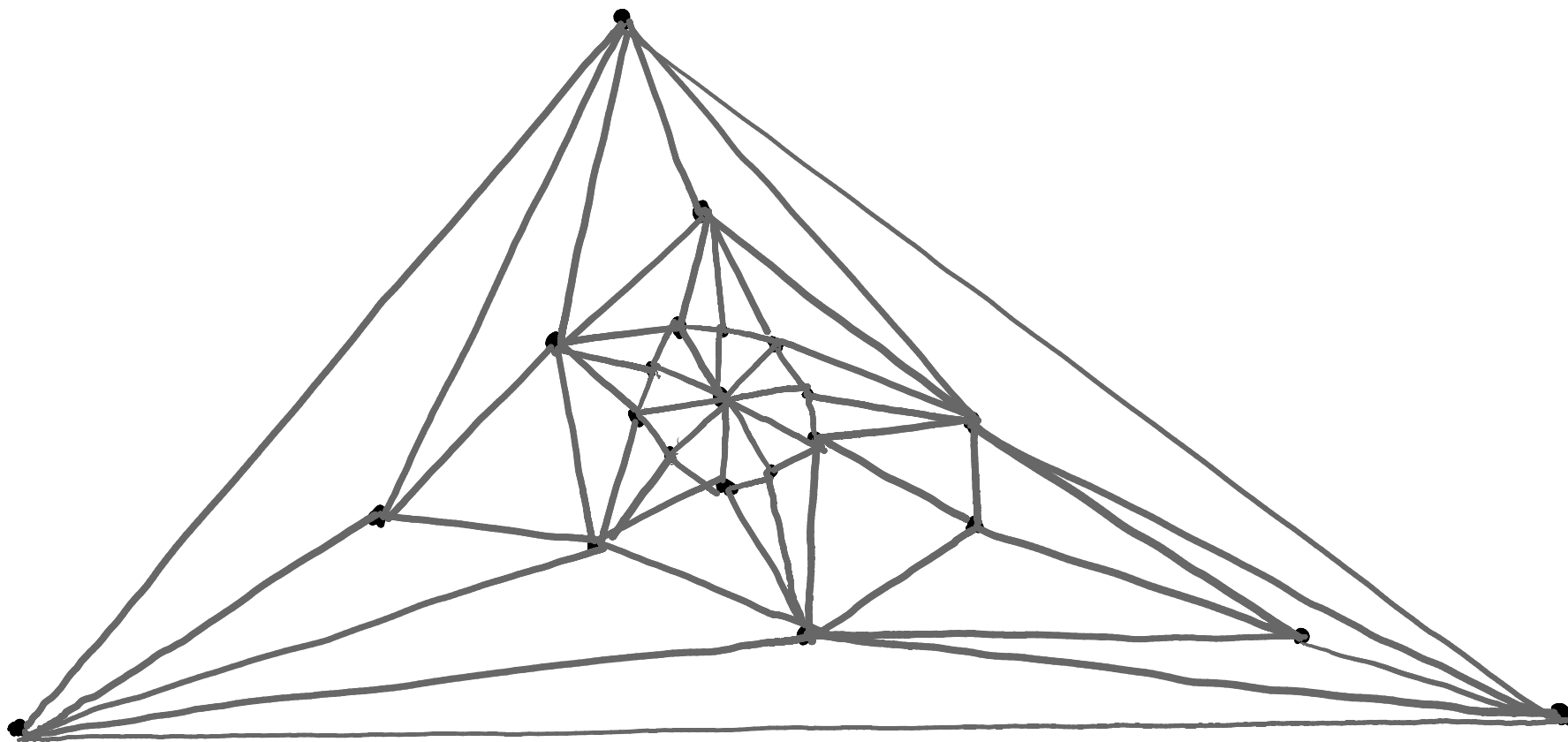


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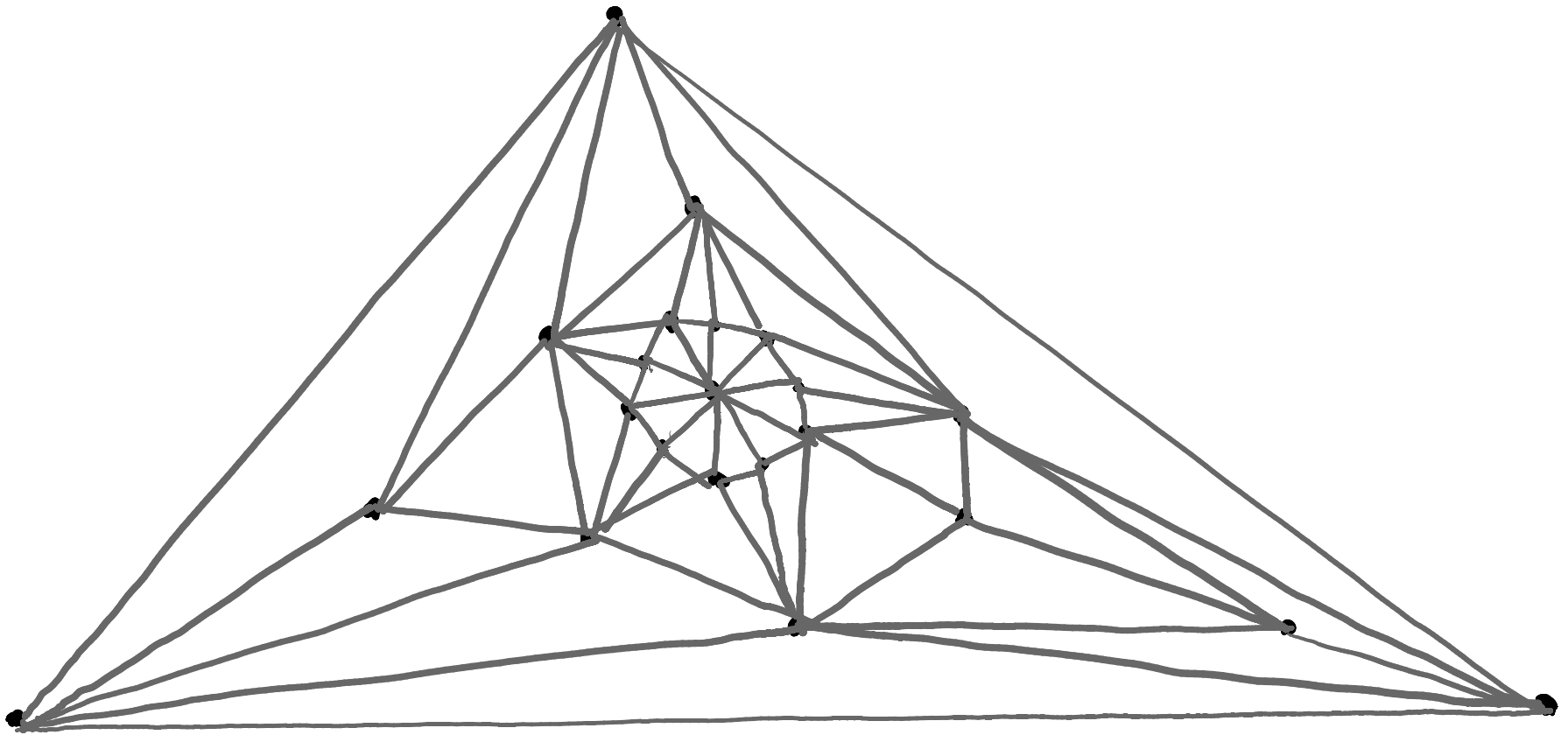
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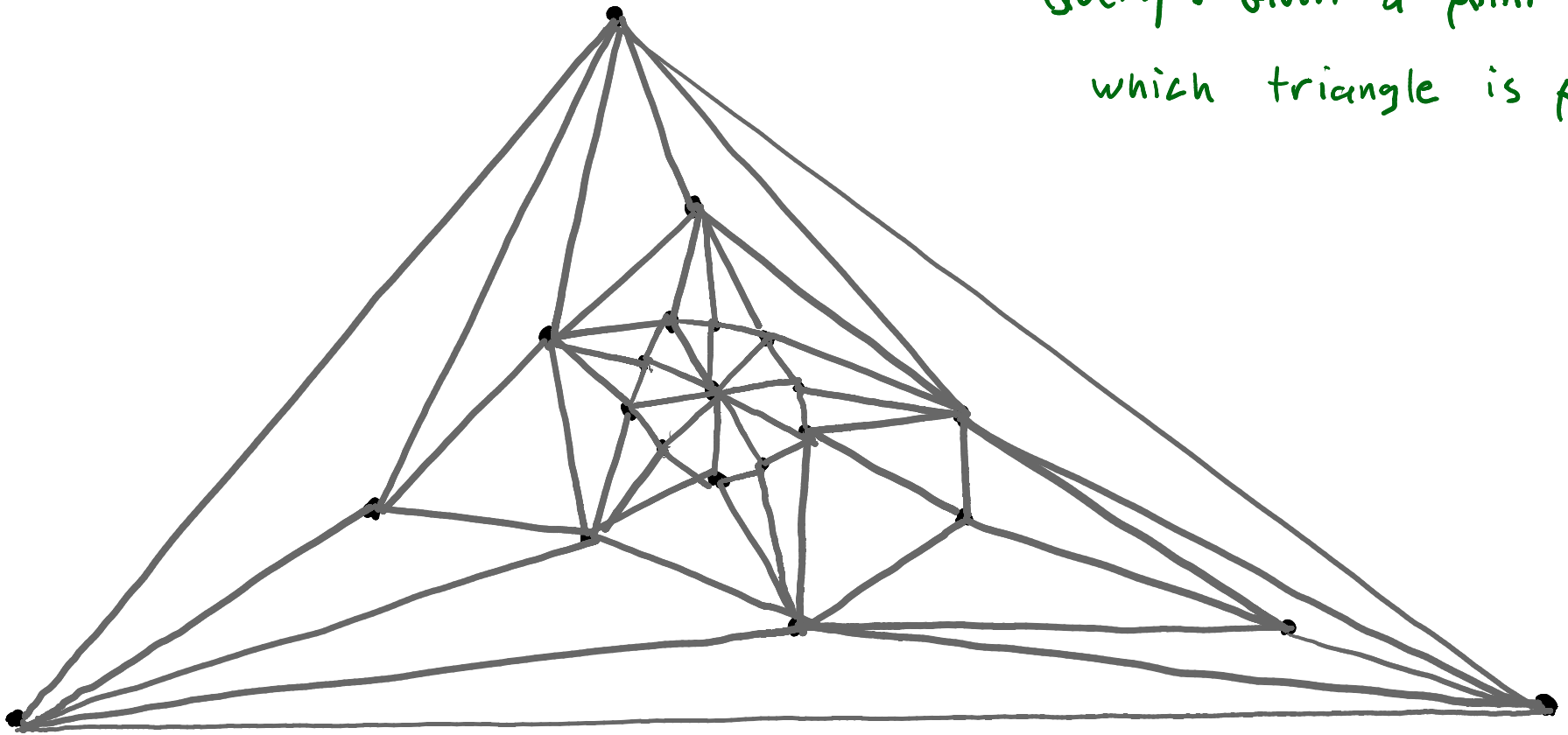


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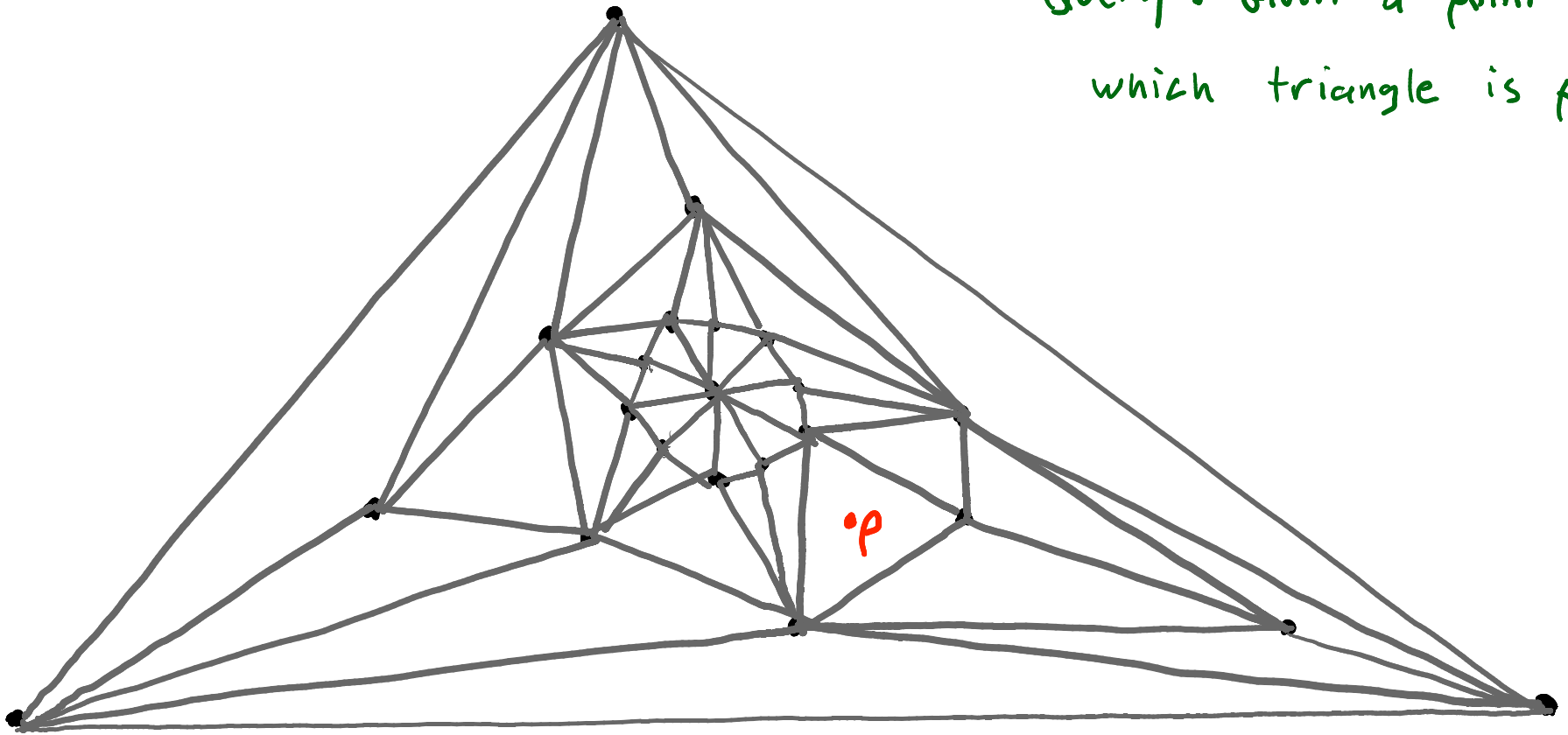
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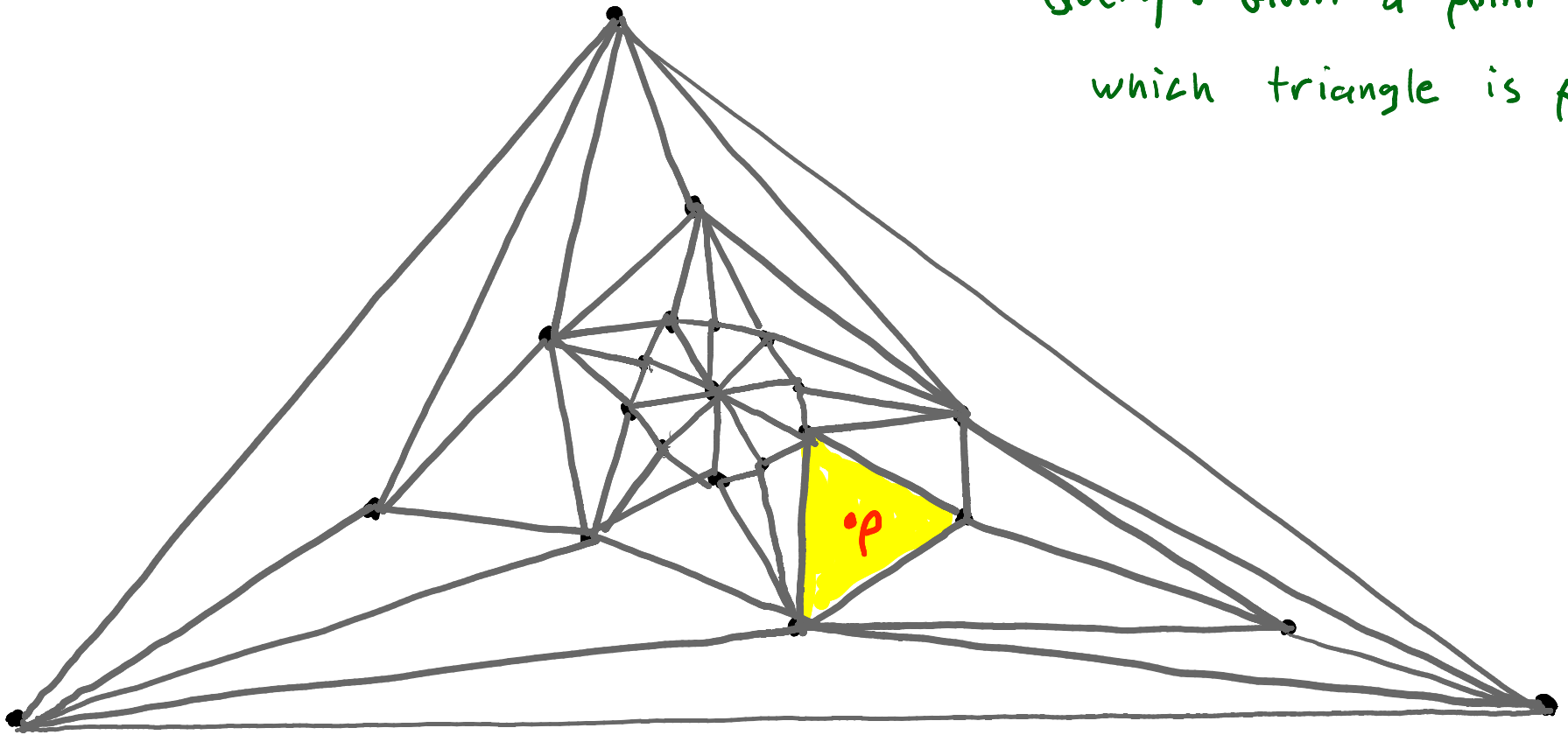
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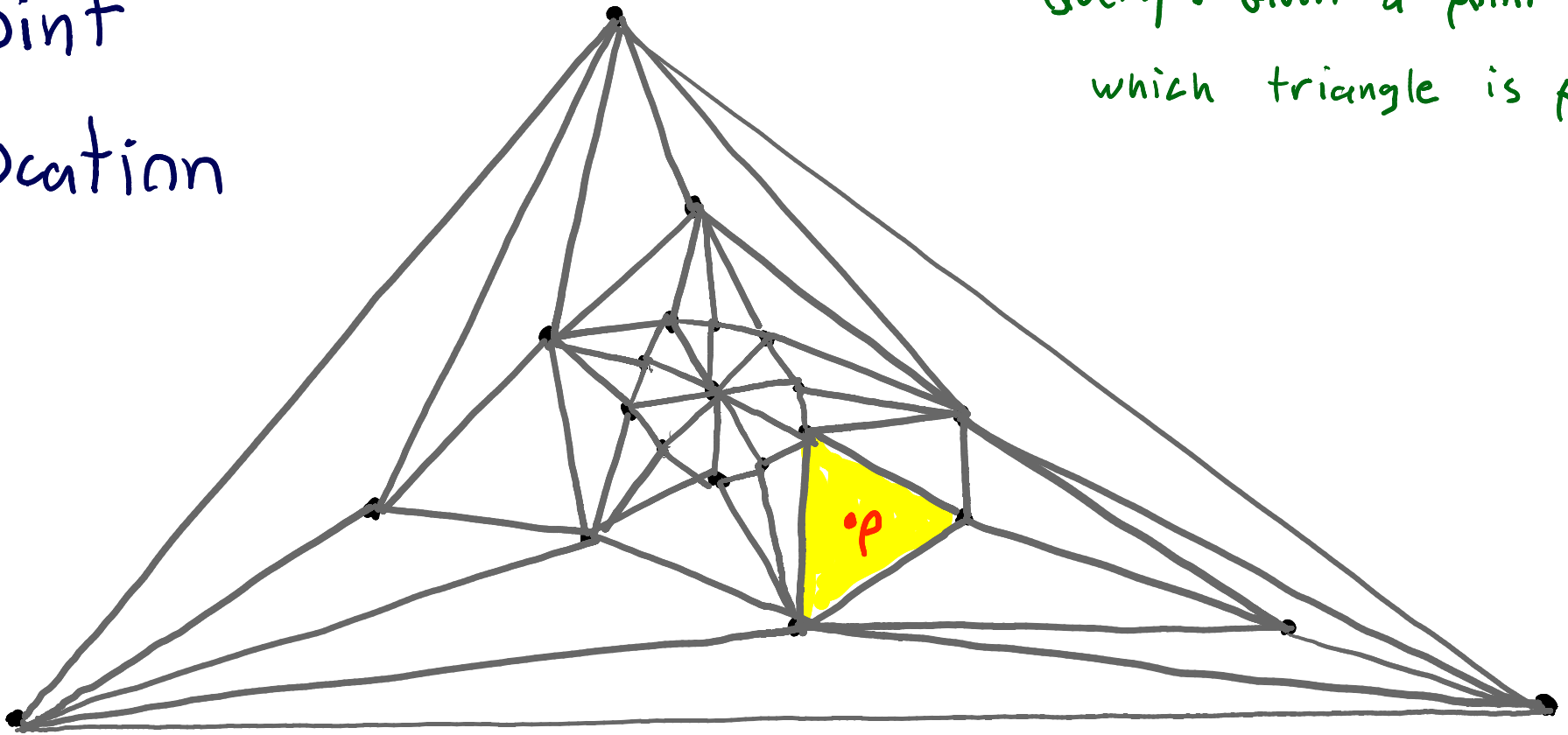
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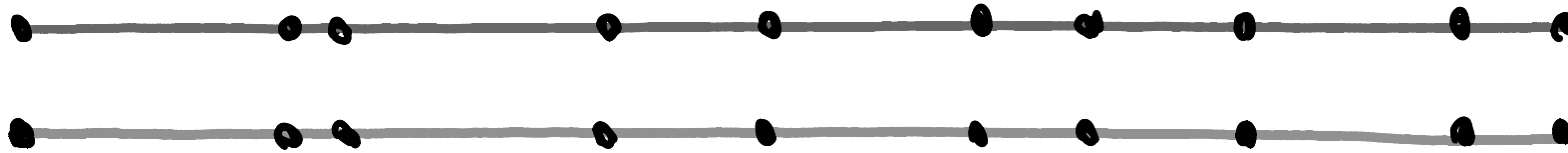
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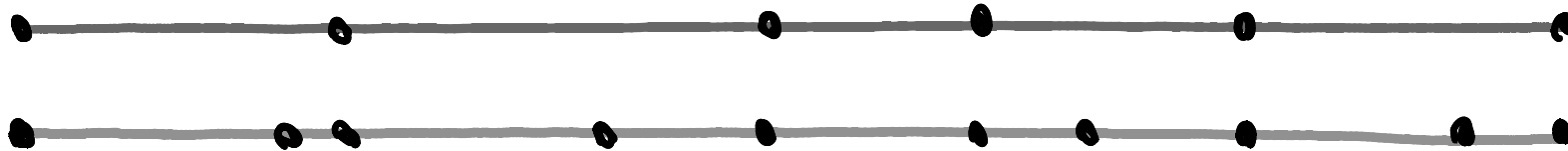
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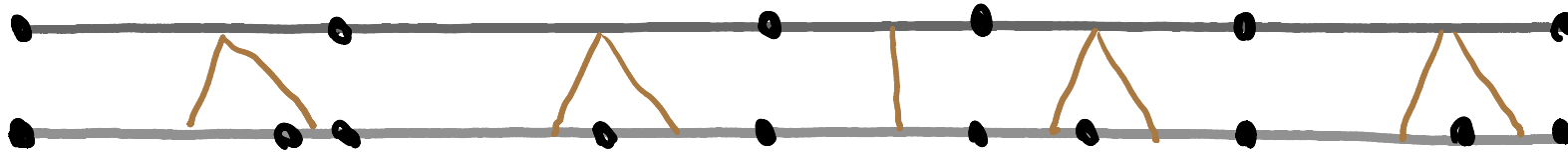
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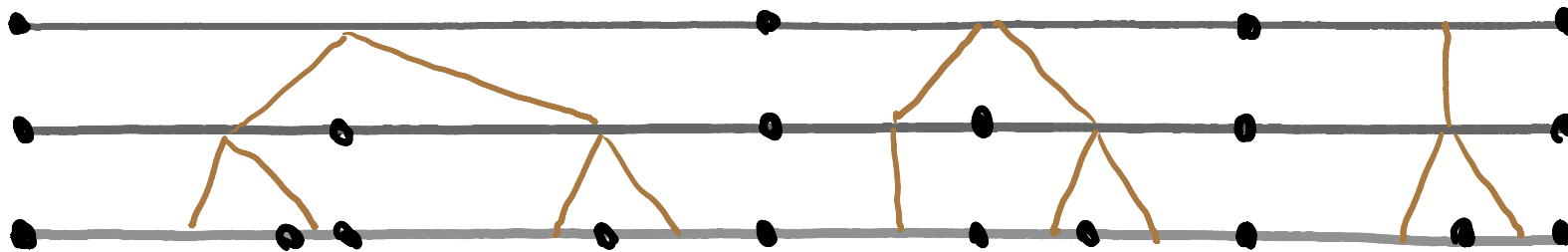
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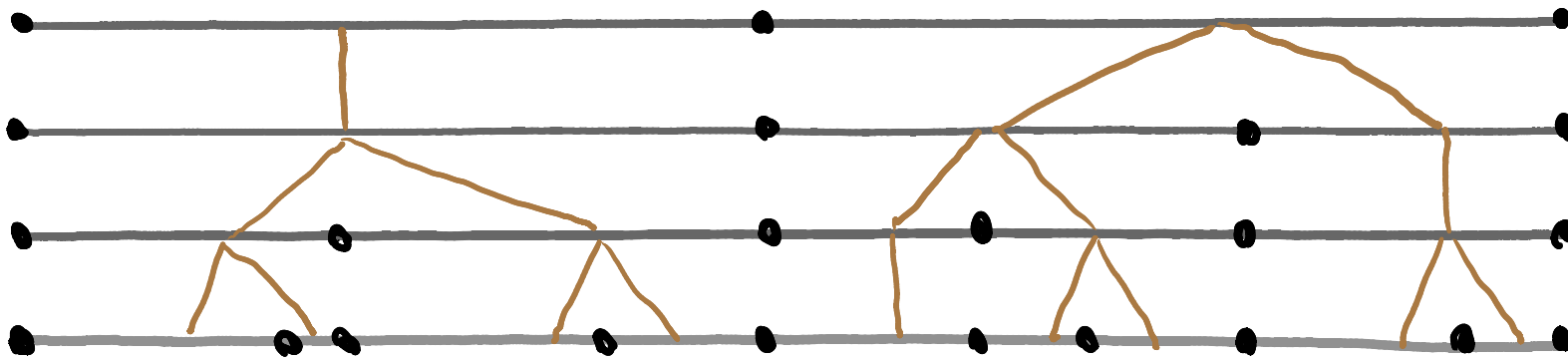
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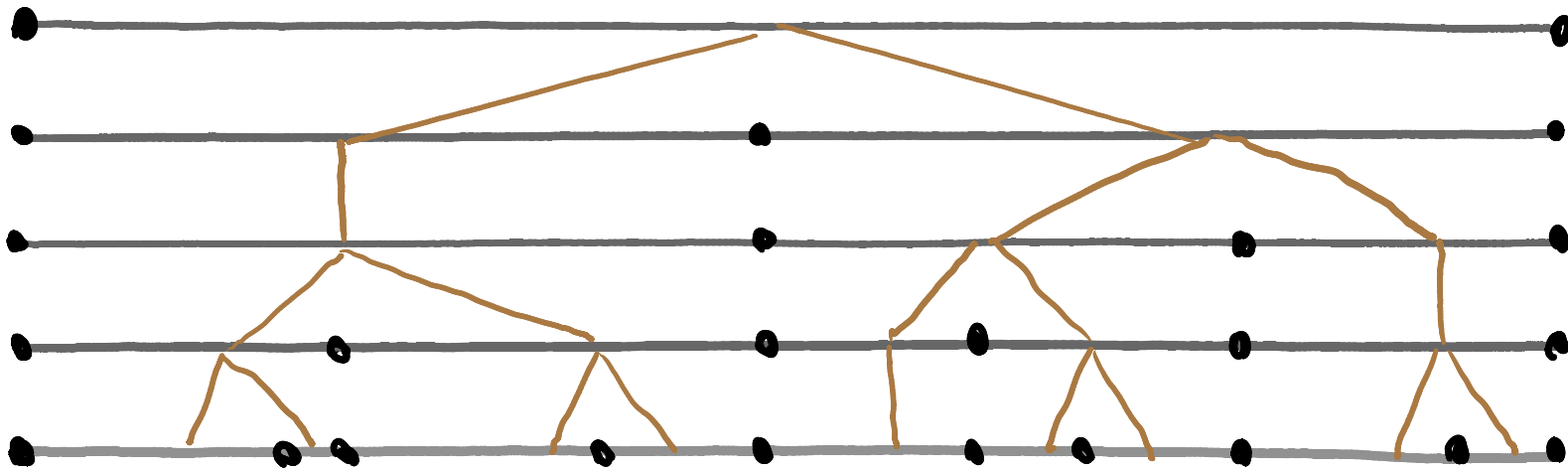
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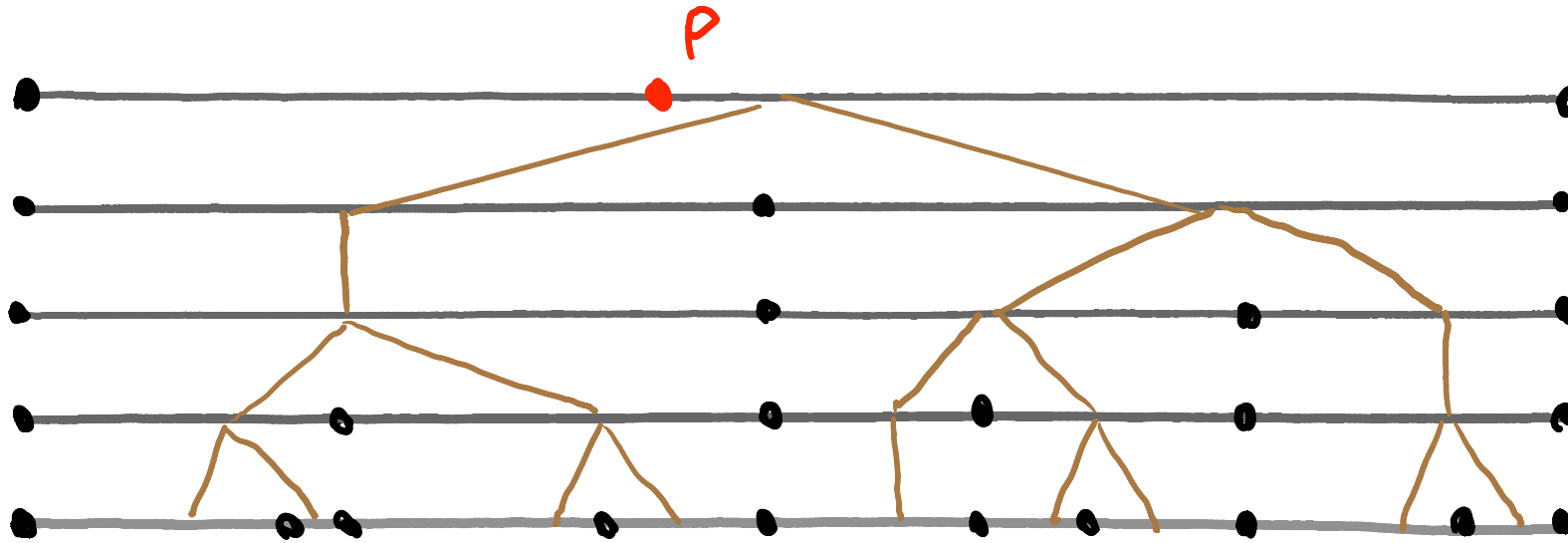
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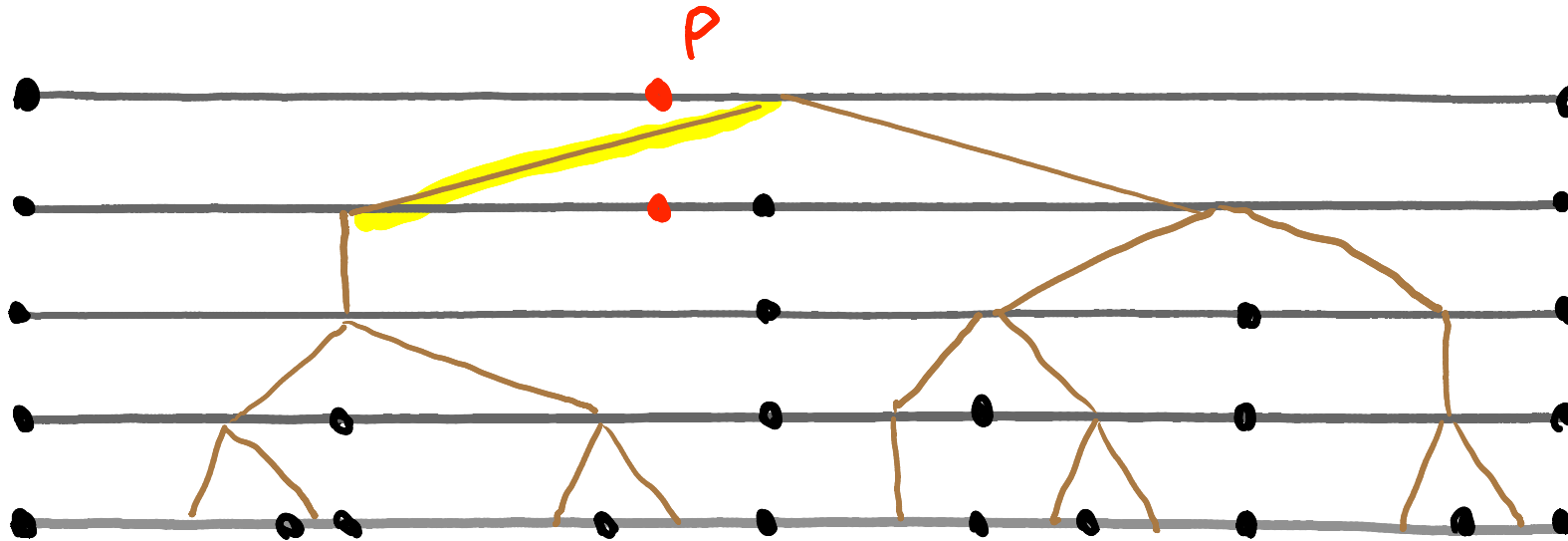
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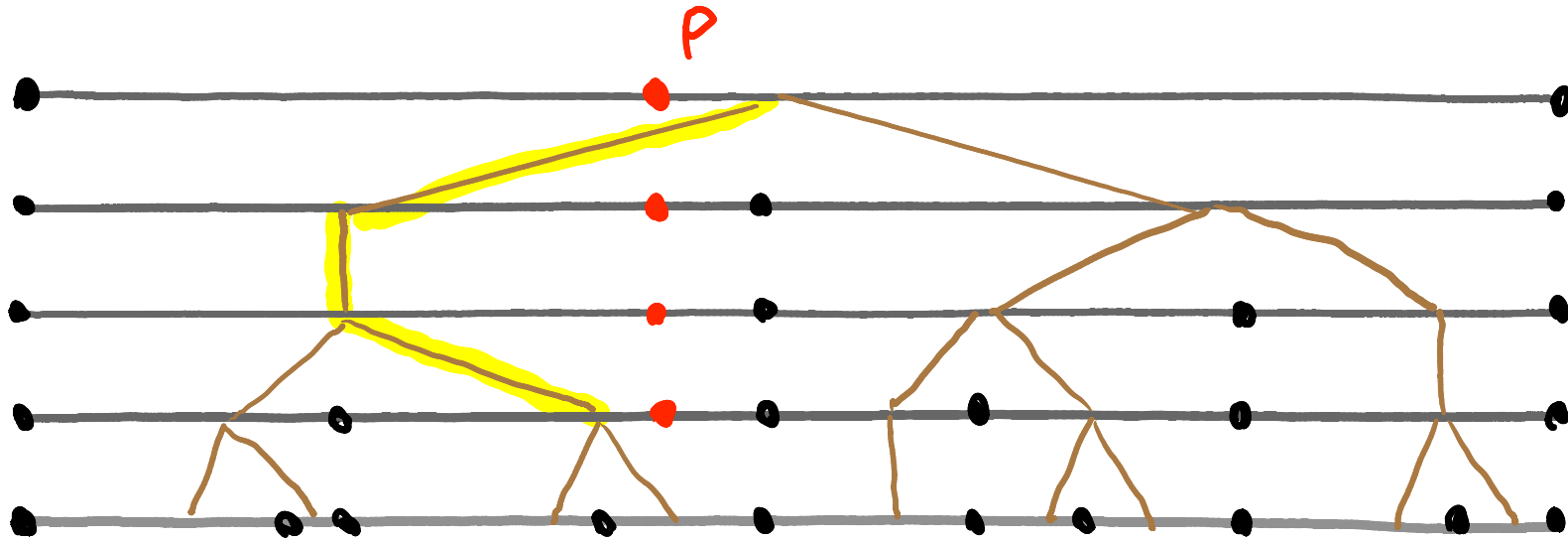
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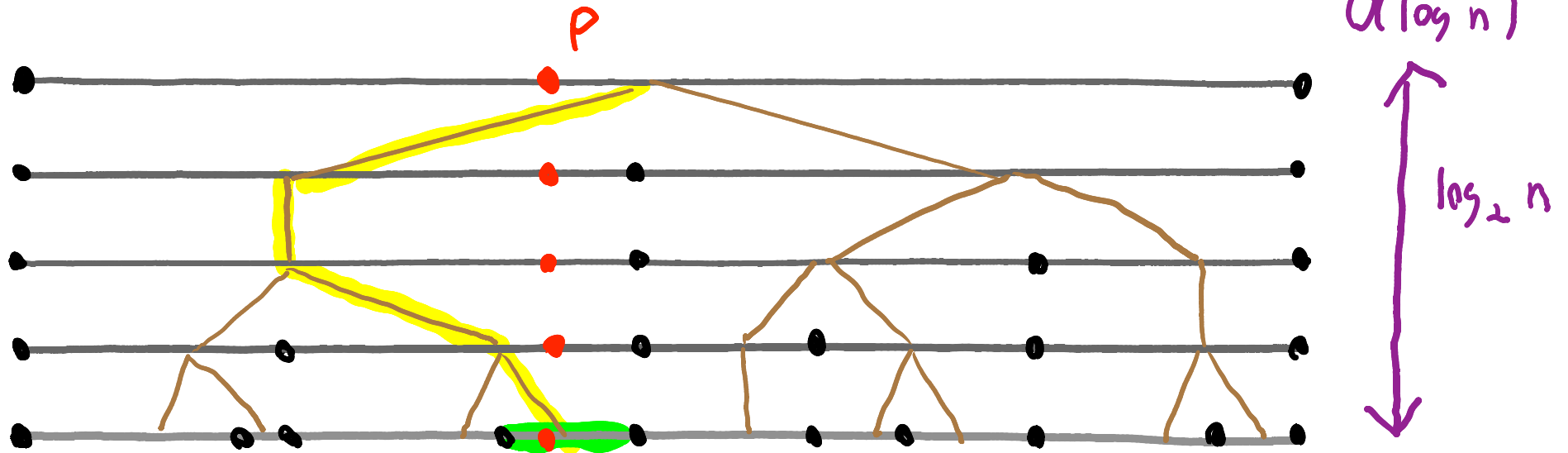
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Analysis

