

Optimization Techniques for Geometry Processing

-Part II-

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Constrained Optimization

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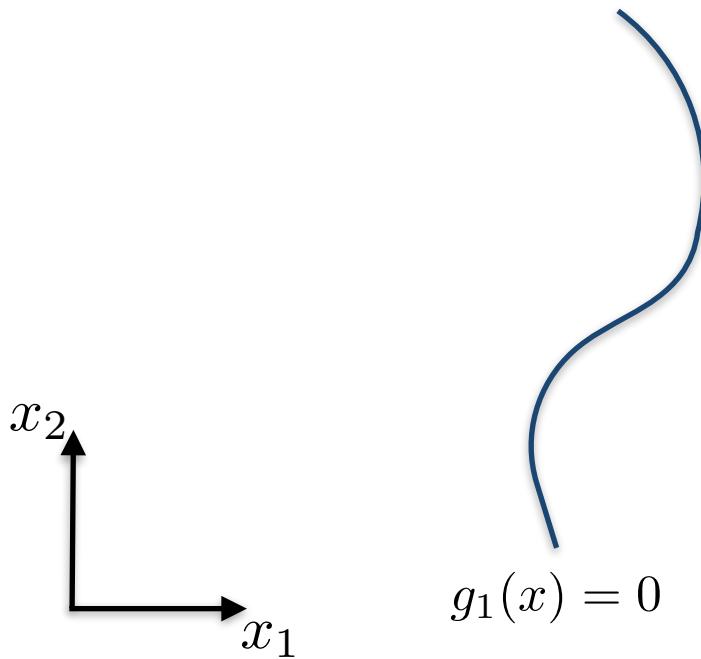
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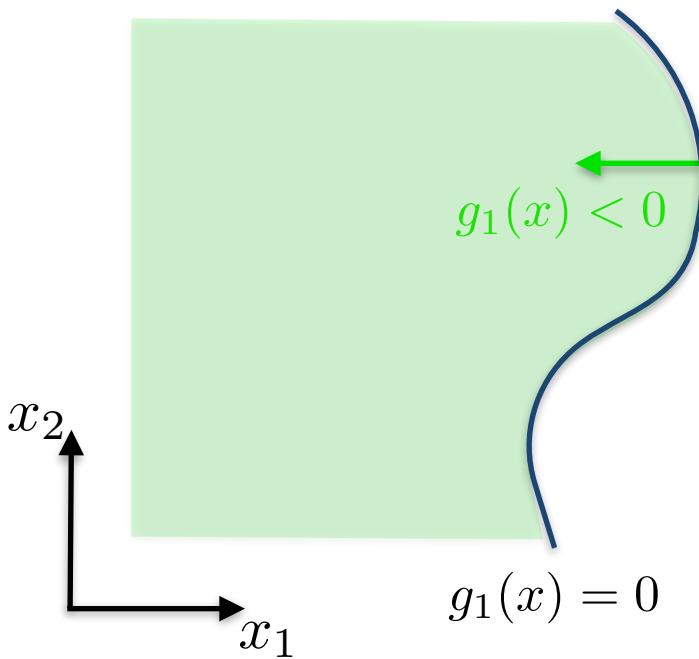
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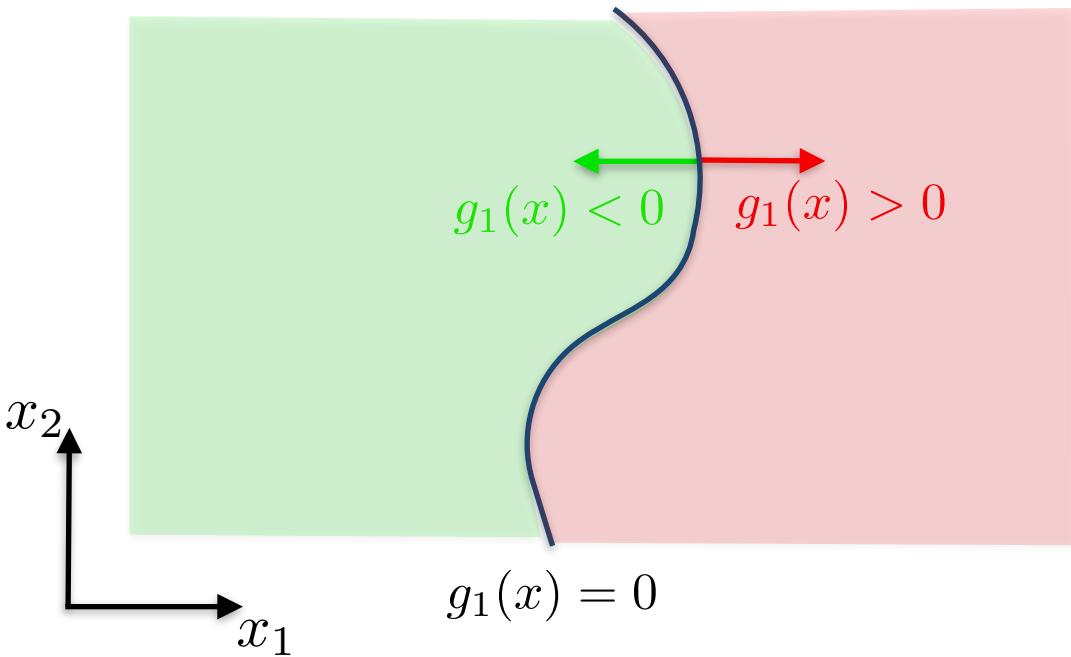
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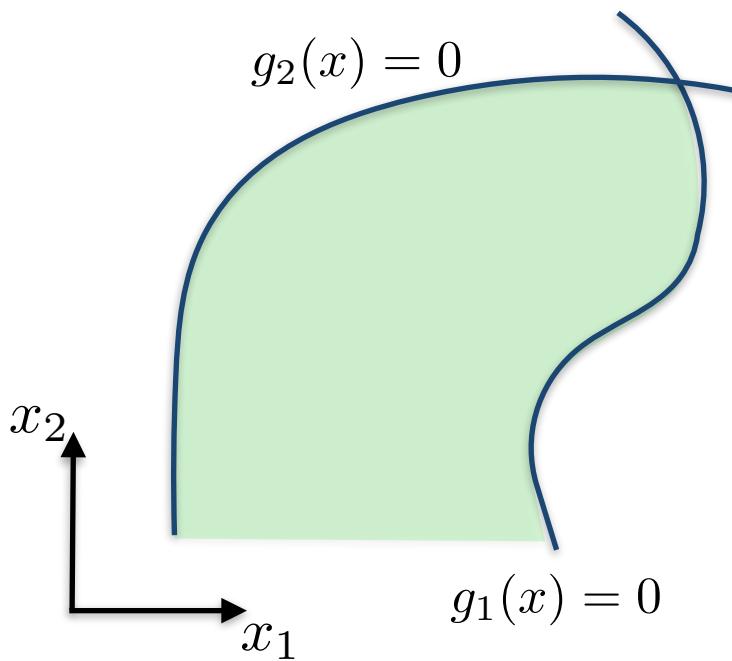
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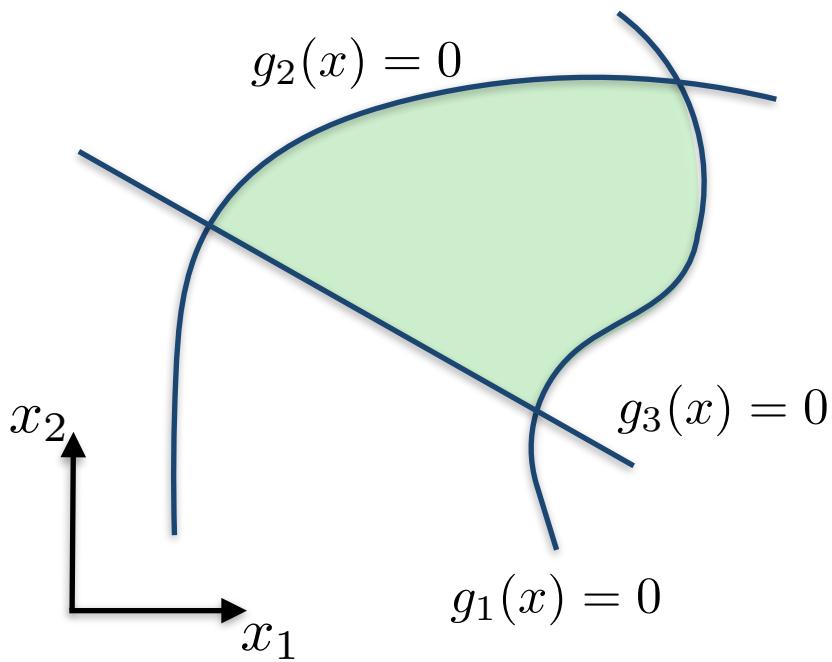
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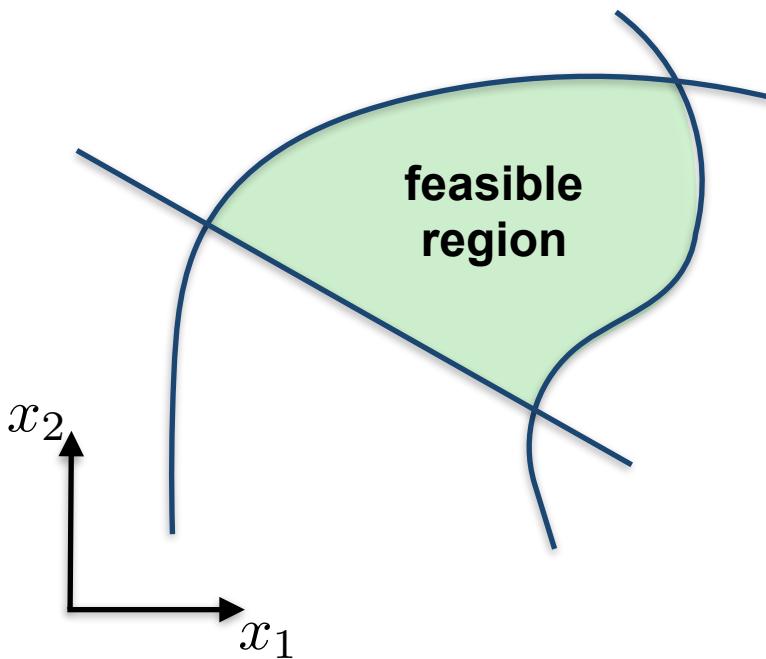
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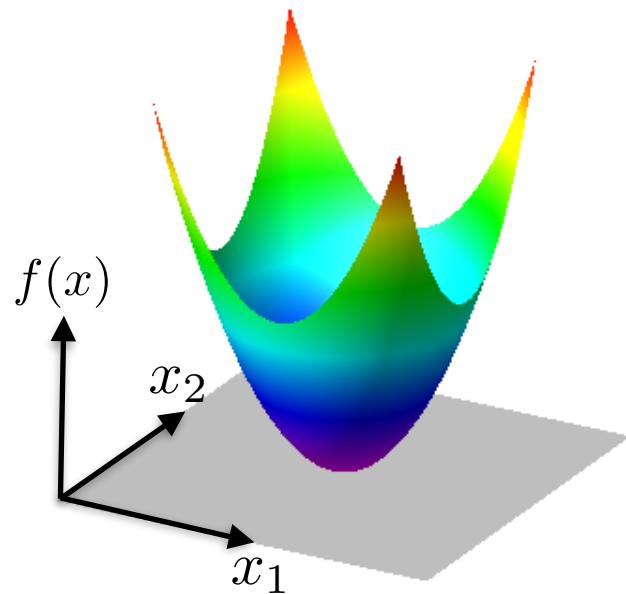
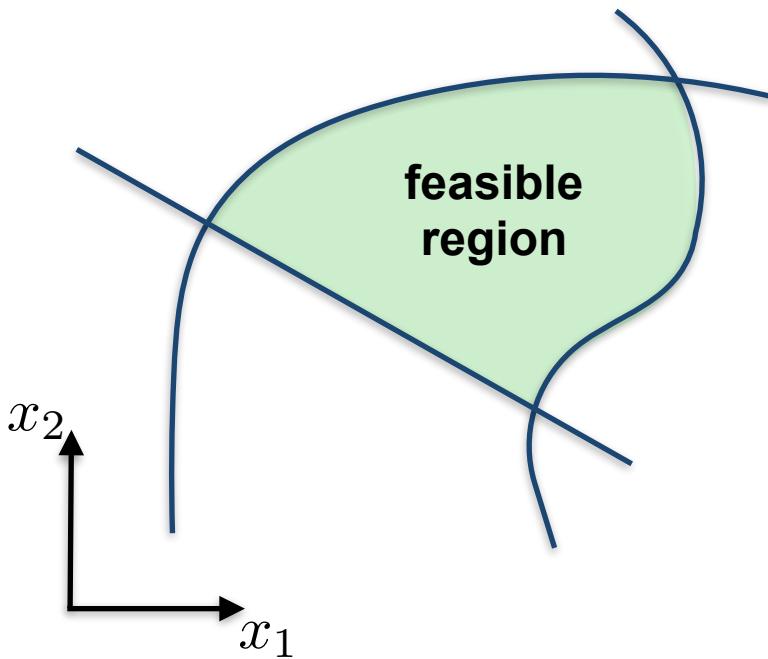
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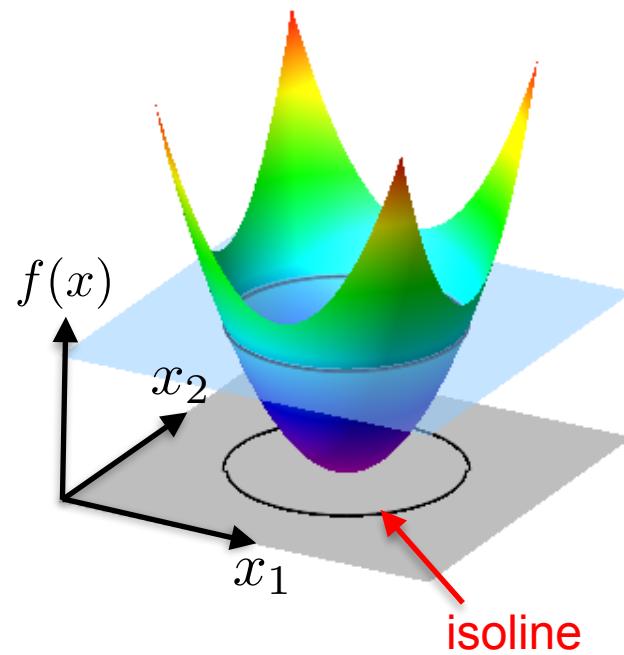
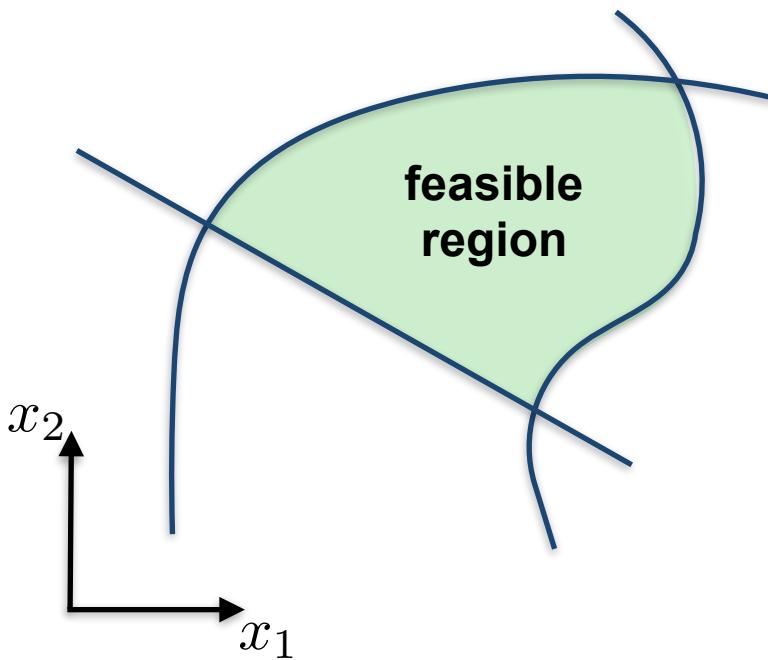
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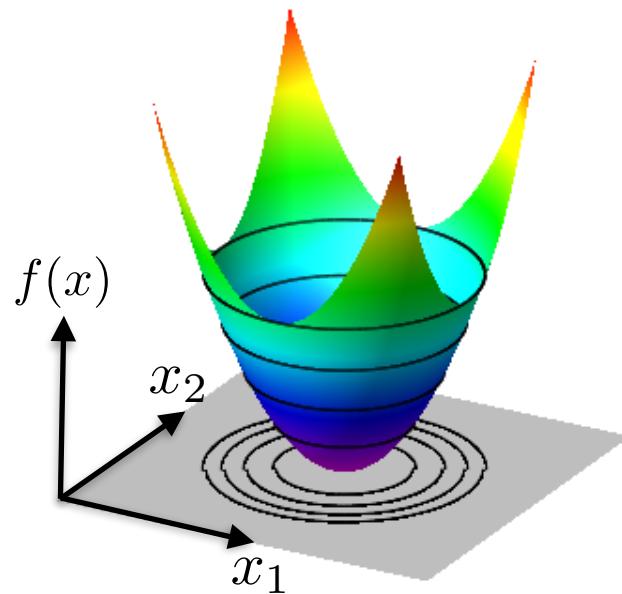
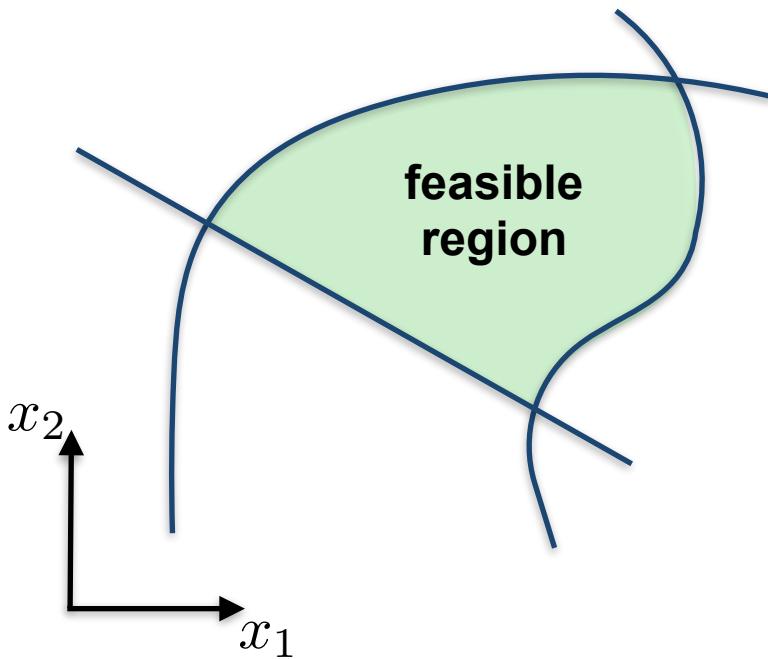
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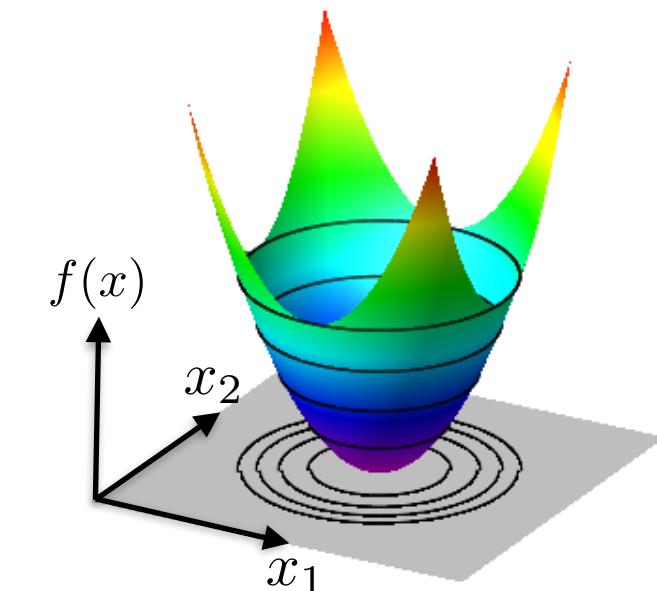
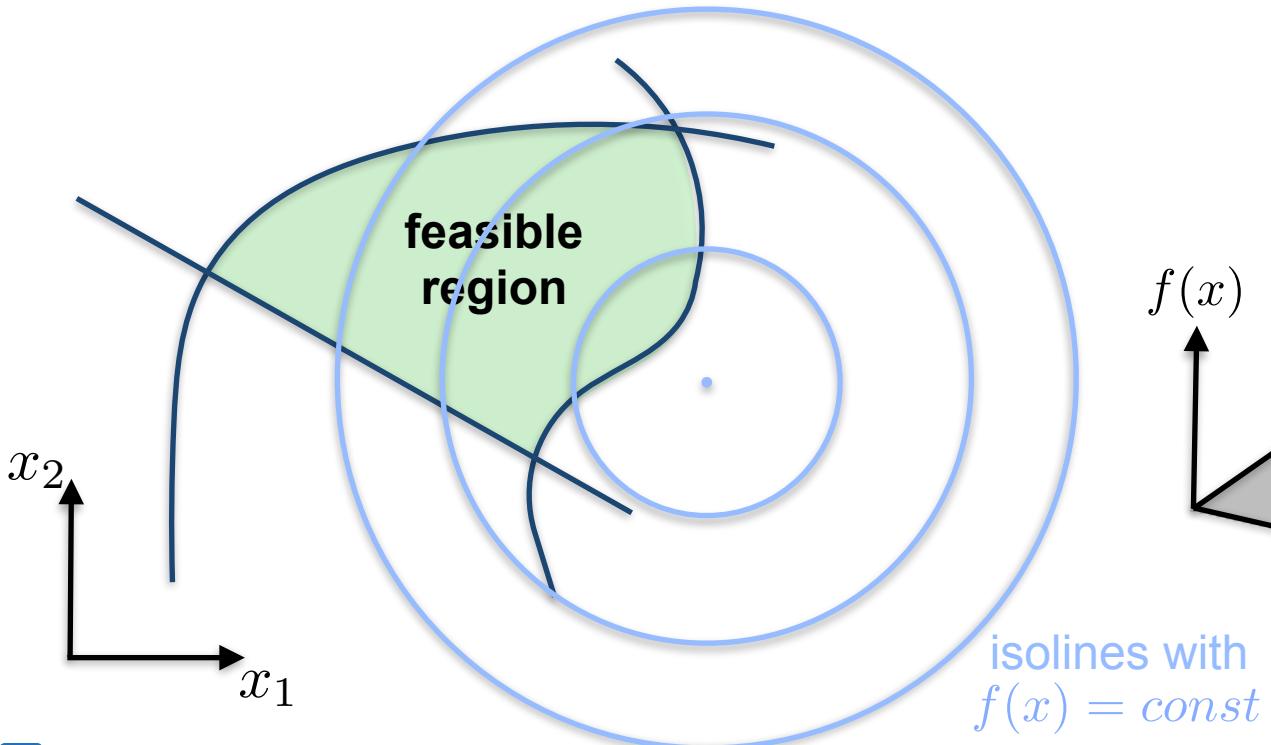
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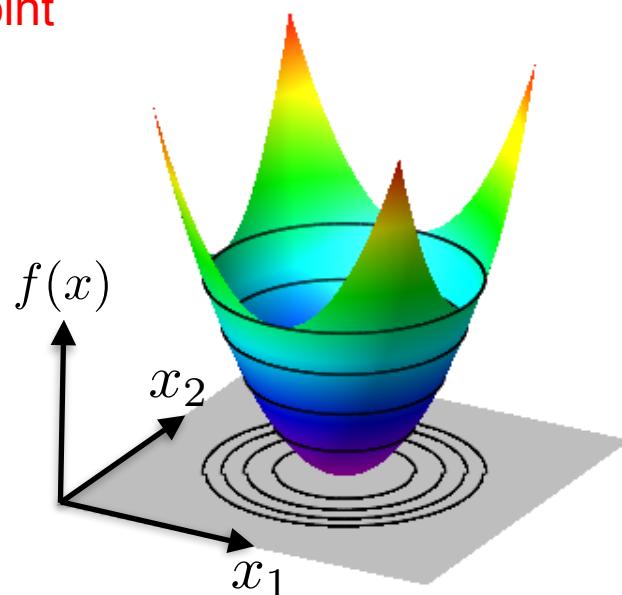
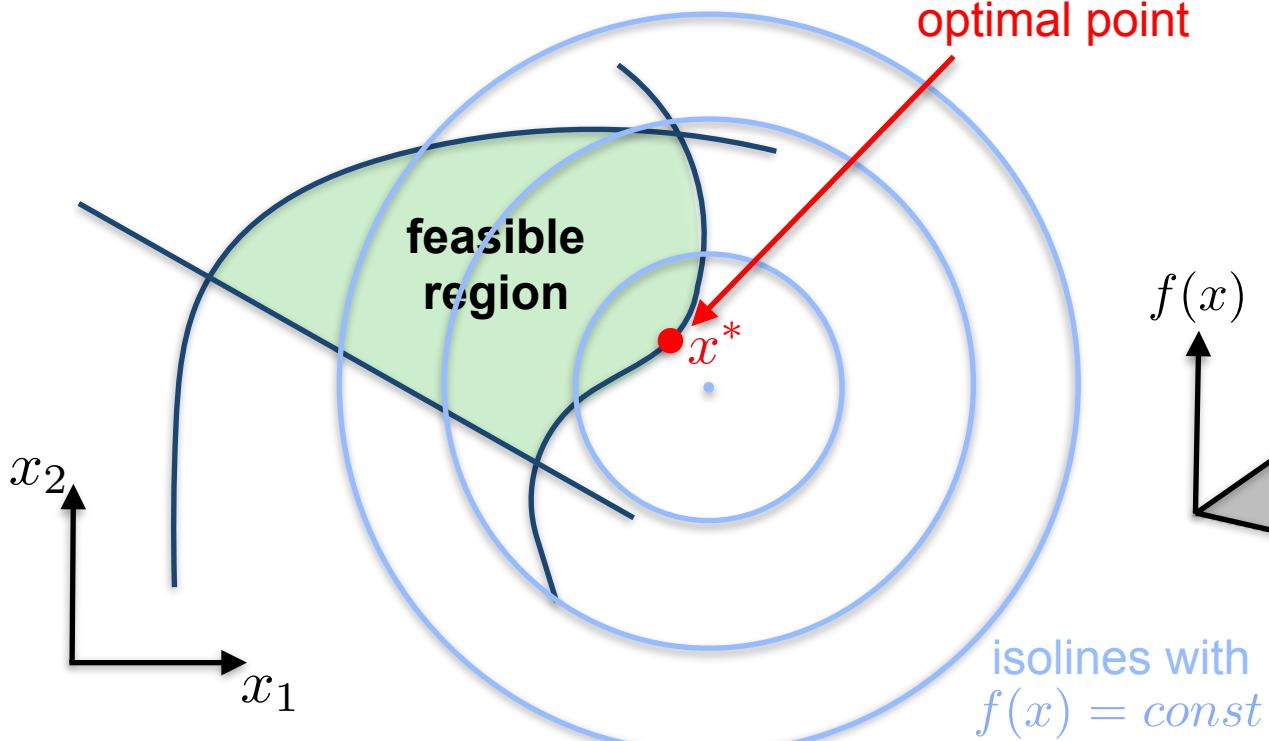
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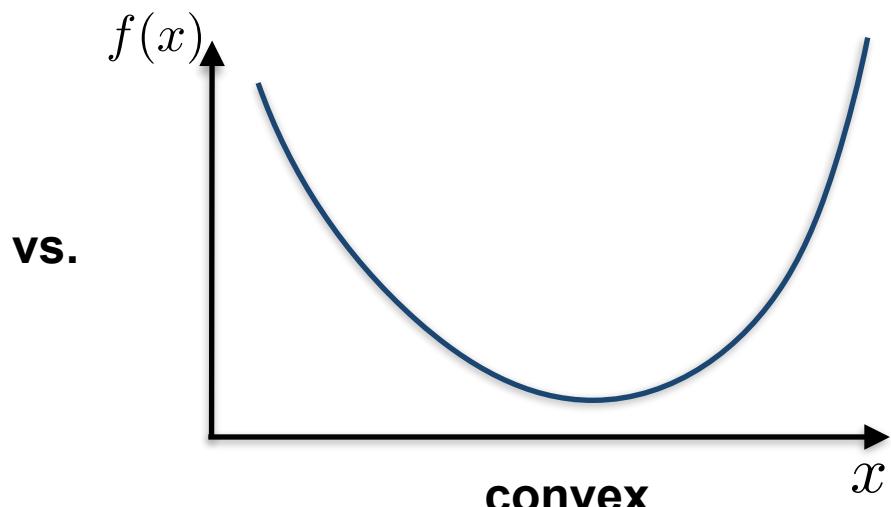
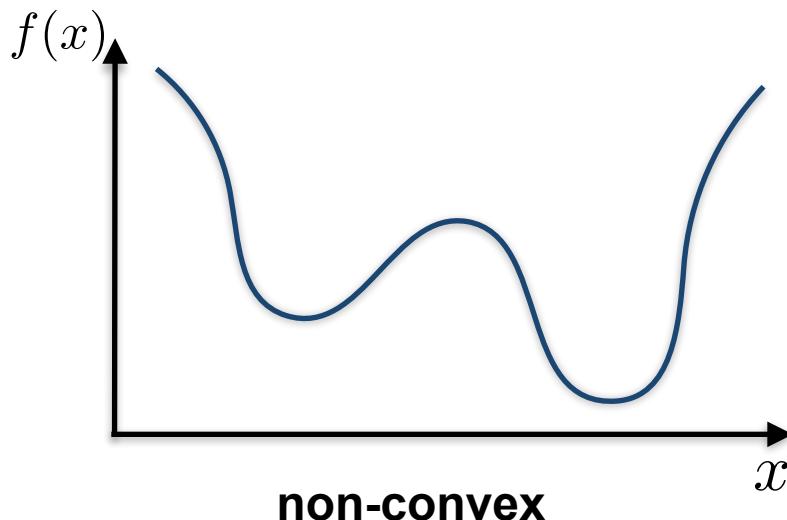
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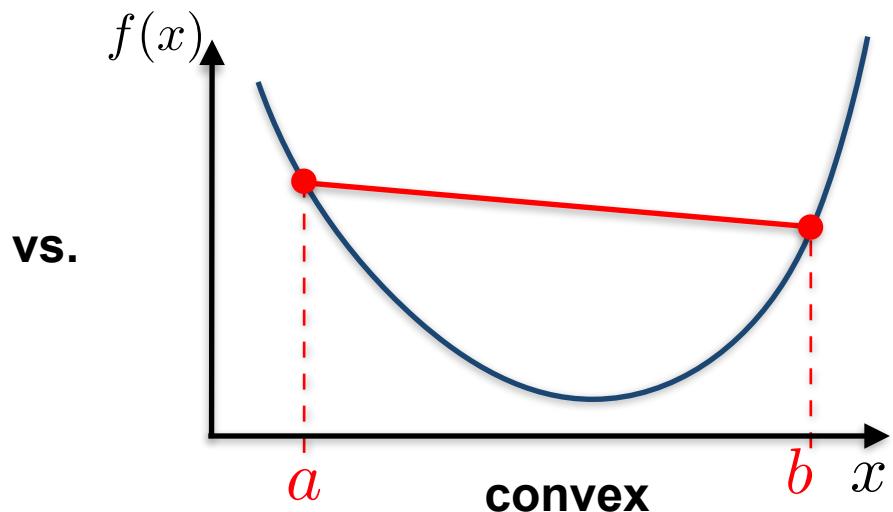
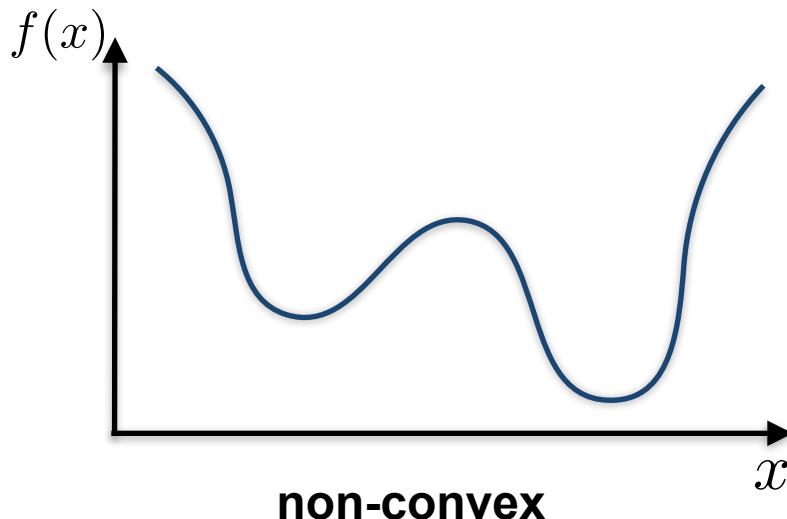
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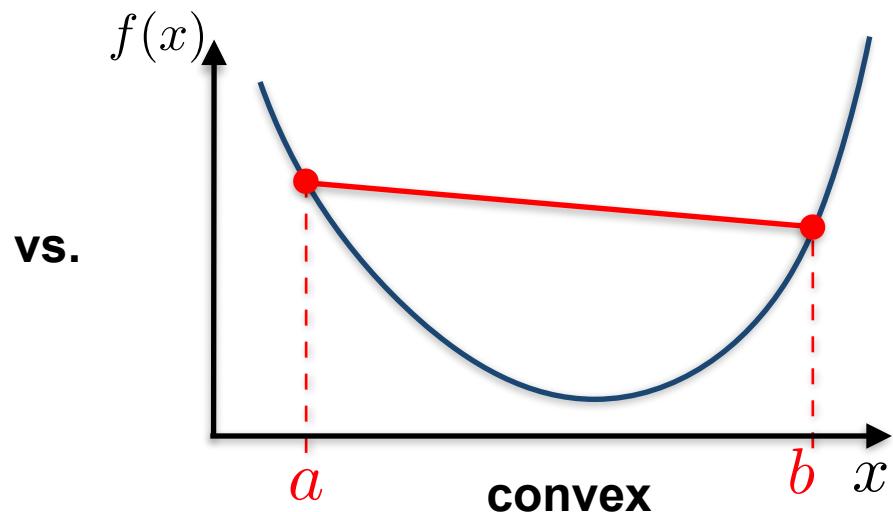
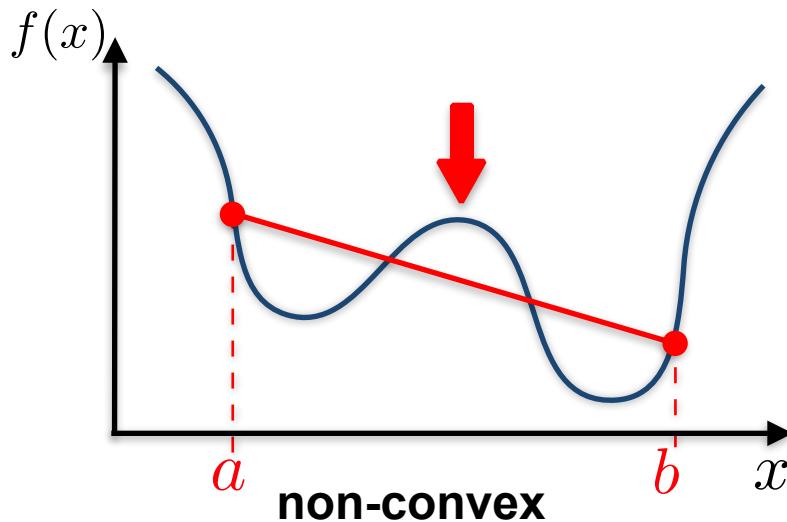
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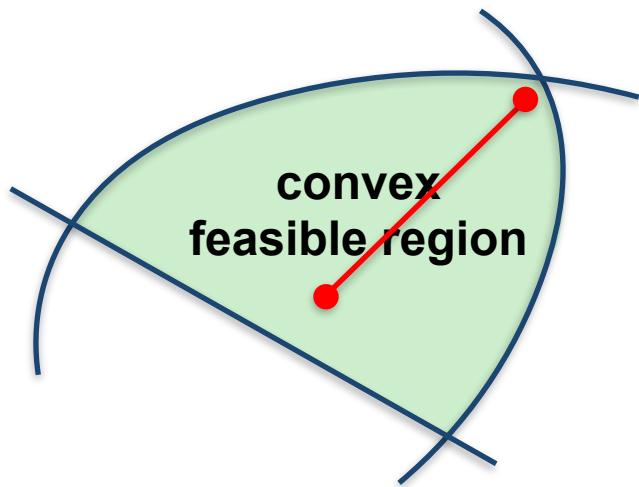
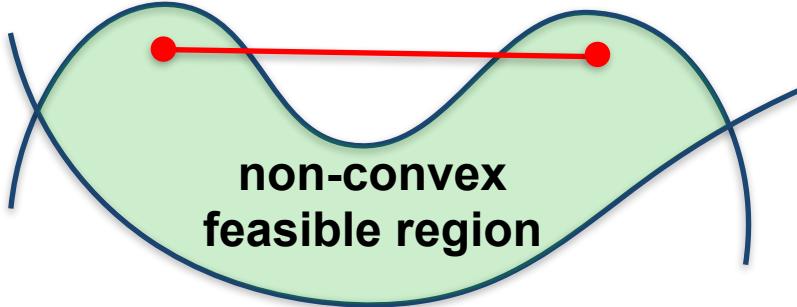
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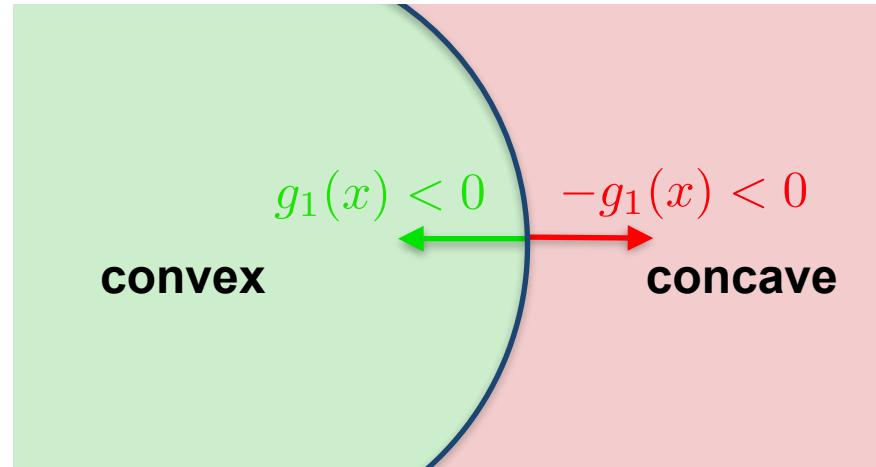
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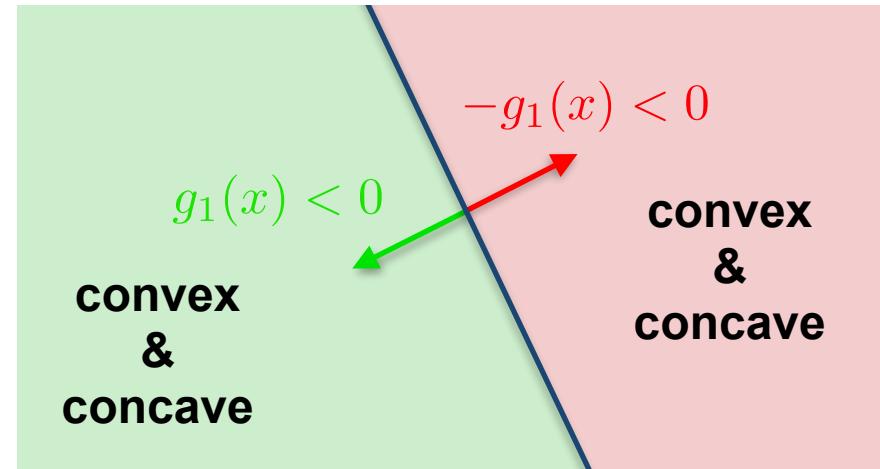
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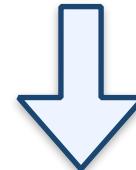
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Convexity

