

# On Embeddability of Buses in Point Sets

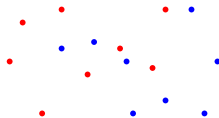
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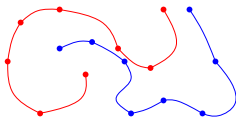
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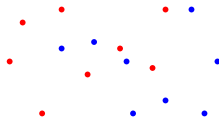
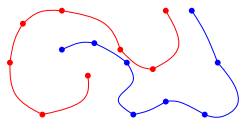


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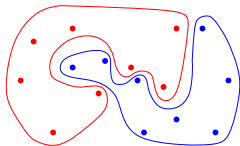
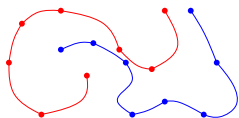
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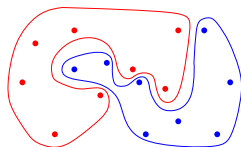
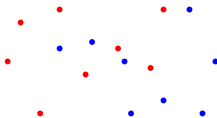
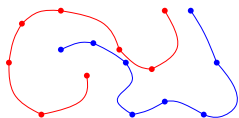
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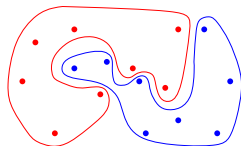
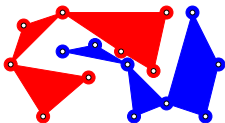
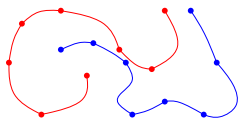
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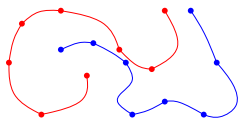
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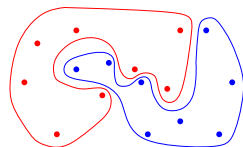
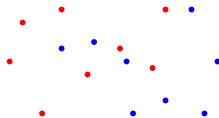
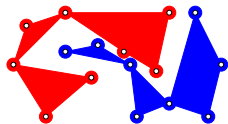
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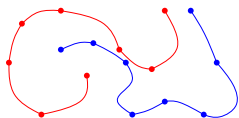


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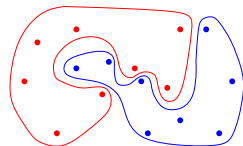
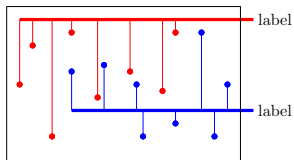
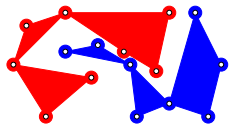


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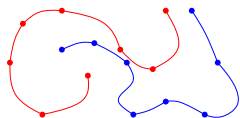
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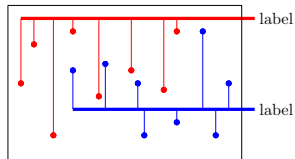
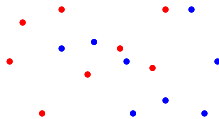
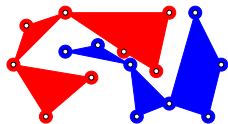
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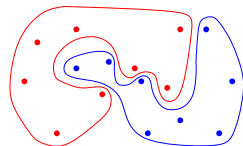
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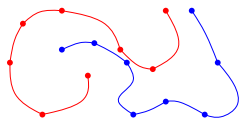
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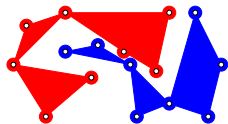
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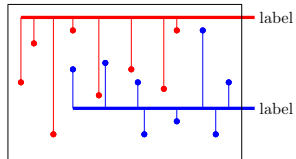
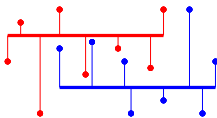
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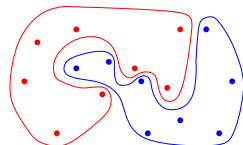
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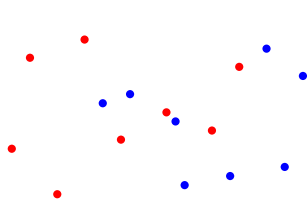


