

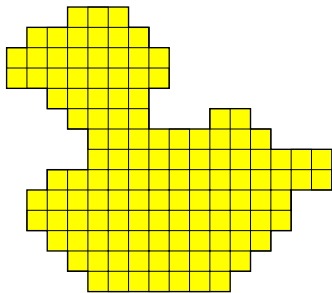
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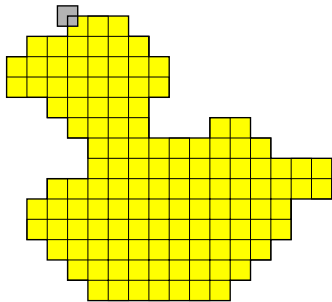


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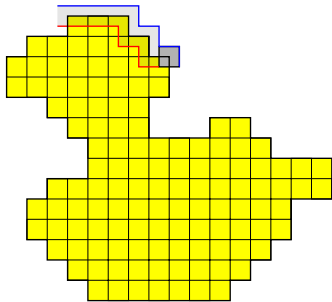
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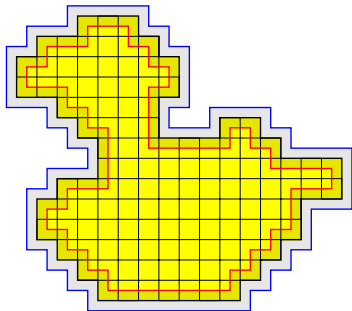
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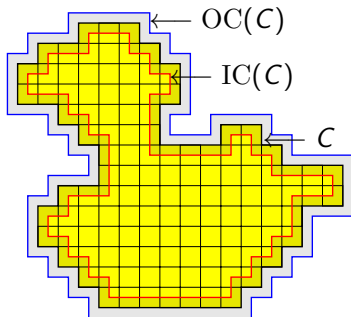
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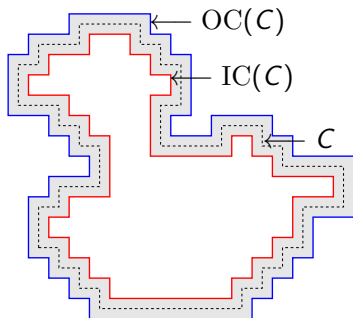
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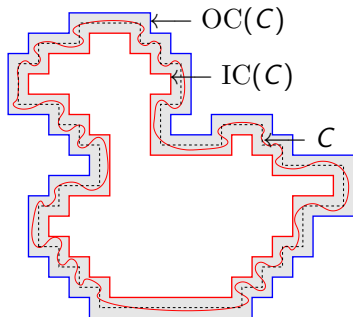
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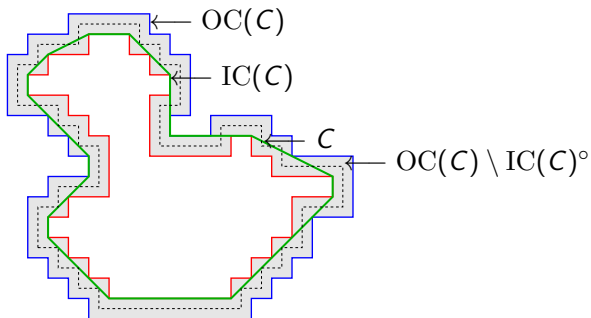
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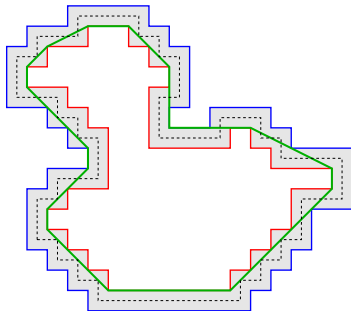
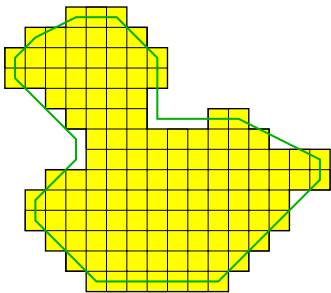
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The *minimum length polygon* of C is a subset $P \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that,

$$P = \arg \min_{A \in \mathcal{A}, IC(C) \subseteq A, \partial A \subseteq OC(C) \setminus IC(C)^\circ} \text{Per}(A)$$

