

Thm. (Weak Perfect Graph Theorem)

For every graph $G = (V, E)$ the following are equivalent:

$$(P1) \quad \omega(G_A) = \chi(G_A) \quad \text{for all } A \subseteq V$$

$$(P2) \quad \alpha(G_A) = k(G_A) \quad \text{for all } A \subseteq V$$

$$(P3) \quad \omega(G_A) \cdot \alpha(G_A) \geq |A| \quad \text{for all } A \subseteq V$$

Lemma 2.6. For $H = G \circ h$ the following holds:

$$(P1) \text{ for } G \implies (P1) \text{ for } H$$

$$(P2) \text{ for } G \implies (P2) \text{ for } H$$

Lemma 2.7. For $H = G \circ h$ the following holds:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (P2) \text{ for } G_A \text{ for all } A \subsetneq V_G \\ (P3) \text{ for } G \end{array} \right\} \implies (P3) \text{ for } H$$

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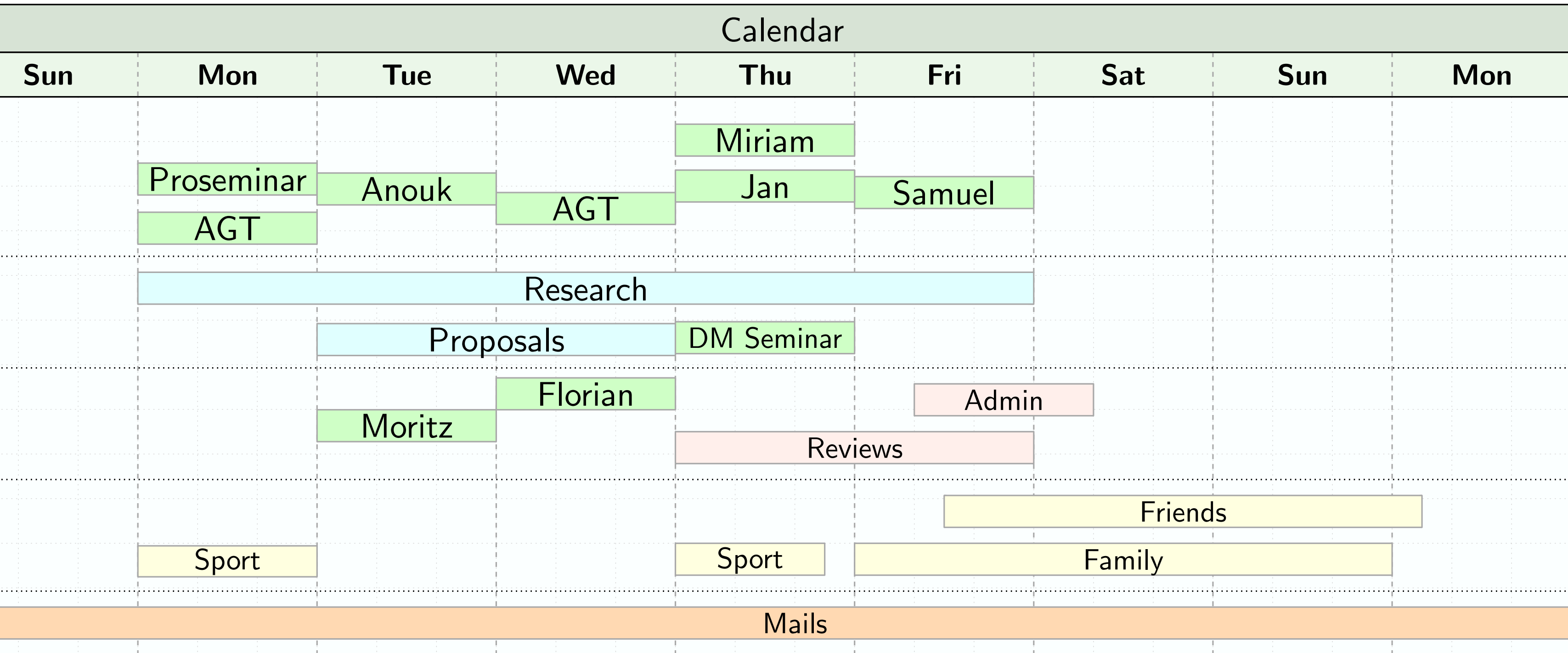
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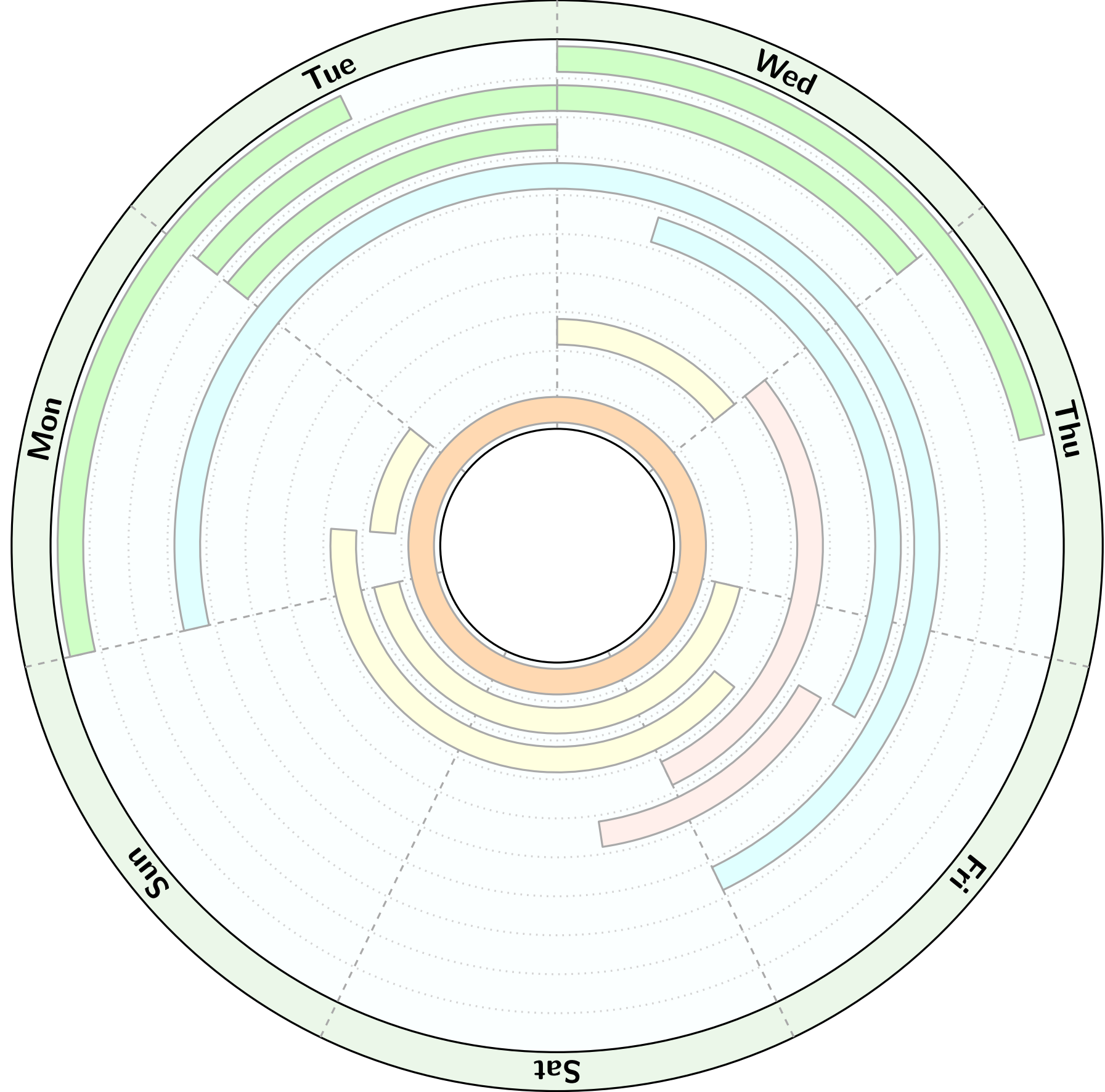


