

Computational Geometry · **Lecture** Projects & Polygon Triangulation

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Groups:

2 or 3 students, assigned to a supervisor

Tools:

 Use any programming language, should run with little effort on Linux

Due date:

• 08.02.2016

Visualization:

- Need to visualize output; ipe, svg, video? This is also helpful for debugging output
- Do not need to use graphics APIs, unless you really want to Group Presentations:
 - Each groups gives a 20-minute presentation (last 2 weeks of class)

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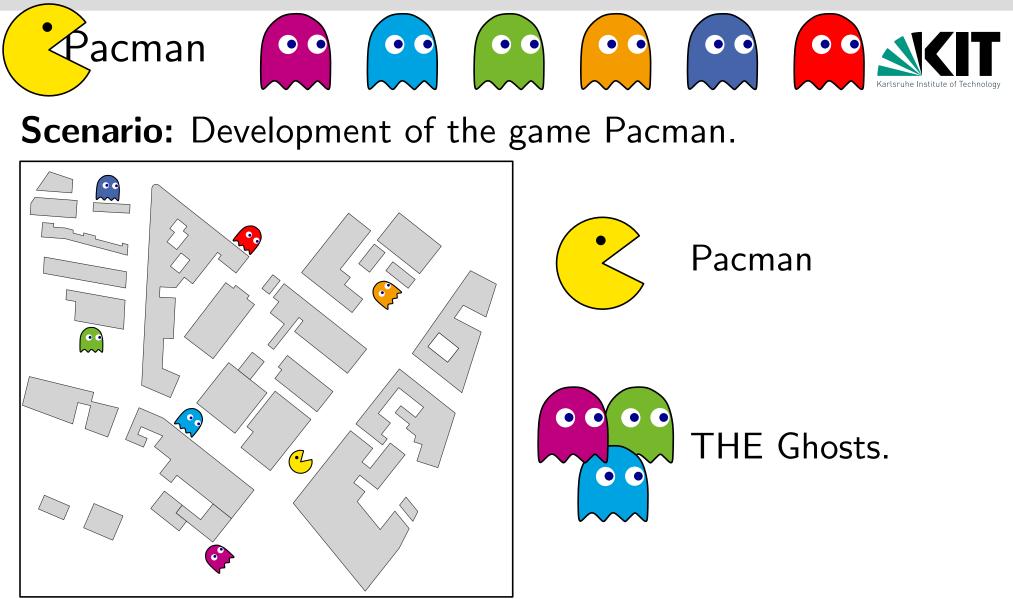
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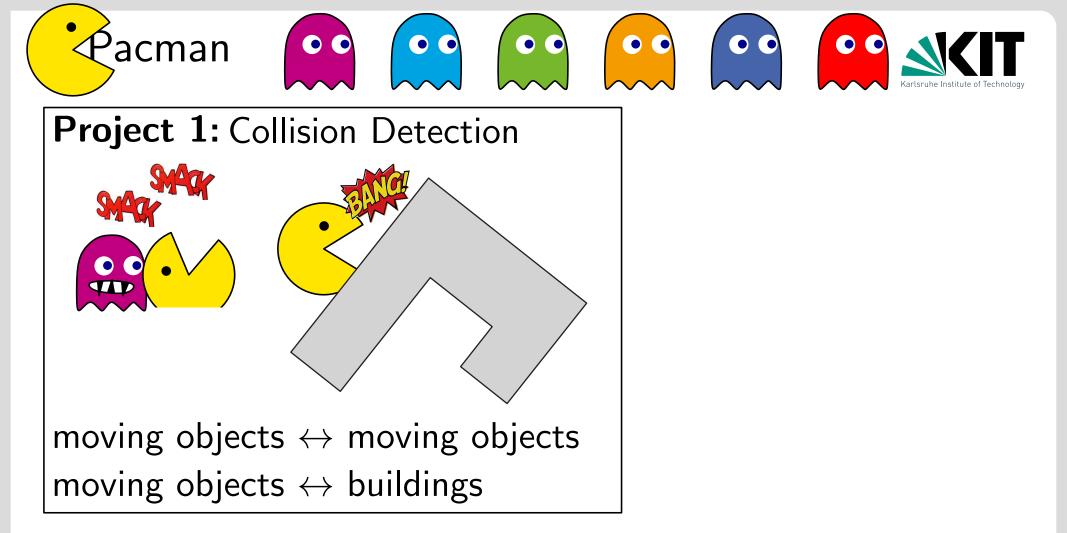
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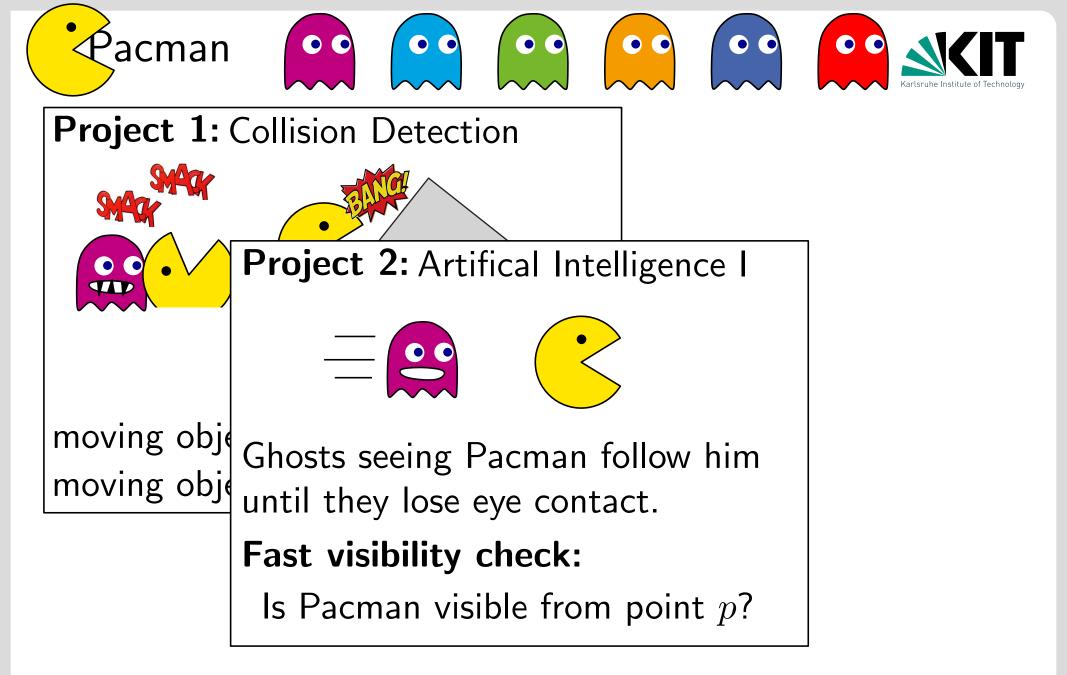


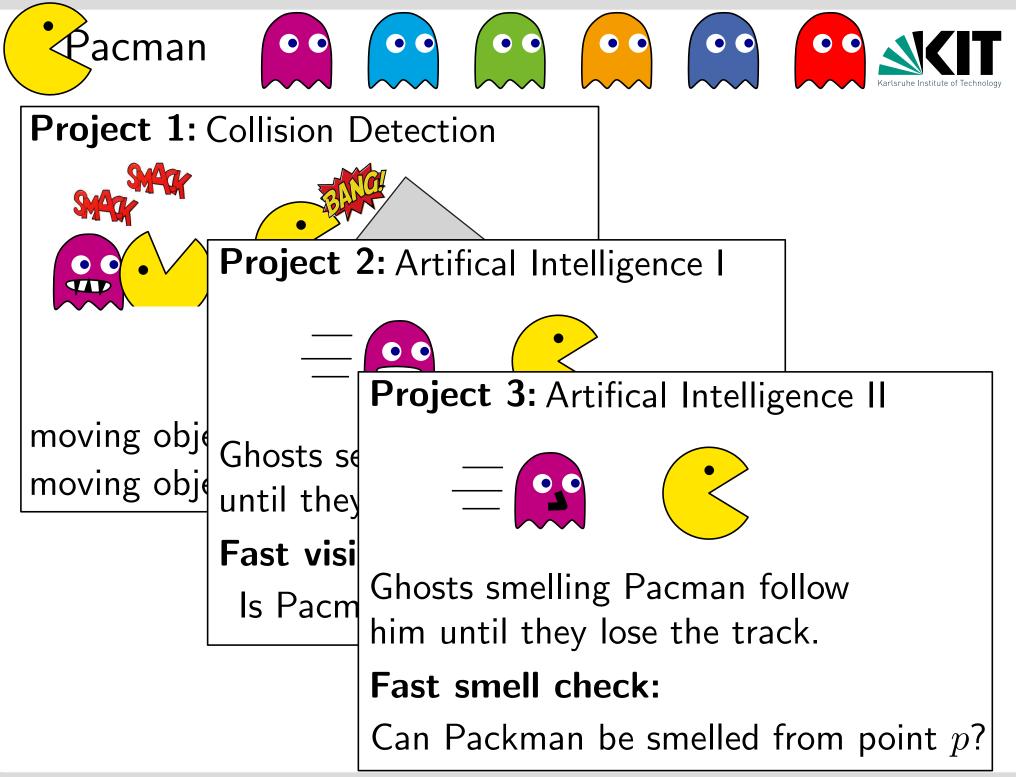
Story:

Pacman is strolling through a large city with many buildings, gathering items. However, incredibly many ghosts want to hinder Pacman by eating him.

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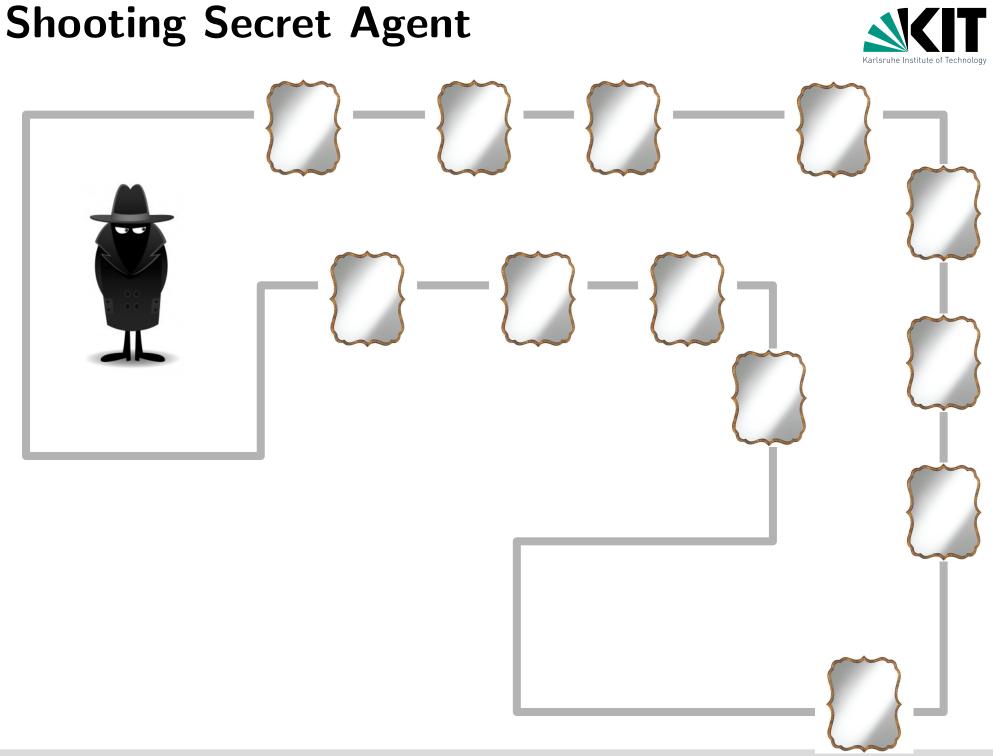




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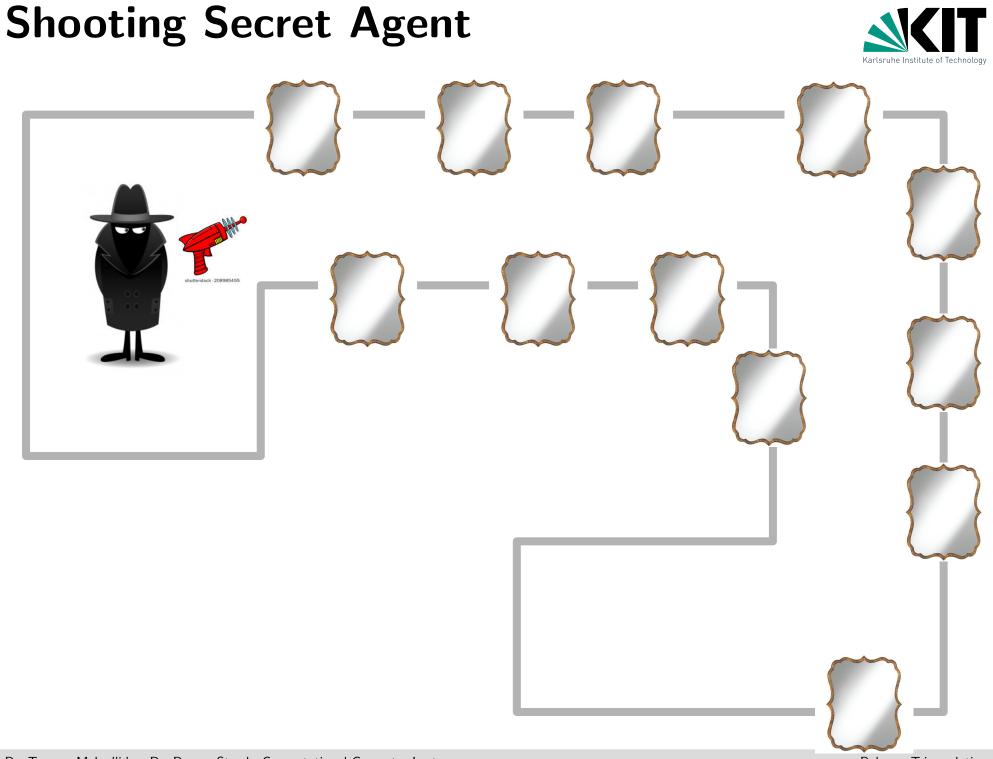


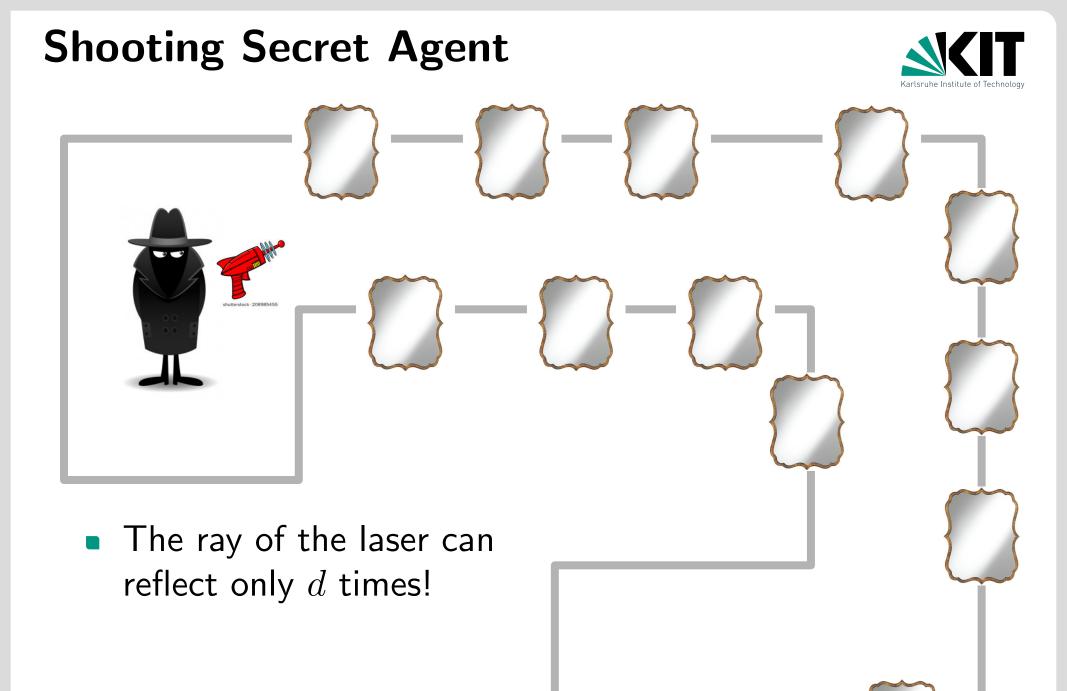




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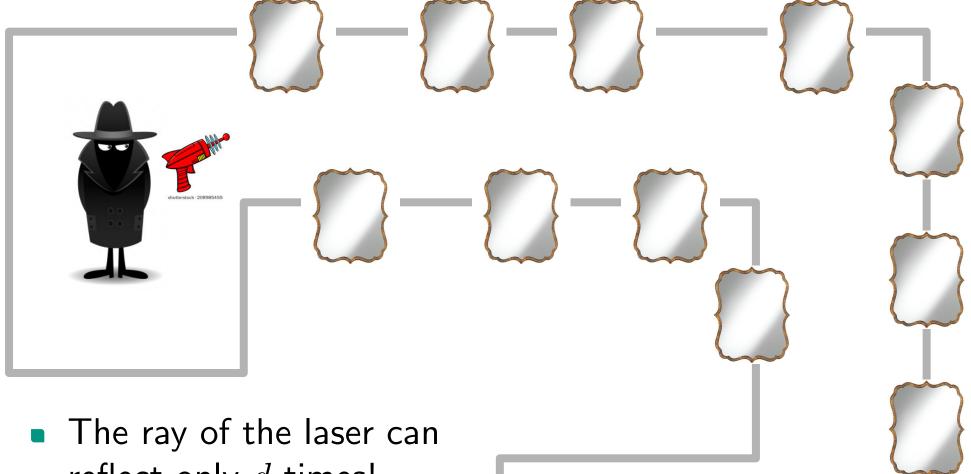




