

On polyhedra induced by point sets and on their
triangulations.

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Happy 60th birthday Egon and Karoly!

On a variant of the
'tic - tac - toe'

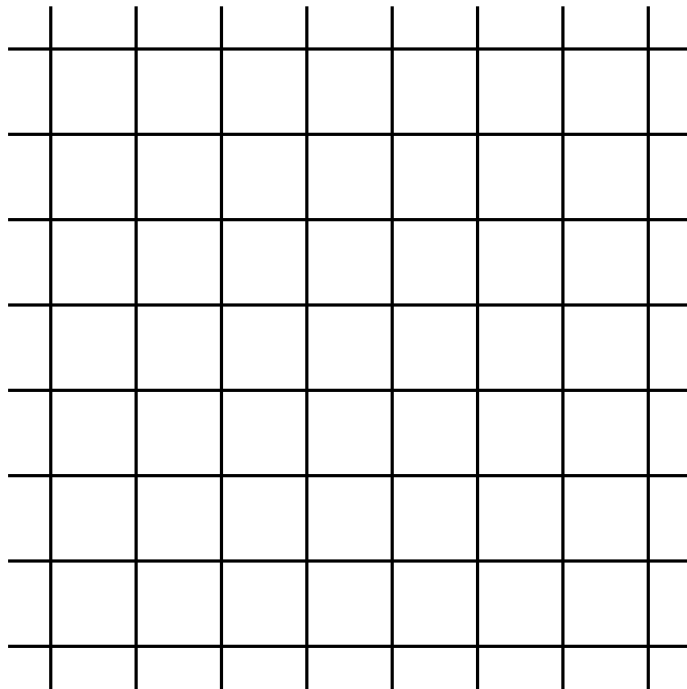
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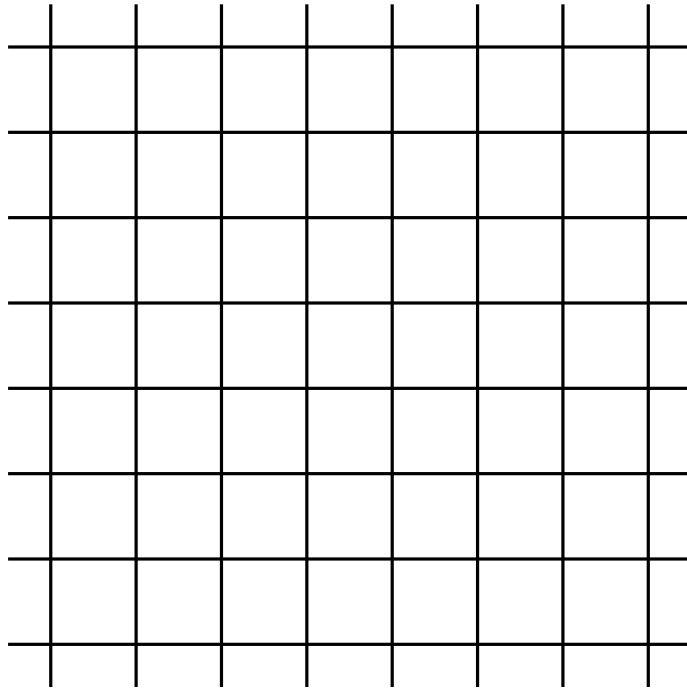
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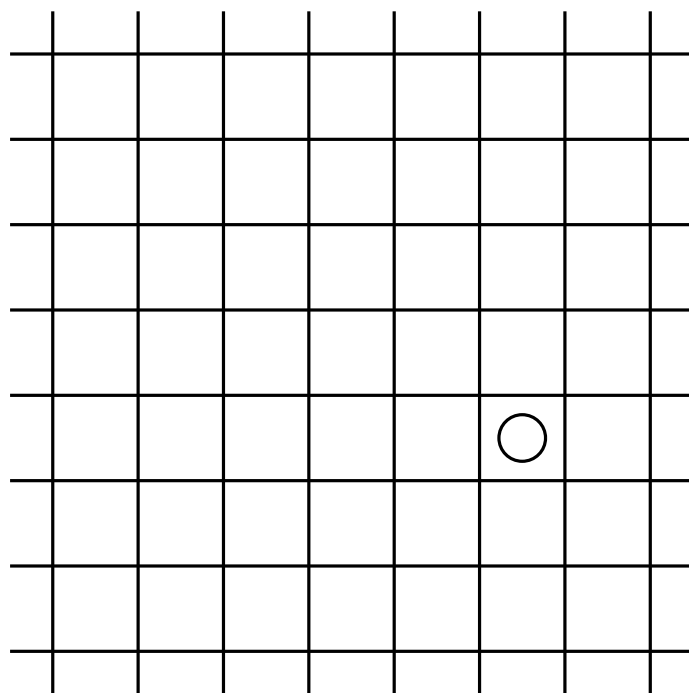
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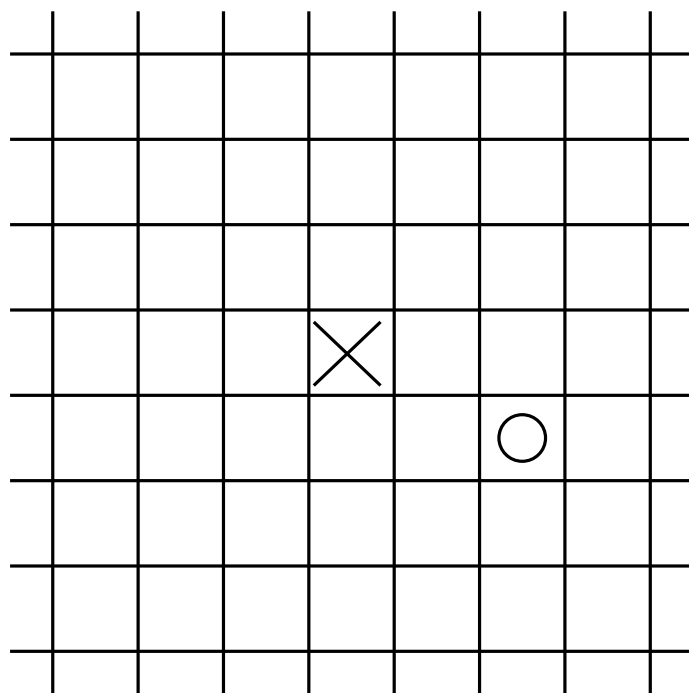
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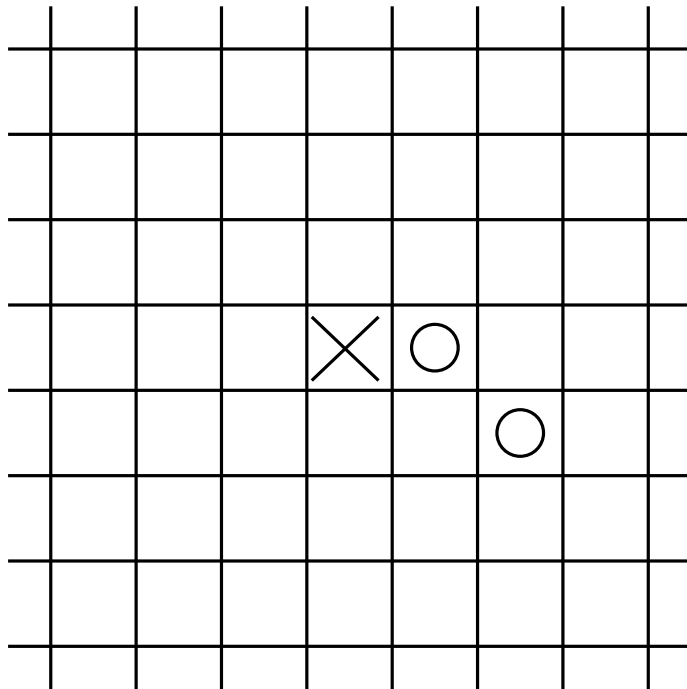
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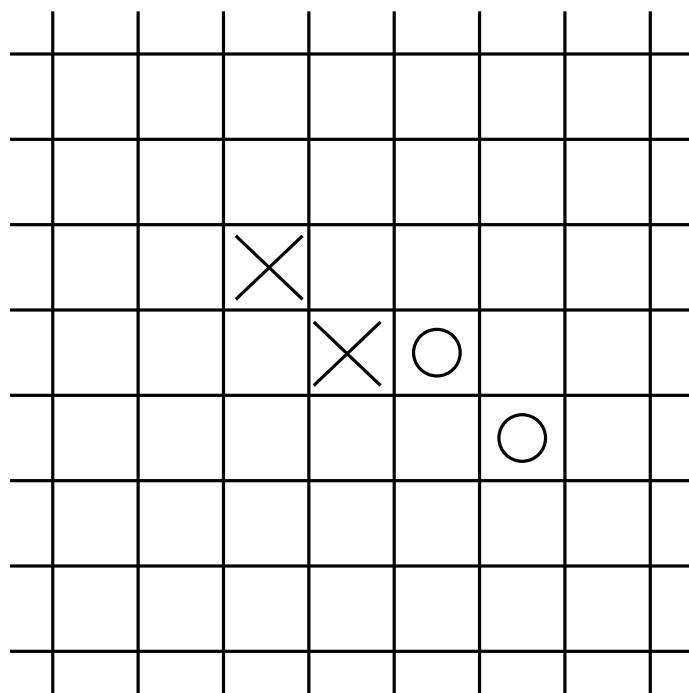
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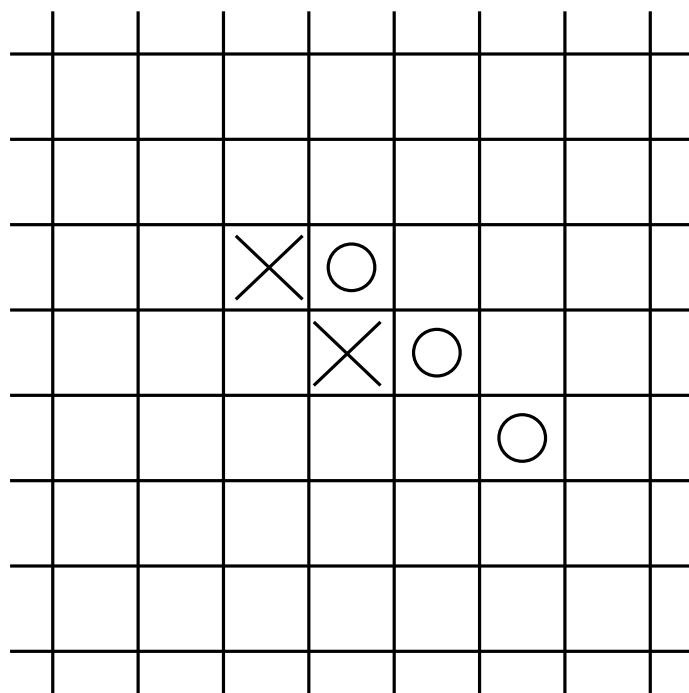
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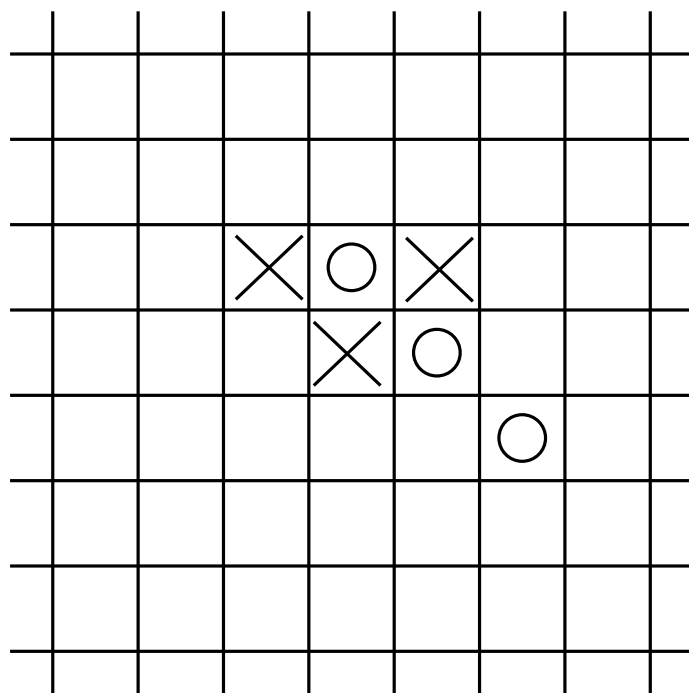
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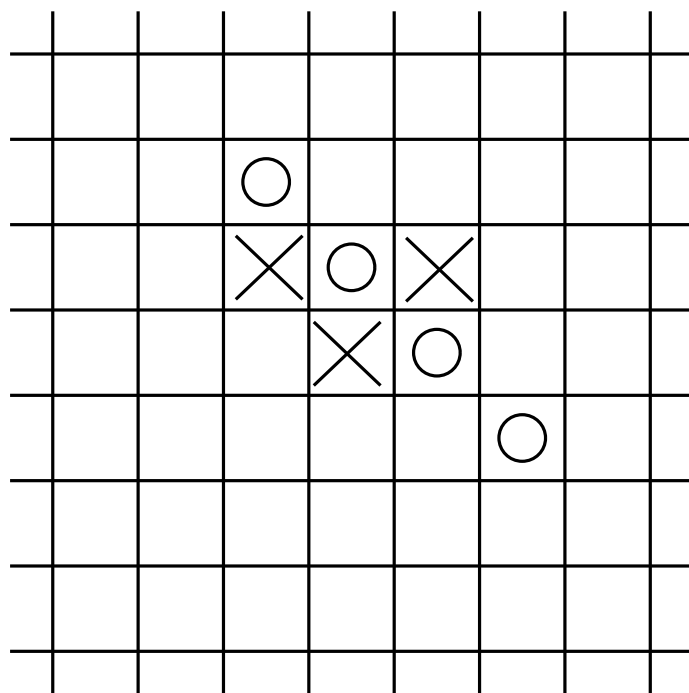
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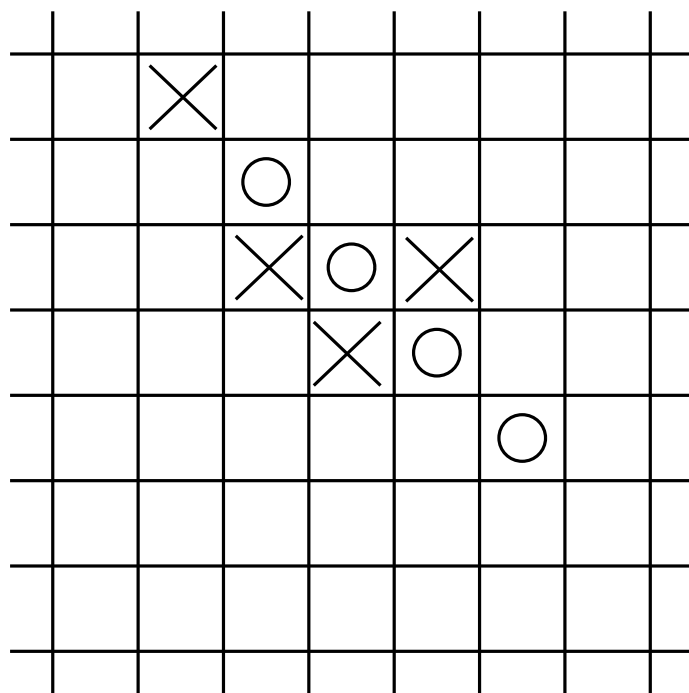
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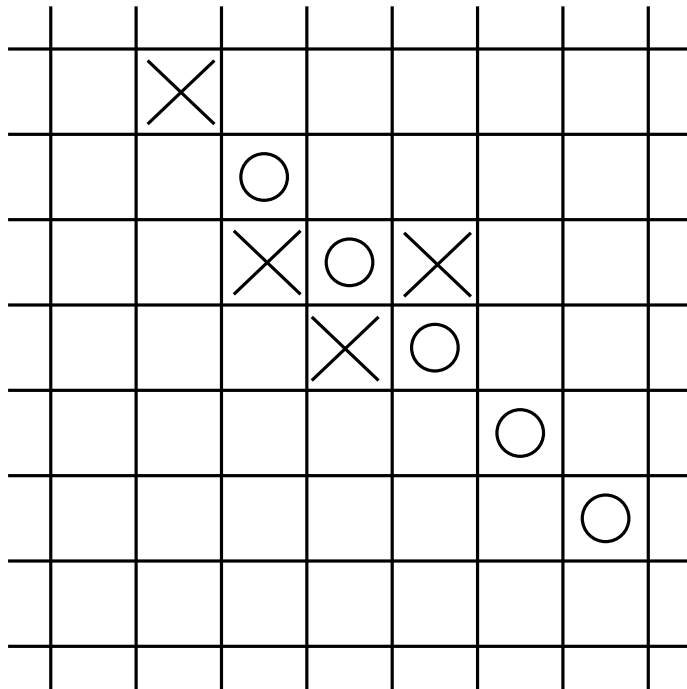
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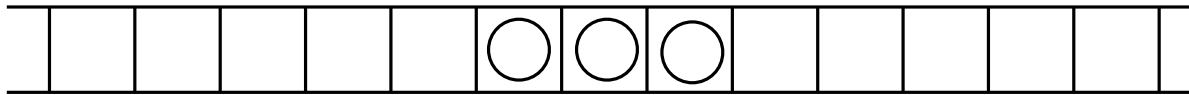


