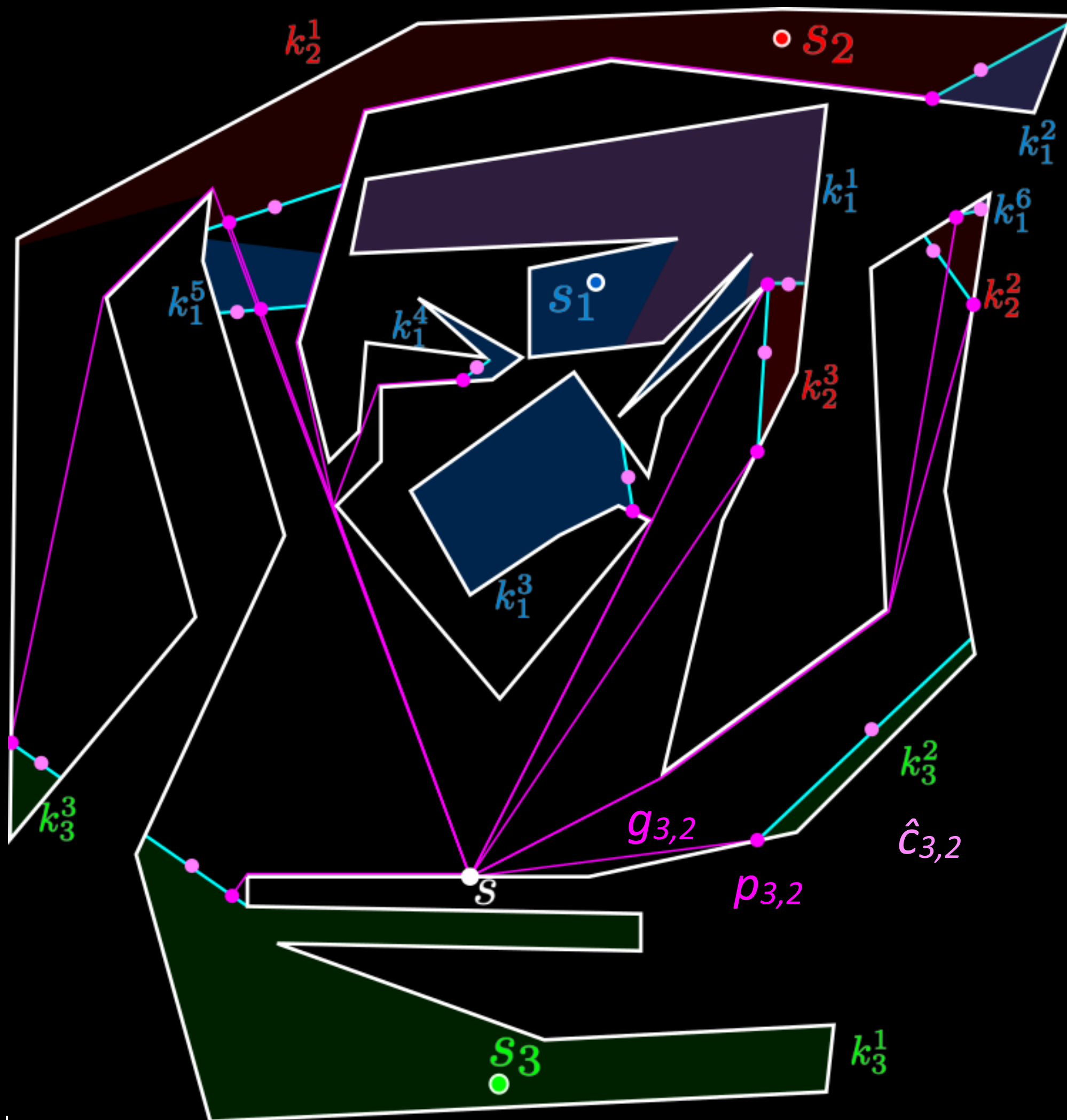
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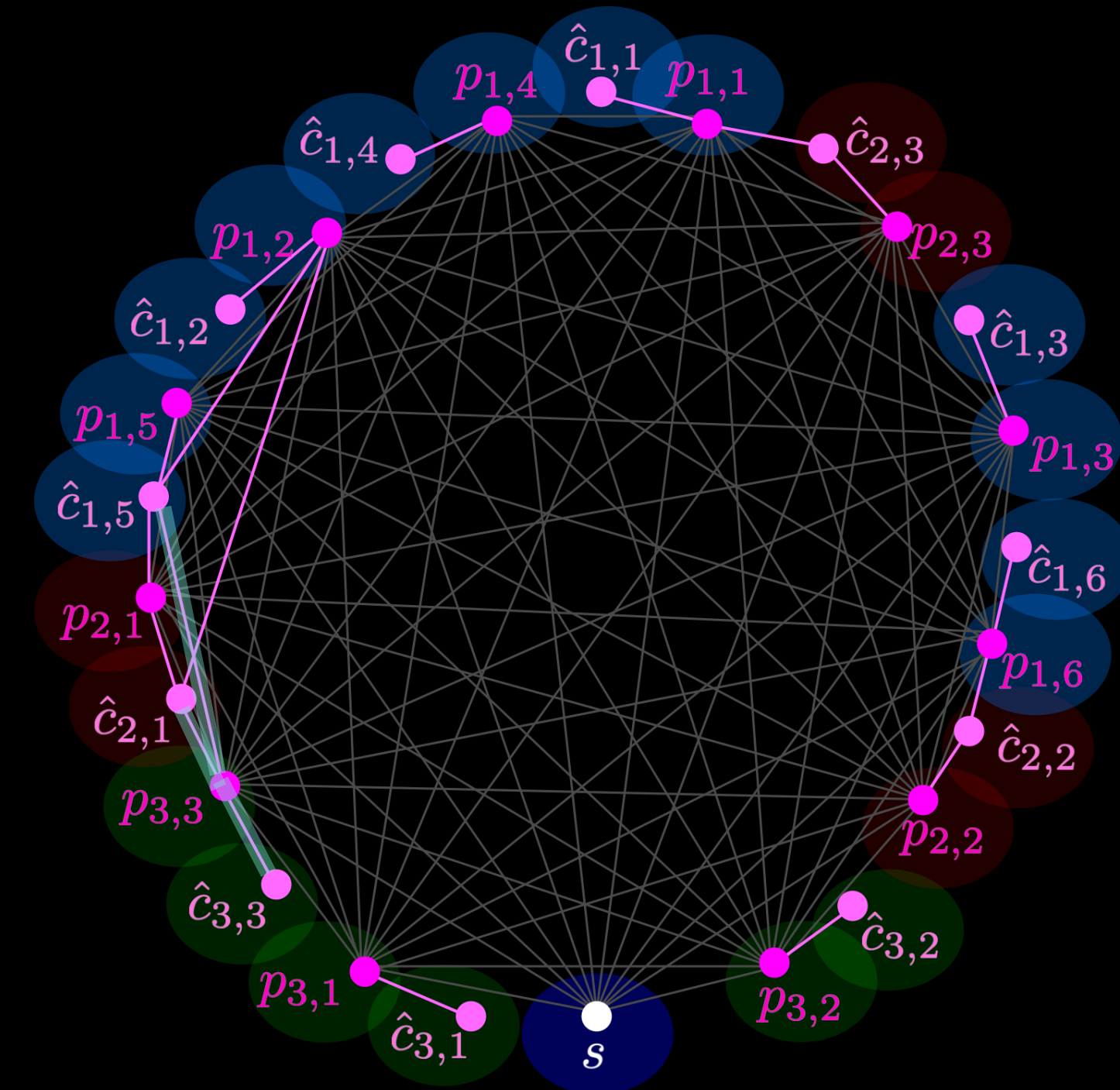
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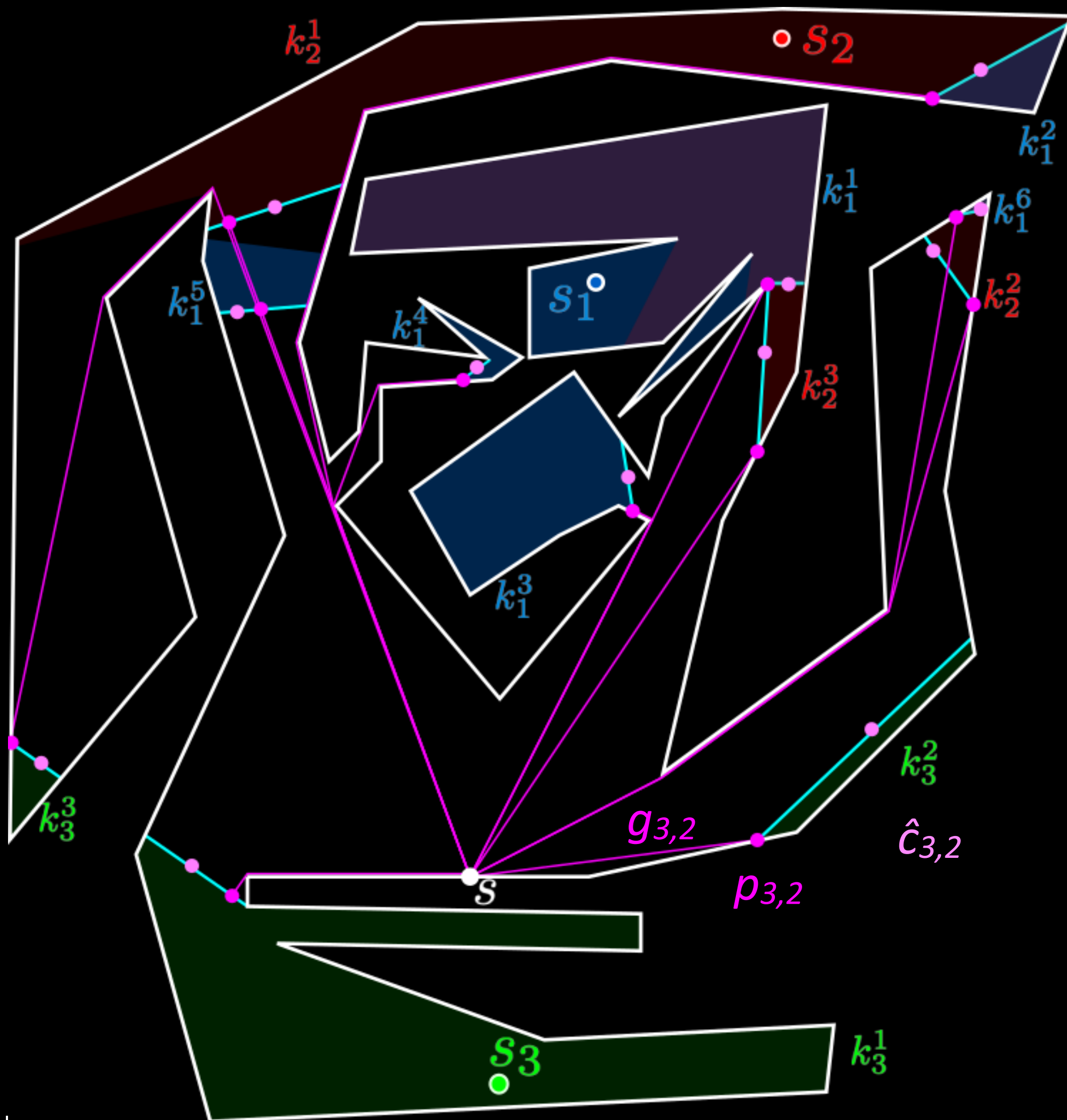
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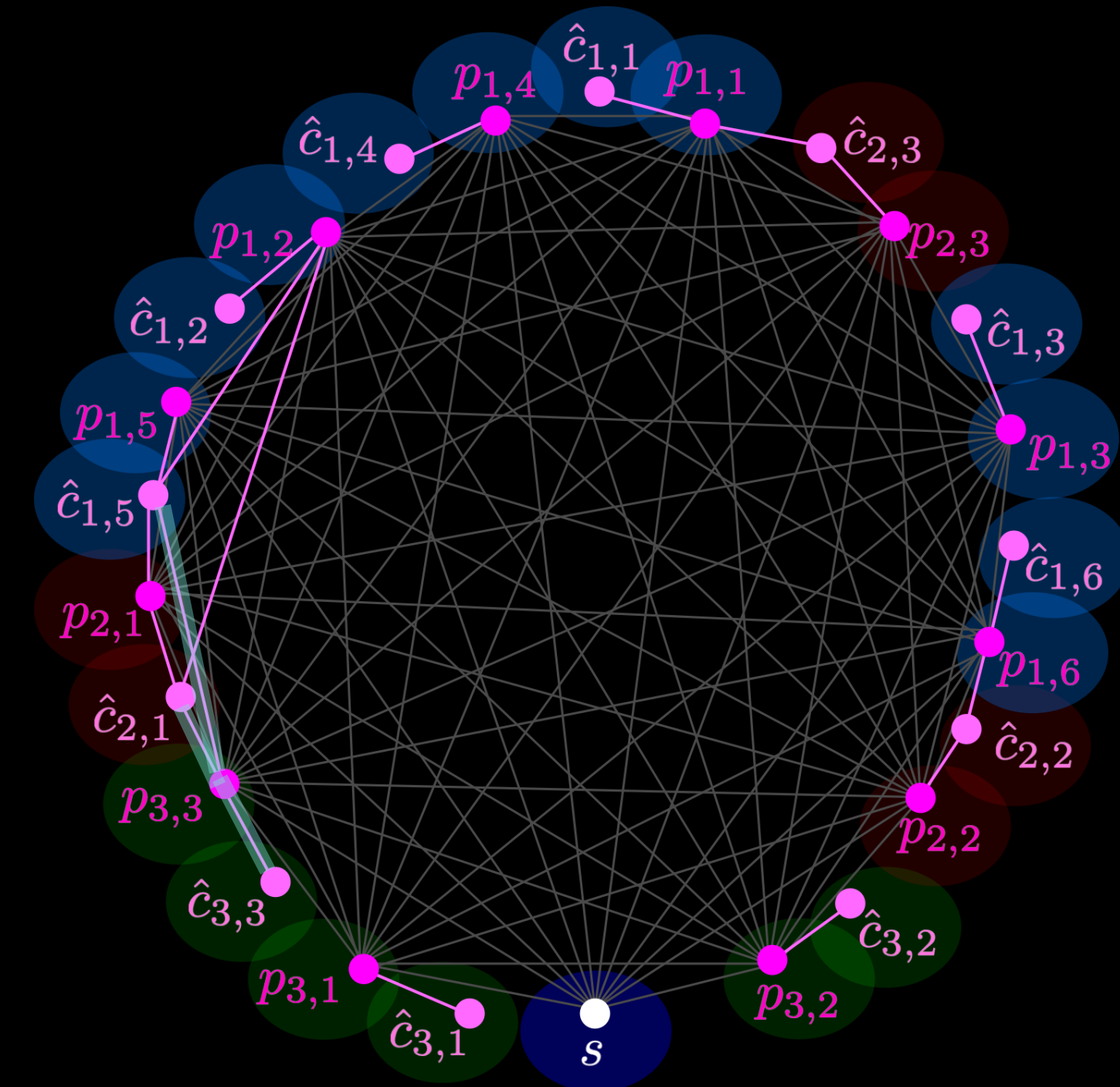
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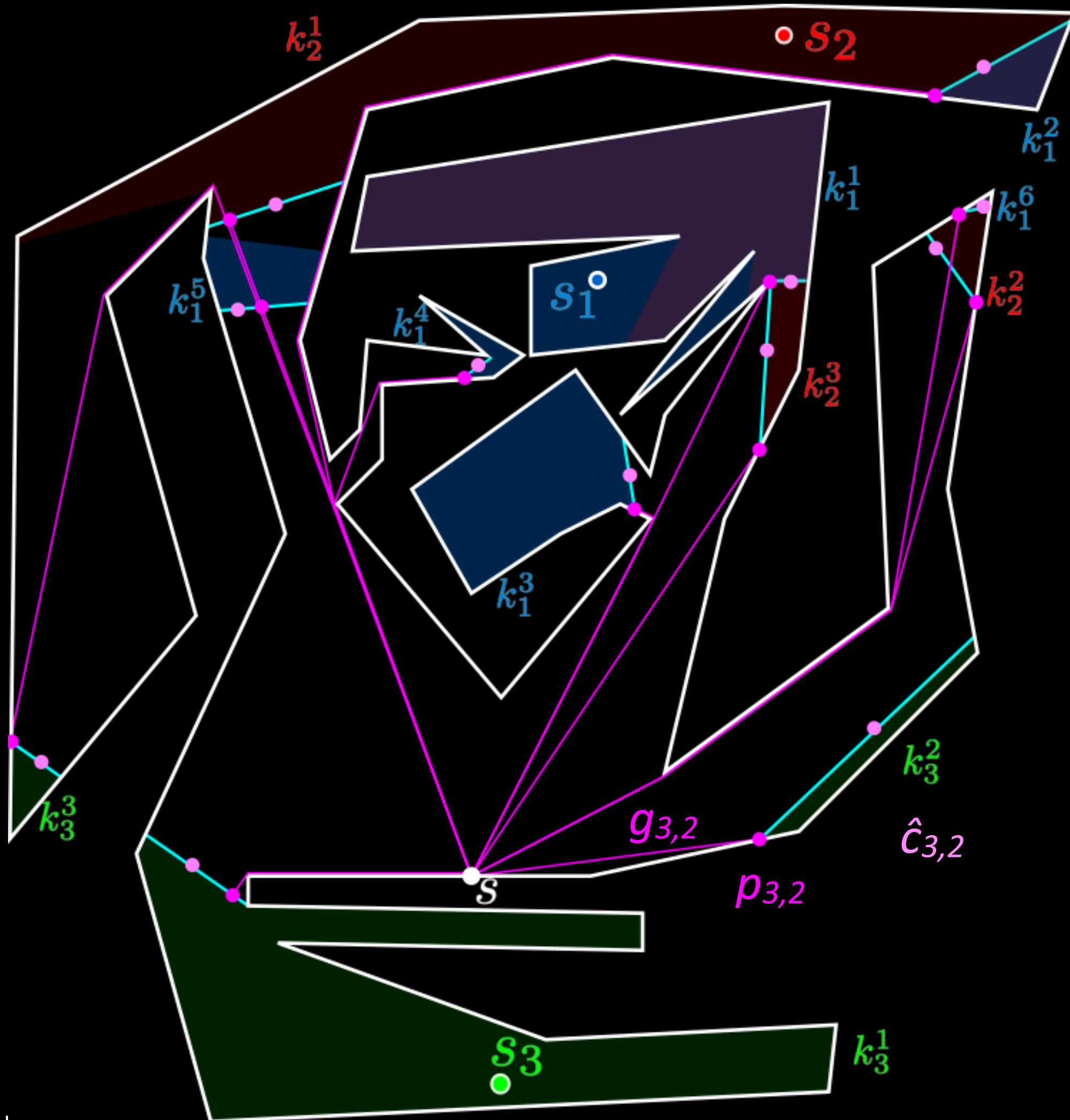
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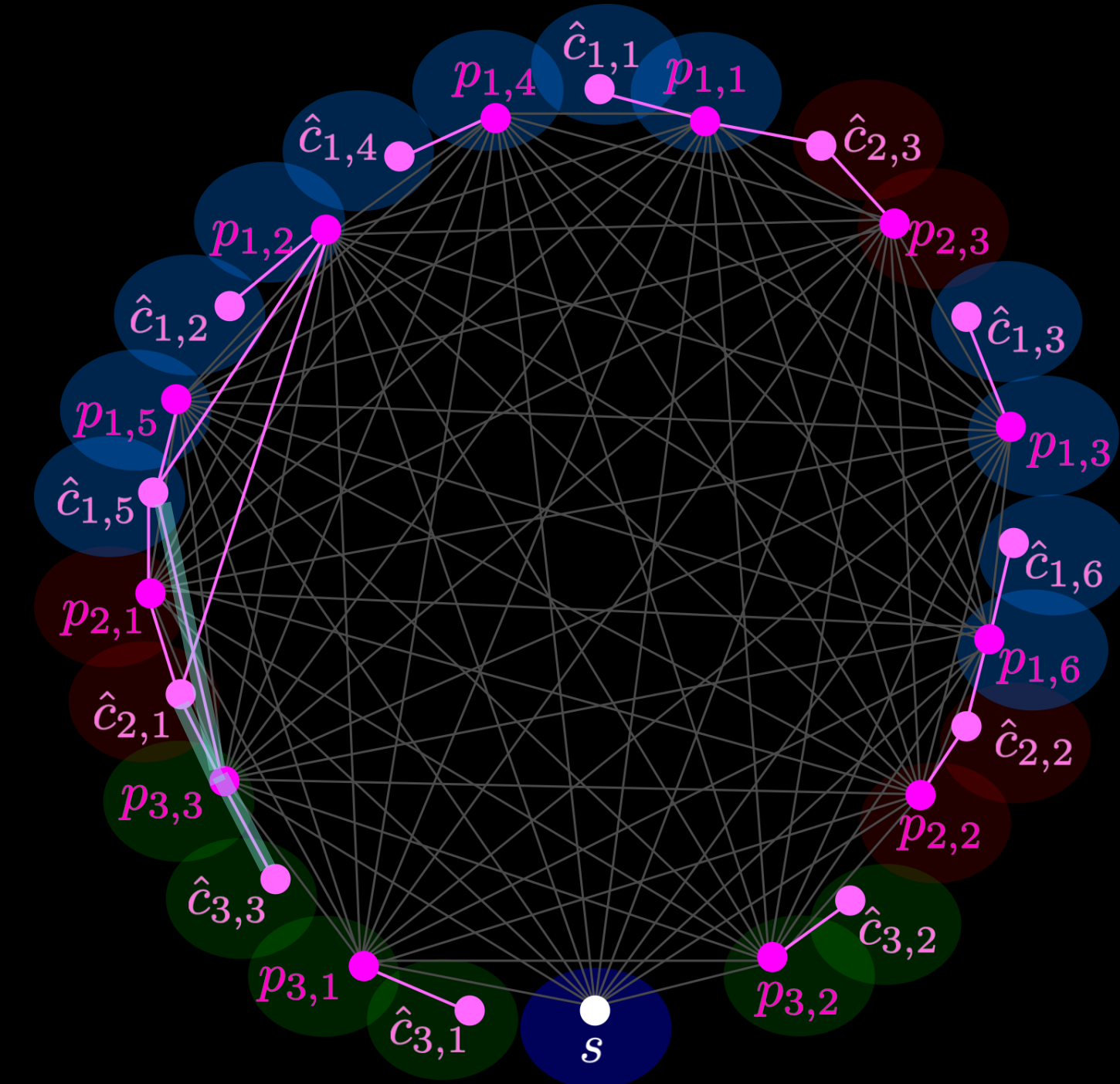
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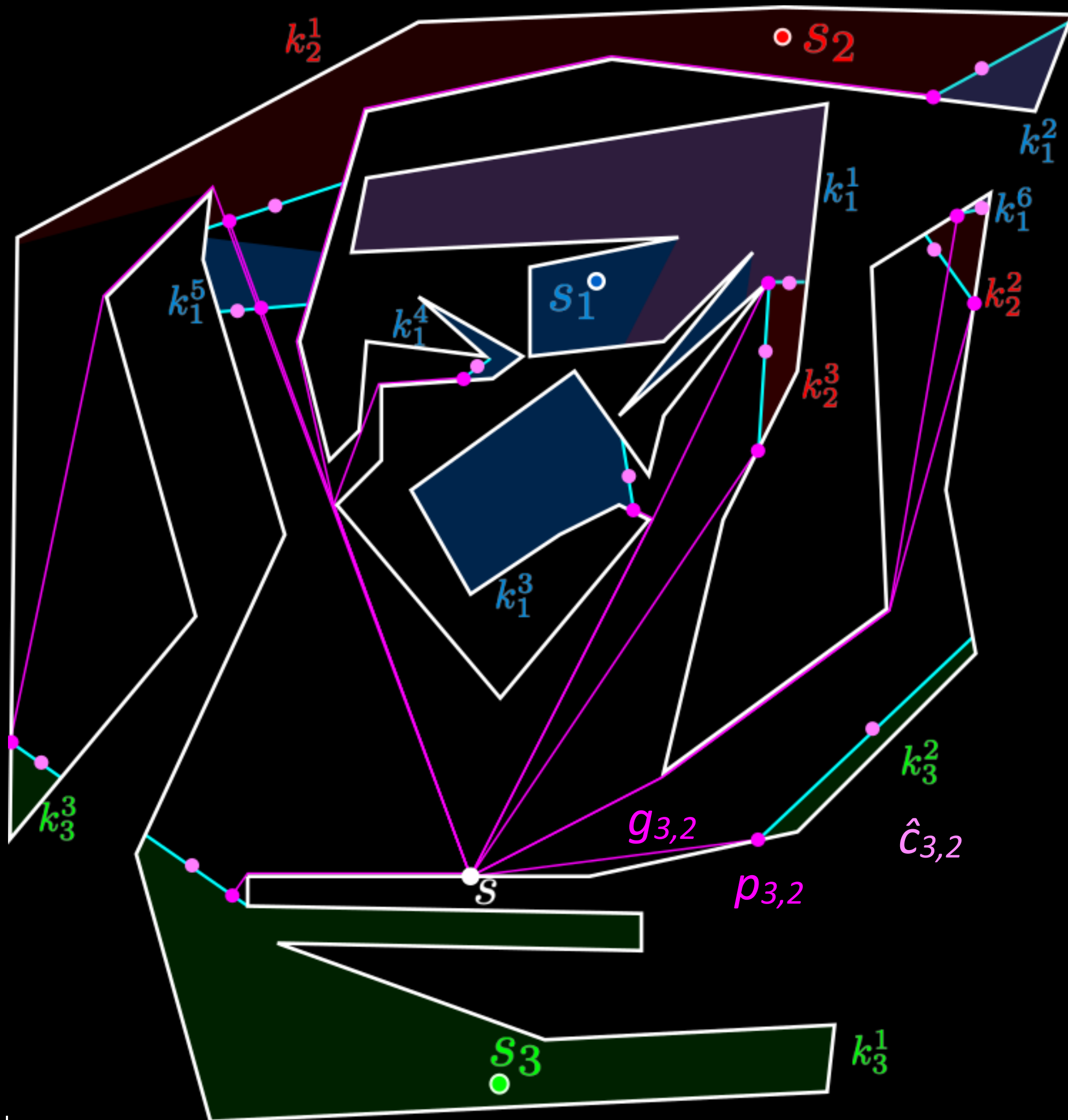
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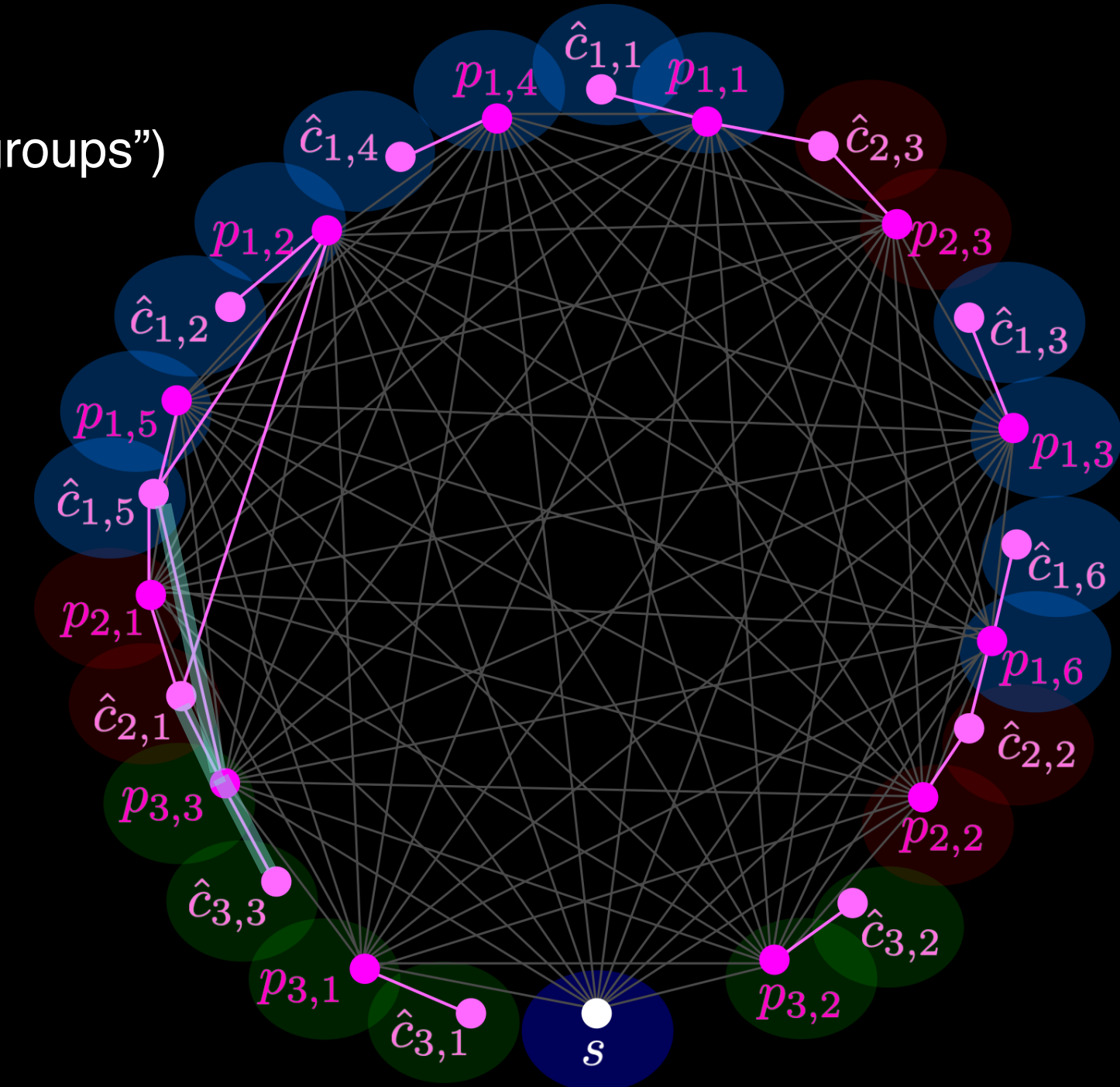
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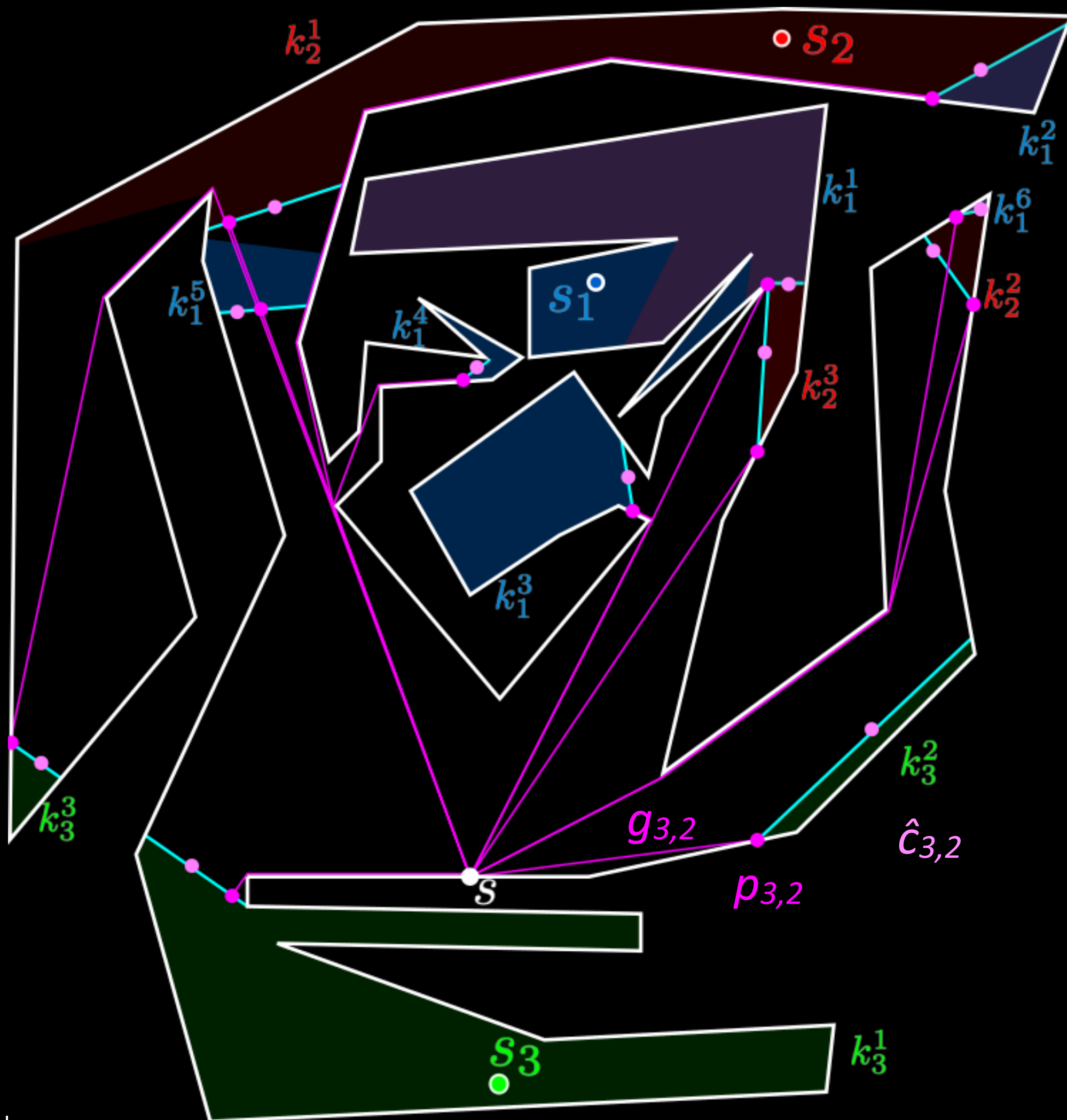
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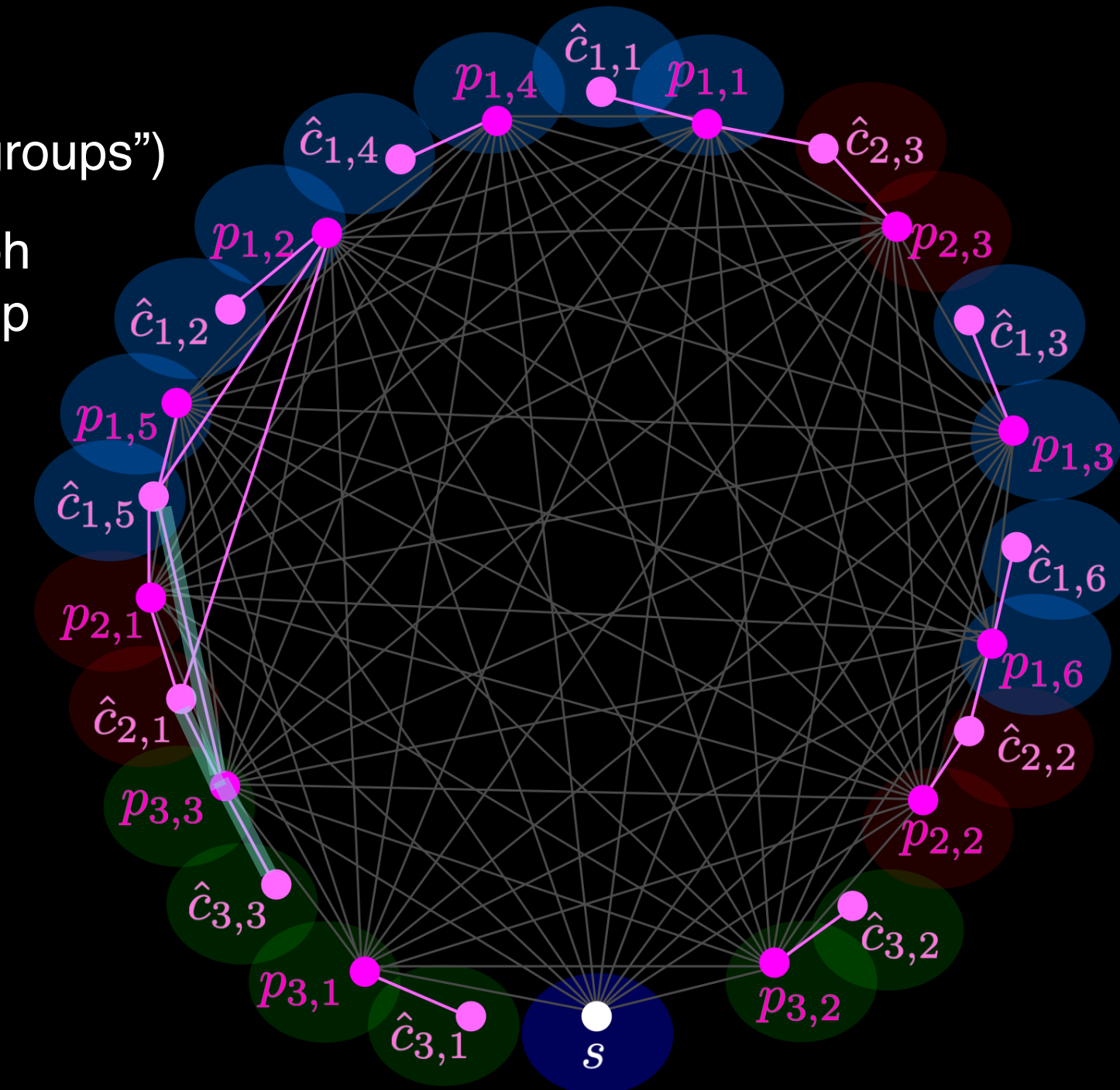
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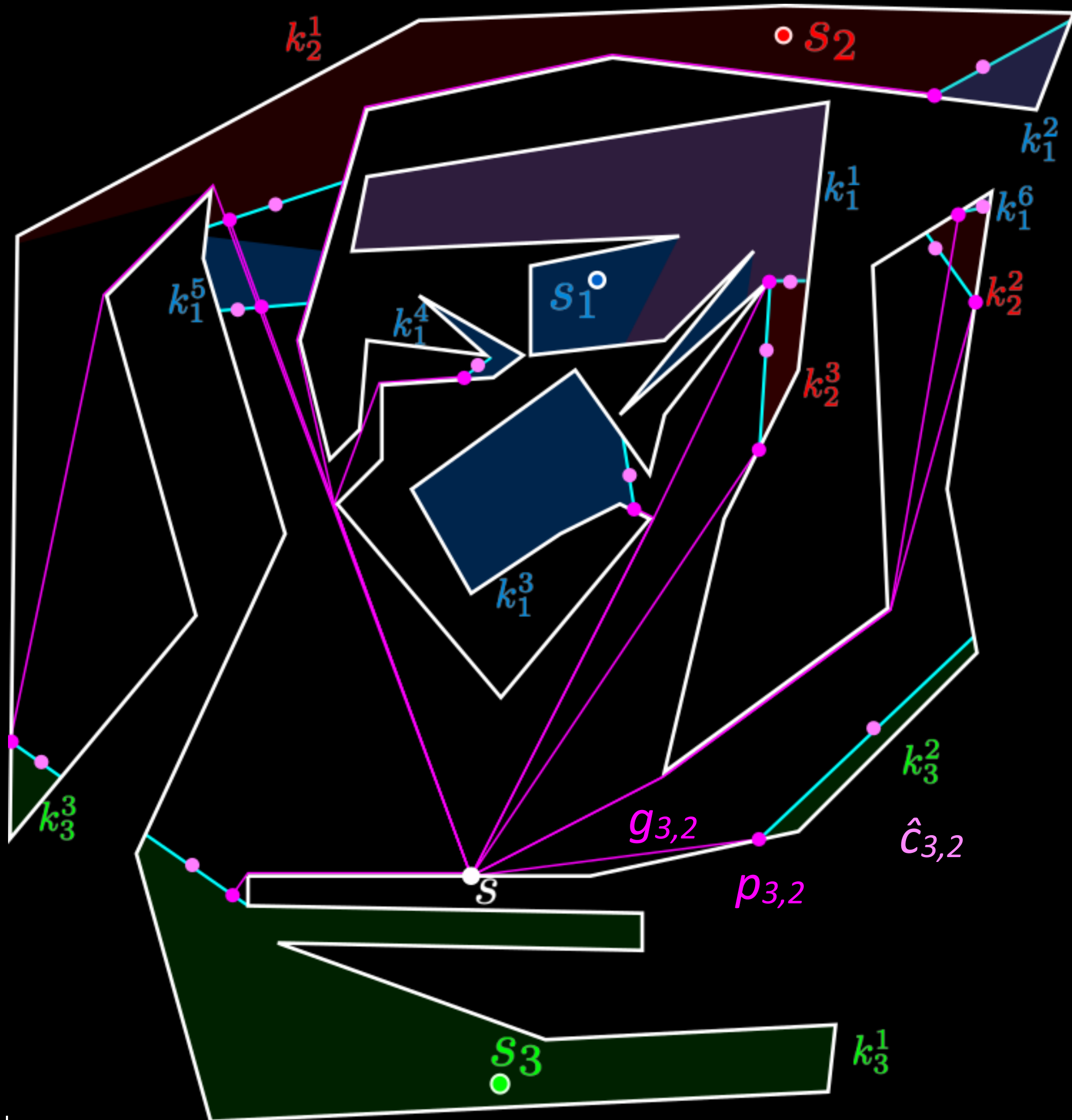


