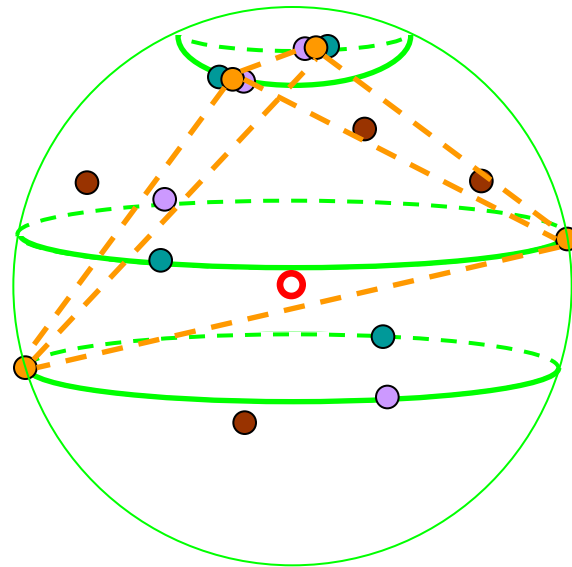


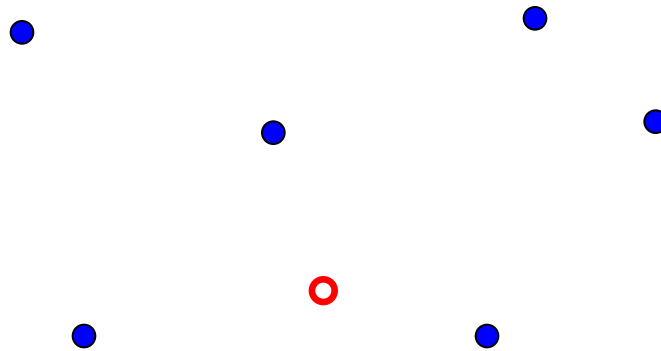
A further generalization of the colourful Carathéodory theorem

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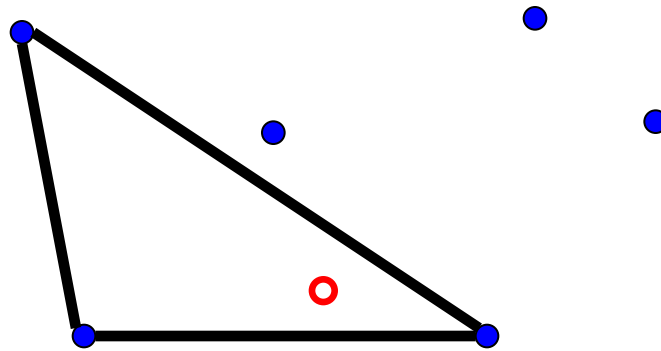
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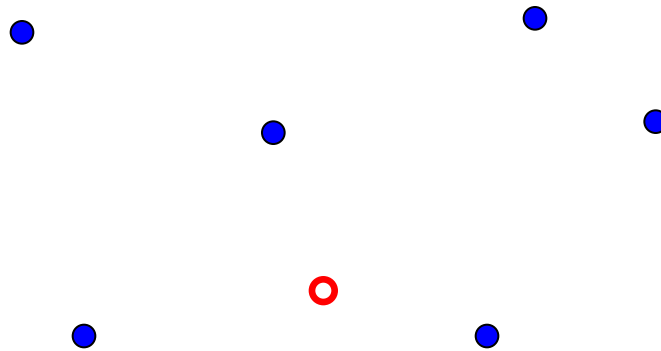
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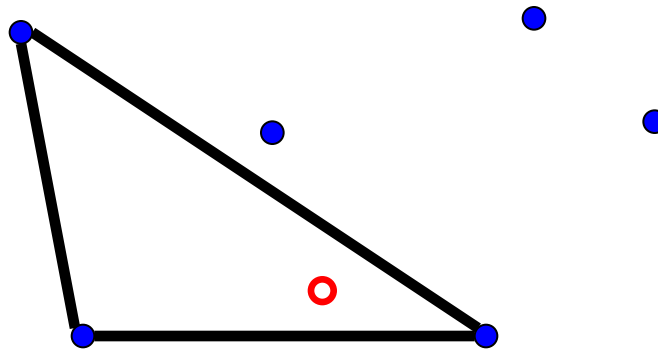


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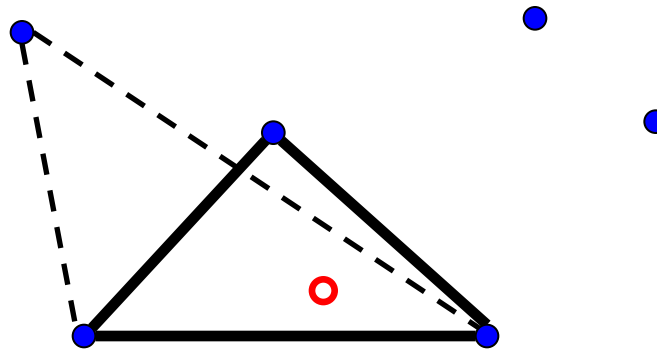


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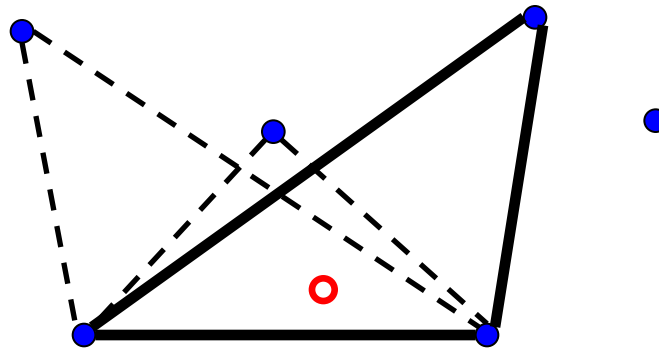


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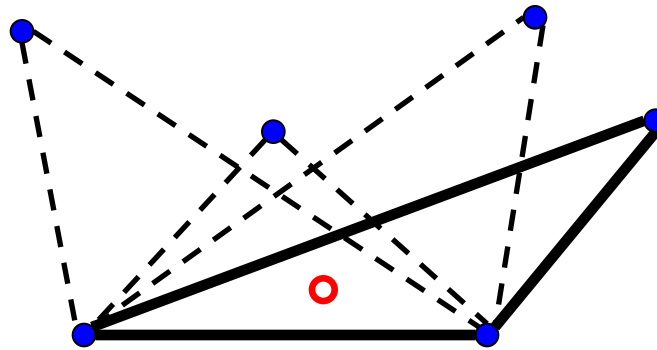


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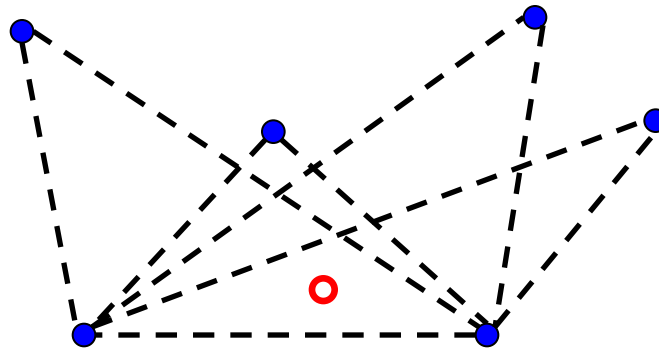


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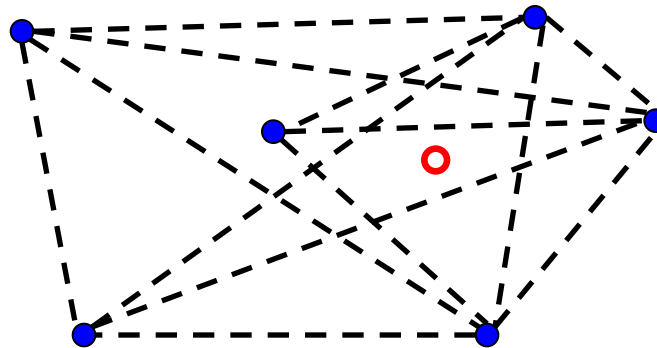


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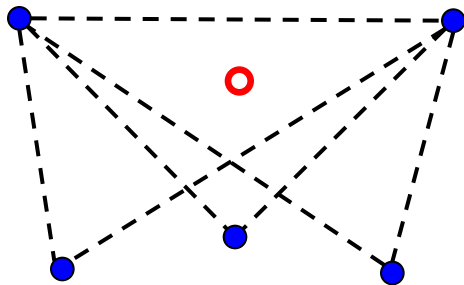
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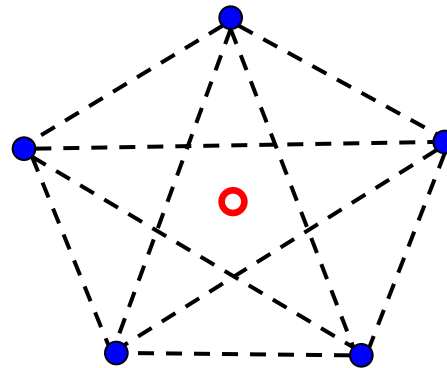
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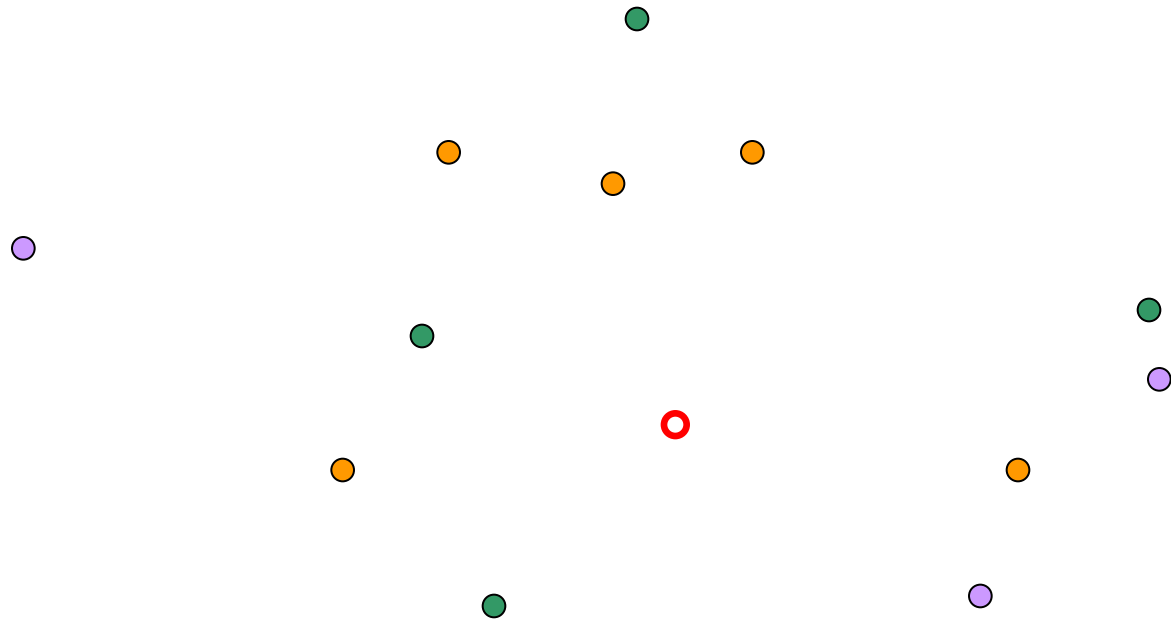
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\Rightarrow can we improve the lower bound?

