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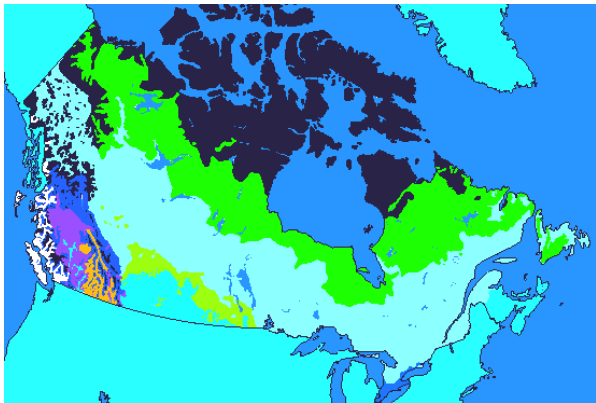
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- We have solved the easiest case of the map overlay problem, where the two maps are networks represented as collections of line segments.
- In general, maps have a more complicated structure: they are subdivisions of the plane into labeled regions.



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- 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.

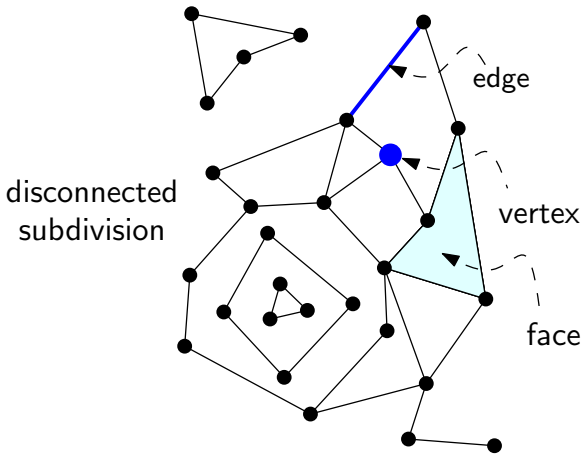


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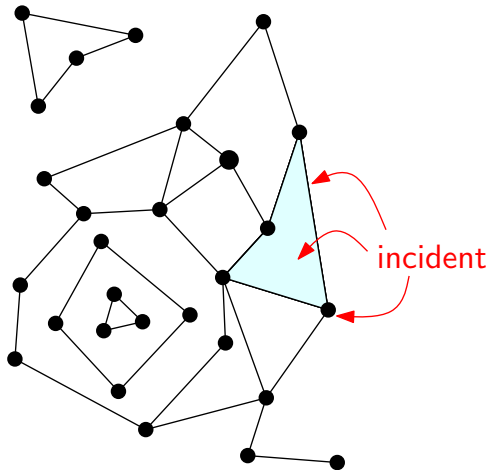
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What kind of queries?

- 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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DCEL contains:

