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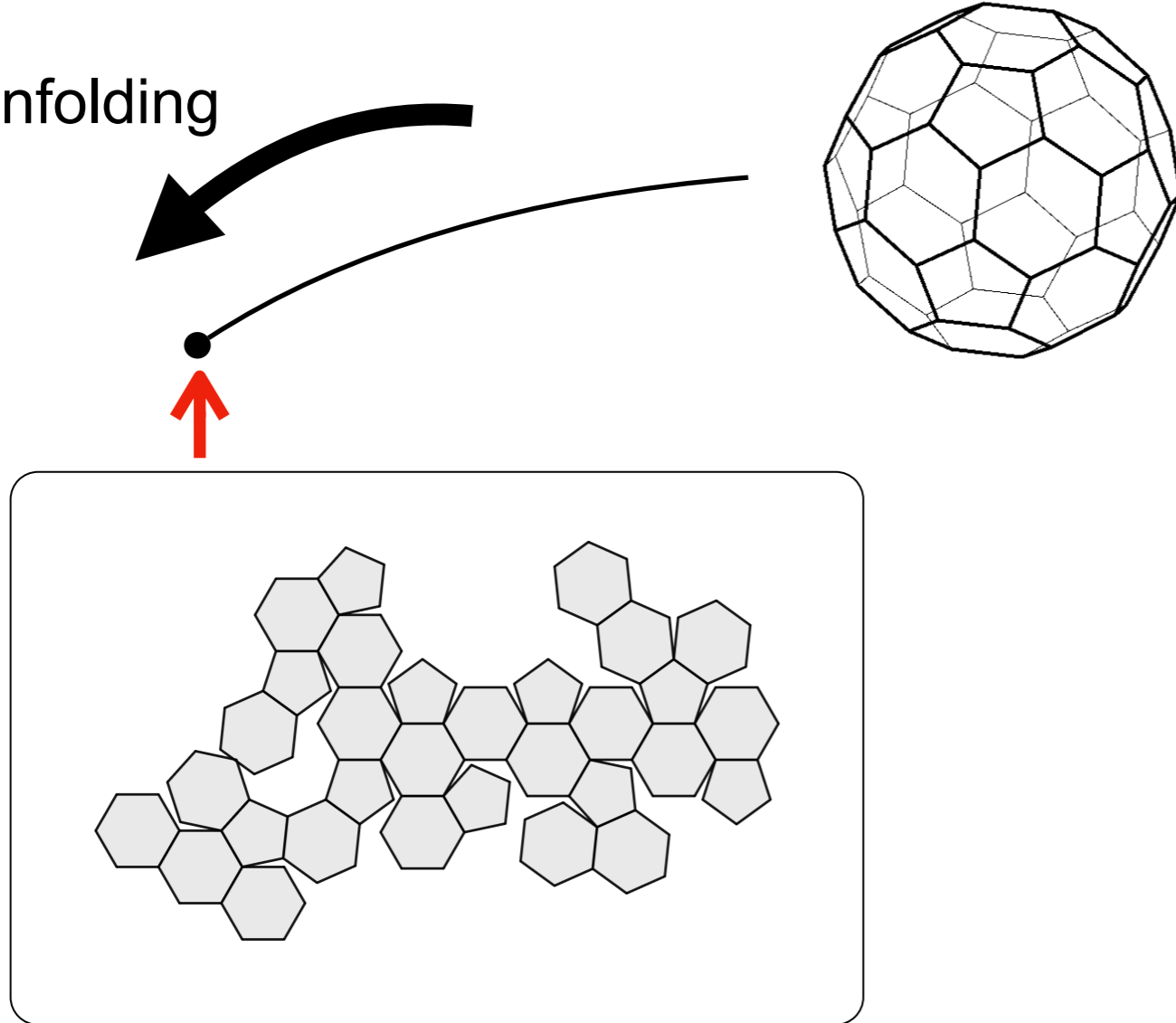
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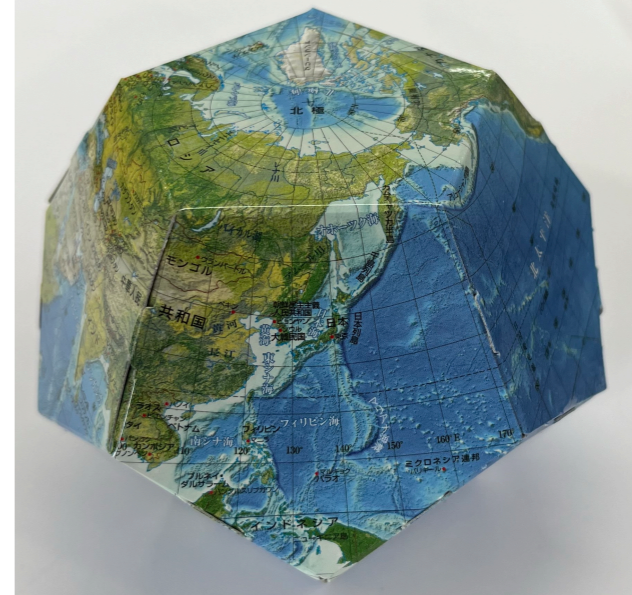
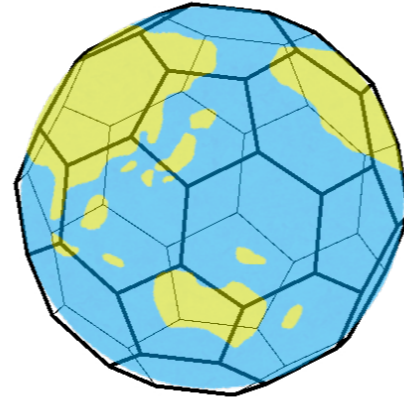
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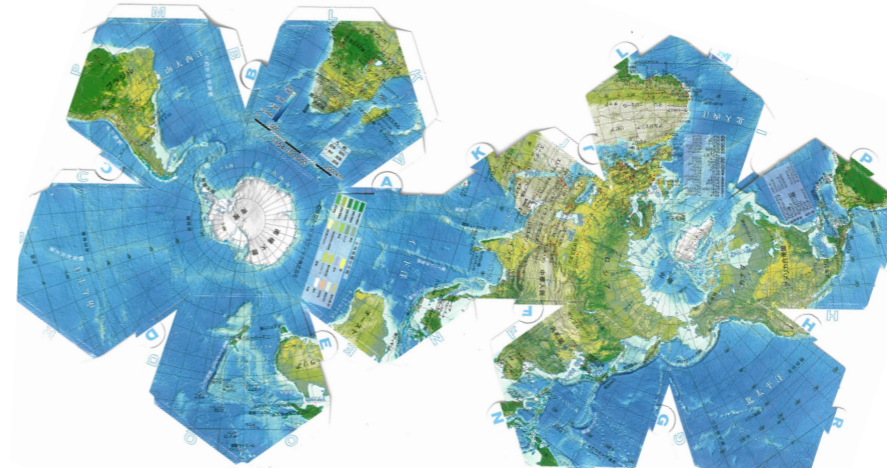
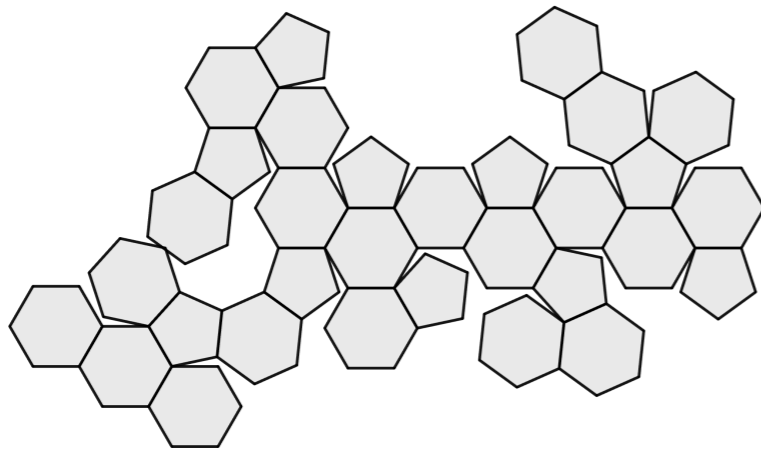
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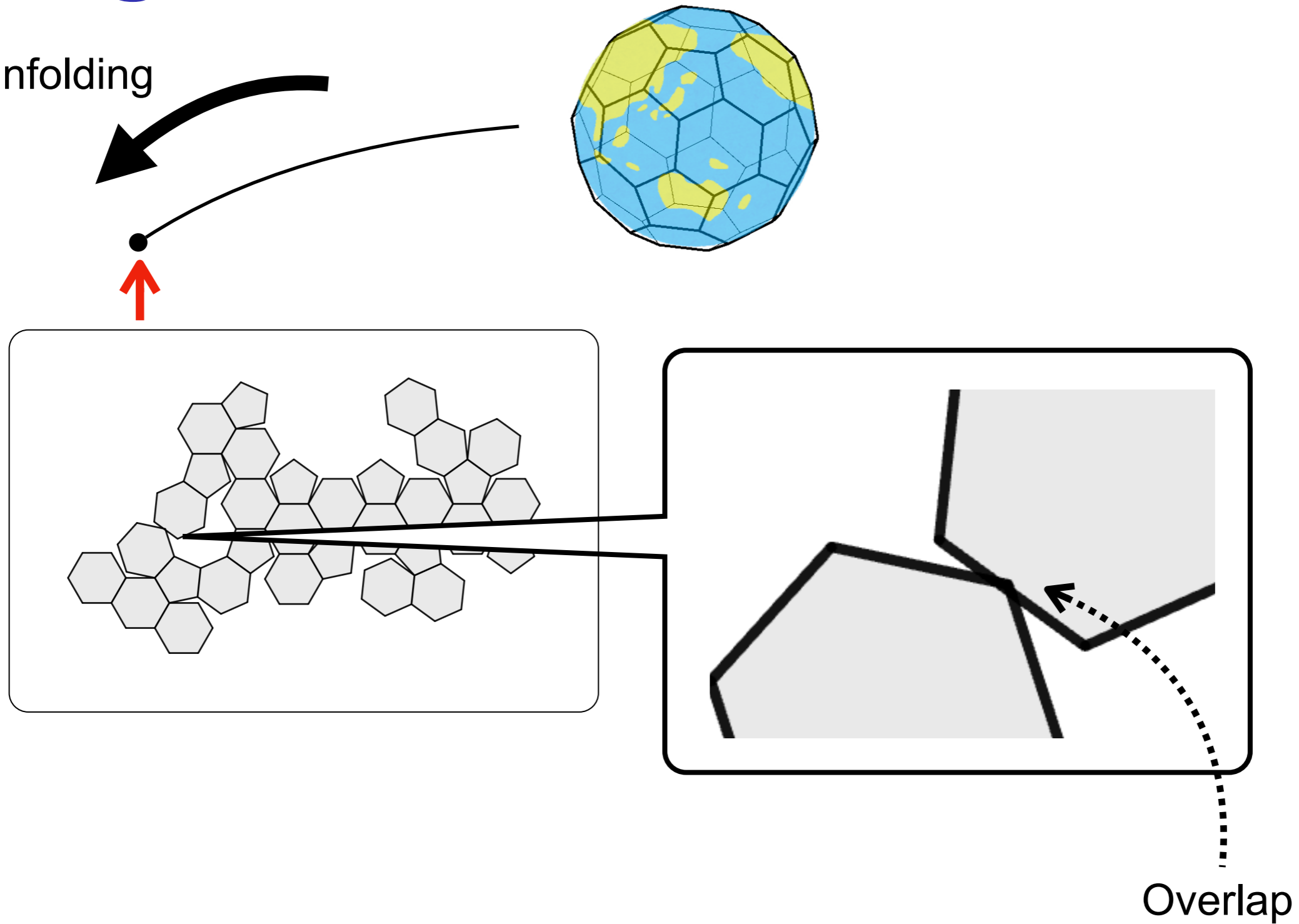


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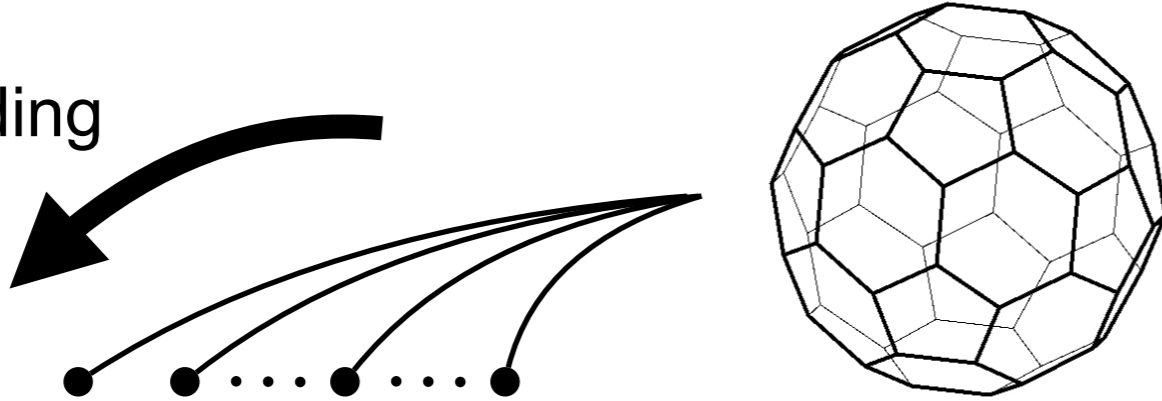
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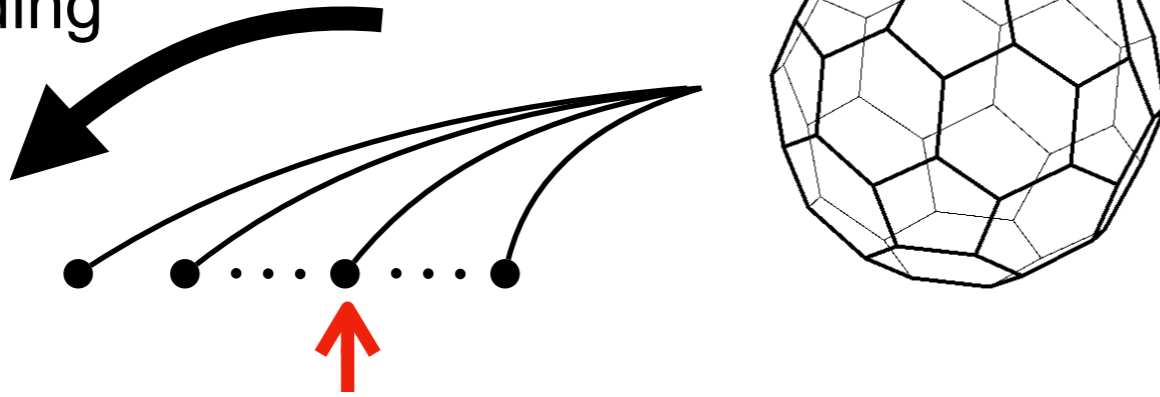
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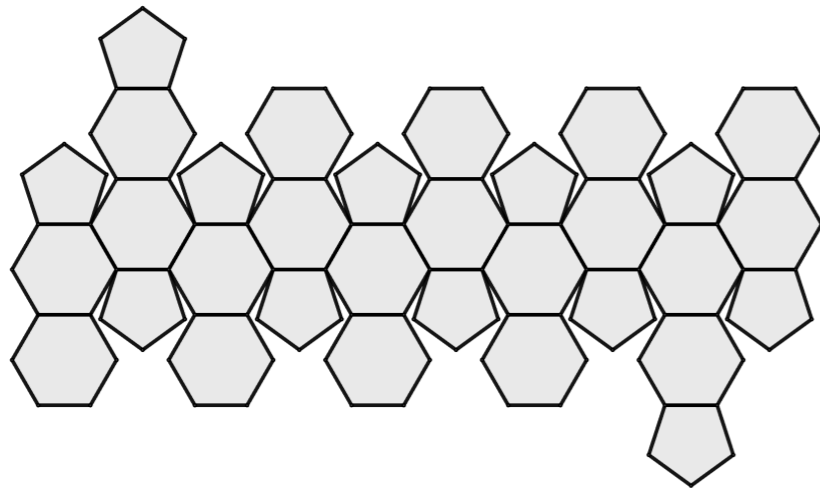


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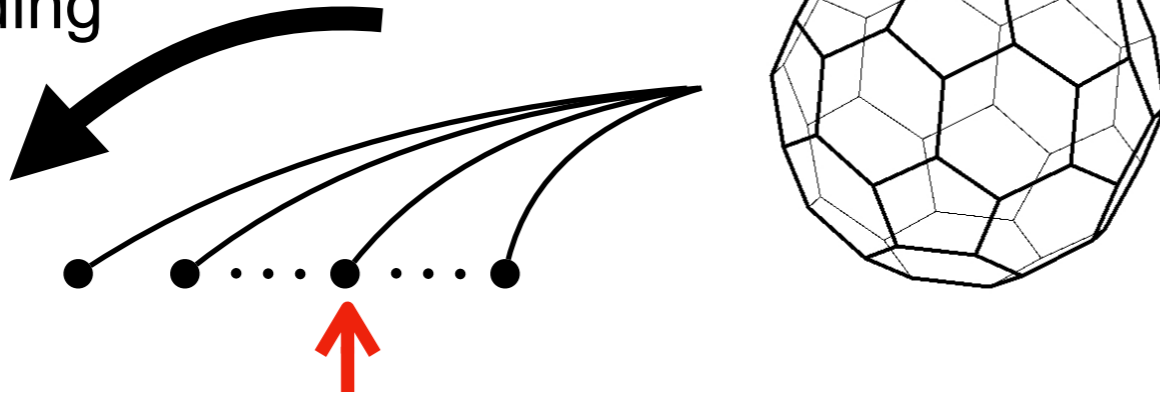
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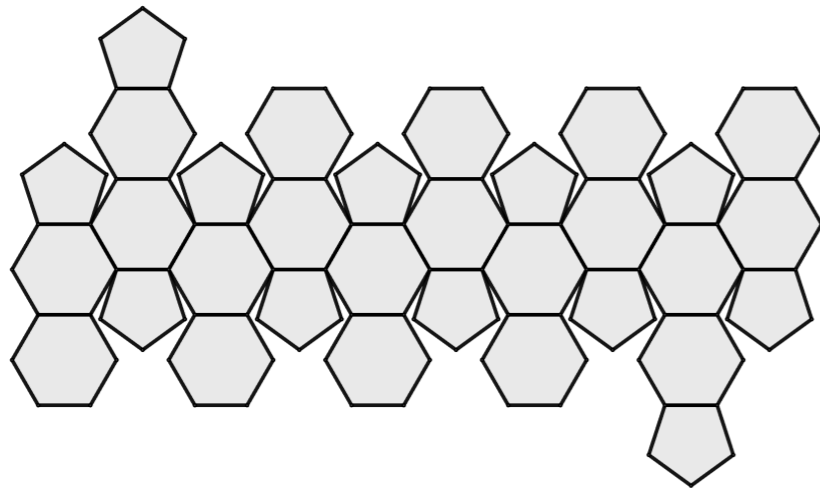
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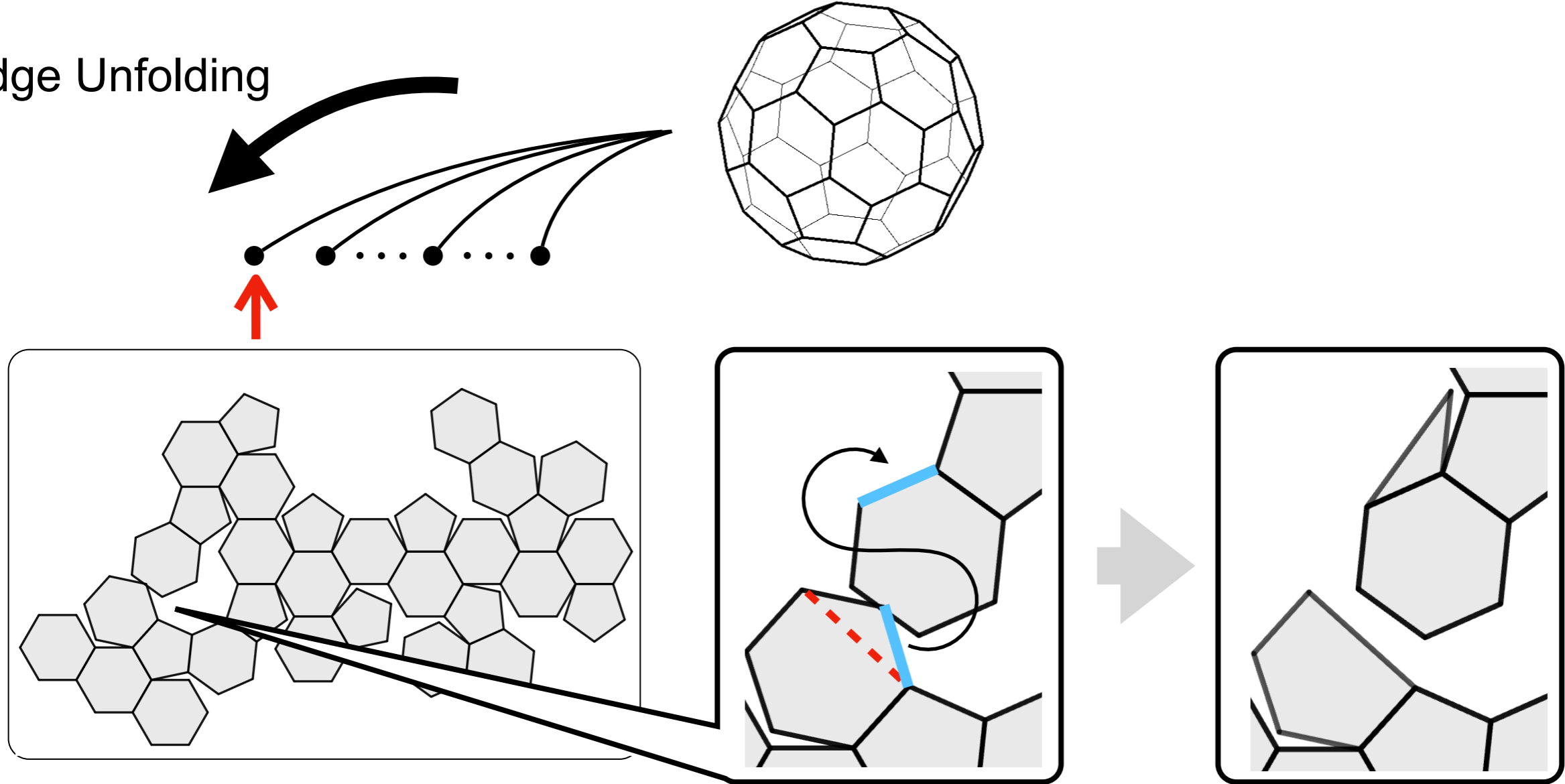


Open Problem [Shephard, 1975]

Can any convex polyhedra be unfolded along edges without overlaps?