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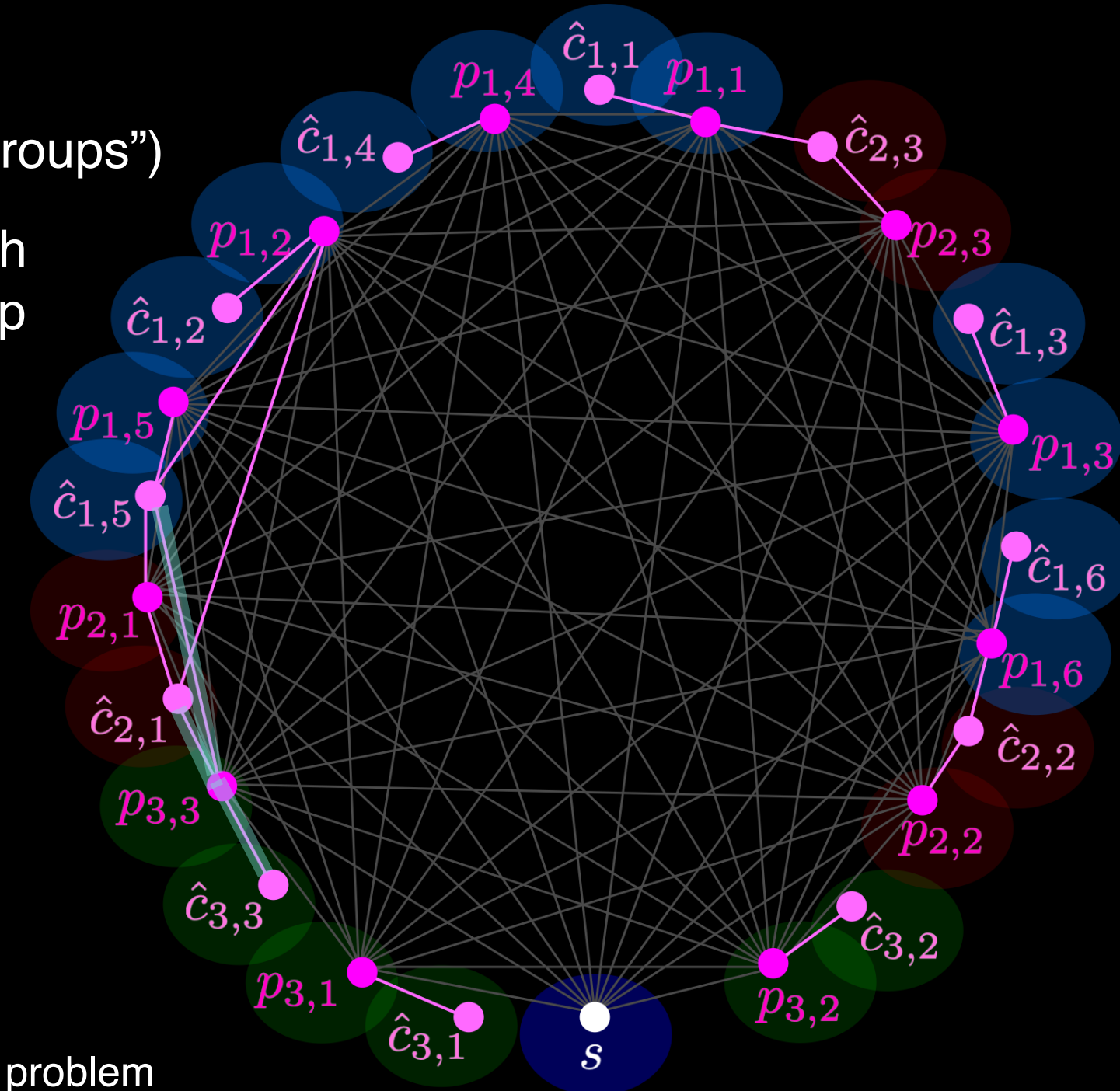