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



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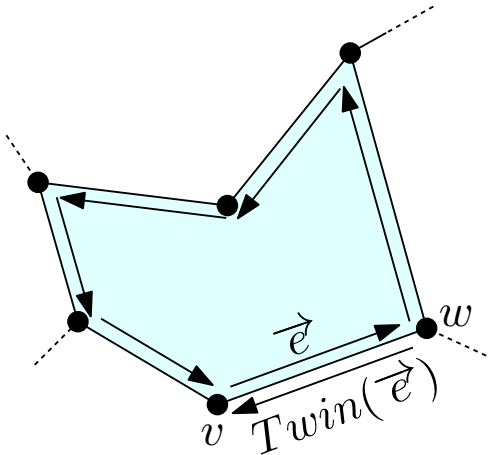
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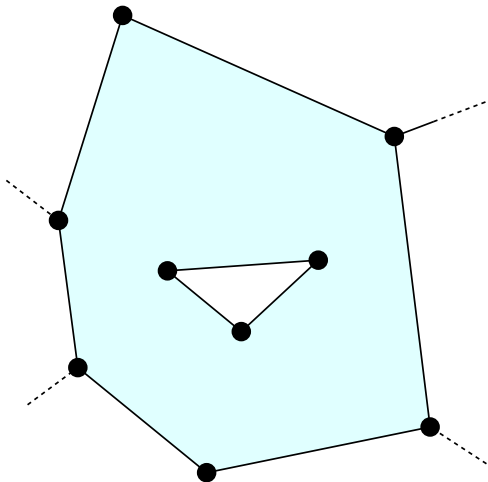
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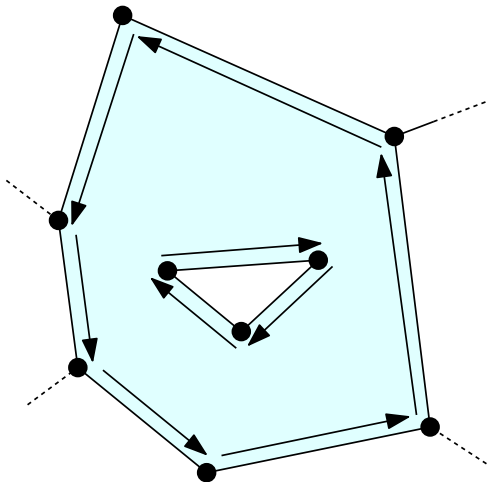
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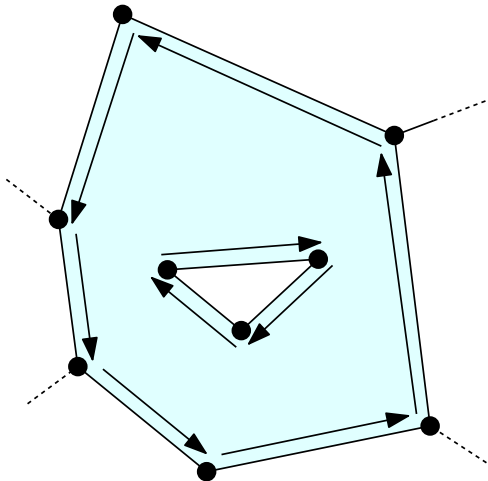
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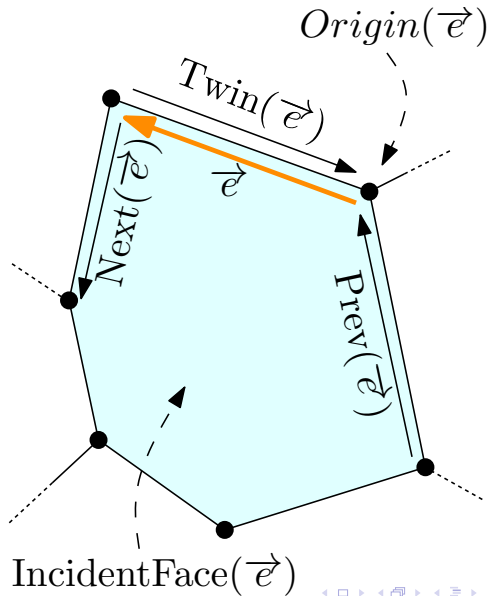
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DCEL: Example



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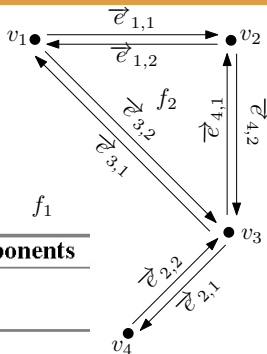
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Vertex	Coordinates	IncidentEdge
v_1	(0, 4)	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
v_2	(2, 4)	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$
v_3	(2, 2)	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$
v_4	(1, 1)	$\vec{e}_{2,2}$

