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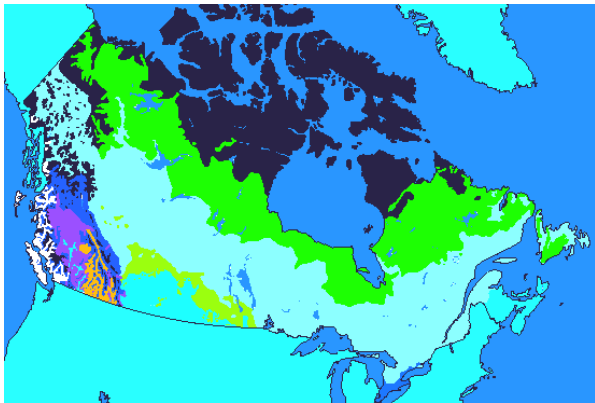
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# Computing the Overlay of Two Subdivisions

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- We have solved the easiest case of the map overlay problem, where the two maps are networks represented as collections of line segments.
- In general, maps have a more complicated structure: they are subdivisions of the plane into labeled regions.



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- Before we can give an algorithm for computing the overlay of two subdivisions, we must develop a suitable representation for a subdivision.
- Storing a subdivision as a collection of line segments is not such a good idea.
- Operations like reporting the boundary of a region would be rather complicated.
- Add topological information: which segments bound a given region, which regions are adjacent, and so on.

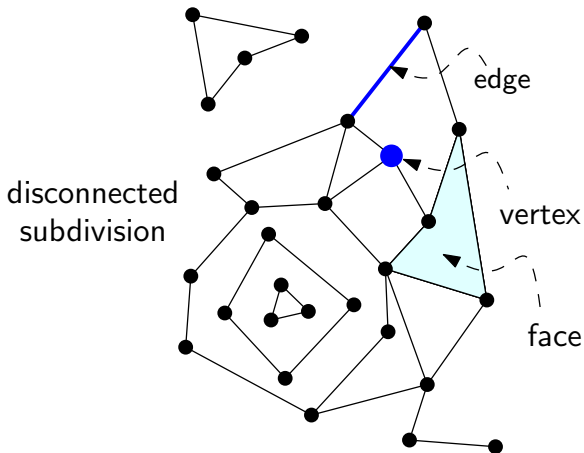


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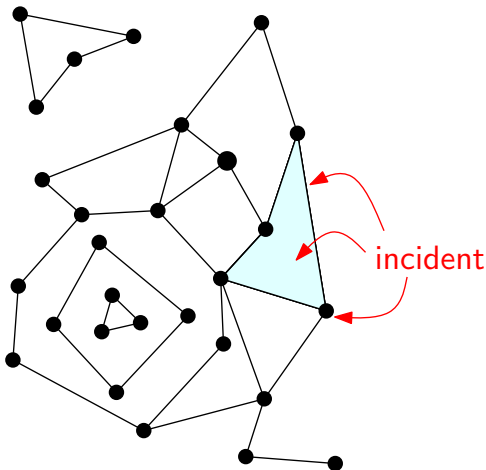
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## What kind of queries?

- What is the face containing a given point? (TOO MUCH!)
- Walking around the boundary of a given face,
- Find the face from an adjacent one if we are given a common edge,
- Visit all the edges around a given vertex.

The representation that we shall discuss supports these operations. It is called the doubly-connected edge list (DCEL).



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## DCEL contains:

- a record for each edge,
- a record for each vertex,
- a record for each face,
- plus attribute information.