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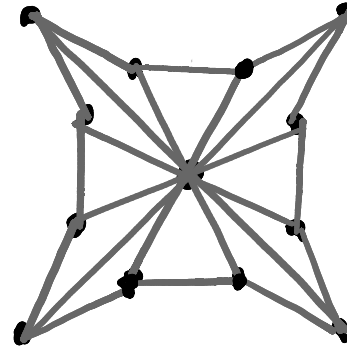
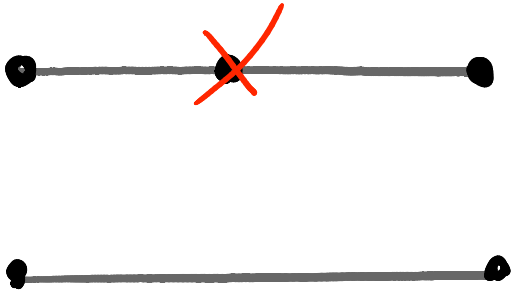
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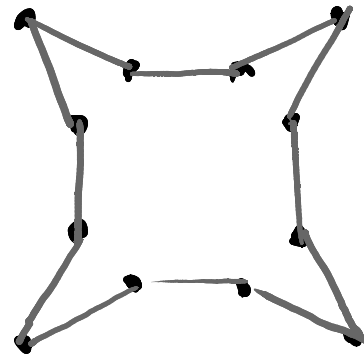
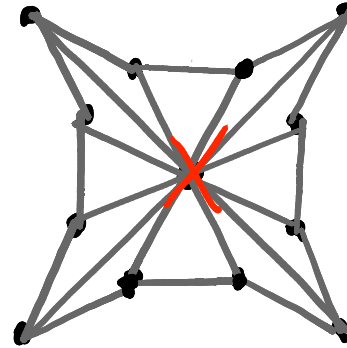
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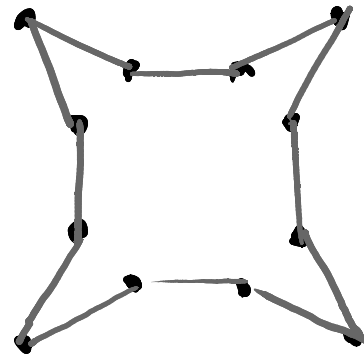
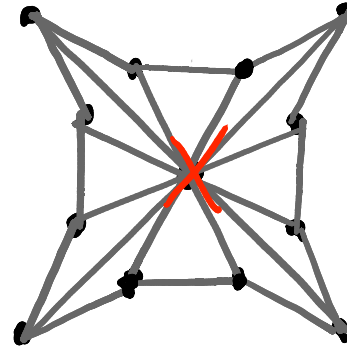
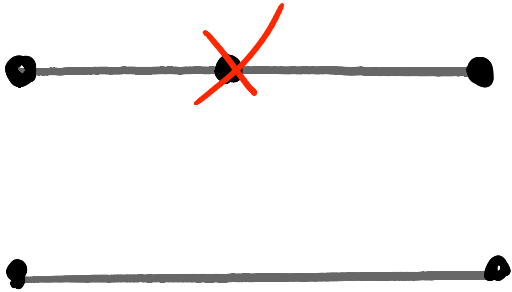
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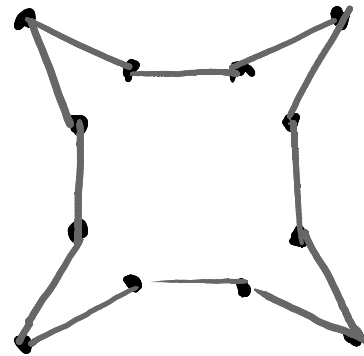
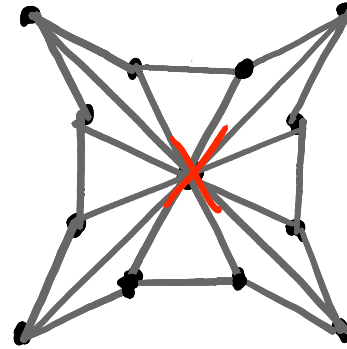


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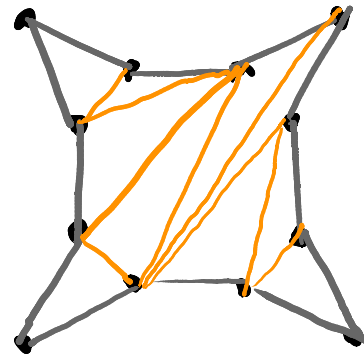
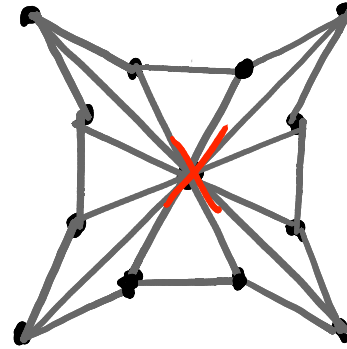
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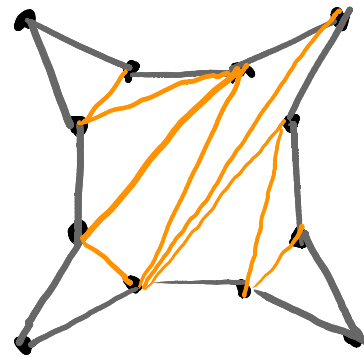
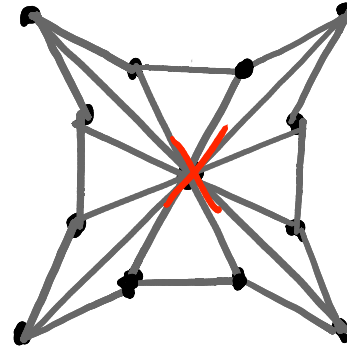
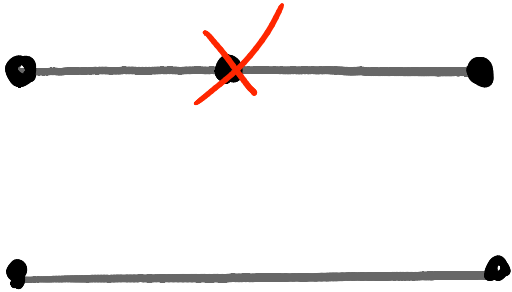
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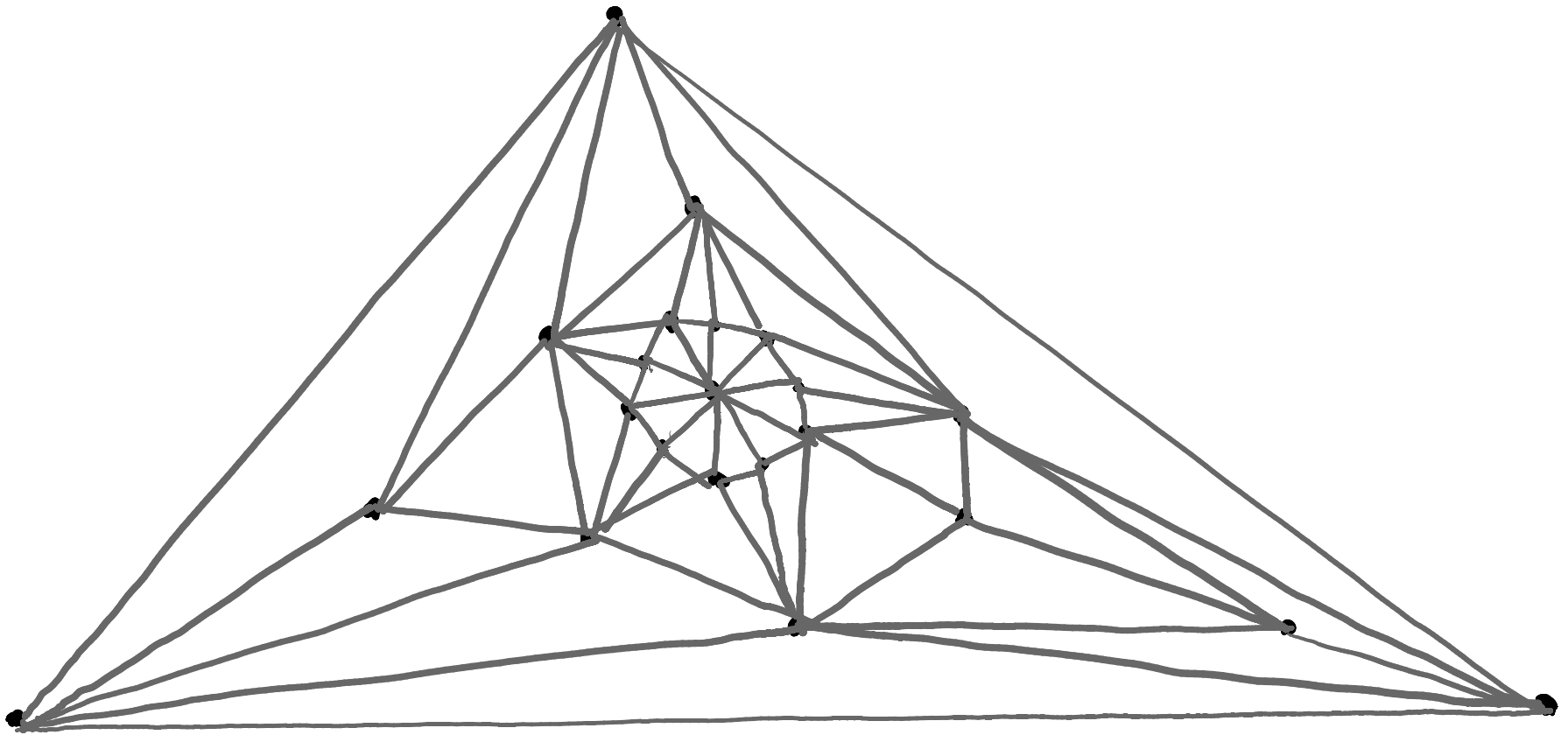
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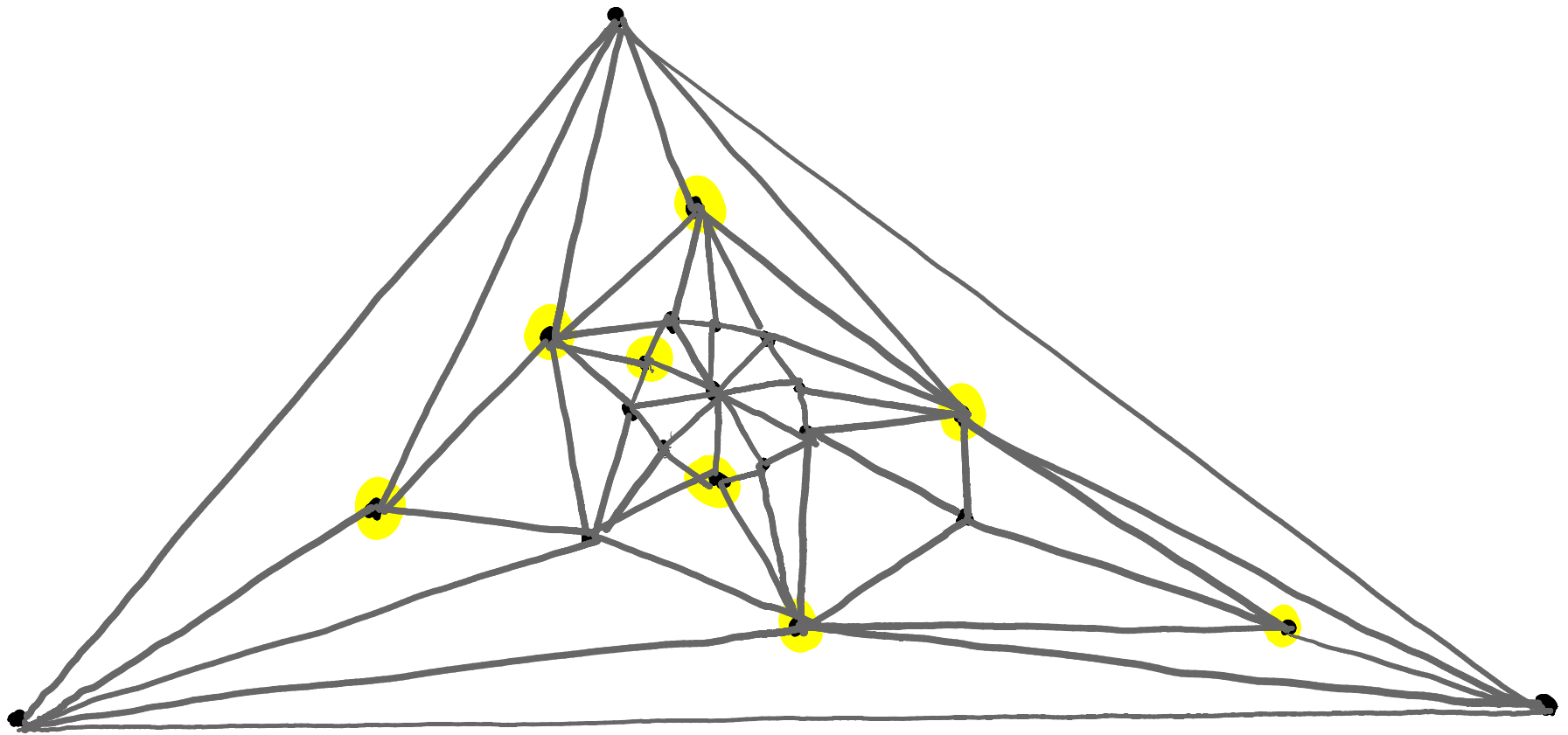
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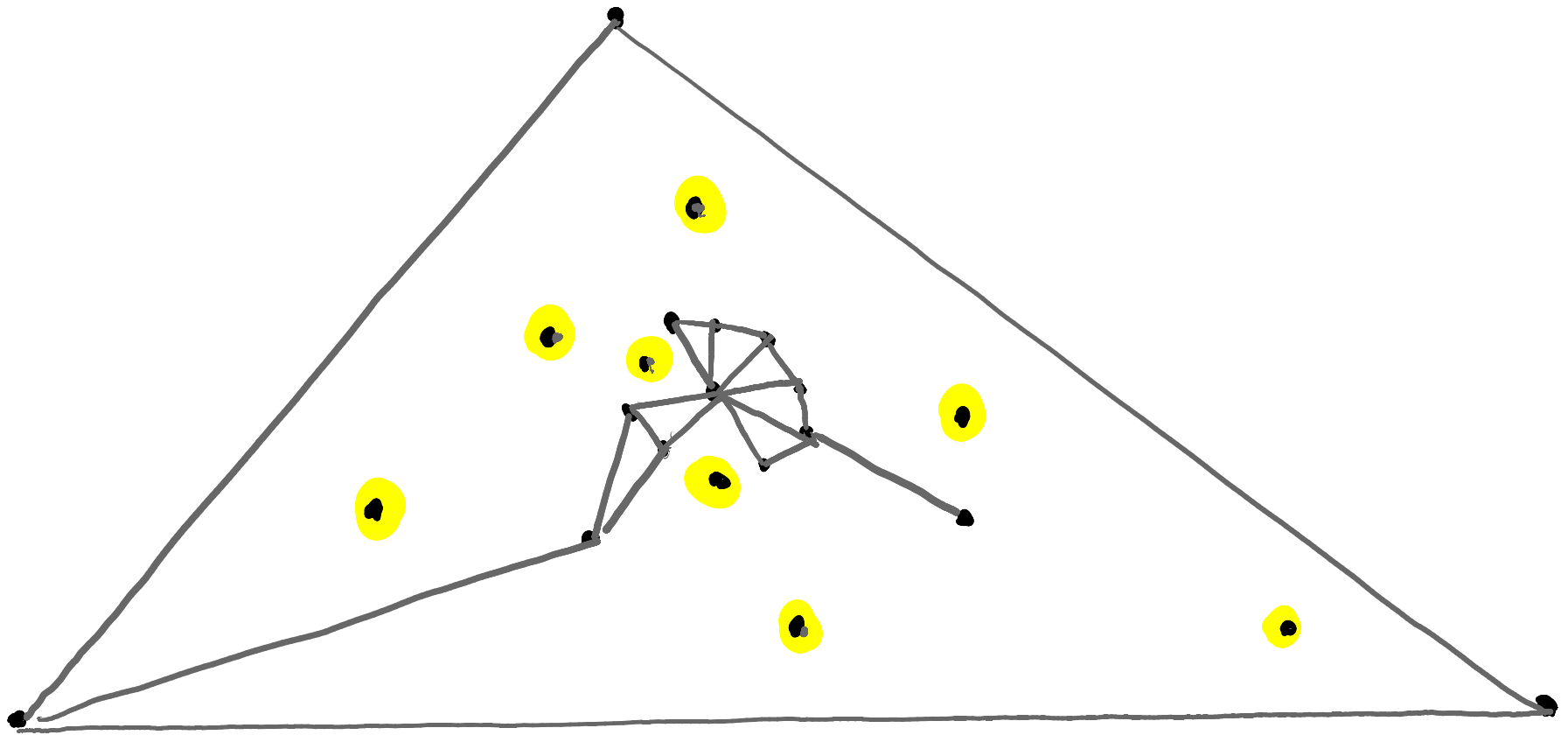
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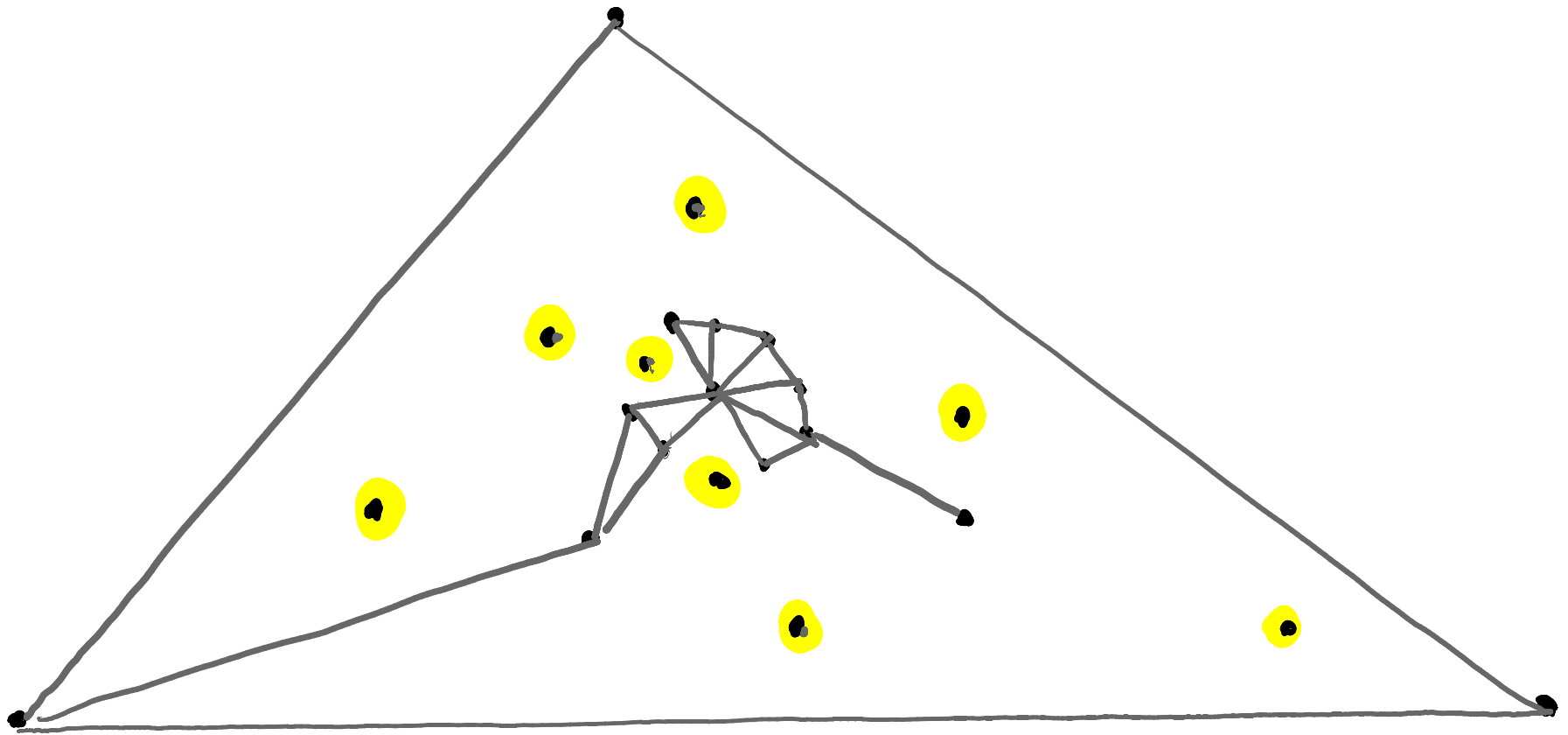
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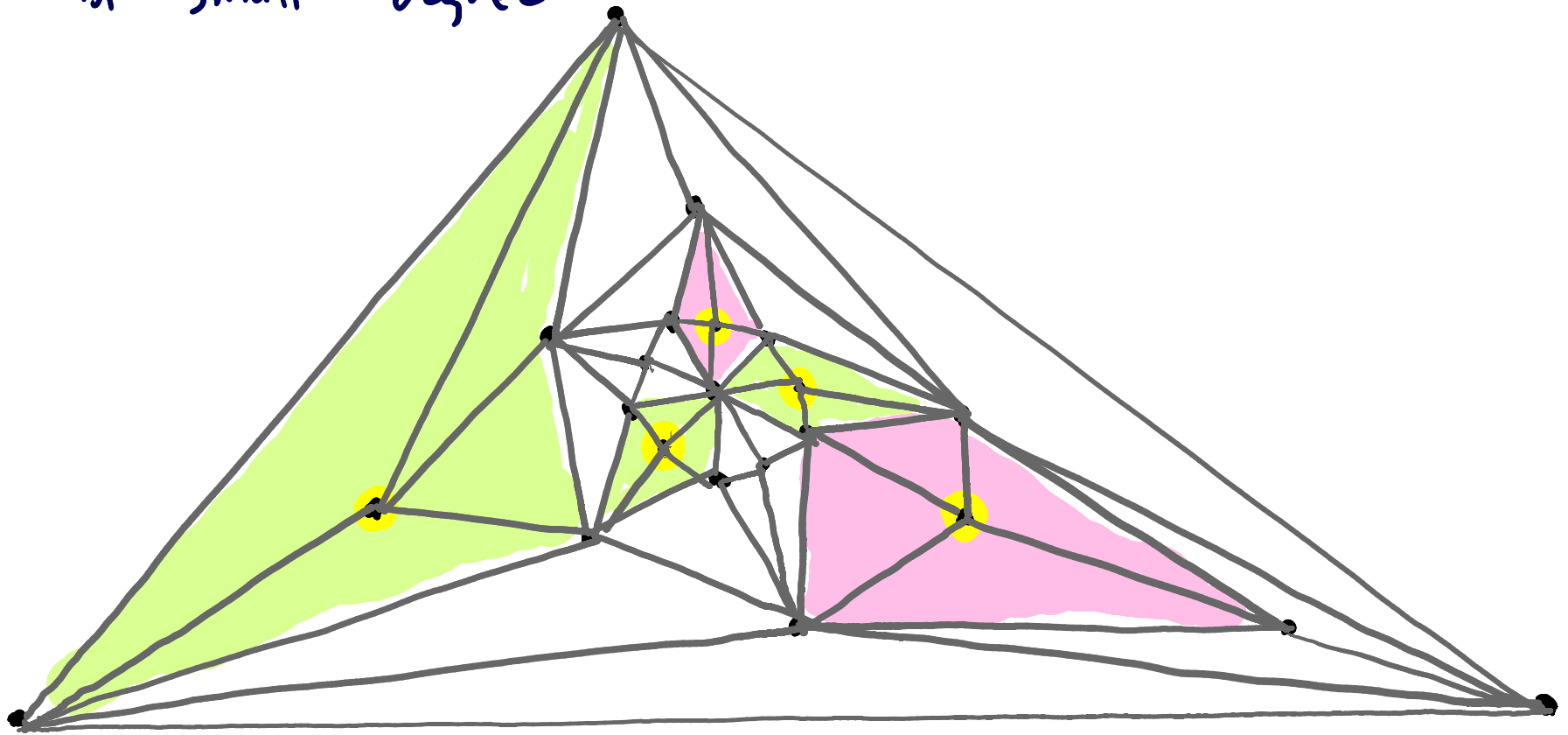
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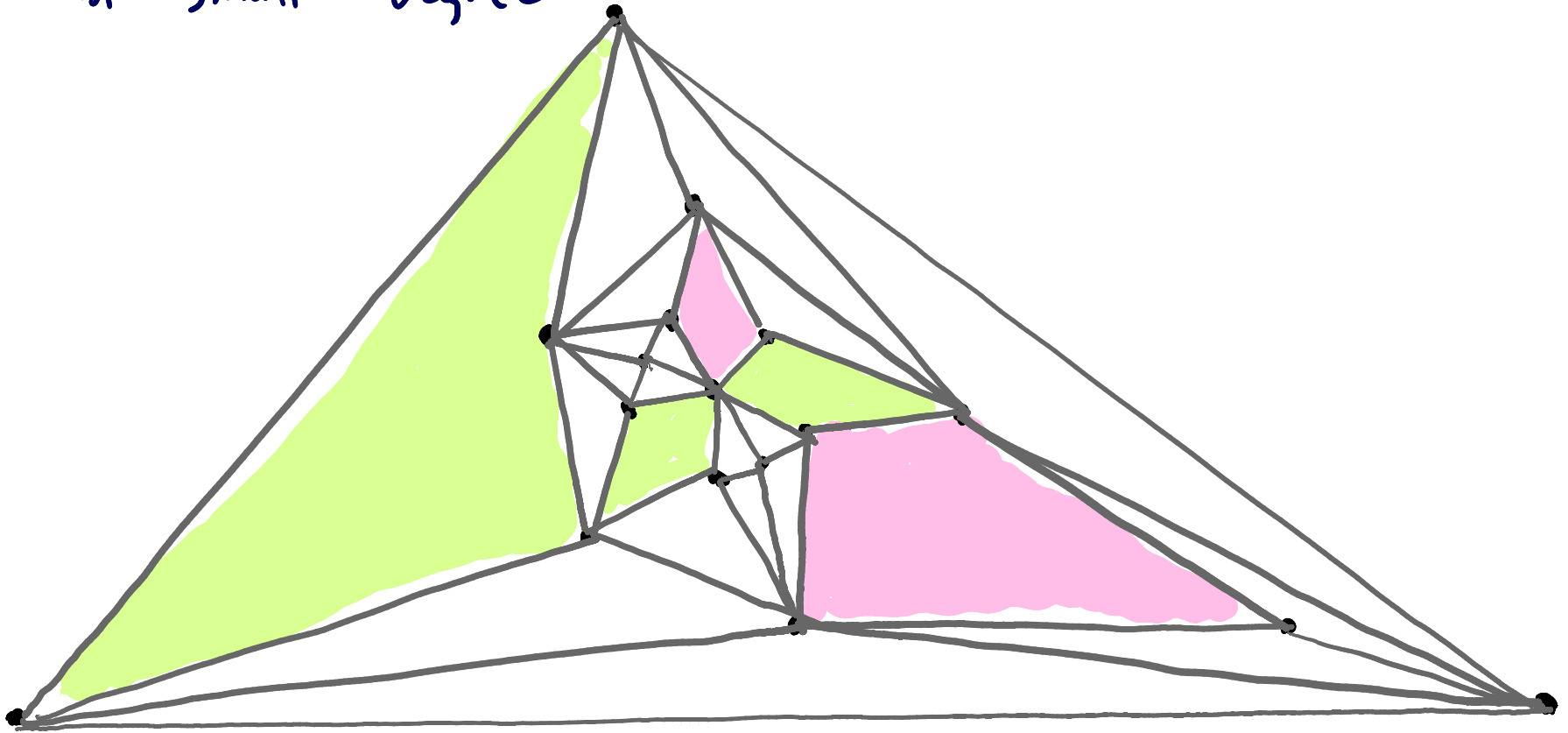
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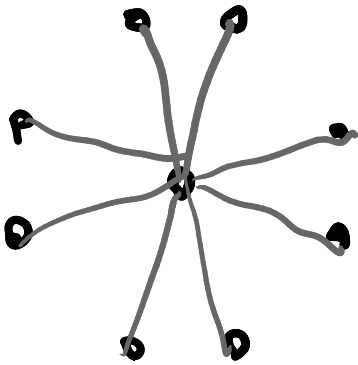