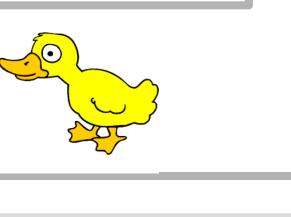
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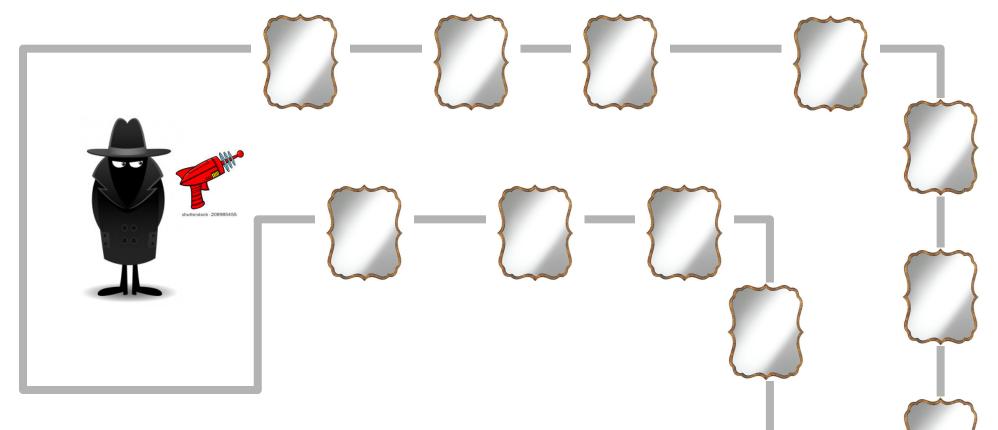


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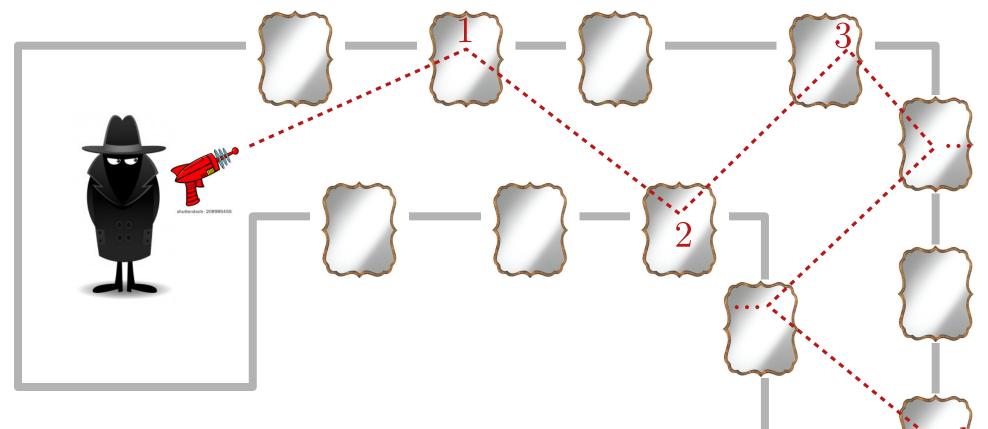




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- Can the agent shoot the target?

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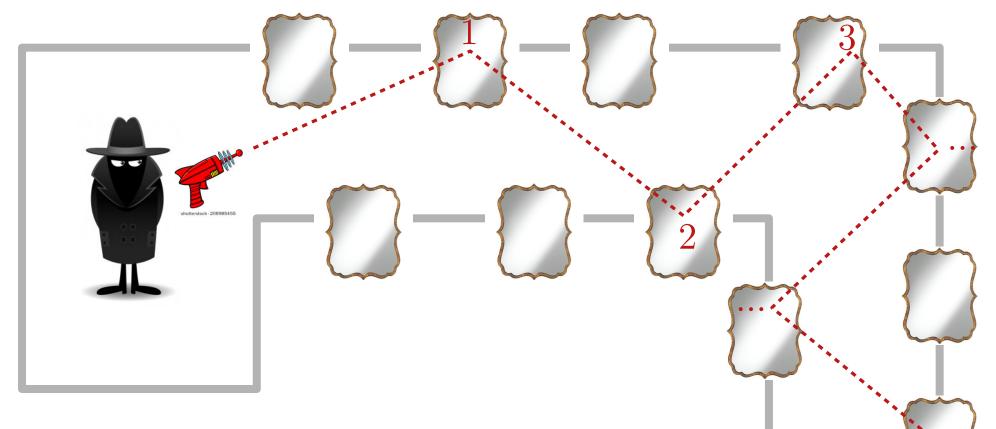




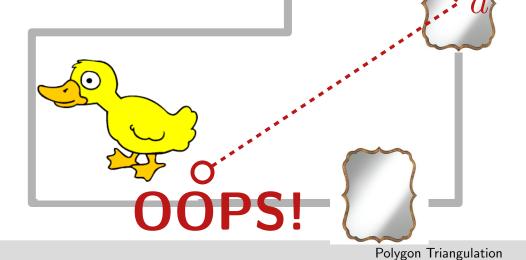
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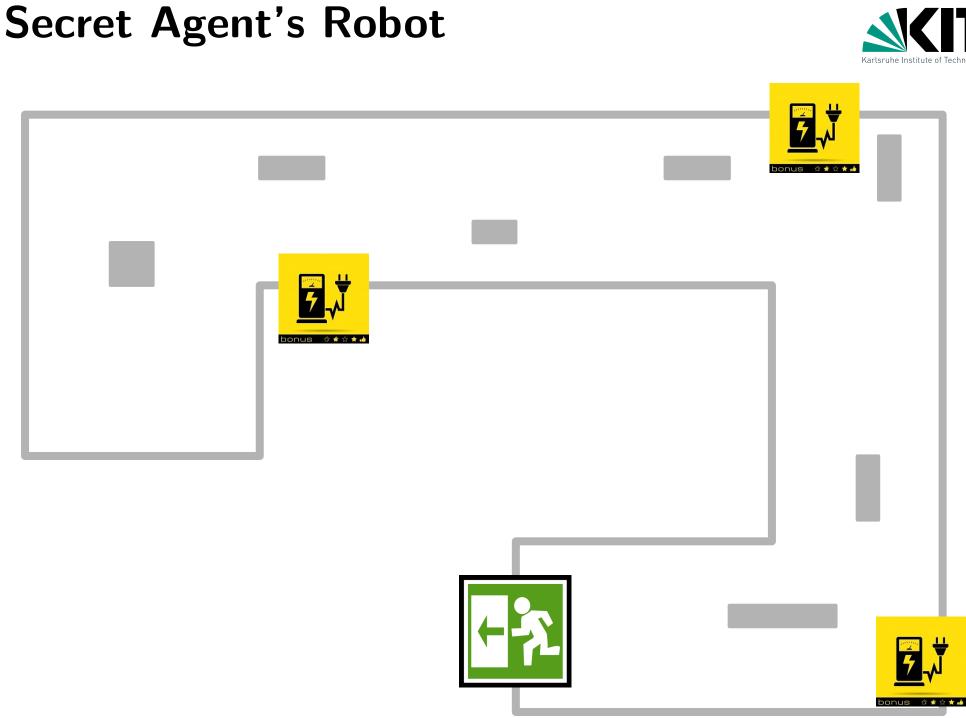
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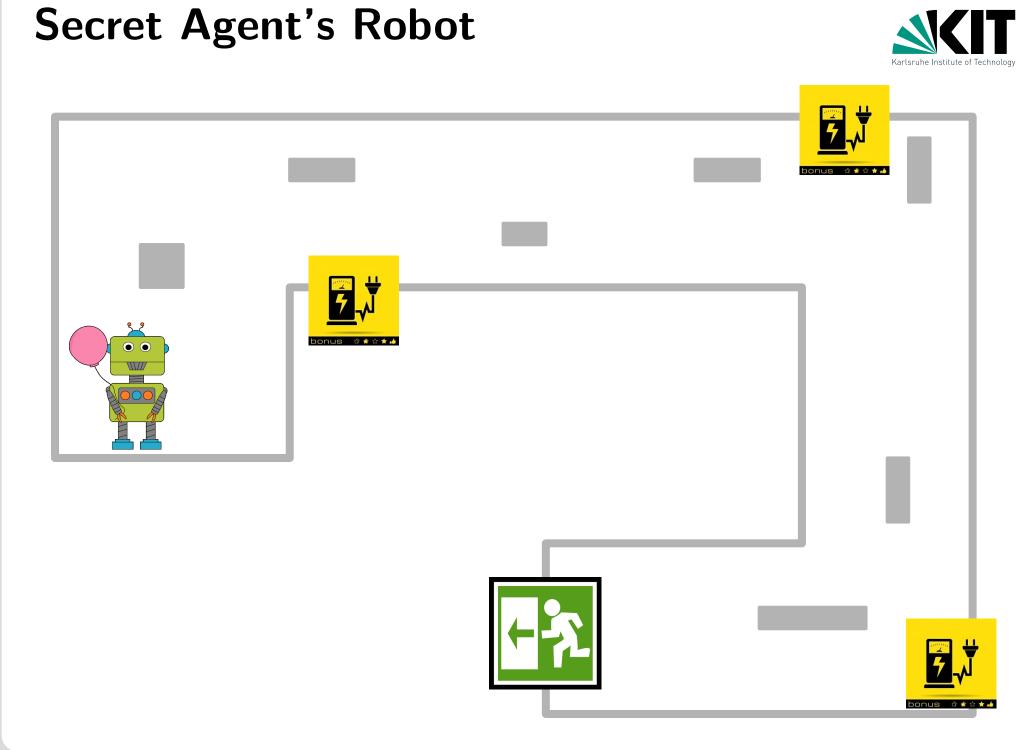


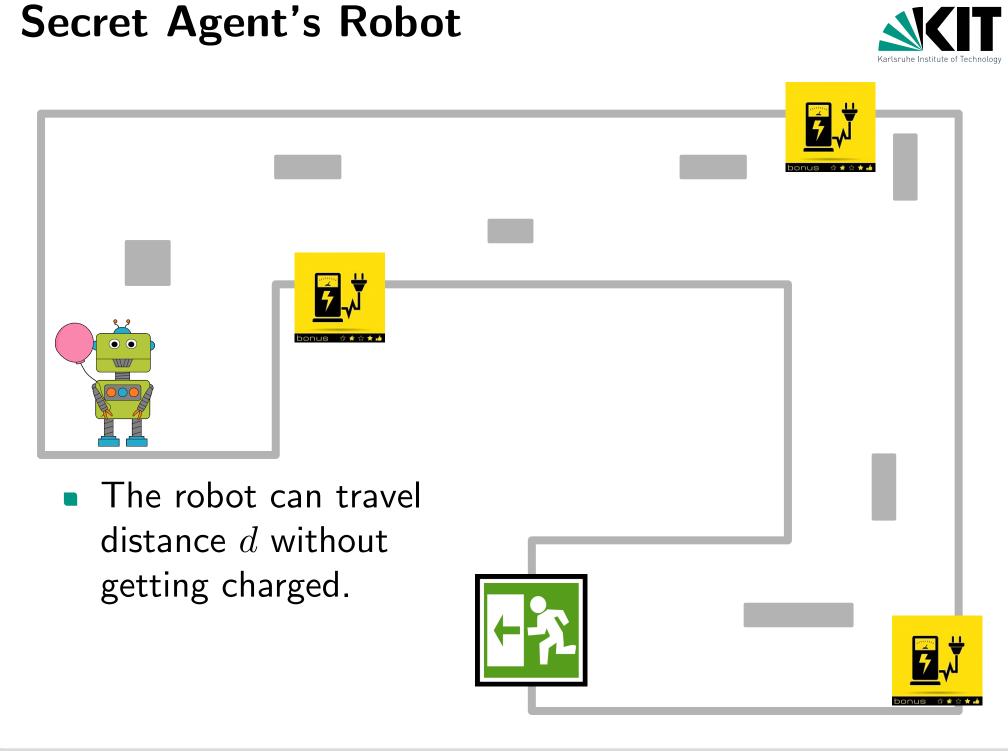




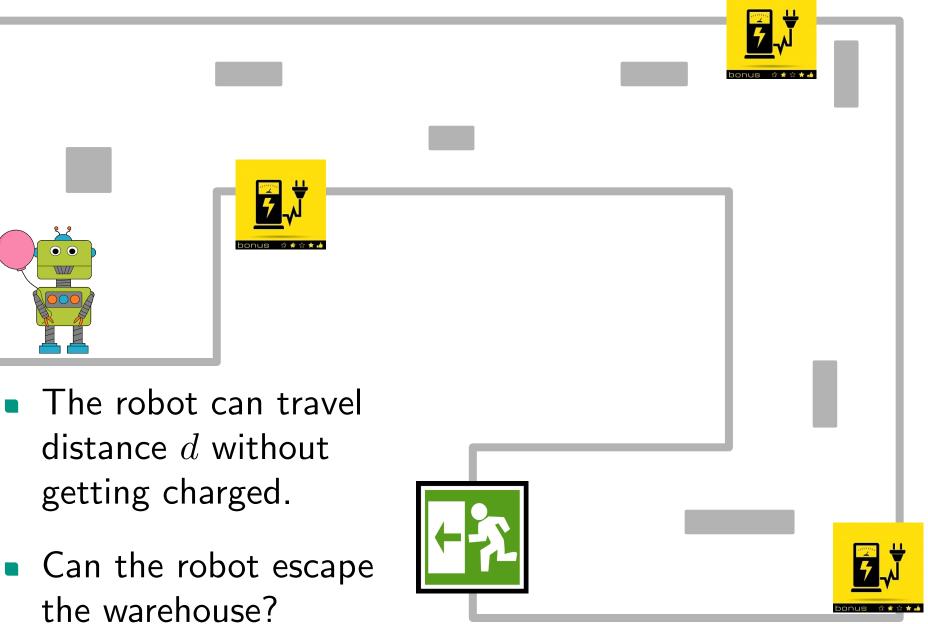
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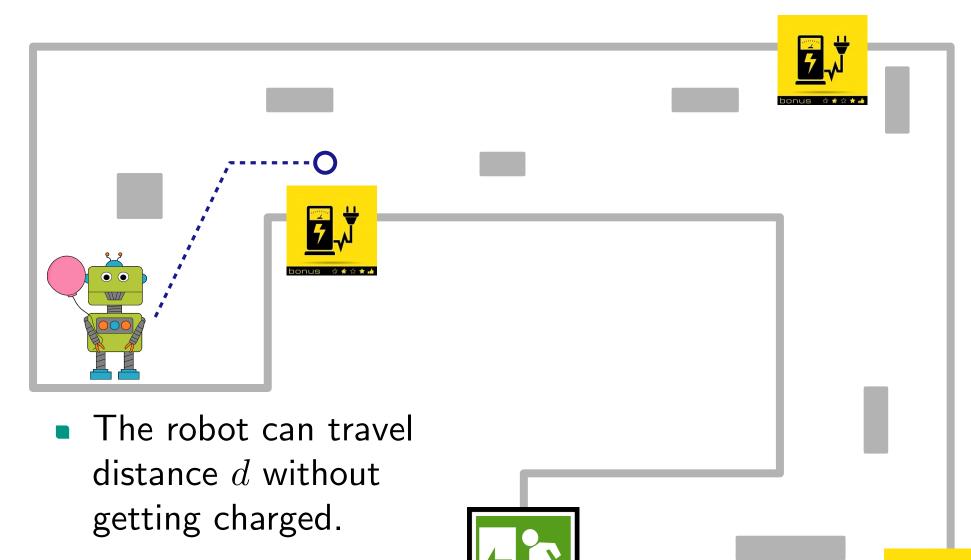