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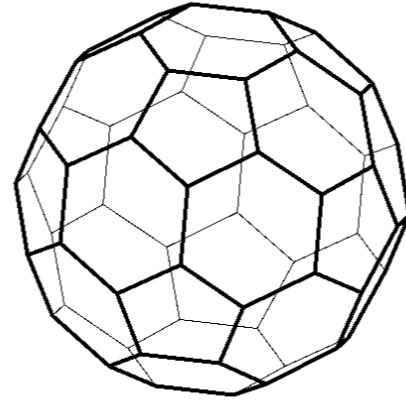
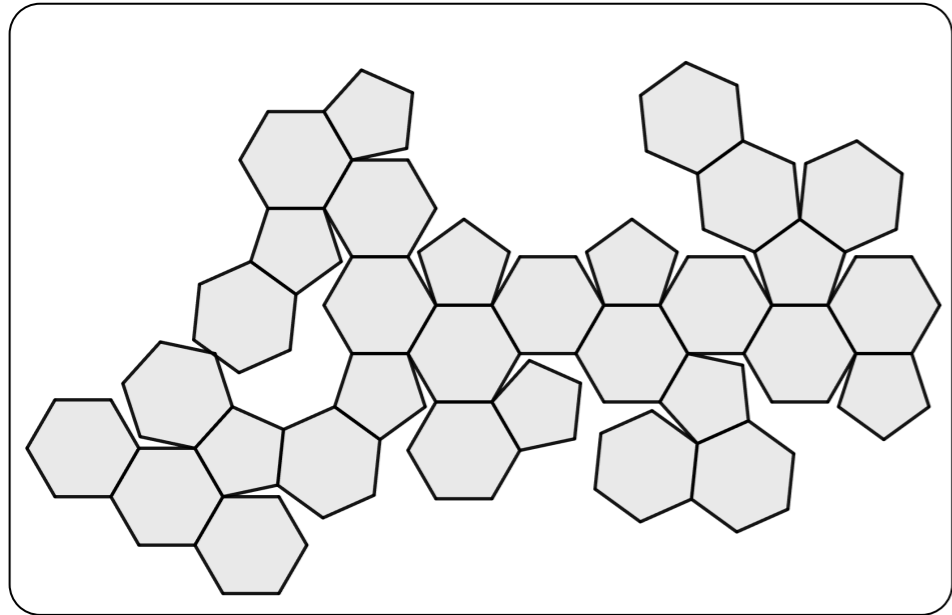
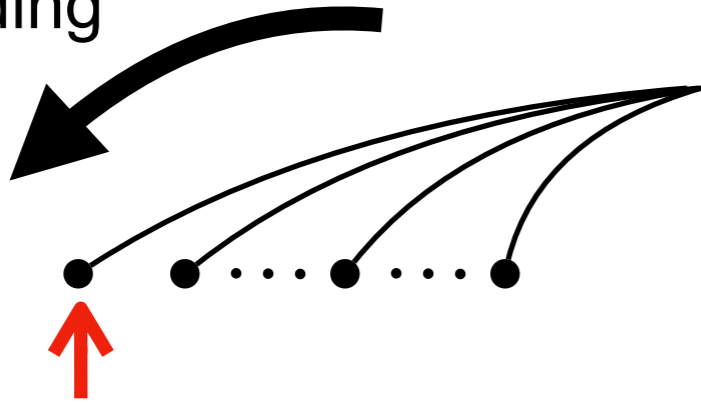
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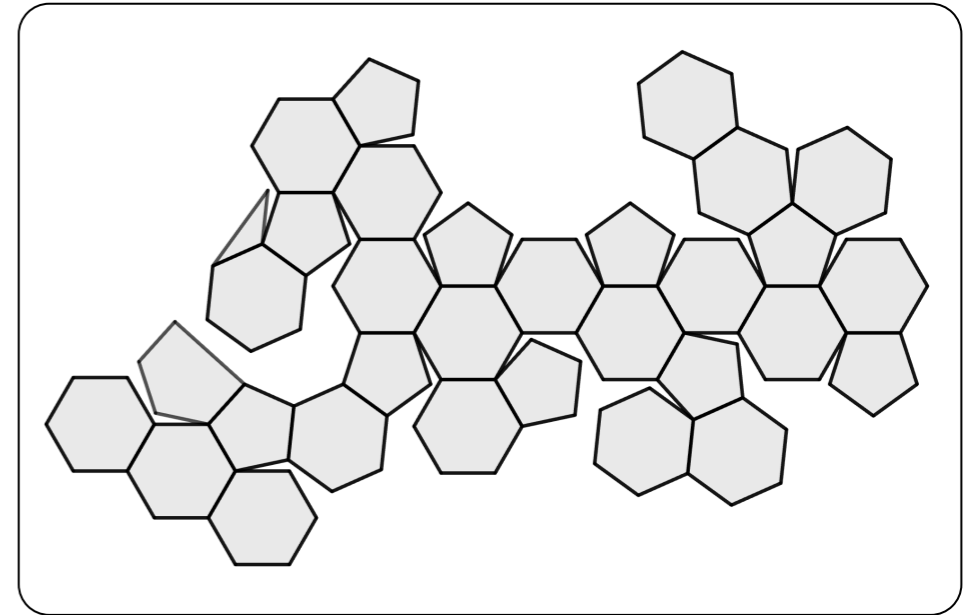
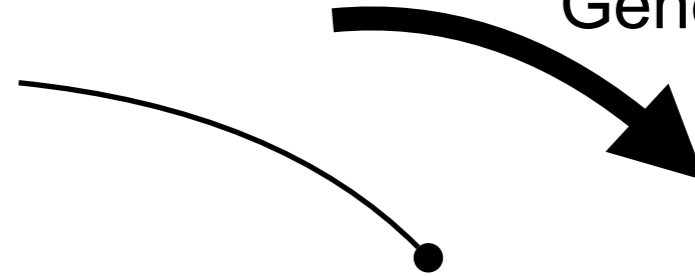
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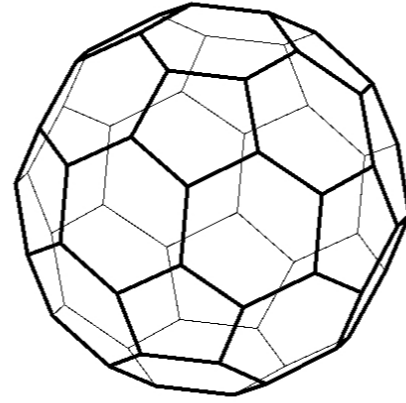
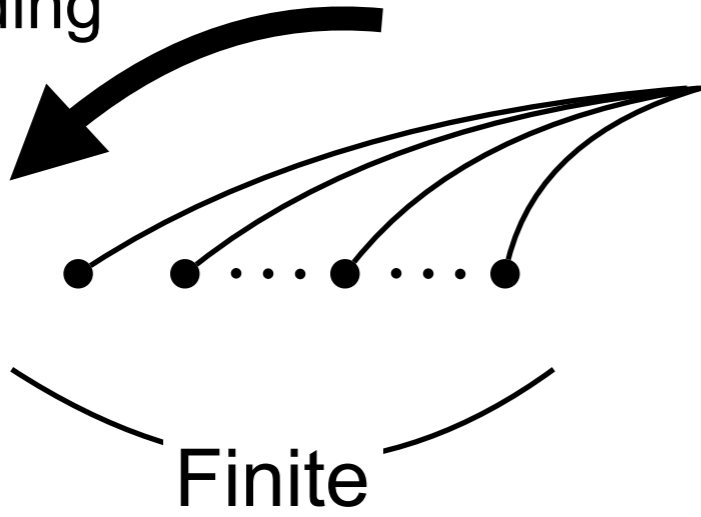
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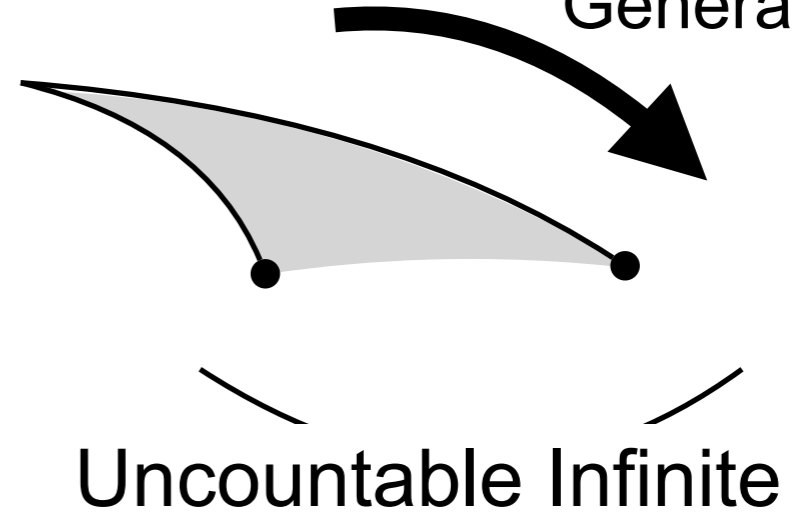
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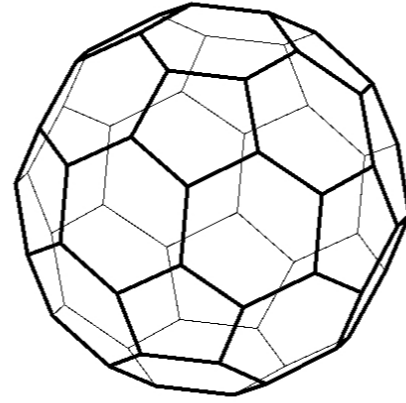
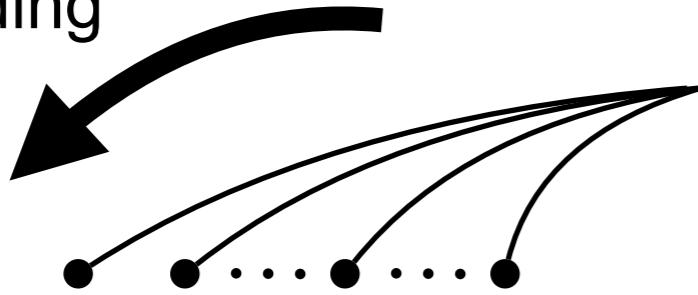


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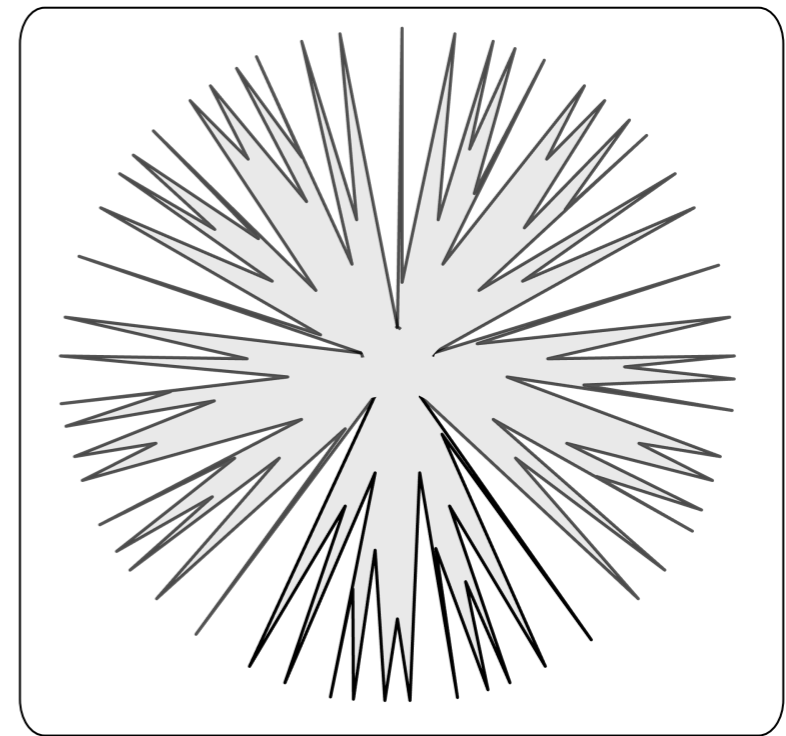
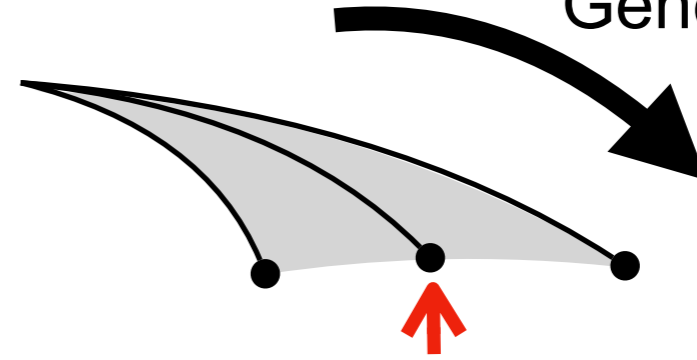