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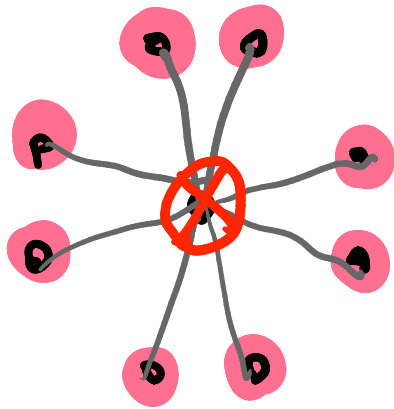


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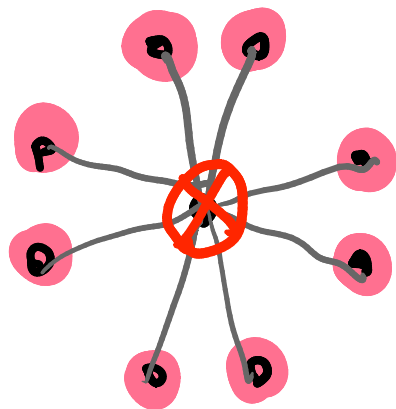


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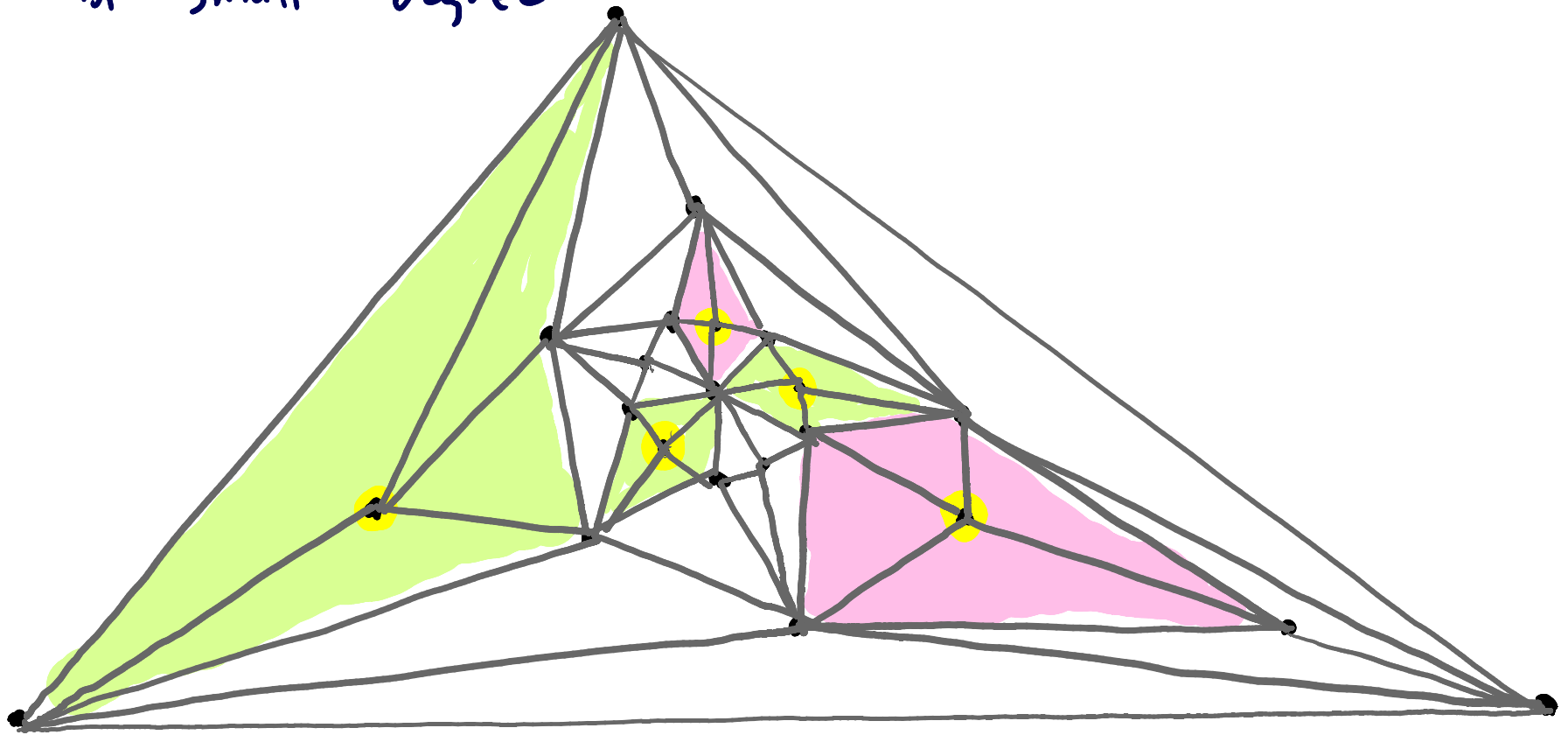


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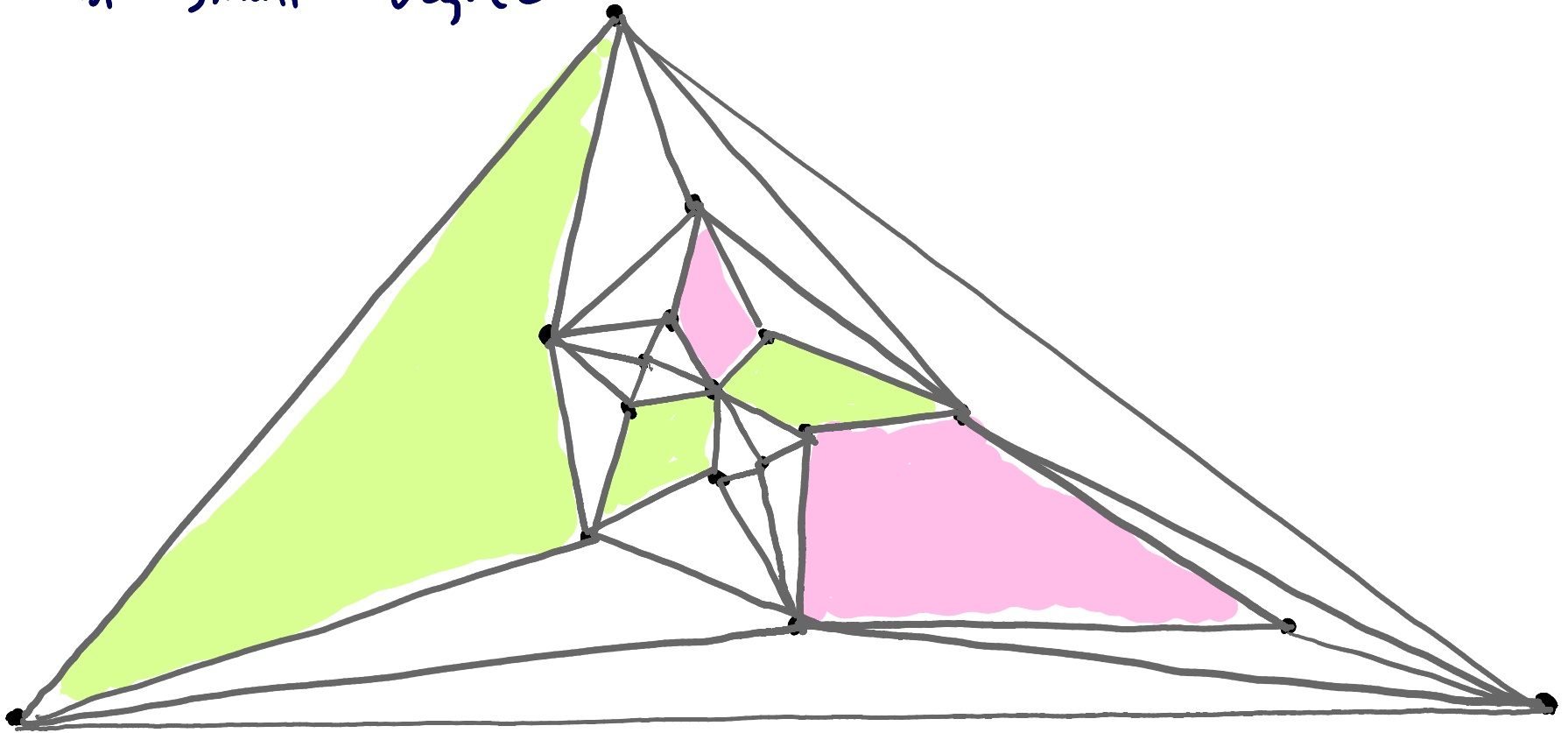
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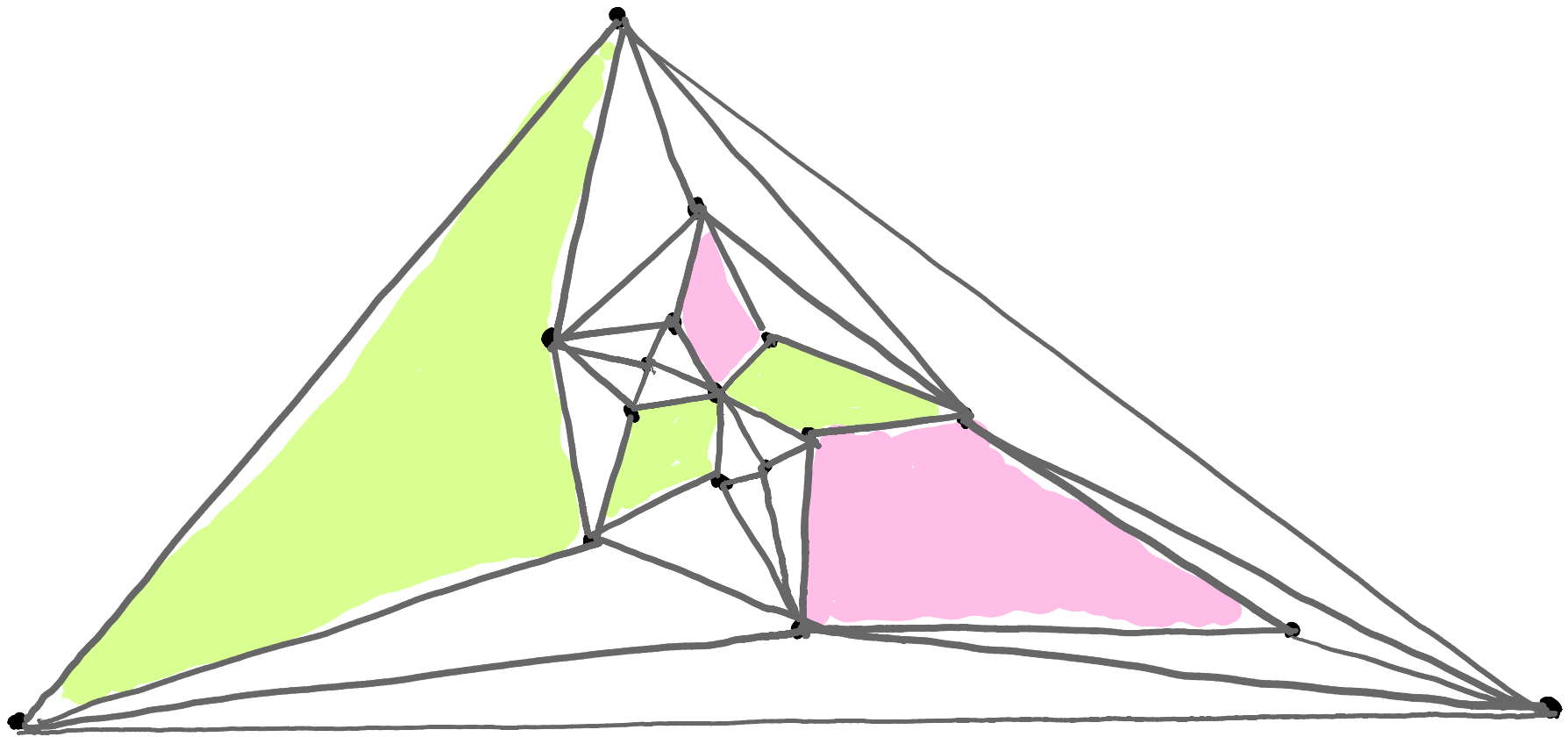
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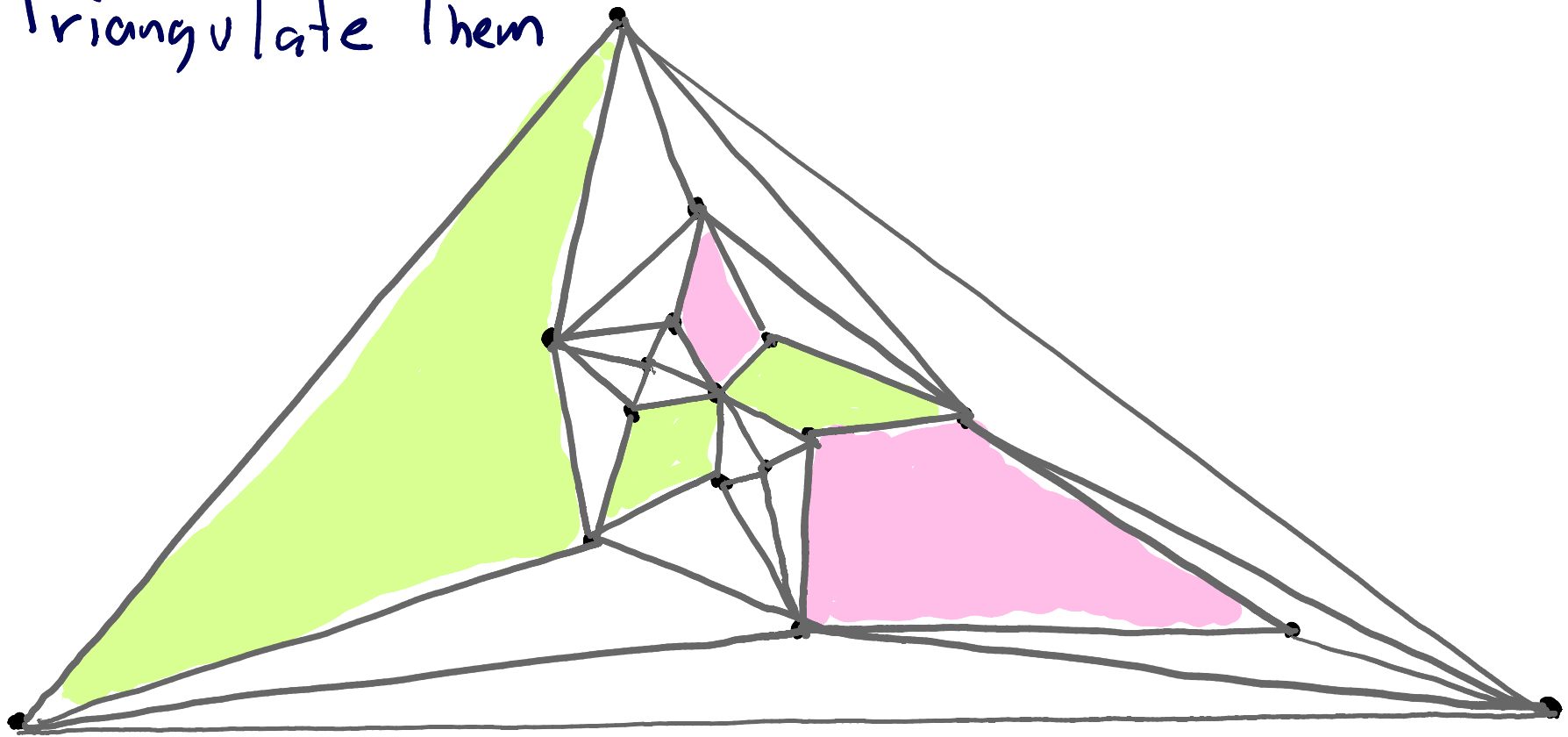