- Important Take Home Message:

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Global Optimum can be Found Efficiently



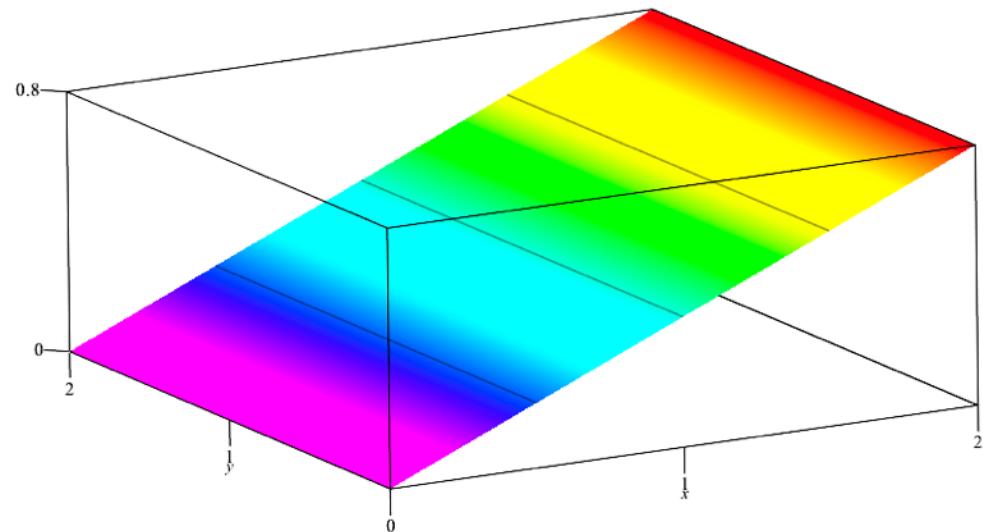
Important (convex) Problem Classes

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linear objective

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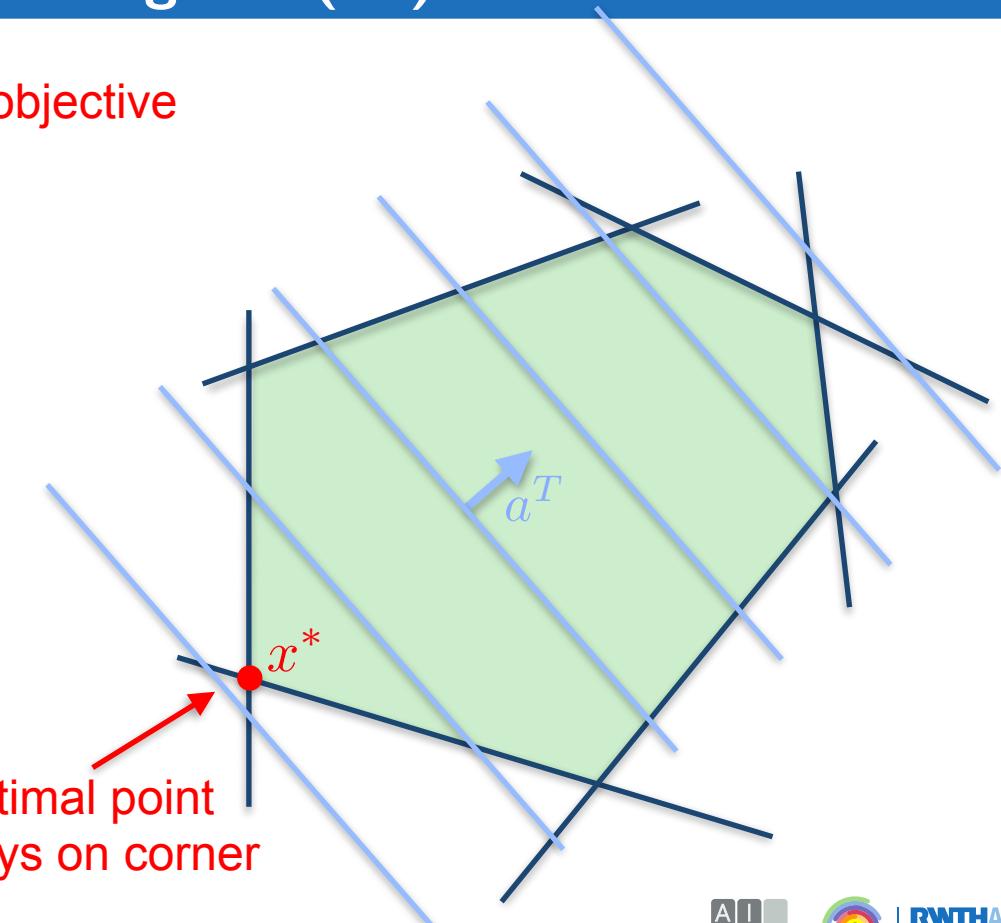
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linear inequalities
= intersection of halfspaces
= polyhedron

linear objective

optimal point
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Example: Chebyshev Center

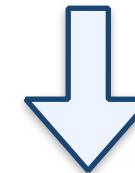
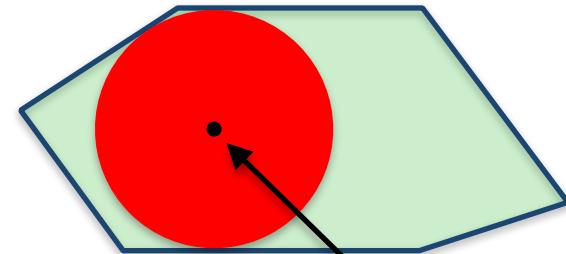
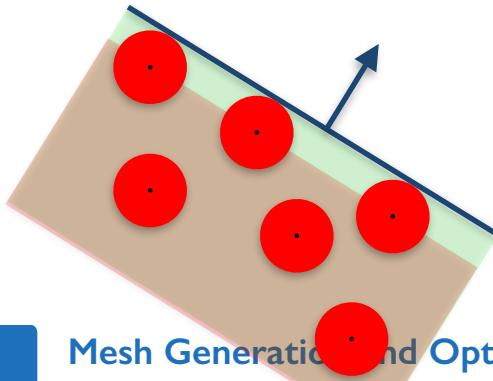
- Find largest ball inside a polyhedron in \mathbb{R}^n

- Ball $\mathcal{B} = \{x_c + u \mid \|u\|_2 \leq r\}$

- Ball of radius r is inside halfspace

$$a^T x \leq b \quad \text{if} \quad a^T x + r\|a\|_2 \leq b$$

 offset



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && -r \\ & \text{subject to} && a_i^T x + r\|a_i\|_2 \leq b_i \quad i = 1 \dots m \end{aligned}$$

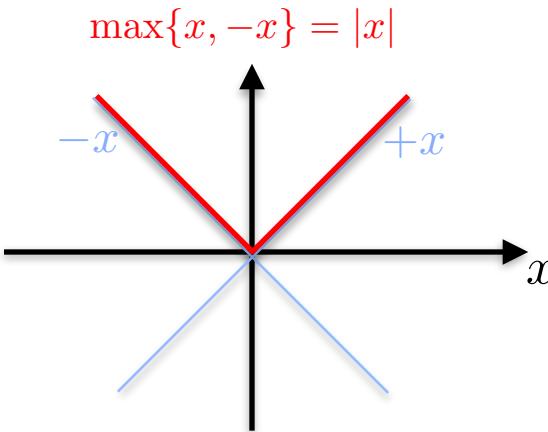
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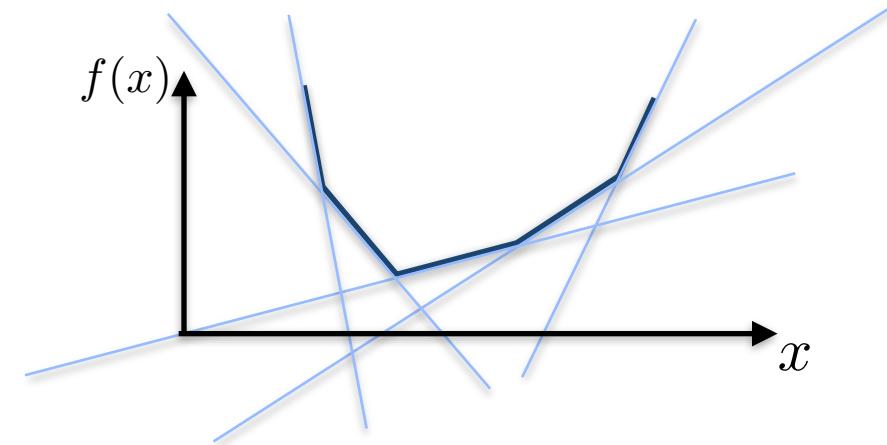
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- (convex) piecewise linear function:

$$\text{minimize } f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & \text{if } x \in [t_1, t_2) \\ f_2(x) & \text{if } x \in [t_2, t_3) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ f_k(x) & \text{if } x \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \end{cases}$$



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- approximate arbitrarily complex convex functions by LP!
(e.g. Outer Approximation)
- works in \mathbb{R}^d

Quadratic Program (QP)

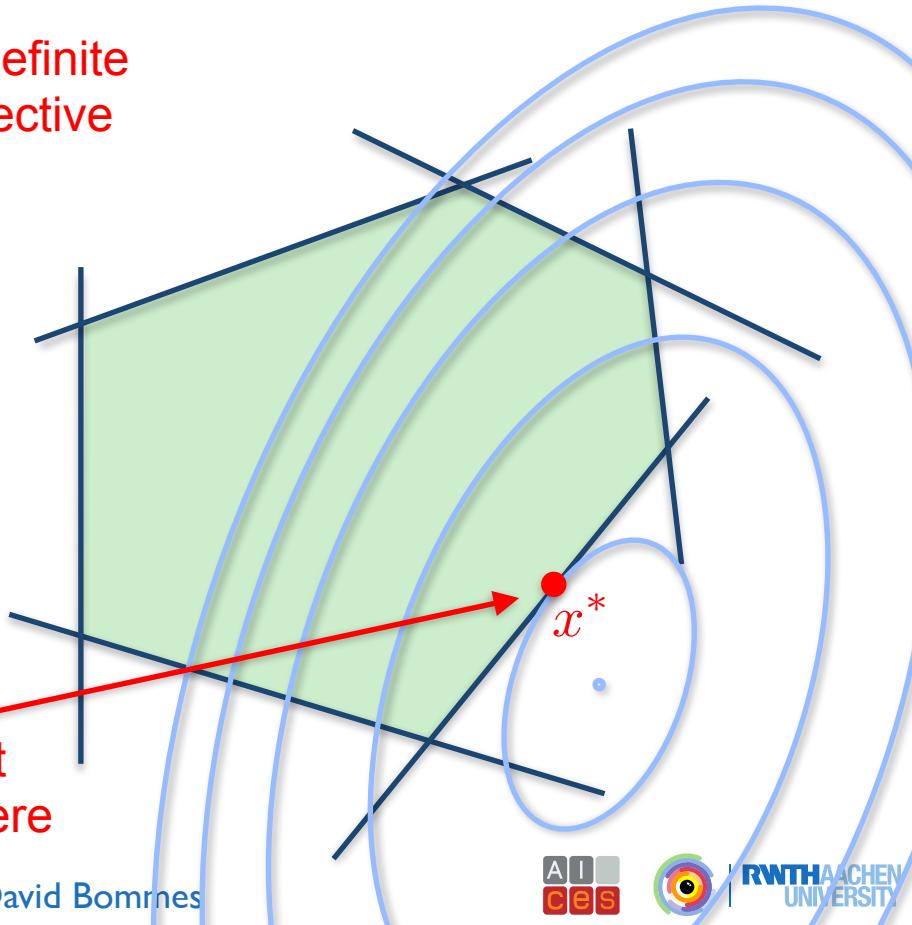
- general form

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positive semidefinite quadratic objective

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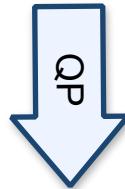
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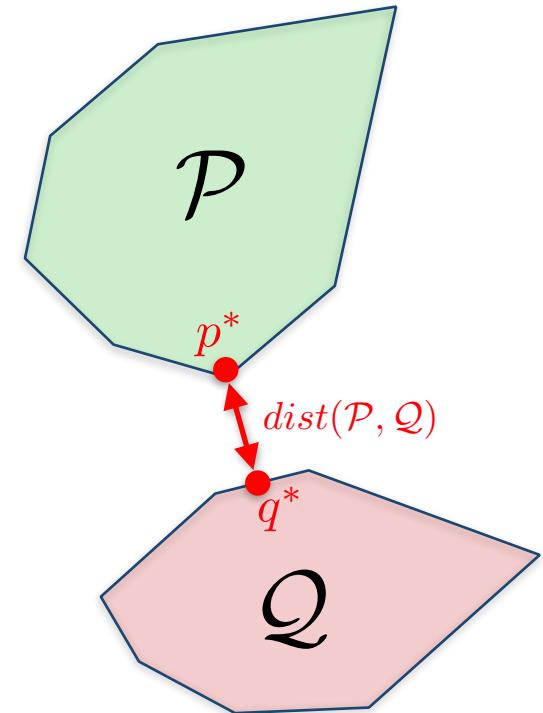
Example QP

- Distance between polyhedra:

$$dist(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{Q}) = \inf\{||p - q||_2 \mid p \in \mathcal{P}, q \in \mathcal{Q}\}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && ||p - q||_2^2 \quad \text{with } x = (p, q) \\ & \text{subject to} && A_P p \leq b_P \\ & && A_Q q \leq b_Q \end{aligned}$$



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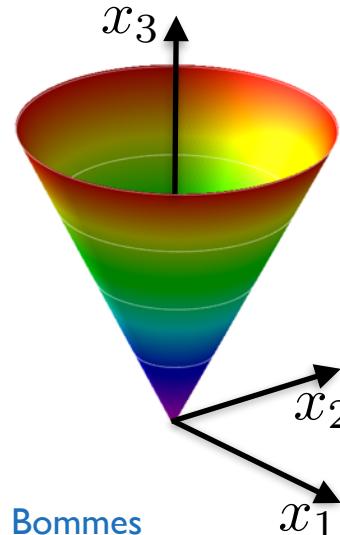
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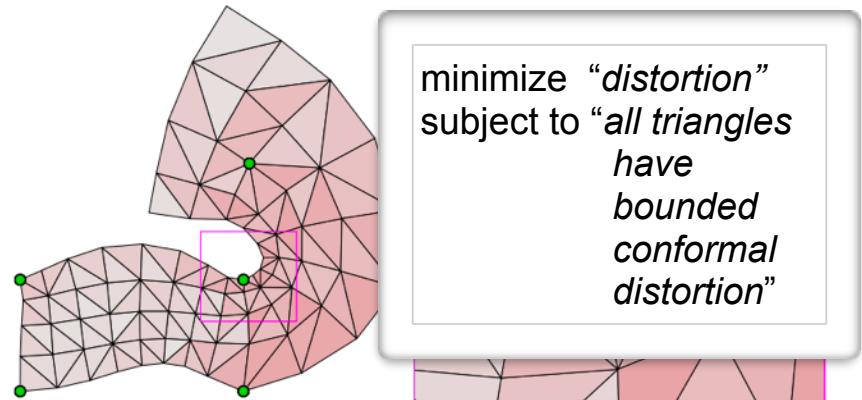
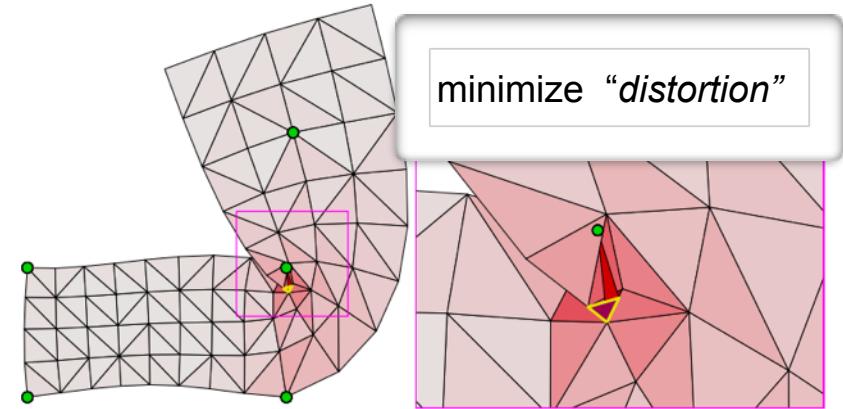
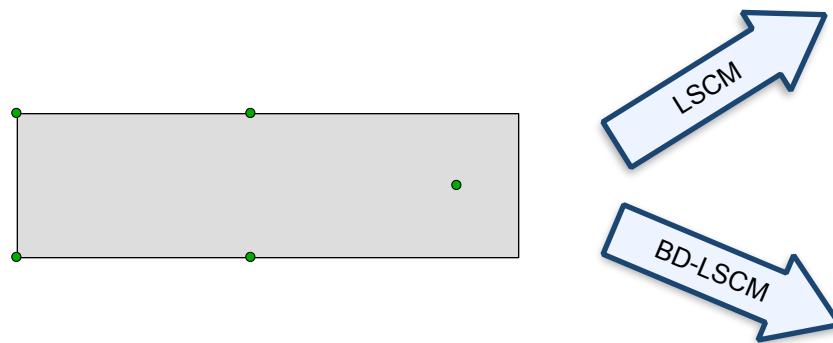
- example constraint:

$$\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2} \leq x_3$$



Example SOCP

- Bounded (conformal) distortion mappings in 2D [Lipman 2012]:



Semidefinite Program (SDP)

- general form

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize} \quad & \text{tr}(CX) = \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} X_{ij} \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \text{tr}(A_i X) \leq b_i \quad i = 1 \dots m \\ & X \succeq 0 \end{aligned}$$

linear function in
matrix space

with $X, C, A_i \in S^n$
(symmetric $n \times n$ matrices)

