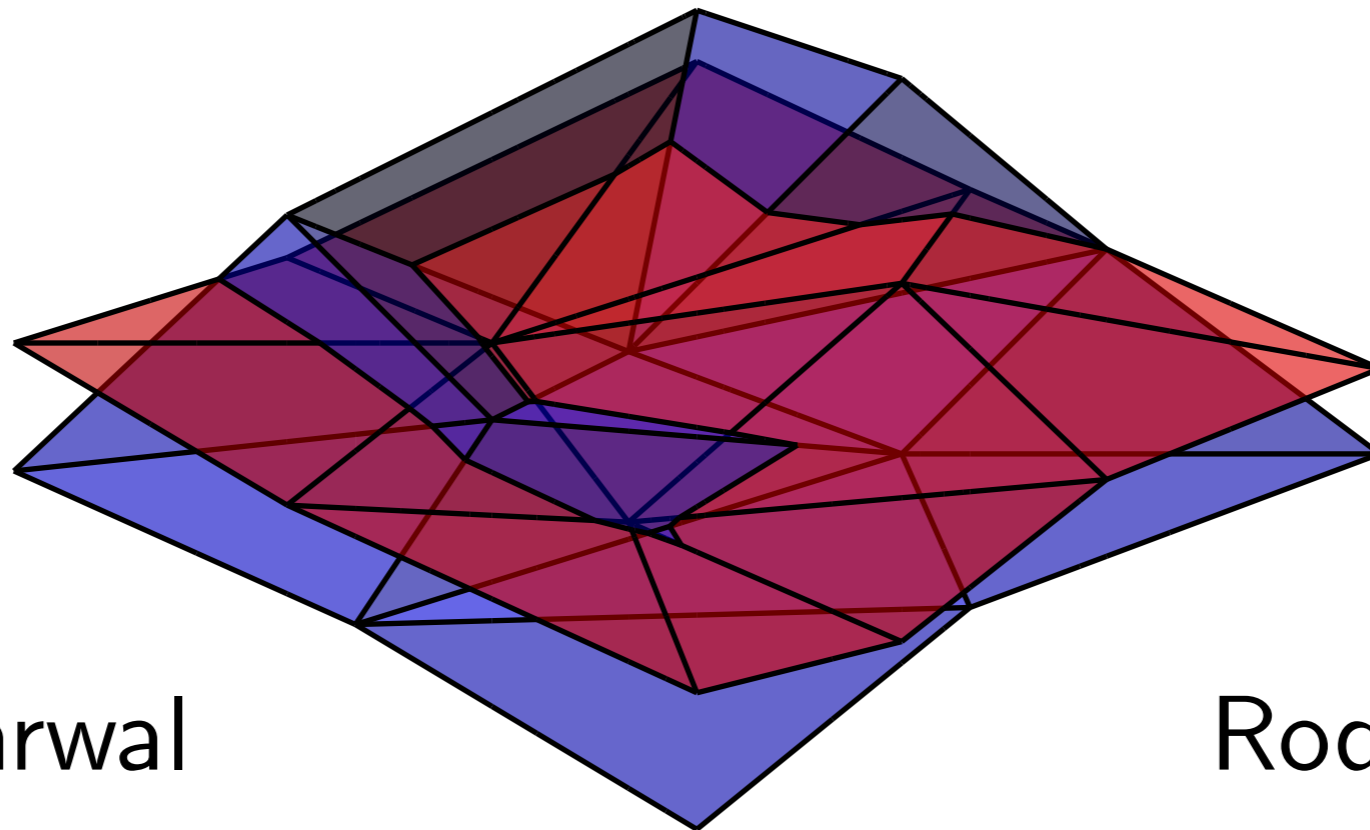


Matching Two Terrains under a Linear Transformation



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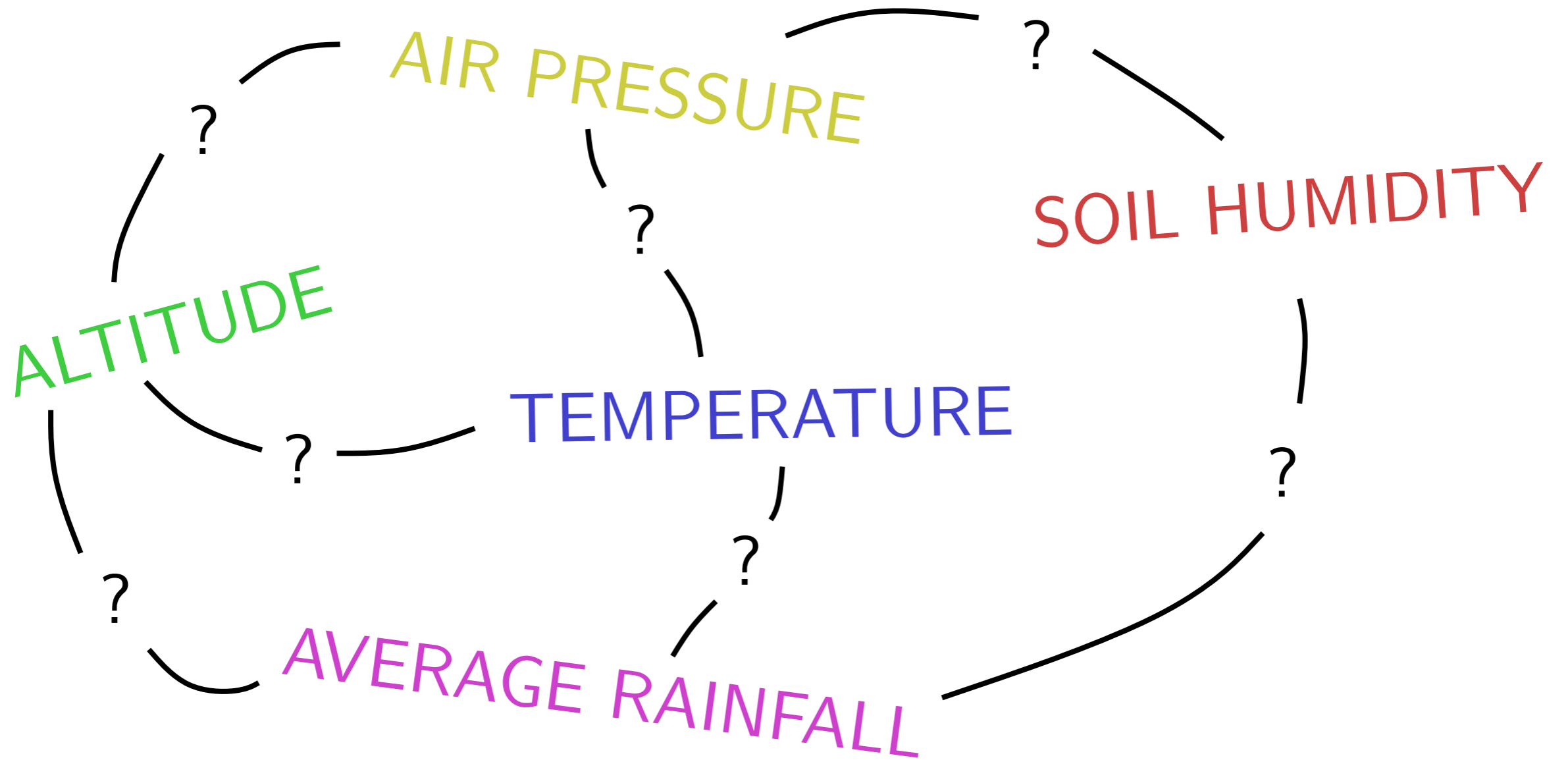
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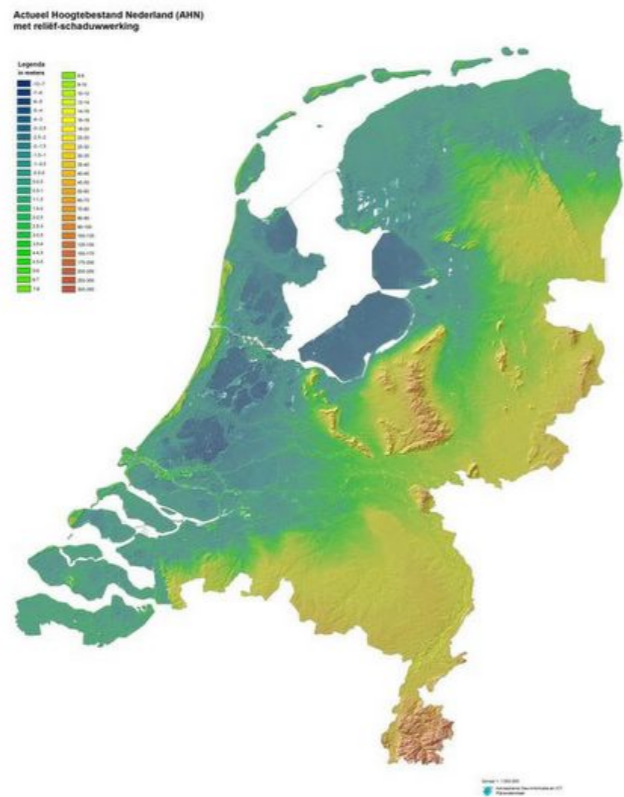
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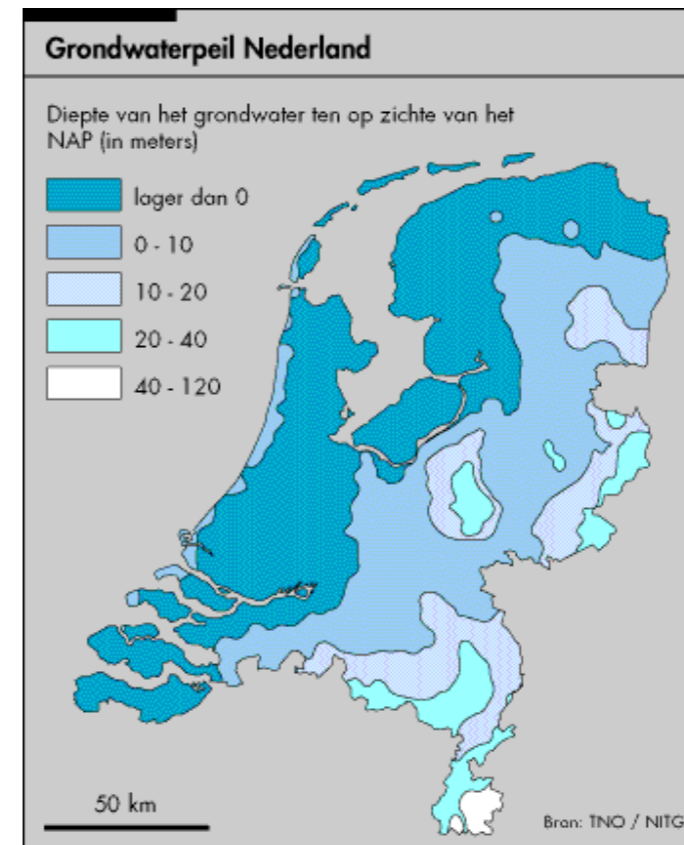
What is the problem?



We want to find linear dependencies between spatial data.

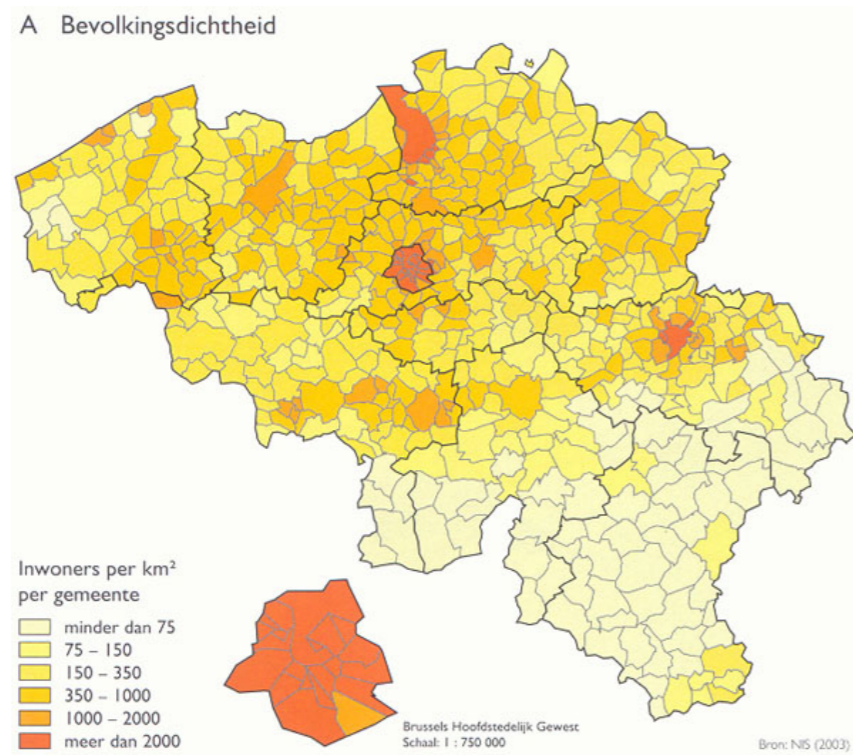


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For example, elevation above sea level in the Netherlands is probably related to groundwater level.

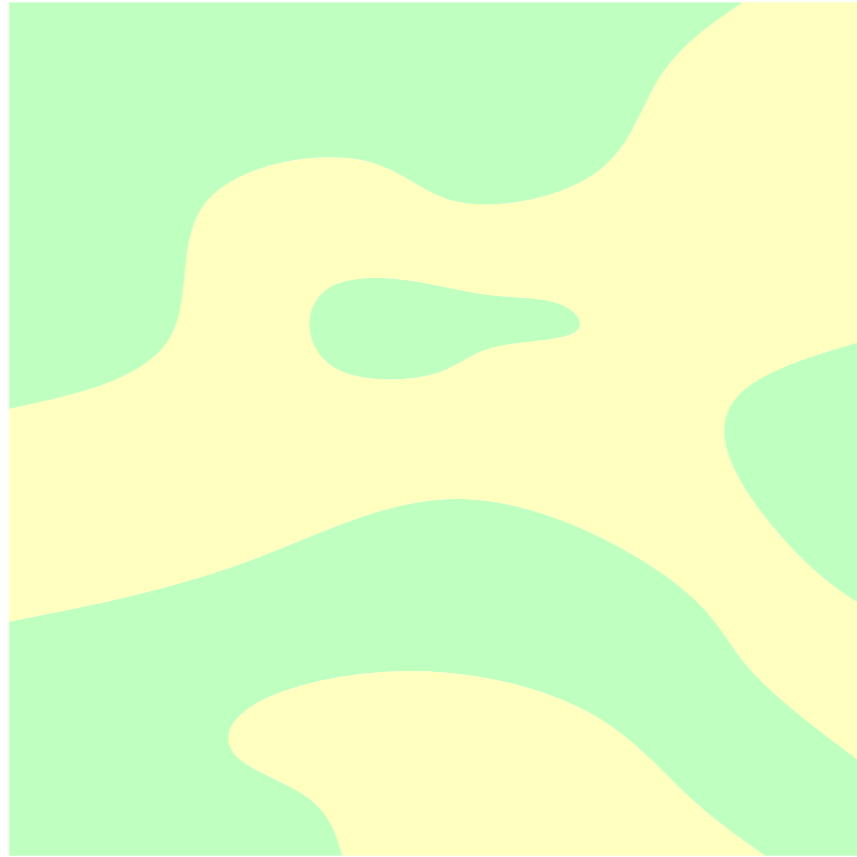


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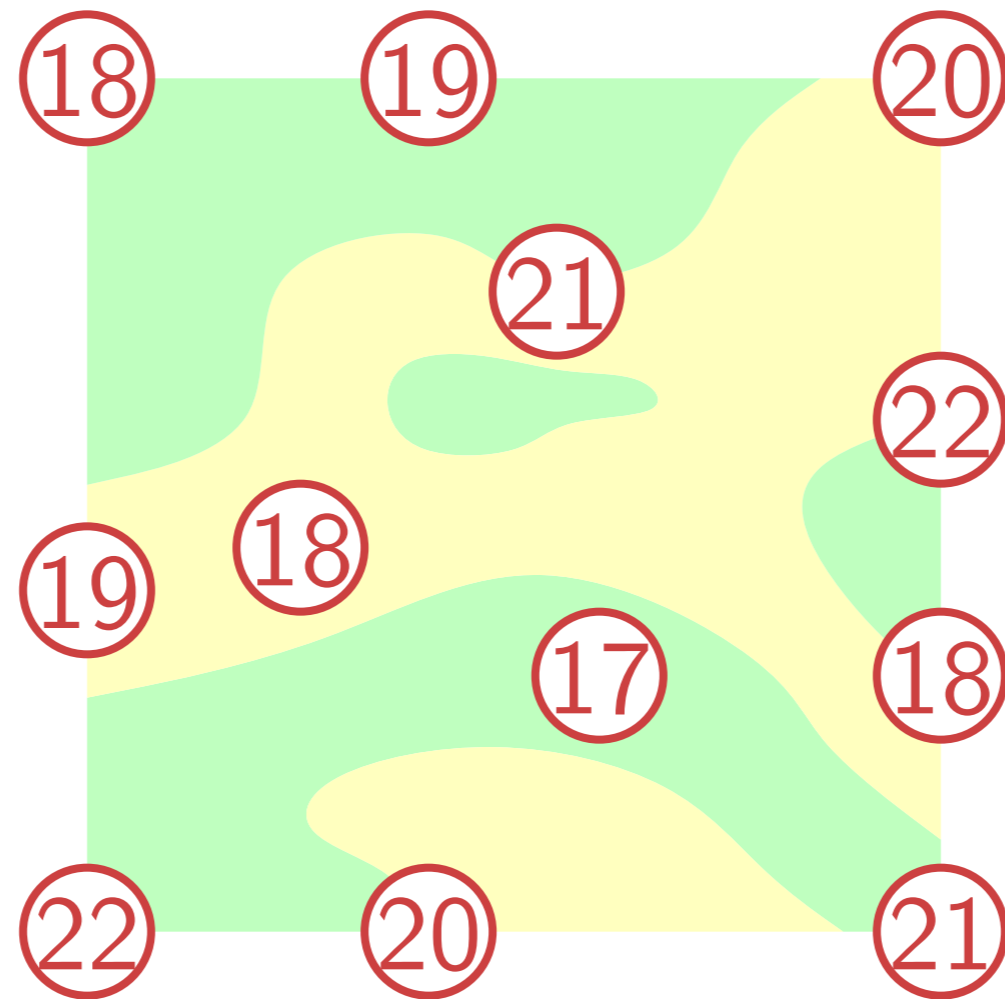
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As another example, consider the population density and spoken language in Belgium.

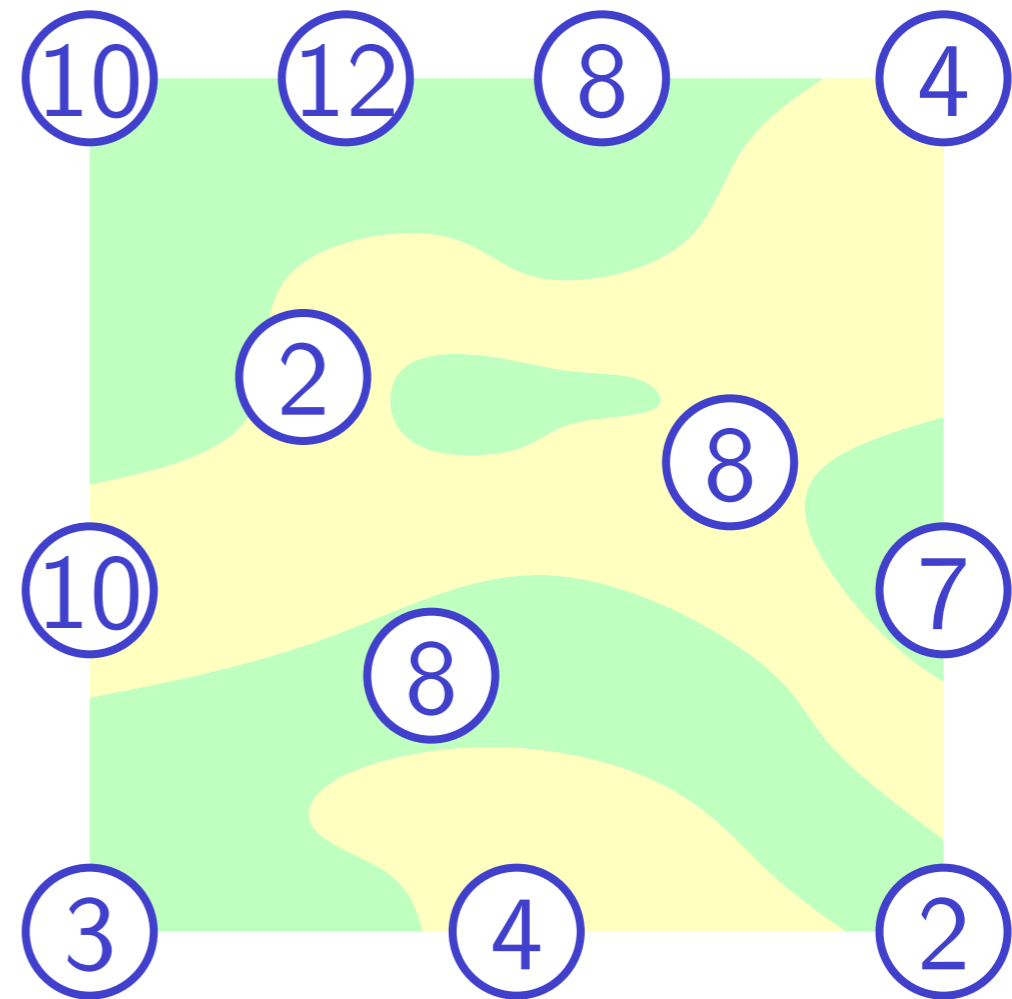
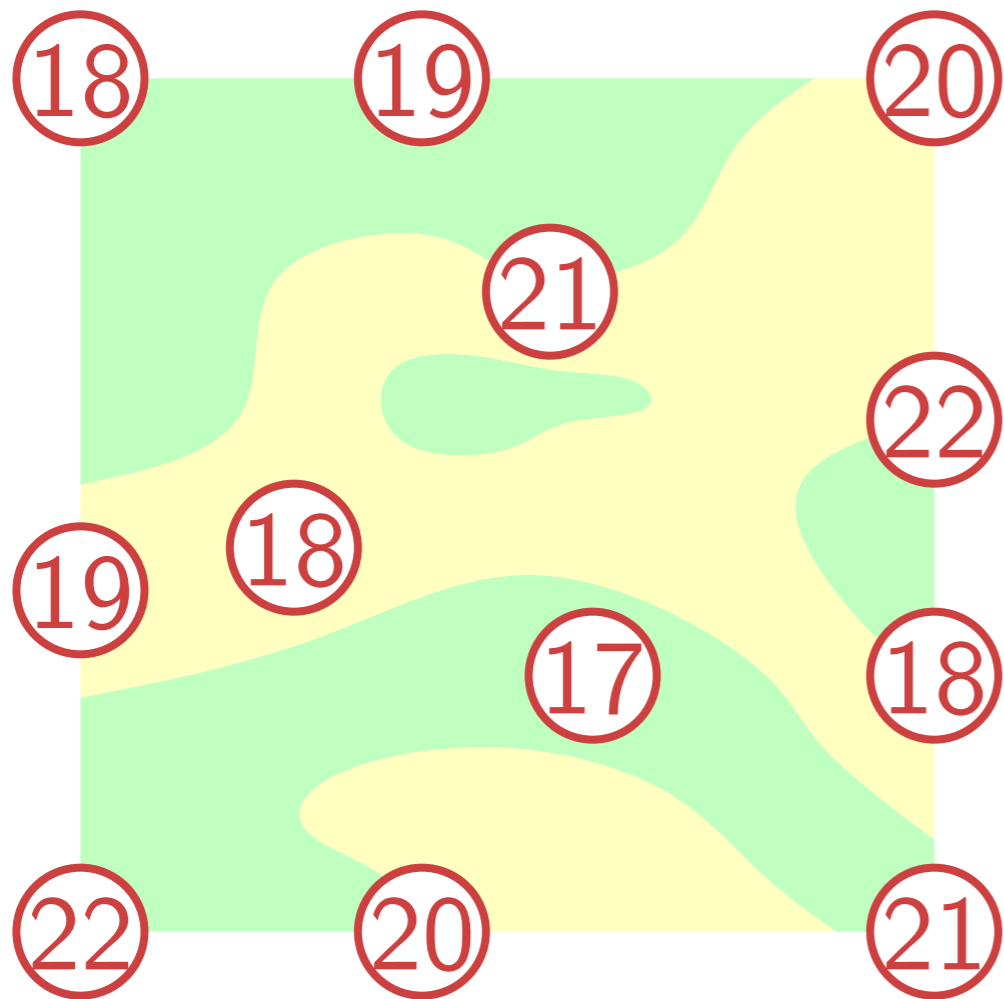
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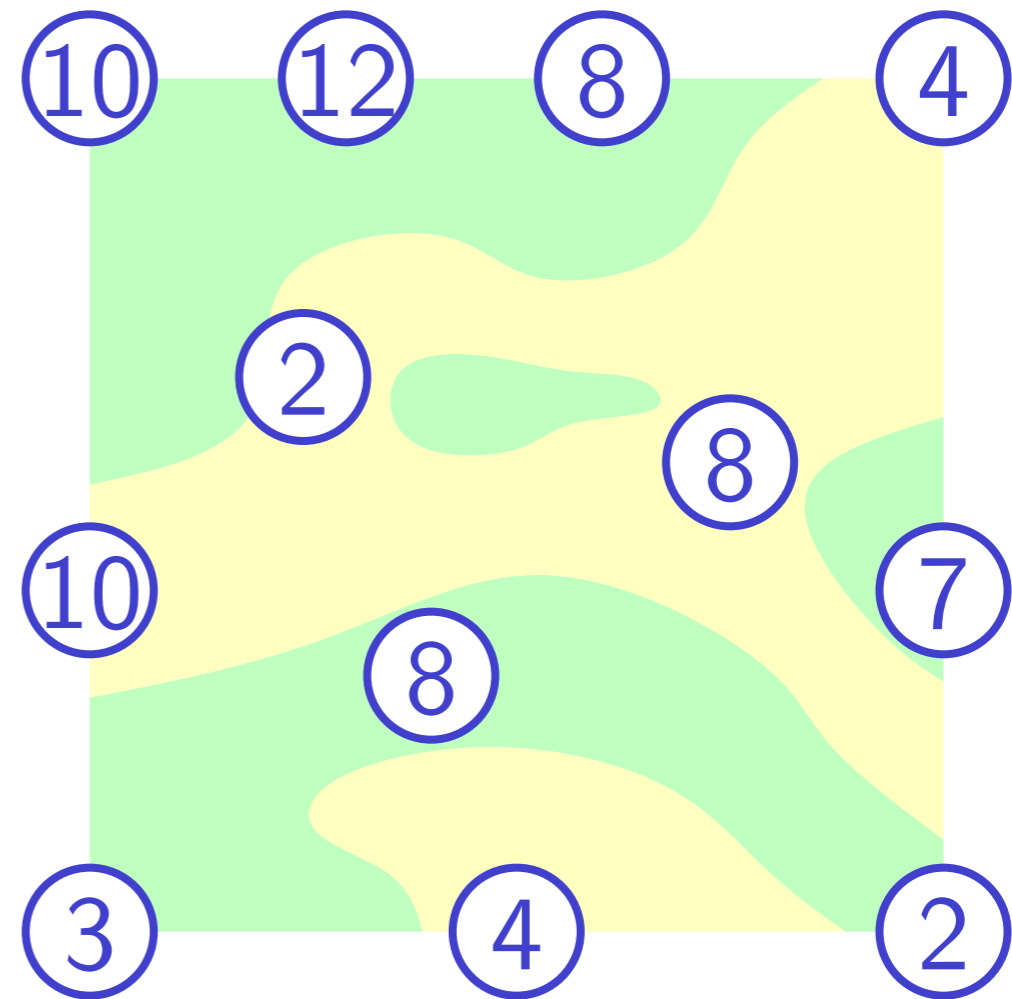
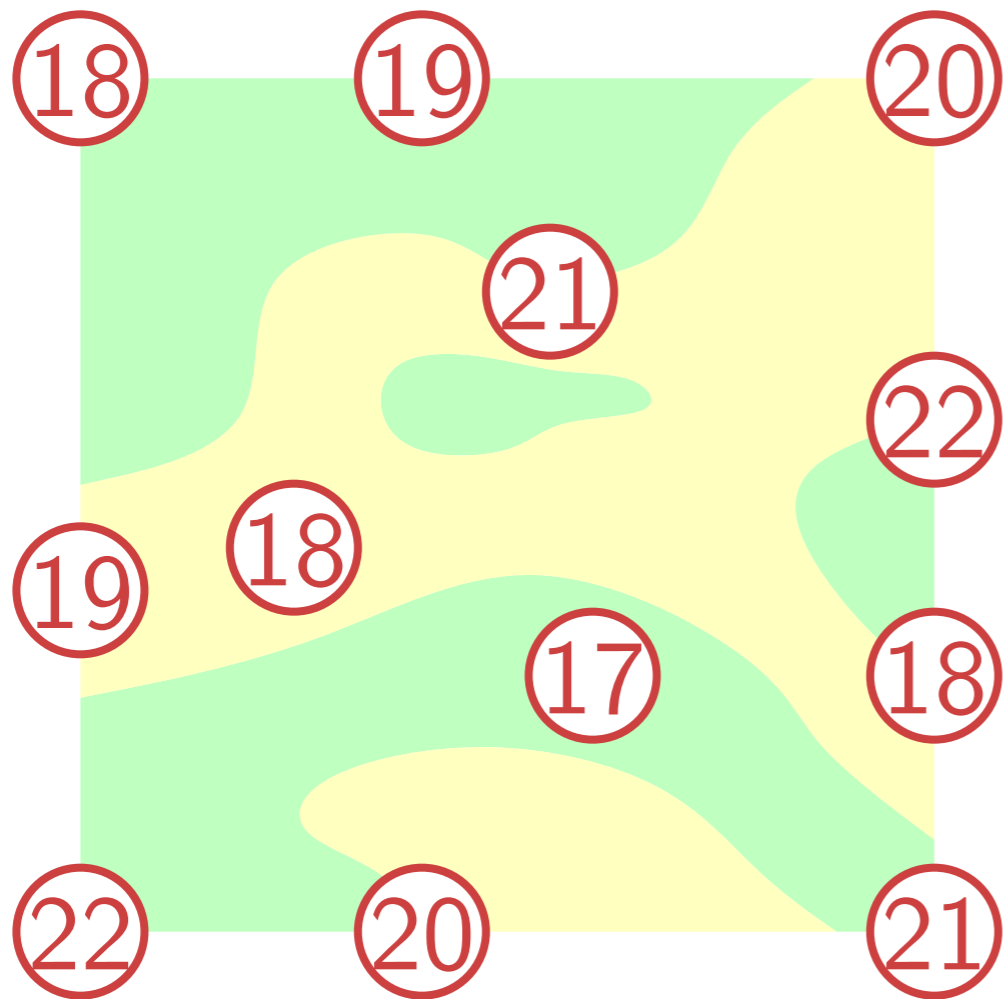
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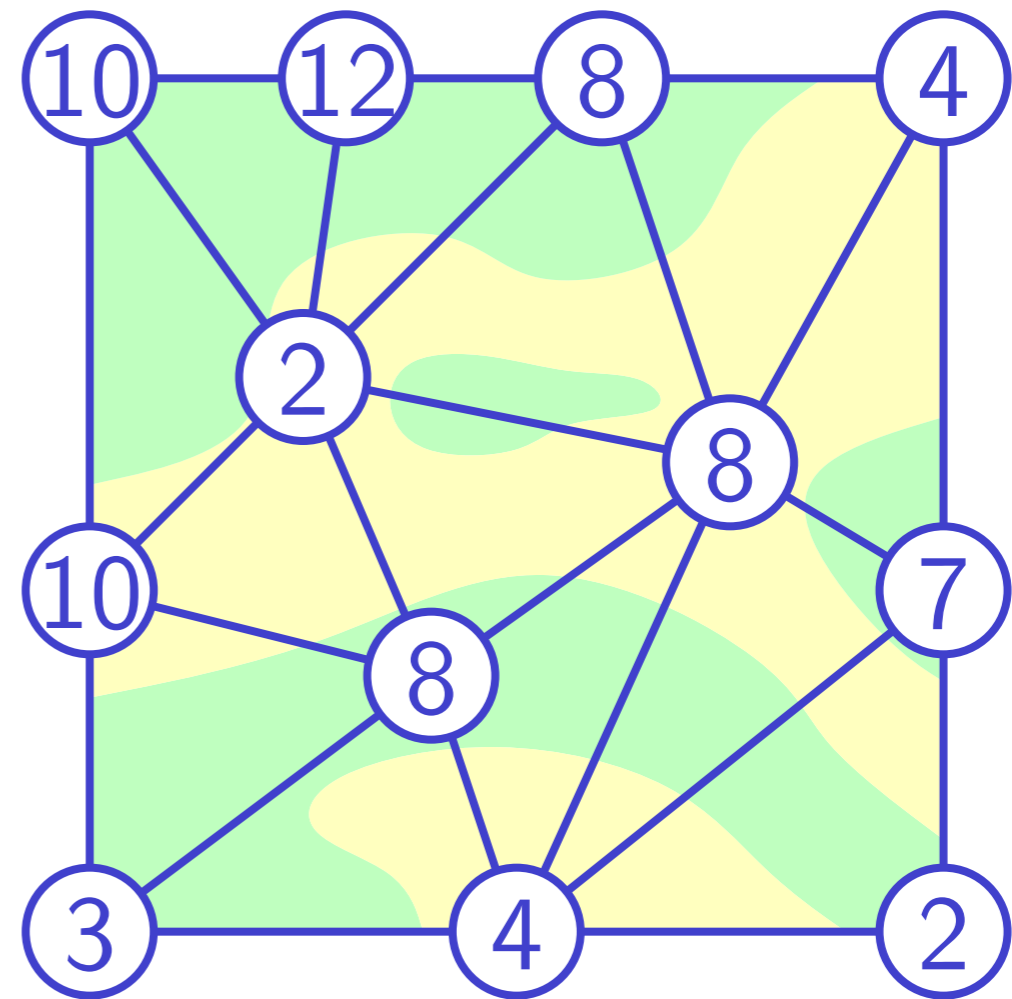
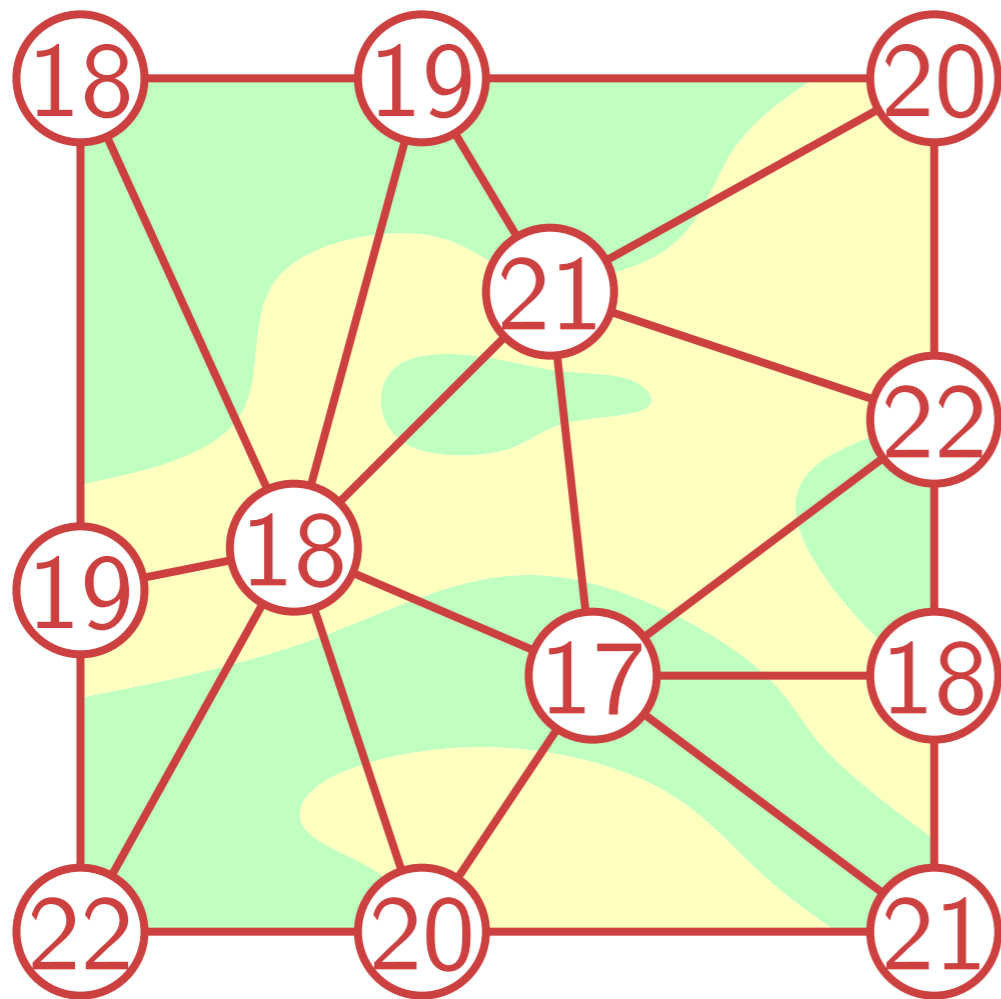
Suppose we measure some function f in several points on this domain.