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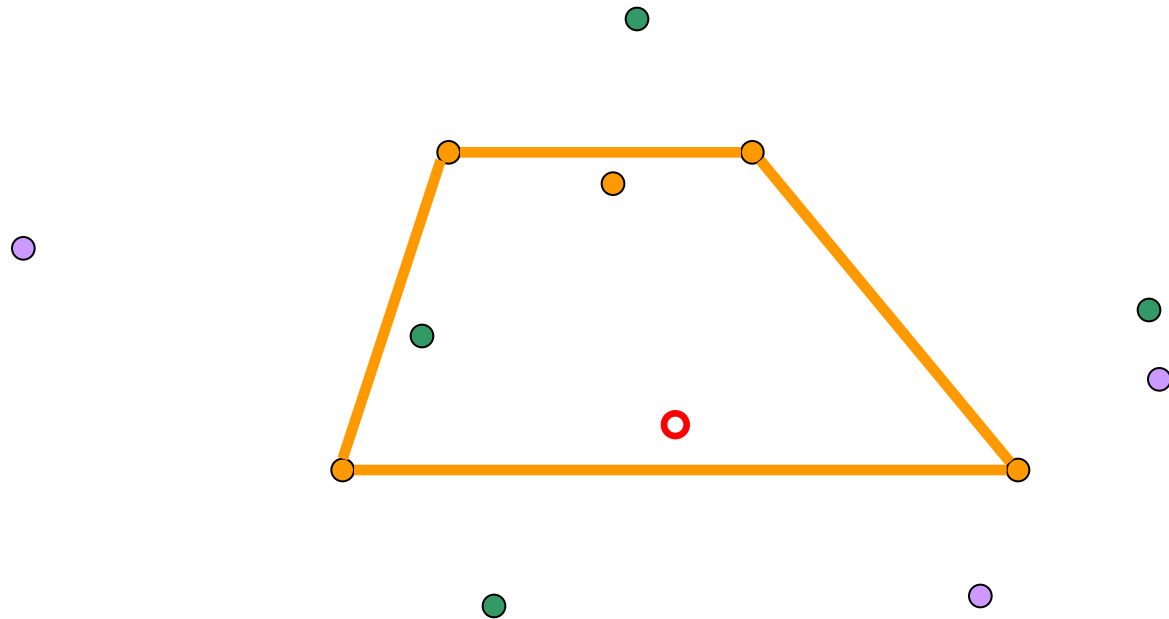
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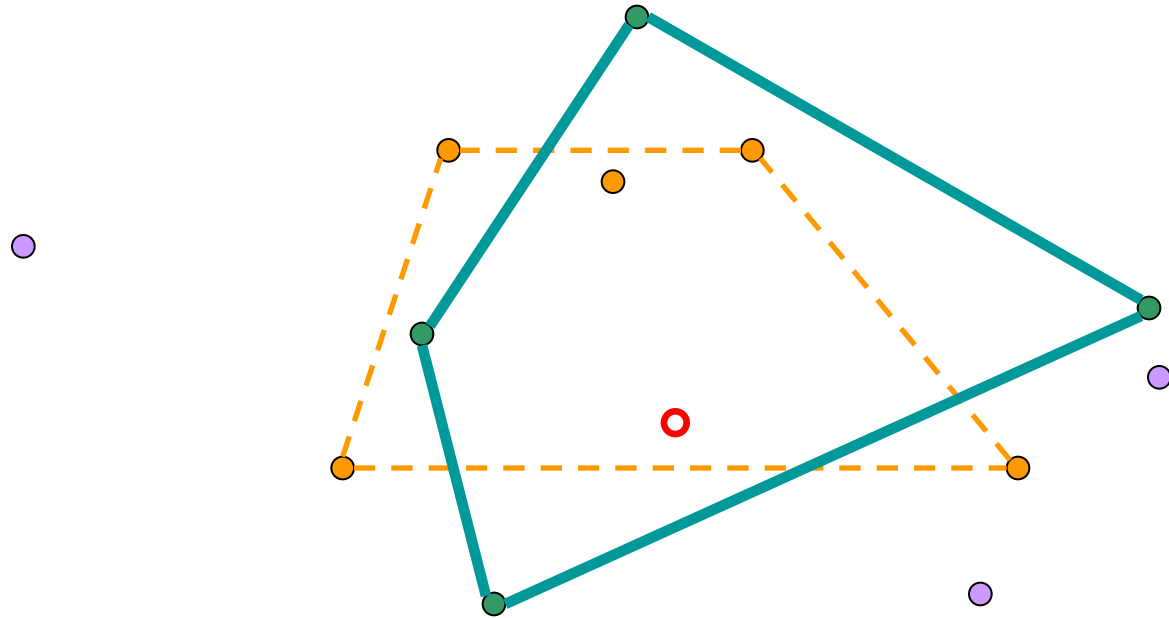
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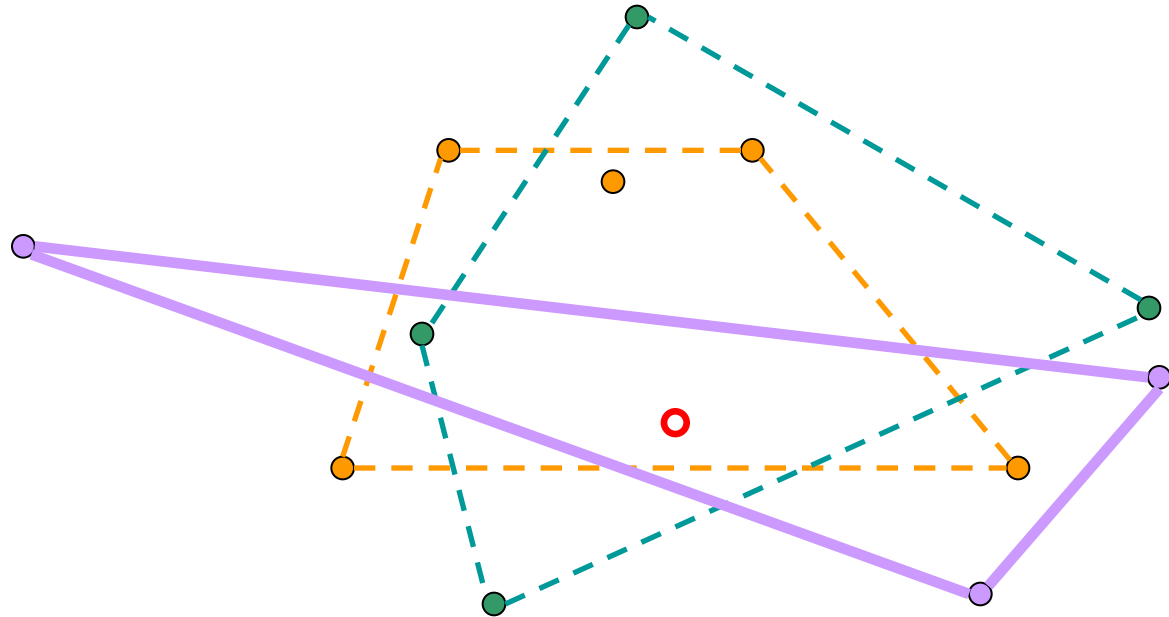
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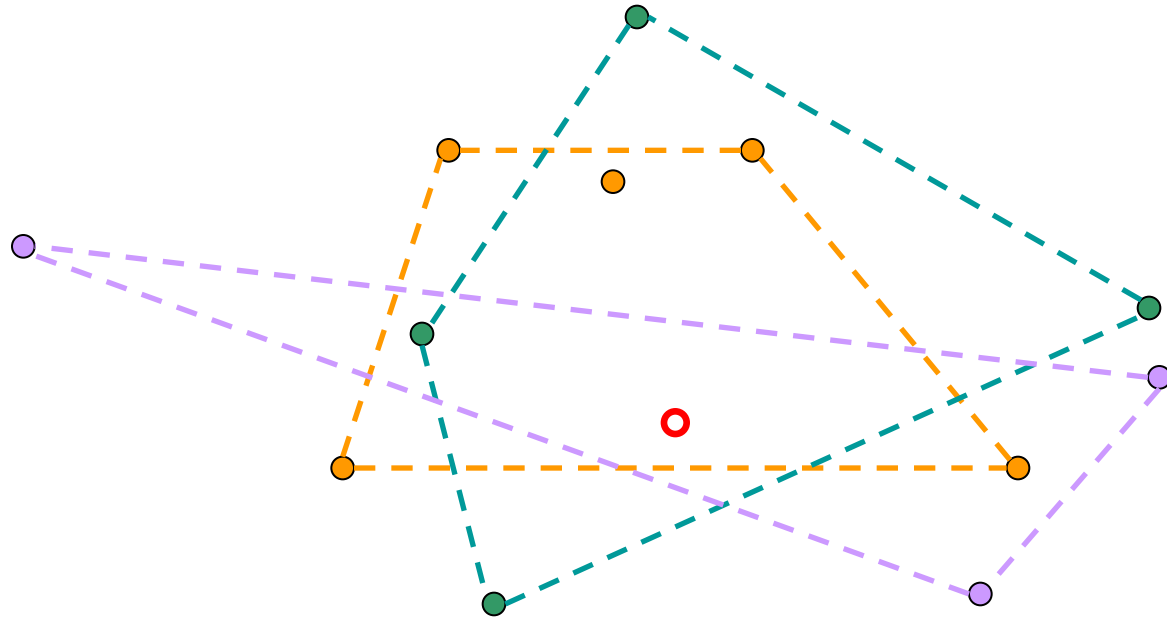
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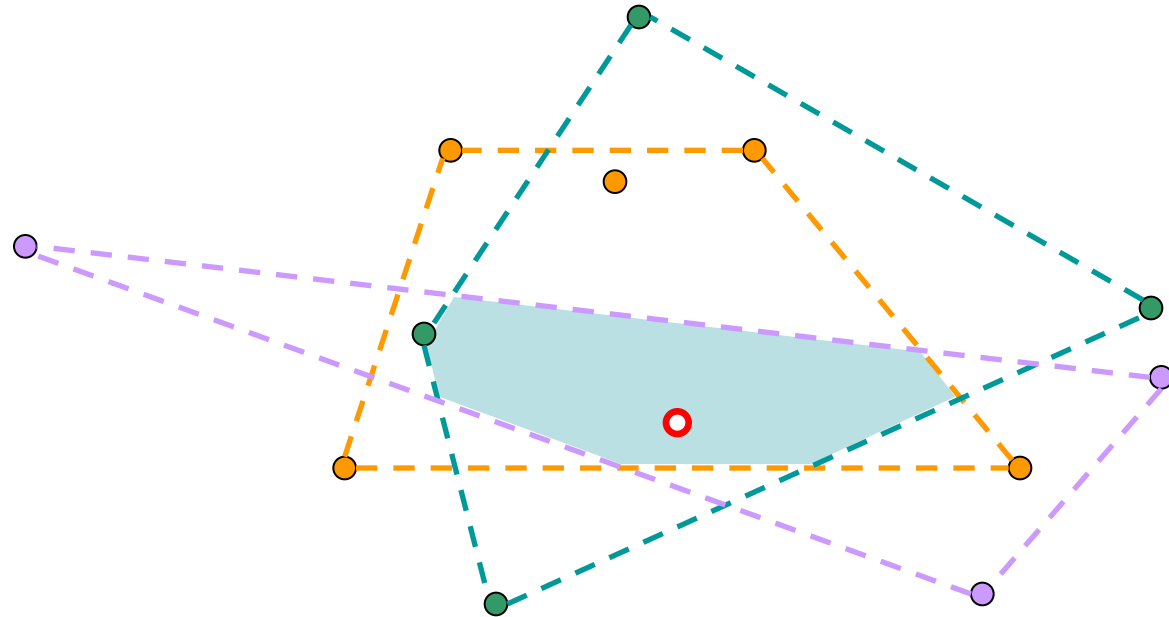
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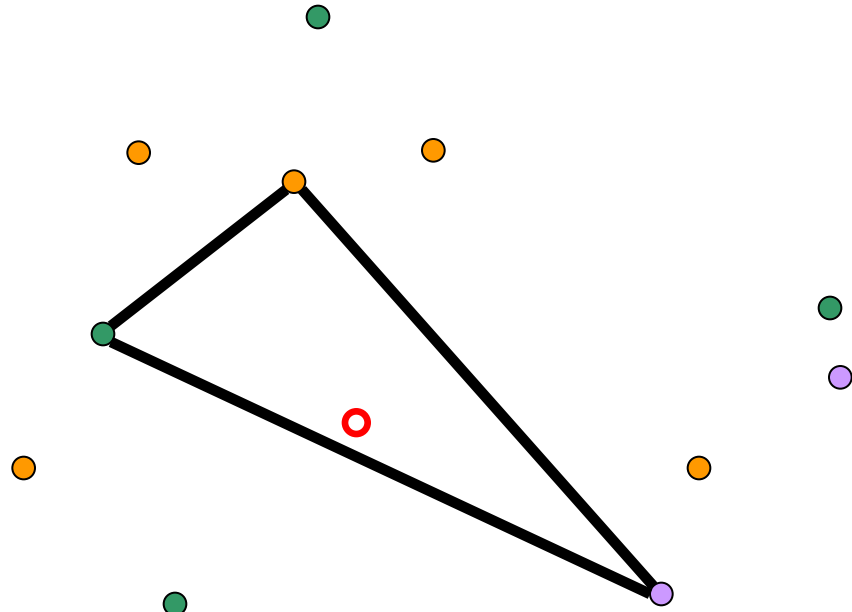
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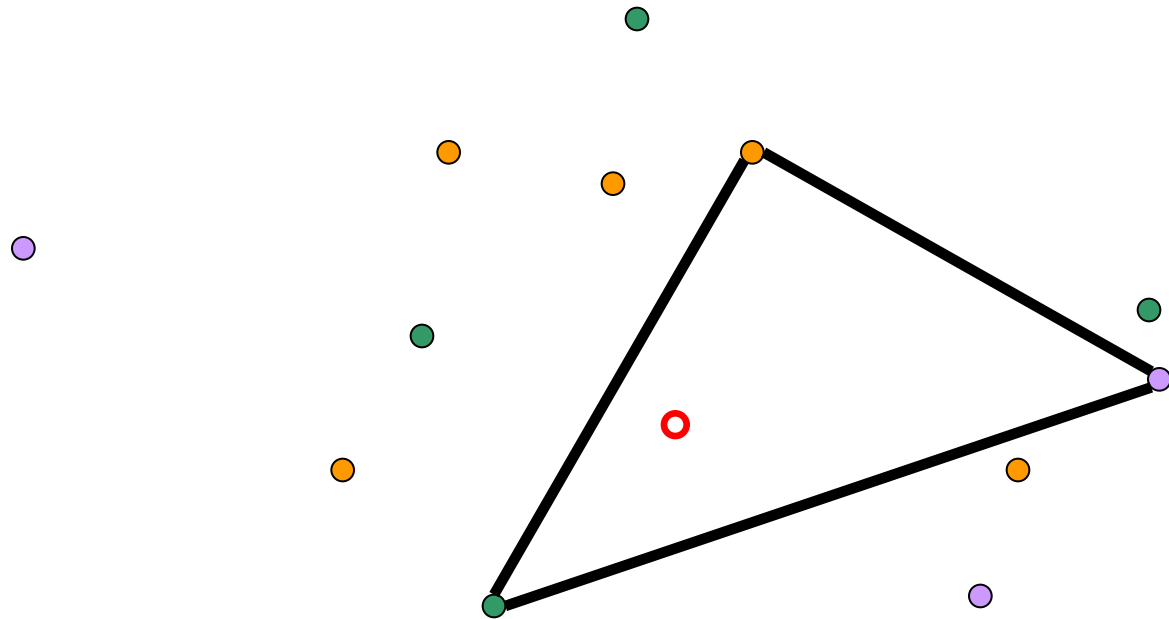
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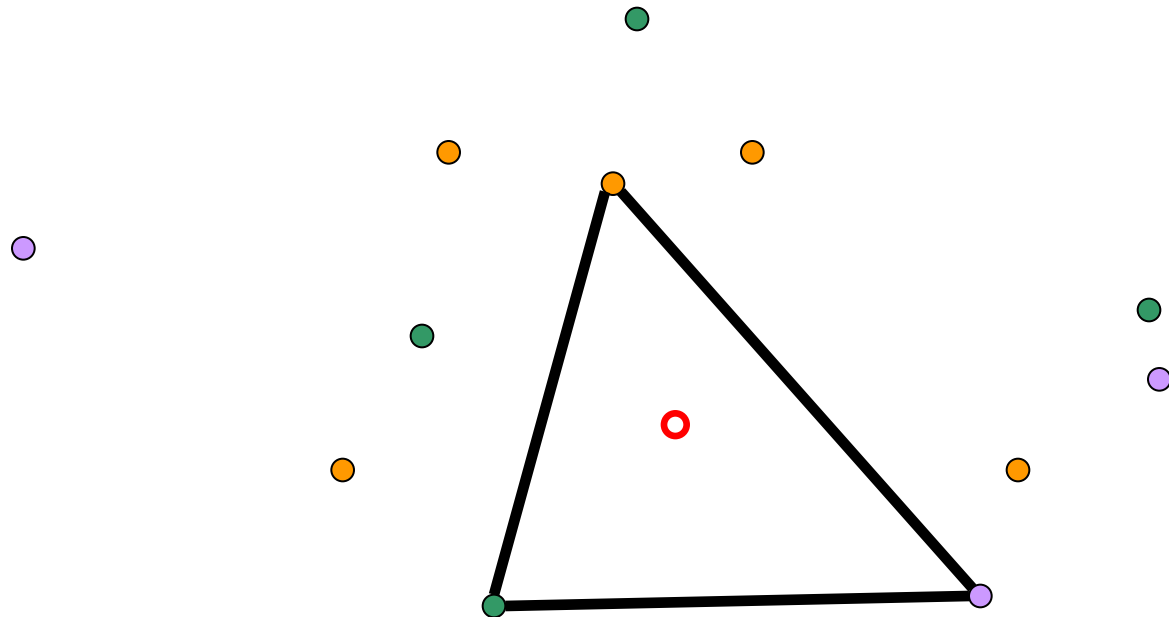
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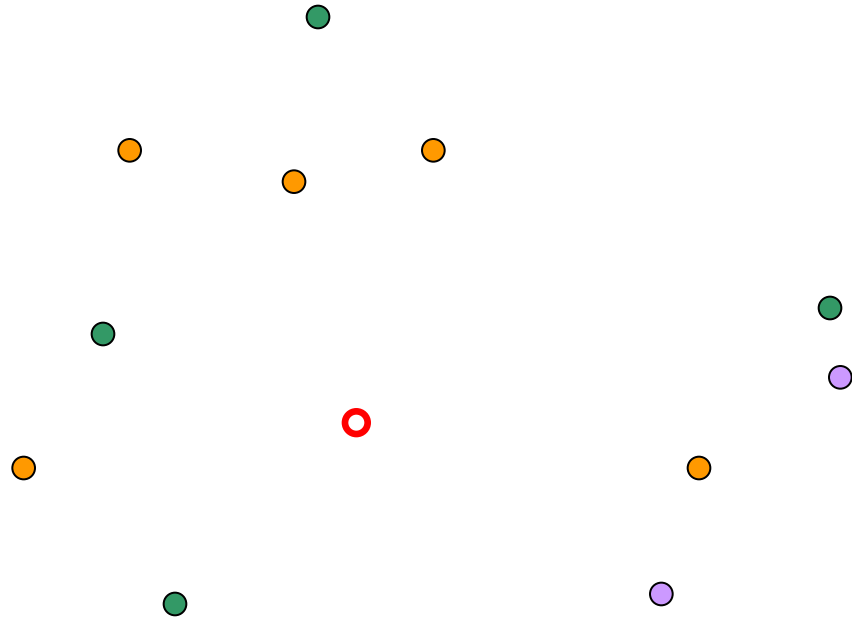
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[Bárány 1982]: $\mu(d) \geq 1$