X is required to be
positive semidefinite

Finding Minima

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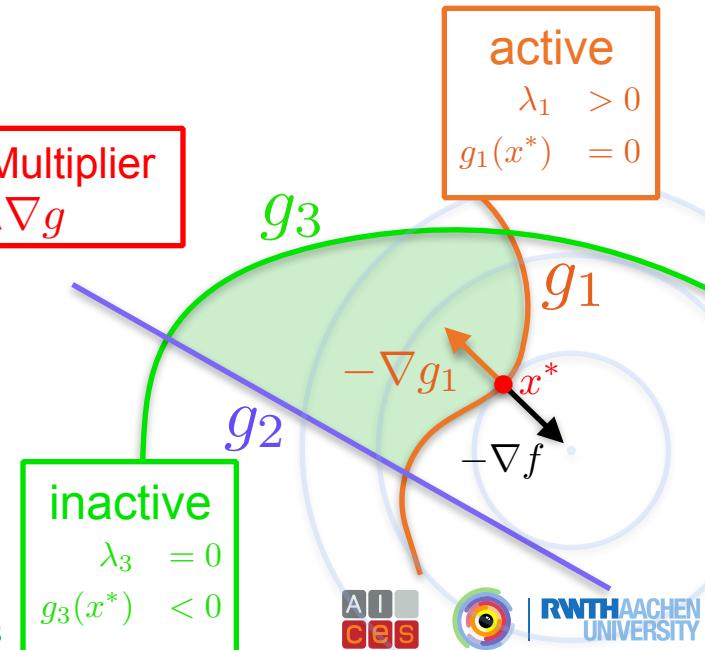
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Recall Lagrange Multiplier
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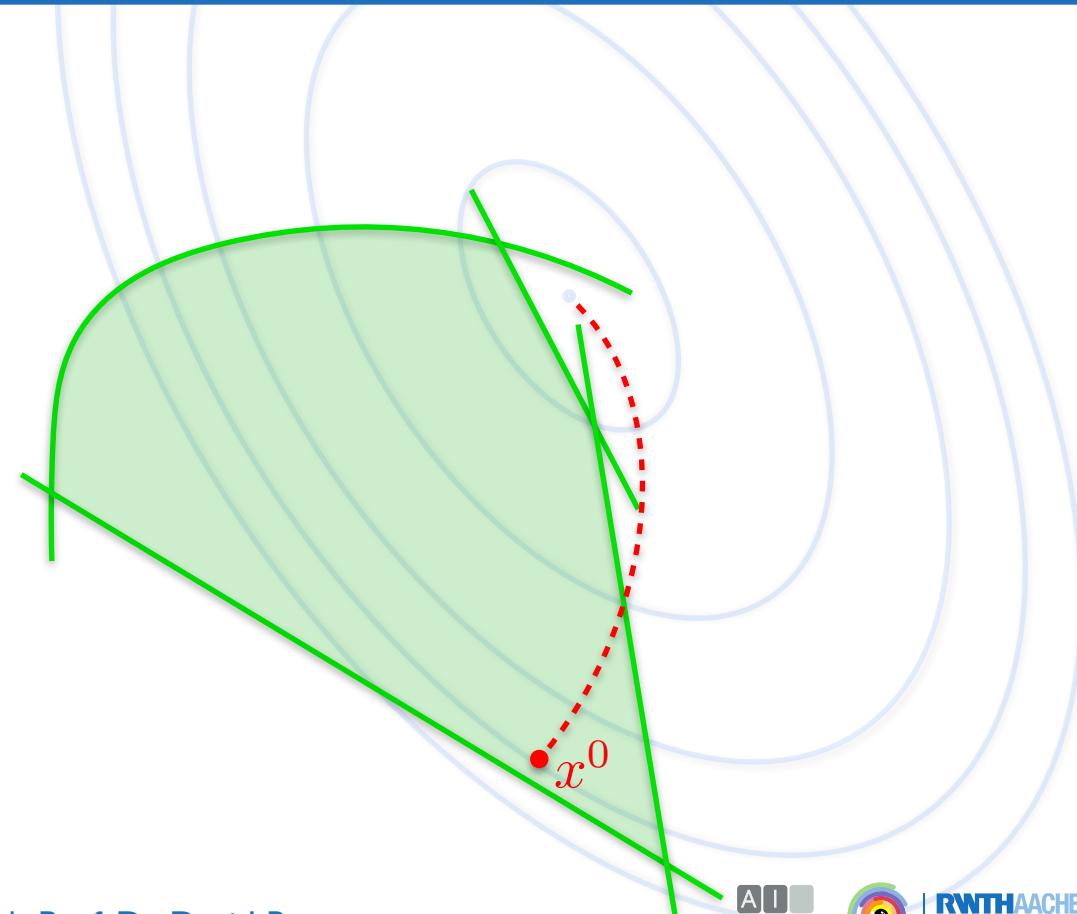


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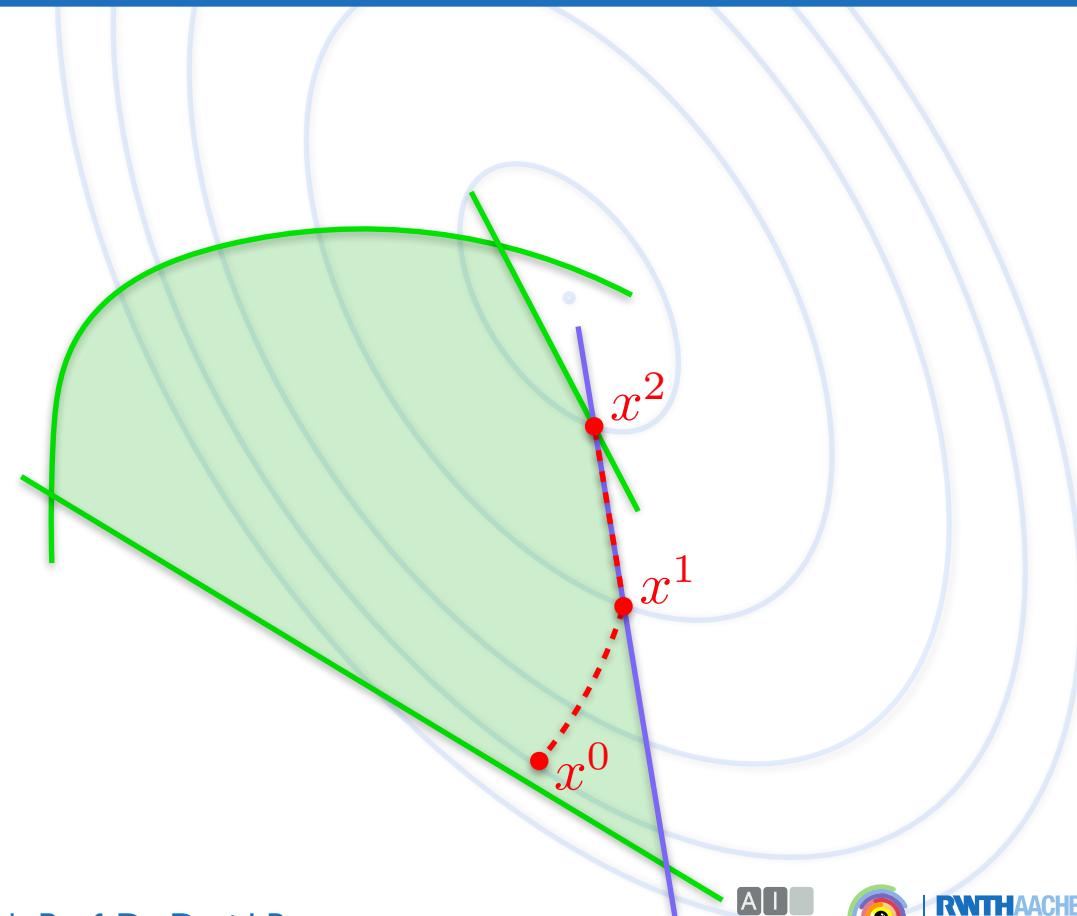
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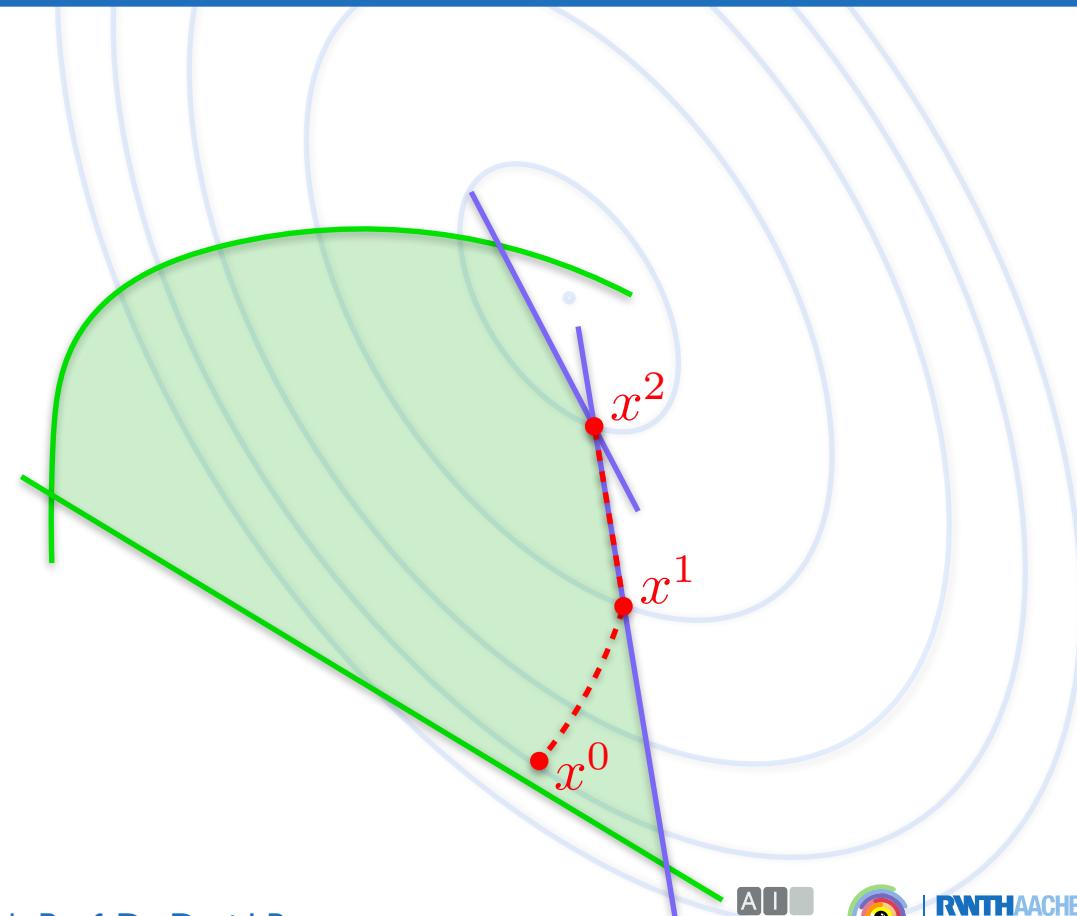
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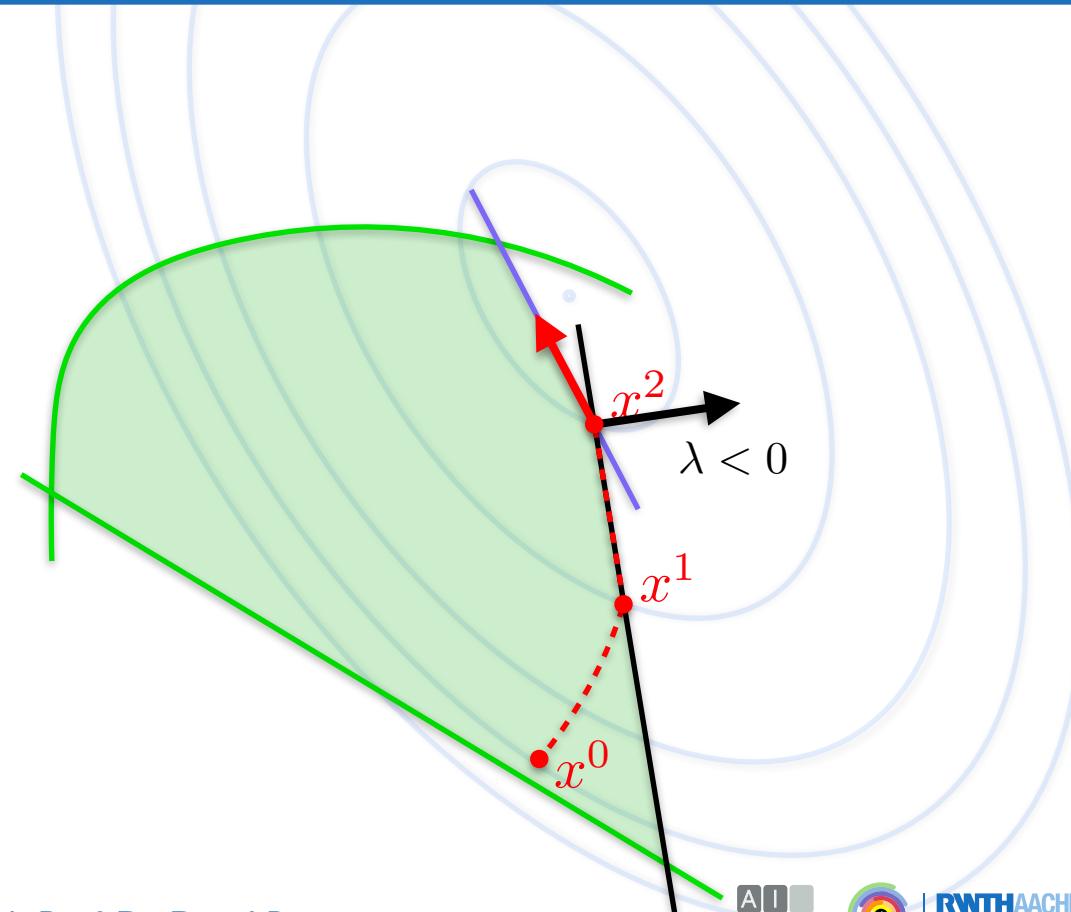
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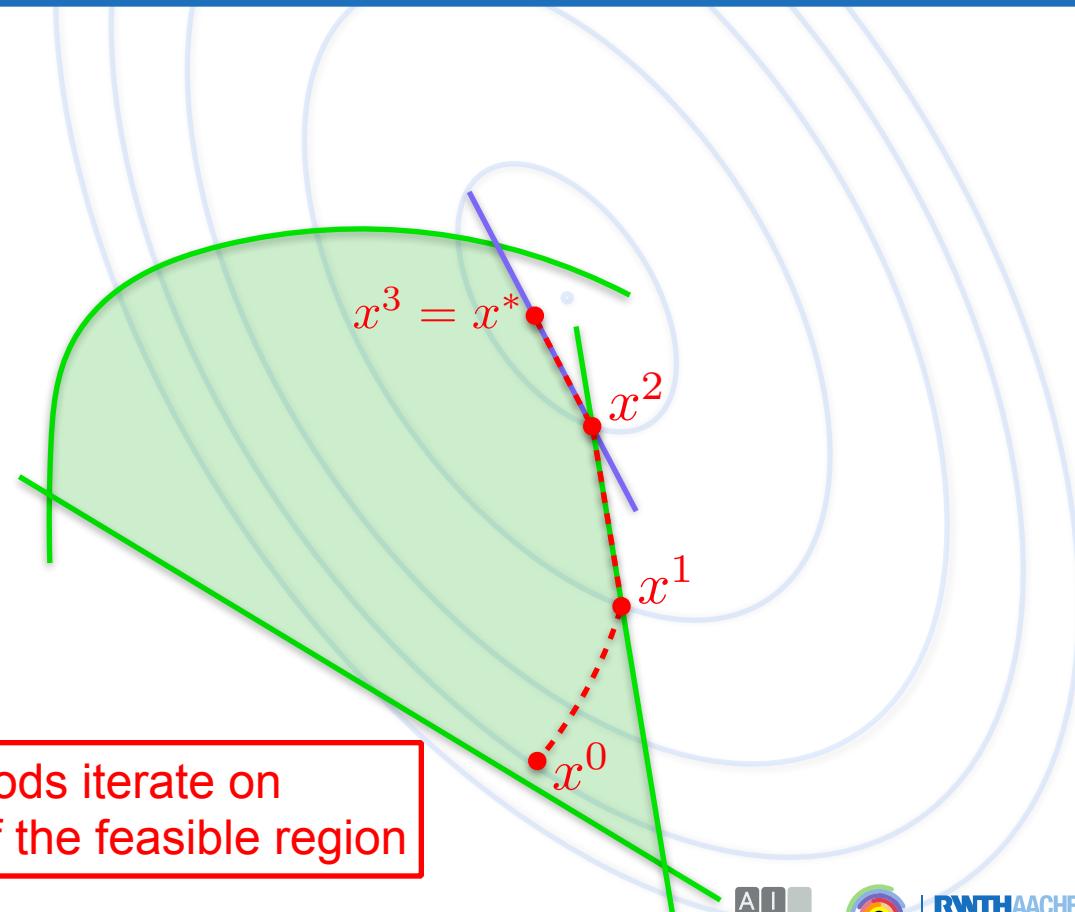
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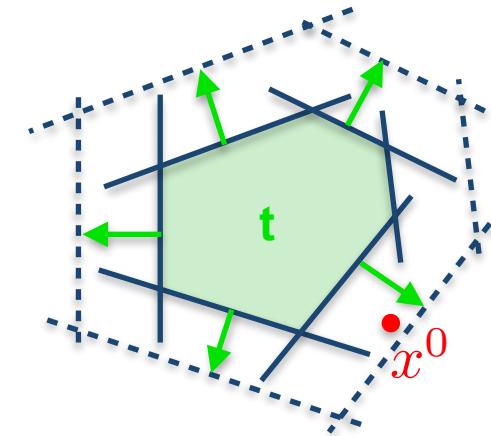
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- Corresponding (Phase 1) **Feasibility Problem**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && t \\ & \text{subject to} && g_i(x) \leq t \quad i = 1 \dots m \end{aligned}$$



also constrained problem
but for arbitrary $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
choose $t^0 = \max_i g_i(x^0)$

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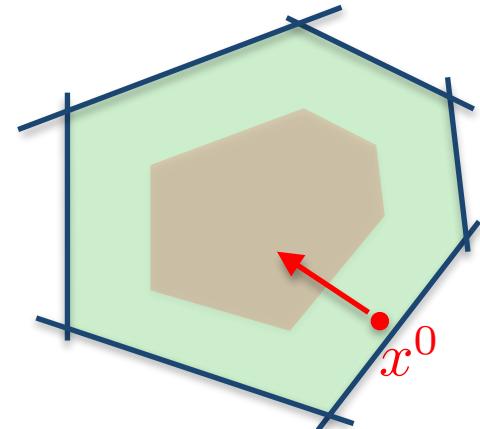
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- Corresponding (Phase 1) **Feasibility Problem**:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize} && t \\ & \text{subject to} && g_i(x) \leq t \quad i = 1 \dots m \end{aligned}$$

terminate as soon as $t < 0 !!!$



also constrained problem
but for arbitrary $x^0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$
choose $t^0 = \max_i g_i(x^0)$

Active Set Method

- Many (sophisticated) variants
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 - warmstart desired
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 - sometimes requires huge number of iterations

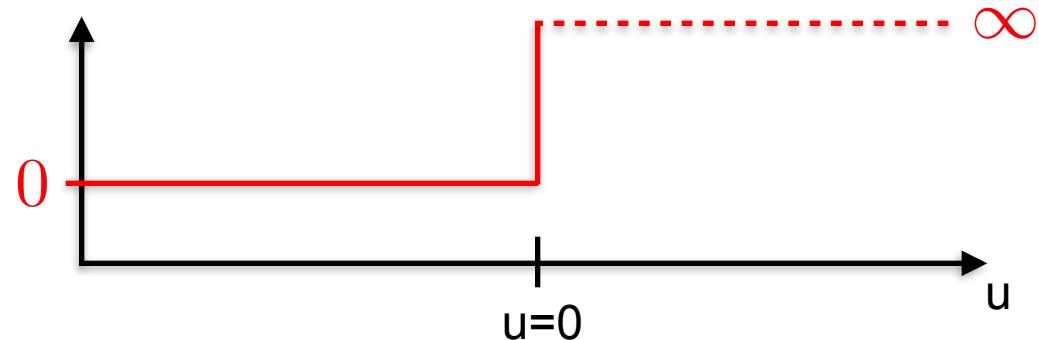
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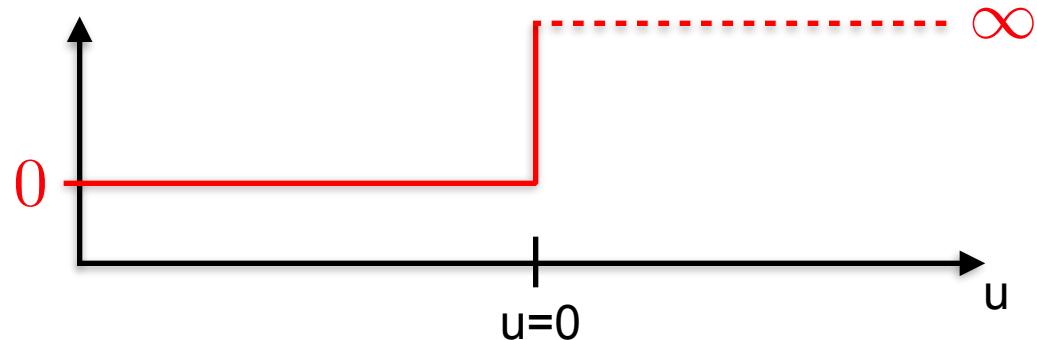


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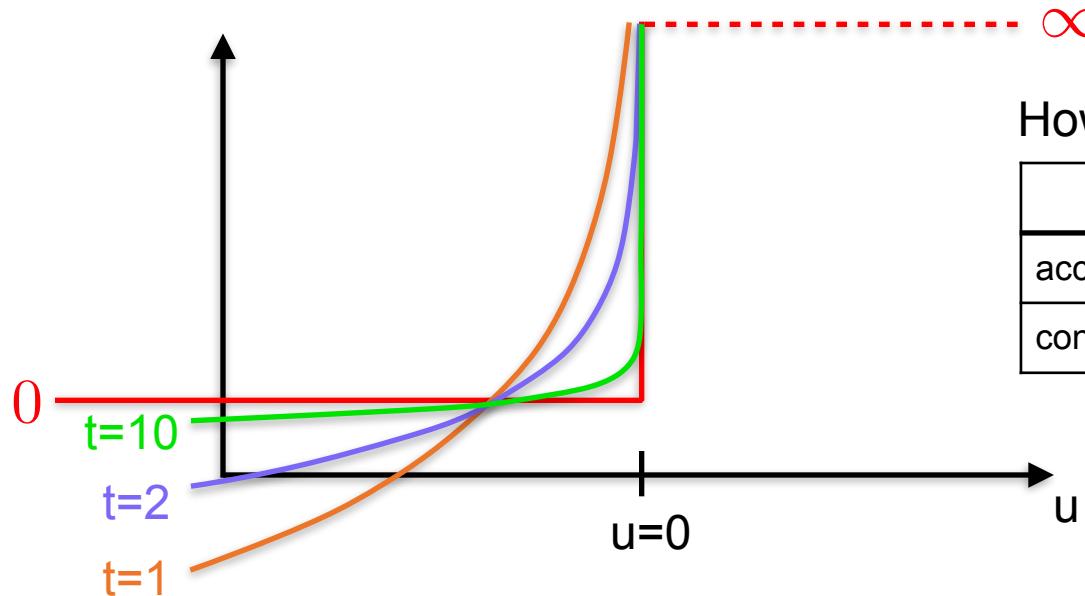
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Barrier Function

- **Logarithmic Barrier** (smooth and convex approximation)

$$\hat{I}_-(u) = -\frac{1}{t} \log(-u)$$



How to choose t ?

	large t	small t
accuracy	+	-
convergence	-	+

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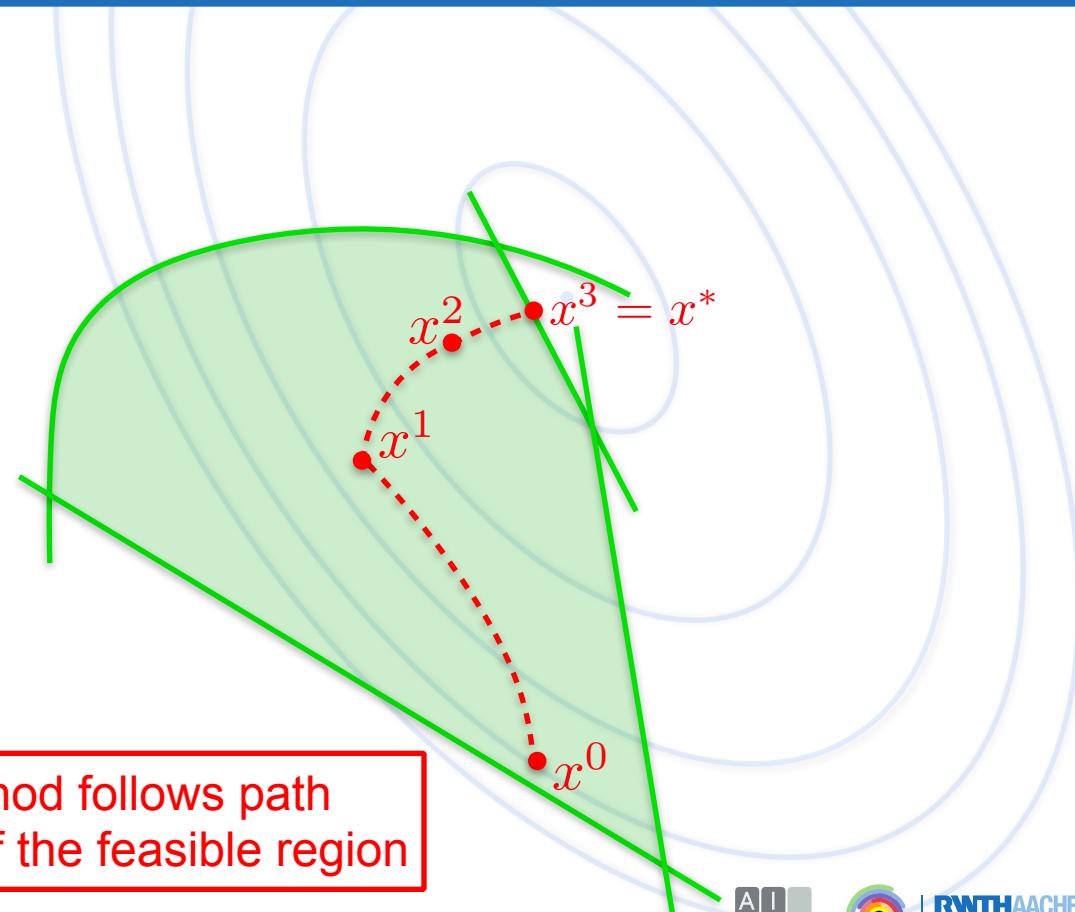
- Assume feasible x^0 , $t := 1$
- **Iteratively solve** (unconstrained)

$$\text{minimize } f(x) - \frac{1}{t} \sum_{i=1}^m \log(-g_i(x))$$

and update $t := 10 \cdot t$

- stop when $\frac{m}{t} < \epsilon$

interior point method follows path through interior of the feasible region



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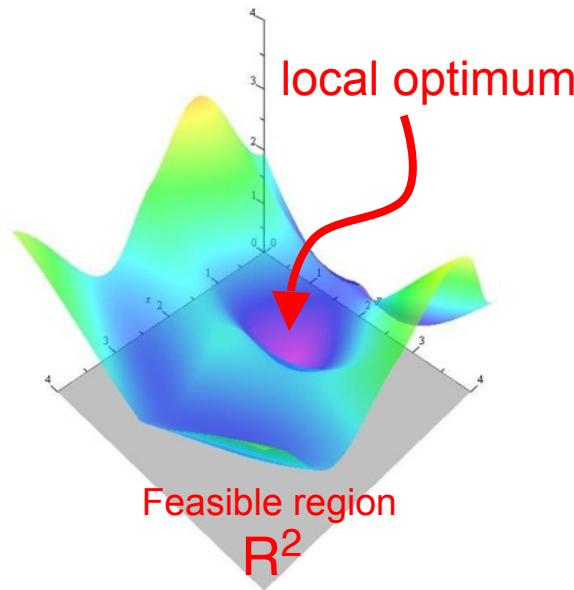
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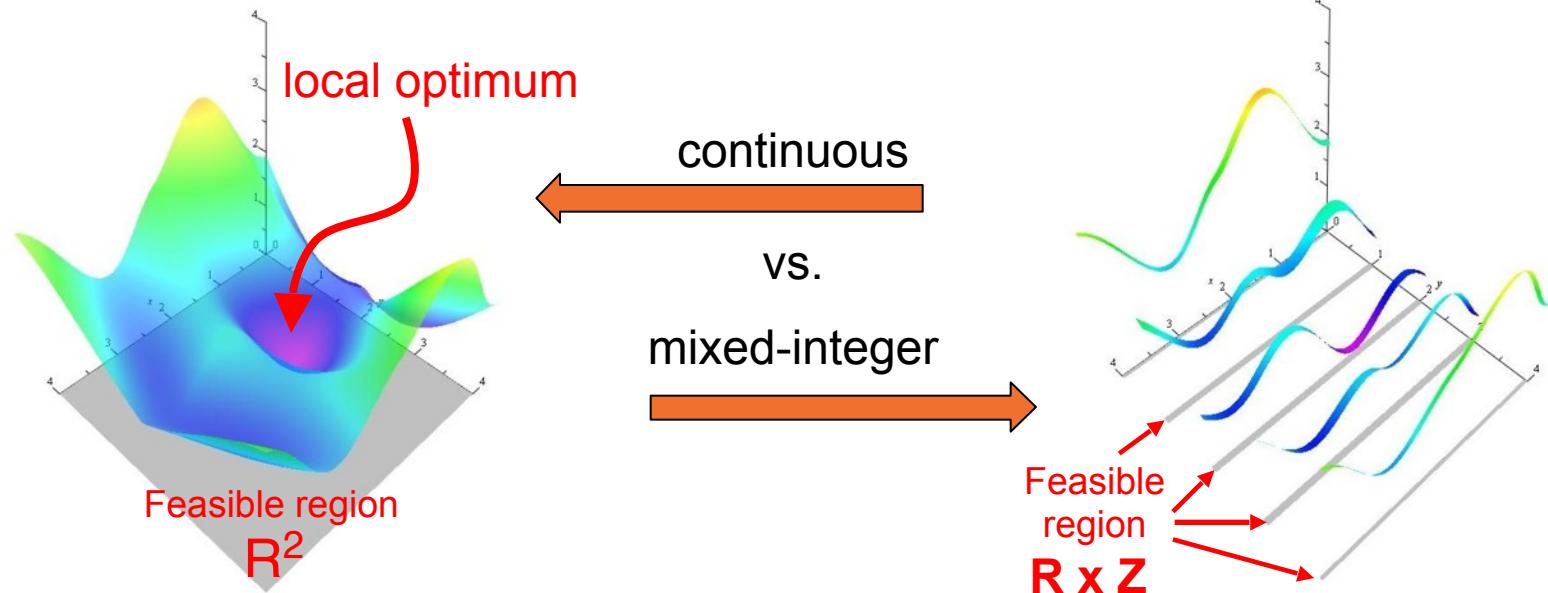
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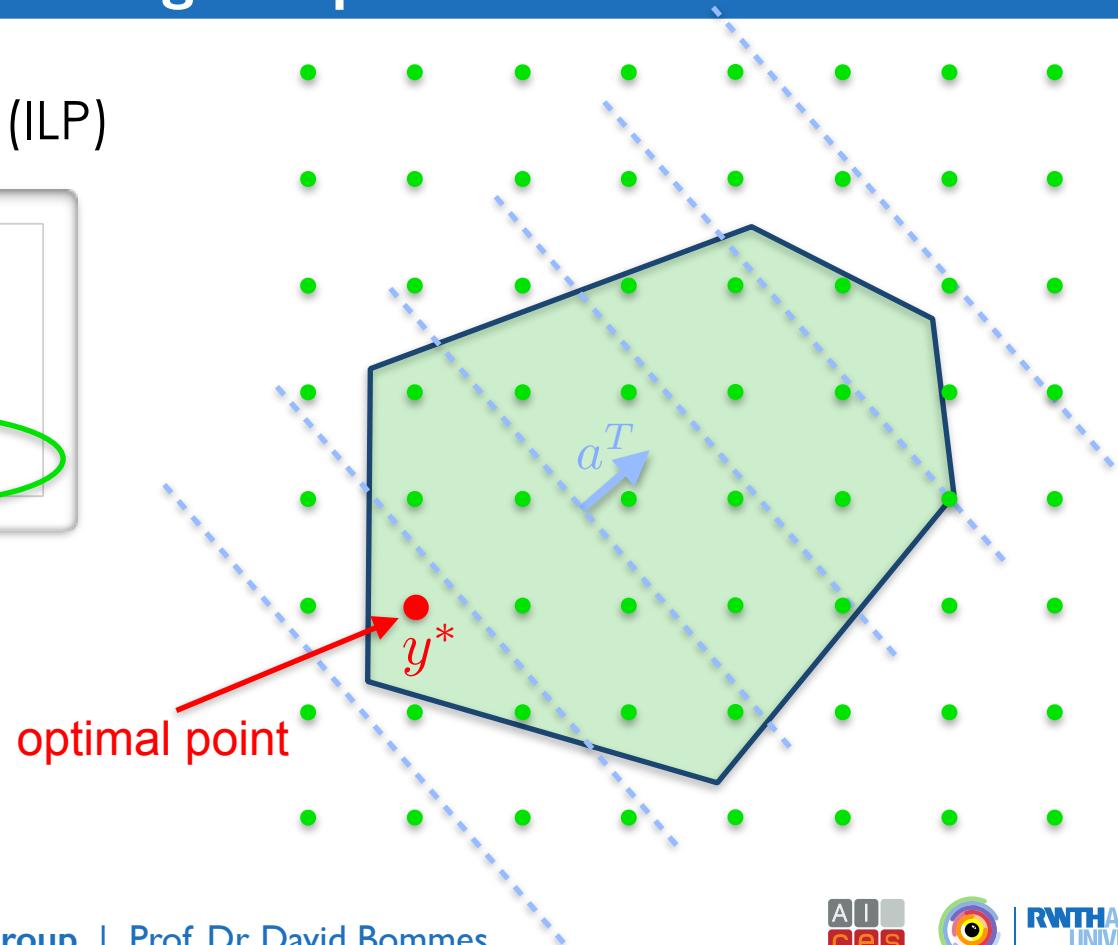
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The diagram shows a horizontal line segment representing the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$. Two red arrows point away from the center of the segment towards the ends. The arrow pointing to the left end is labeled "lower bound" and the arrow pointing to the right end is labeled "upper bound".

