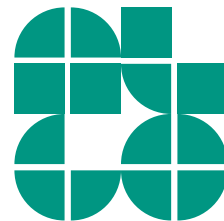


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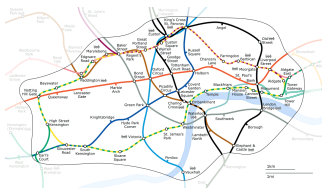
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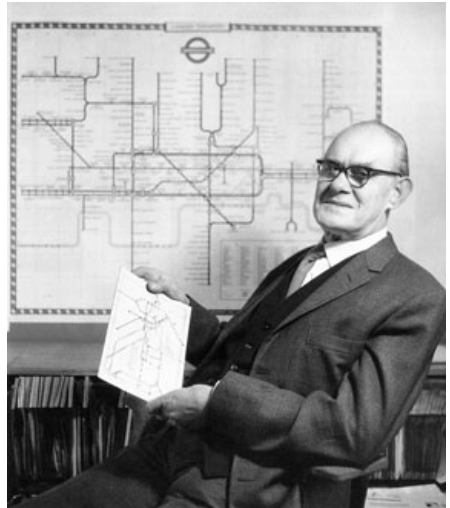


- schematic diagram for public transport
- visualizes lines and stations
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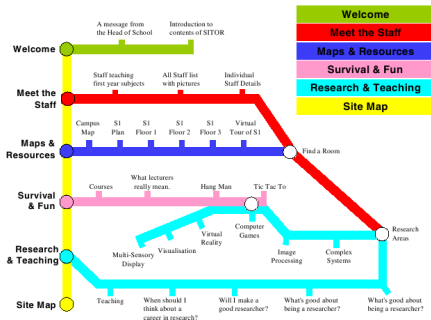
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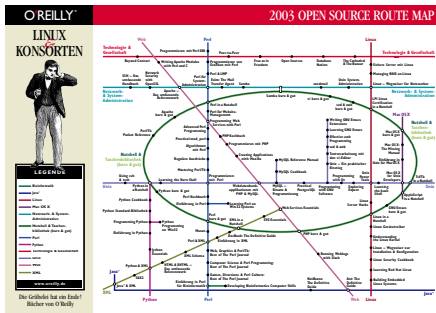
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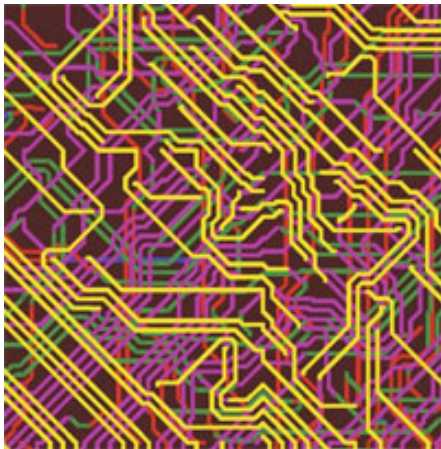
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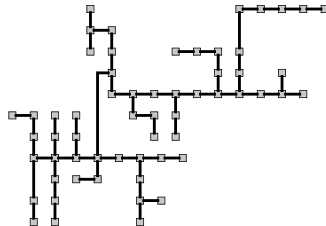
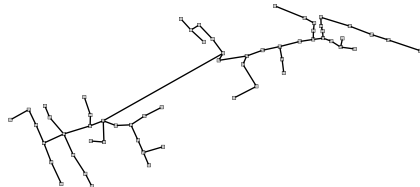
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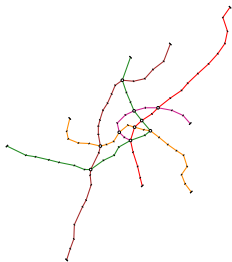
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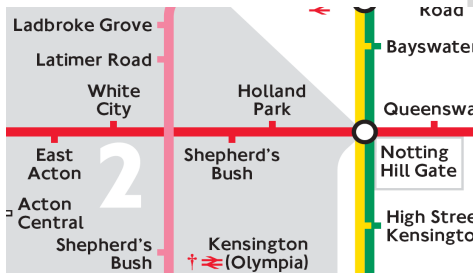
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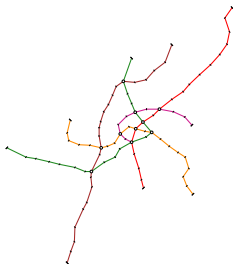
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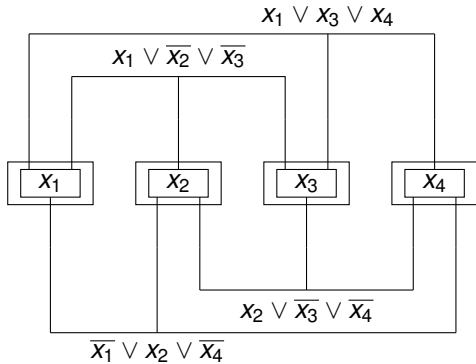
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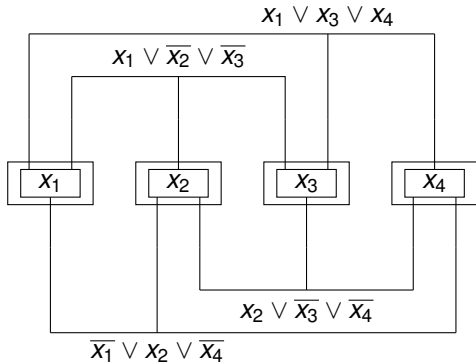
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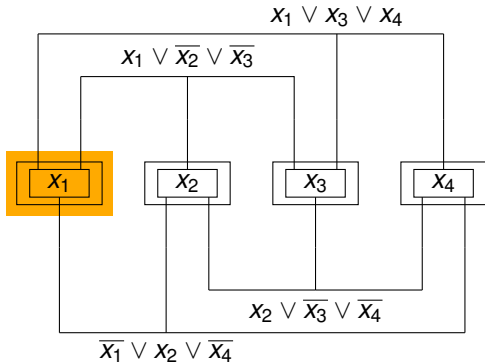


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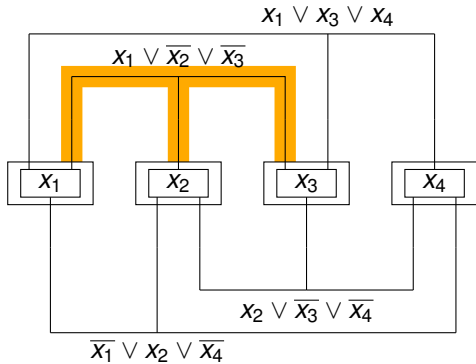