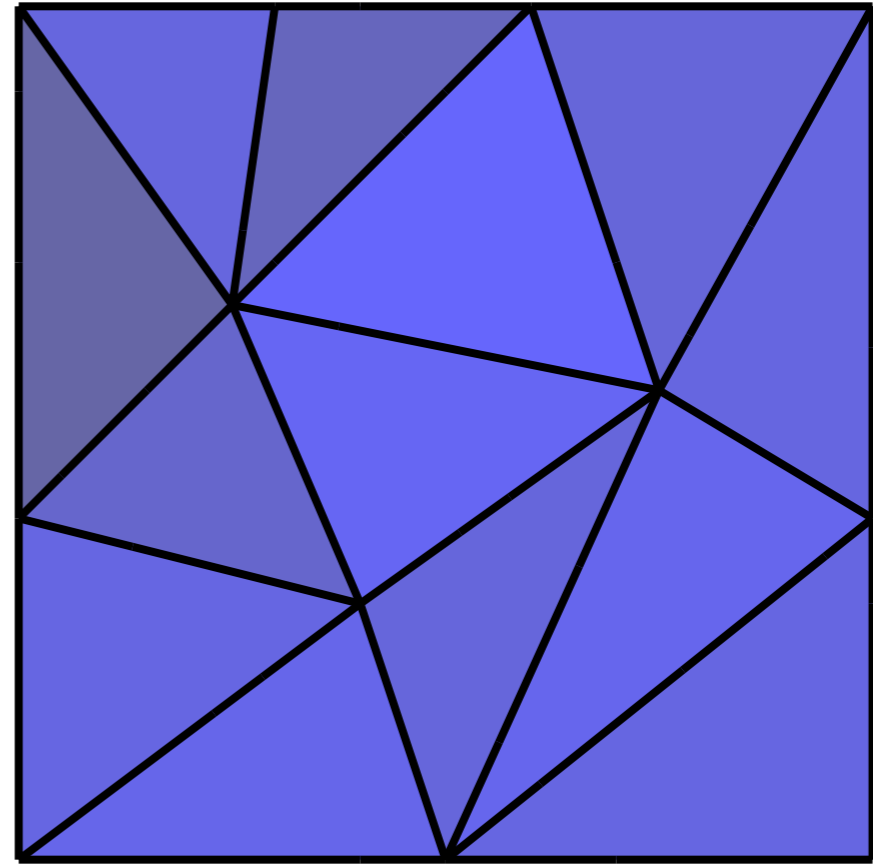
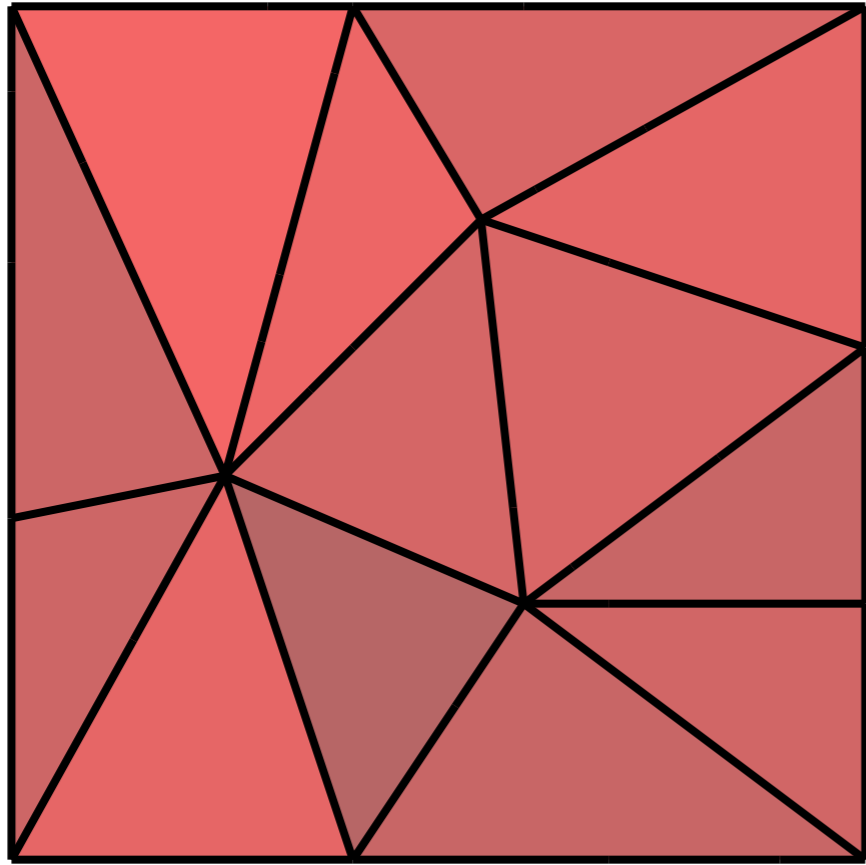
And suppose we also measure another function g on the same domain.



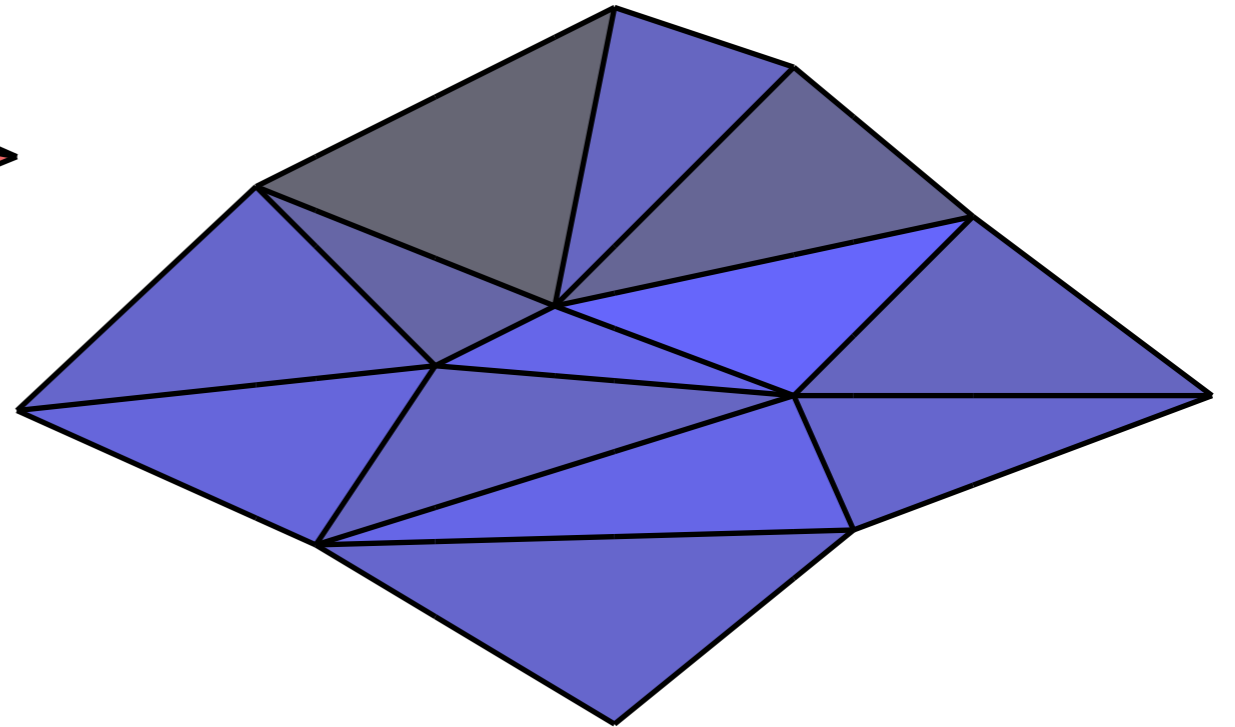
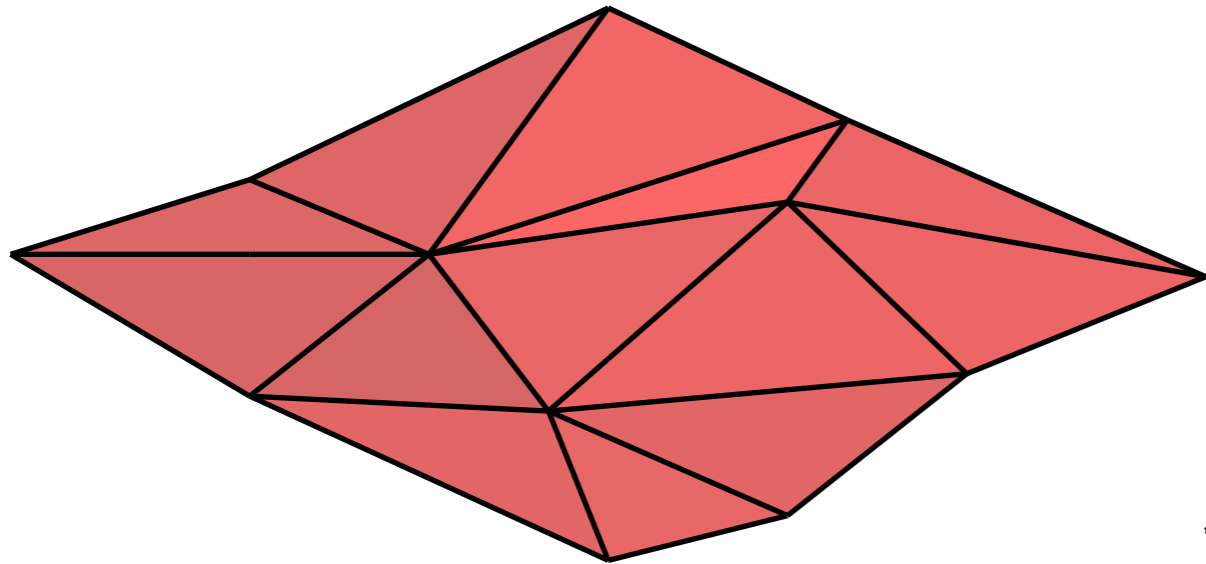
We want to know whether there exists a linear relationship between f and g .



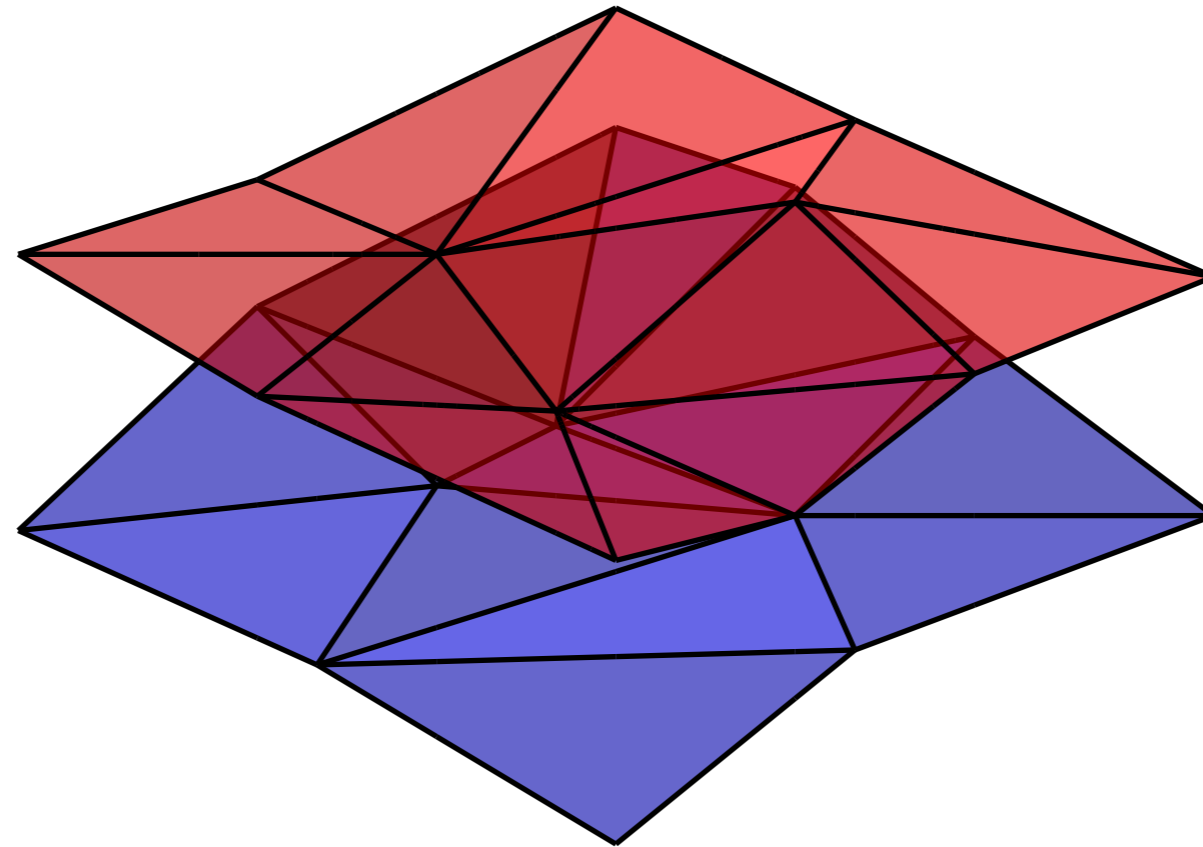
We estimate the functions on the whole domain by interpolation.