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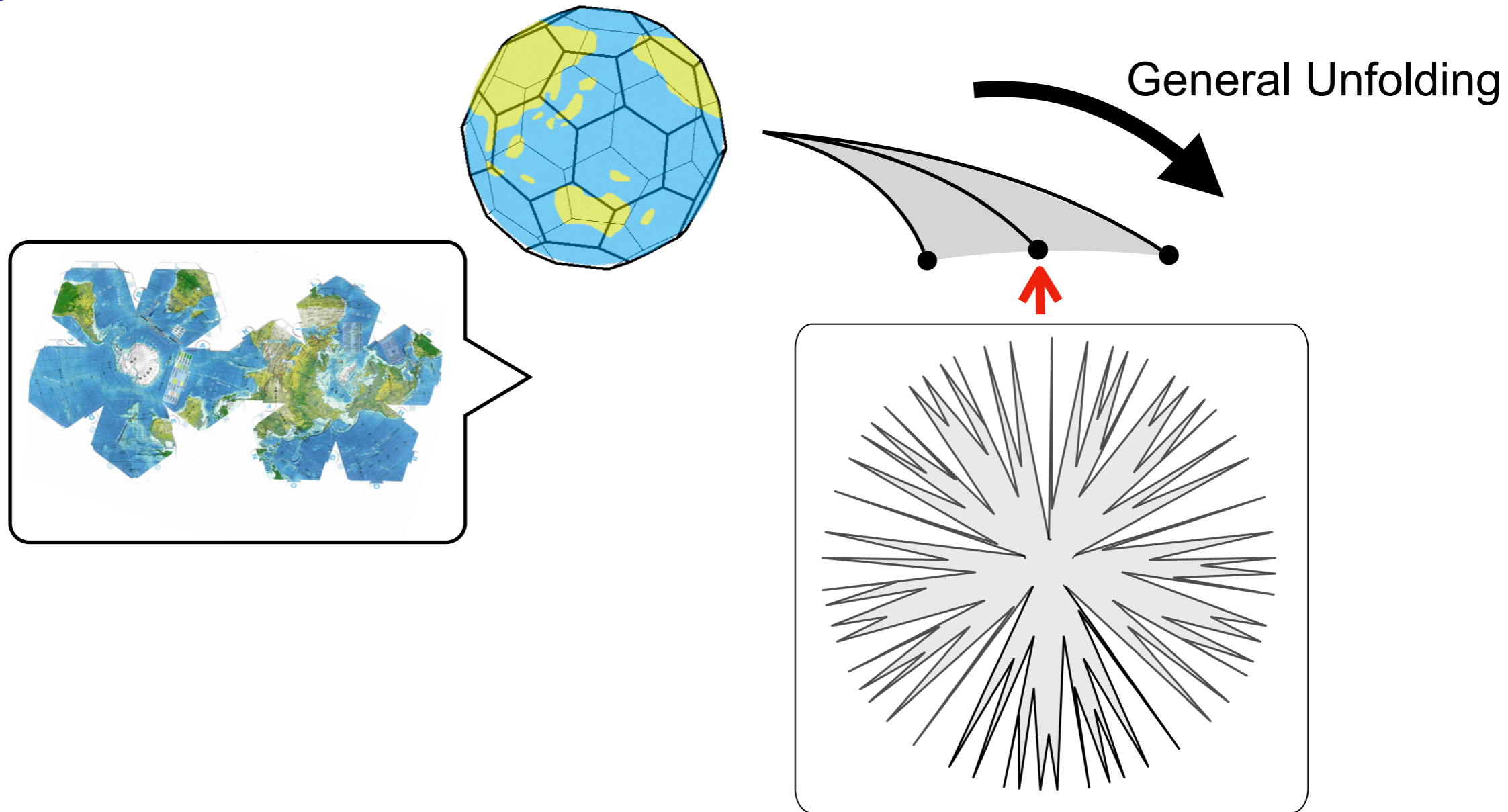
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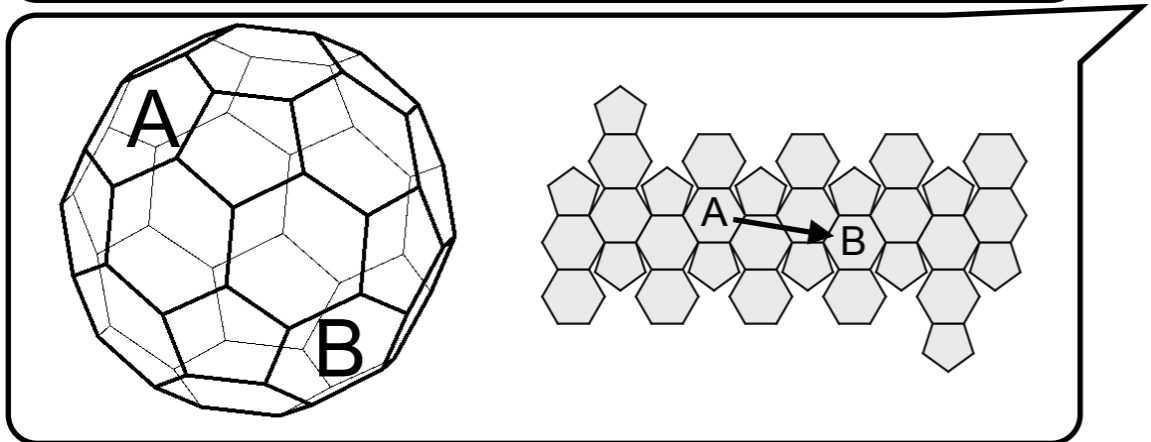
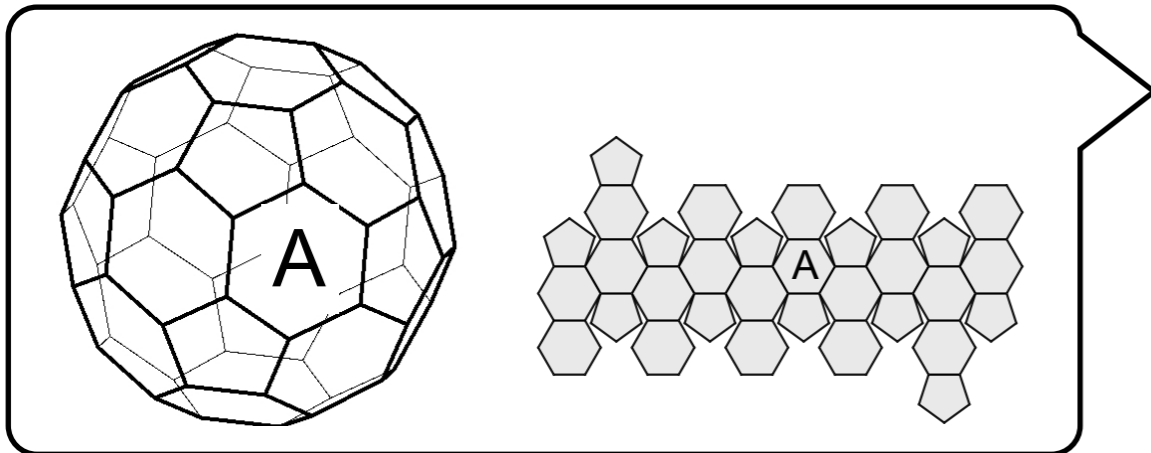
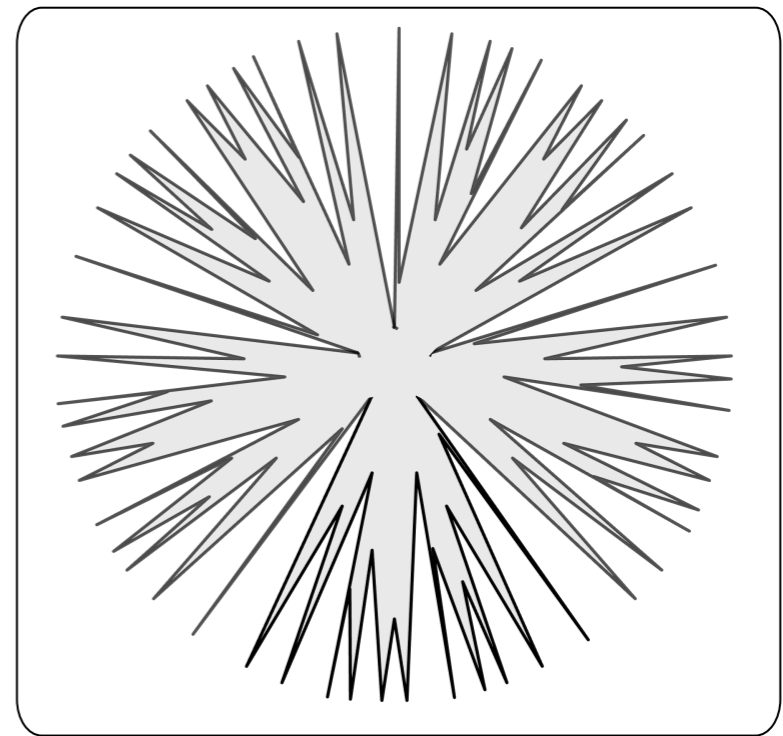
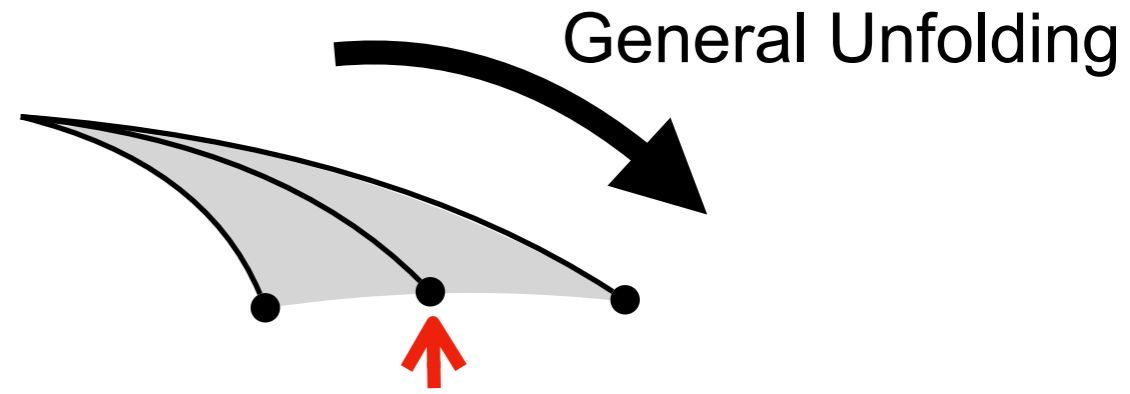
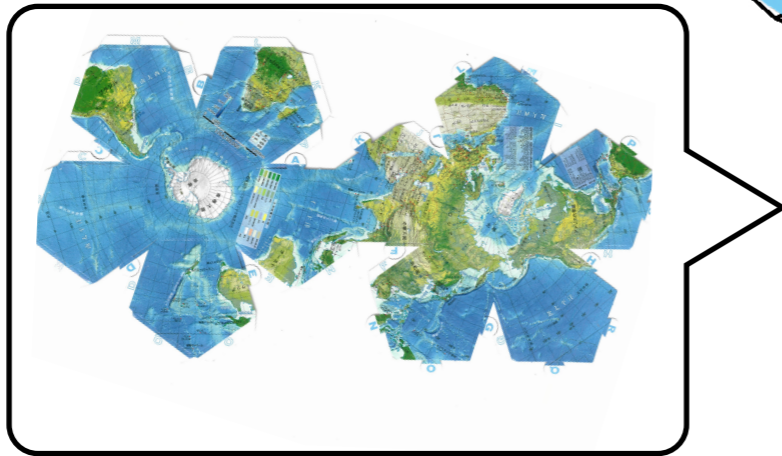
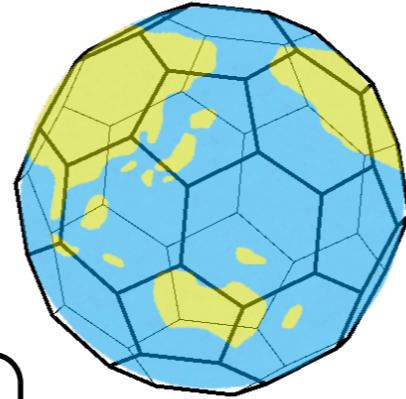
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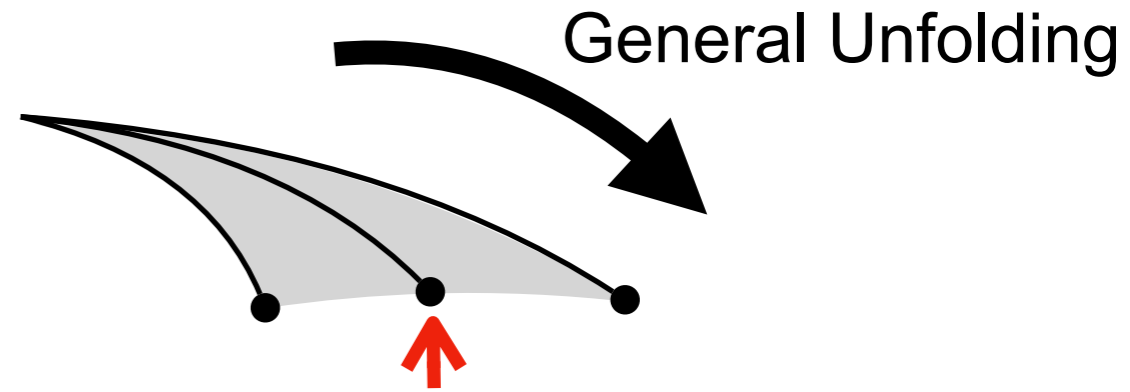
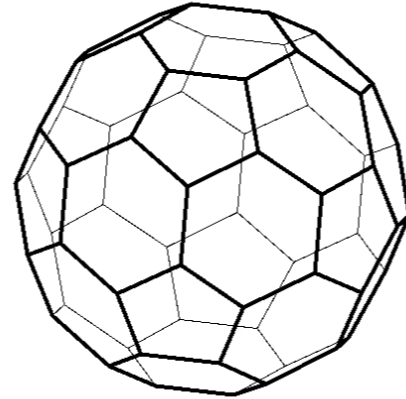
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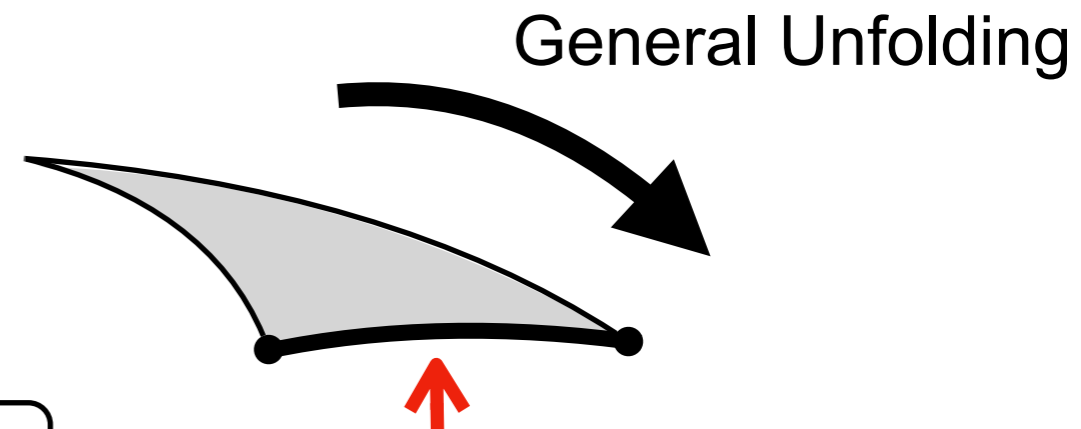
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A Non-overlapping Unfolding

Any convex polyhedron satisfies the property “there **exists** a non-overlapping general unfolding”



A Non-overlapping Unfolding

What types of polyhedra have the property “**any** general unfolding is non-overlapping”?
(= Overlap-free)

Result

Theorem

For any convex polyhedron Q ,

Q is overlap-free



Q is either
one of

tetramonohedron
doubly-covered regular triangle
doubly-covered half regular triangle
doubly-covered right triangle

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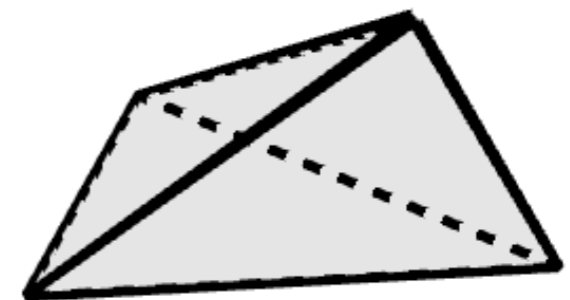
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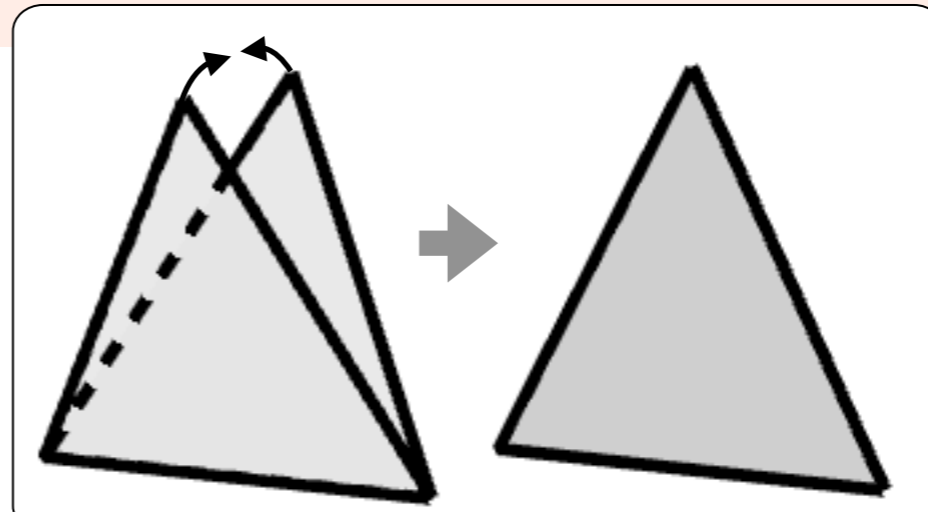
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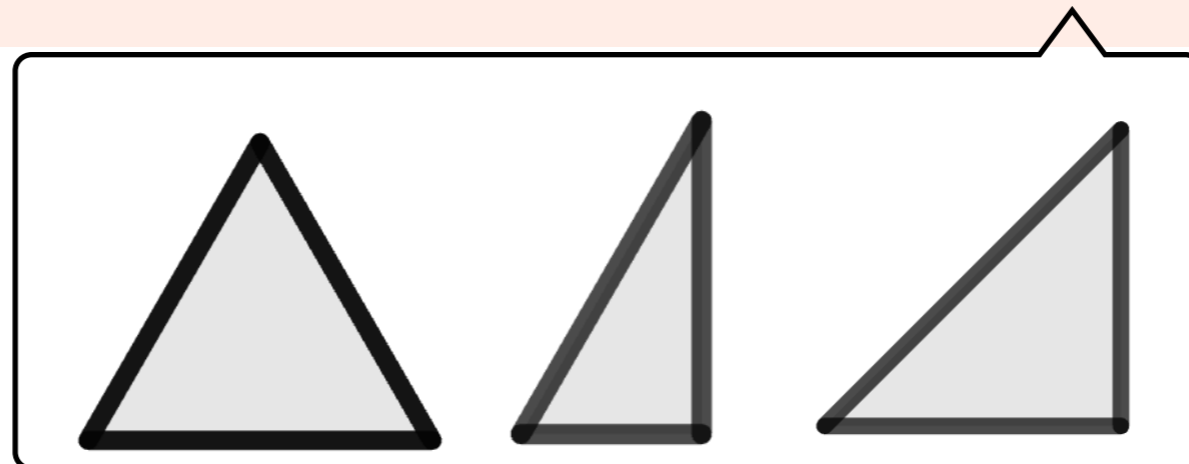
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Theorem [Akiyama, 2008]

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Not

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There exists
overlap unfolding

