Computing the Overlay of Two Subdivisions

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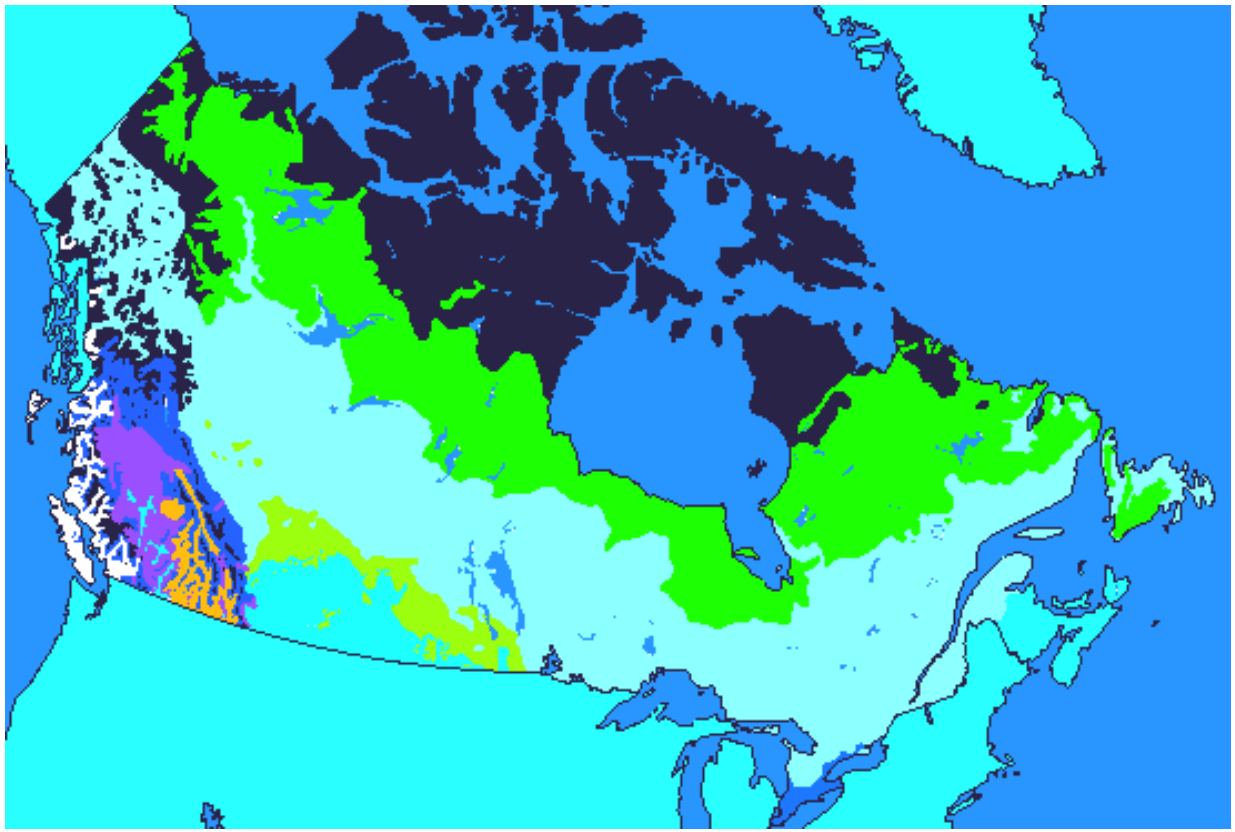
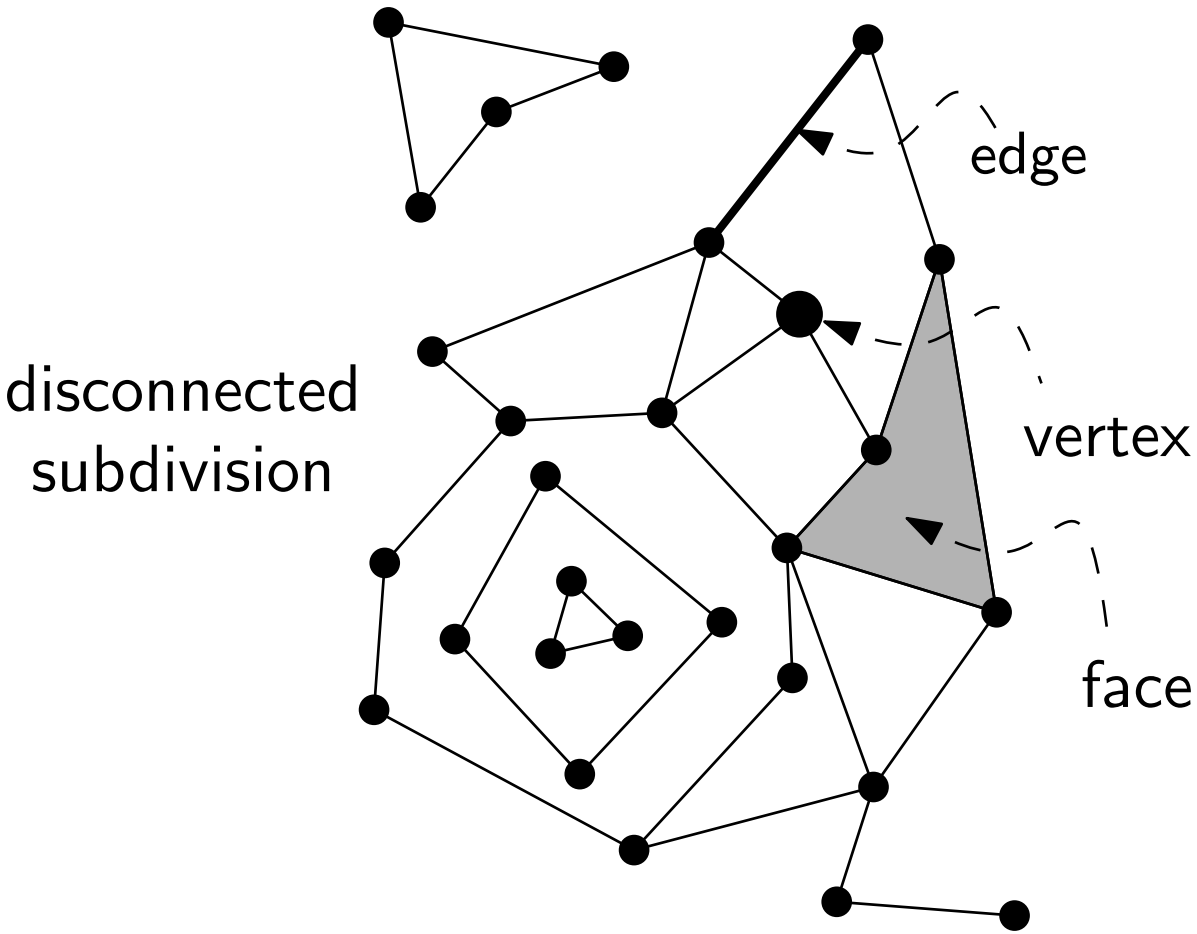
- We have solved the easiest case of the map overlay problem, where the two maps are networks represented as collections of line segments.
- In general, maps have a more complicated structure: they are subdivisions of the plane into labeled regions.