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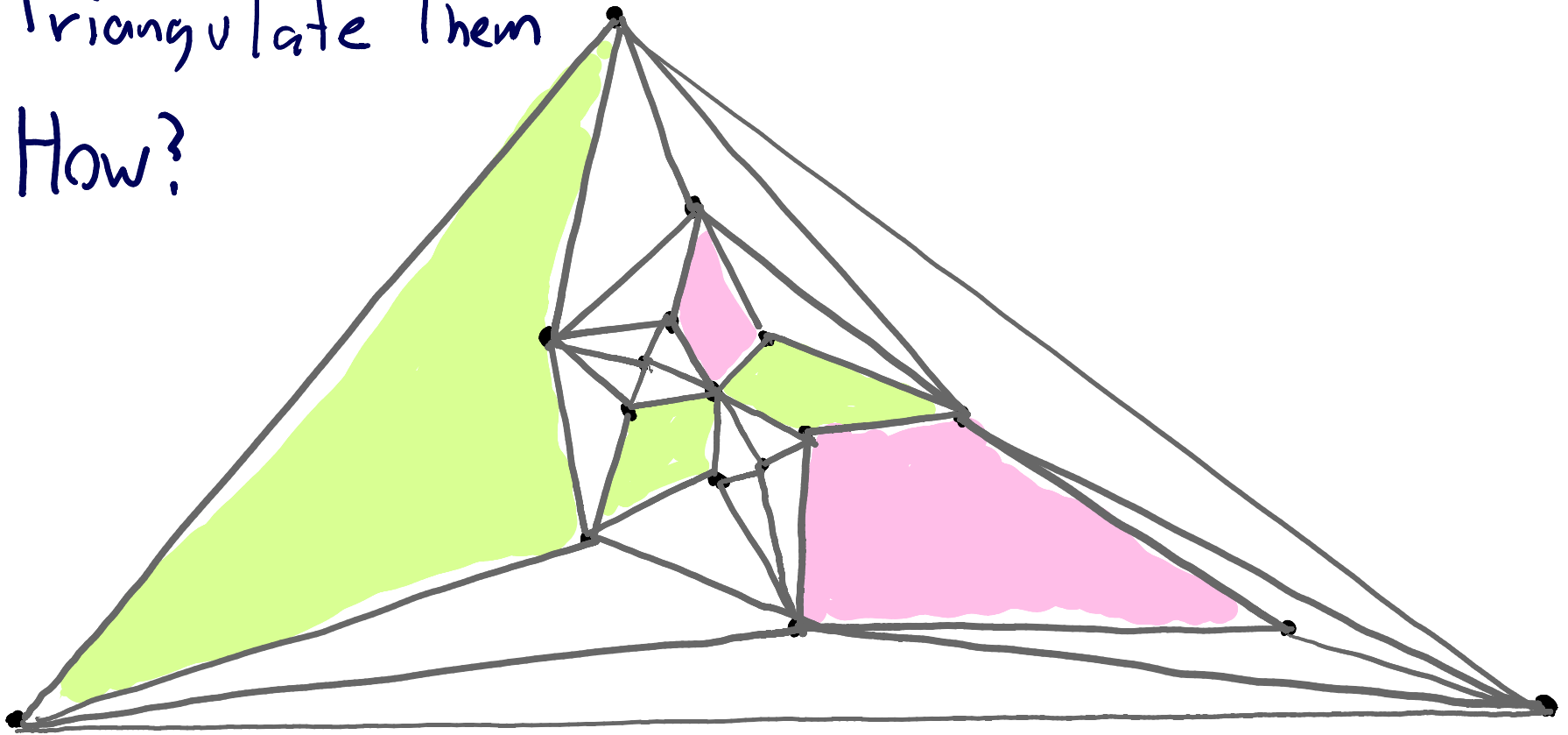
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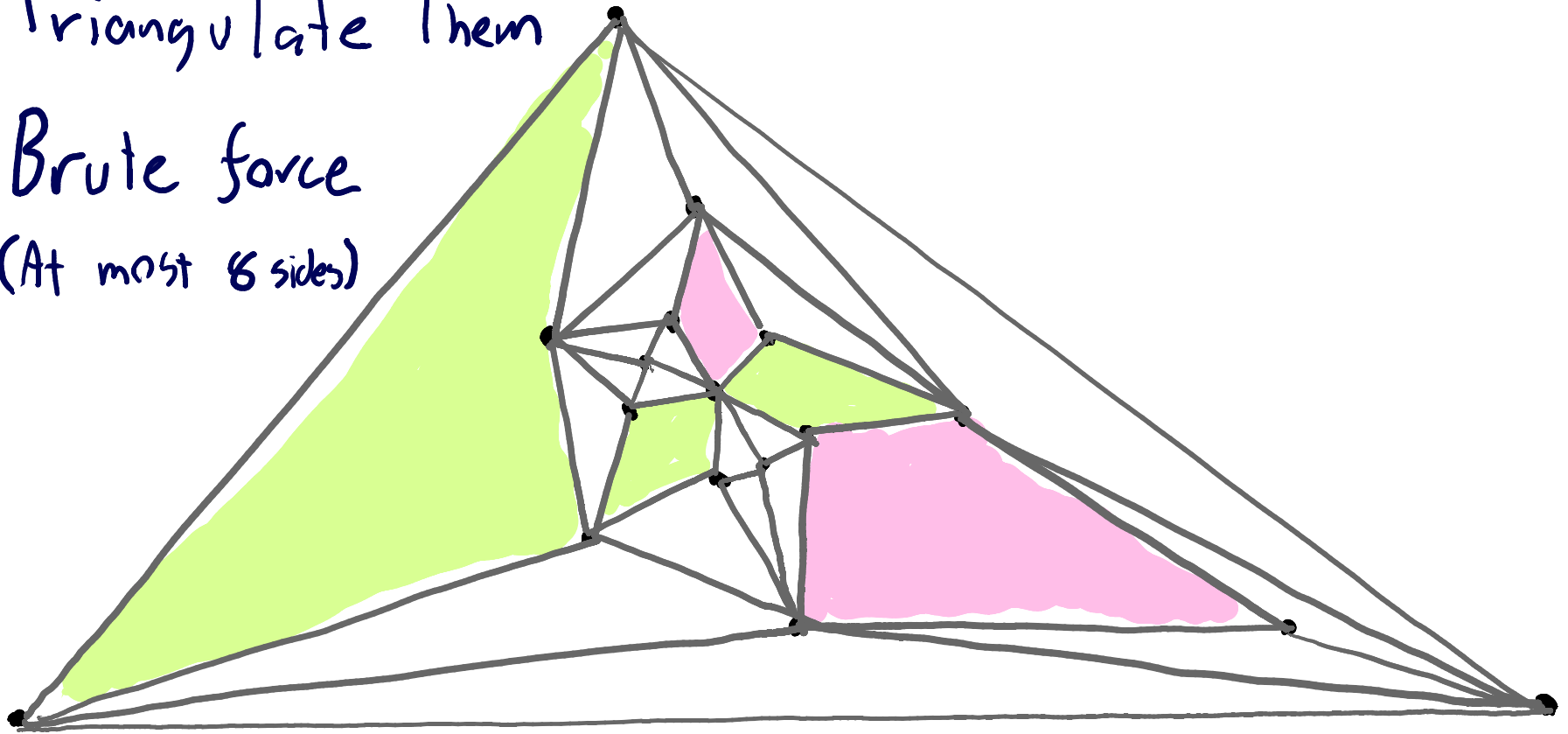
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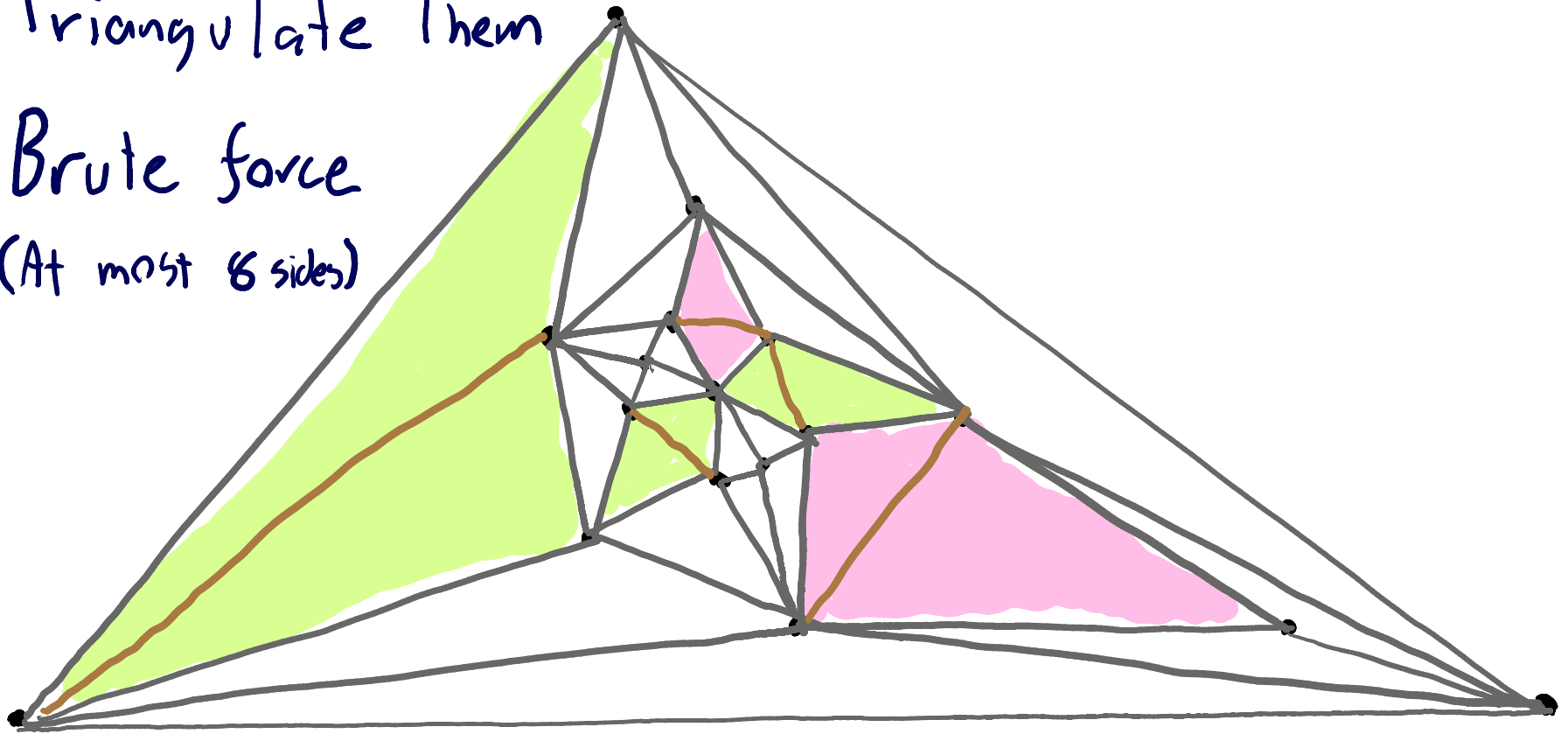
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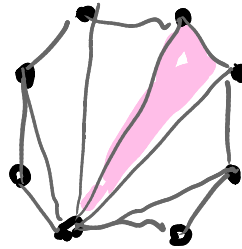
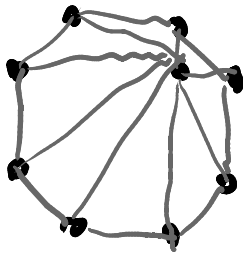
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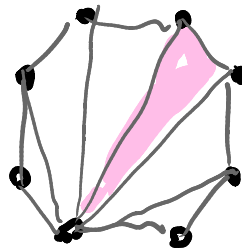
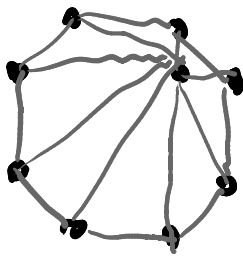


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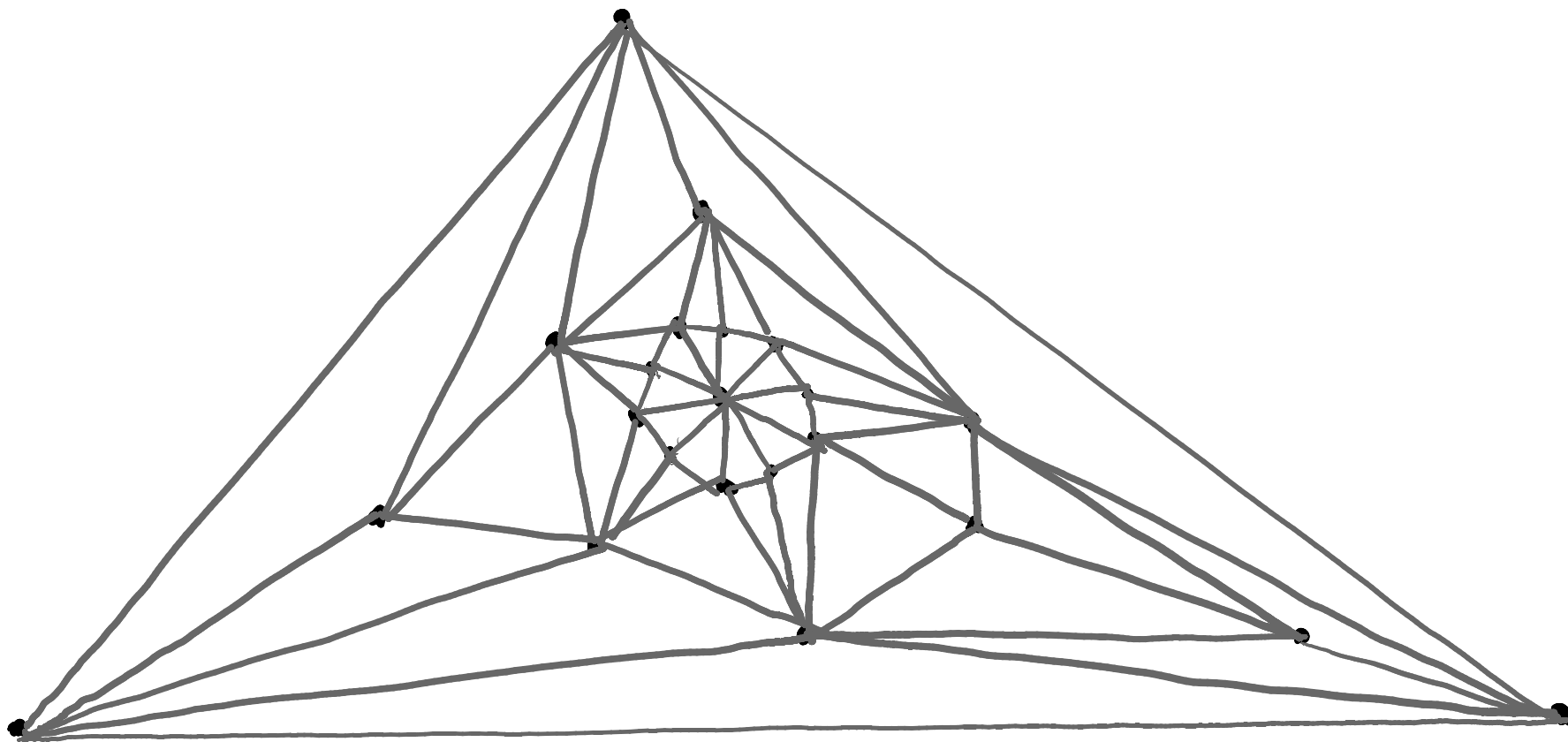
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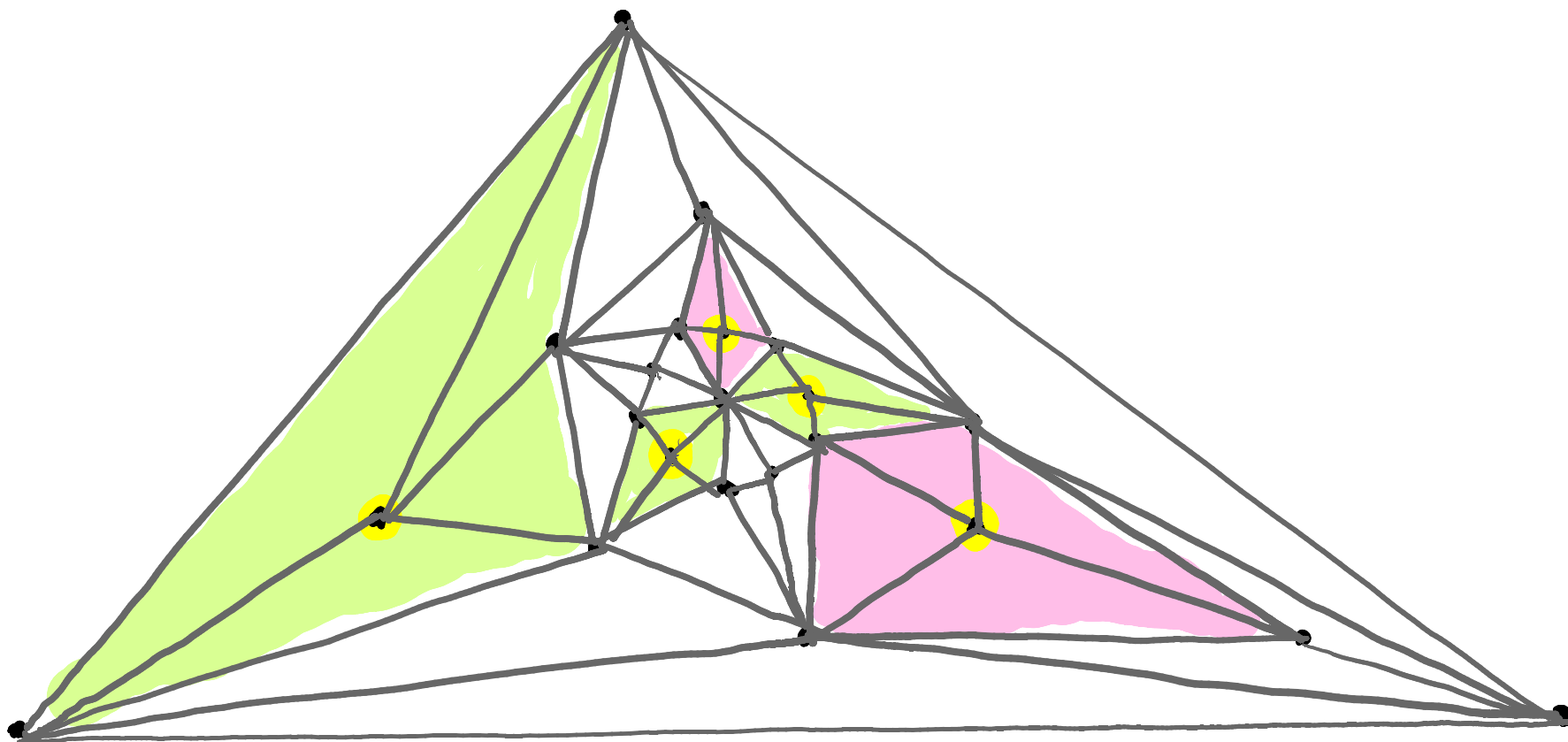
Then given a point and the triangle in the OT which it is in the triangle in NT that it is in can be determined in $O(1)$.

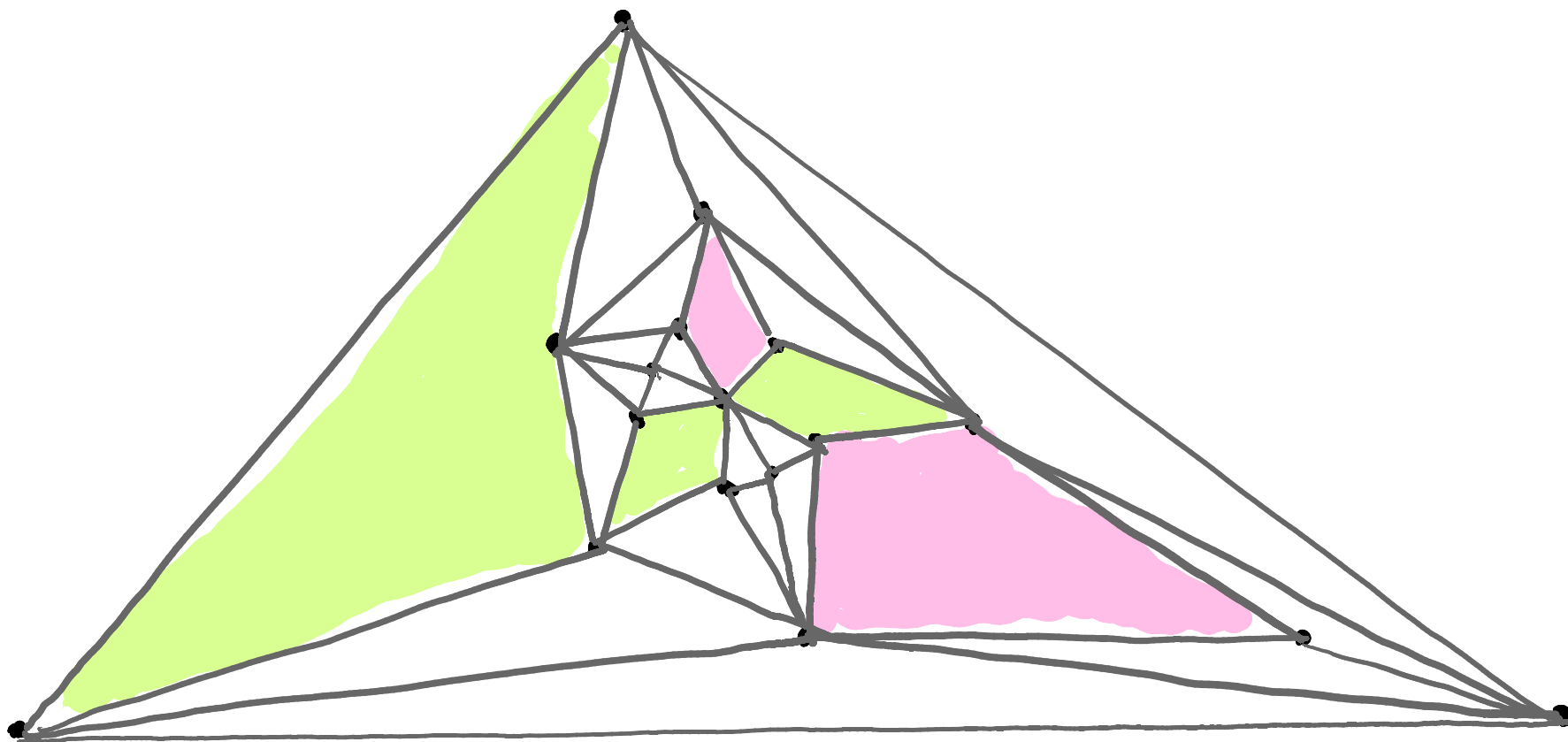
This gives you everything you need

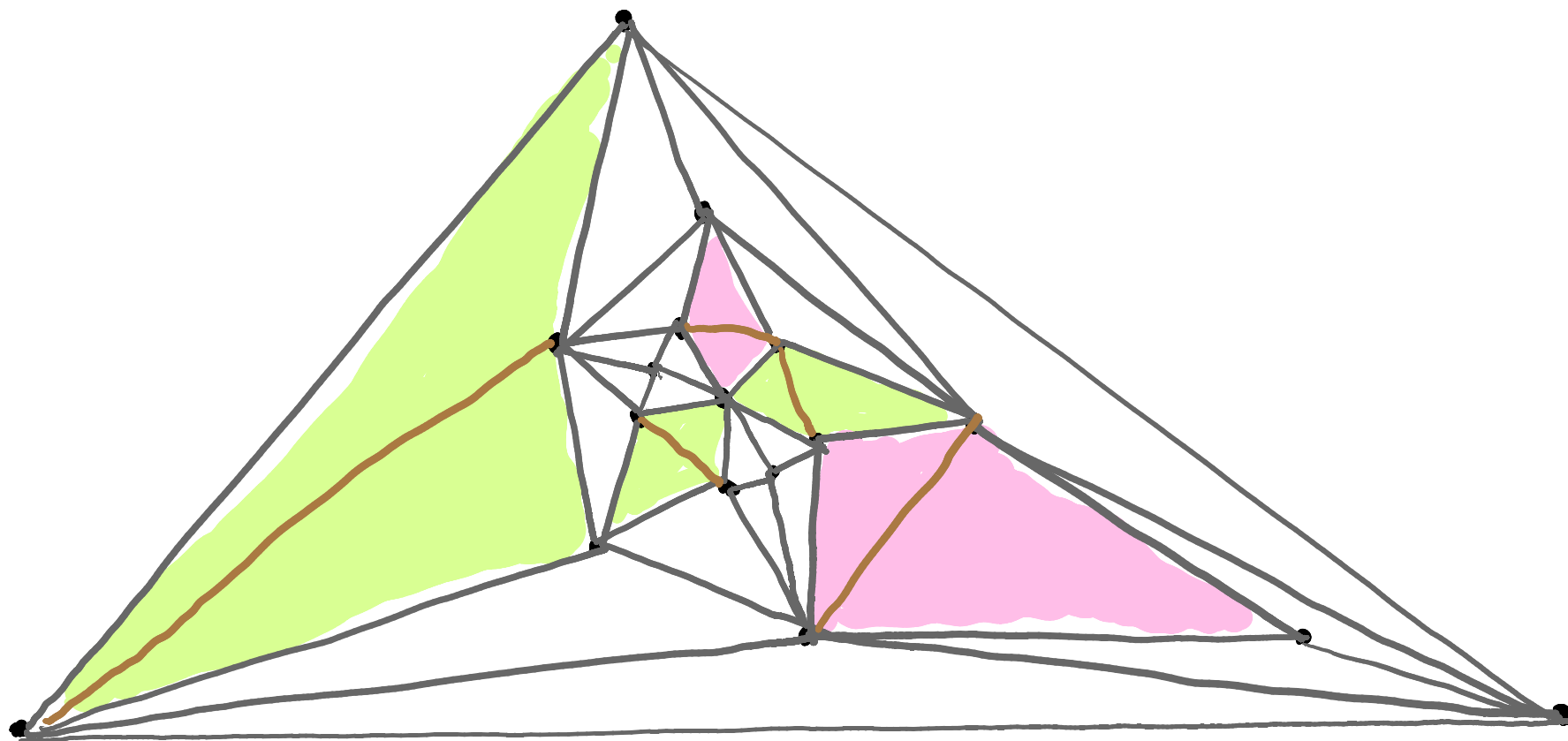
Just repeat the
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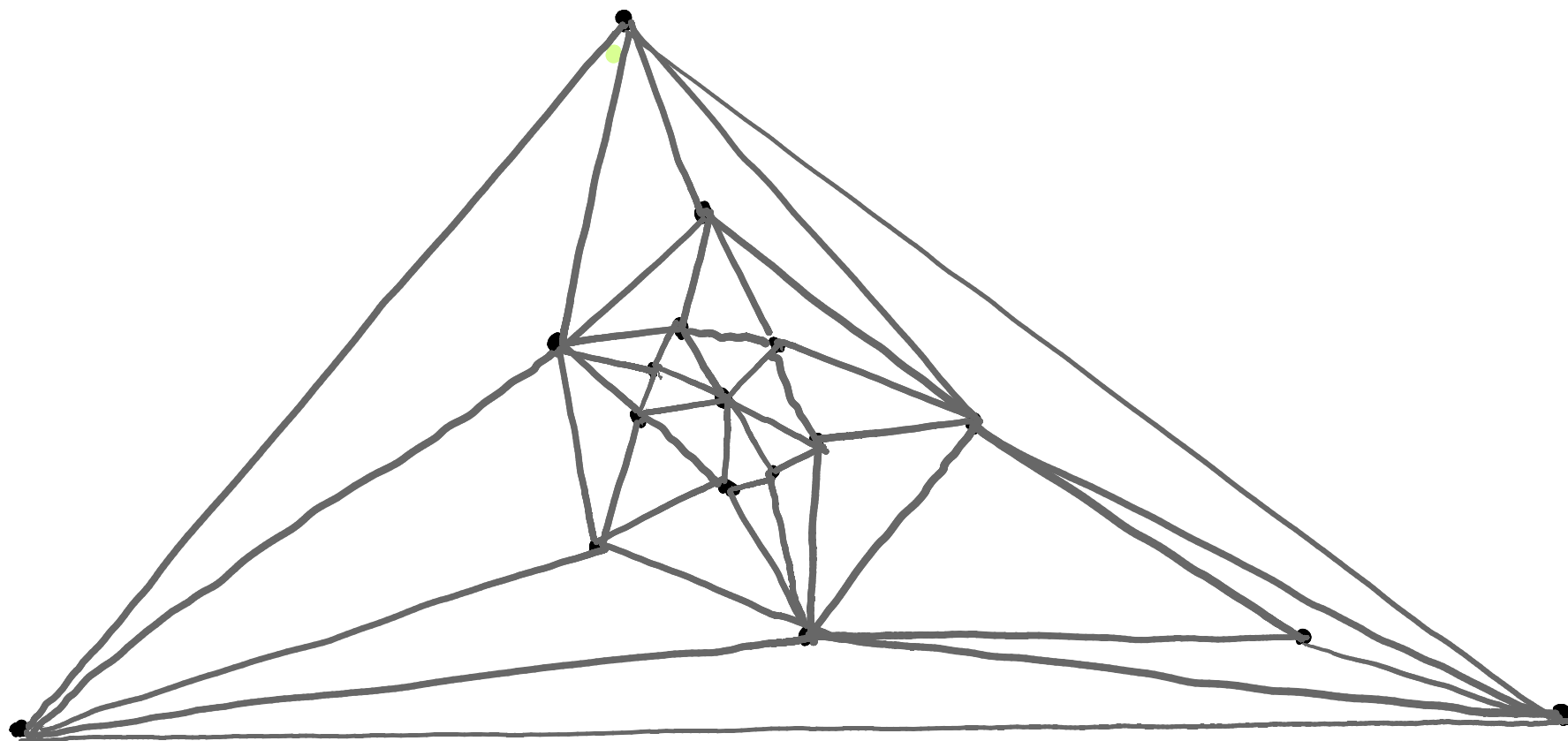