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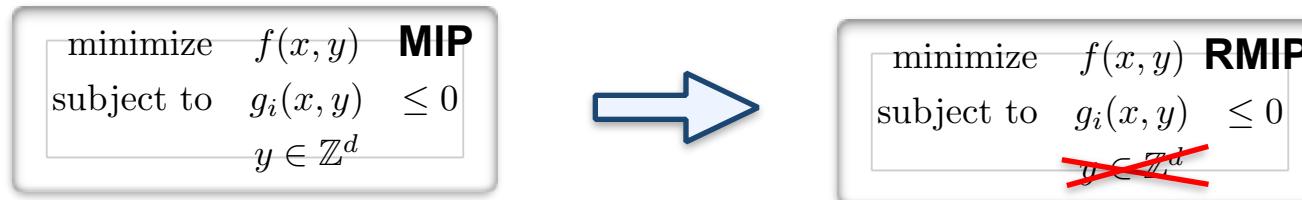
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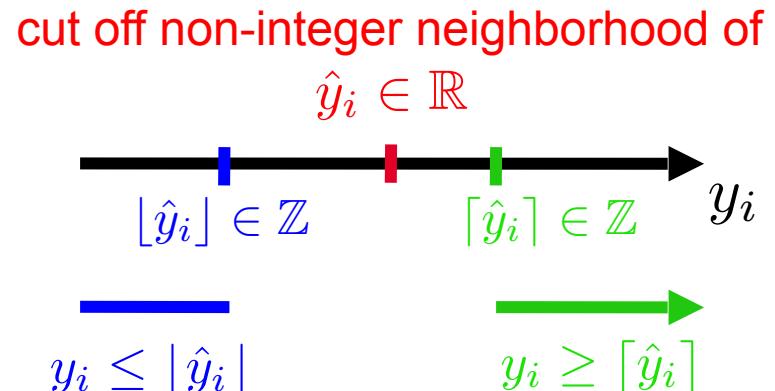
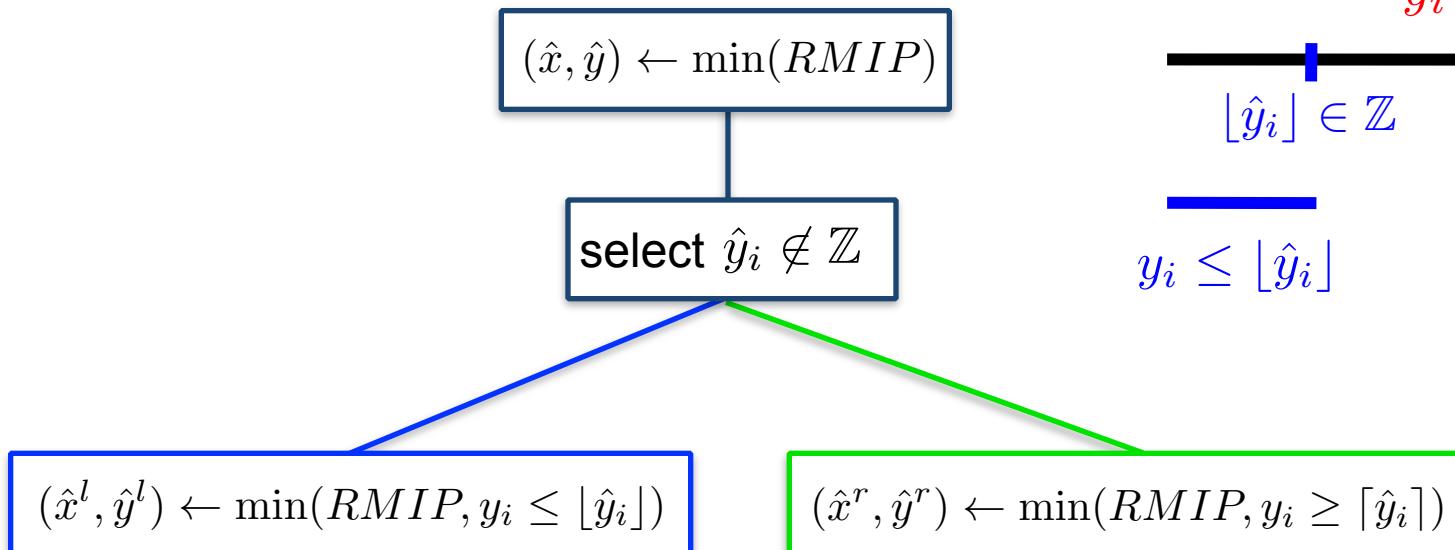

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- How to obtain upper bound? How to improve bounds?

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- **Branching:**



improve lower bound $\min\{f(\hat{x}^l, \hat{y}^l), f(\hat{x}^r, \hat{y}^r)\} \geq f(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$

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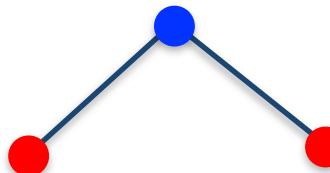


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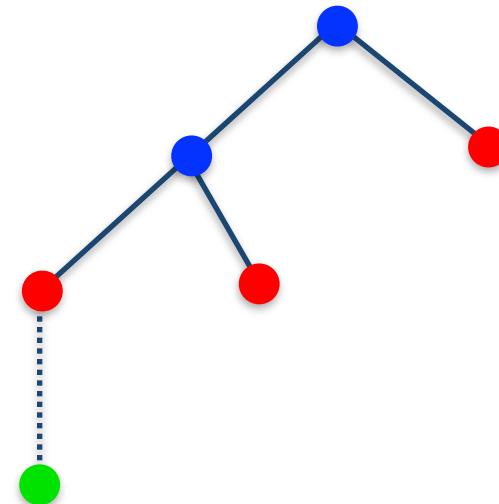


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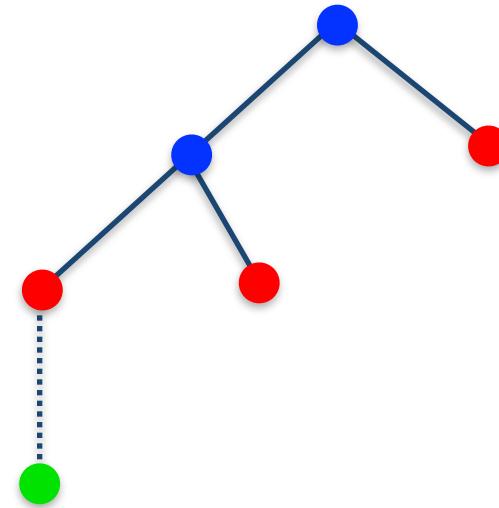
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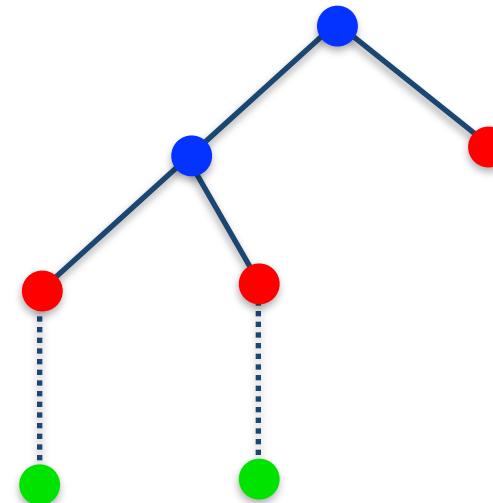
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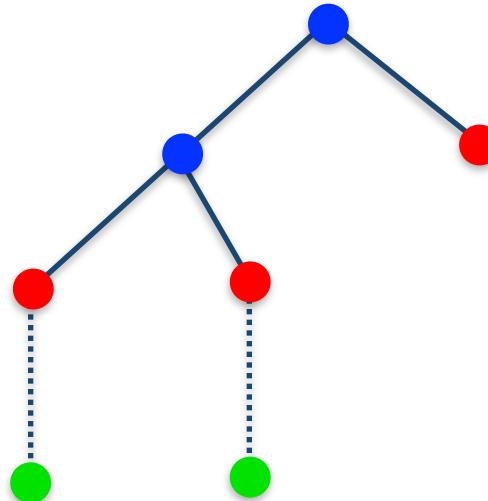
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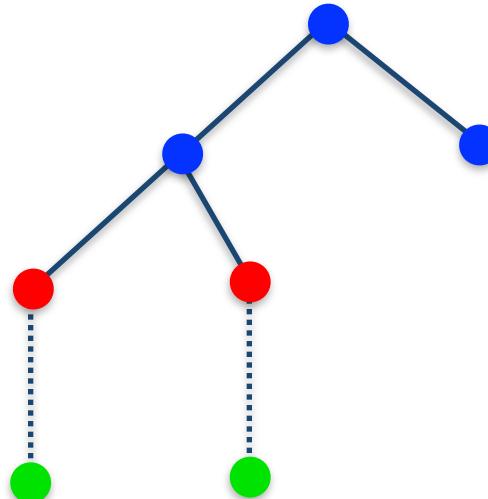
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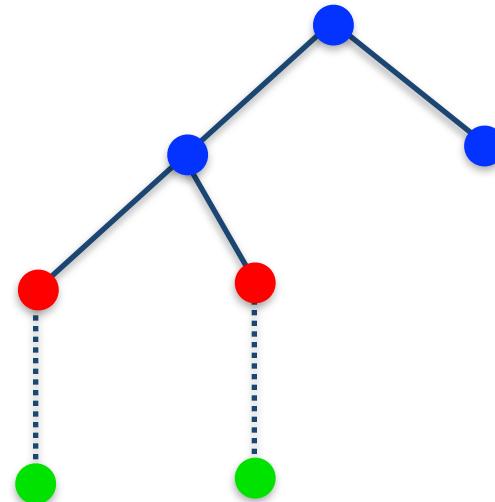


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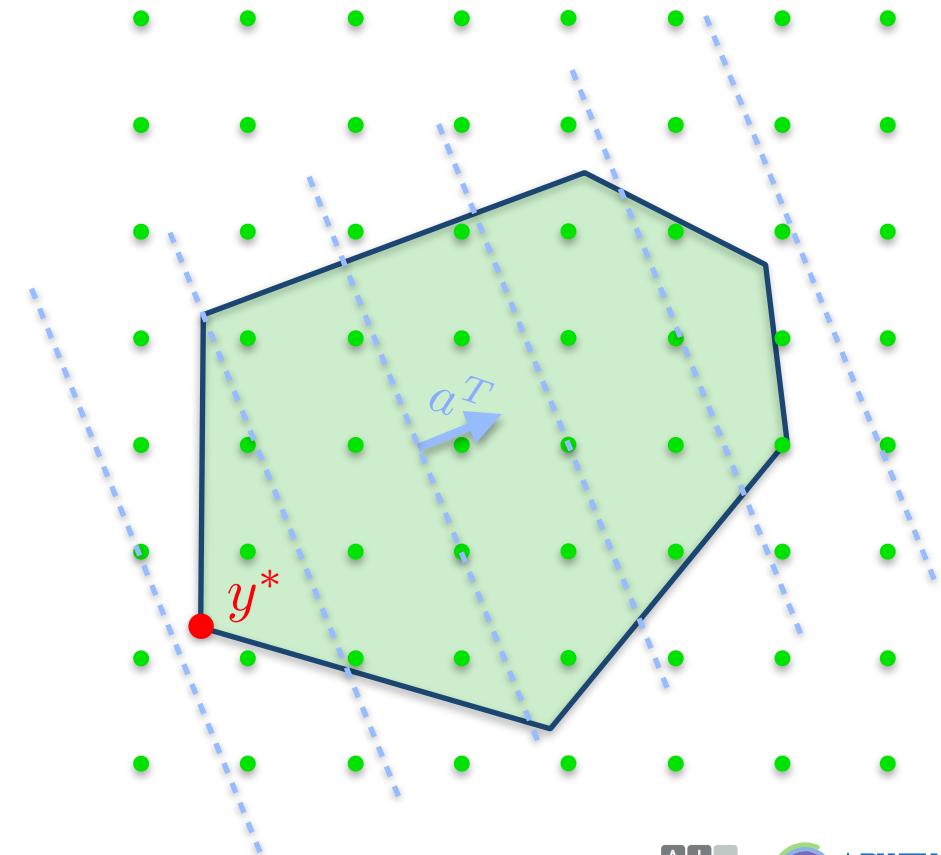
global optimum if RMIP convex!

Branch and Bound

- Node Selection Strategies
 - Depth-First Search
 - Best-First Search (w.r.t. lower bound)
 - Dynamic heuristics
- Branching Strategies
 - Maximum Infeasibility — most undecided first (close to .5)
 - Strong Branching — best improvement of lower bound
 - Pseudo Reduced Cost — approximation of strong branching
 - Dynamic heuristics