- Before we can give an algorithm for computing the overlay of two subdivisions, we must develop a suitable representation for a subdivision.
- Storing a subdivision as a collection of line segments is not such a good idea.
- Operations like reporting the boundary of a region would be rather complicated.
- Add topological information: which segments bound a given region, which regions are adjacent, and so on.



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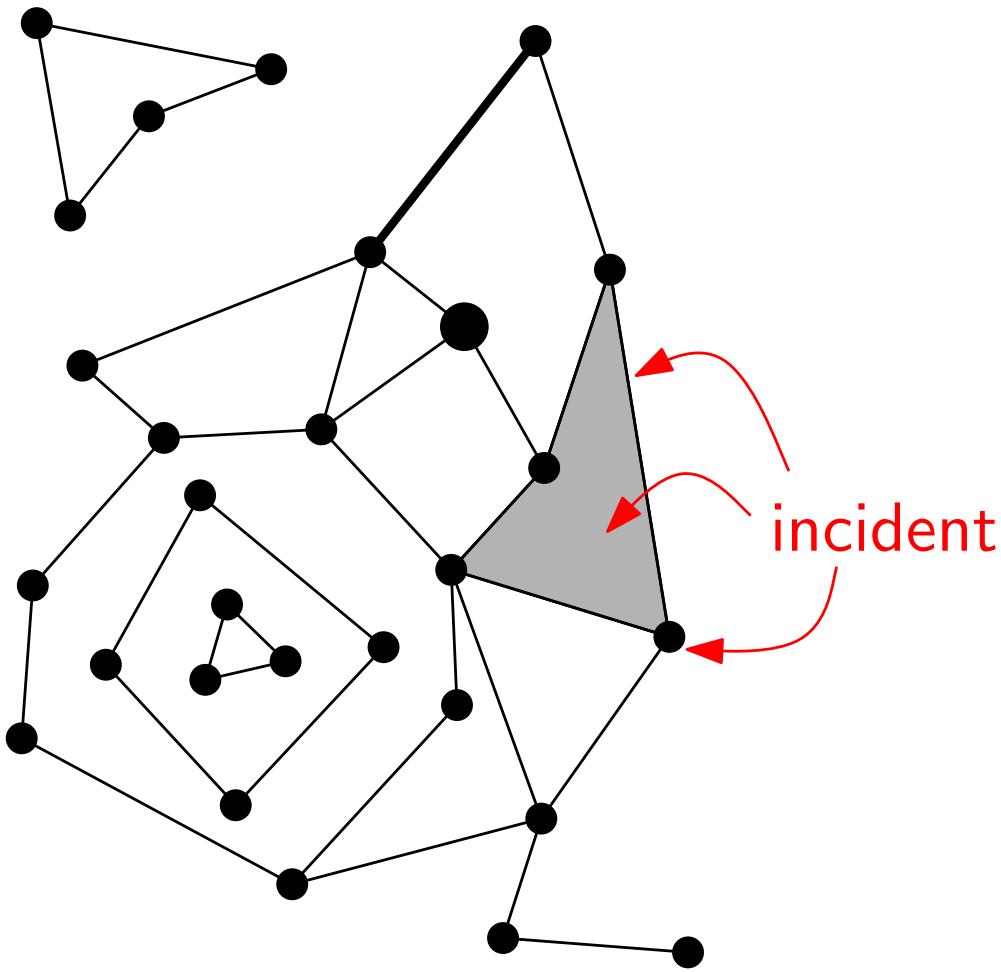

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What kind of queries?

- What is the face containing a given point? (TOO MUCH!)
- Walking around the boundary of a given face,
- Find the face from an adjacent one if we are given a common edge,
- Visit all the edges around a given vertex.

The representation that we shall discuss supports these operations. It is called the doubly-connected edge list (DCEL).

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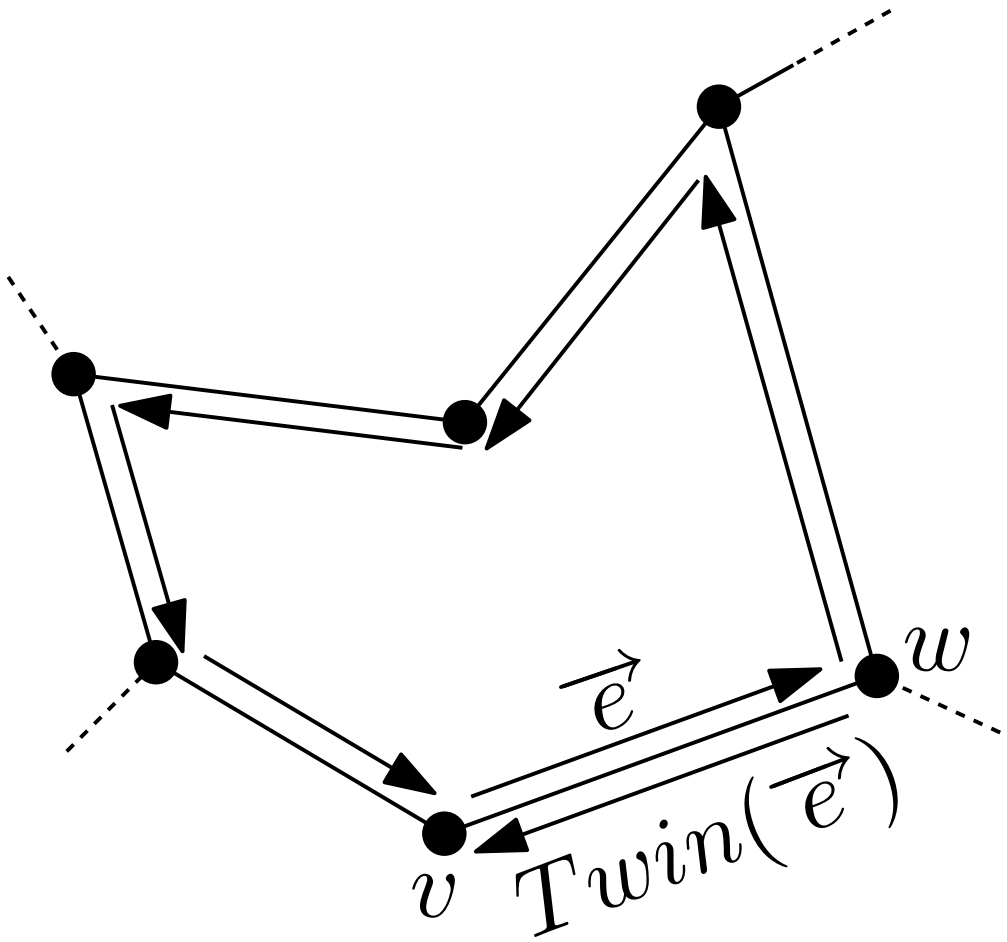
- a record for each edge,
- a record for each vertex,
- a record for each face,
- plus attribute information.