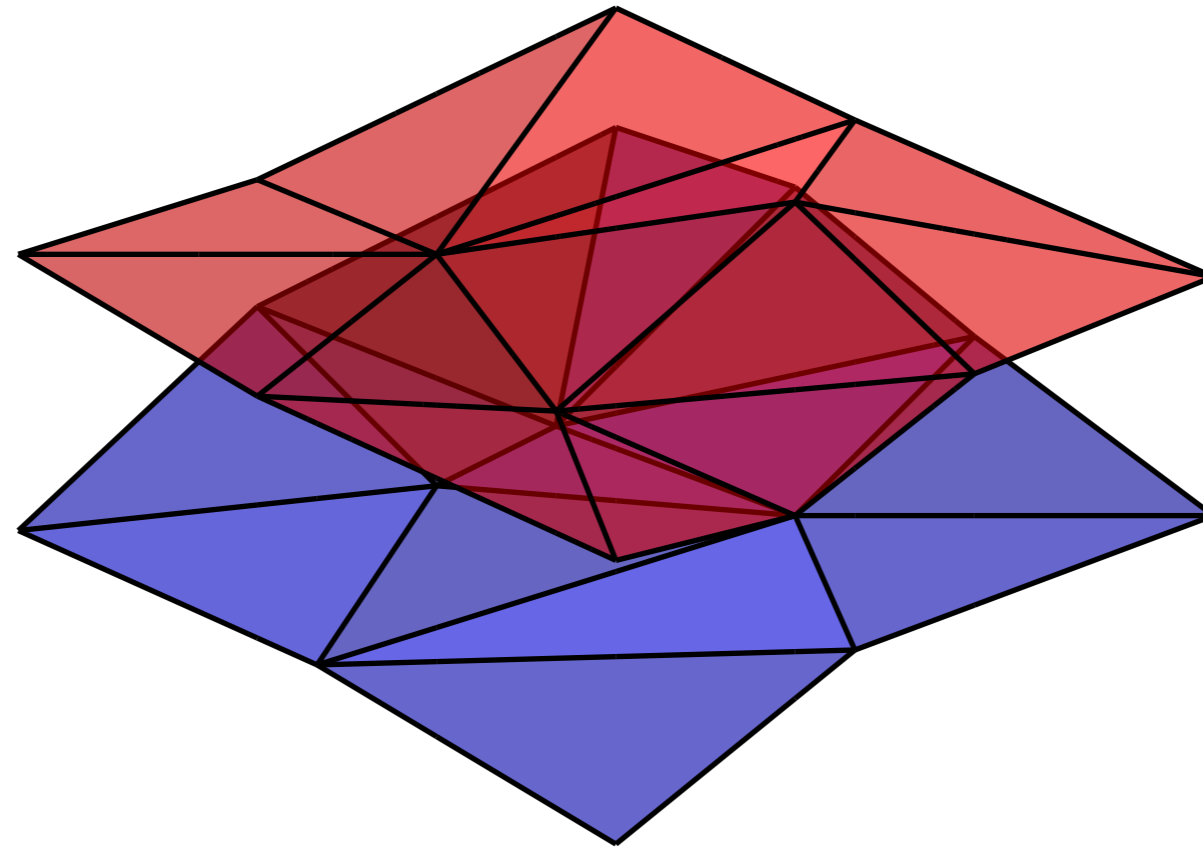
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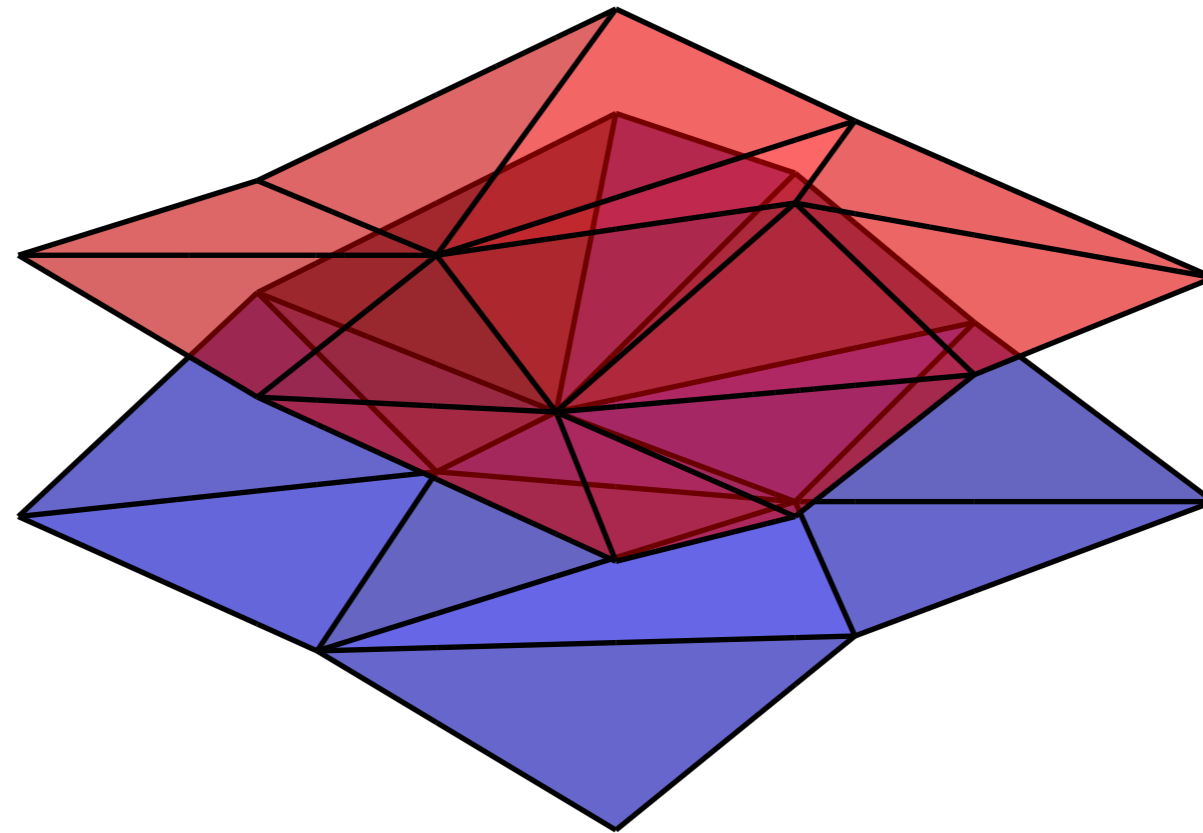
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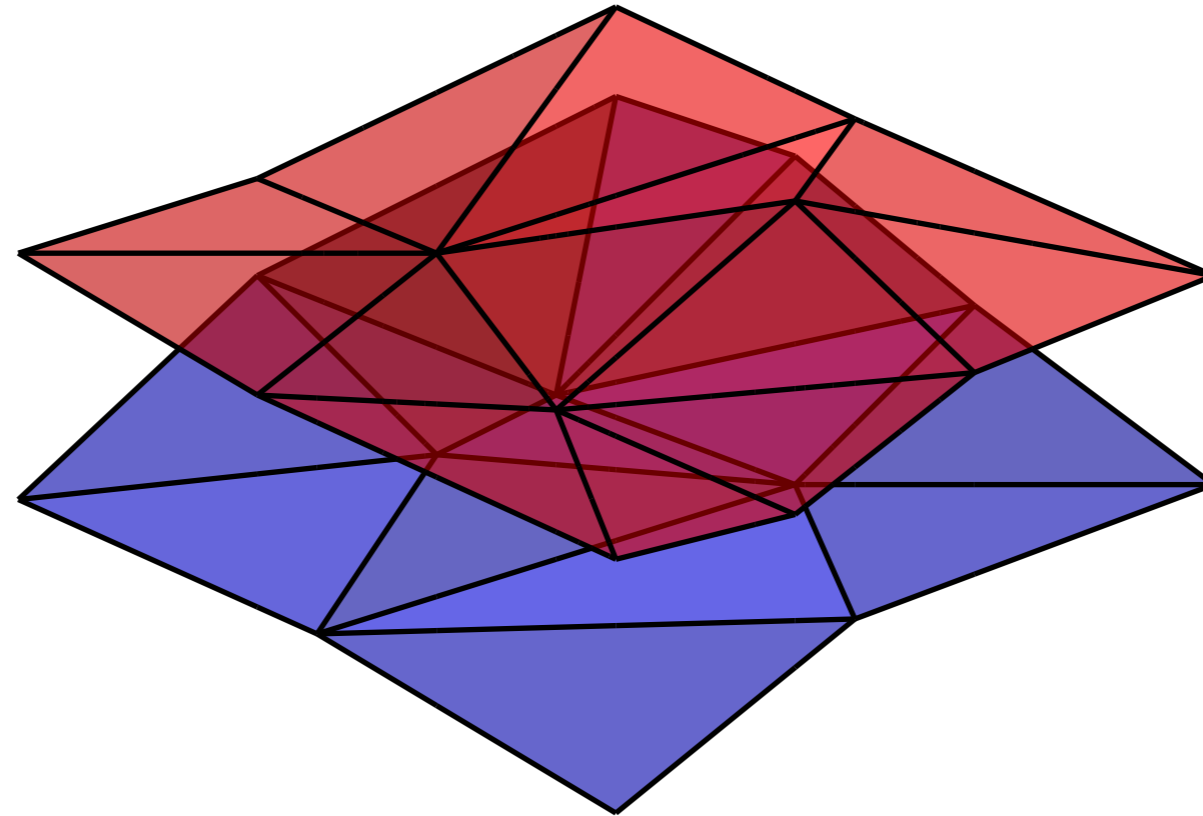
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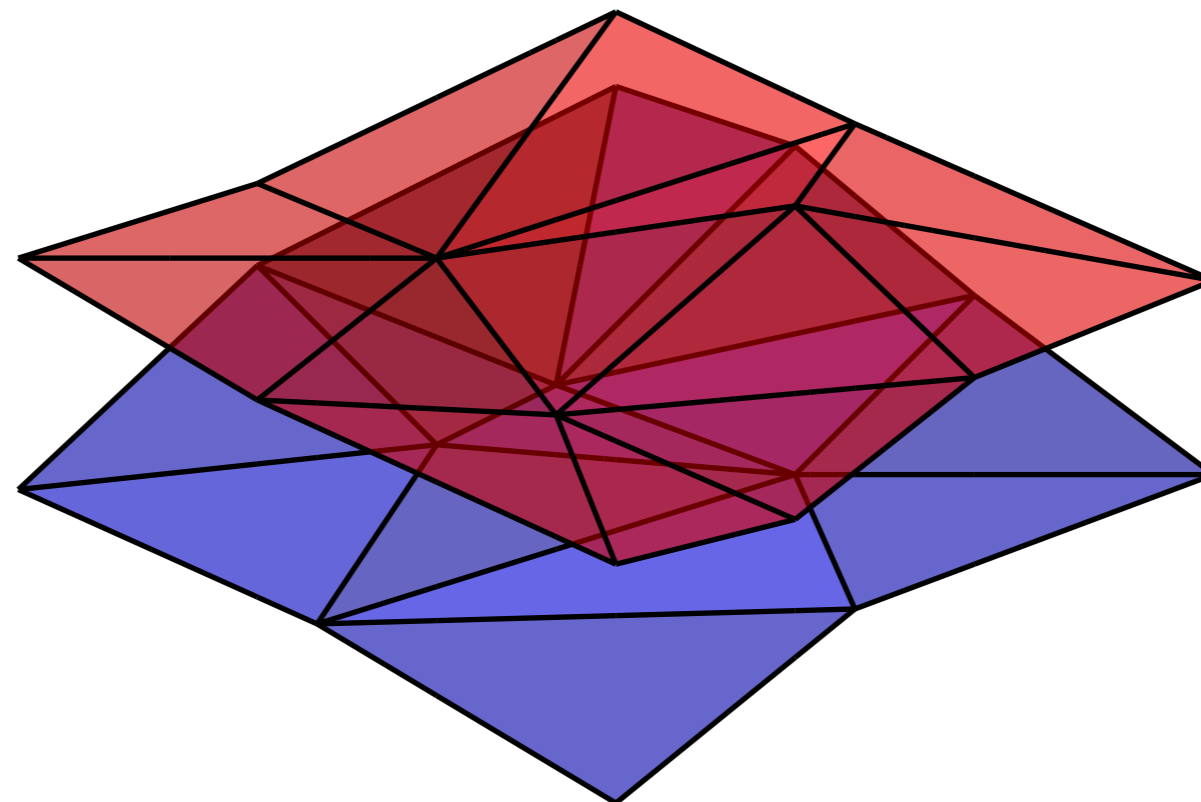
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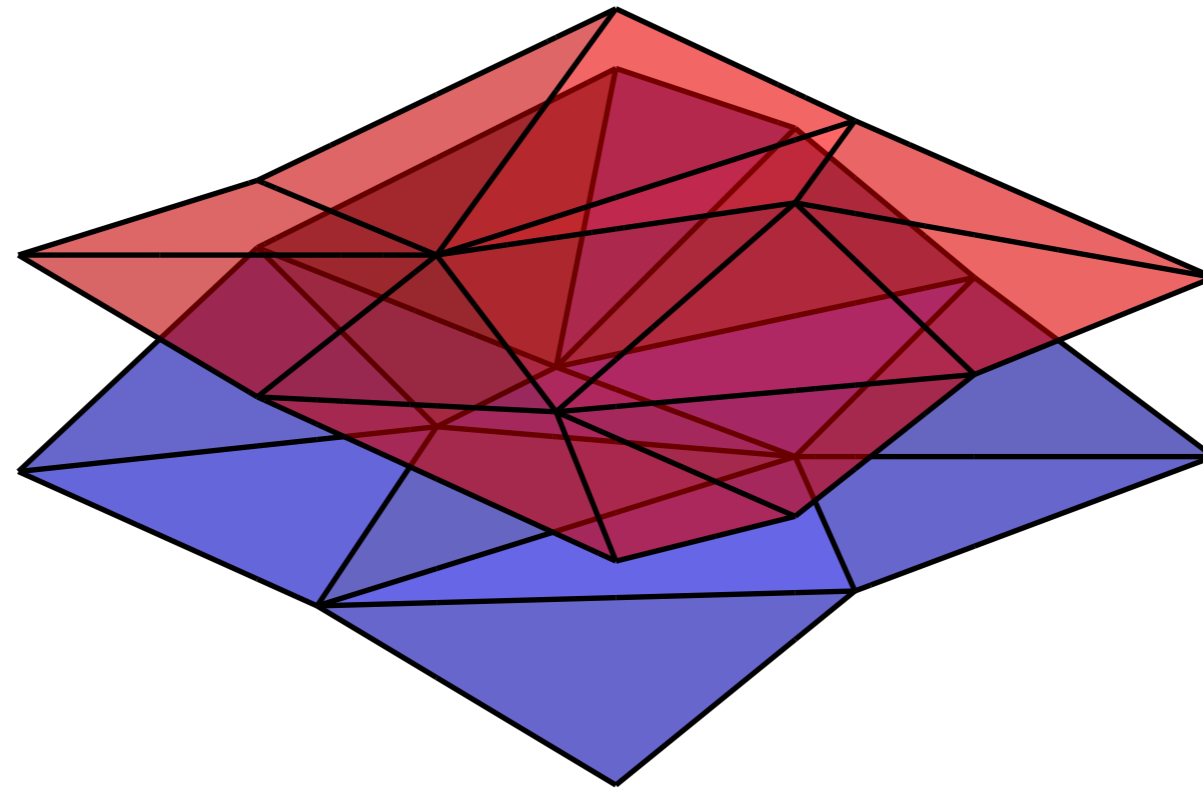
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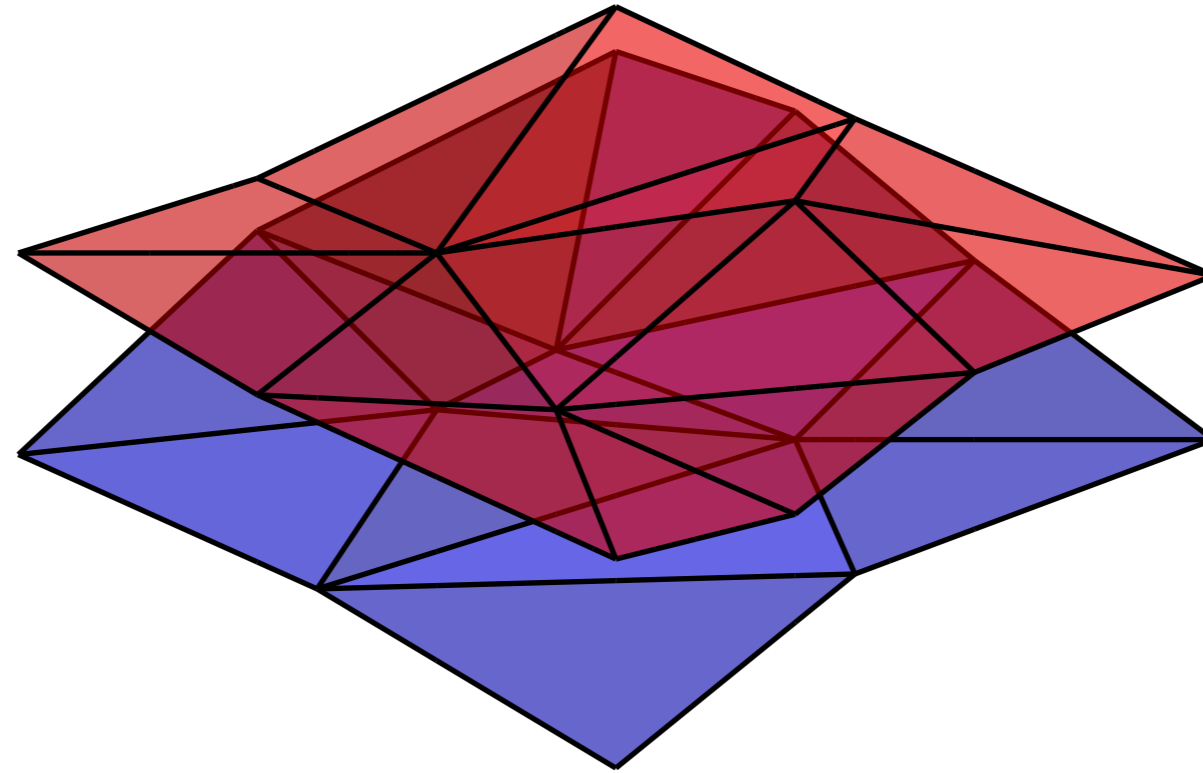
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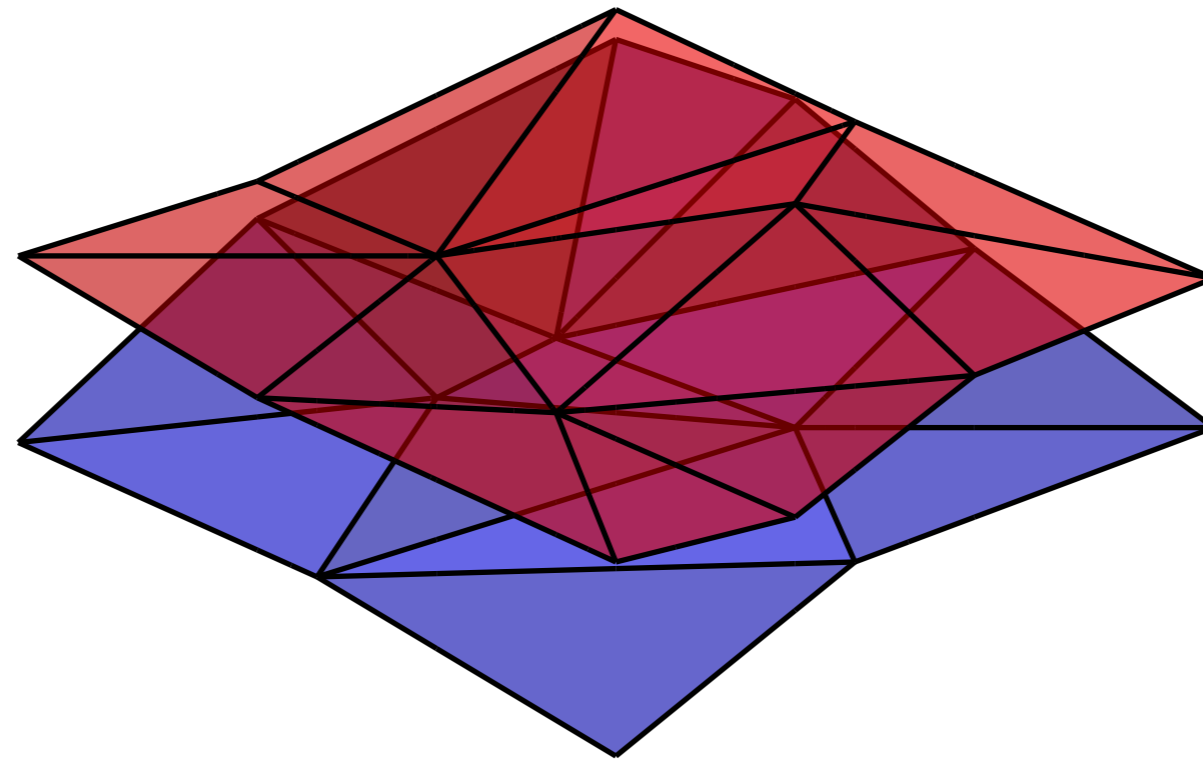
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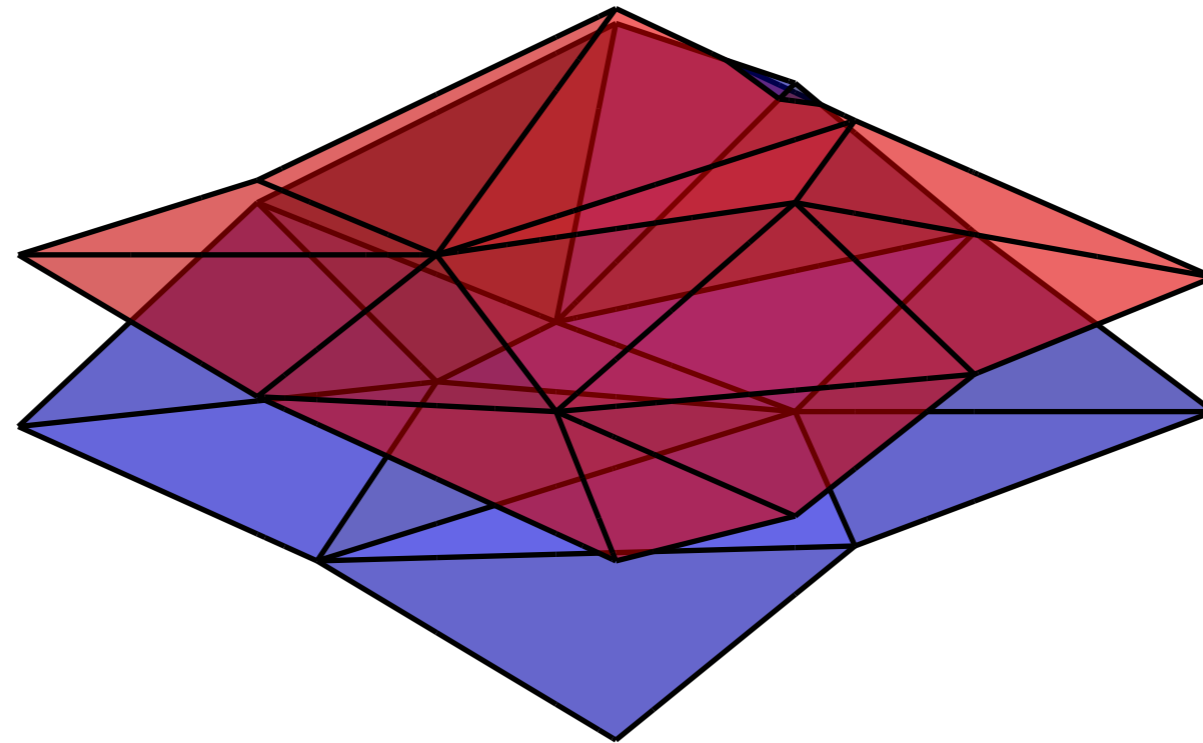
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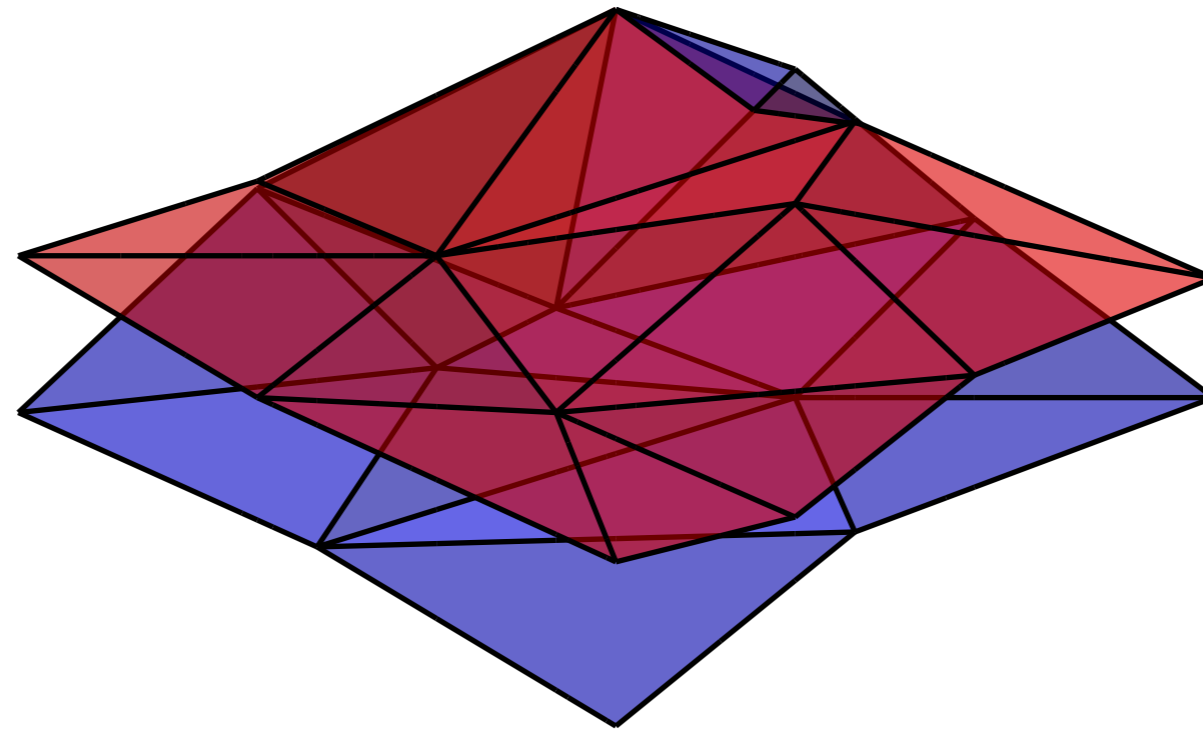
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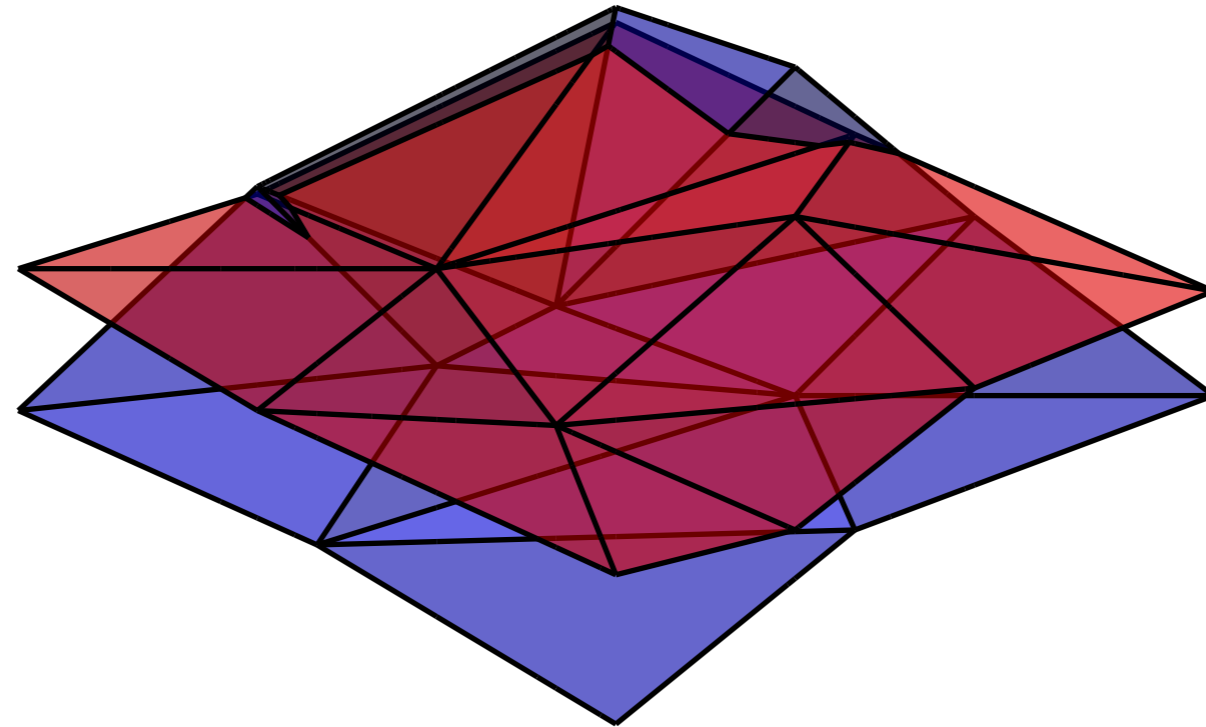
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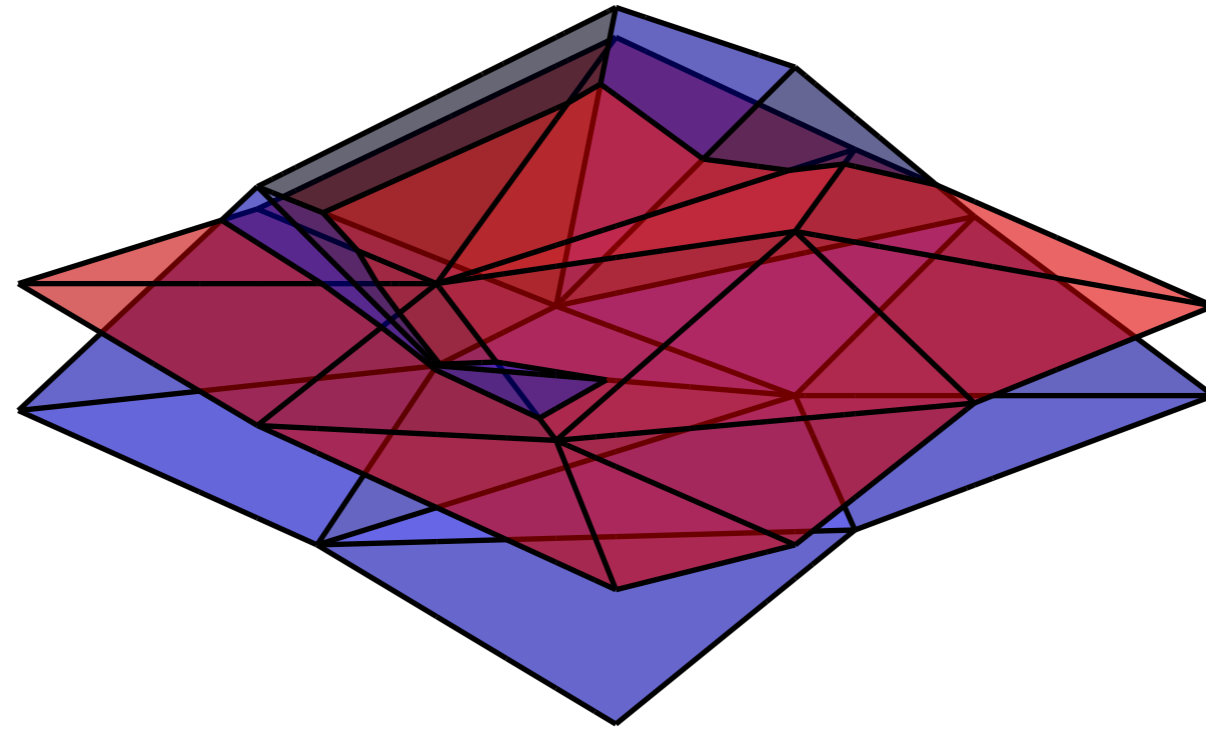
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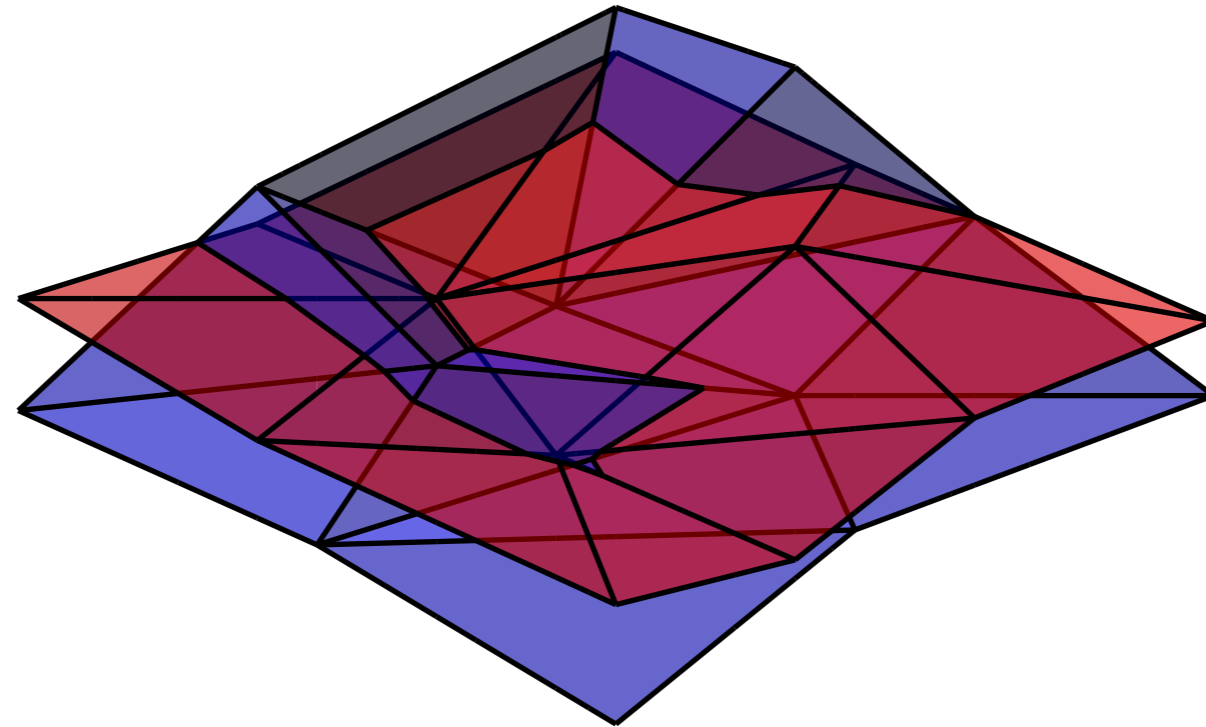
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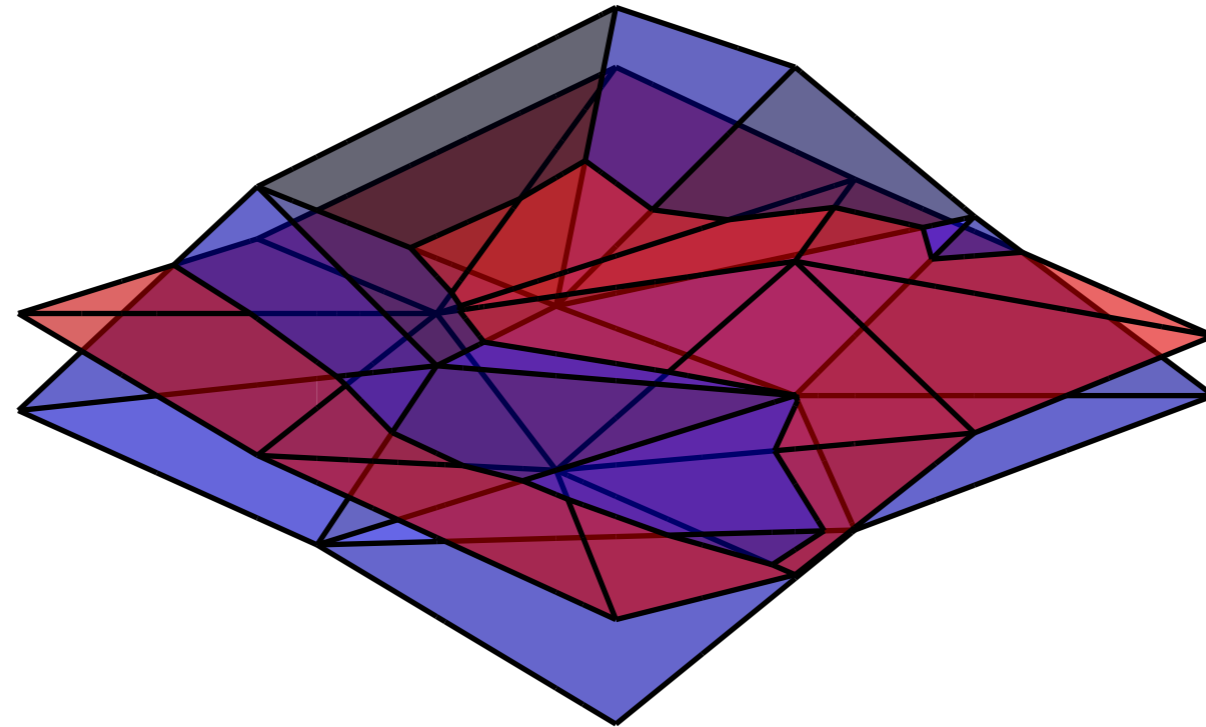
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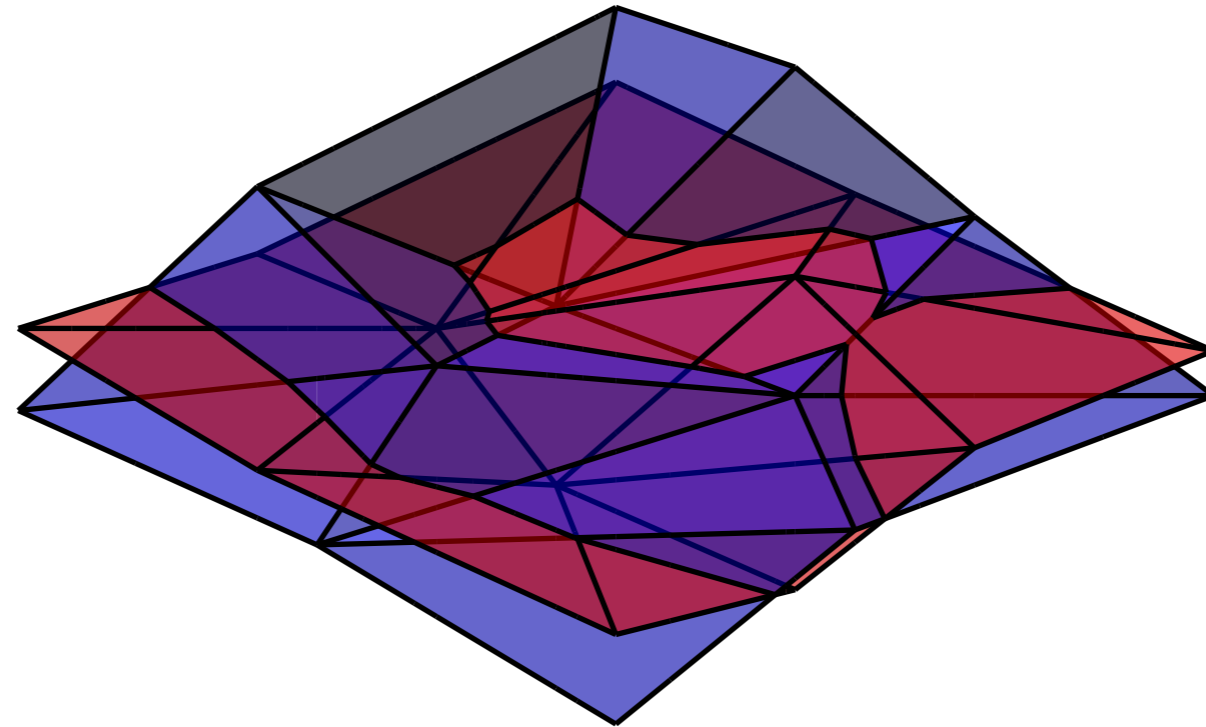
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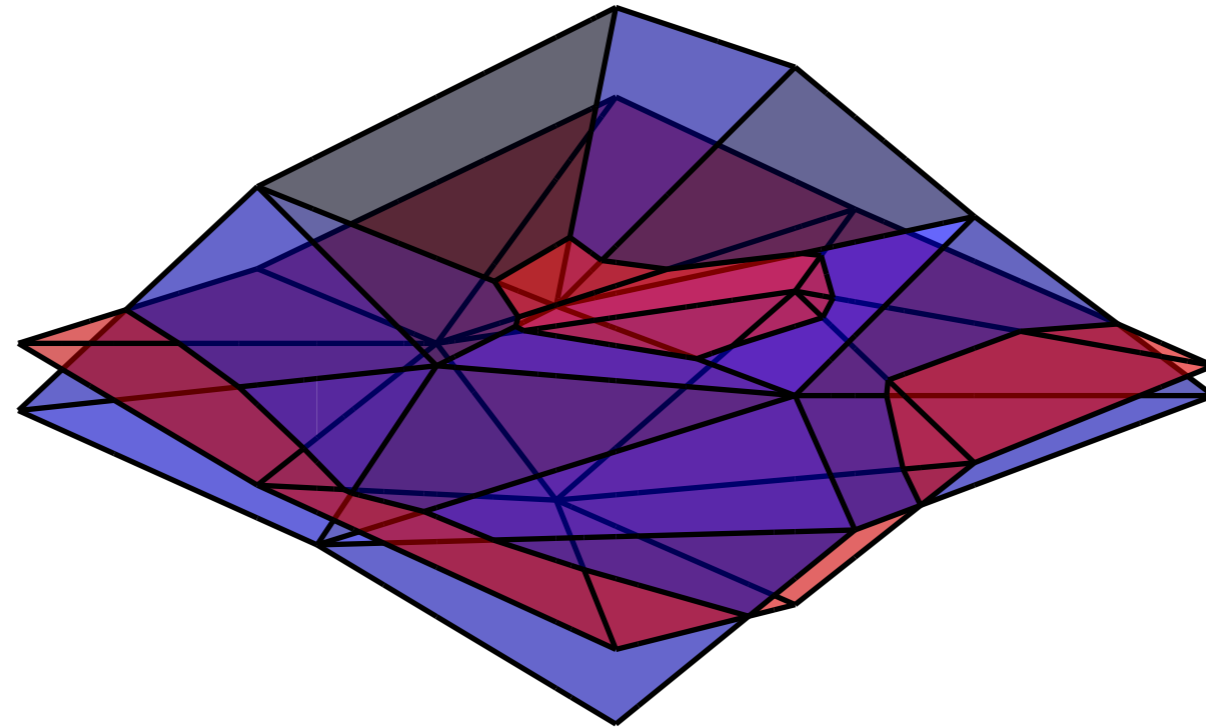
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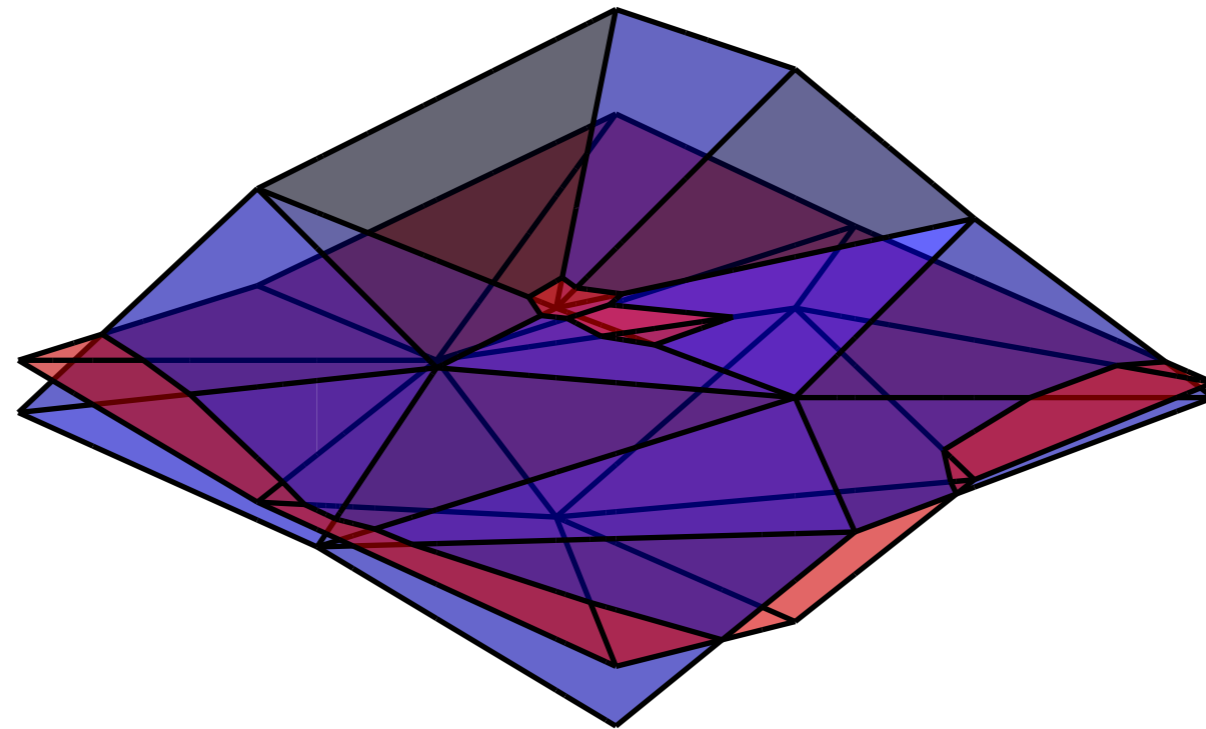
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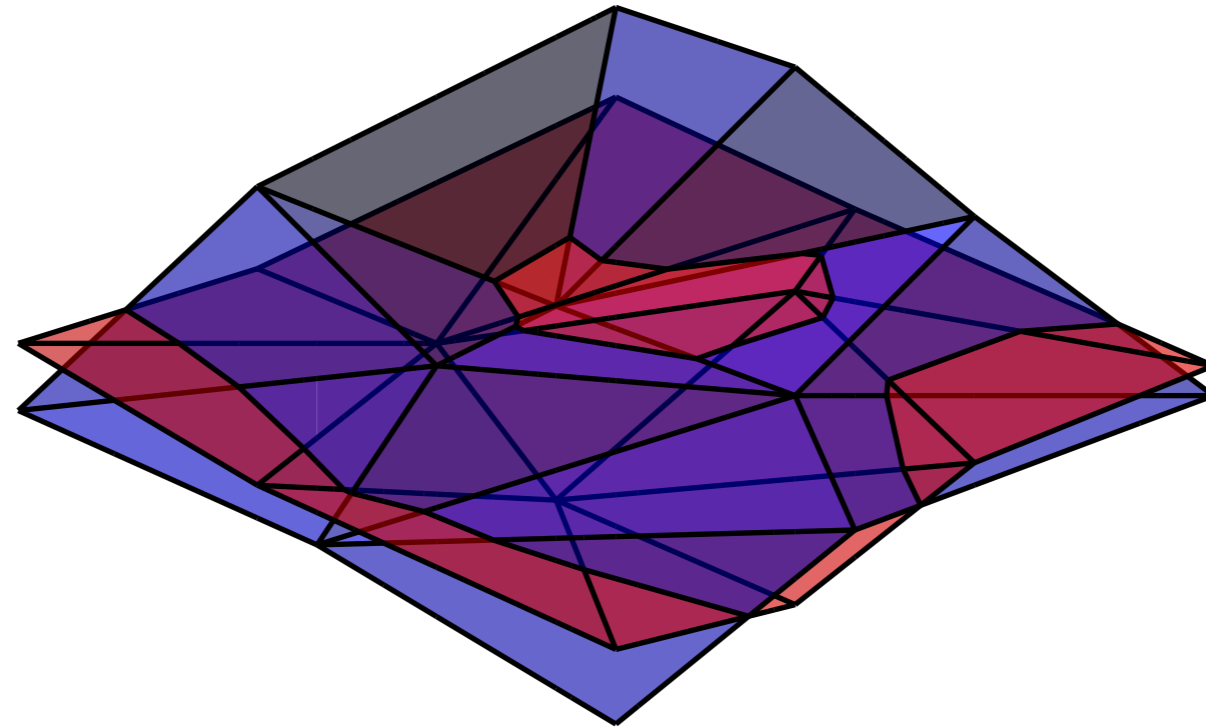
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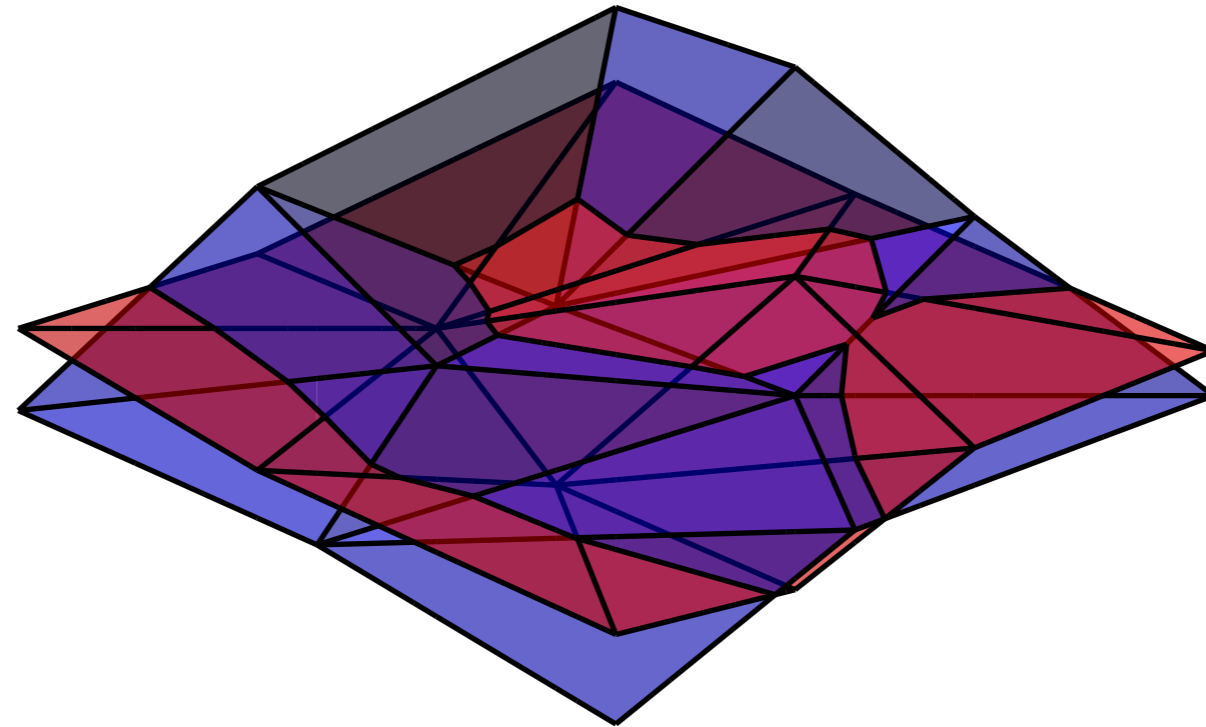
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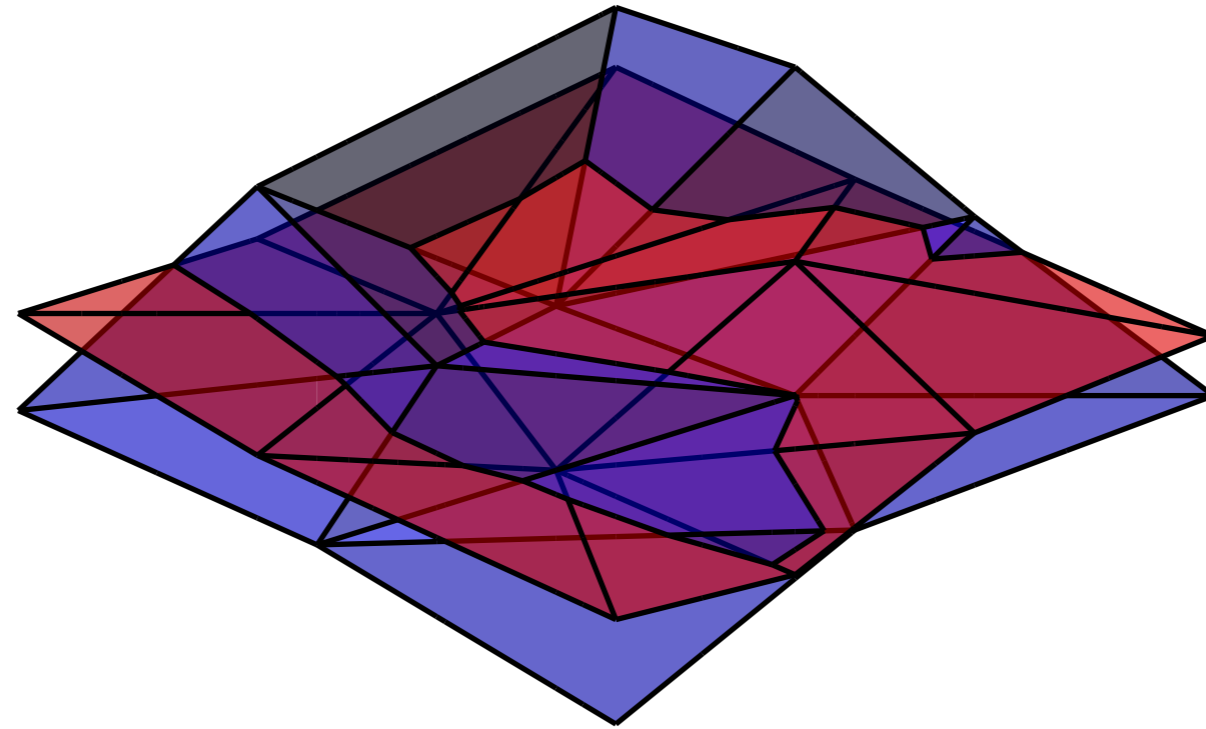
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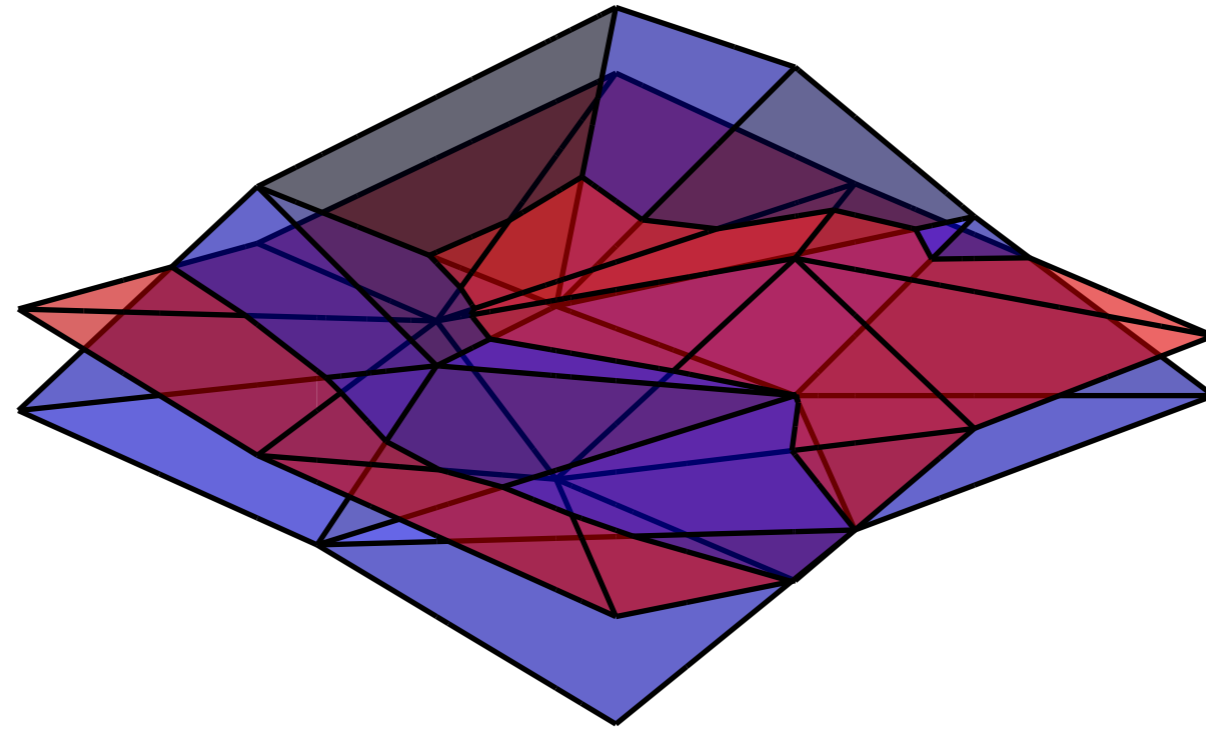
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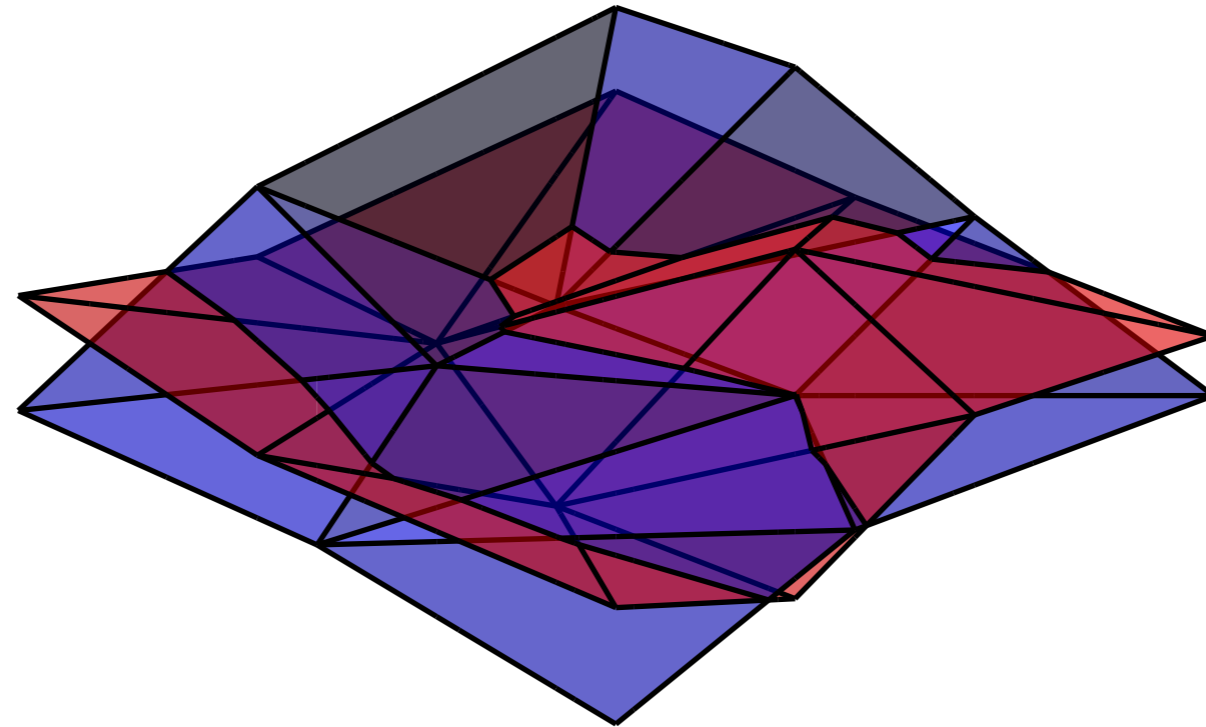
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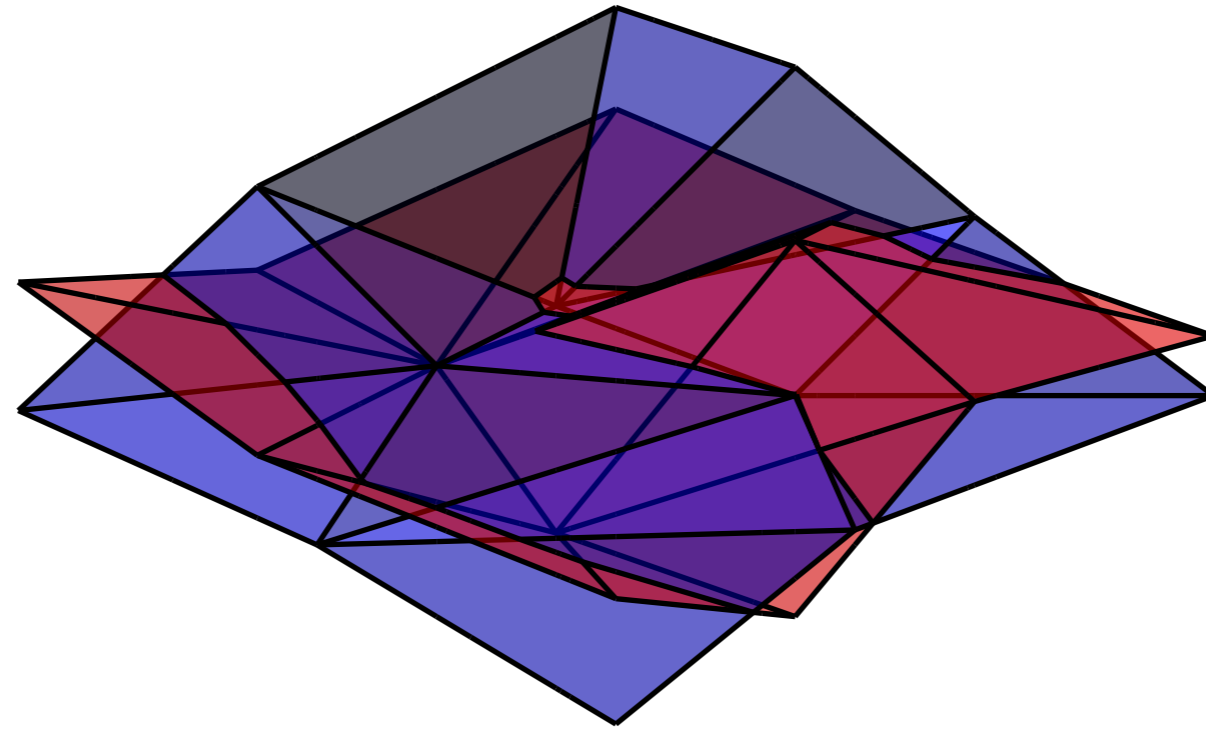
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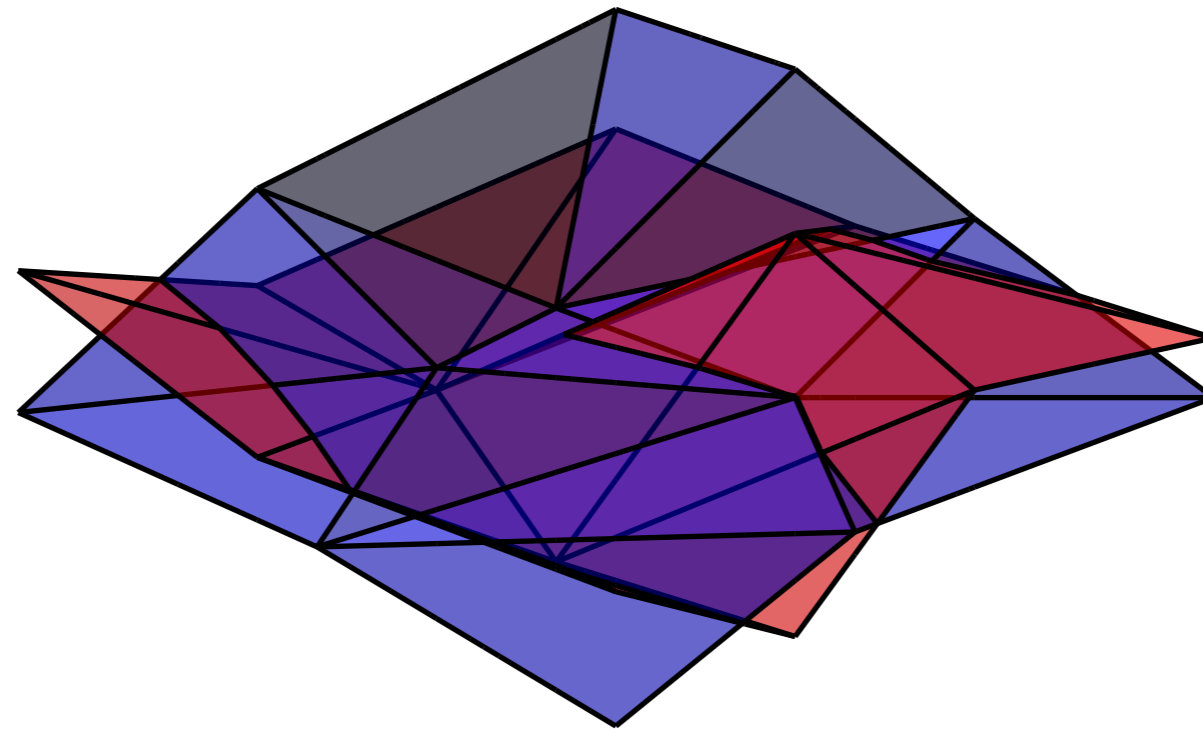
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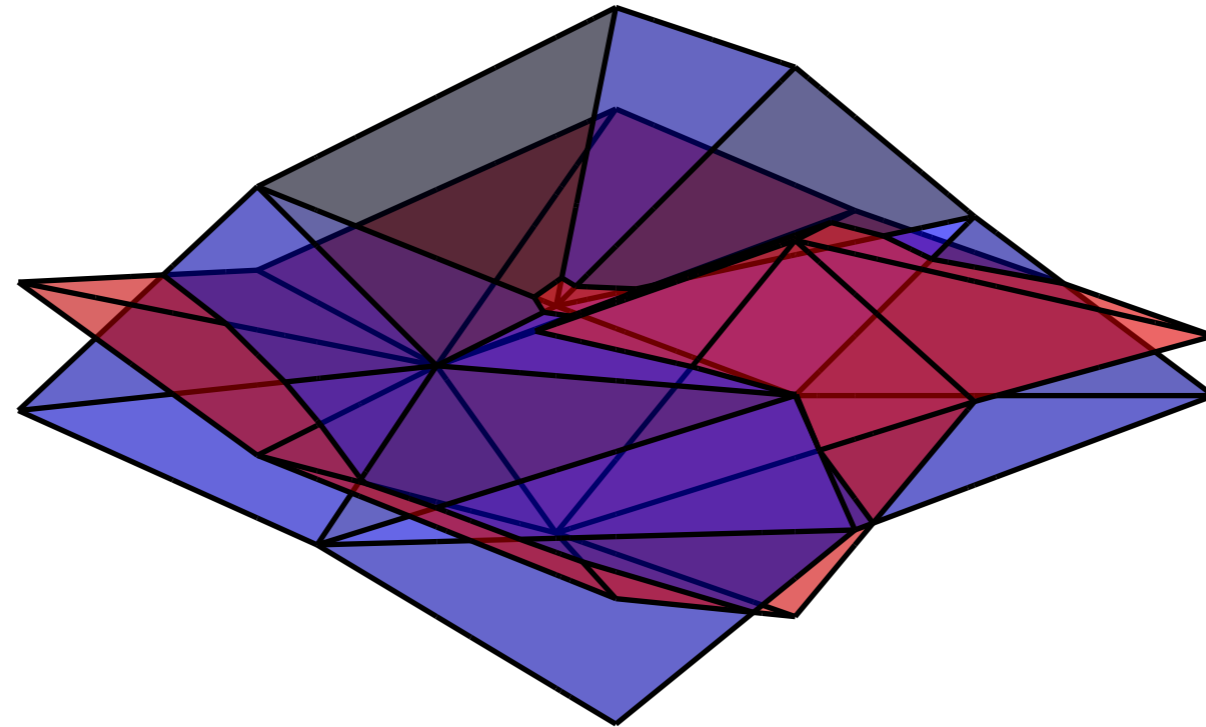
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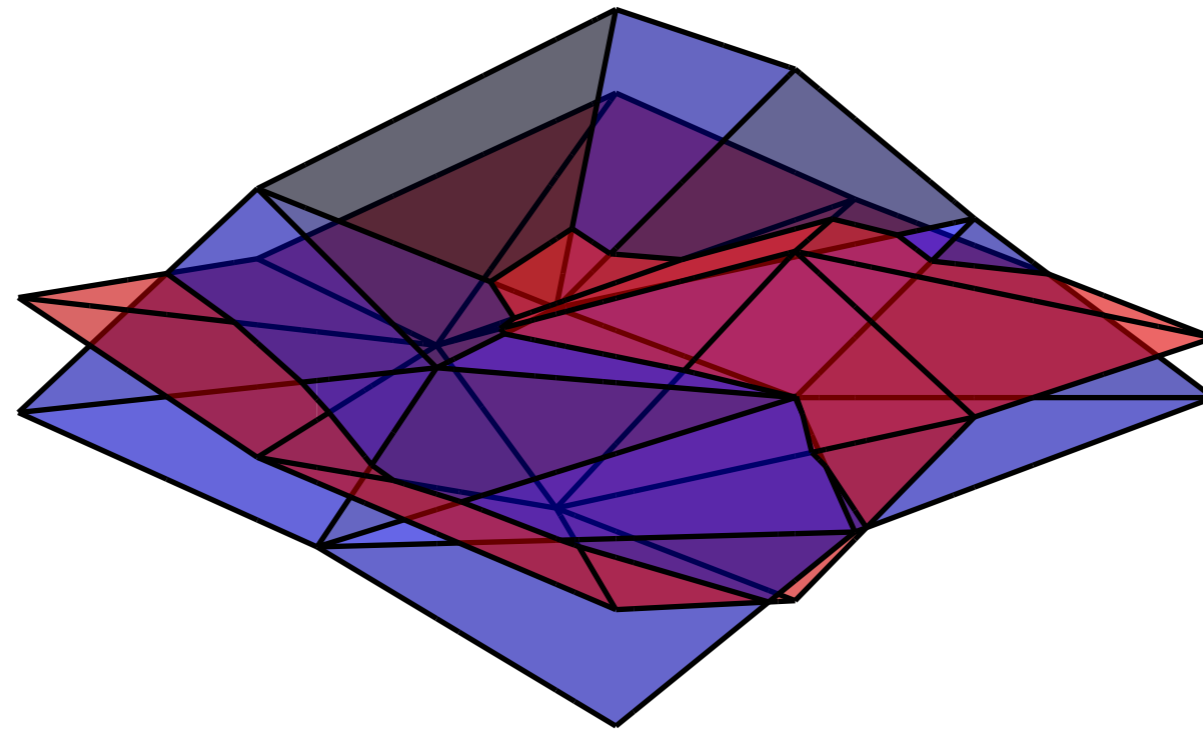
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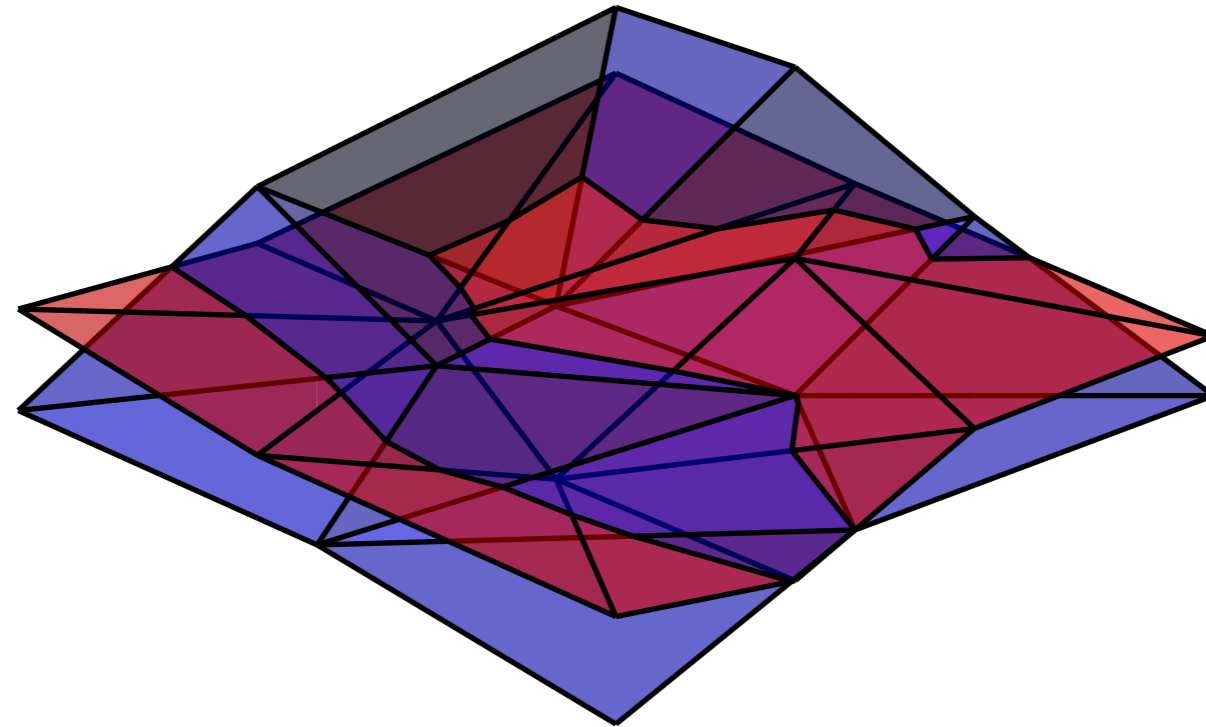
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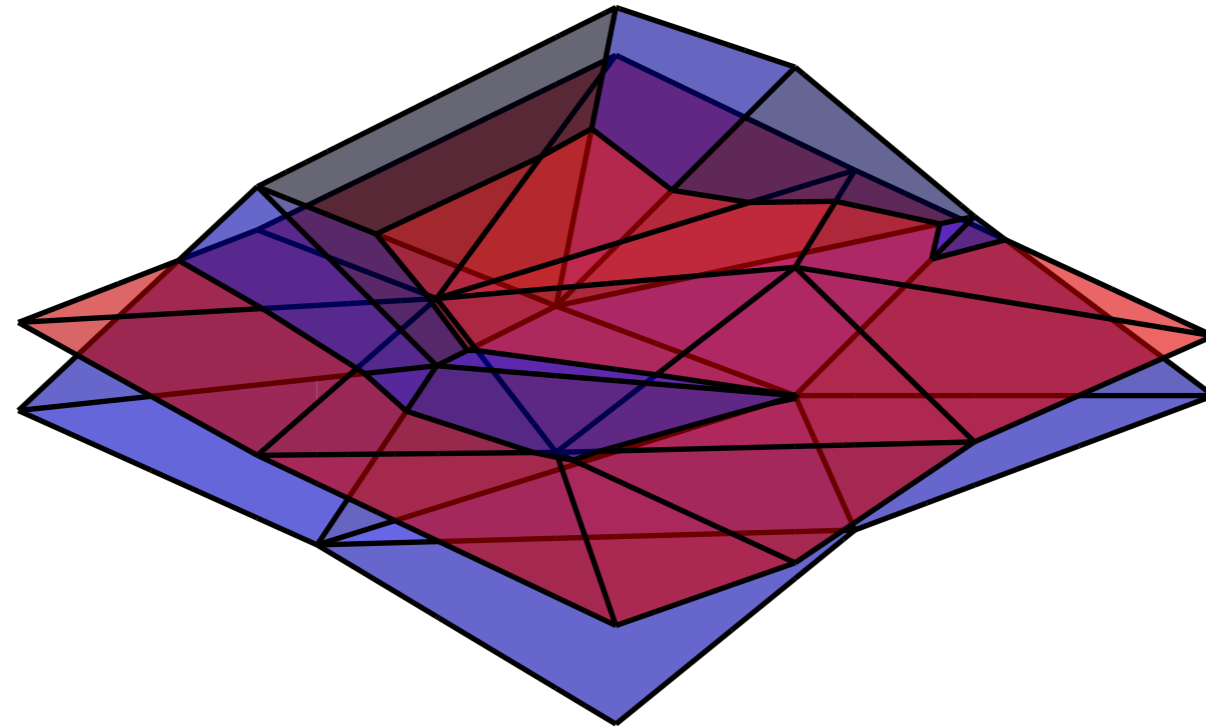
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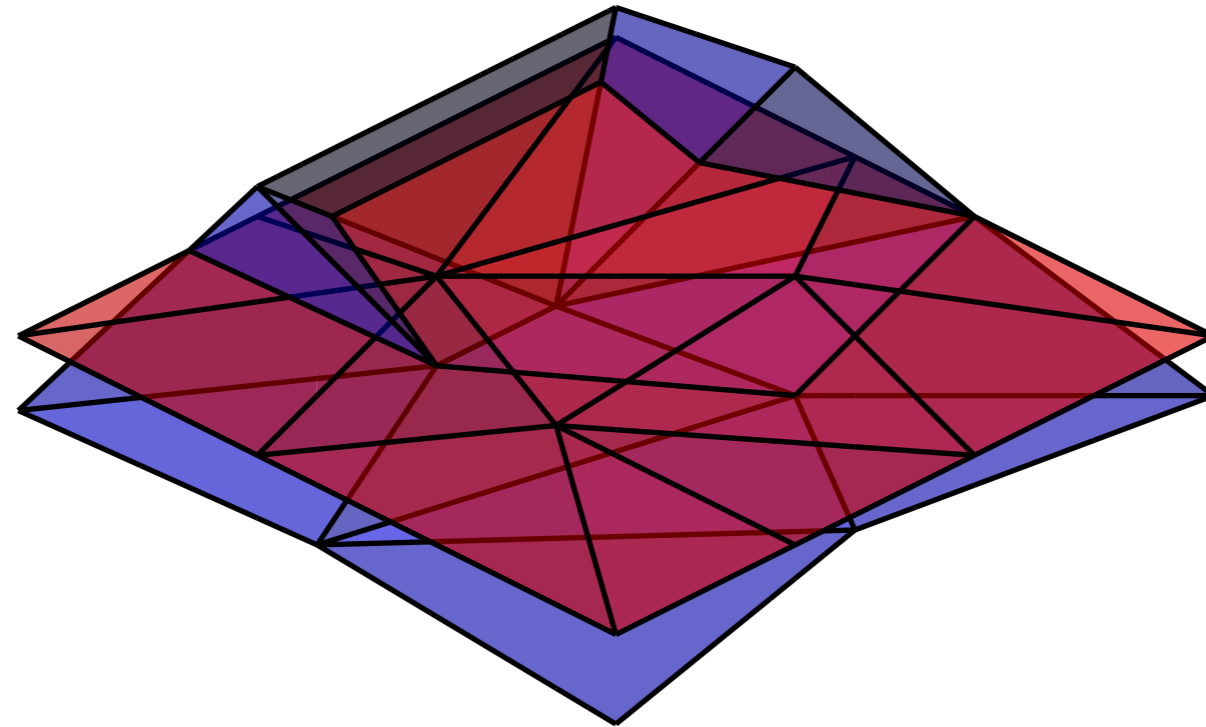
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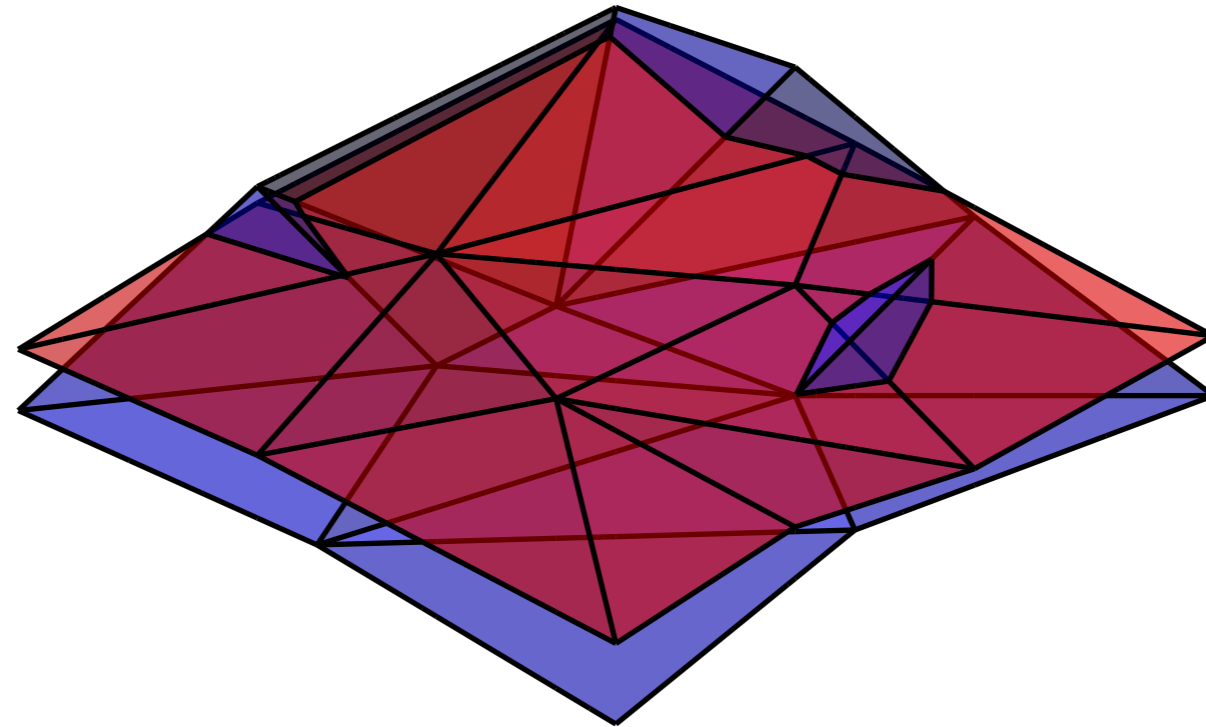
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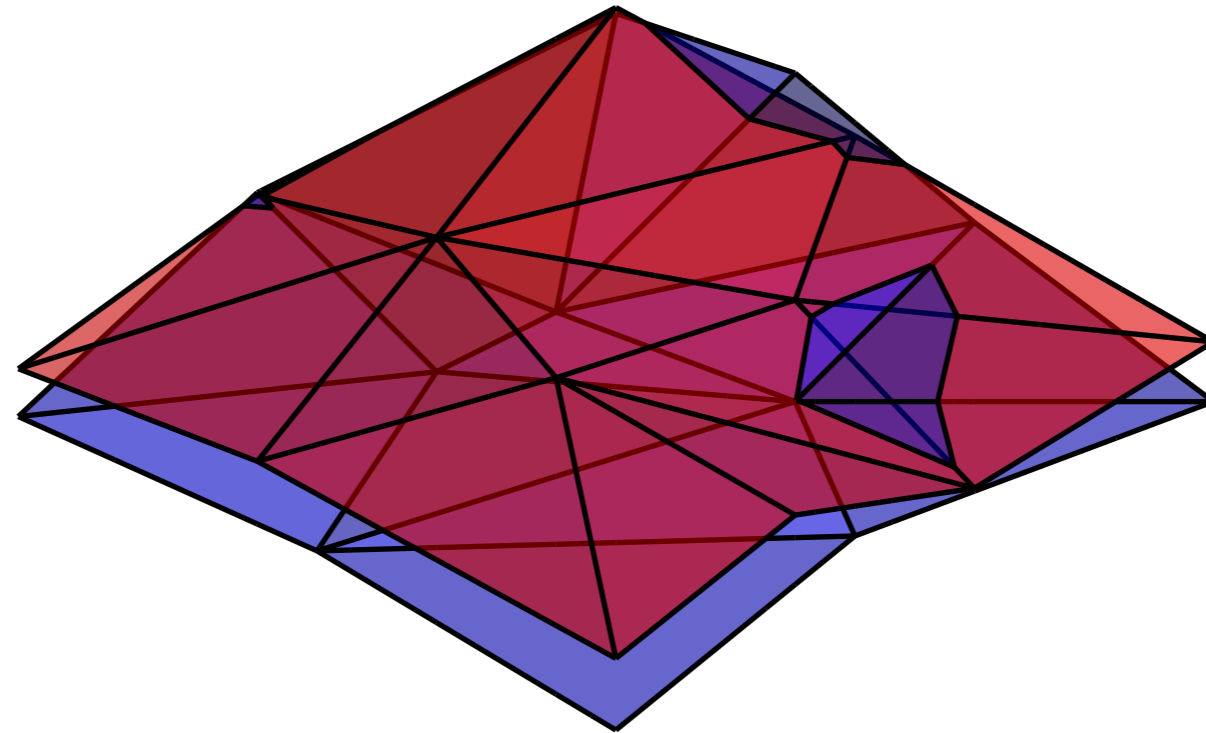
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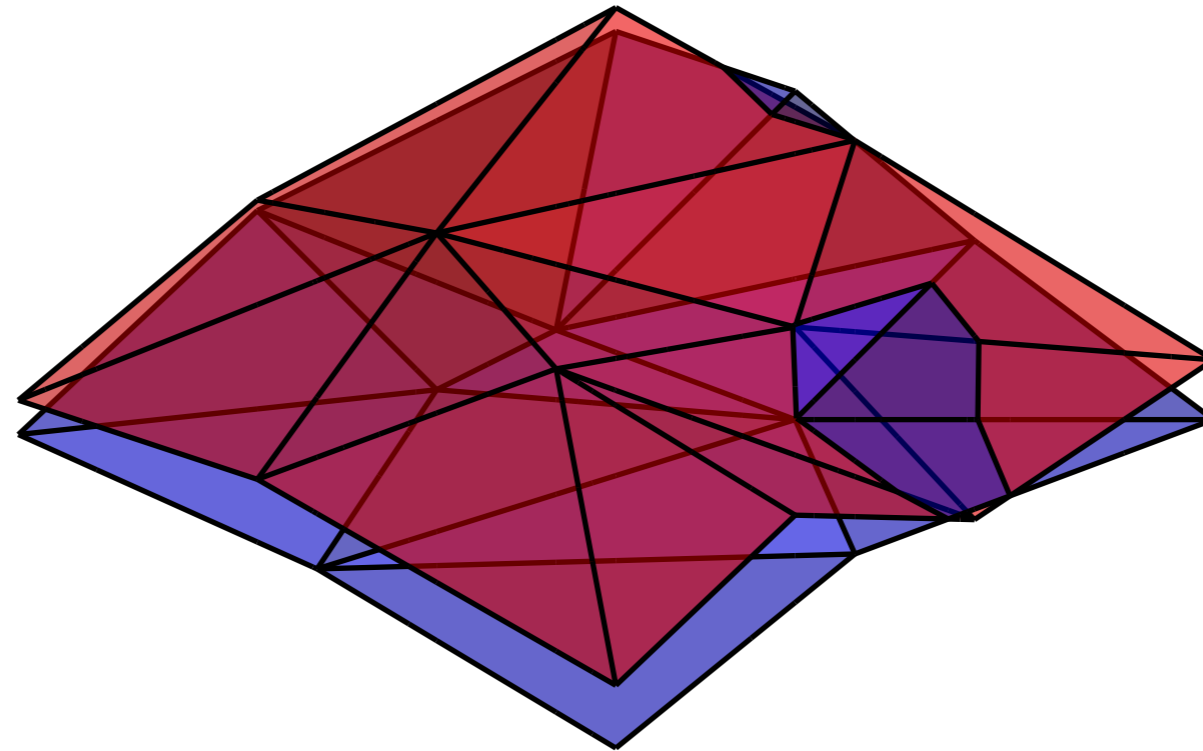
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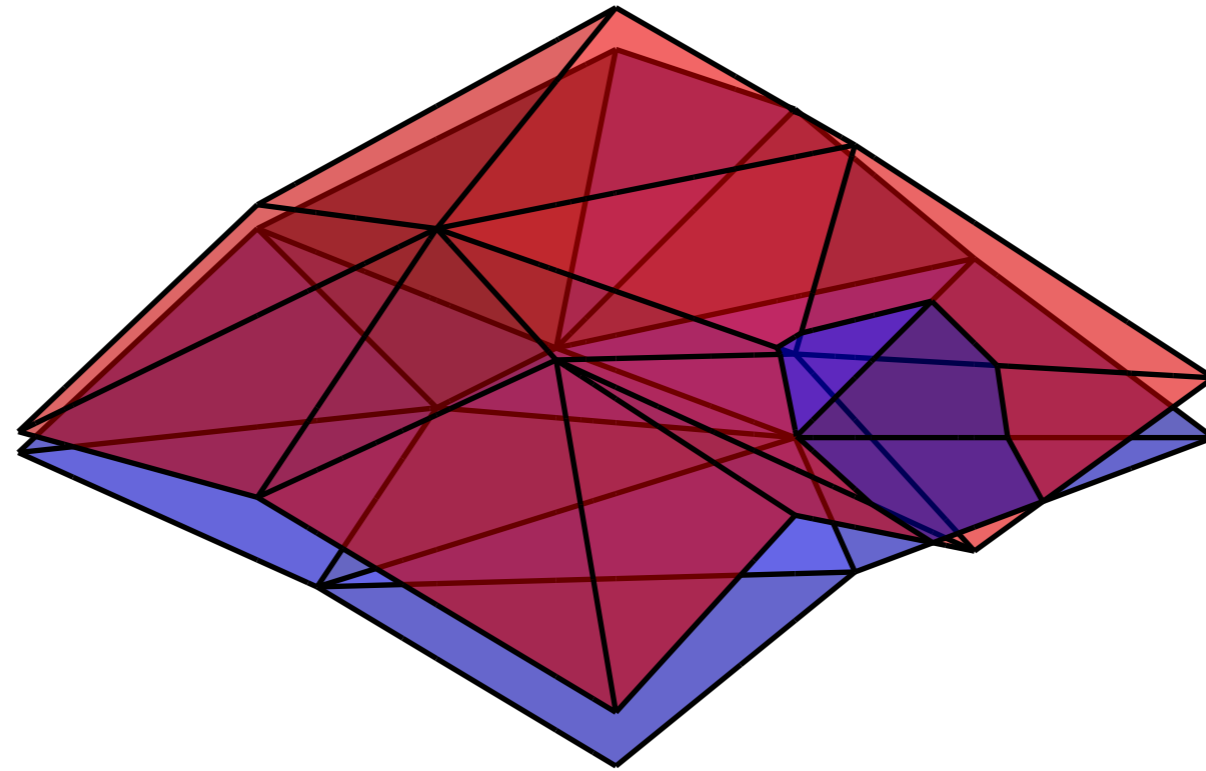
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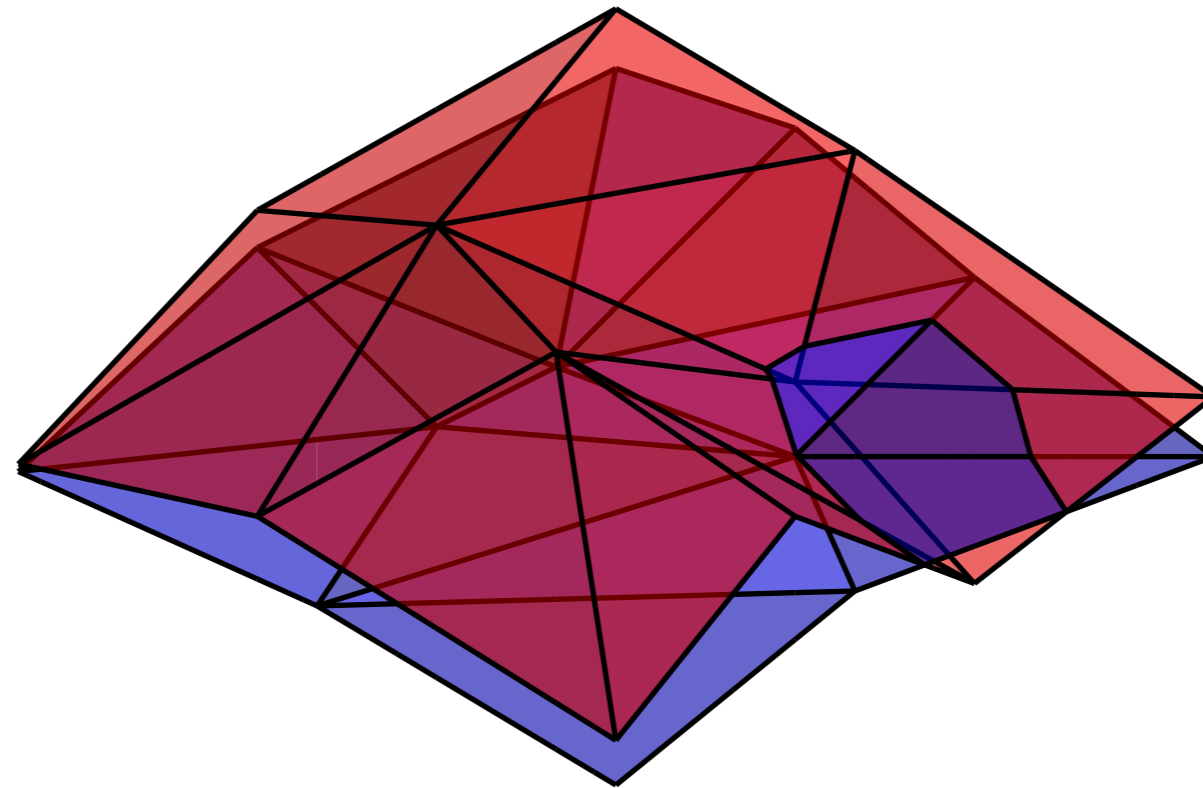
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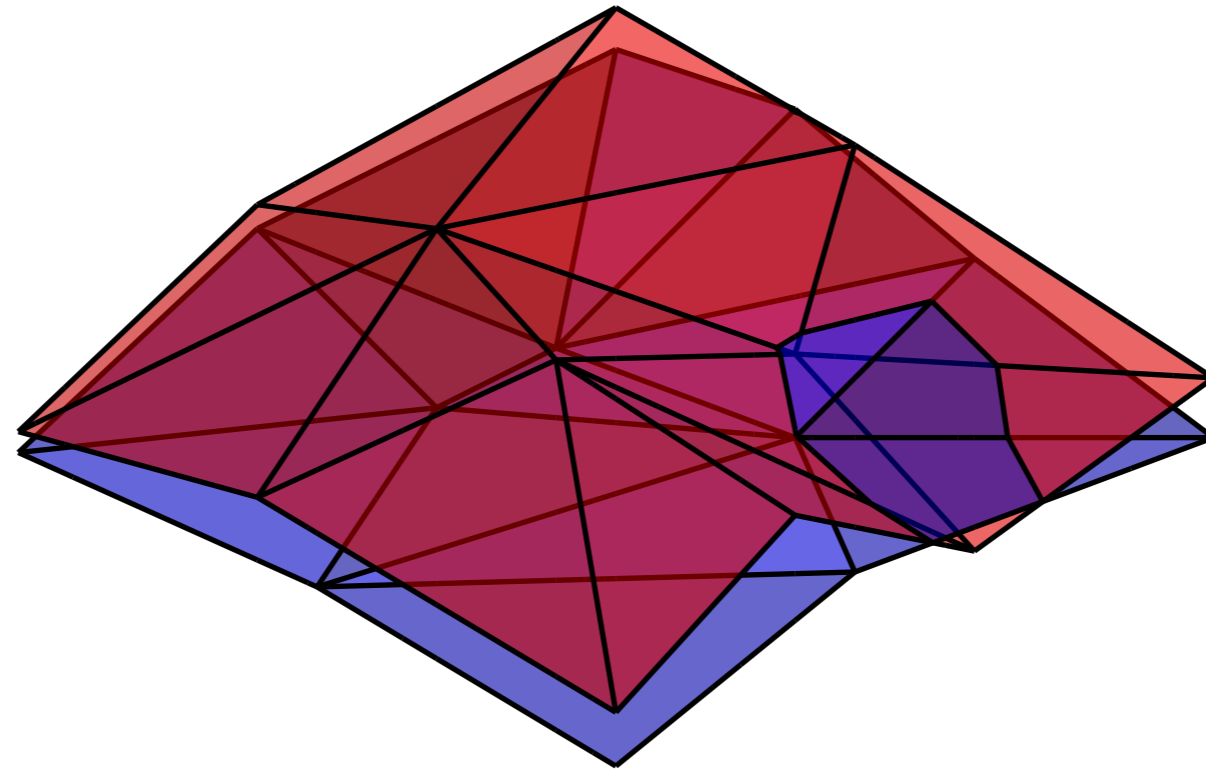
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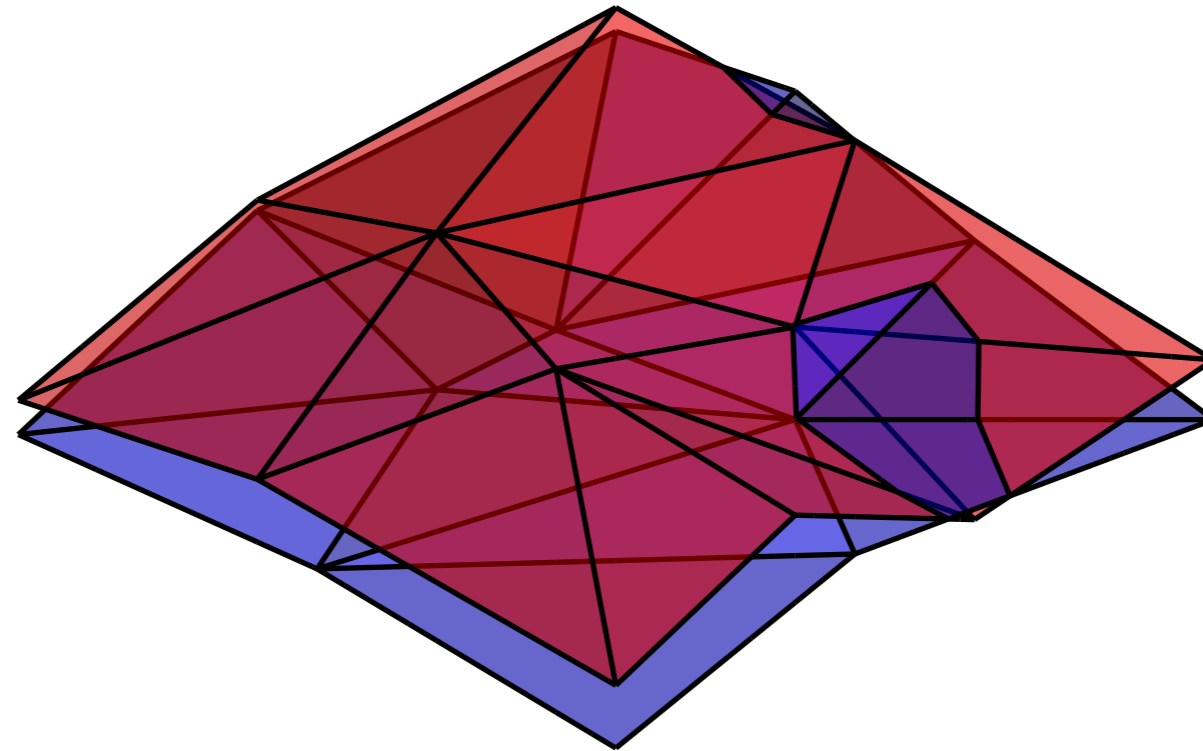
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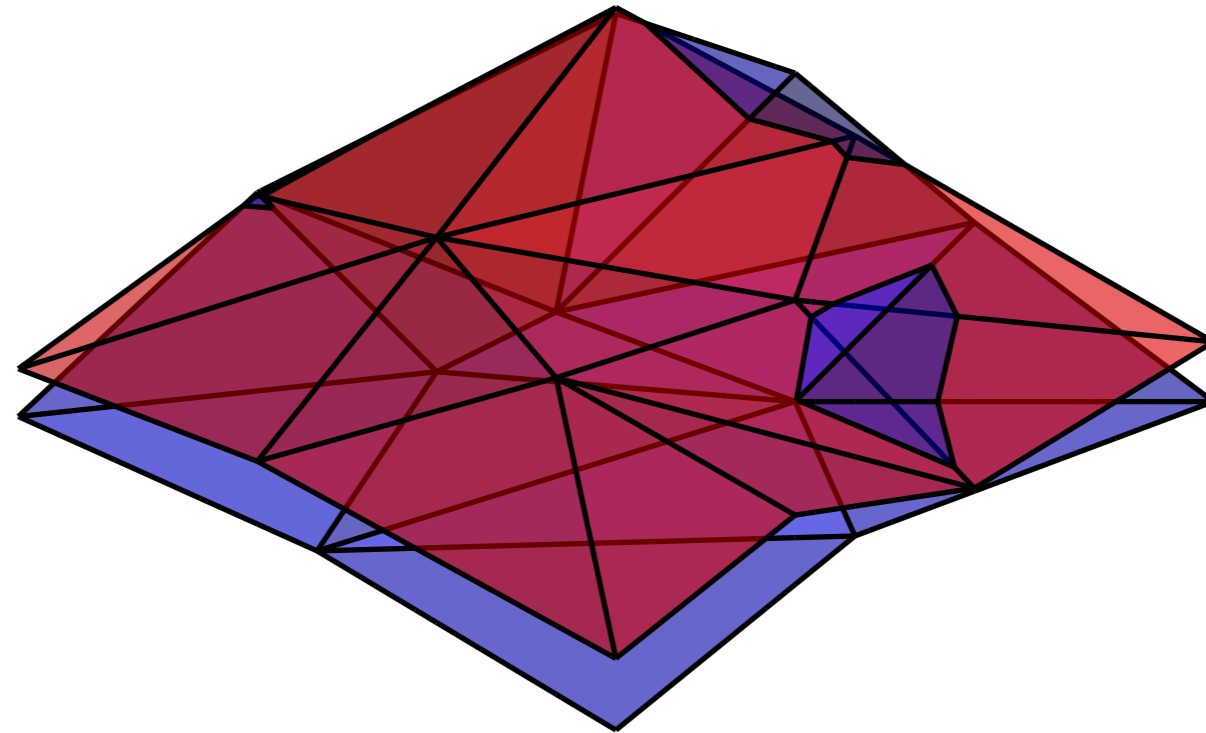
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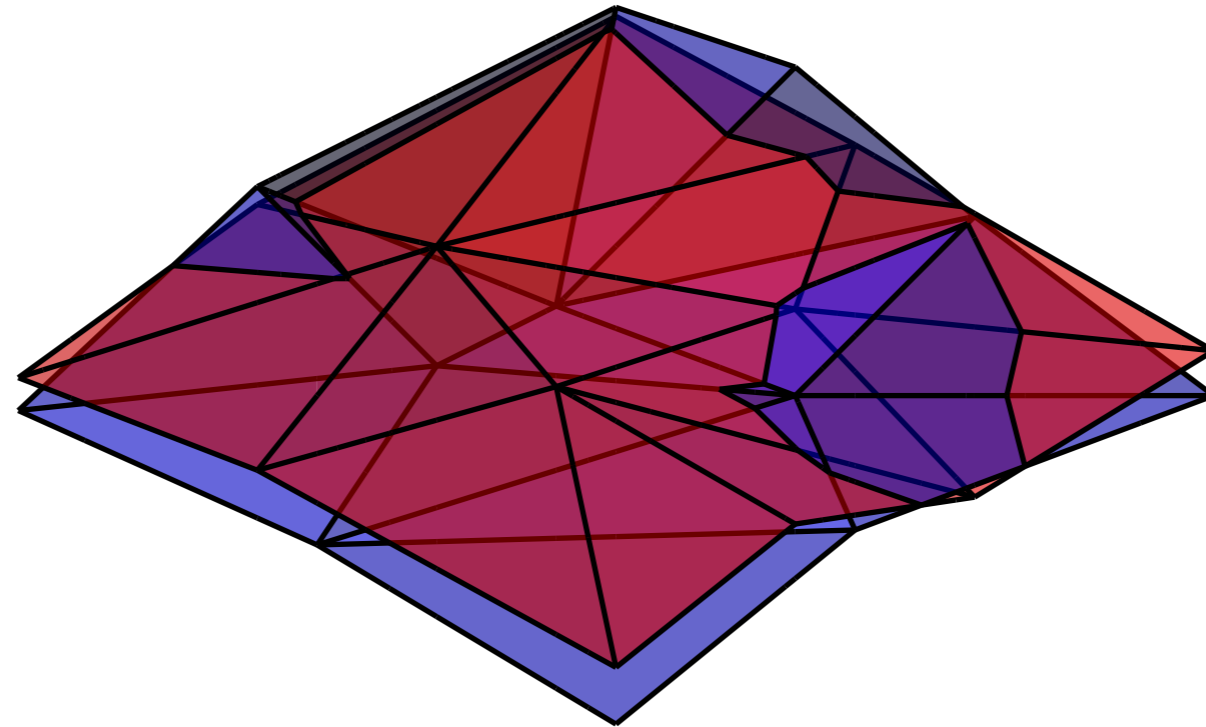
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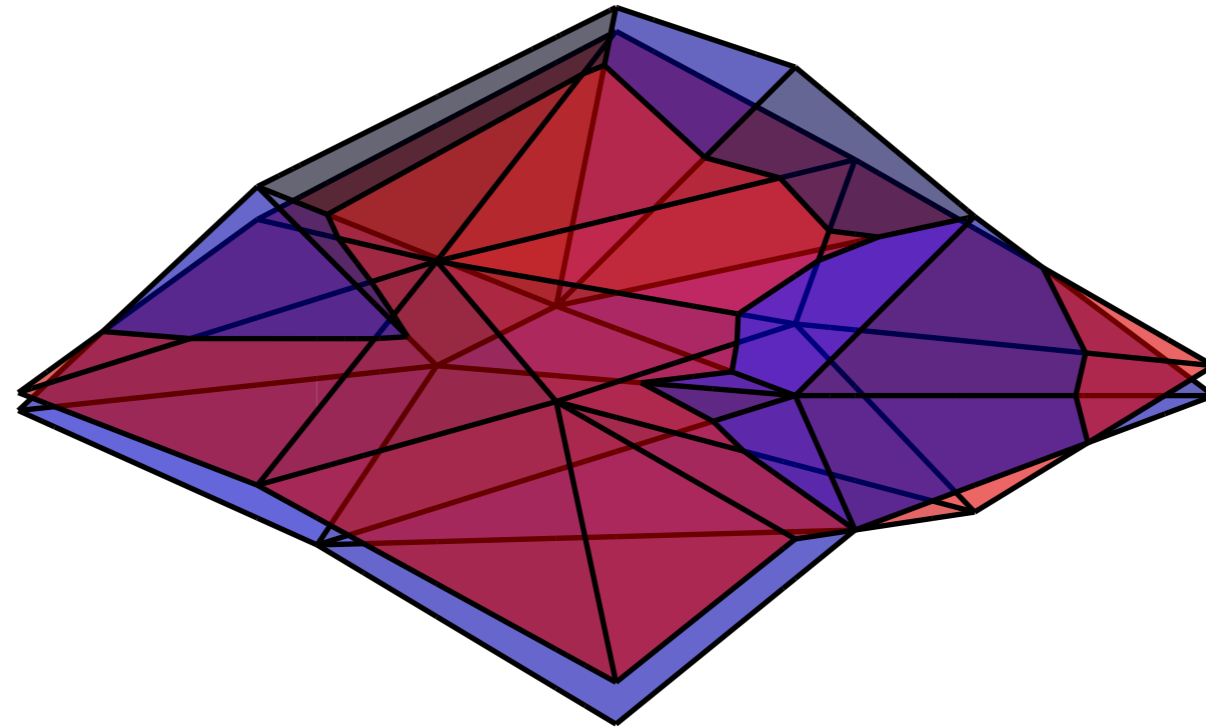
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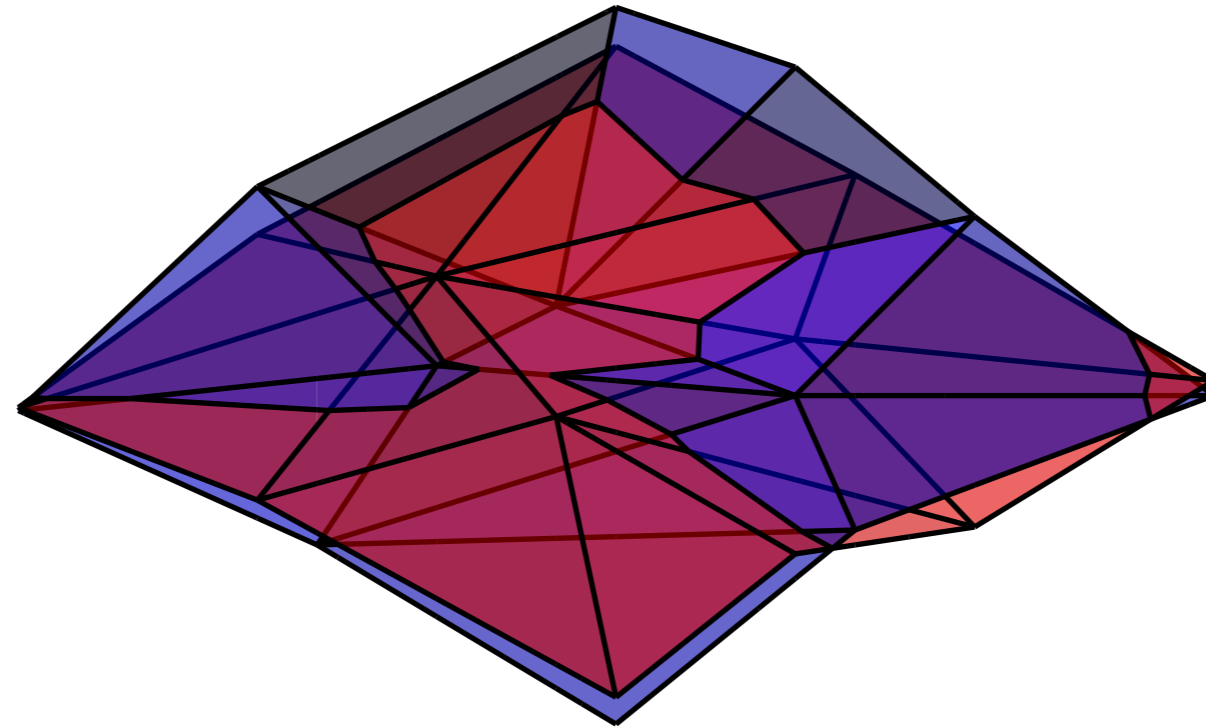
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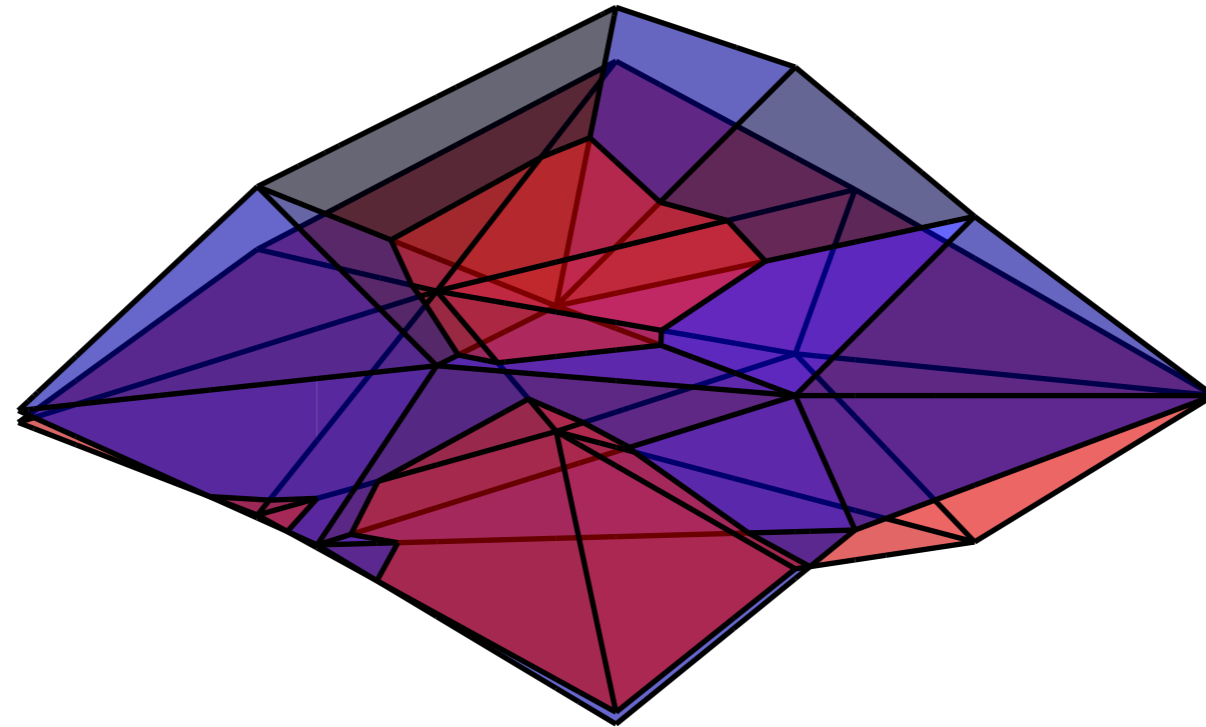
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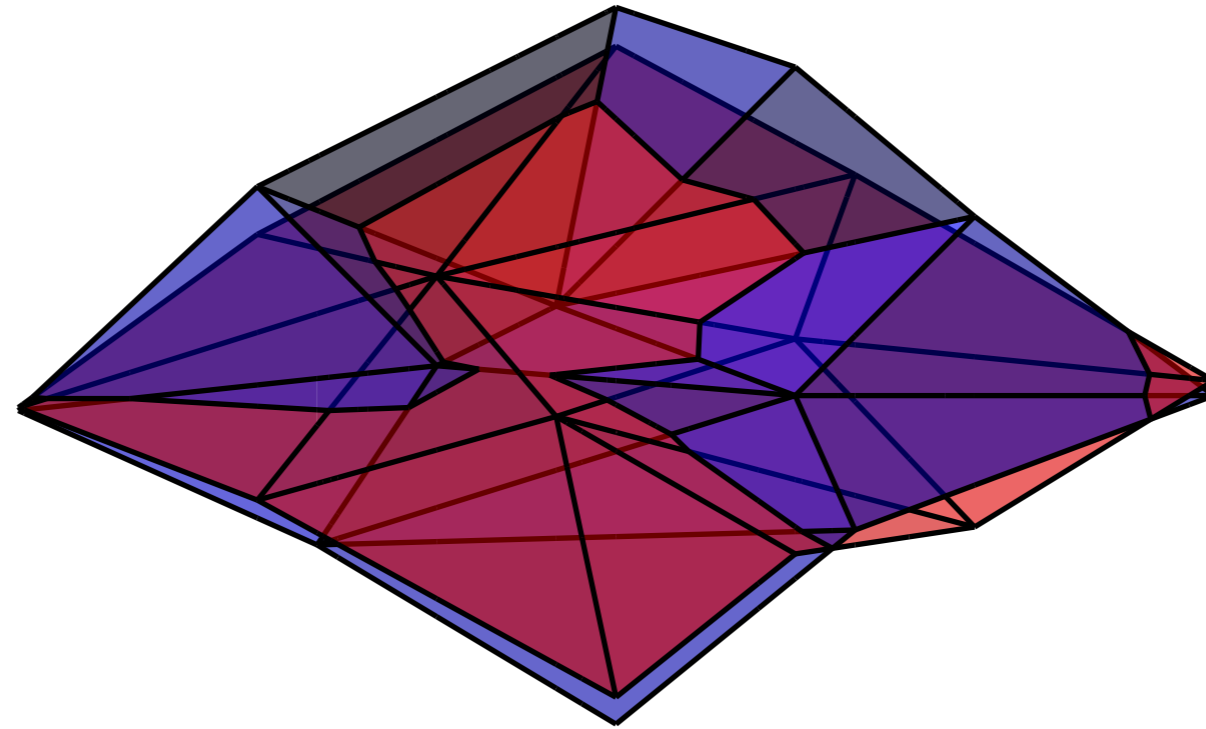
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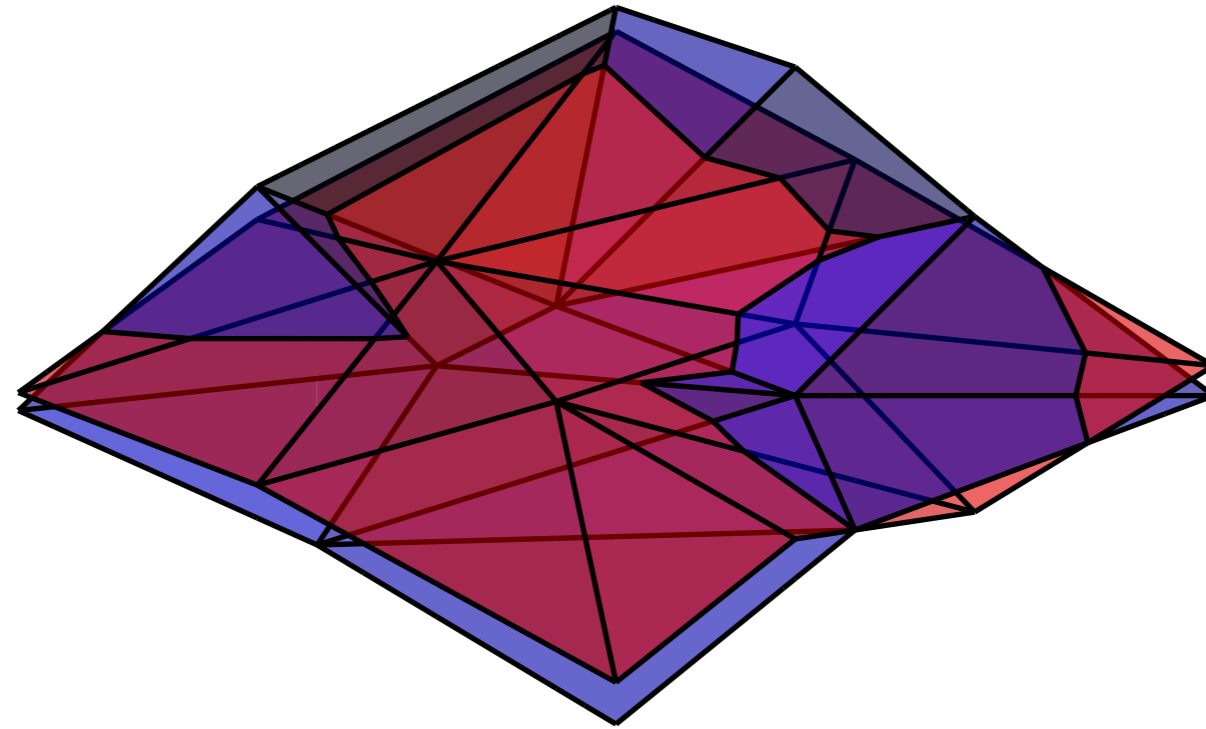
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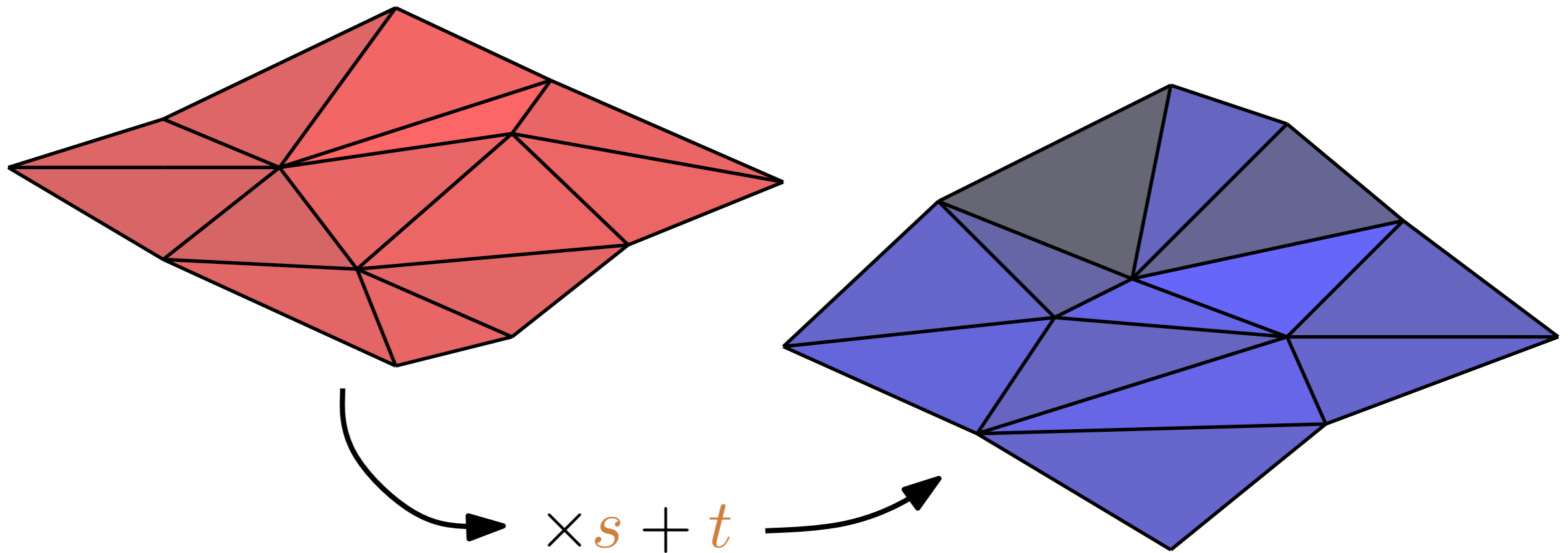