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[Wagner 2003] $c_d \geq \frac{d^2+1}{(d+1)^{(d+1)}}$

[Gromov 2010] $c_d \geq \frac{2d}{(d+1)!(d+1)}$

simpler proofs: [Karazev 2010], [Matoušek, Wagner 2011]

$d=2$: [Boros, Füredi 1984], [Bukh 2006]

$d=3$: [Král, Mach, Sereni 2011]

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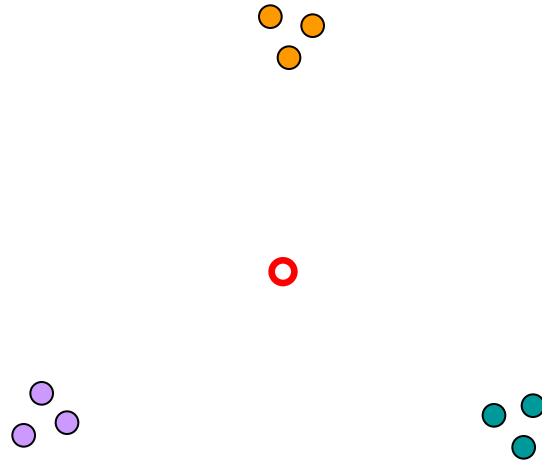
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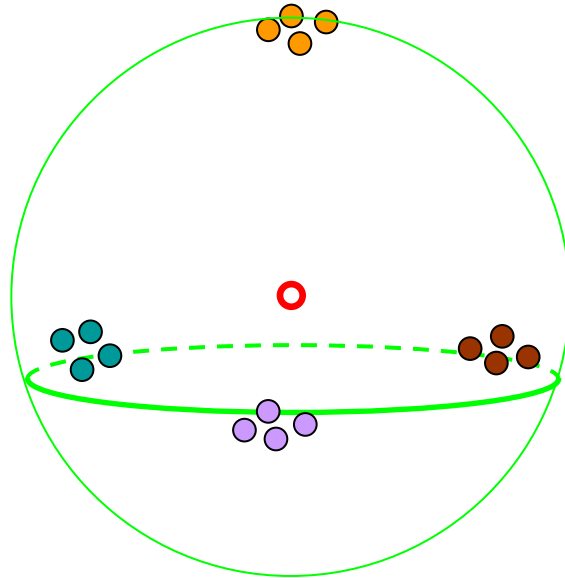
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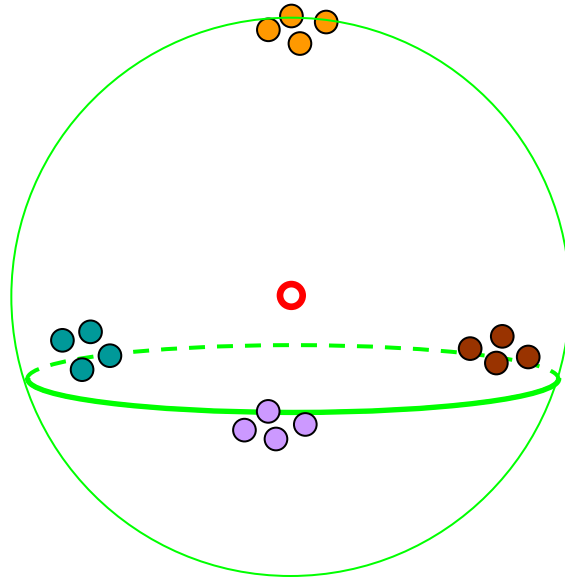
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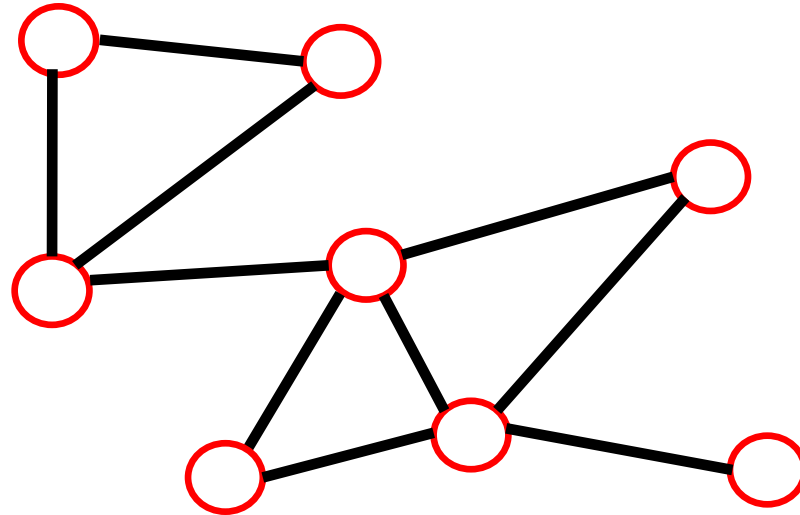
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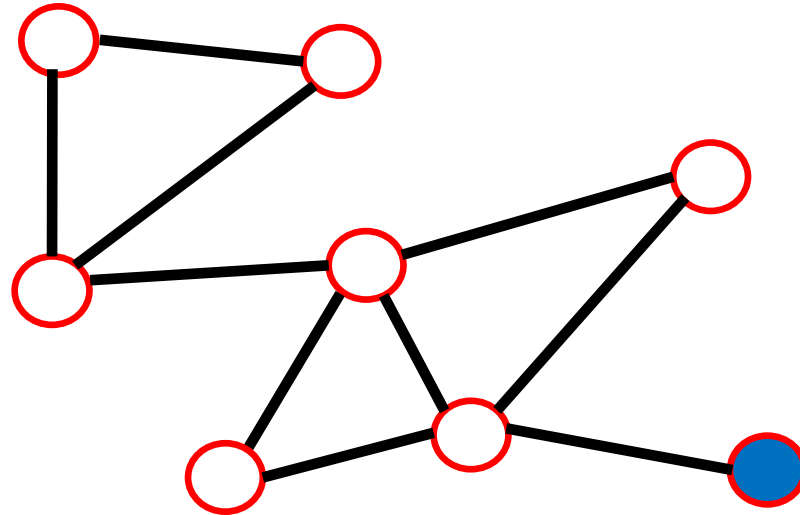
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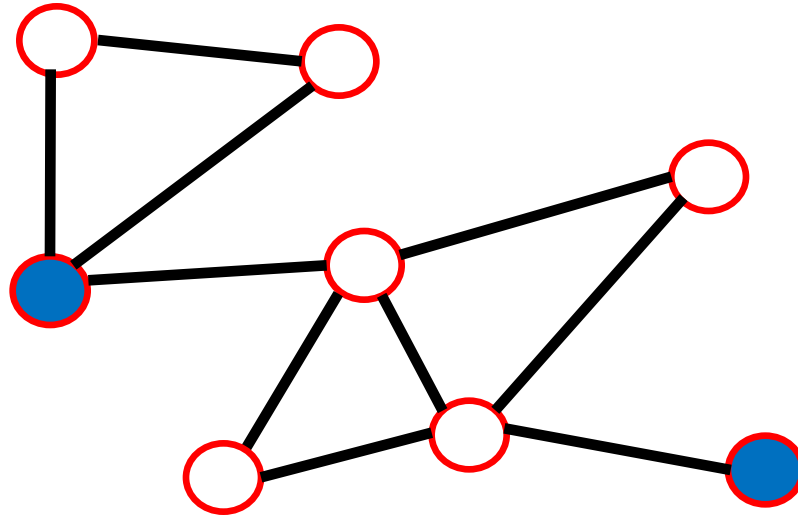
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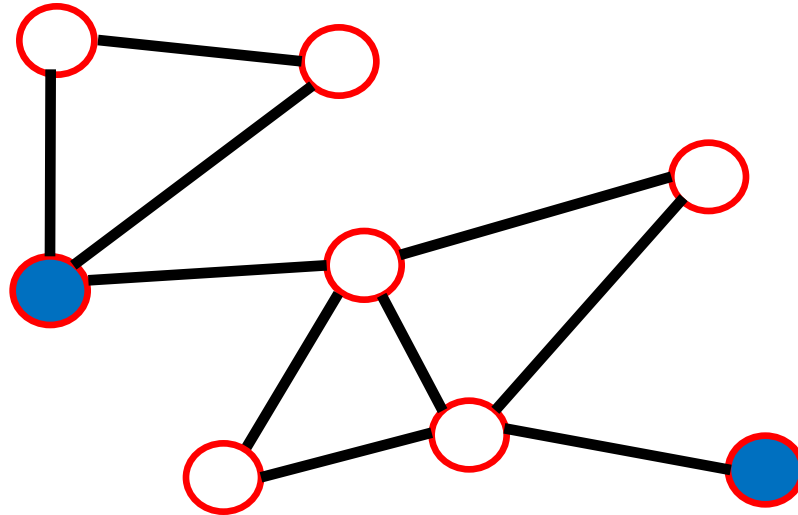
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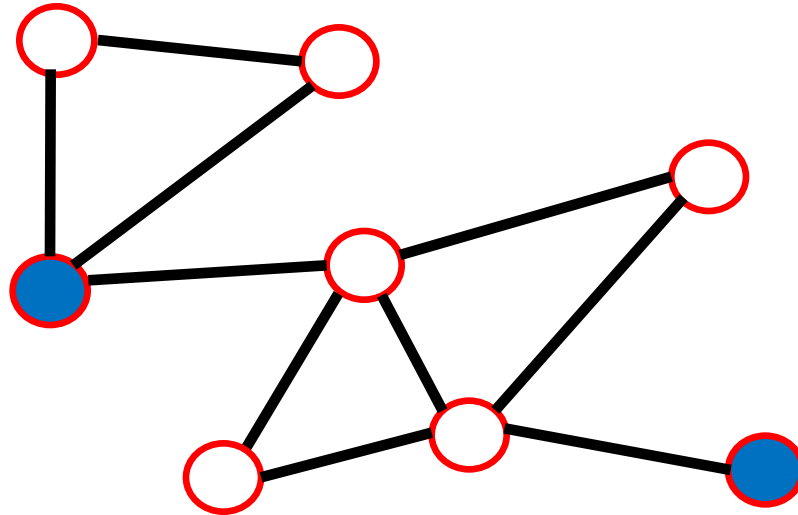
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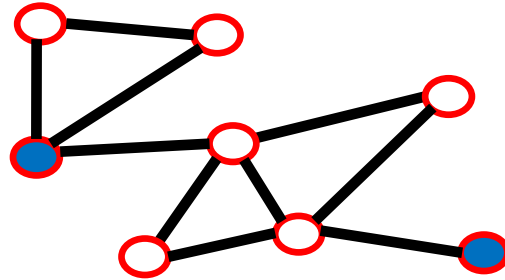
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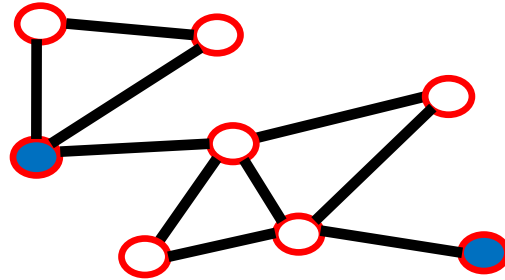
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Colourful Simplicial Depth Bounds

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$$\mu(1) = 2 \quad \mu(2) = 5 \quad \mu(3) = 10$$

$$\left\lceil \frac{(d+1)^2}{2} \right\rceil \leq \mu(d) \leq d^2 + 1 \quad \text{for } d \geq 4$$

