

Static analysis of memory manipulations by abstract interpretation

Algorithmics of tropical polyhedra, and application to abstract interpretation

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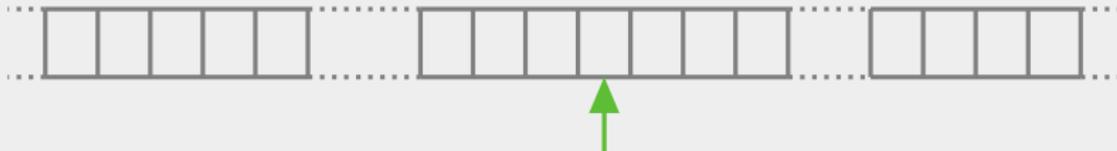
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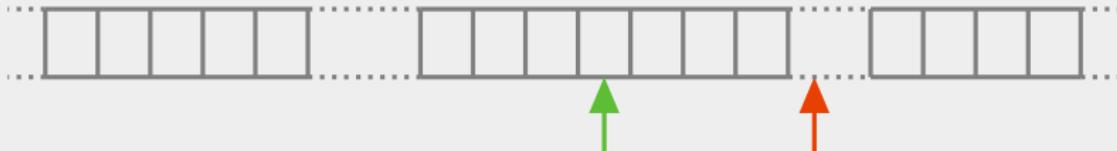
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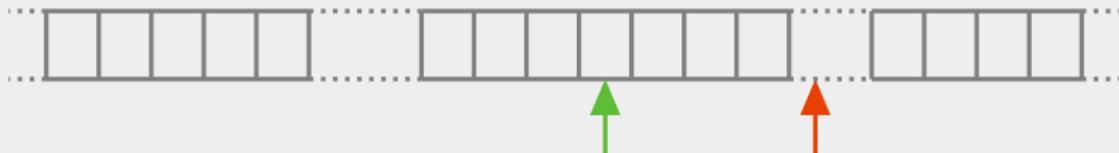
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- software crashes (SEGFALT)
- security holes, execution of arbitrary codes



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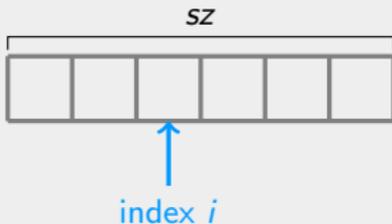
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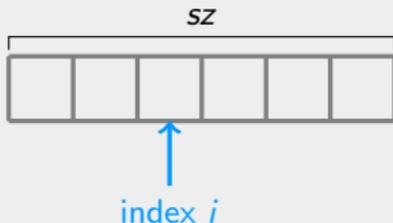
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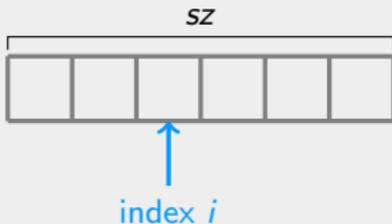
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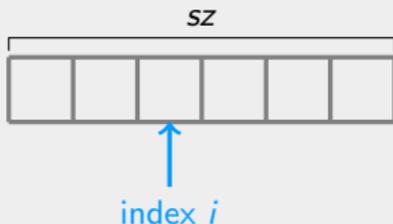
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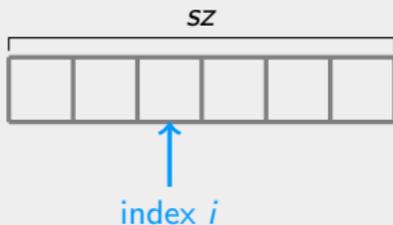
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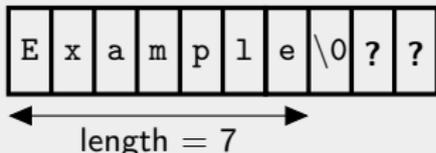
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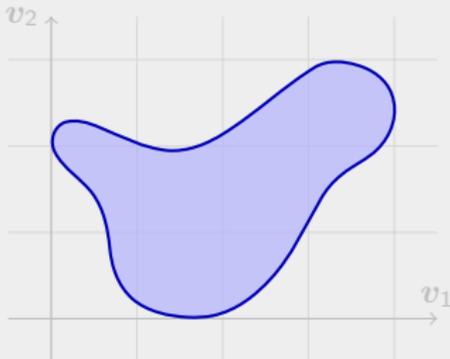
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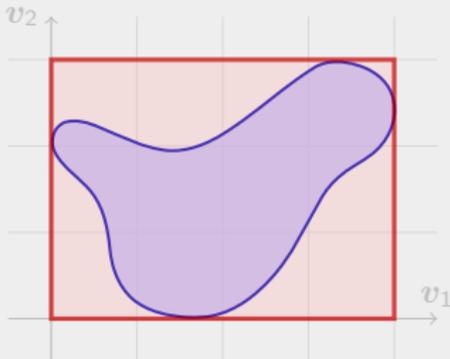


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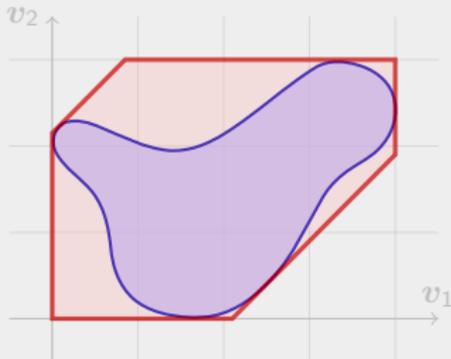
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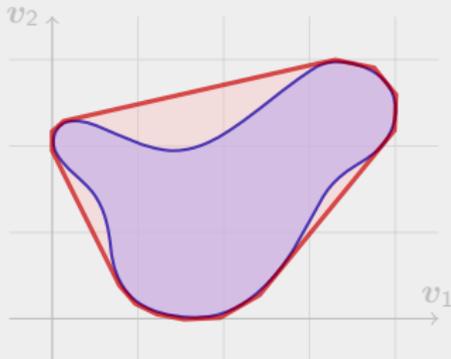
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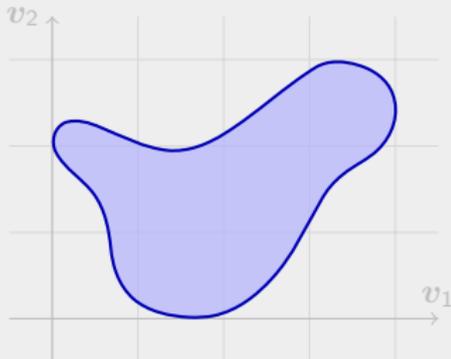
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Remark: most existing numerical abstract domains are **convex**

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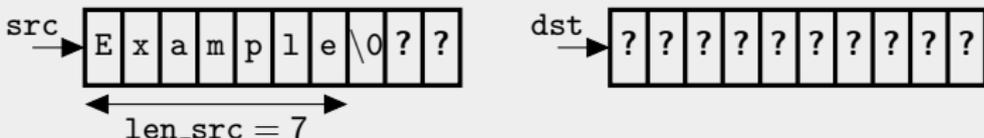
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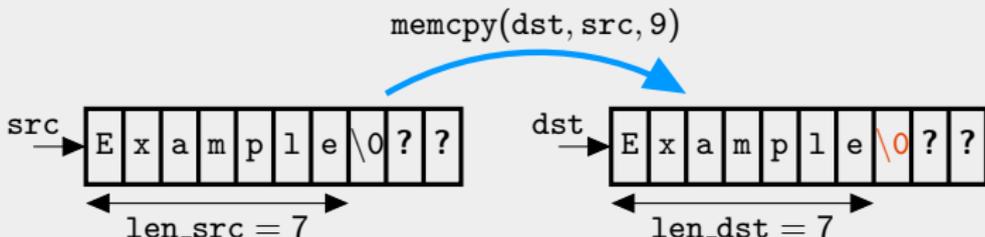


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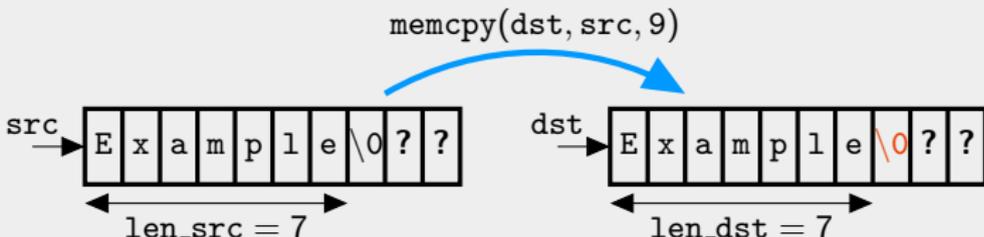


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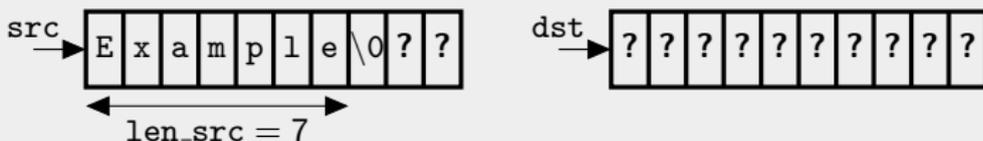


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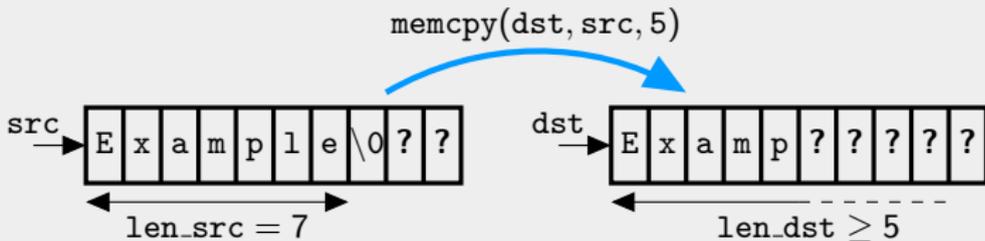


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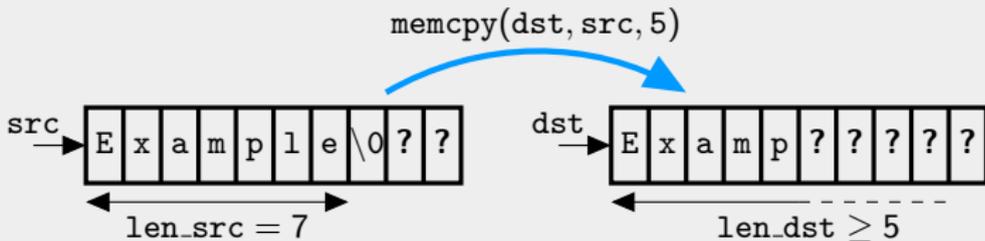