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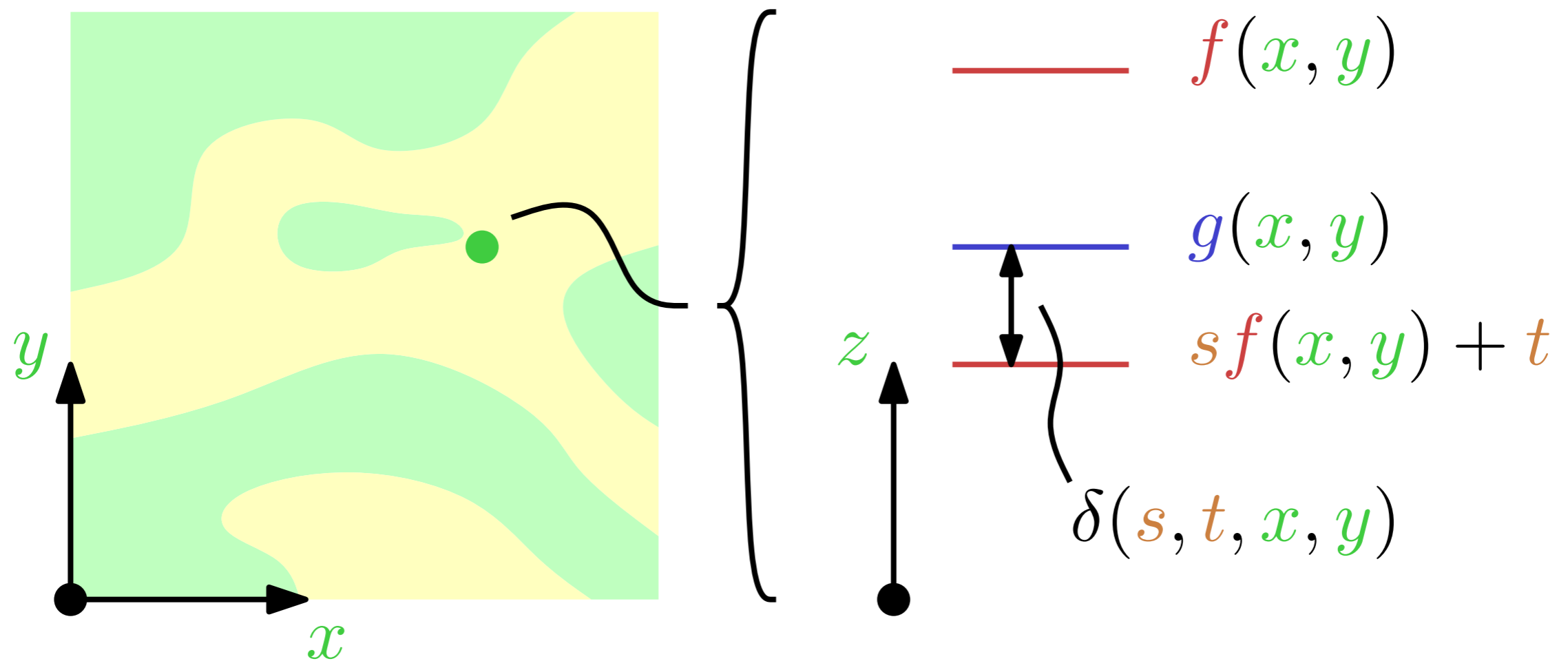


