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# A STROLL AROUND RANDOM INFINITE QUADRANGULATIONS OF THE PLANE

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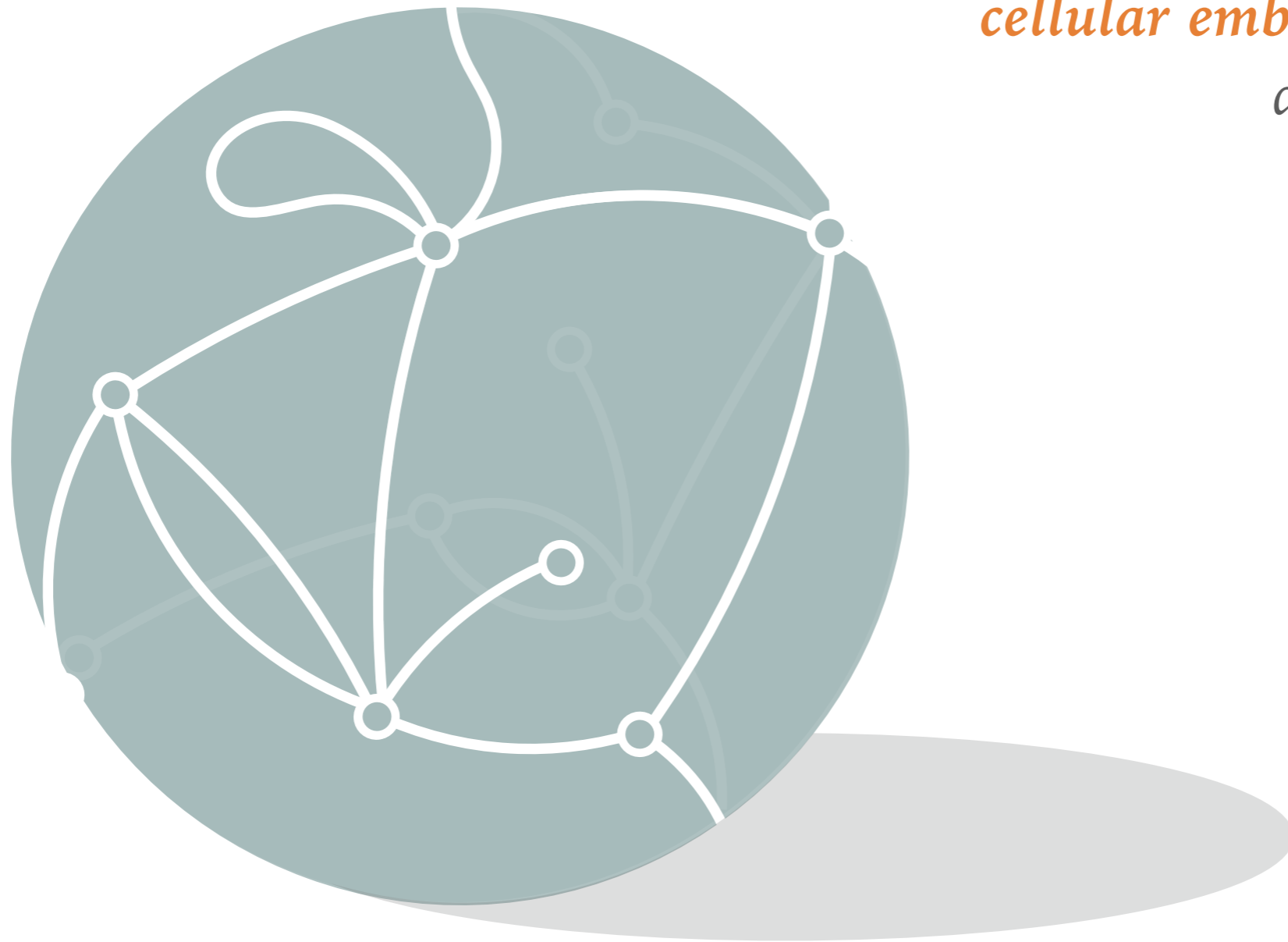
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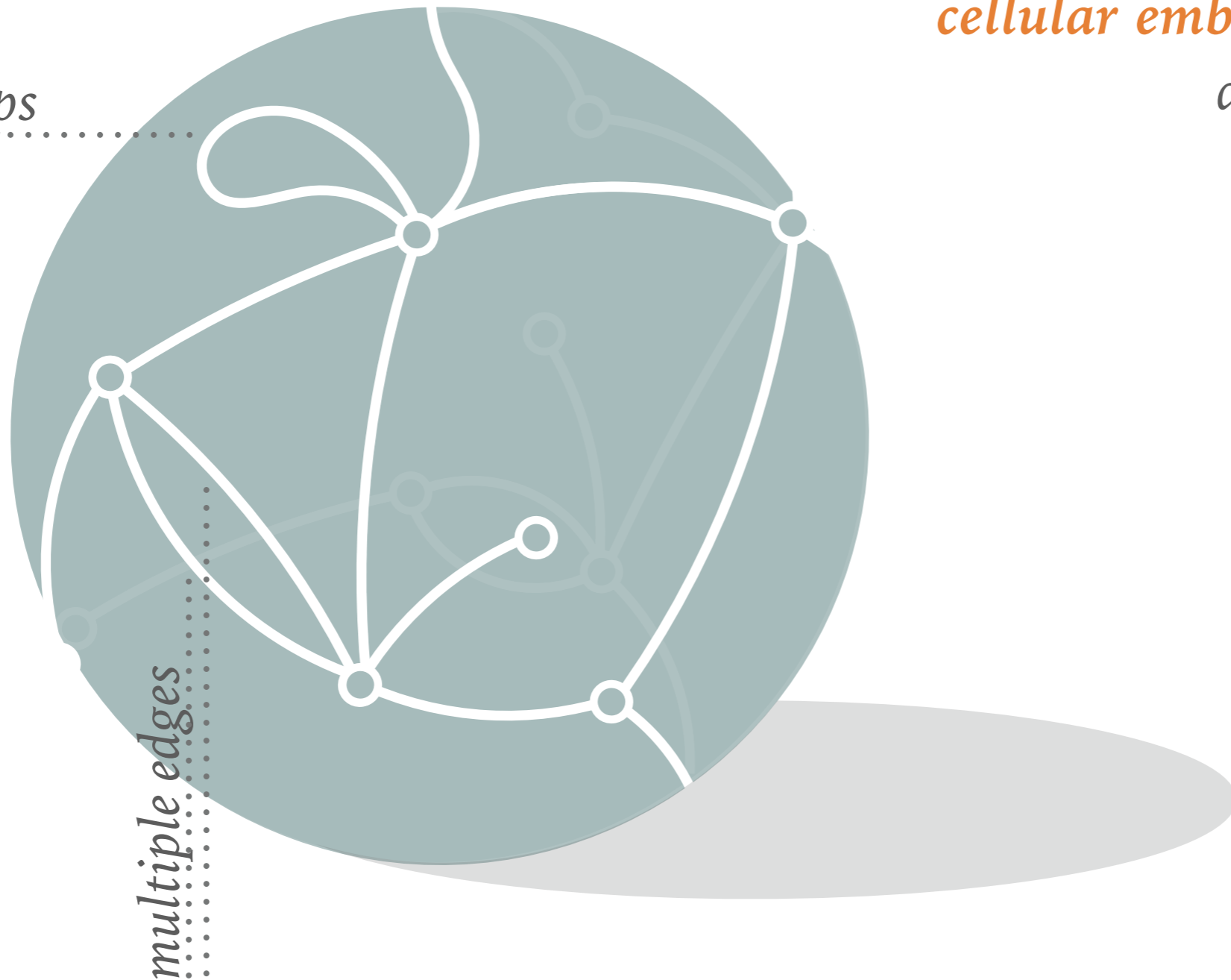


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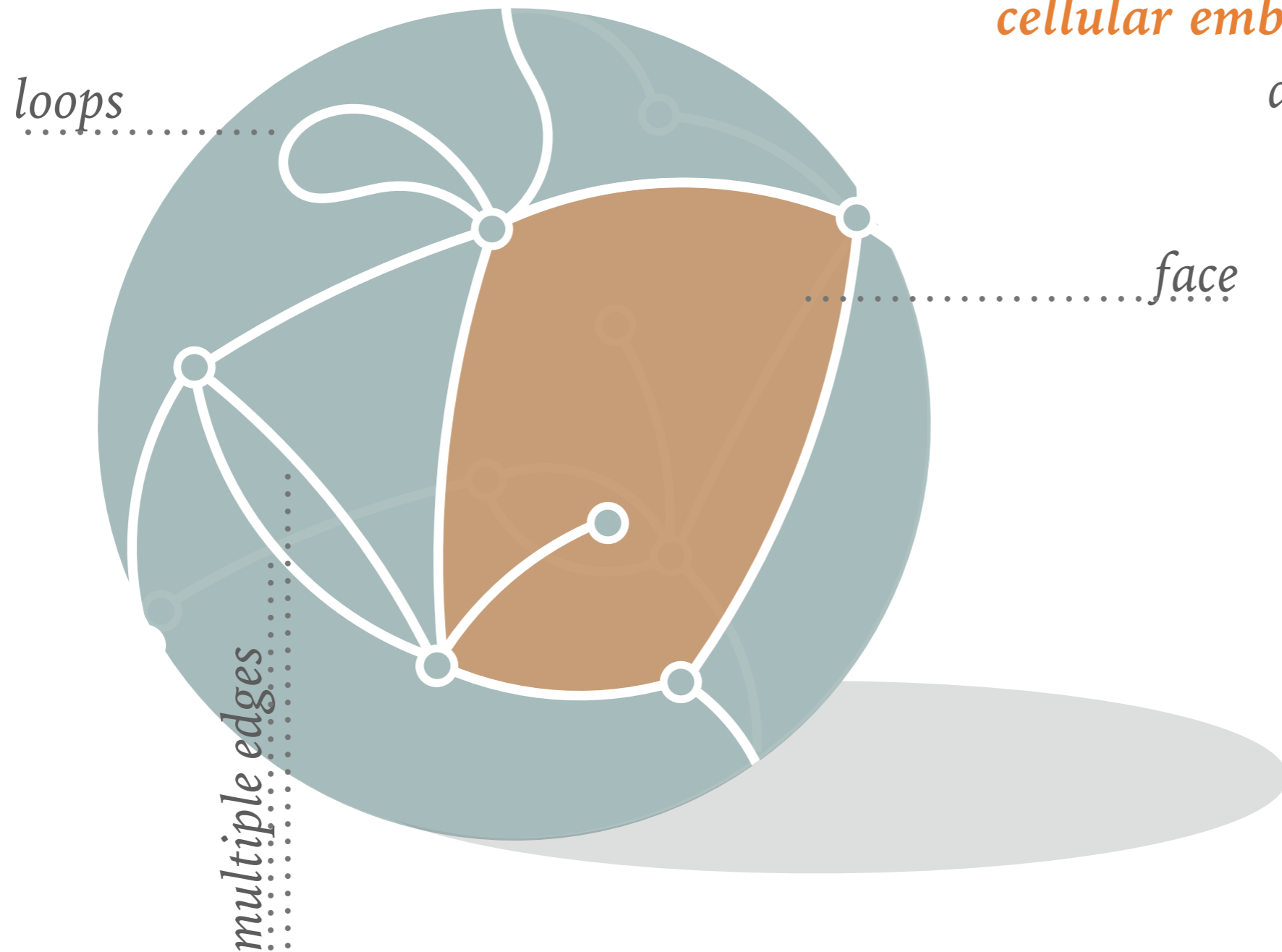