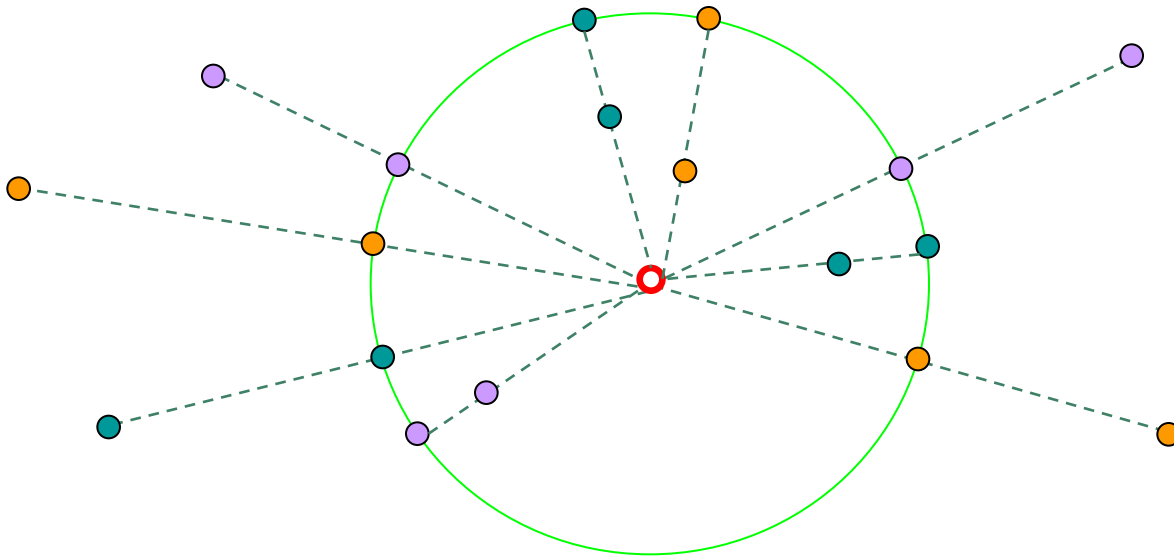
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conjecture: $\mu(d) = d^2 + 1$

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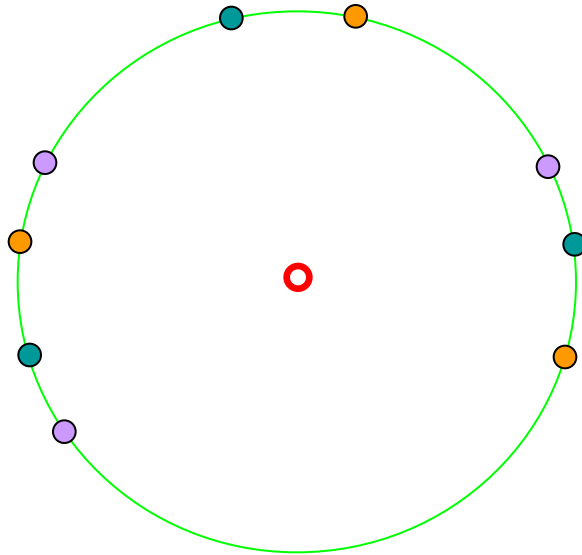
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assume p is the origin, scale the points to the unit sphere
(perturb if degeneracy)

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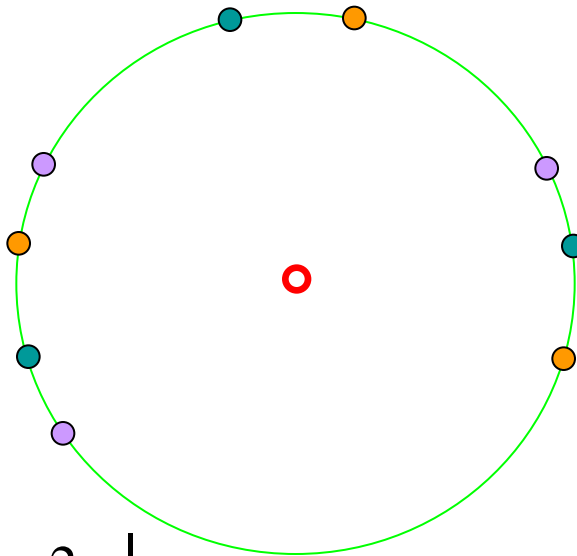


scale the points to the unit sphere

$d+1$ points for each color (convex hull contain origin p)

Colourful Simplicial Depth Bounds

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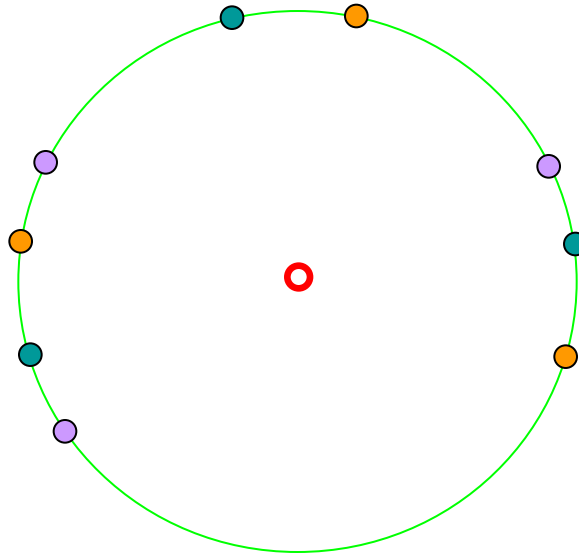


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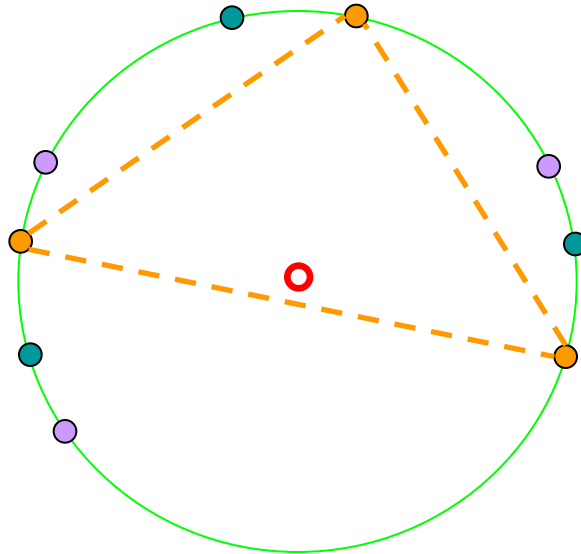


$$5 \leq \mu(2) \leq 5$$

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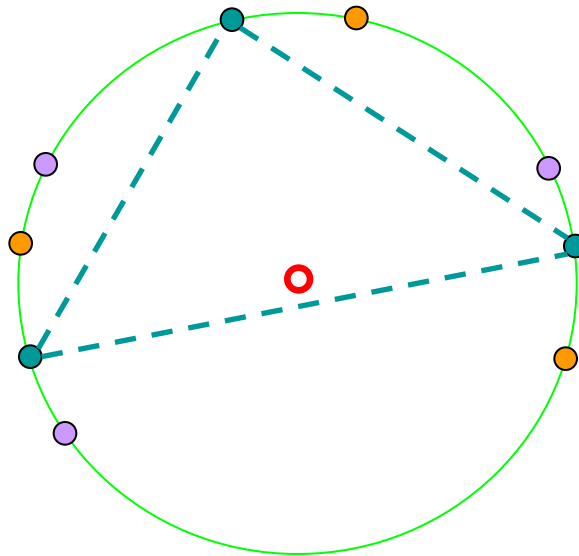


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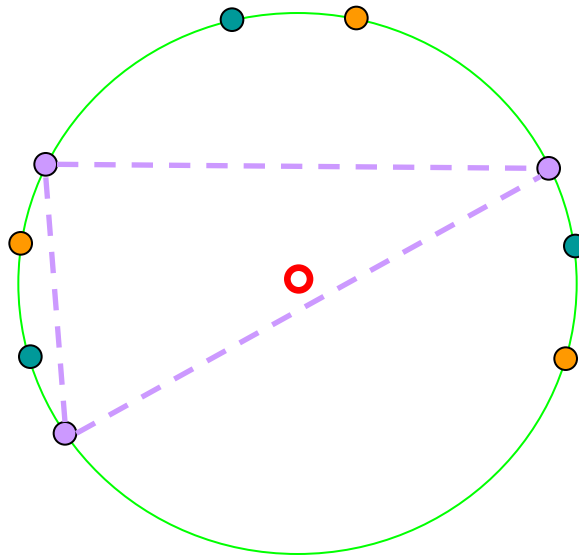


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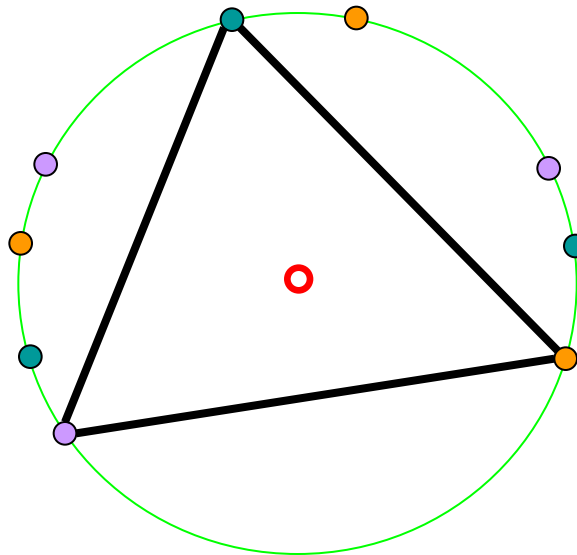
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$$\text{depth}_S(p) = 1$$



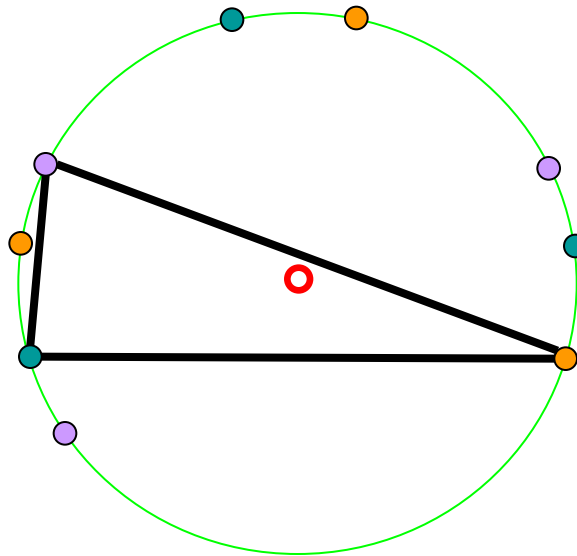
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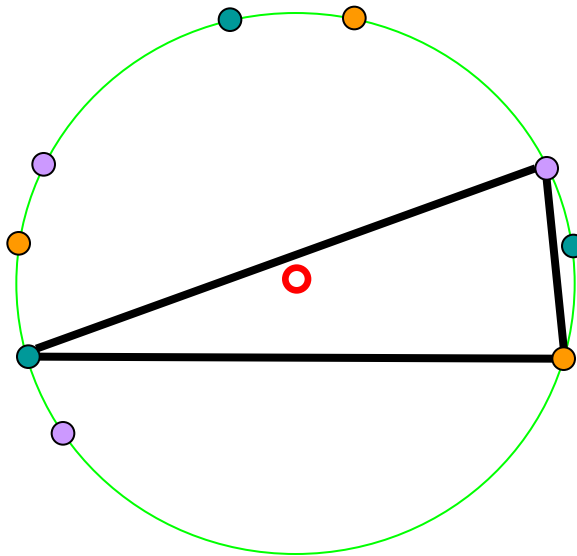
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$$\text{depth}_S(p) = 3$$



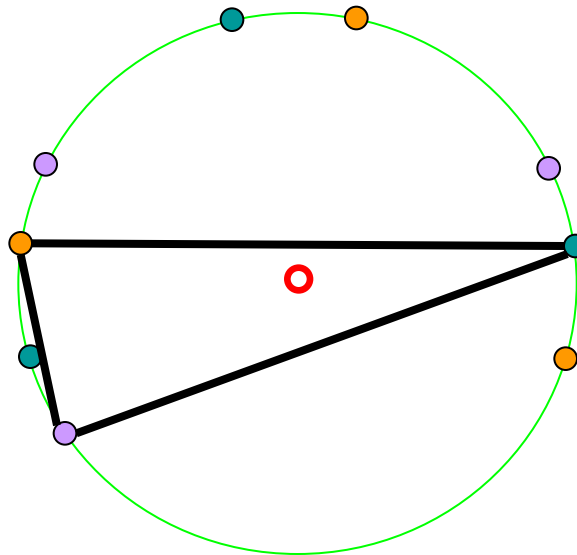
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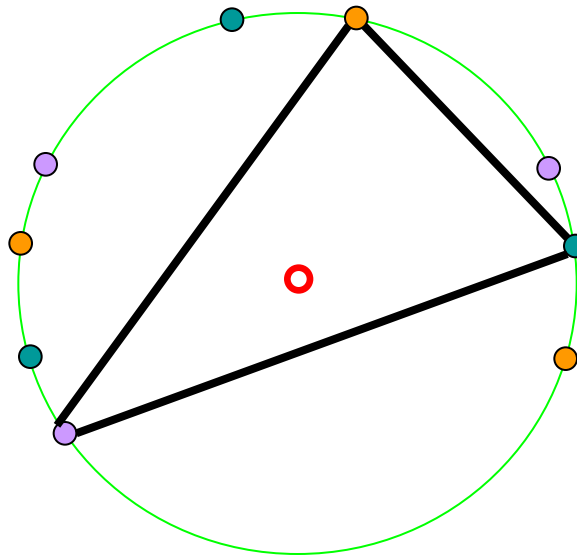
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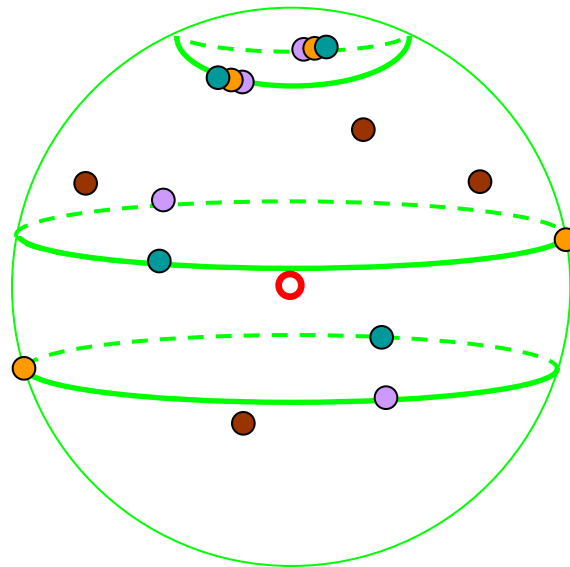