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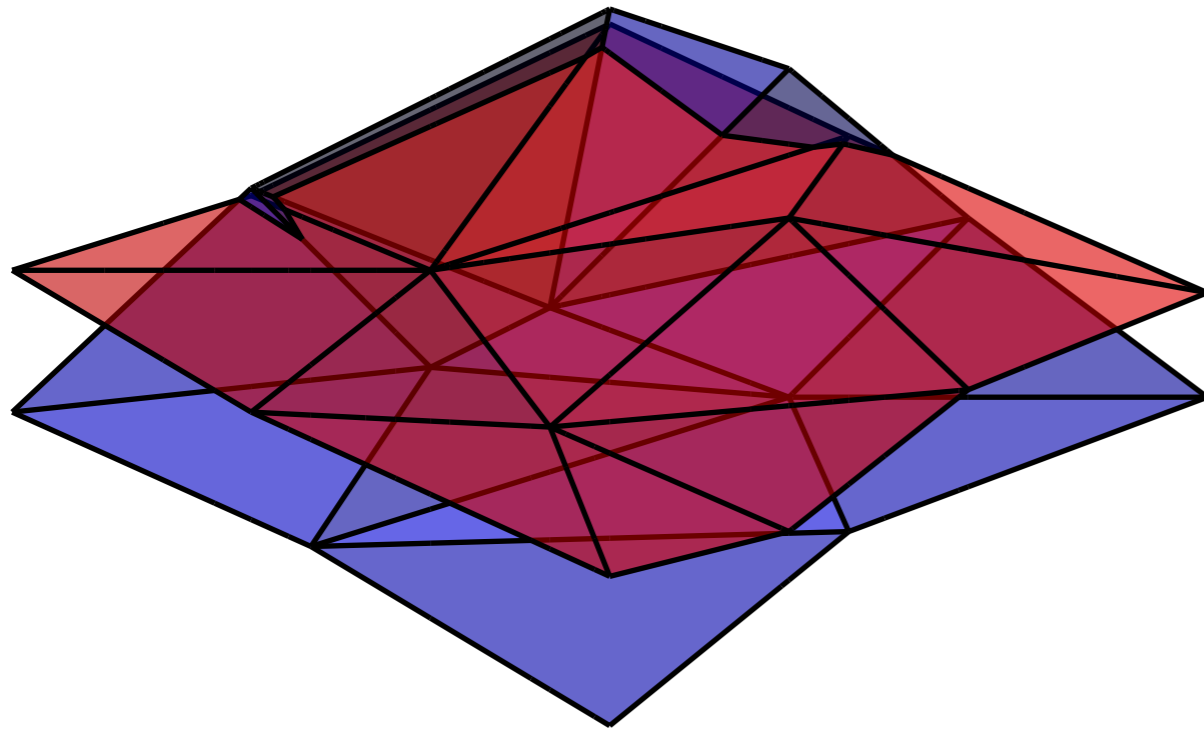
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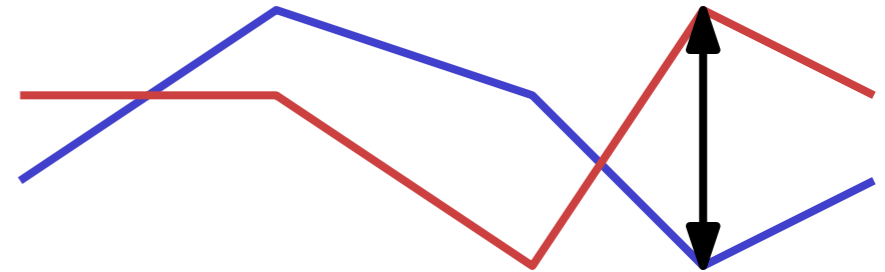
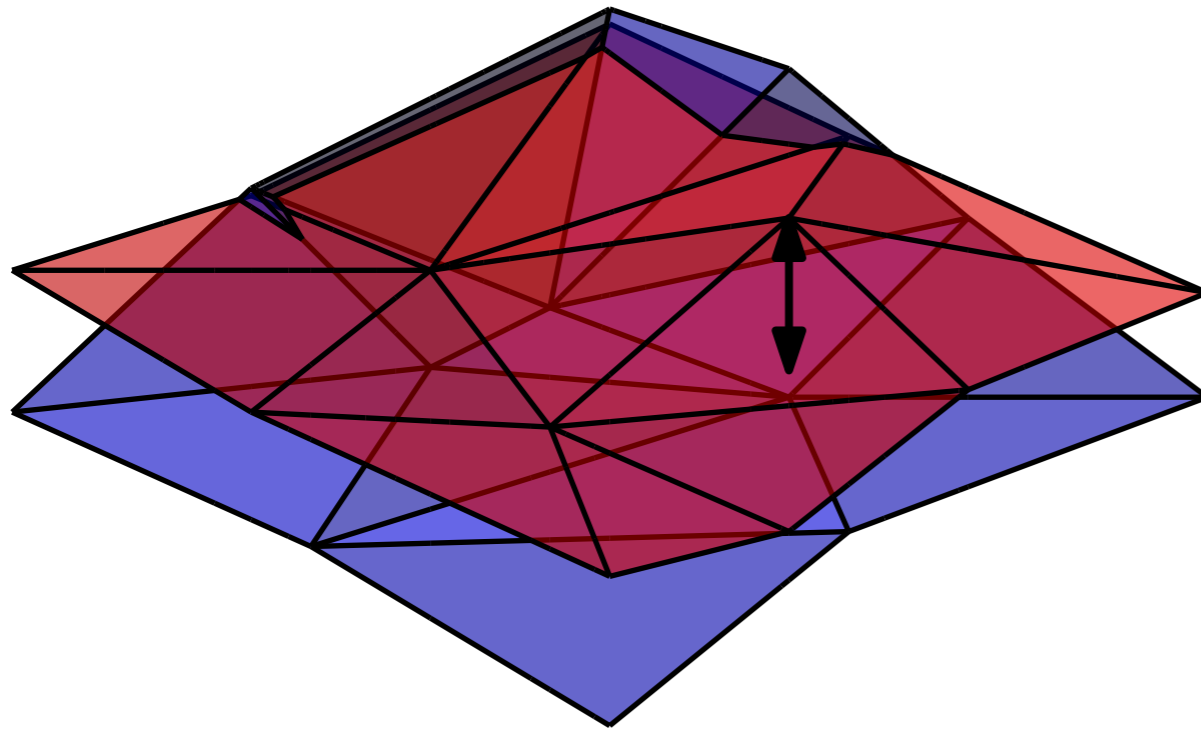
We want to find the two parameters s and t such that $sf + t$ is similar to g .