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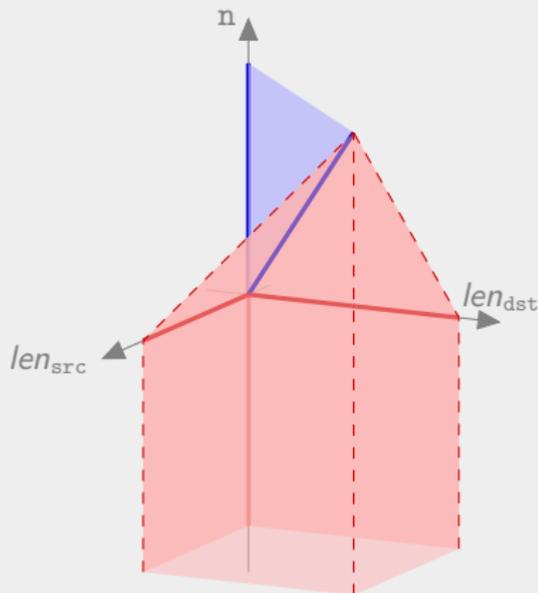
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Existing disjunctive techniques:

- disjunctive completion [Cousot and Cousot, 1979, Giacobazzi and Ranzato, 1998, Bagnara et al., 2006]
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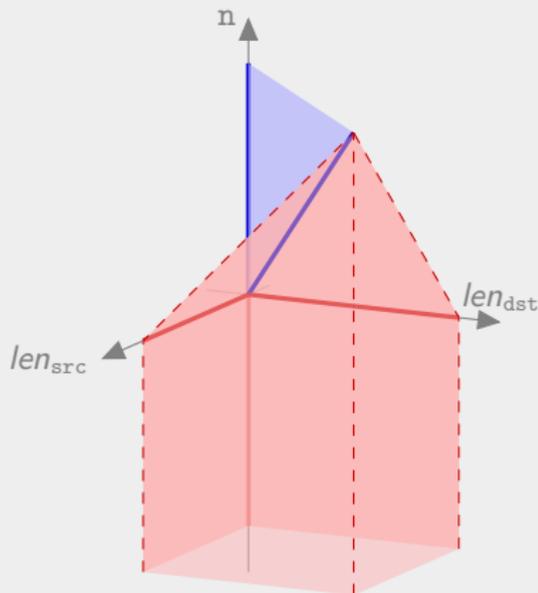


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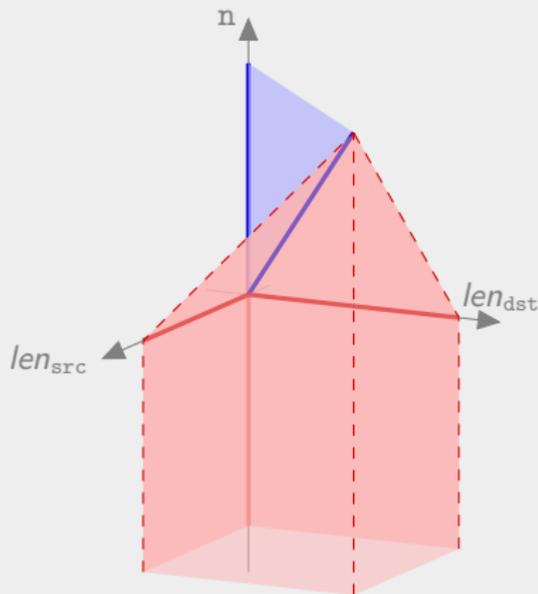
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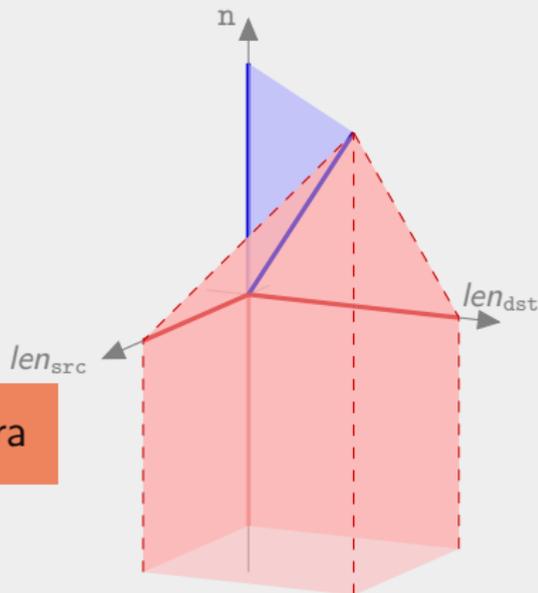
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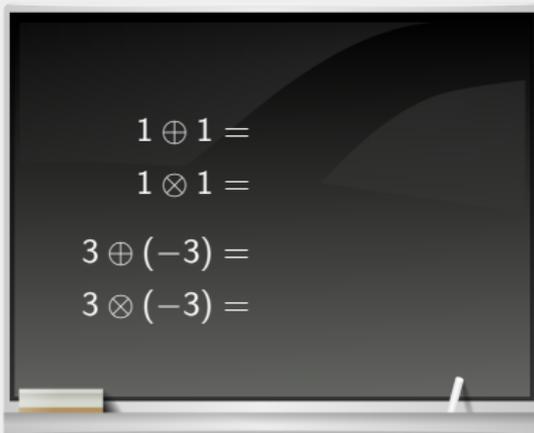
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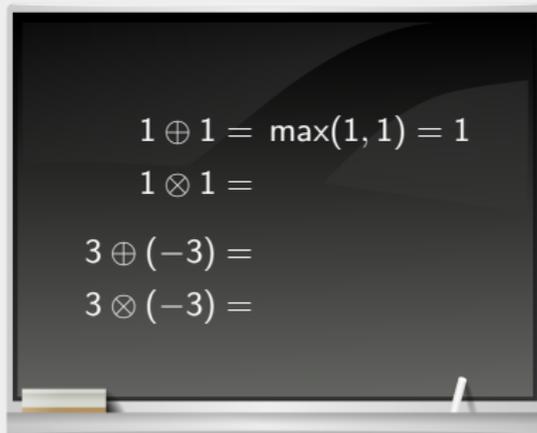
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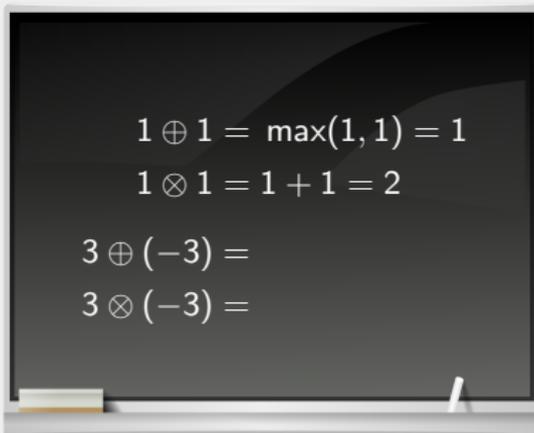
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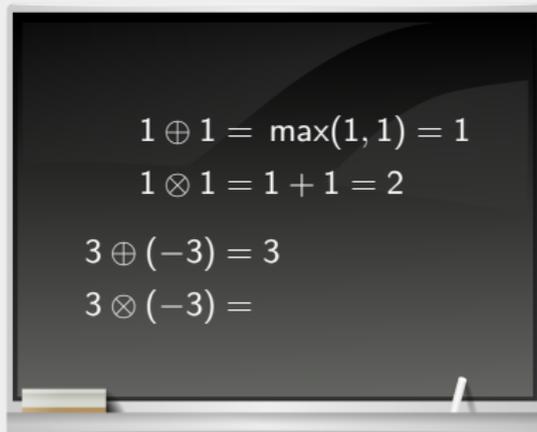
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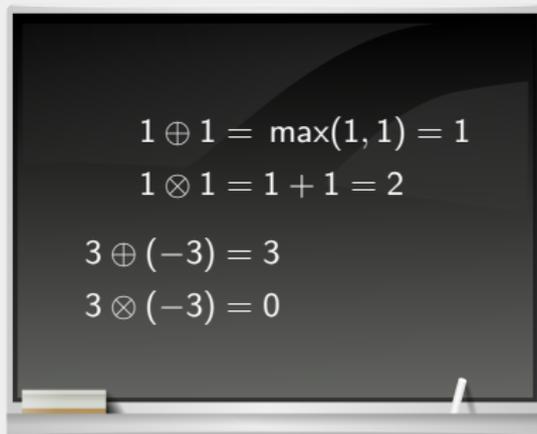
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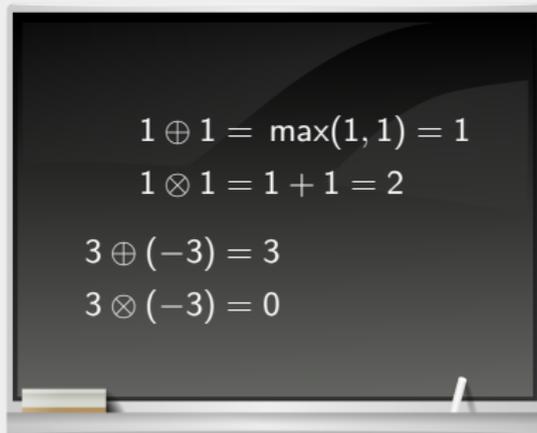
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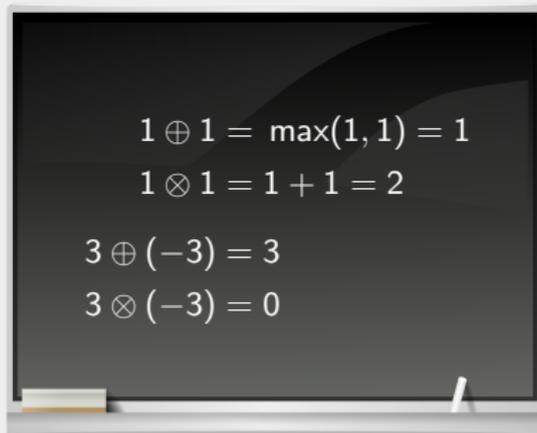