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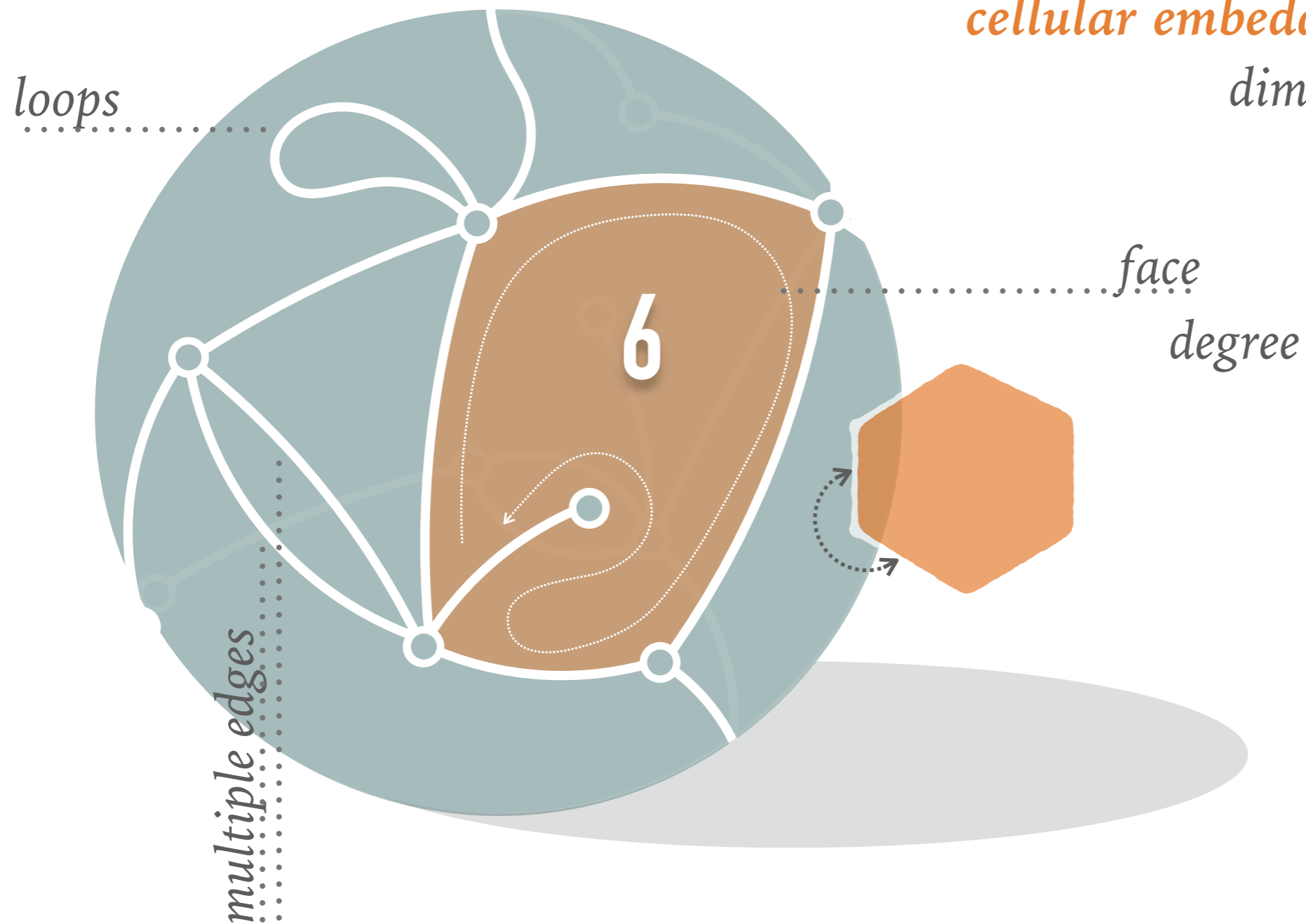




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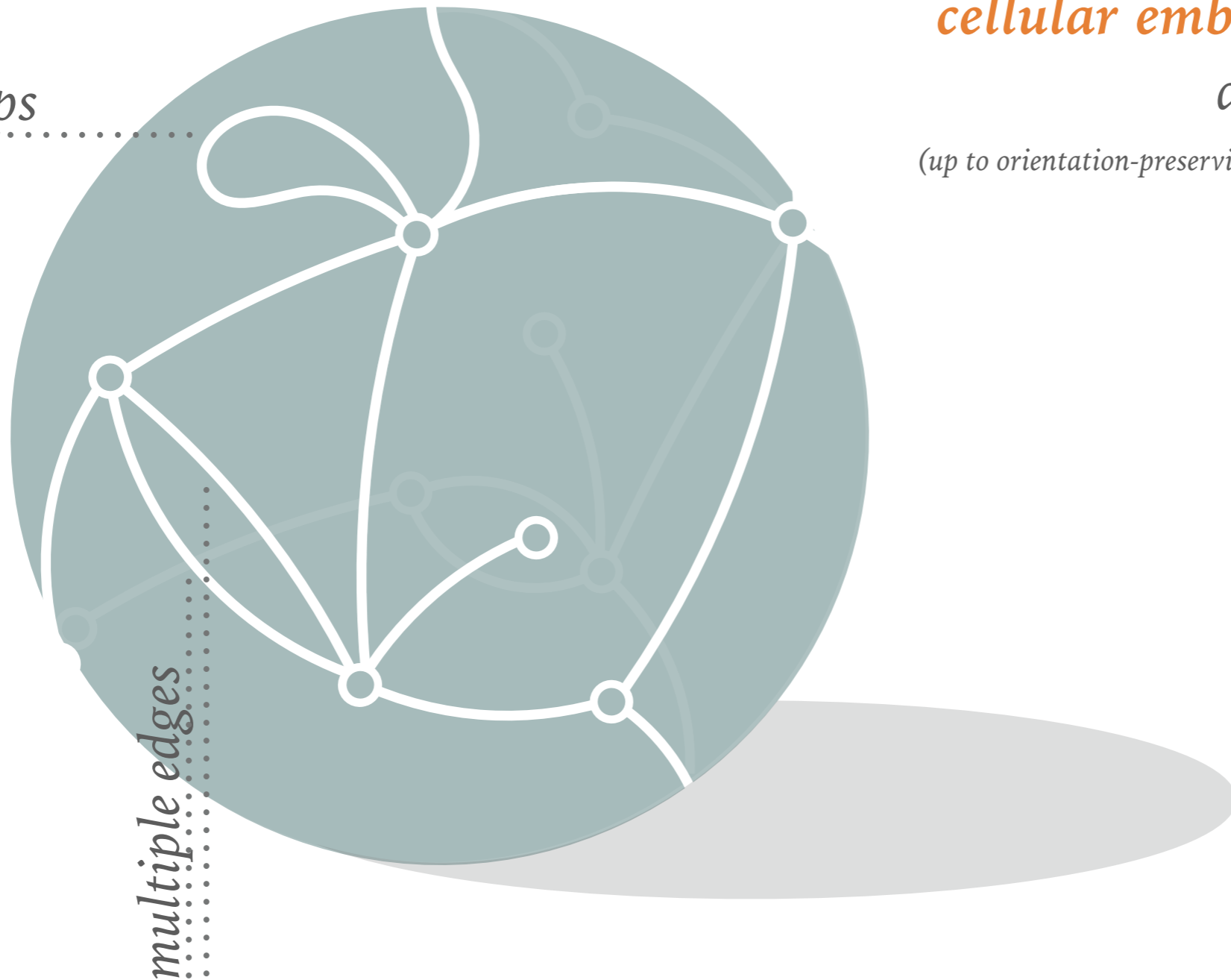
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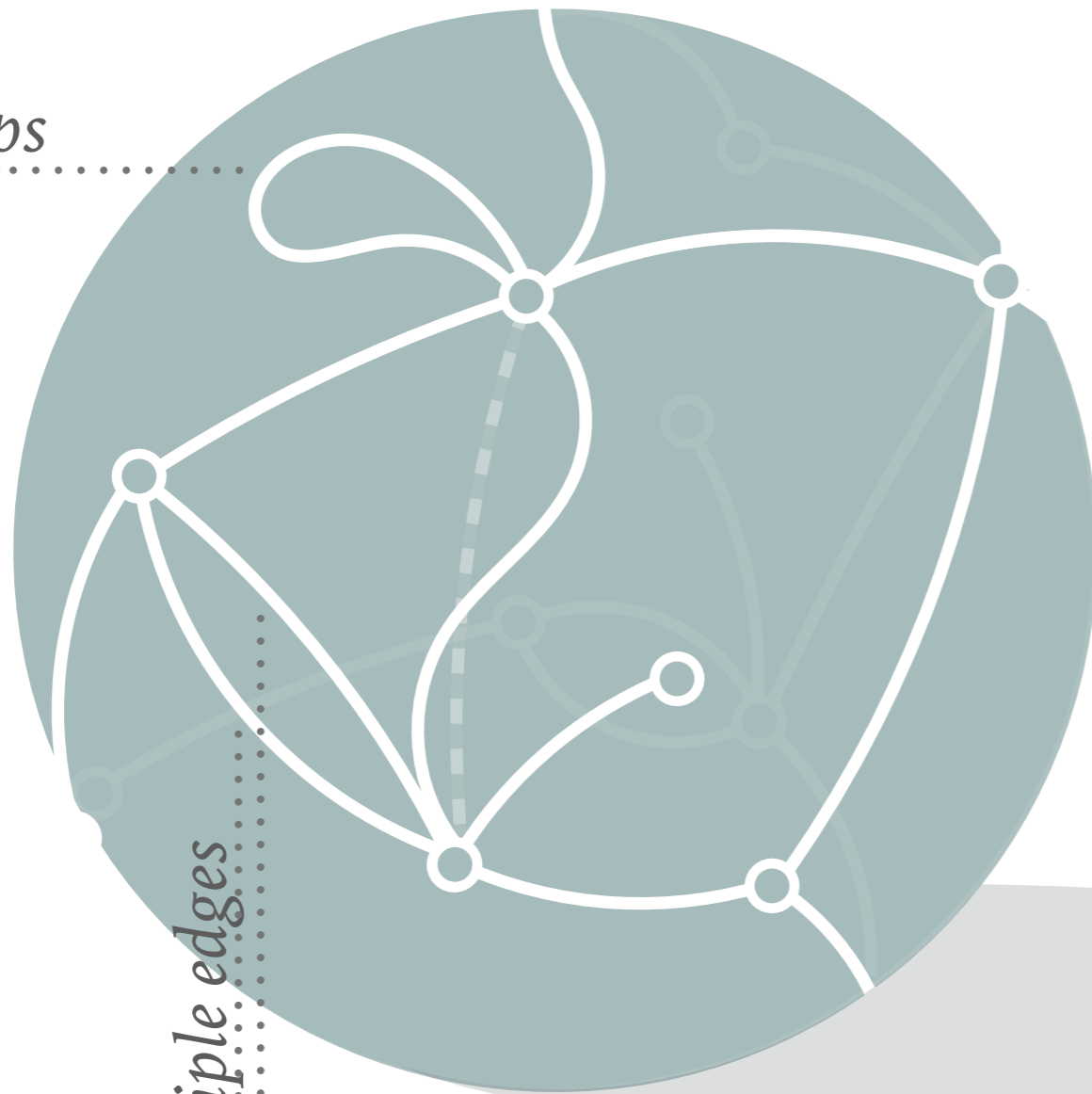