We parameterise the domain by x and y .
 For each s, t and x, y we can measure the
 vertical distance between f and g .

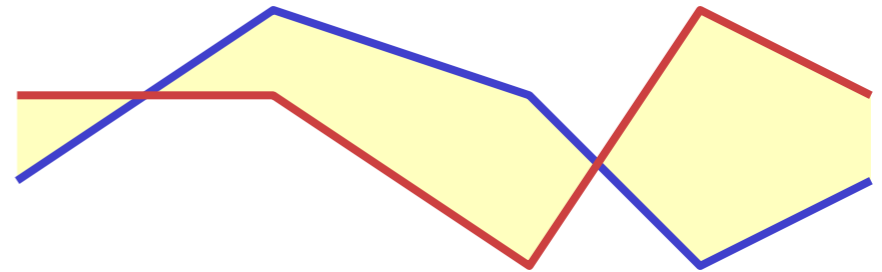
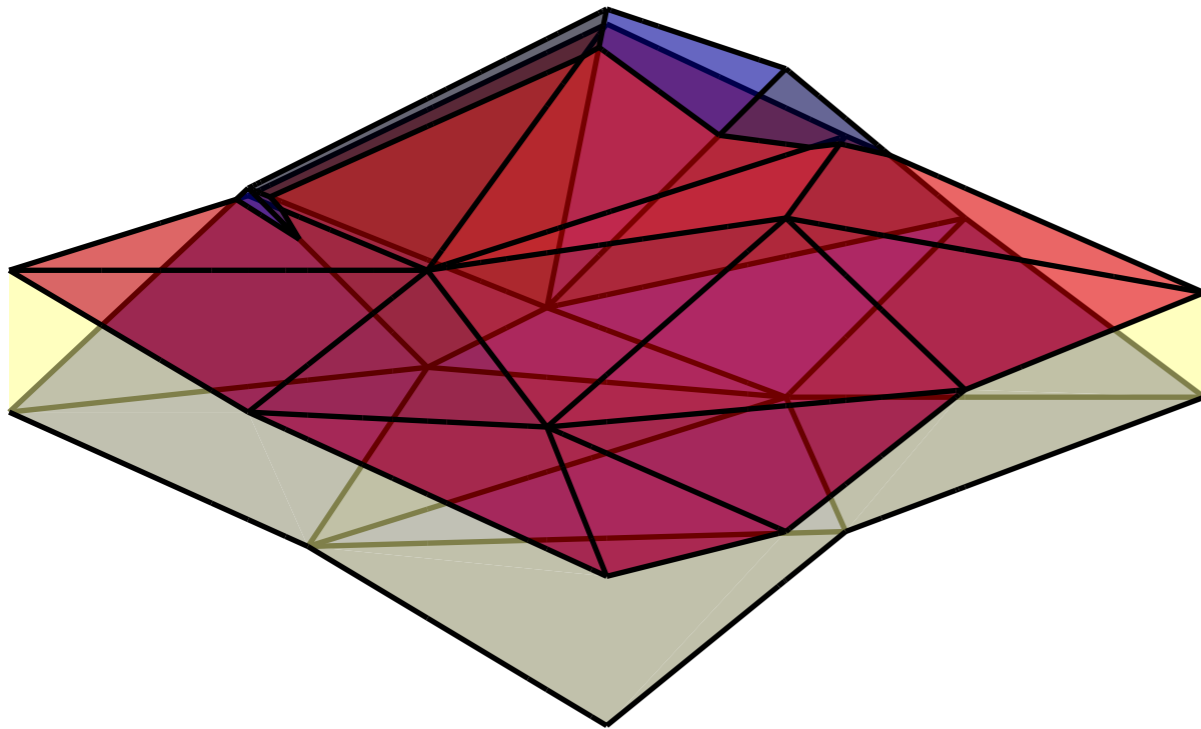


For a given s and t , we can measure either the *worst* or the *average* vertical distance between f and g over all x and y .



$$\mu_m(s, t) = \max_{x, y} |sf(x, y) + t - g(x, y)|$$

The worst vertical distance is the point on the domain where the two TINs are furthest away from each other.



$$\mu_a(s, t) = \int_{x, y} |sf(x, y) + t - g(x, y)| dx dy$$

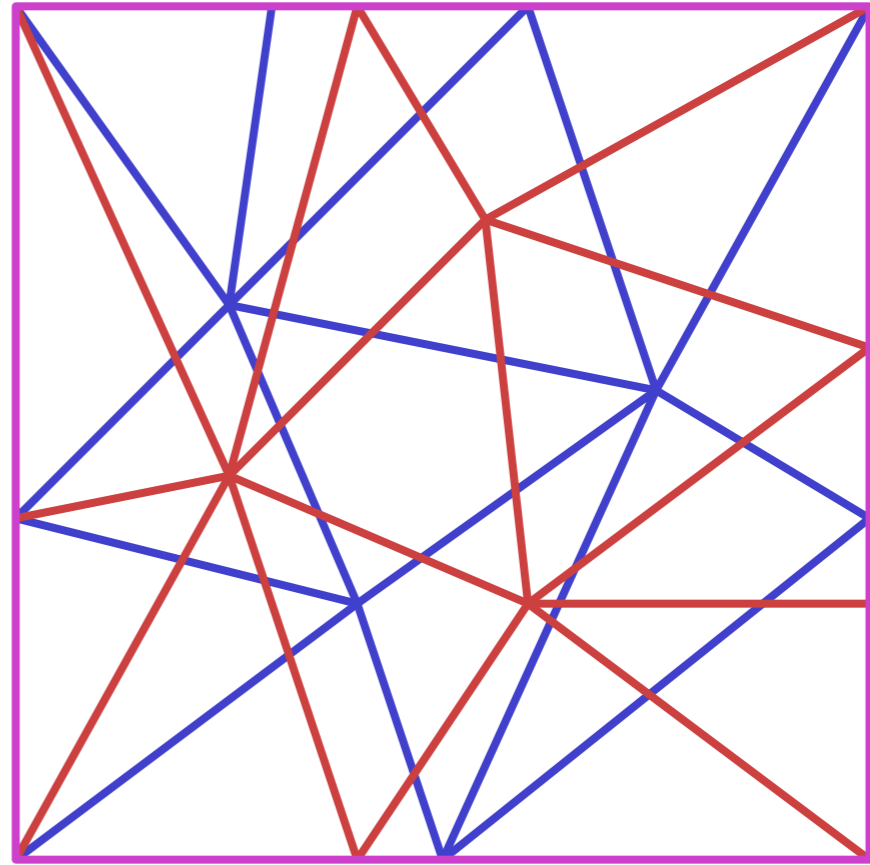
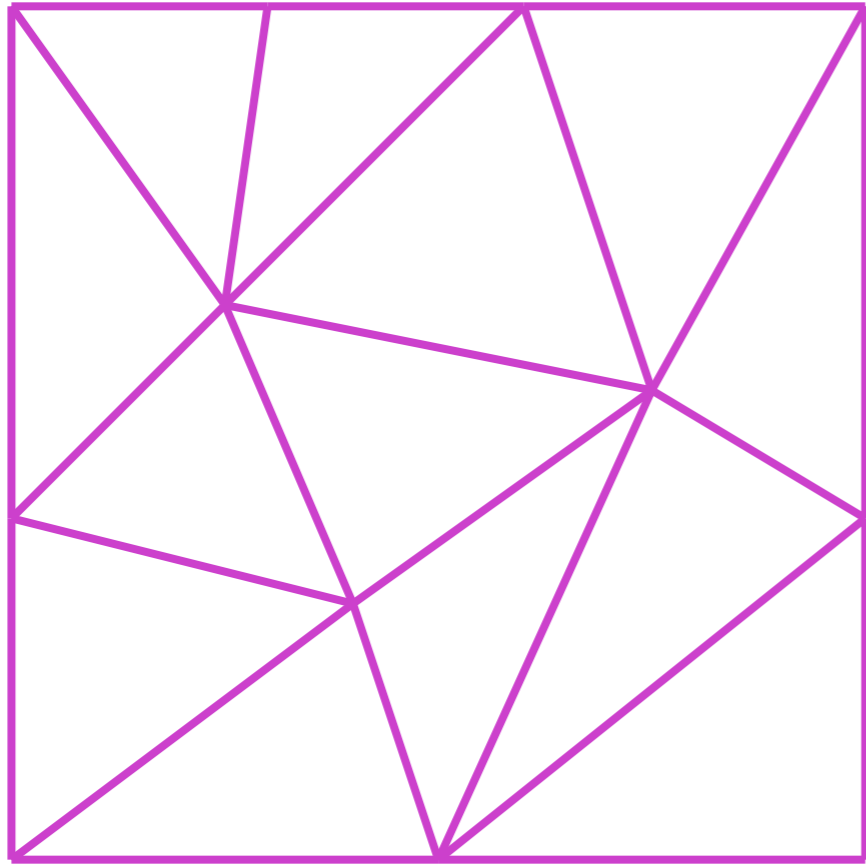
Optimising the average vertical distance is the same as optimising the integral, or the *volume* between the two TINs.

$$\min_{s,t} \mu_m(s, t) = ?$$

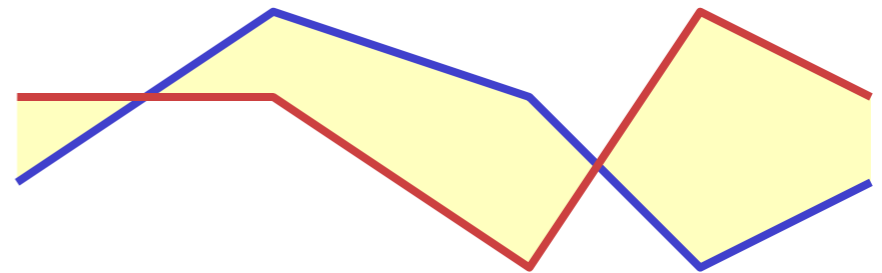
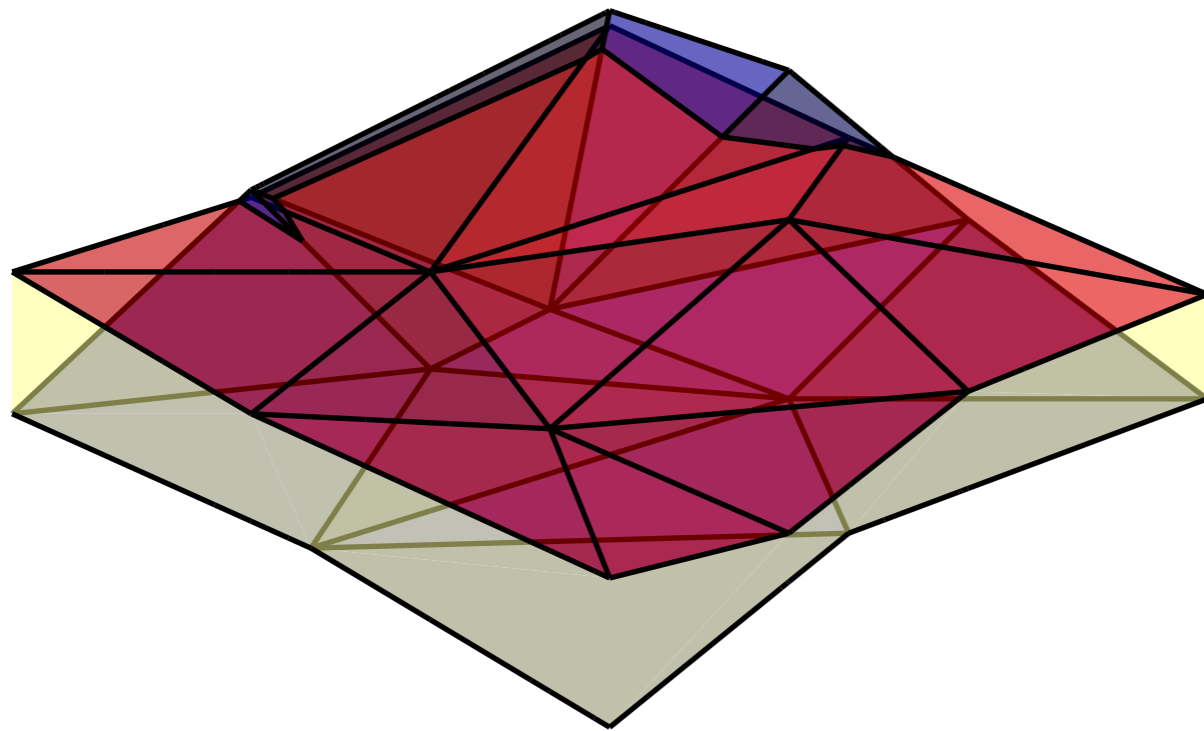
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We want to minimise μ_m or μ_a over all s and t .

What results did we get?

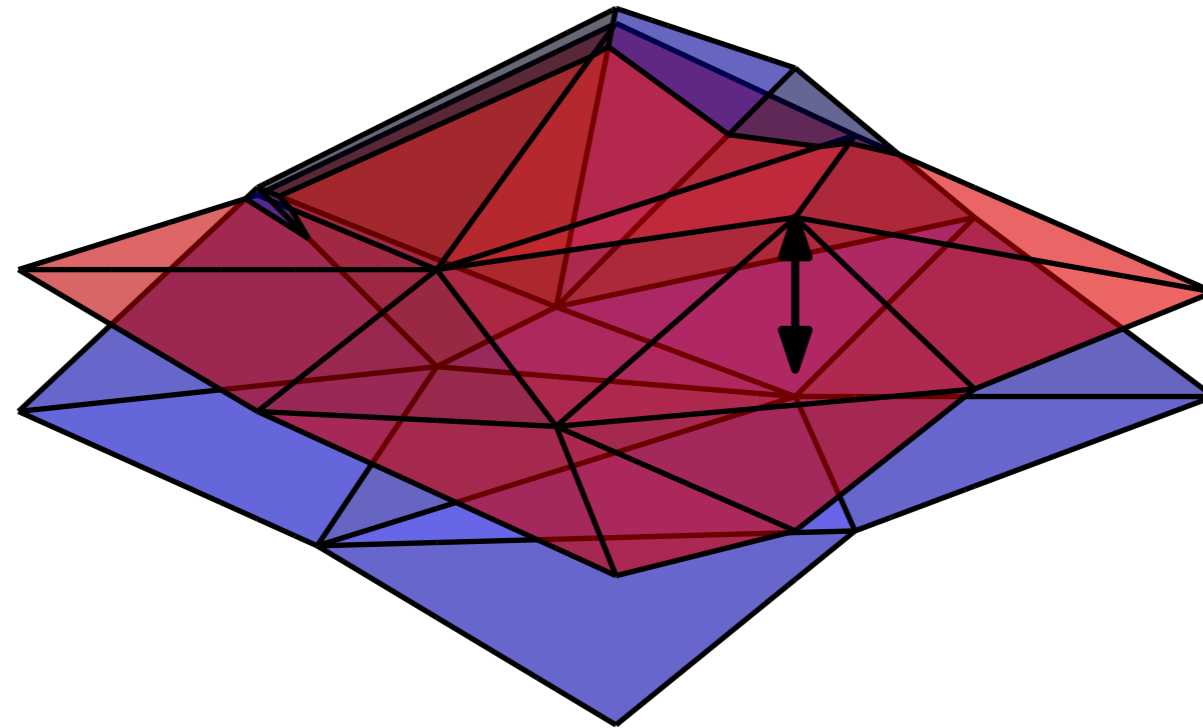


We can minimise μ_m over all s and t in $O(n)$ time if the terrains are aligned, and in $O(n^{4/3} \text{polylog } n)$ otherwise.

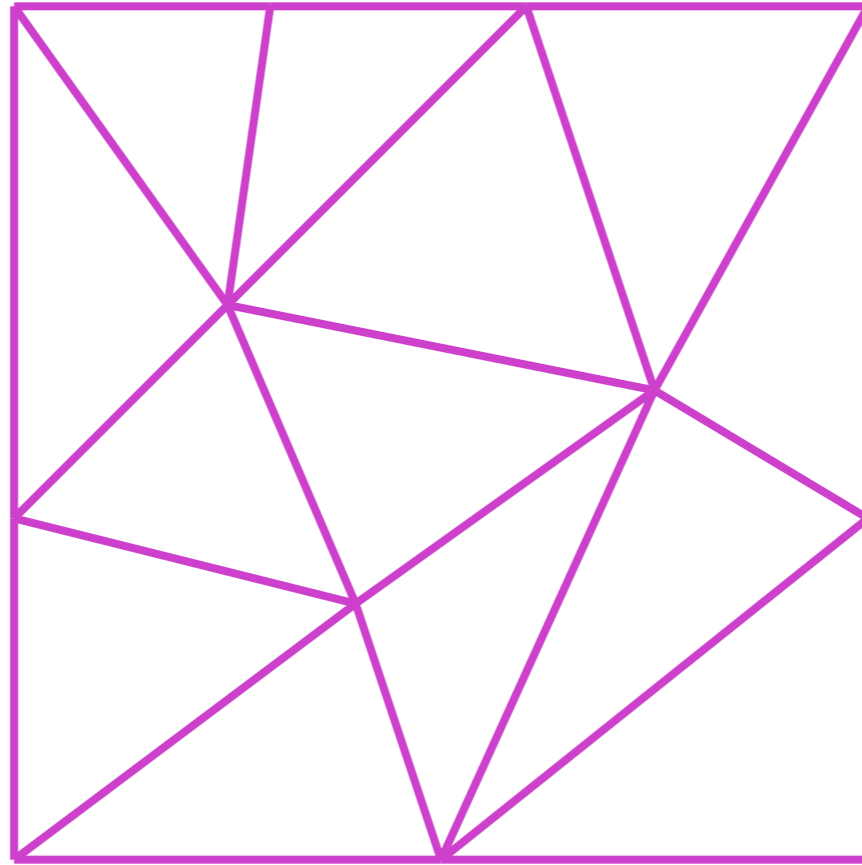


We cannot minimise μ_a . But for 1.5-dimensional terrains, we can compute a $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation in $O(n/\sqrt{\varepsilon})$ time.

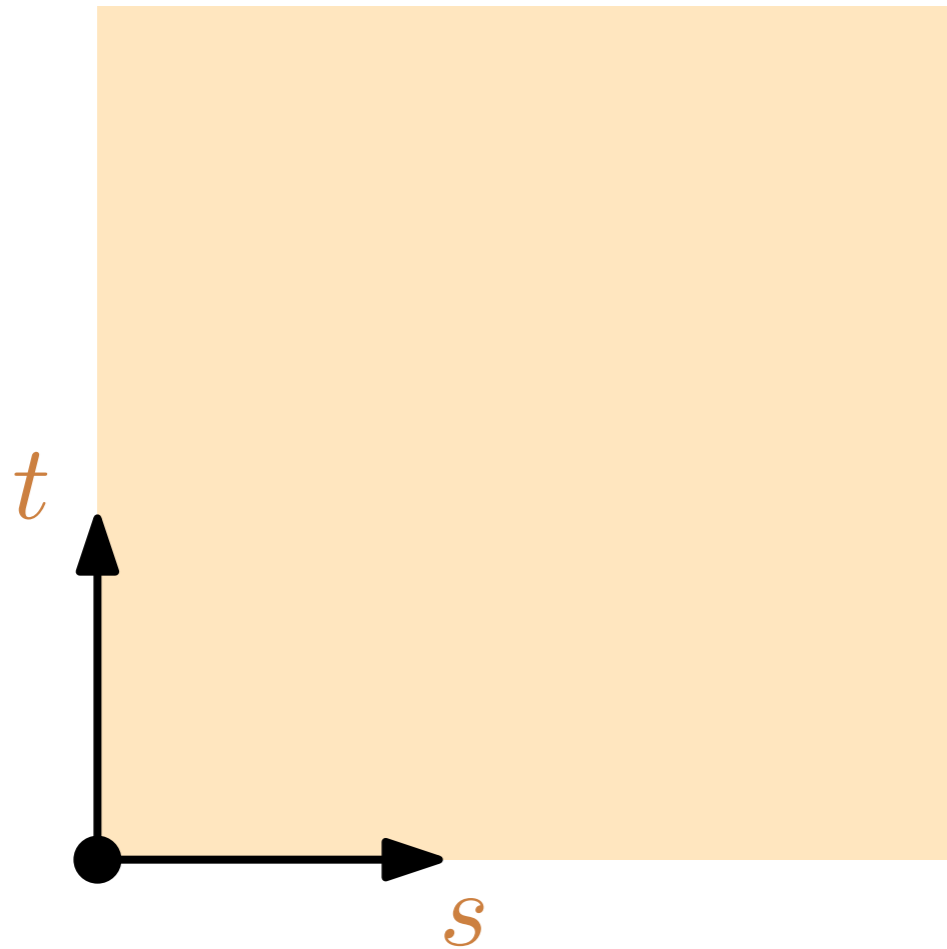
How do we minimise $\mu_m(s, t)$ when the terrains are aligned?



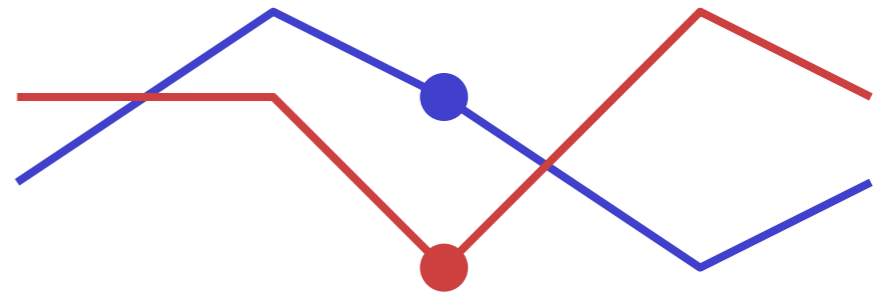
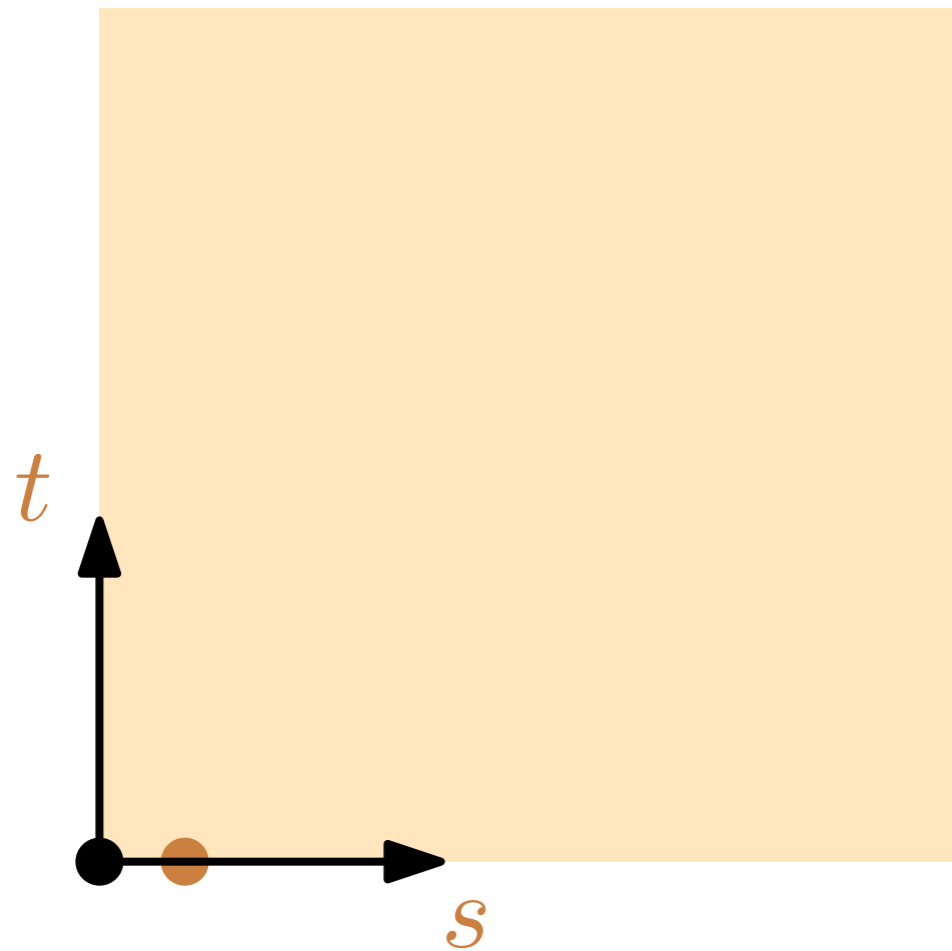
For fixed s and t , the worst vertical distance always occurs at a vertex of the overlay of the TINs.