Linear OX

Second player:



1st player cannot have three consecutive O's.



2nd player: tries to block 1st player
from right, then from left ...

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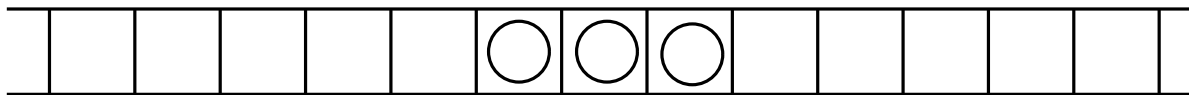


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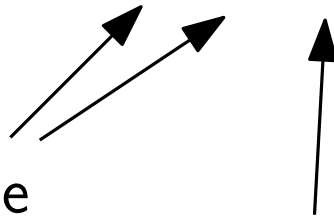
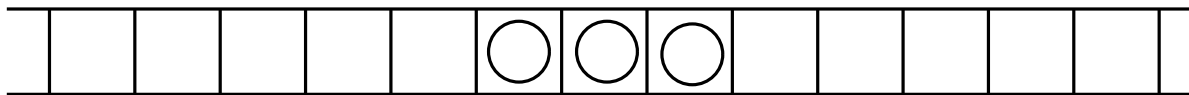


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None of these can be the
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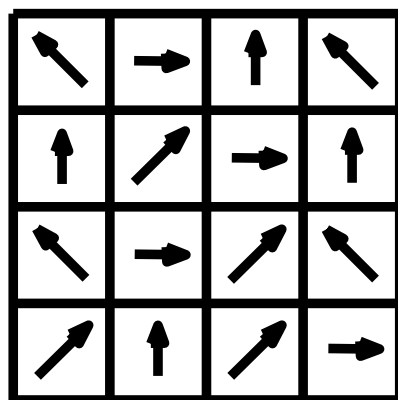


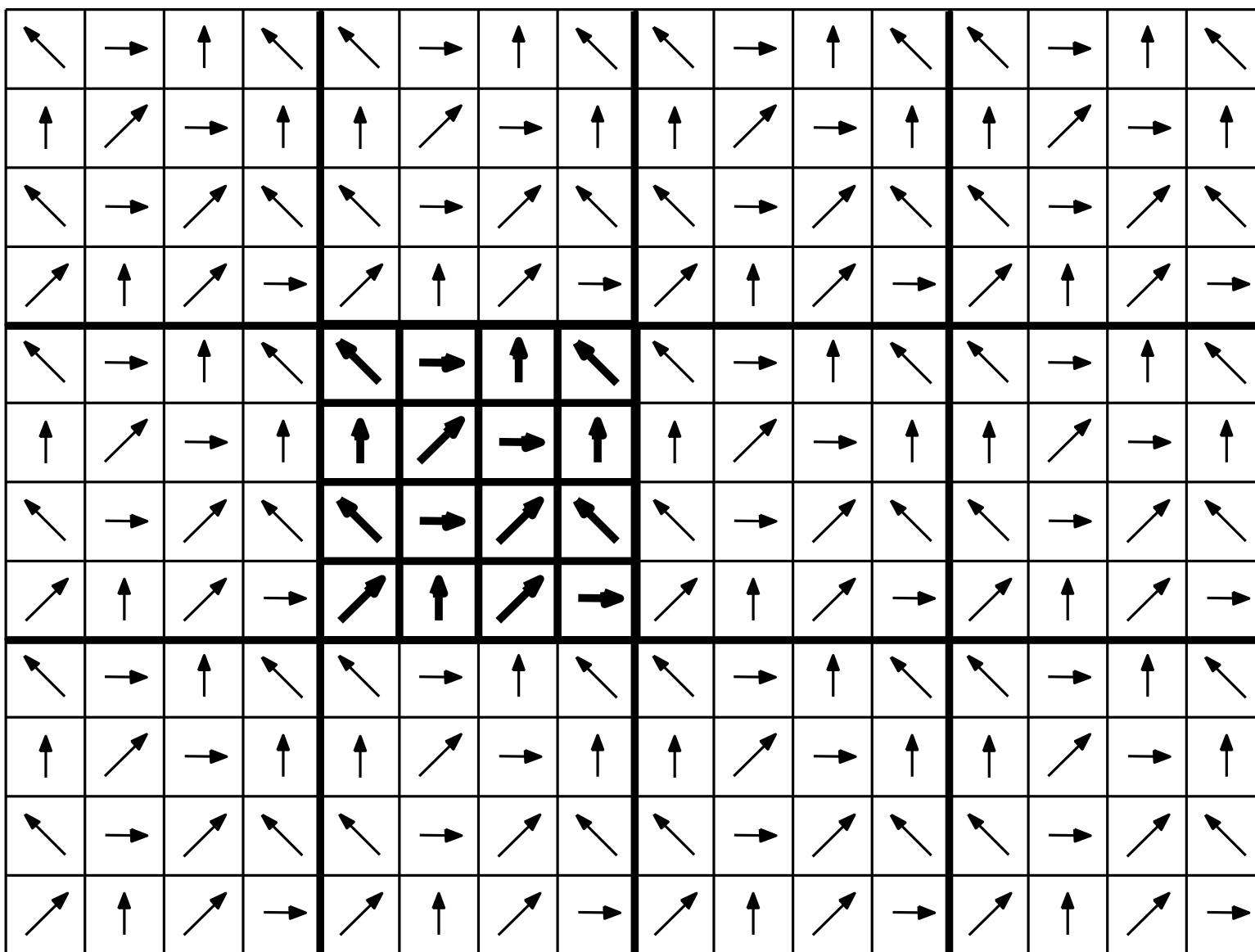
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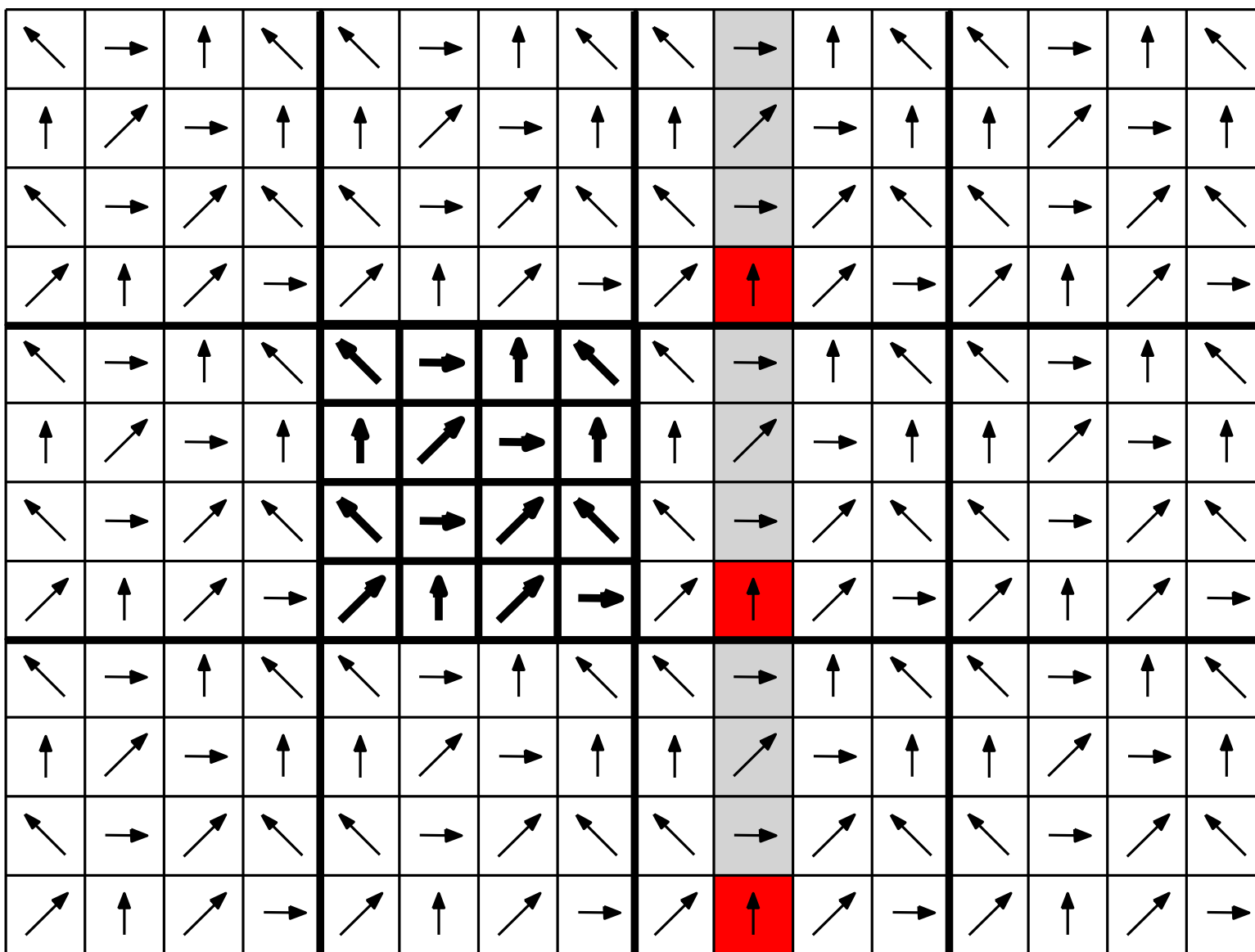