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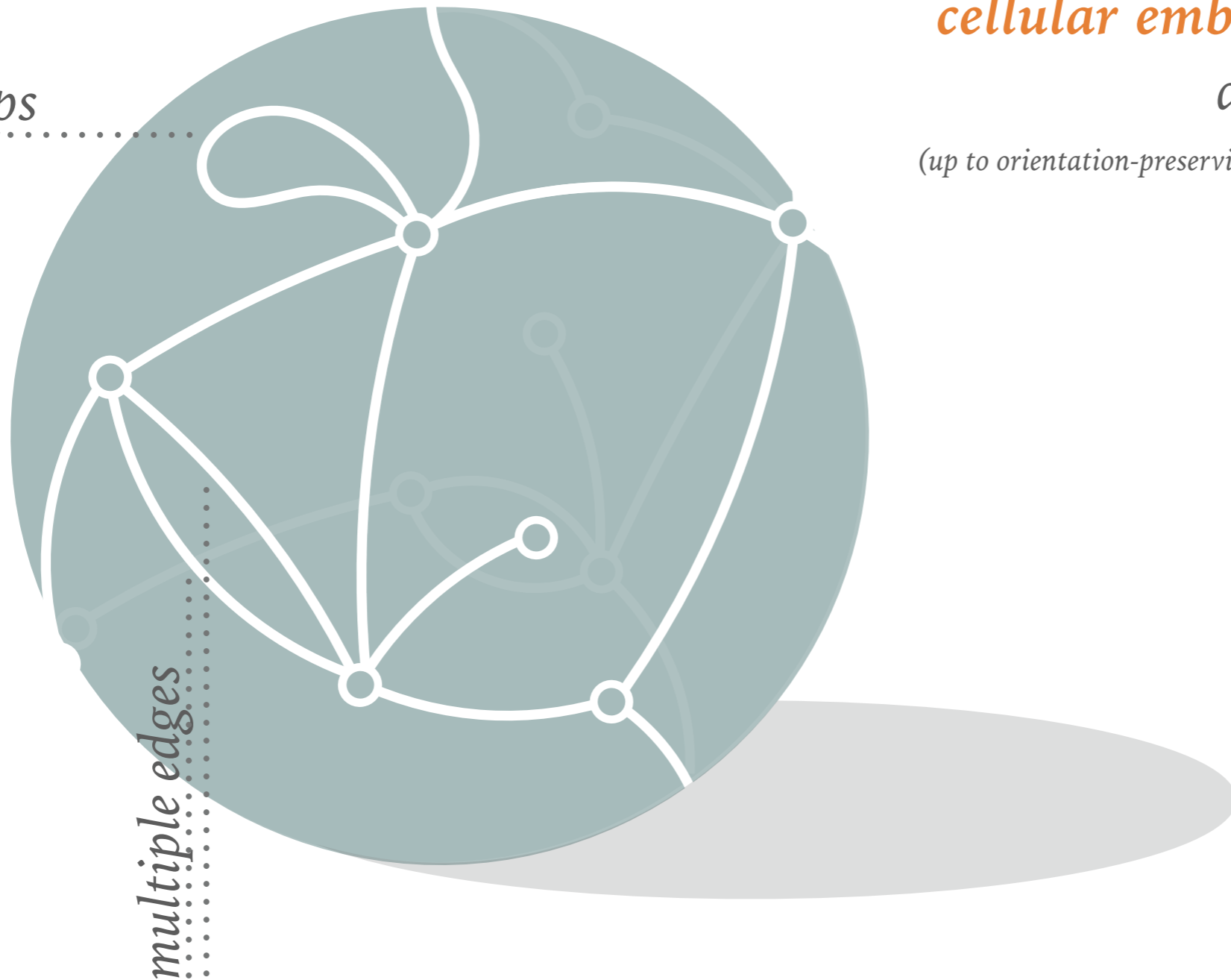
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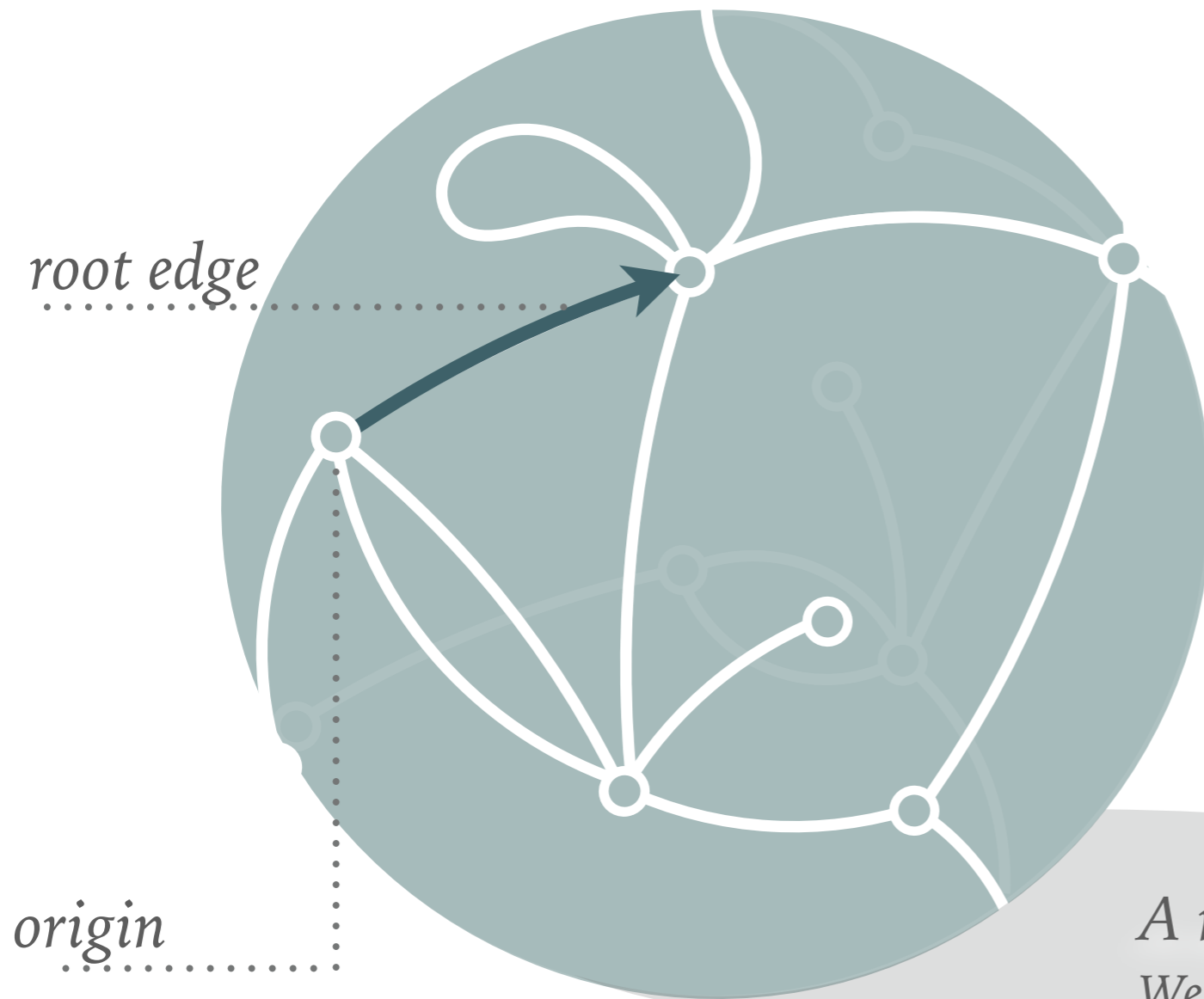
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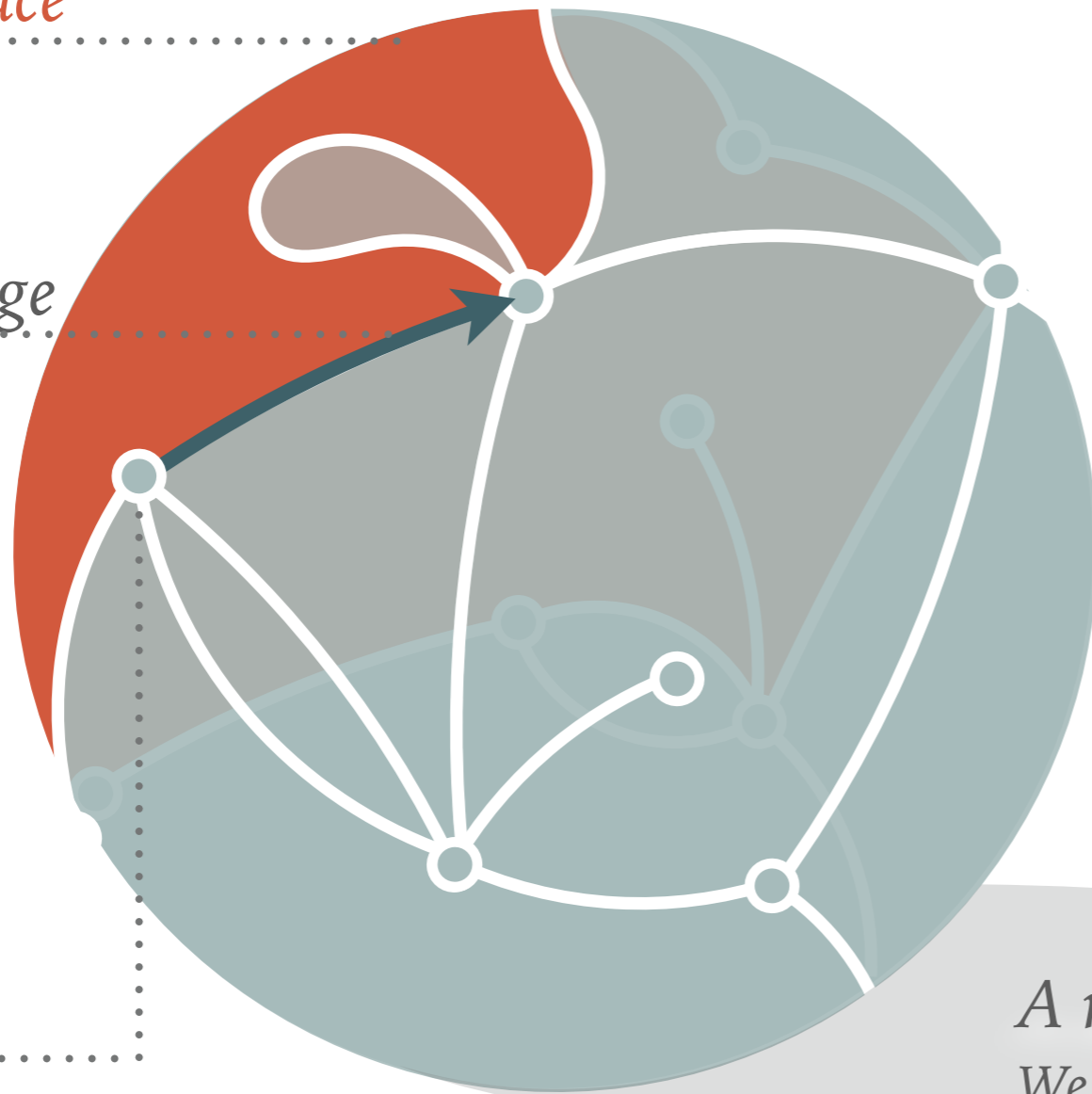
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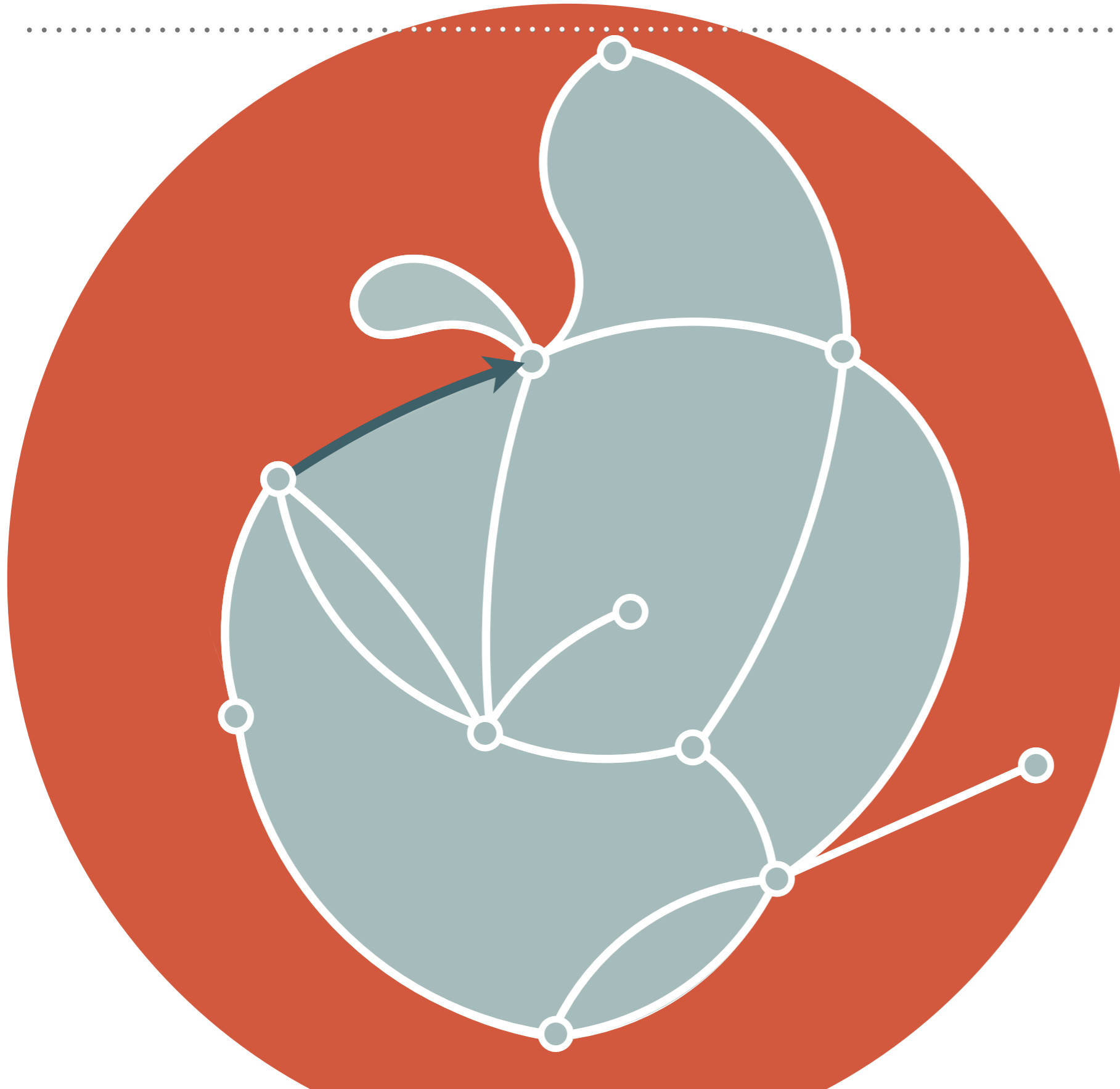
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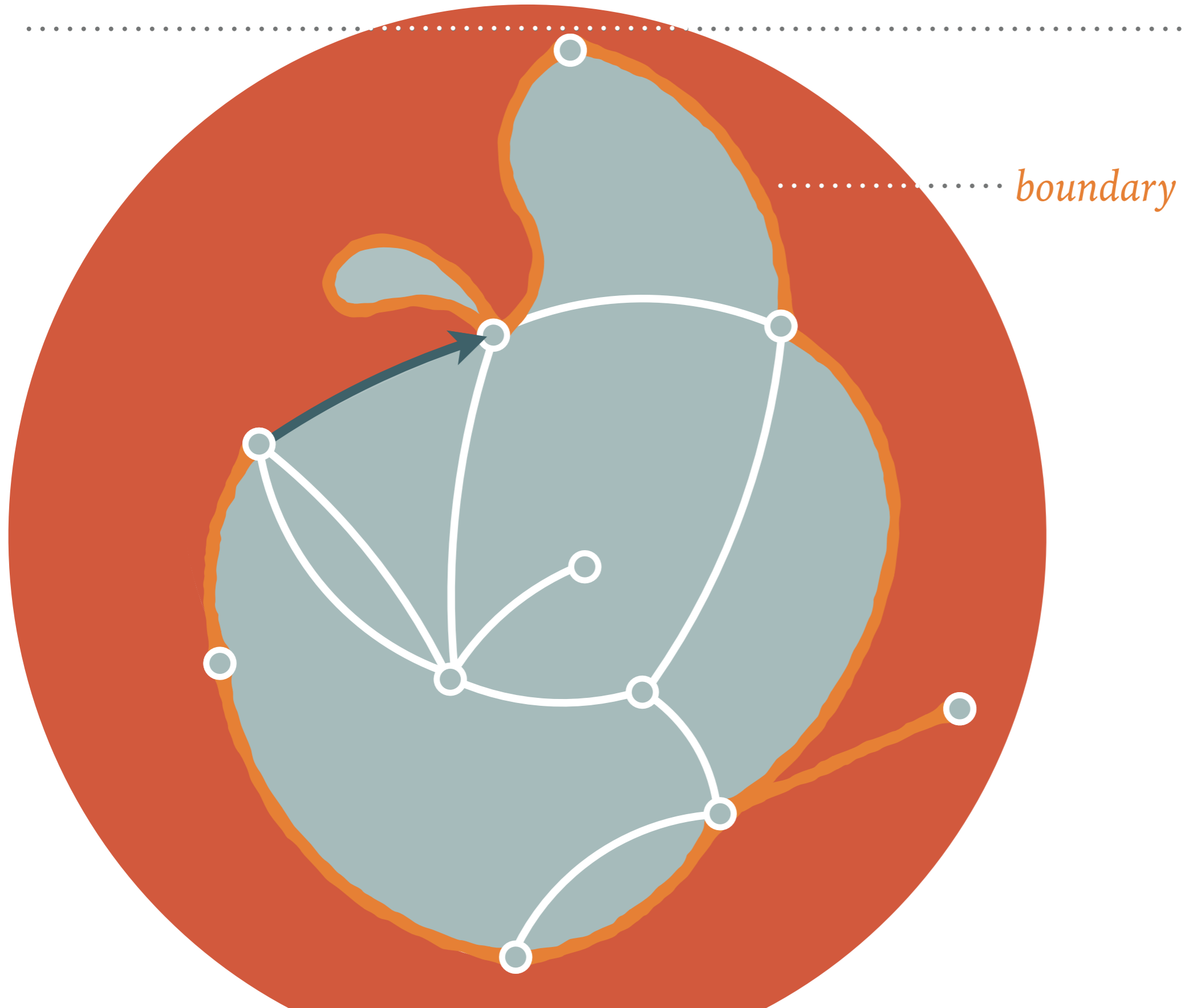
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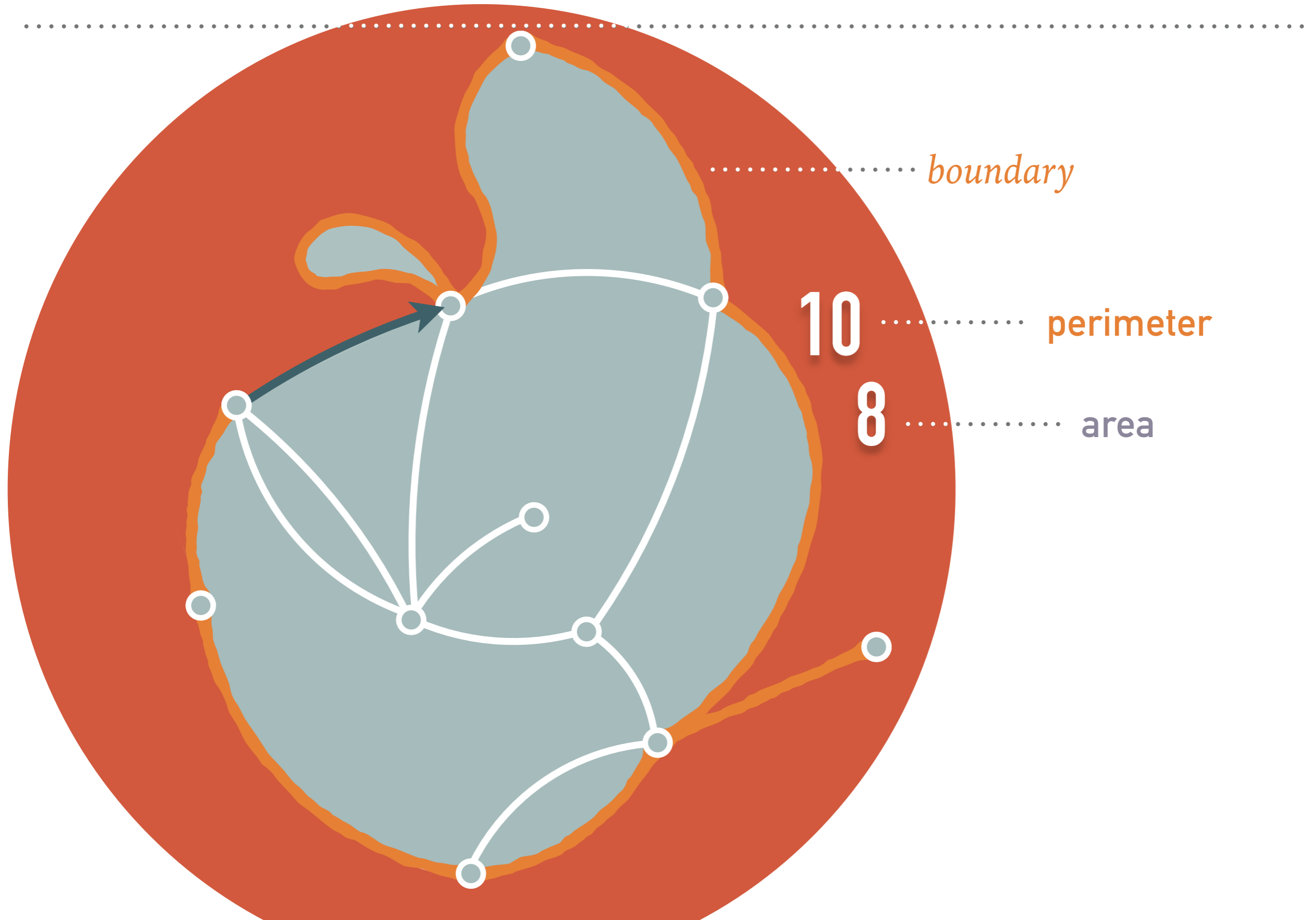
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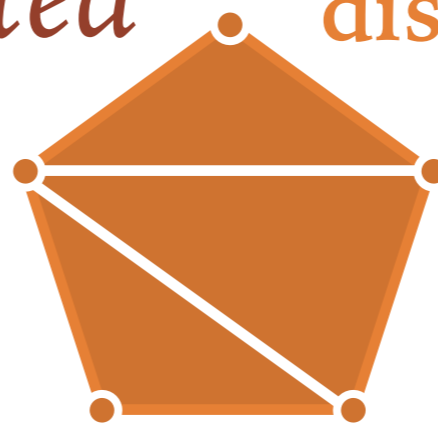