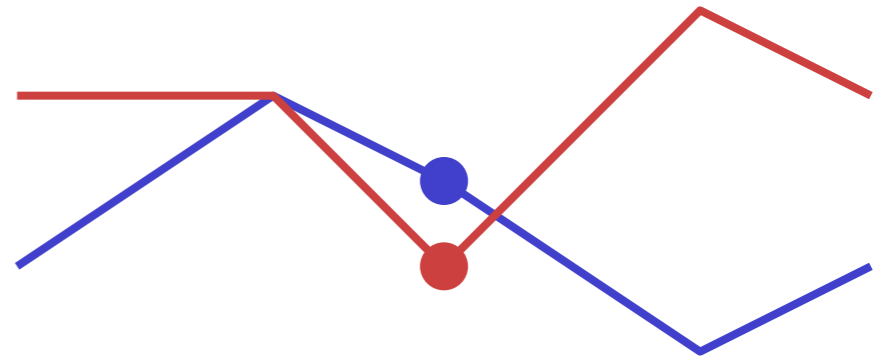
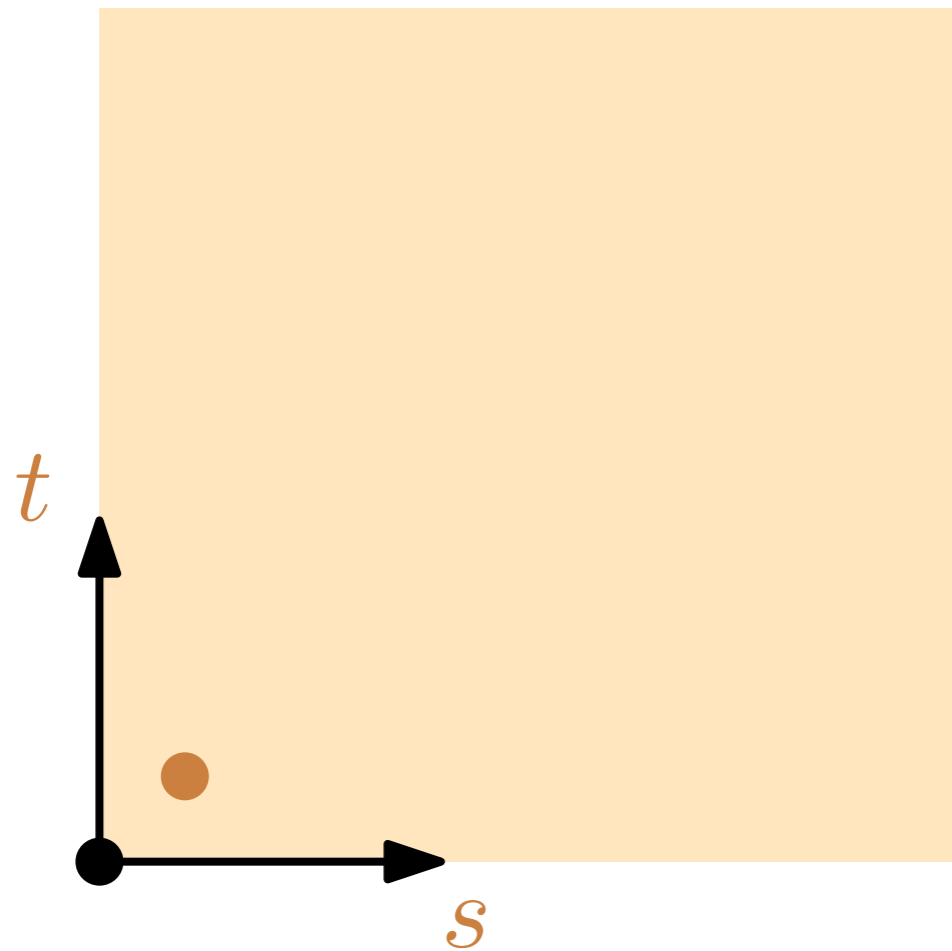
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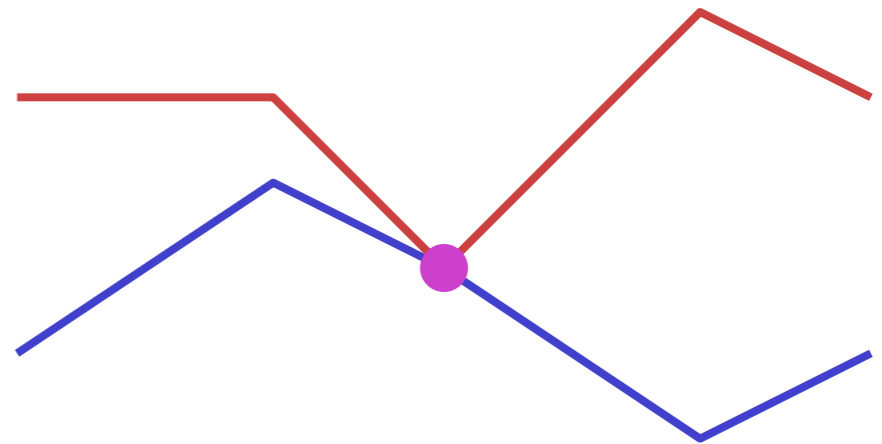
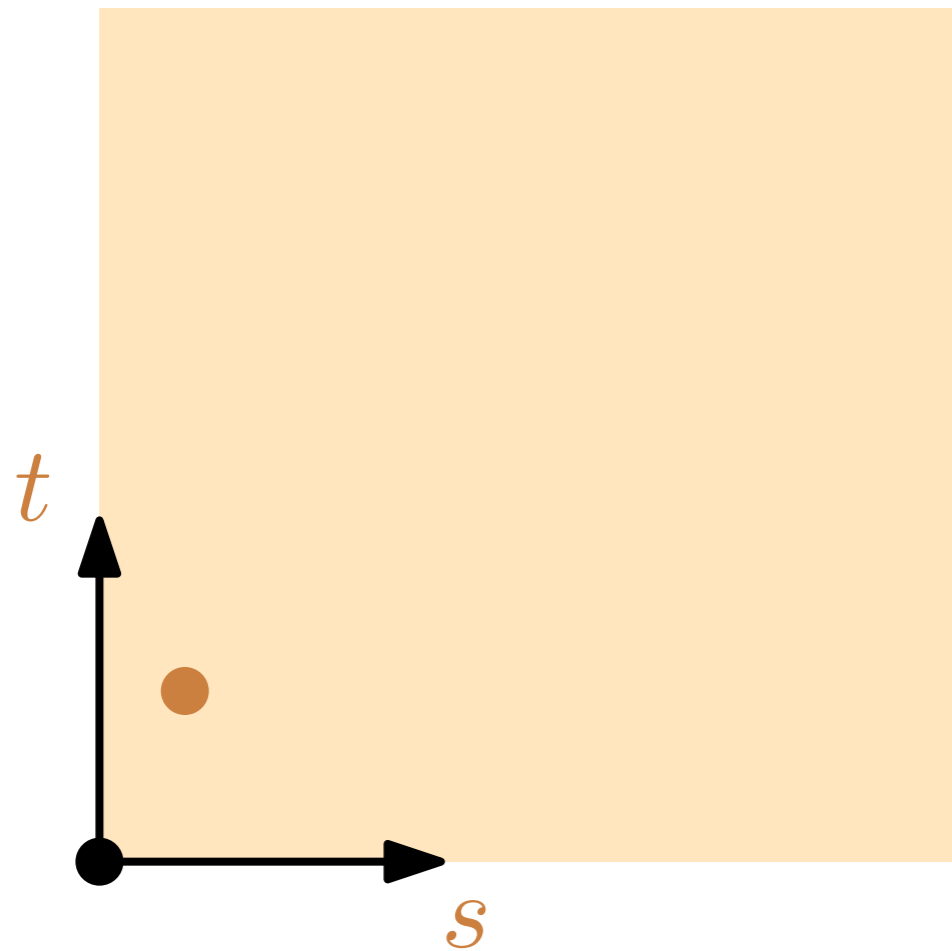
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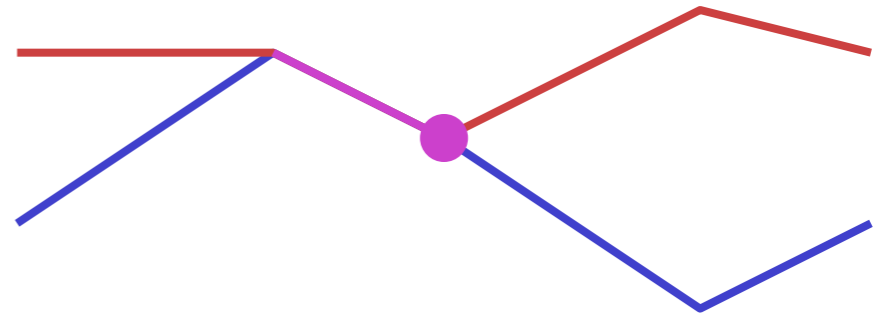
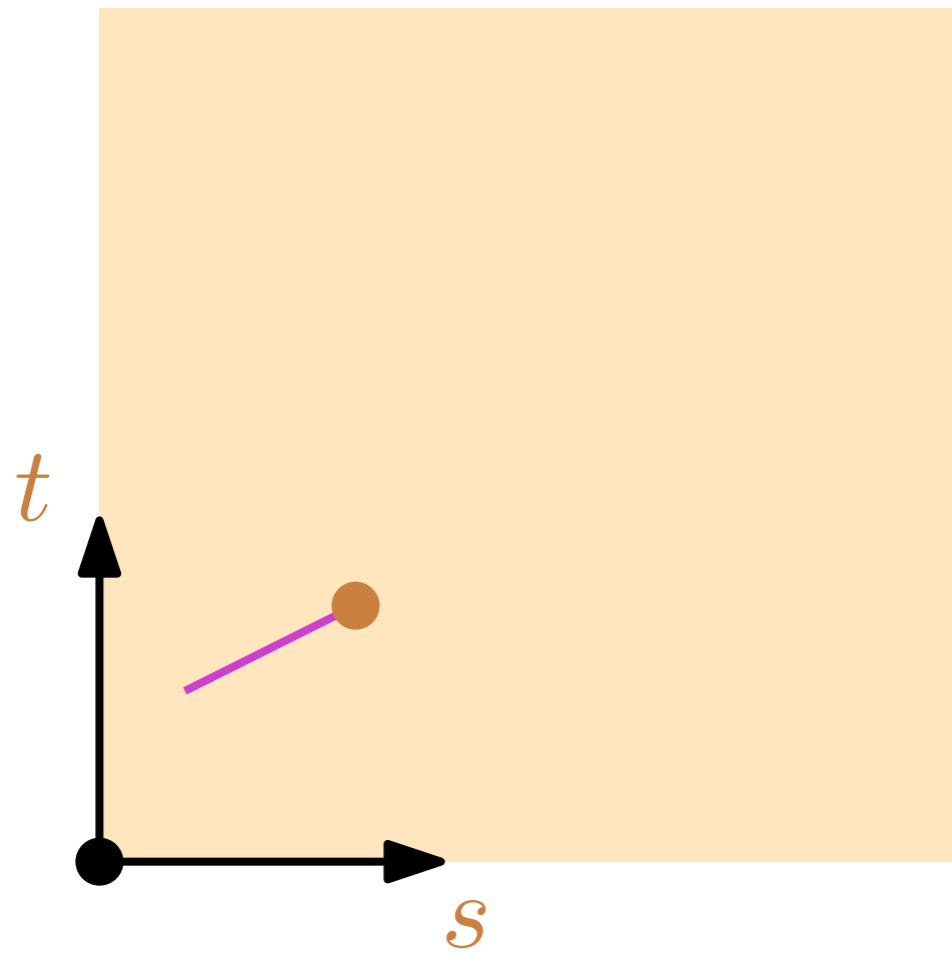
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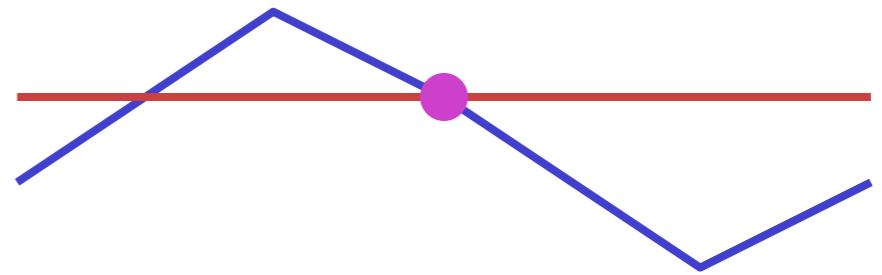
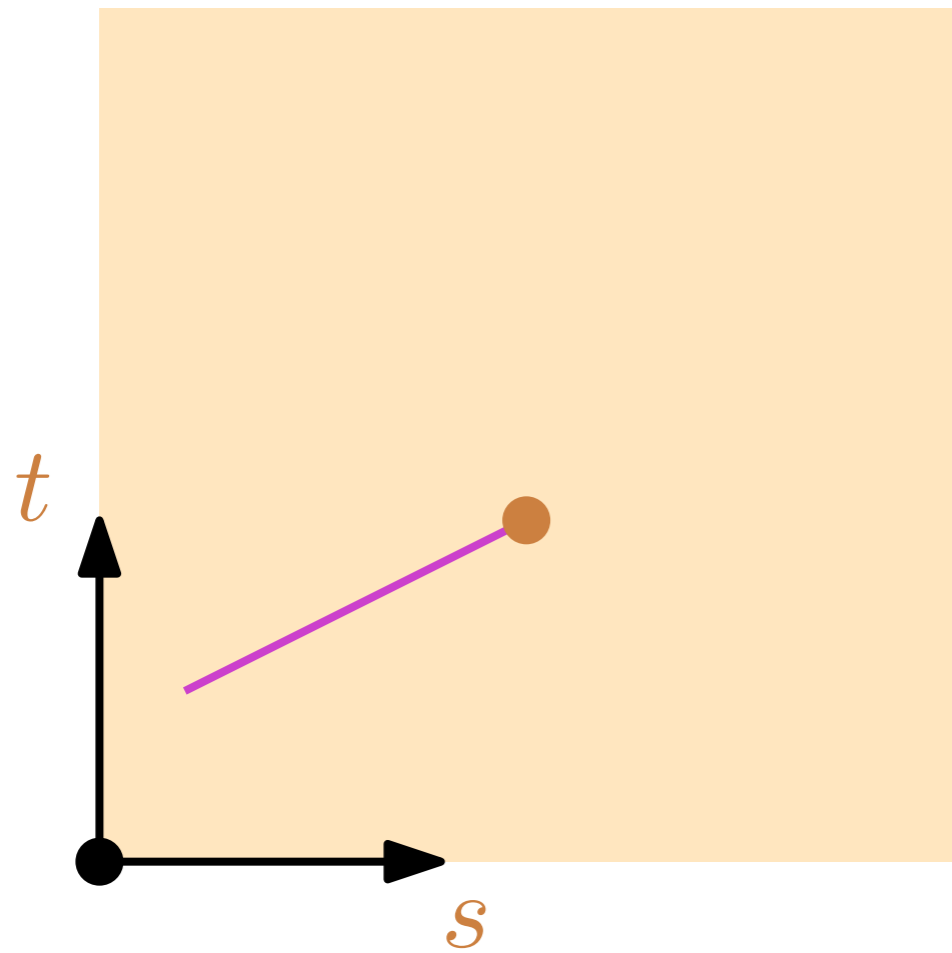
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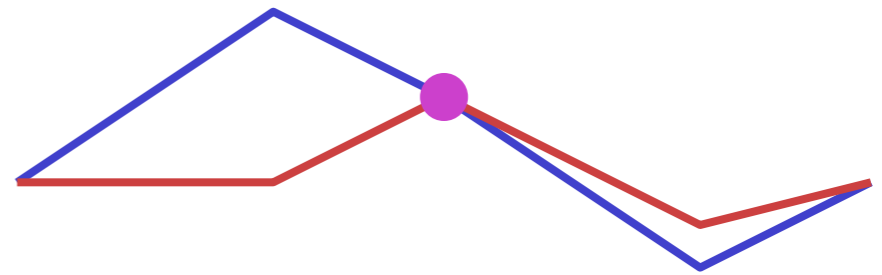
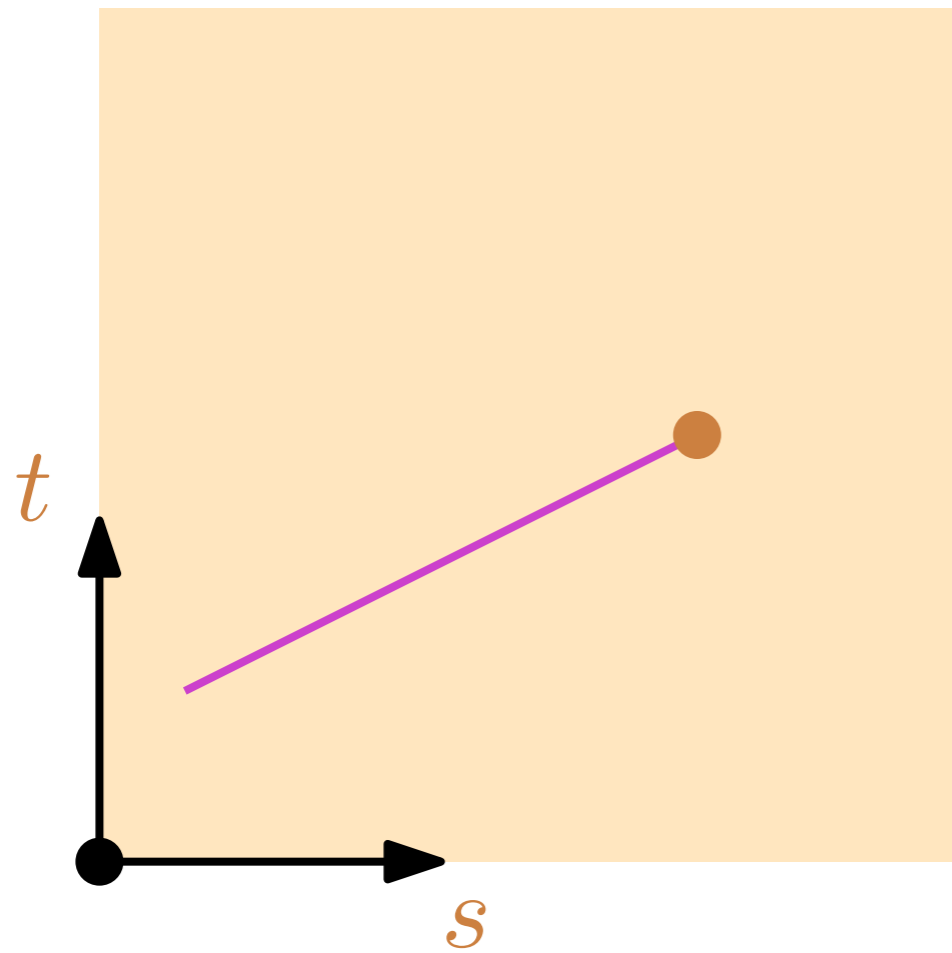
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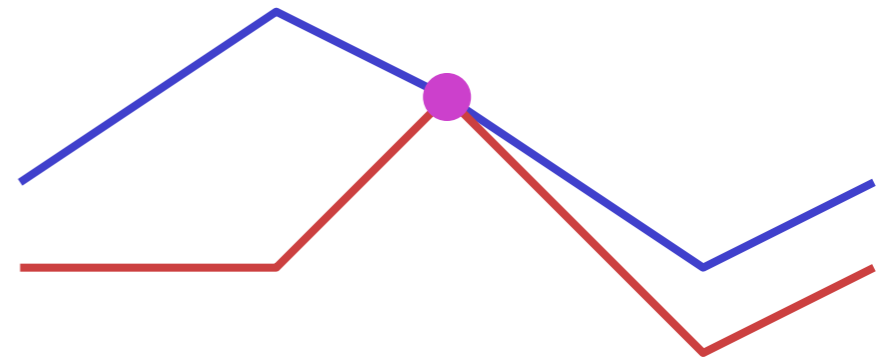
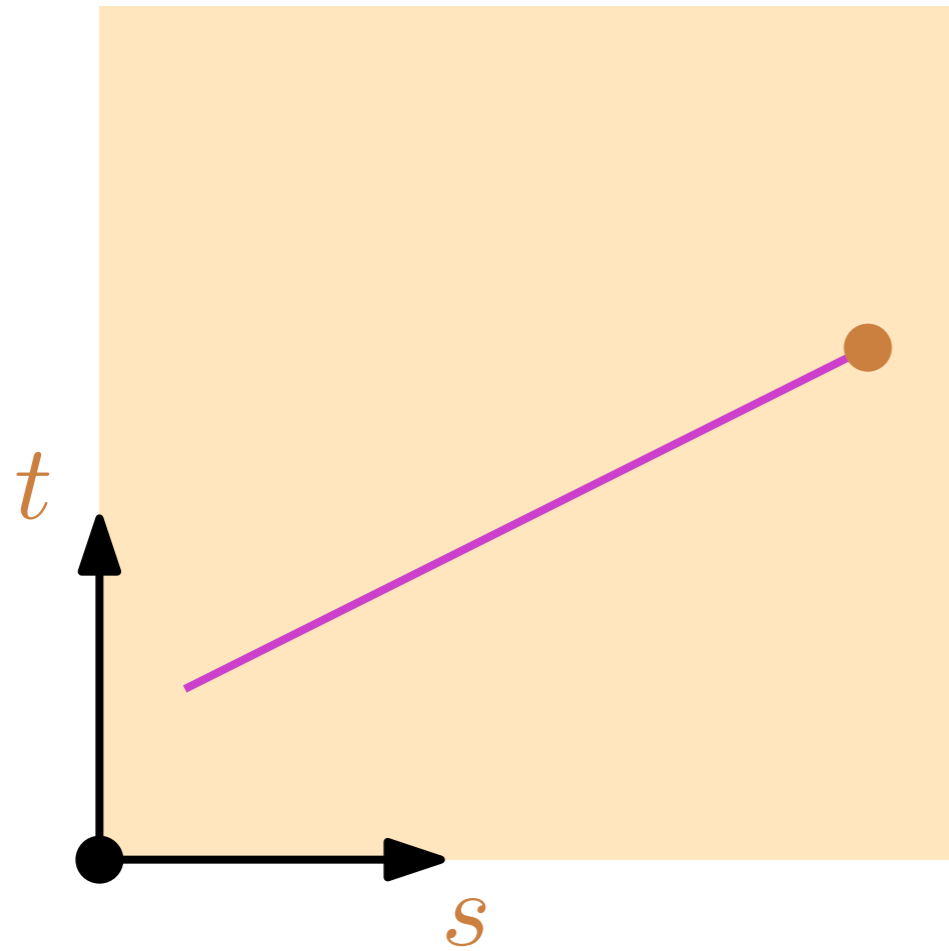
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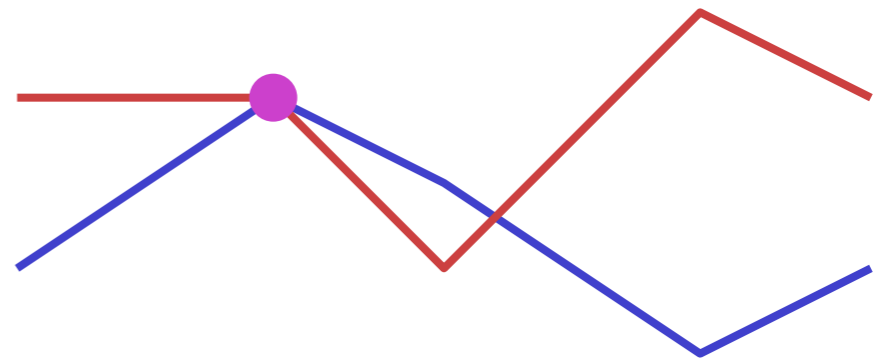
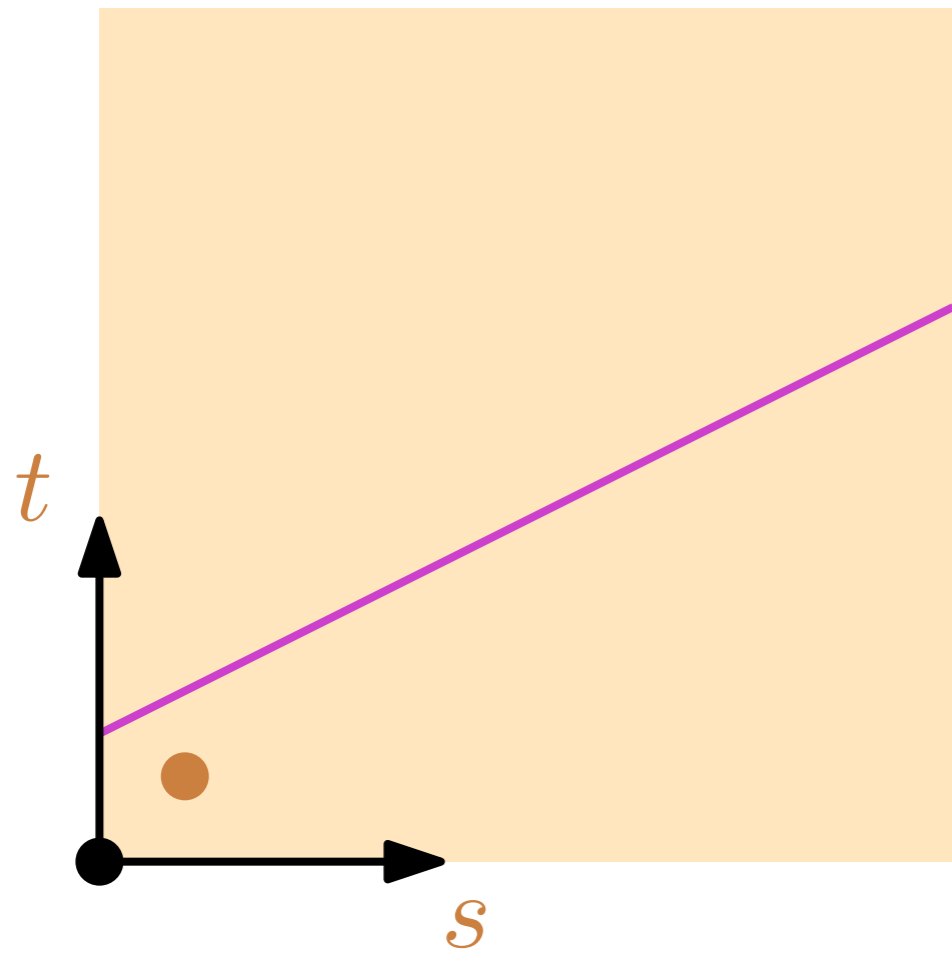
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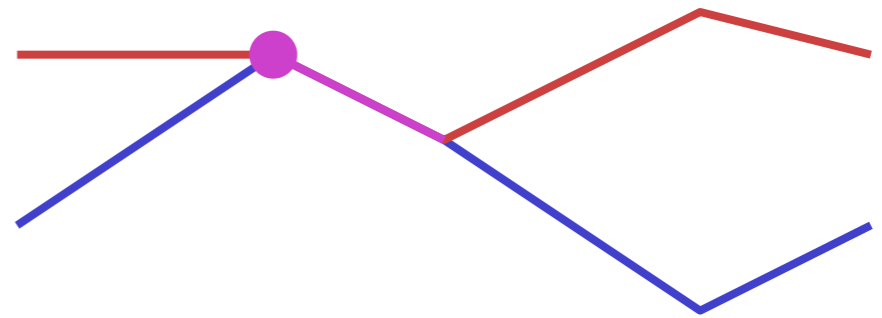
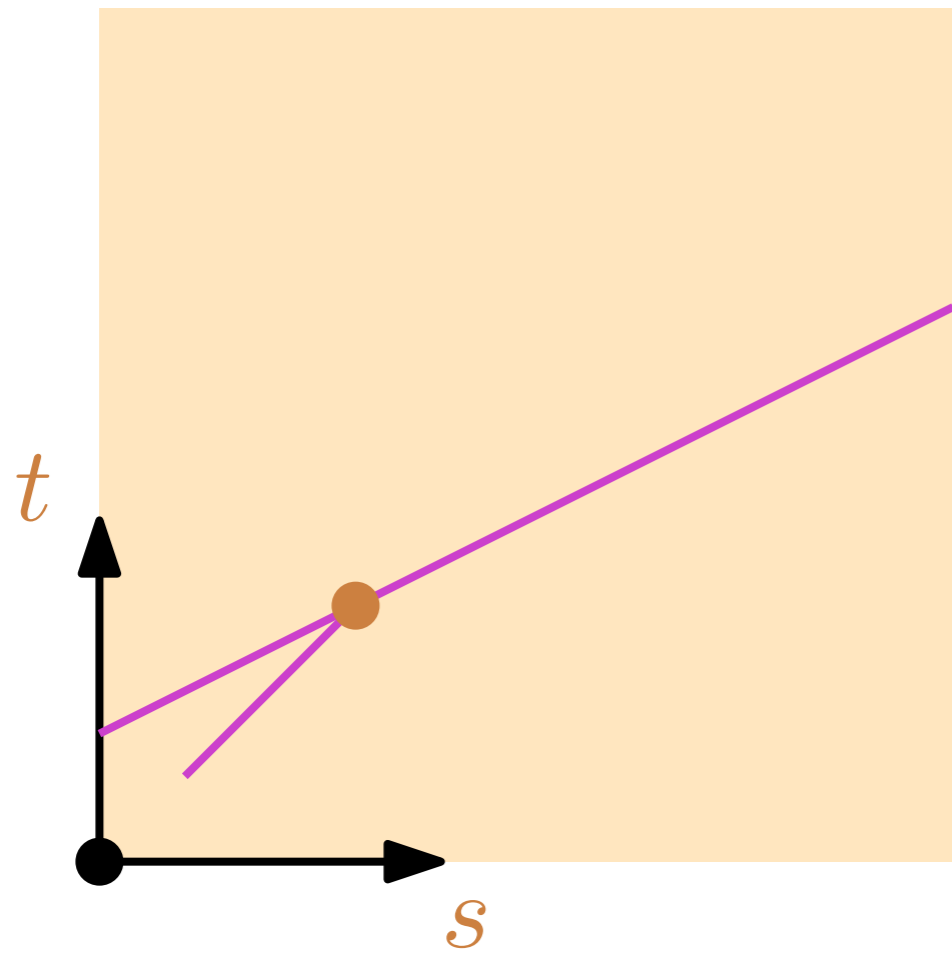
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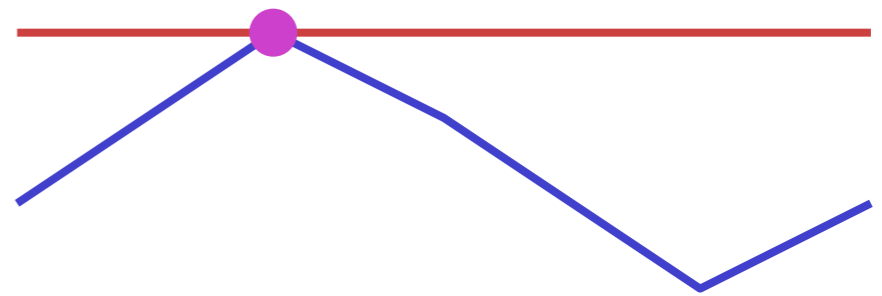
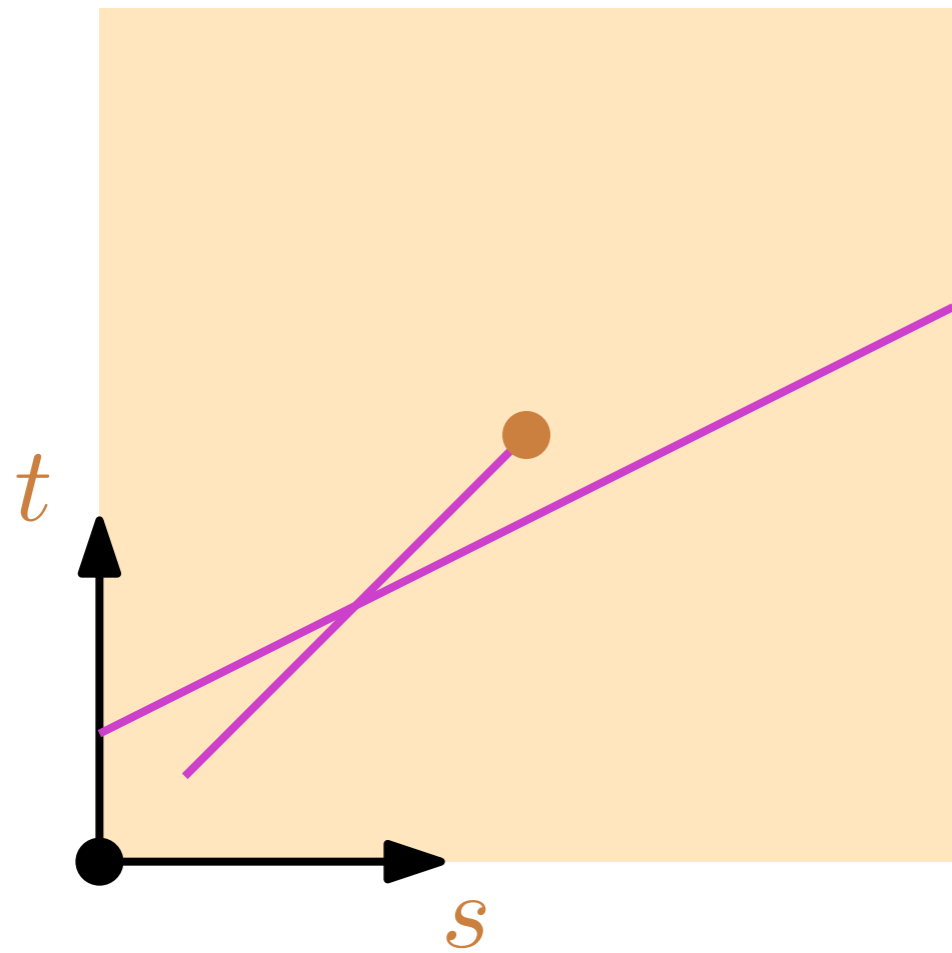
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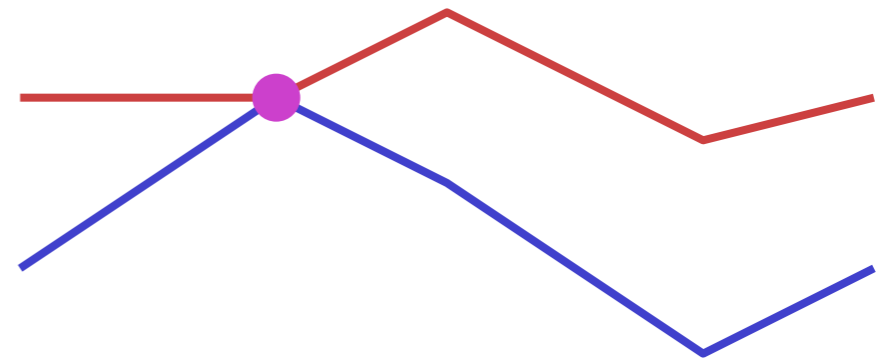
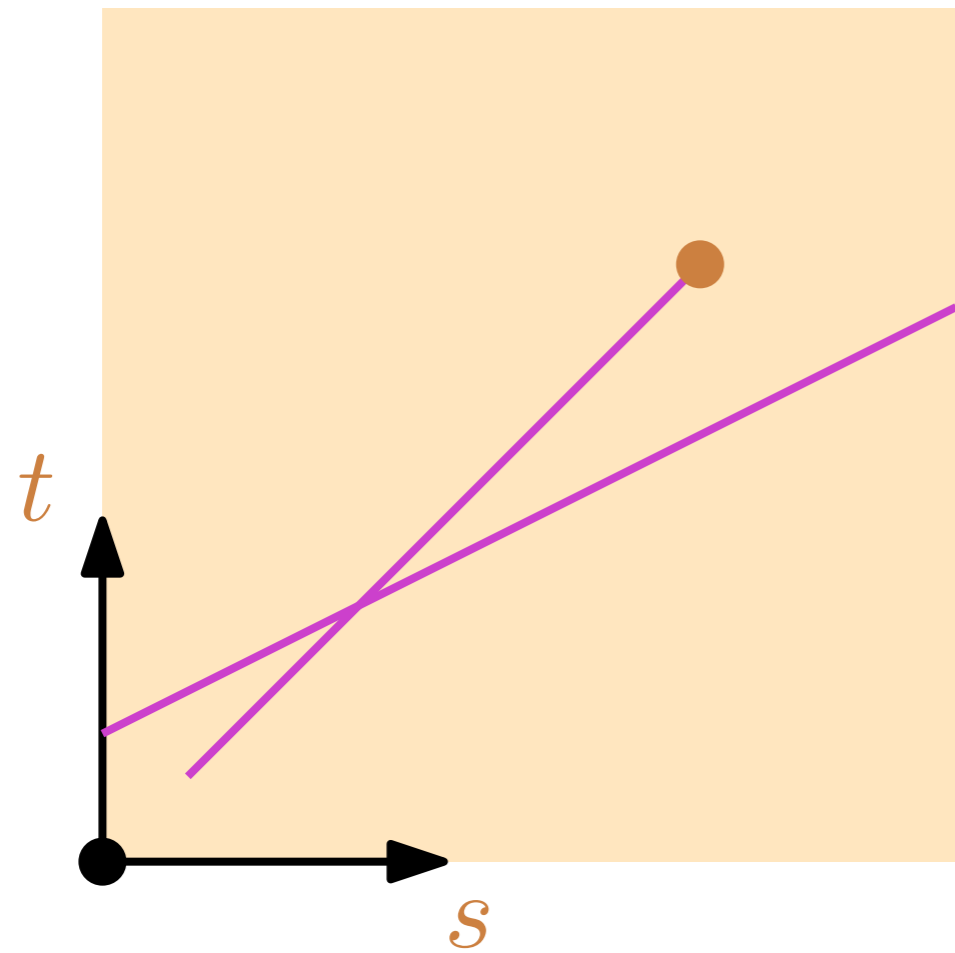
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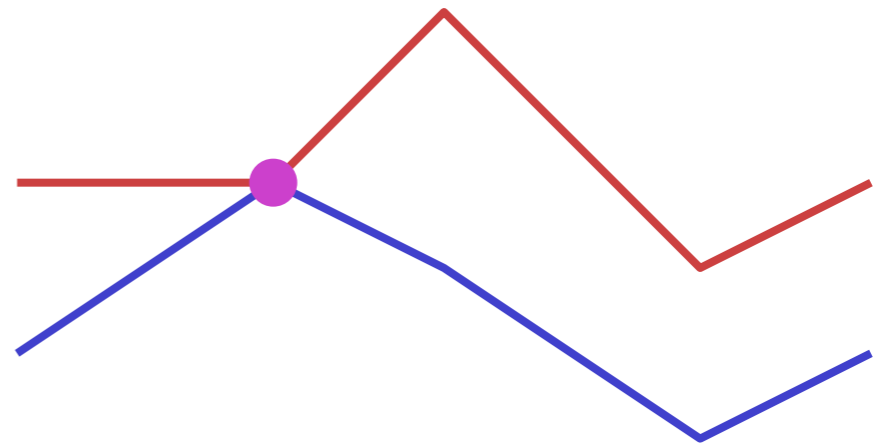
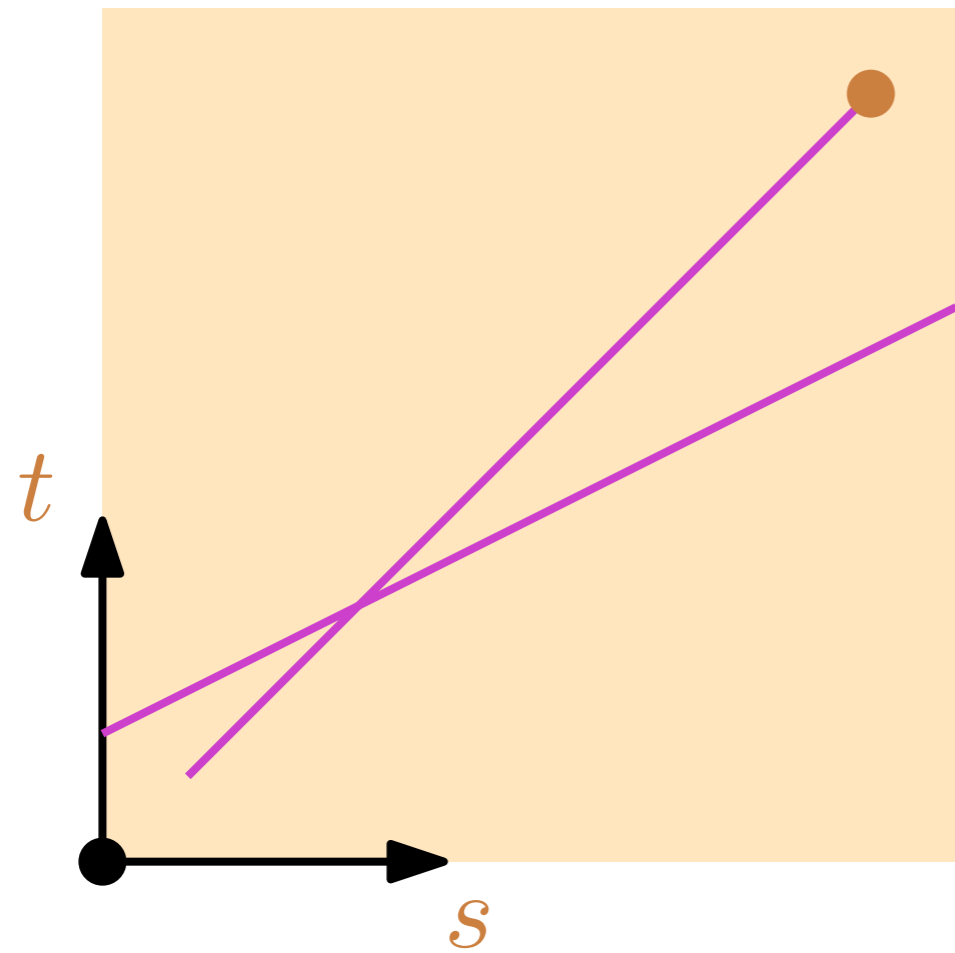
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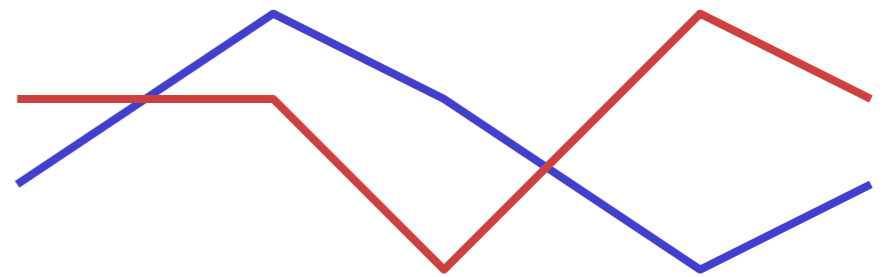
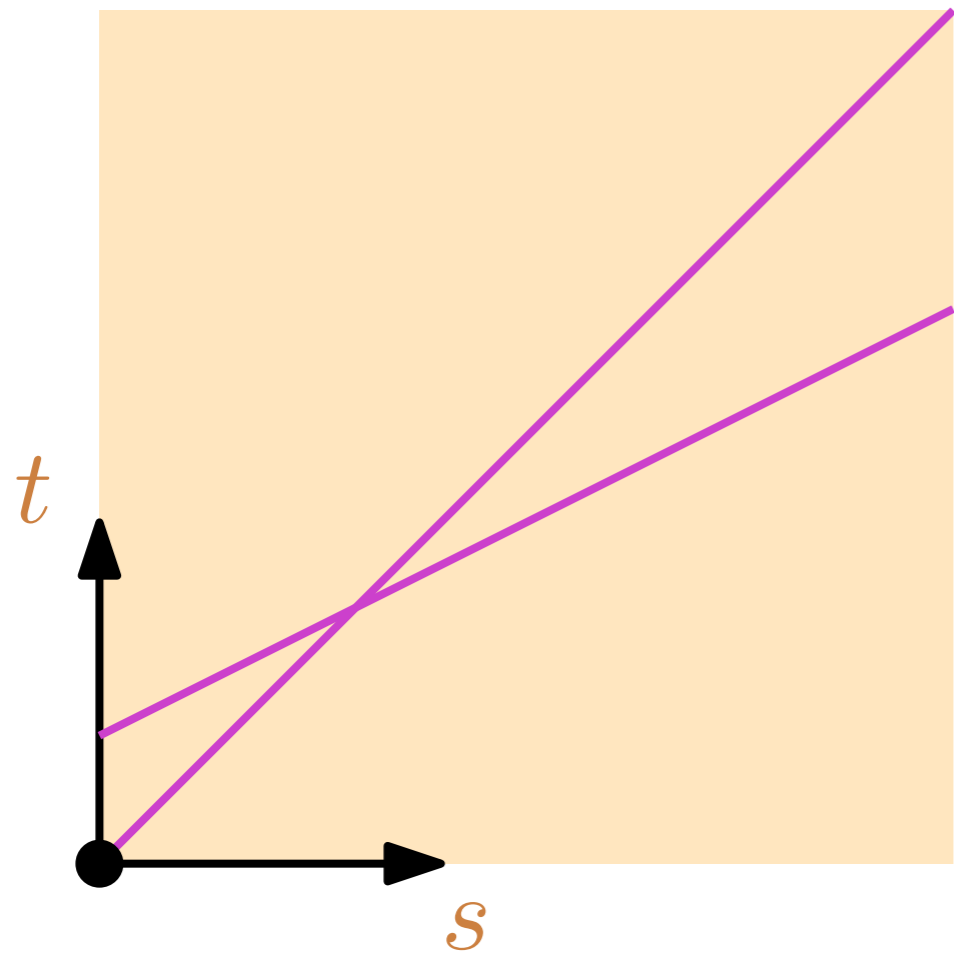
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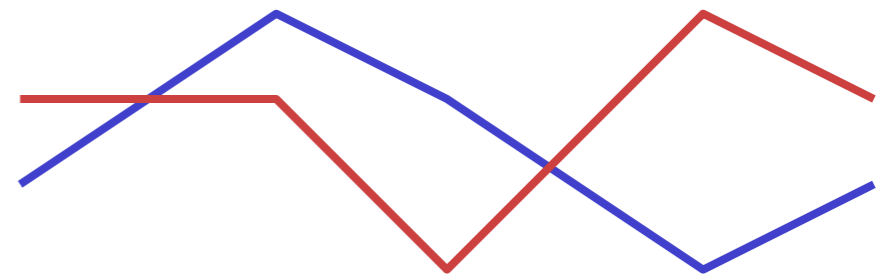
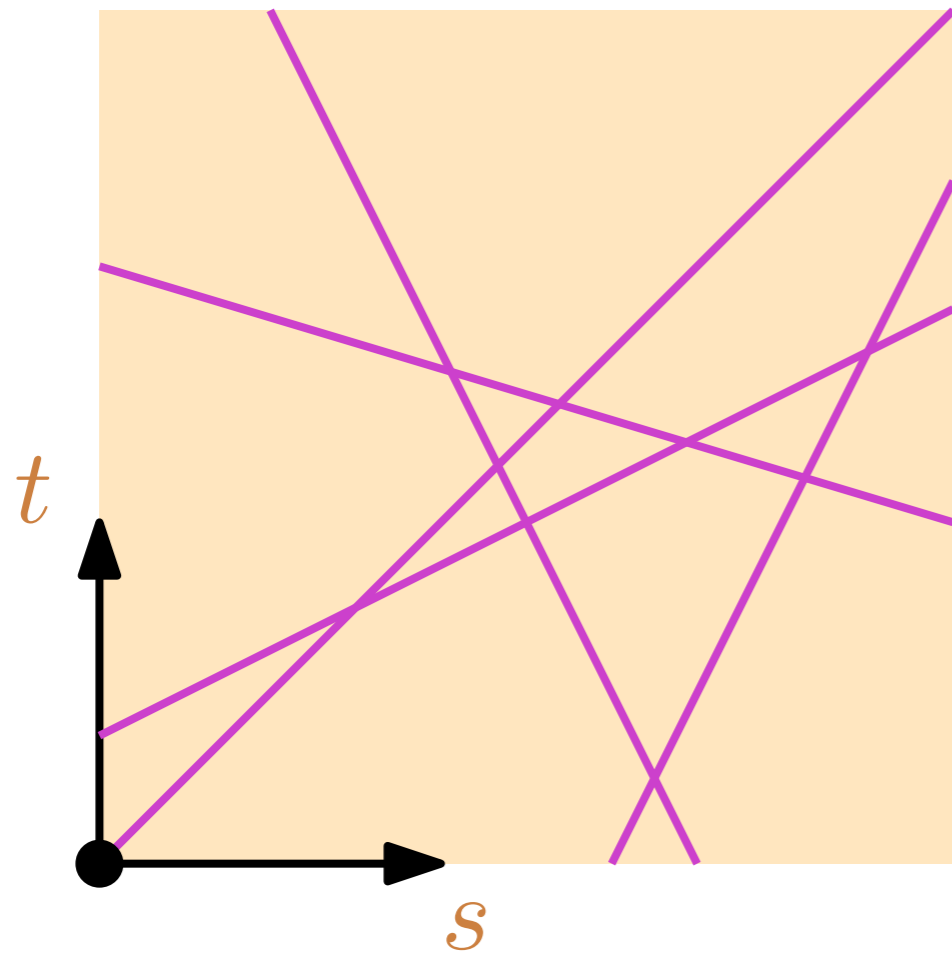
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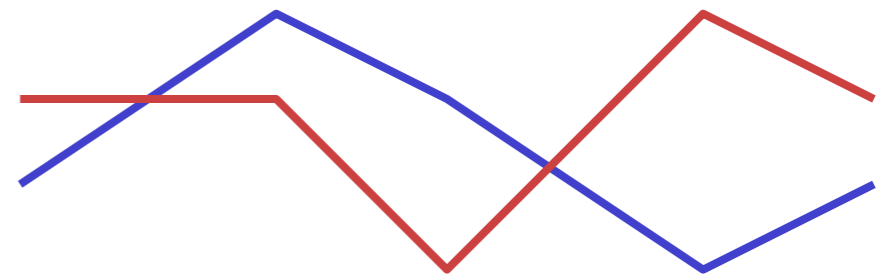
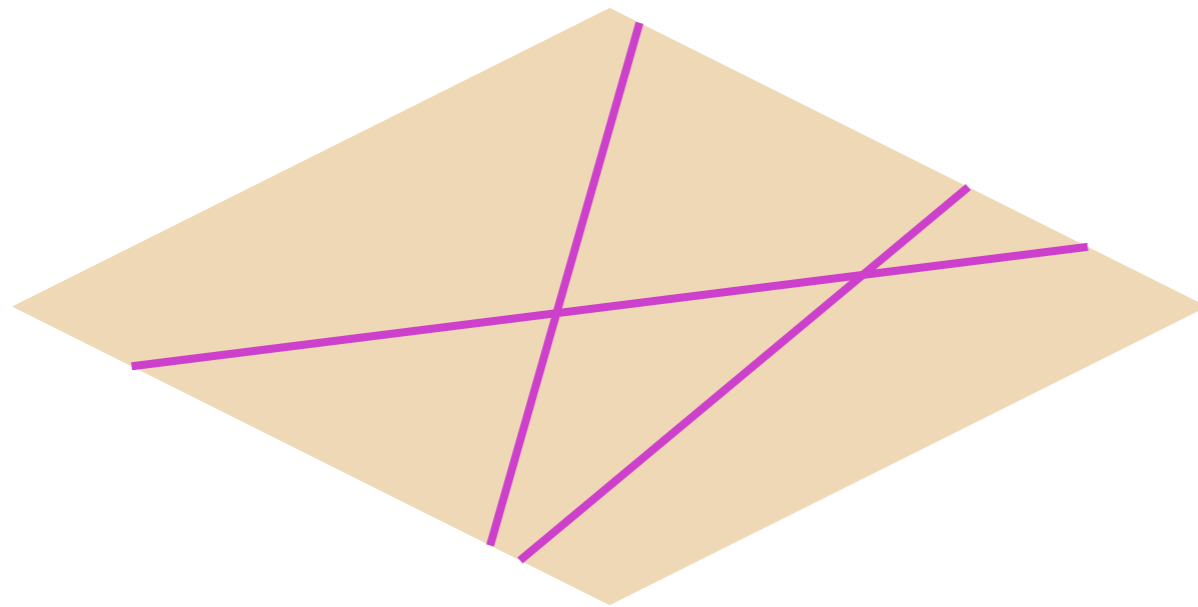
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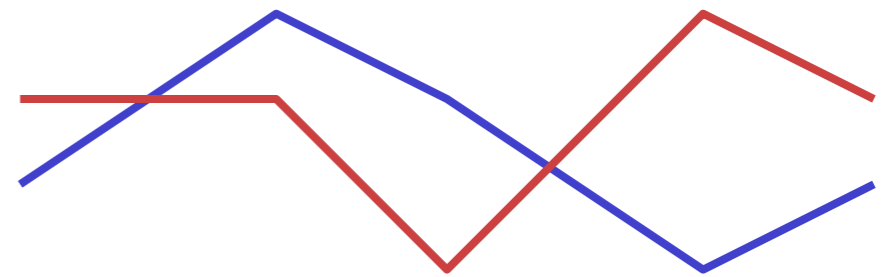
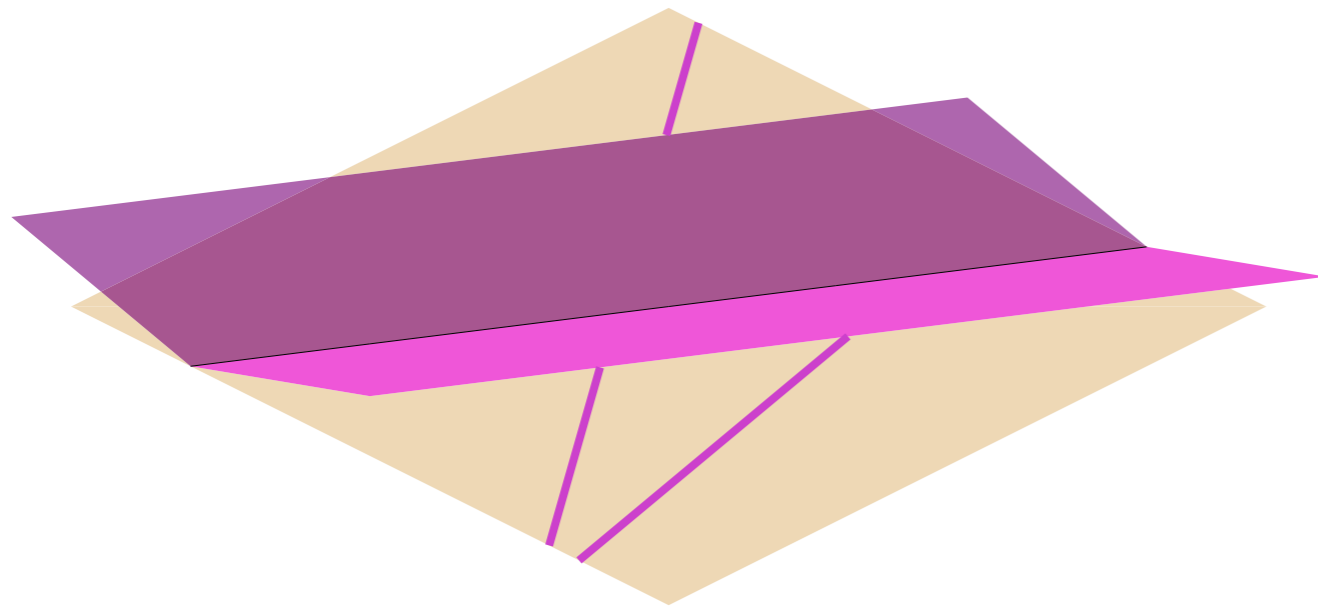
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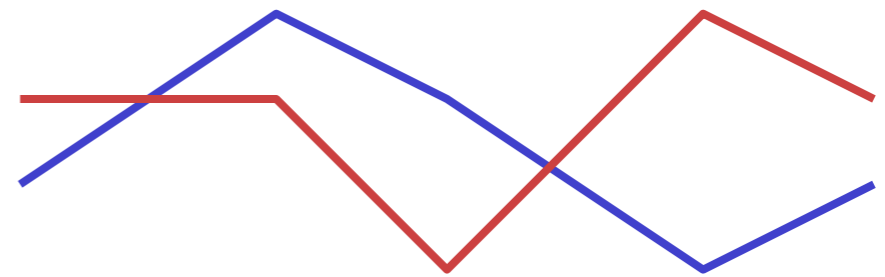
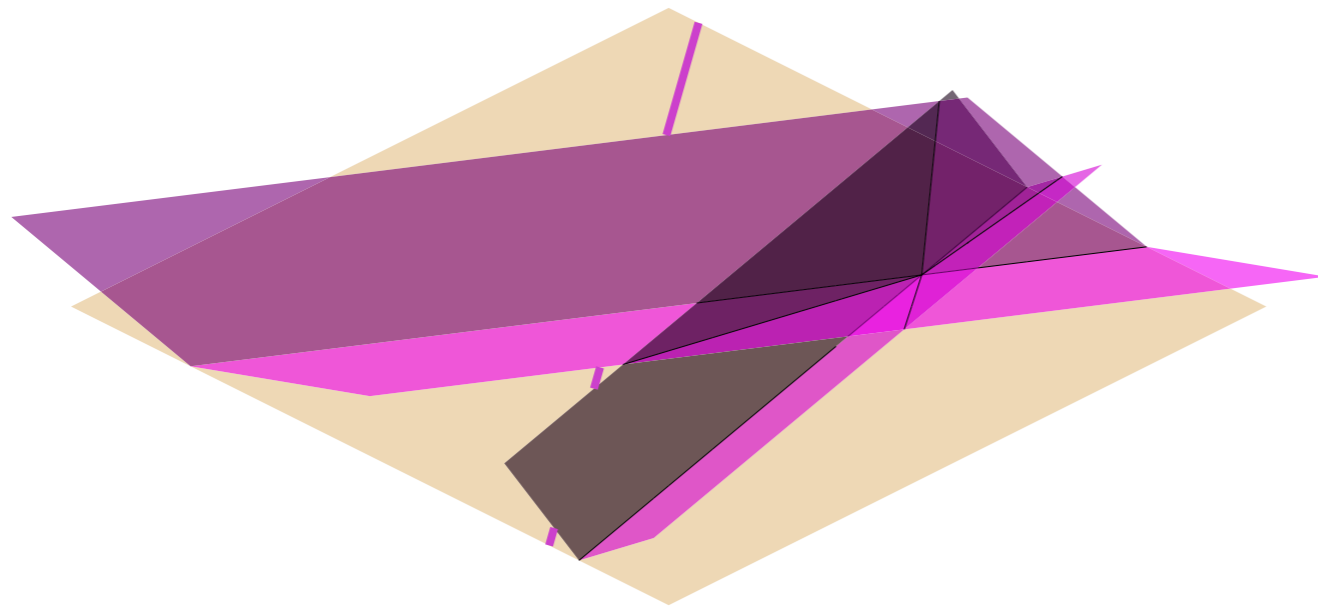
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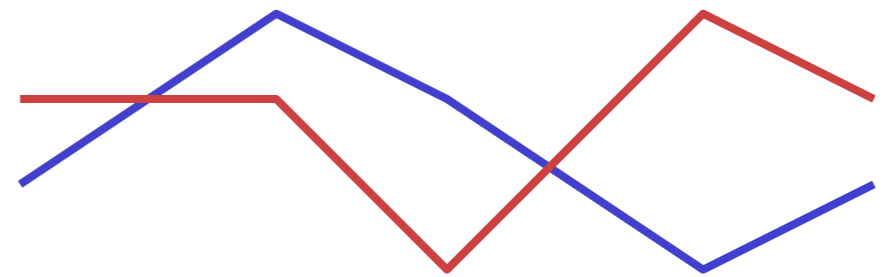
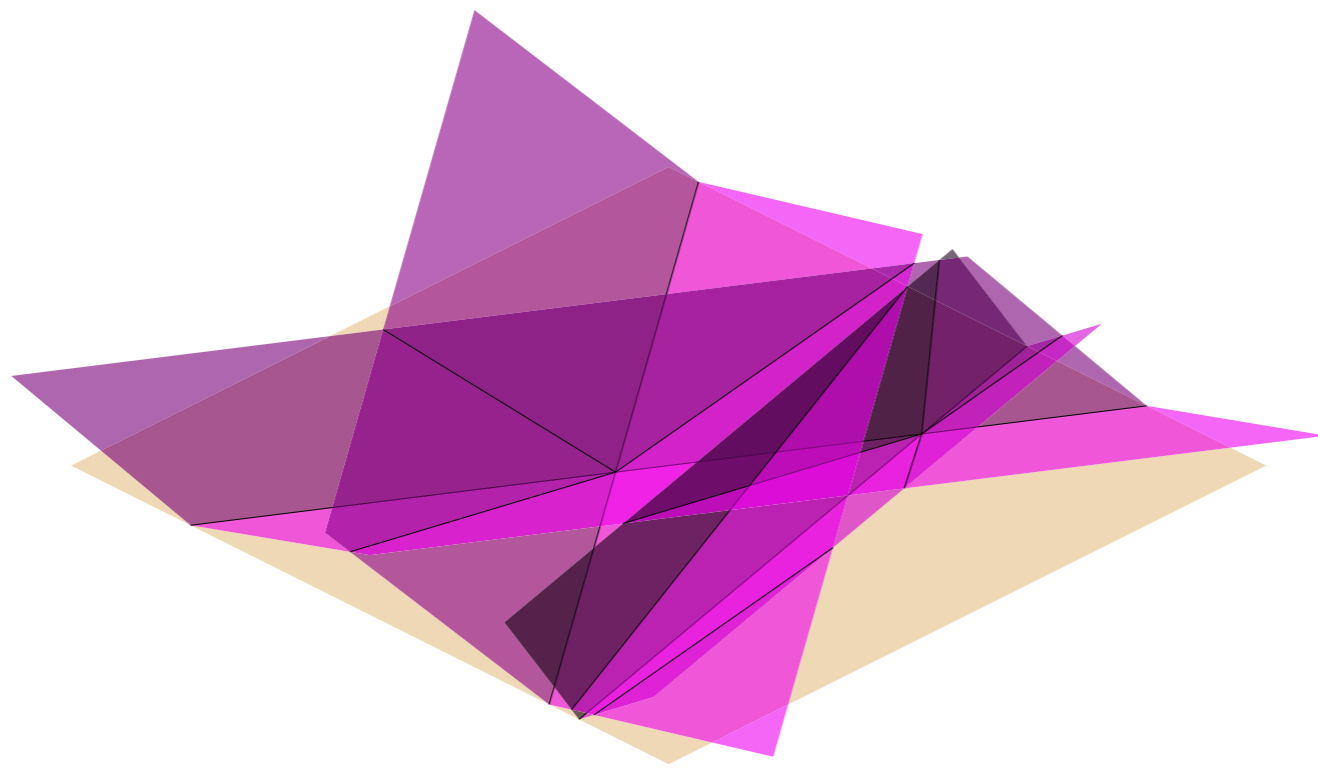
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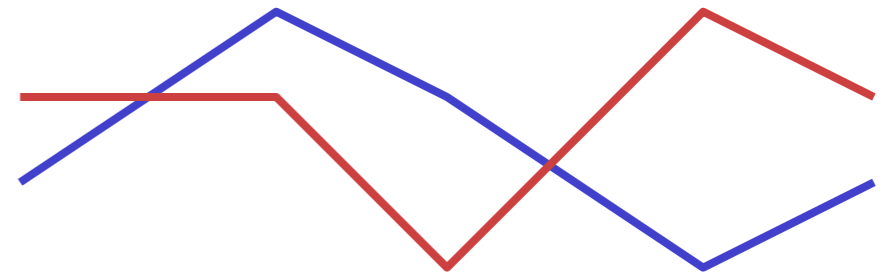
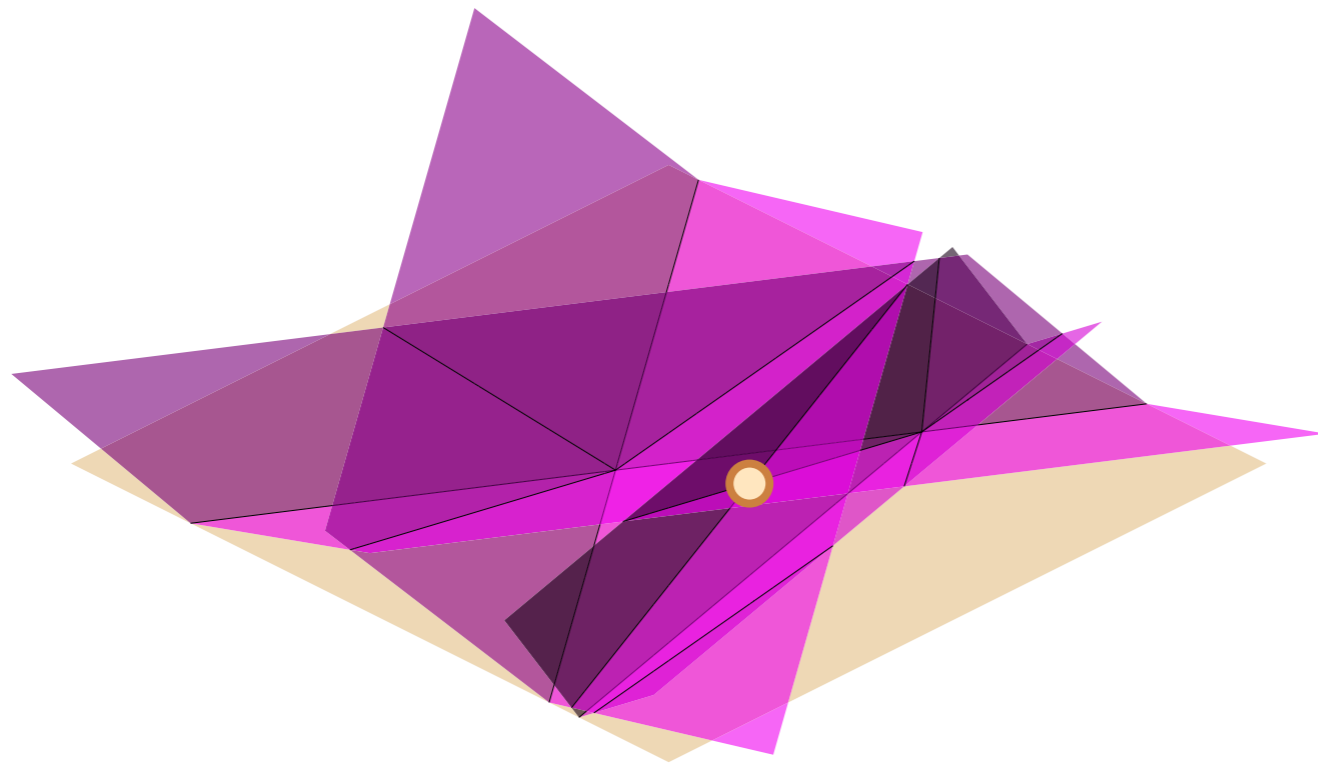
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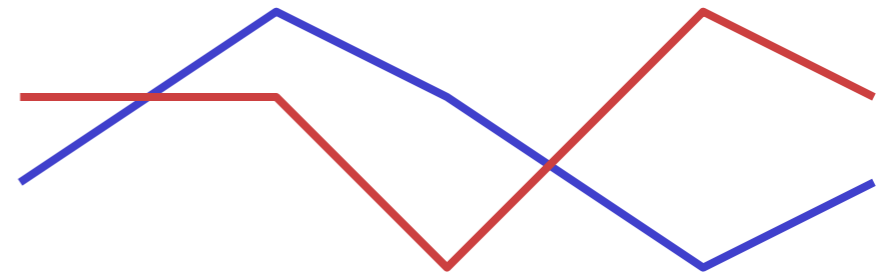
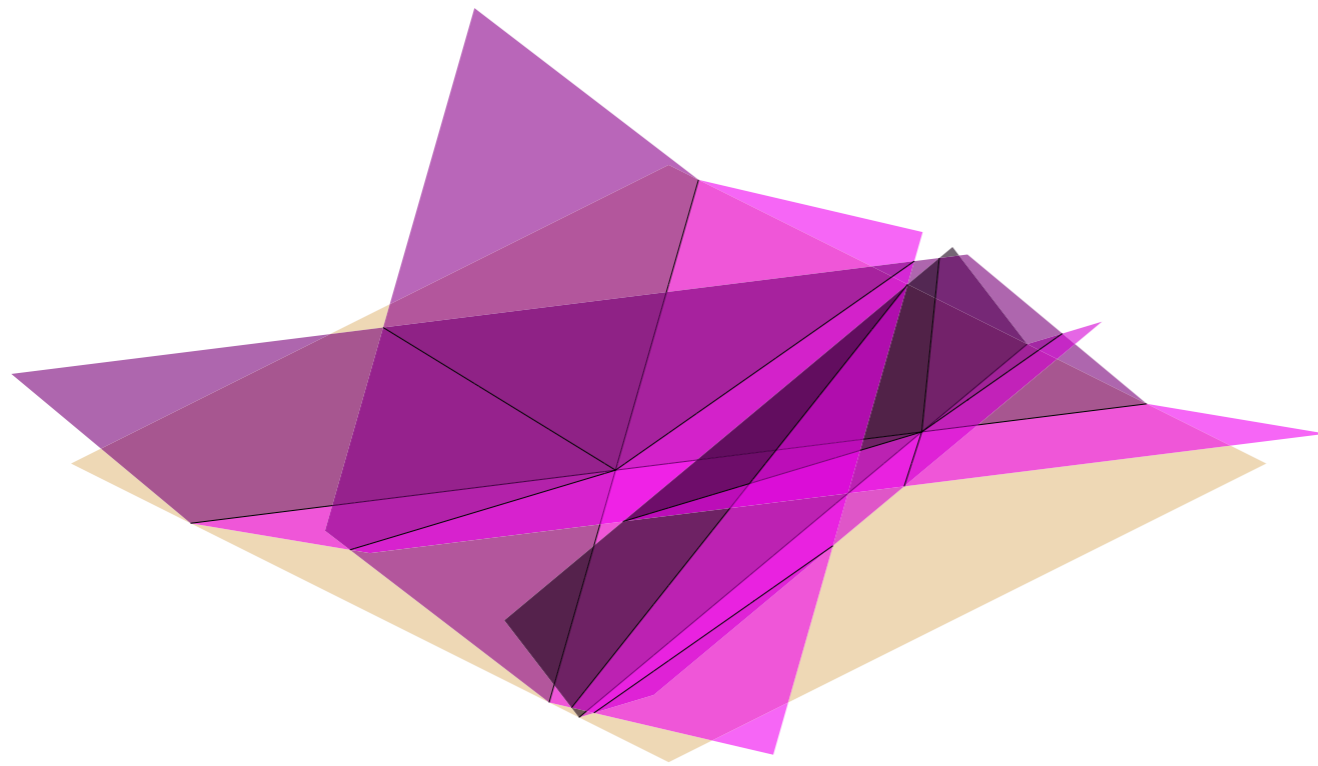
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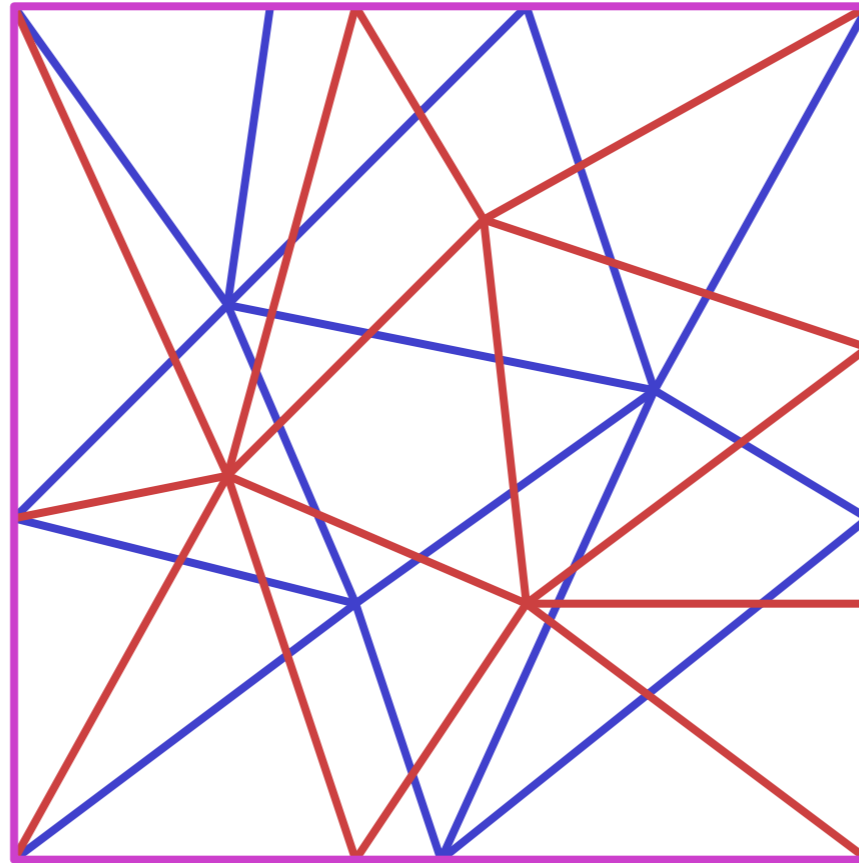