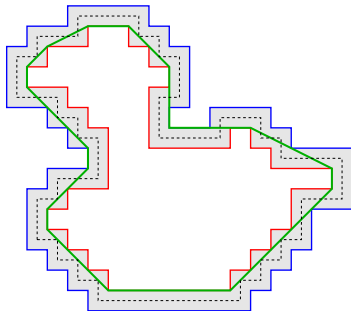
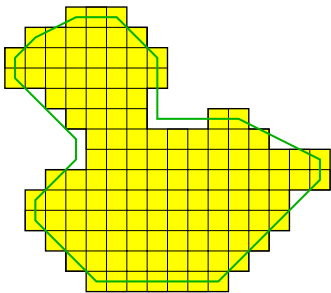
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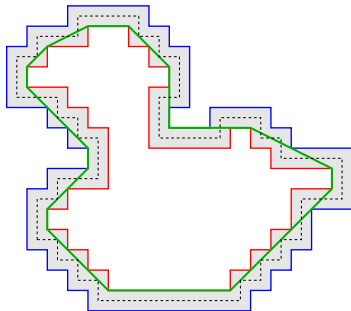
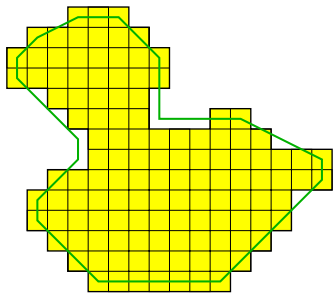
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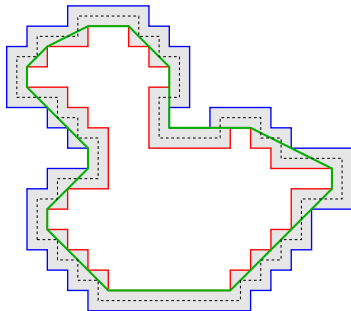
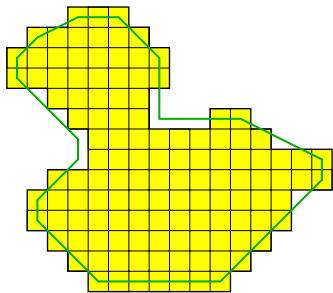


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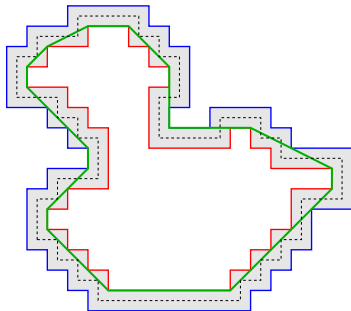
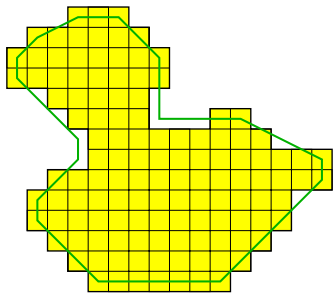


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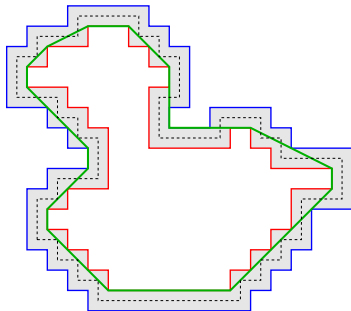
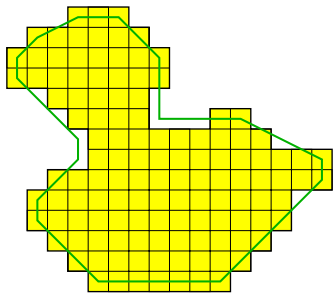


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- reversible².