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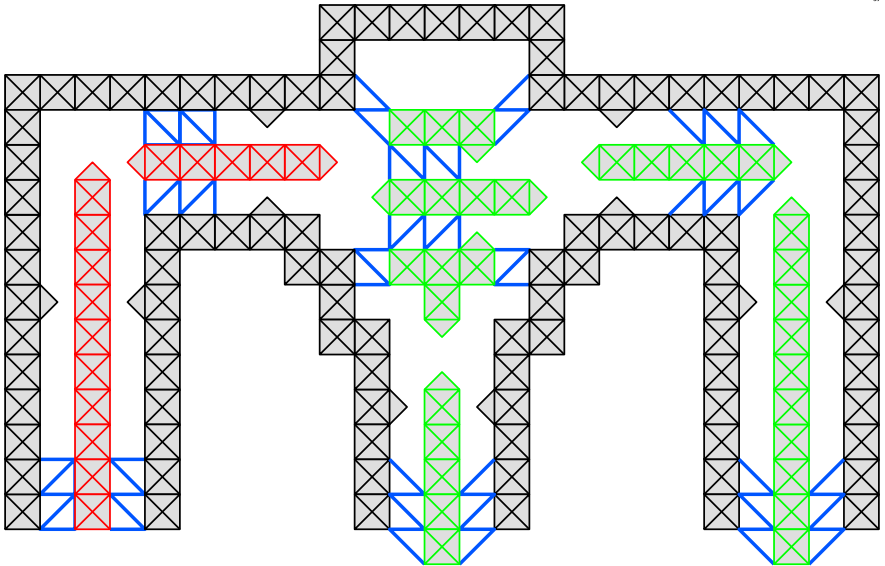