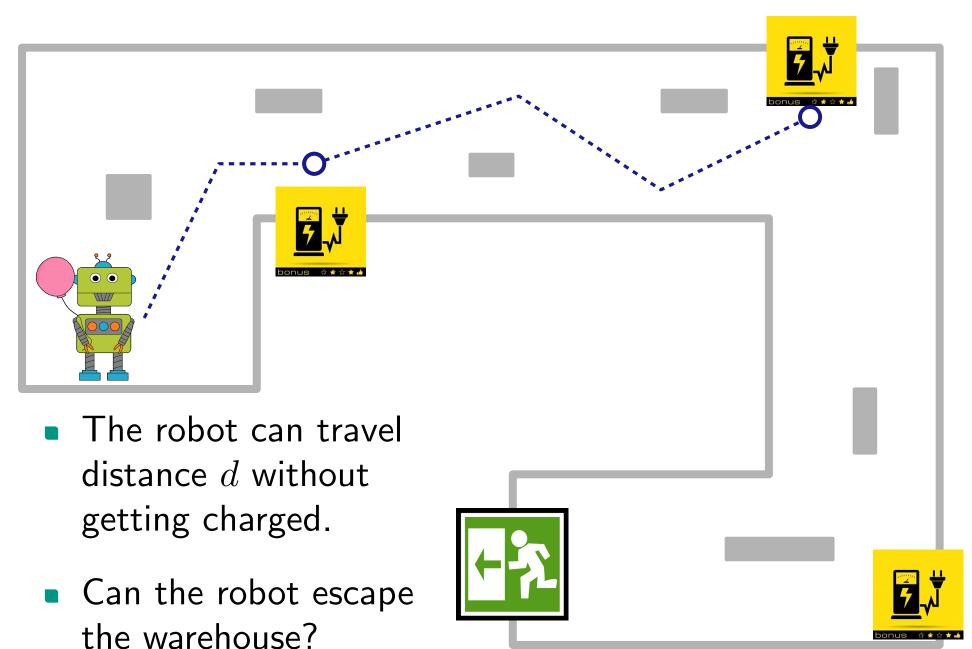




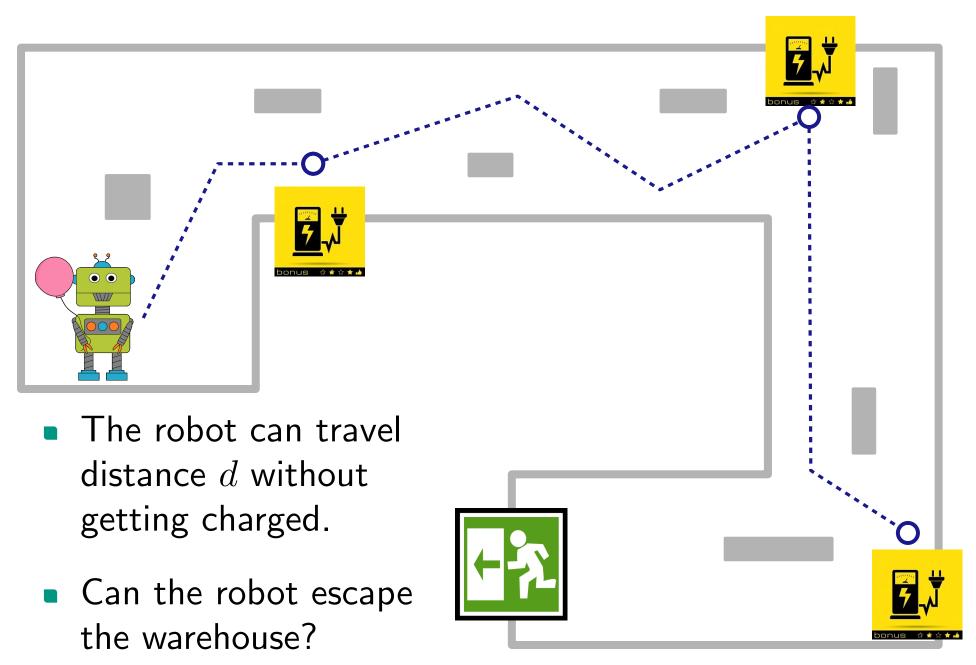


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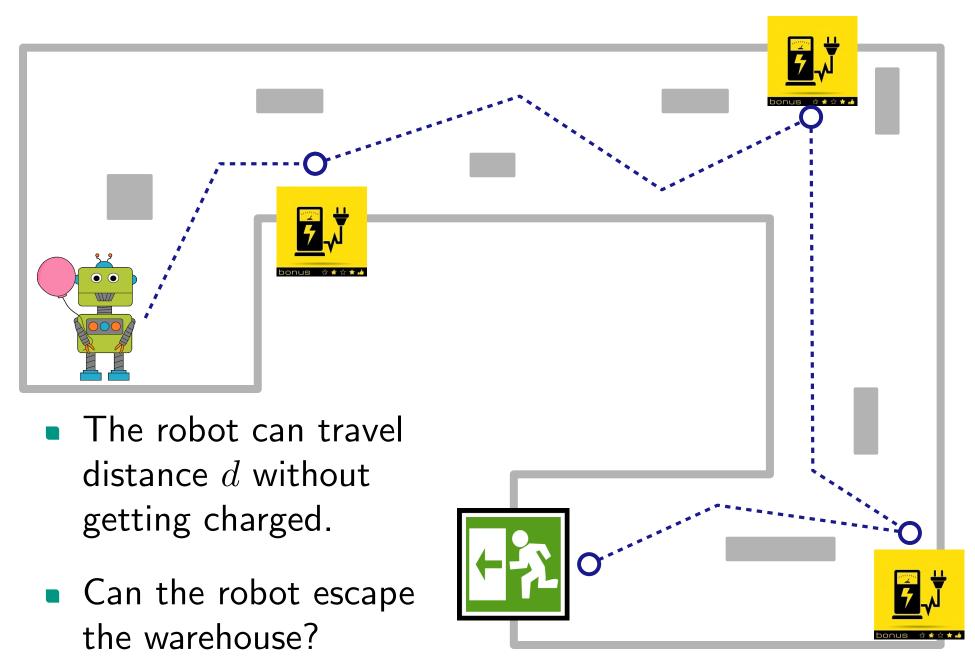




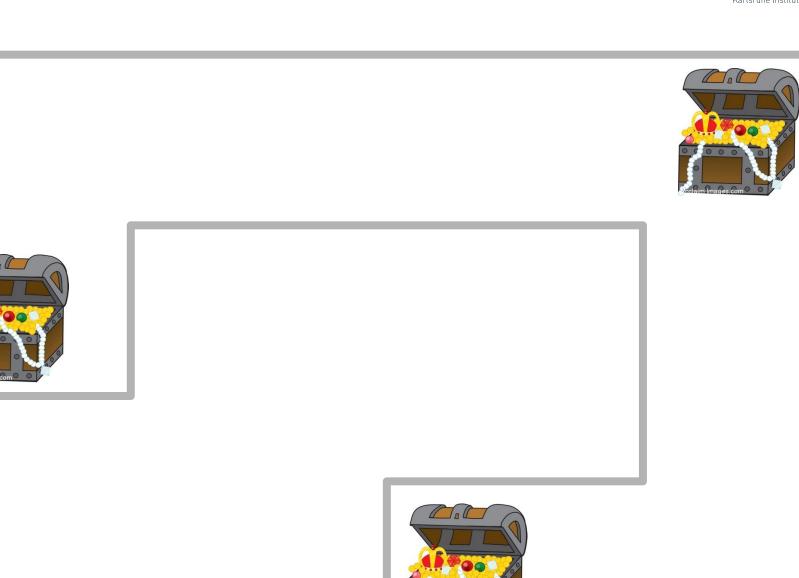








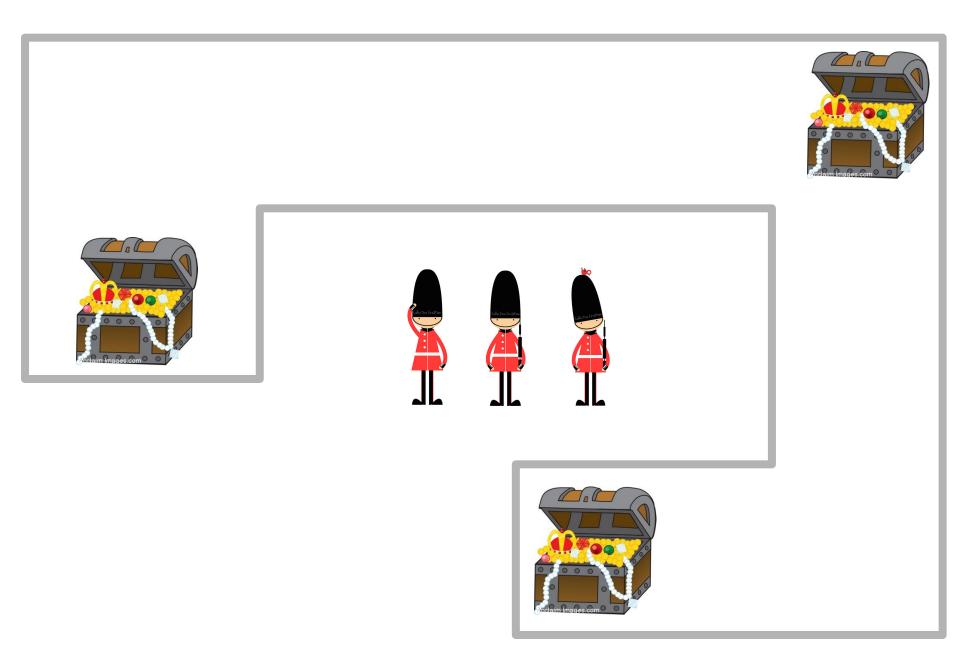
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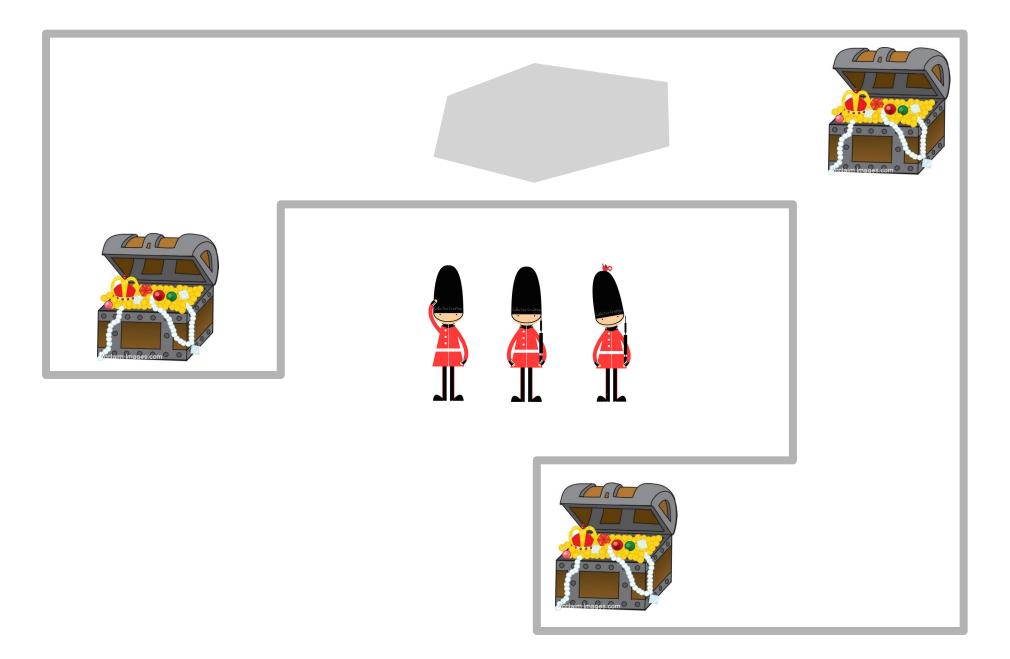
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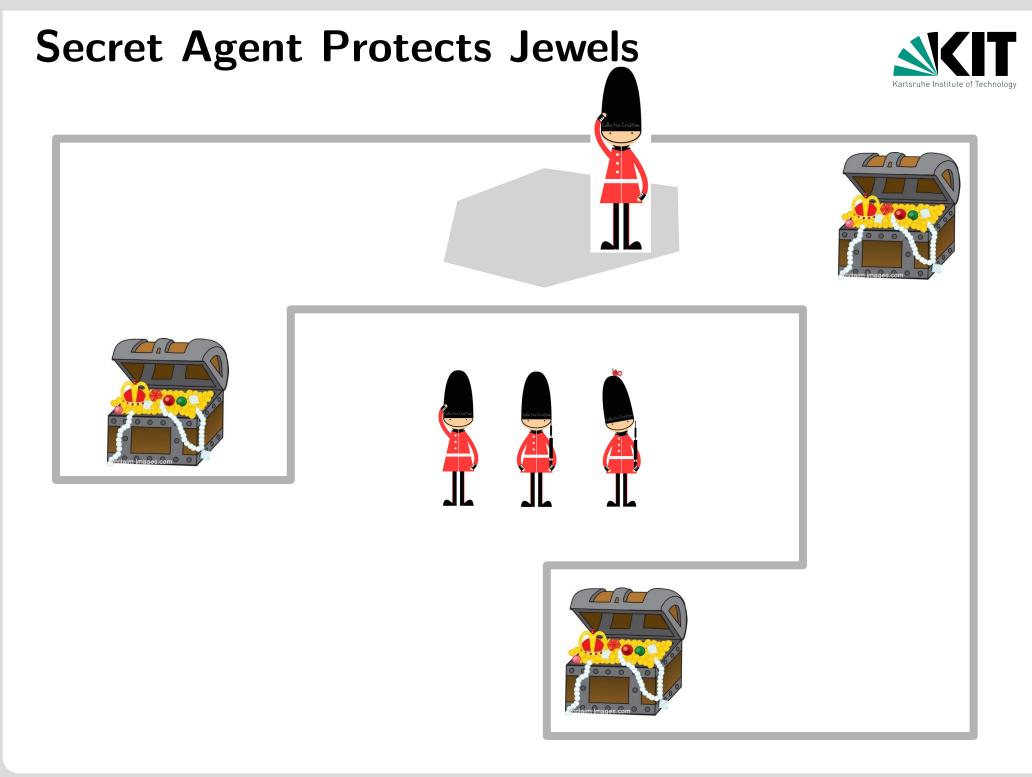