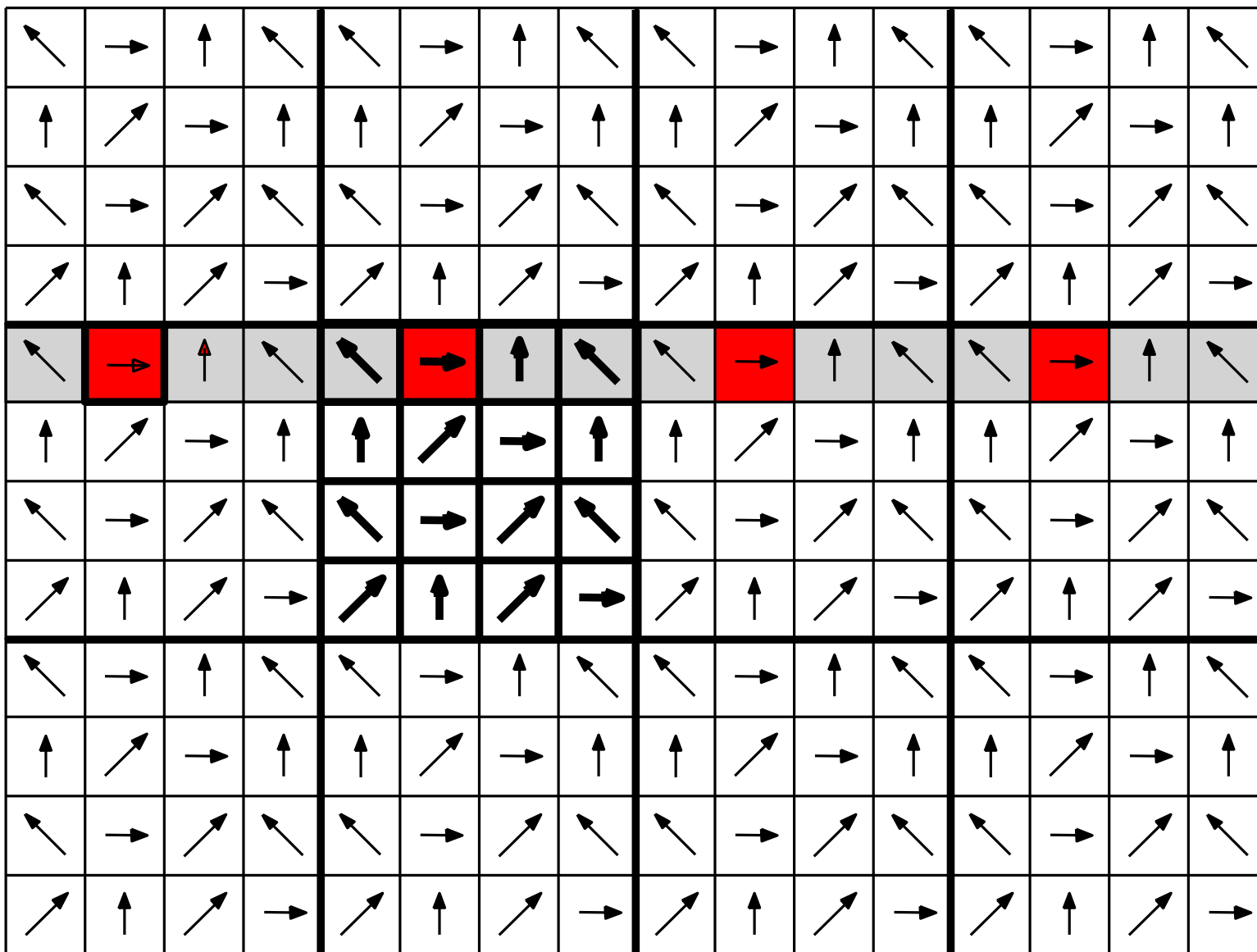
12 OX game

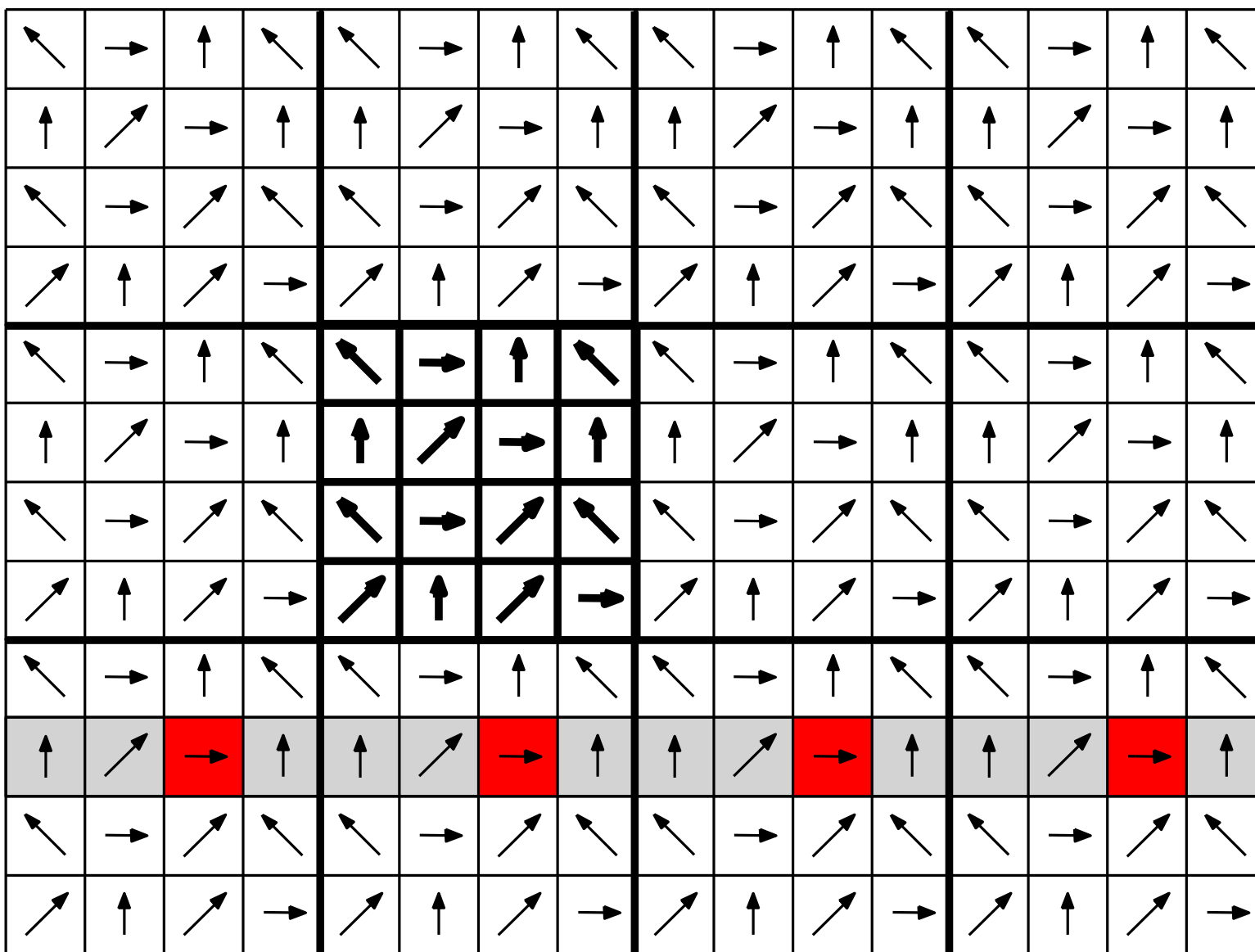
2nd player's can prevent 1st player from getting 12 consecutive O's:

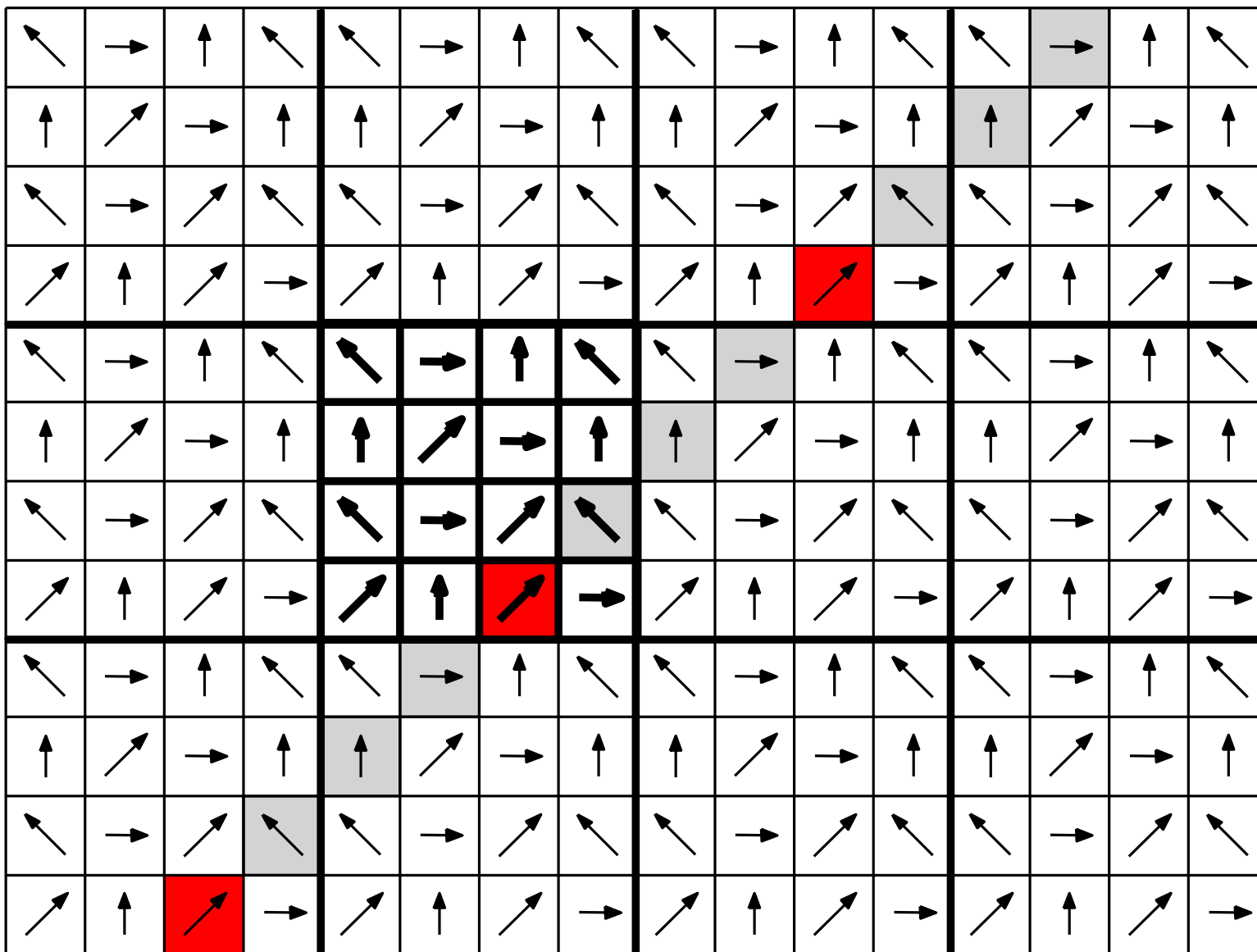










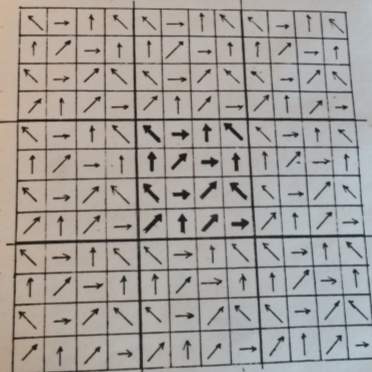


képpen játszik:

Megkeresi az ellenfele utoljára beírt jelétől + ill. a - irányban levő legközelebbi kijelölt mezőt:

- ha a + irányban levő ilyen mező üres, akkor abba beírja saját jelét,
- ha az foglalt, akkor megnézi a - irányban levő mezőt és ha azt üresen találja, úgy beírja a jelét,
- ha az sem üres, akkor tetszés szerinti, még üres mezőbe írja a jelét, ill. ezt a lépést akár ki is hagyhatja.

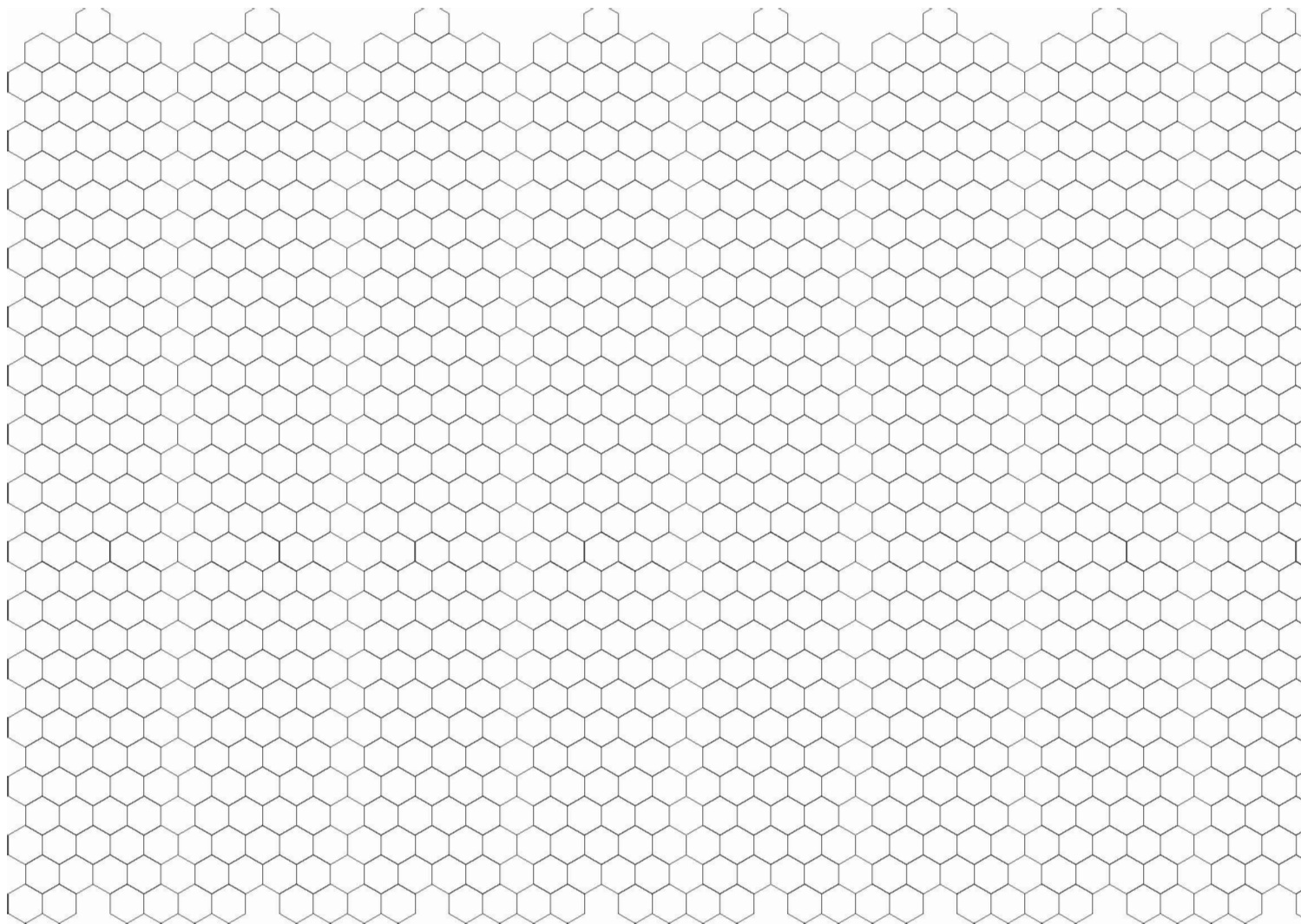
Künnül meggondolni, hogy a kezdő játékos nem tud három szomszédos kijelölt mezőt kitölteni. Tekintve, hogy 12 szomszédos mezőbe mindig esik 3 kijelölt mező, így a 120X játékokra döntetlen stratégiát adtunk. Az 1. ábra mutatja, hogy egy 4x4-es négyzet 4-4 db $\rightarrow, \nearrow, \uparrow$