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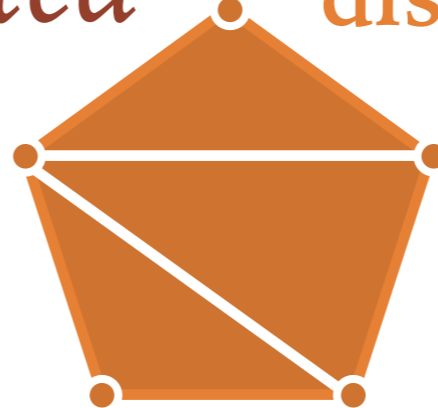
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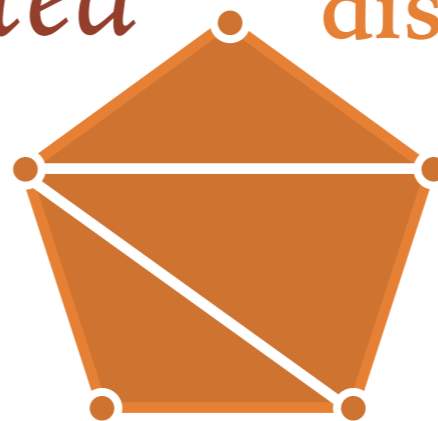
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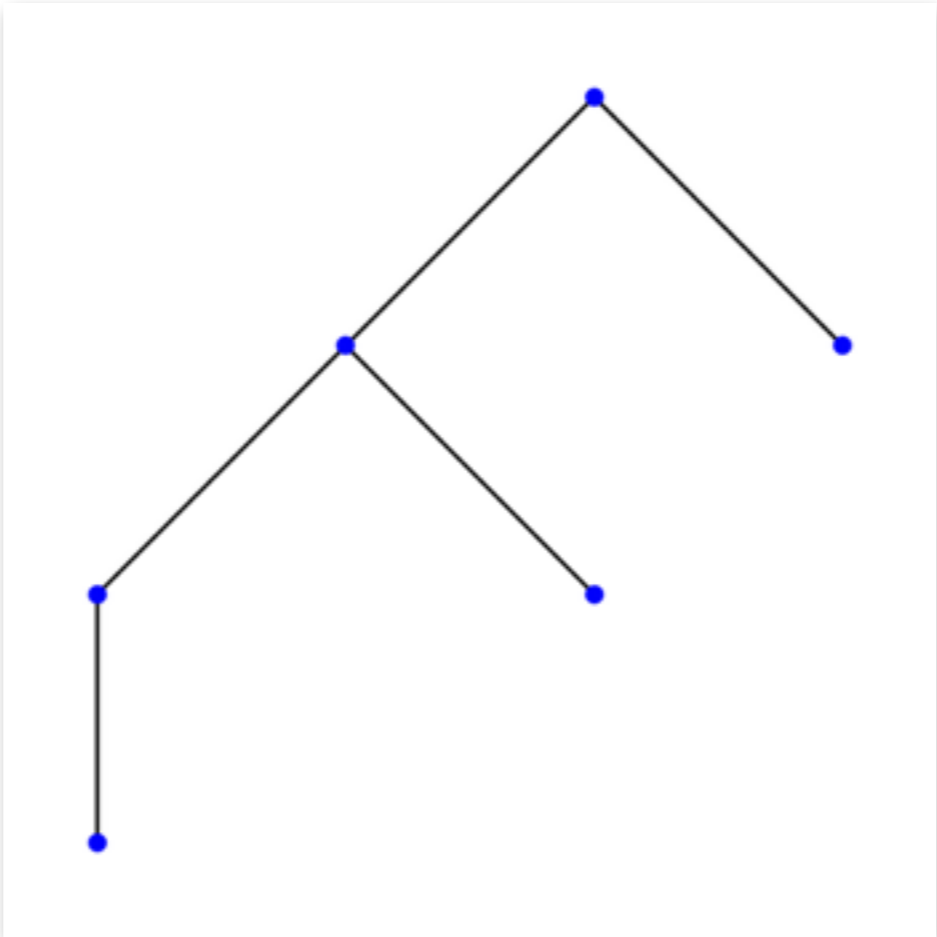
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When do we consider two maps to be similar? When are they different?  
**We need to consider DISTANCES on sets of maps.**