Proof of Necessities

- Strategy -

Lemma

If a convex polyhedron Q is not stamper,
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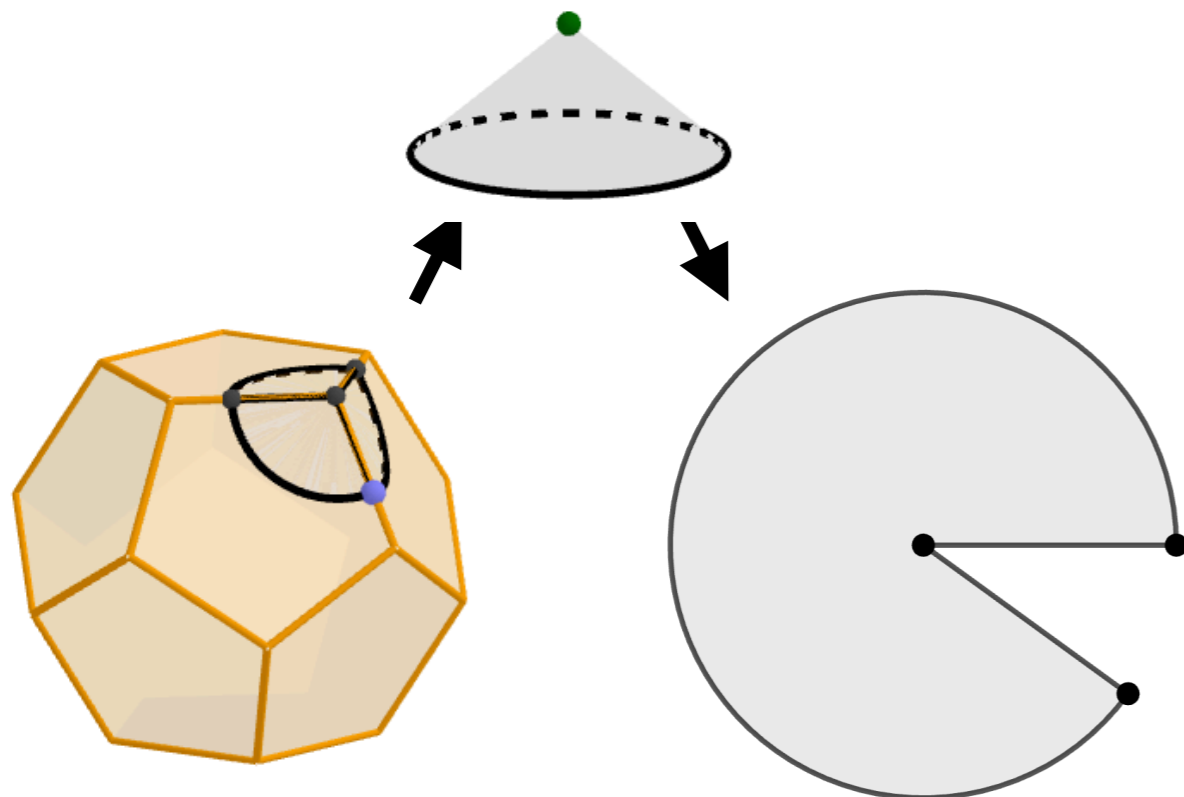
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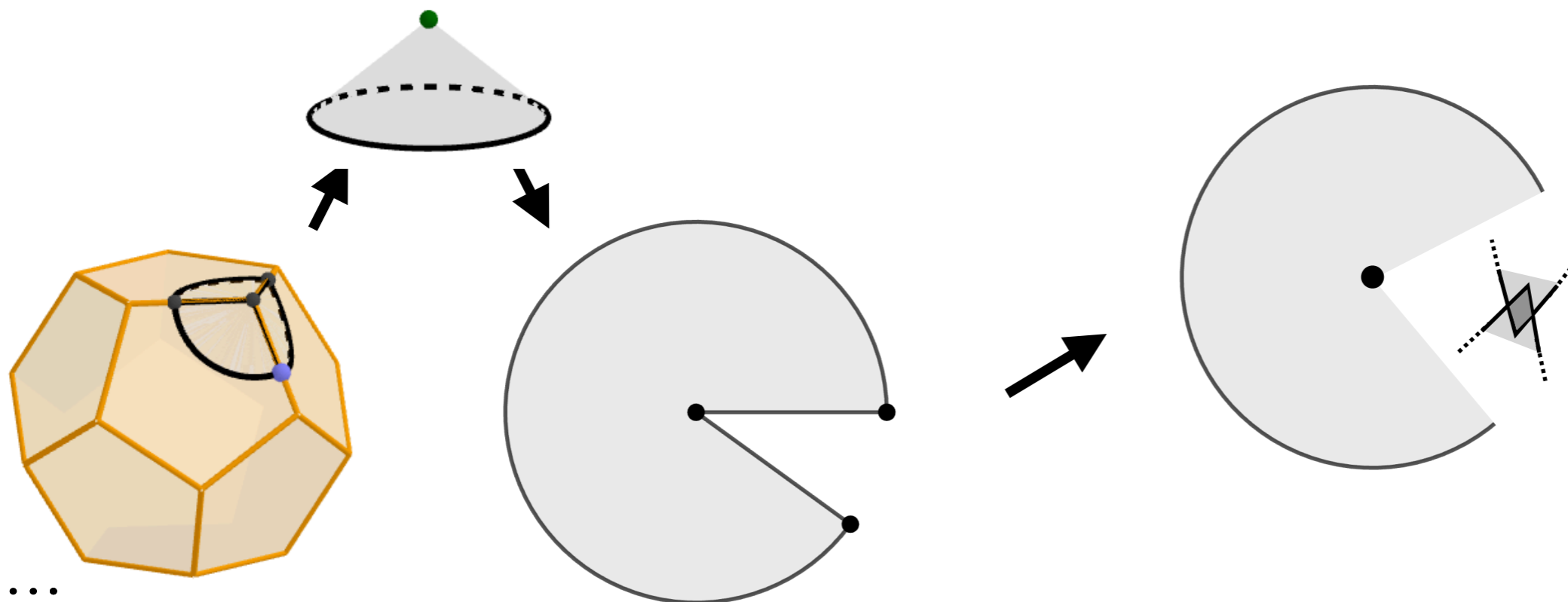
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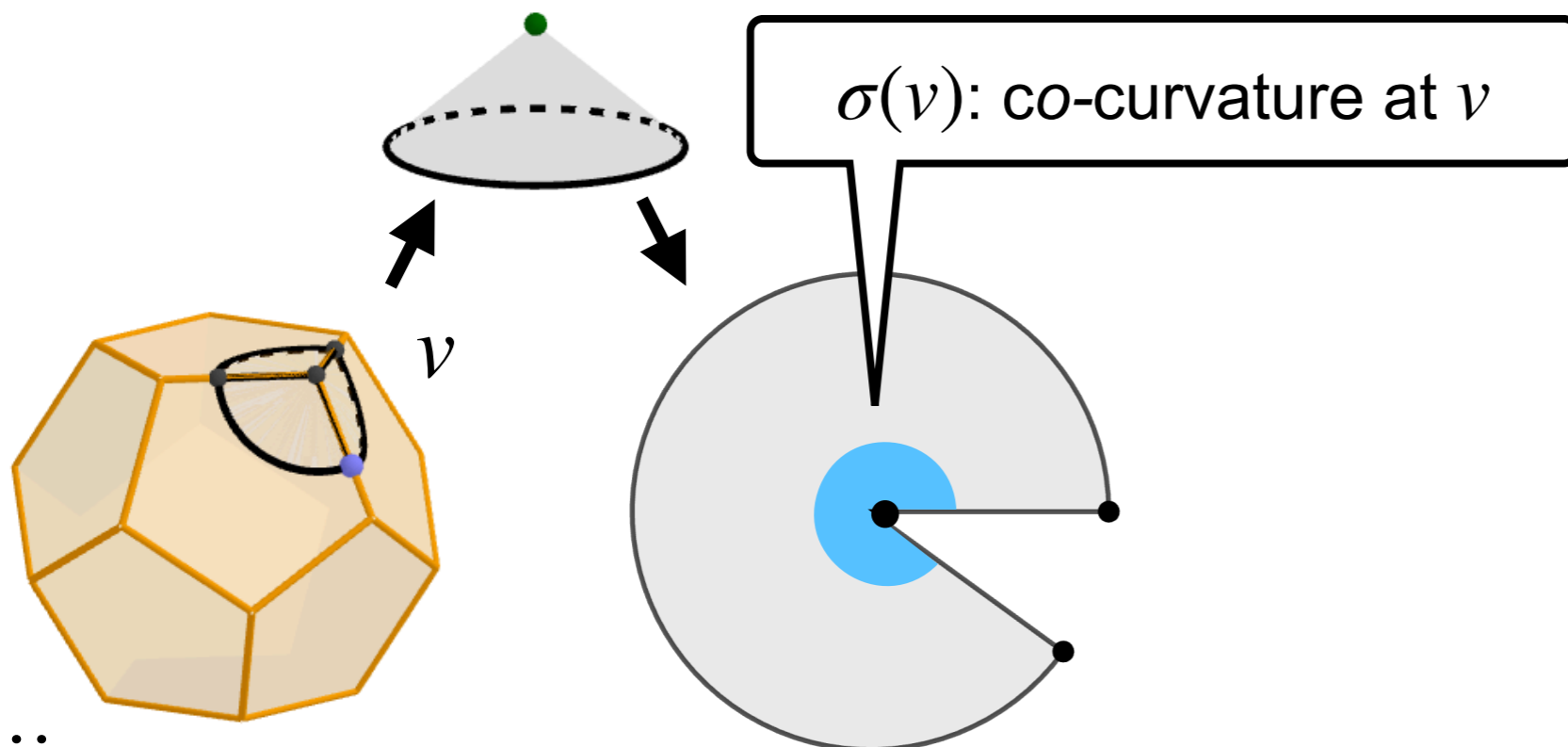
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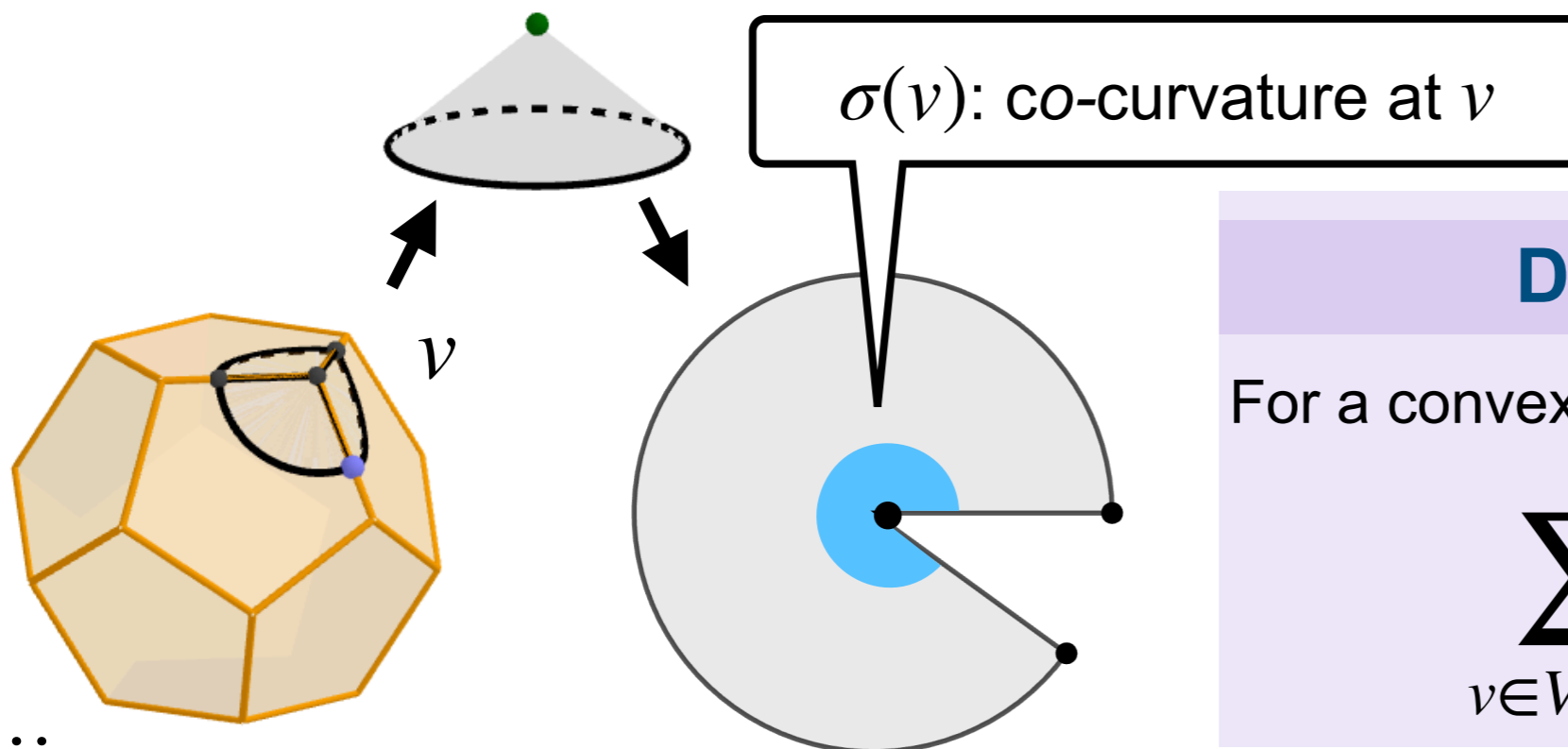
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Descartes' Theorem

For a convex polyhedron Q with n vertices,

$$\sum_{v \in V(Q)} \sigma(v) = 2(n - 2)\pi$$

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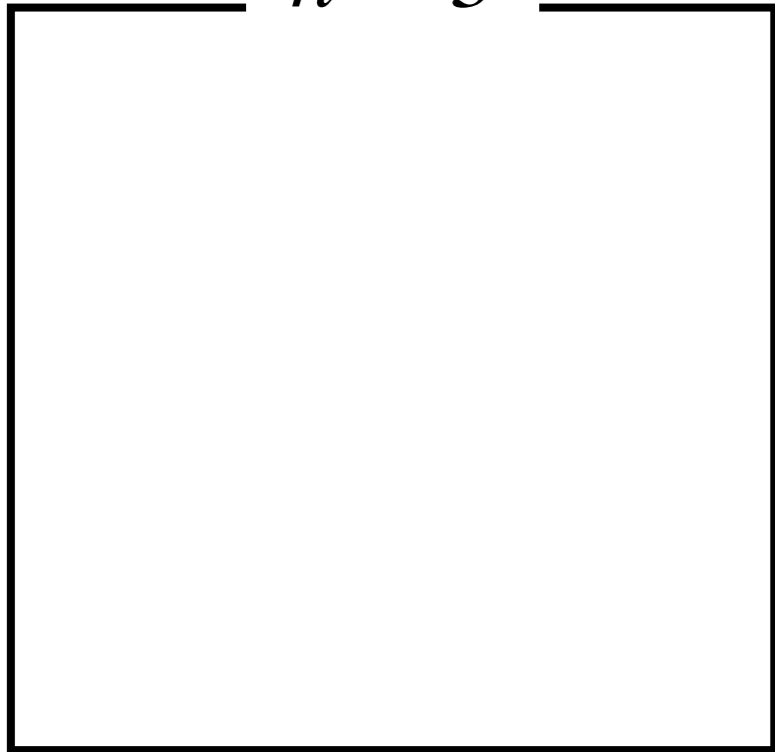
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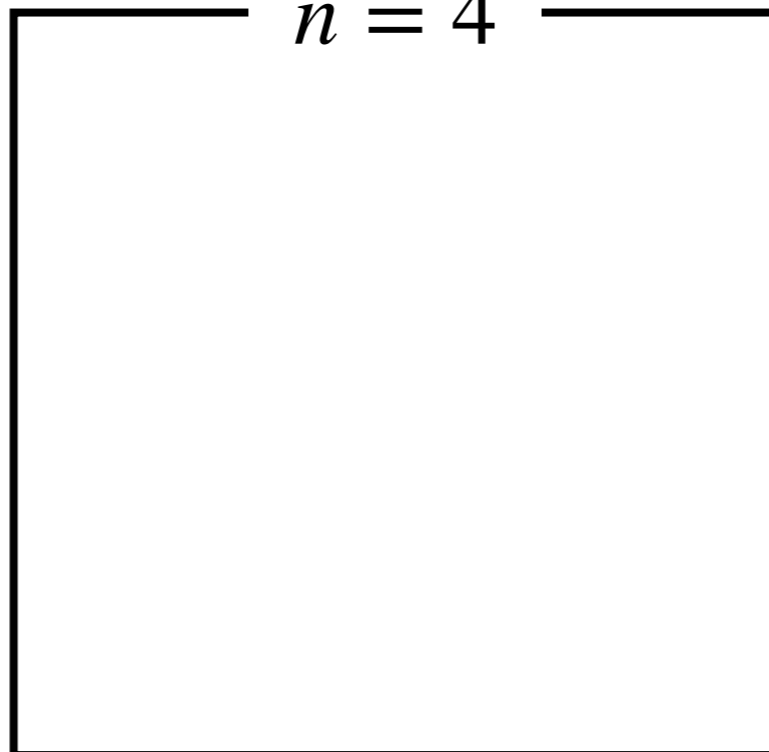
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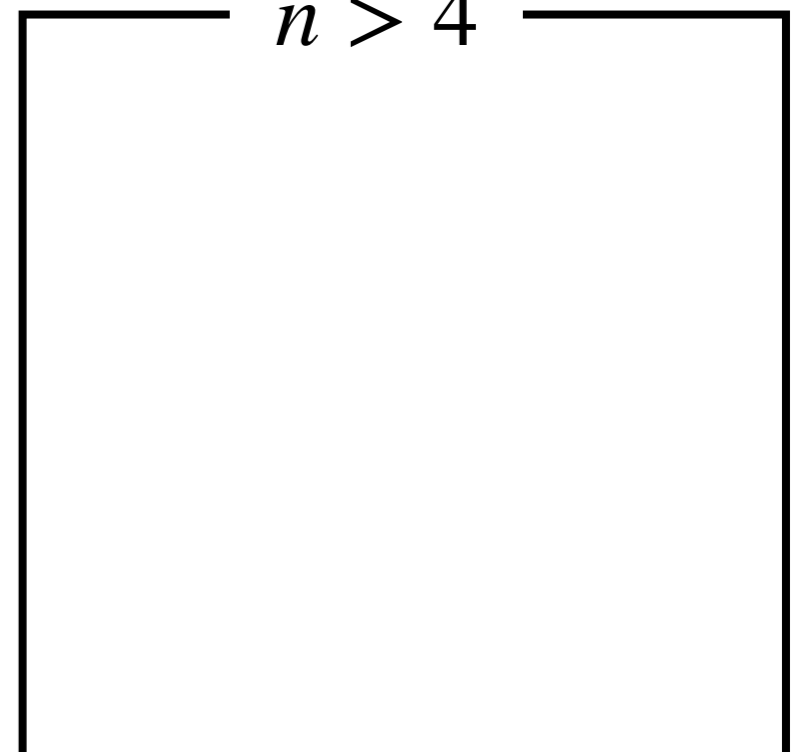
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$n = 4$



$n > 4$



All Convex Polyhedra

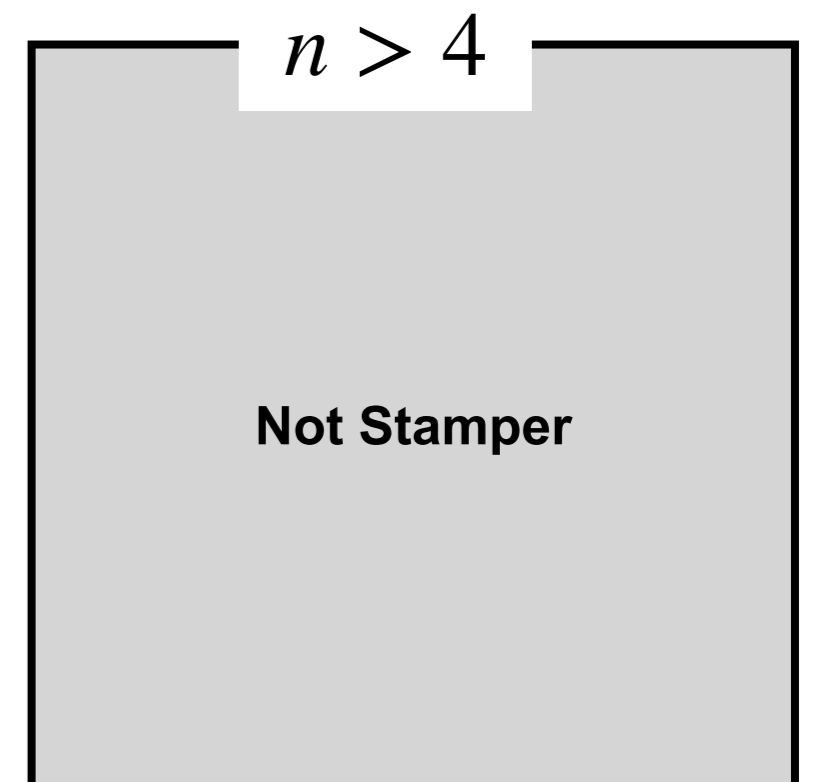
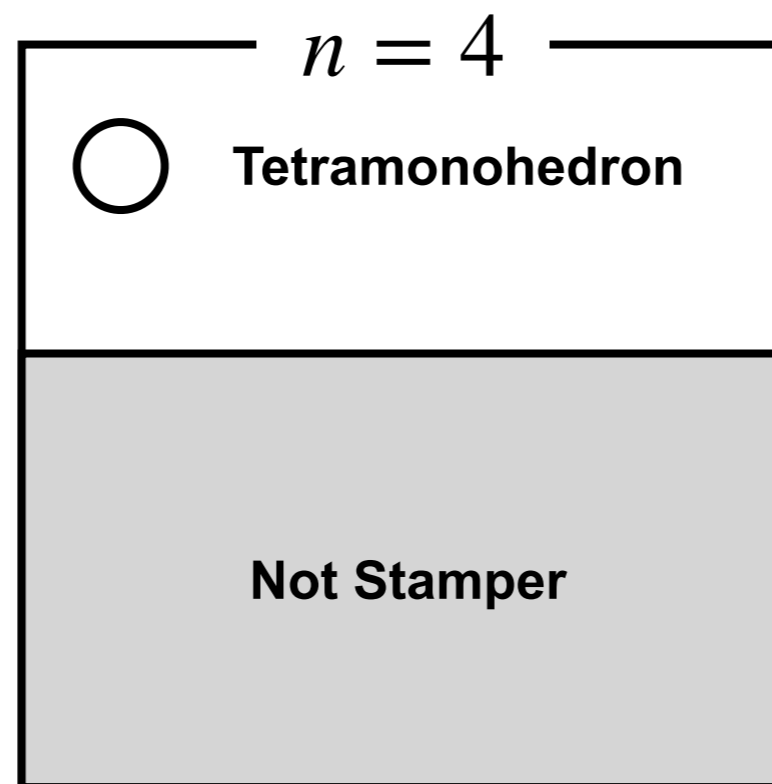
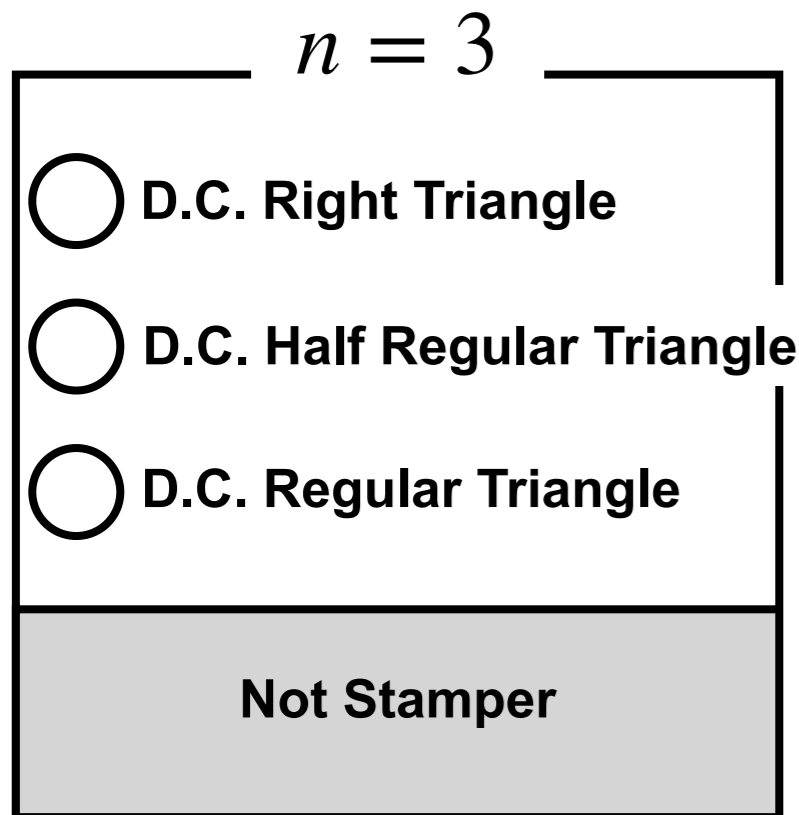
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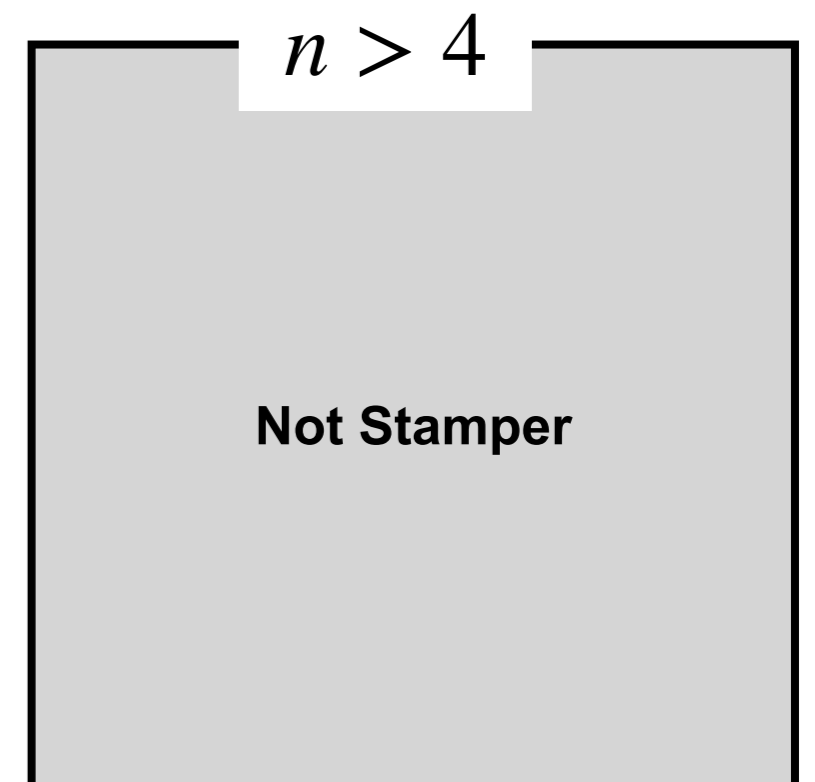
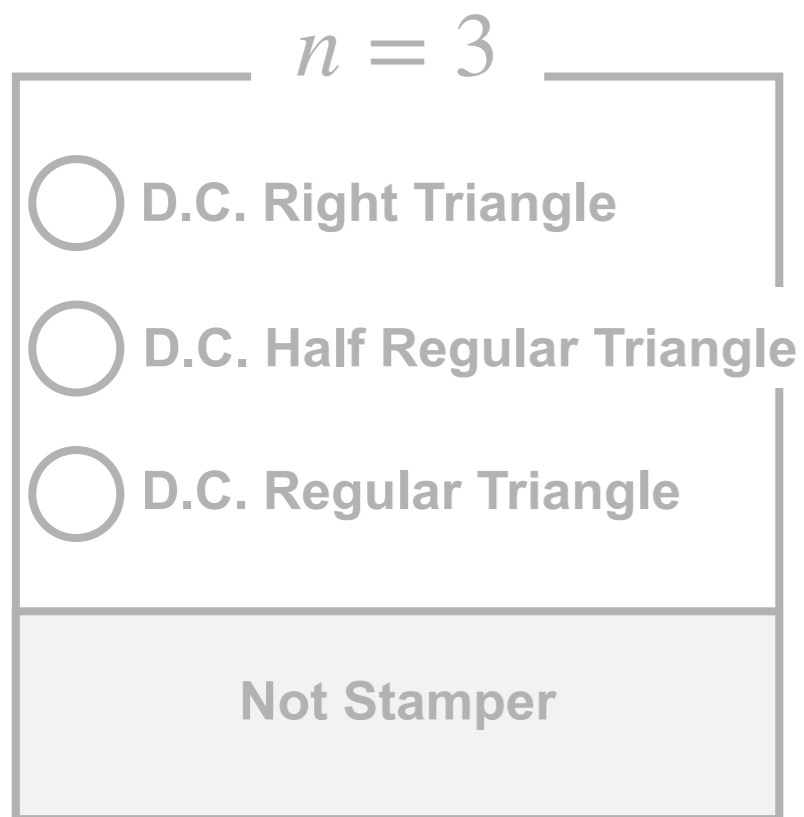
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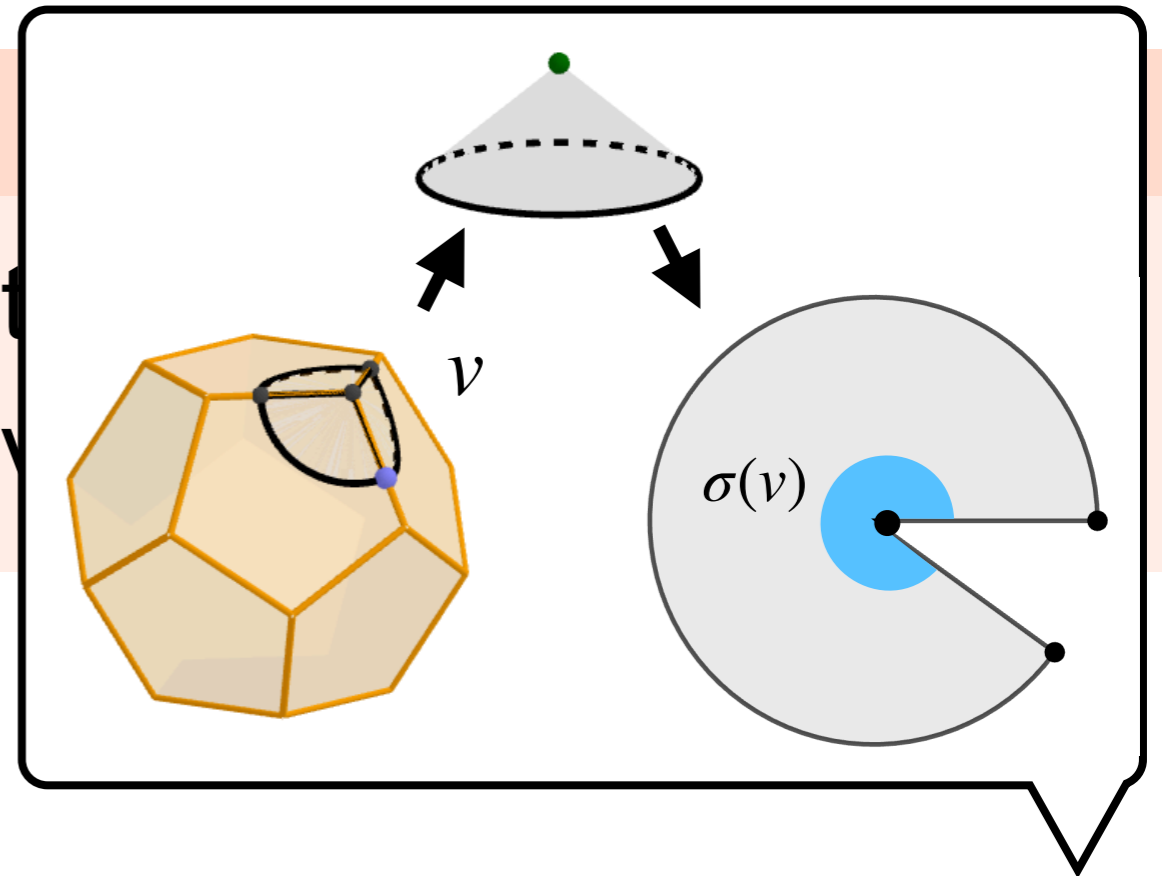
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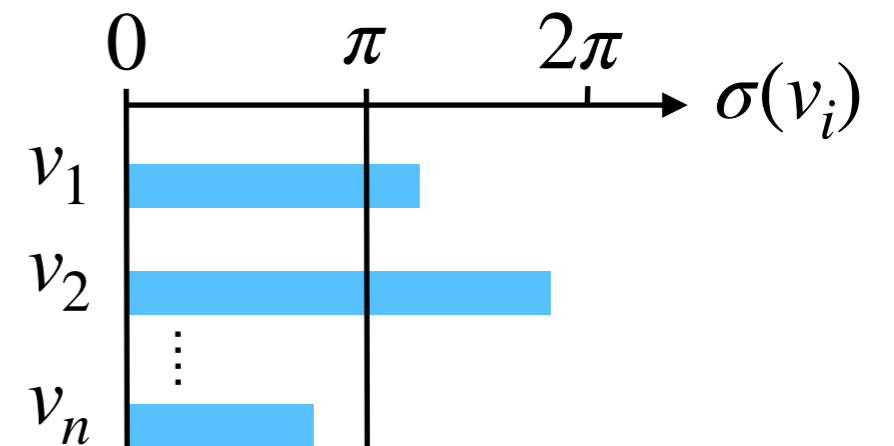
If a convex polyhedron Q is not a simplex, then Q has at least one vertex with a solid angle less than π .