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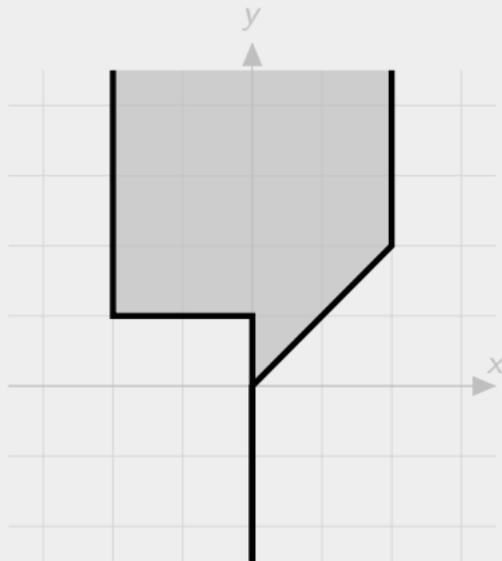
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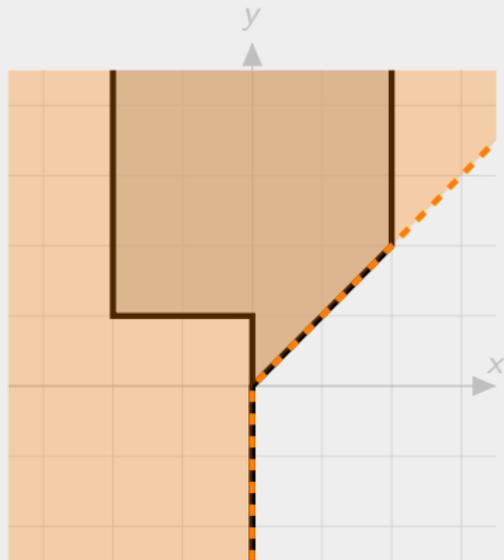
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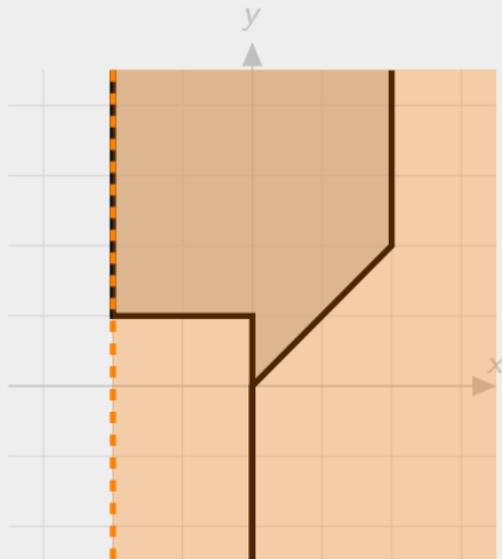
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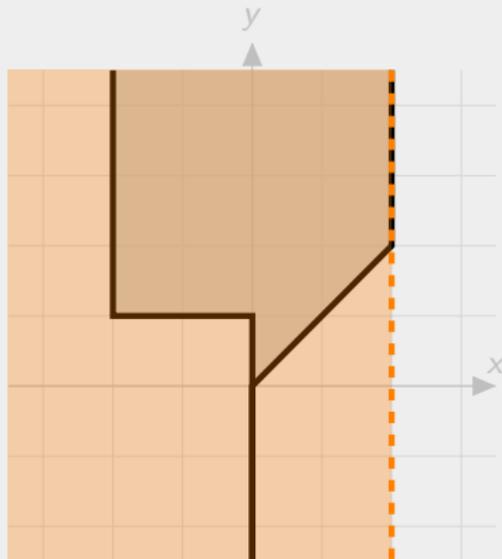
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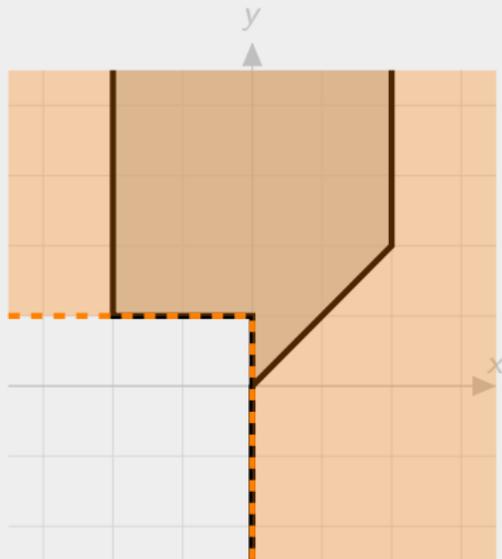
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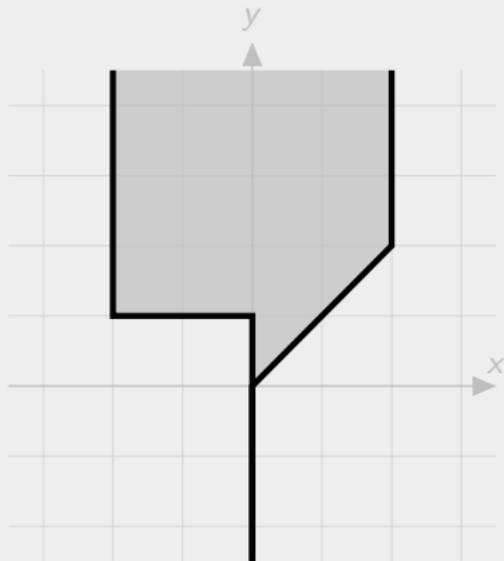
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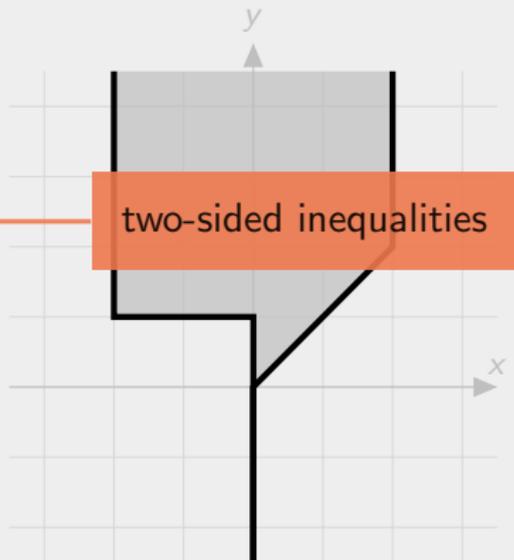
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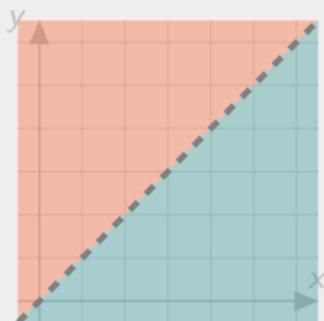
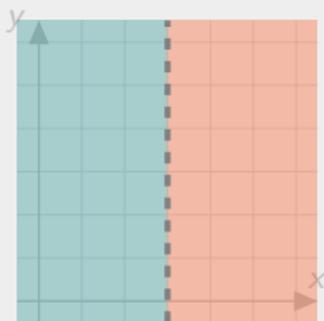
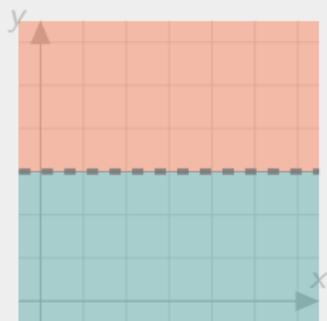
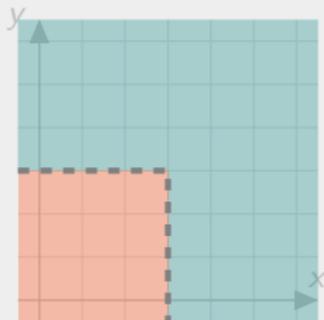
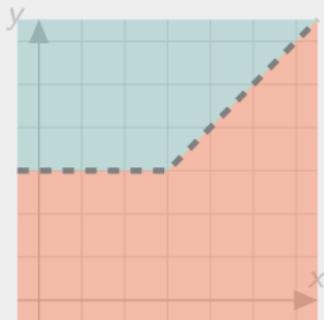
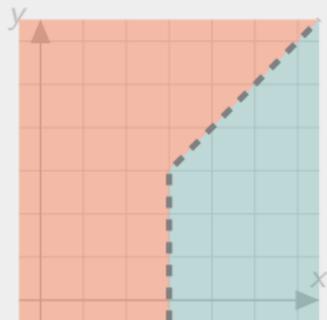
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Tropical halfspaces

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Definition (Generating representation)

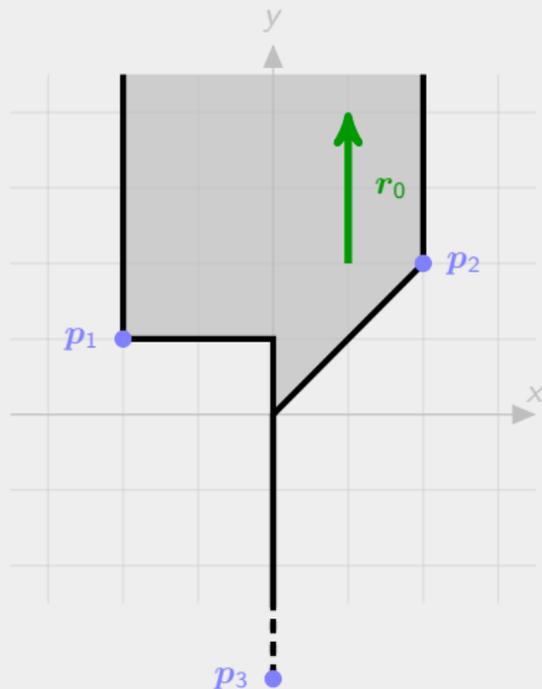
A tropical polyhedron is formed by the combinations of finitely many:

- points $p_i \in P$,
- and of rays $r_j \in R$,

of the form:

$$\bigoplus_{i=1}^p \lambda_i p_i \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^q \mu_j r_j$$

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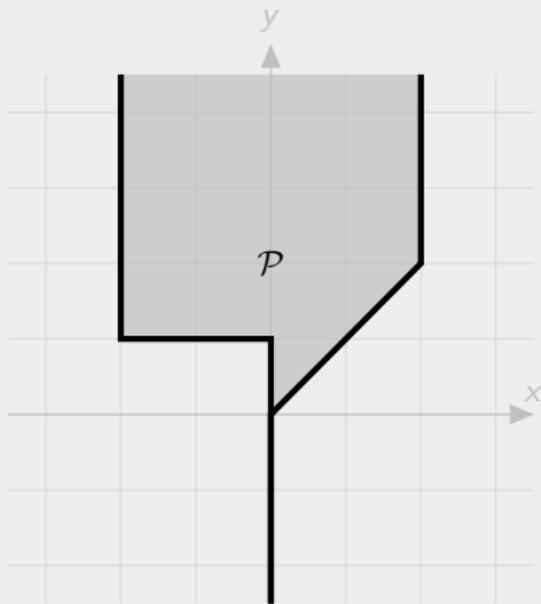
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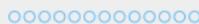
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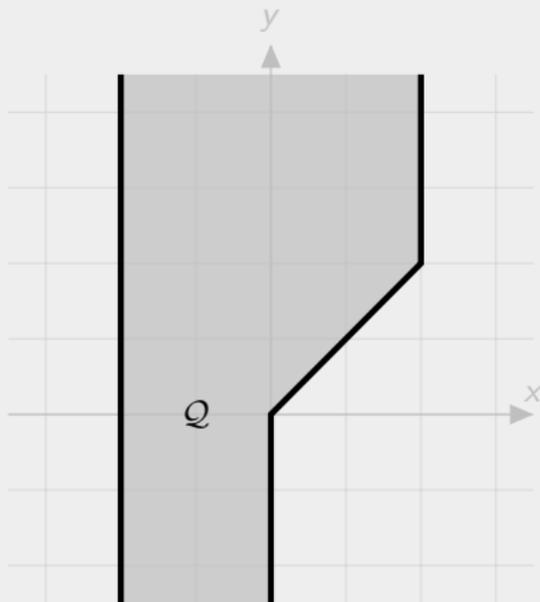