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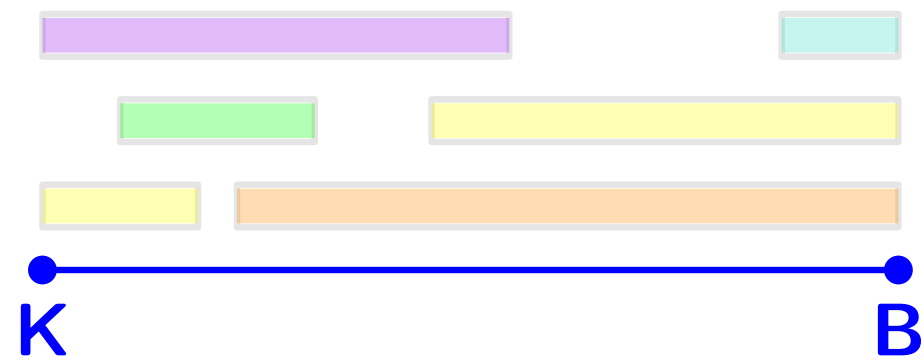


Into how many persons would I have to split to handle all this?

How much can I handle alone?

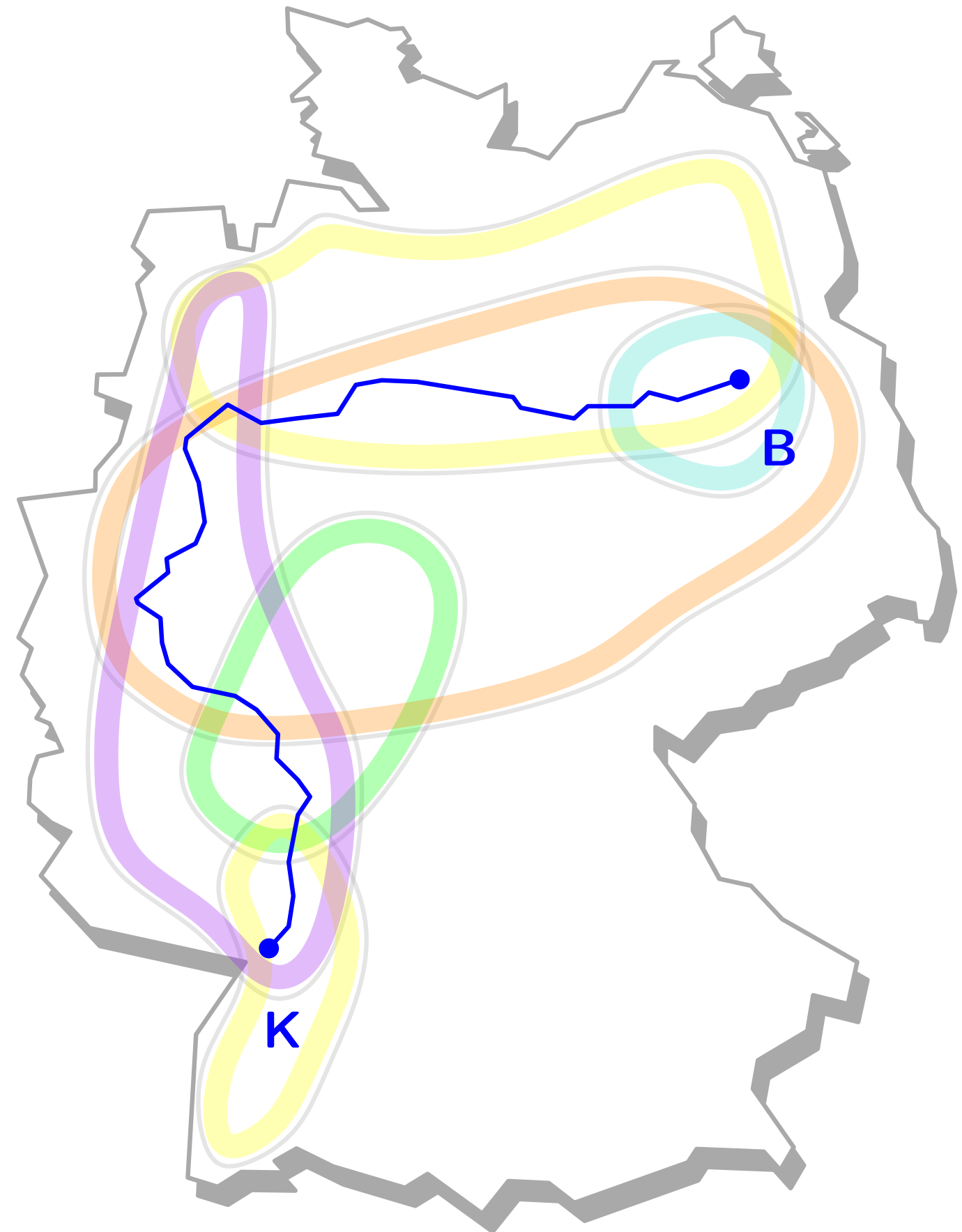