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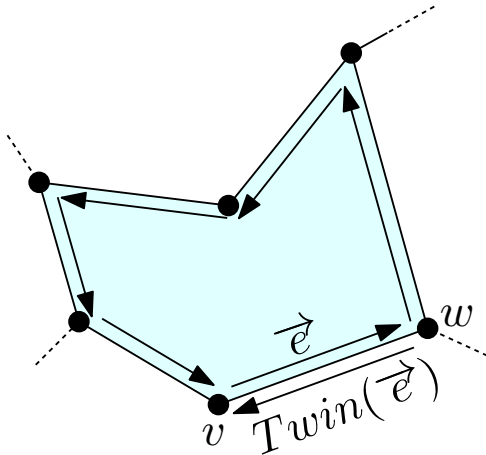
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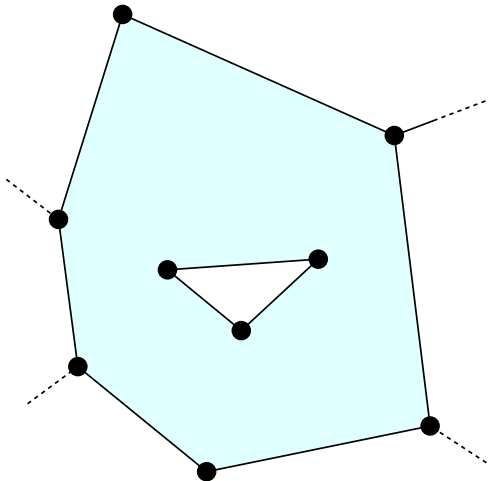
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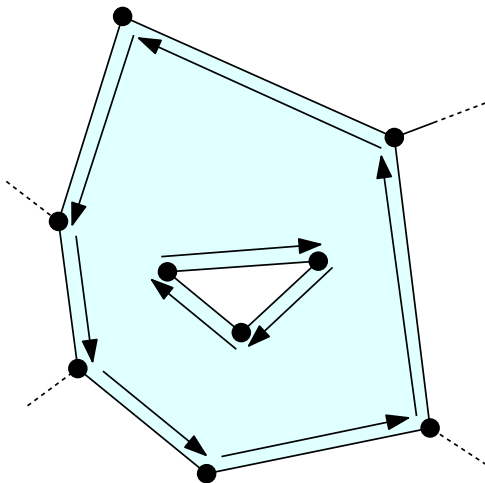
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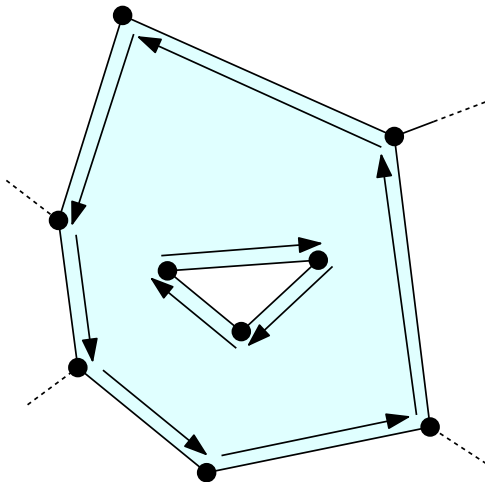


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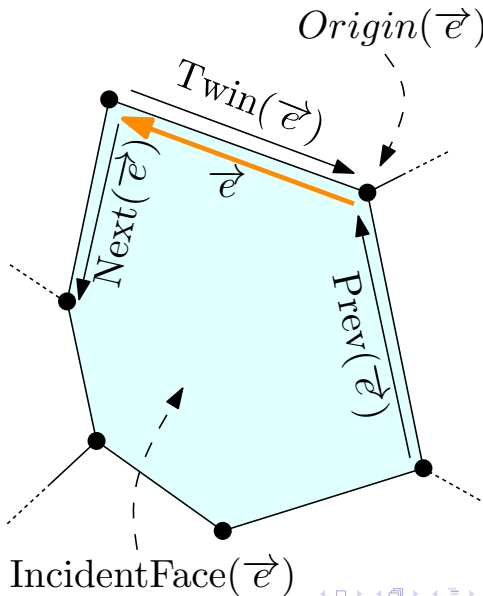