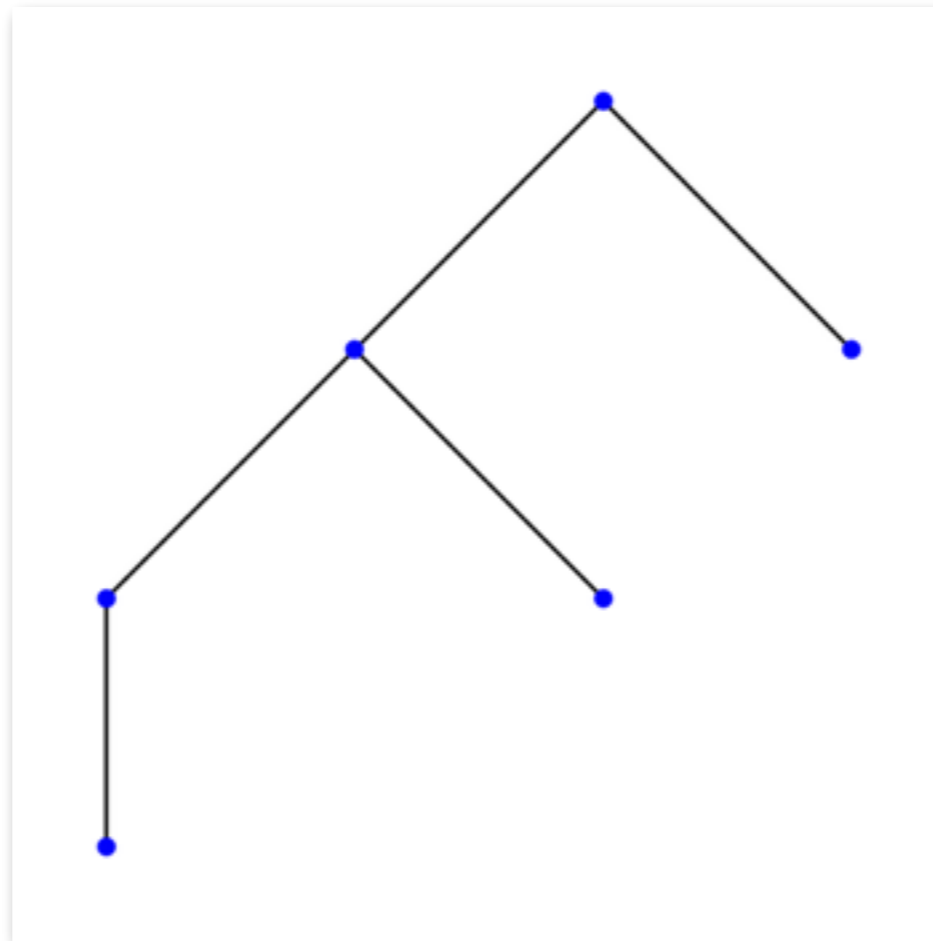
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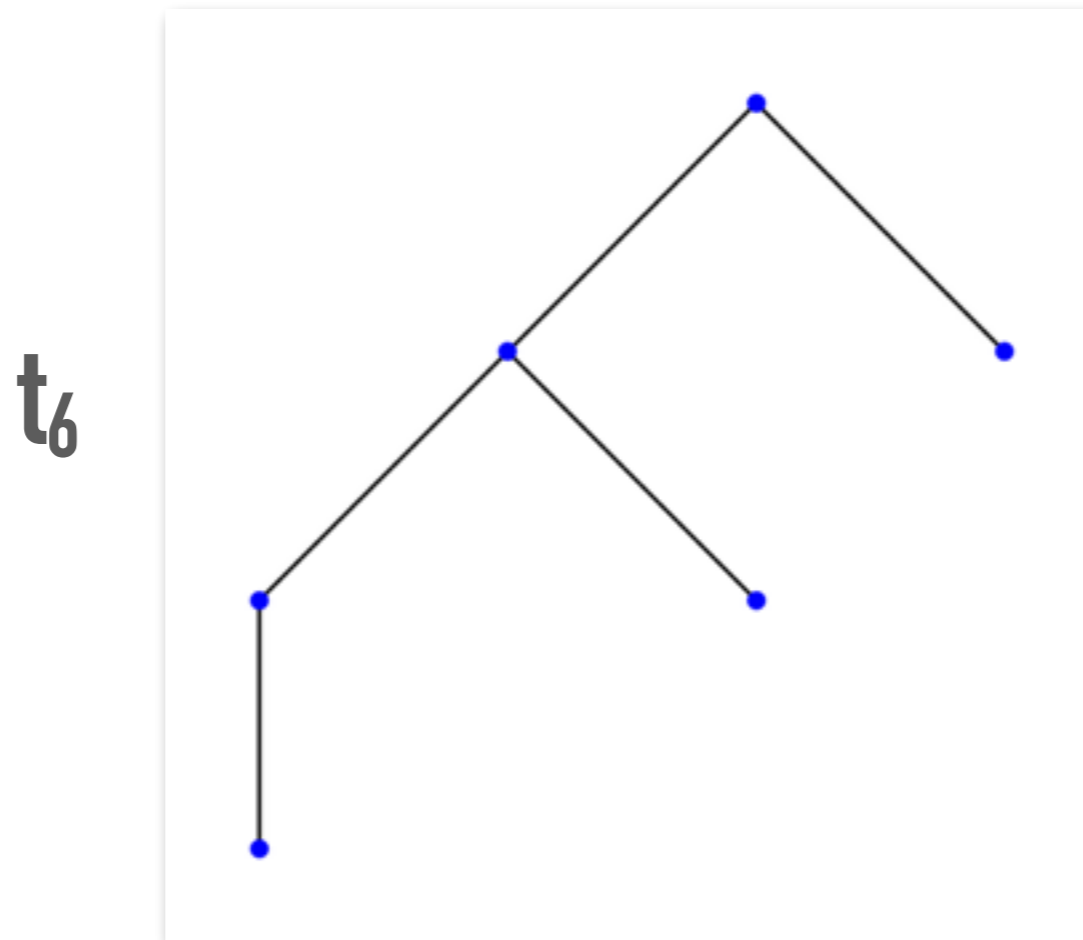
A plane tree is a (rooted) map with only one face.