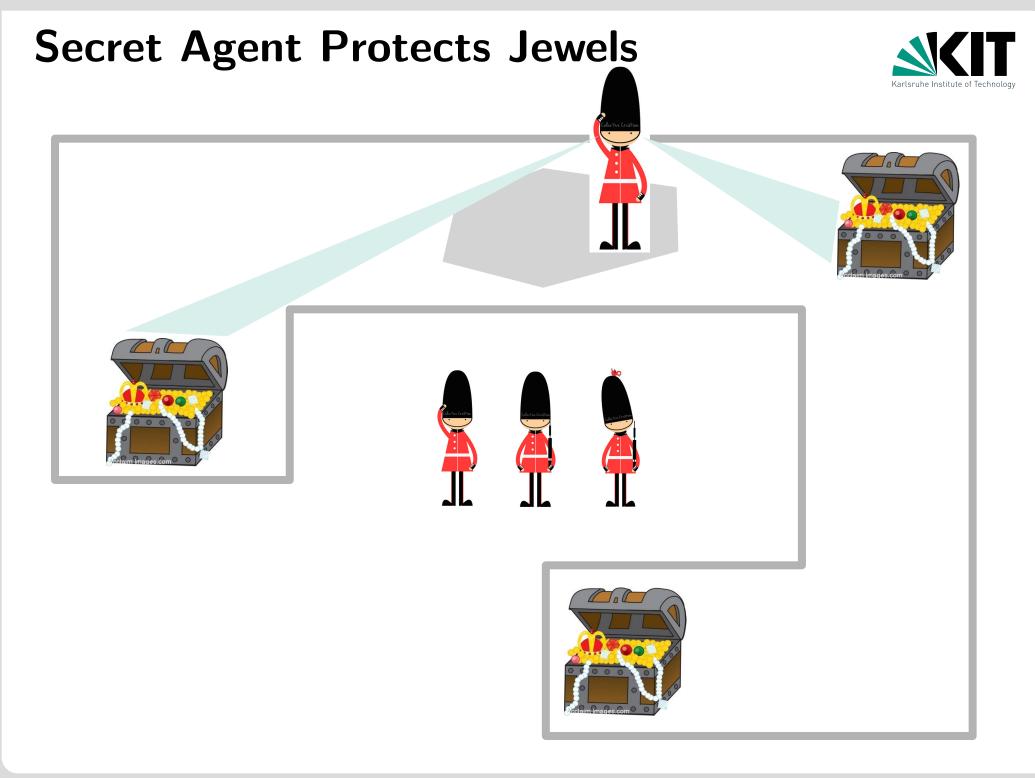


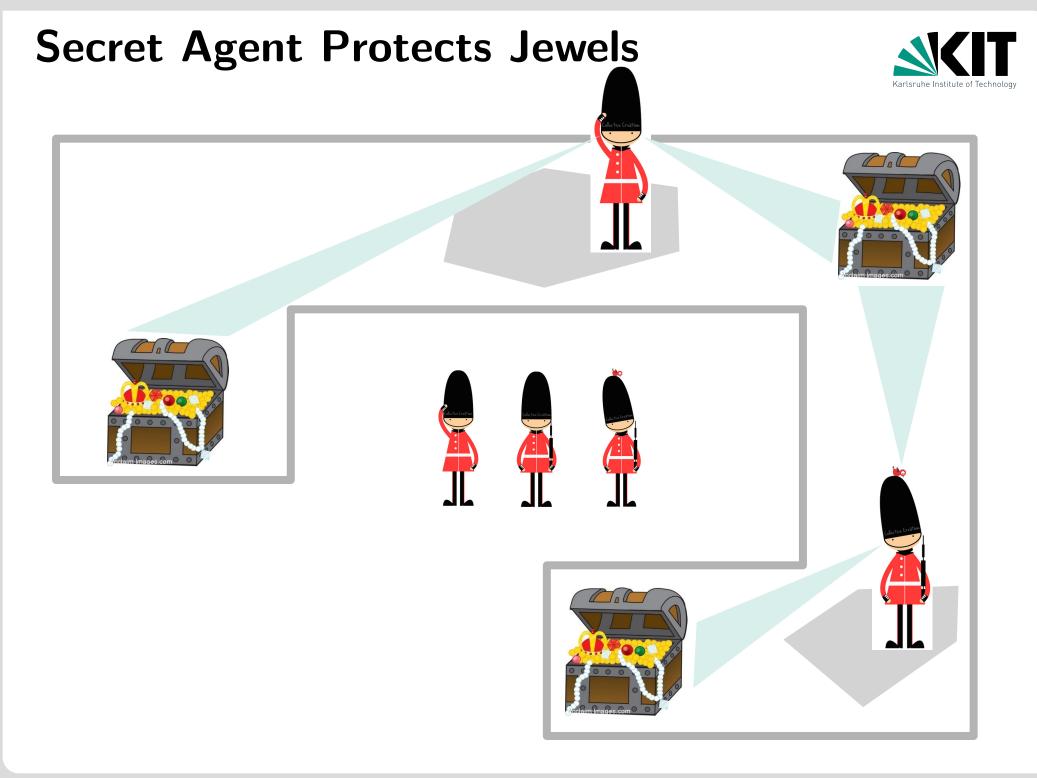
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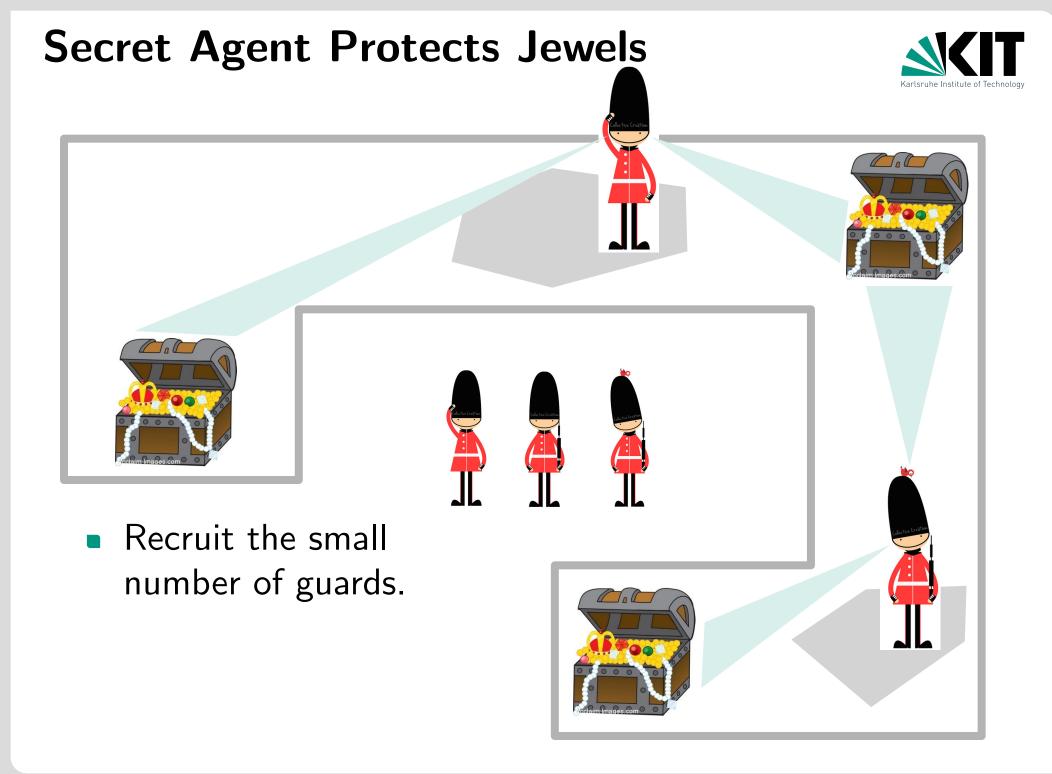


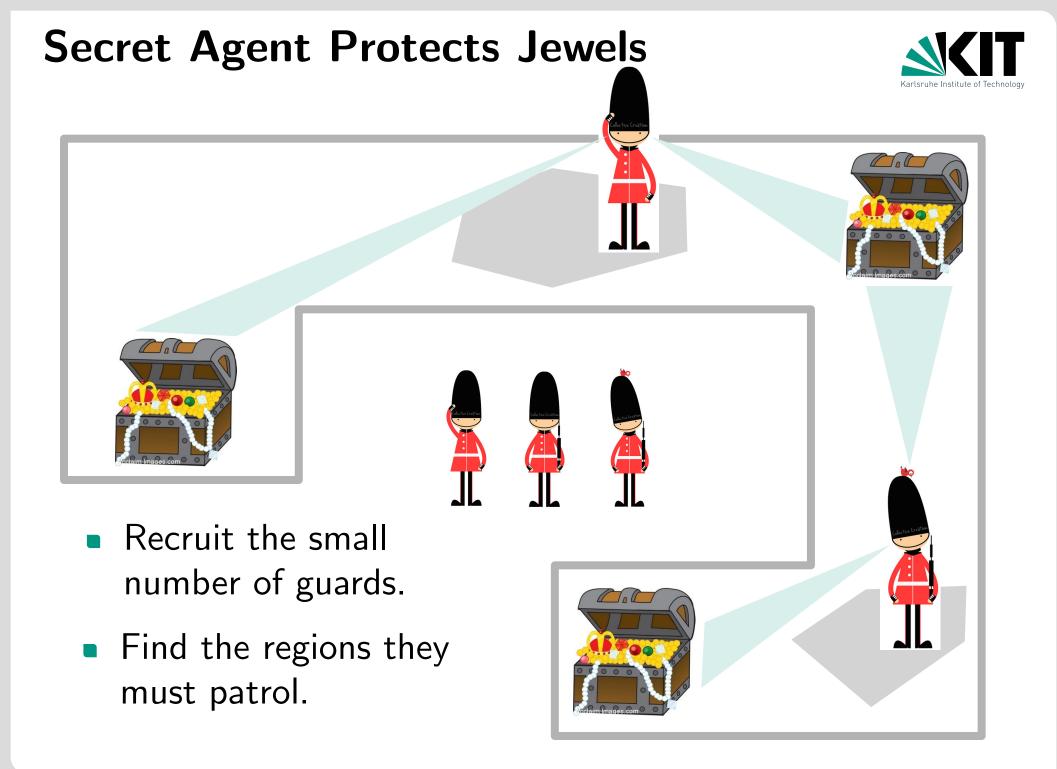




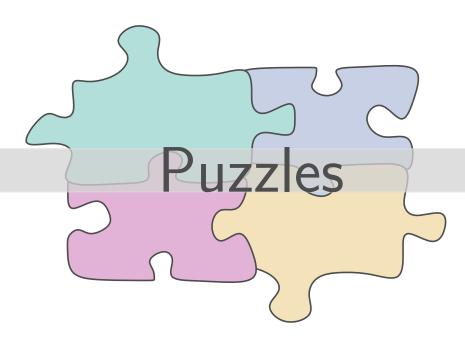








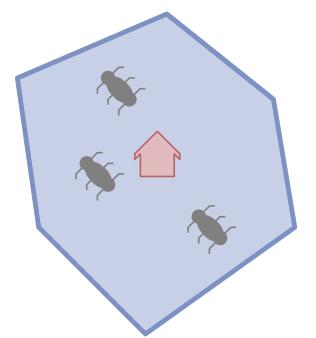








Puzzle # 1: Food fit



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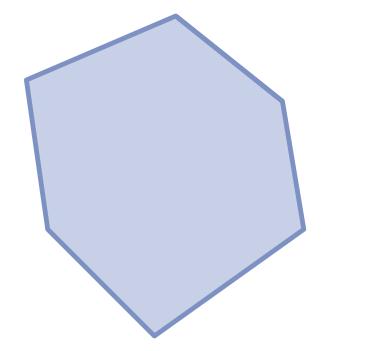
- A region representing an ant colony's home
- A "picnic" containing food items Output:
 - Which food items can the ants fit in their home?







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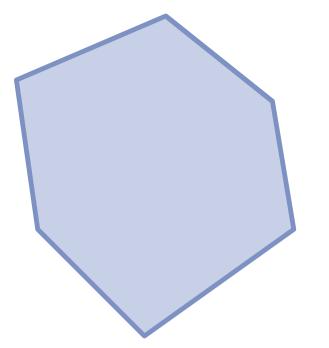
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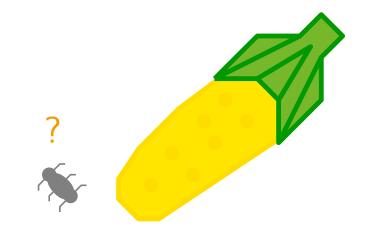
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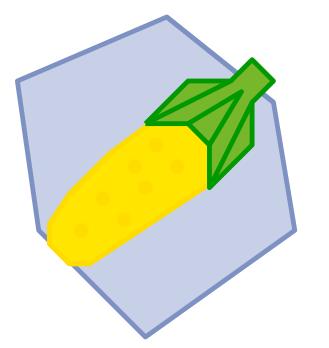








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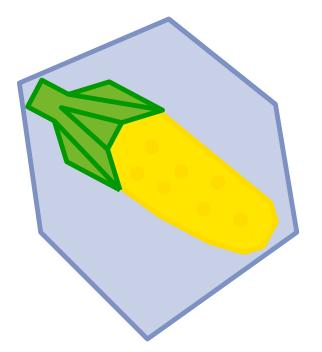


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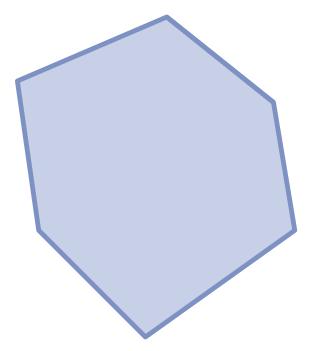
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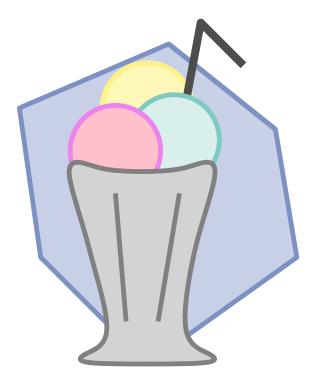








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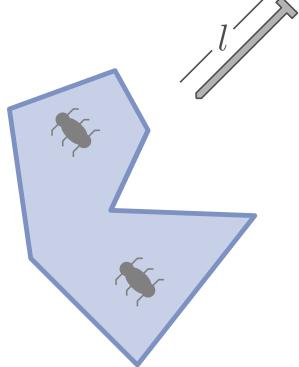


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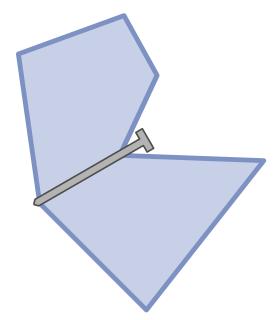
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- Will the nail break the home apart?
- How can we make "small" changes to protect the home?







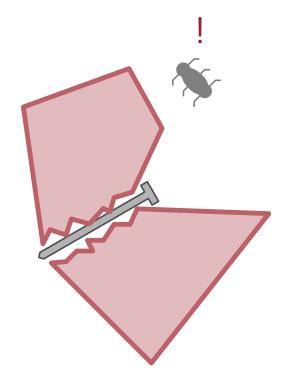
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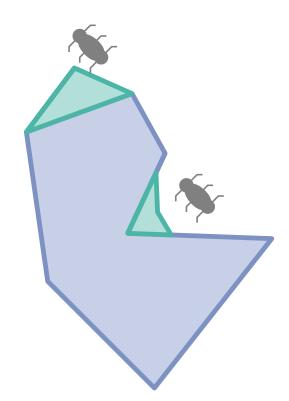
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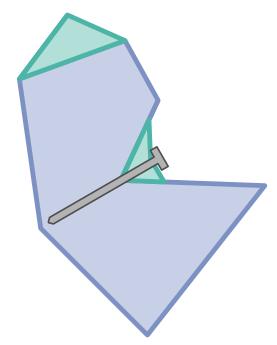
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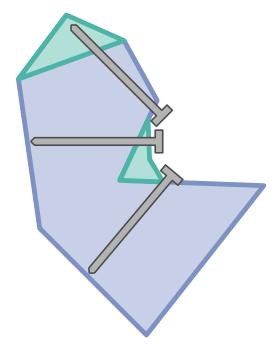
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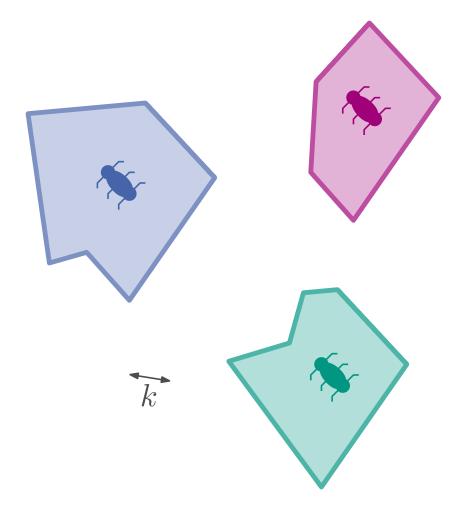
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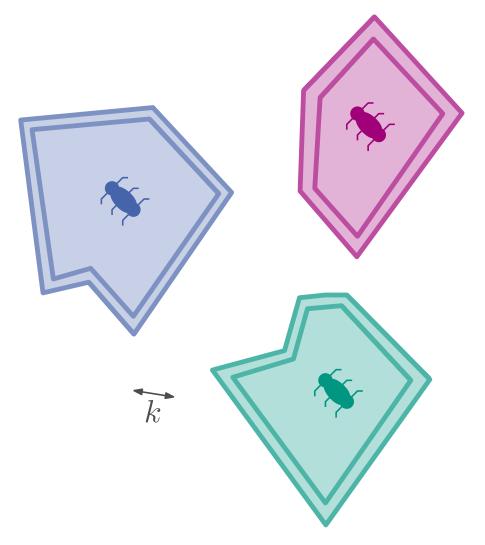
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Project Selection