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# DCEL: Example



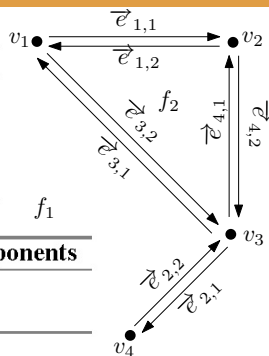
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Vertex	Coordinates	IncidentEdge
$v_1$	(0,4)	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
$v_2$	(2,4)	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$
$v_3$	(2,2)	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$
$v_4$	(1,1)	$\vec{e}_{2,2}$



Face	OuterComponent	InnerComponents
$f_1$	nil	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
$f_2$	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	nil

Half-edge	Origin	Twin	IncidentFace	Next	Prev
$\vec{e}_{1,1}$	$v_1$	$\vec{e}_{1,2}$	$f_1$	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$	$\vec{e}_{3,1}$
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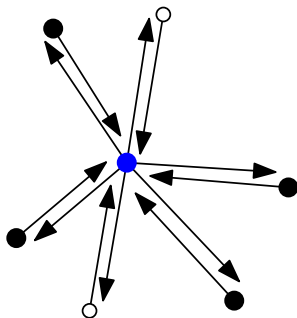
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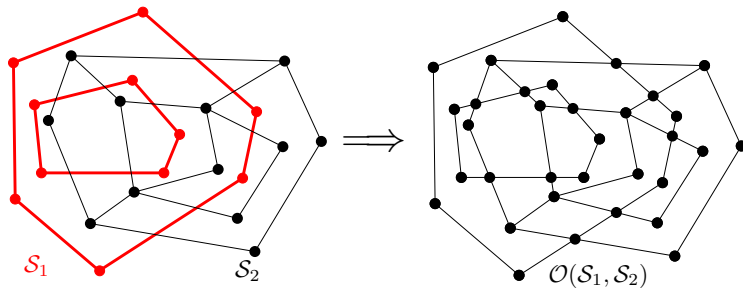


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## Main Idea in computing $\mathcal{O}(S_1, S_2)$

- Copy DCEL of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  into new DCEL (Not a Valid DCEL).
- Make the new DCEL valid.

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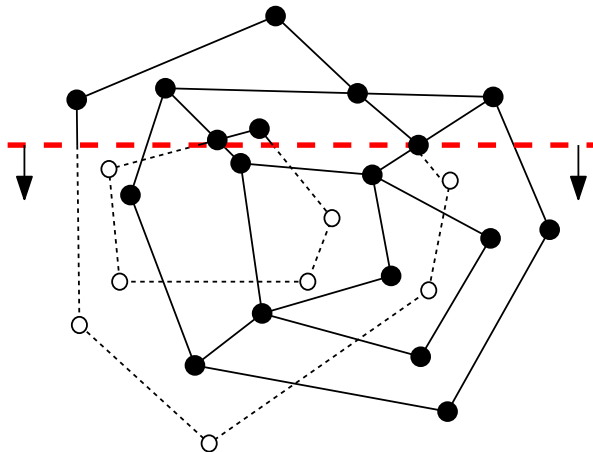
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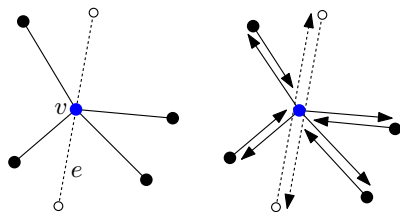