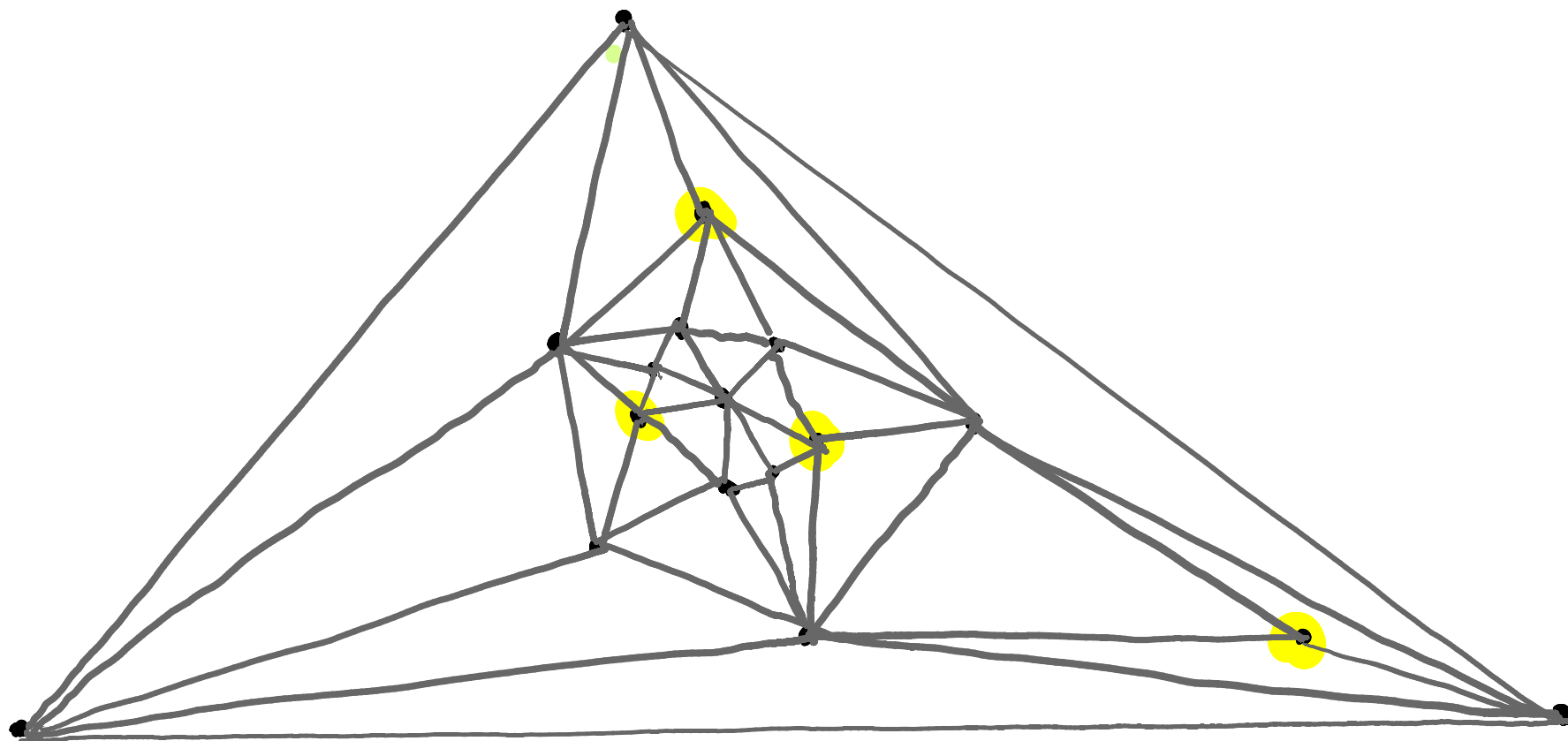


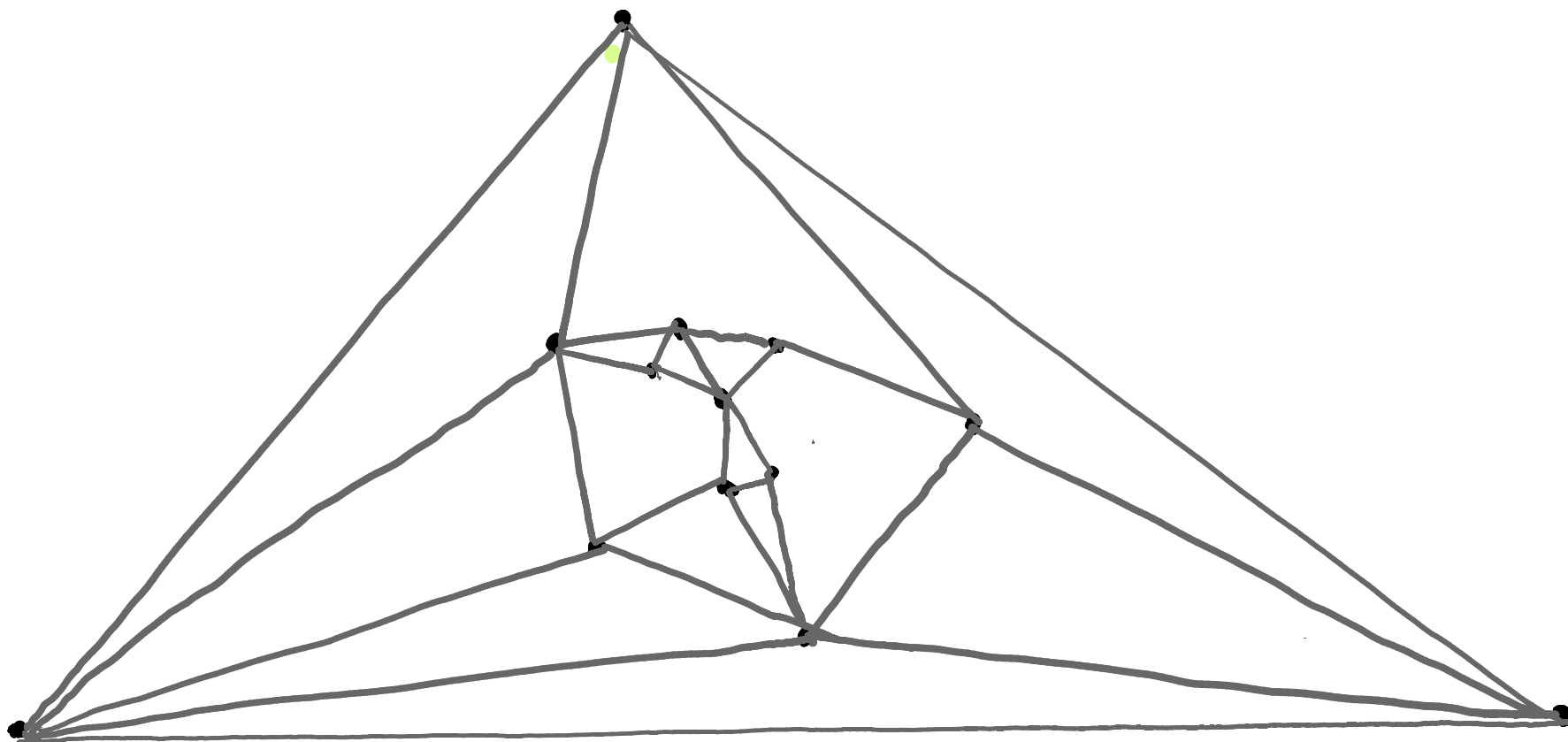


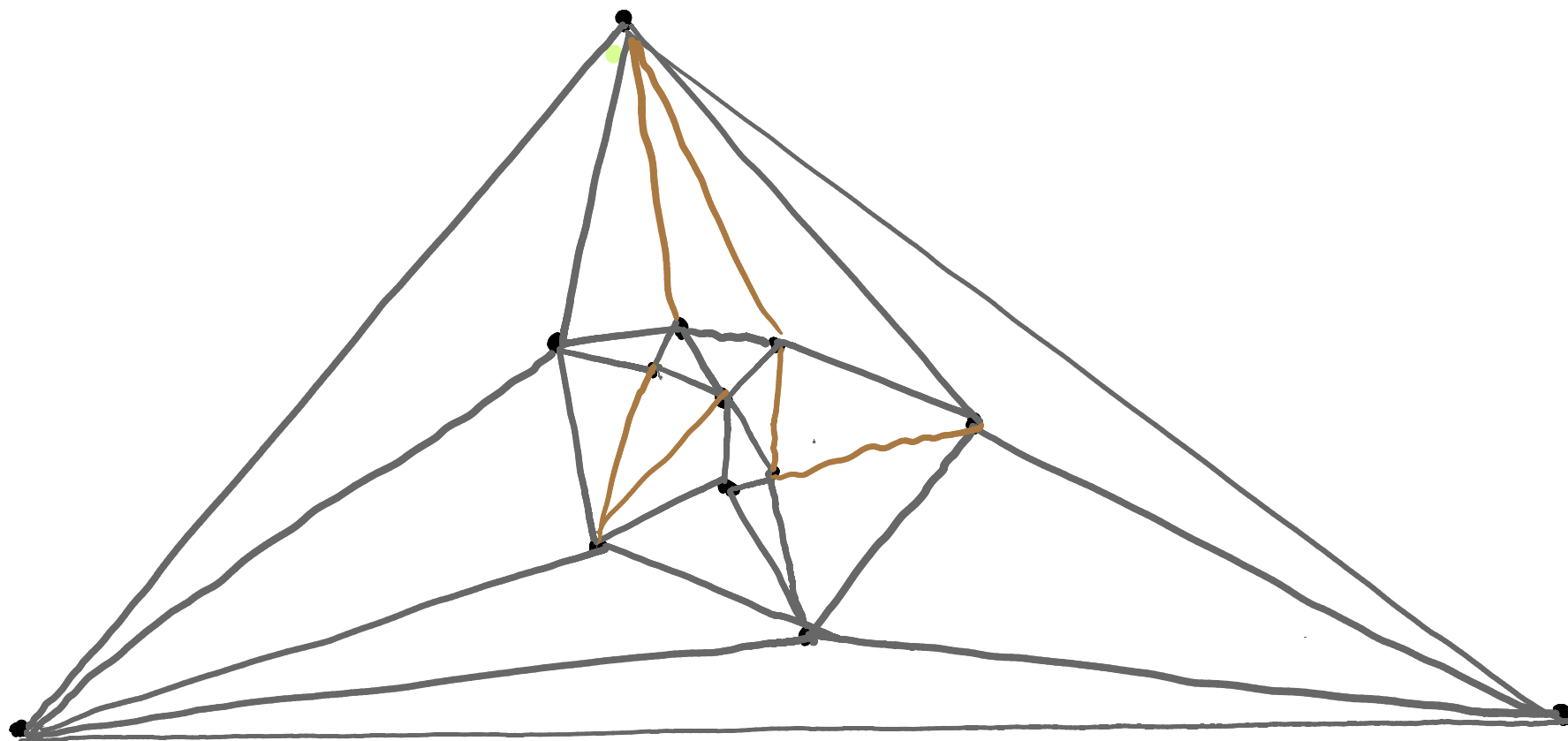


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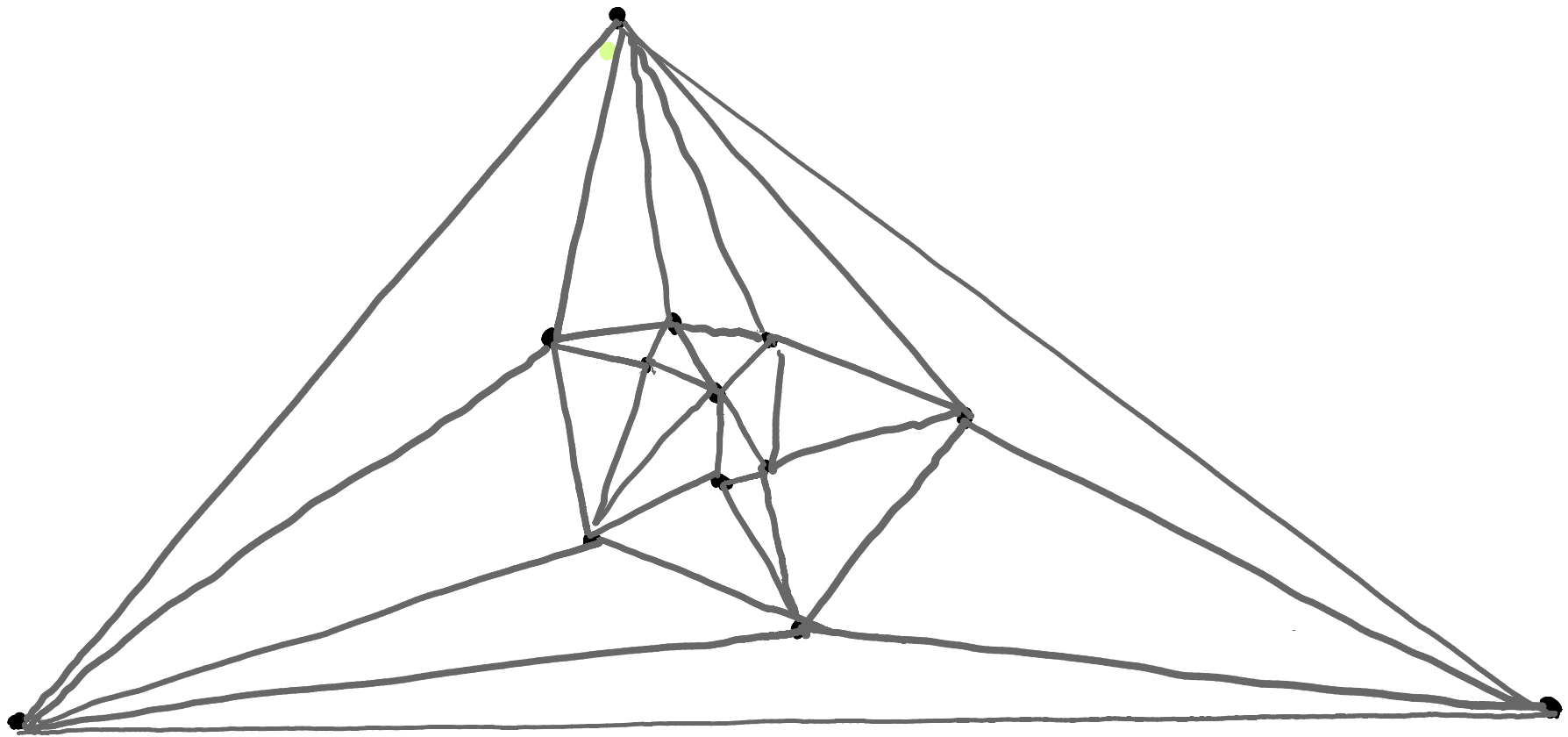


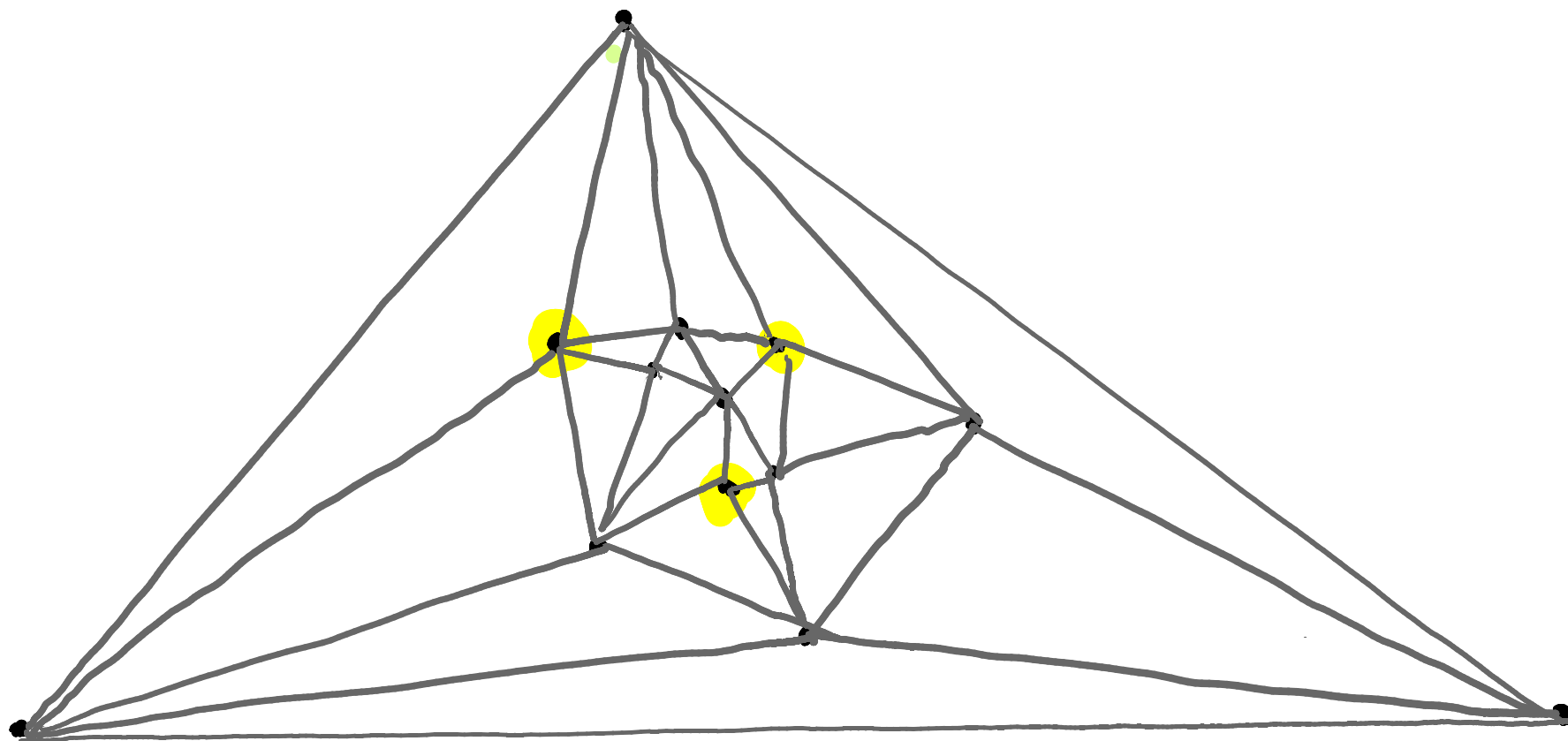


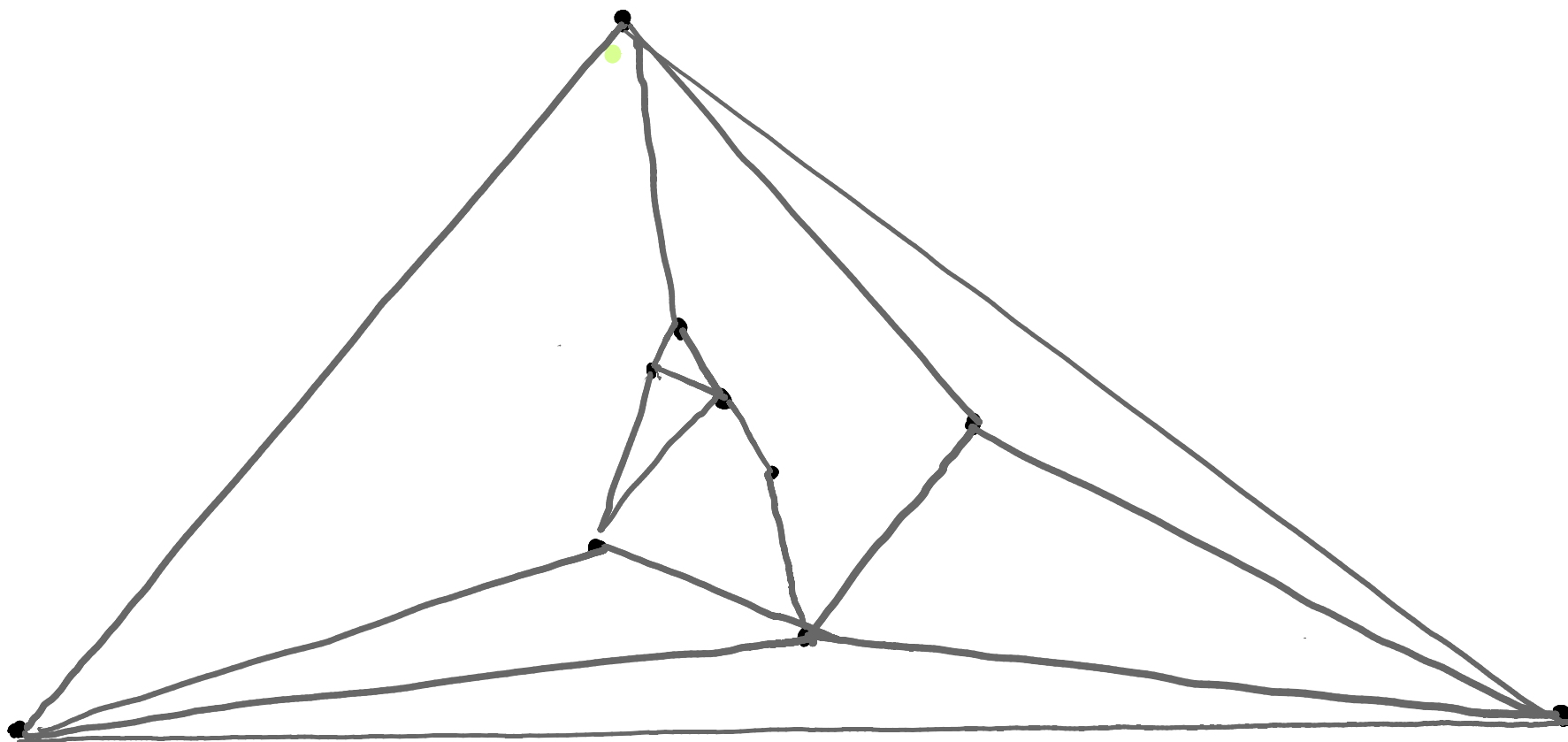




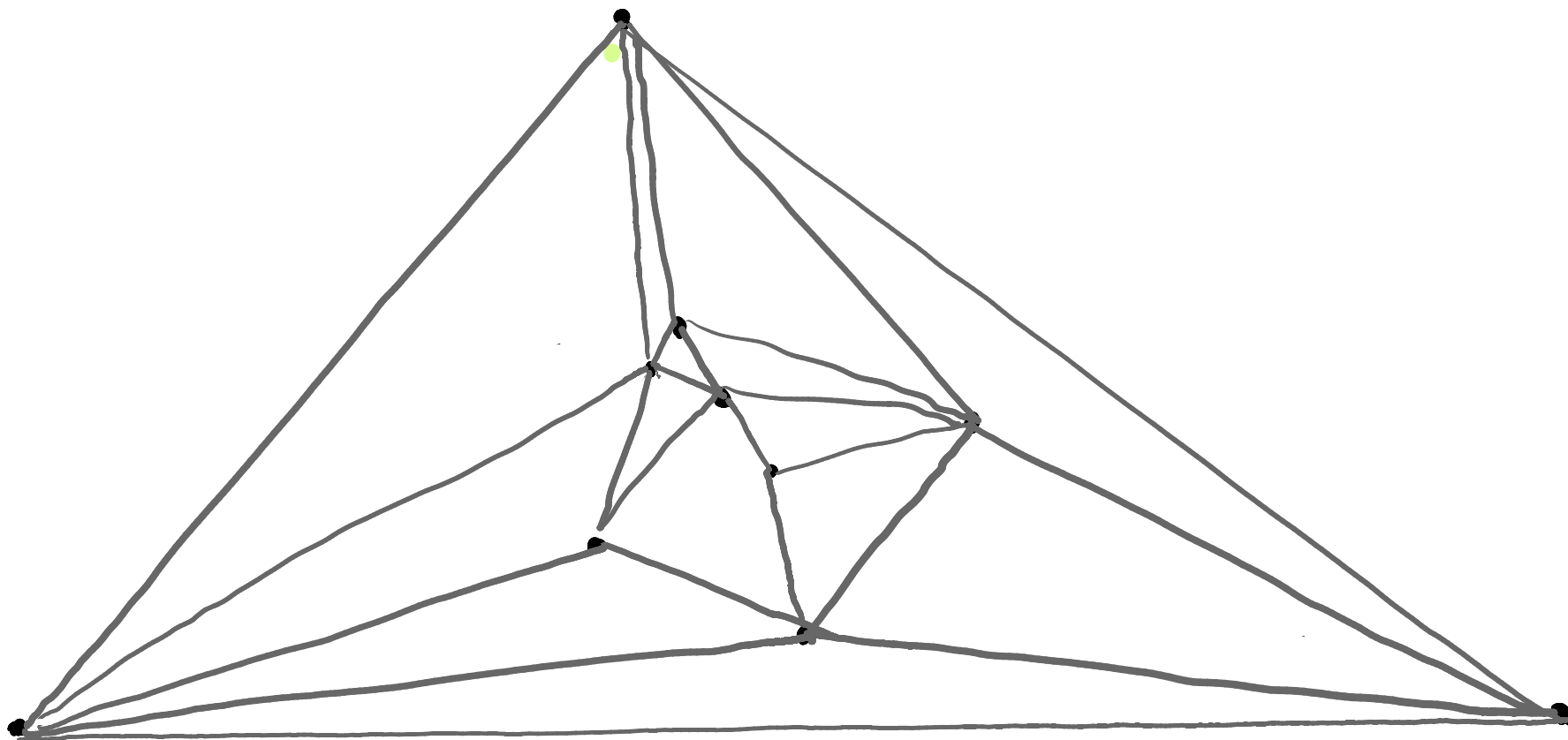
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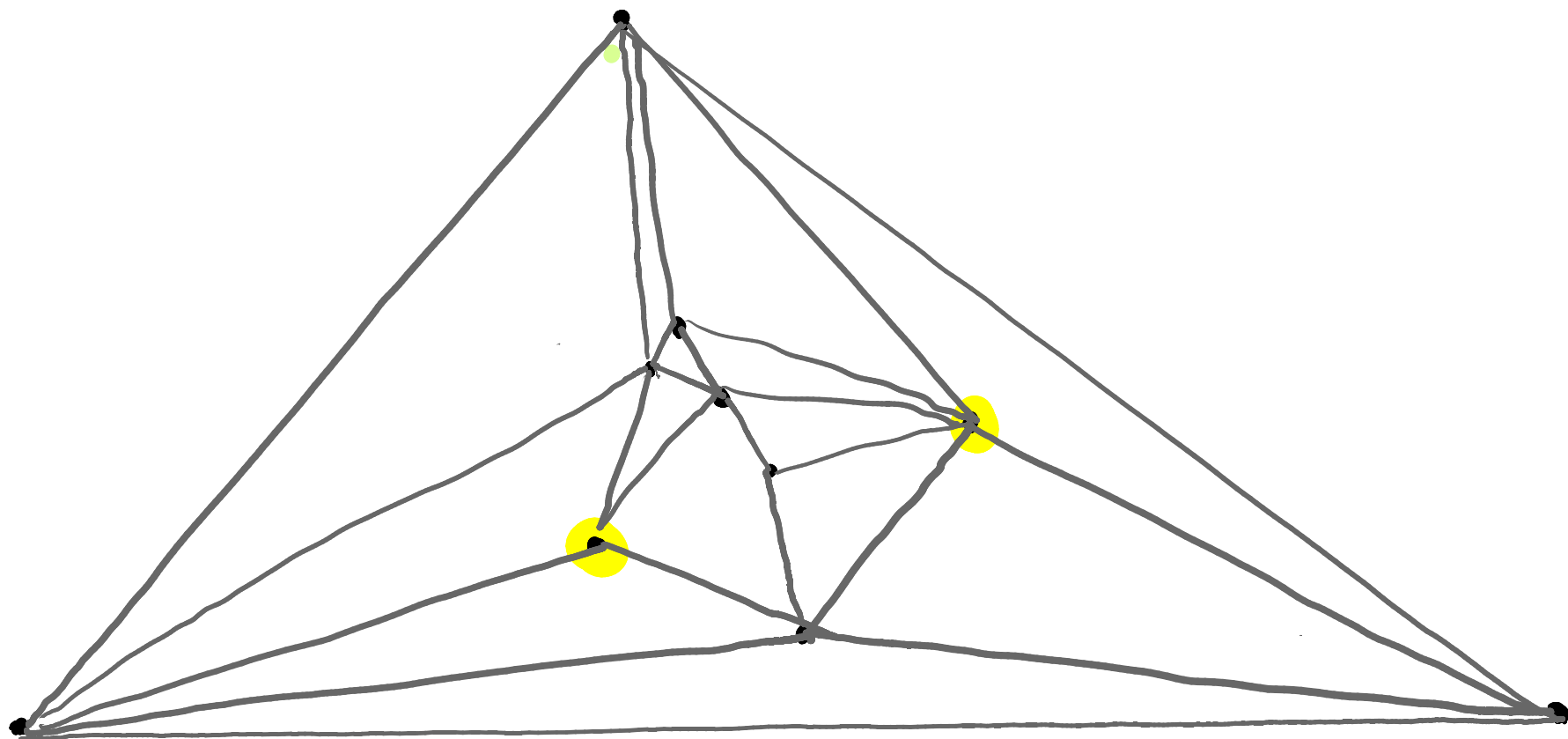