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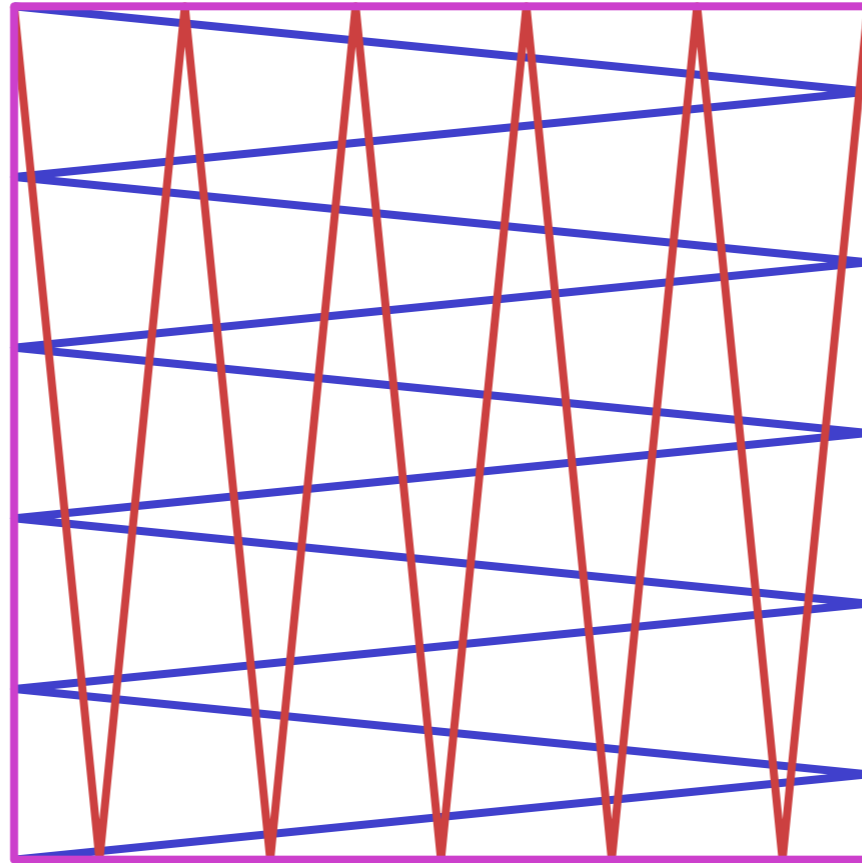


Now, we can solve the problem by linear programming.

How do we minimise $\mu_m(s, t)$ when the terrains are *not* aligned?



Now, the maximum distance can occur at a vertex of f or g , or at a crossing of their edges.



Same algorithm works, but now complexity is $O(n^2)$ because of worst-case overlay.

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This can be improved to $O^*(n^{4/3})$ by using some tricks.

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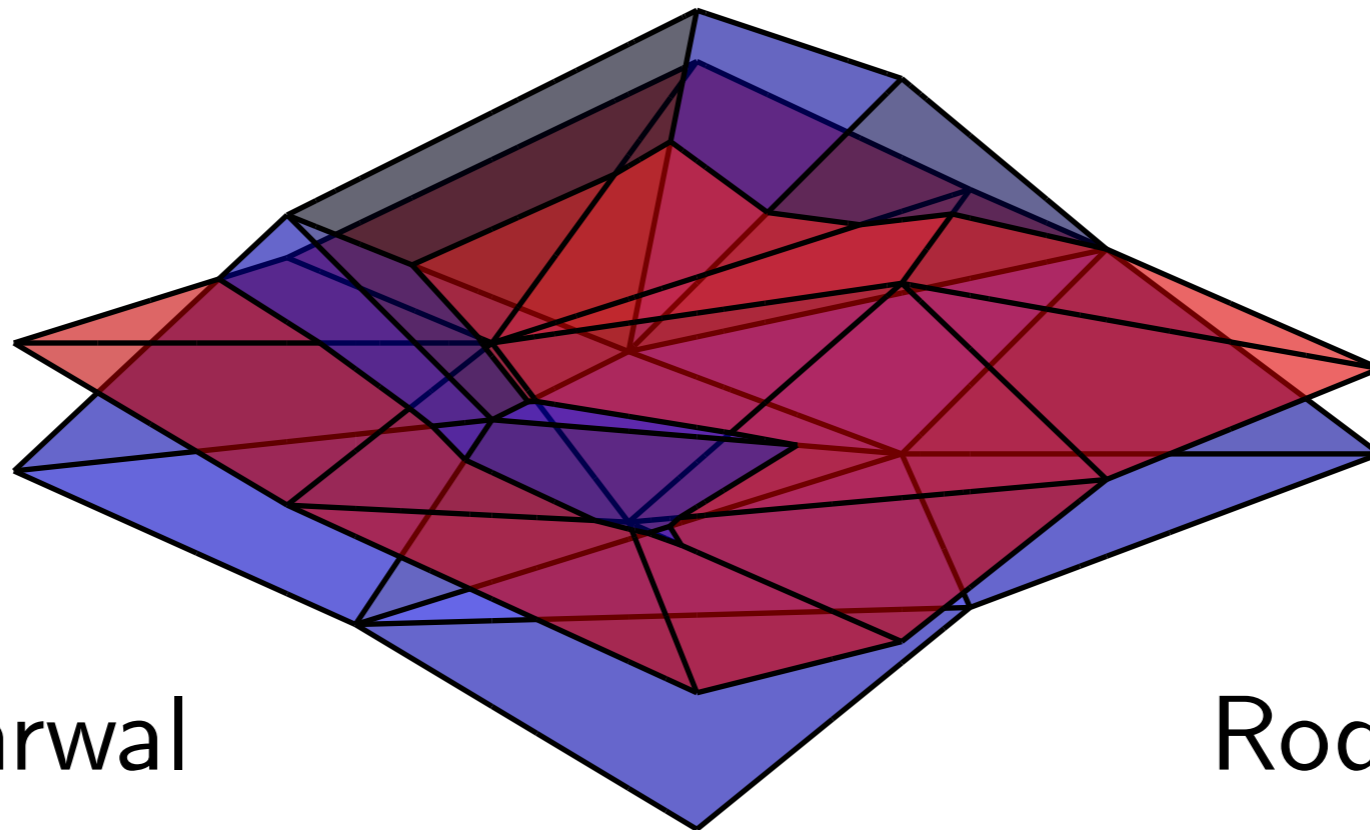
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Thank you!



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