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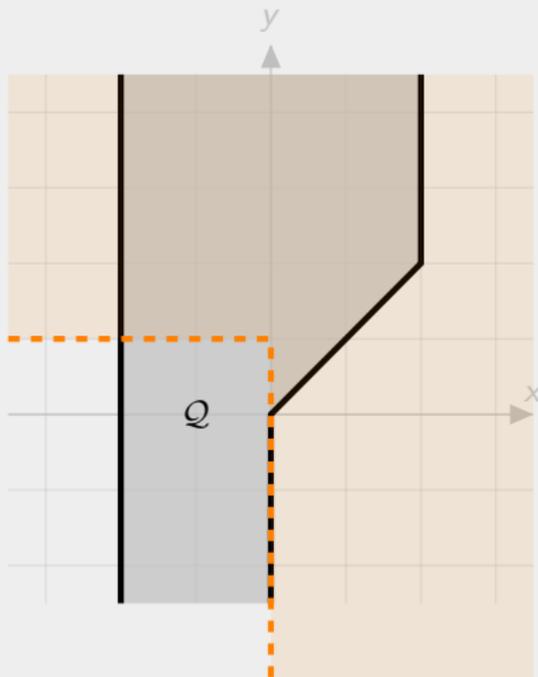


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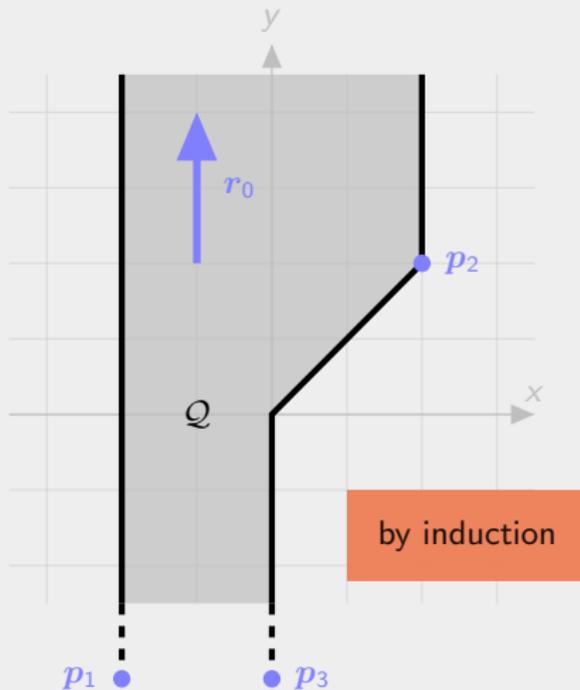
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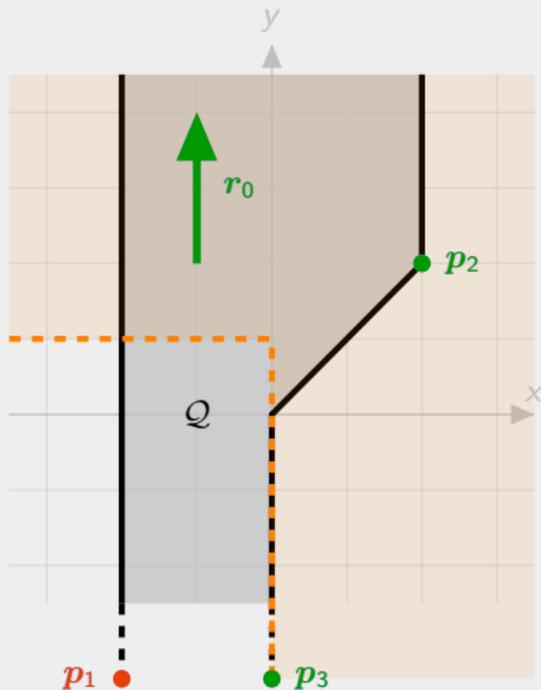
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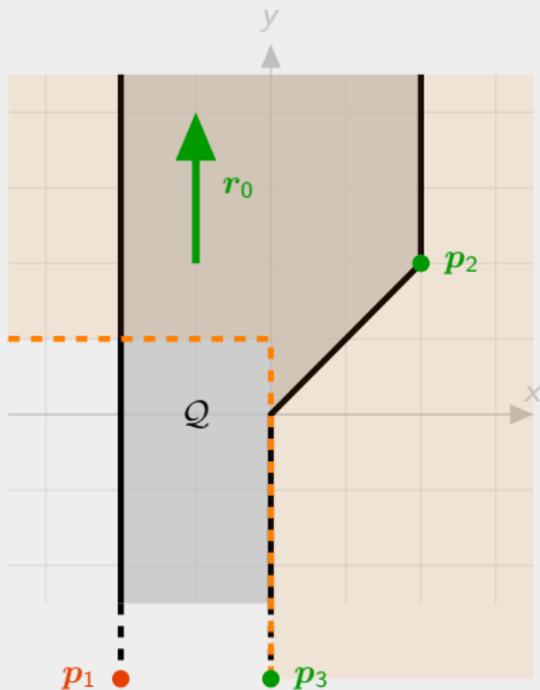
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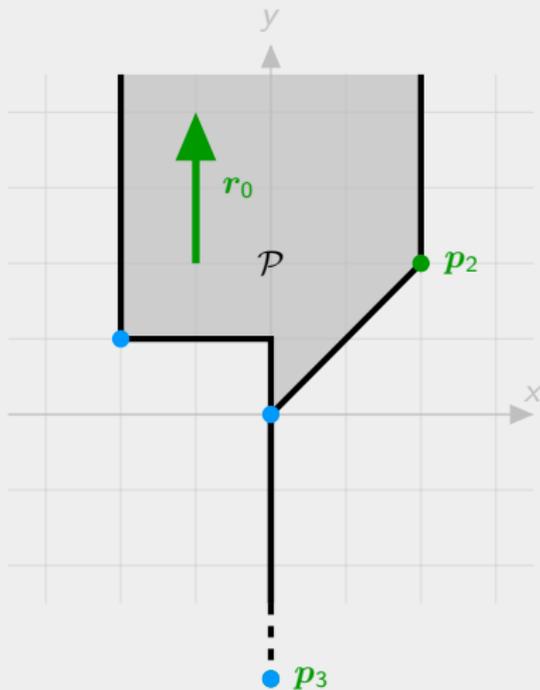
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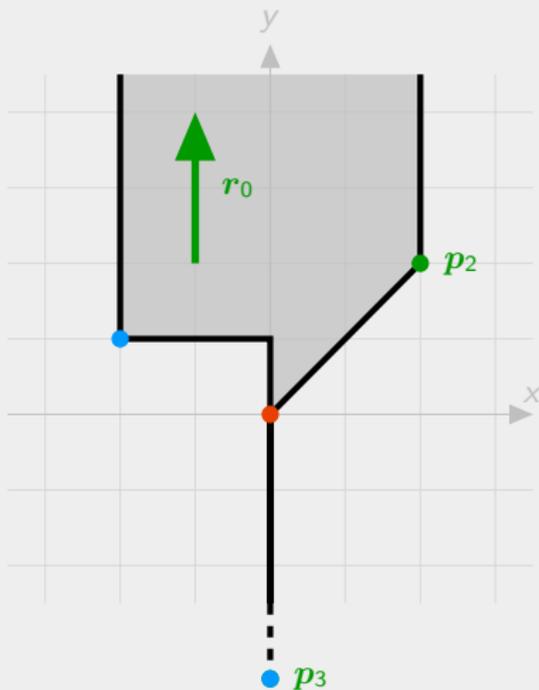
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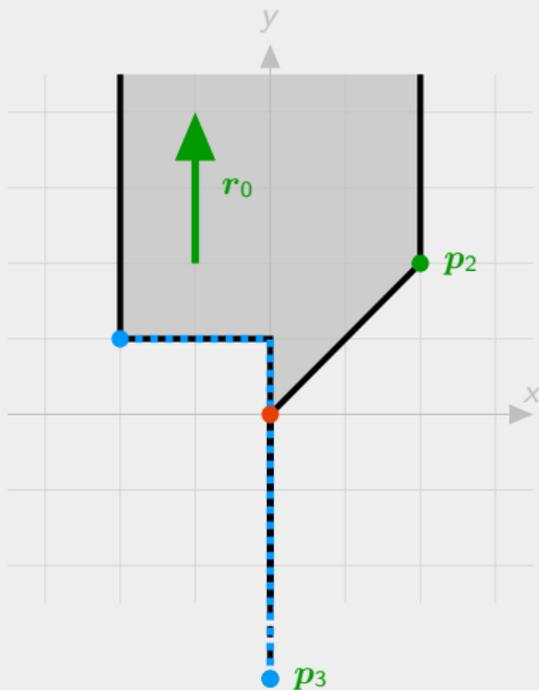