6 vertices  
5 edges

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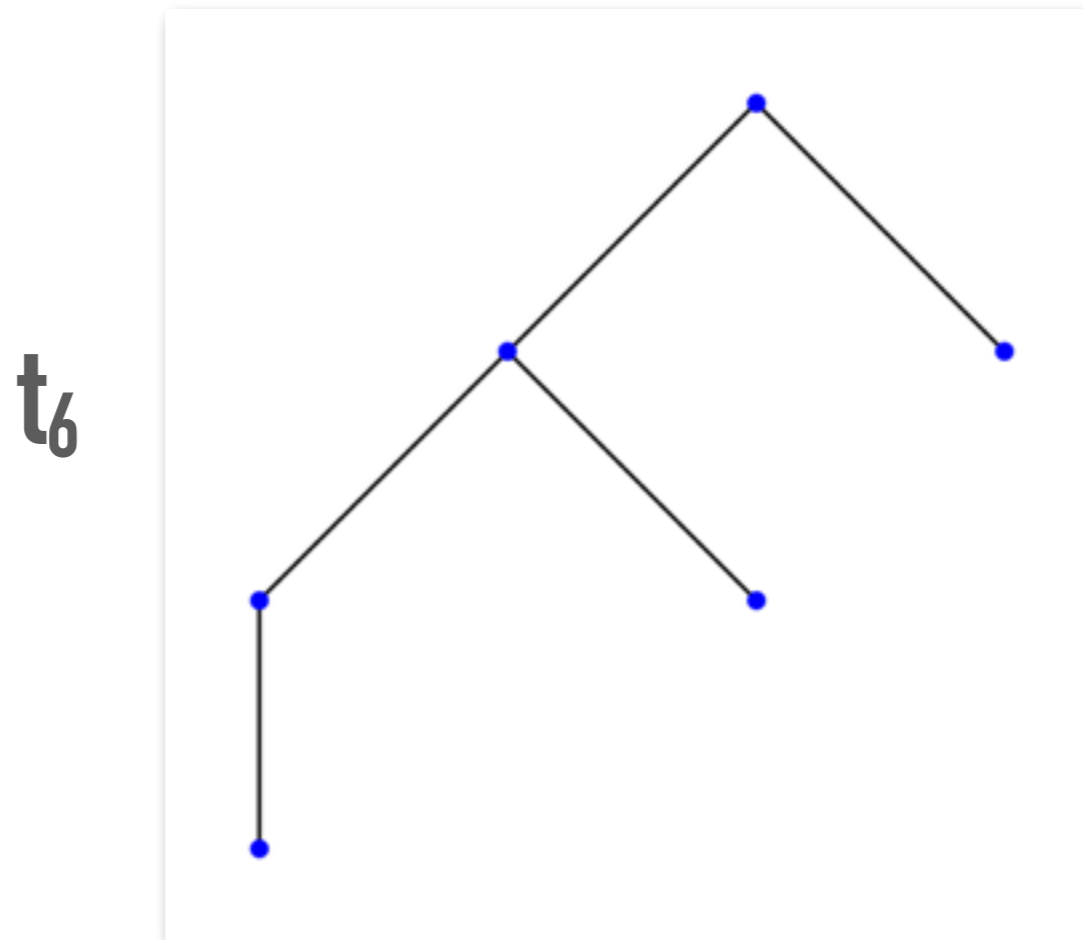
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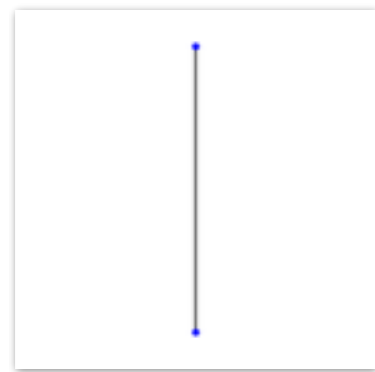


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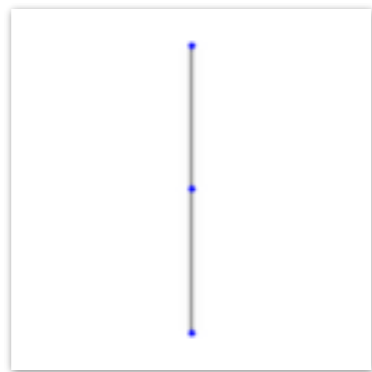
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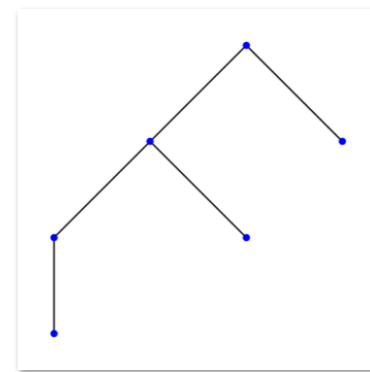
$t_3$