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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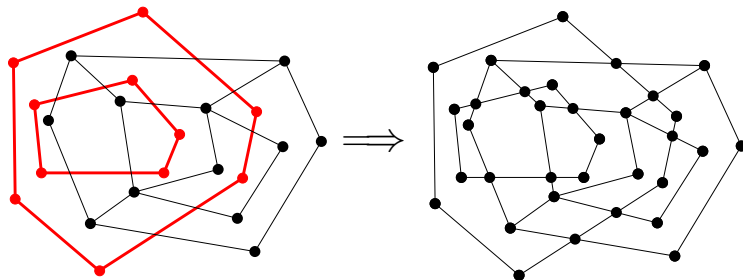




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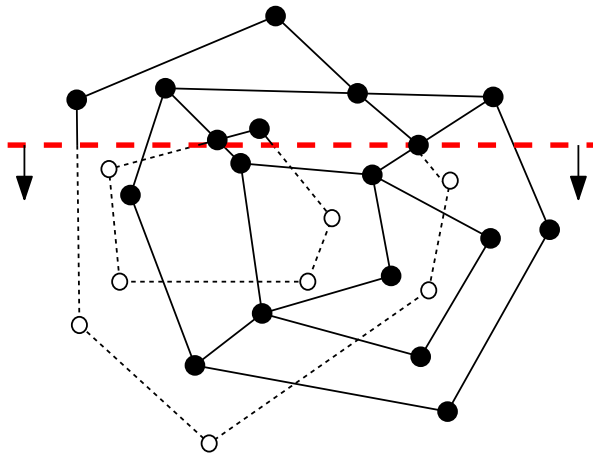


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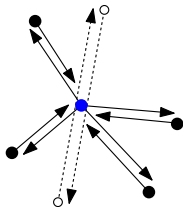
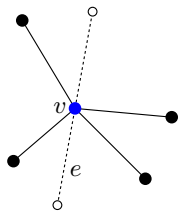
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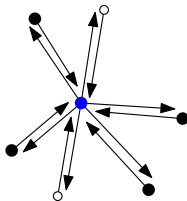
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Updating half-edges

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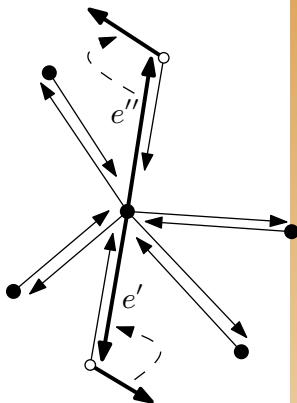
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Updating half-edges