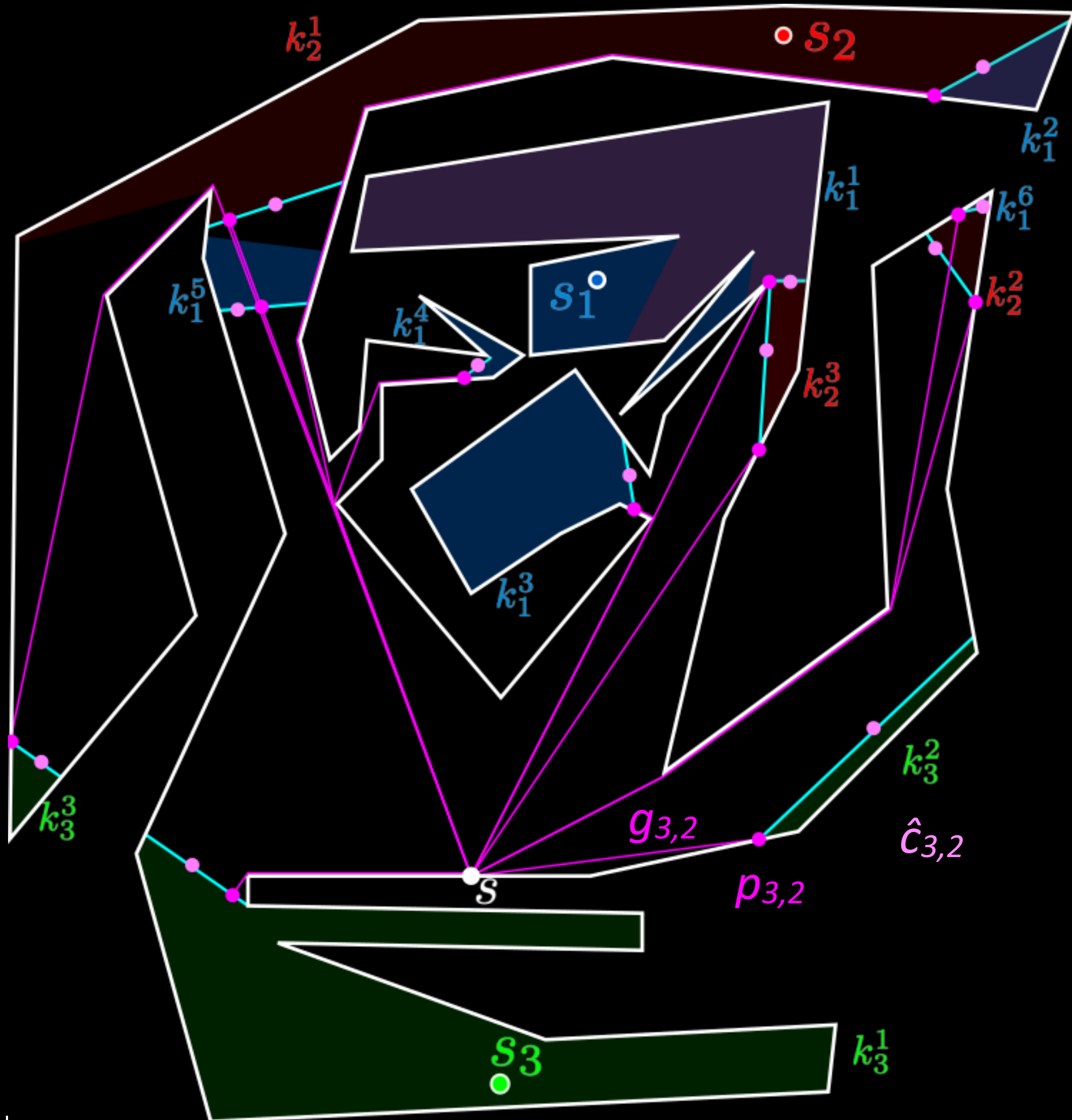
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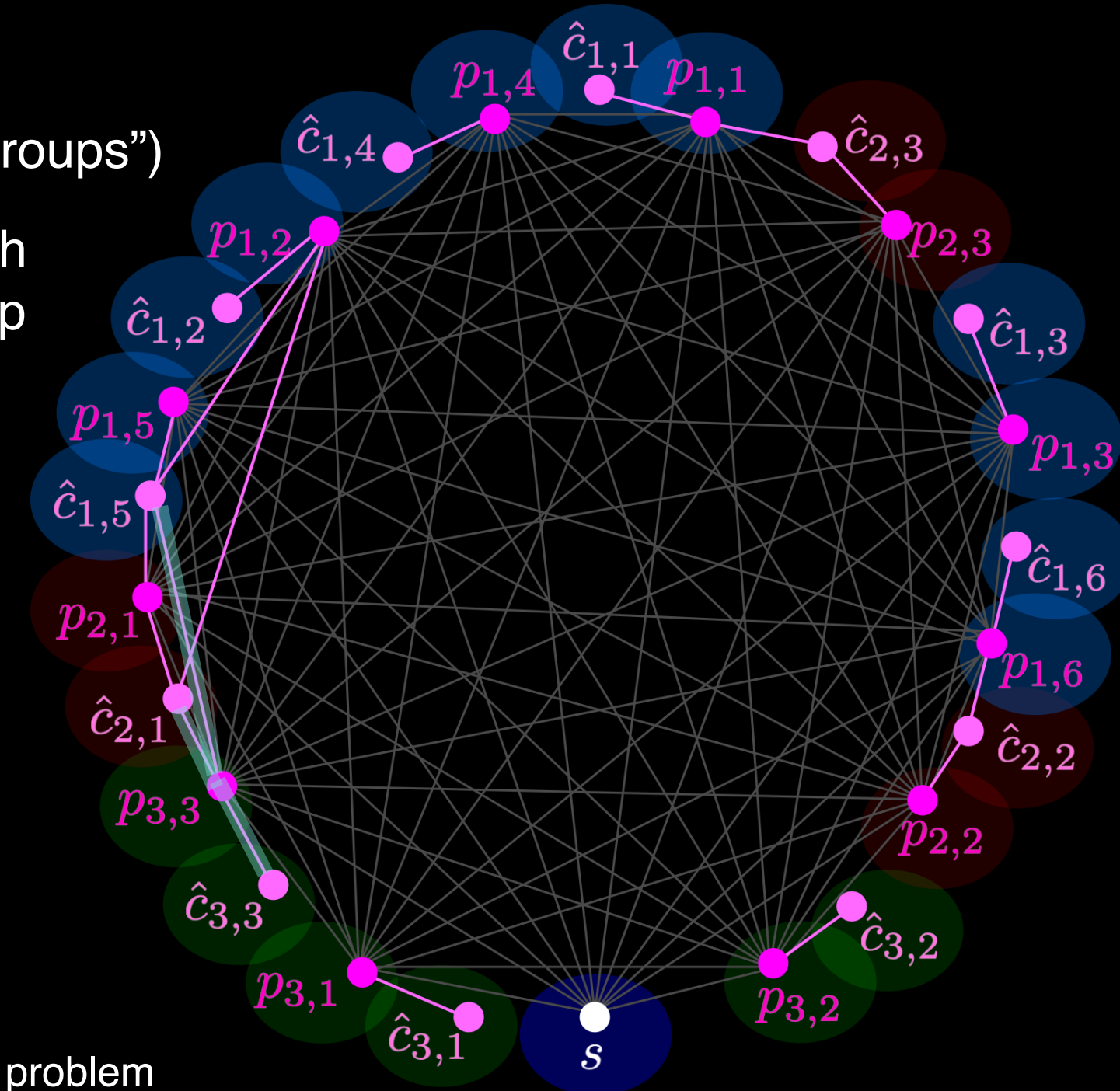
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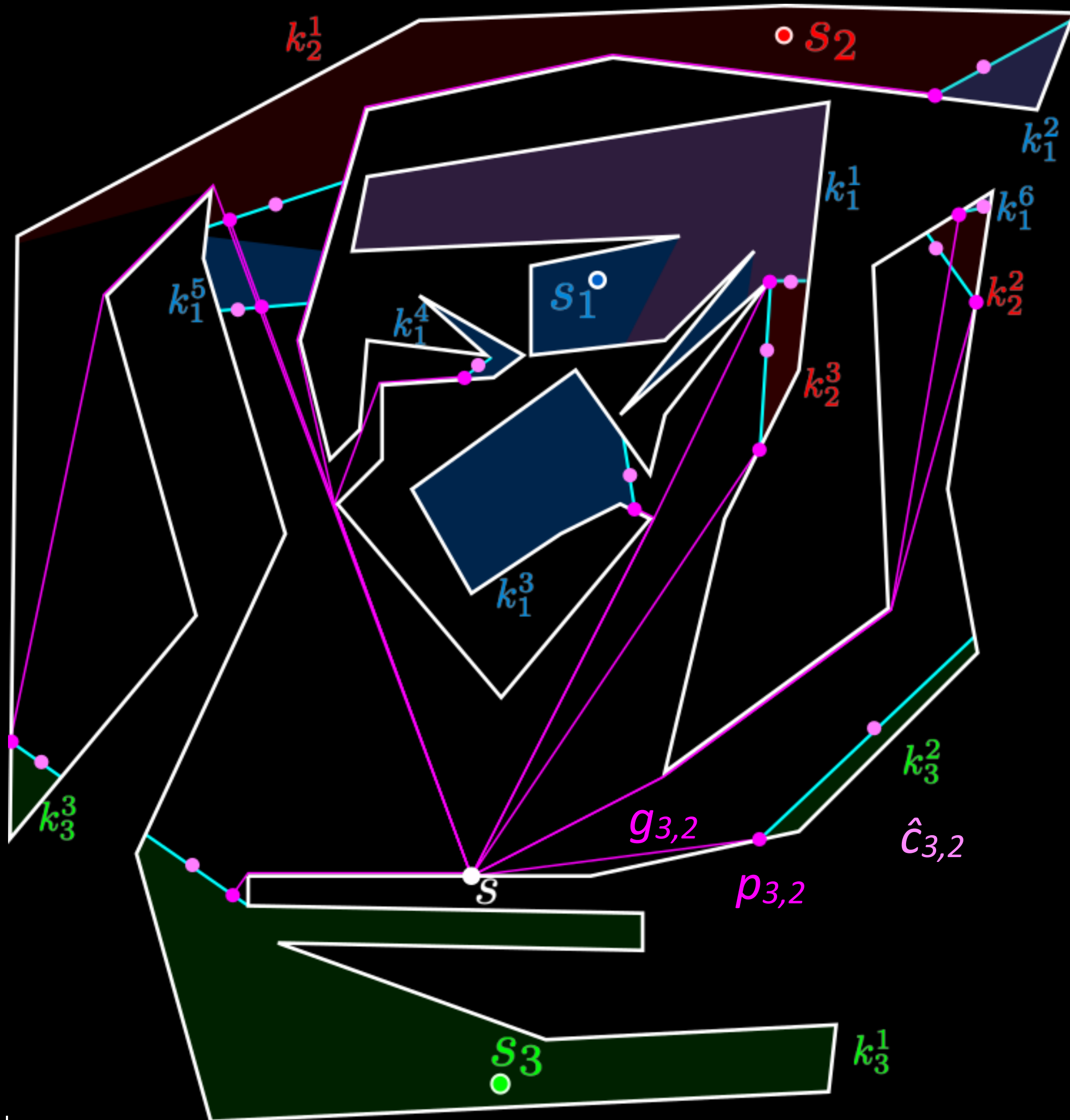
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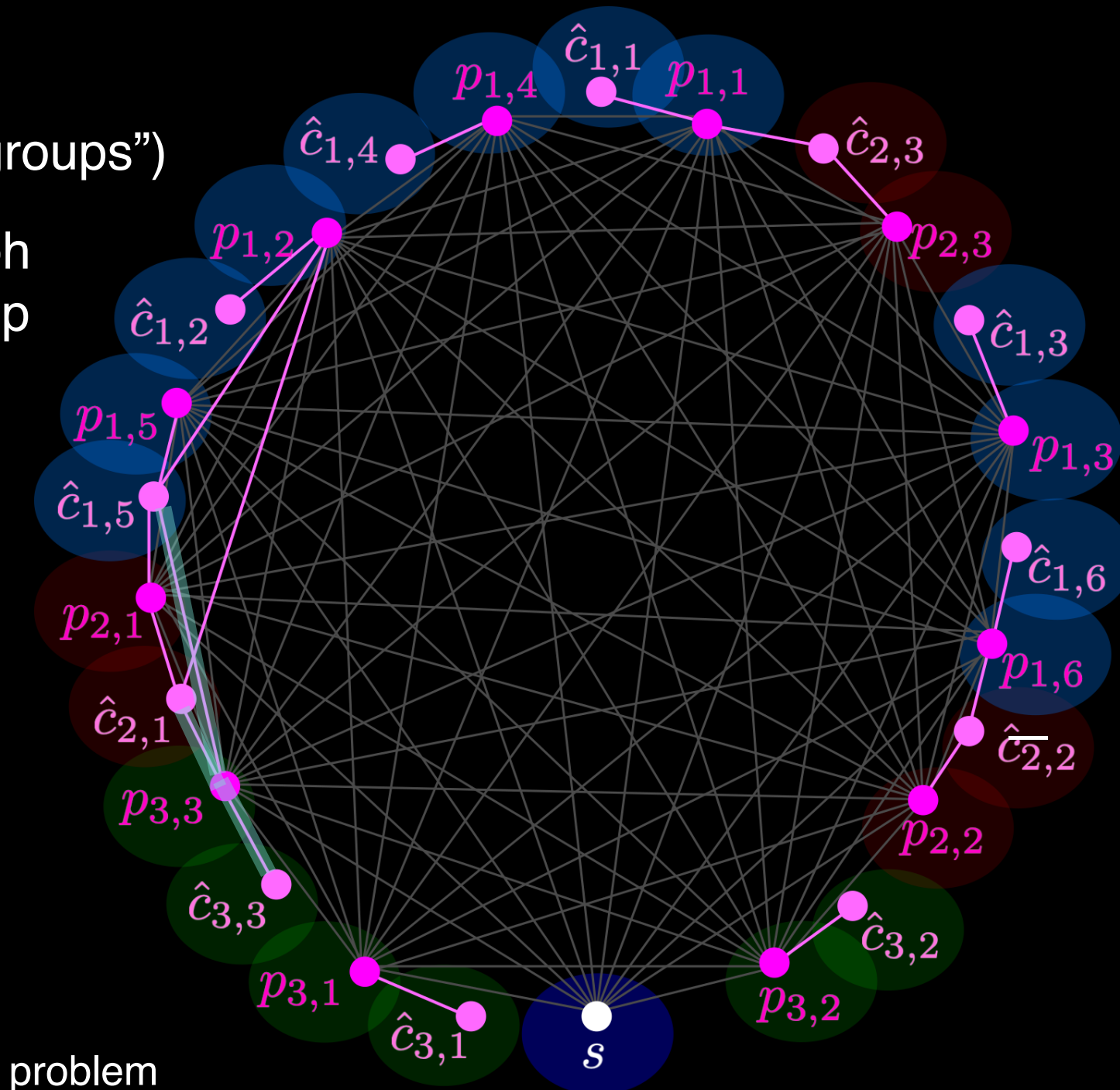
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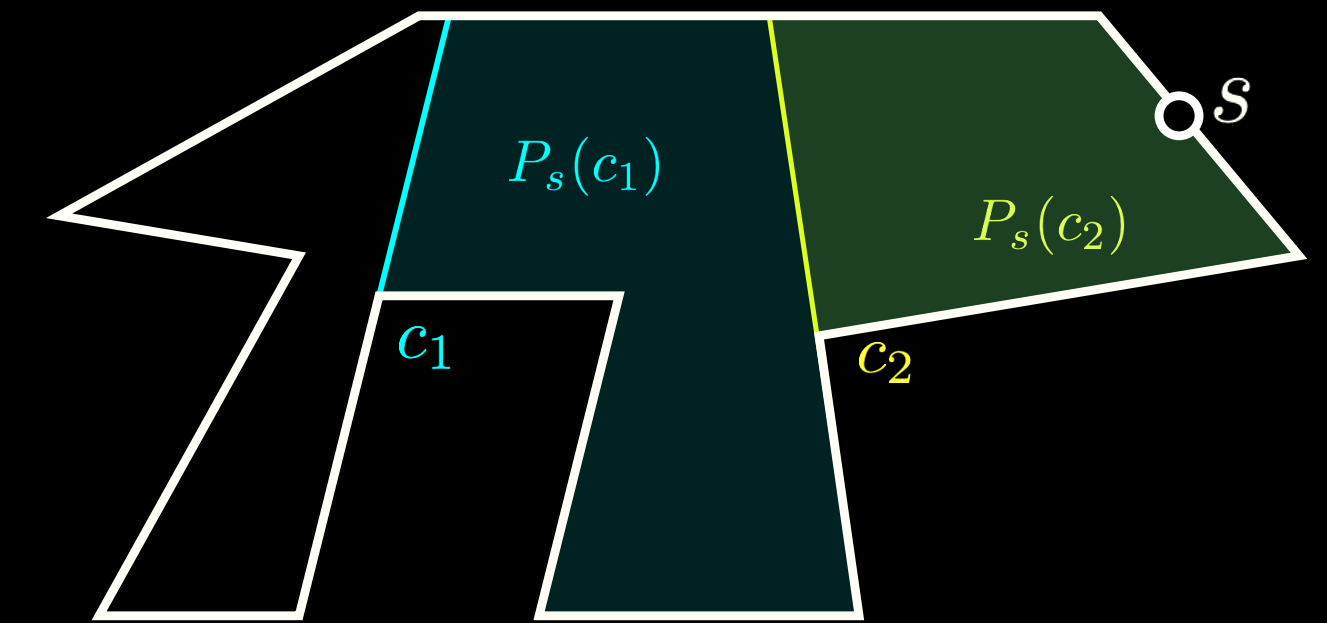
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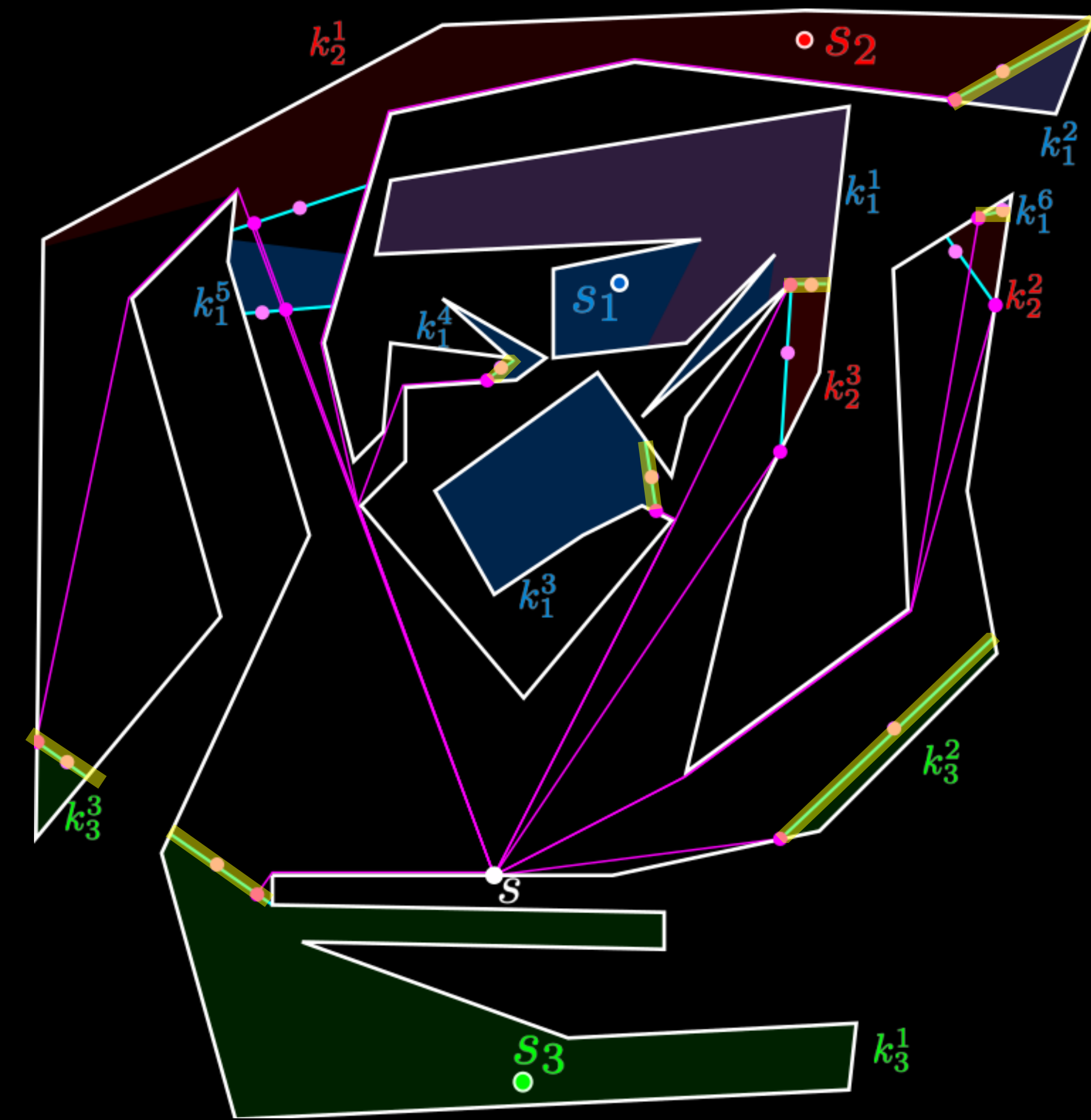
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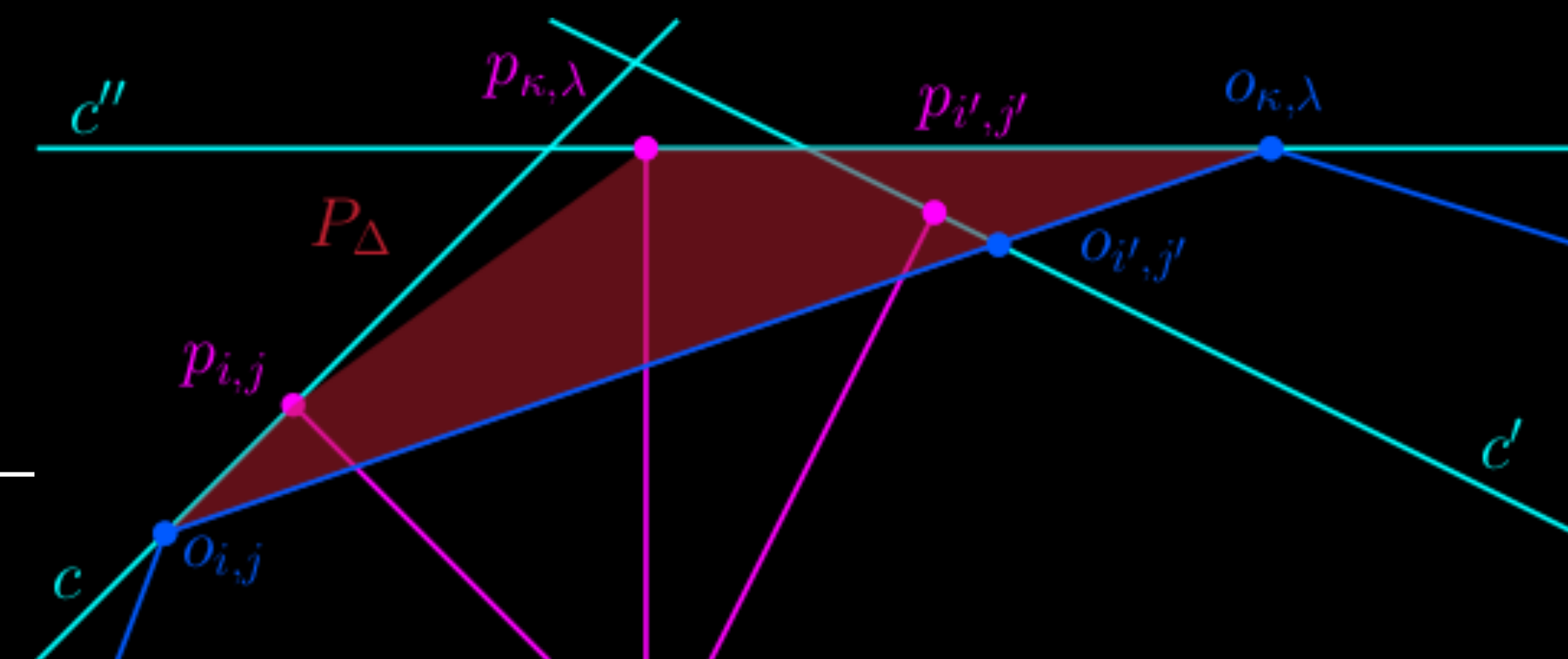