1. ábra

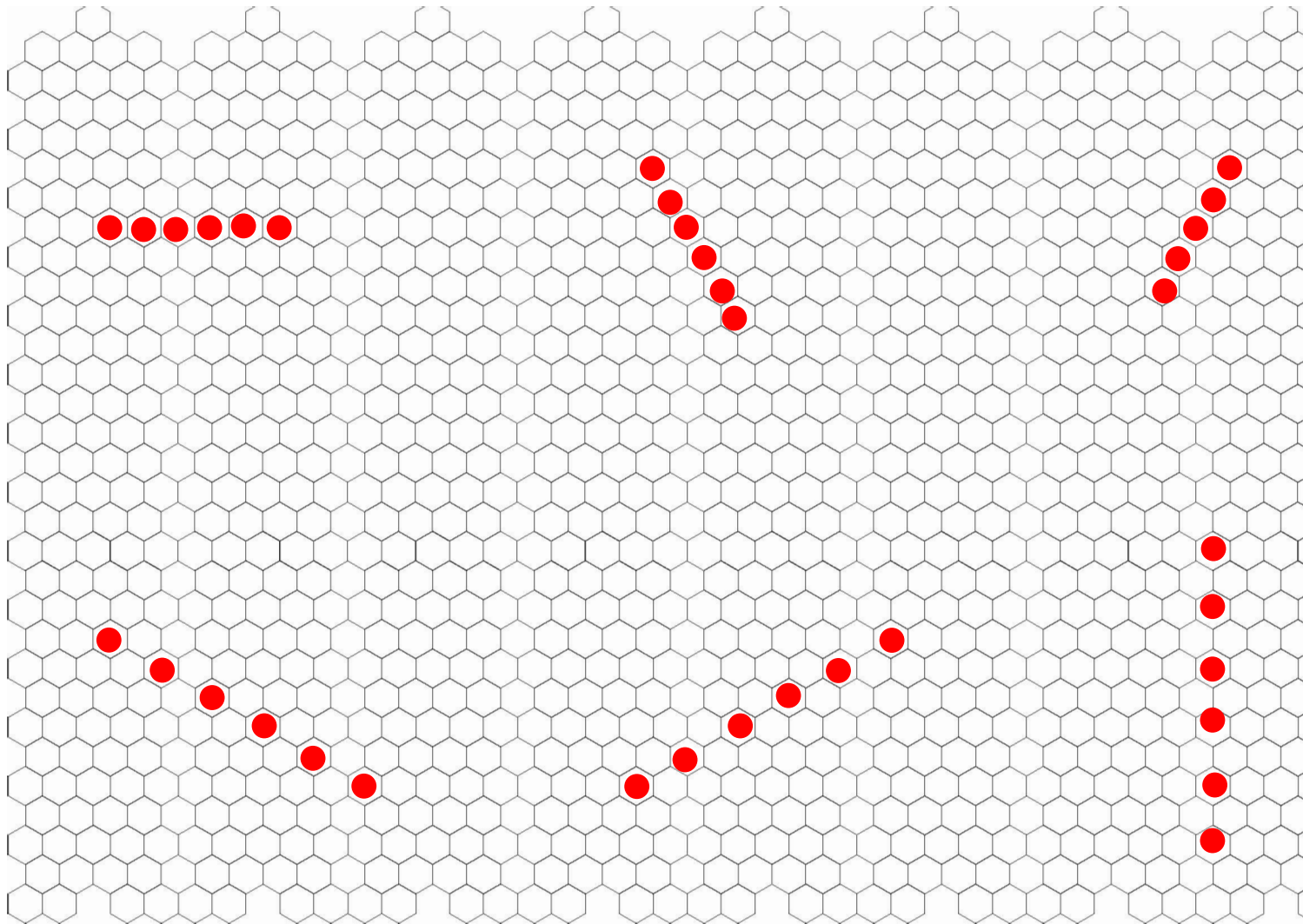
The second player prepares the game board with a special pattern.

n - OX game on the hexagonal grid



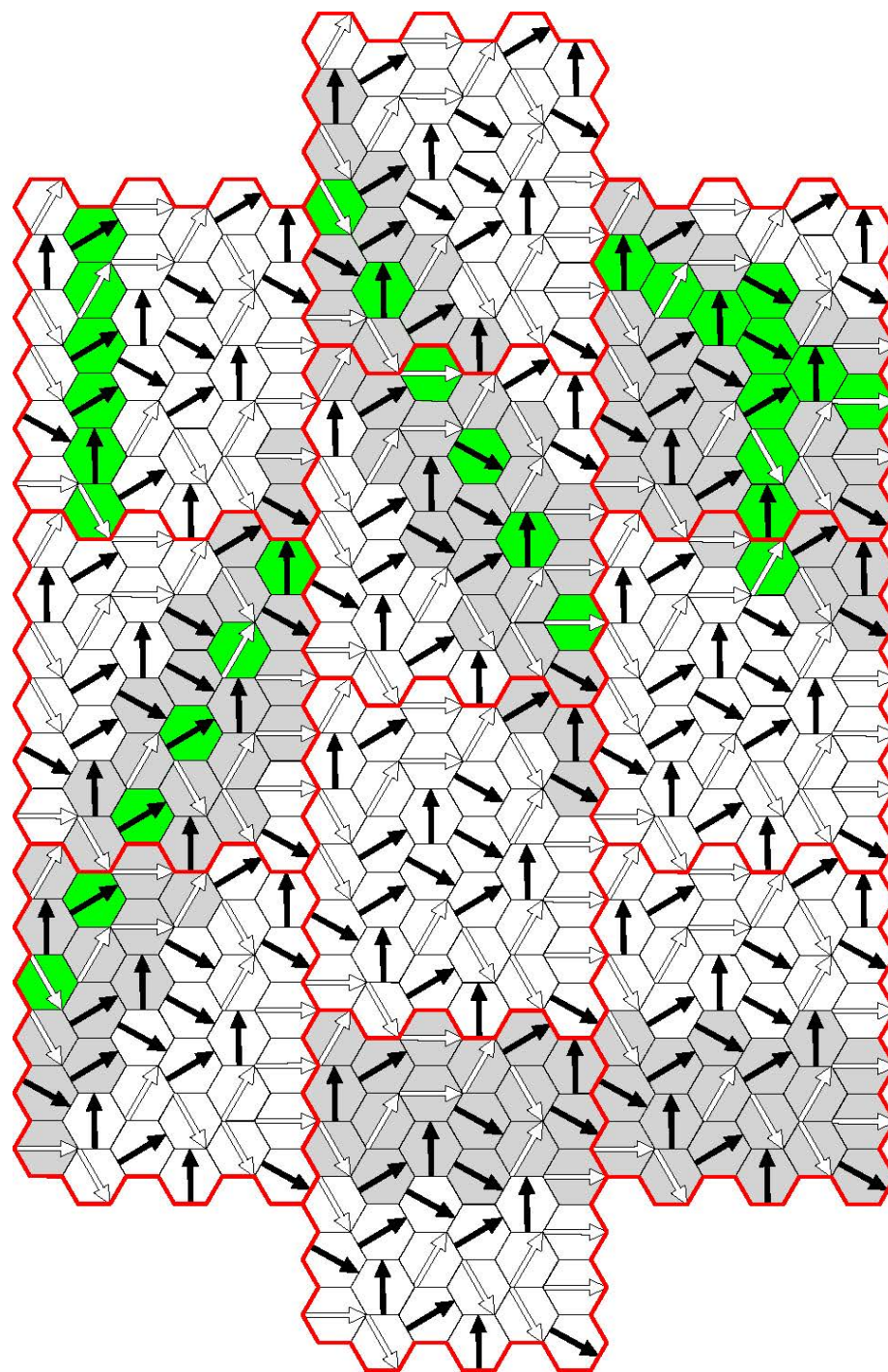
n - OX game on the hexagonal grid

Players alternate placing their own symbols pieces (typically O and X) on the hexagonal grid. The first player to get n consecutive symbols in one of the 6 symmetry line directions is the winner.



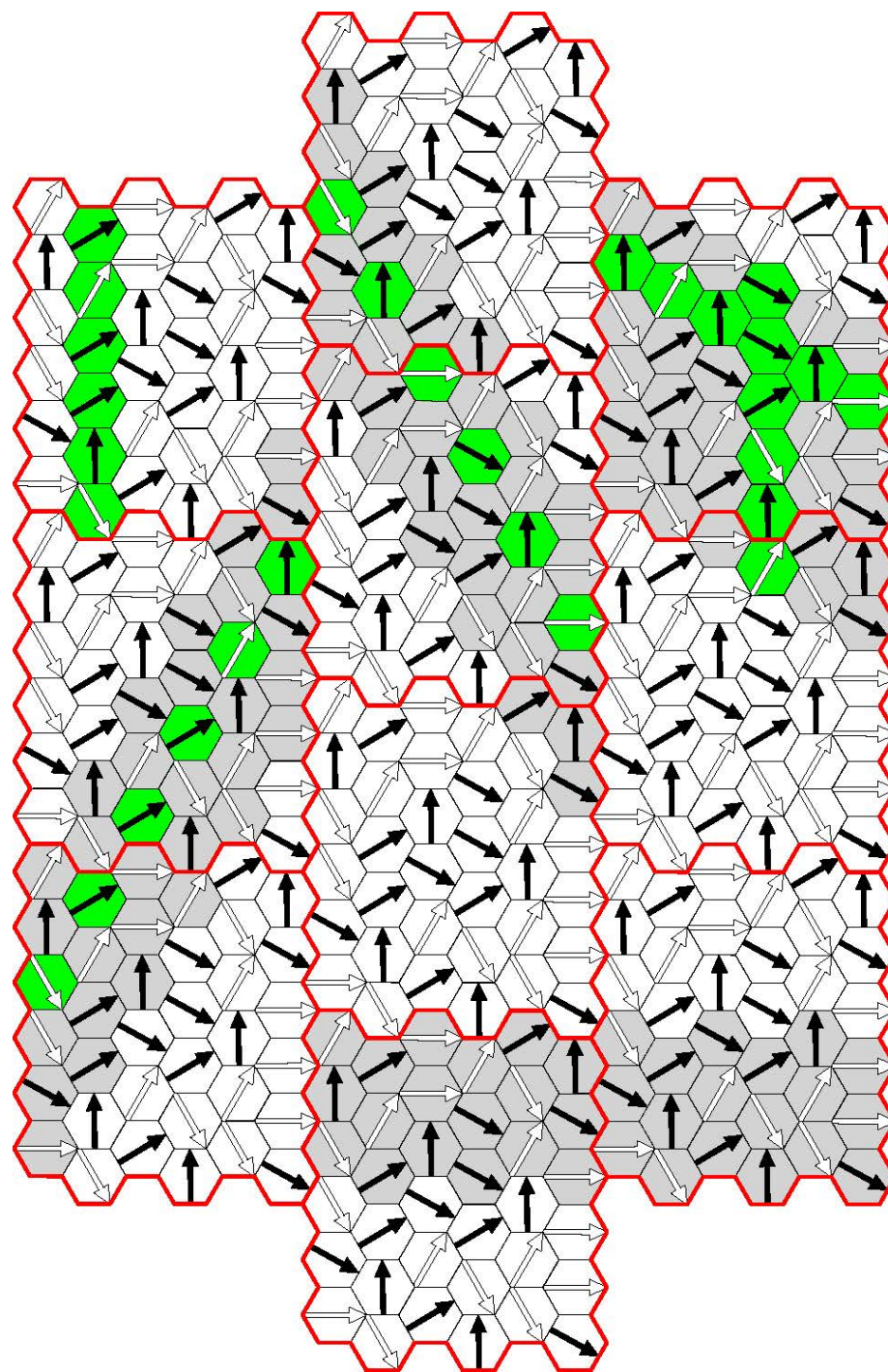
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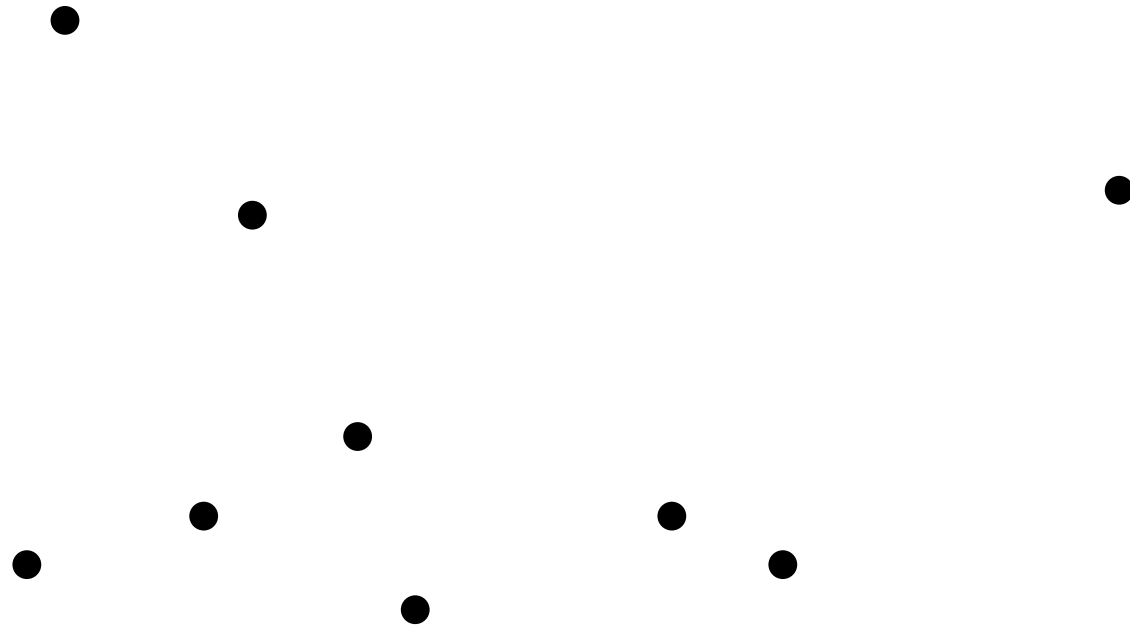