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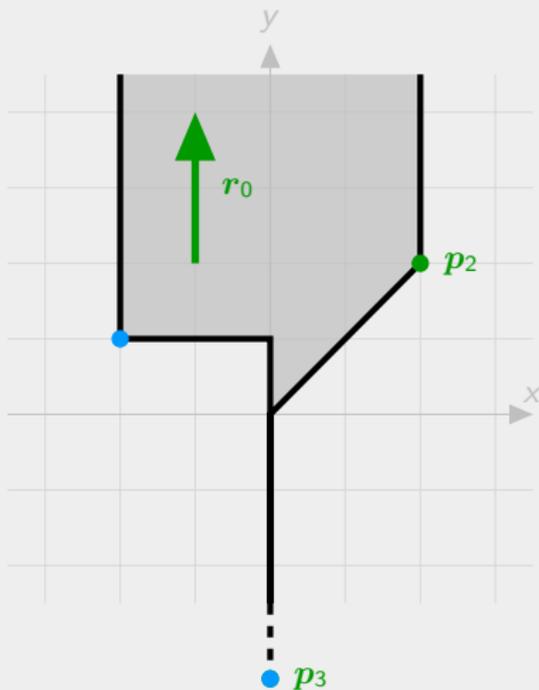
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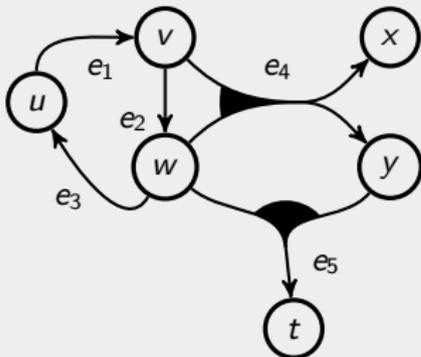
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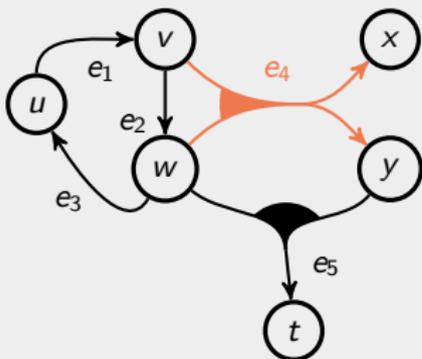
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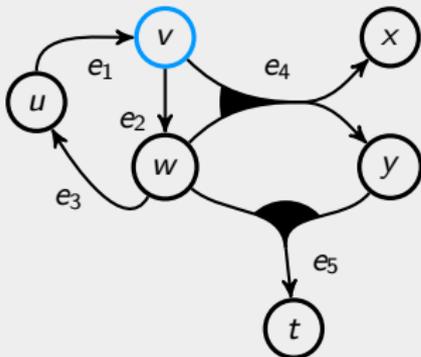
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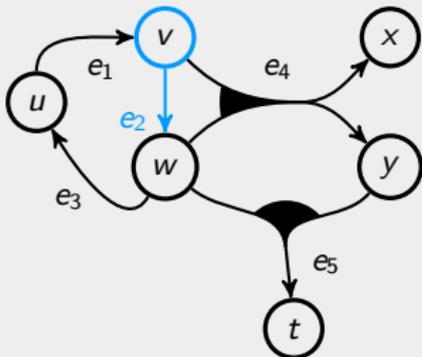
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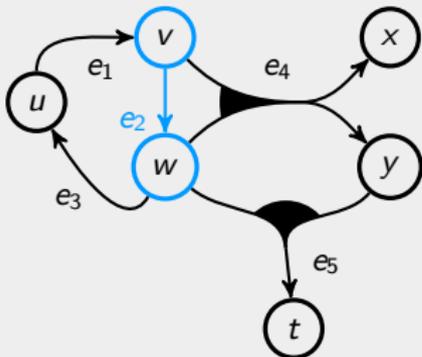
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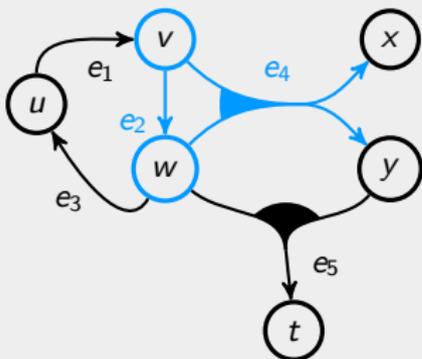
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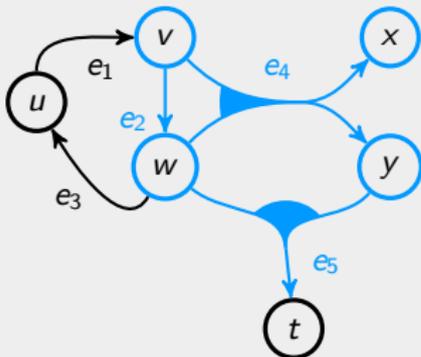
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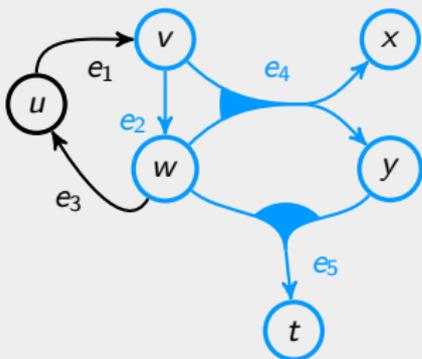
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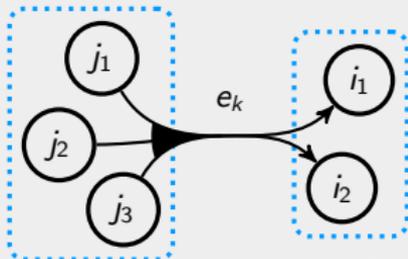
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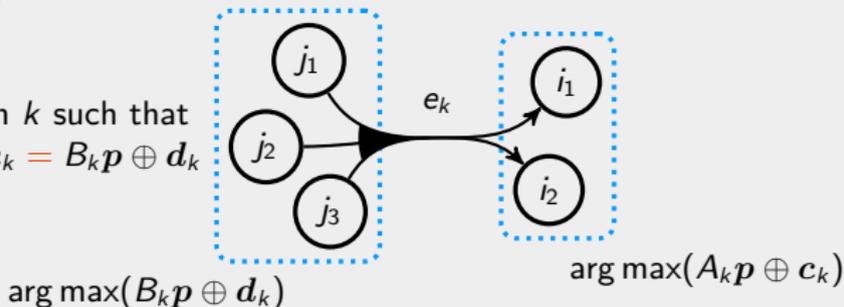
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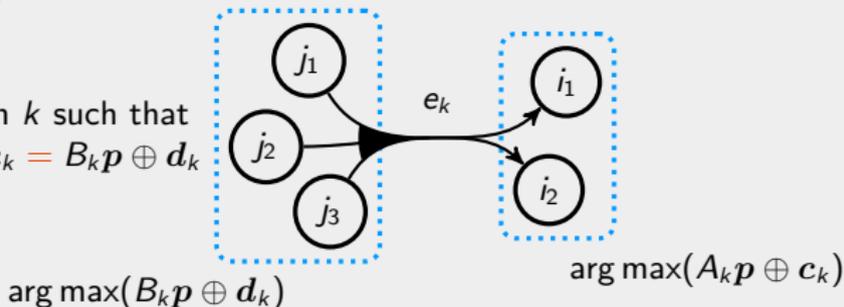
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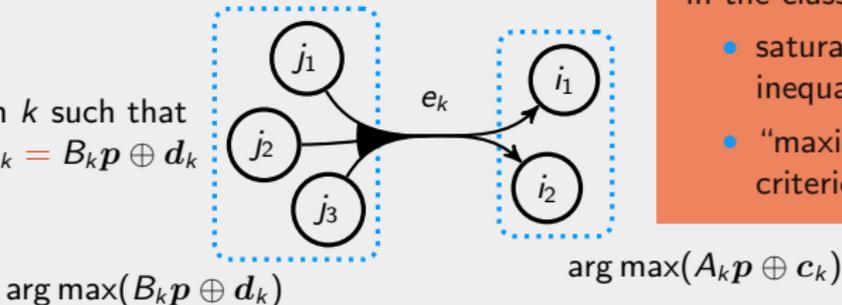
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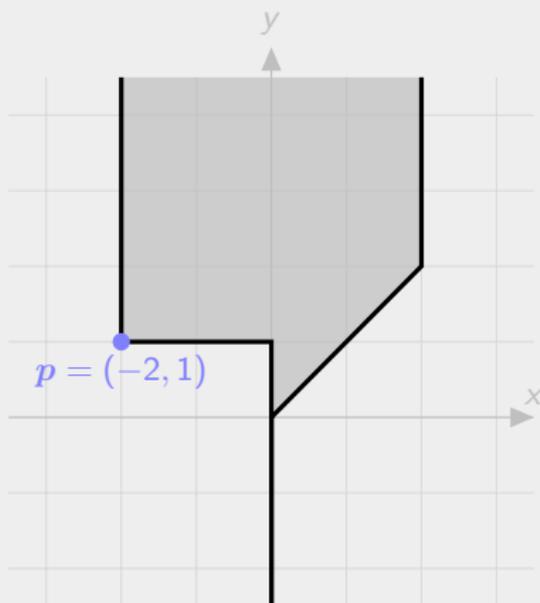
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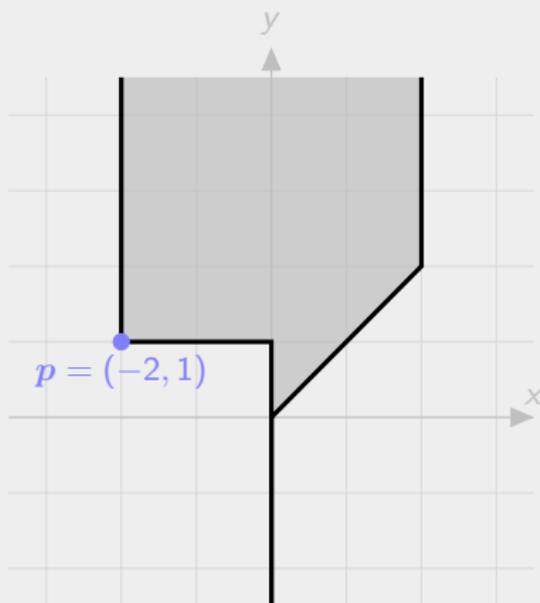
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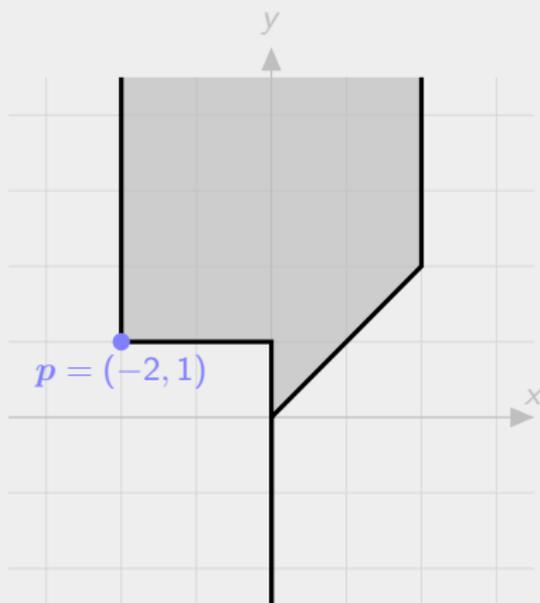
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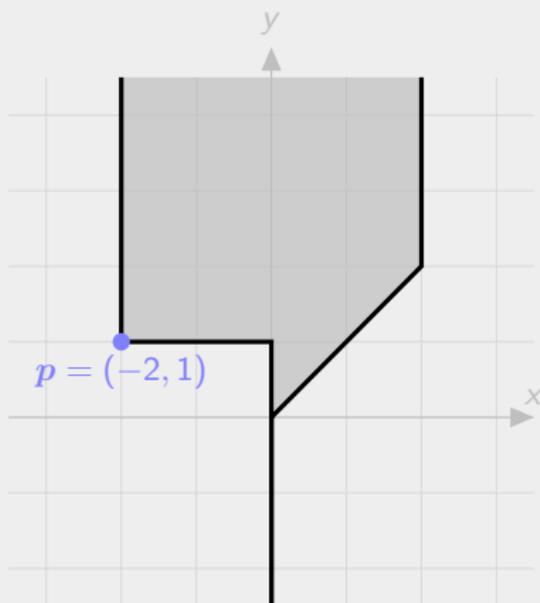
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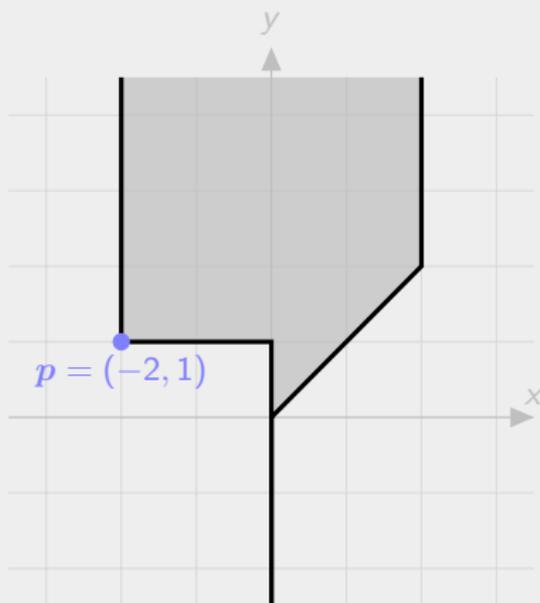
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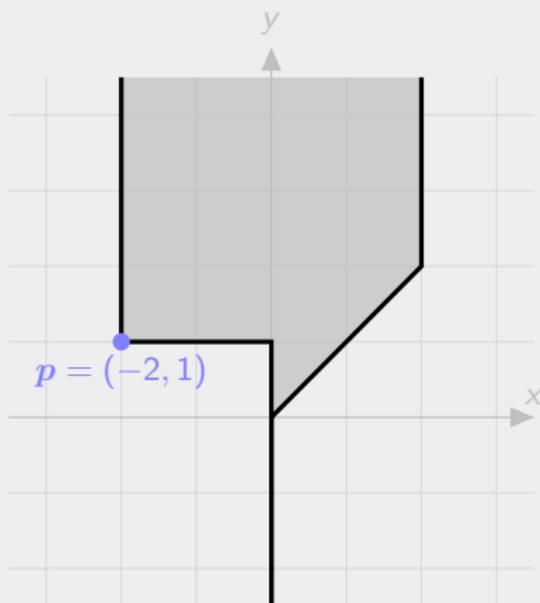
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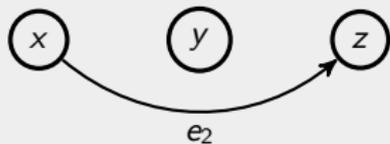