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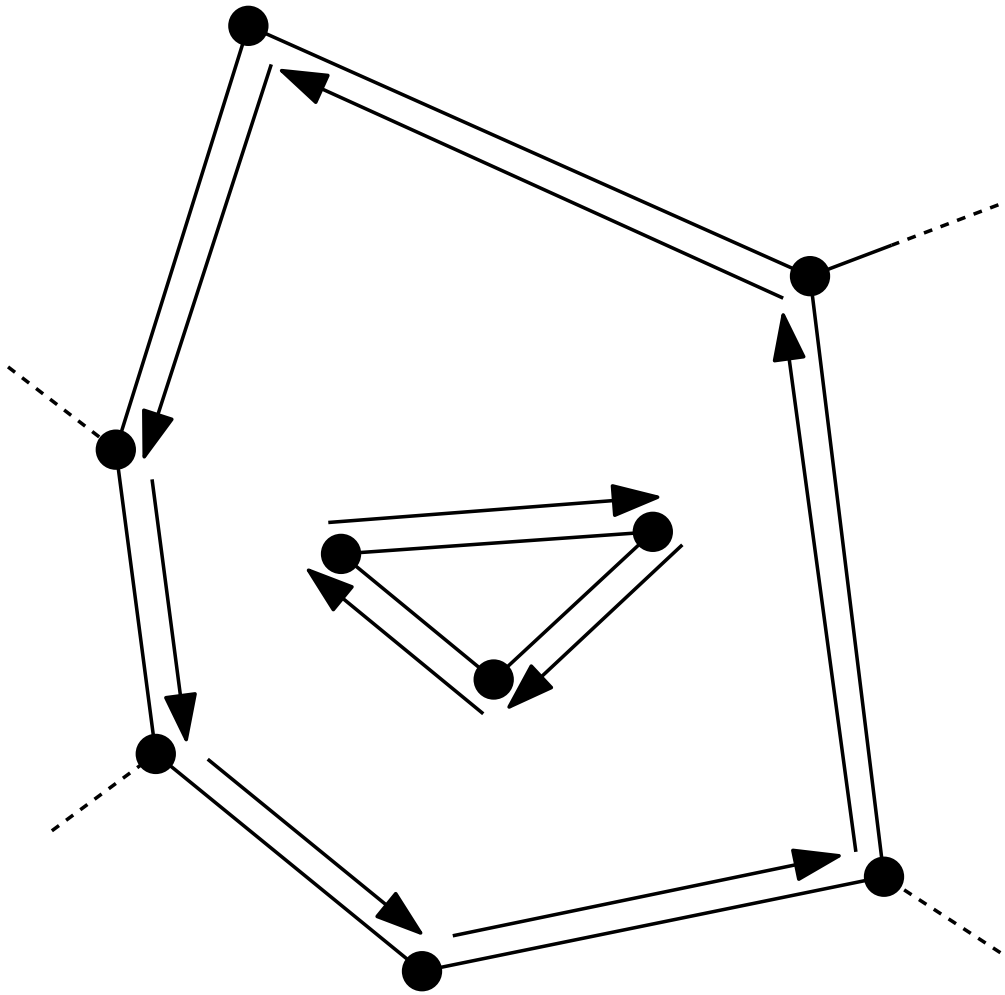

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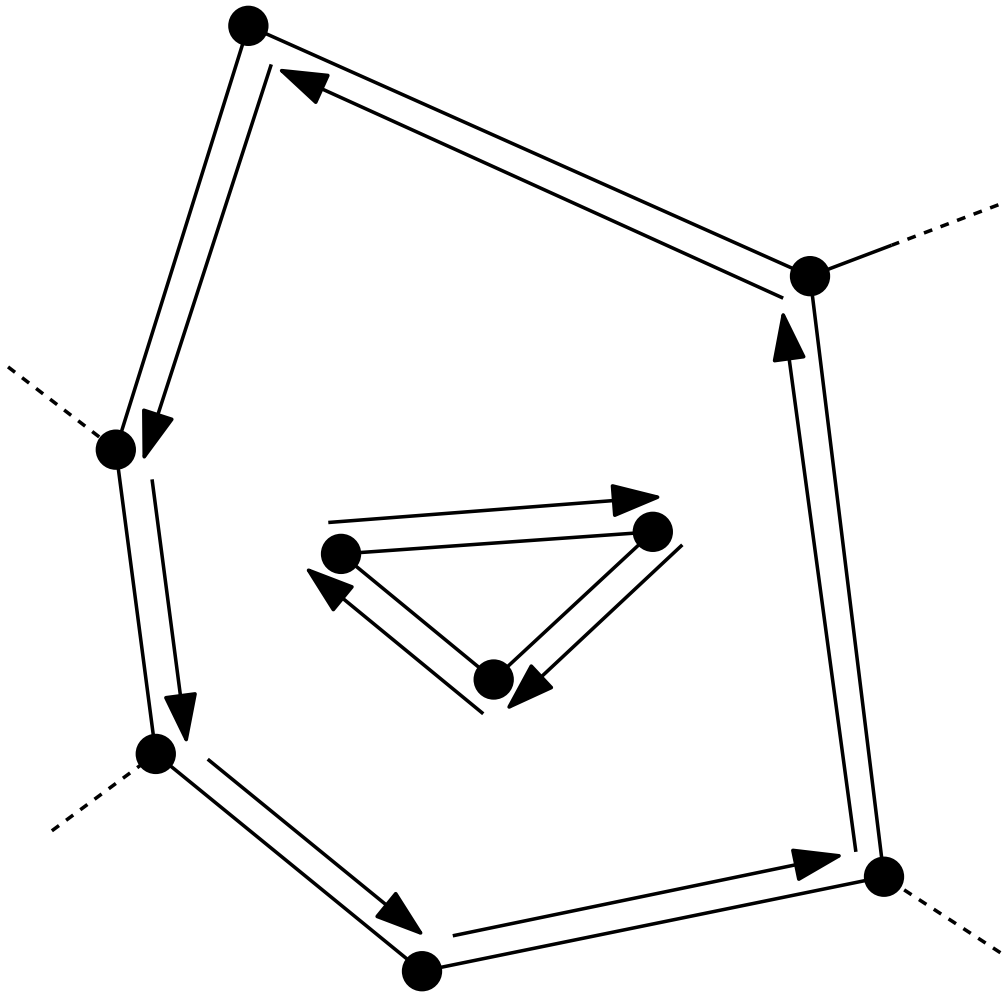