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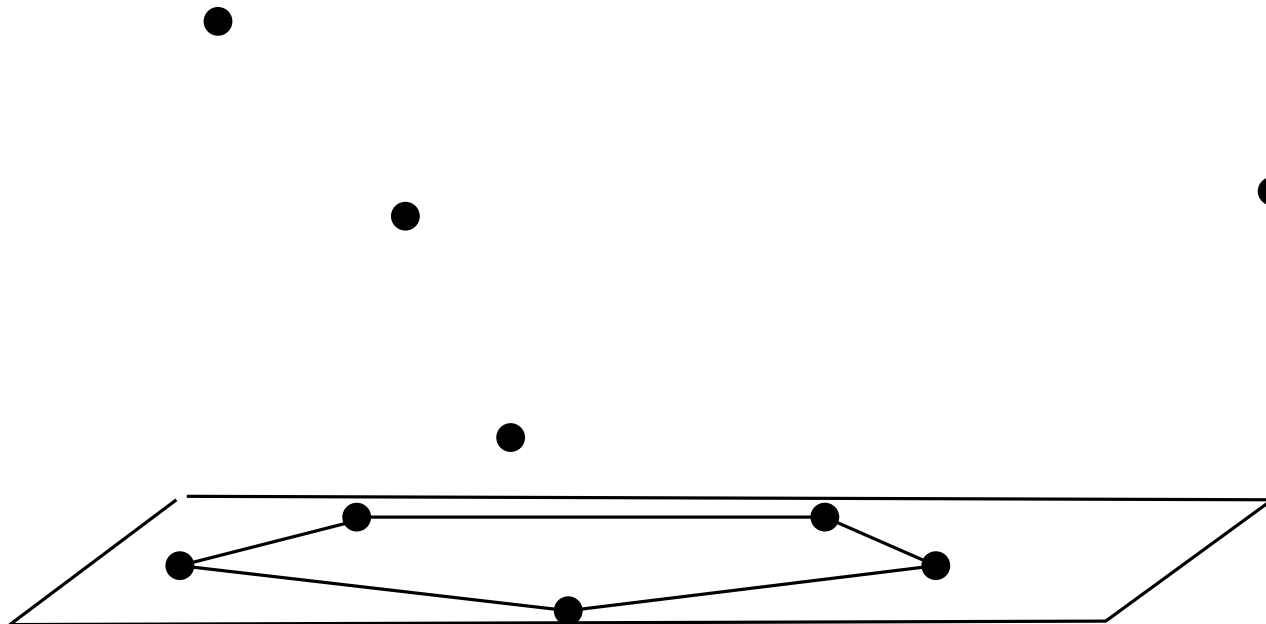


$$n = 3$$

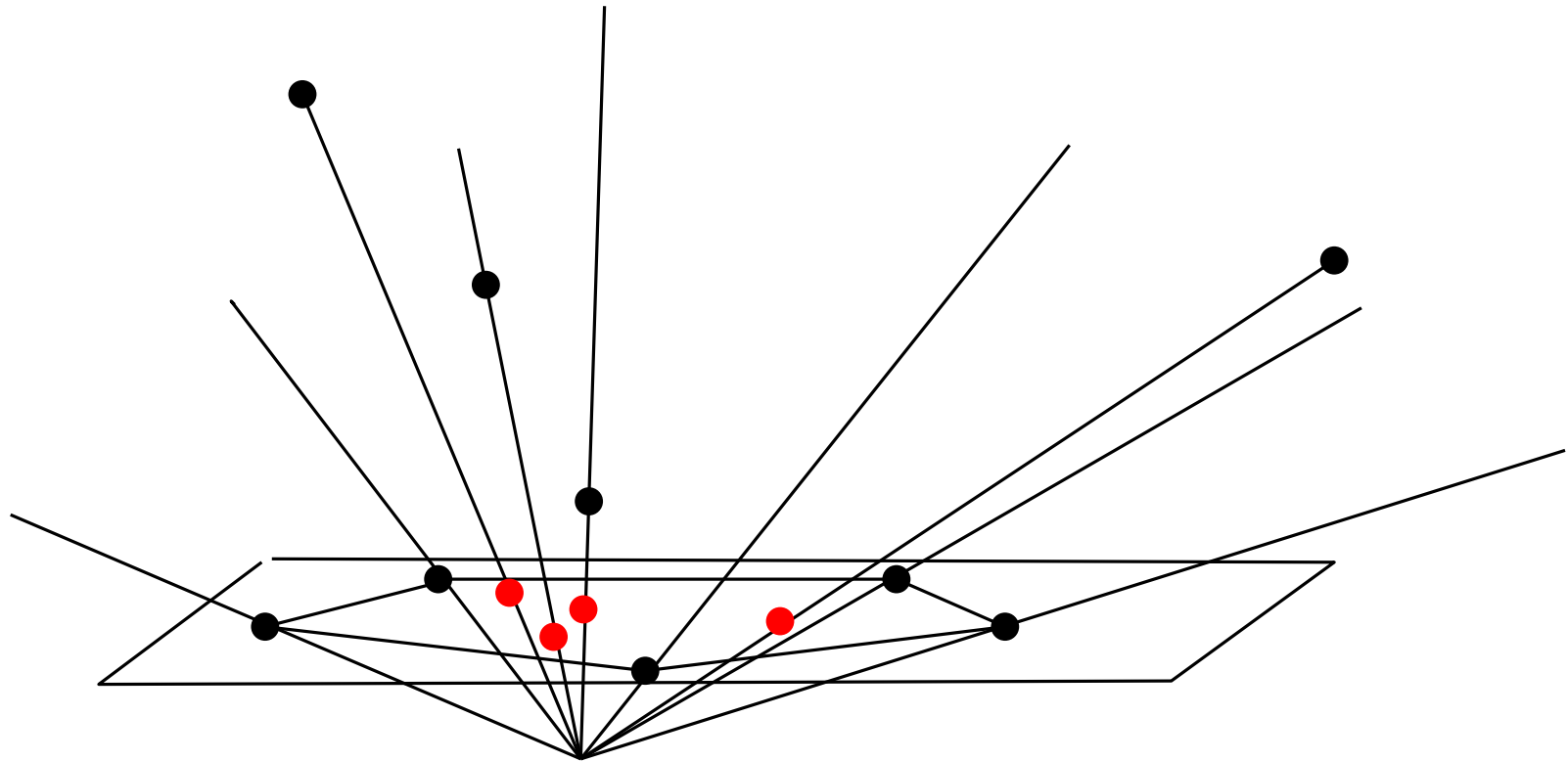


2nd problem

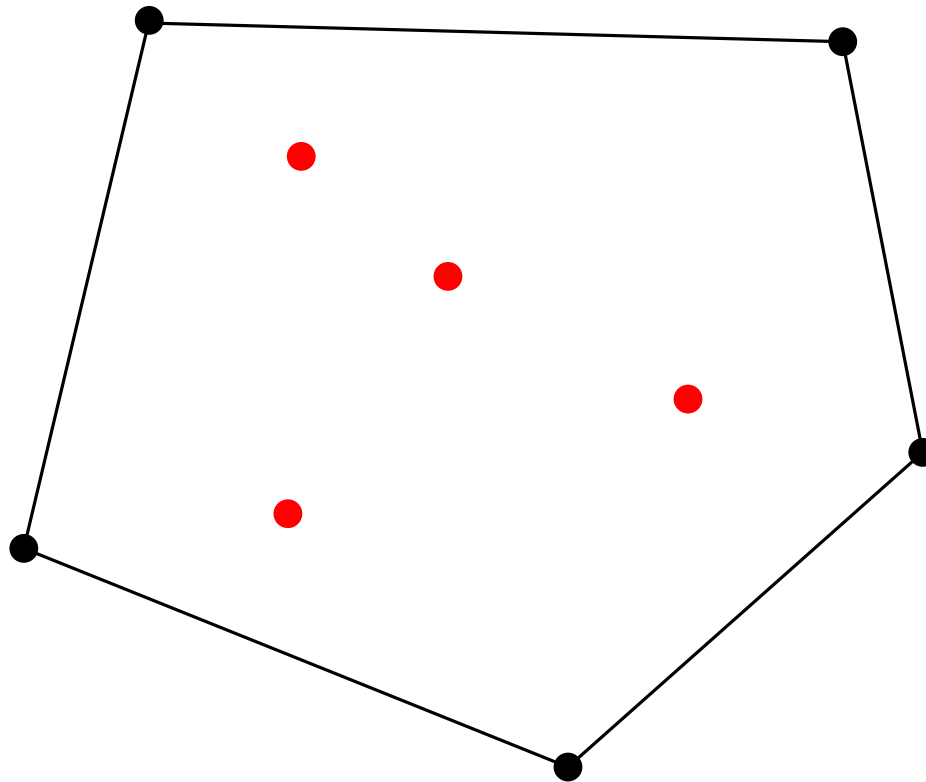
Given n points in the space (not all on a plane) find a polyhedron whose vertices are exactly the given points.



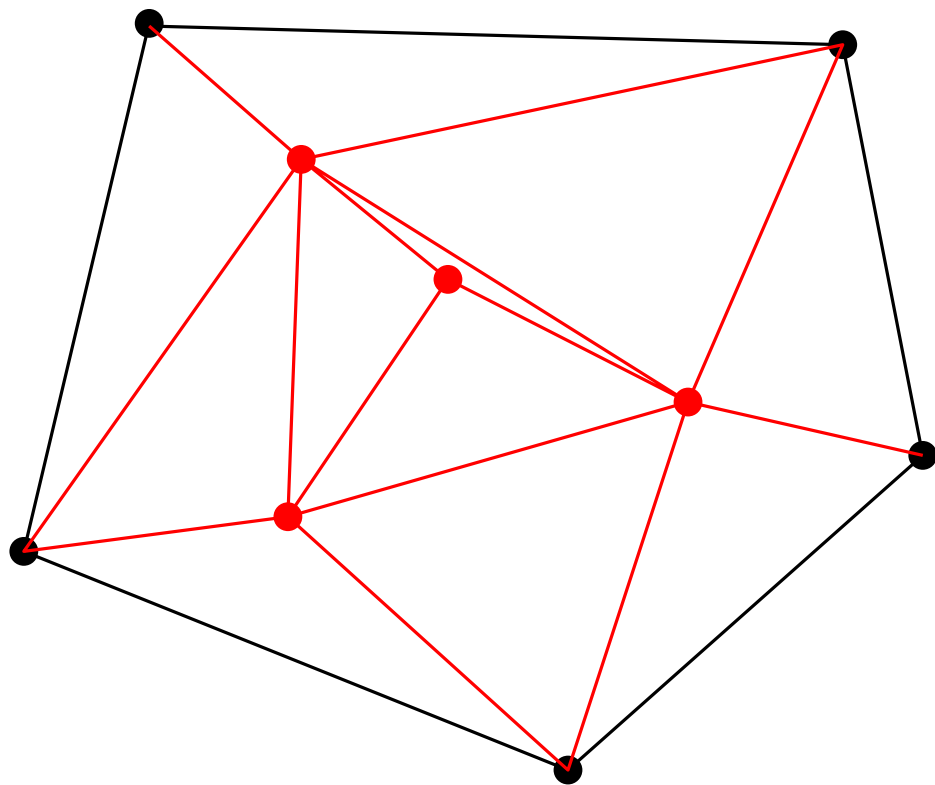
Choose a face of the convex hull.