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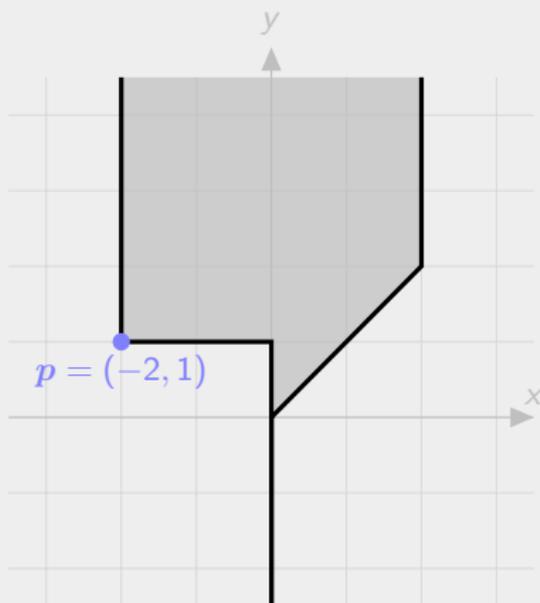
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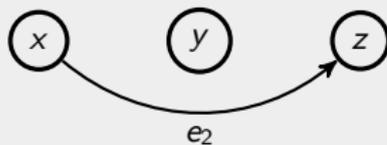


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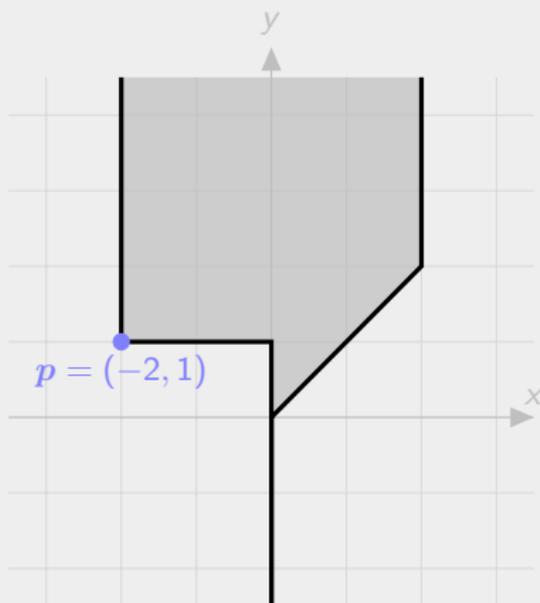
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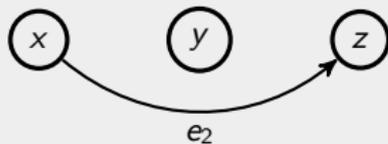


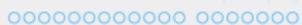
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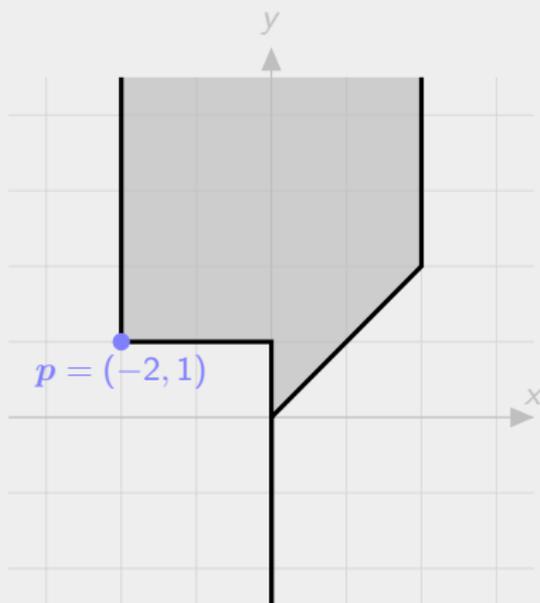
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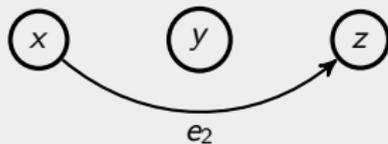


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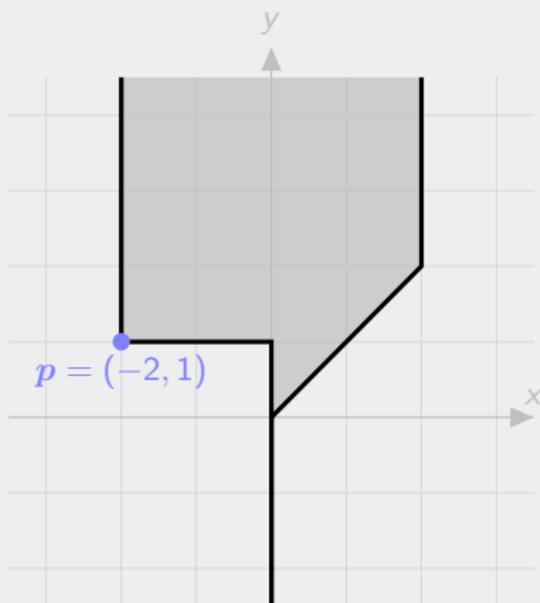
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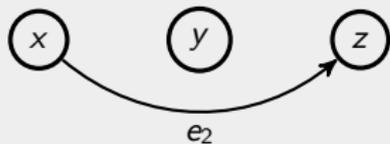


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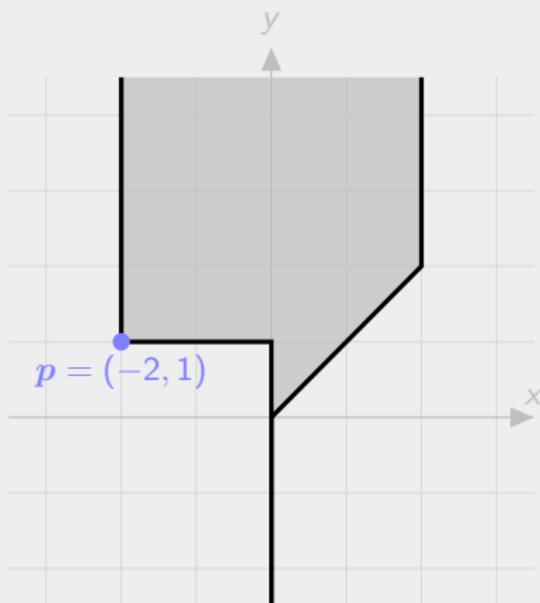
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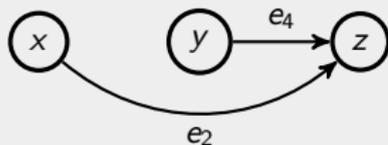


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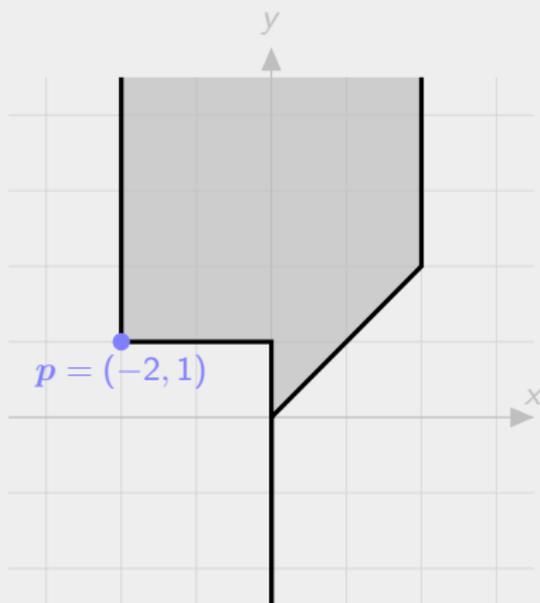
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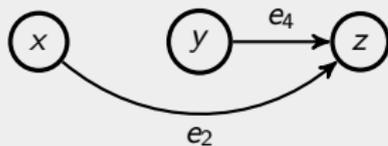