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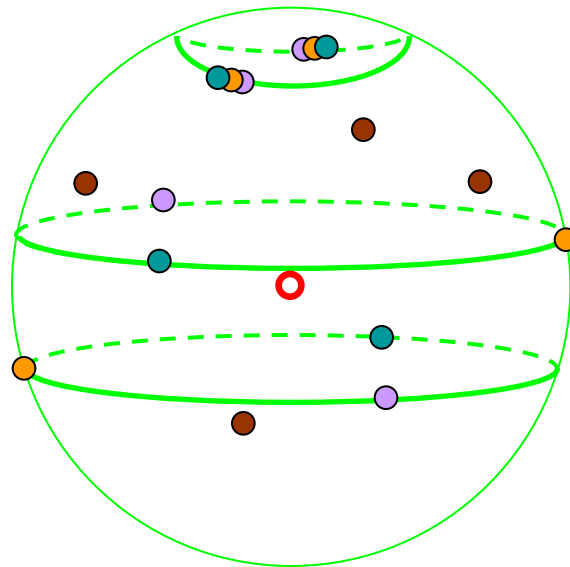


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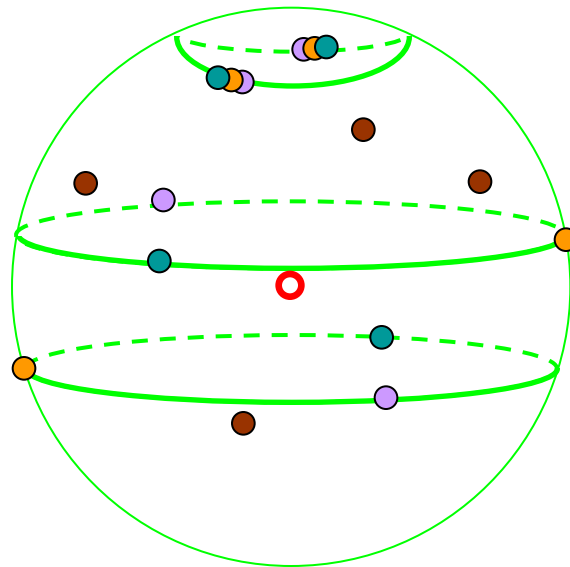


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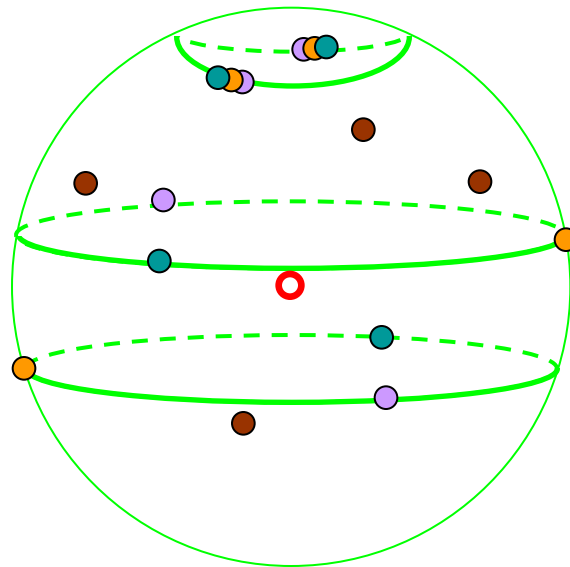
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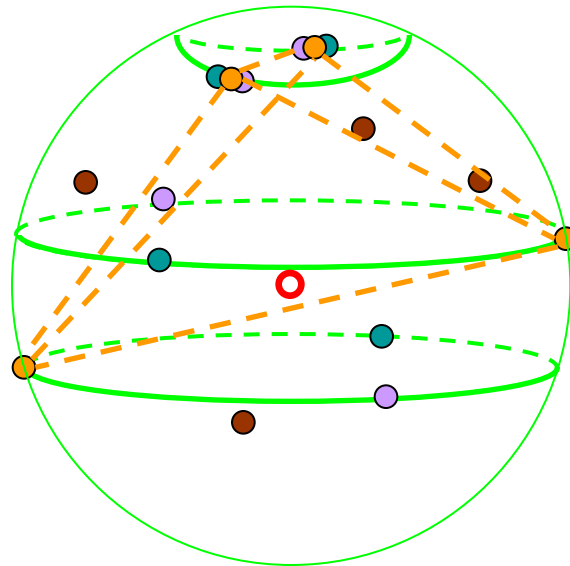


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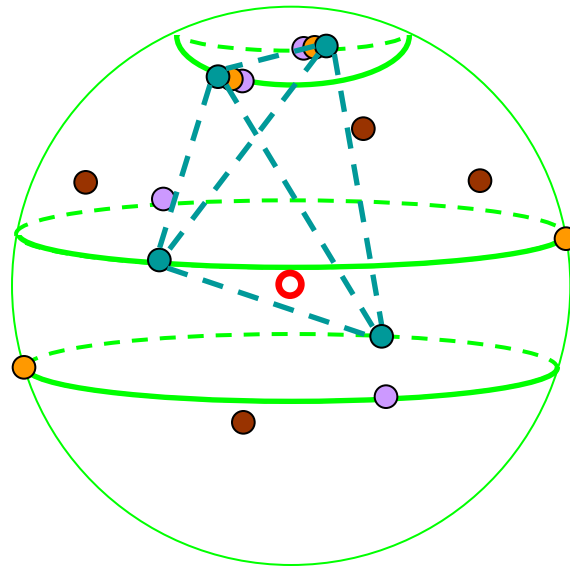


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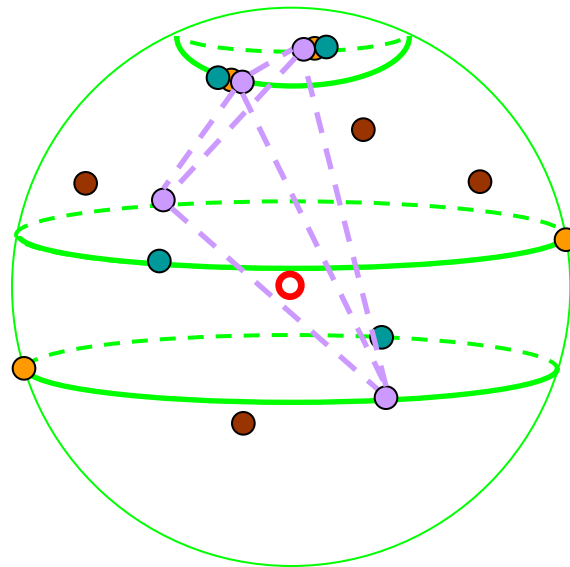


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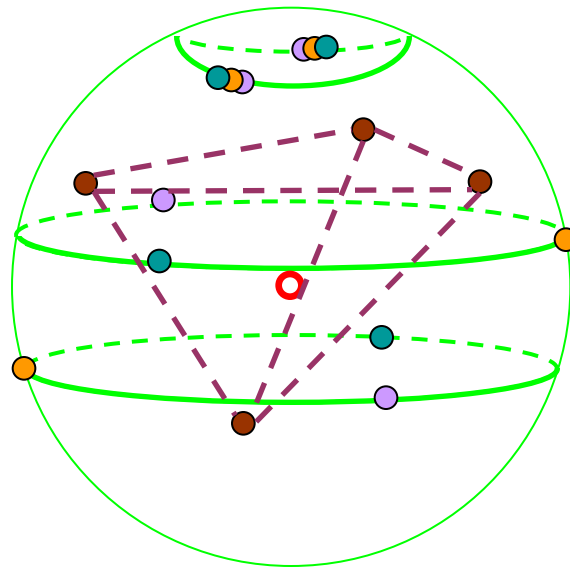


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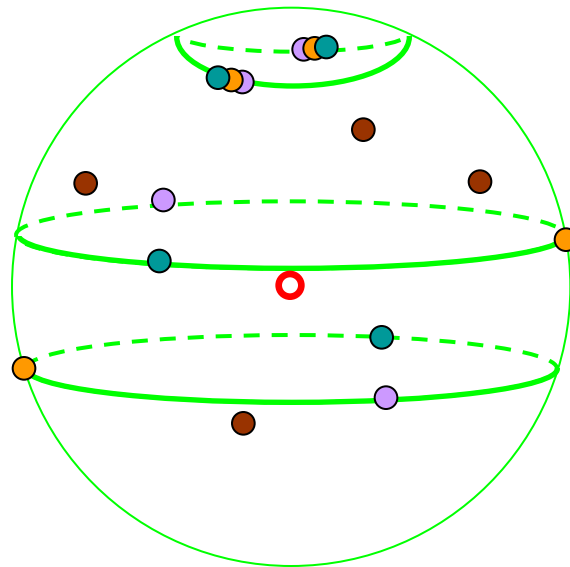
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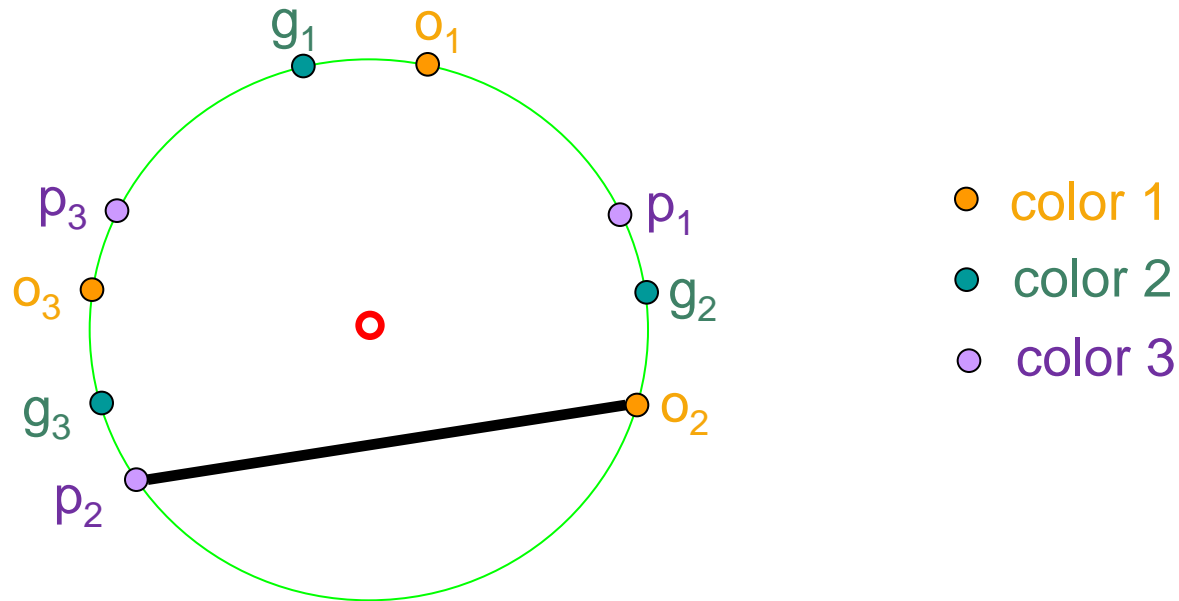


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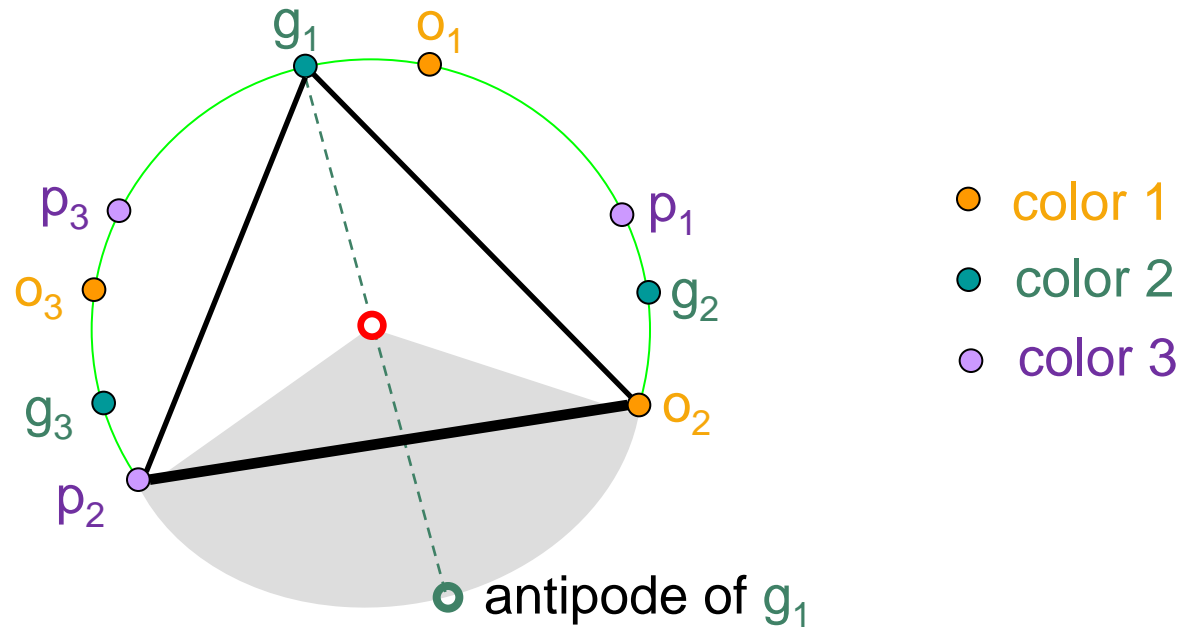
colourful set of d points (one colour missing)



$\hat{2}$ -transversal (o_2, p_2)