- Details -



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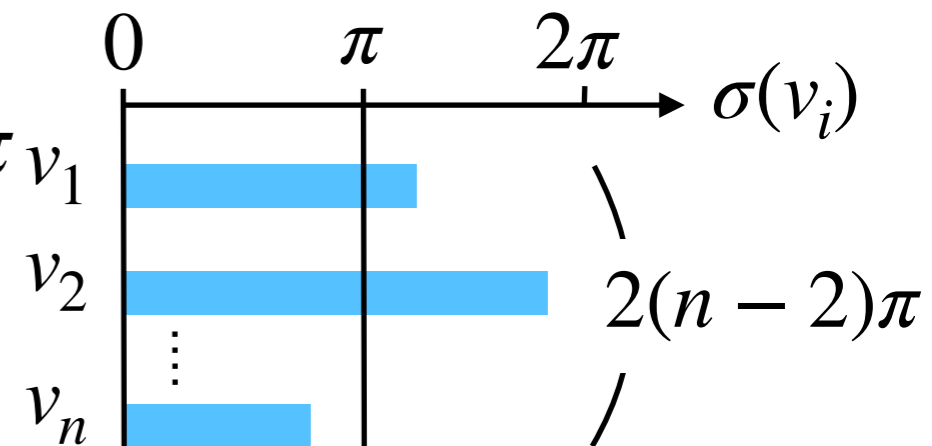
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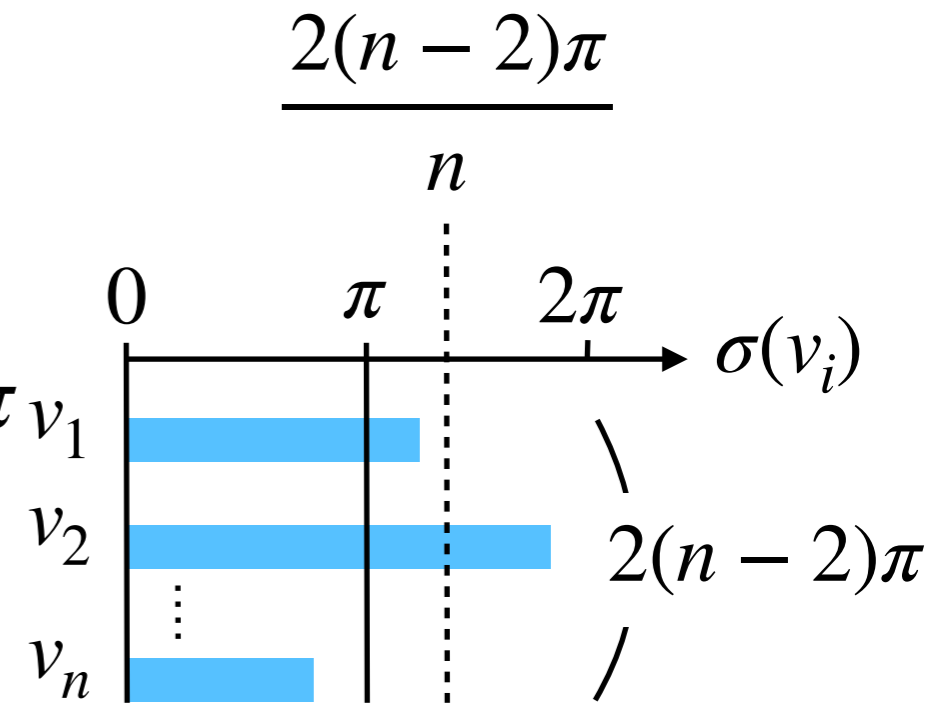
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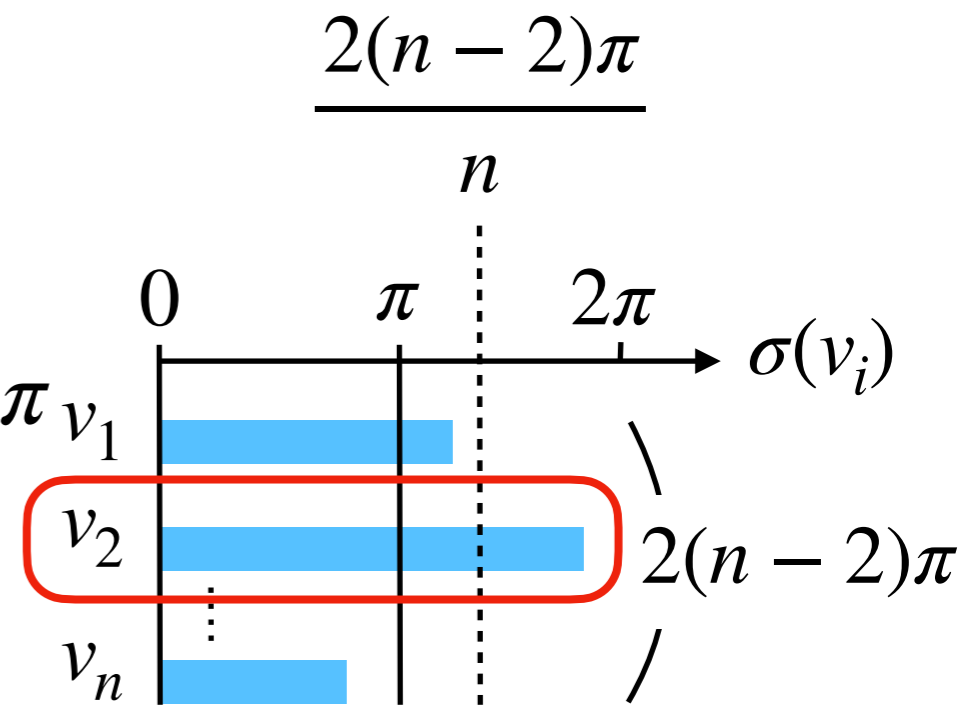
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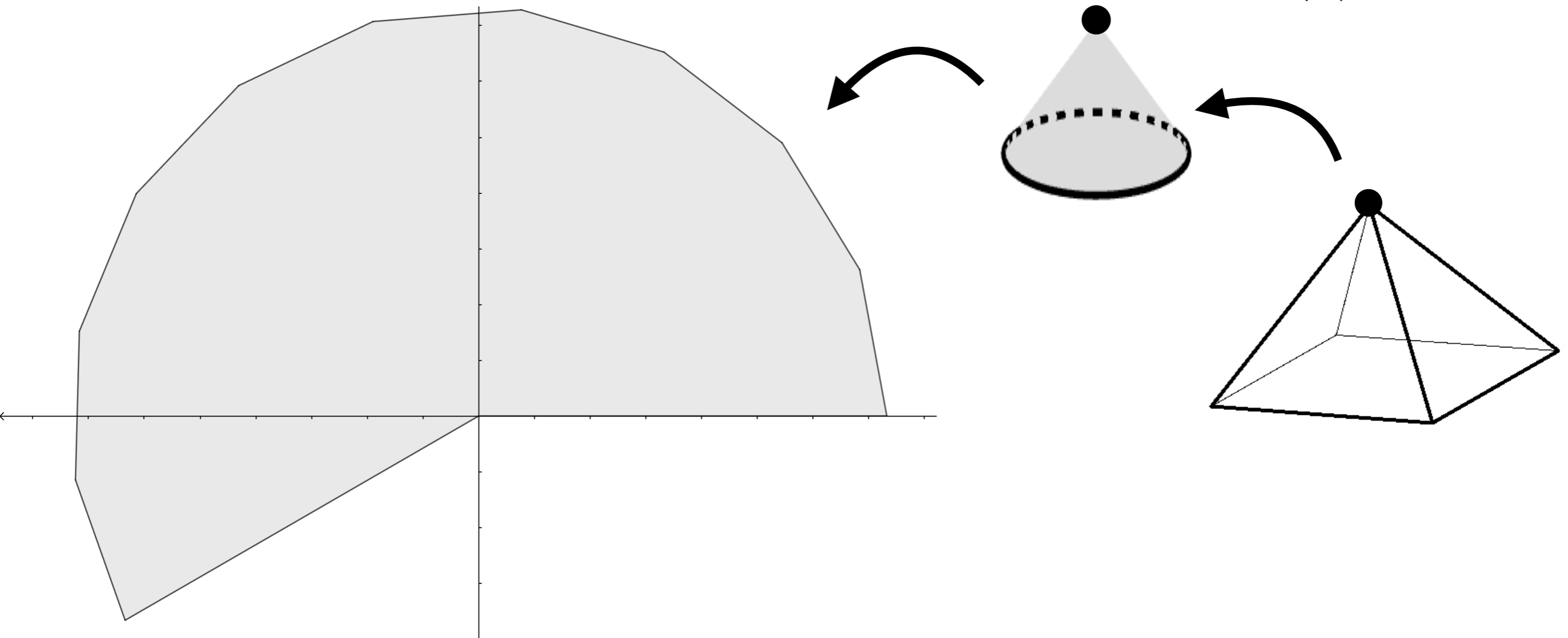
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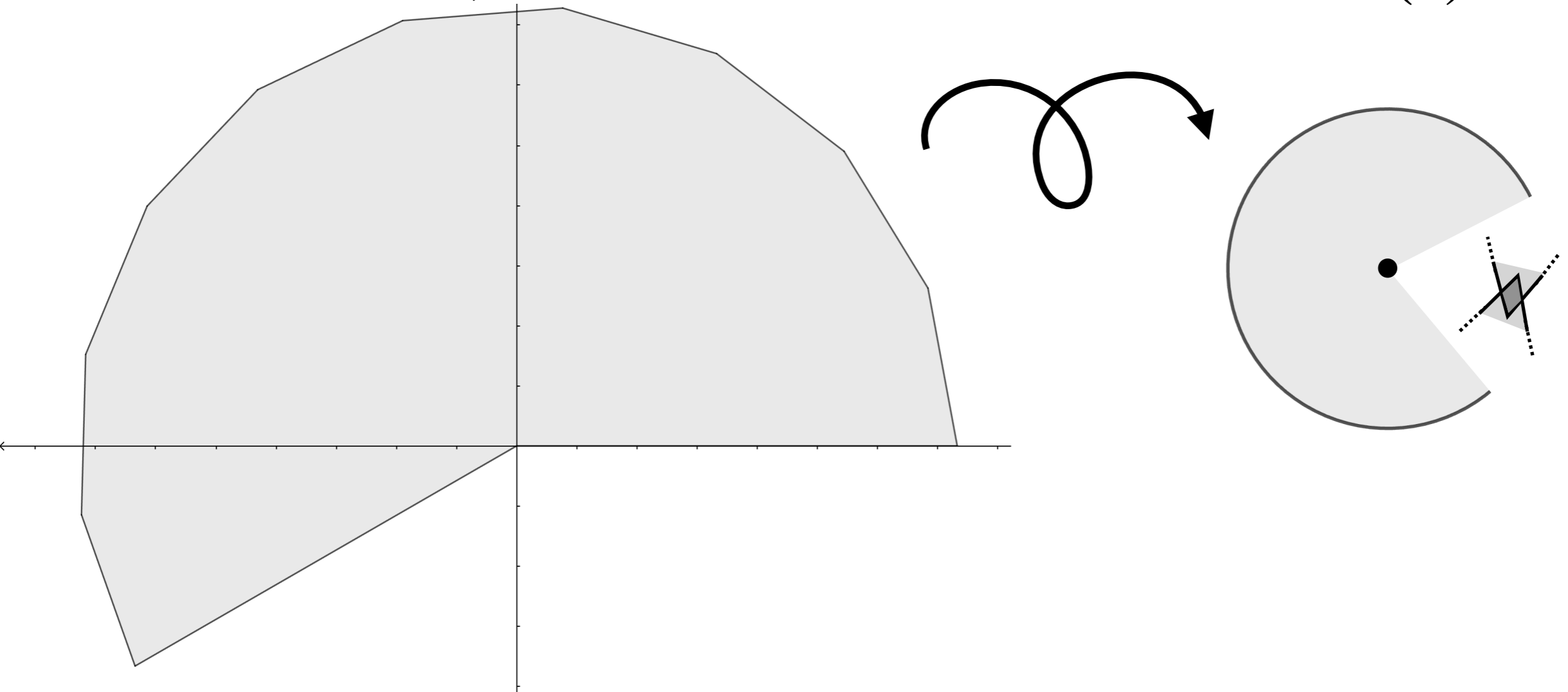
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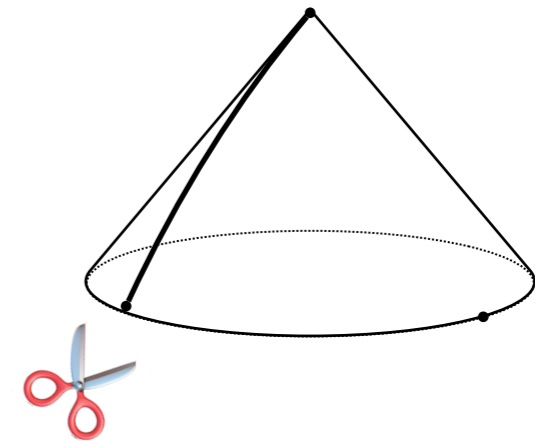
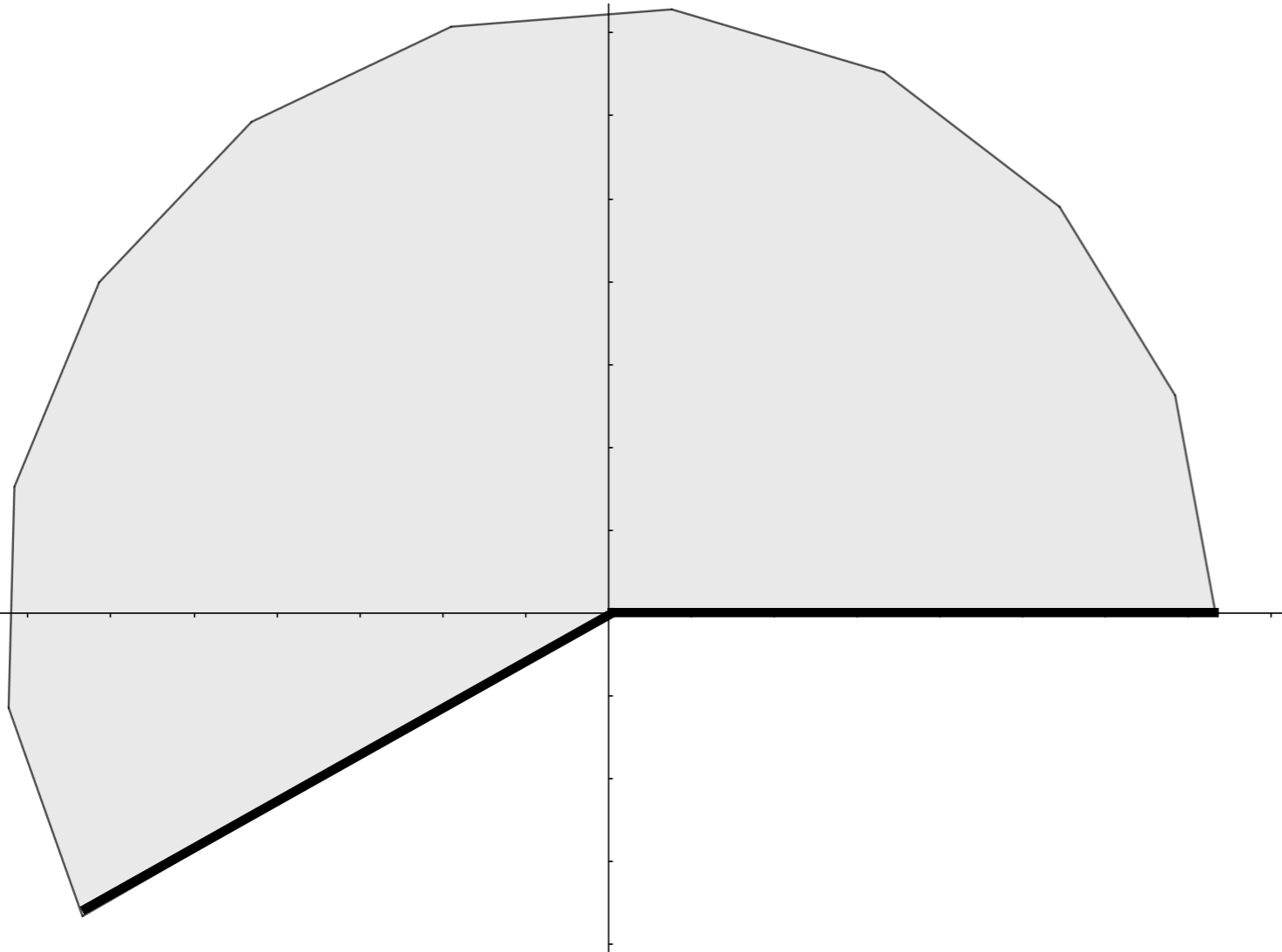