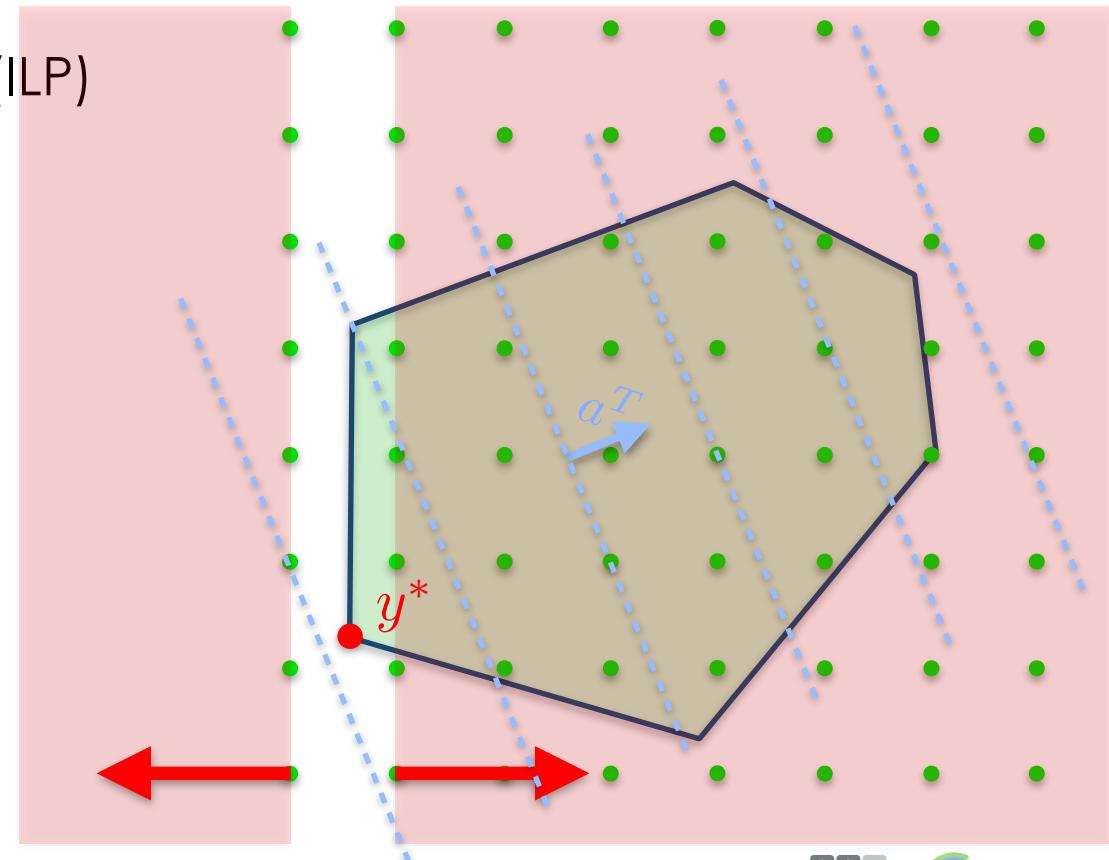
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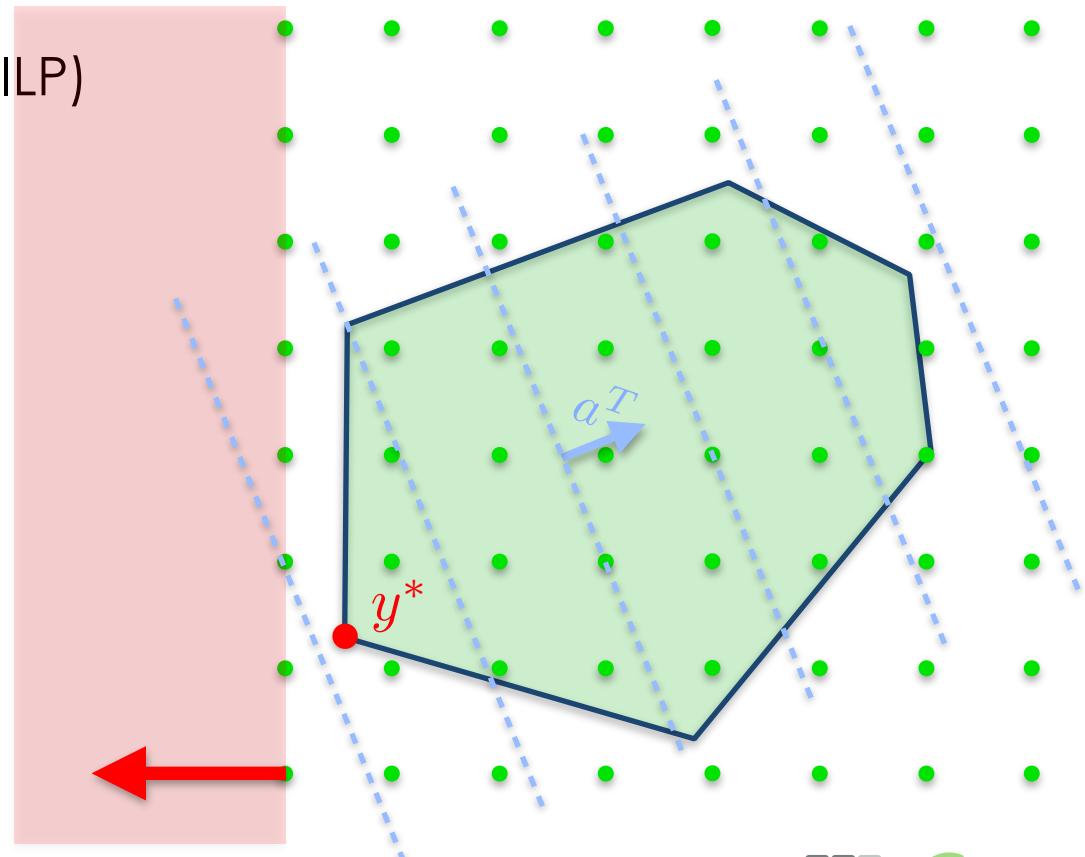
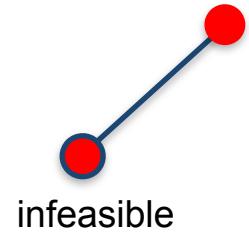
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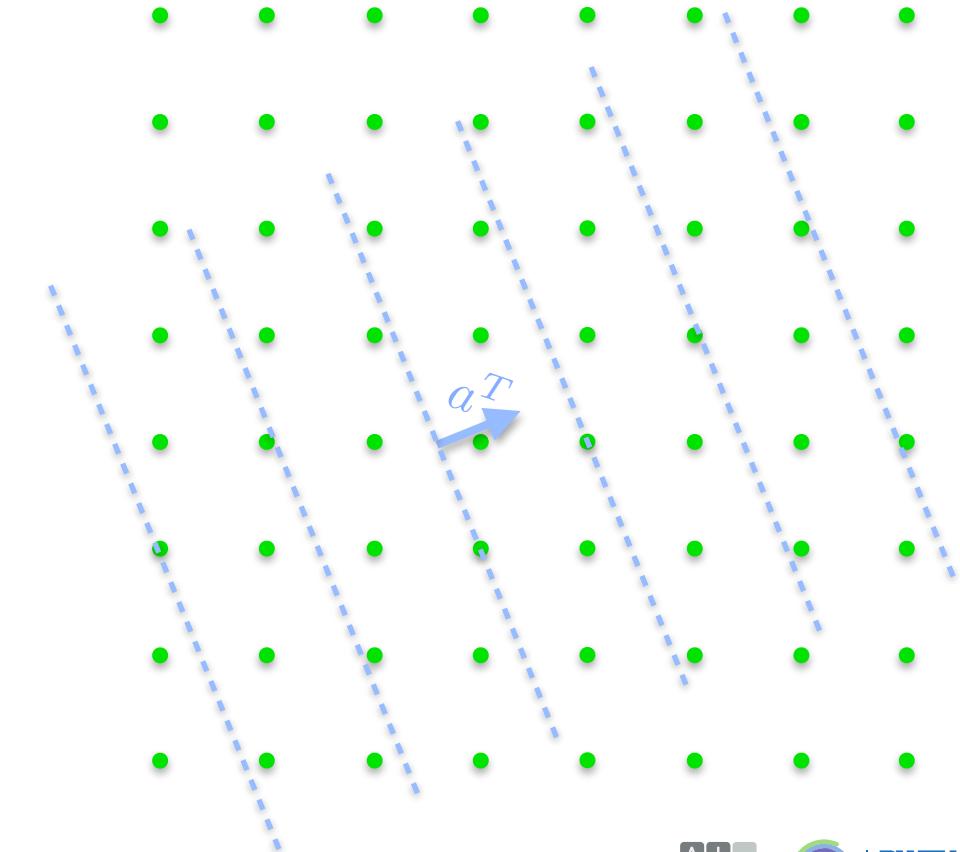
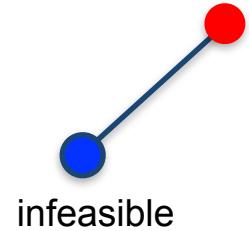
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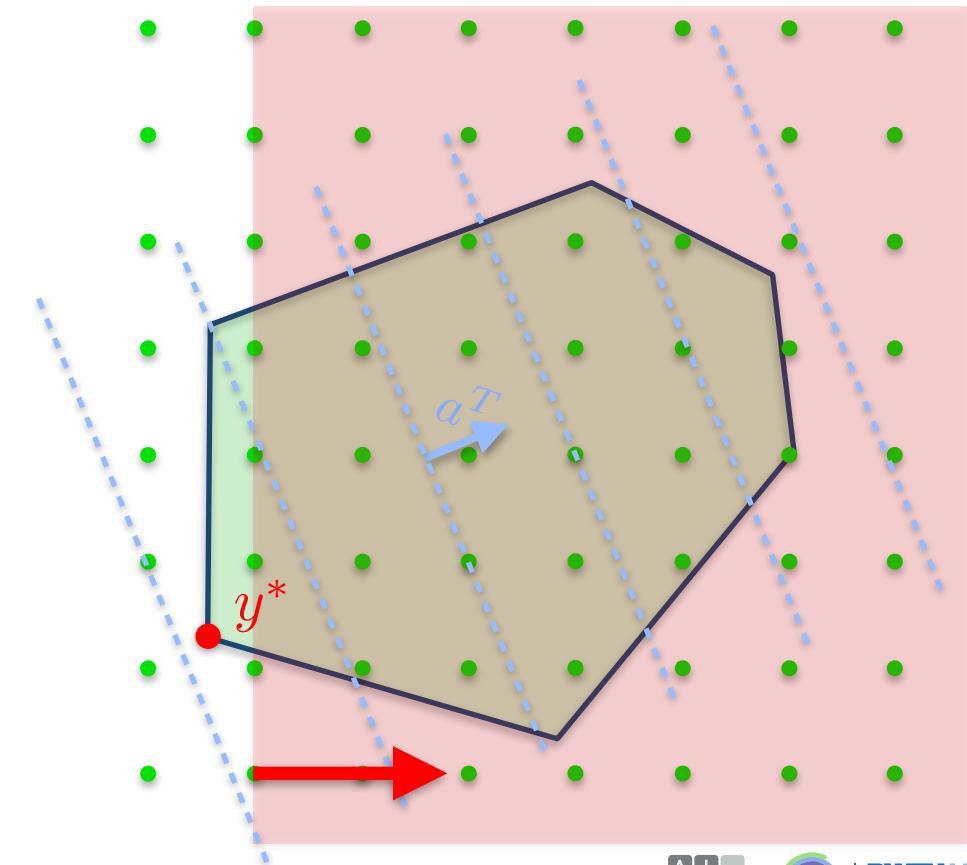
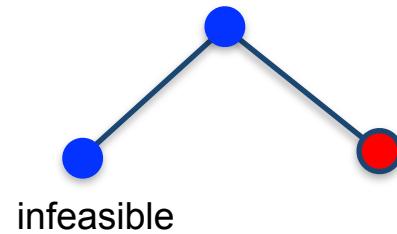
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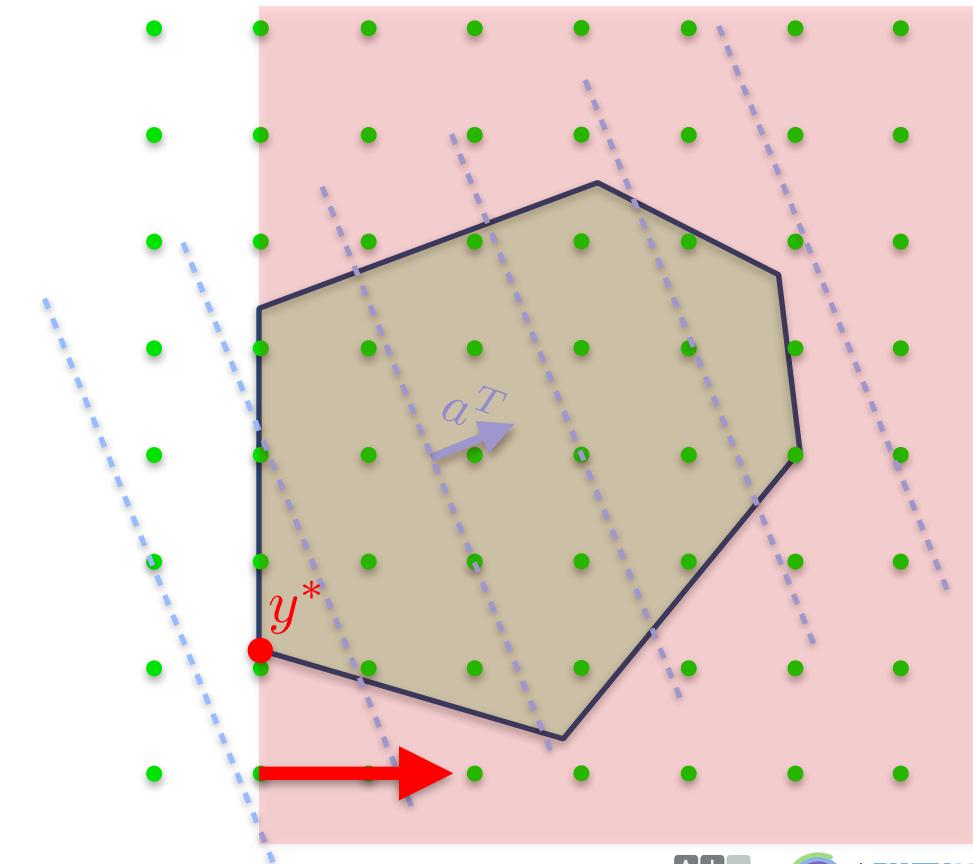
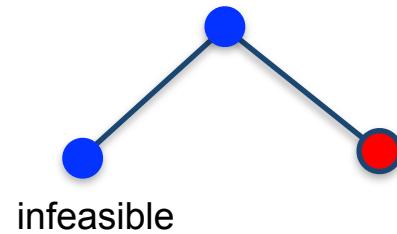
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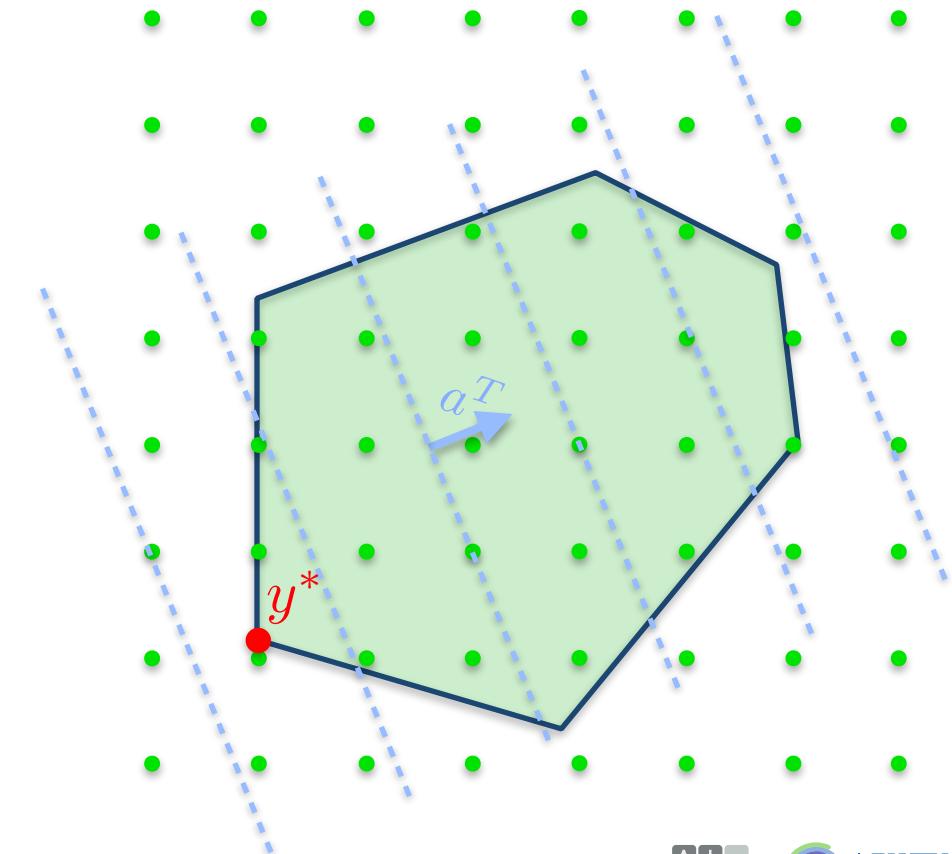
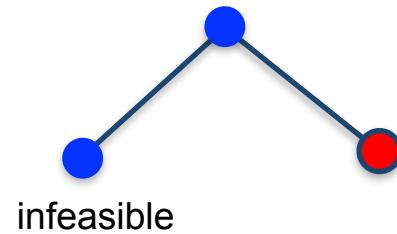
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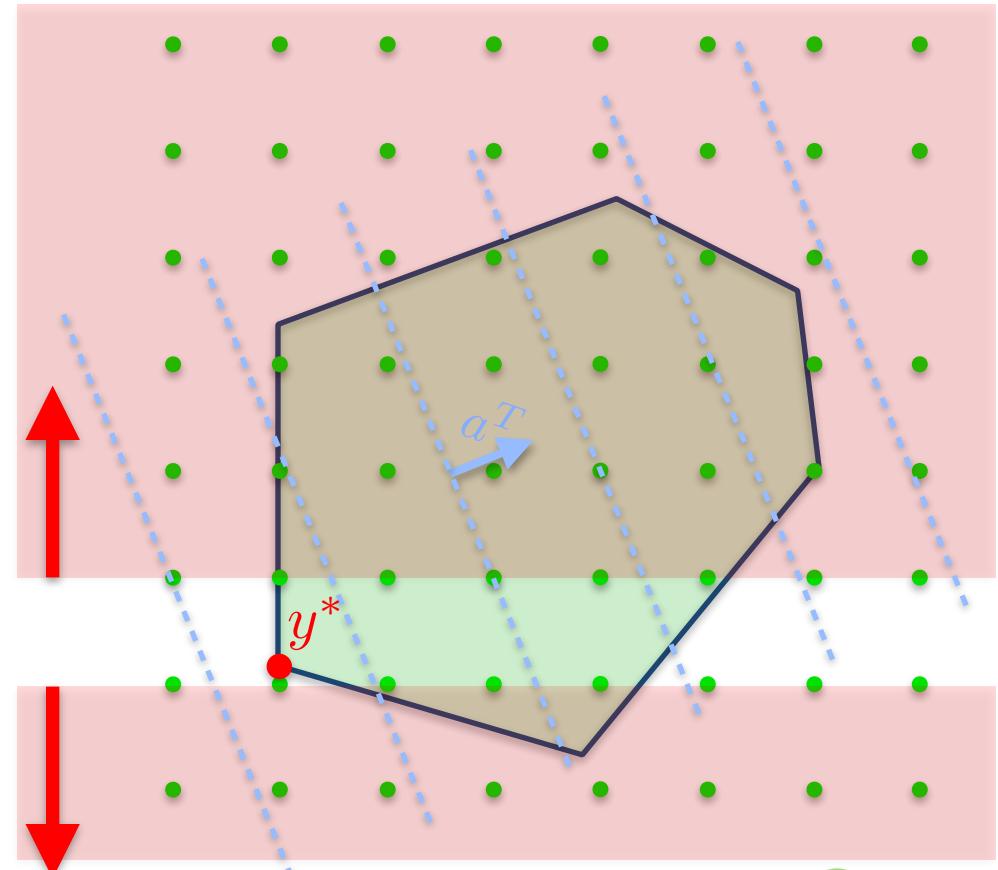
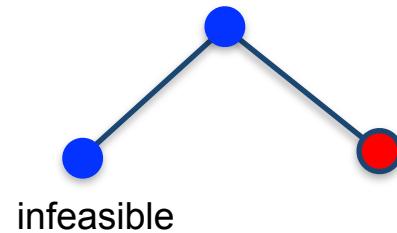
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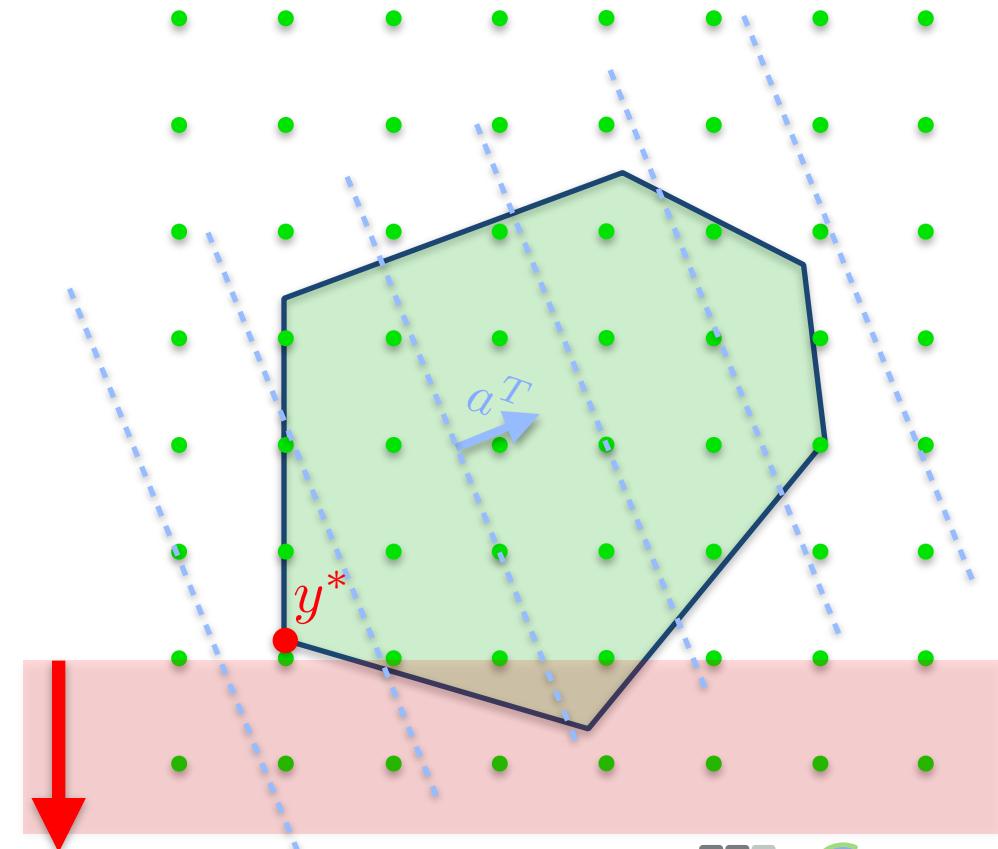
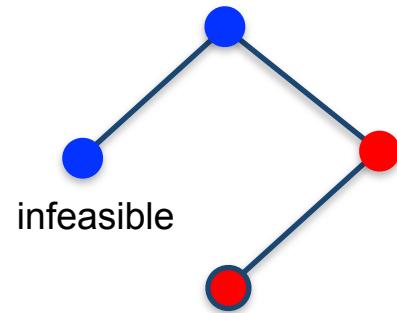
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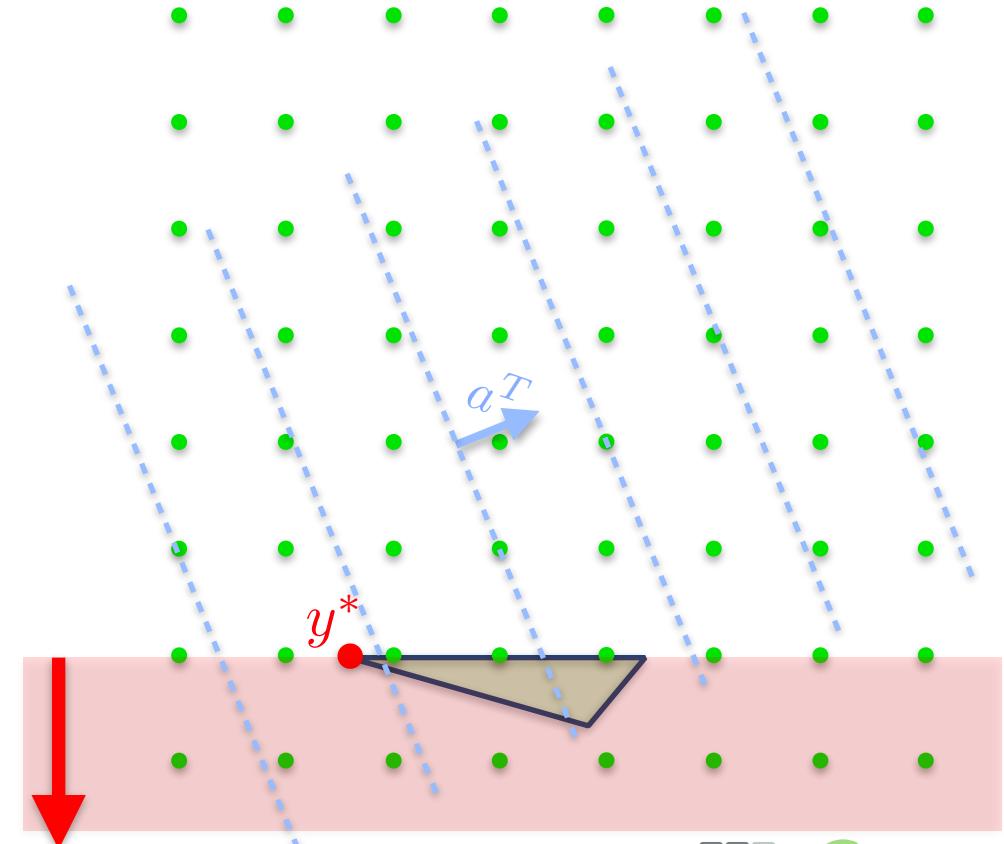
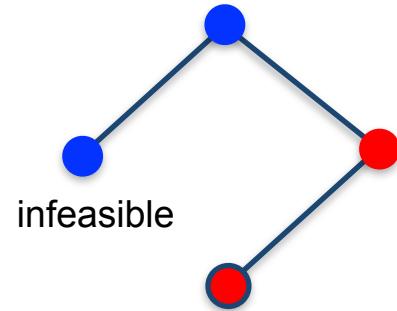
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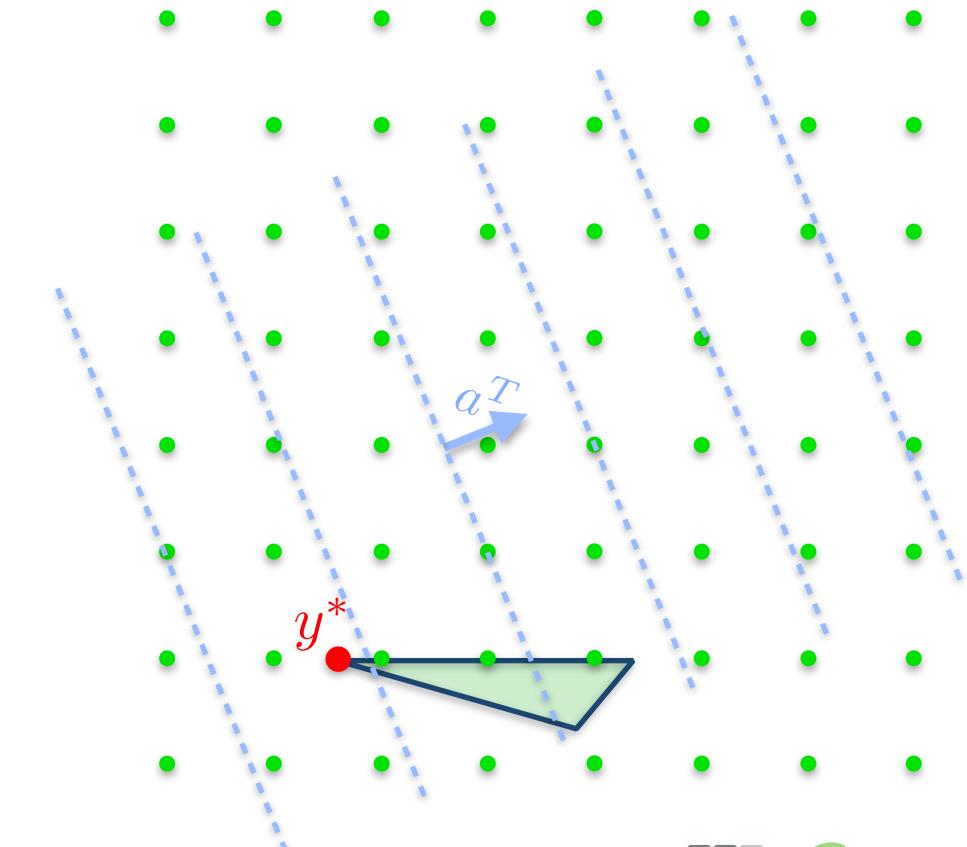
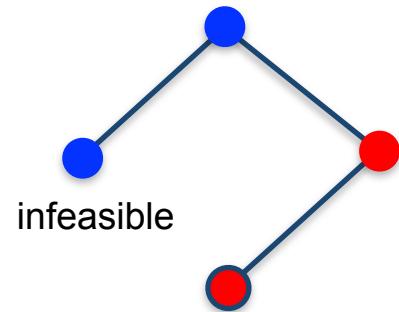
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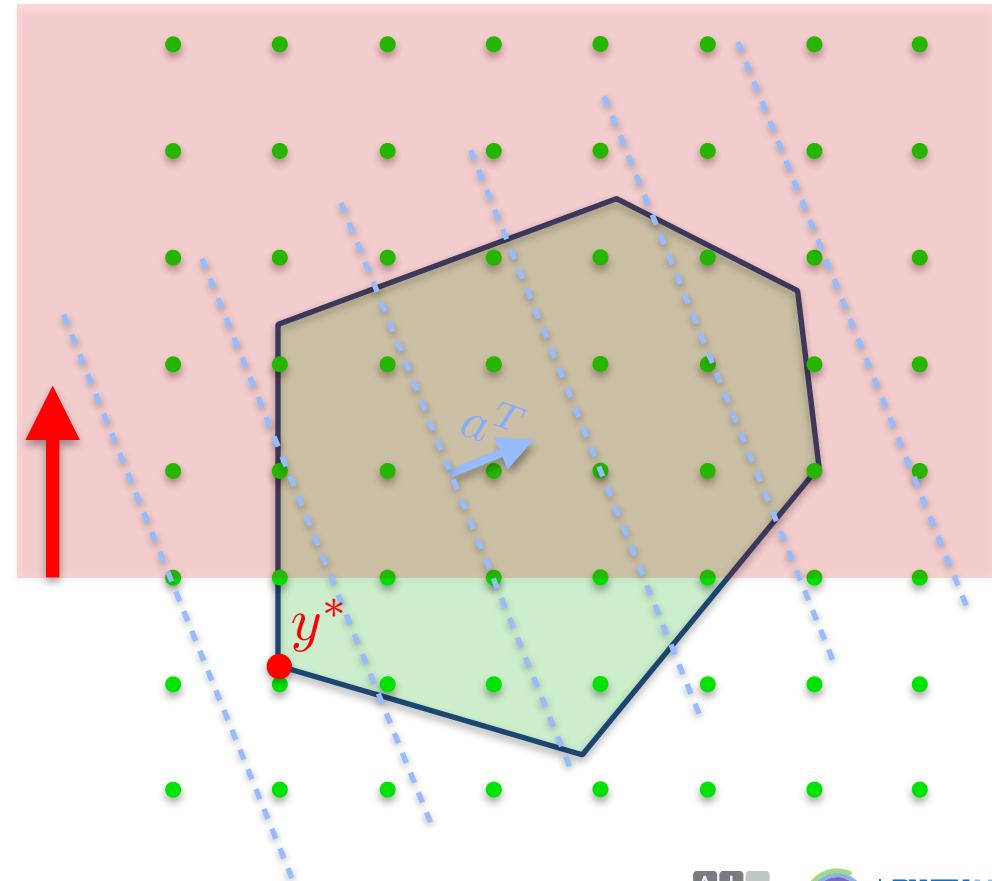
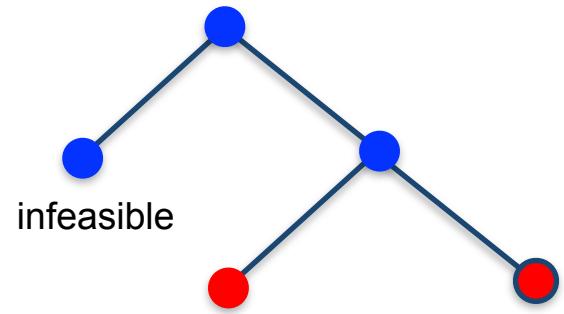
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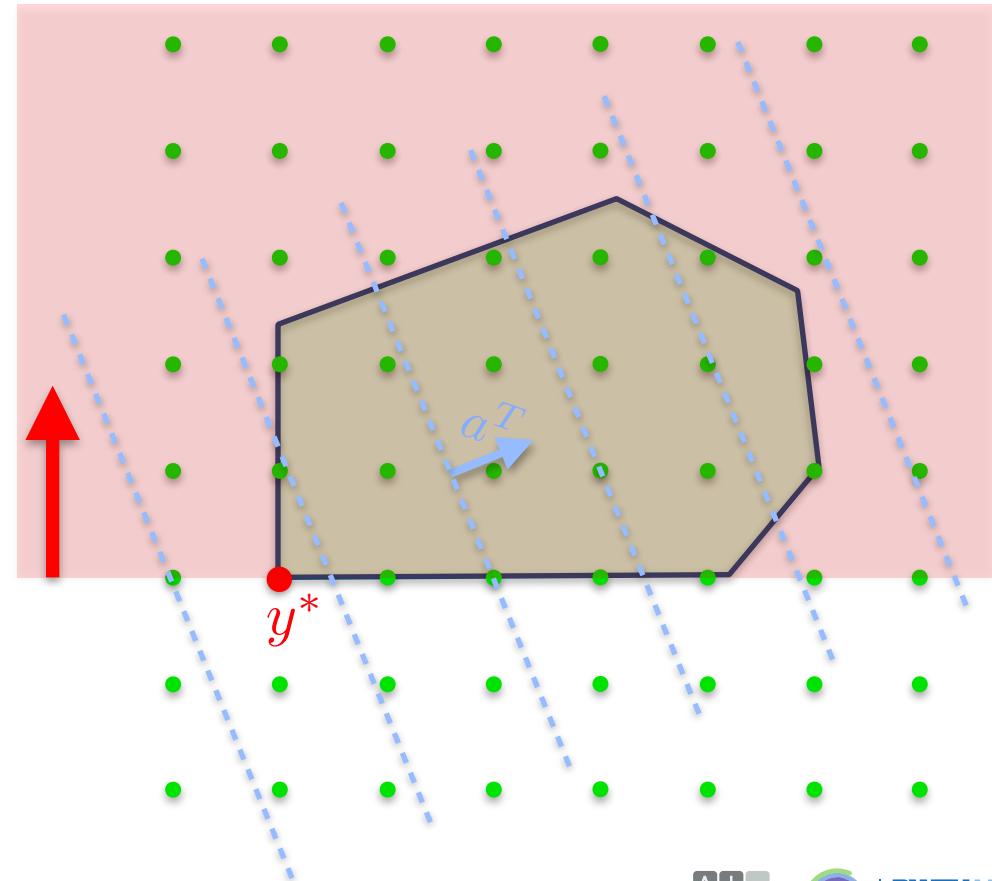
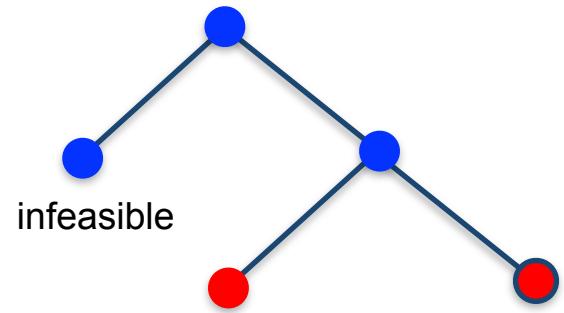
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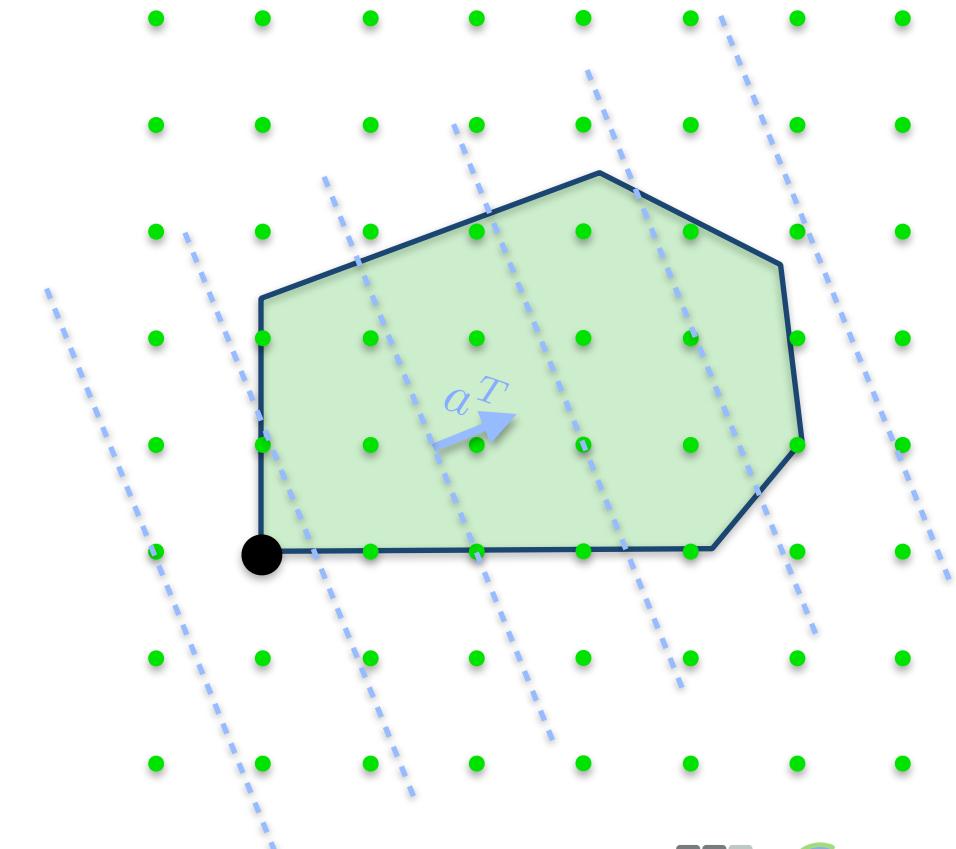
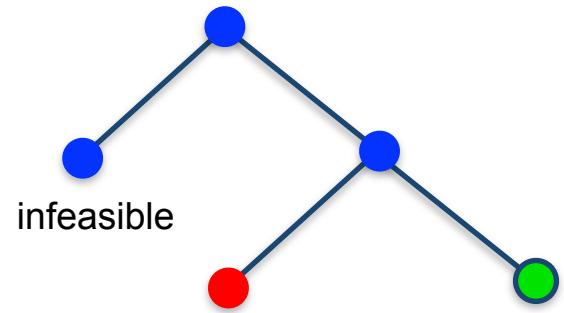
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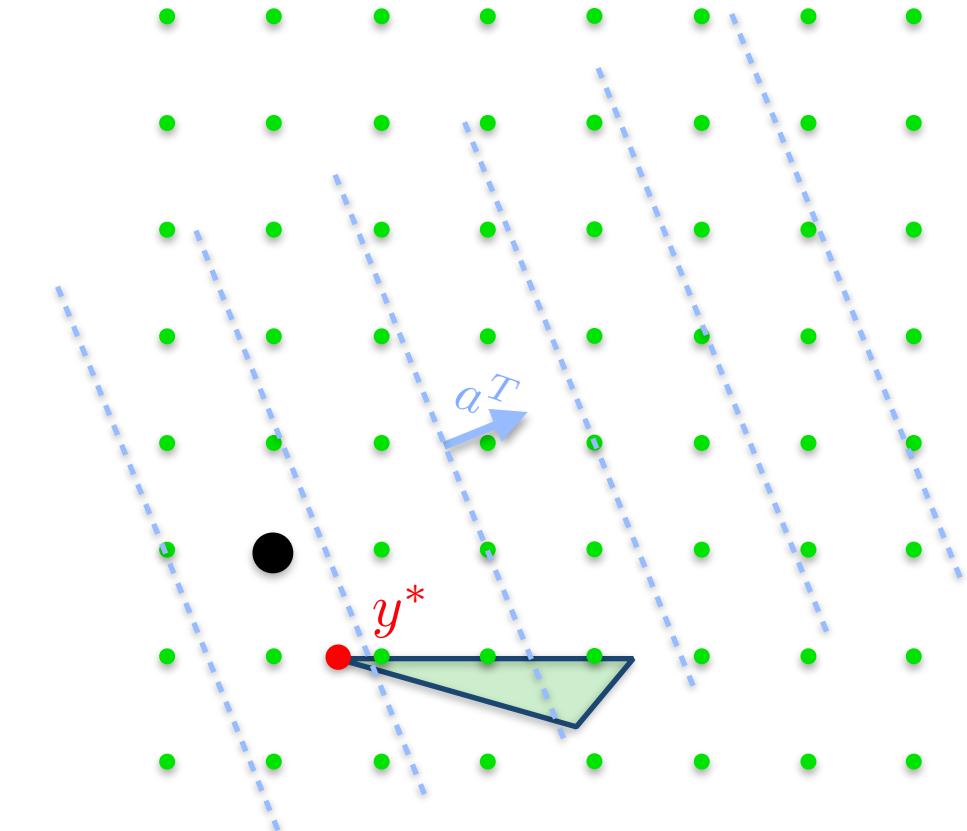
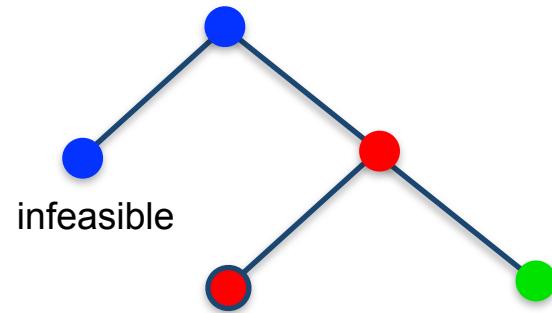
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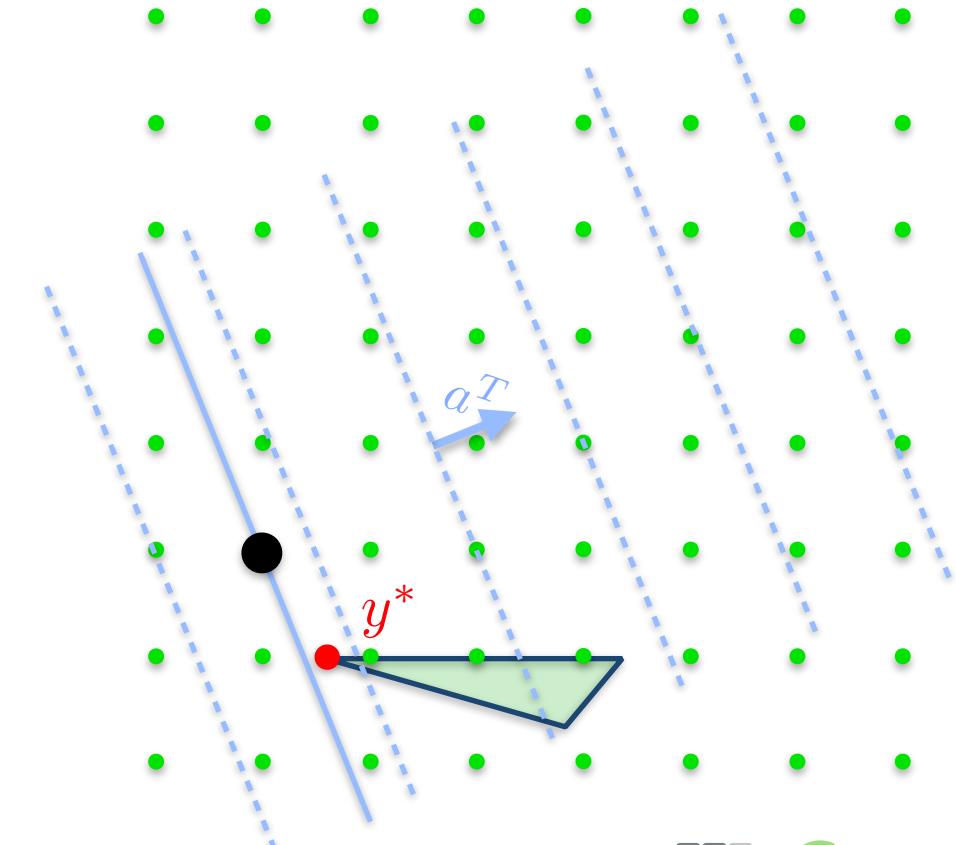
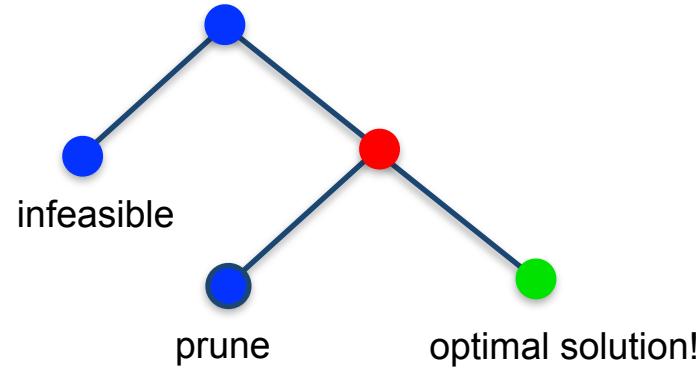
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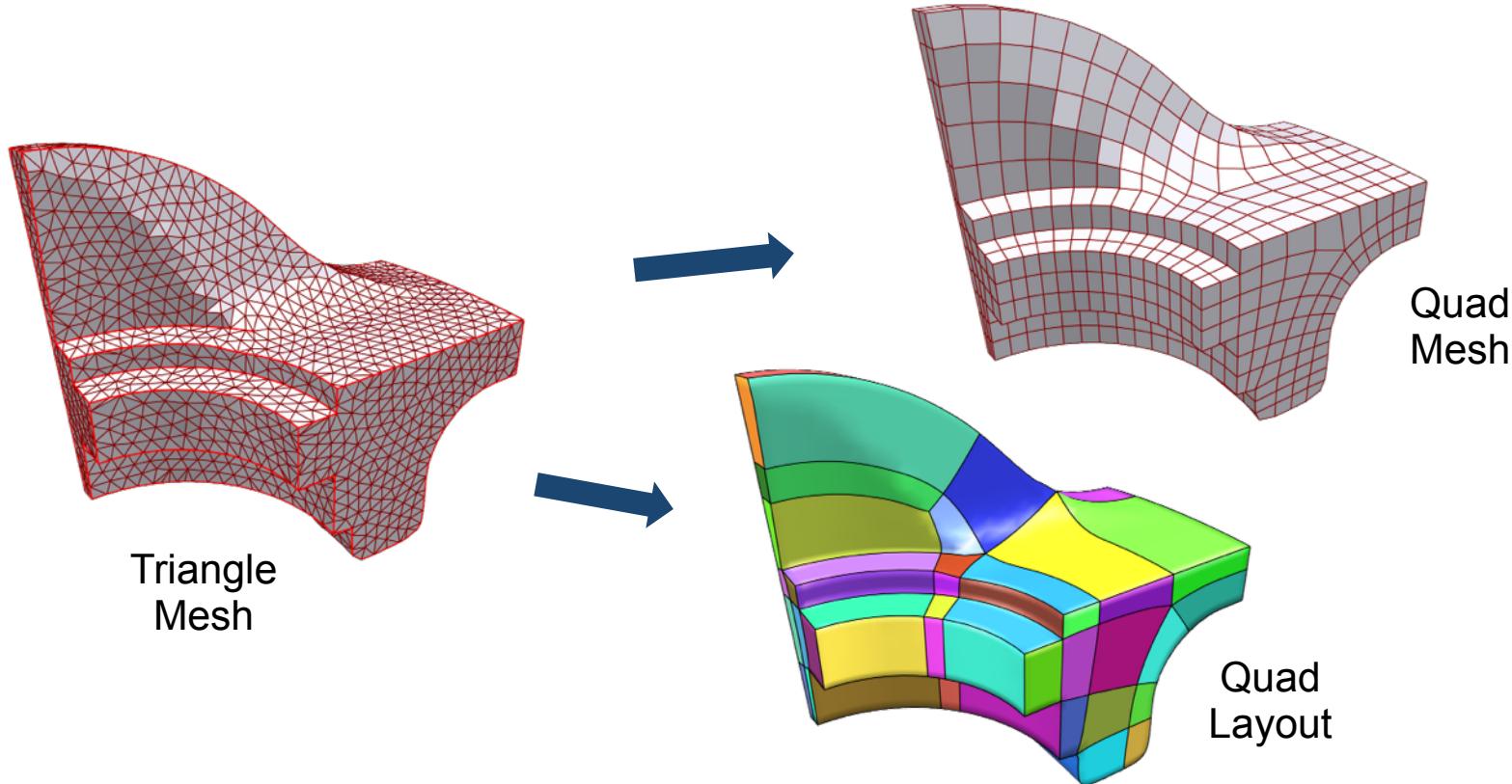