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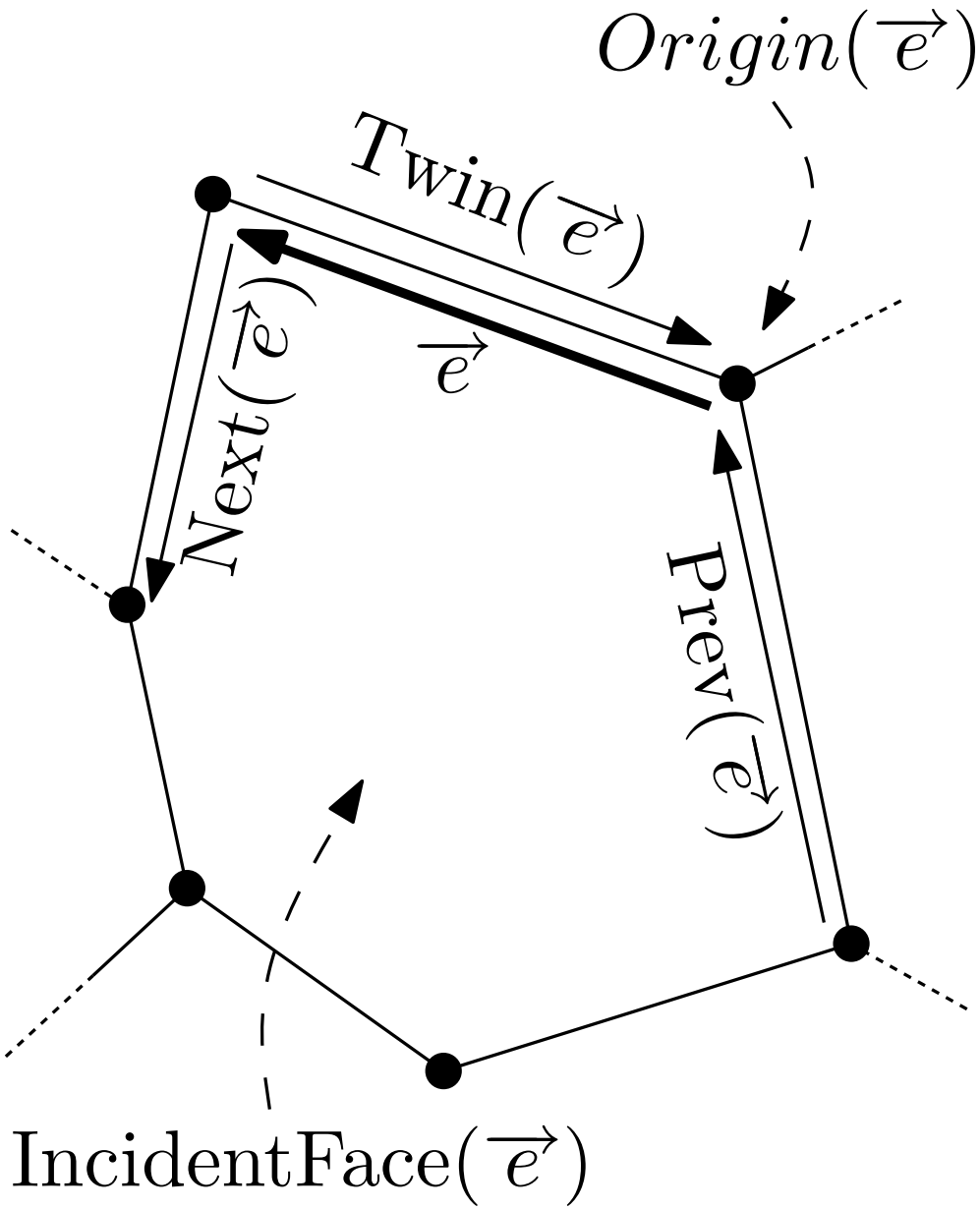
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DCEL:Example

Vertex	Coordinates	IncidentEdge
v_1	$(0,4)$	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
v_2	$(2,4)$	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$
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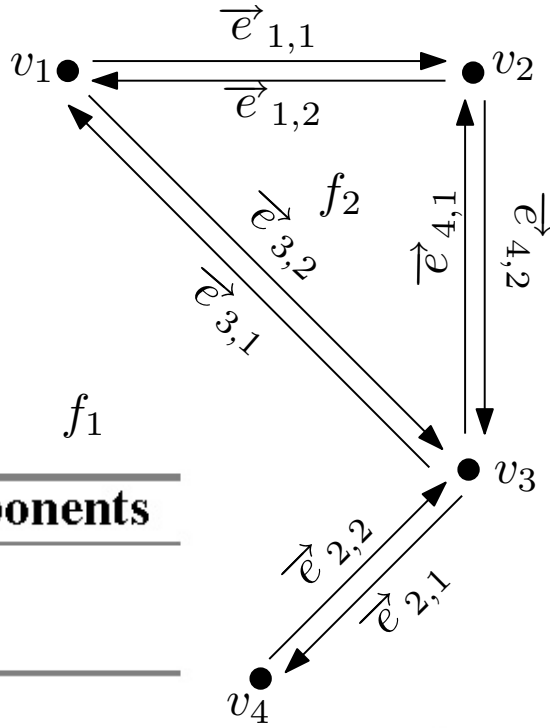

Face	OuterComponent	InnerComponents
f_1	**nil**	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
f_2	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	**nil**

Half-edge	Origin	Twin	IncidentFace	Next	Prev
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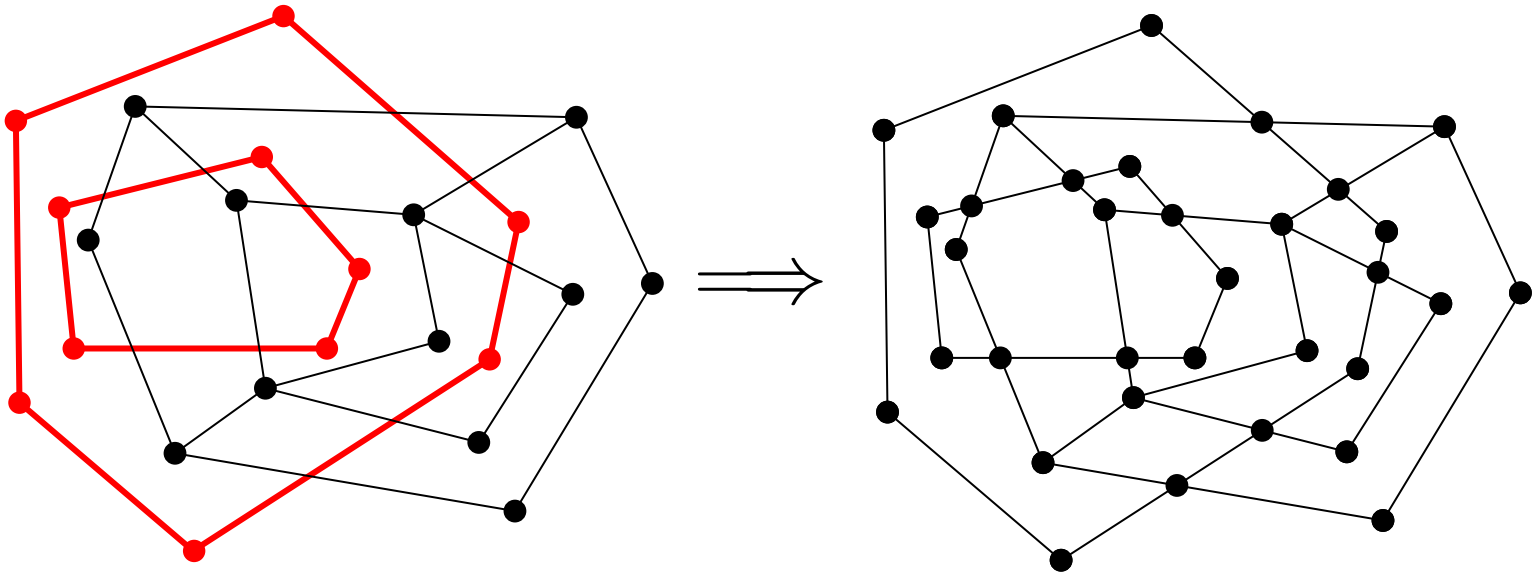