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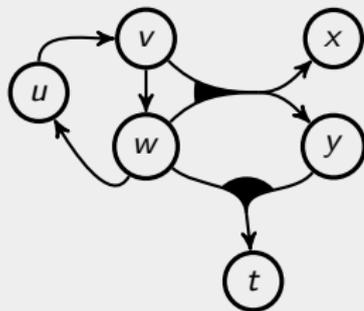
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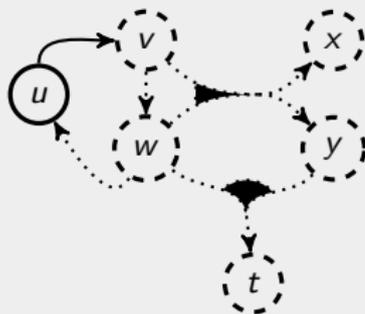
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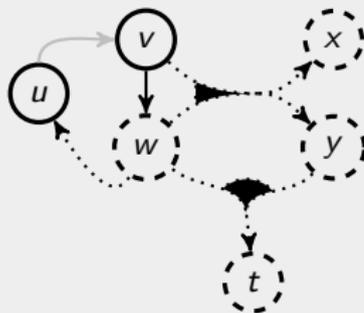
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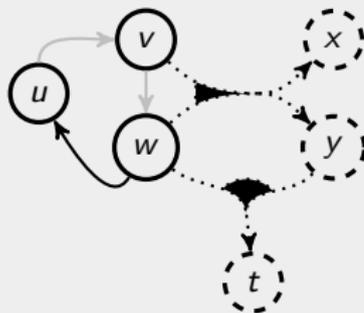
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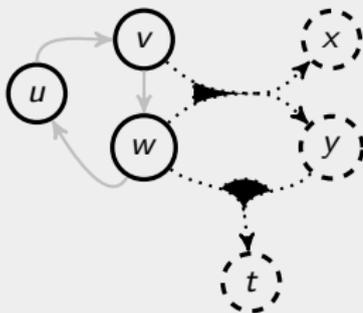
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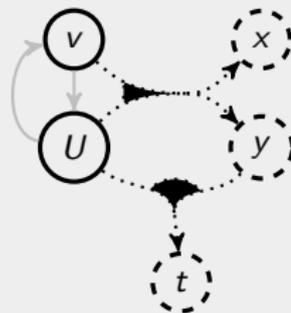
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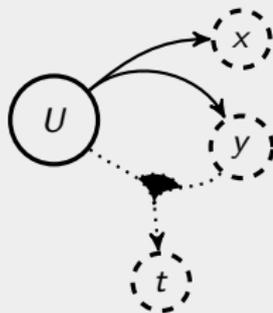
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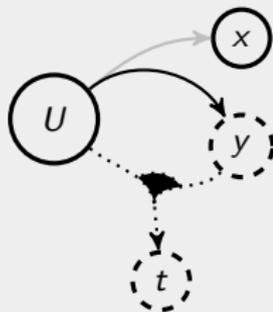
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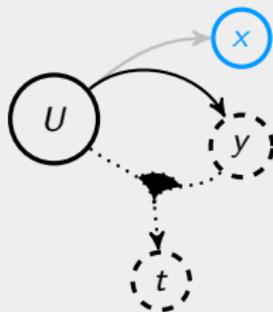
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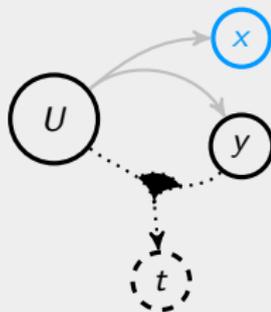
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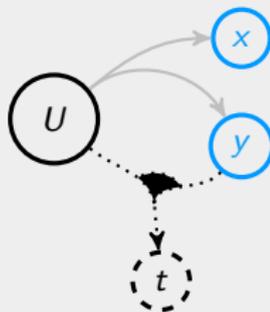
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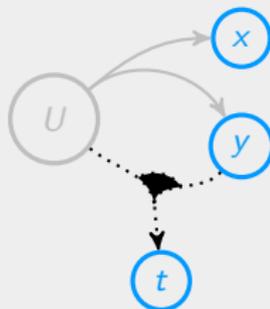
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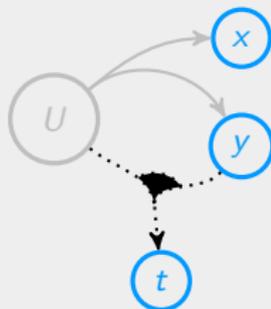
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Result of independent interest

- no previous work on SCCs in directed hypergraph
- only existing method suboptimal, based on Gallo et al. [1993]

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2:    $n := 0, nb := 0, S := [], Finished := \emptyset$ 
3:   for all  $e \in E$  do  $r_e := undef, c_e := 0$ 
4:   for all  $u \in N$  do
5:      $index[u] := undef, low[u] := undef$ 
6:      $F_u := [], MAKESET(u)$ 
7:   done
8:   for all  $u \in N$  do
9:     if  $index[u] = undef$  then HVISIT( $u$ )
10:  done
11:  return  $nb$ 
12: end

13: function HVISIT( $u$ )
14:  local  $U := FIND(u), local F := []$ 
15:   $index[U] := n, low[U] := n, n := n + 1$ 
16:   $ismax[U] := true$ , push  $U$  on the stack  $S$ 
17:  for all  $e \in E_u$  do
18:    if  $|T(e)| = 1$  then push  $e$  on  $F$ 
19:    else
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21:      local  $R_e := FIND(r_e)$ 
22:      if  $R_e$  appears in  $S$  then
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24:        if  $c_e = |T(e)|$  then
25:          push  $e$  on the stack  $F_{R_e}$ 
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27:      end
28:    end
29:  done

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33:      local  $W := FIND(w)$ 
34:      if  $index[W] = undef$  then HVISIT( $w$ )
35:      if  $W \in Finished$  then
36:         $ismax[U] := false$ 
37:      else
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40:      end
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44:    if  $ismax[U] = true$  then
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46:      pop each  $e$  from  $F_U$  and push it on  $F$ 
47:      pop  $V$  from  $S$ 
48:      while  $index[V] > i$  do
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50:         $U := MERGE(U, V)$ 
51:        pop  $V$  from  $S$ 
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54:      if  $F$  is not empty then go to Line 30
55:       $nb := nb + 1$ 
56:    end
57:  repeat
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INEQToGEN: benchmarks

Implementation in OCaml, experimentations on a 3 GHz Intel Xeon with 3 Gb RAM

	d	p	# final	# inter.	T (s)	T' (s)
rnd100	12	15	32	59	0.24	6.72
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rnd30	17	10	1484	627	15.2	4667.9
rnd10	20	8	5153	1273	49.8	50941.9
rnd10	25	5	3999	808	9.9	12177.0
rnd10	25	10	32699	6670	3015.7	—
cyclic	10	20	3296	887	25.8	4957.1
cyclic	15	7	2640	740	8.1	1672.2
cyclic	17	8	4895	1589	44.8	25861.1
cyclic	20	8	28028	5101	690	~ 45 days
cyclic	25	5	25025	1983	62.6	~ 8 days
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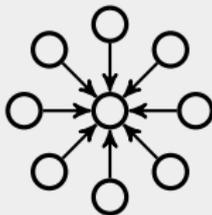
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GENTOINEQ =

- dual version of the double description method
- elimination of “non-extreme inequalities” at each step of the induction

Characterizing extreme inequalities is **easier**:



Upper bound on the complexity of our algorithms

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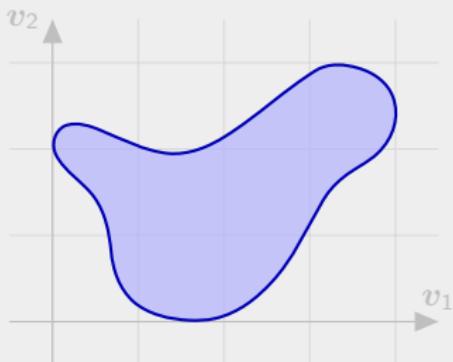
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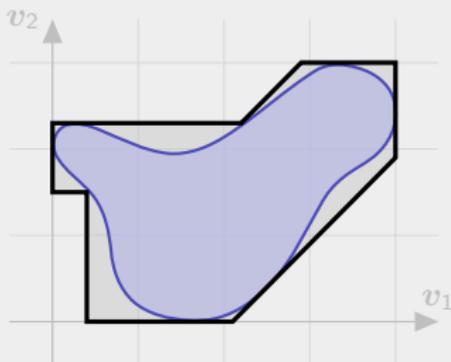
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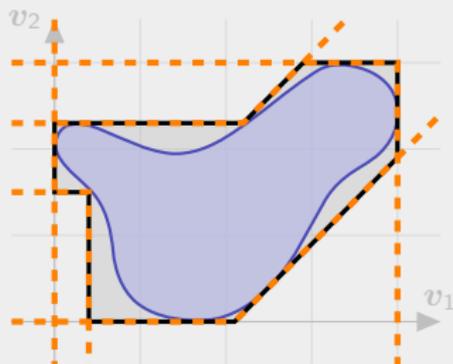
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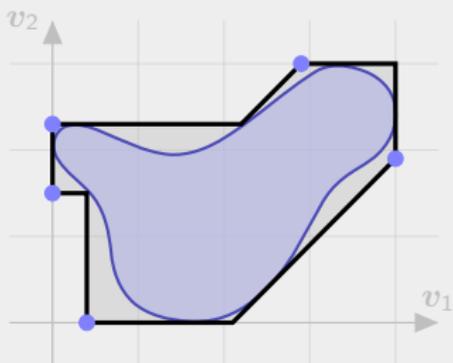