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through Germany's regions

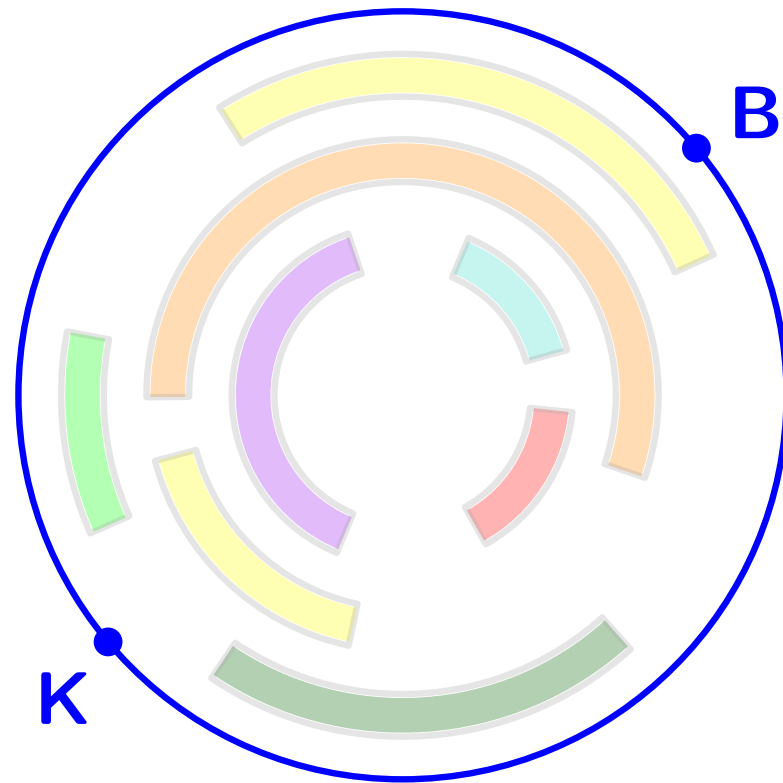


How often must I stop
to see every region?

How many regions can
I see with one stop?