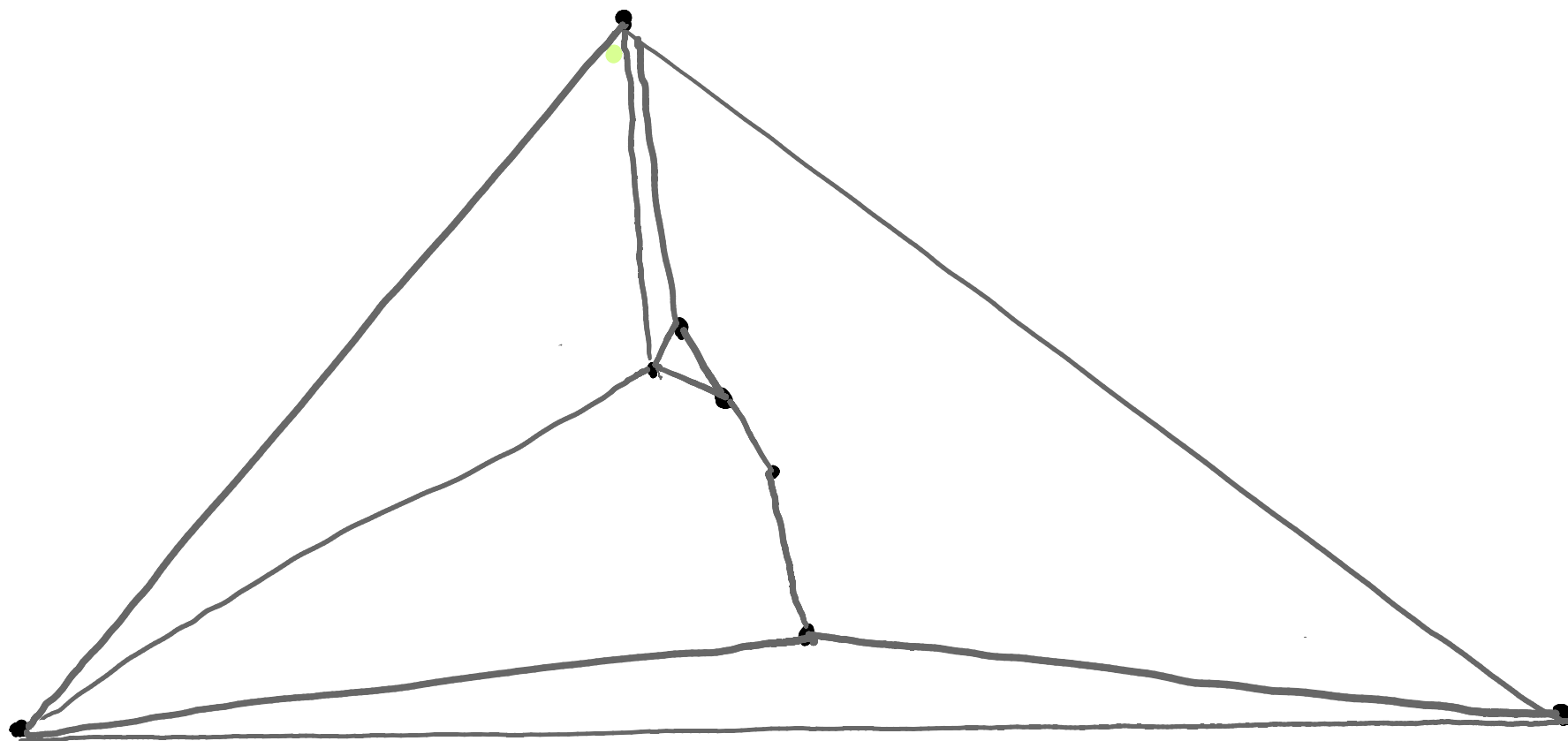




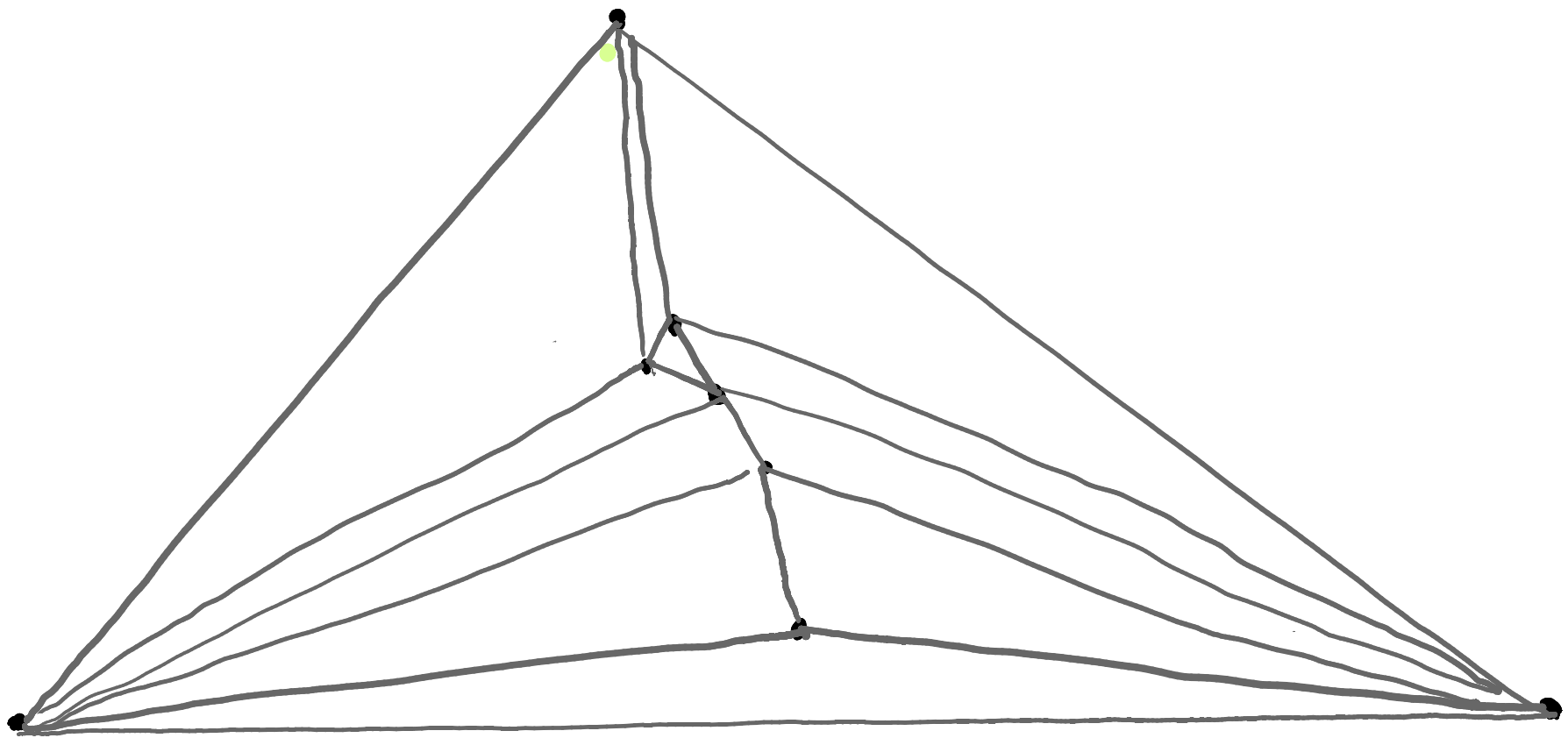
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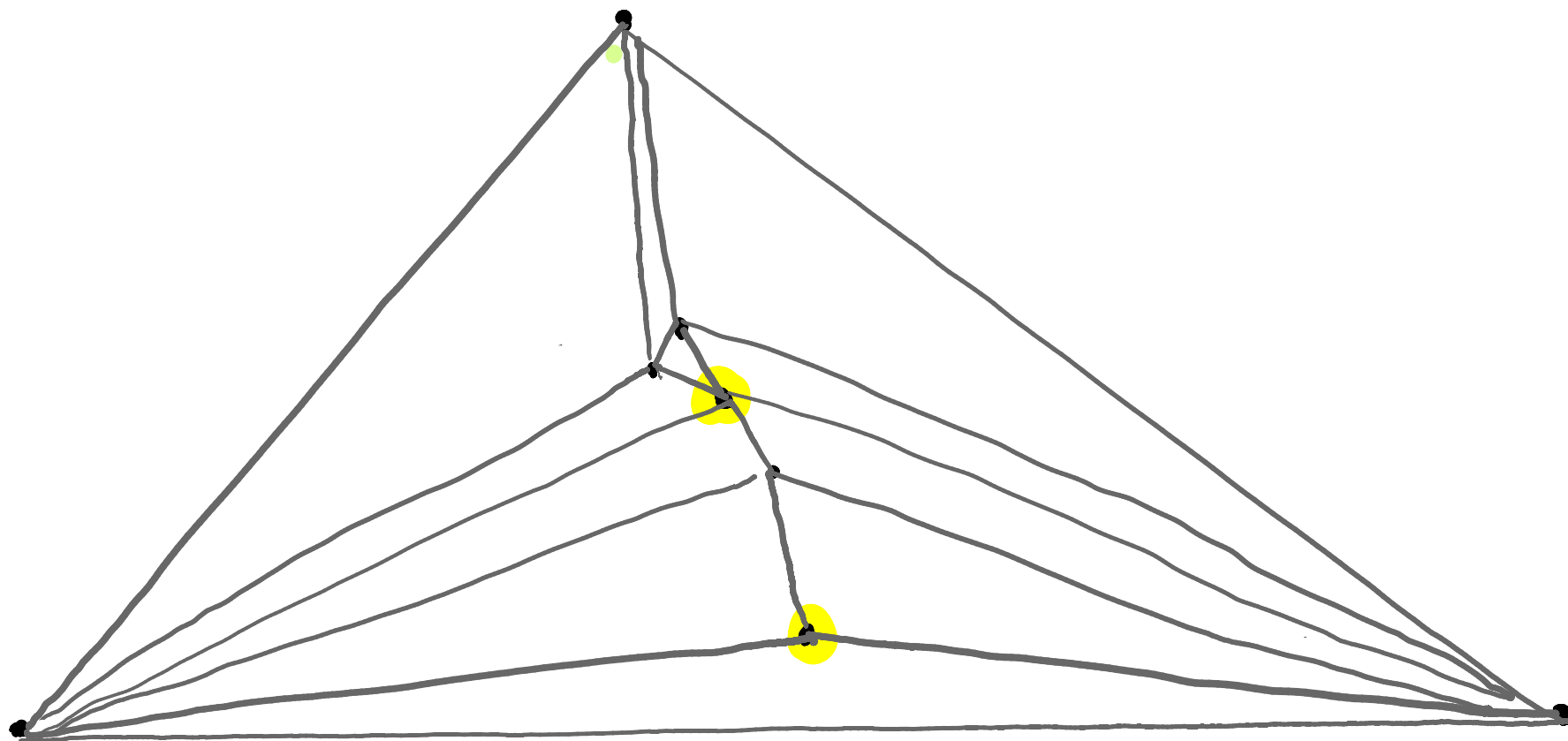


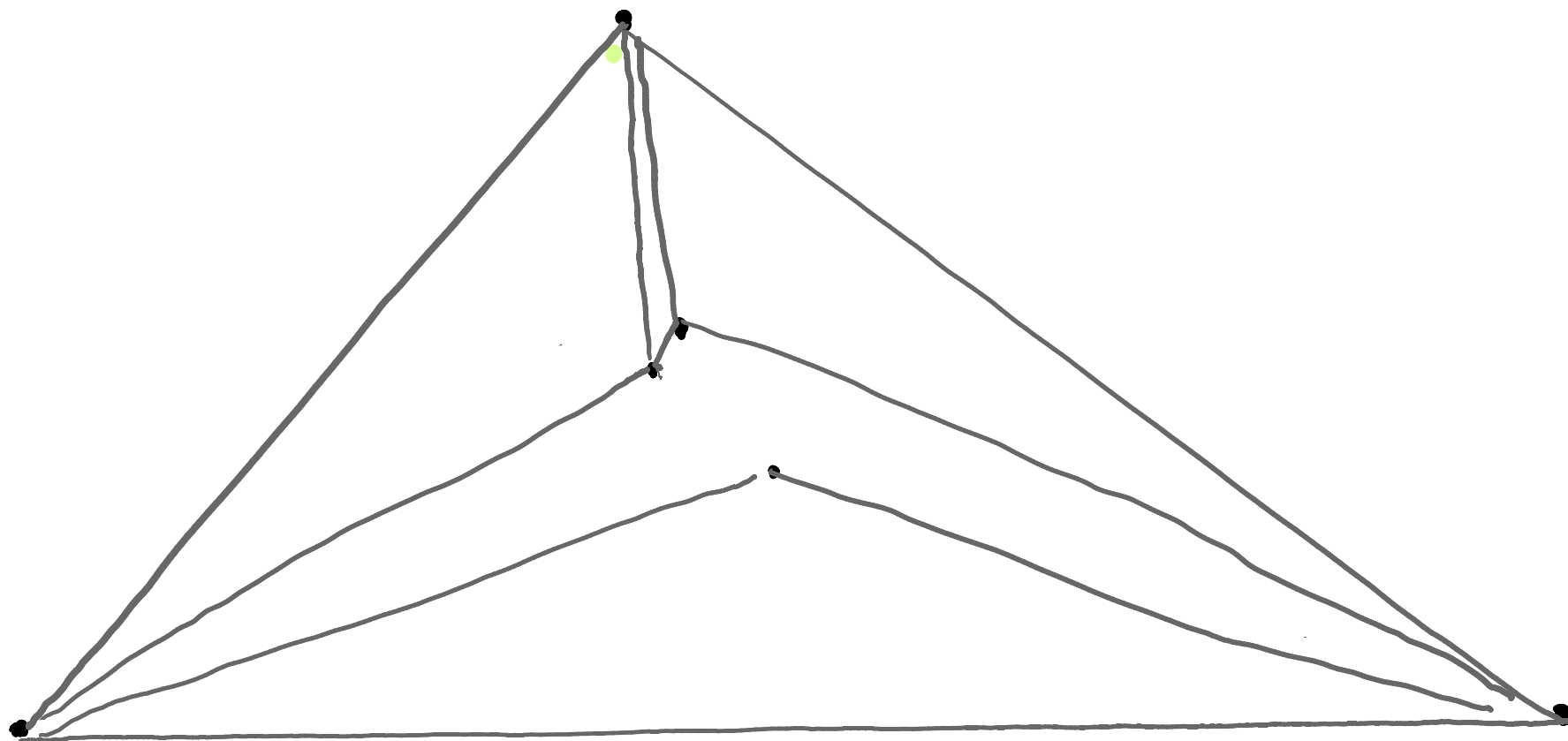




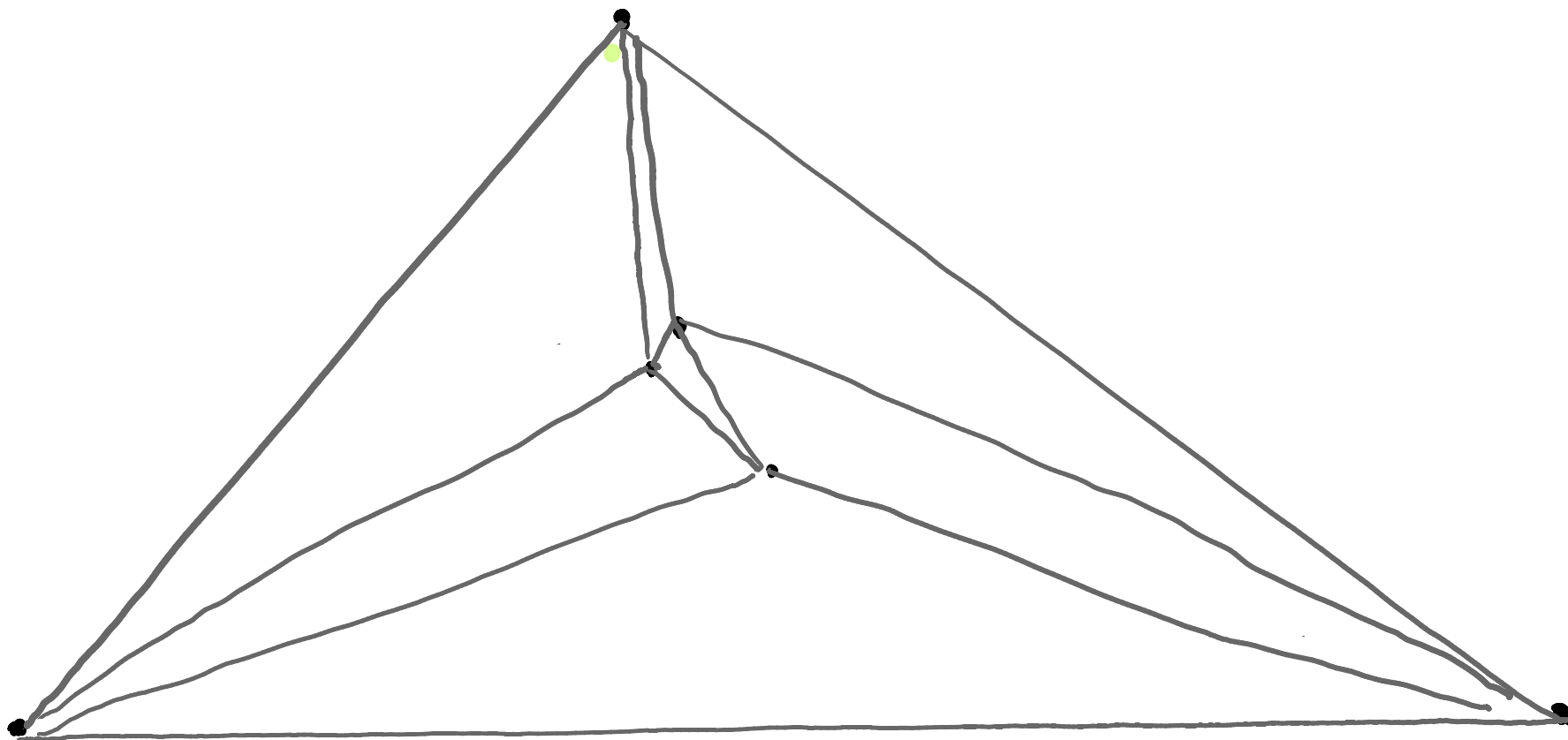
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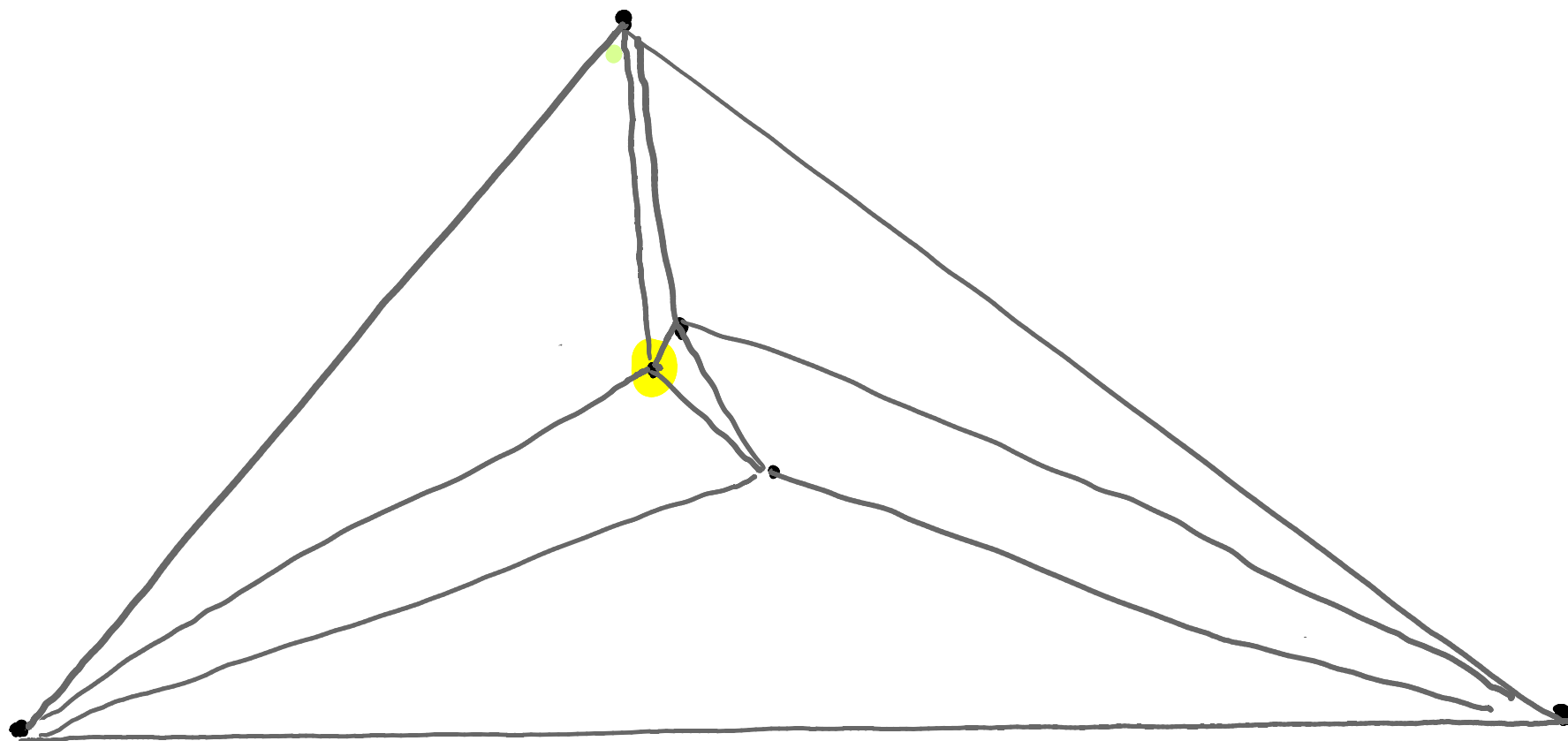