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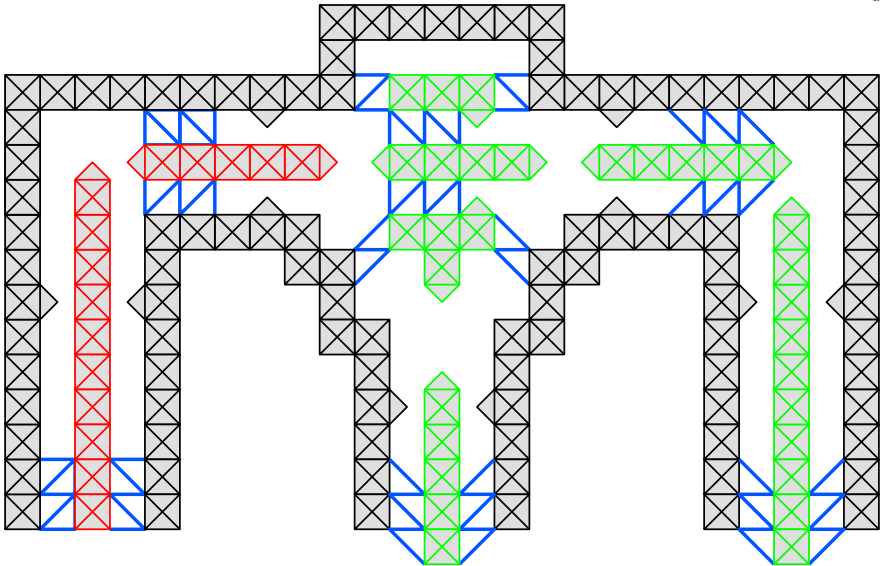
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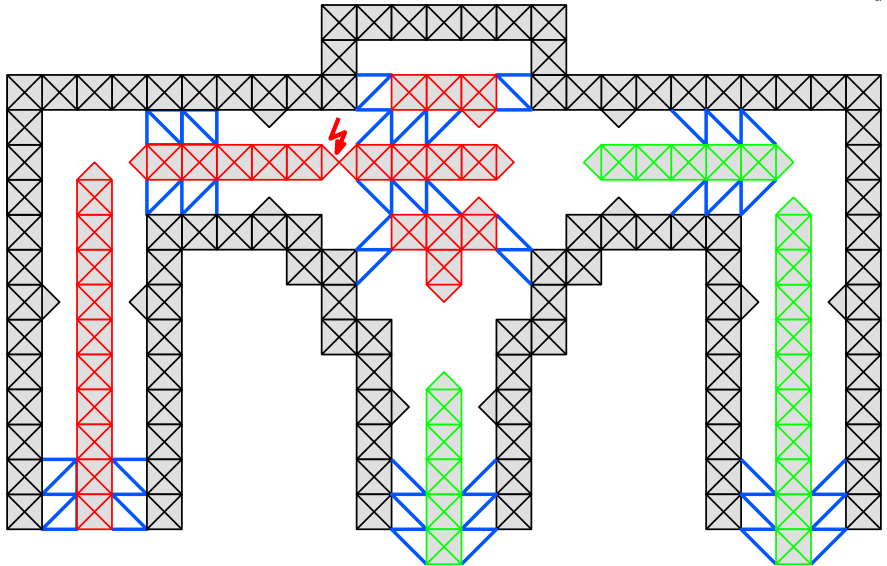
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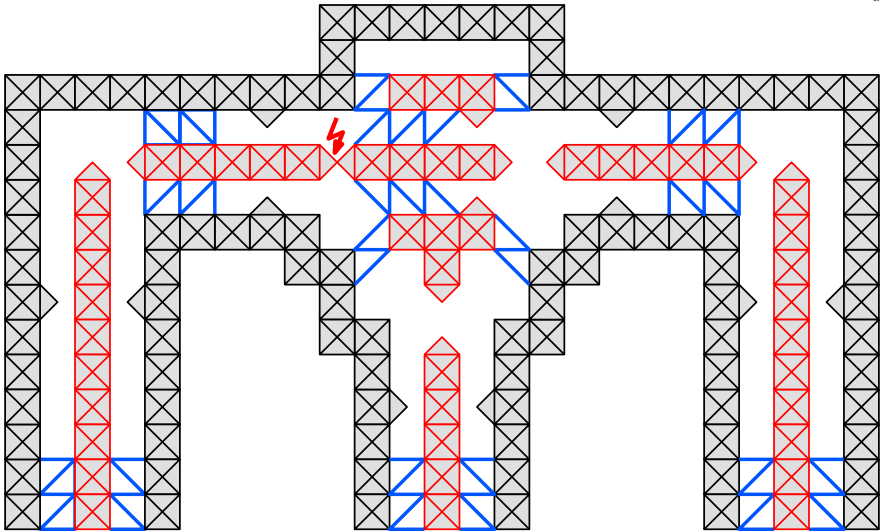
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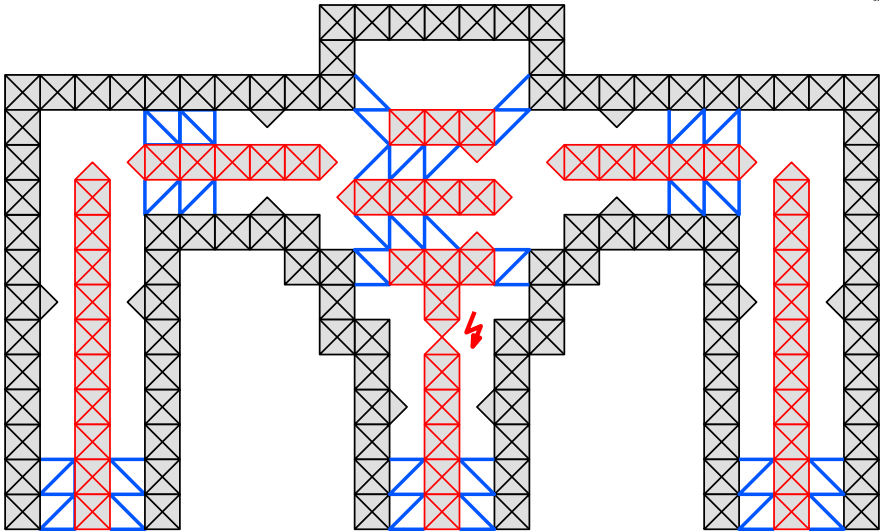
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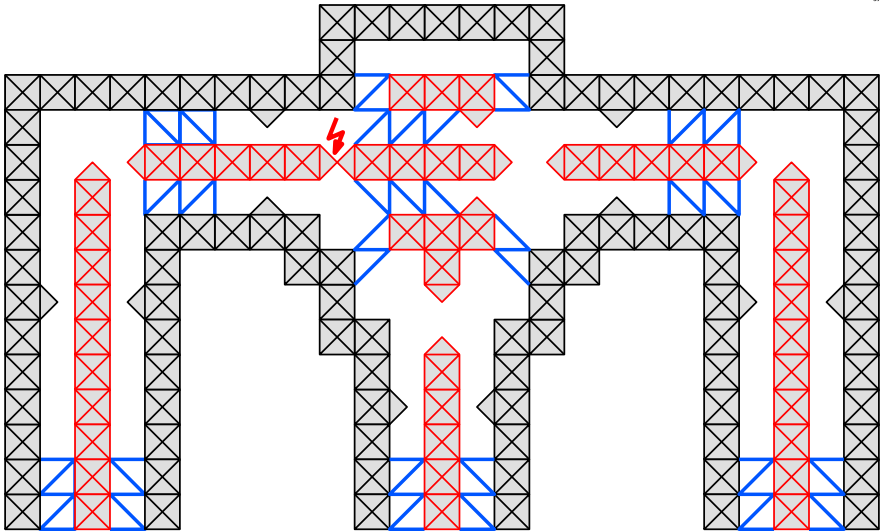
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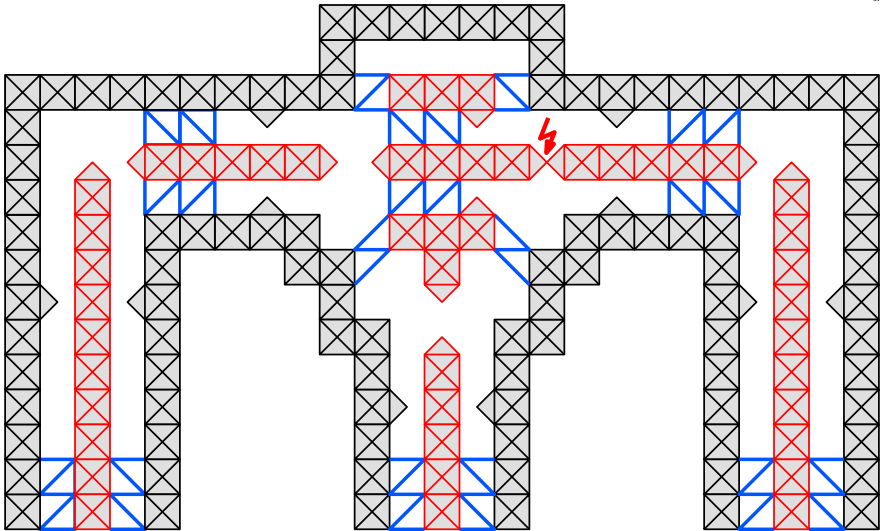
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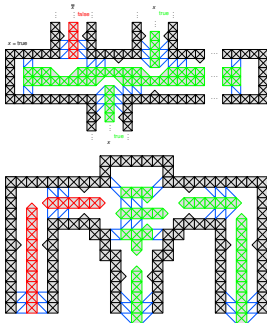
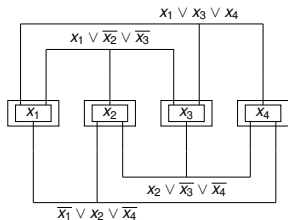
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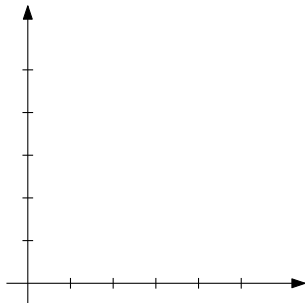


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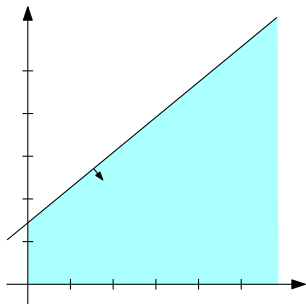
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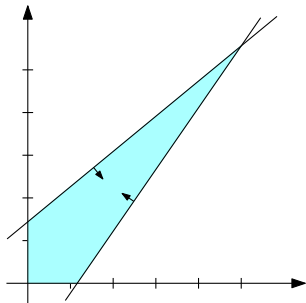
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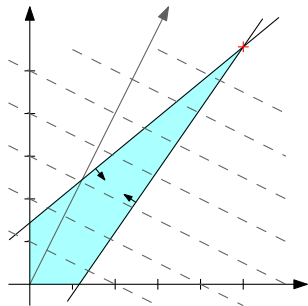
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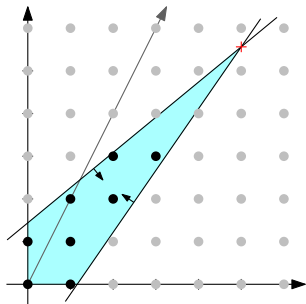
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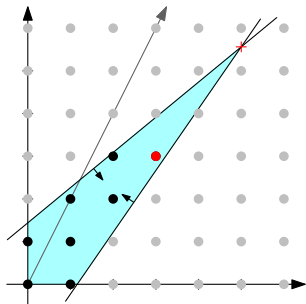
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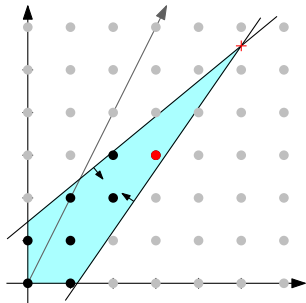
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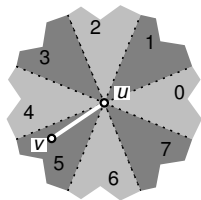