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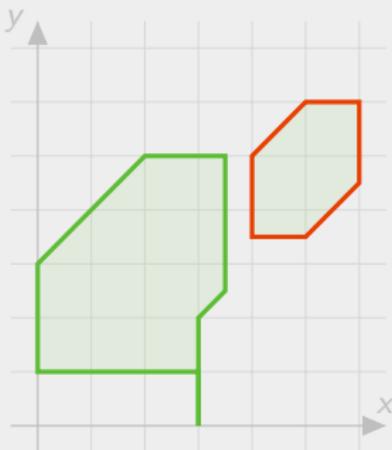
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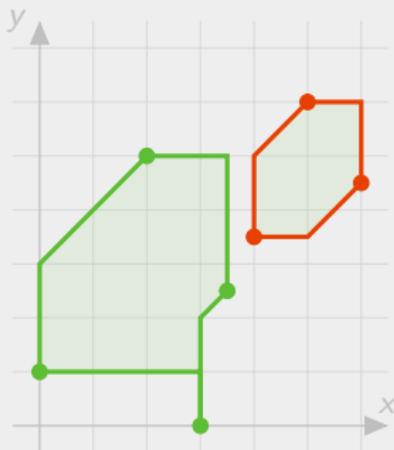
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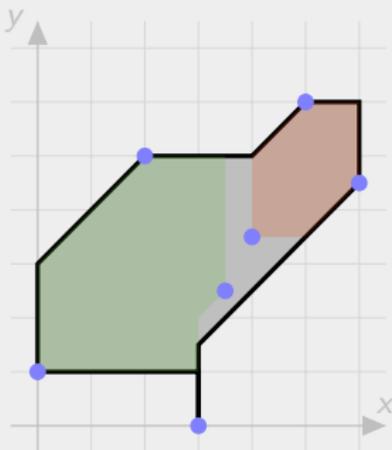
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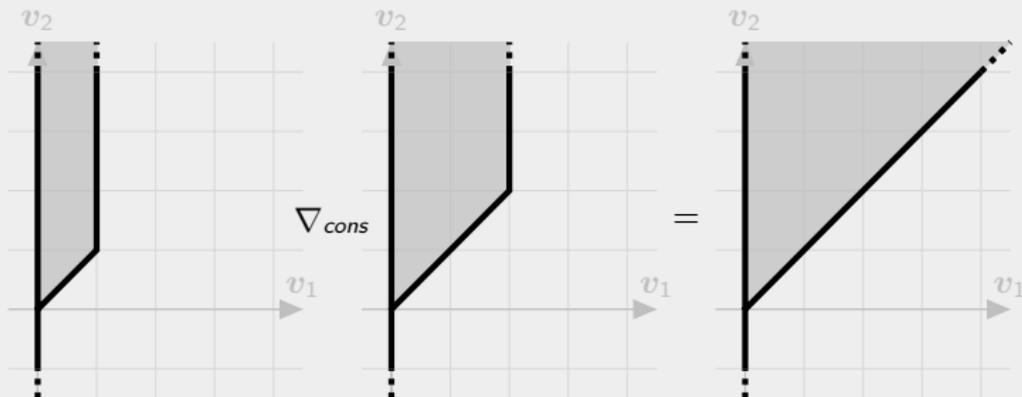
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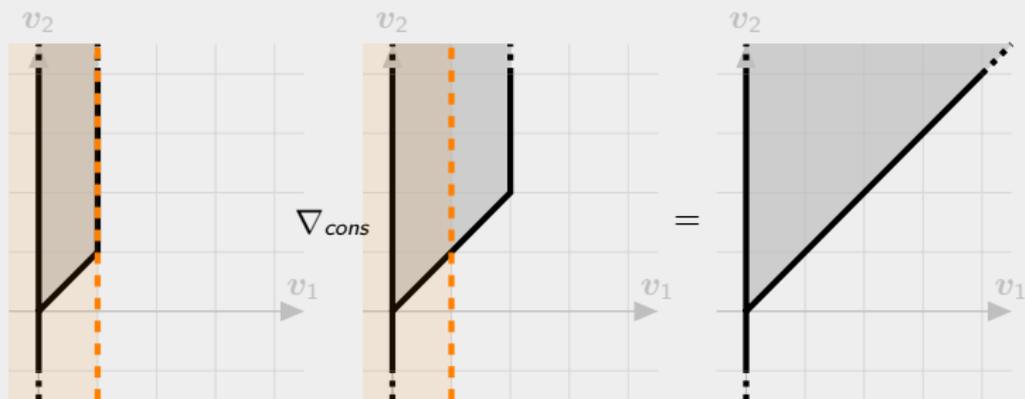
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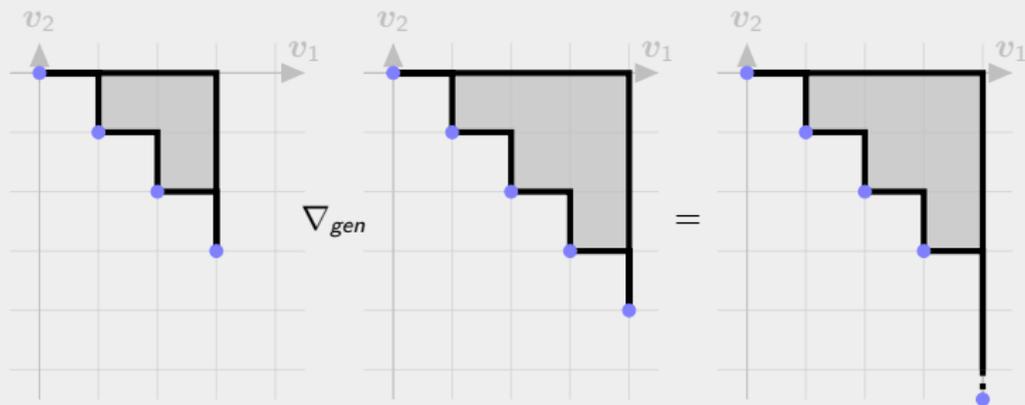
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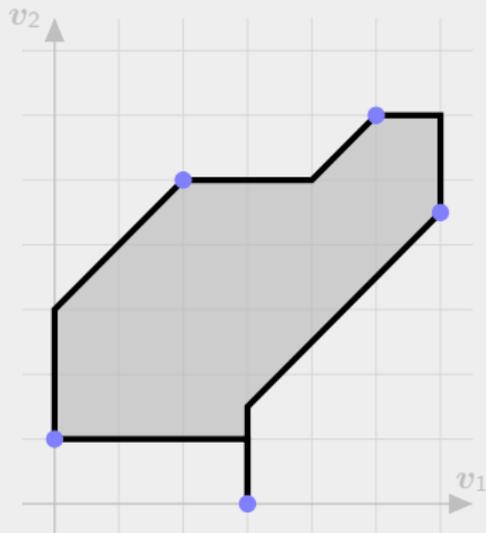
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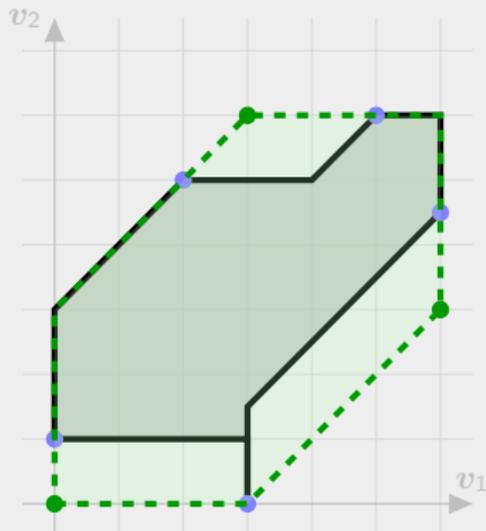
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- class of programs derived from predicate abstraction

```

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3 :    i := i + 1;
4 :  done;
5 :  while i ≤ p3 - 1 do
6 :    i := i + 1;
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   :
3n - 1 : while i ≤ pn - 1 do
3n - 2 :   i := i + 1;
3n - 3 : done;

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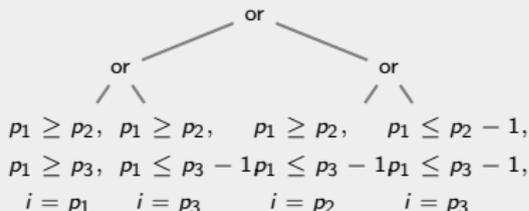
$$i = \max(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

tropical polyhedra:

- linear growth of the representation
- scales up to large values of n ($n = 60 \rightarrow 19$ s)

classical disjunctive techniques:

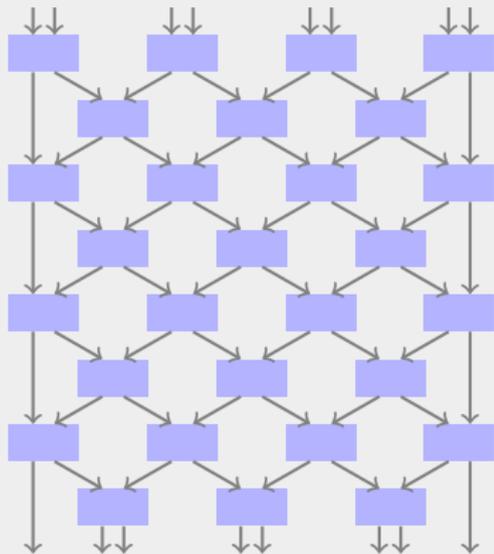
- exponential growth of the representation



- not** practical for large values of n ($n = 60 \rightarrow 10^5$ terabytes)

Disjunctive invariants (2)

Analysis of sort algorithms:



leftmost elt = min of the initial elements
rightmost elt = max of the initial elements

Analysis for 10 elements:

- 1979.7 s with tropical polyhedra
- not practical with existing disjunctive techniques (2^{45} disjunction)

Benchmarks

Experimentations on a 3 GHz Intel Xeon with 3 Gb RAM

Program	# line	# var.	time (s) (new algo)	time (s) [Allamigeon et al., 2008]
memcpy	16	8	0.024	2.87
strncpy	20	8	0.024	2.82
incrementing-10	34	12	0.064	27.3
incrementing-11	37	13	0.088	49.64
incrementing-12	40	14	0.108	77.12
incrementing-13	43	15	0.136	130.65
incrementing-14	46	16	0.158	158.28
incrementing-15	49	17	0.210	245.32
incrementing-20	64	22	0.5	1289.29
incrementing-25	79	27	1.0	5258.55
incrementing-30	94	32	1.7	15692.9
incrementing-40	124	42	4.7	1 day
incrementing-45	139	47	7.0	> 2 days
incrementing-60	184	62	19.0	—
oddeven-4	39	9	0.012 + 0.016	0.028 + 79.51
oddeven-5	70	11	0.10 + 0.064	0.47 + —
oddeven-6	86	13	0.52 + 0.57	3.08 + —
oddeven-7	102	15	4.05 + 4.48	59.55 + —
oddeven-8	118	17	21.90 + 31.6	437.17 + —
oddeven-9	214	19	202.2 + 254.38	8240.65 + —
oddeven-10	240	19	1979.7 + 2591.0	81050.27 + —

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[Advances in combinatorics and algorithmics of tropical polyhedra](#) in Allamigeon et al. (STACS'10), and Allamigeon et al. (submitted to JCTA)

- two conversion algorithms inequalities \longleftrightarrow generators which improve the state of the art by several orders of magnitude
- new combinatorial characterization of extreme elements from inequalities
- almost linear time algorithm to determine the maximal SCCs in directed hypergraphs
- new results on the maximal number of extreme elements in tropical polyhedra

[Tropical polyhedra based abstract domains](#) in Allamigeon et al. (SAS'08)

- infer min- and/or max-invariants
- successfully show the correctness of memory manipulating programs
- scale up to highly disjunctive invariants

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Algorithmics of tropical polyhedra

- output-sensitive algorithm for inequalities \longleftrightarrow generators
- tropical linear programming, [see Cuninghame-Green and Butkovic, 2003]
 - how to find a point in a tropical polyhedron in polynomial time?
 $\text{NP} \cap \text{coNP}$ [see Bezem et al., 2008, Akian et al., 2009]
- faces of tropical polyhedra [see Joswig, 2005, Develin and Yu, 2007]
- tropical upper bound on the nb of extreme elements

Abstract interpretation

- improving precision: mixing tropical and classical linear invariants

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with f_i, f'_j classical linear forms over v_1, \dots, v_d

- improving scalability: towards subpolyhedral domains
- application to further static analyses

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