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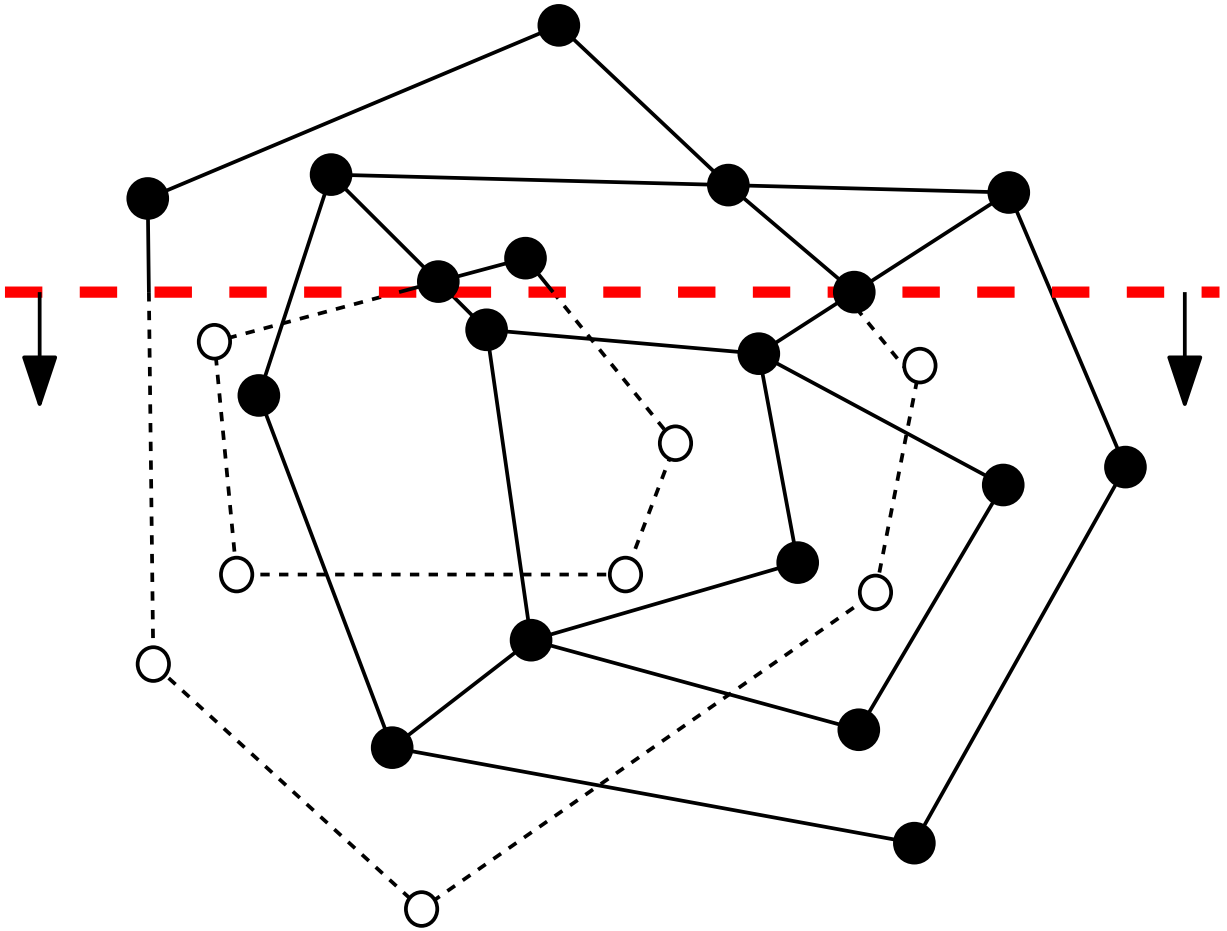

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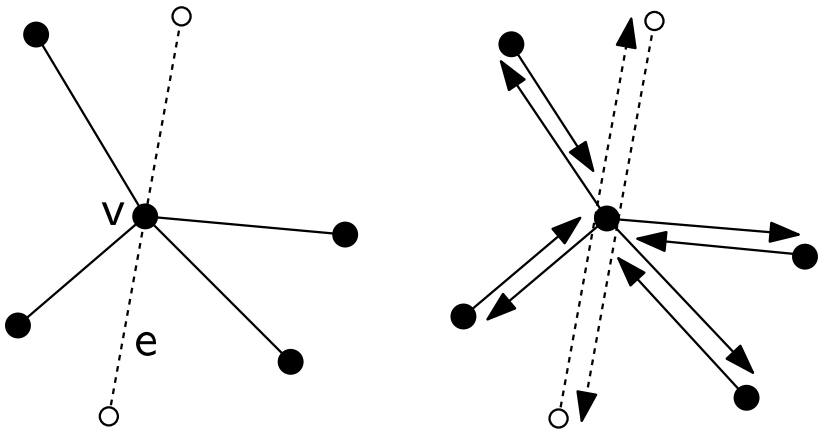

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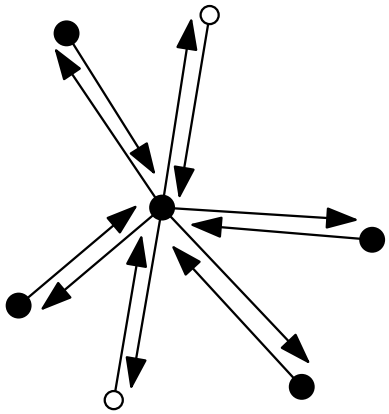

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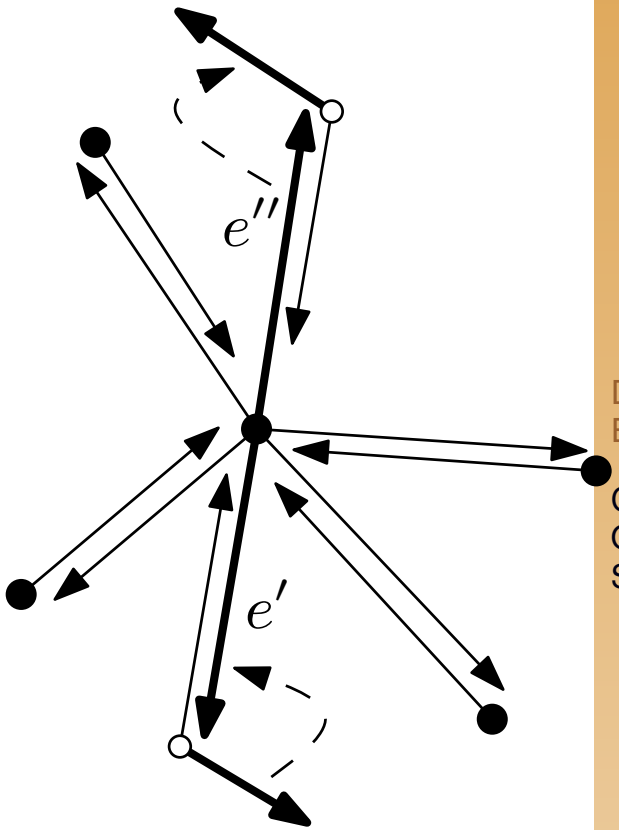
- $Next()$ pointers of the two new half-edges each copy the $Next()$ pointer of the old half-edge that is not its twin.
- The half-edges to which these pointers point must also update their $Prev()$ pointer and set it to the new half-edges.