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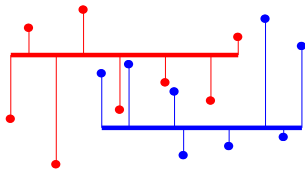


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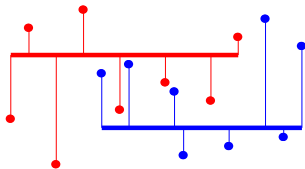


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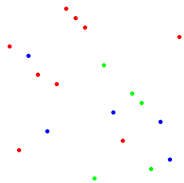
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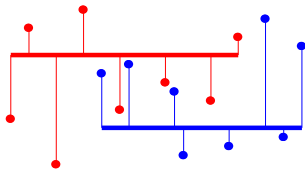
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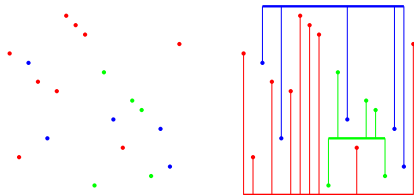
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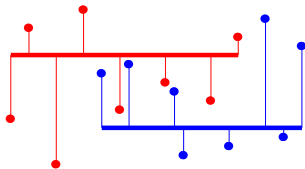
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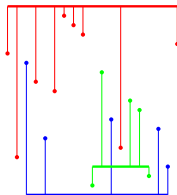
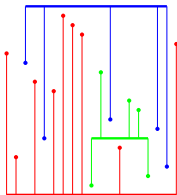
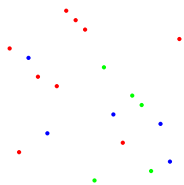
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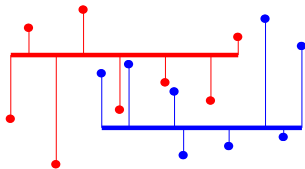
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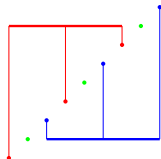
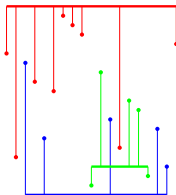
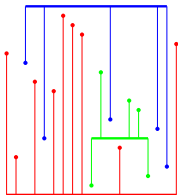
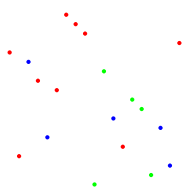
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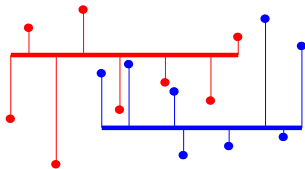
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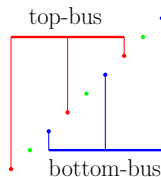
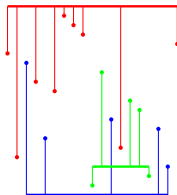
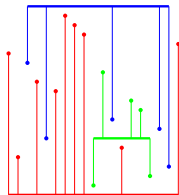
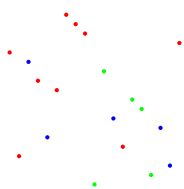
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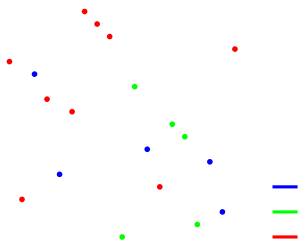
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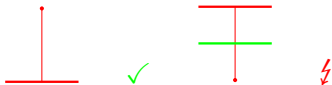
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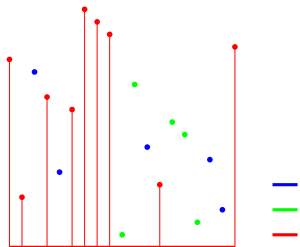