- $Next()$ 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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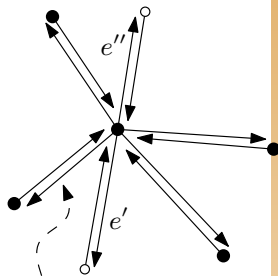
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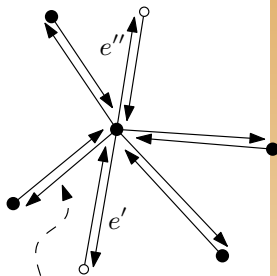
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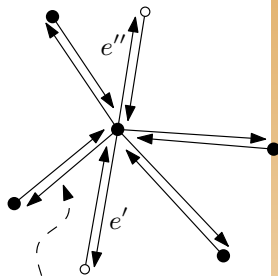
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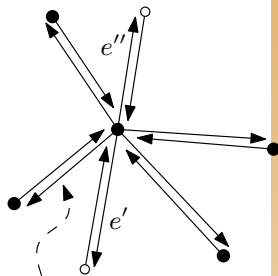
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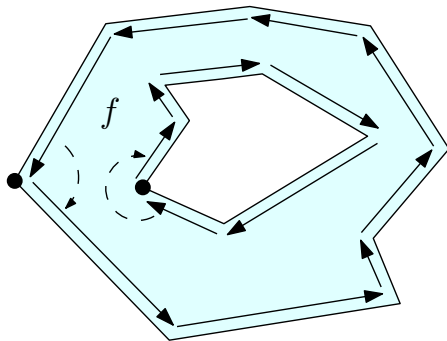
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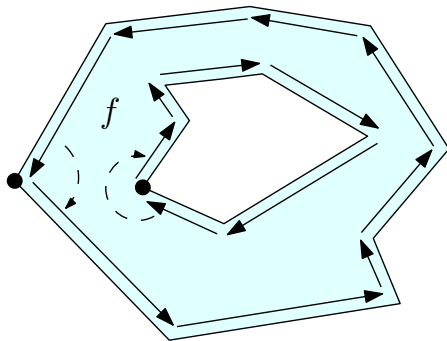
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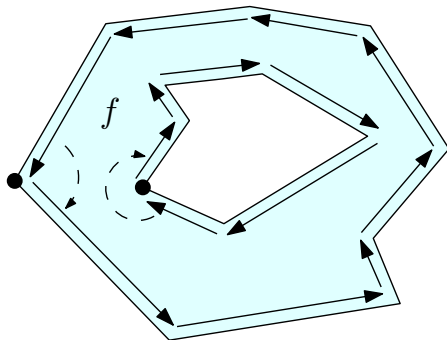
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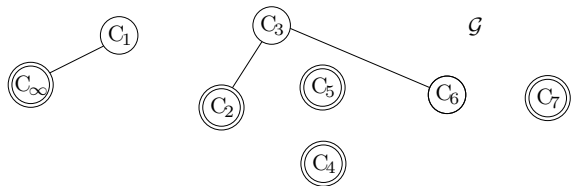
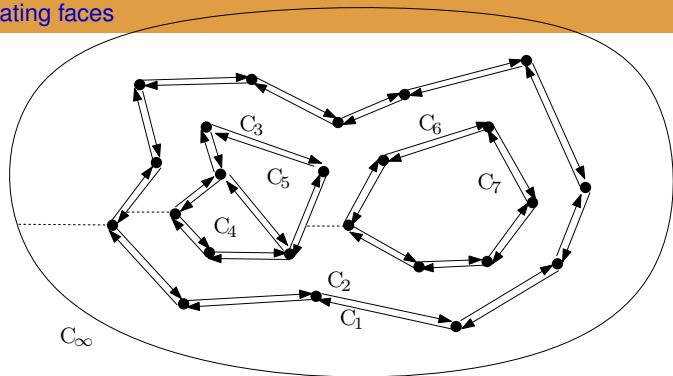
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Lemma 2.5

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



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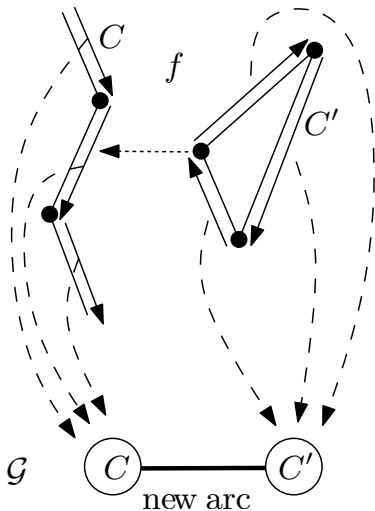
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Theorem 2.6

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.



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Application: Boolean Operations

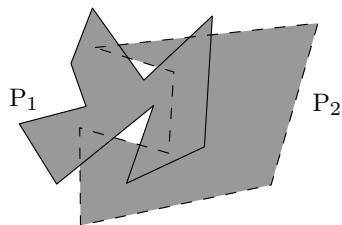


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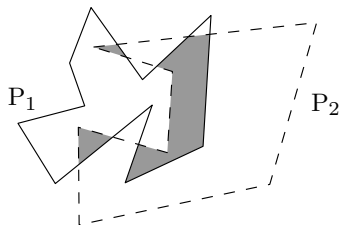
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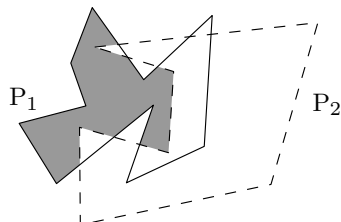
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