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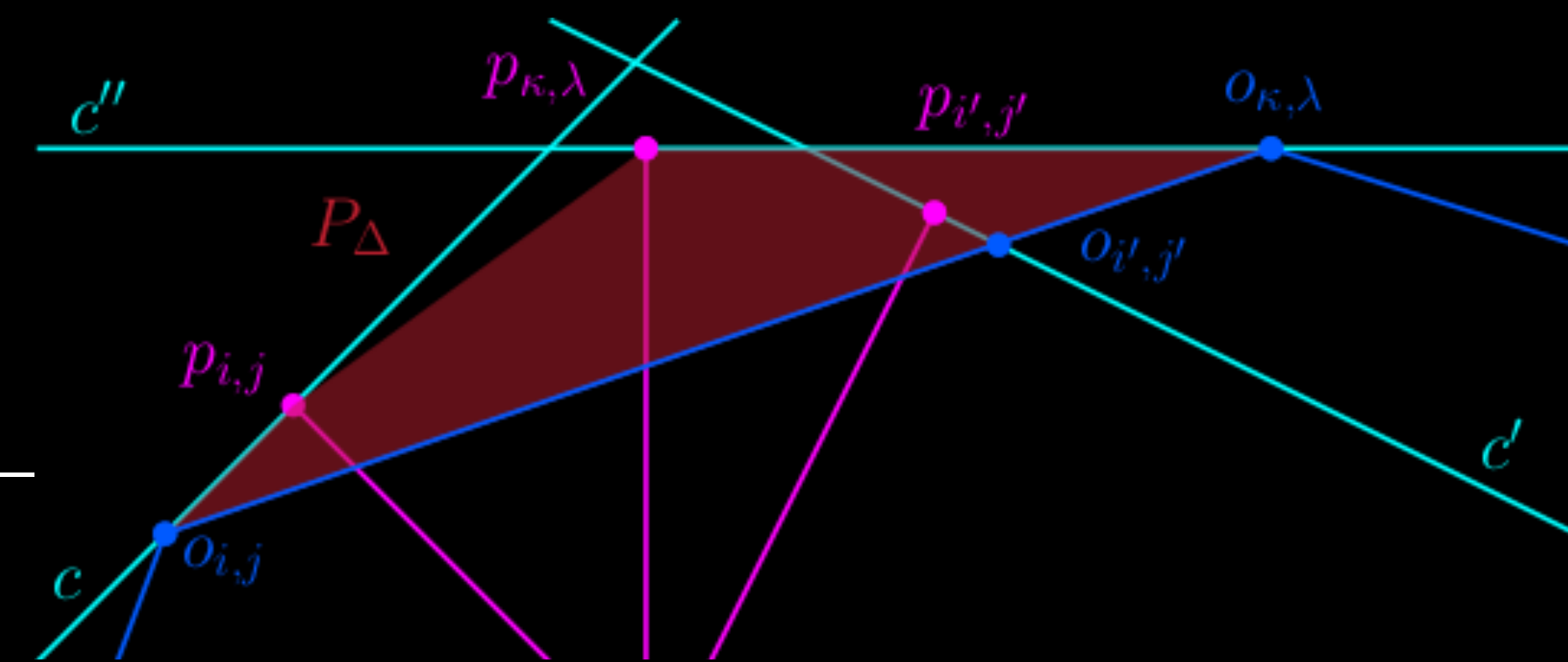