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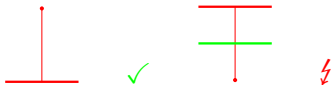
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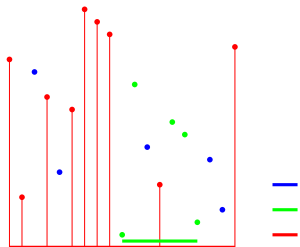
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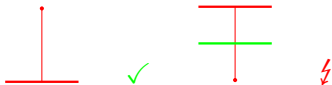
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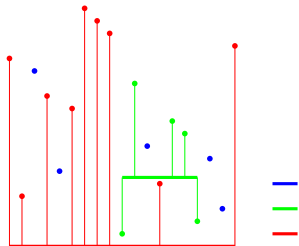
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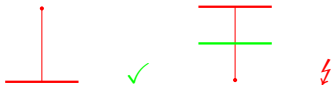
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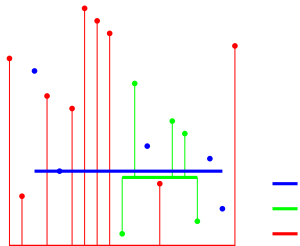
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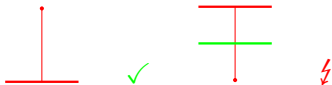
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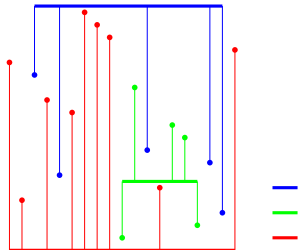
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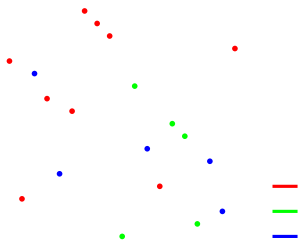
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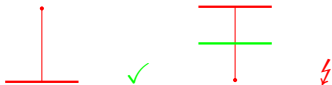
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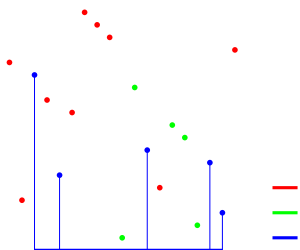
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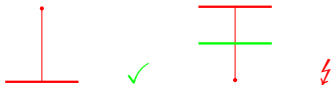
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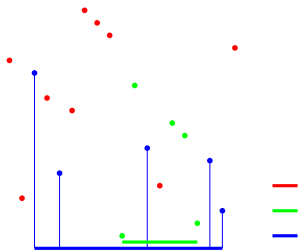
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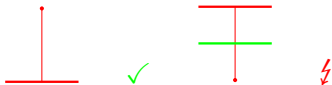
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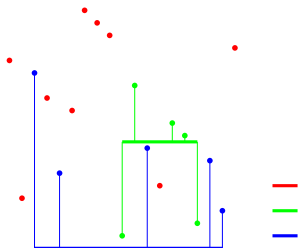
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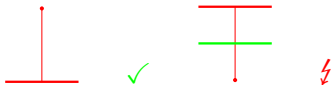
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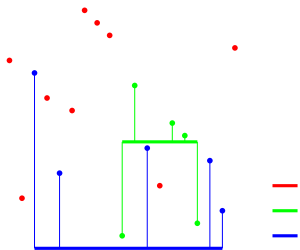
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- use segment tree: support extract max.  $y$ -coordinate of processed points on range