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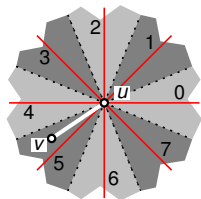
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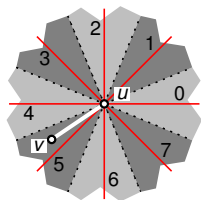
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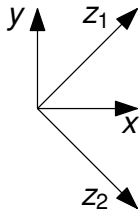
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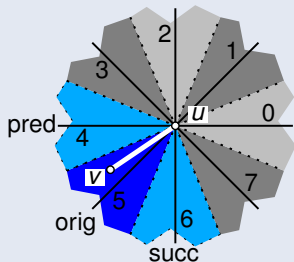
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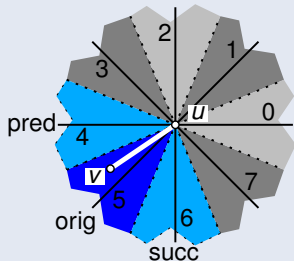
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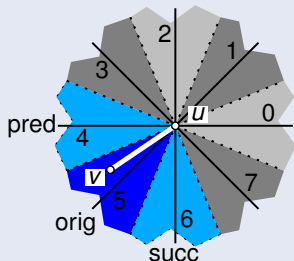


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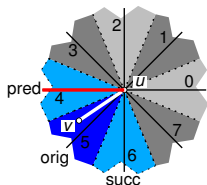
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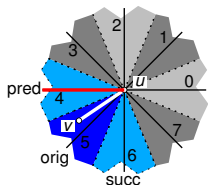
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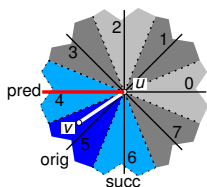
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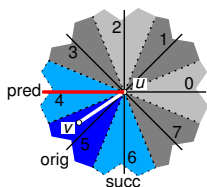
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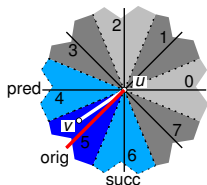
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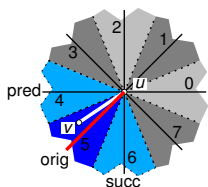
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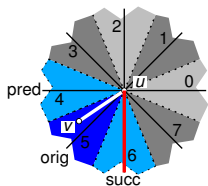
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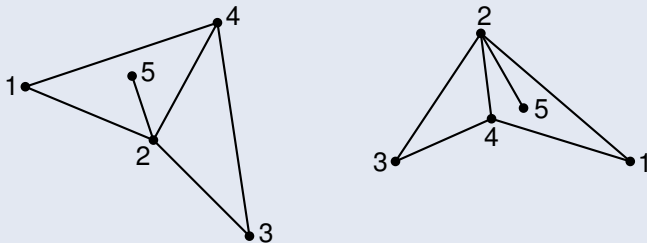
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Preserving the Embedding (H1)

Definition

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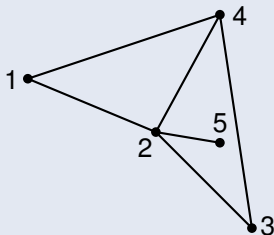
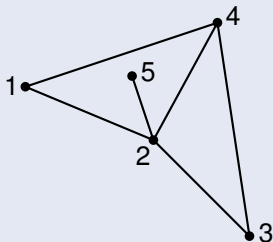


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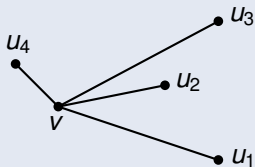
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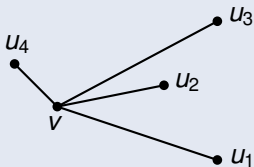
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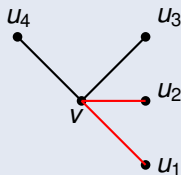
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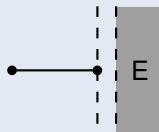
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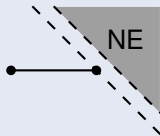
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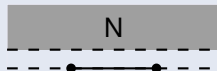
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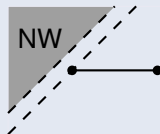
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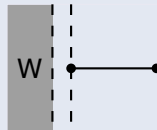
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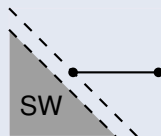
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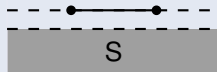
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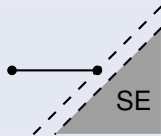
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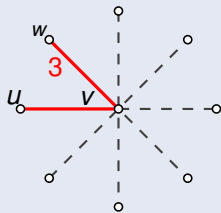
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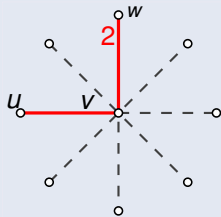
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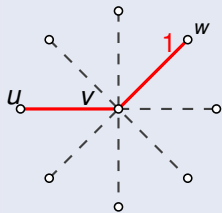
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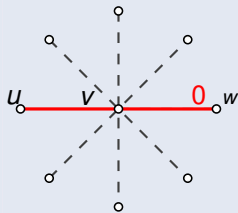
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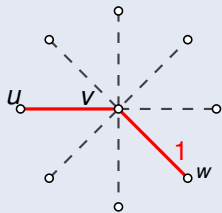
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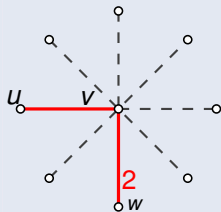
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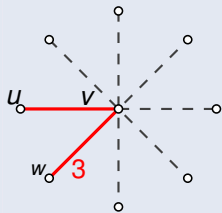
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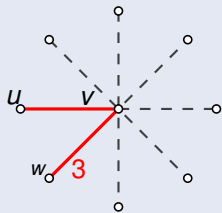
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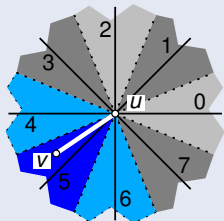
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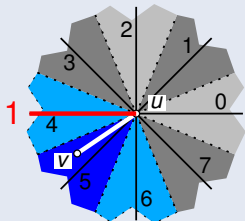