$t_4$



$t_5$



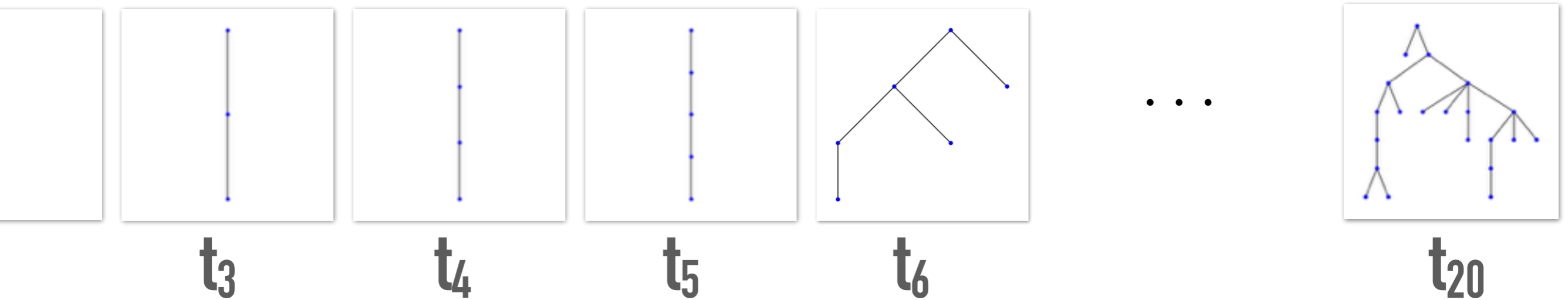
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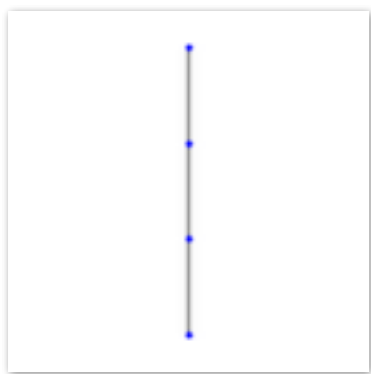
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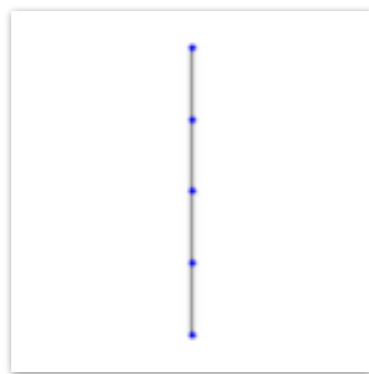
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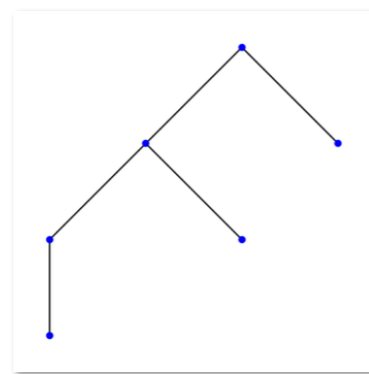
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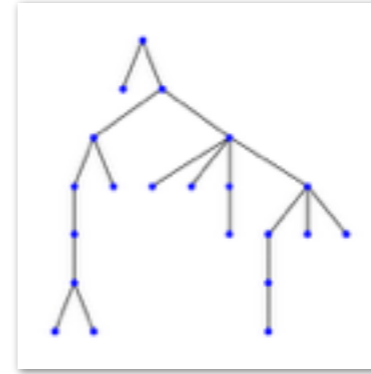


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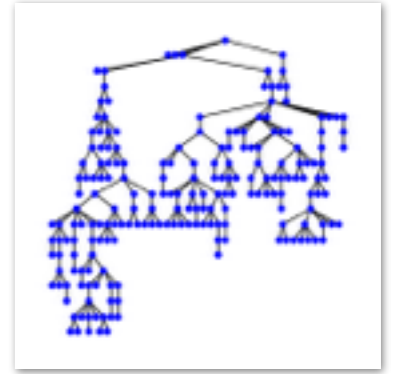
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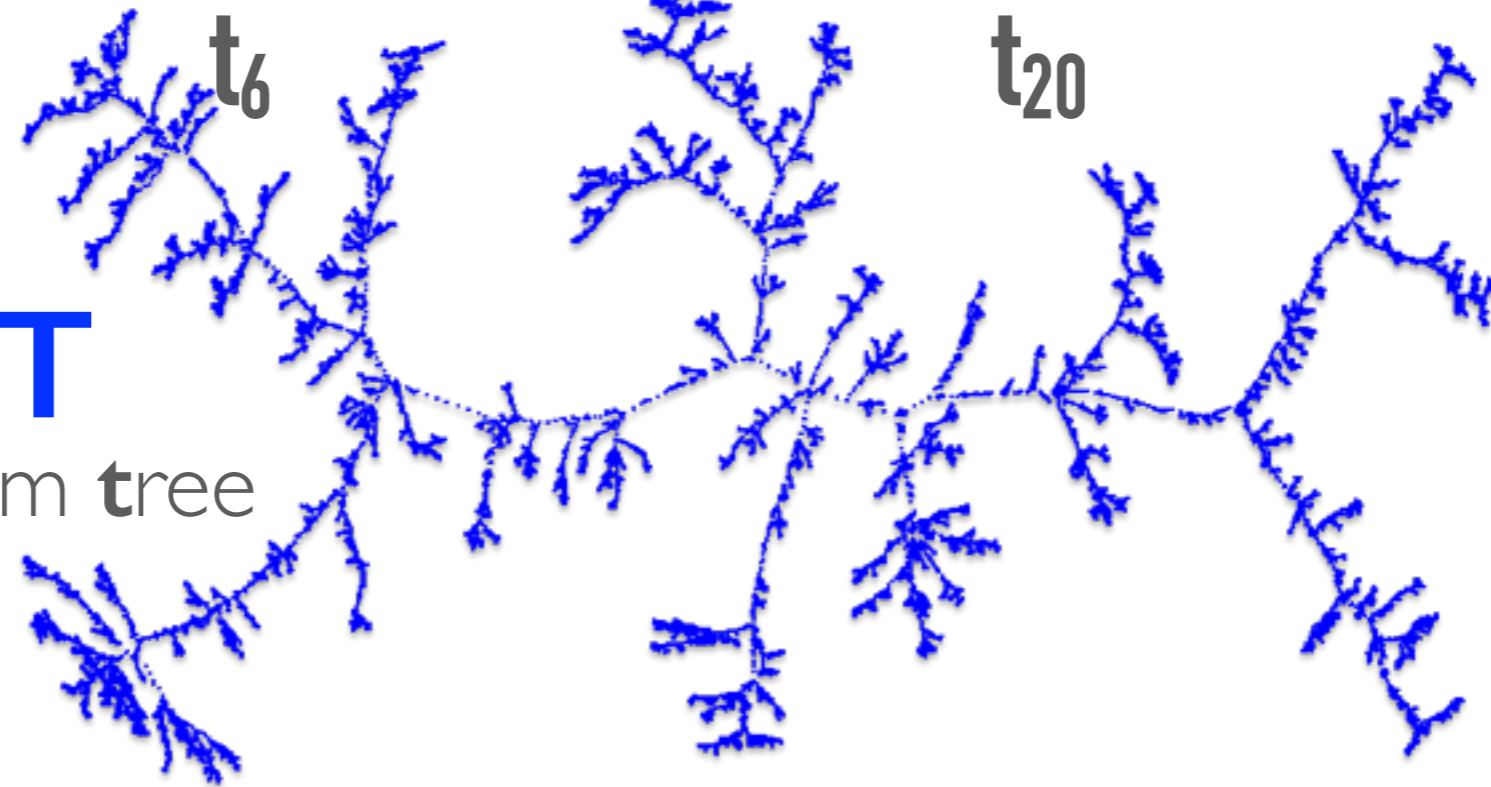
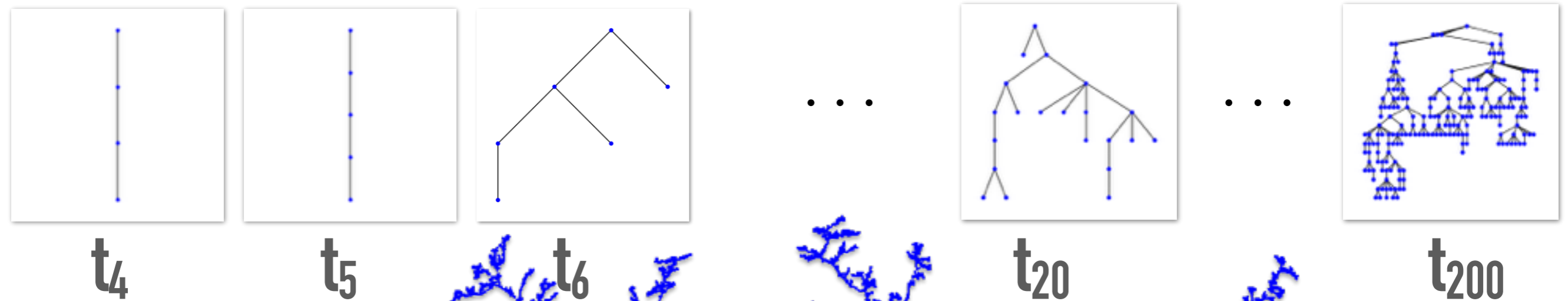
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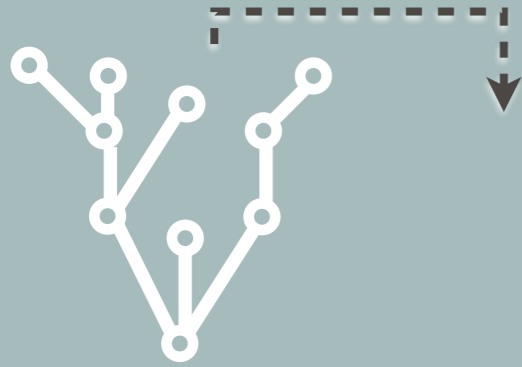
**THE CRT**  
continuum random tree