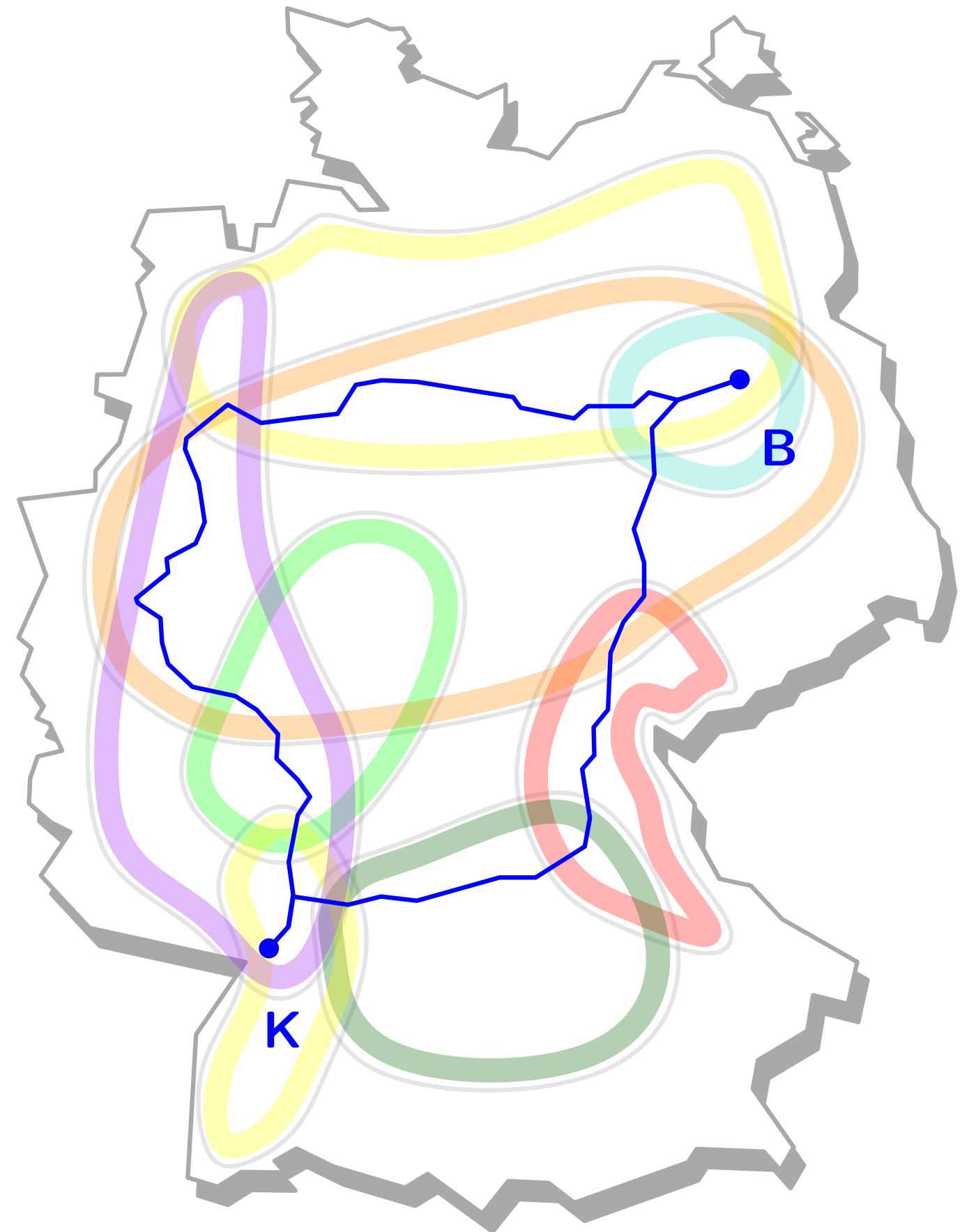


► I travel from **K** to **B** and back through Germany's regions



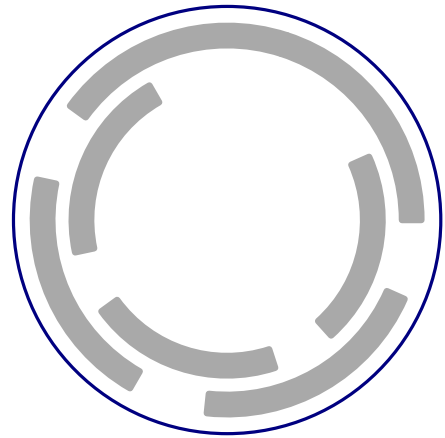
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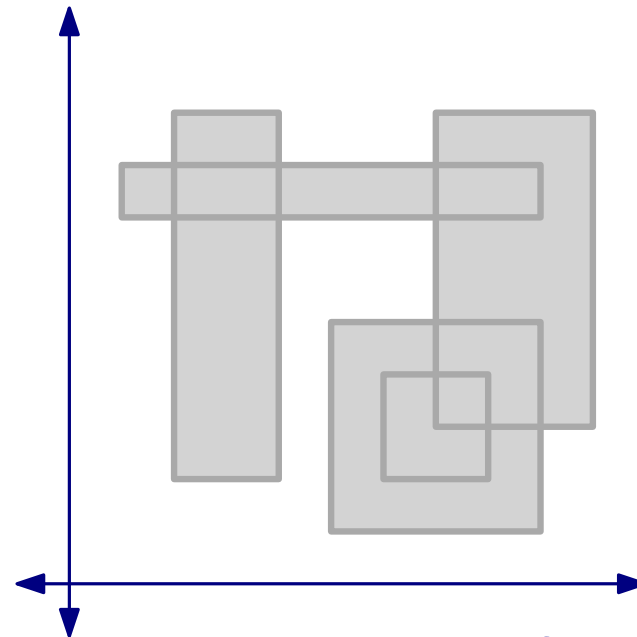