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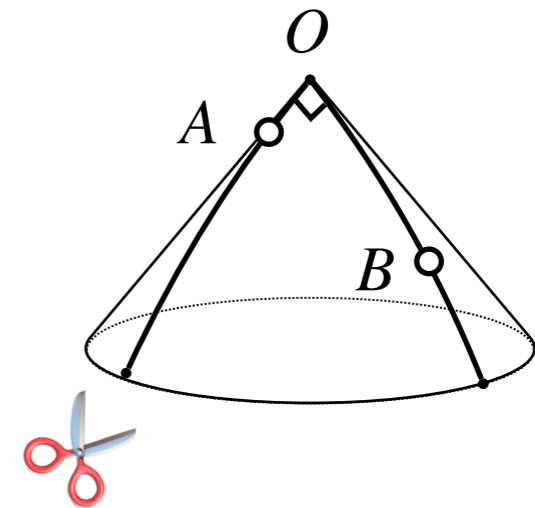
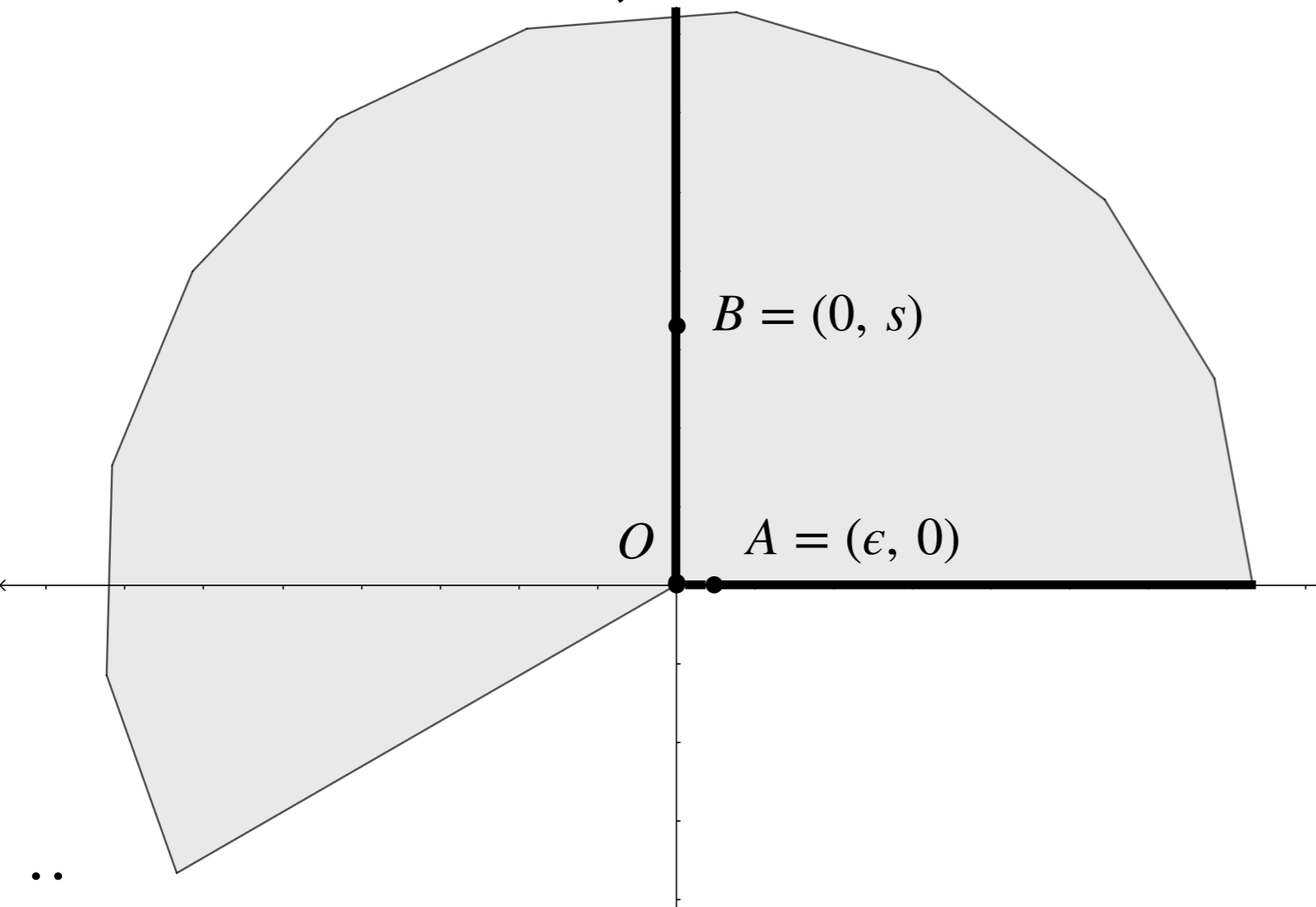
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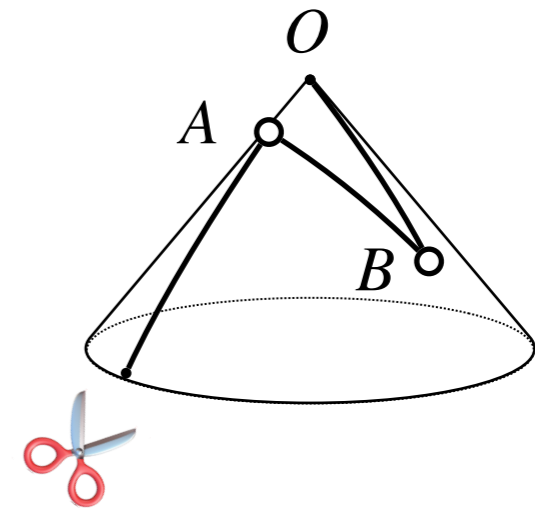
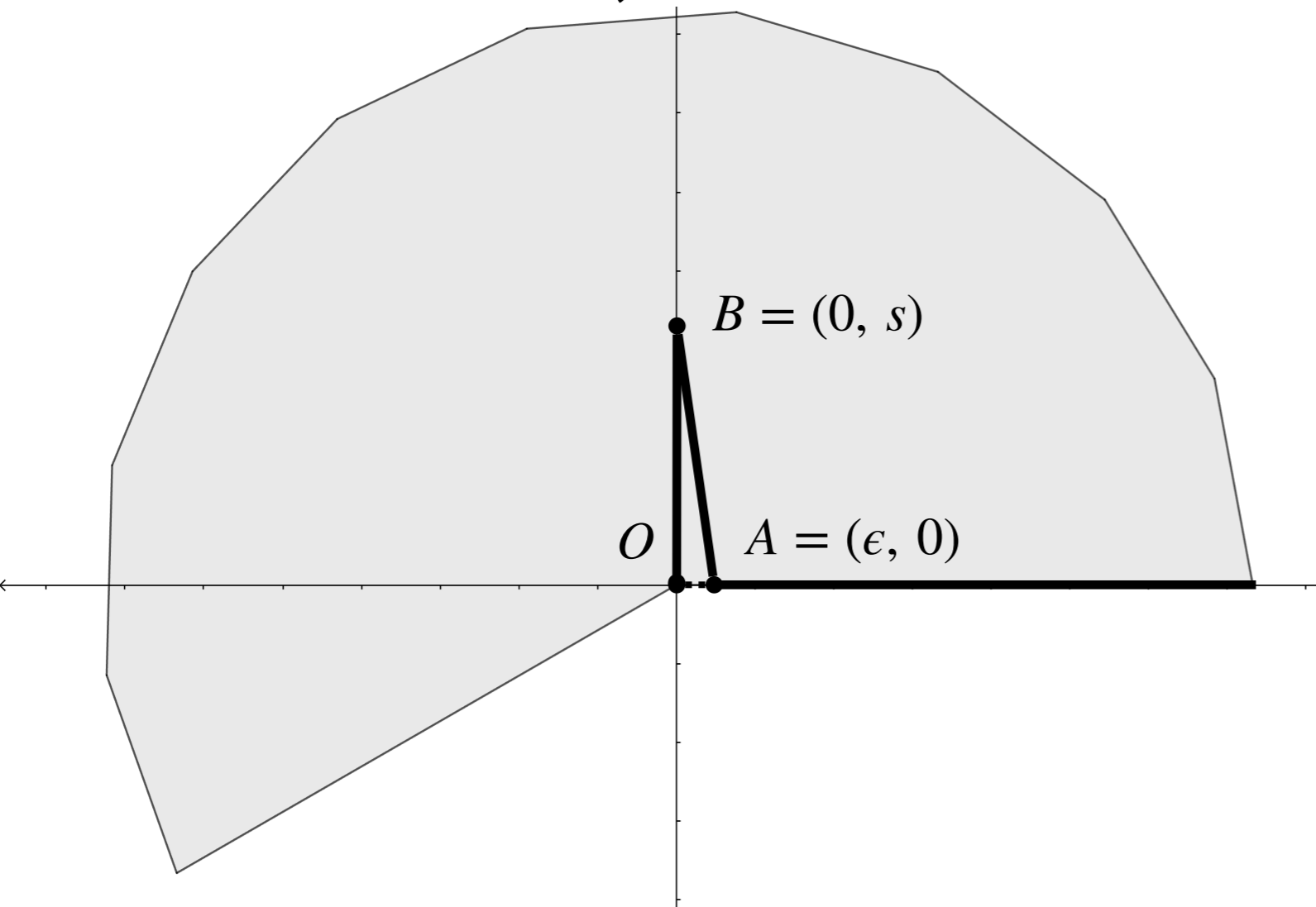
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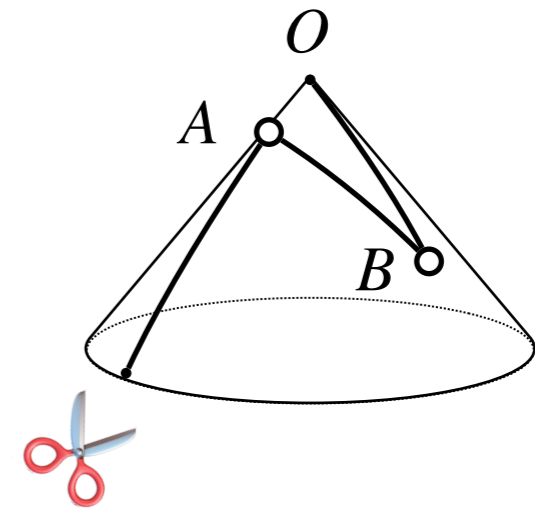
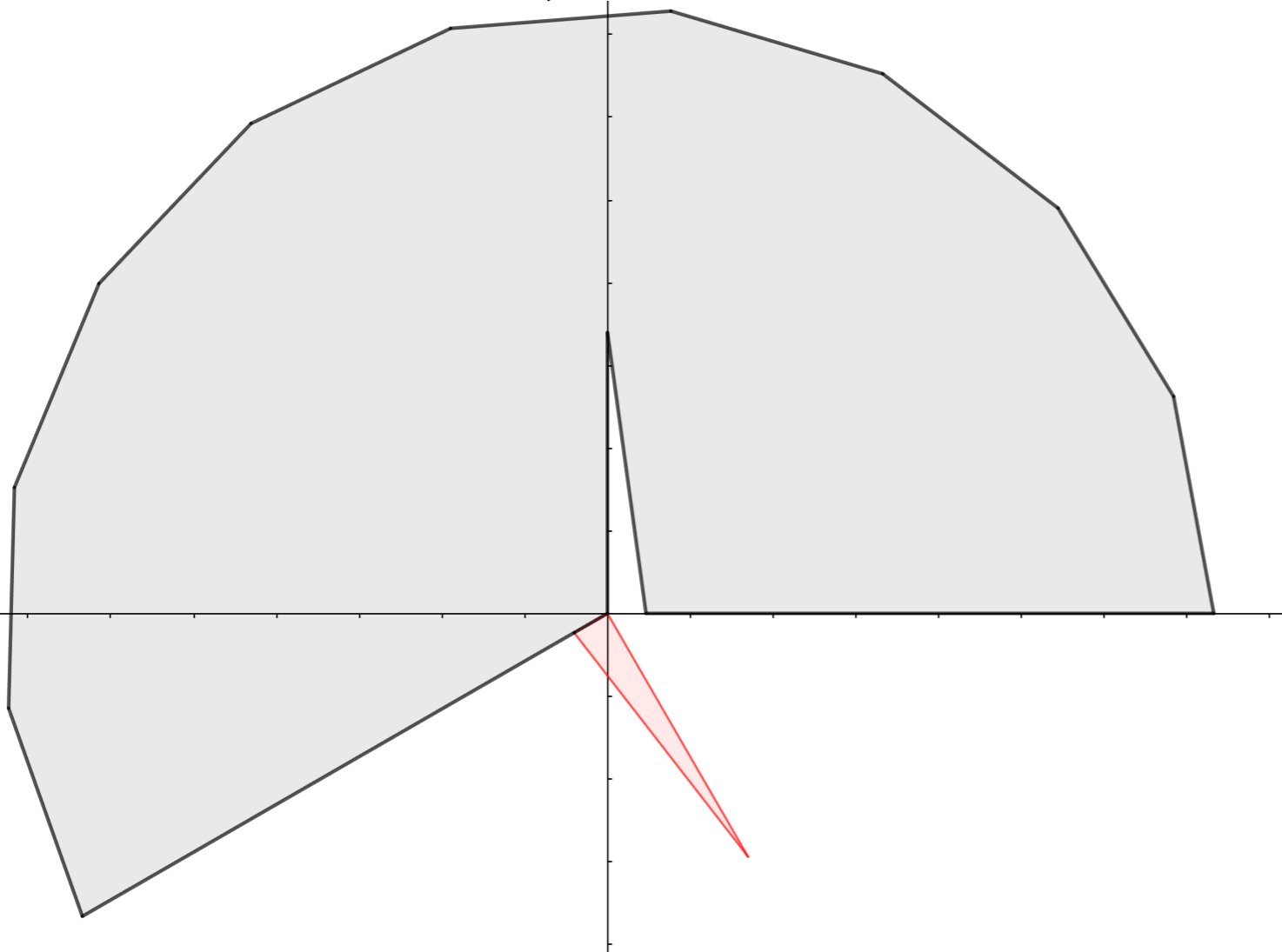
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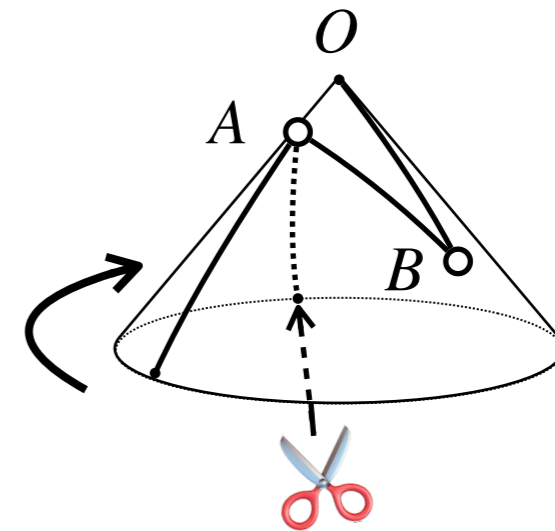
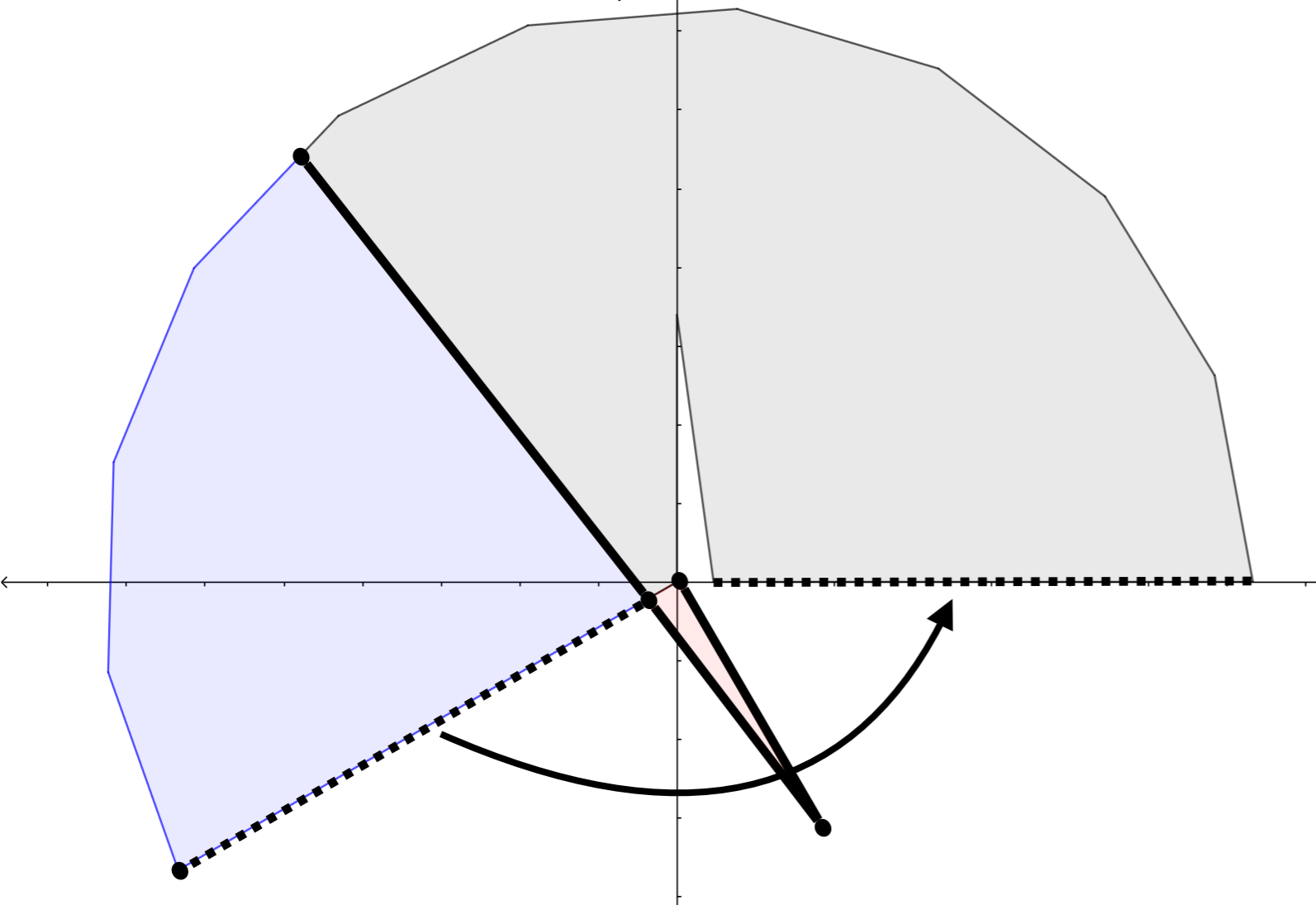
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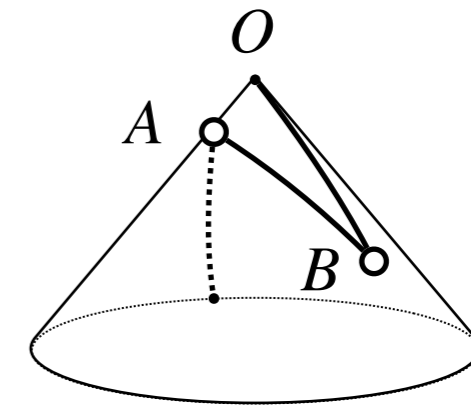
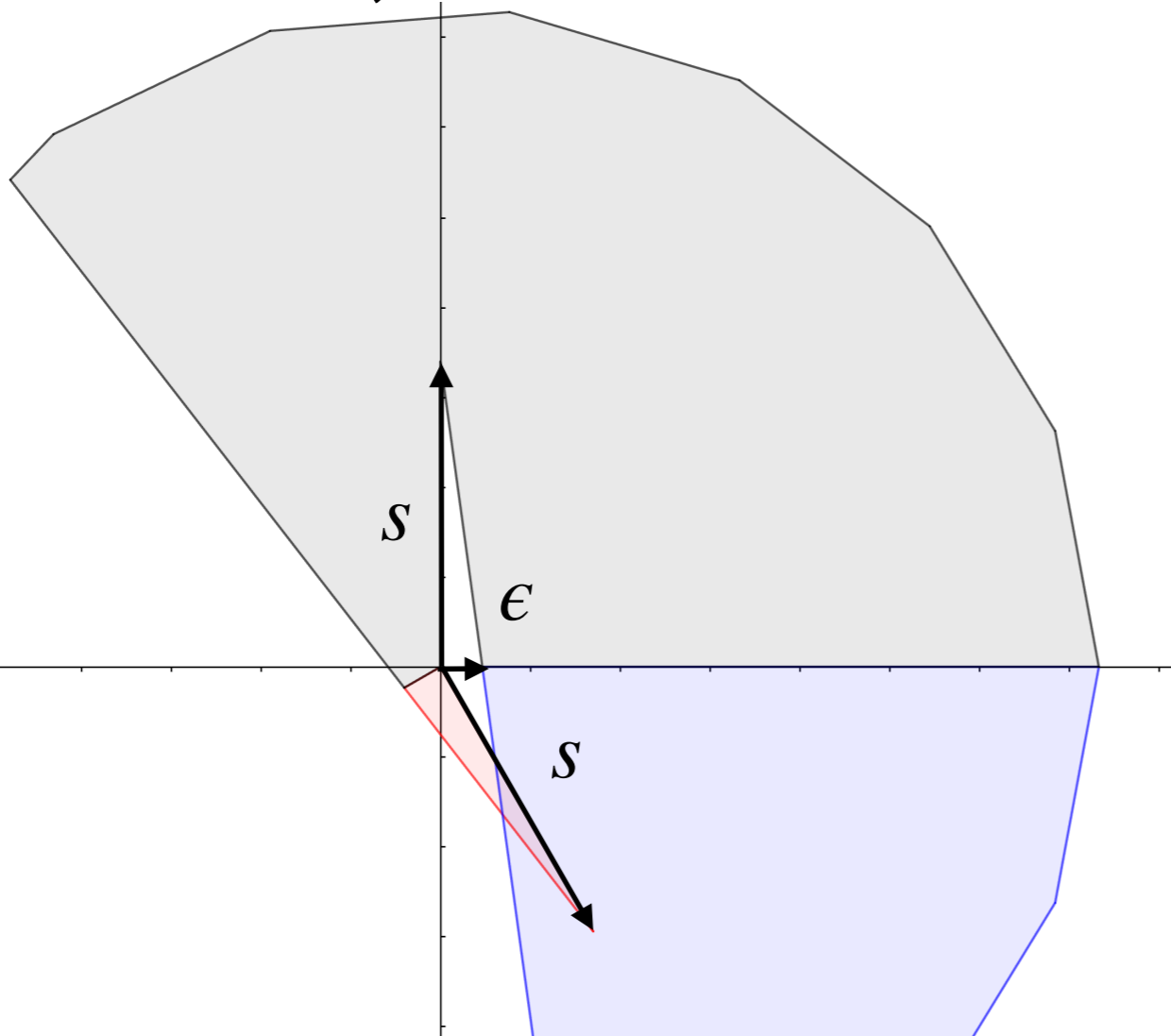