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² If aligned vertices are considered.

MLP is computable in time linear with respect of the length of C .

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Segmentation using deformable models

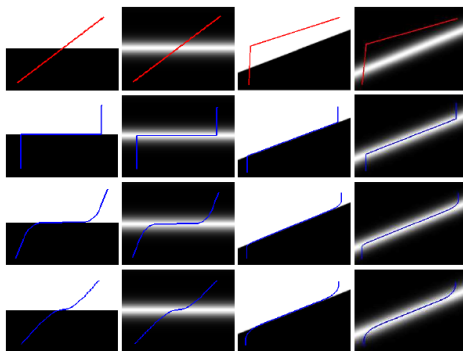
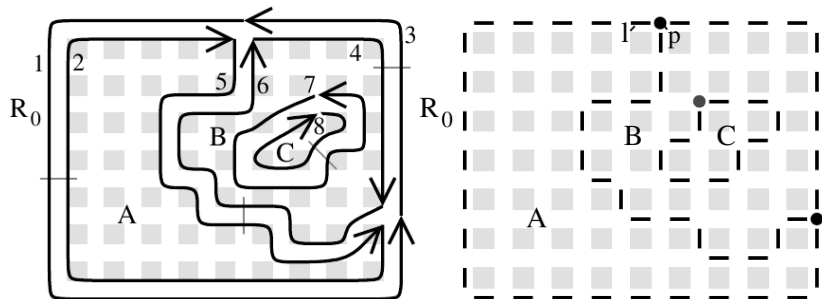


Fig. 4. Example of the minimization process using the Greedy1 algorithm. The gradient is computed with the Canny-Deriche method with scale coefficient 0.2. The input image represents a half-plane. (First row) Initialisation of the DDM. (Second row) Results of the minimisation process, the α coefficient used is equal to 0. (Third row) Results with $\alpha = 200$. (Fifth row) Results with $\alpha = 300$.

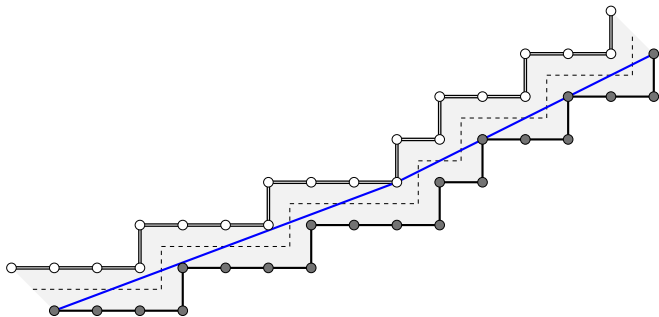
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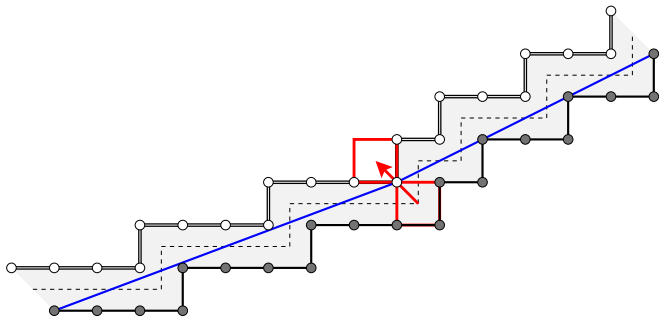