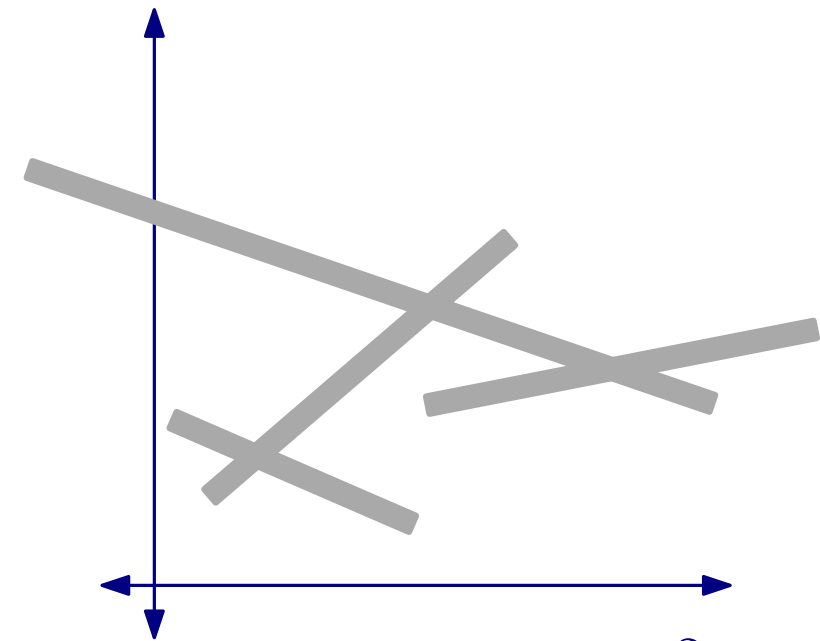
intervals in \mathbb{R}
(interval graphs)



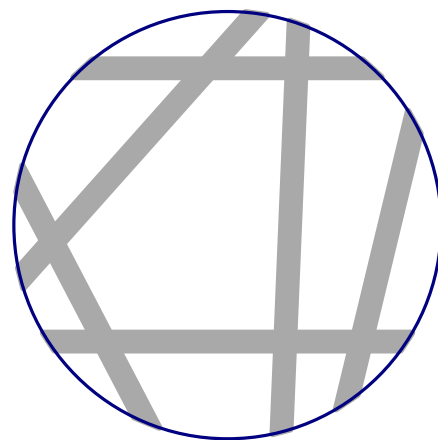
arcs of S^1
(circular arc graphs)



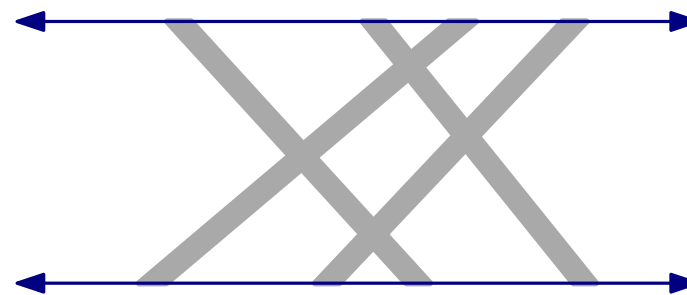
boxes in \mathbb{R}^2



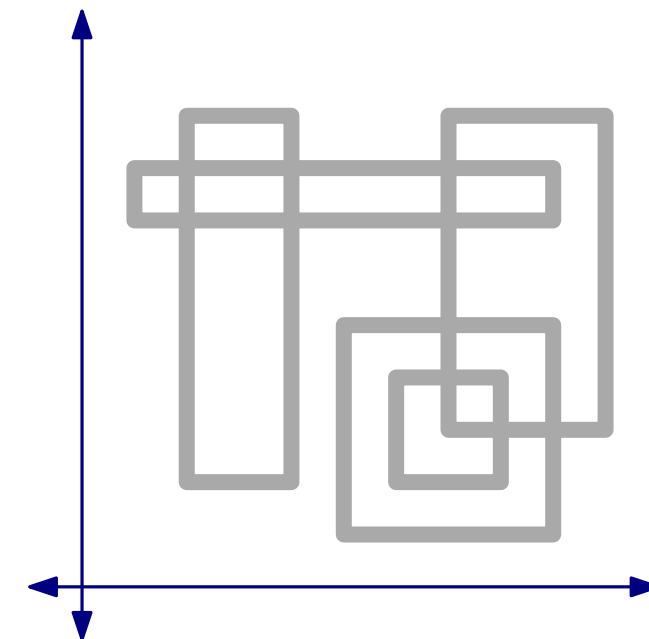
segments in \mathbb{R}^2



chords of S^1
(circle graphs)



chords in $\mathbb{R} \times \{0, 1\}$
(permutation graphs)



frames in \mathbb{R}^2