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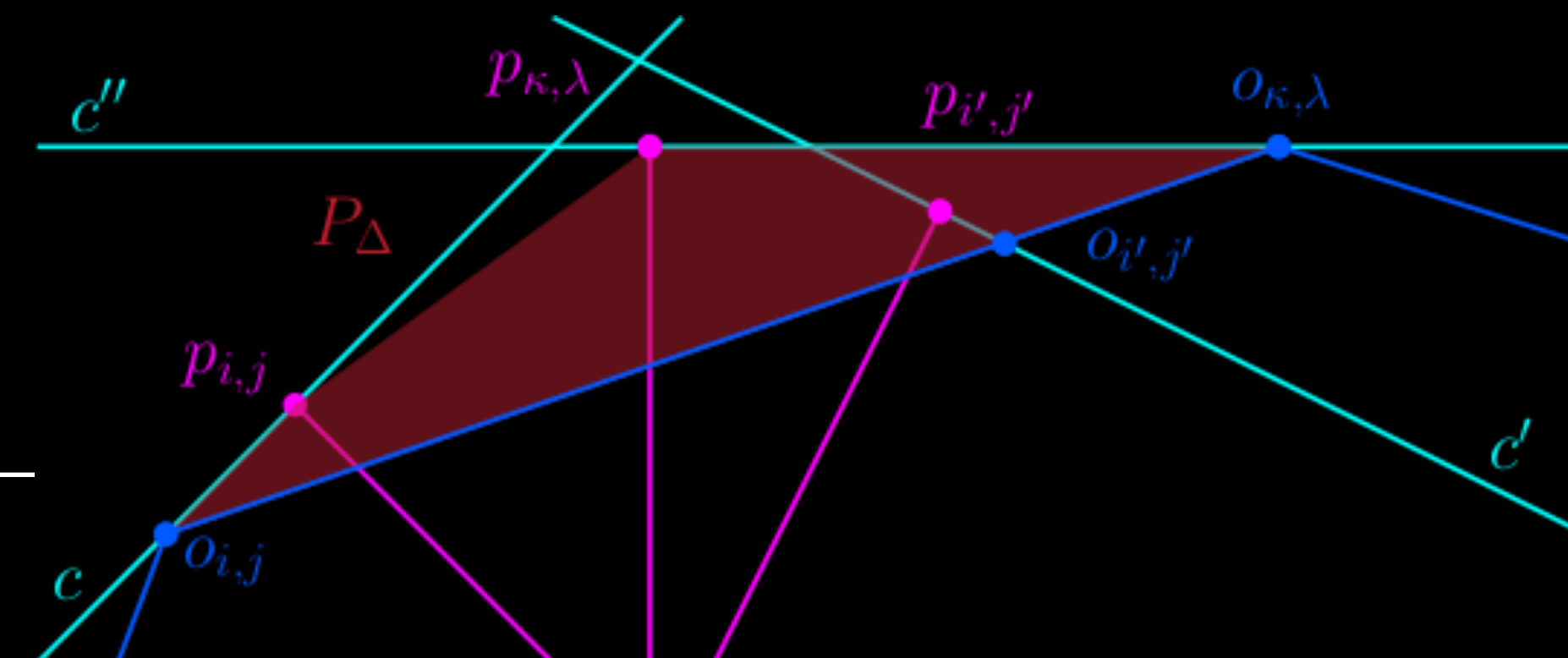


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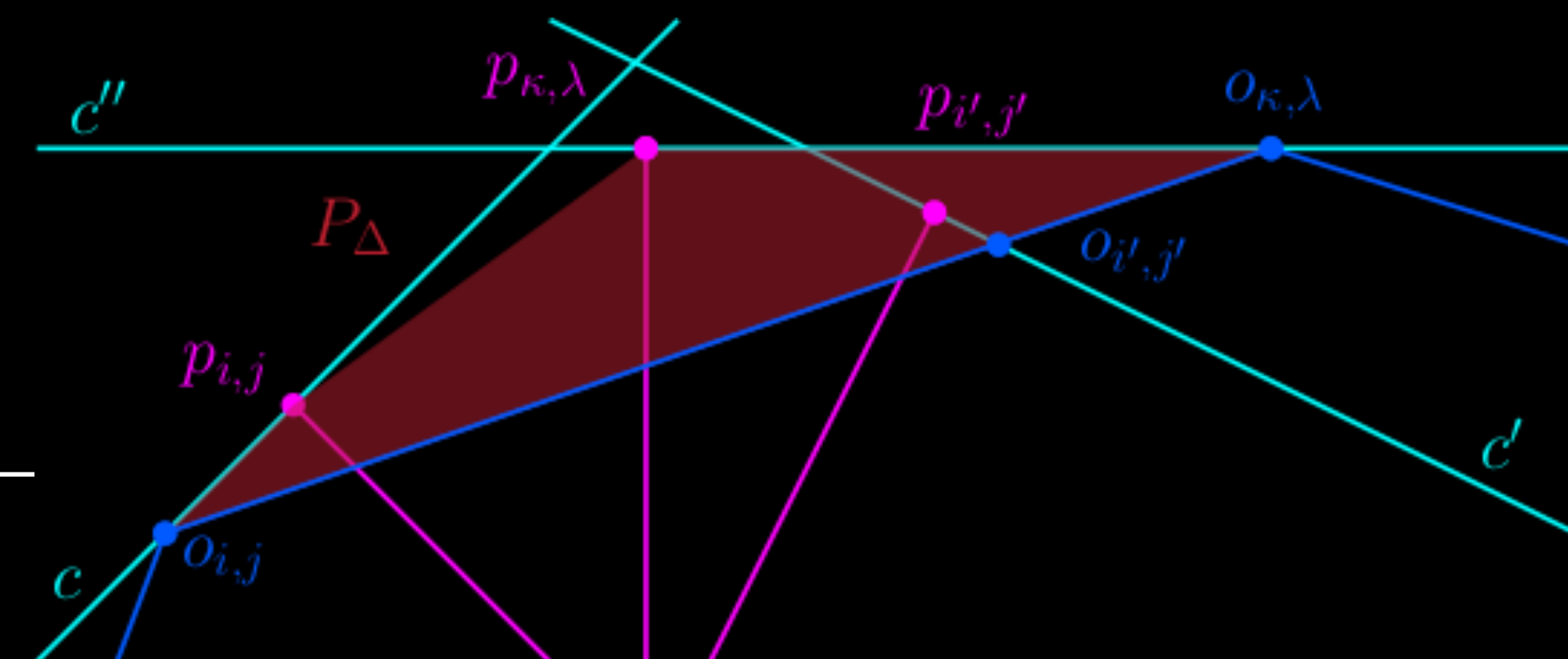


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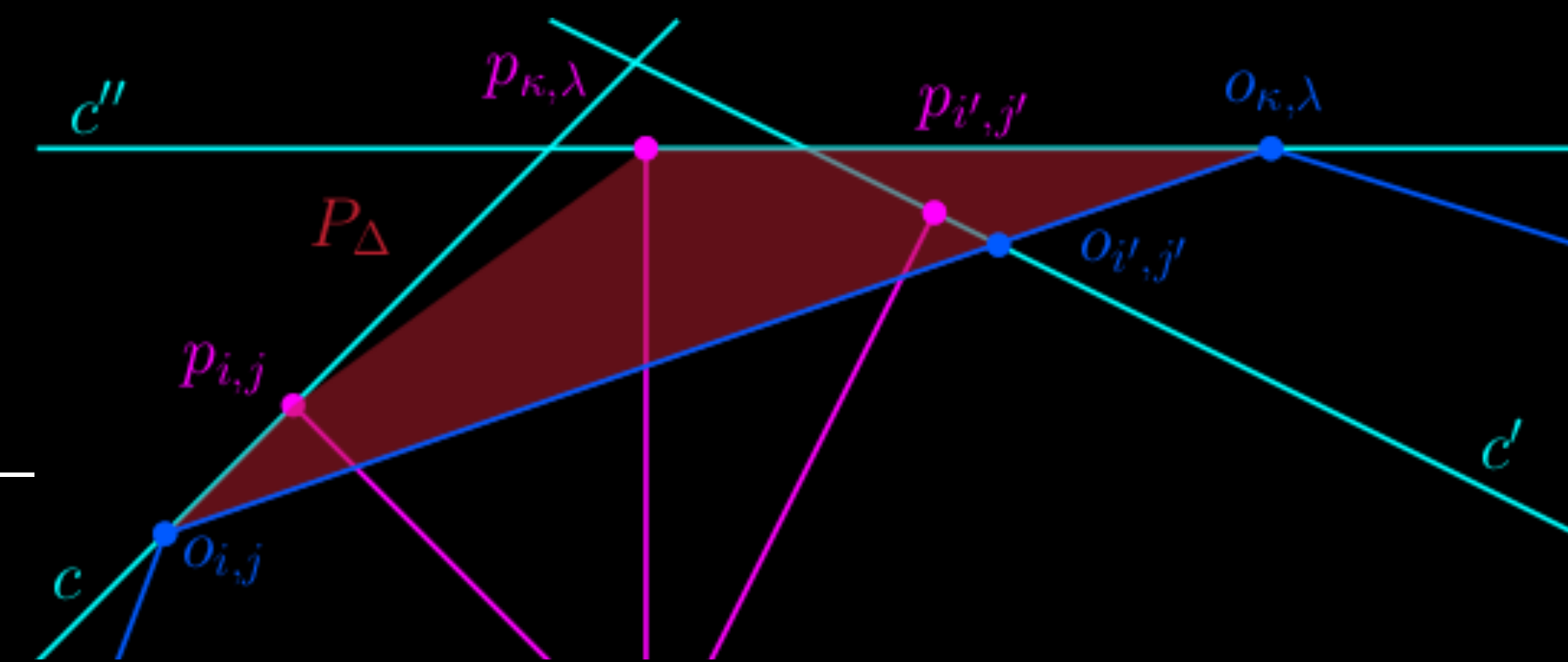


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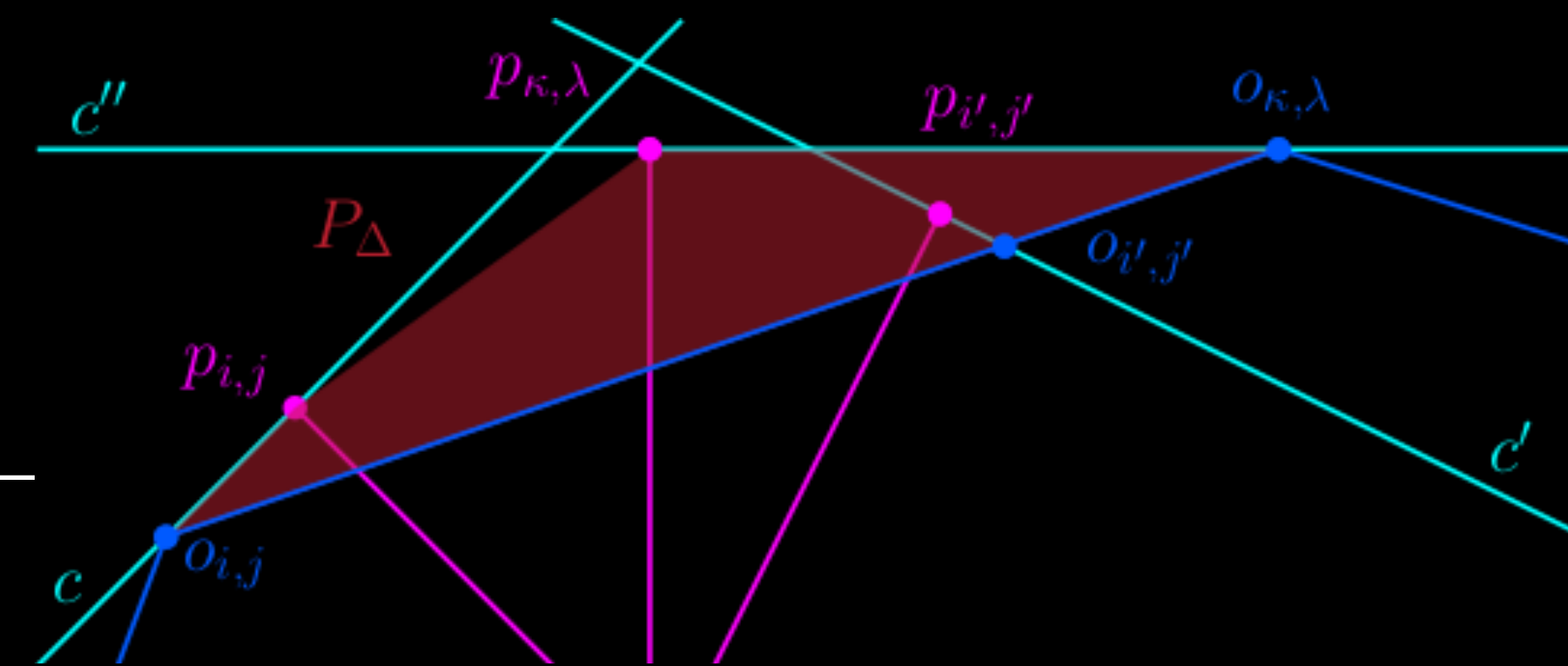
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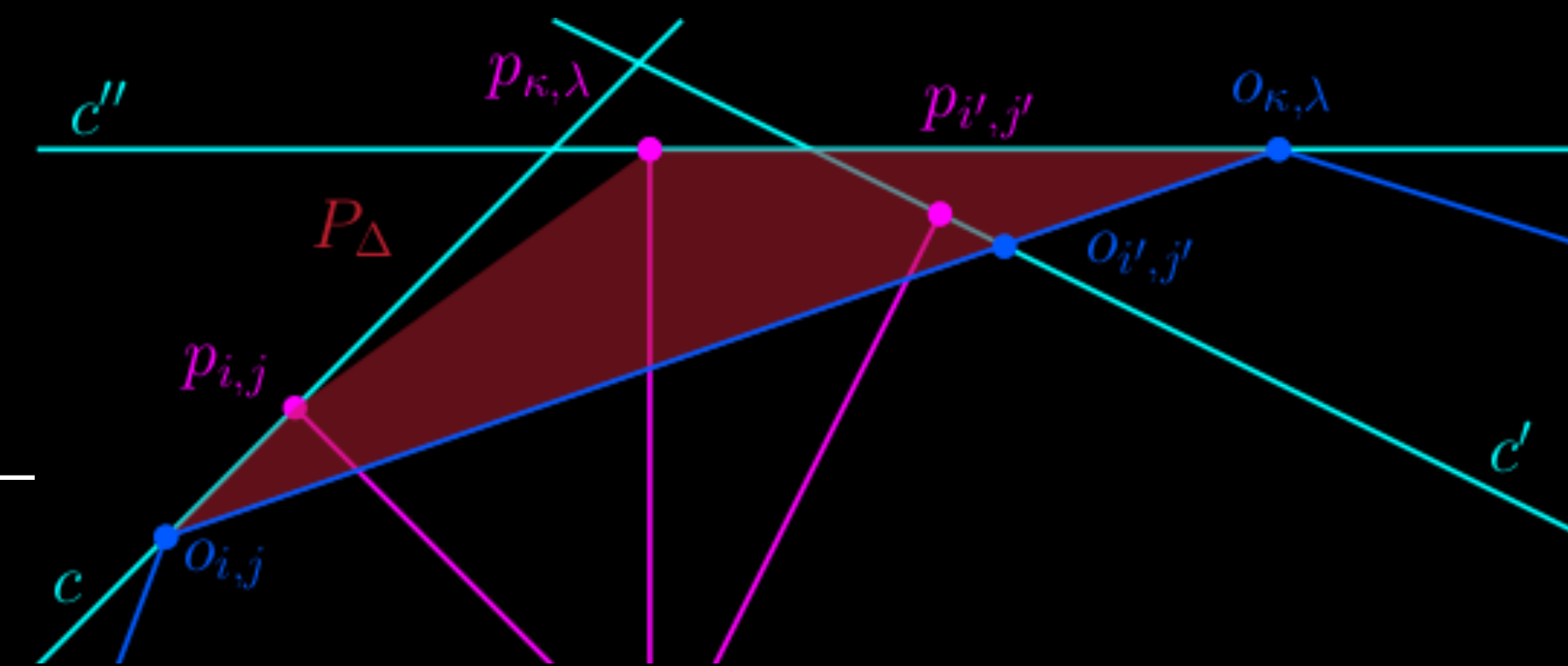