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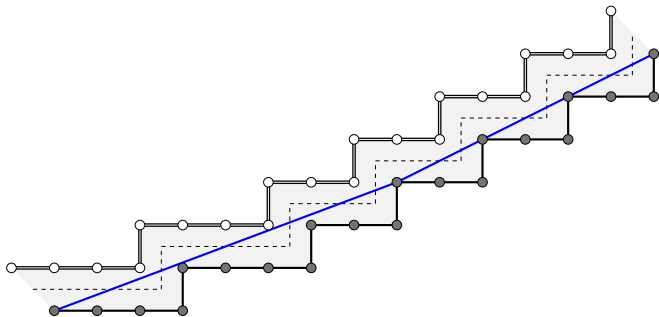
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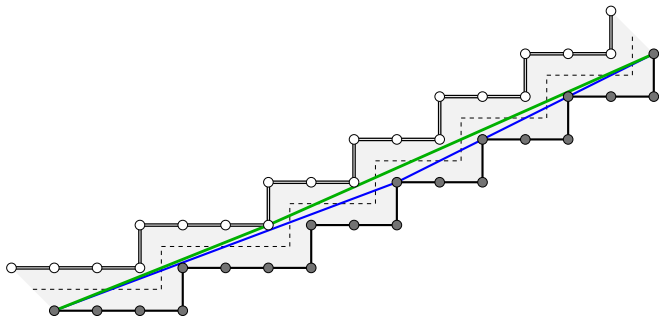
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- $k \geq 1$ is its number of repetitions
- the boolean δ indicates if x has one endpoint on the inner contour and one on the outer.

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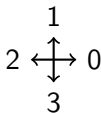
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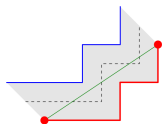
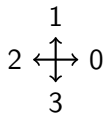
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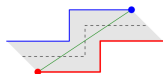
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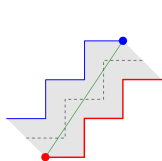
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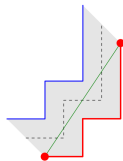
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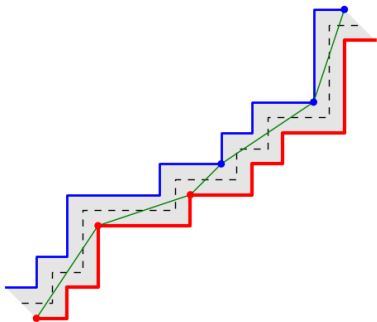
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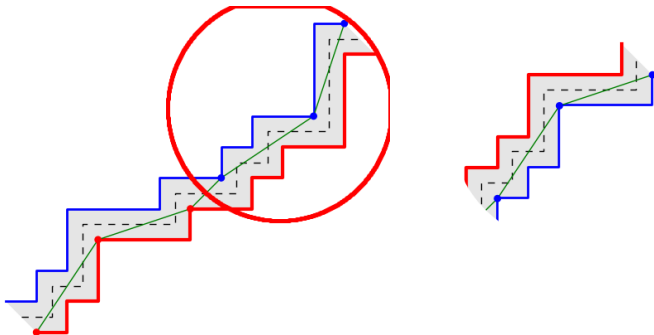
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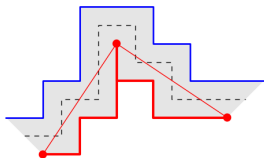
From grid-curves to polygons.

A grid-curve $\Gamma = [l_0, l_1, \dots, l_{n-1}]$, a context (a_0, b_0) and a start point P_0 define a polygonal curve $P_\Gamma = [P_0, P_1, \dots, P_n]$ in the following way :

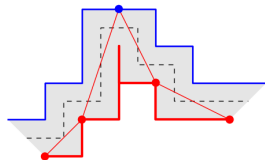
$$P_{i+1} = P_i + \overset{(a_i, b_i)}{\overrightarrow{l_i}} \quad \text{and} \quad (a_{i+1}, b_{i+1}) = l_i(a_i, b_i).$$

By fixing the first point on the inside or outside polygon, a discrete contour is defined unambiguously.