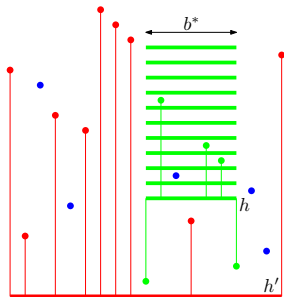
## 2. General Type of Buses: no Restriction

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Constr.: —

⇒ Test  $O(p(n)2^k)$  time.



- Dynamic Programming
- **state pair**  $(h, B)$ ,  $B \subseteq \{b_1, \dots, b_k\}$ , uses all buses of  $B$  + topmost bus at  $y$ -coord.  $0 \leq h \leq n+1$
- $F(h, B) = \text{true} \Leftrightarrow \exists$  solution using only buses of  $B$
- $F(h, B) := \text{true}$  for all  $|B| = 1$
- $F(h, B) := \text{true}$ , if  $\exists b^* \in B$  with  $F(h', B \setminus \{b^*\}) = \text{true}$  for  $h' < h$  and  $h \geq$  topmost point " $\in b^*$ "
- there are  $\approx n2^k$  state pairs
- compute state pair in  $O(p(n))$

## 2. General Type of Buses: ILP with Experiments

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⇒ ILP

min 1

s.t.  $\forall (b, p), c(p) \neq b, "p \in b":$

$y(p) < y(b) \wedge y(c(p)) < y(b)$

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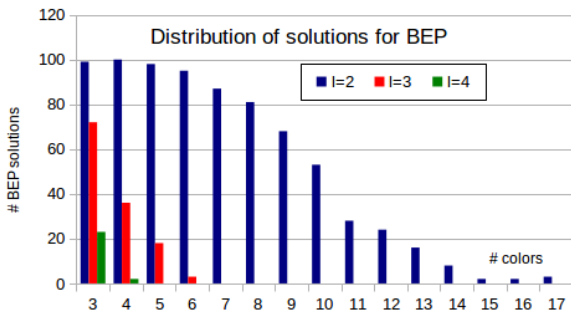
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s.t.  $\forall (b, p), c(p) \neq b, "p \in b":$

$y(p) < y(b) \wedge y(c(p)) < y(b)$

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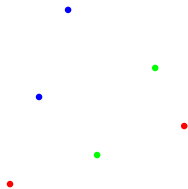
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**Constr.:** using only  $\sqcap$ -buses