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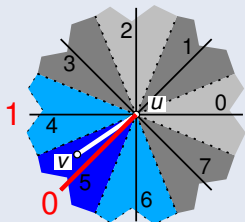


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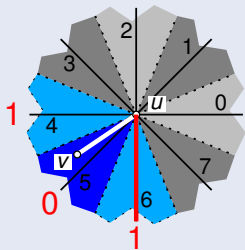


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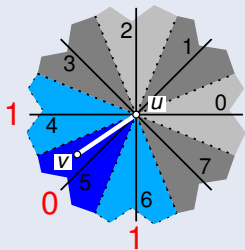


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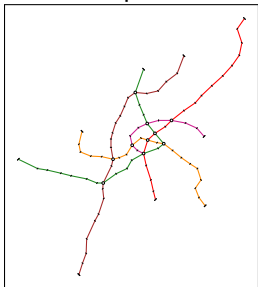
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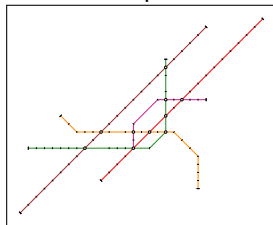
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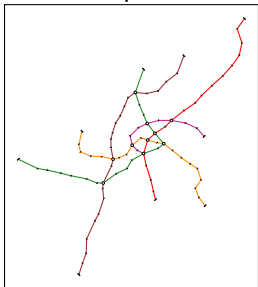


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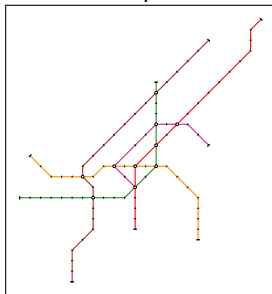
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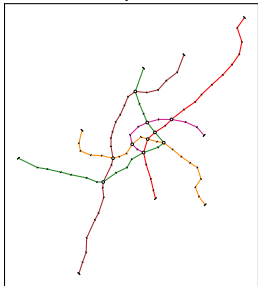


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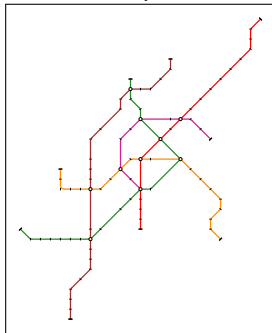
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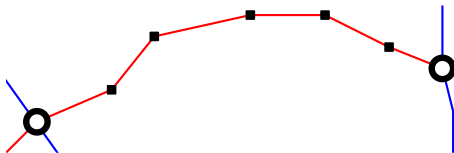
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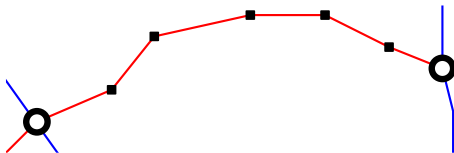
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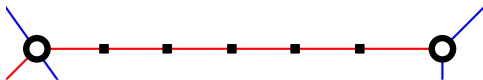
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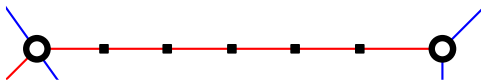
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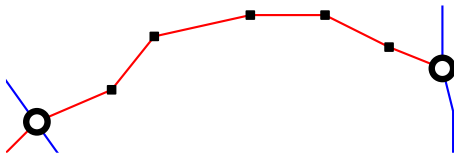


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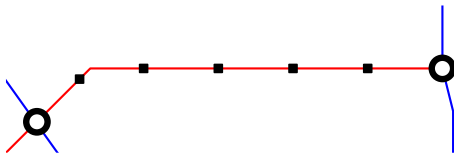
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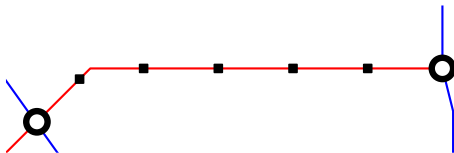
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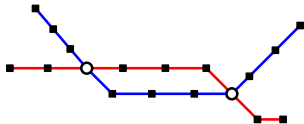
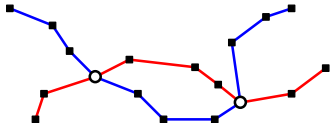
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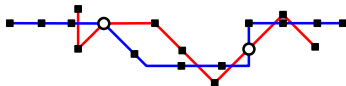
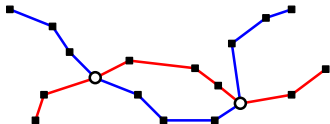
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Speeding Up: Callback Functions

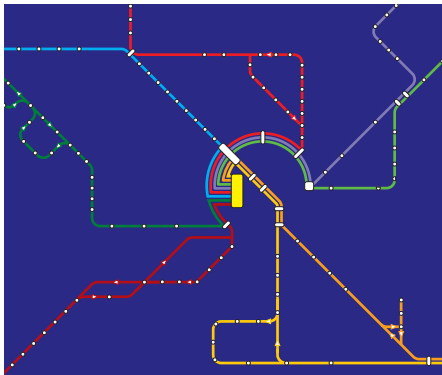
- MIP optimizer CPLEX offers advanced callback functions
- add required planarity constraints on the fly

Algorithm

- 1 start solving MIP without planarity constraints
- 2 for each new solution
 - 1 interrupt CPLEX
 - 2 if solution is not planar
 - add planarity constraints for intersecting edges
 - reject solution
 - else
 - accept solution
- 3 continue solving the MIP (until optimal)