Transversal

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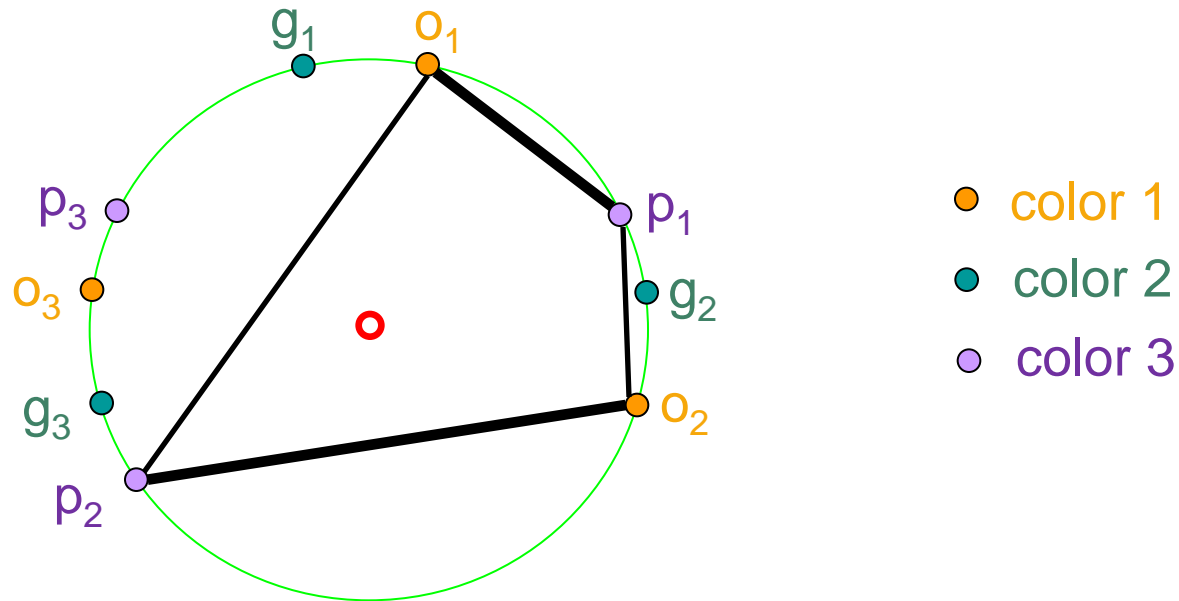


$\hat{2}$ -transversal (o_2, p_2) spans the antipode of g_1

iff (o_2, p_2, g_1) is a colourful simplex

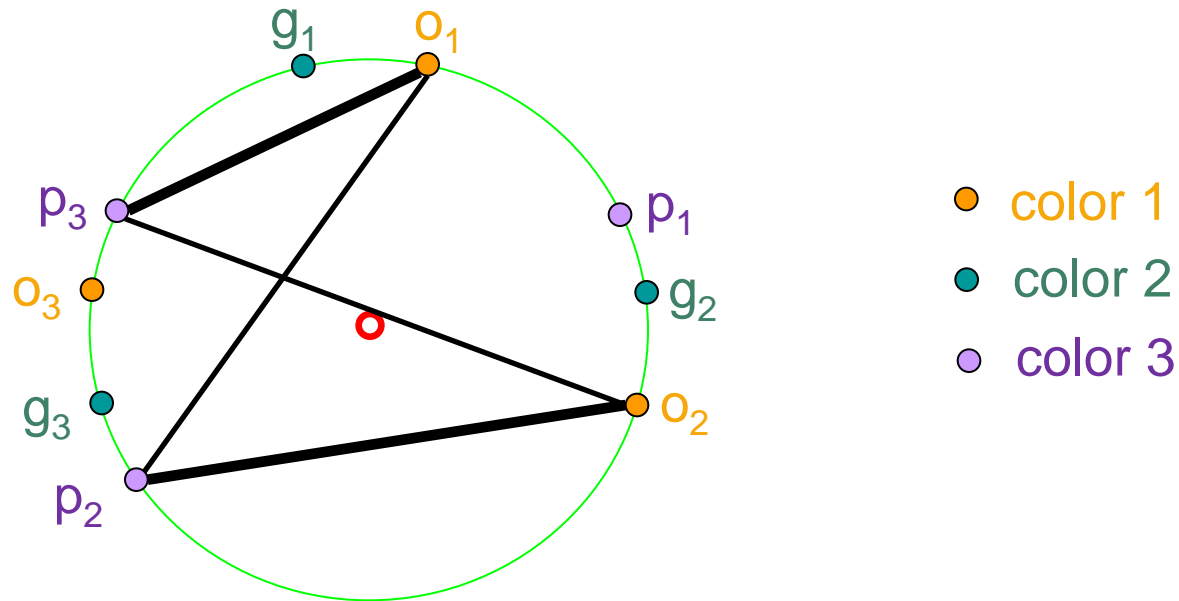
Combinatorial (topological) Octahedra

pair of disjoint \hat{i} -transversals



octahedron $[(o_1, p_1), (o_2, p_2)]$

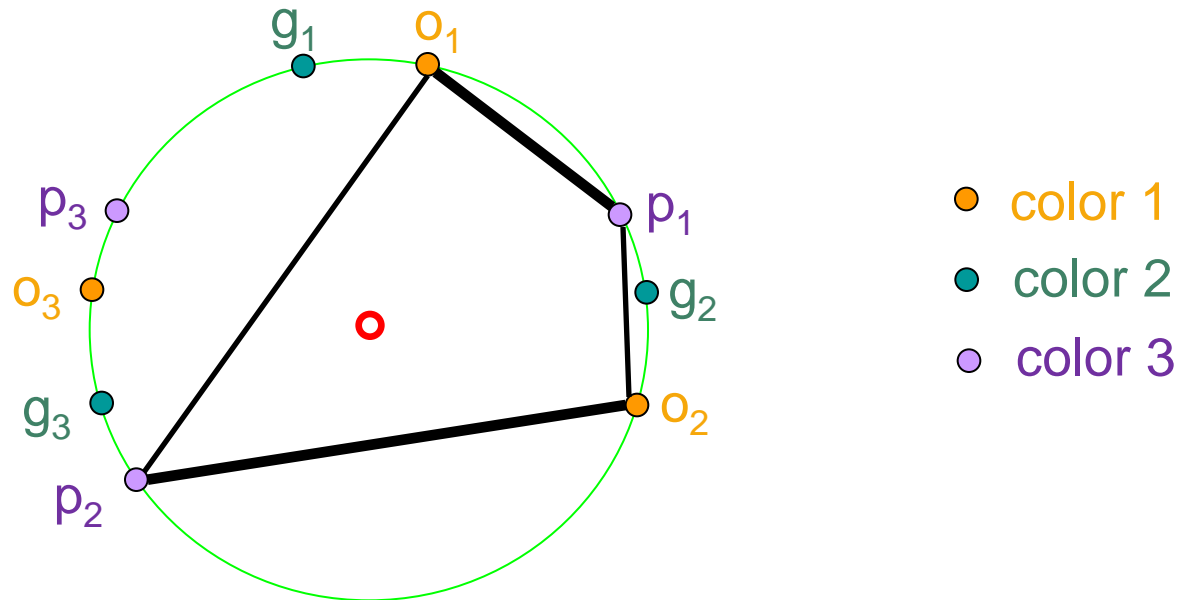
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Octahedron Lemma

origin-containing octahedra

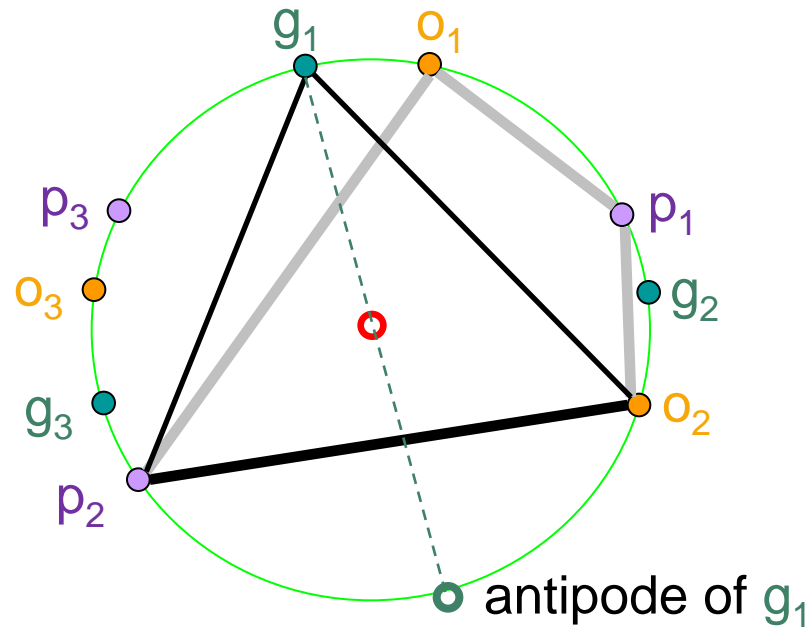


octahedron $[(O_1, P_1), (O_2, P_2)]$

2^d colourful faces span the whole sphere if it contains the origin (creating $d+1$ colourful **simplexes**)

Octahedron Lemma

origin-containing octahedron



Colourful **simplexes**:

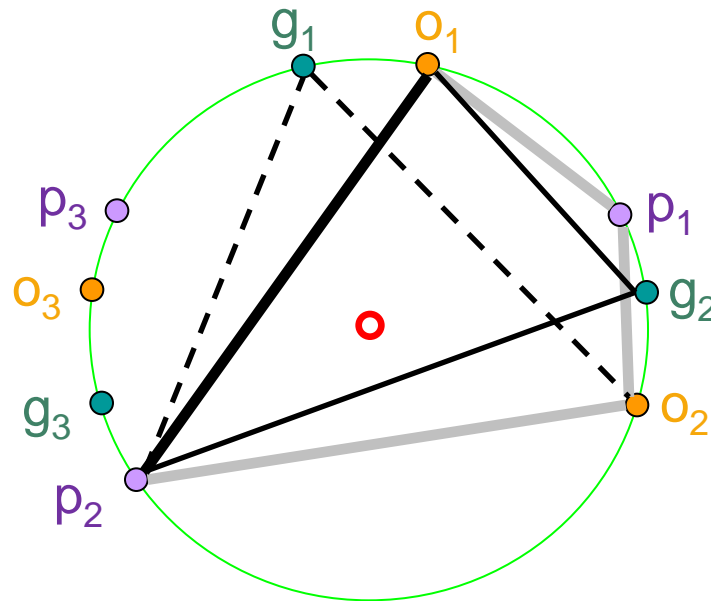
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2^d colourful faces span the sphere if it contains p
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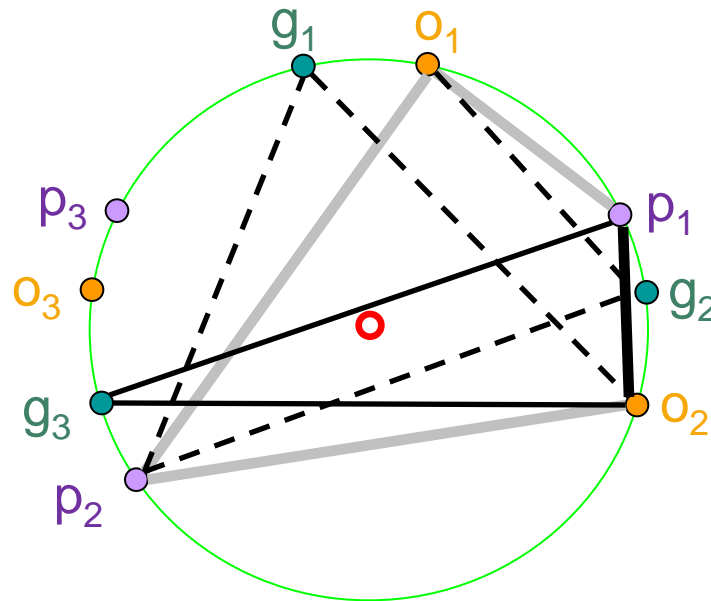
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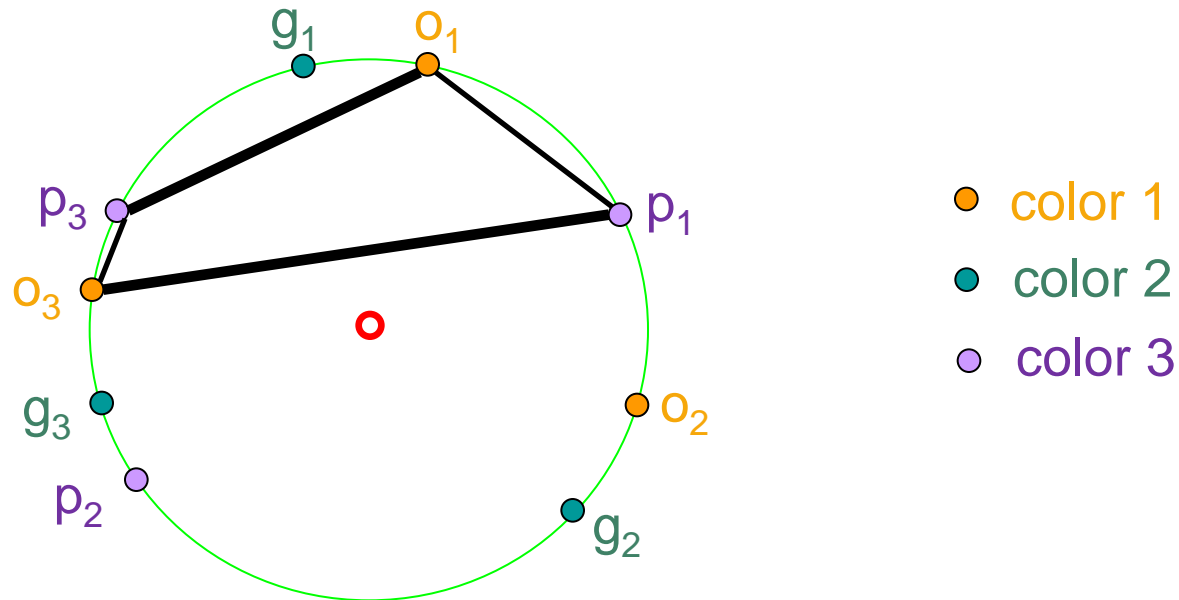
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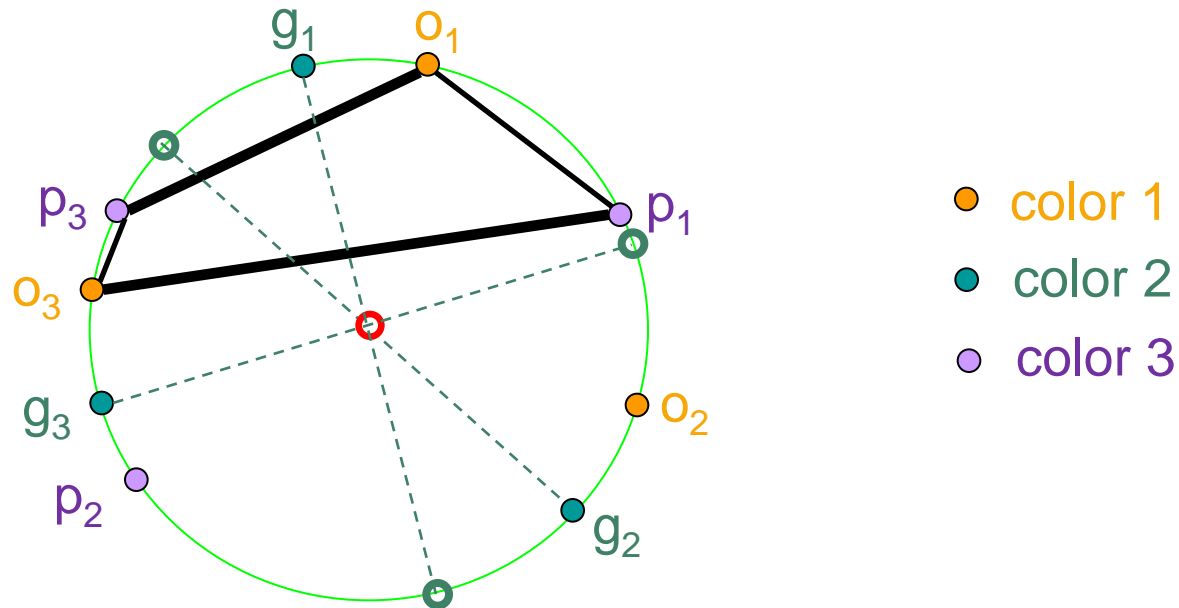
octahedron not containing the **origin**