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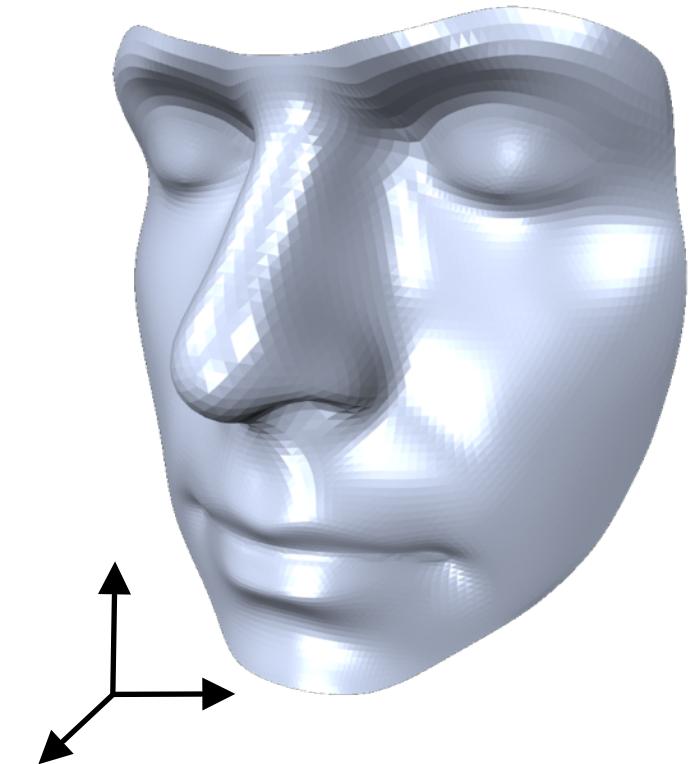
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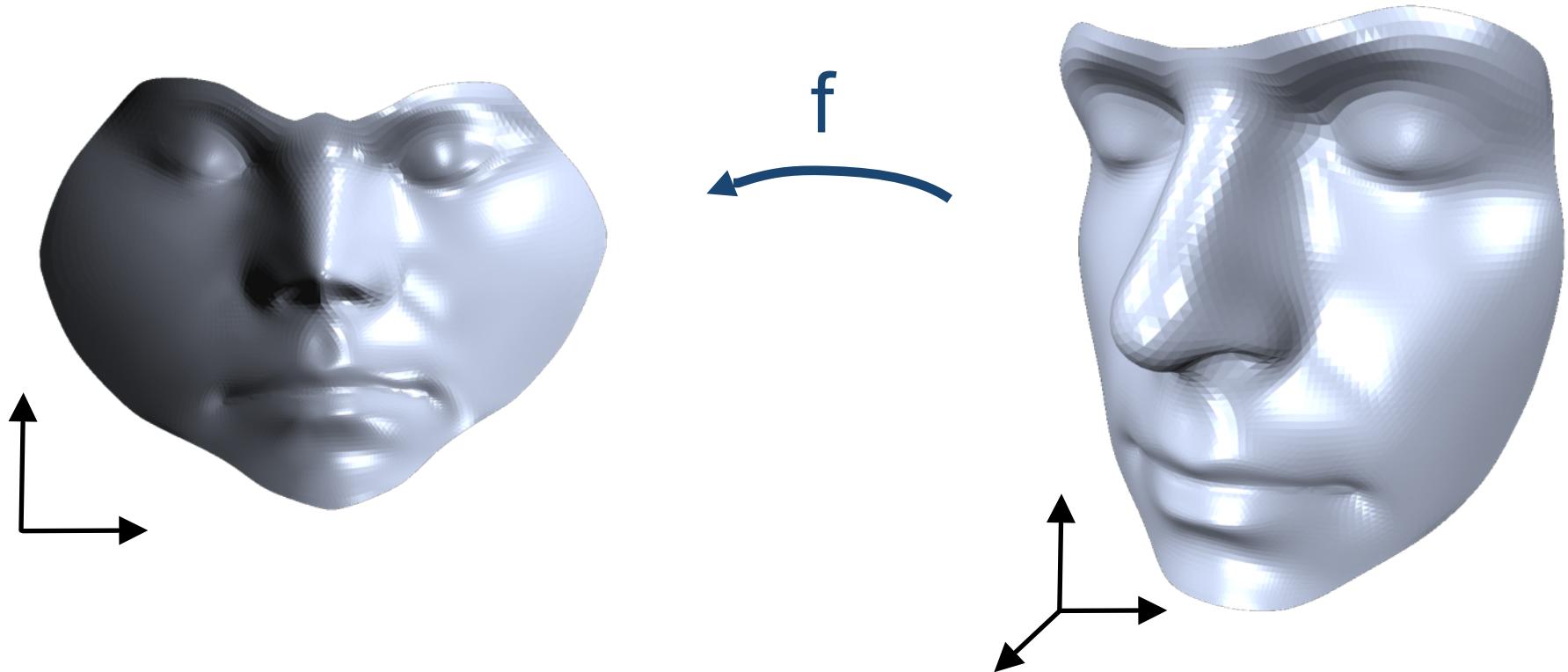
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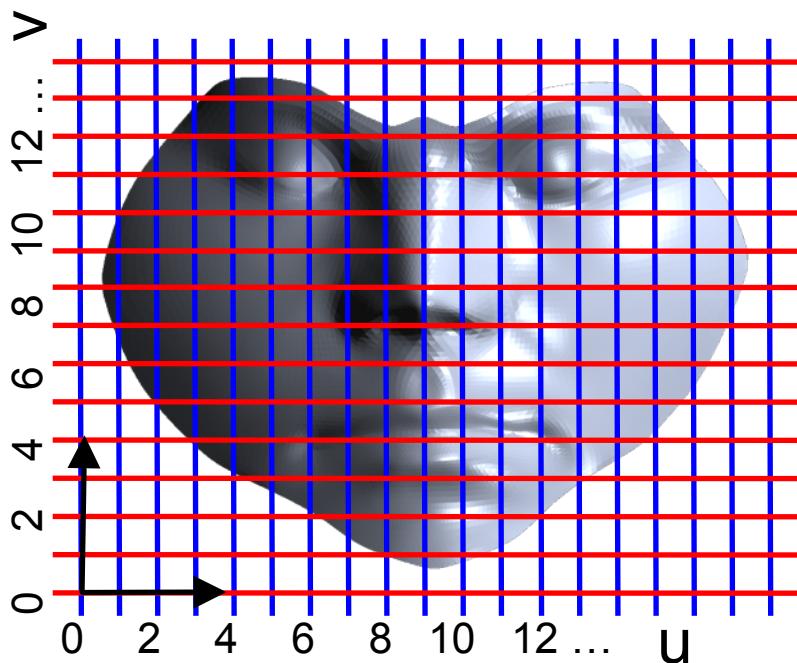
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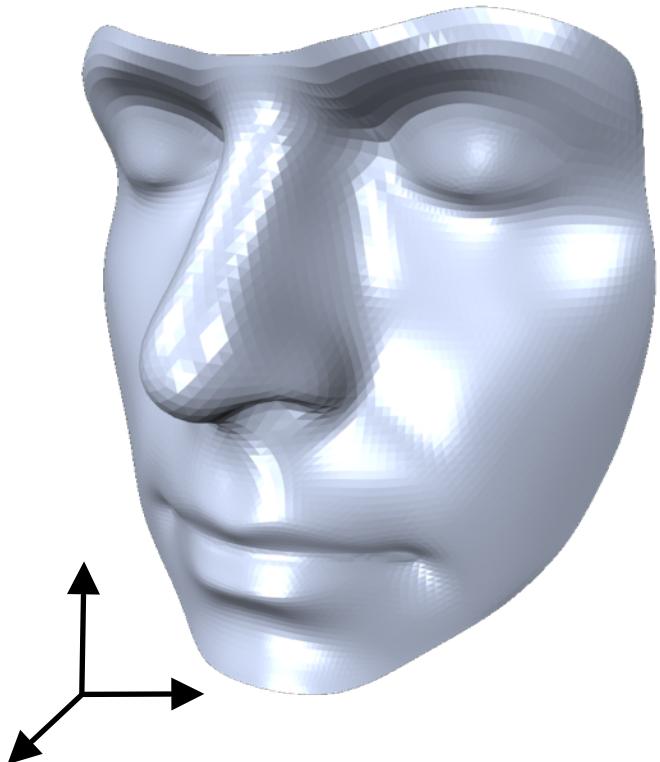
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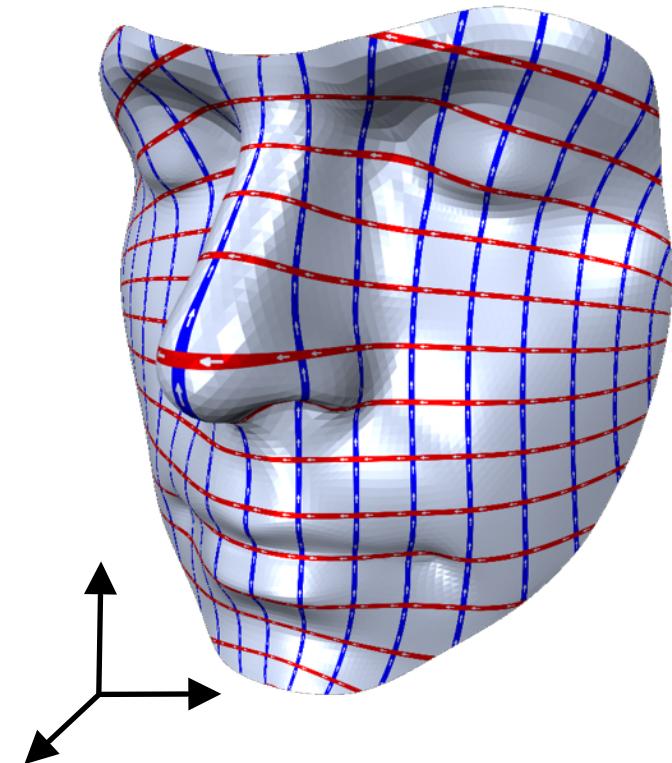
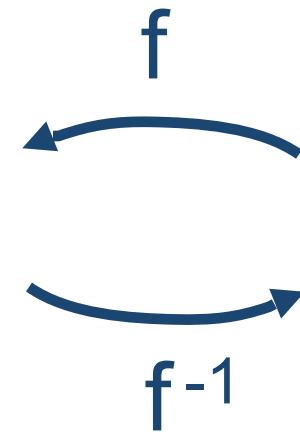
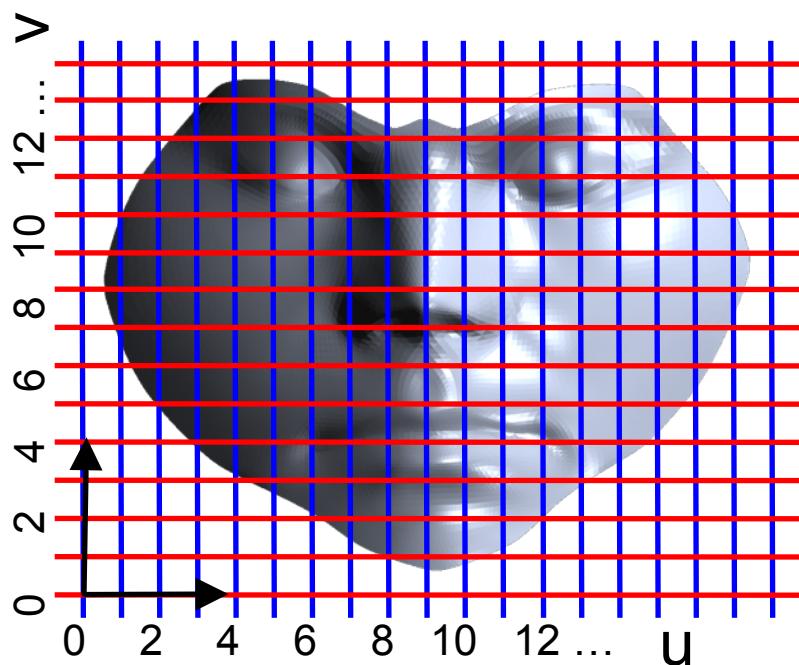
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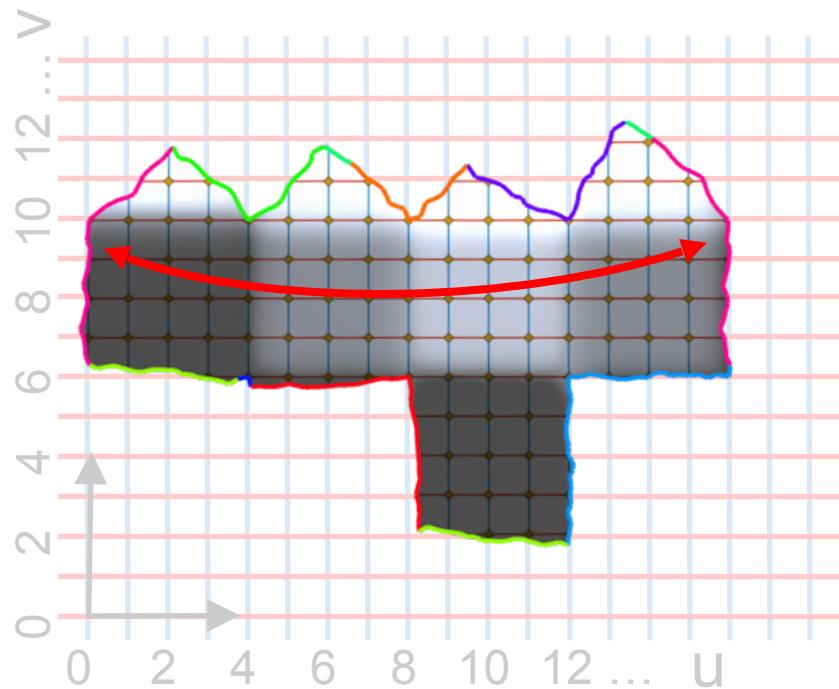


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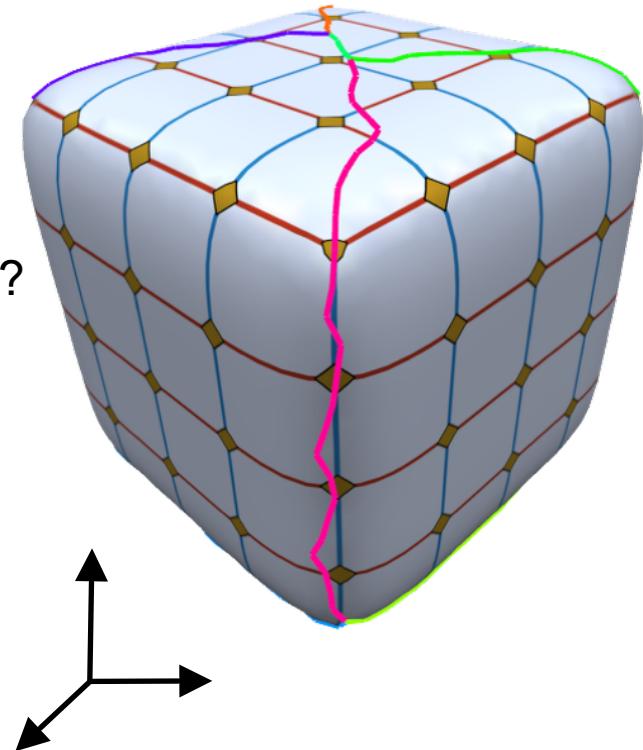


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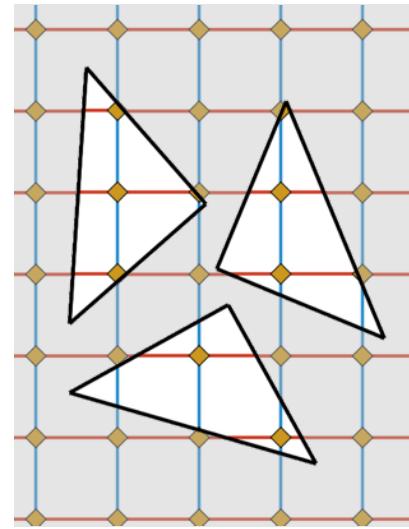
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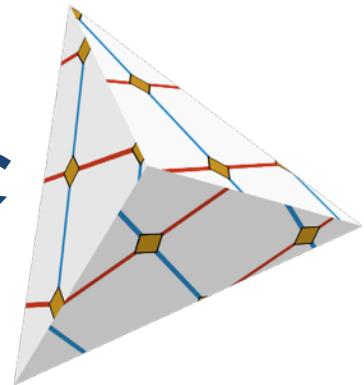