Not unique



$$[(2, 3), \sigma^+, (2, 3)]$$



$$[(1, 1), \widetilde{(3, 1)}, \sigma^-, \widetilde{(2, 1)}, (1, 2)]$$

Definition

Two grid-curves Γ and Γ' are *equivalent*, if they define the same digital contour and ends in the same orientation.

The MLP of the digital contour C is the shortest grid-curve in the equivalence class defined by C .

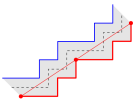
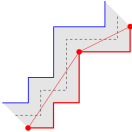
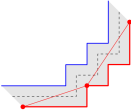
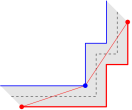
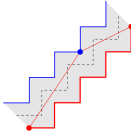
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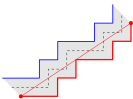
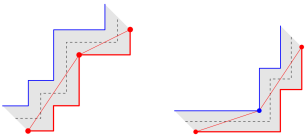
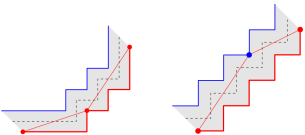
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Merge case : $x \otimes y = 1$

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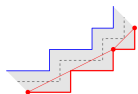
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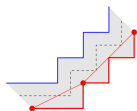
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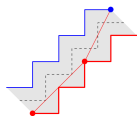
$$[x, y] \equiv [z] \text{ where } z = \begin{cases} ((kp + lr, kq + ls), 1, \delta_x) & \text{if } \delta_y = \text{false.} \\ ((kp + ls, kq + lr), 1, \neg\delta_x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



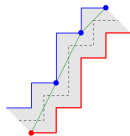
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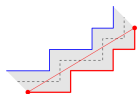
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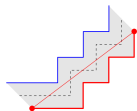
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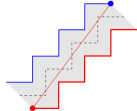
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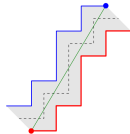
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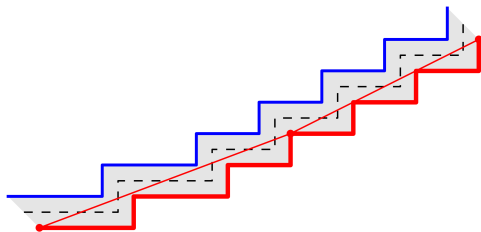
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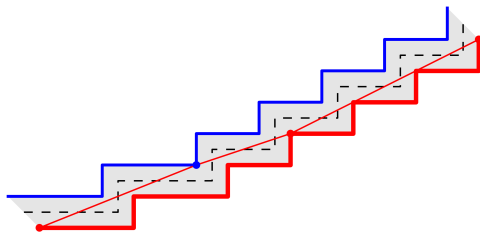
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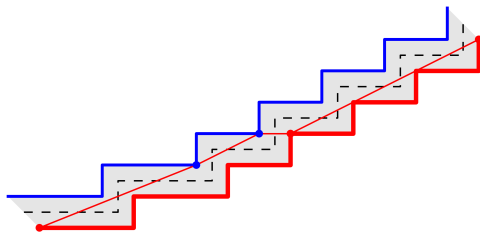
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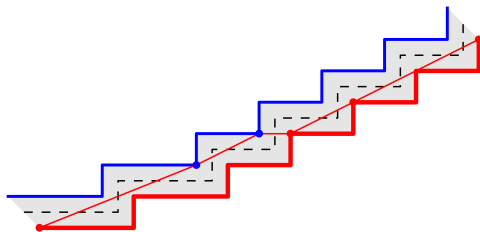
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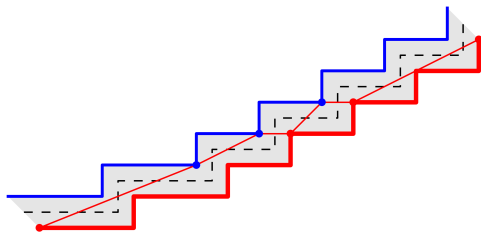
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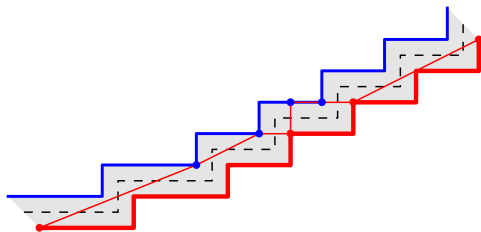
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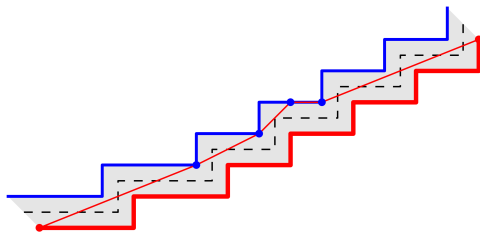
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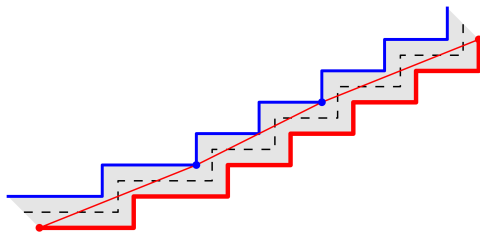
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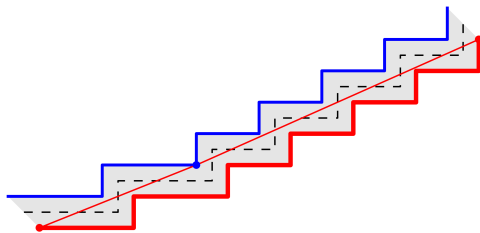
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How to split ?