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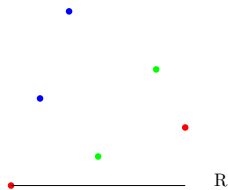
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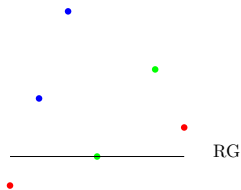
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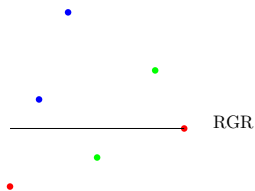
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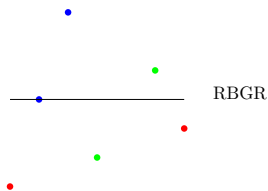
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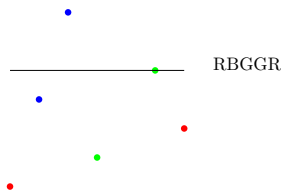
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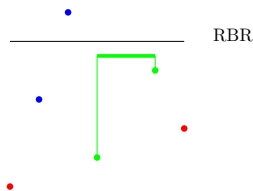
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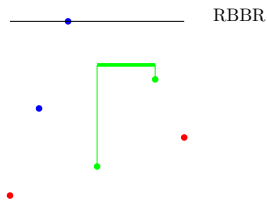
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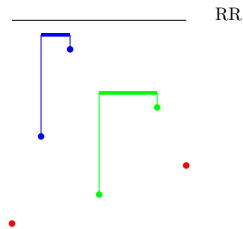
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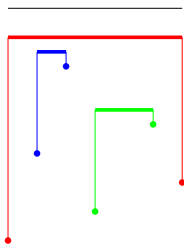
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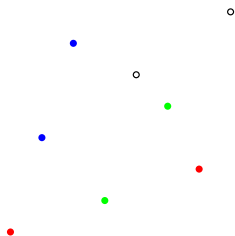
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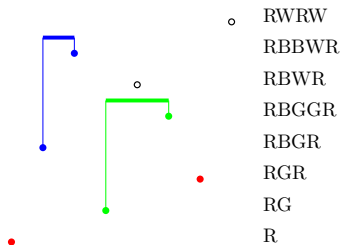
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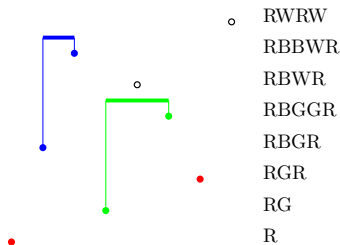
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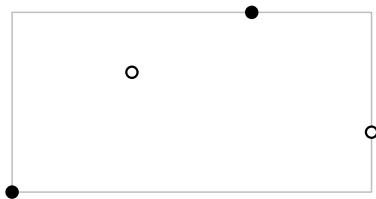
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- via 2-SAT: variable  $x_b \forall$  bus  $b$
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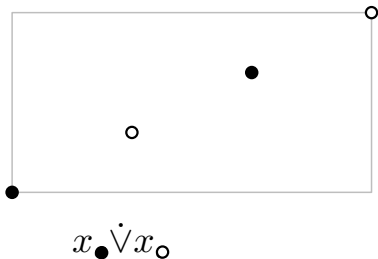
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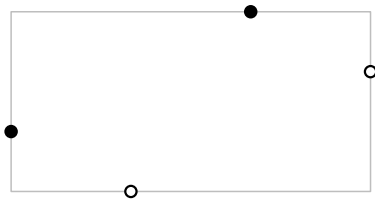
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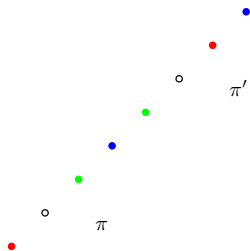
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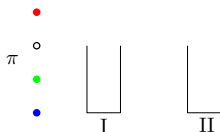
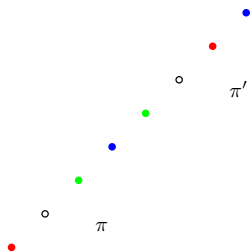
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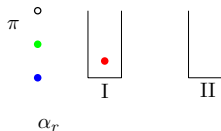
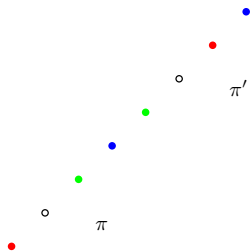
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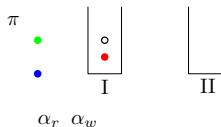
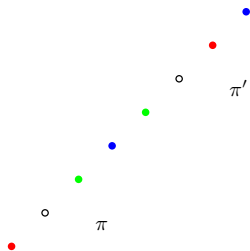
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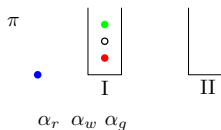
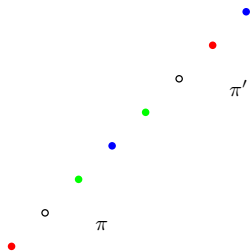
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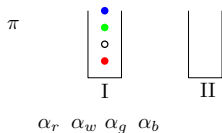