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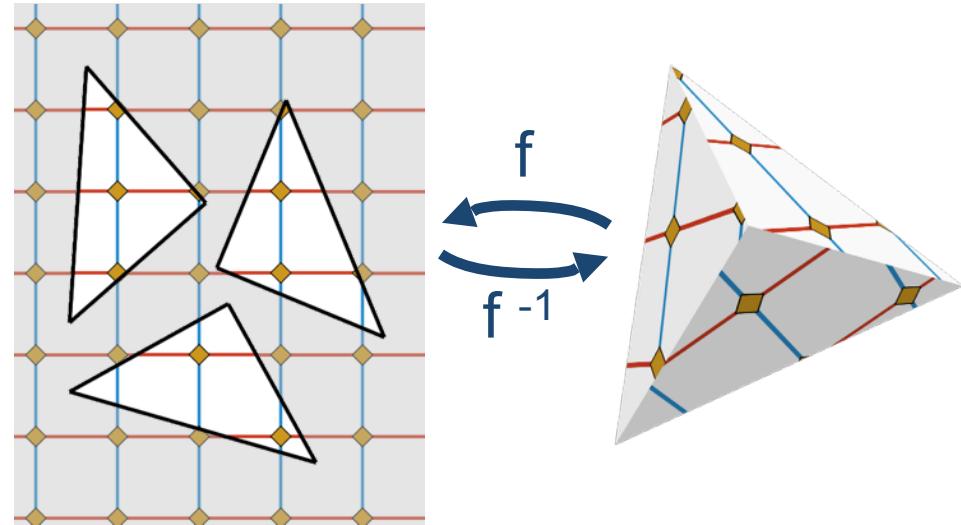
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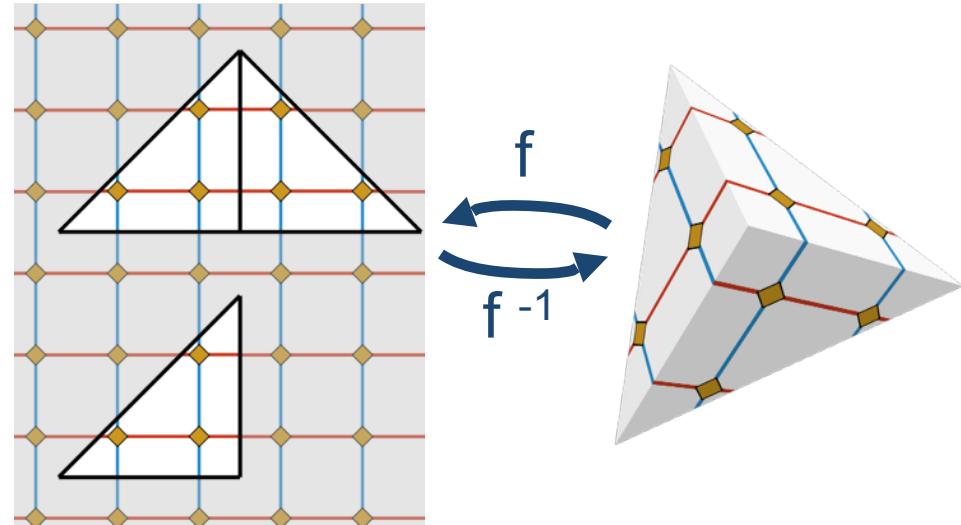
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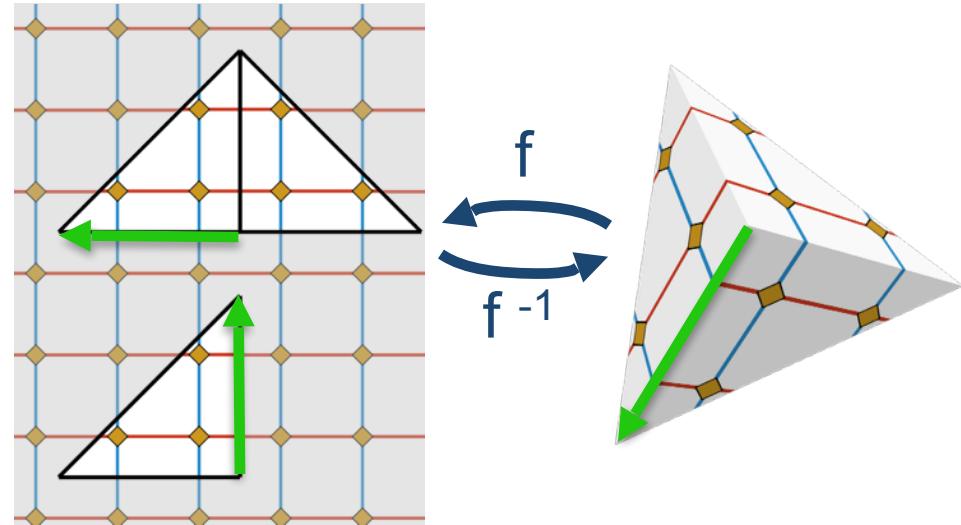
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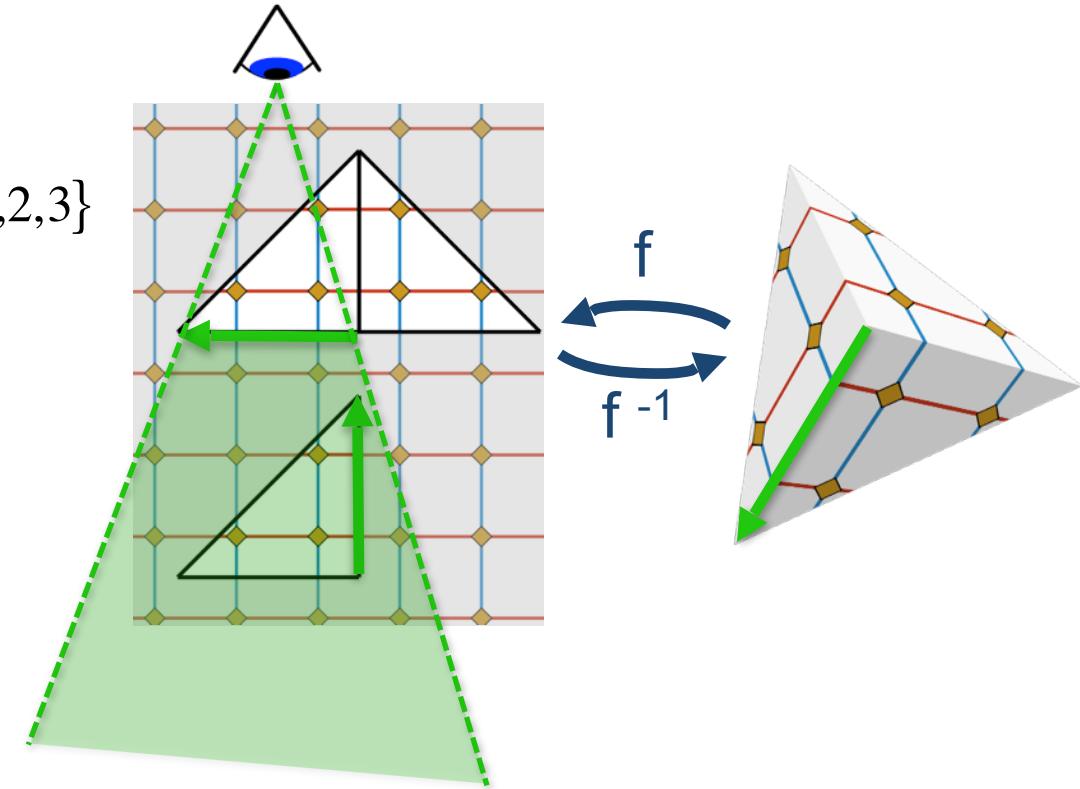
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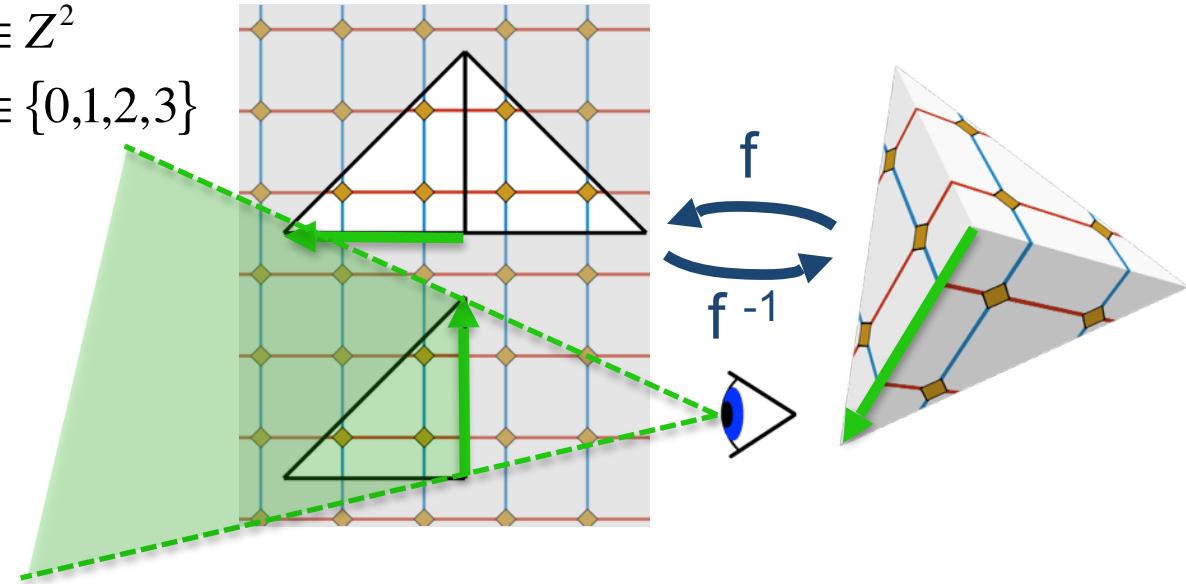
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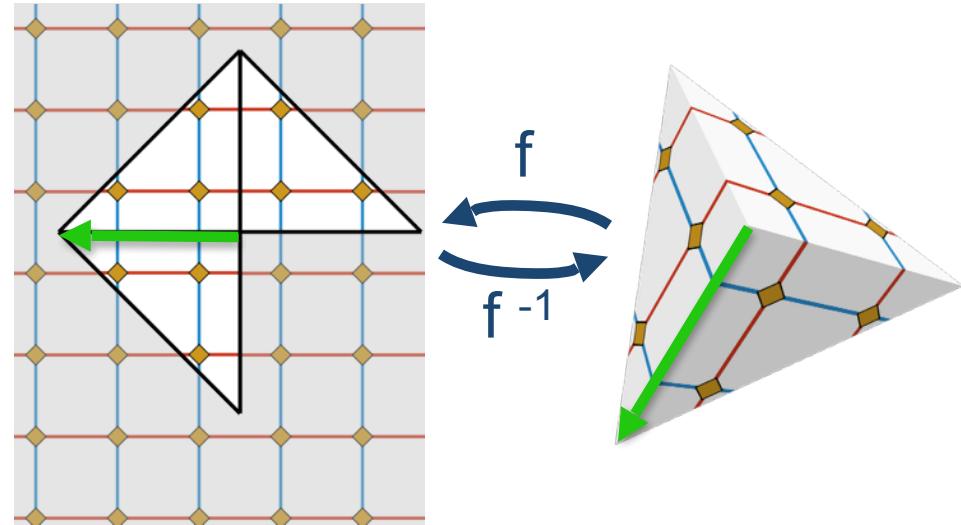
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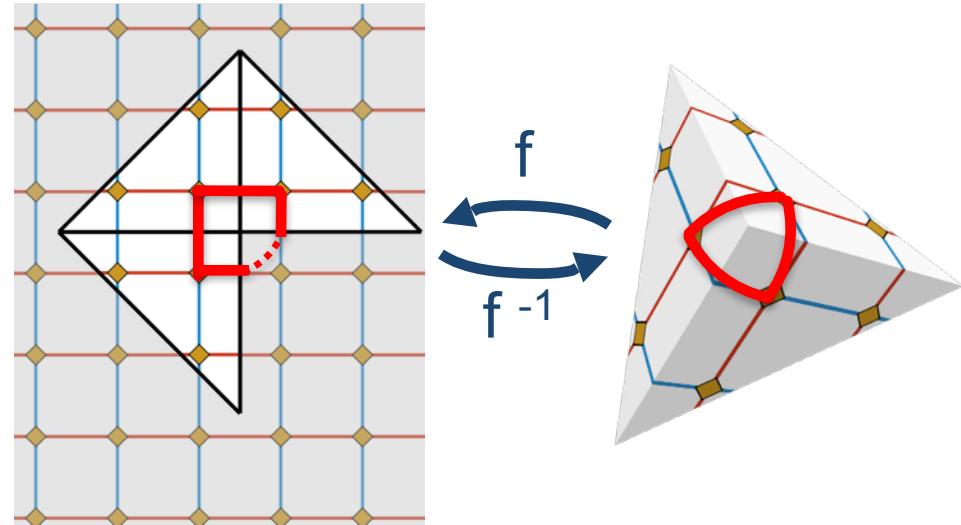
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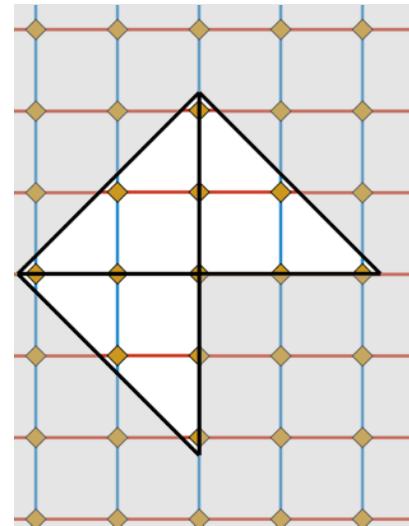
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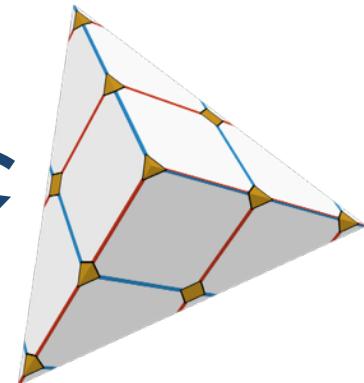
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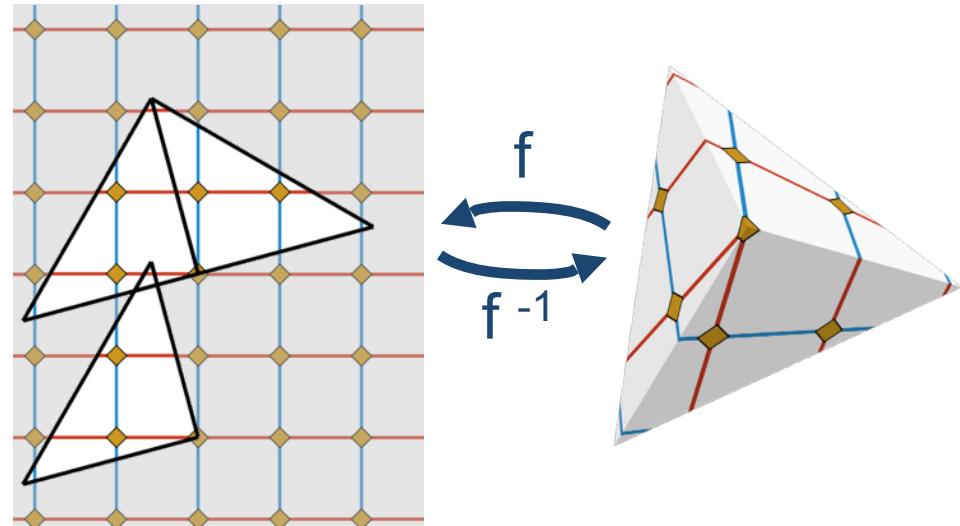
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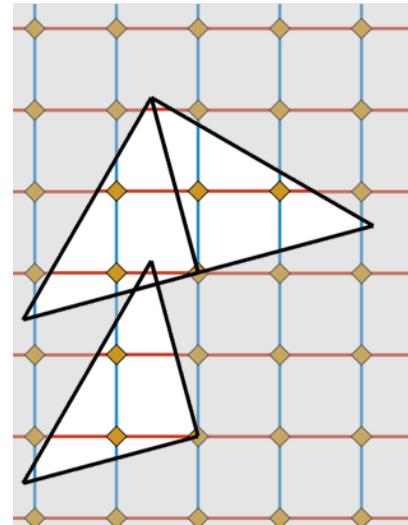
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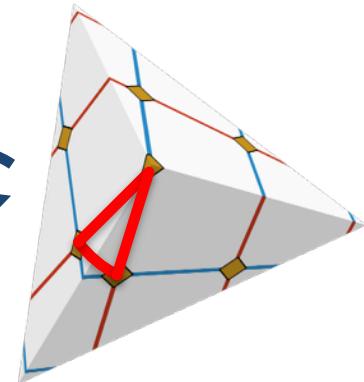
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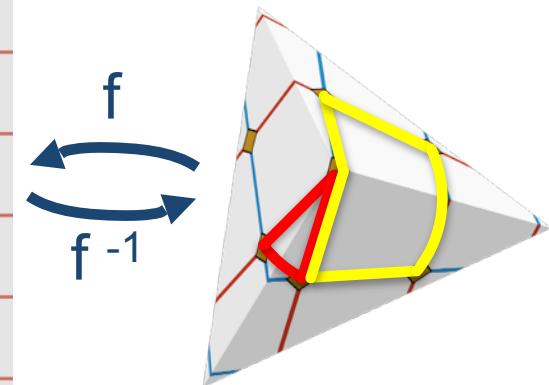
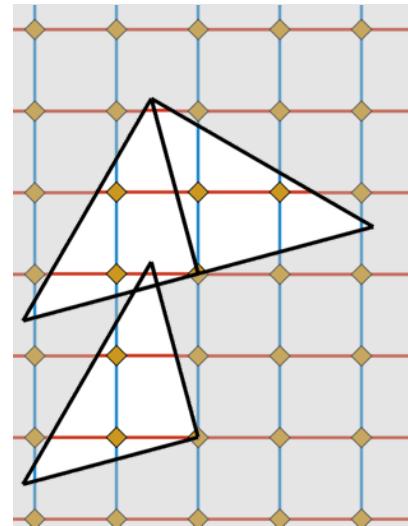
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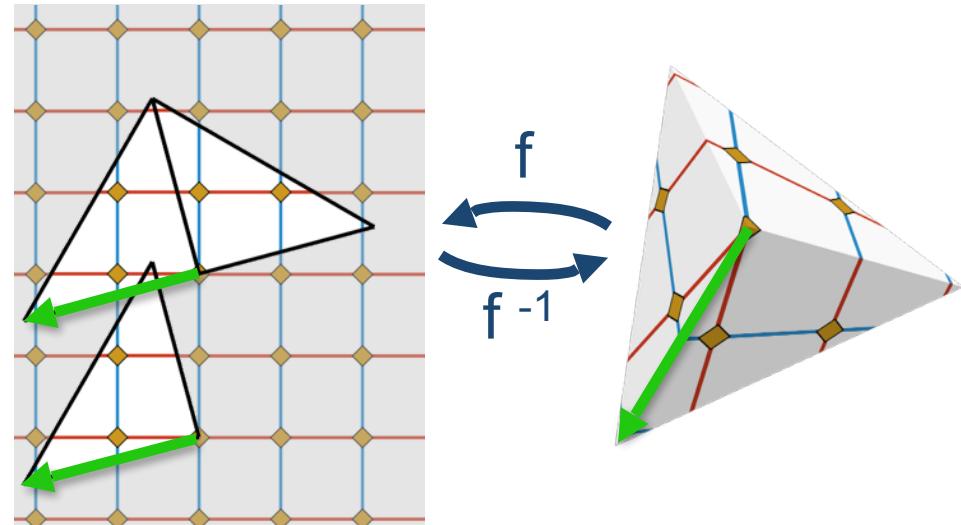
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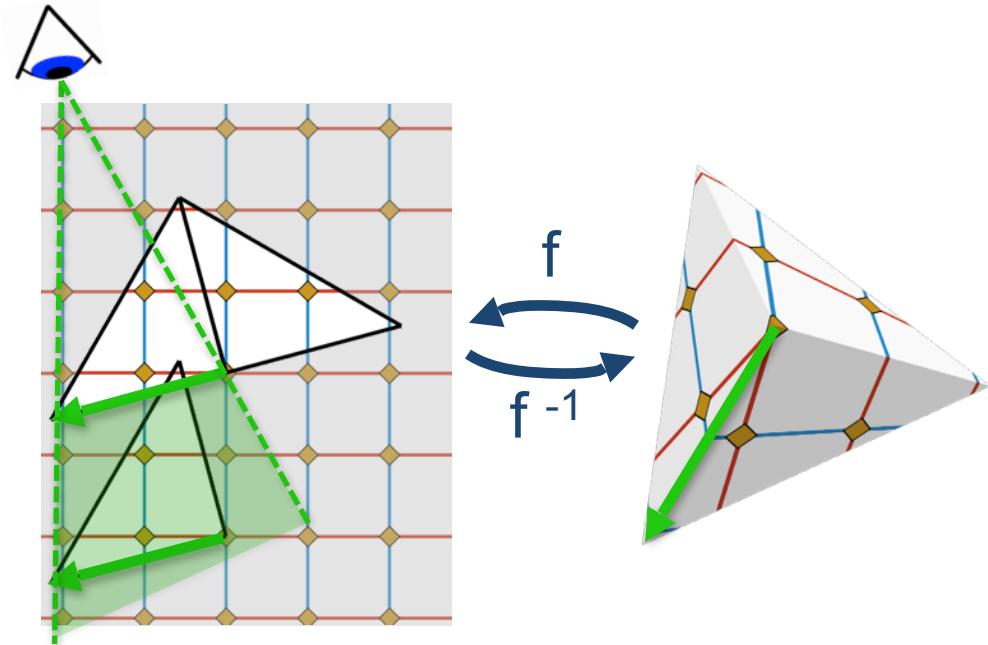
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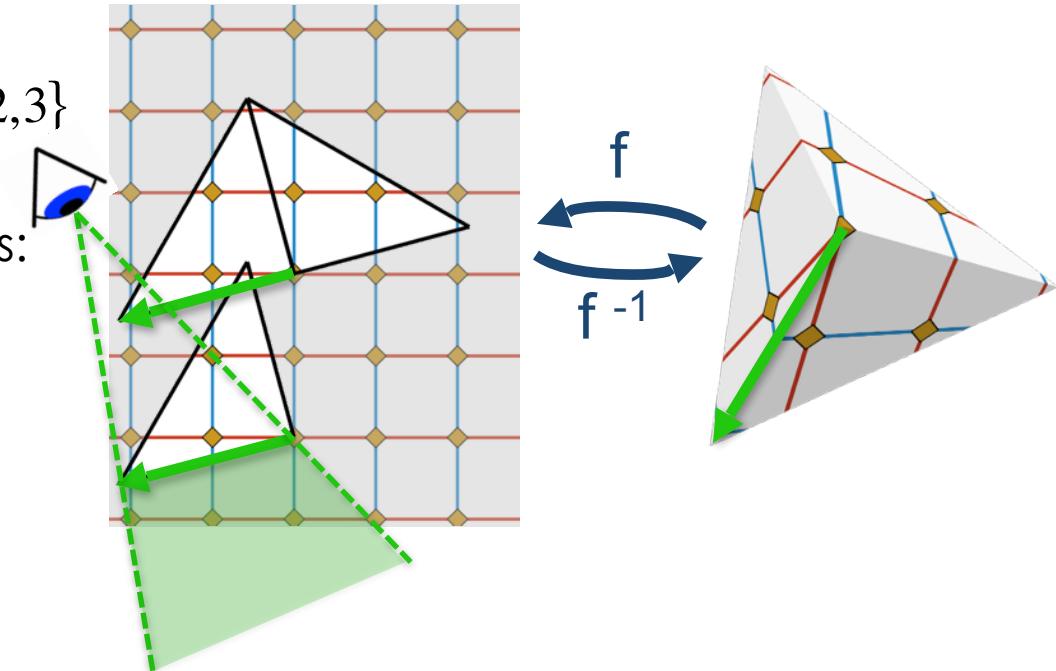
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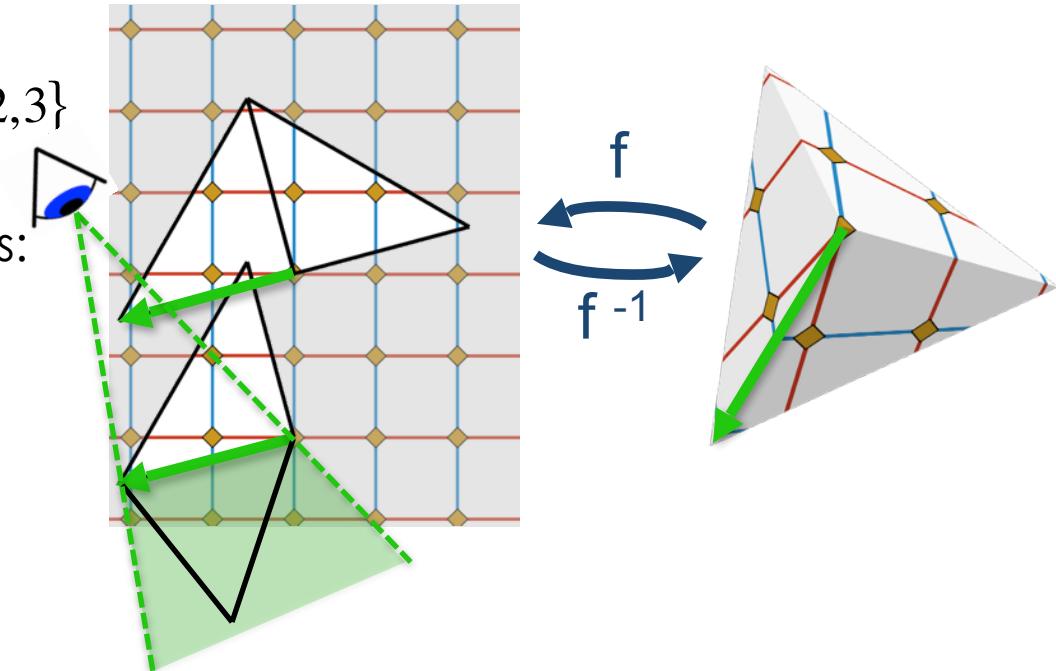
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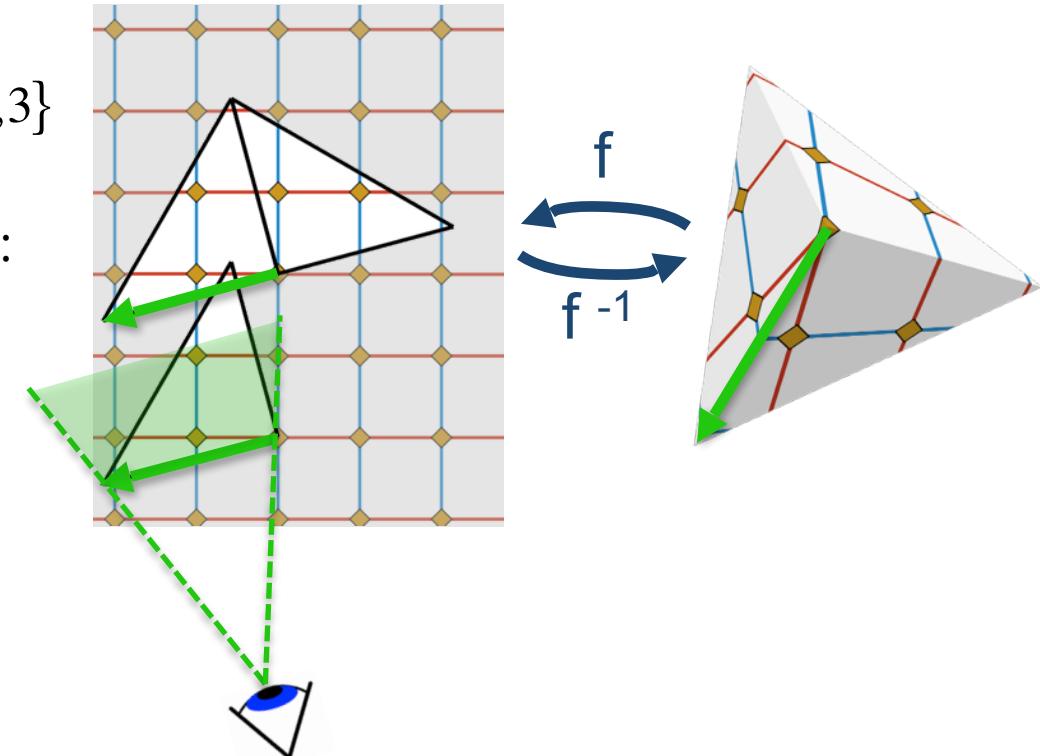
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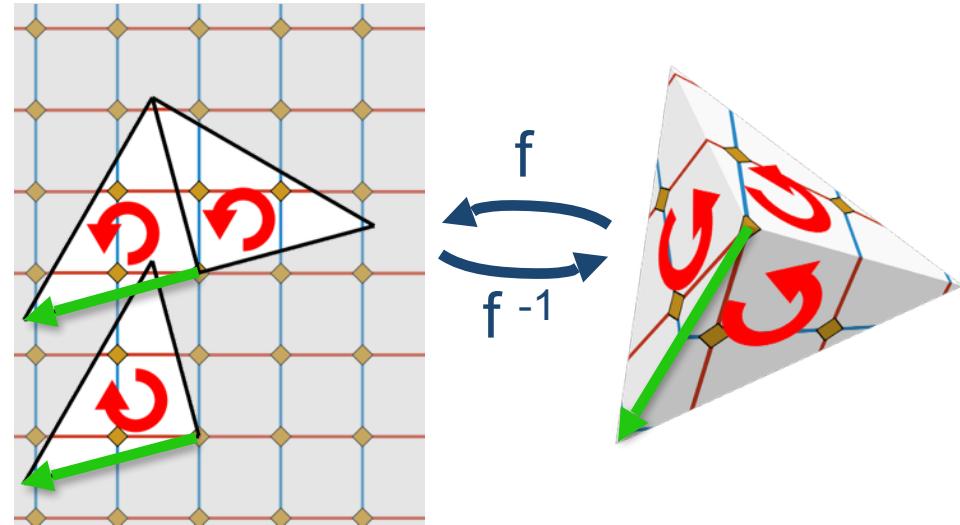
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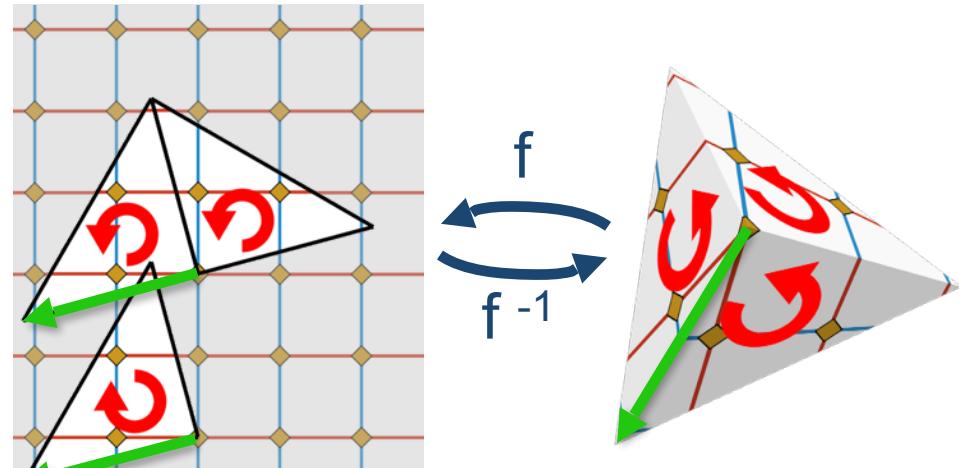
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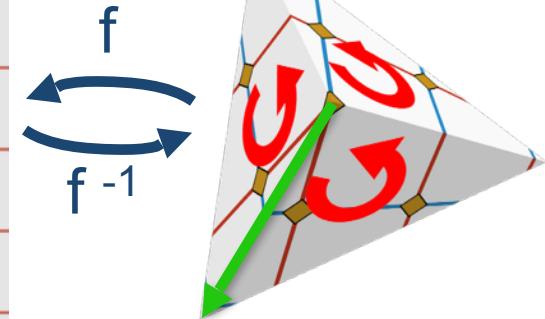
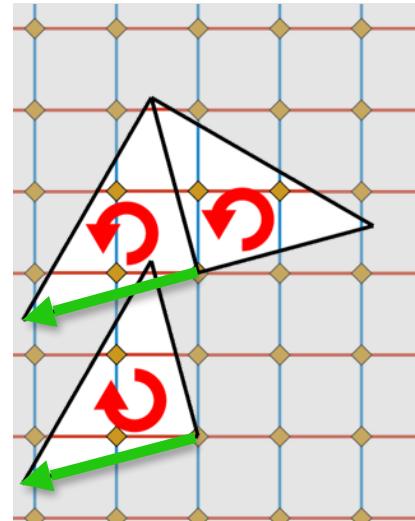
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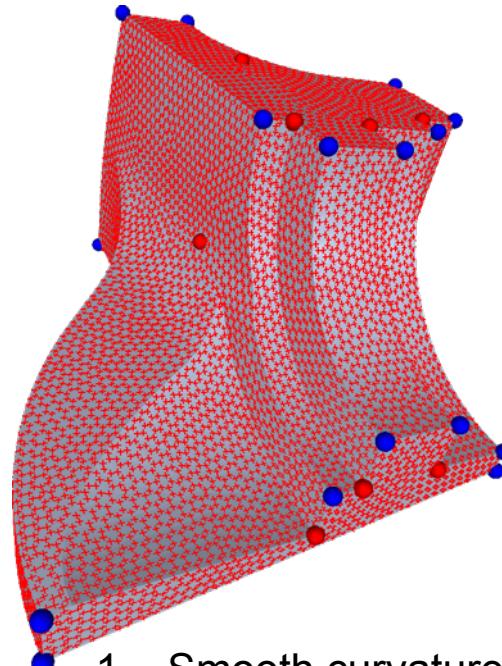
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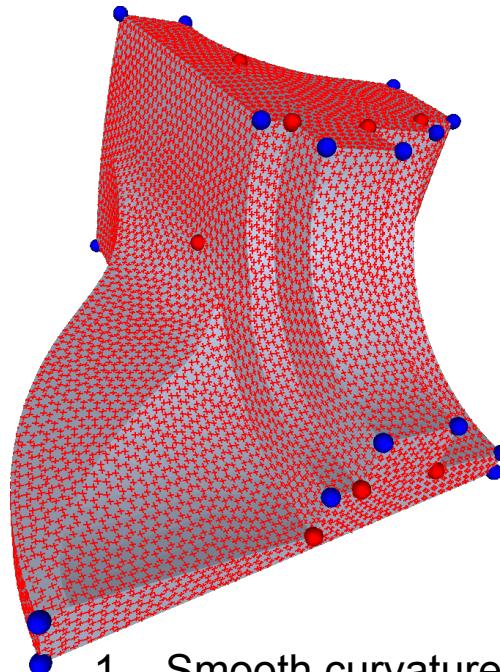
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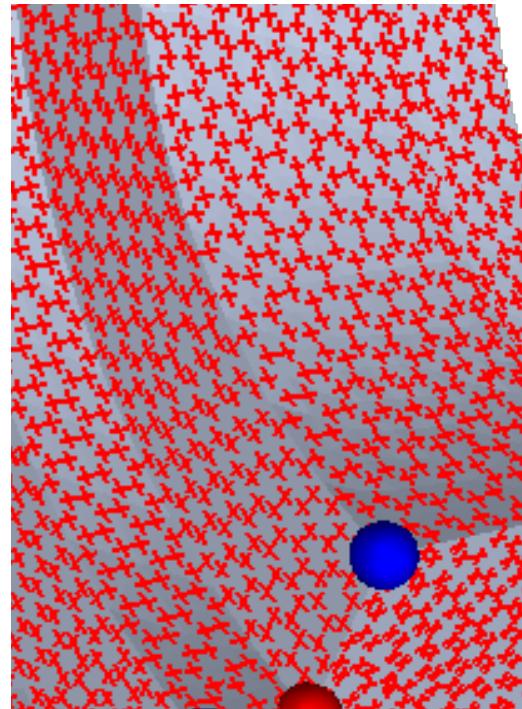