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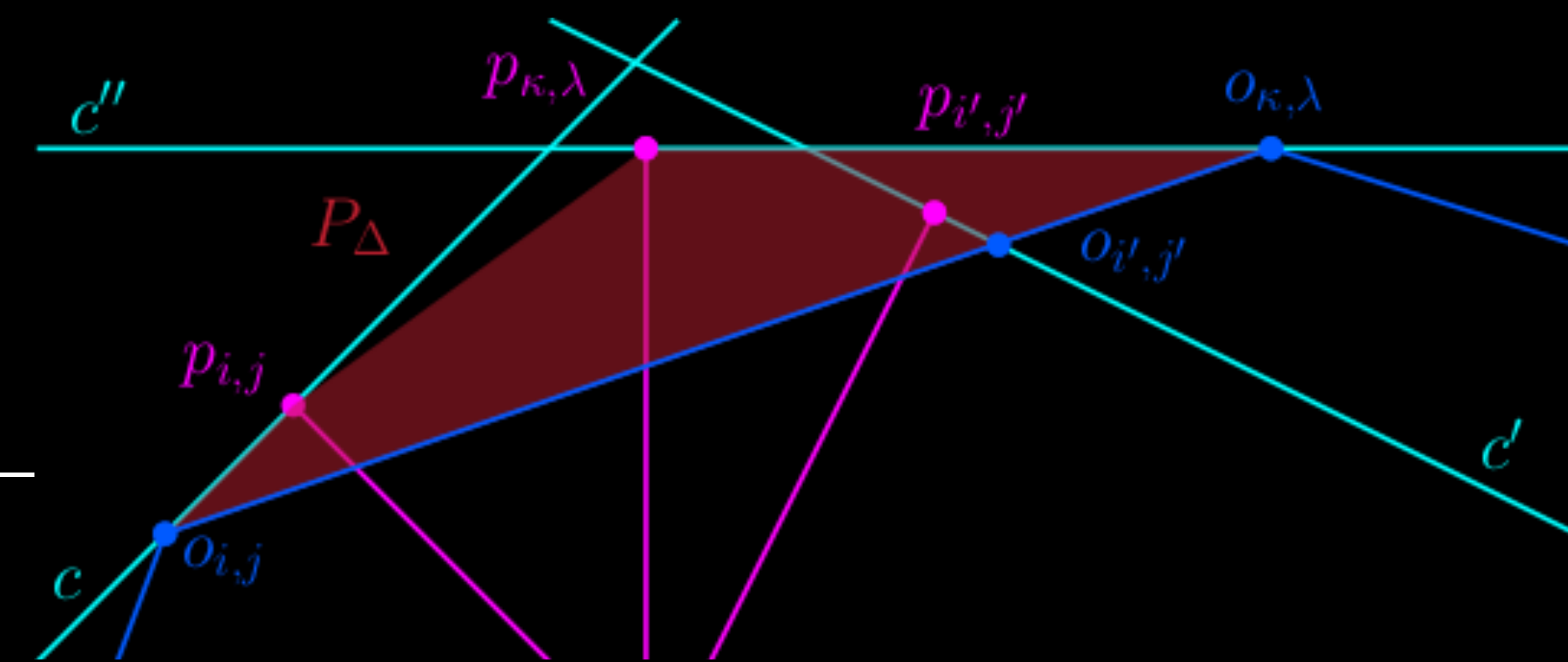
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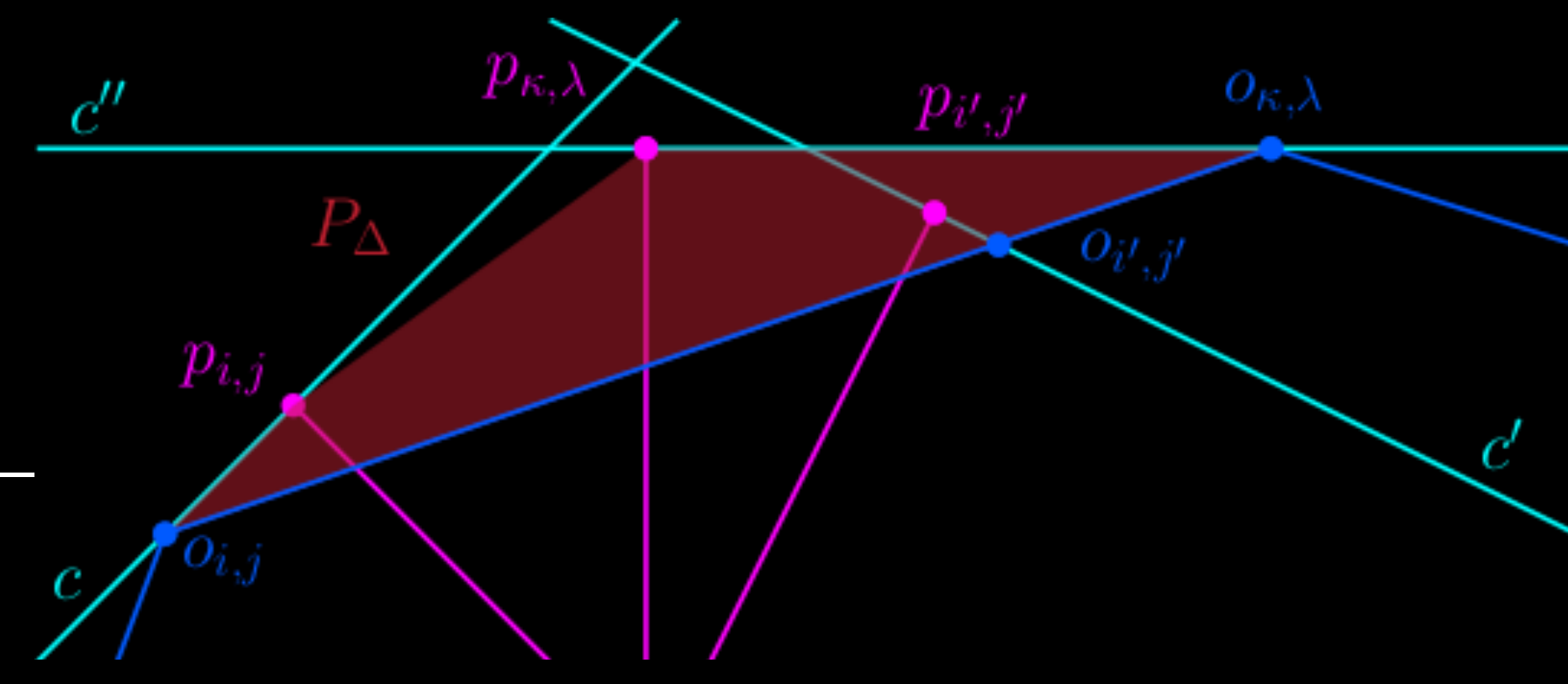


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- Point  $p_{i',j'}$  must lie in  $P_\Delta$ 's interior +  $o_{i',j'}$  cannot lie on  $\text{CH}_P(\text{OPT}, \mathcal{P}_{C''})$  ⚡



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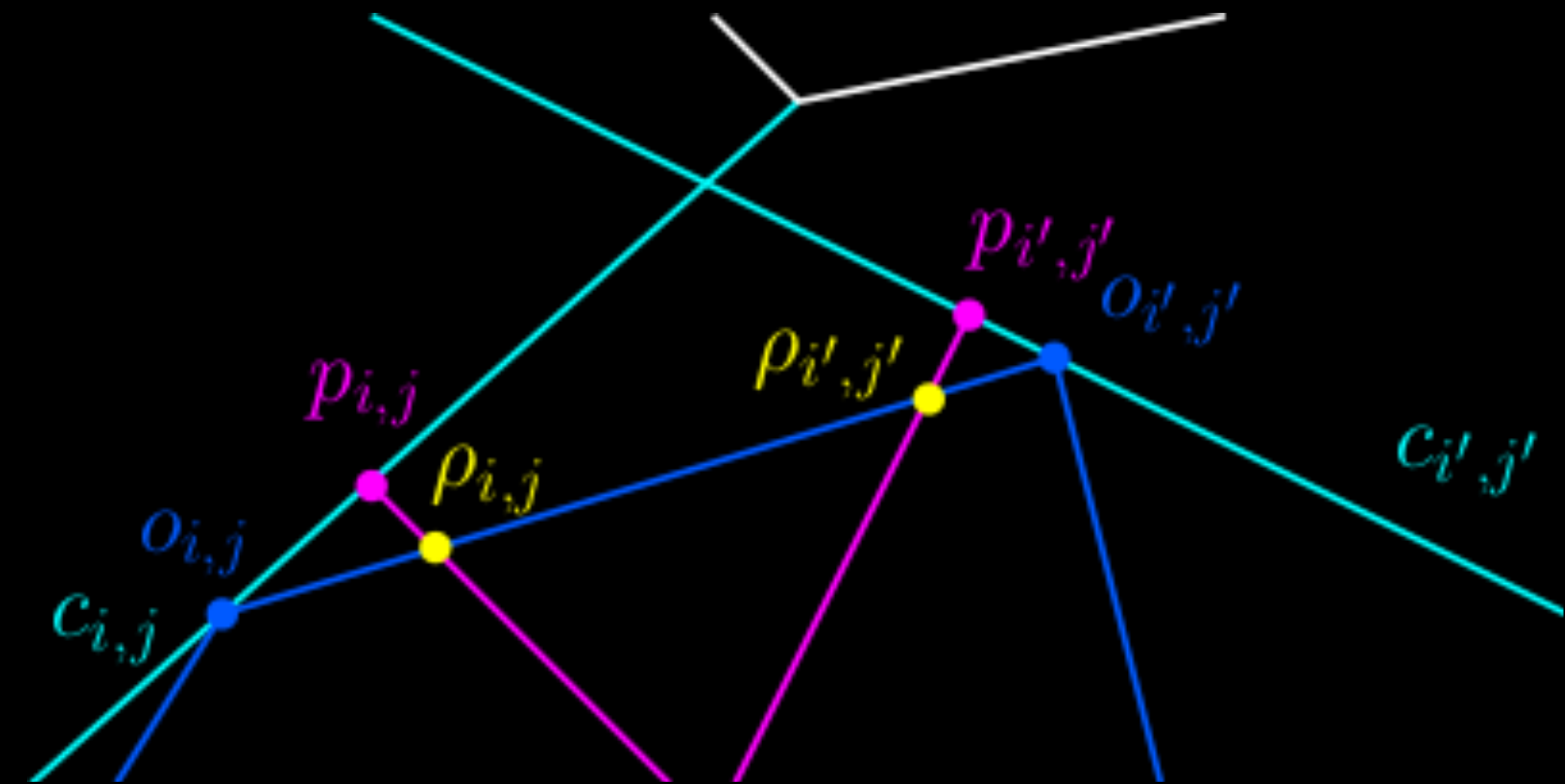
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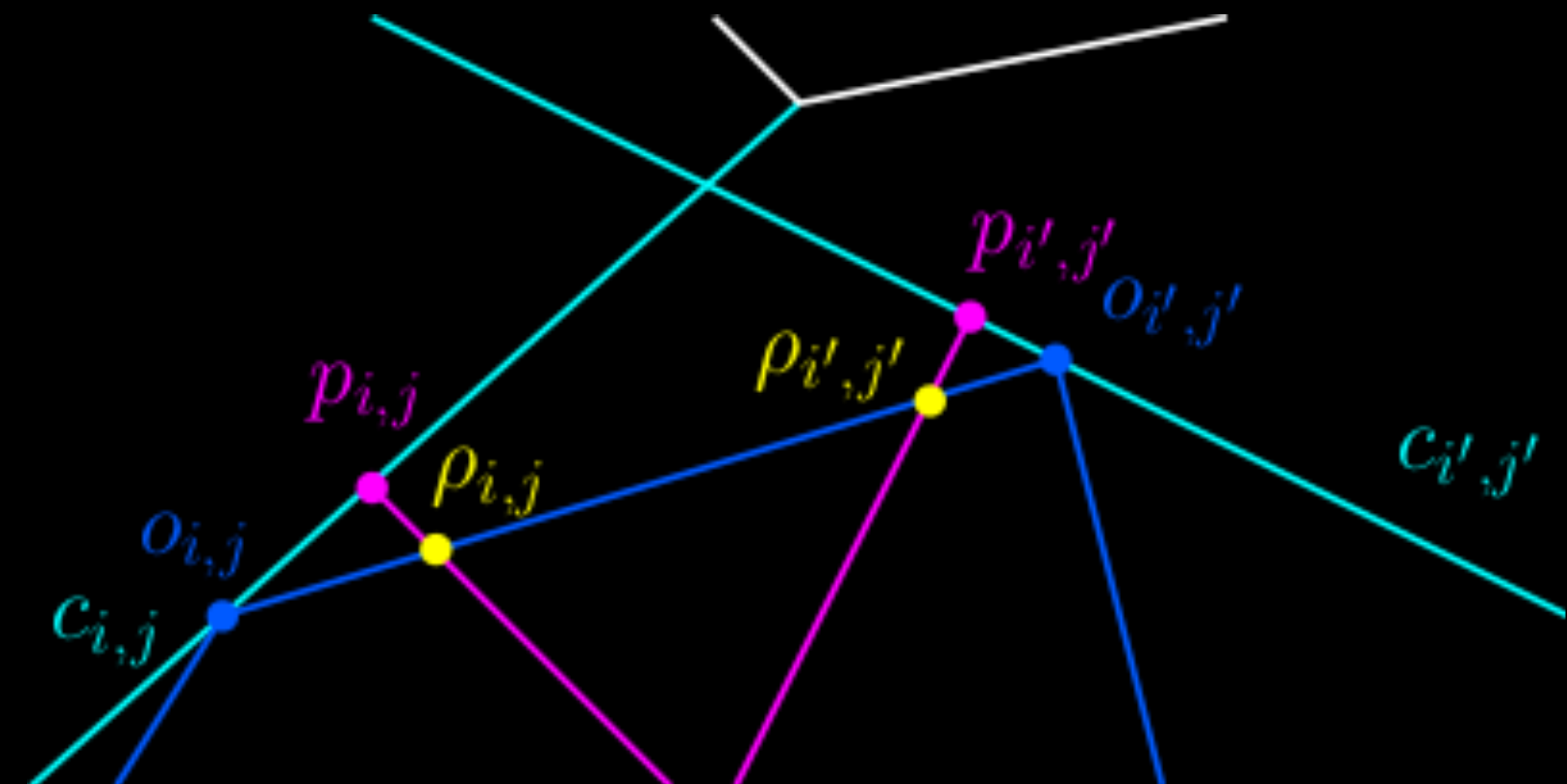