Notation

Let $x = ((p, q), 1, \text{false})$ and $q/p = [u_0; u_1, \dots, u_n]$.

- $q_i/p_i = [u_0; u_1, \dots, u_i]$, • $x_{-1} = ((0, 1), 1, \text{false})$,
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Definition

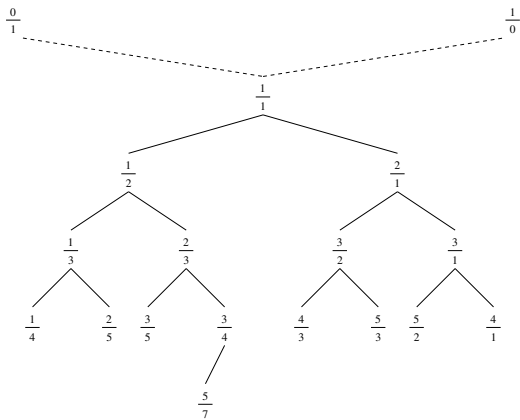
The *basic splitting* of the grid-vector x_n is the grid-curve :

$$s(x_n) = \begin{cases} [x_{2m-2}, x_{2m-1}^{u_{2m}}] & \text{if } n = 2m, \\ [x_{2m}^{u_{2m+1}}, x_{2m-1}] & \text{if } n = 2m+1, \end{cases}$$

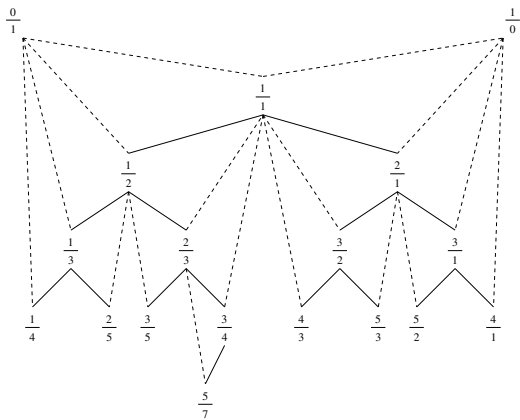
A grid-vector and its basic splittings both define the same interpixel path.