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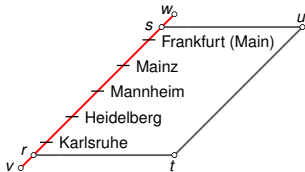
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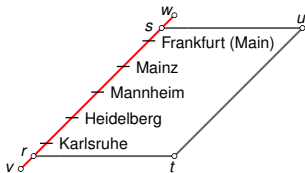
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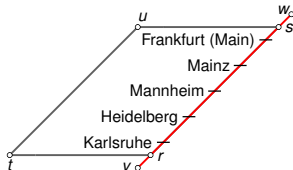
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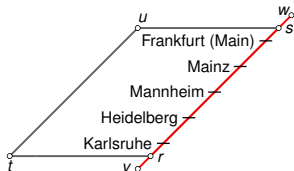
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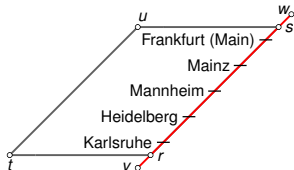
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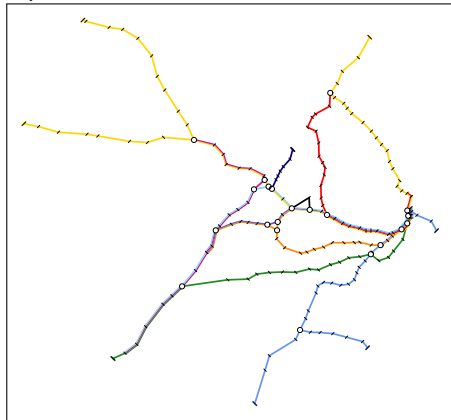
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- **good news**: callback method helps



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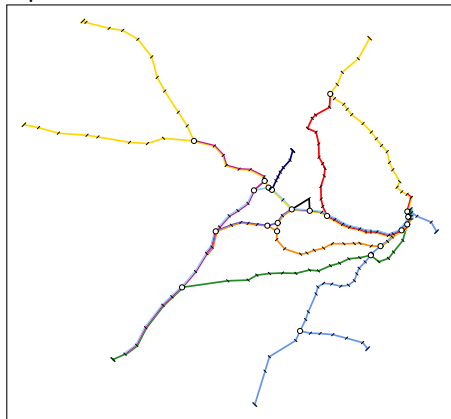
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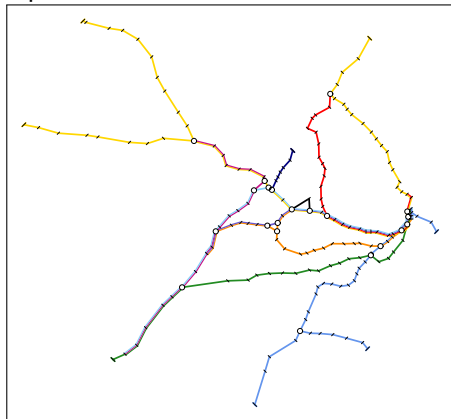
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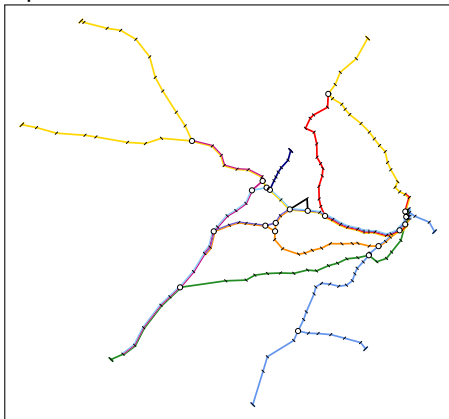


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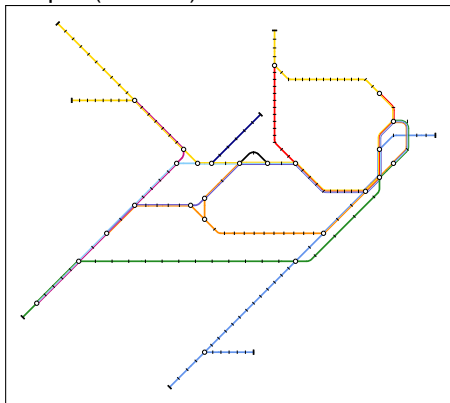
*) 23 minutes w/o proof of opt.
constr. of 3 edge pairs added

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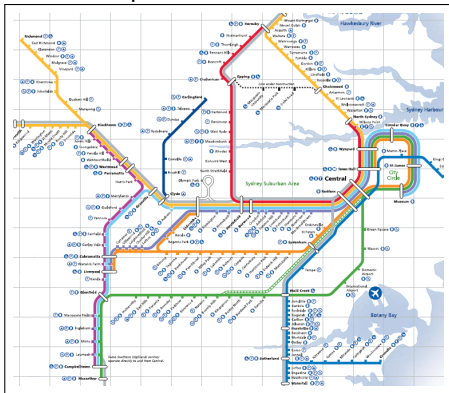


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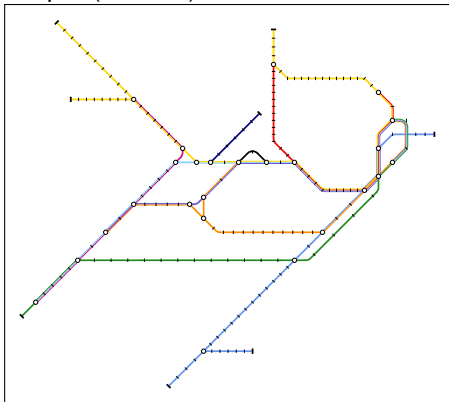


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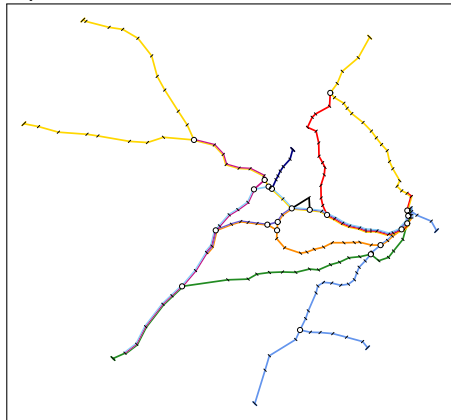