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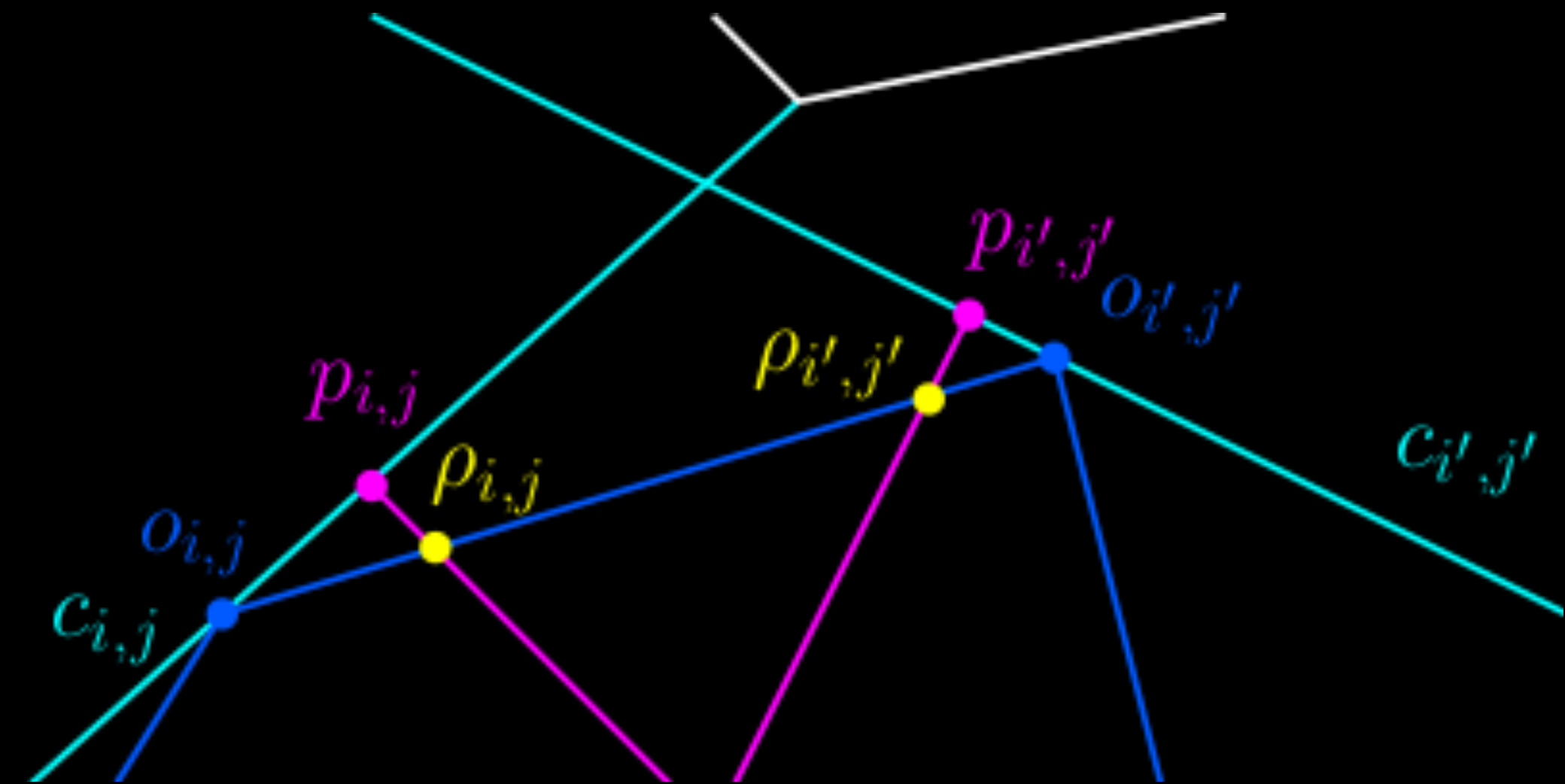


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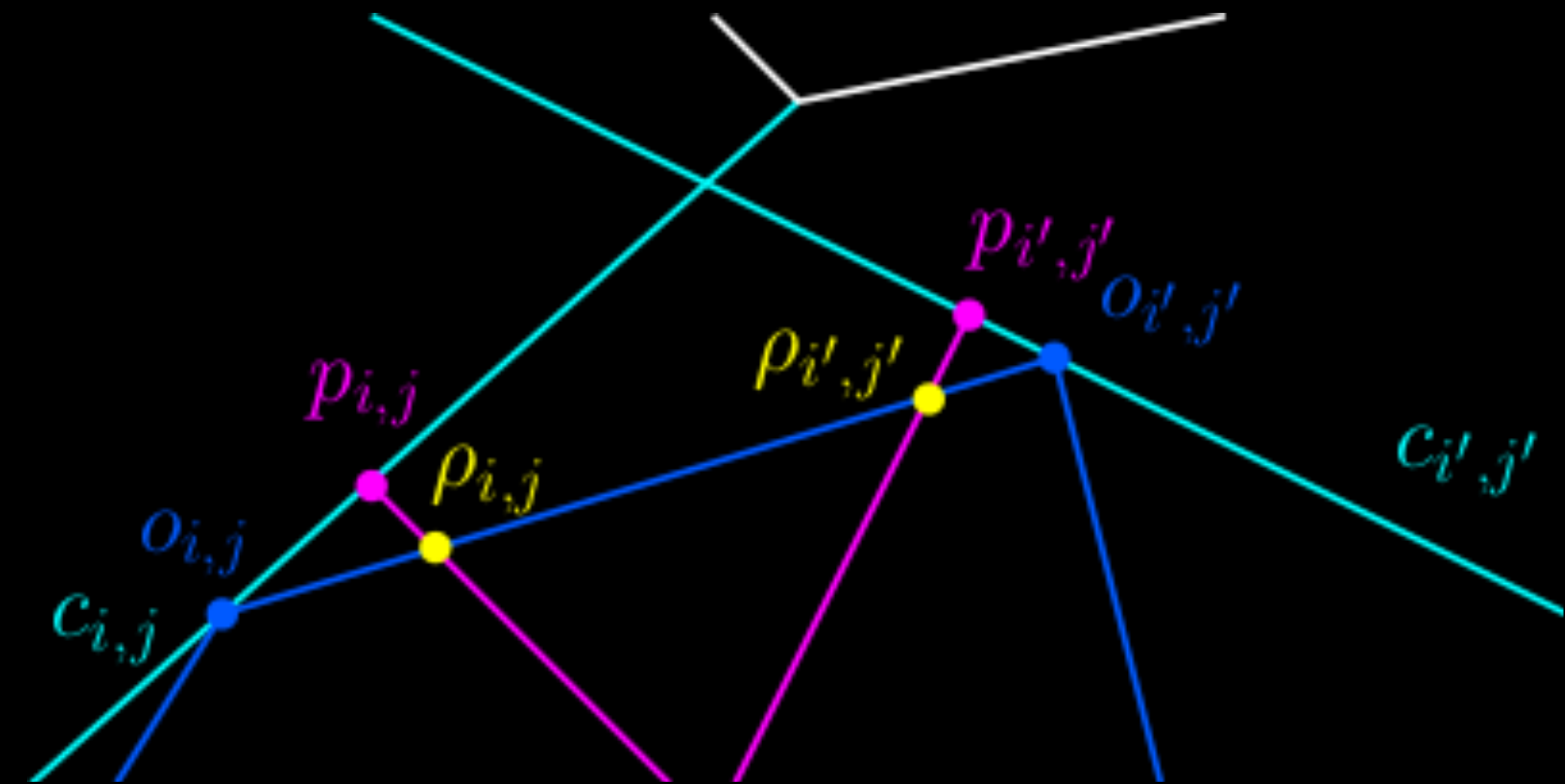


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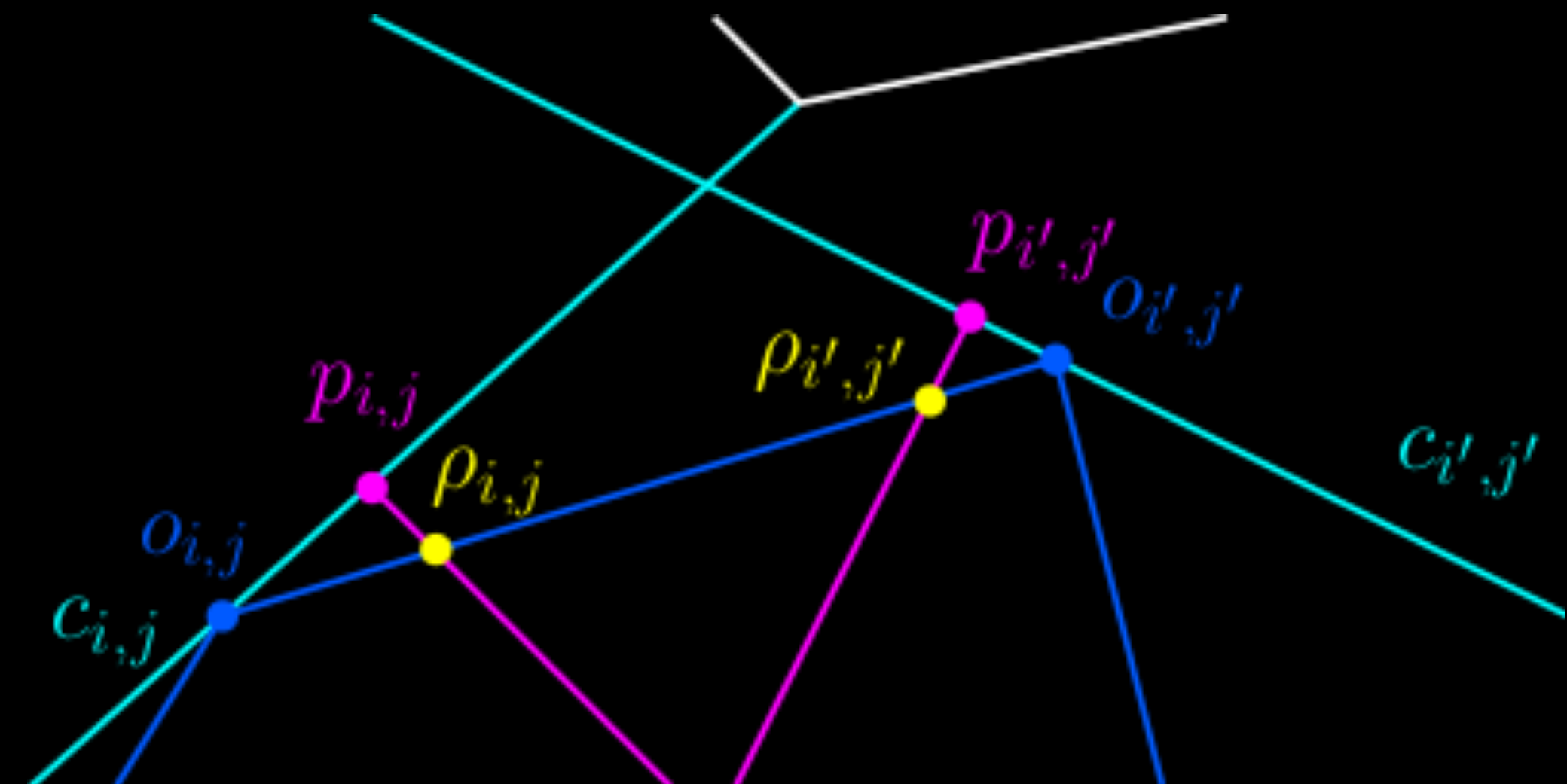


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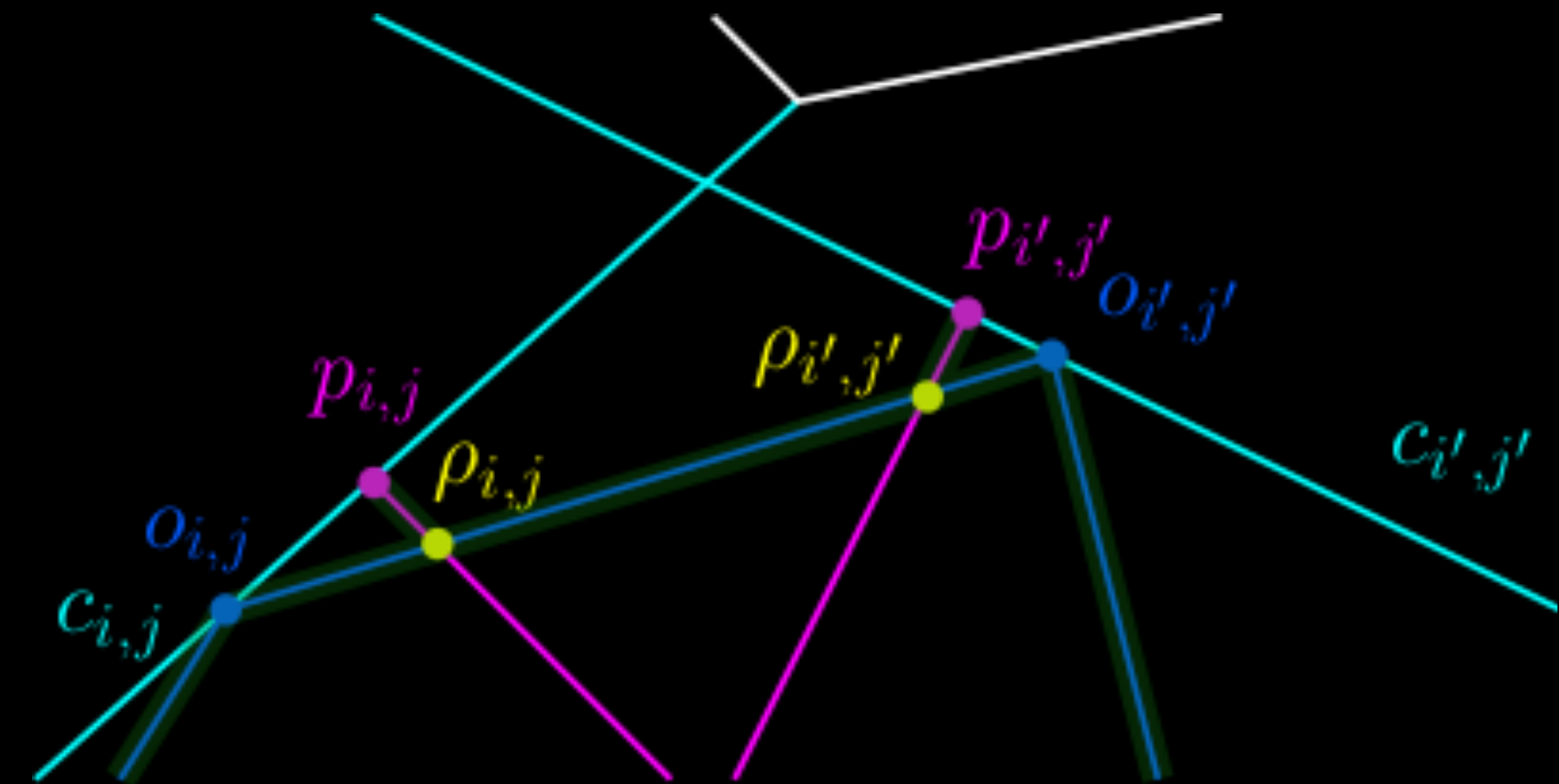


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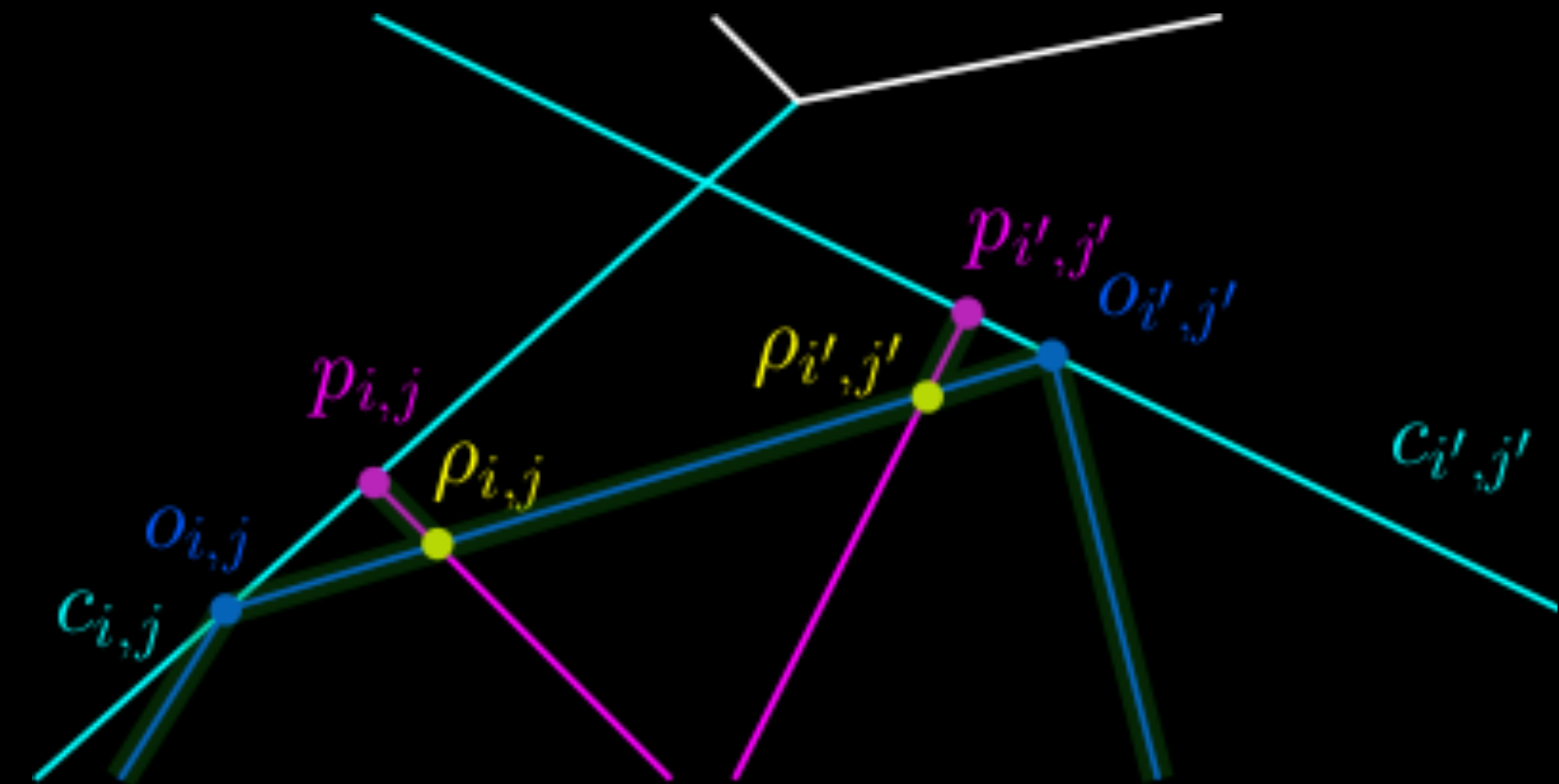