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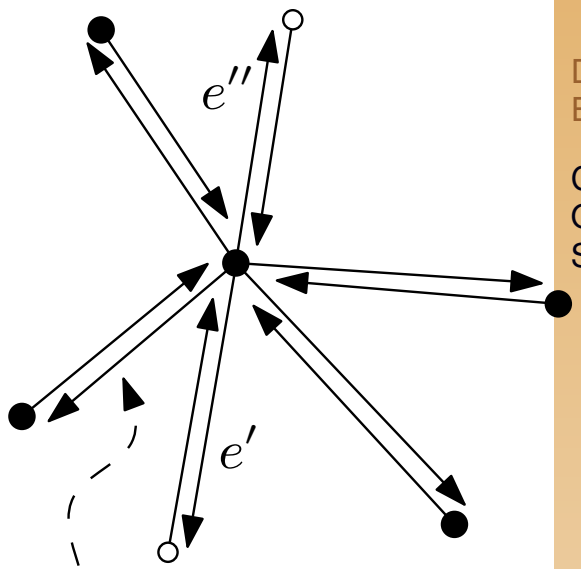

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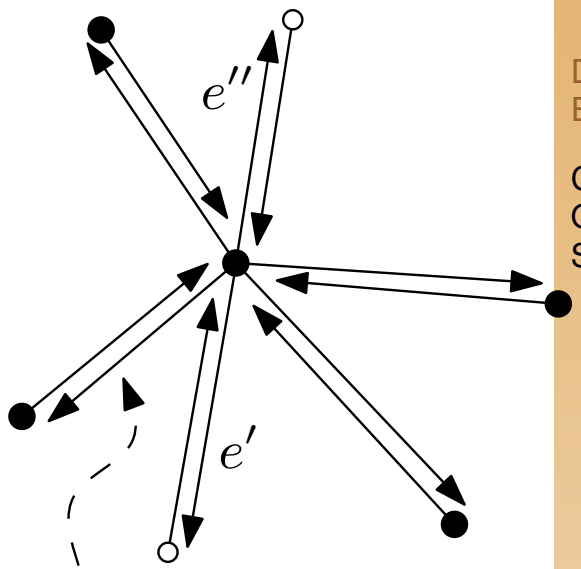

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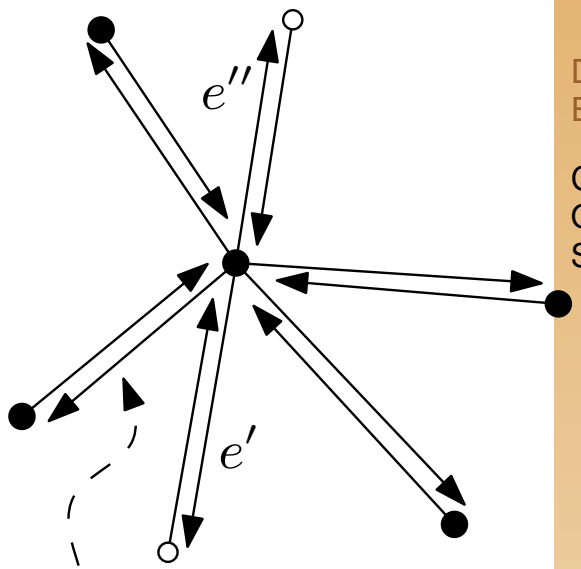

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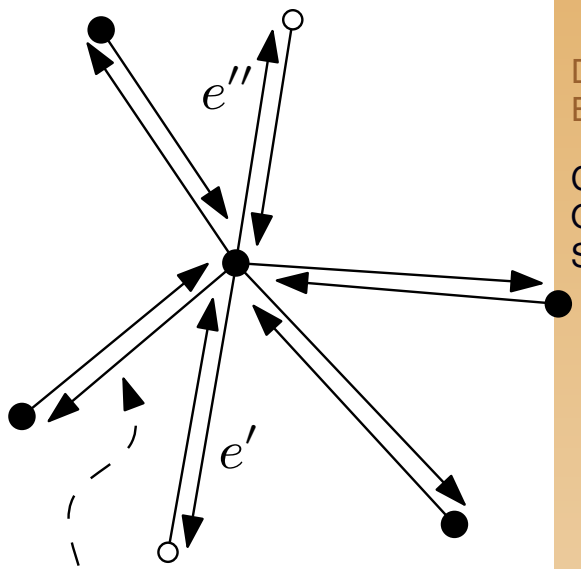

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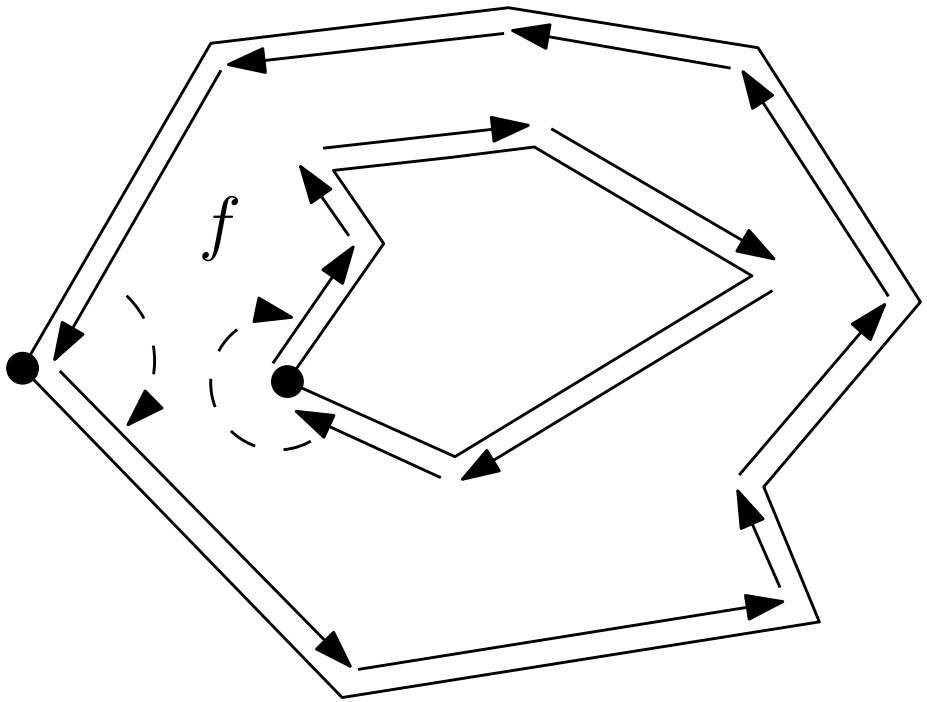