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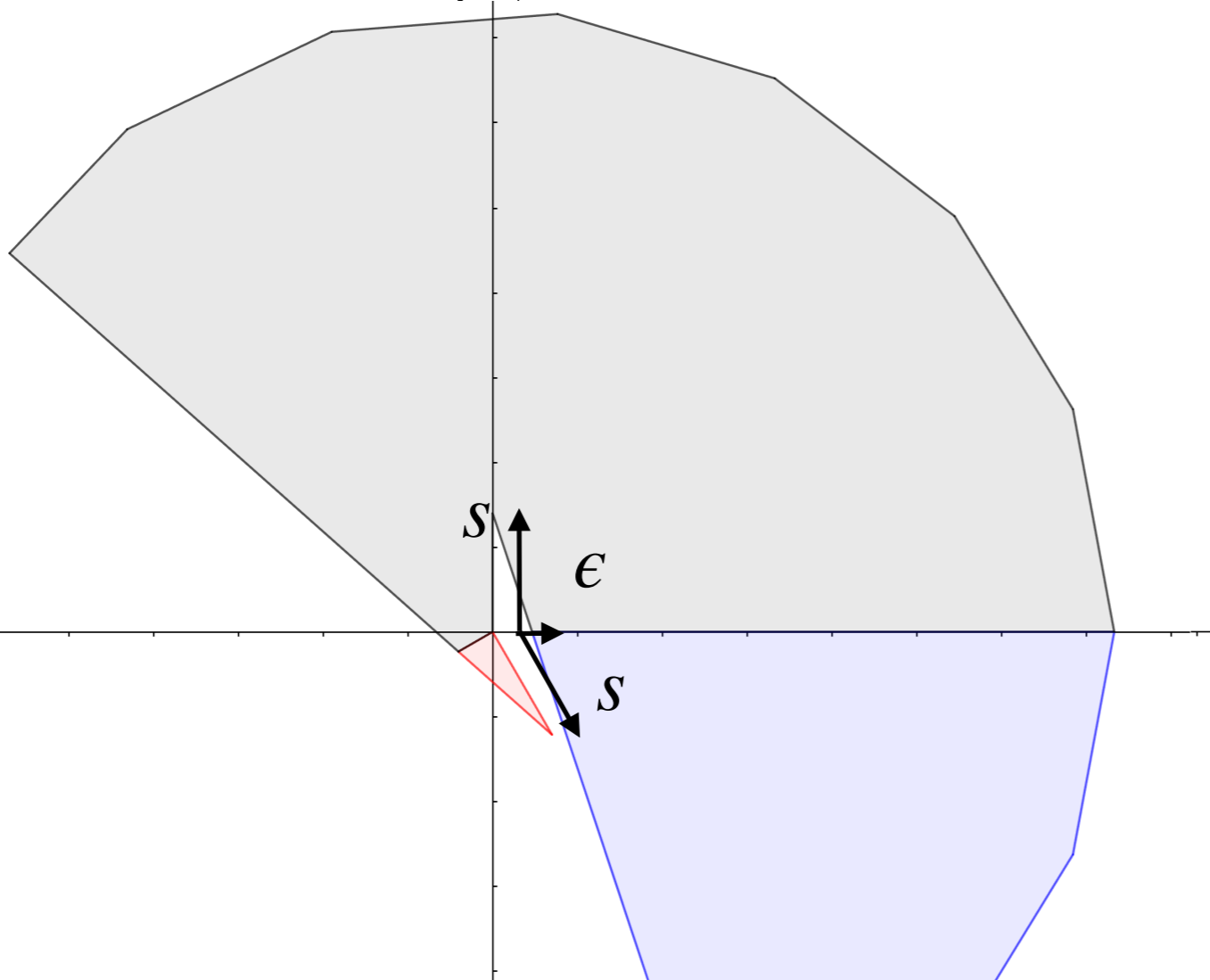
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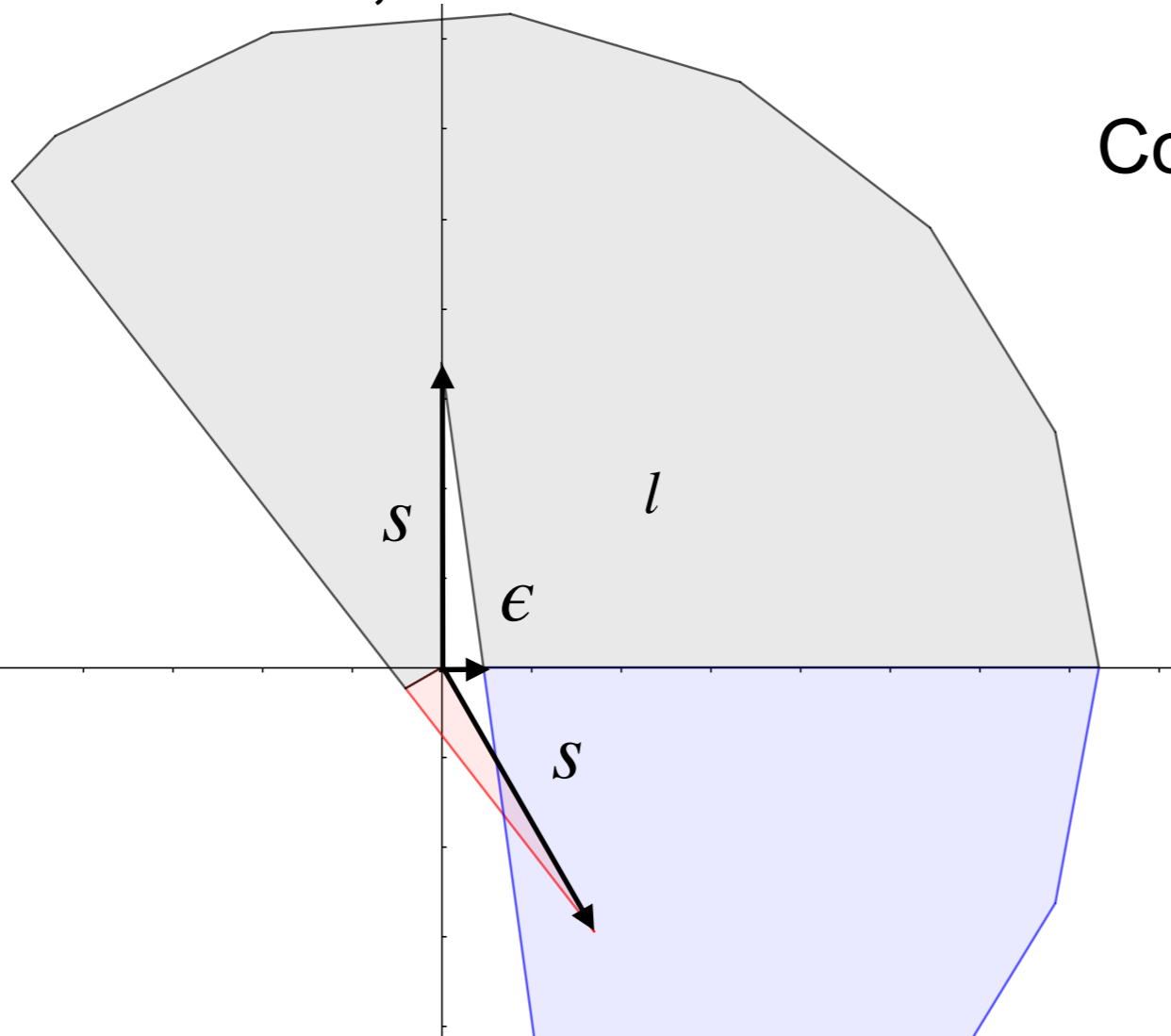
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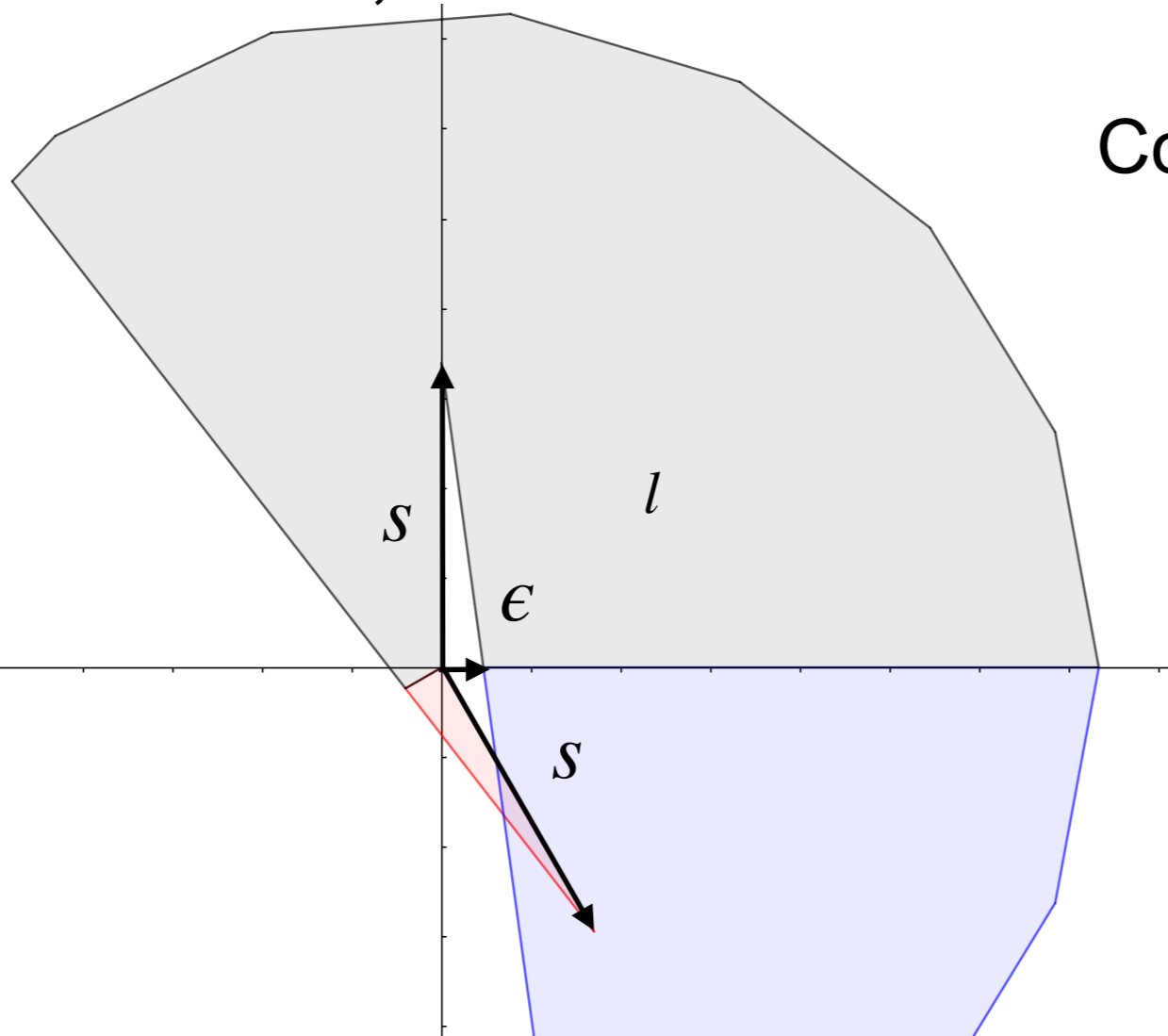
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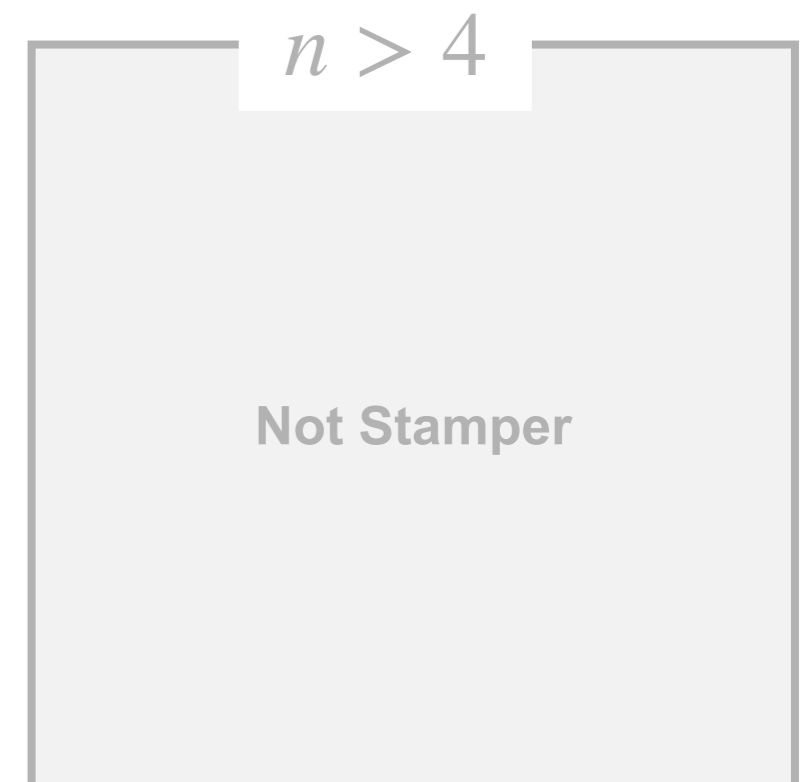
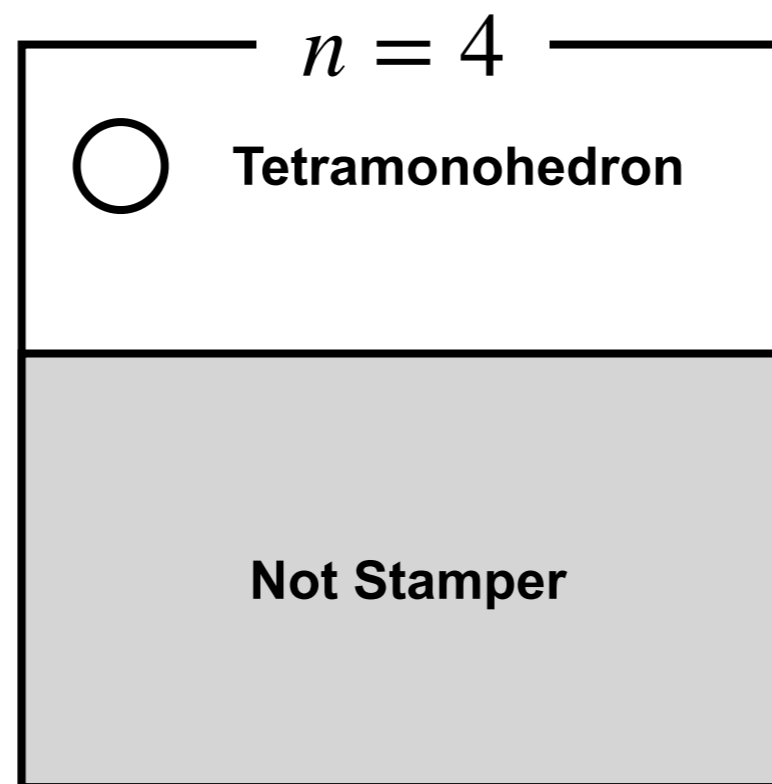
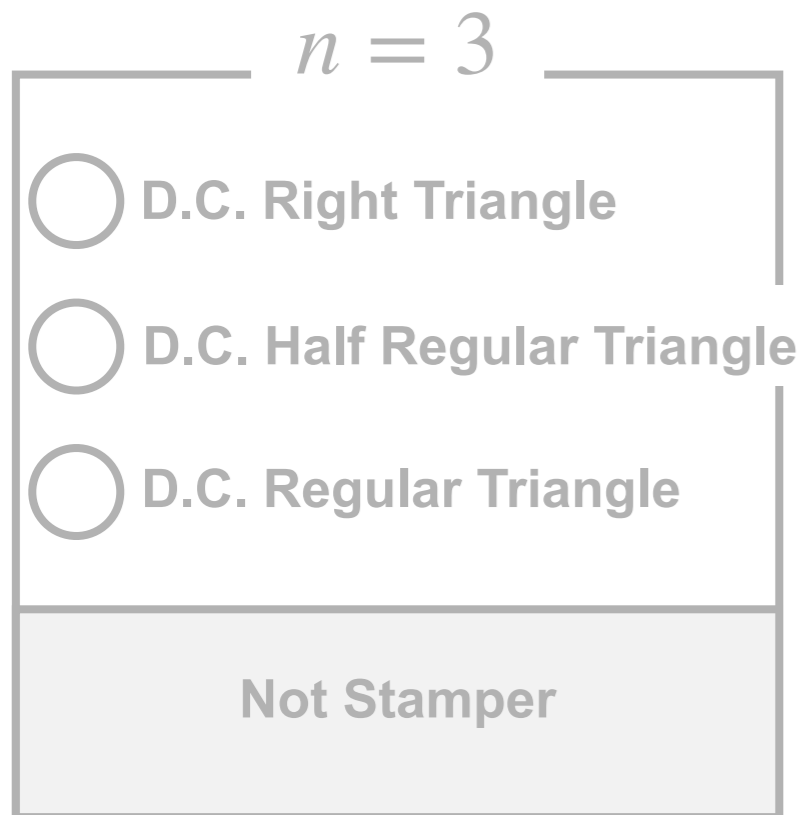
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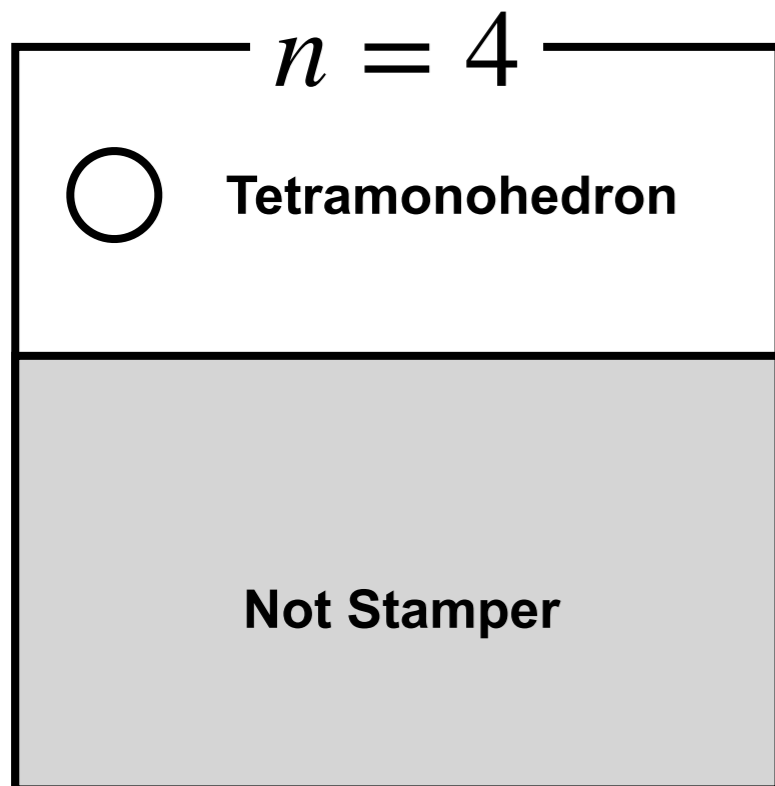
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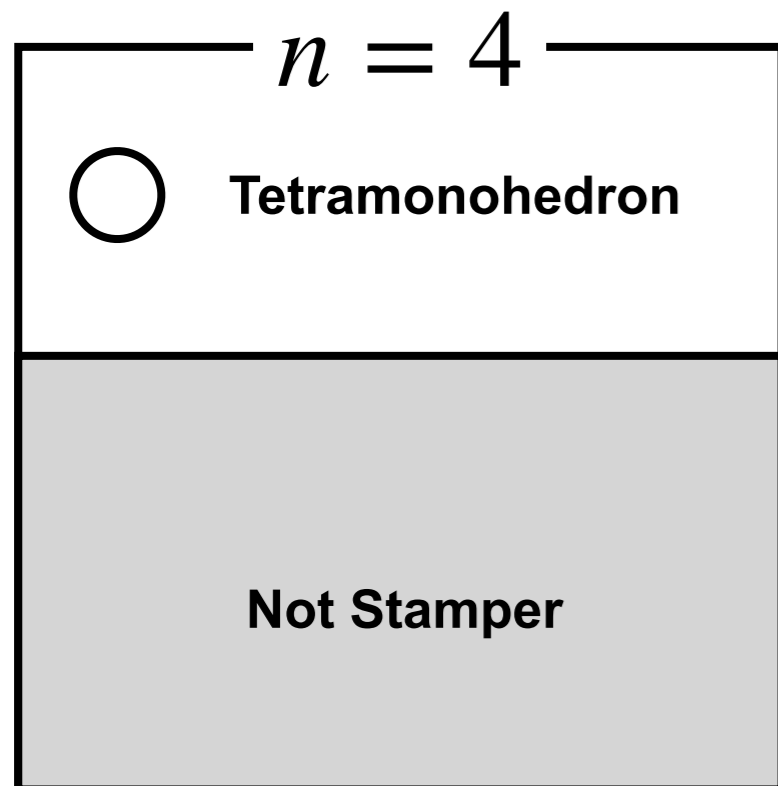