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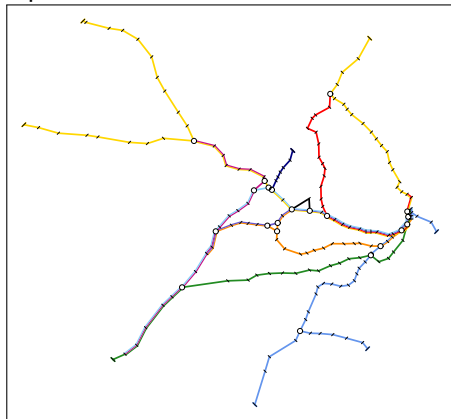
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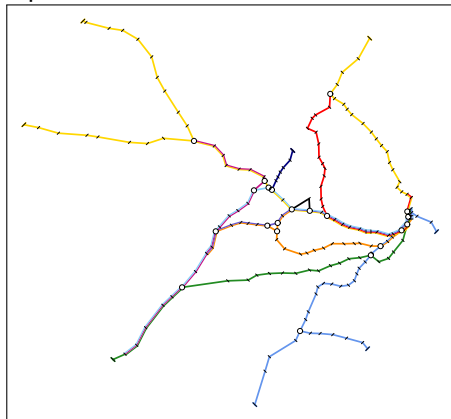
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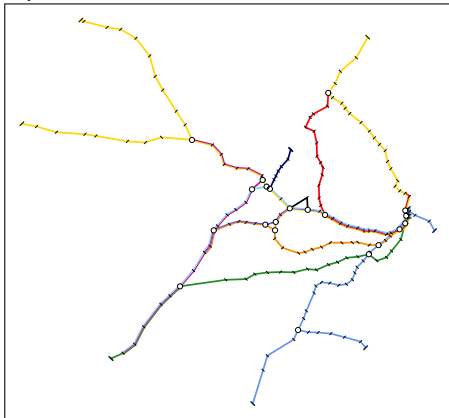
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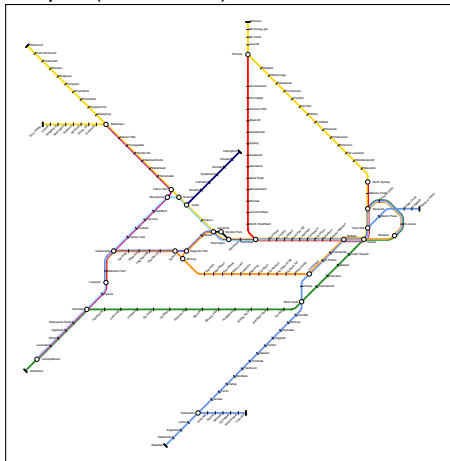
*) 10:30 hours w/o proof of opt.
add constr. of 123 edge pairs

Results – Sydney labeled

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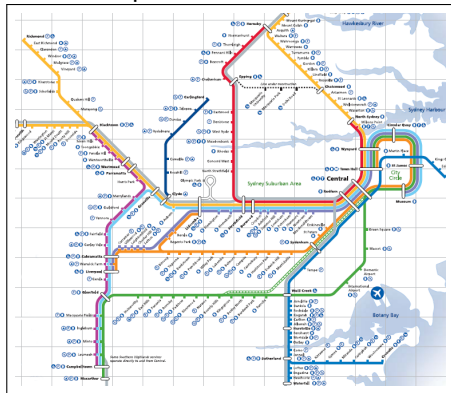


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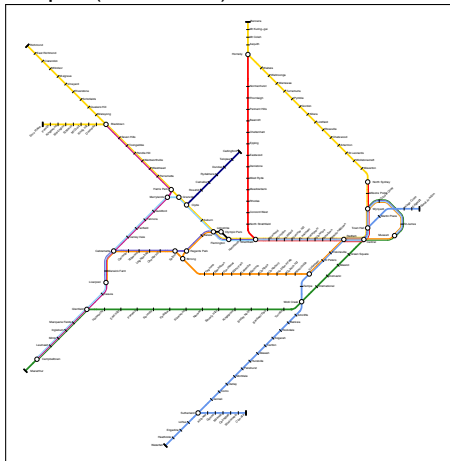


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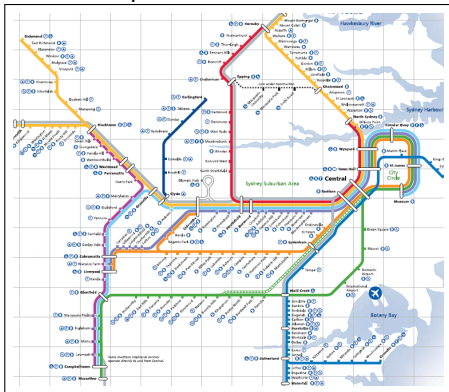


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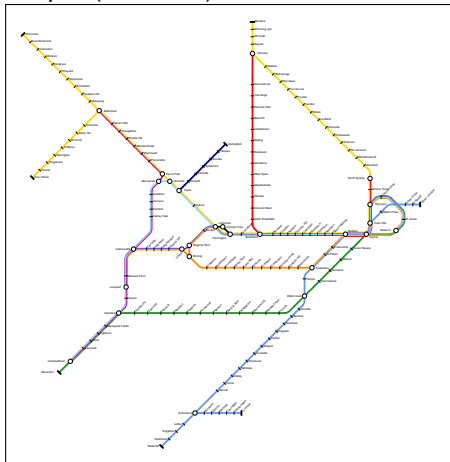


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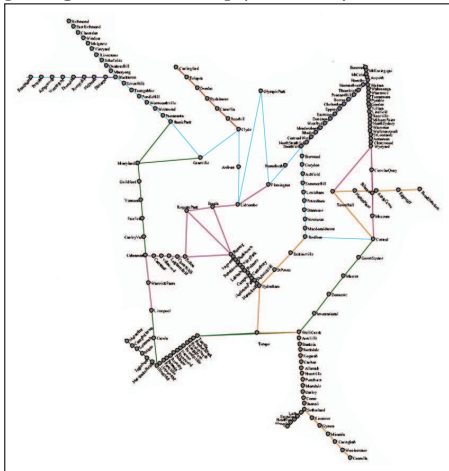


Output (1:40 hrs.)

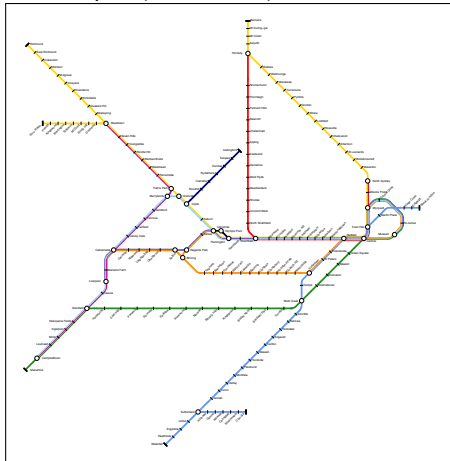


Sydney: Related Work

[Hong et al. GD'04] (7.6 sec.)