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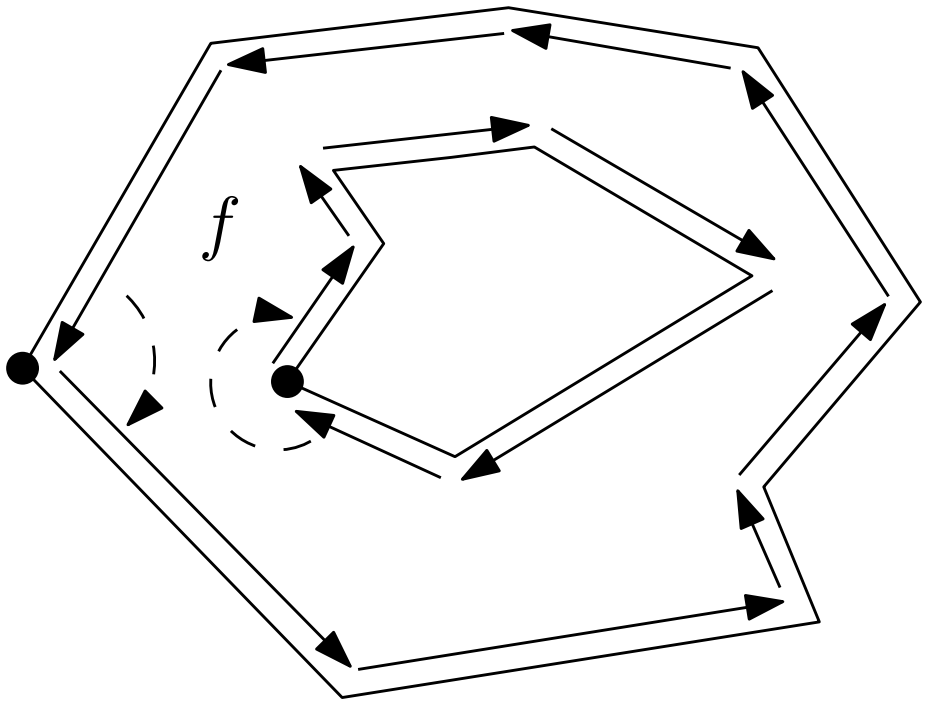

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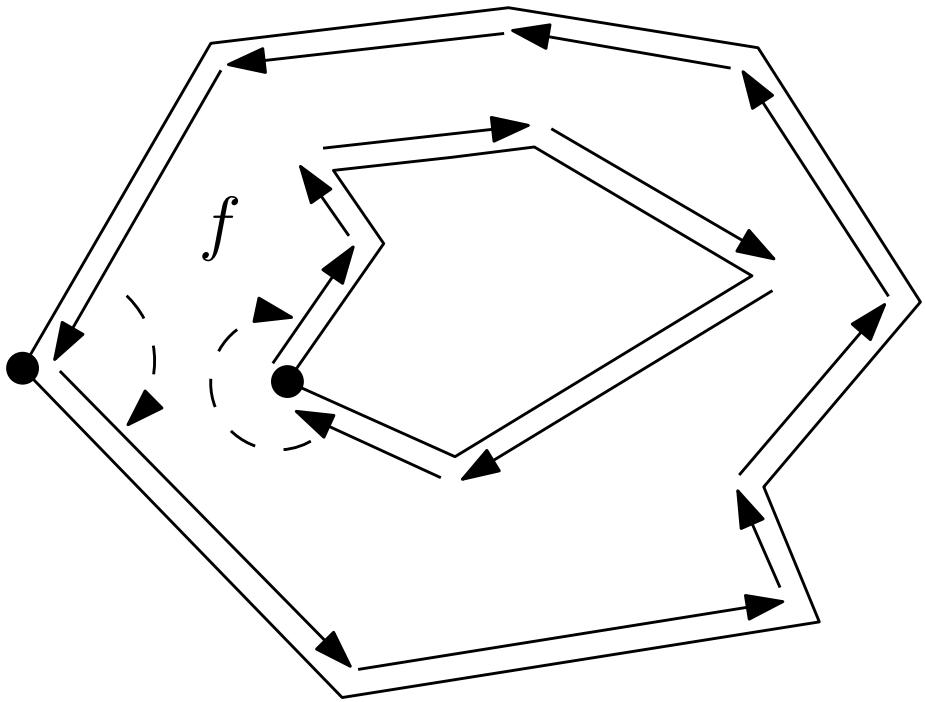

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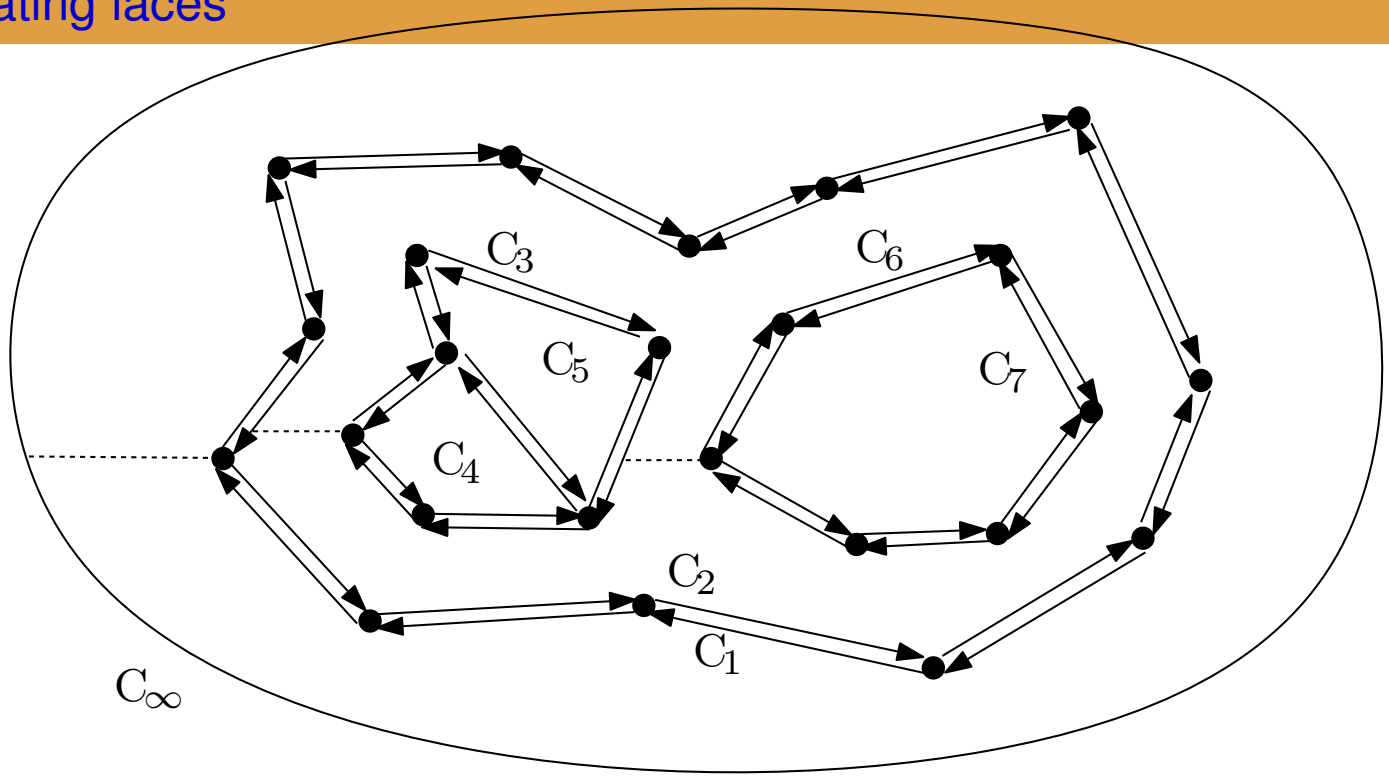