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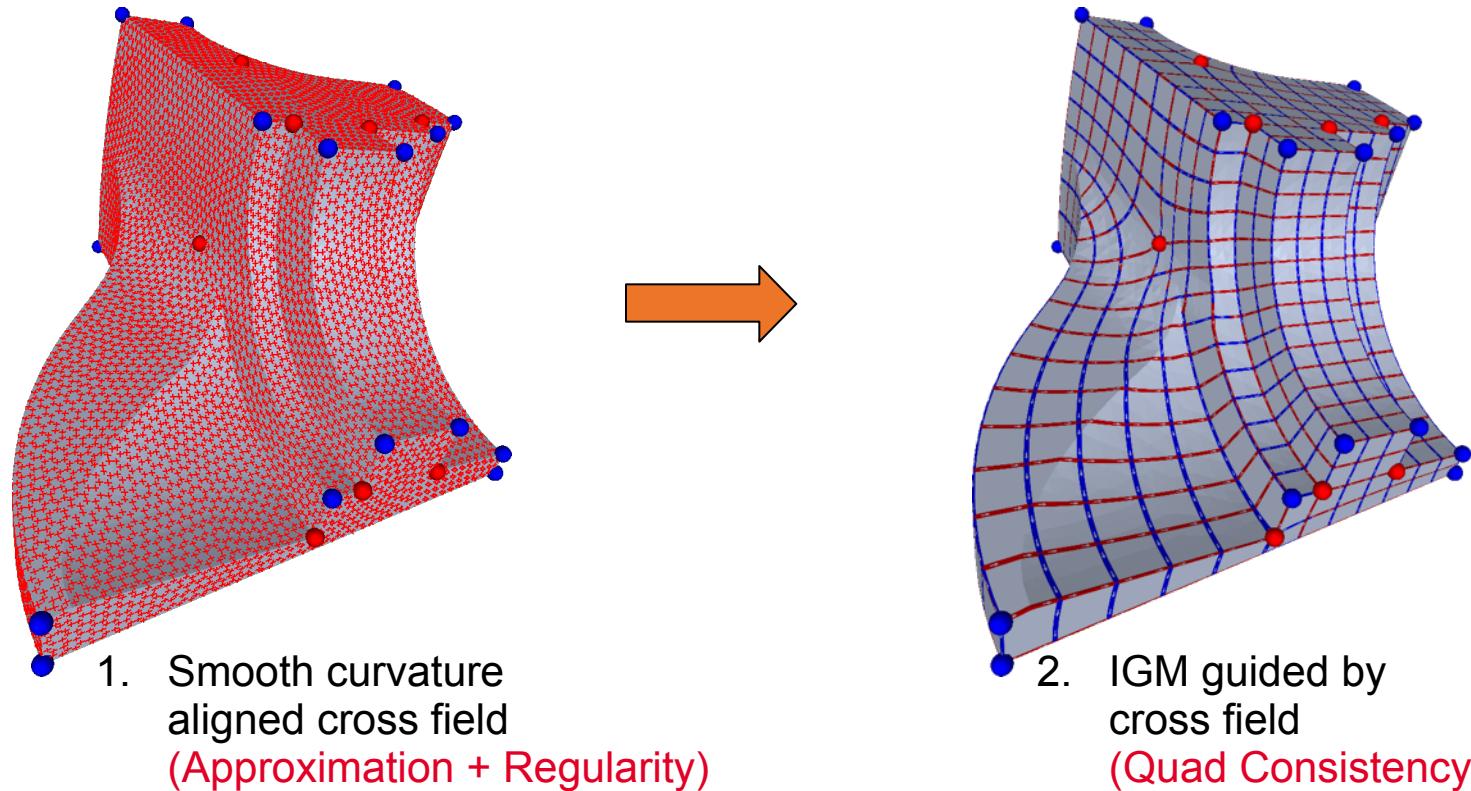
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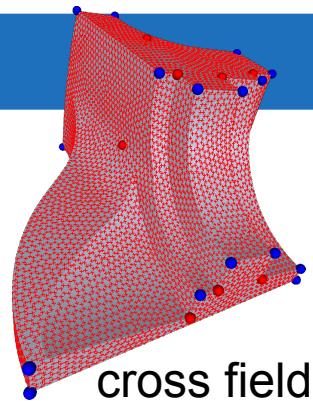
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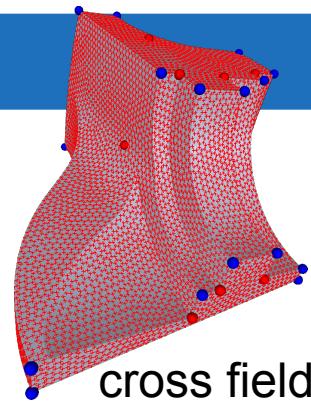
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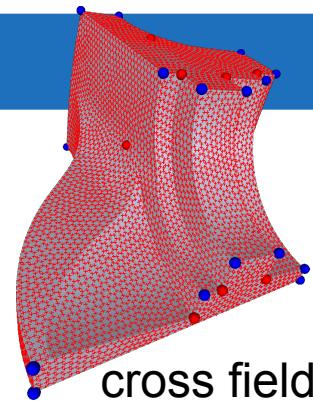
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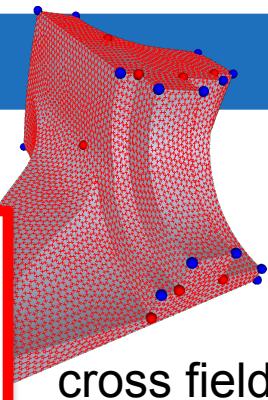


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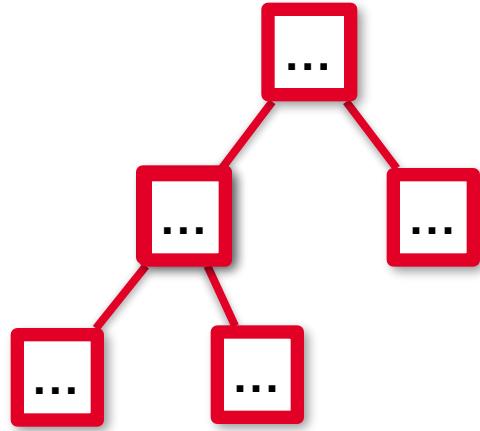
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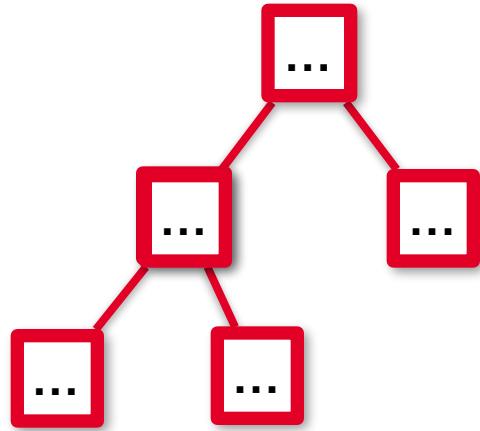
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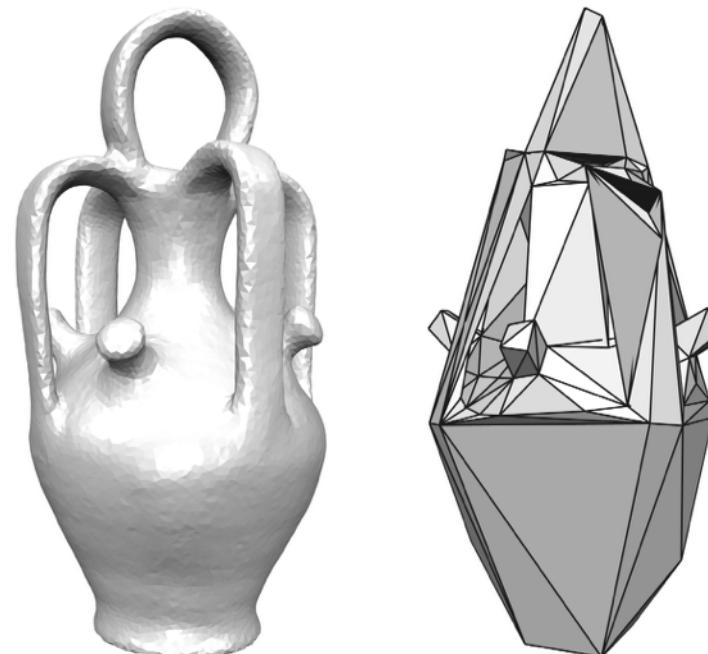
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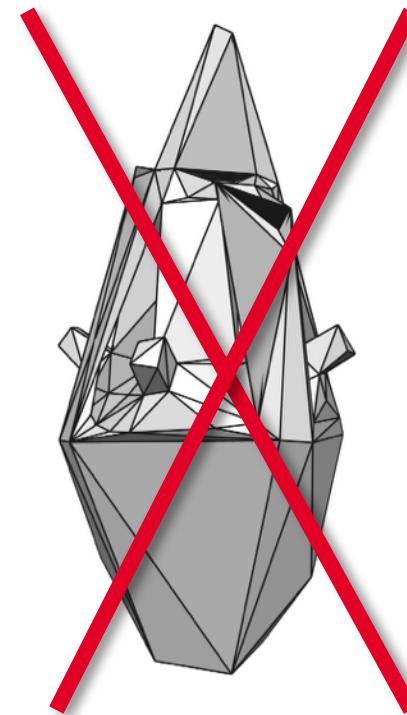
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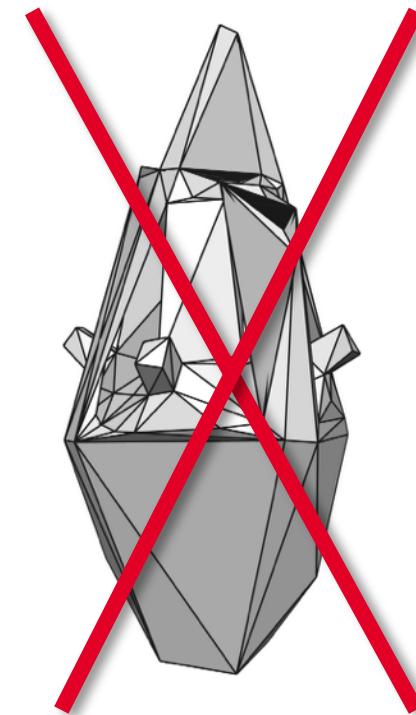
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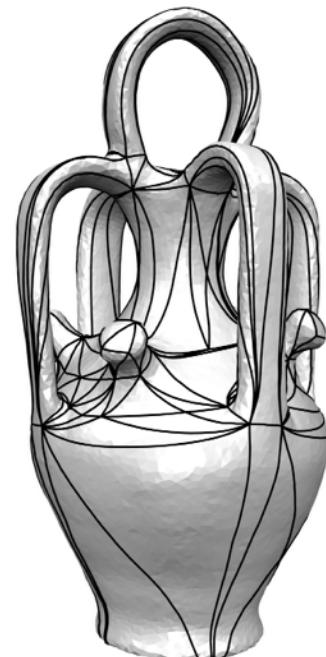
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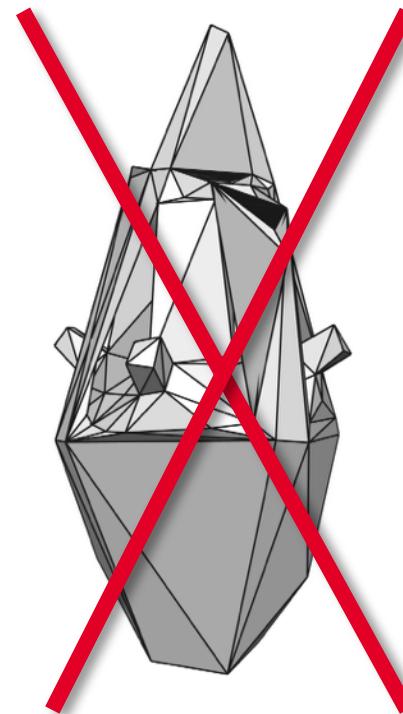
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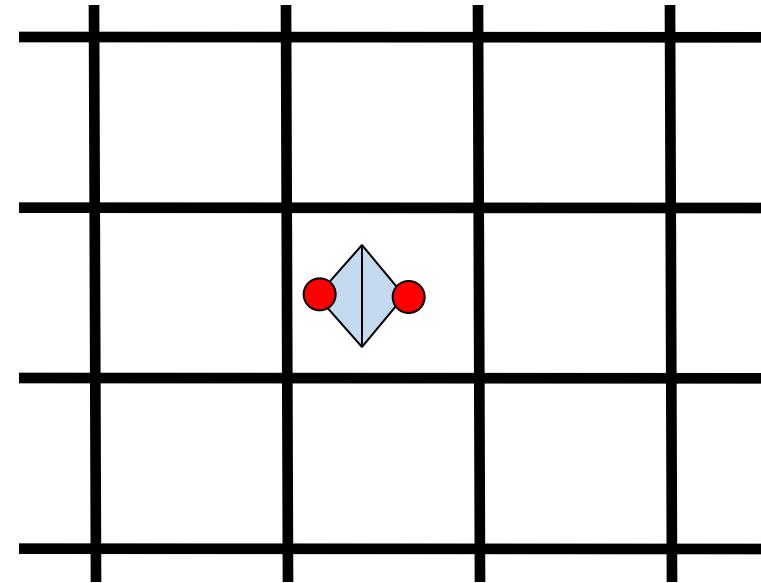
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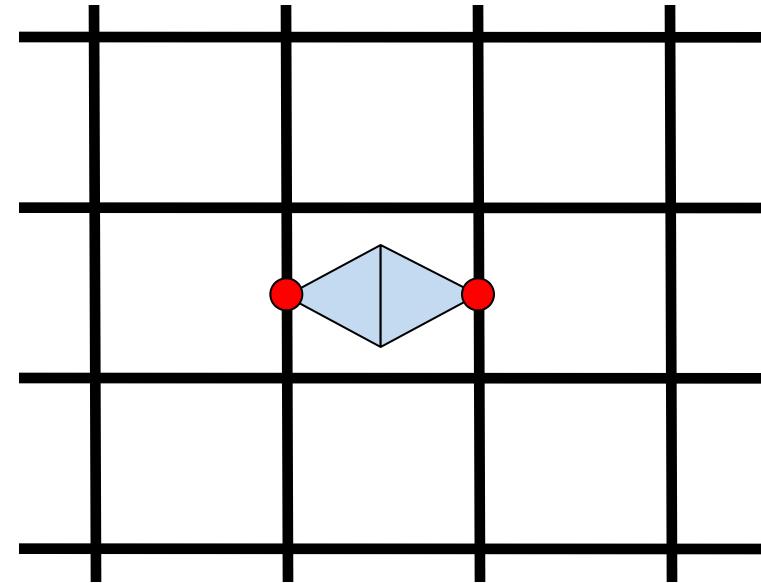
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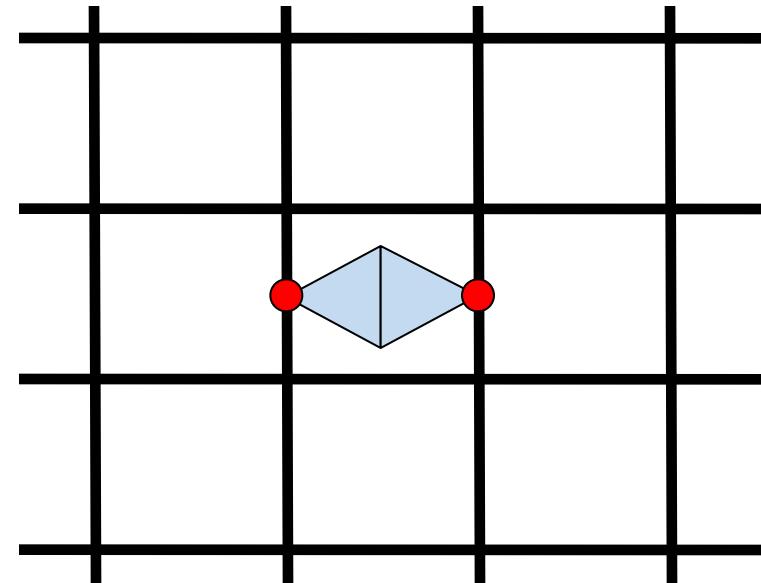


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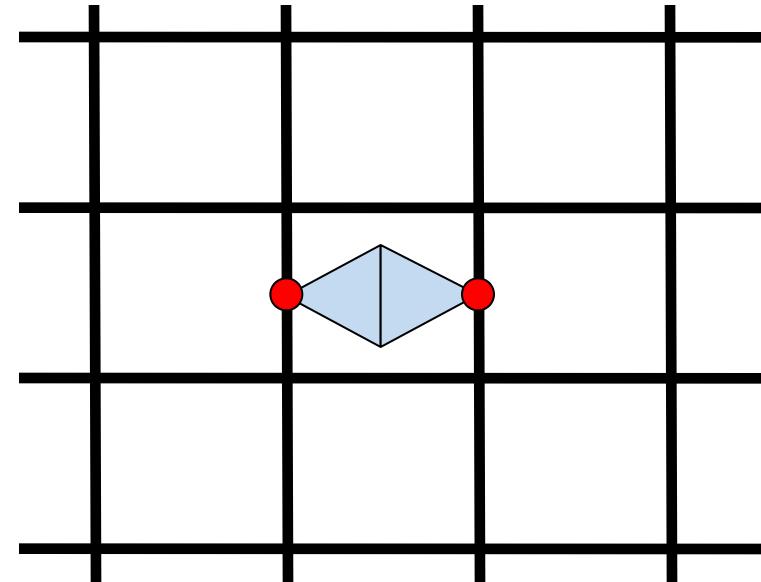
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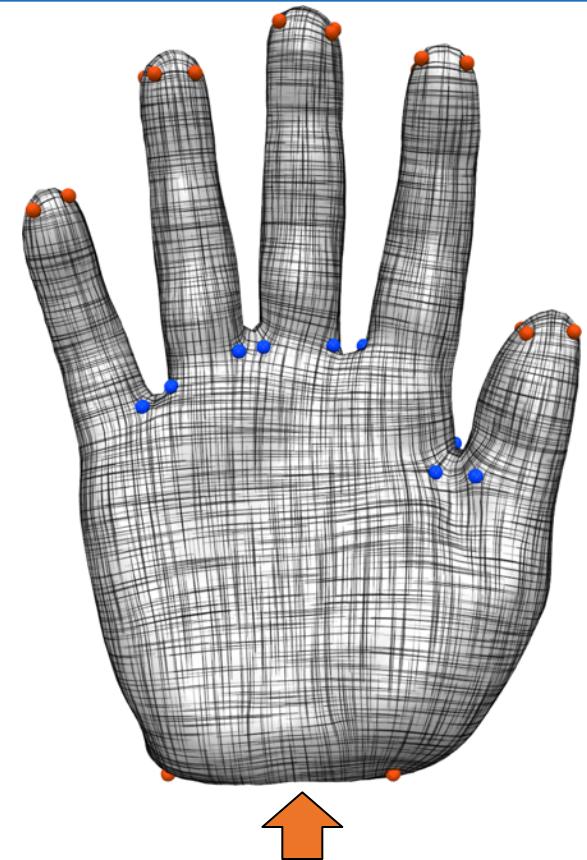
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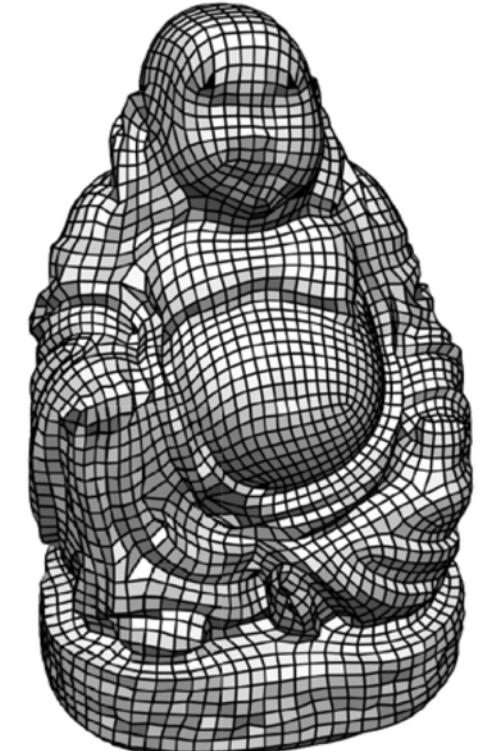
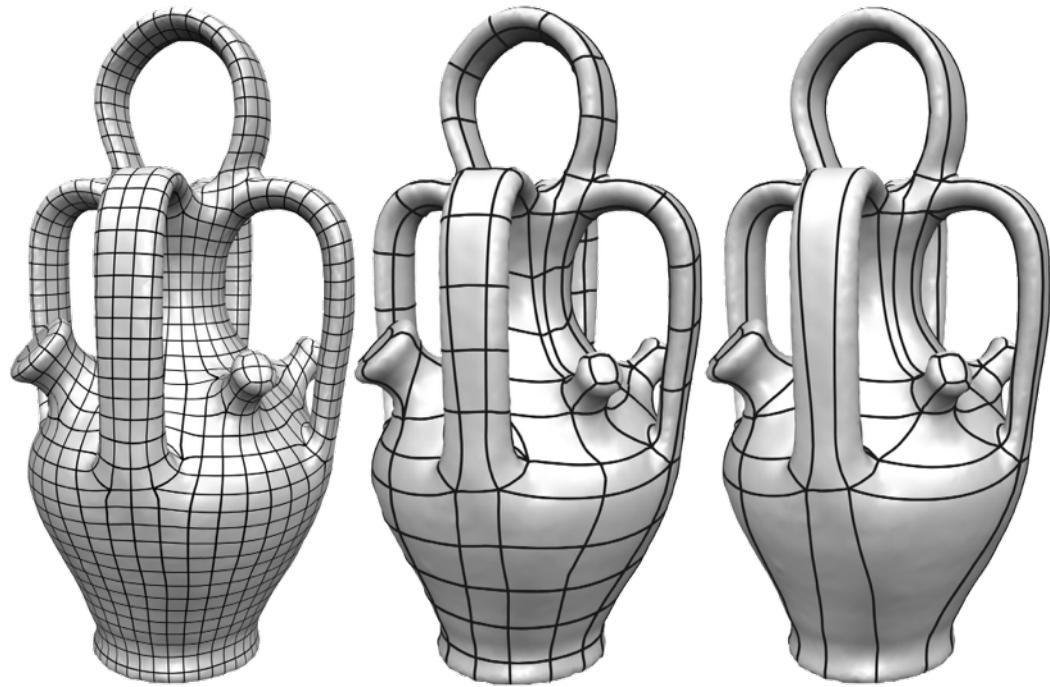
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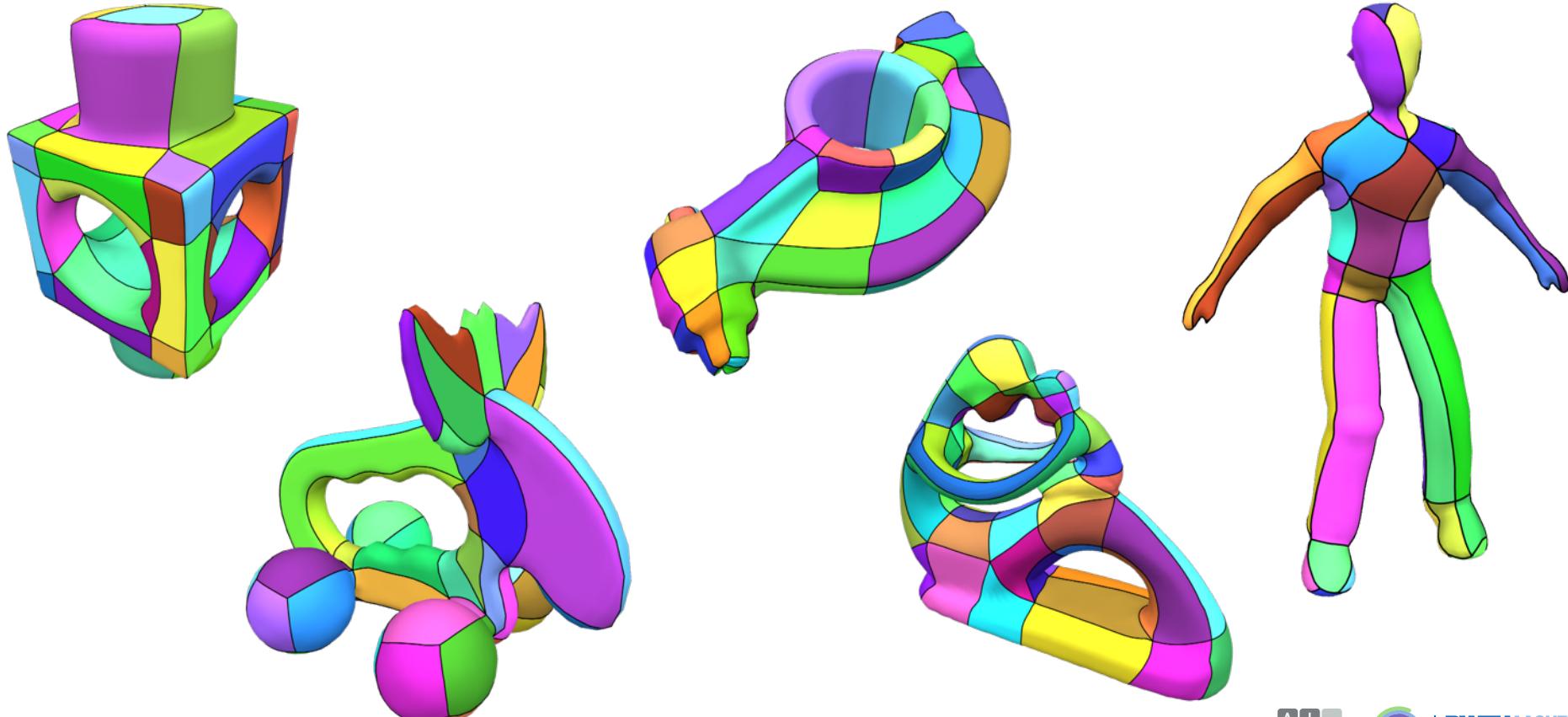


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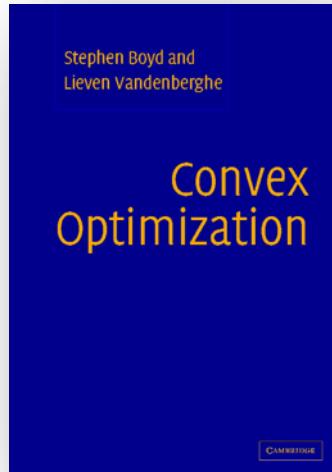


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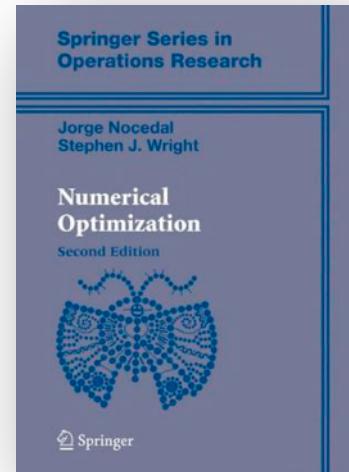
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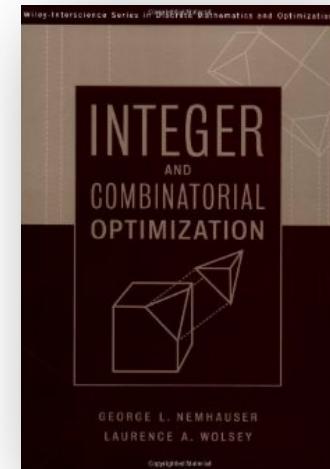


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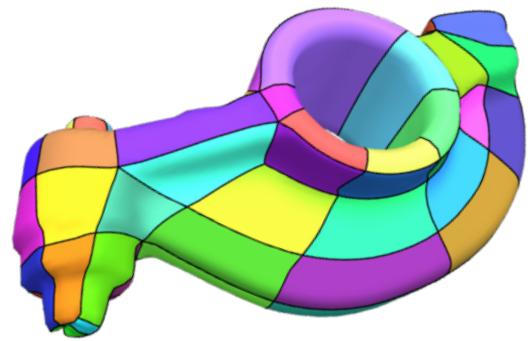
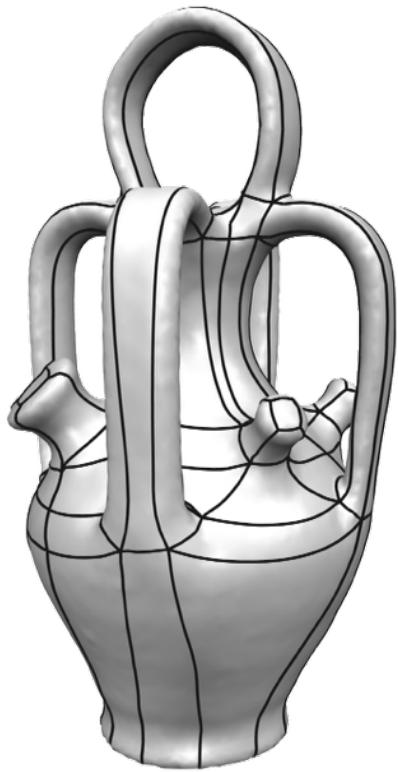
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Software

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- **IPOPT** — fast opensource C++ interior point method
- **Mosek** — commercial (convex) optimization in C, Java, Python...
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- **CVX** — prototyping for convex optimization
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Thank You!