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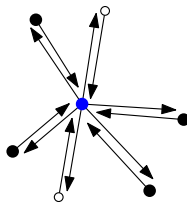
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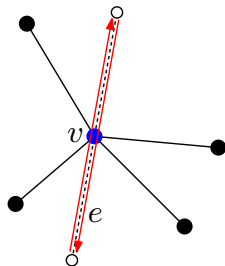
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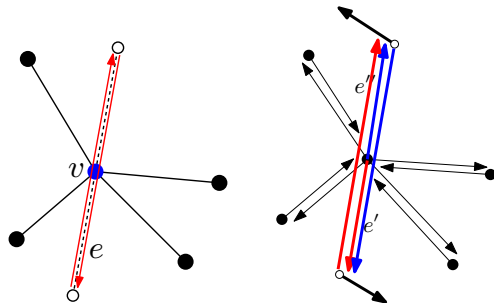
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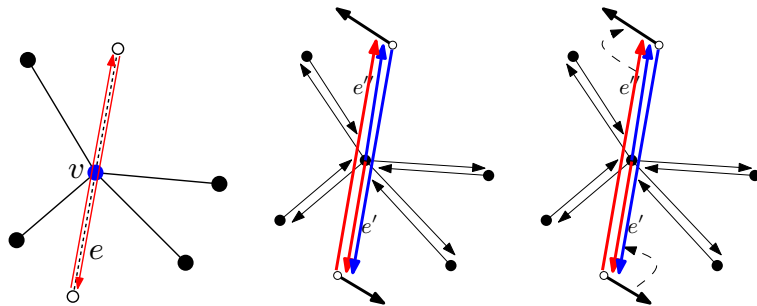
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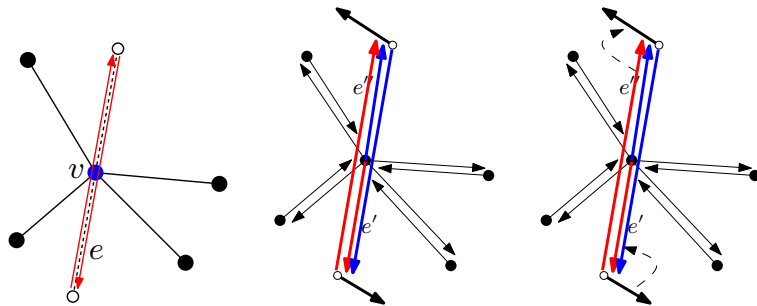
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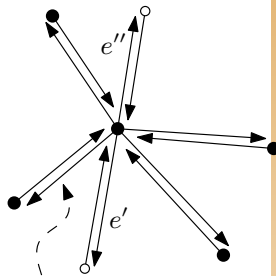
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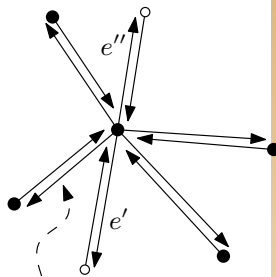
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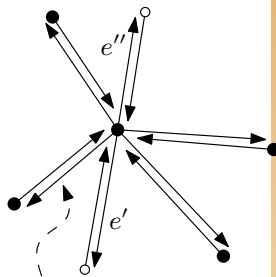
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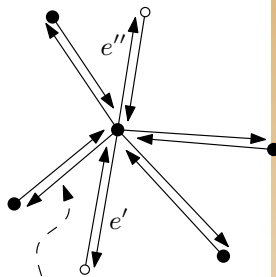
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### Updating Faces:

- Create a face record for each  $f \in \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2)$ .
- Set  $OuterComponent(f)$  and  $InnerComponent(f)$ .