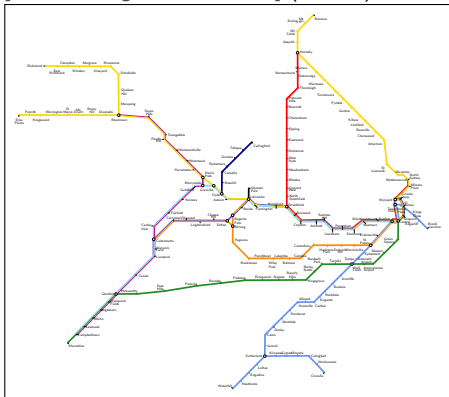


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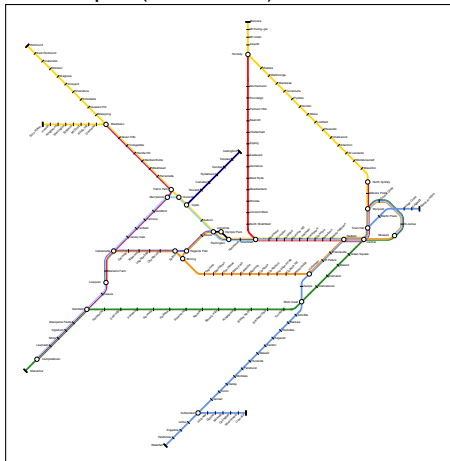


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[Stott, Rodgers TVCG'10] (2 hrs.)

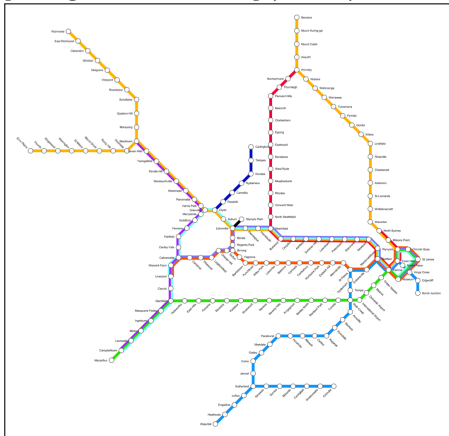


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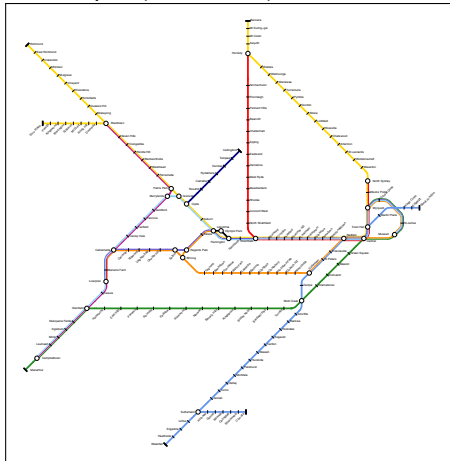


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[Wang, Chi TVCG'11] (1 sec.)

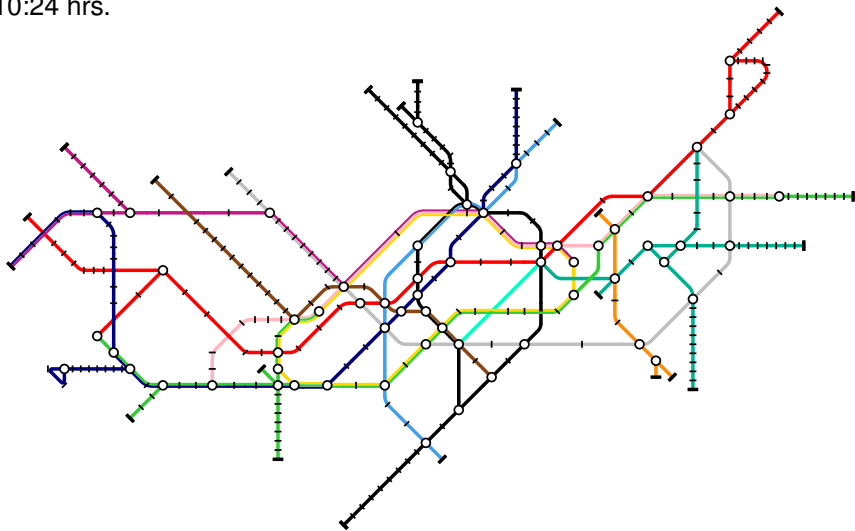


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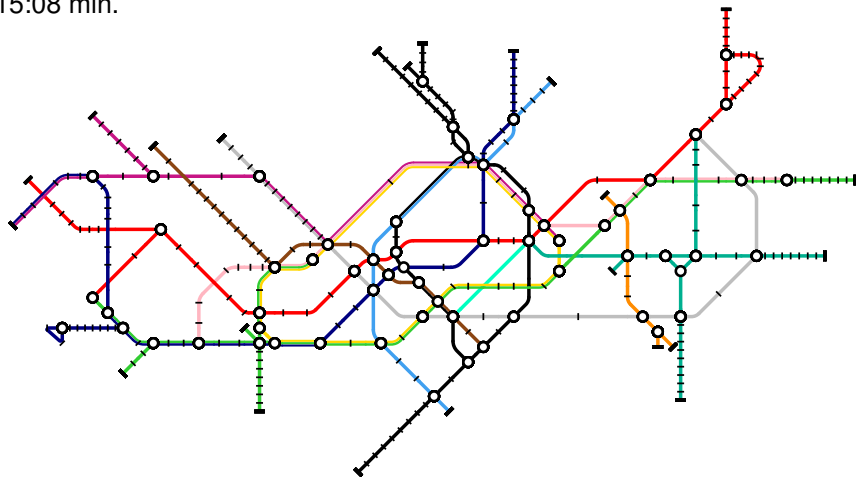
Large Example: London

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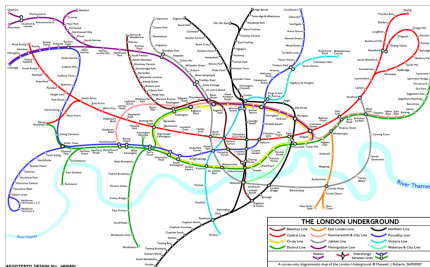
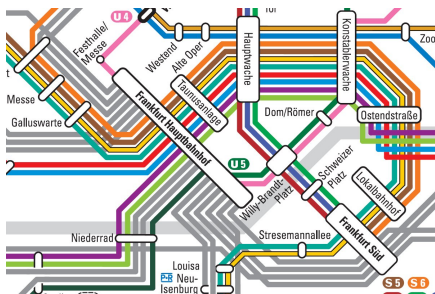


Large Example: London

15:08 min.



Problem solved?



Open questions

- more user interaction
- how to handle large stations and many parallel lines?
- formulate global aesthetics like symmetry and balance
- use of curves for metro layouts (see [Fink et al. GD'12])

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