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Projects

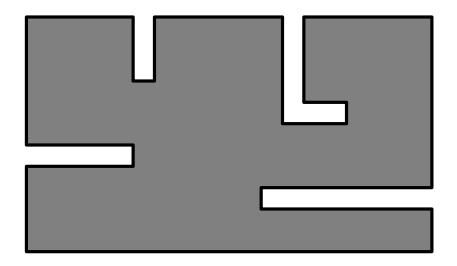
- 1. Pacman: Collision detection
- 2. Pacman: Ghosts activate on sight
- 3. Pacman: Ghosts activate on smell
- 4. Secret Agent: Shoot the laser
- 5. Secret Agent: Save the robot
- 6. Secret Agent: Guard the jewels
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- 8. **Puzzle:** Protect the colony
- 9. Puzzle: Keep away



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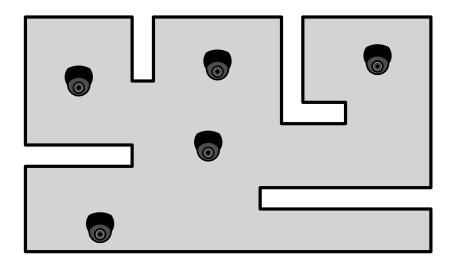


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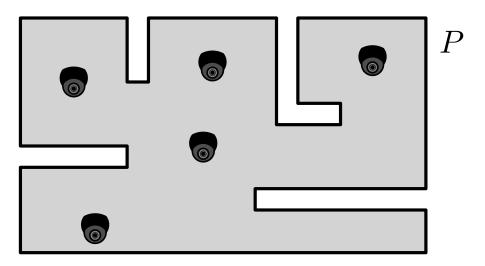


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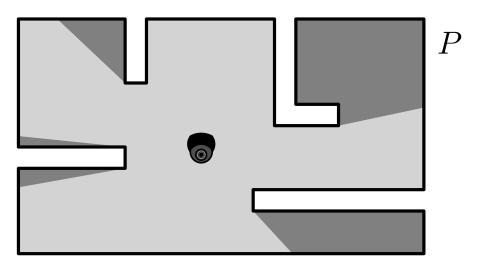
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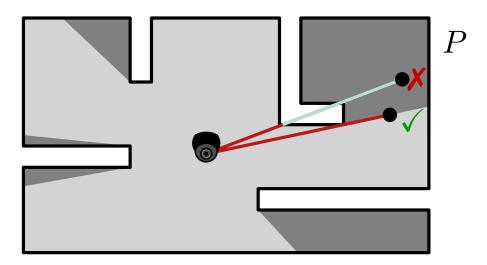


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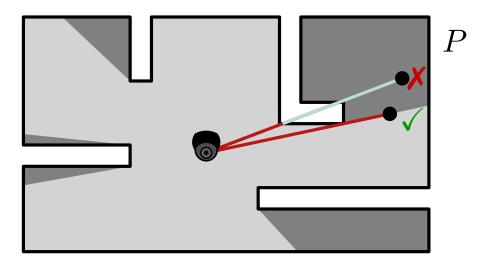
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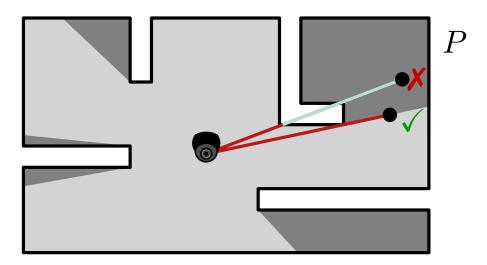
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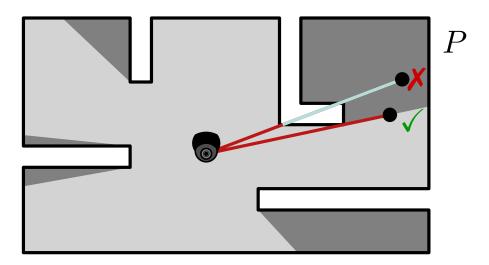


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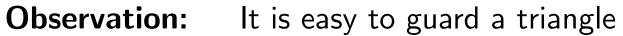
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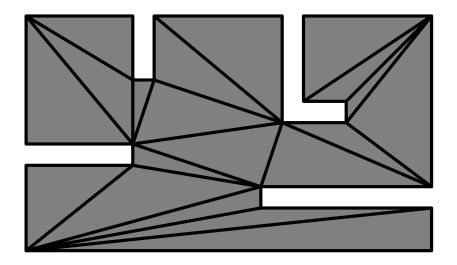


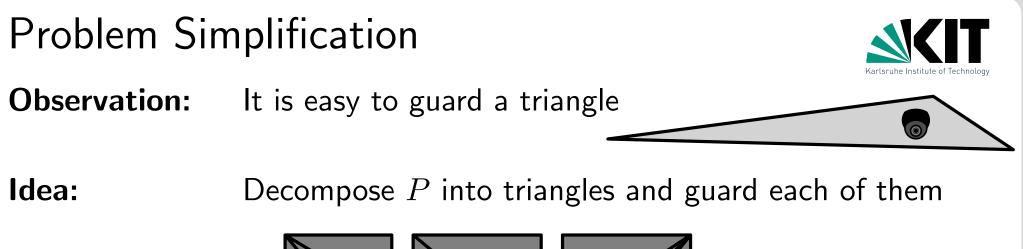


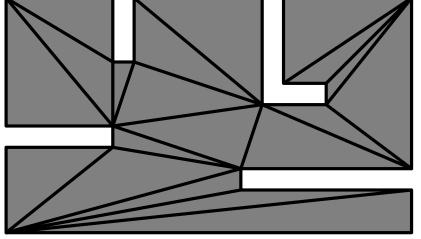
Observation: It is easy to guard a triangle

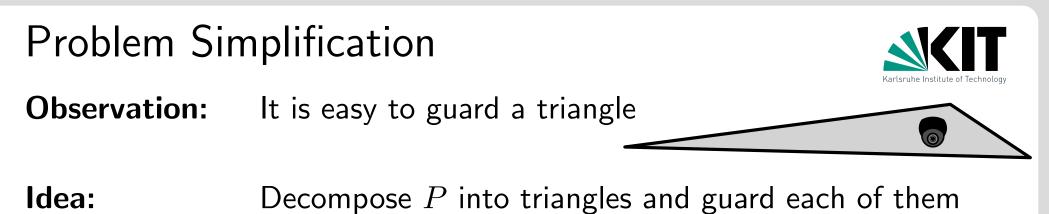


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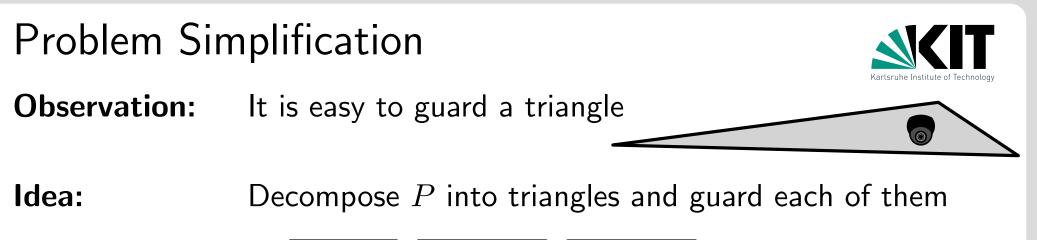


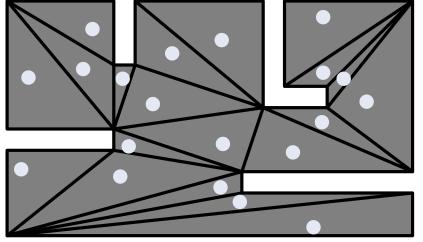




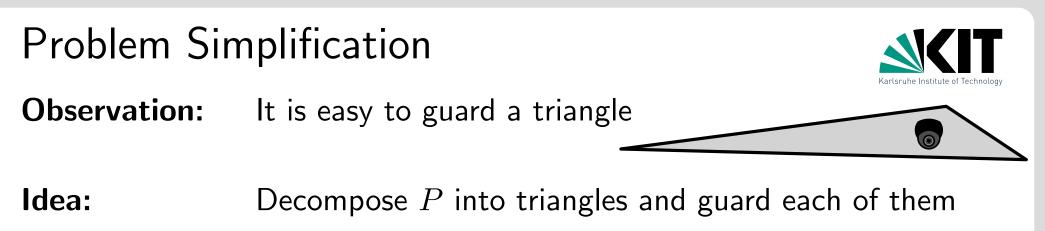


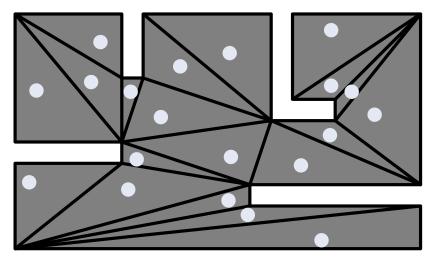
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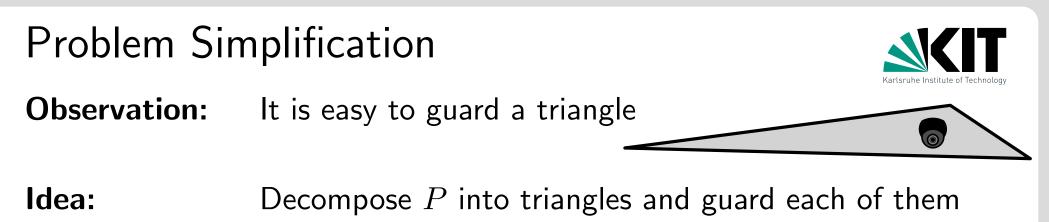
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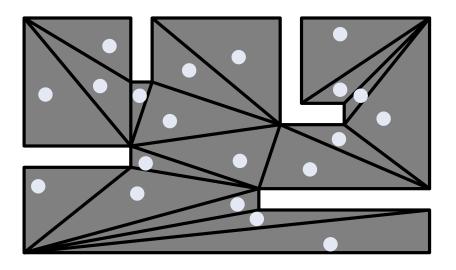




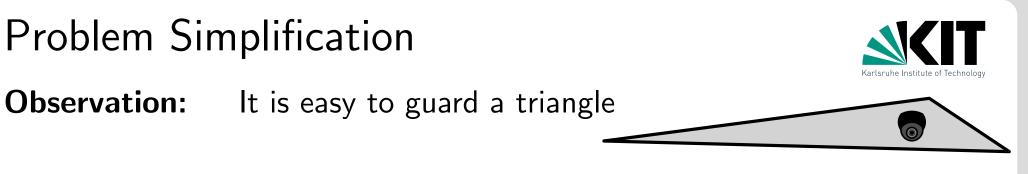
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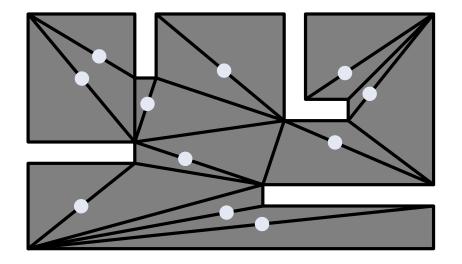




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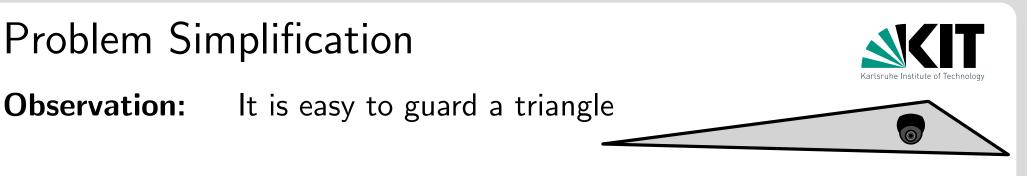


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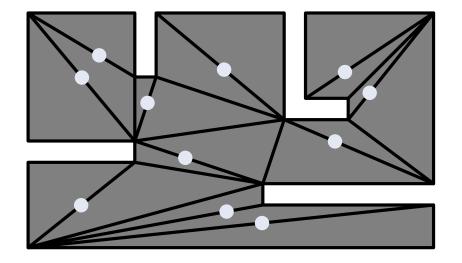


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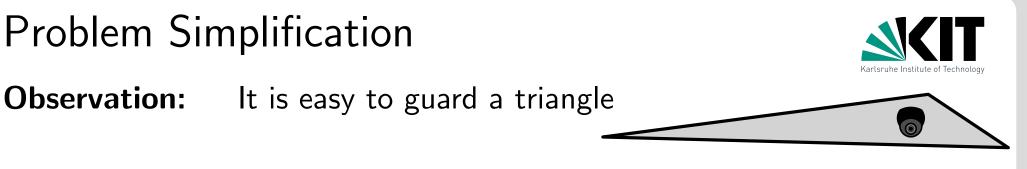


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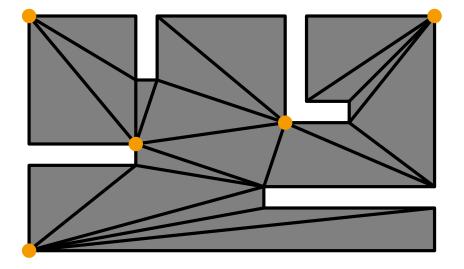


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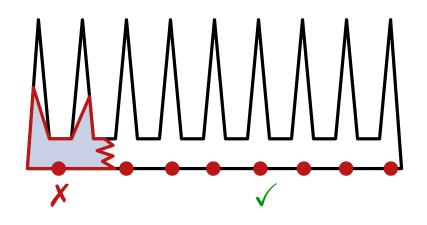
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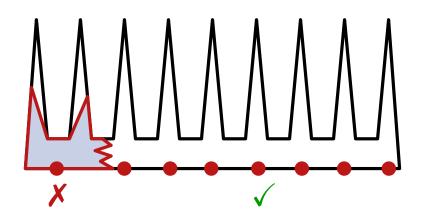




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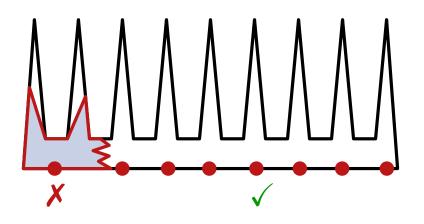
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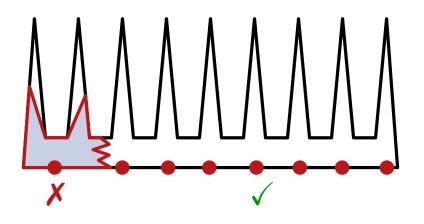
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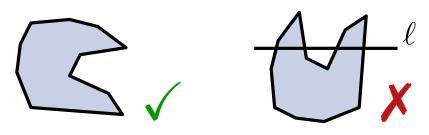
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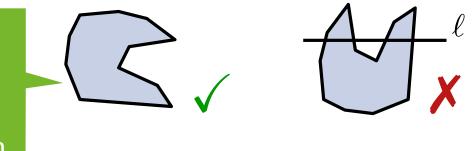


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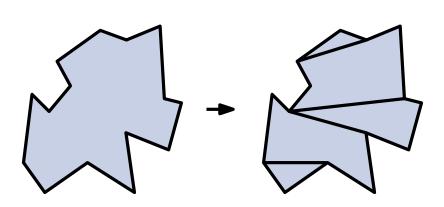


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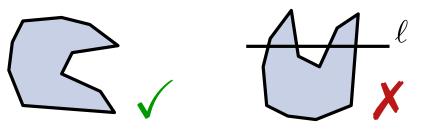




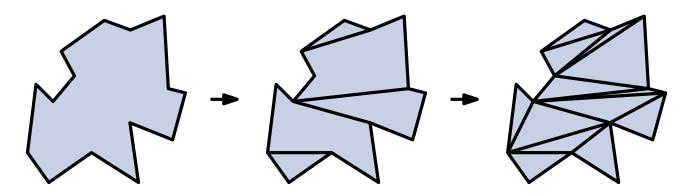
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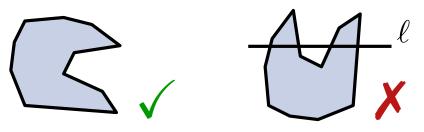




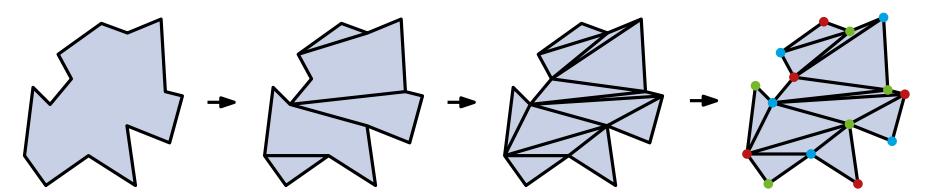
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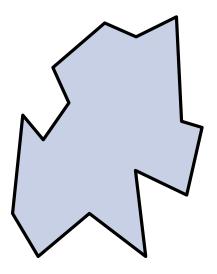