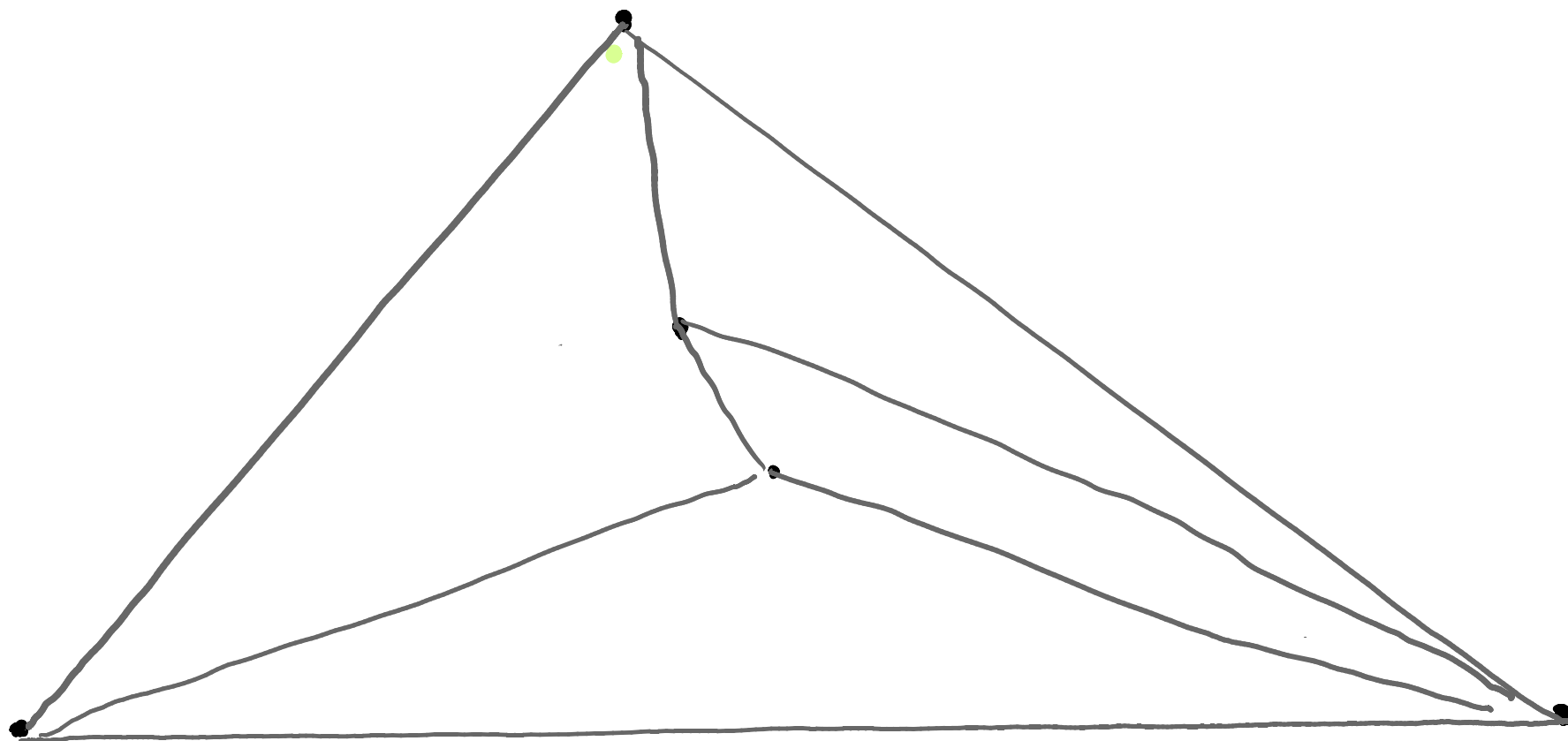




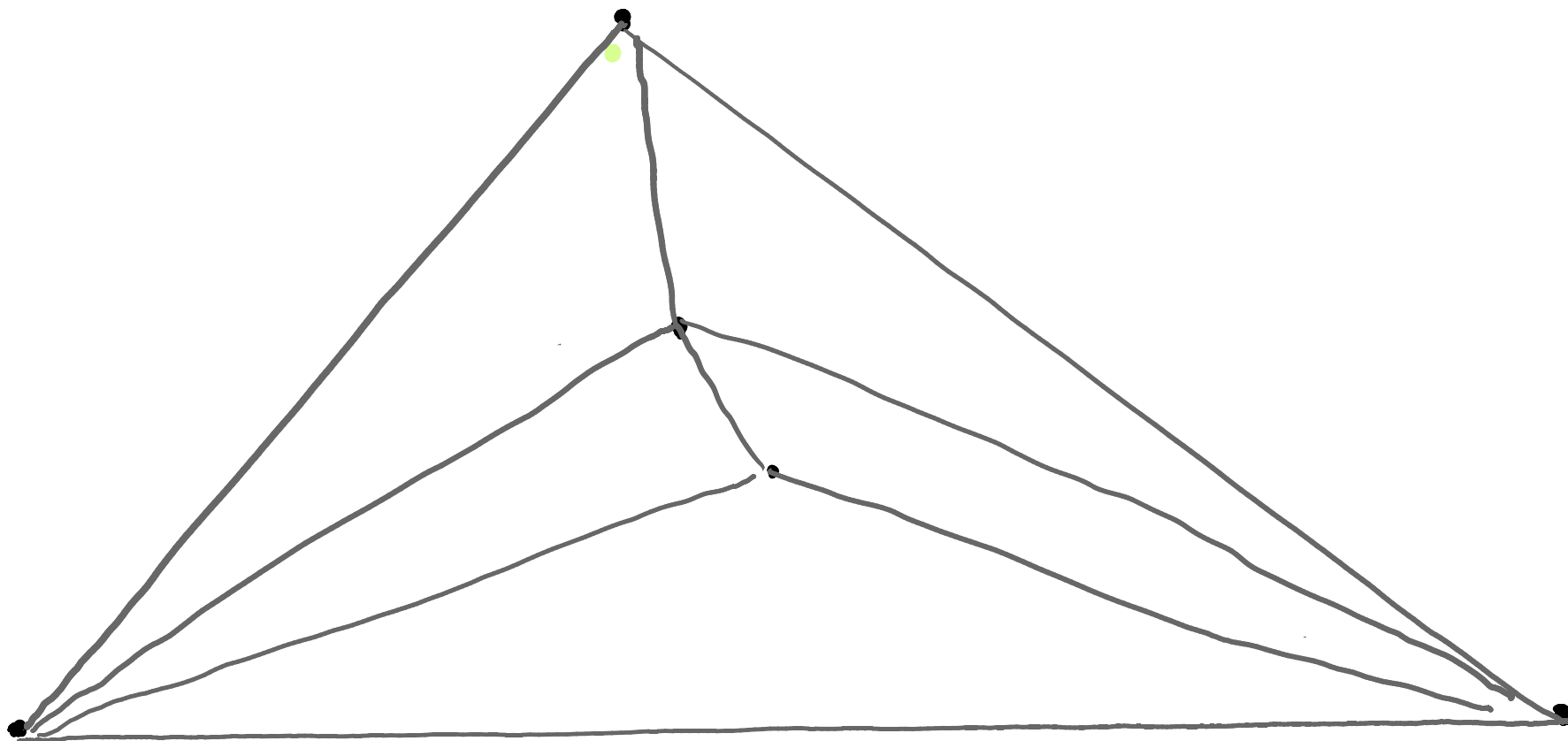
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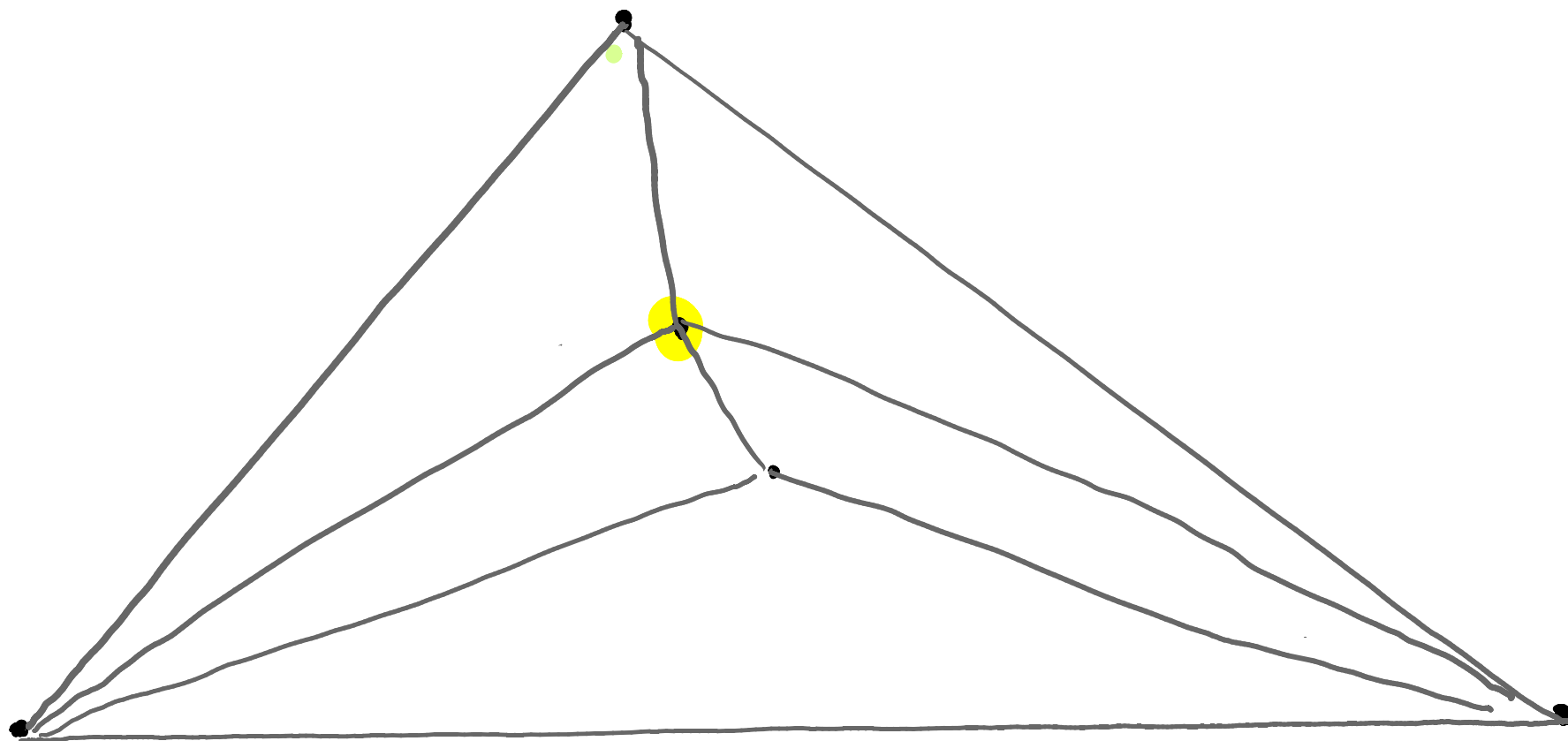


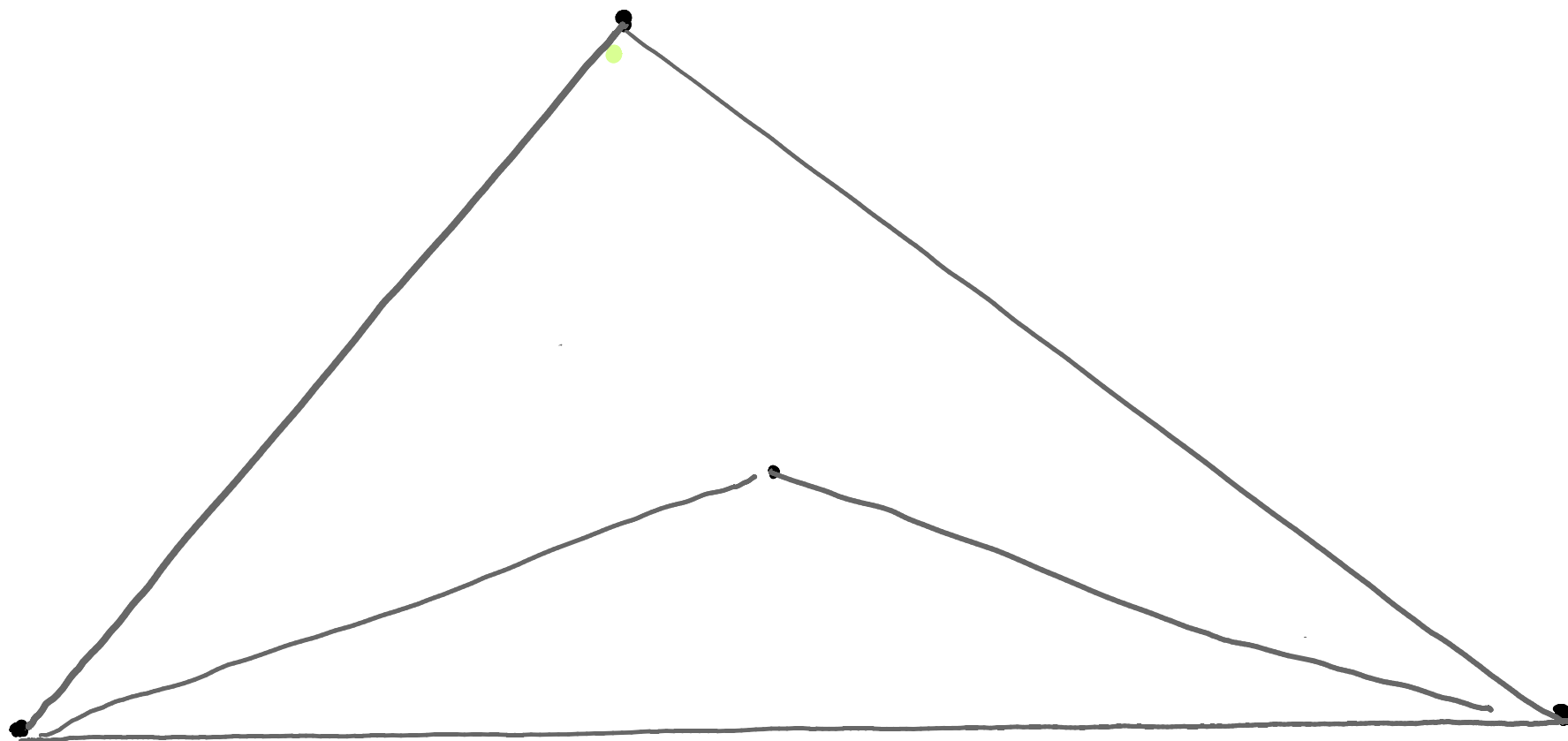




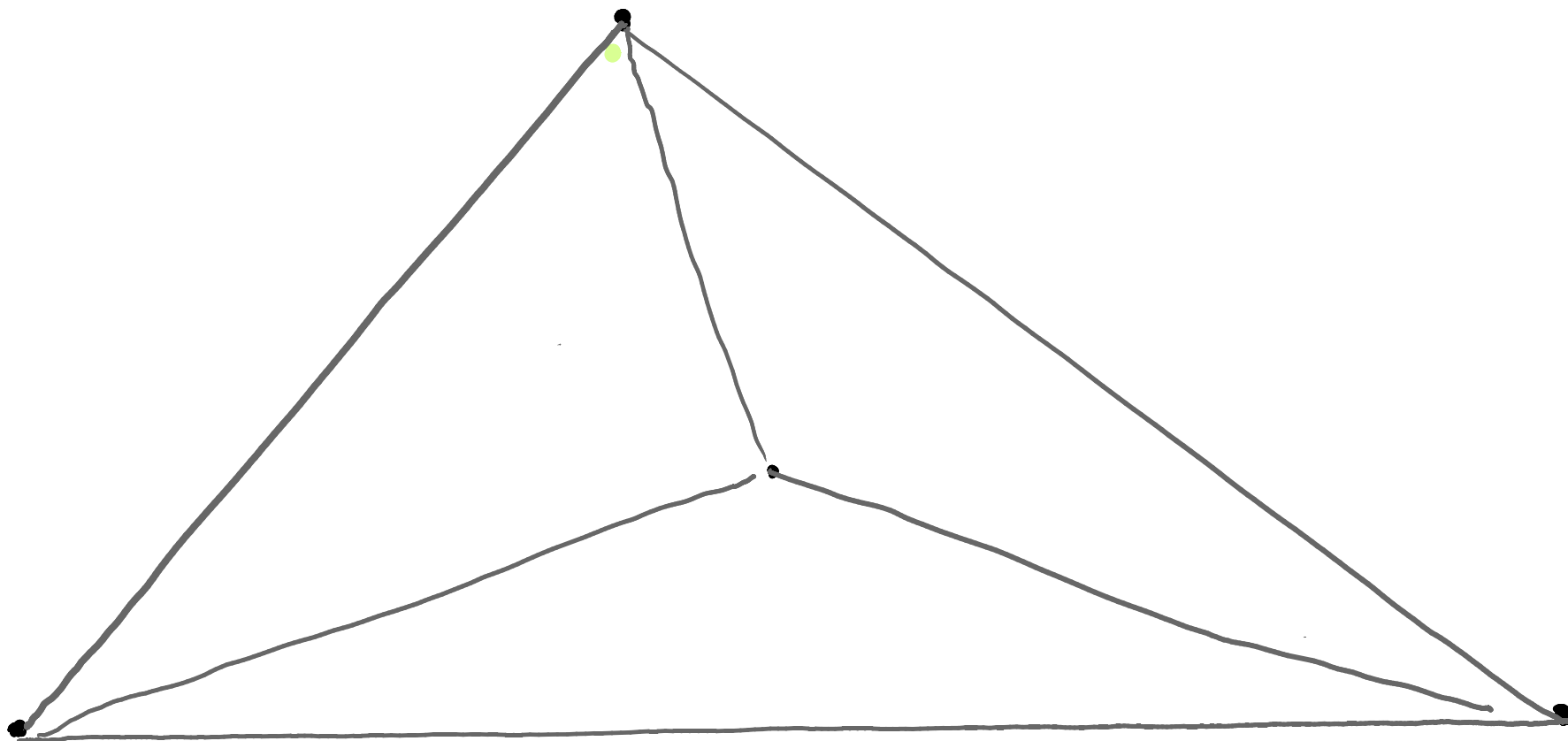
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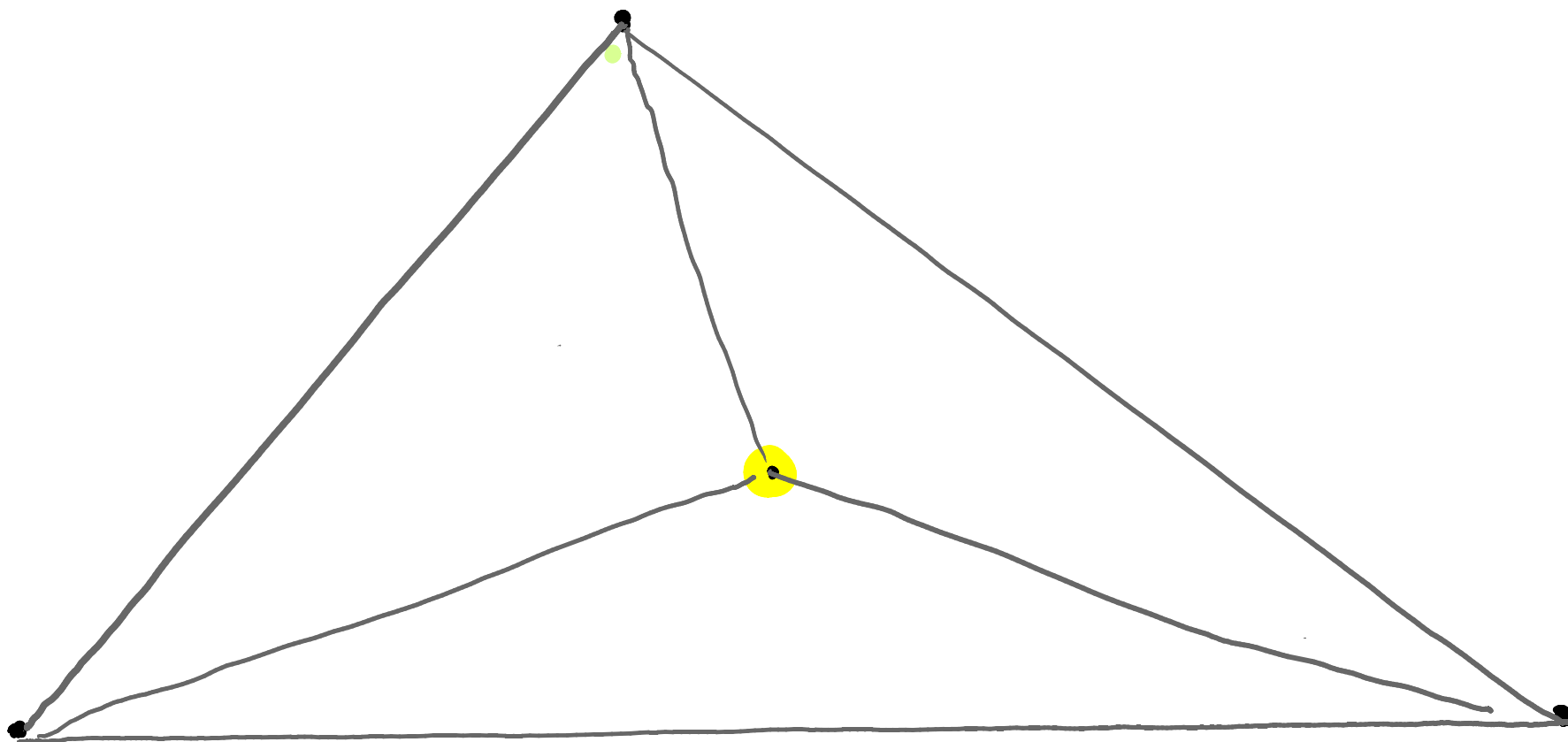