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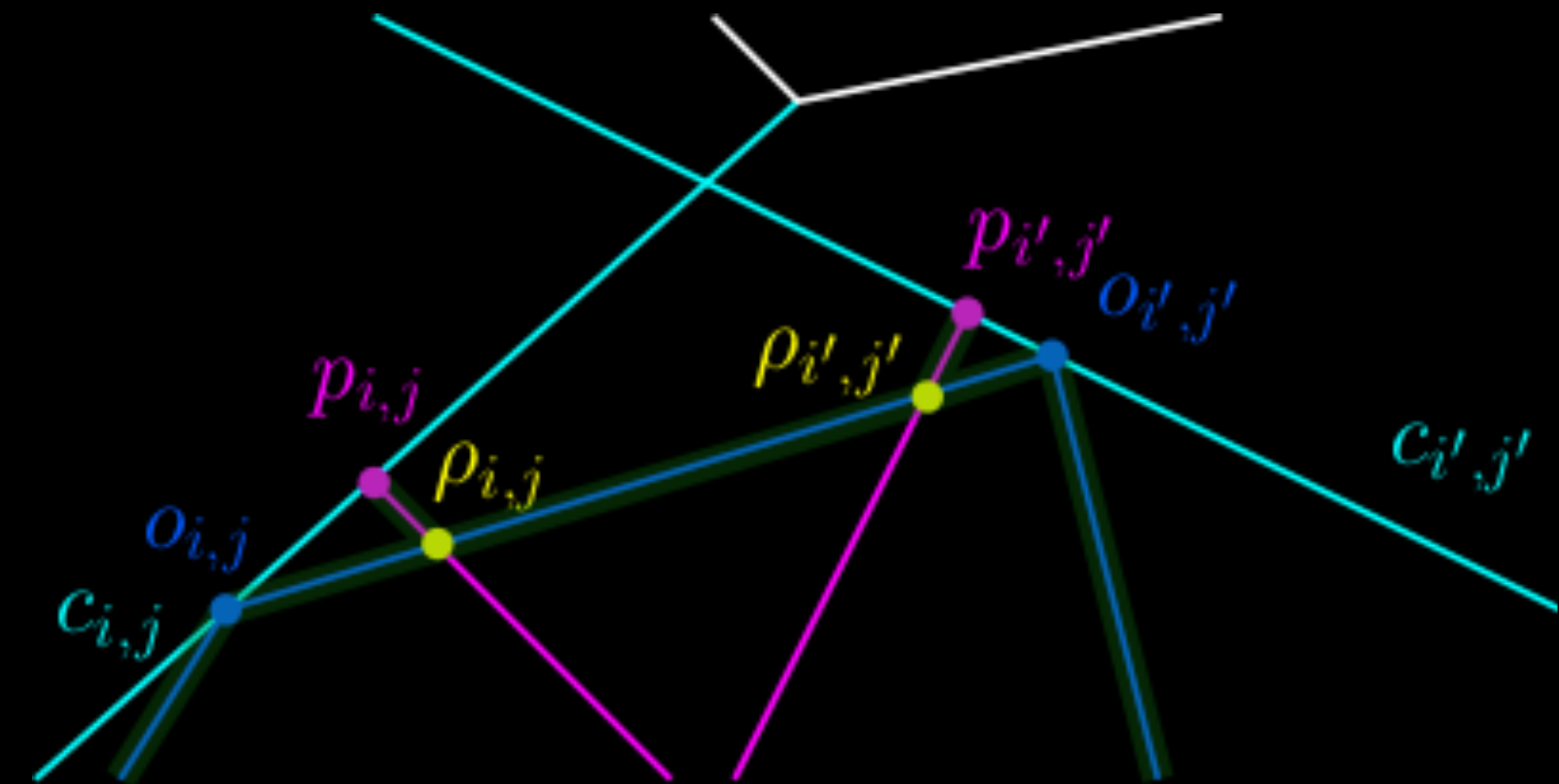


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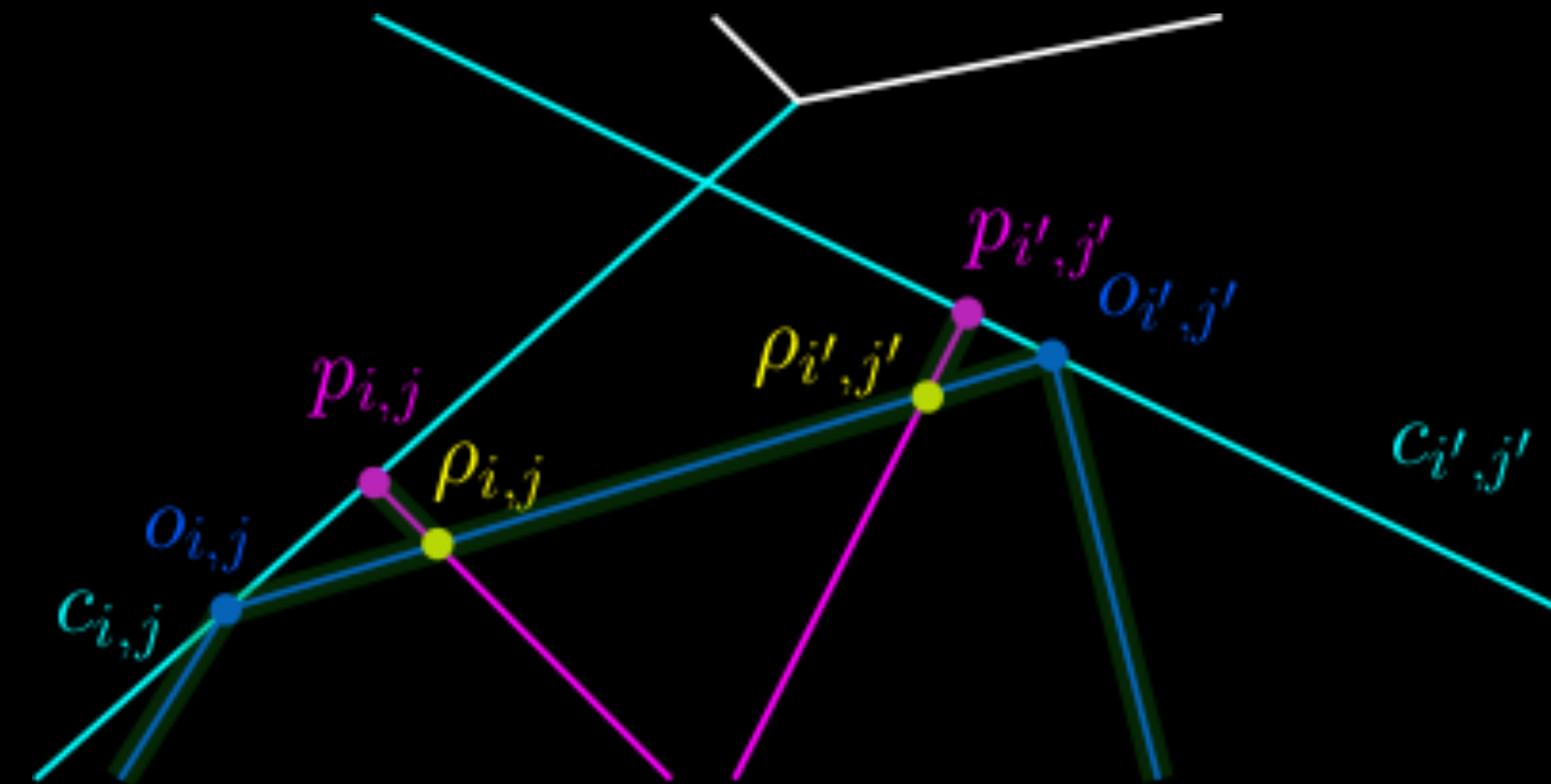


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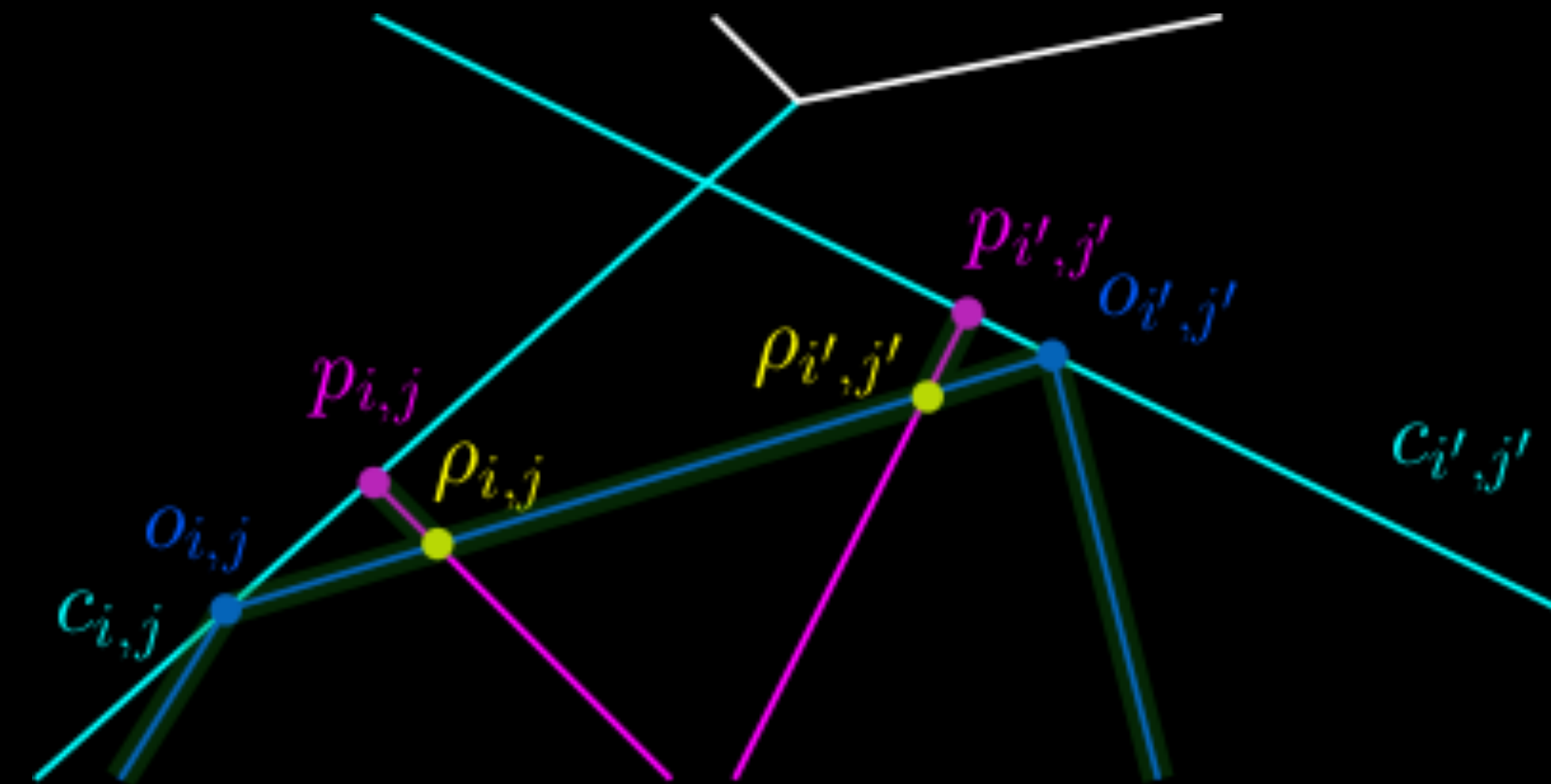


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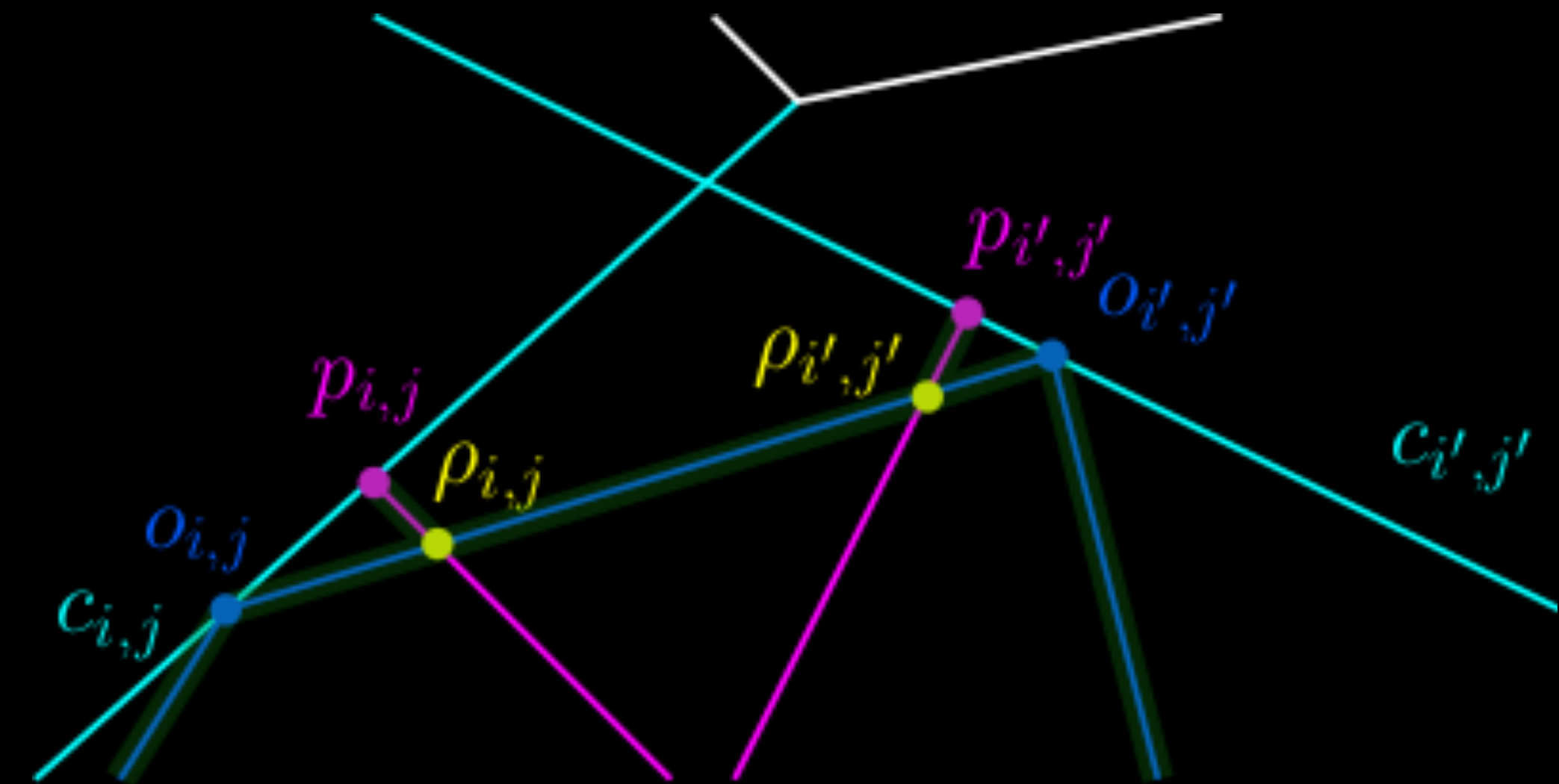


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# Approximation Algorithm for $k$ -TrWRP( $S, P, s$ )

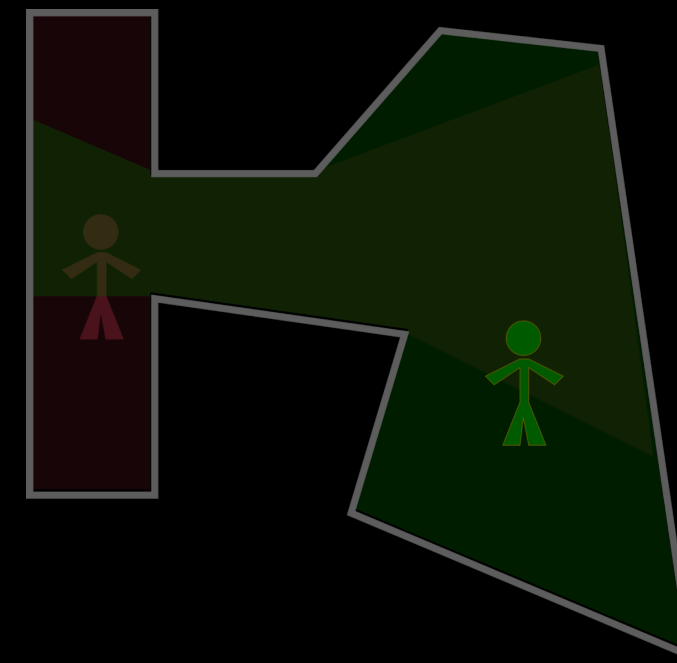
**Theorem 2:** Let  $P$  be a simple polygon with  $n=|P|$ . Let  $\text{OPT}(S, P, s)$  be the optimal solution for the  $k$ -TrWRP( $S, P, s$ ) and let  $R$  be the solution by our algorithm  $\text{ALG}(S, P, s)$ . Then  $R$  yields an approximation ratio of  $O(\log^2(|S| n) \log \log(|S| n) \log |S|)$ .



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- Approximation for watchmen routes for  $k$ -transmitters without given starting point and/or when all of  $P$  should be monitored?
- Structural analogue for extensions for 0-transmitters?
- Improved combinatorial bounds for 2-/ $k$ -transmitter covers—in particular, better upper bounds for simple polygons than the one stemming from 0-transmitters



Thank you.