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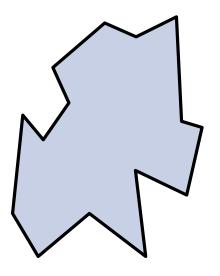
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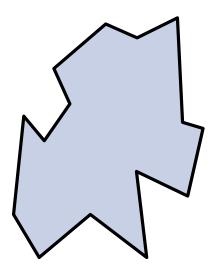
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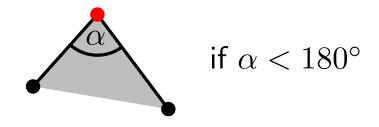


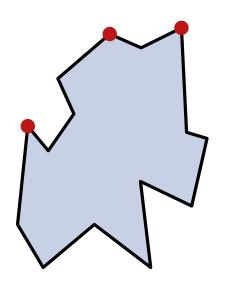


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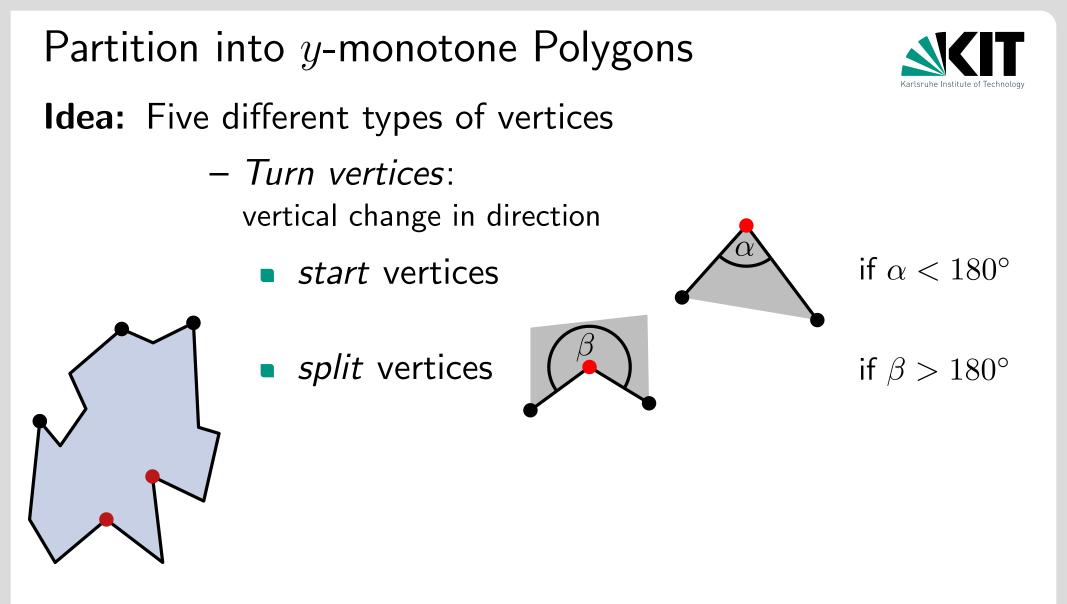
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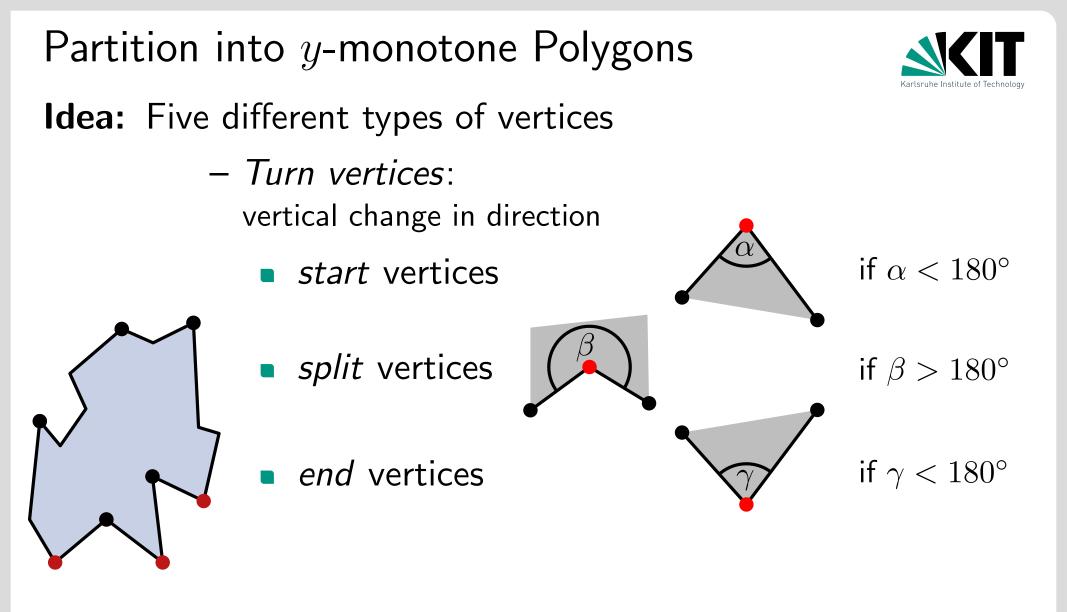
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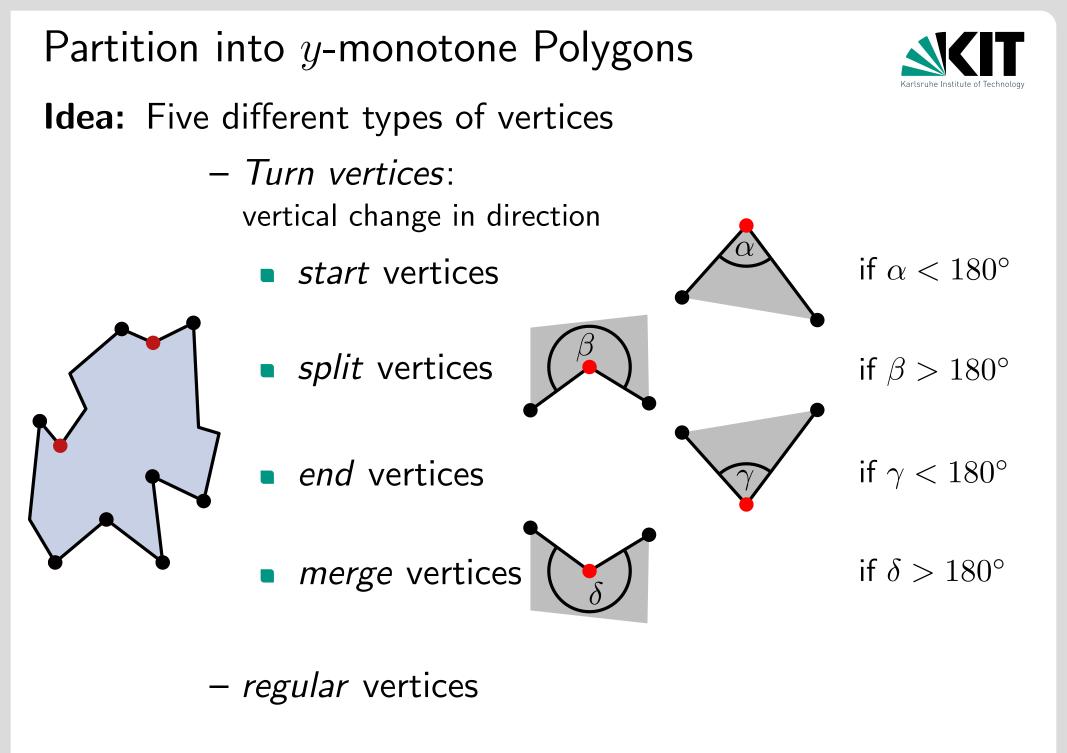


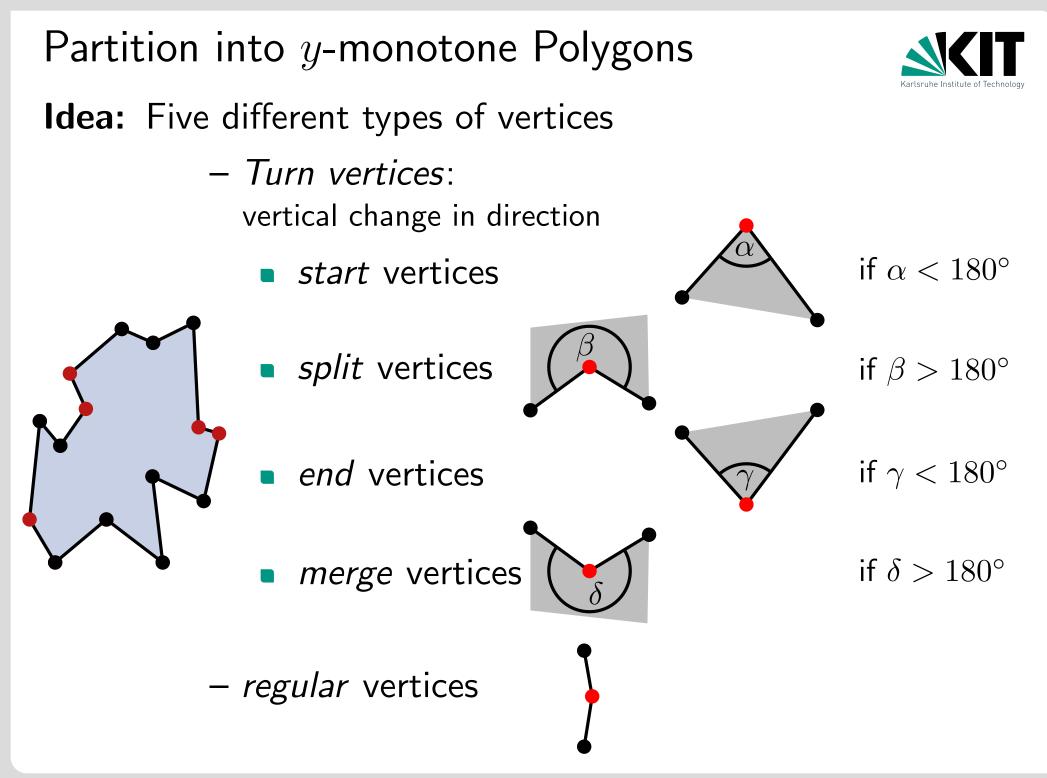














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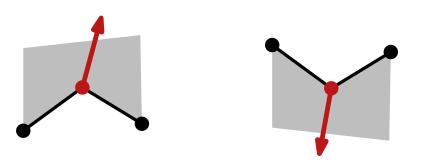
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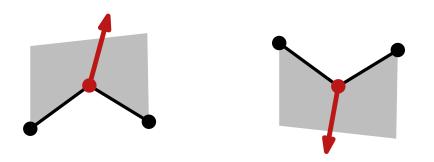
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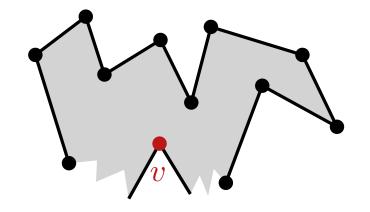
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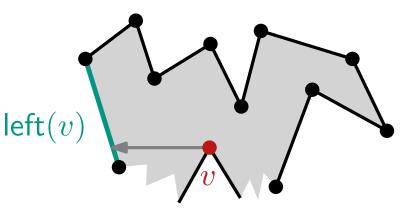
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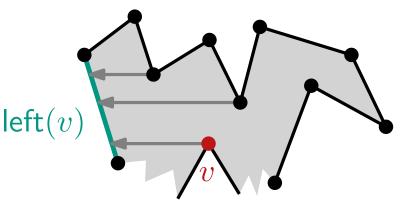




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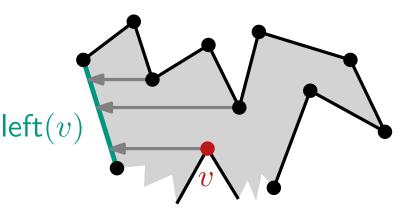






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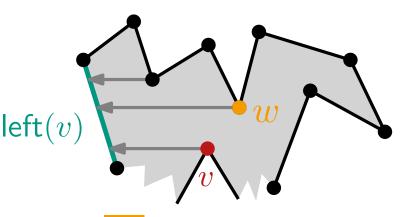


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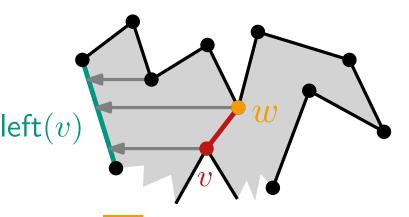


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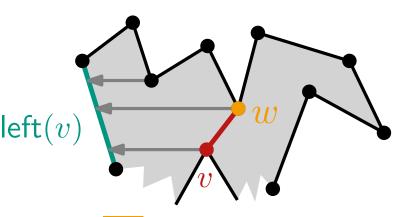


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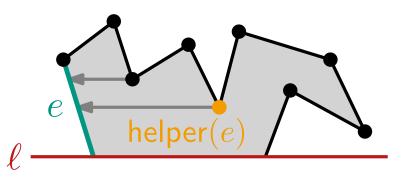


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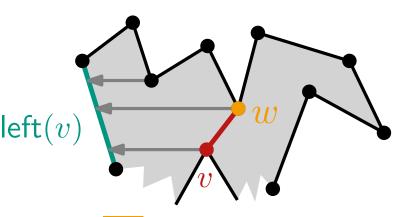
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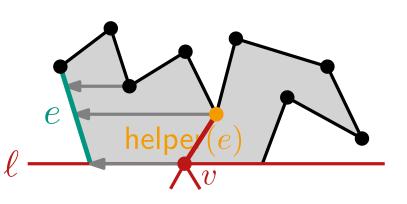


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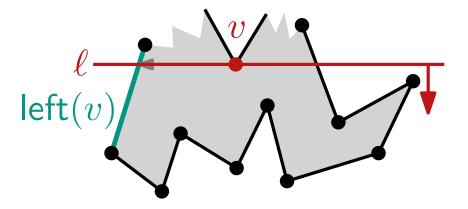
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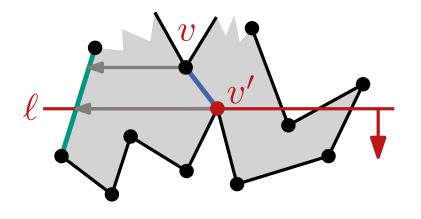
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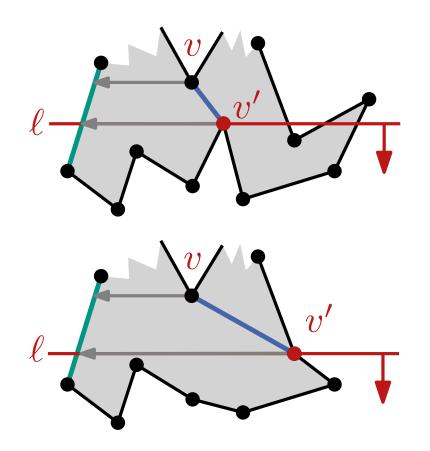


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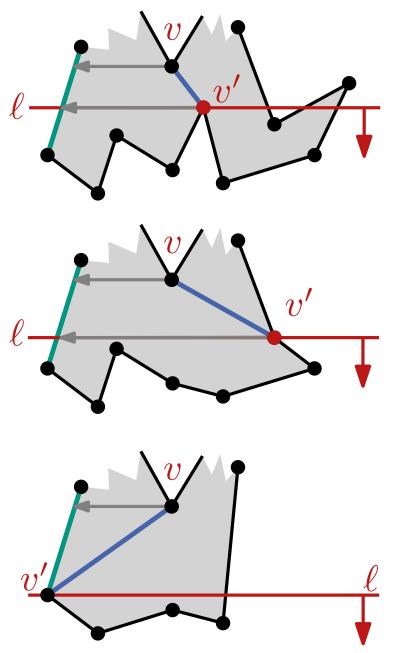


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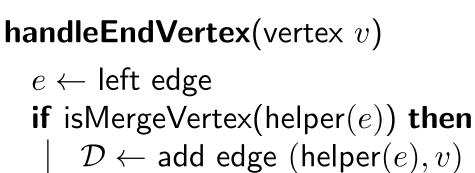
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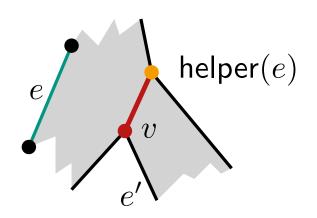


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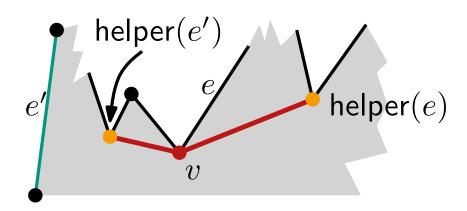