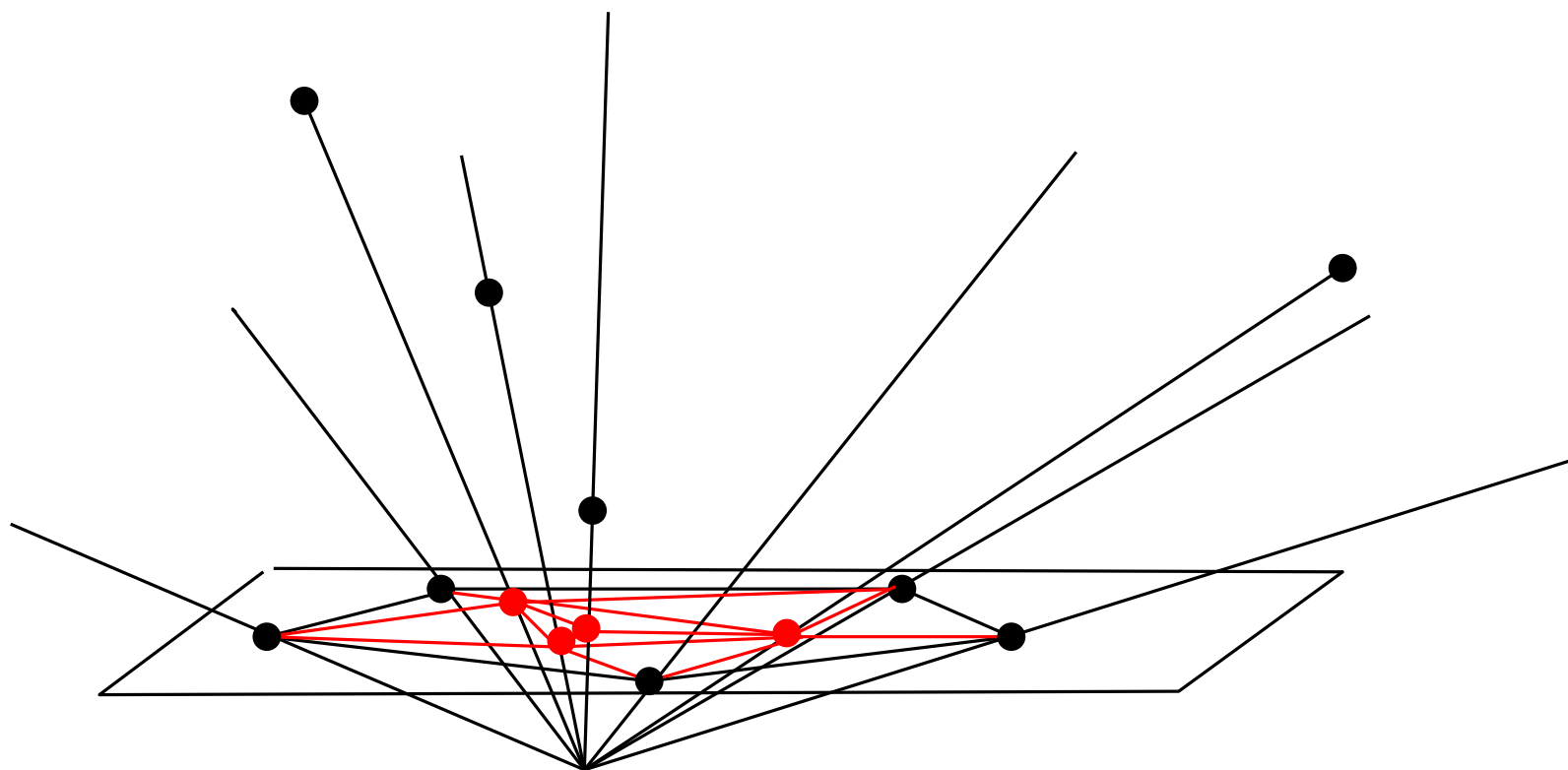


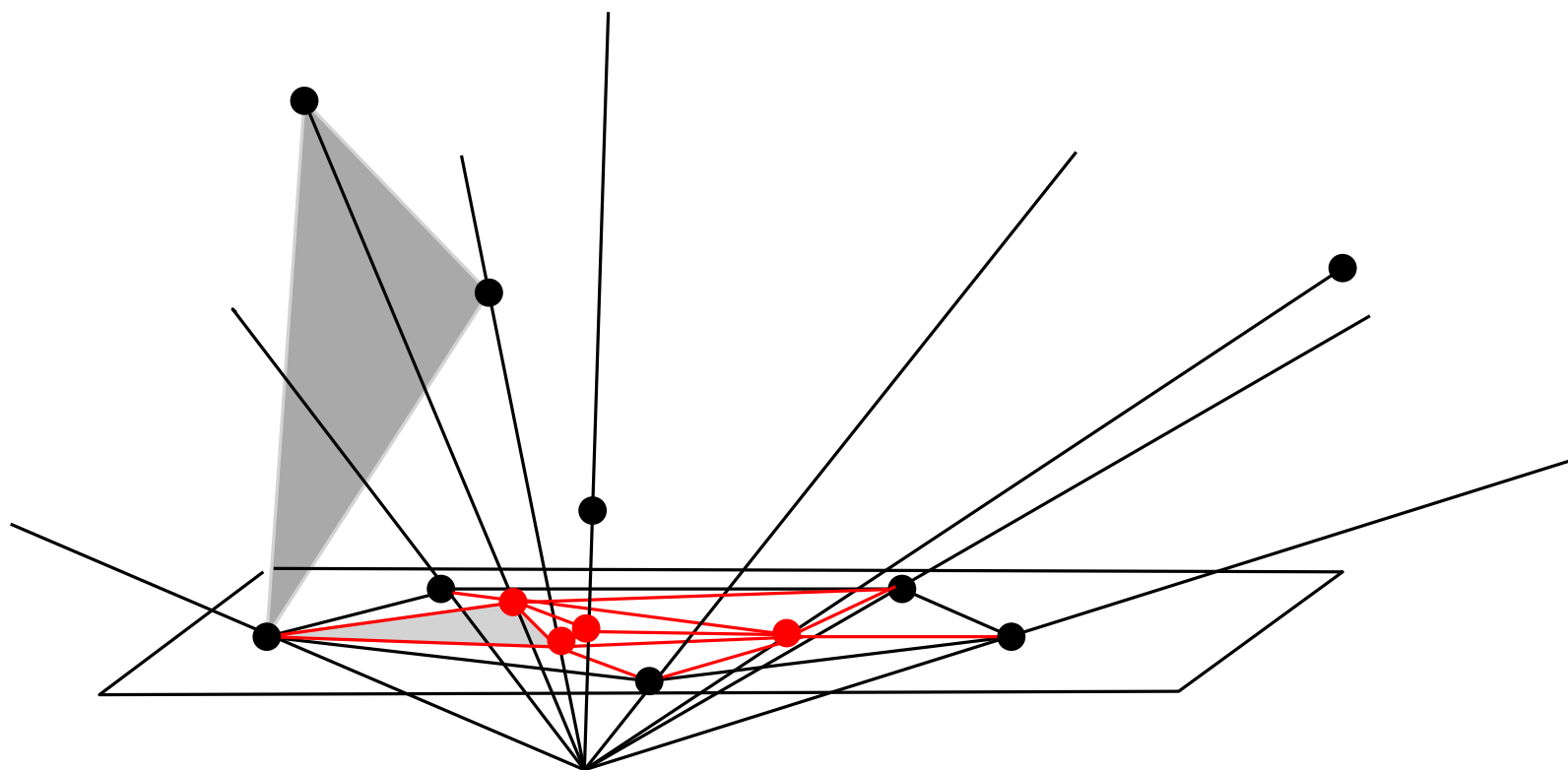
Choose a center and project radially the rest of the points so that...



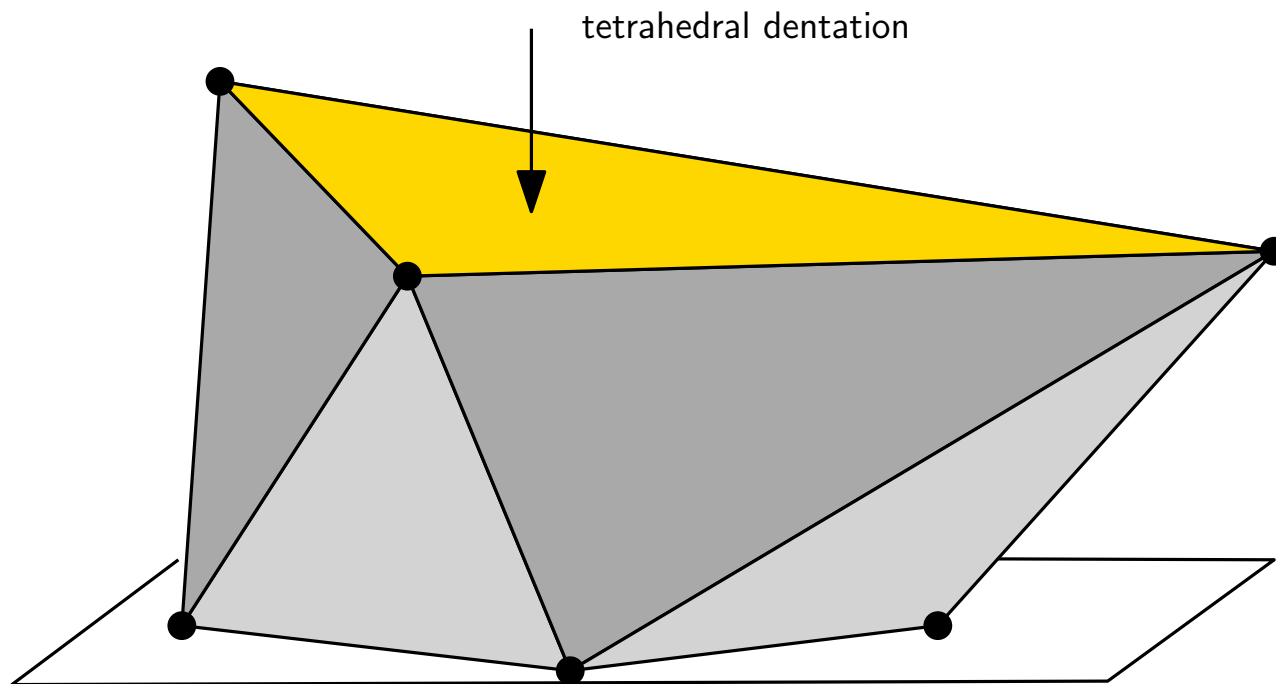
Lemma: There is a triangulation without using diagonals....



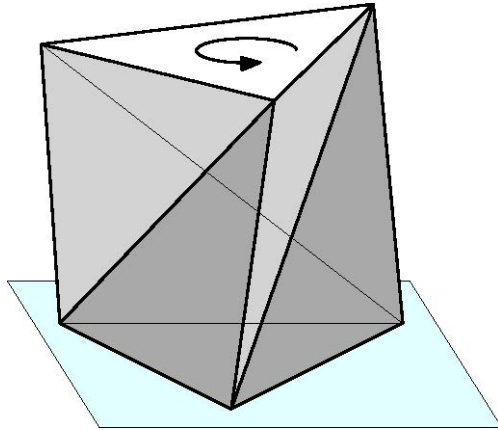




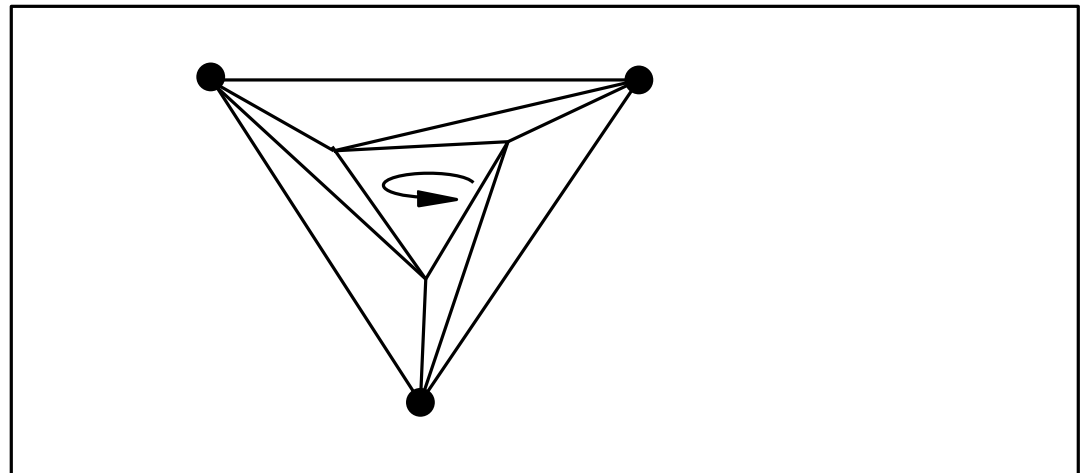
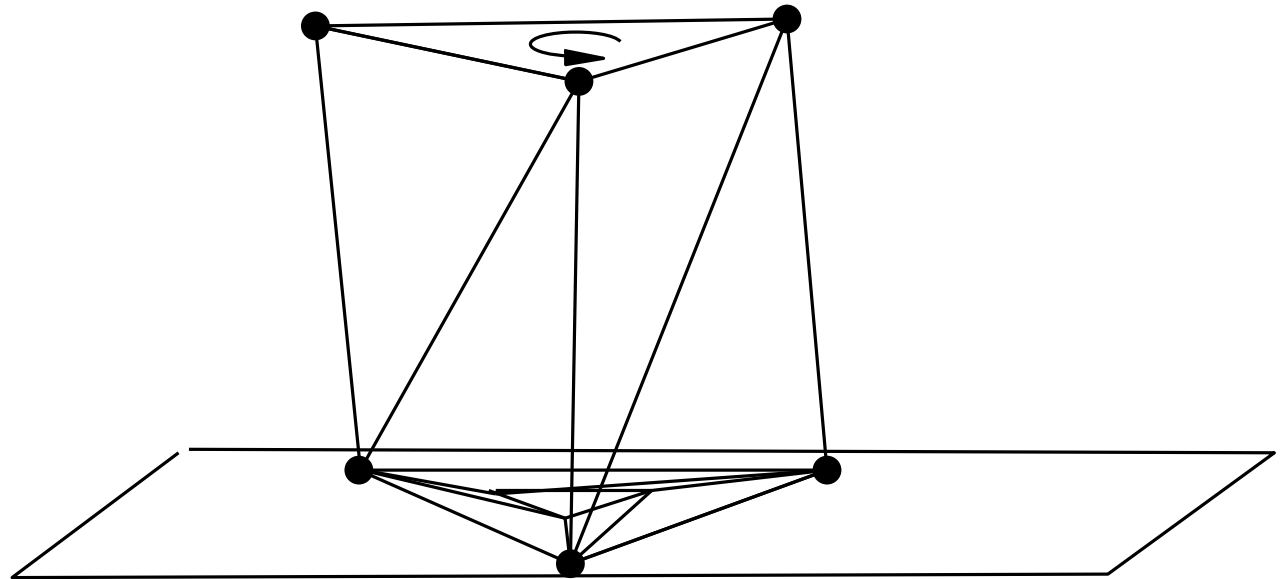
Pull back the triangles.



Joint work with Osman Yardimci



Schonhardt



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Polygonalization: started with Hugo Steinhaus (1964),
there are n points lying in the plane no three on a line.....

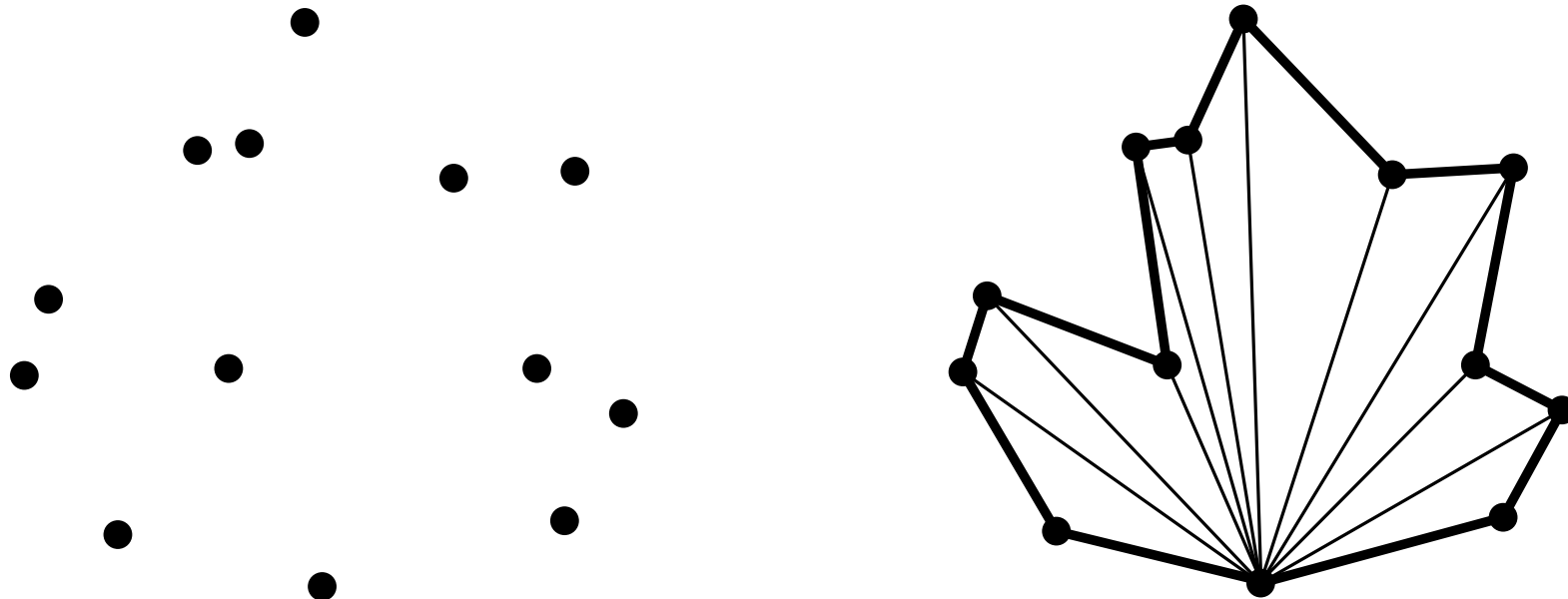
Polyhedralization: started with B. Grünbaum (1994) and
continued by many others, see
Hurtado, Toussaint Trias, Agarwal, Demaine, Mitchell, Sharir **etc.**
there are n points in the space, no four coplanar.....

Several methods are known:

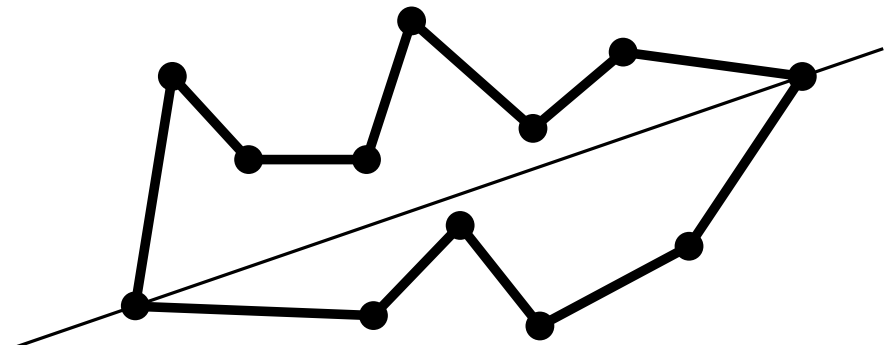
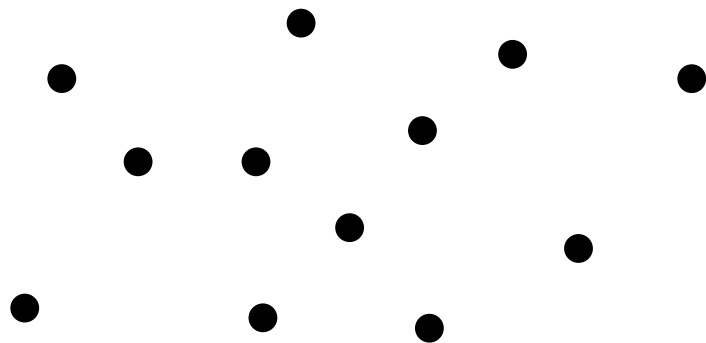
- hinge polyhedralization
- orange polyhedralization
- cone polyhedralization
- monotonic polyhedralization

$$n = 2$$

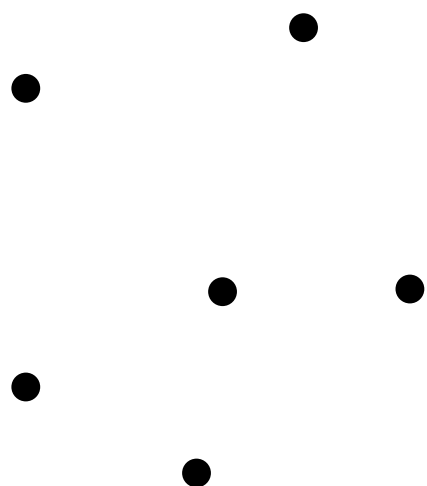
Fan polygonalization Ron Graham 1994.