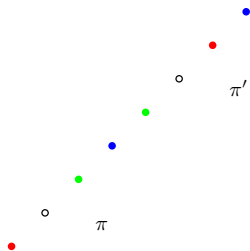
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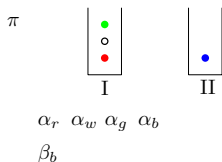
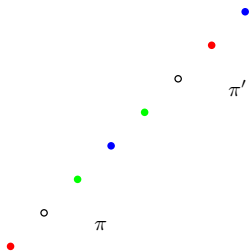
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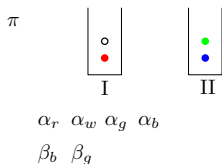
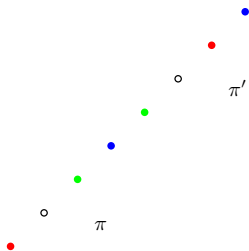
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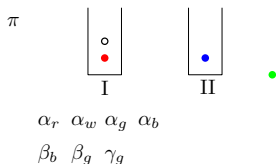
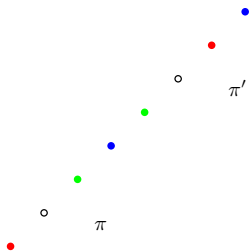
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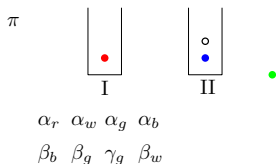
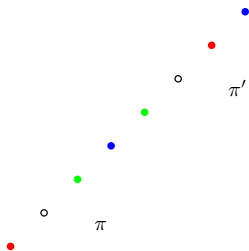
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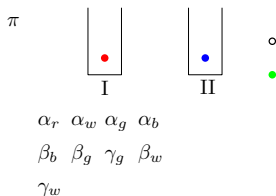
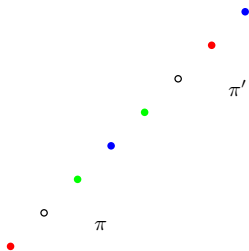
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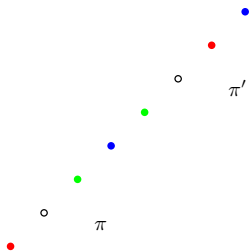
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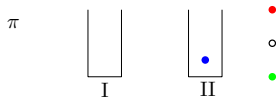
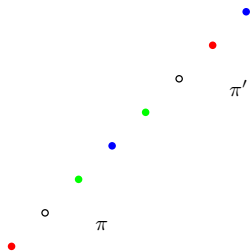
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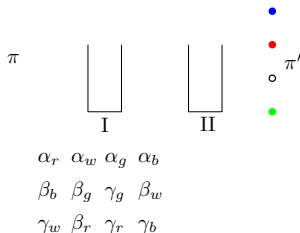
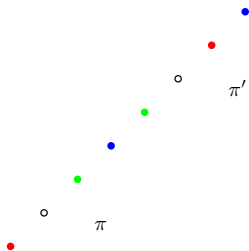
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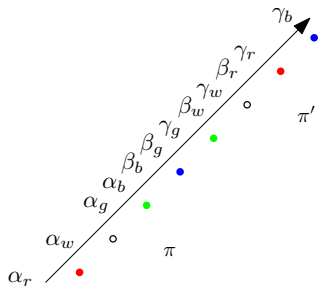
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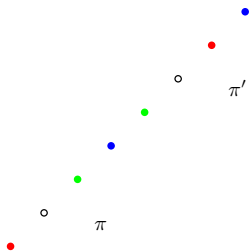
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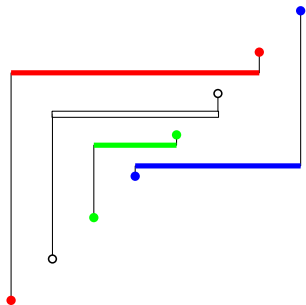
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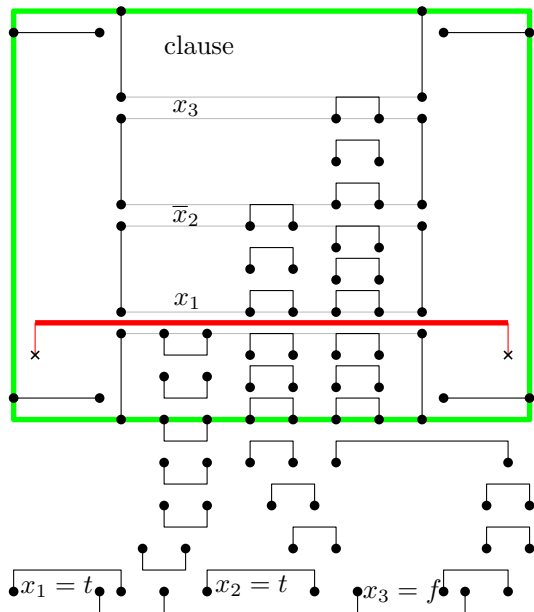
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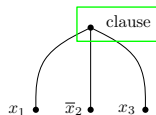
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## 6. Hardness of $\text{BEP}^\varepsilon$ ( $\varepsilon \hat{=} \exists$ min. dist. buses $\leftrightarrow$ points)



- reduction from planar 3-SAT



- $(\Pi, \sqcup)$ - $\text{BEP}^\varepsilon$
- points may share a coordinate
- 2 points per color

# Conclusions and Future Work

- we used buses for visualization of set membership
- some variants of BEP are efficiently solvable (e.g. with 2-SAT or 2-stack pushall sorting)
- BEP seems to be hard in general
- we want to study non-planar settings:
  - minimize number of crossings
  - minimize number of buses (stay planar)