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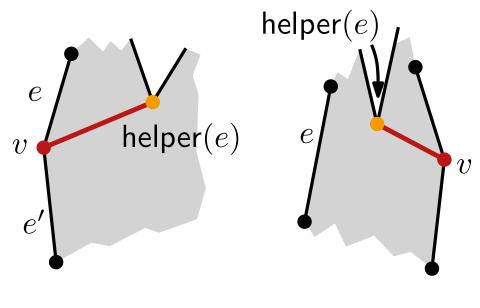


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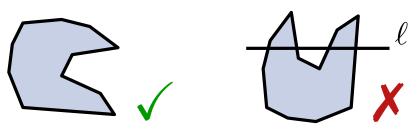
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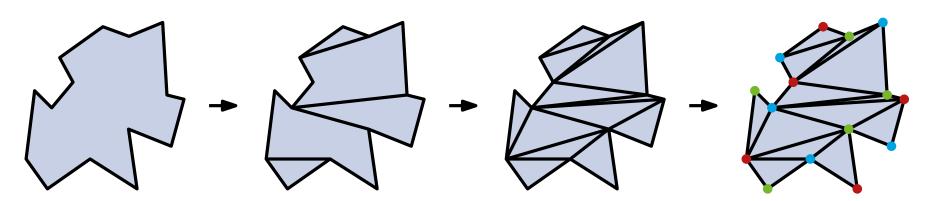
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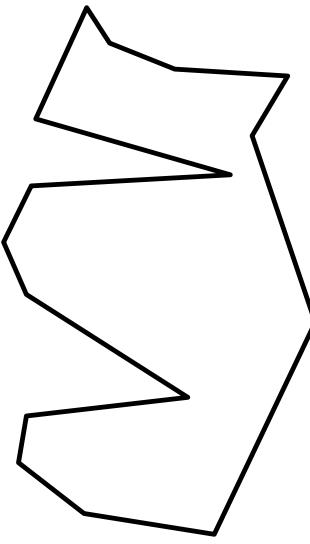


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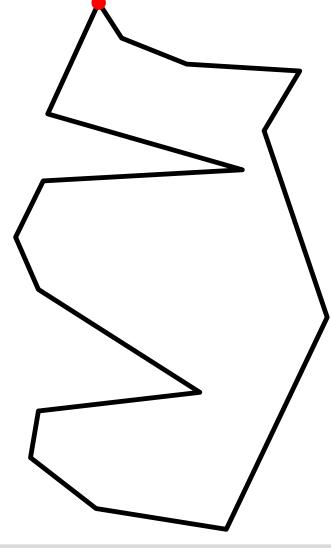


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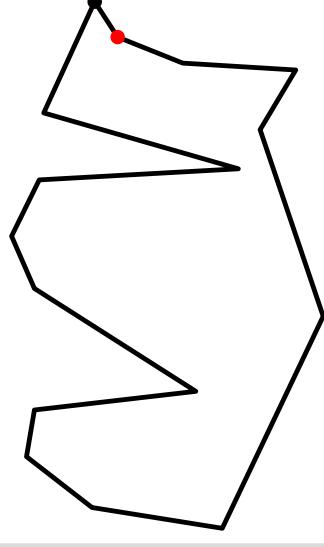


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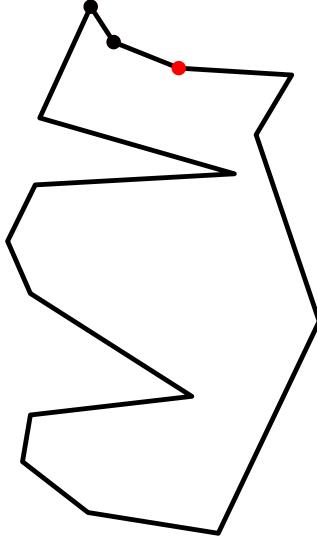


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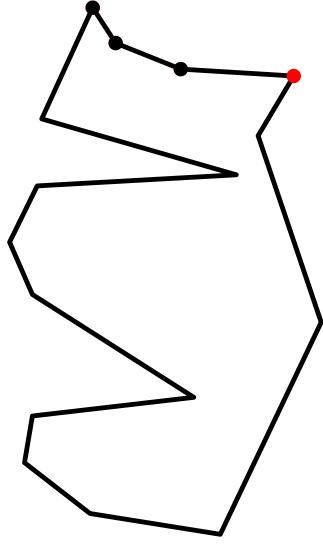


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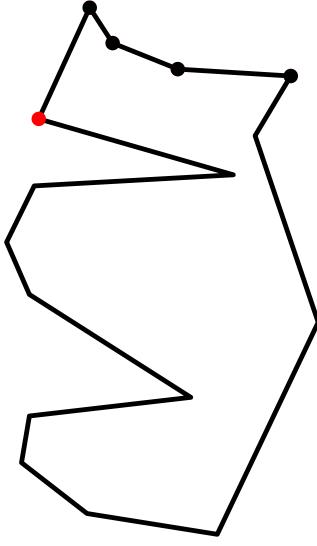


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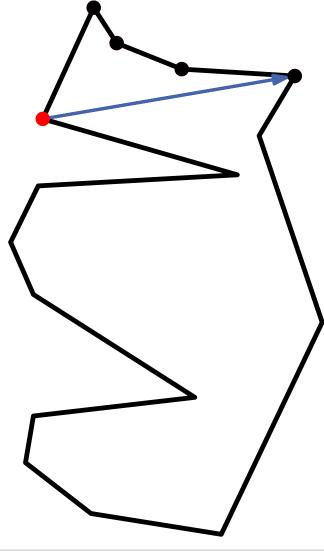


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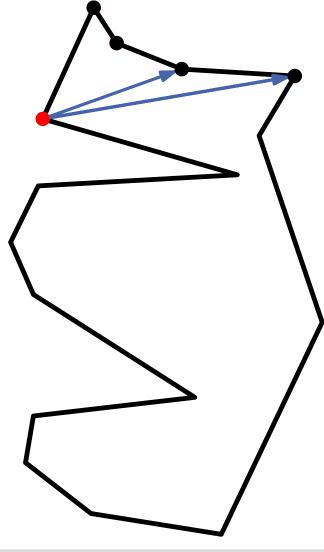


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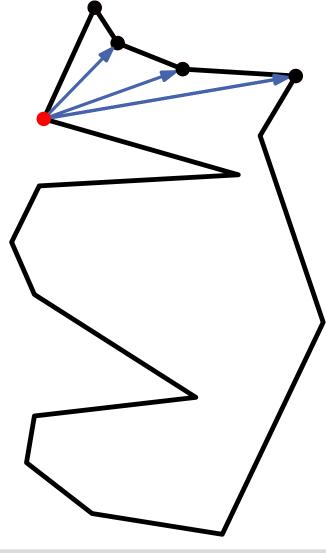


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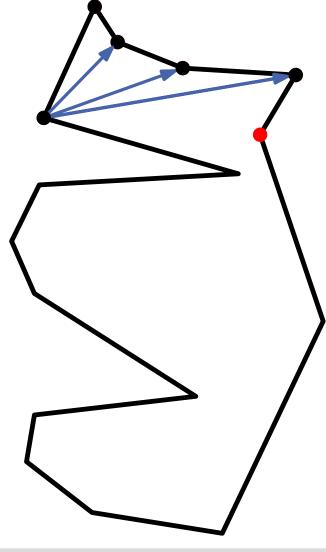


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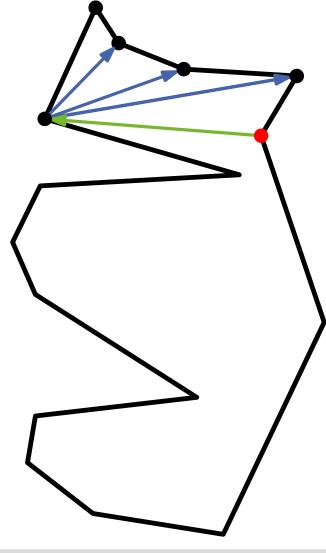


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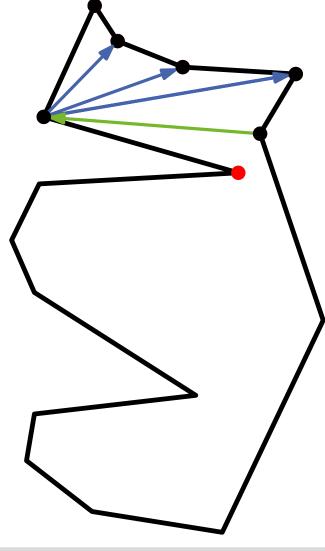


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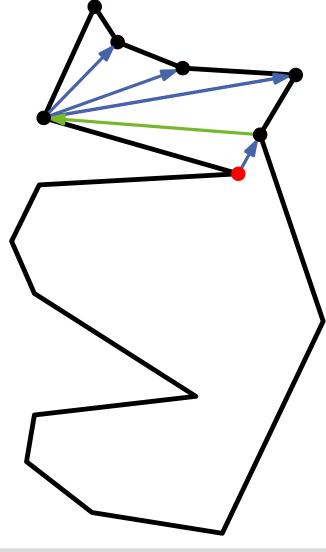


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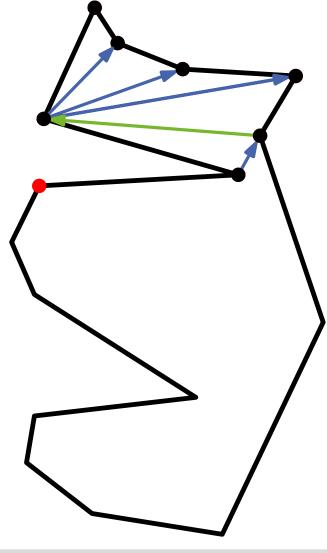


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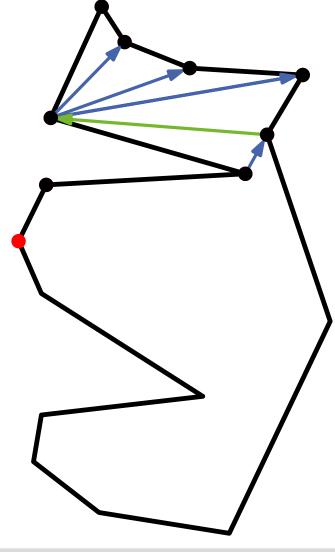


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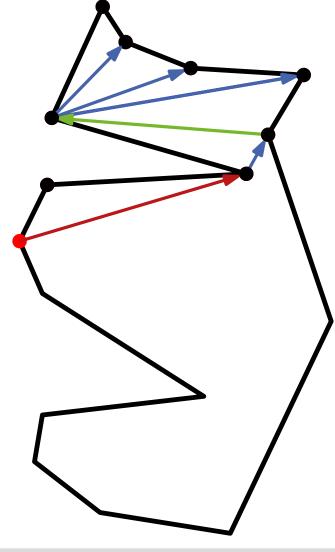


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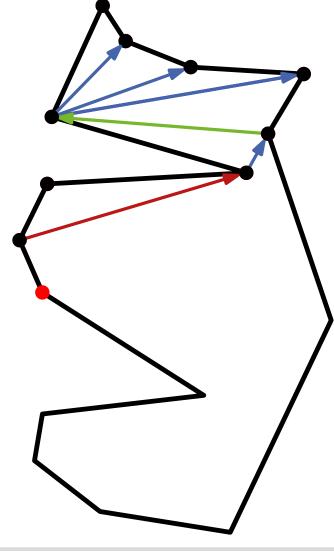


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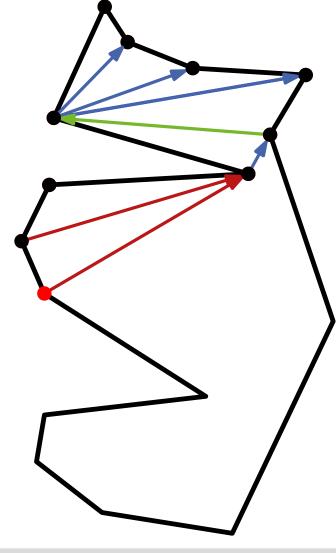


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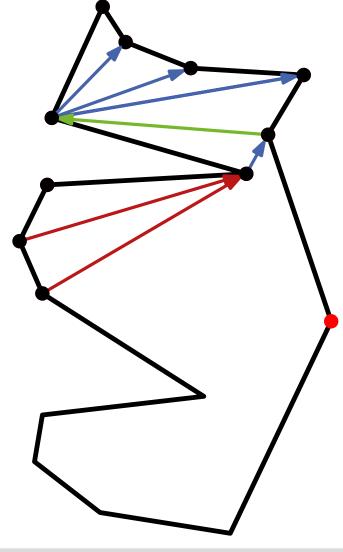


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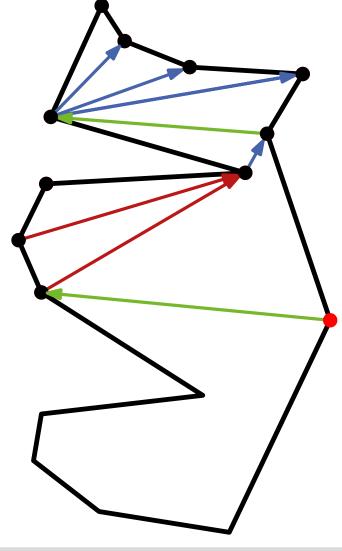


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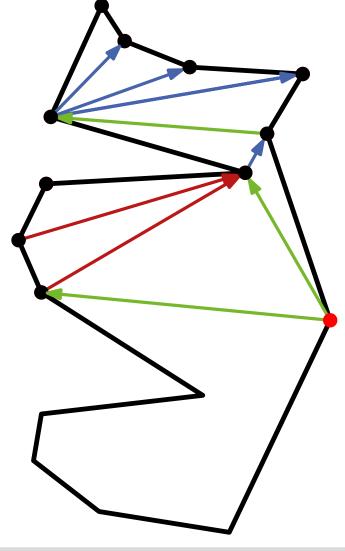


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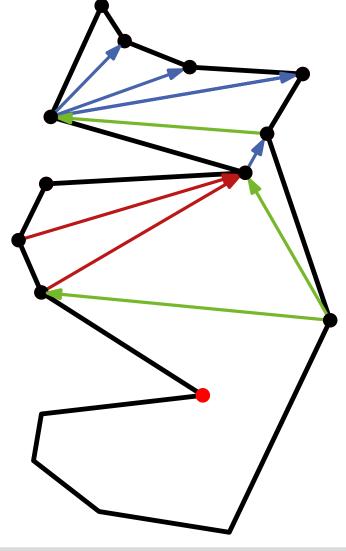


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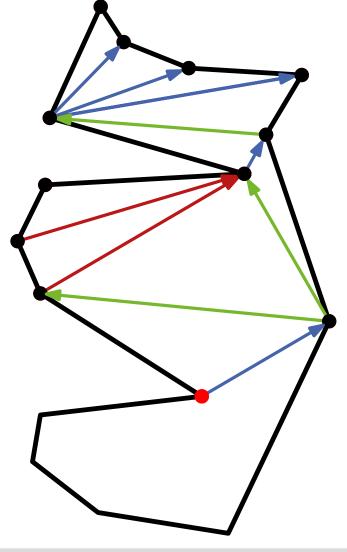


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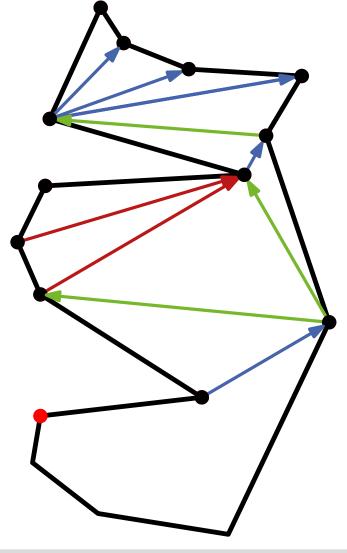


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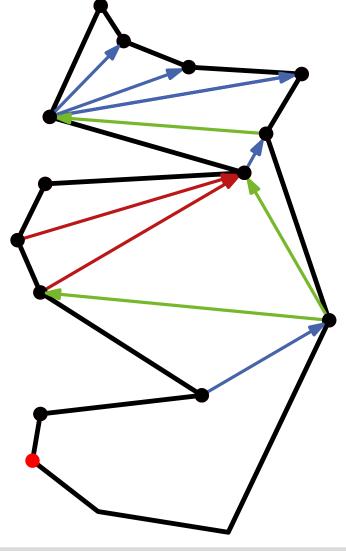