$$s(x) = [y, z] \implies y \otimes z = 1.$$

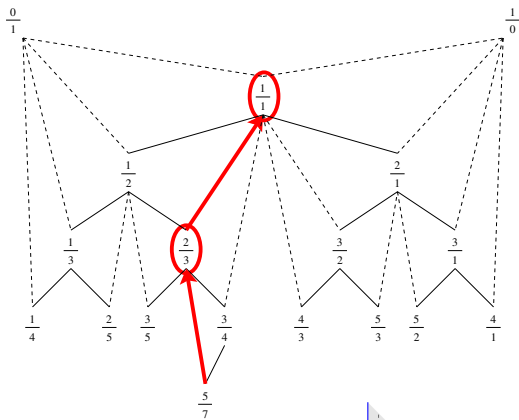
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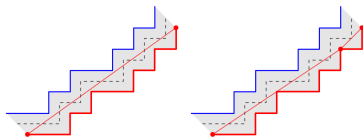
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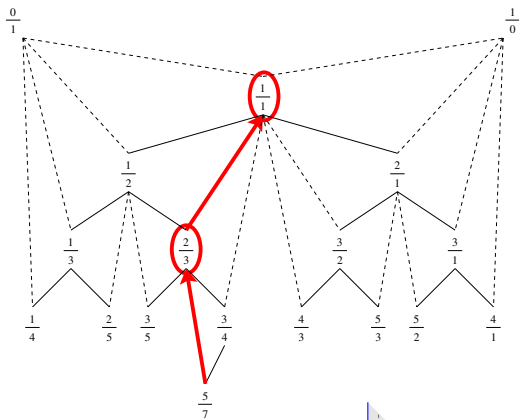
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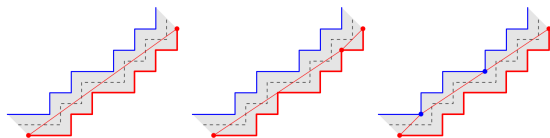
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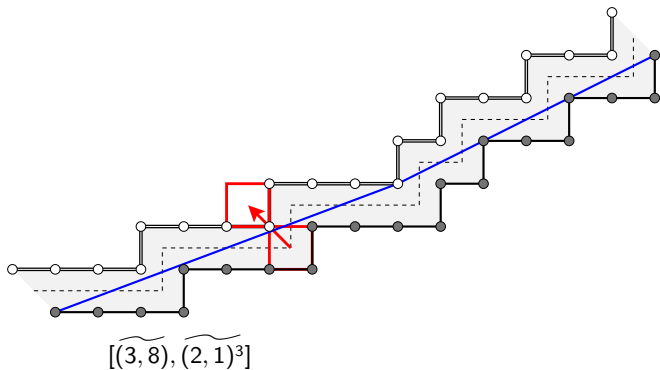
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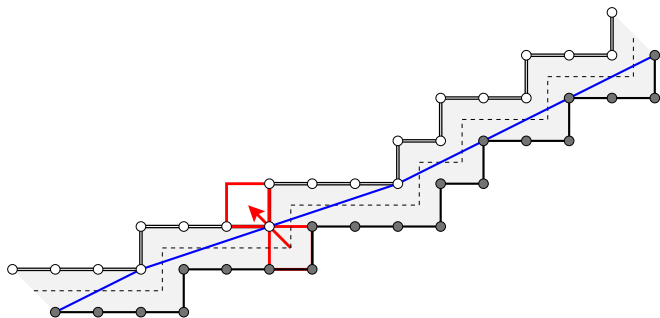