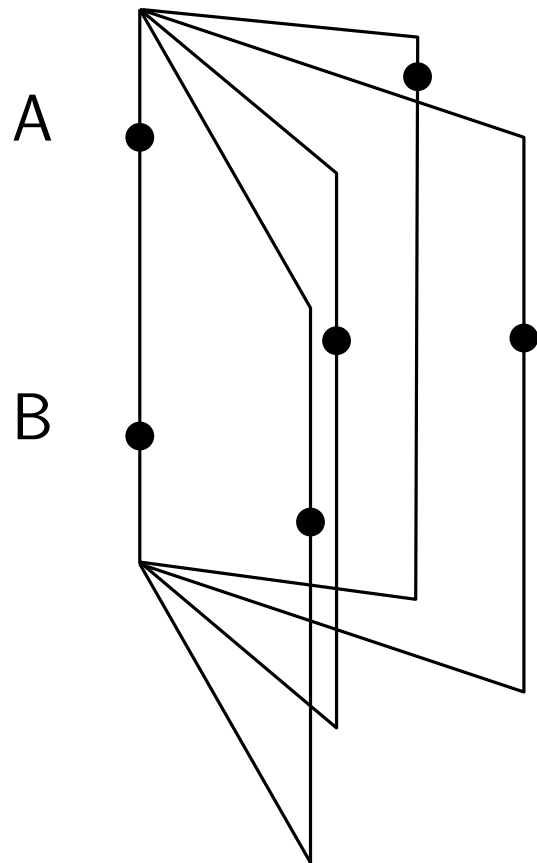
Monotonic polygonalization. Branko Grünbaum, 1994

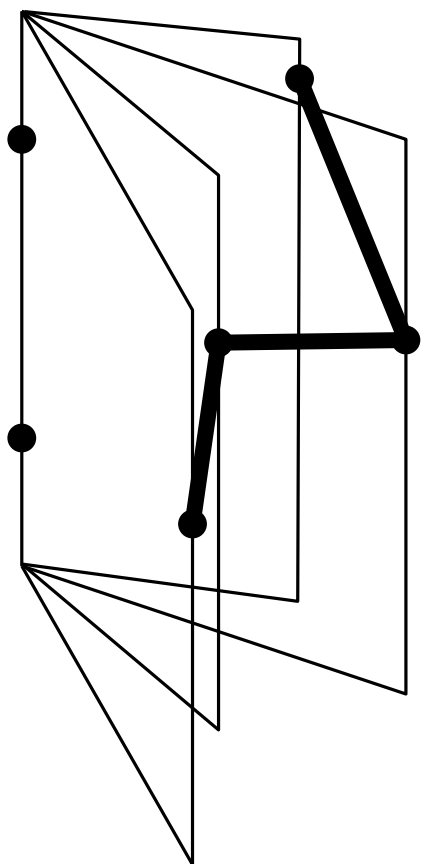


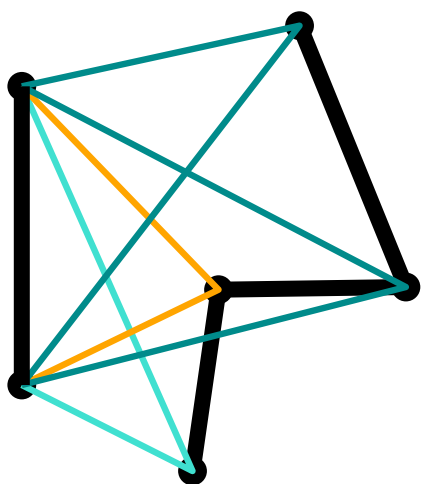
3D: n points are given, no 4 coplanar.

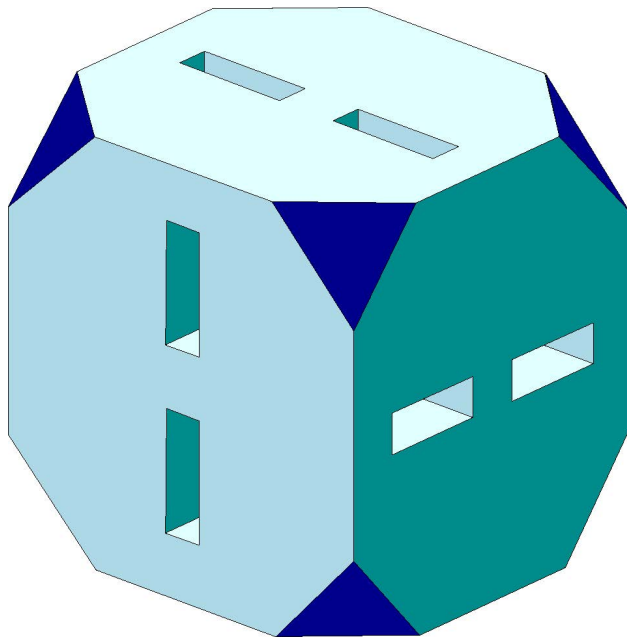


Choose an edge of the convex hull, and order the remaining points.

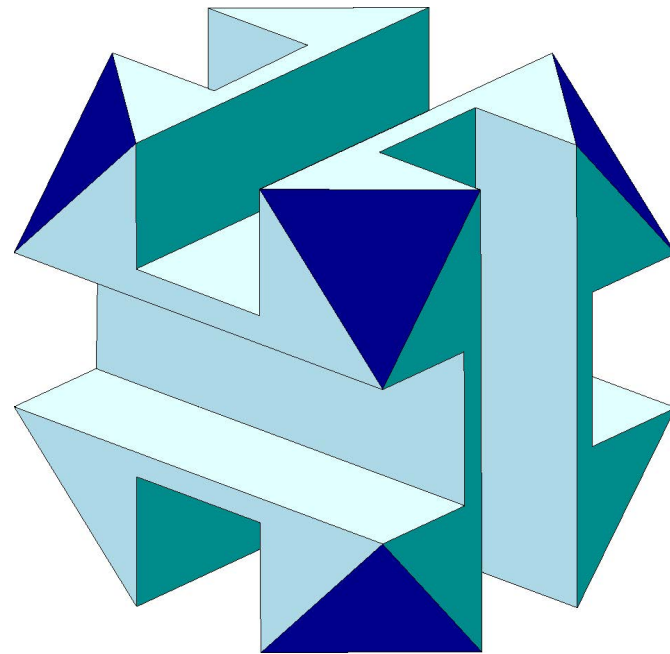




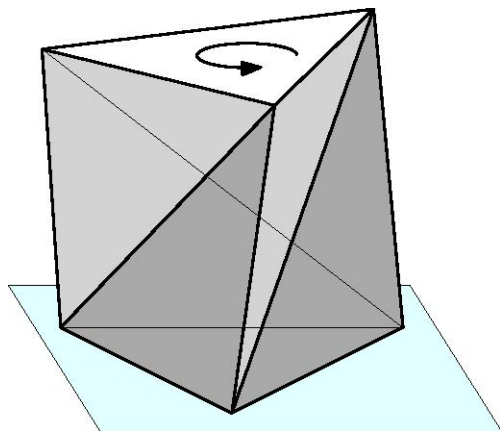




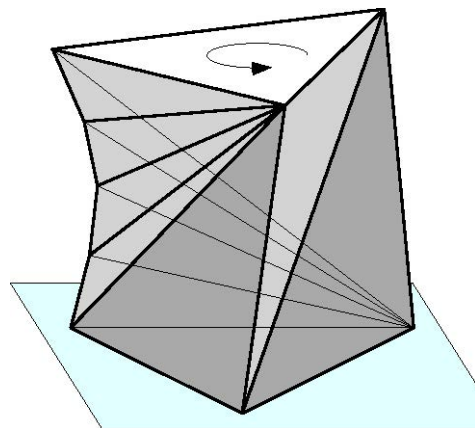
W. Kuperberg's example (2011) of a polyhedron with a point inside which does not see any of the vertices



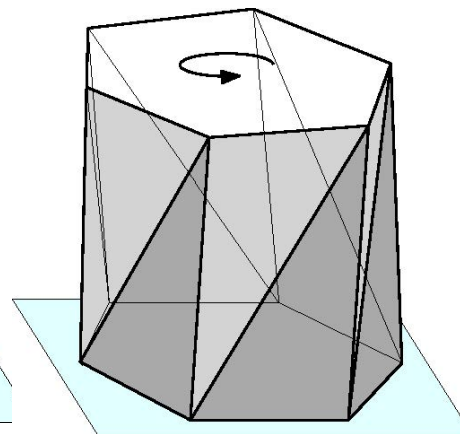
Modified example of Kuperberg.



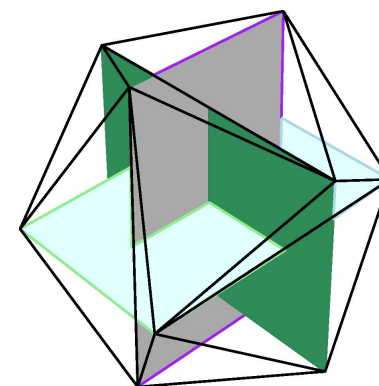
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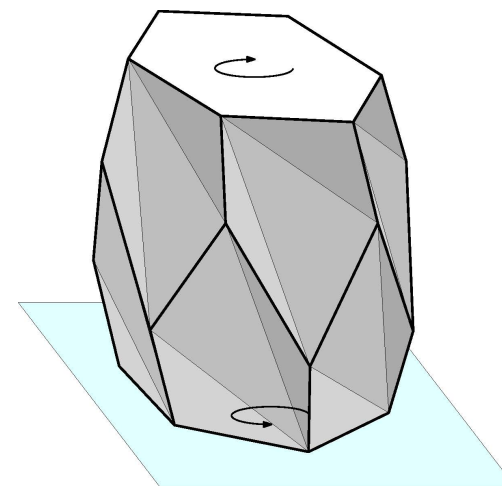
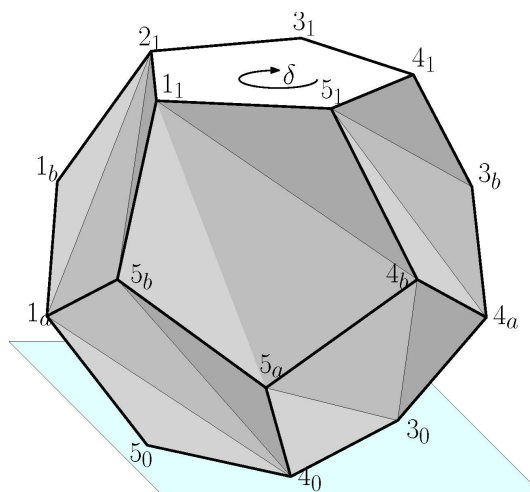
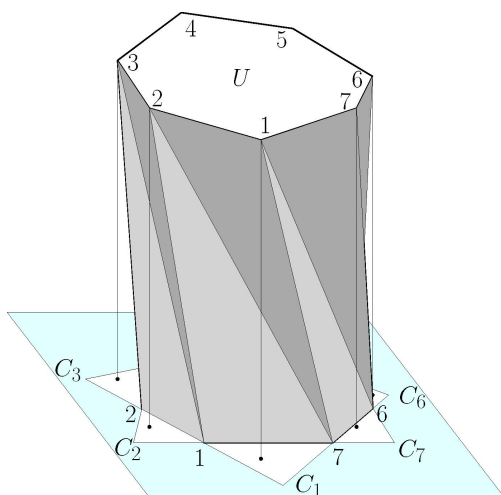
Bagemihl



Rambau (2005)

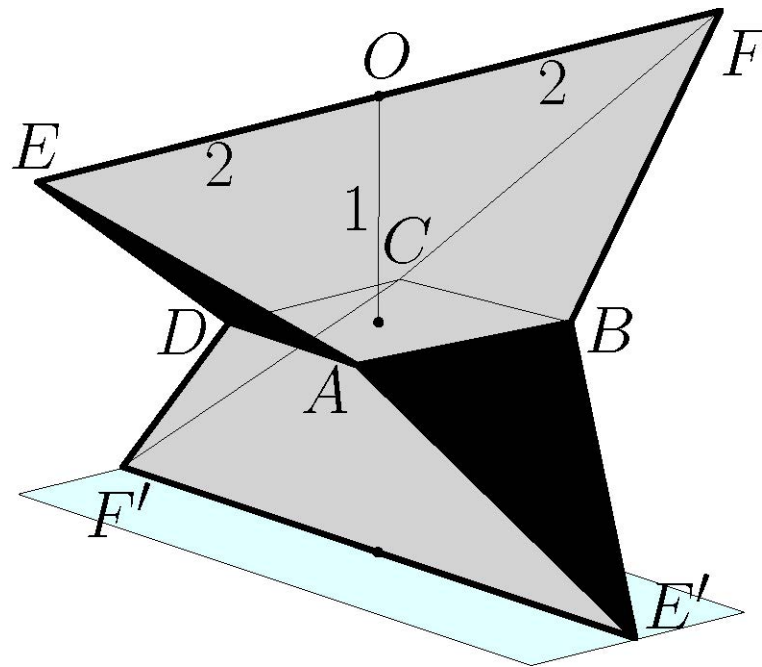


Jessen



A.B. , B. Carrigan (2014)

Key idea: Instead of triangulations tilings were studied (more general theorem was proved)



Lajos Szilassi:

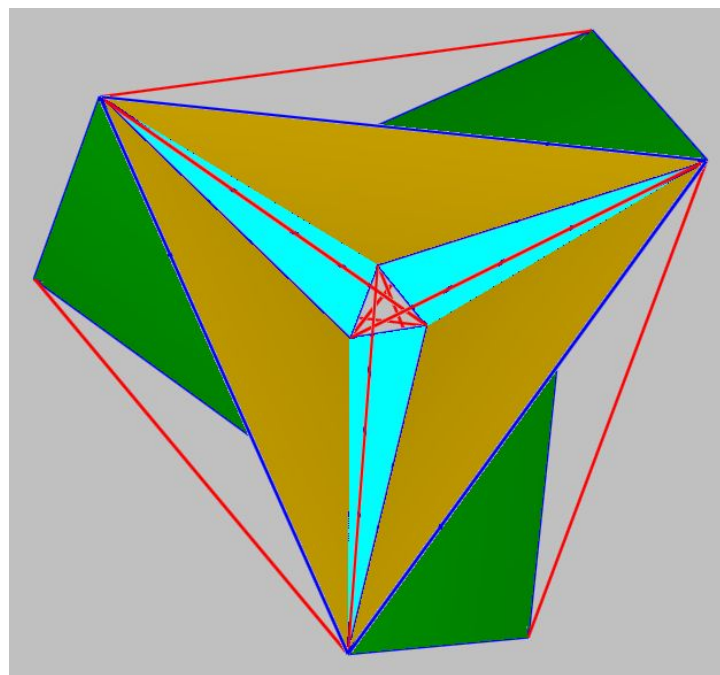
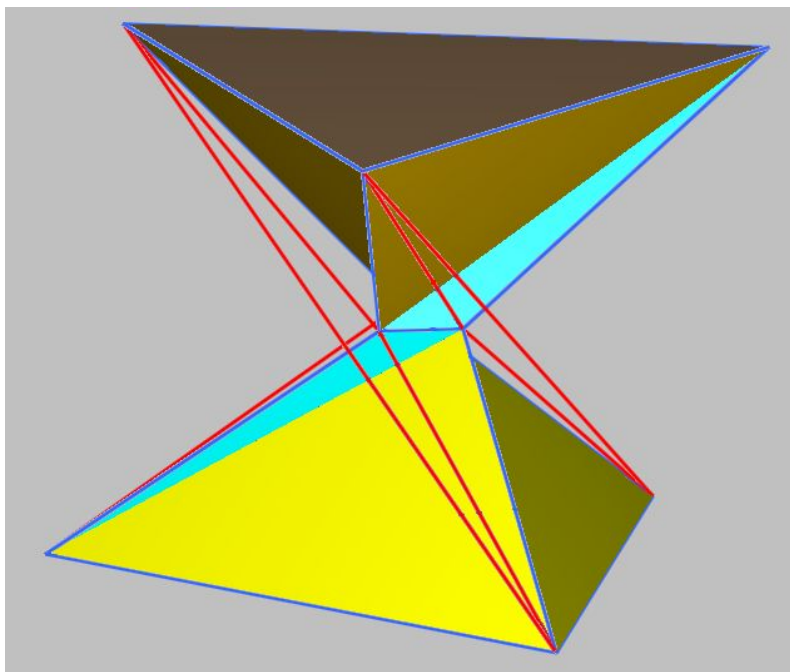
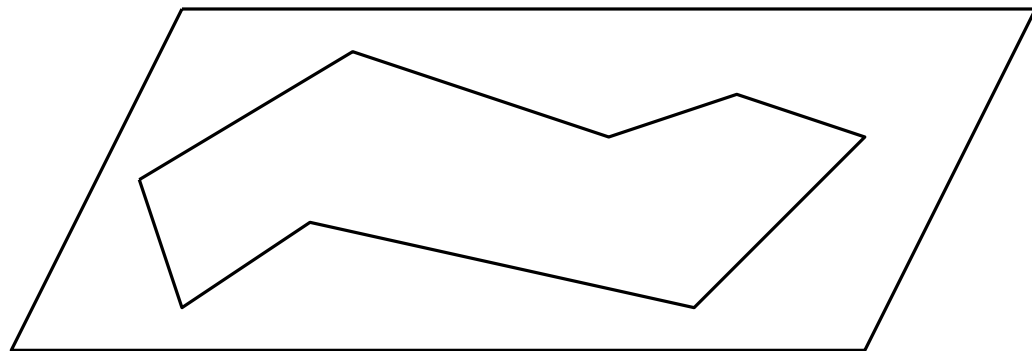
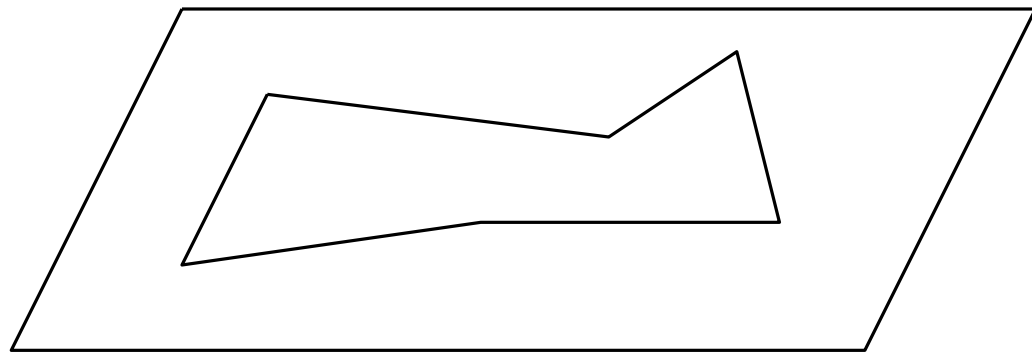
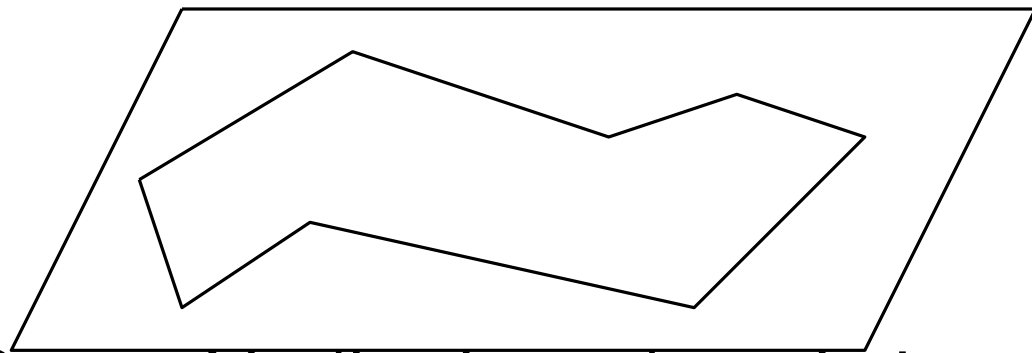
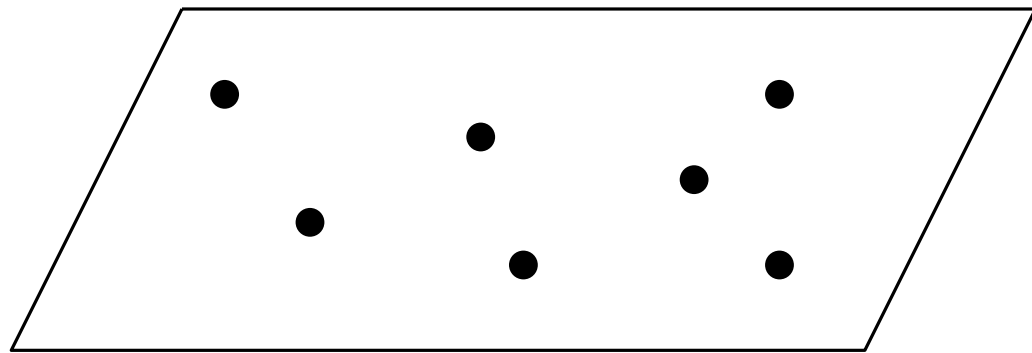


Image from Lajos Szilasi

Connection to surface
reconstruction: Polyhedronize two
parallel simple polygons



Problem Toussaint et al:
Polyhedronize given set of n points
and a simple polygon



Joint work with Osman Yardimci: study variations of
this problem.

O'Rourke at all (2002)

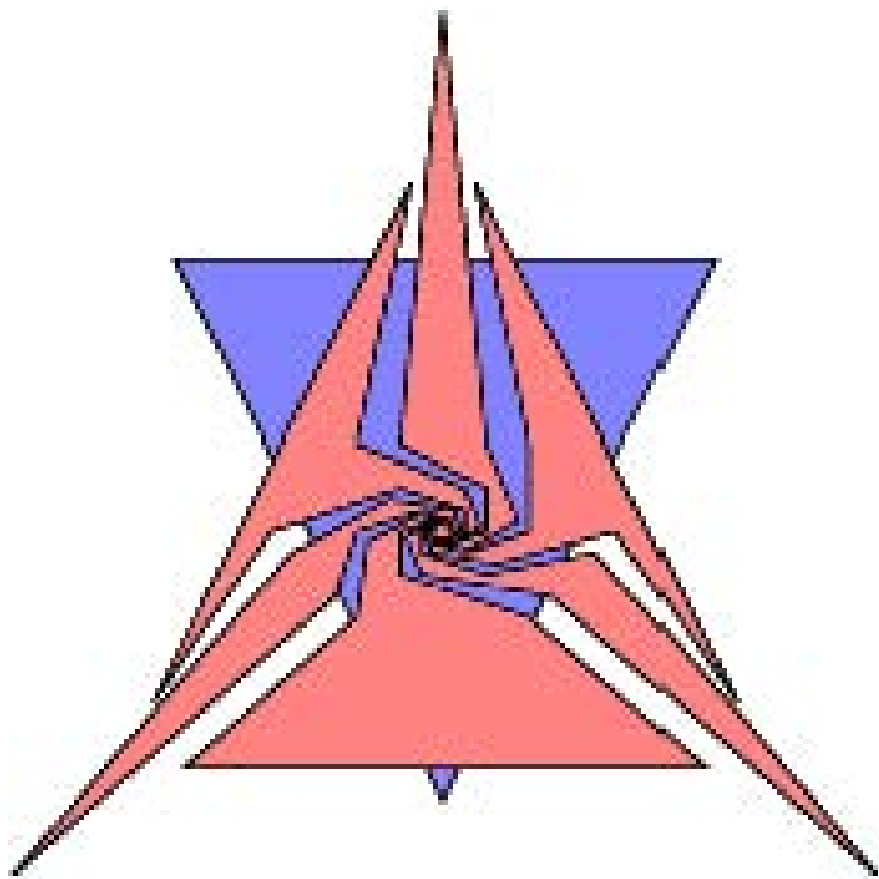
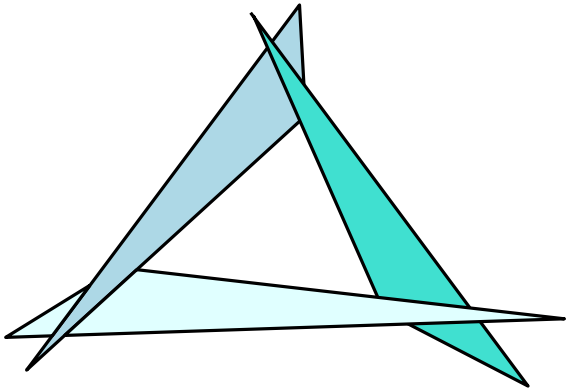
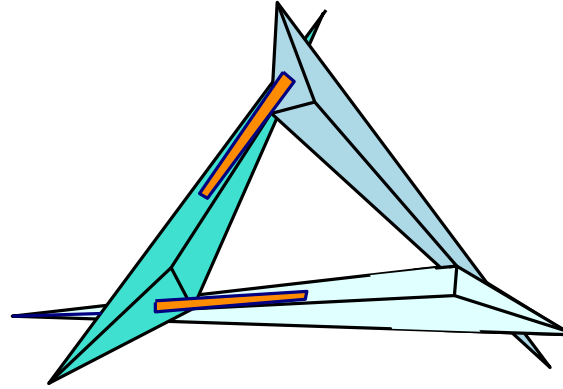


Image: Jeff Ericson

It is possible that a point outside of the convex hull of the polyhedron does not see any complete edge or any complete face.



Front view



Back view

Coloured polygonalization/ polyhedralization
Long alternating path problem

Erdos conjecture:

$$\text{maxvertexnumber} \leq \frac{3n}{2} + 2$$

Kynel, Pach, Toth (2006):

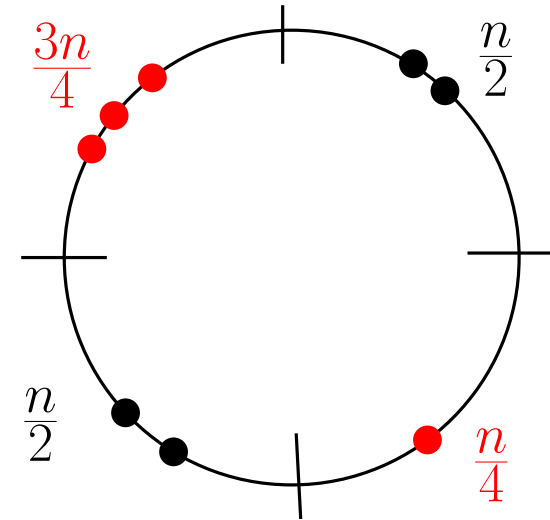
$$\text{Thm: } \text{maxvertexno} \geq n + c\sqrt{\frac{n}{\log n}}$$

$$\text{Constr: } \text{maxvertexno} \leq \frac{4n}{3} + c\sqrt{n}$$

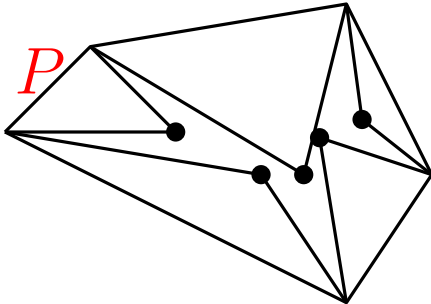
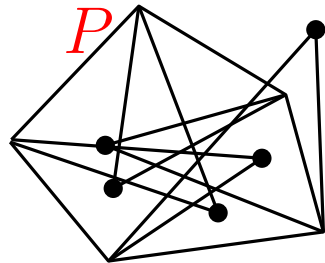
Merino, Saazar, Urrutia (2006):

Gave an algorithm to decide if alternating path exist in case points are in convex position.

If the red and blue points are separated by a line such path exists.



Pair given points (n) to sides of a given n -gon.

Authors:	Dim:	Δ 's cannot overlap	Δ 's must cover P
			
Bogomolnaya, Nazarov, Rukshin (1988)	2		Points are in P: Thm: covering exists
A. Bezdek (2001)	2,3	Points are in P: Thm: n Δ 's exist Points-general pos. : Thm: $n/3$ Δ 's exist, Conj.: $n/2$ Δ 's exist,	Points, general pos. : Thm: covering exist
N. Karasev (2002)	n	Thm: Same as above in any dimension	Thm: Same as above in any dimension