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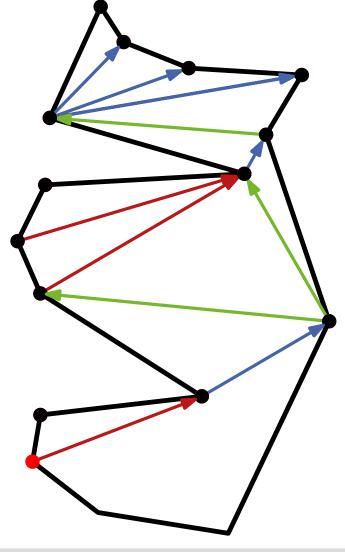


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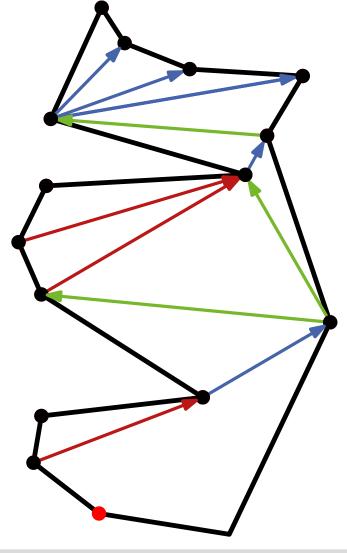


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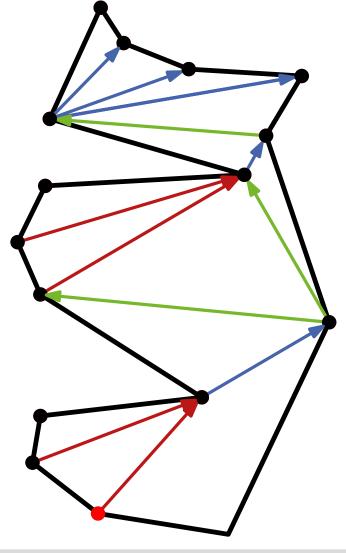


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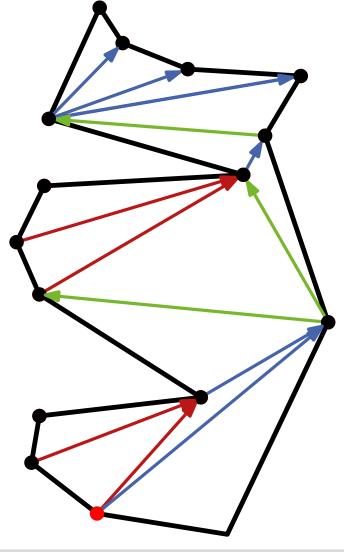


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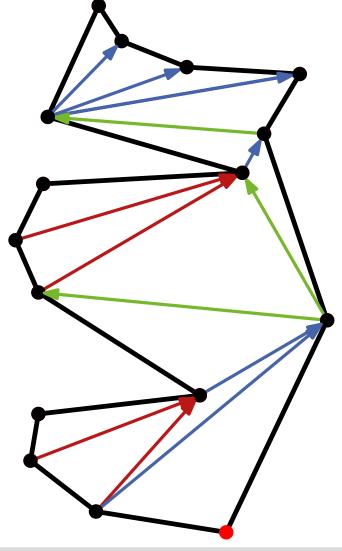


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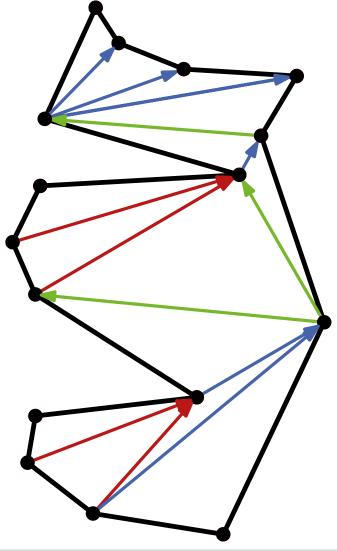
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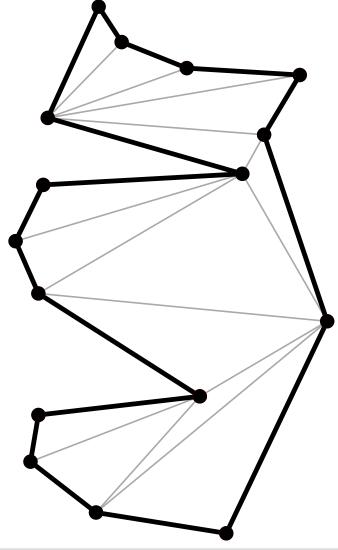
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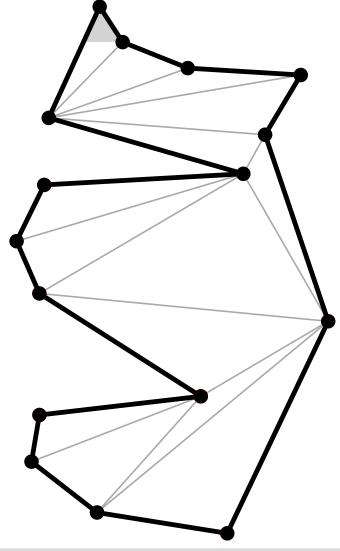
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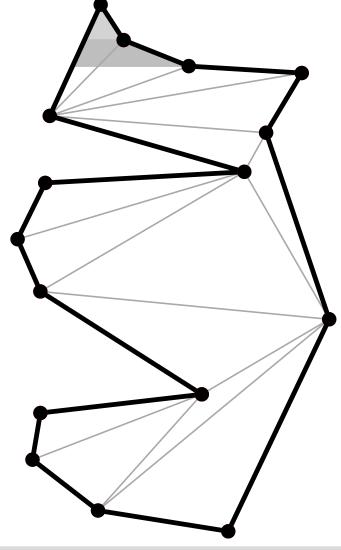
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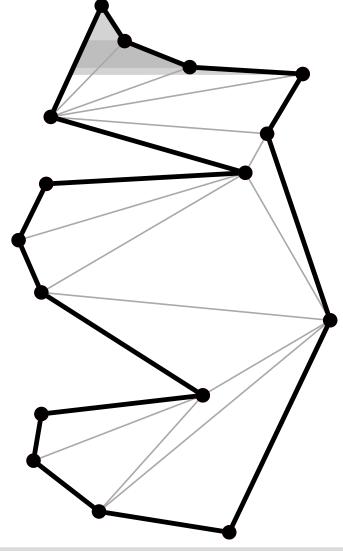
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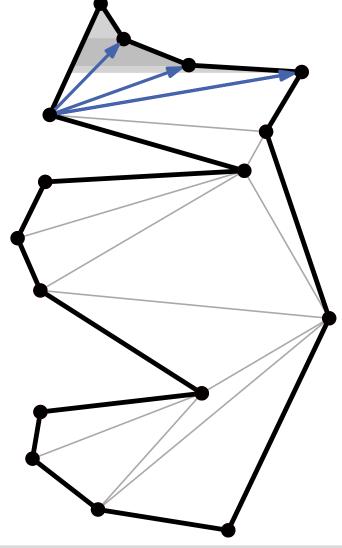
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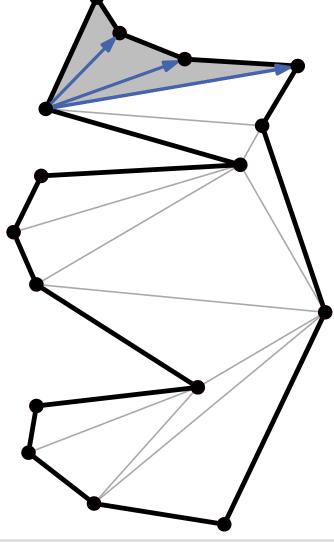
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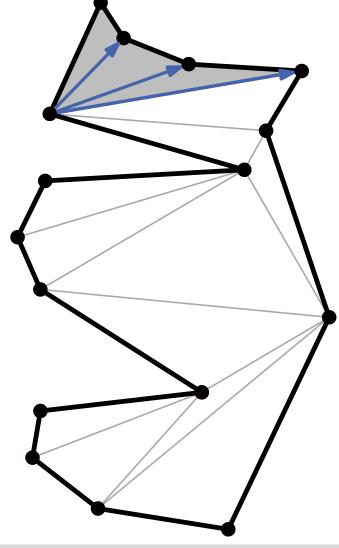
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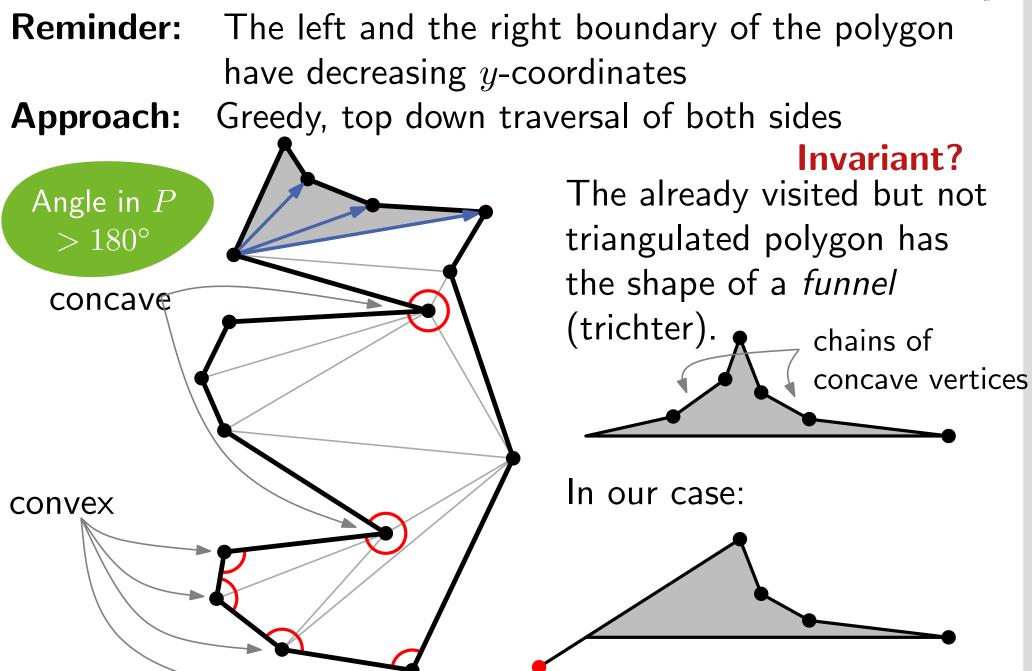


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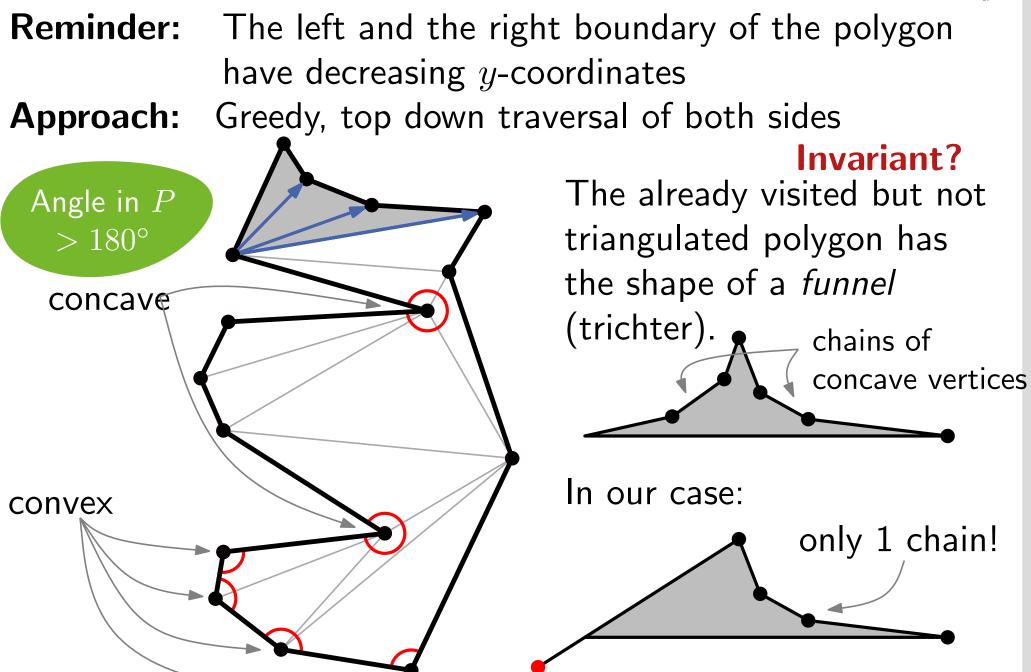
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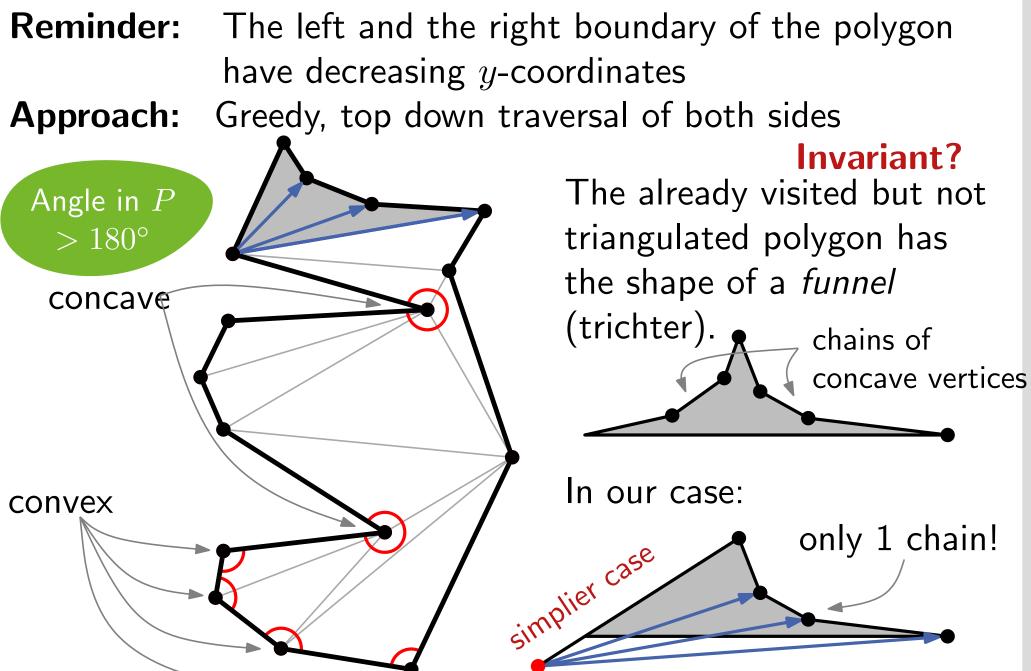
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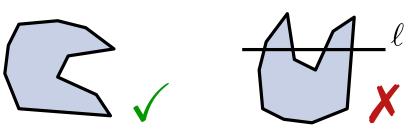
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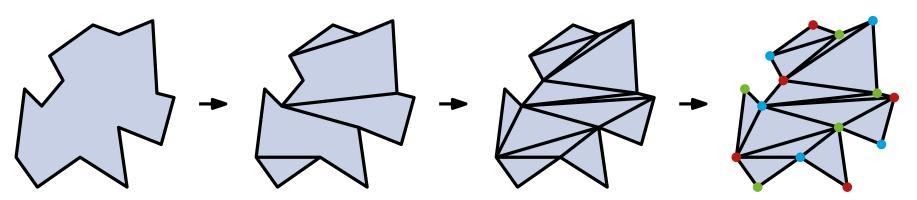
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Definition: A polygon P is y-monotone, if for each horizontal line ℓ the intersection $\ell \cap P$ is connected.



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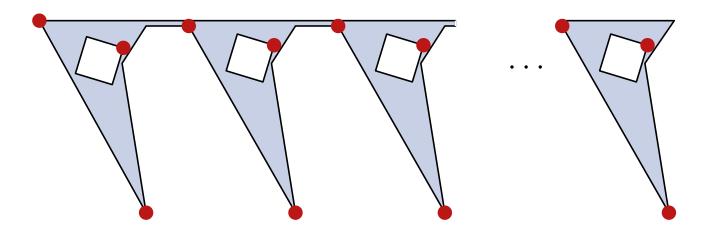


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Yes. The question whether it is possible was open for more than a decade. In the end of 80's a faster randomized algorithm was given, and in 1990 Chazelle presented a deterministic linear-time algorithm (complicated).