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Flip a pixel



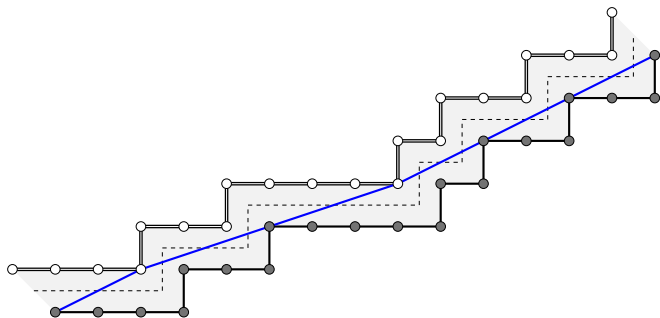
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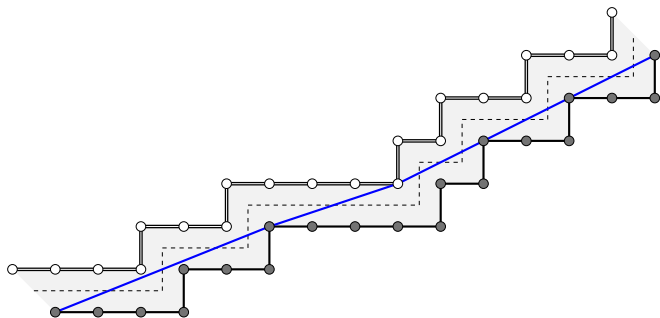


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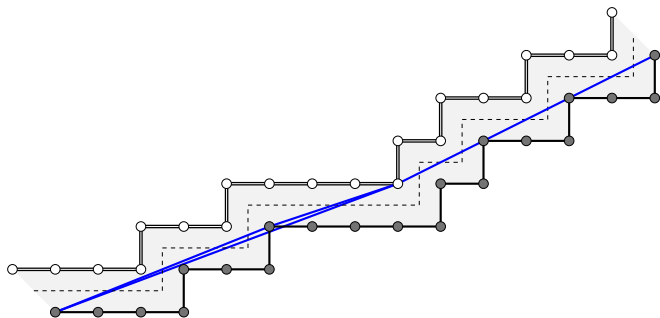


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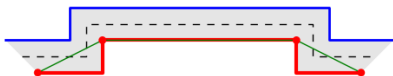


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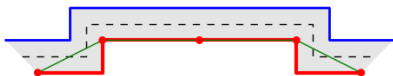
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Flip a pixel on a flat part



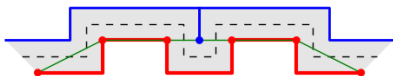
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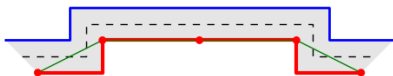
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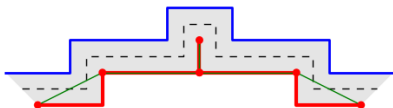
$$[(2, 1), (1, 0)^2, \widetilde{(0, 1)}, \widetilde{(1, 0)}^3, \sigma^+, (1, 2)]$$

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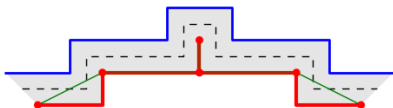
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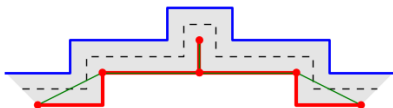
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How to simplify σ^- ?

Flip a pixel on a flat part

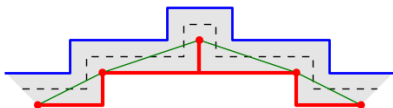


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How to simplify σ^- ?

- Cancellation : $[\sigma^-, \sigma^+] \equiv [\sigma^+, \sigma^-] \equiv []$
- Split the grid-edges in order to have a local part build only with $\{\sigma^+, \sigma^-, (1, 0), (0, 1), \widetilde{(1, 0)}, \widetilde{(0, 1)}\}$. Operators σ^- are then simplify using local rules such as :

$$[(1, 0), \sigma^-, (1, 0), \sigma^+] \equiv [(1, 1)] \text{ and } [\sigma^-, (1, 0)^k, \sigma^+] \equiv [(0, 1)^k]$$

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Given a grid-curve that is the MLP of a digital contour, this contour may be modified by adding or removing one pixel and its MLP updated in time sub-linear with respect to the length of the modified part of the MLP.

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