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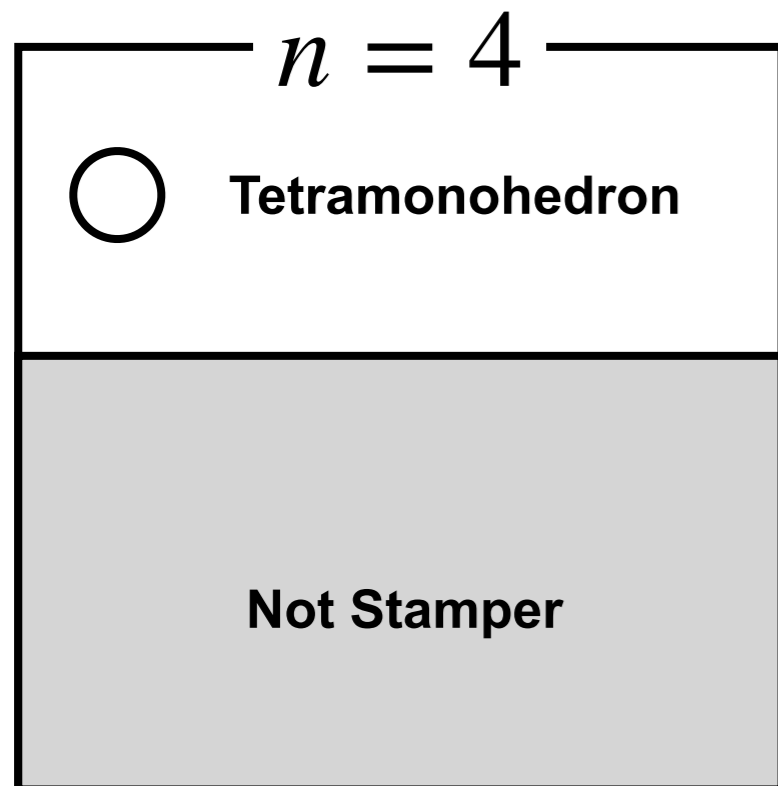
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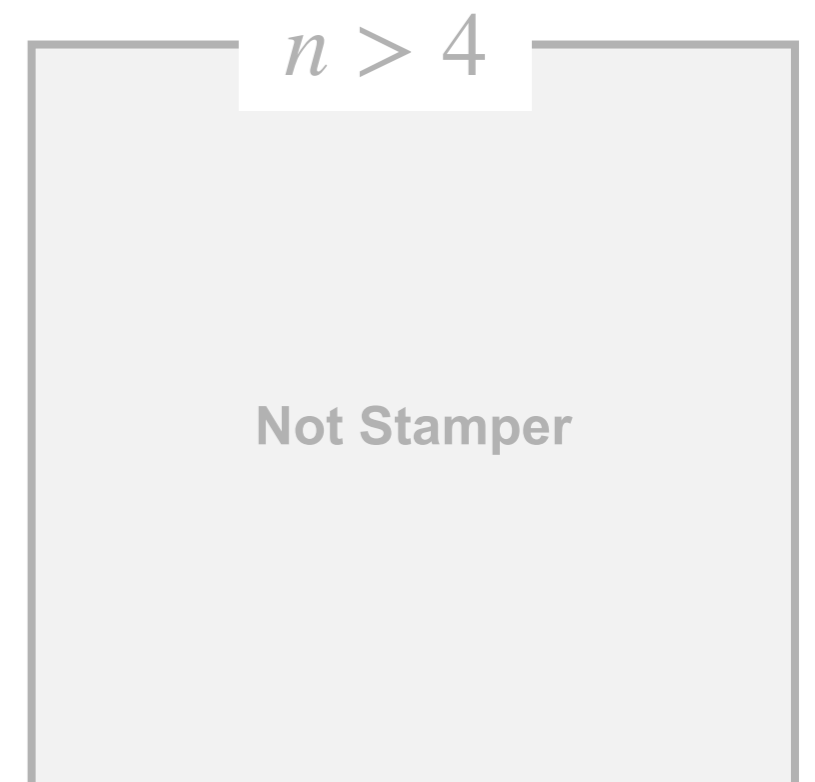
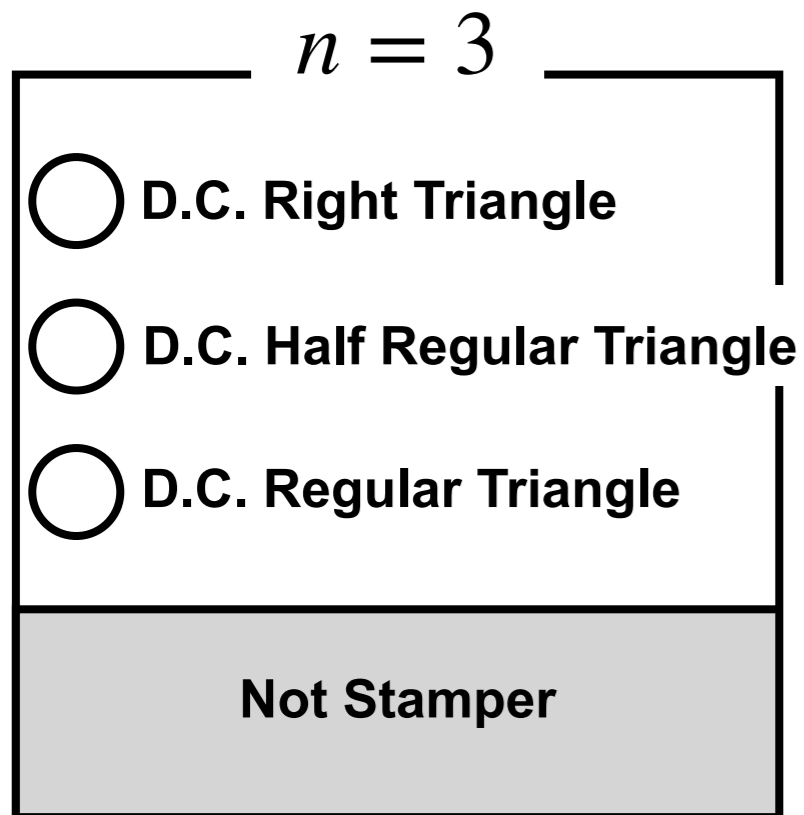
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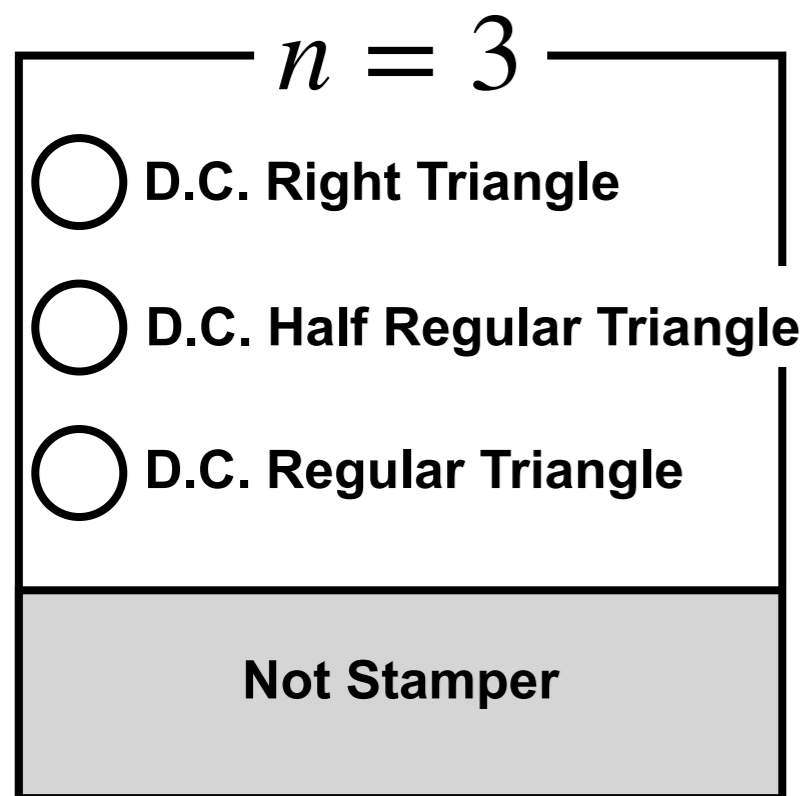
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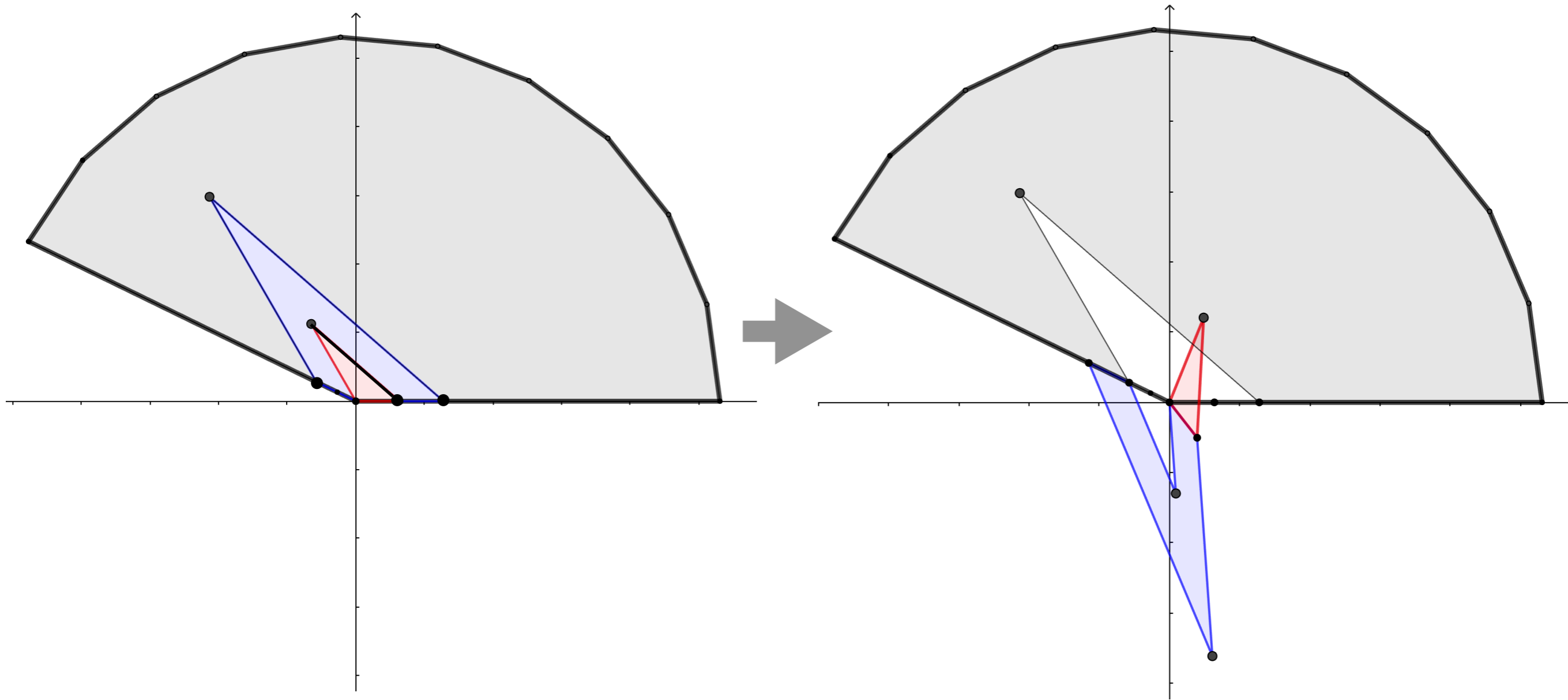
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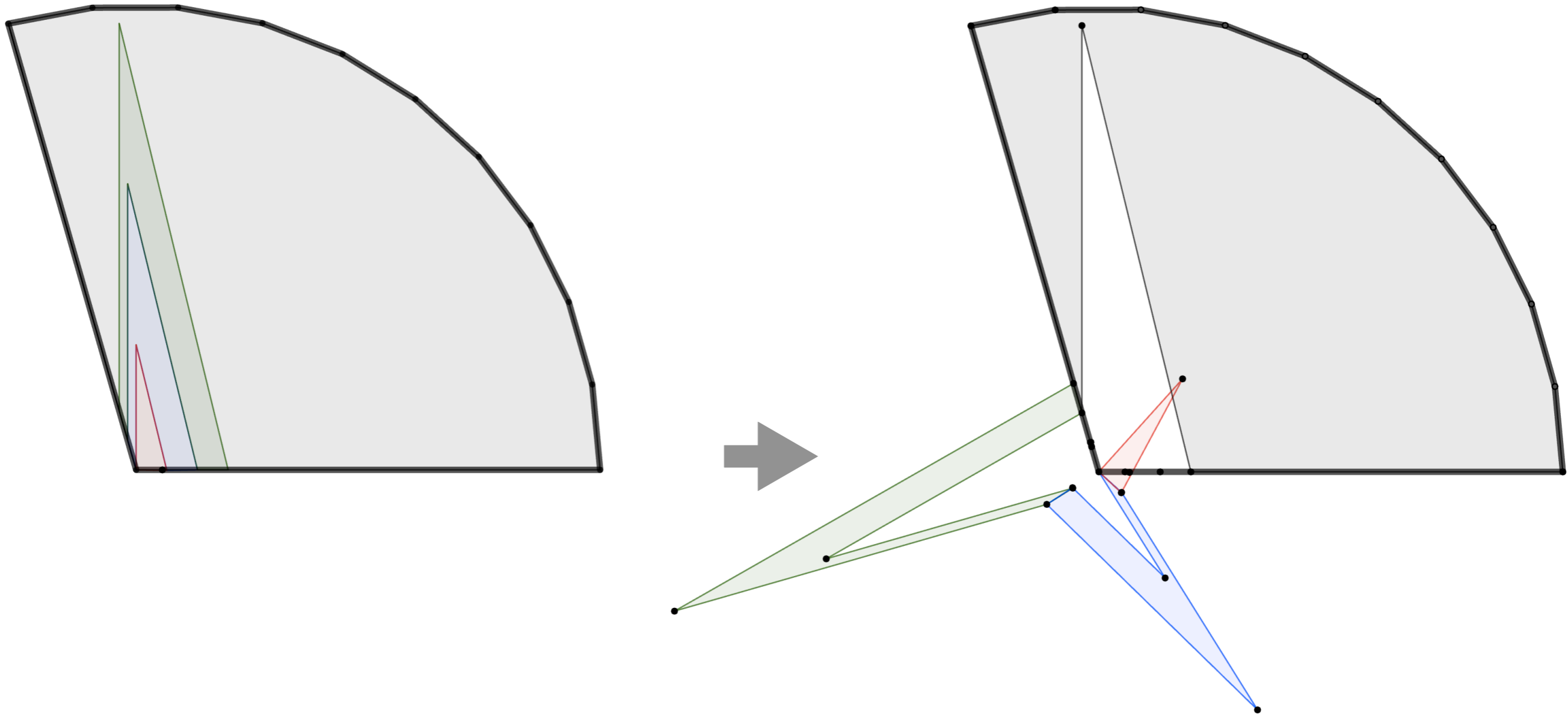
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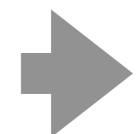
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