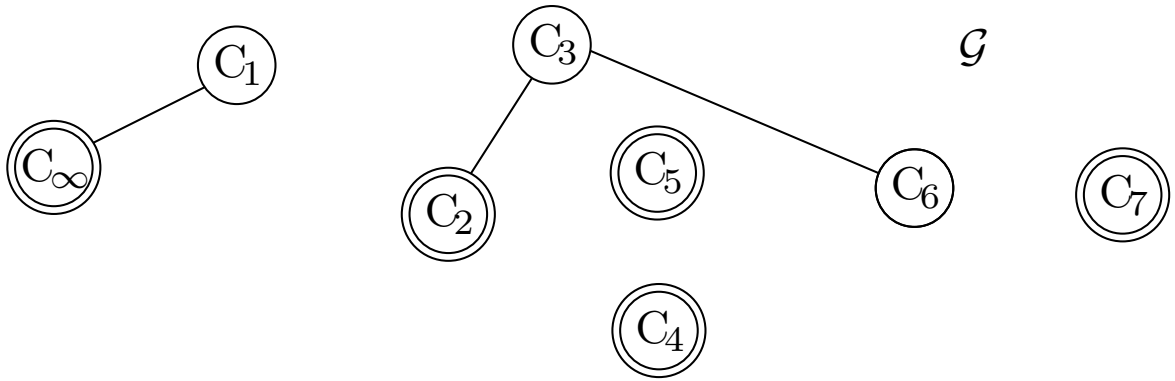

Lemma 2.5

Each connected component of the graph $\mathcal{G}$ corresponds exactly to the set of cycles incident to one face.

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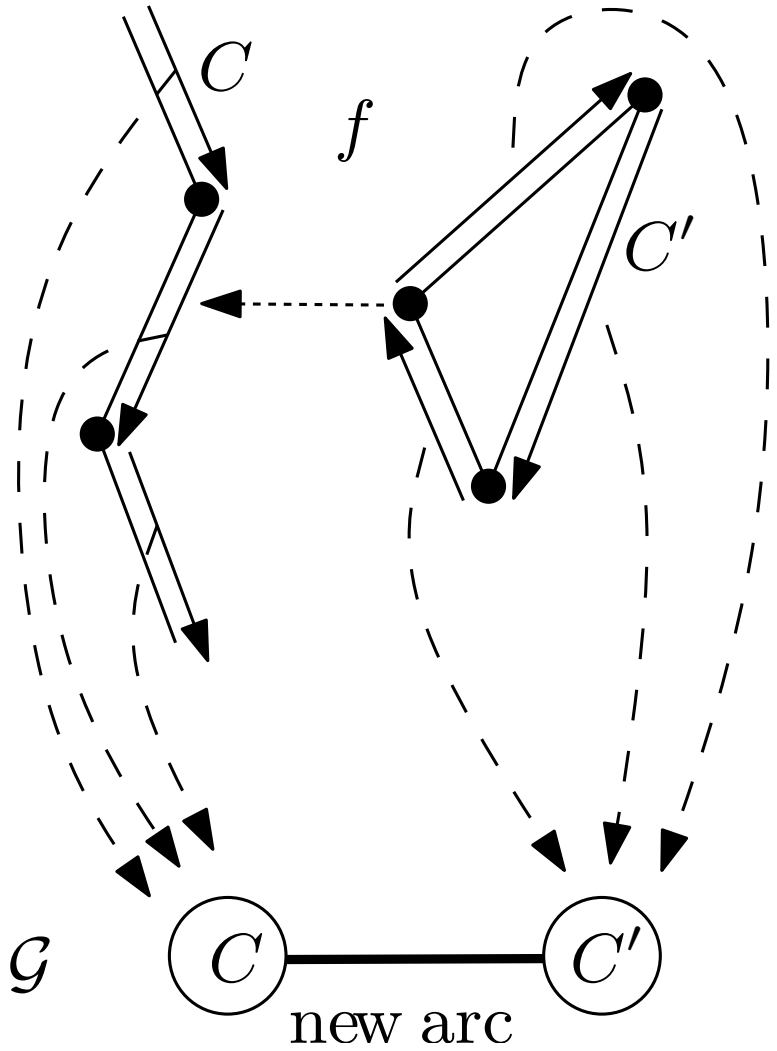
Computing $\mathcal{G}$



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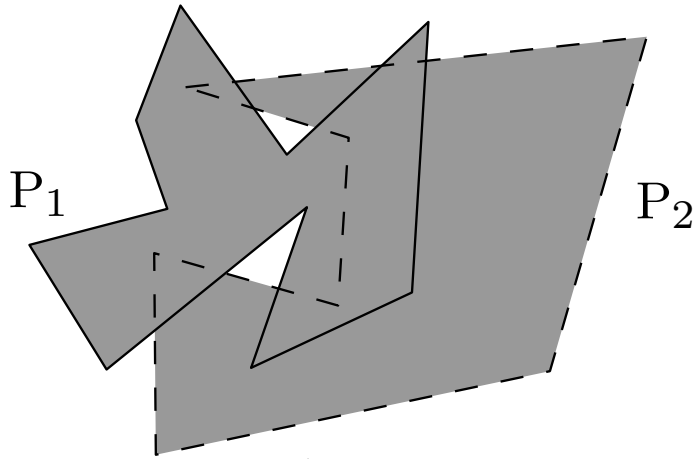
Theorem 2.6

Let S_1 be a planar subdivision of complexity n_1, let S_2 be a subdivision of complexity n_2, and let $n := n_1 + n_2$. The overlay of S_1 and S_2 can be constructed in $\mathcal{O}(n \log n + k \log n)$ time, where k is the complexity of the overlay.

Application:Boolean Operations



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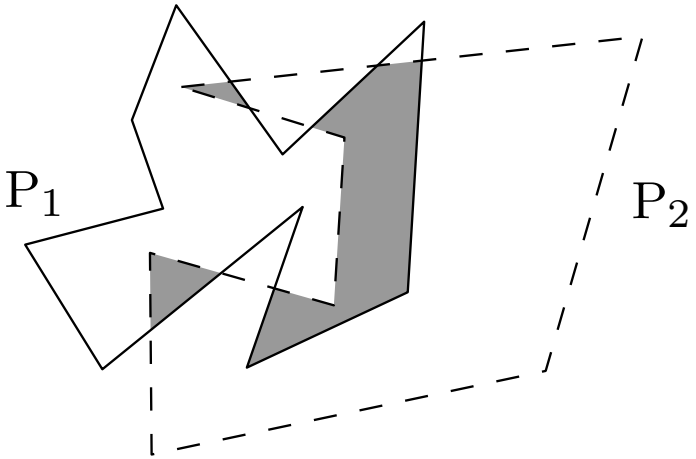

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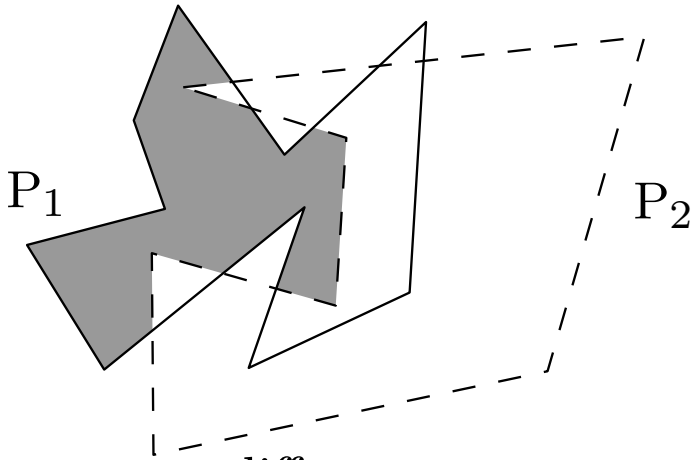

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