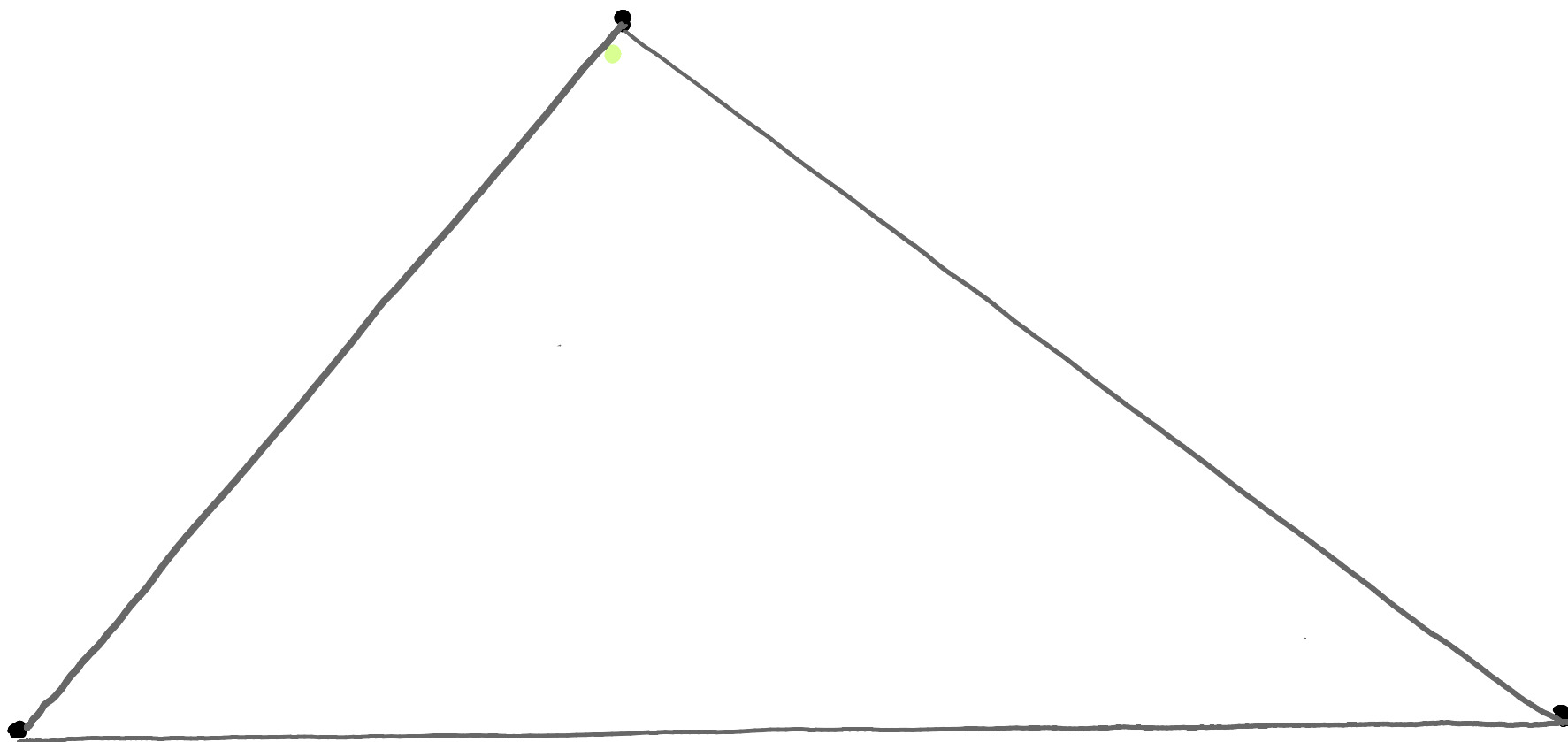


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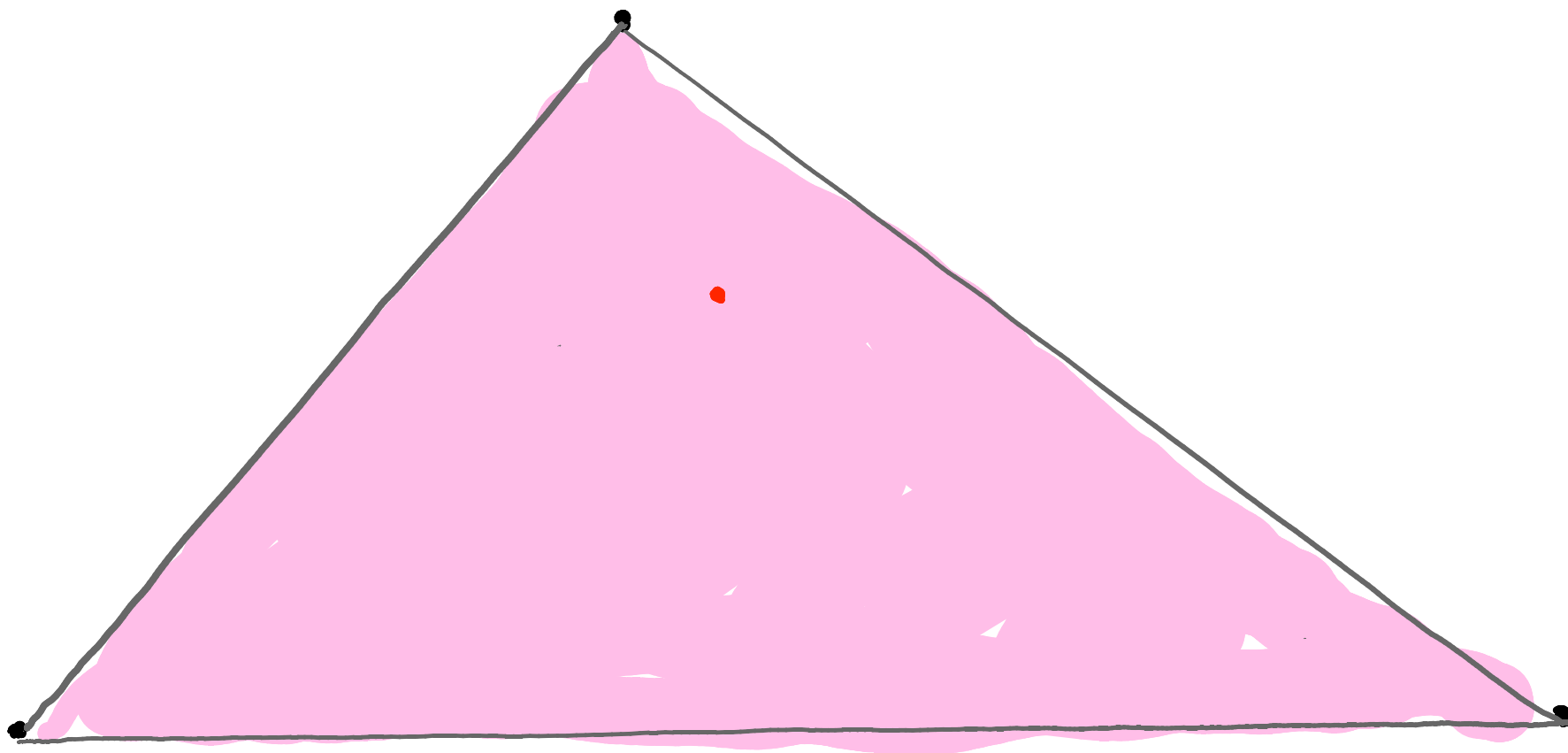
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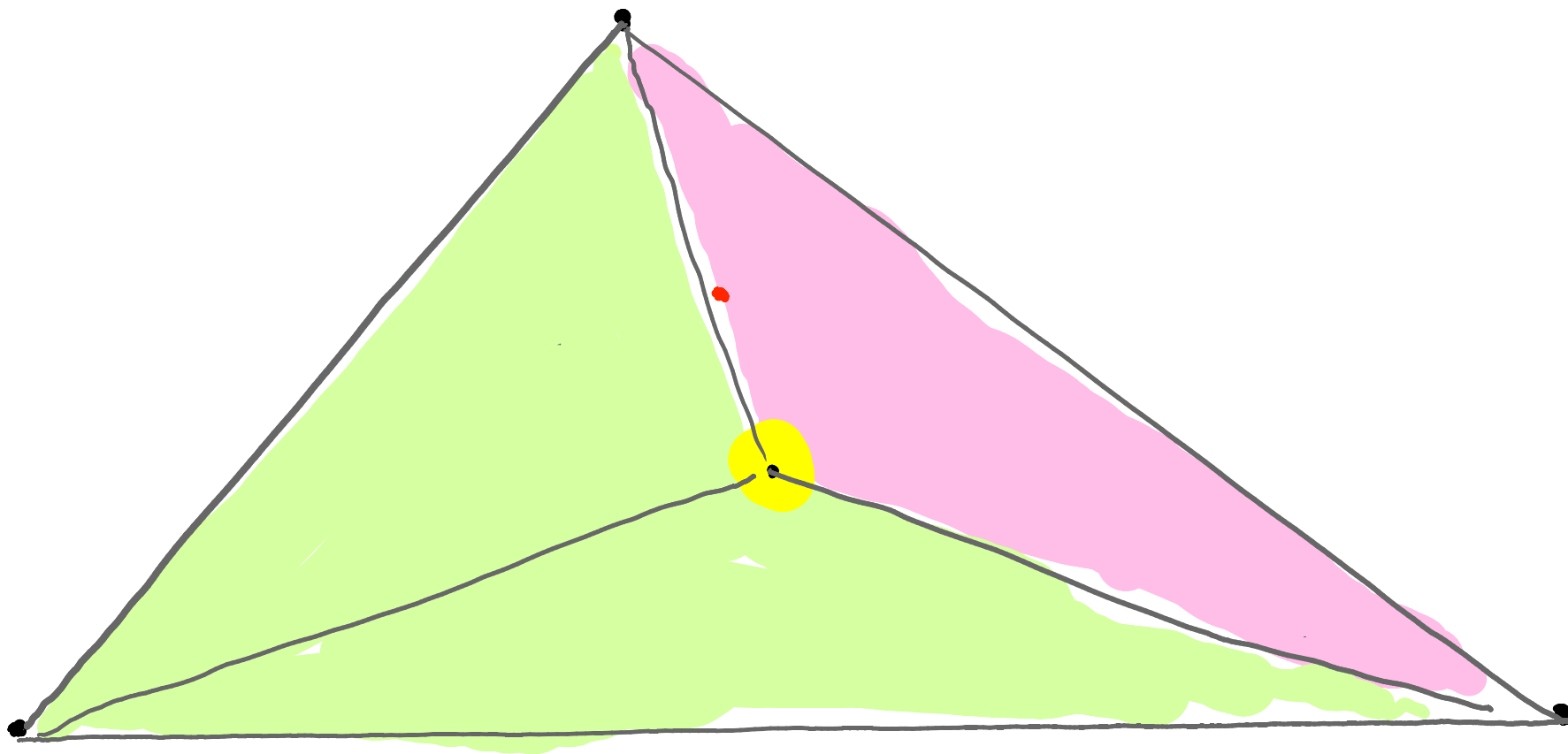
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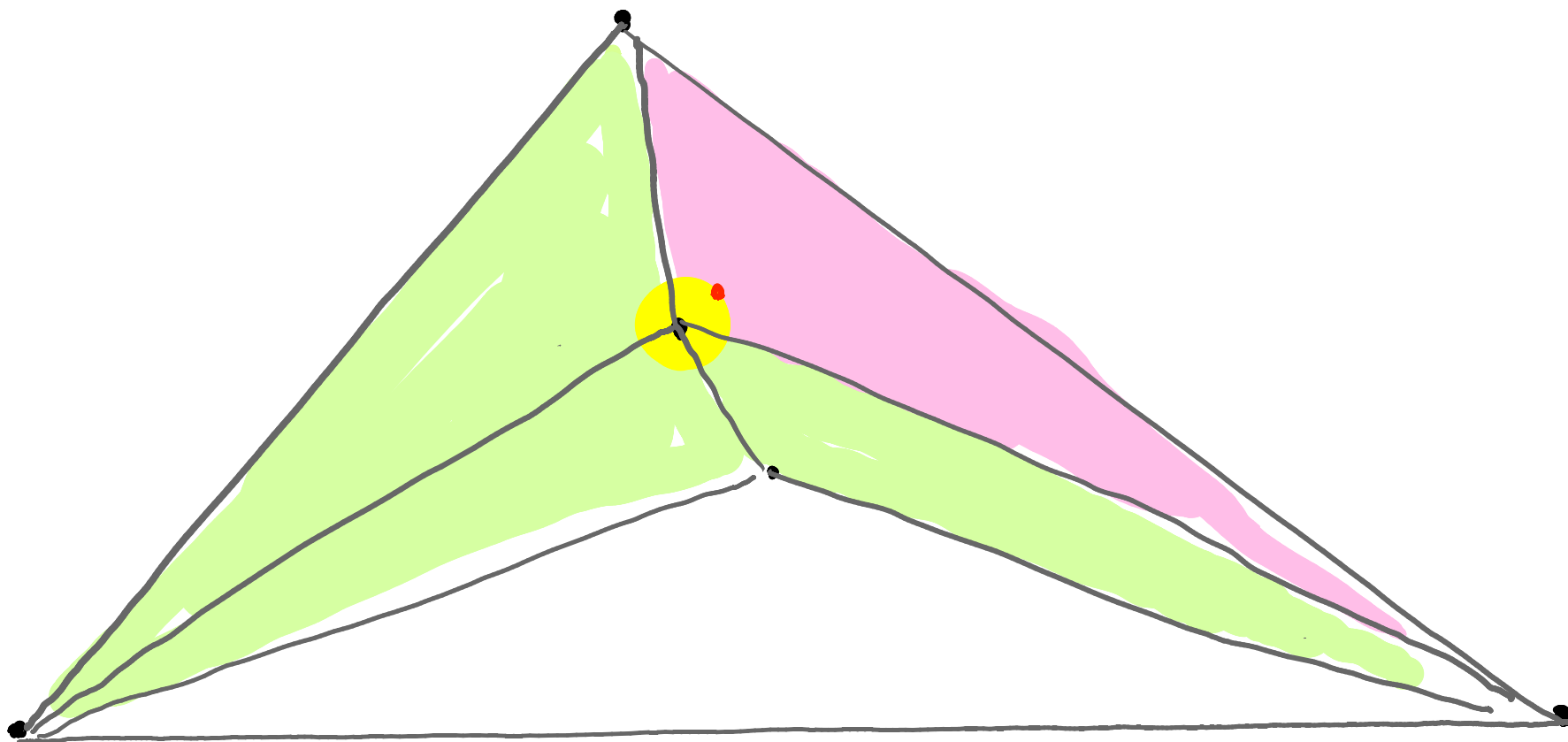
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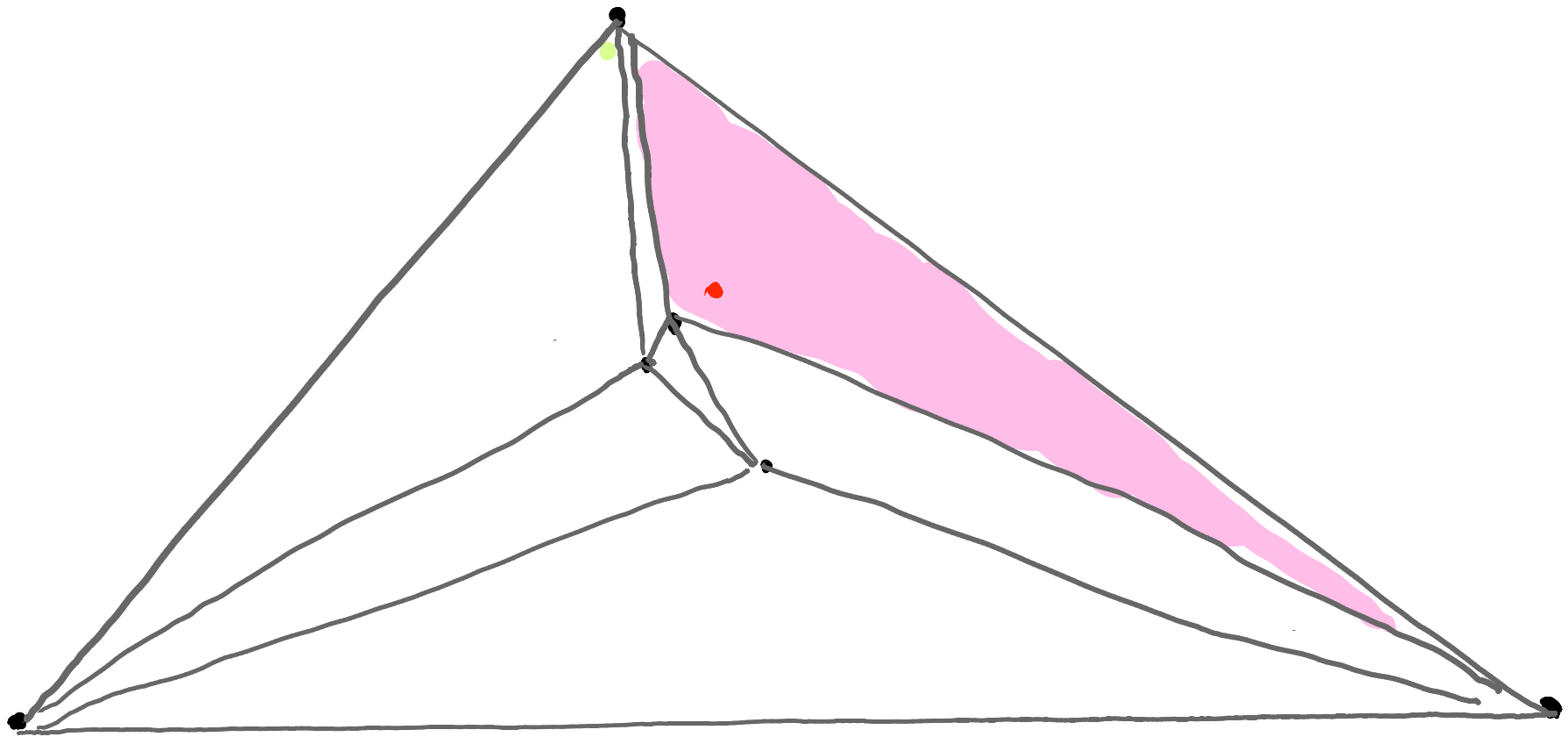
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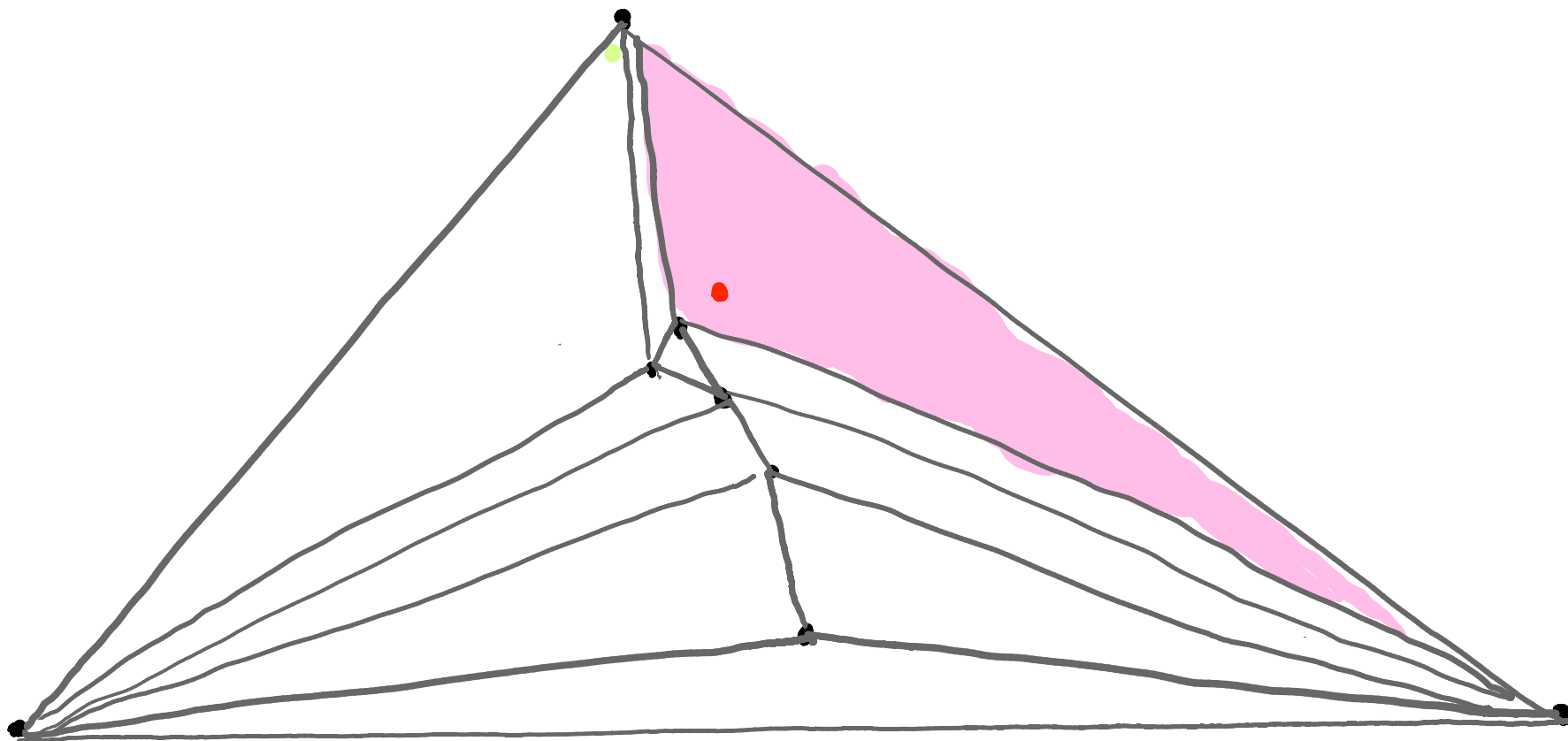
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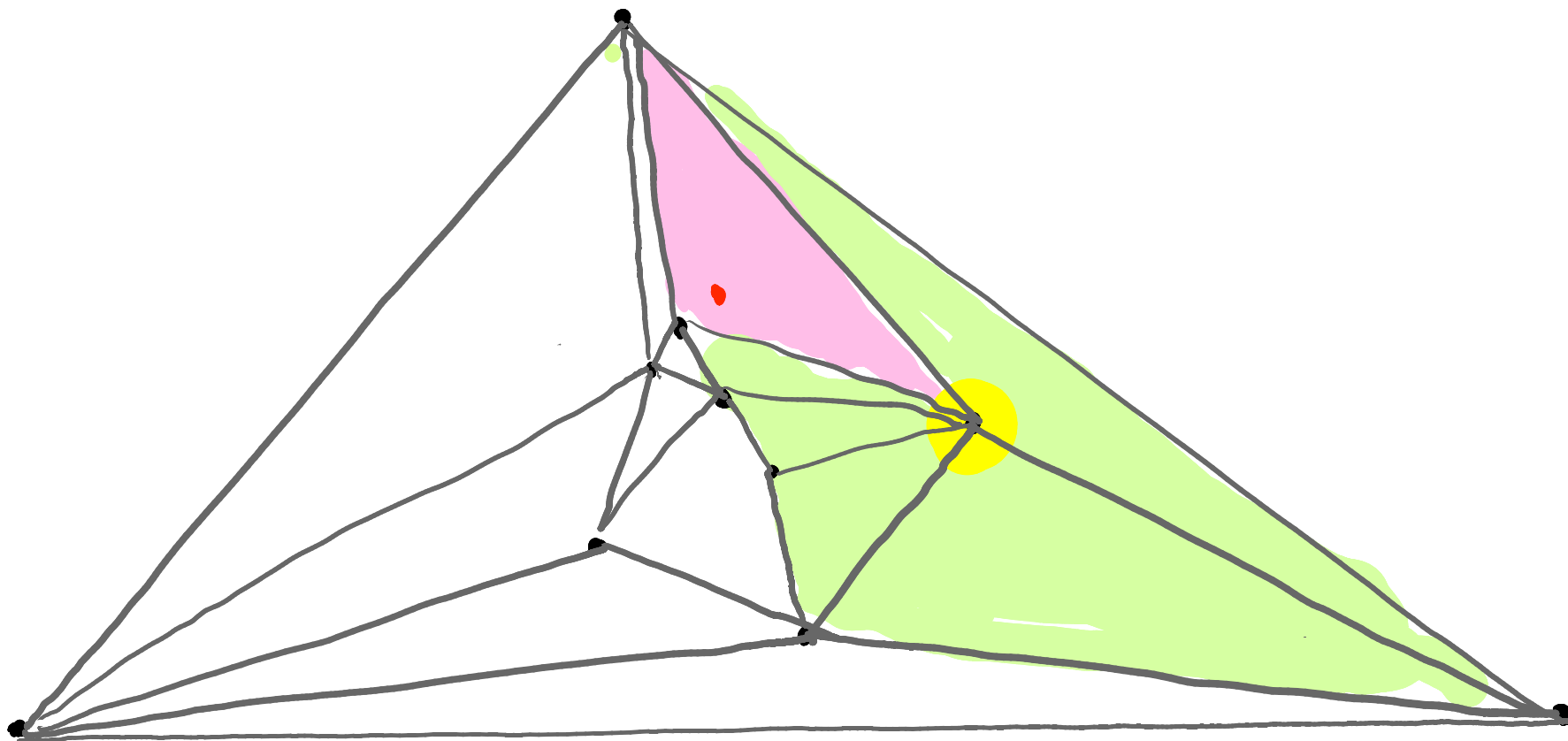
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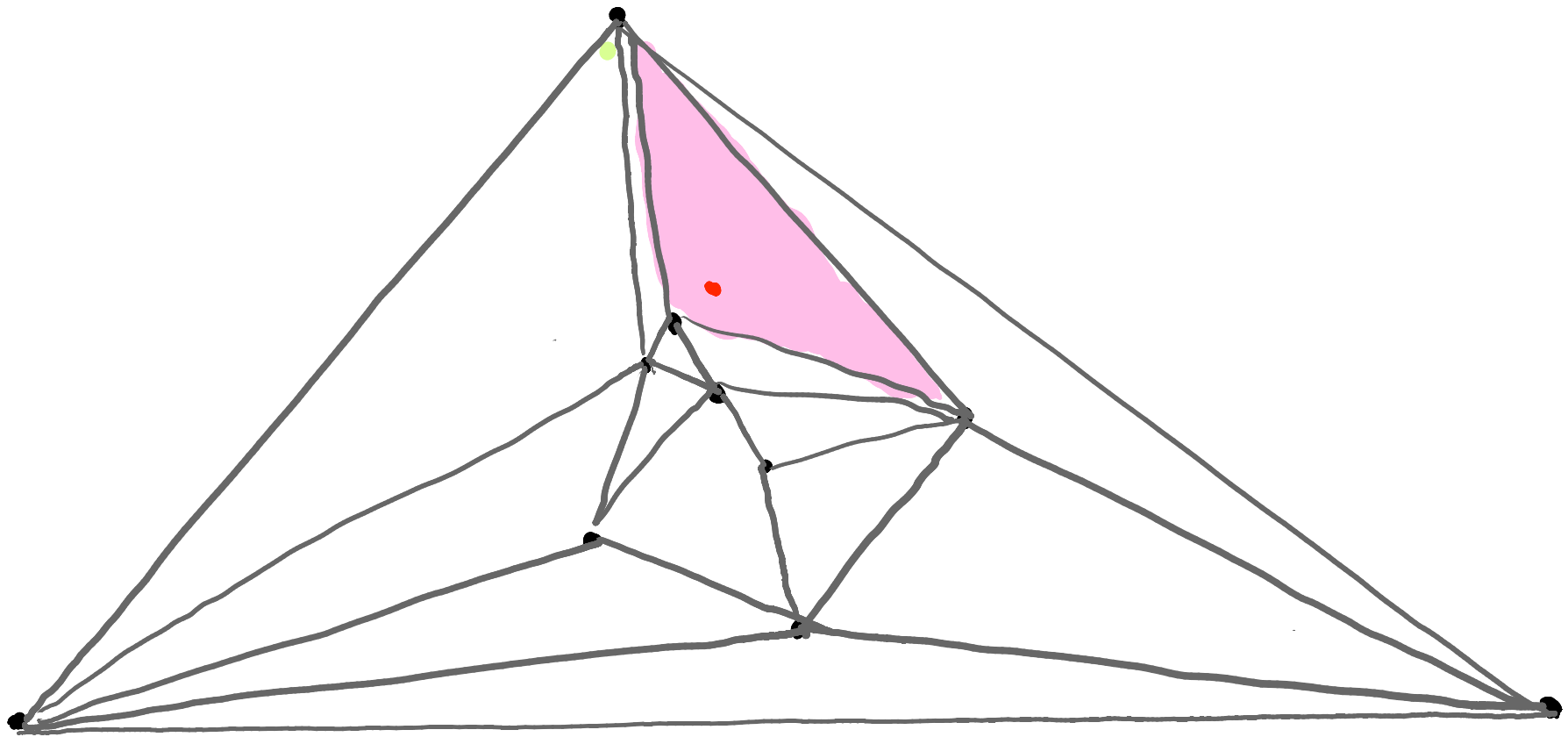
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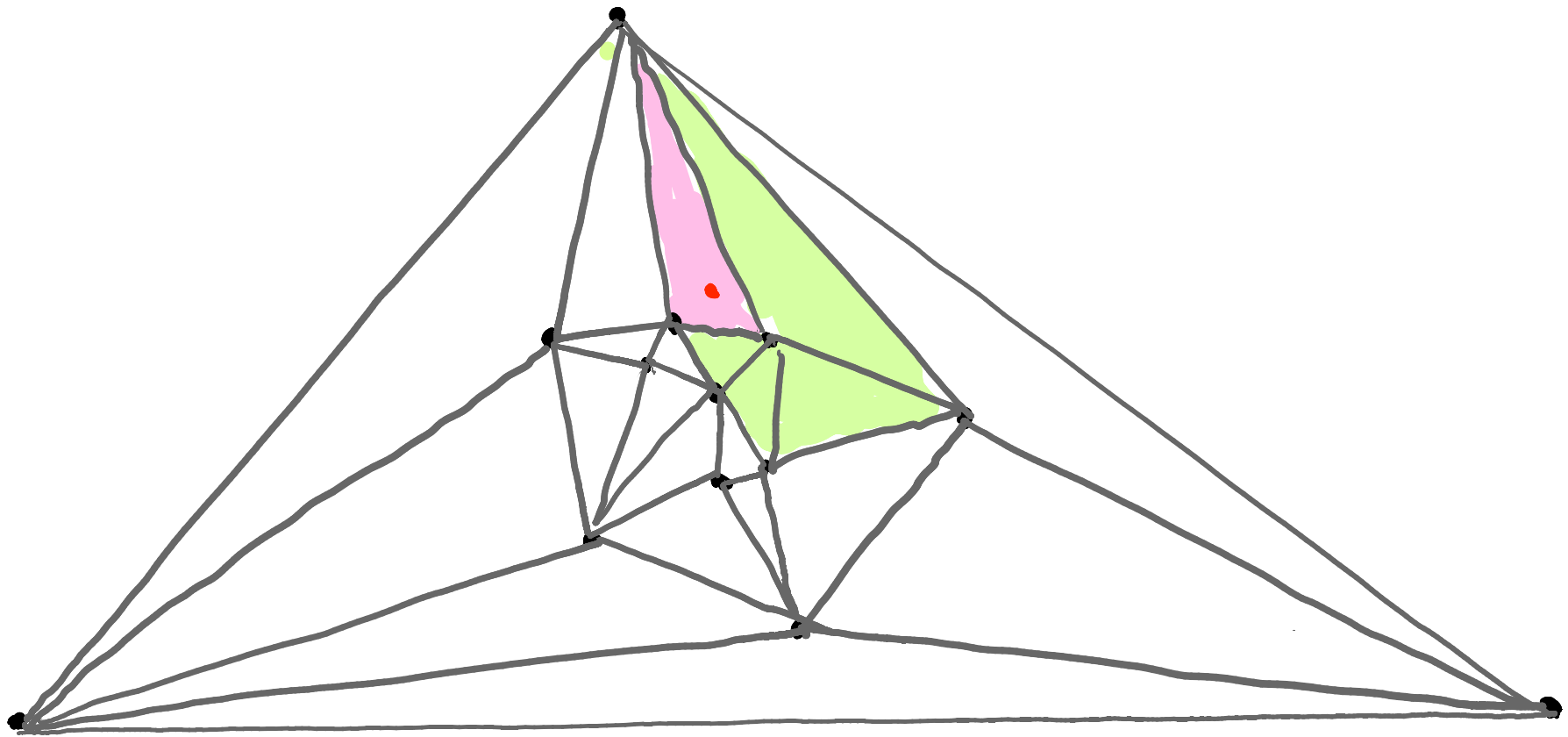
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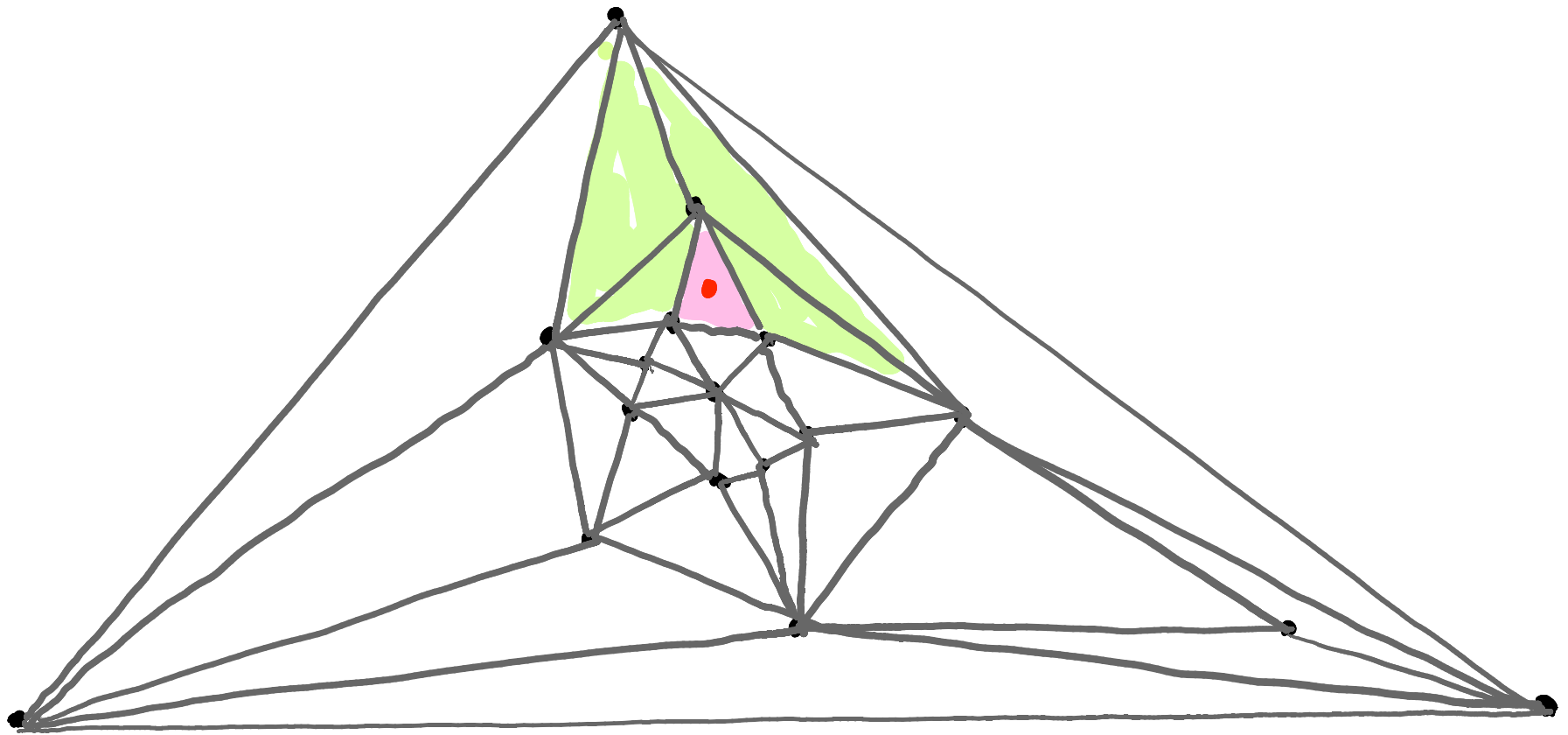
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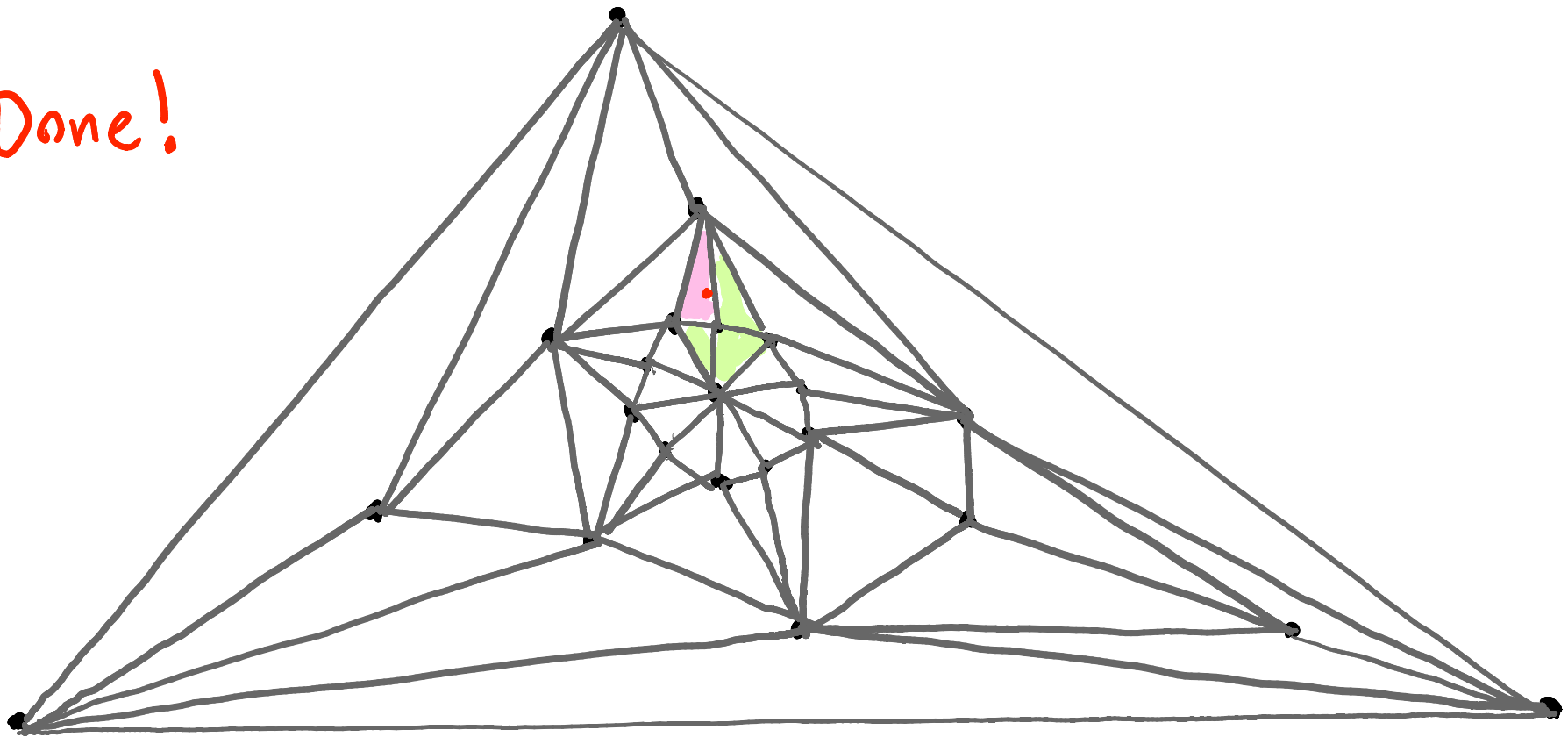


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