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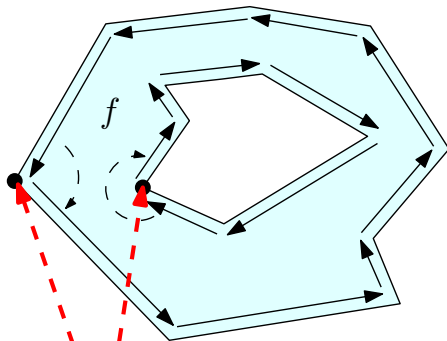
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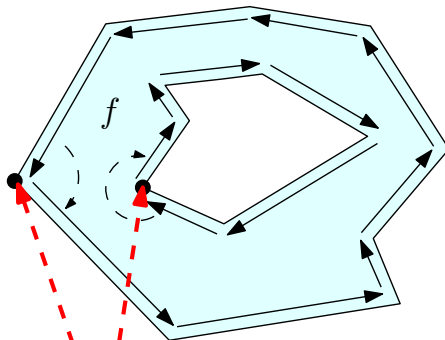
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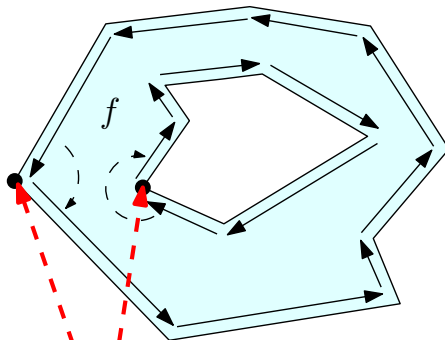
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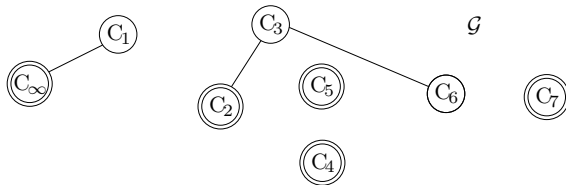
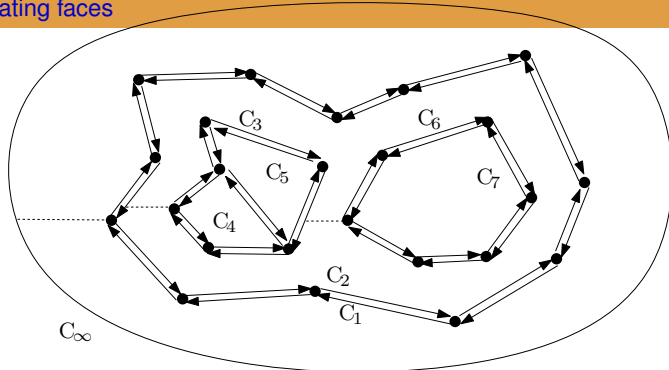
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## Lemma 2.5

Each connected component of the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  corresponds exactly to the set of cycles incident to one face.



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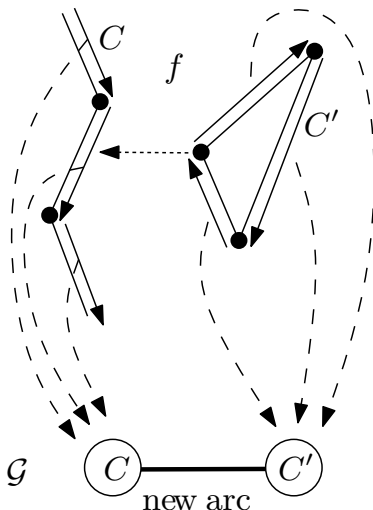
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## Theorem 2.6

Let  $\mathcal{S}_1$  be a planar subdivision of complexity  $n_1$ , let  $\mathcal{S}_2$  be a subdivision of complexity  $n_2$ , and let  $n := n_1 + n_2$ . The overlay of  $\mathcal{S}_1$  and  $\mathcal{S}_2$  can be constructed in  $\mathcal{O}(n \log n + k \log n)$  time, where  $k$  is the complexity of the overlay.



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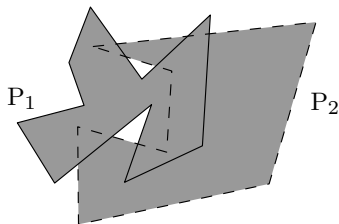
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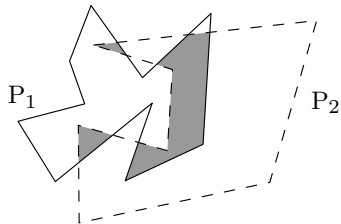
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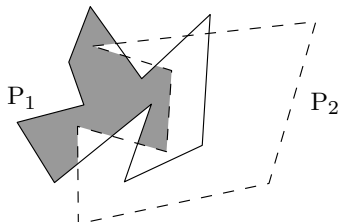
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