octahedron $[(o_1, p_3), (o_3, p_1)]$ does not contain p

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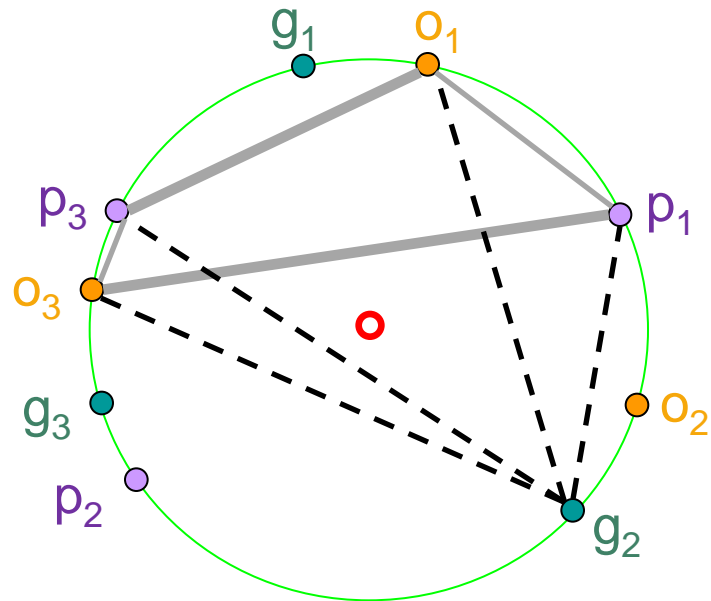
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Colourful **simplexes**:

(g_2, o_1, p_3)

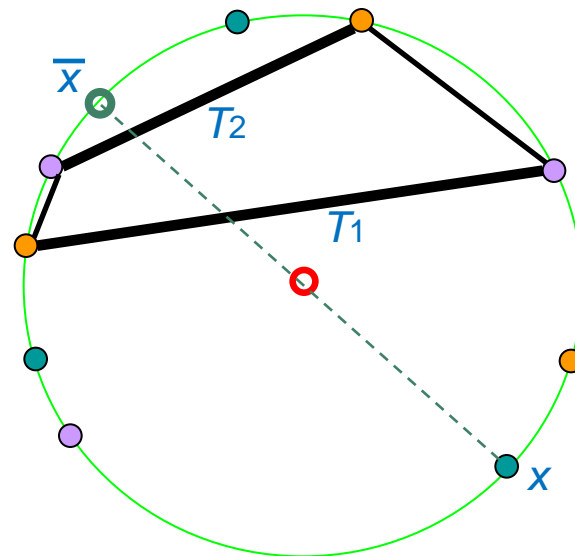
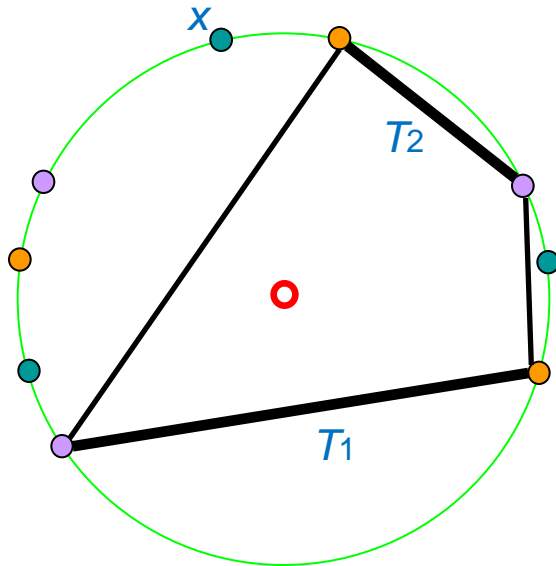
(g_2, o_3, p_1)

octahedron $[(o_1, p_3), (o_3, p_1)]$ spans any antipode an even number of times \Rightarrow creating an even number of colourful **simplexes** (might be zero)

Octahedron Lemma

Given 2 disjoint transversals T_1 and T_2 , and T_1 spans \bar{x} (antipode of x),

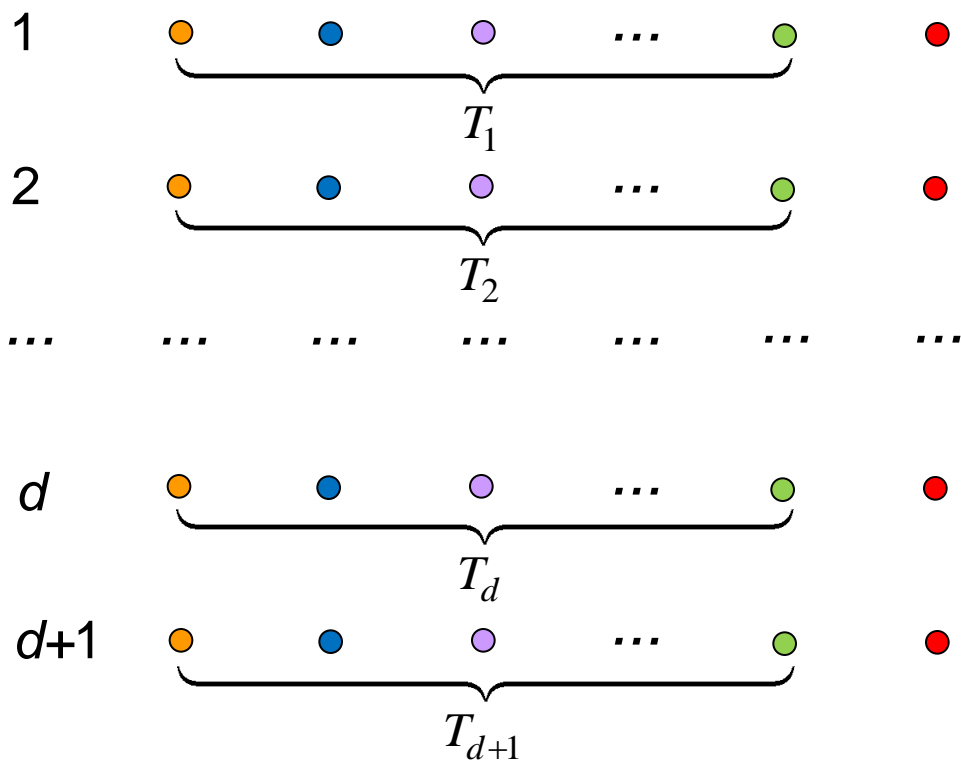
- either octahedron (T_1, T_2) contains p ,
- or there exists a transversal $T \neq T_1$ consisting of points from T_1 and T_2 that spans \bar{x} .



Sketch of the Proof

$$\left\lceil \frac{(d+1)^2}{2} \right\rceil \leq \mu(d)$$

S_1 S_2 S_3 ... S_d S_{d+1}

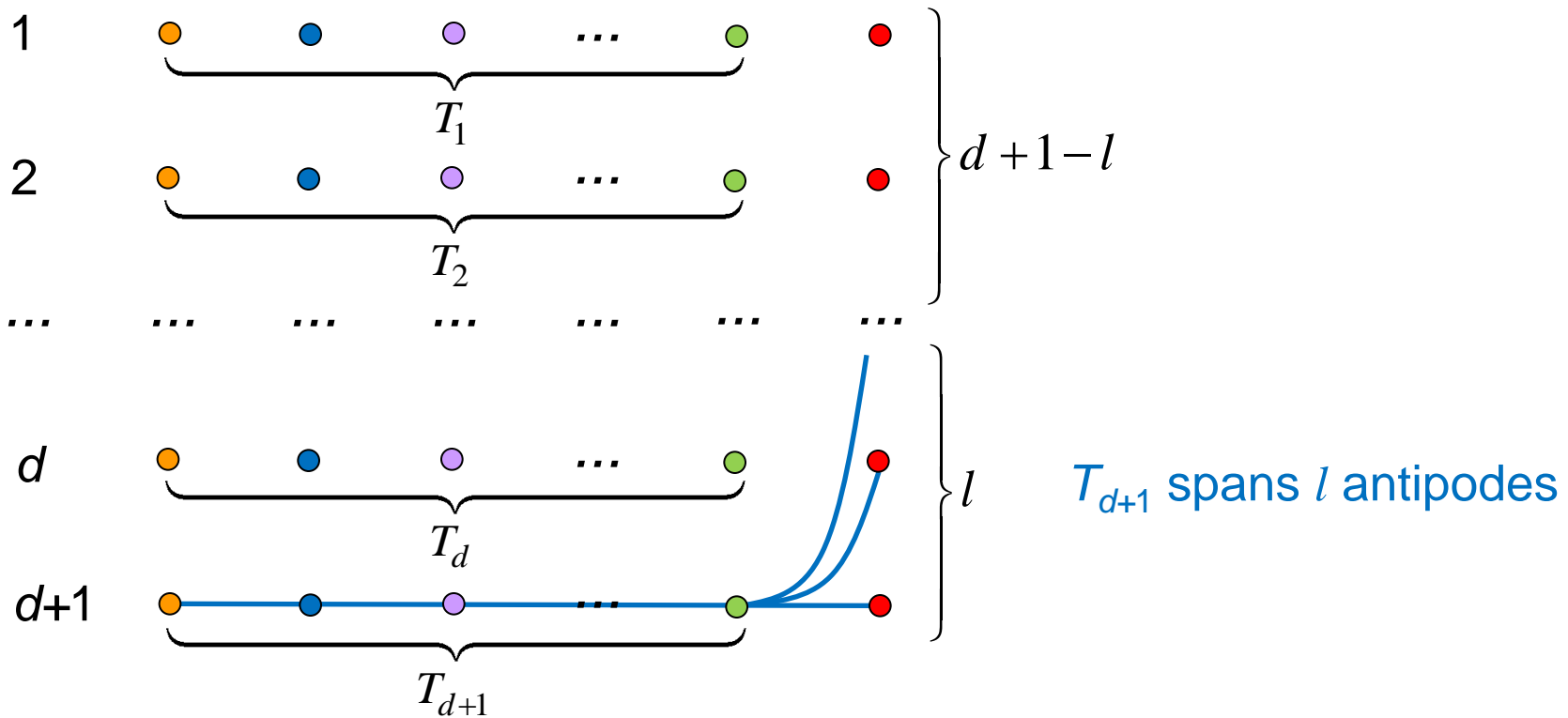


$$\mu(d) \geq ?$$

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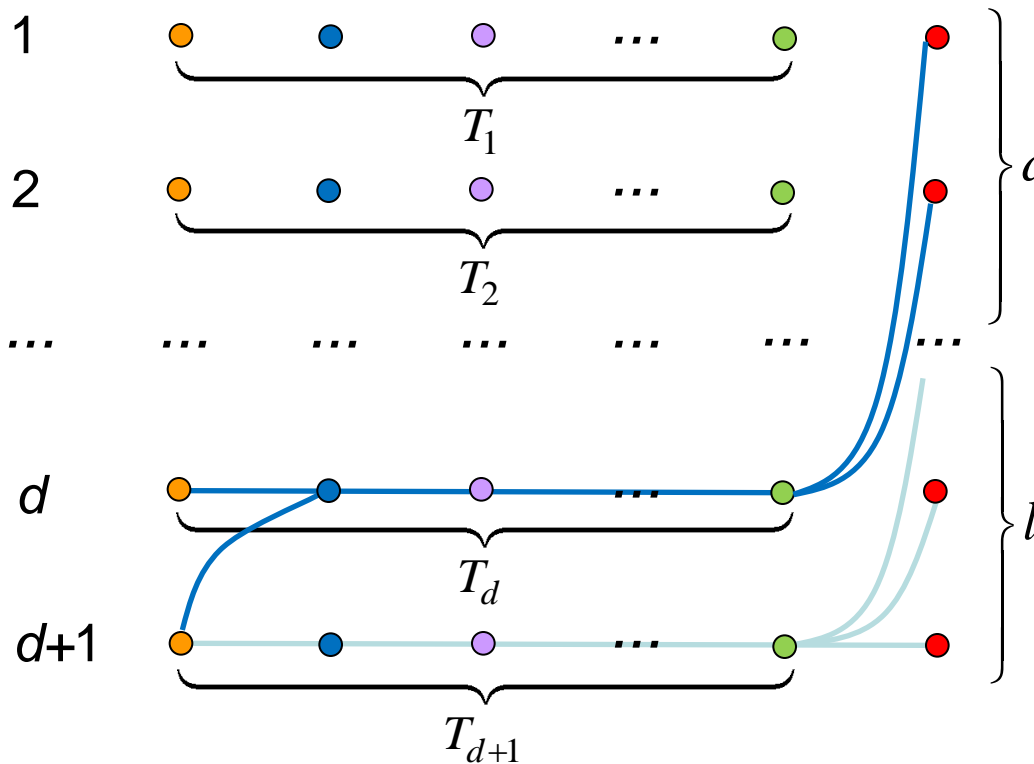


$$\mu(d) \geq l \geq 1$$

Sketch of the Proof

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consider the d octahedra:

$(T_1, T_{d+1}), (T_2, T_{d+1}), \dots, (T_d, T_{d+1})$

among them:

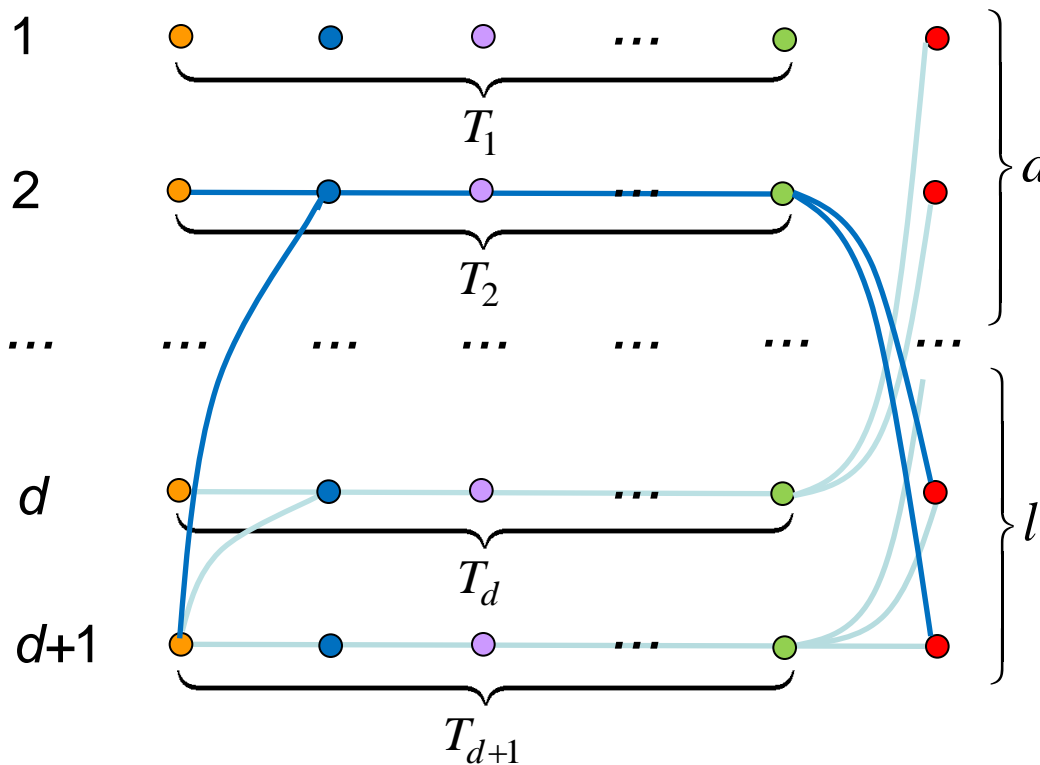
- b contain p , each generate $d+1-l$ new colourful simplices.

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consider the d octahedra:

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$d+1-l$

among them:

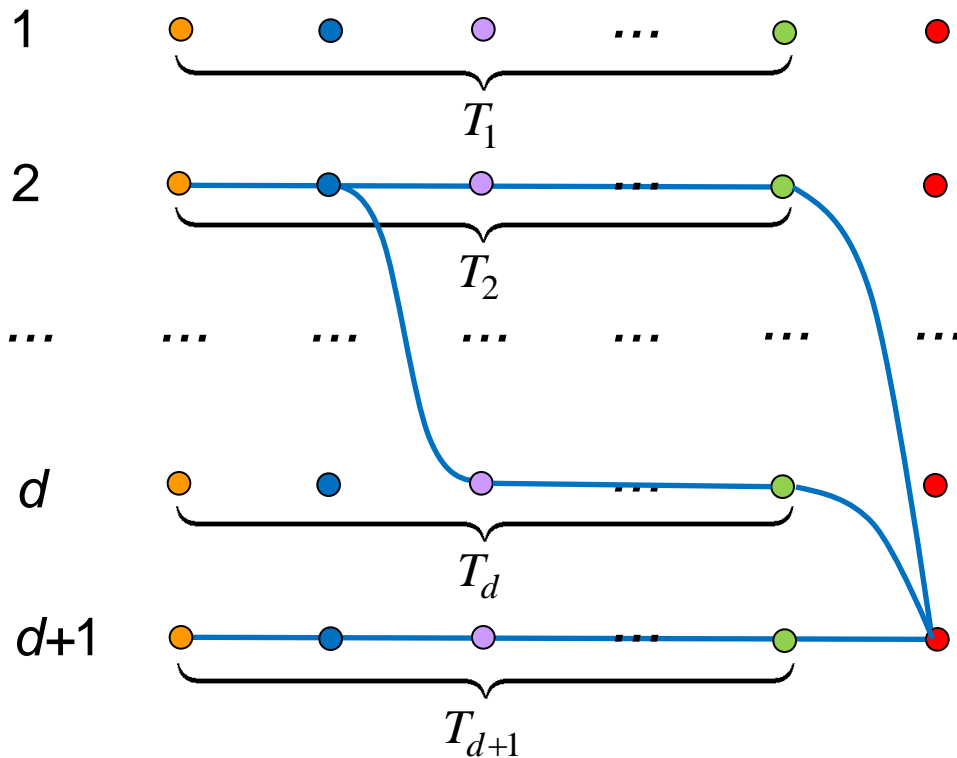
- b contain p , each generates $d+1-l$ new colourful simplex.
- $d-b$ do not contain p , each generates l new colourful simplex (Octahedron Lemma)

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another counting (point-wise):

each antipode from S_{d+1} is spanned by at least j transversals

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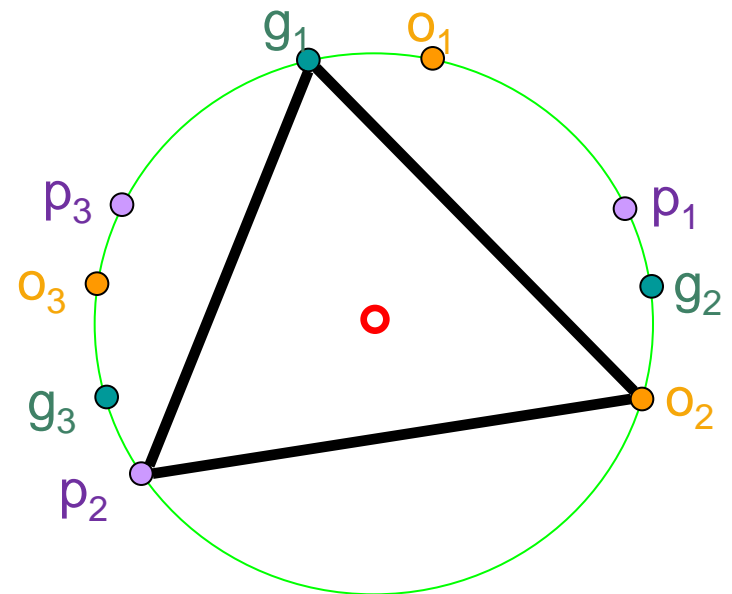
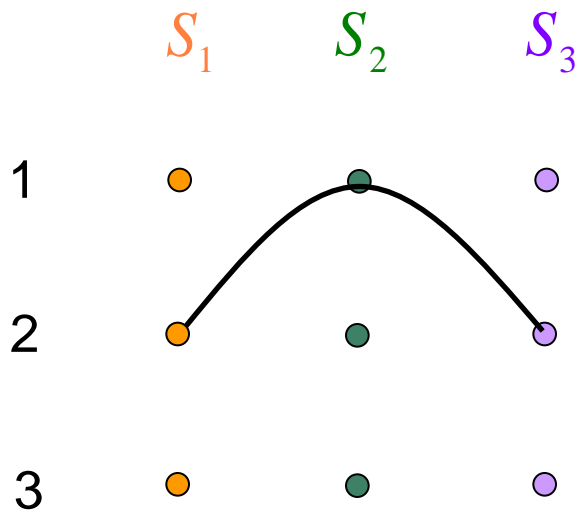
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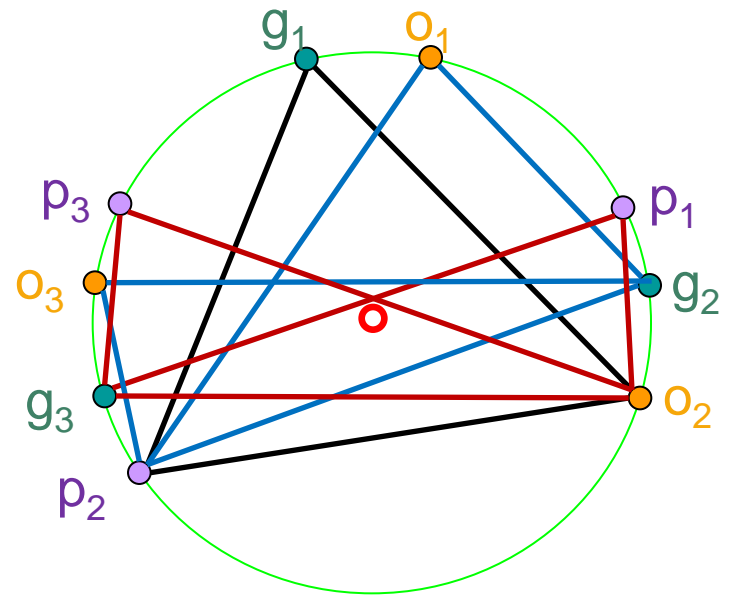
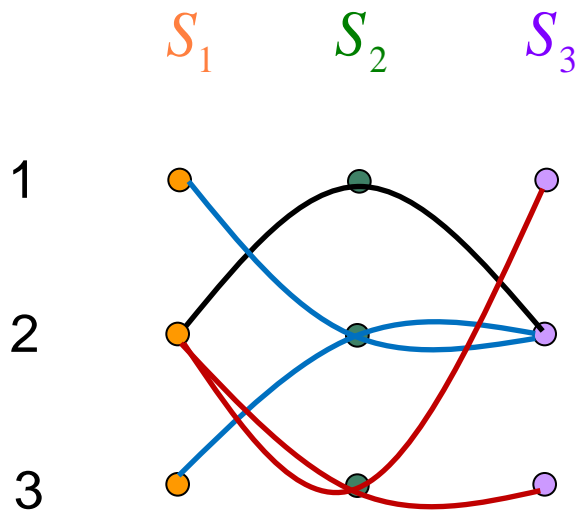
hypergraph representation of colourful point configurations



hyper-edge: colourful simplex containing p

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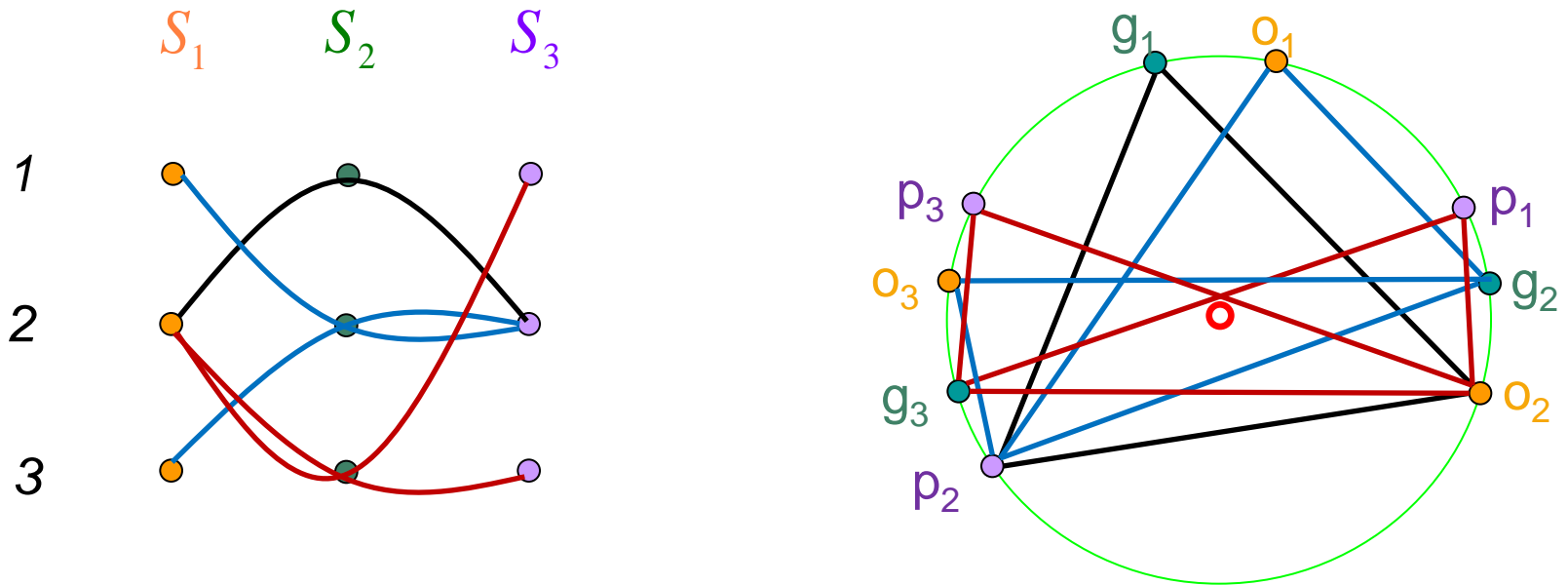
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necessary conditions for the hyper-graph:

- every vertex belongs to at least one hyper-edge.
- Octahedron Lemma (parity) holds for any pair of transversals.

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if no hyper-graph with t or less hyper-edges satisfies the 2 necessary conditions, then $\mu(d) > t$

\Rightarrow computational proof that $\mu(3) = 10$

still intractable for $d = 4$ (currently under investigation).

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