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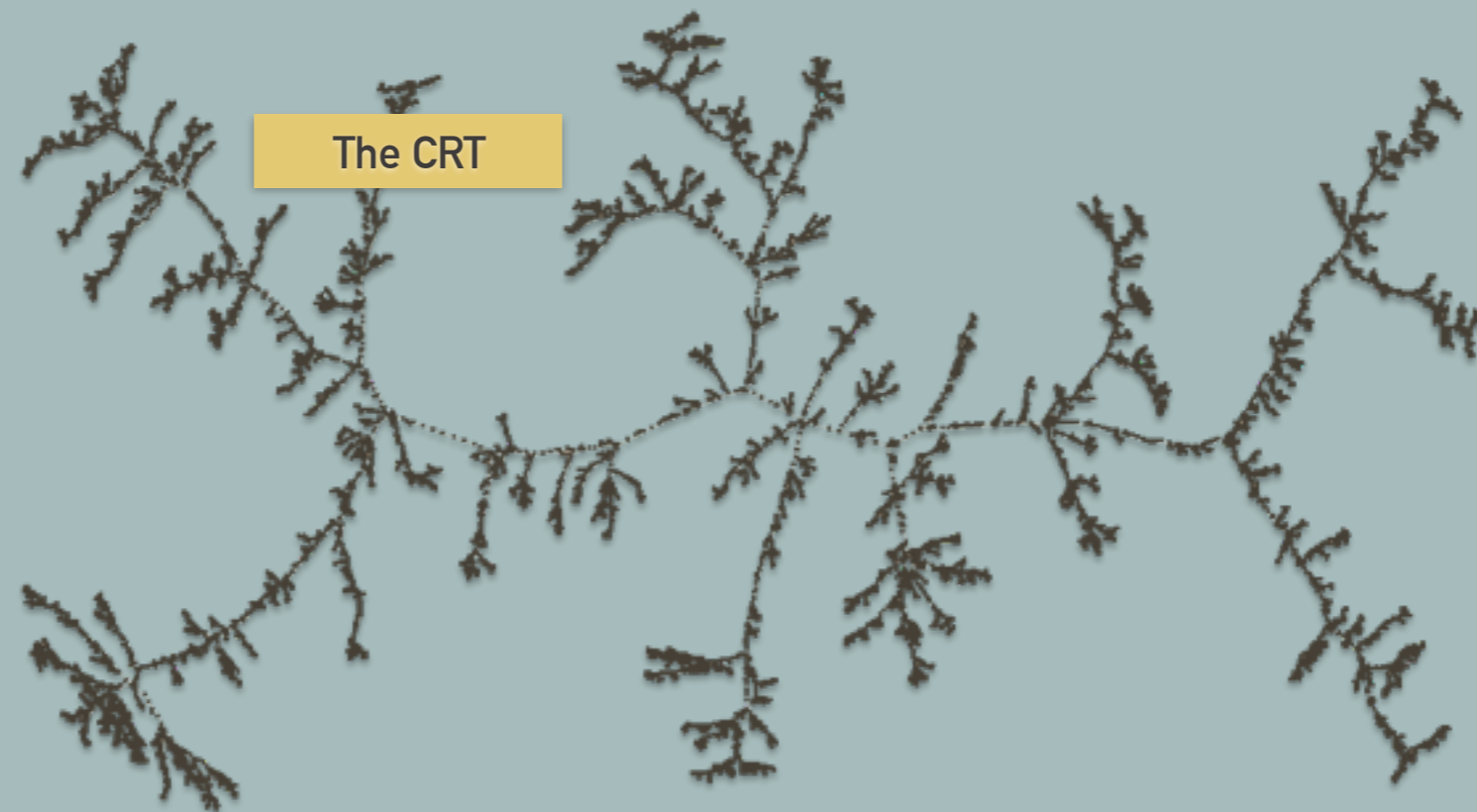
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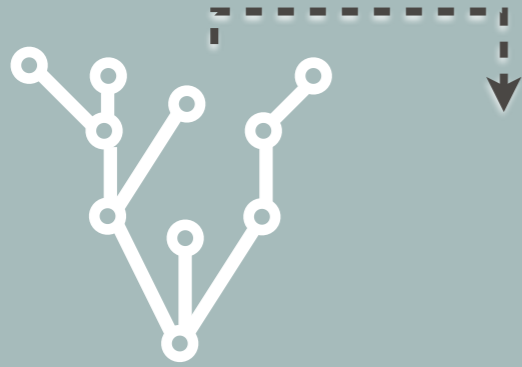


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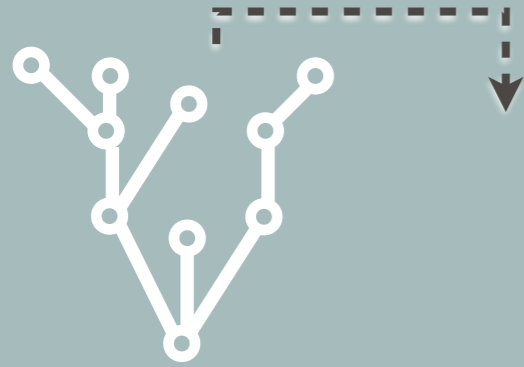
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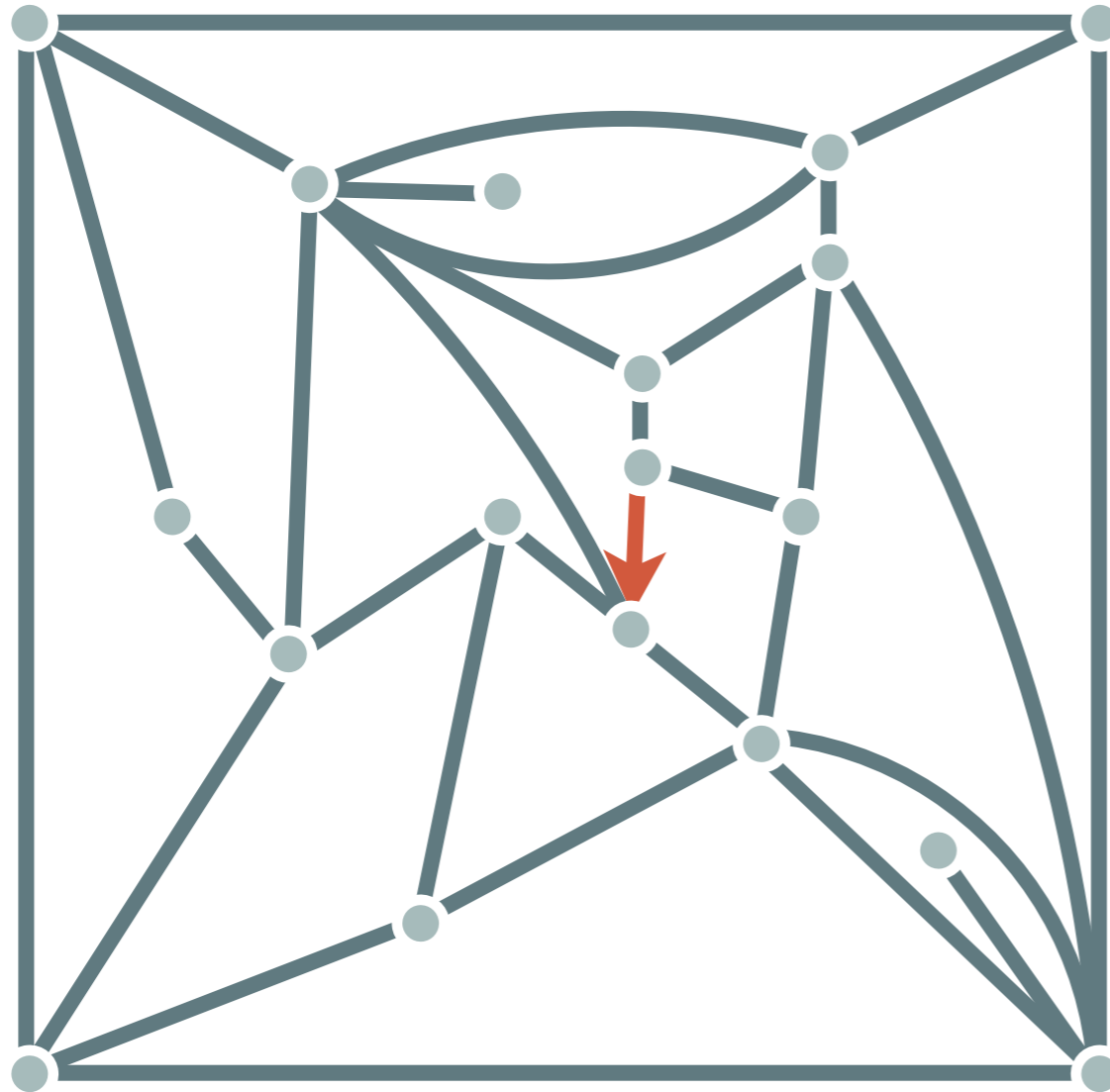
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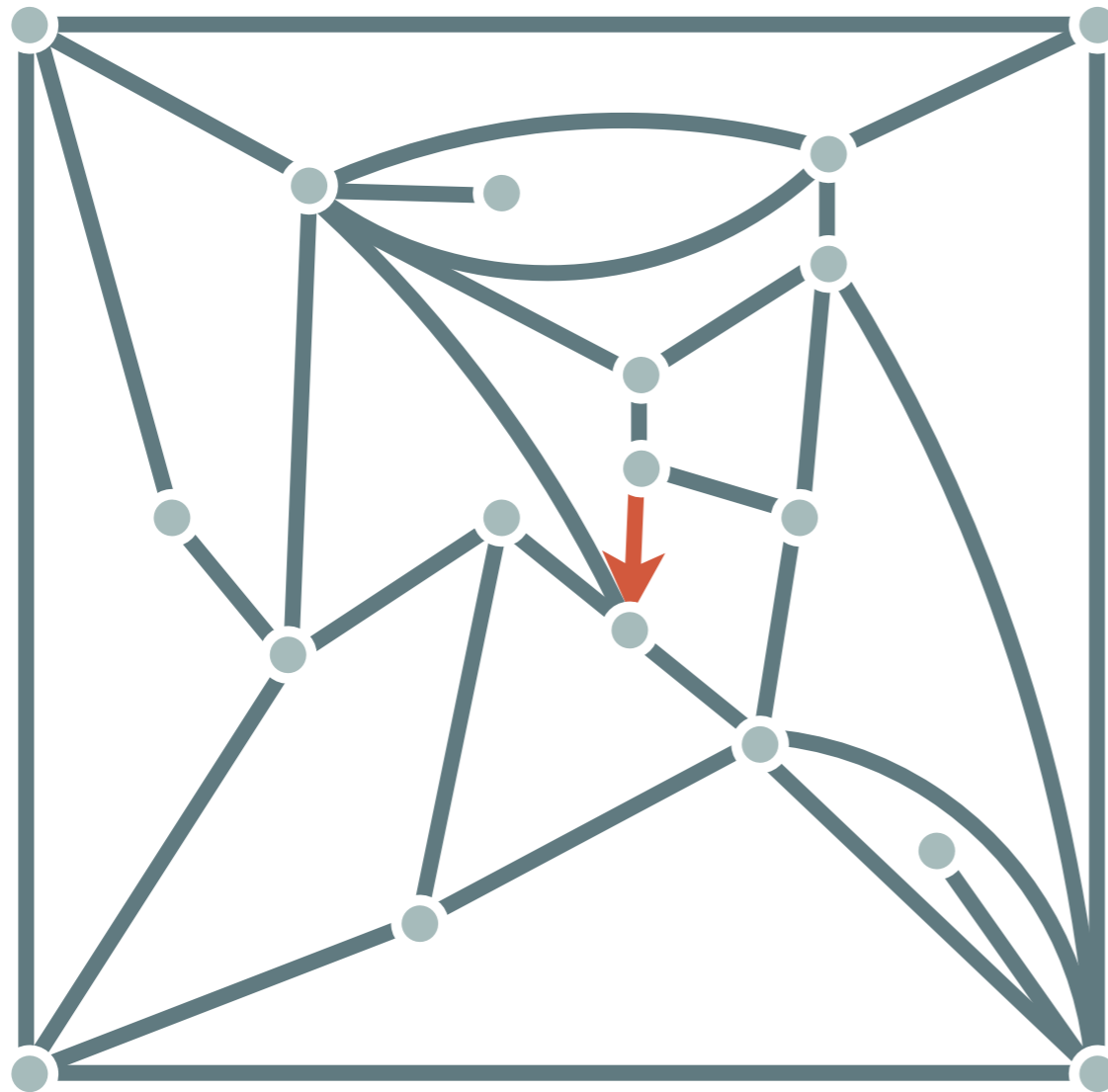
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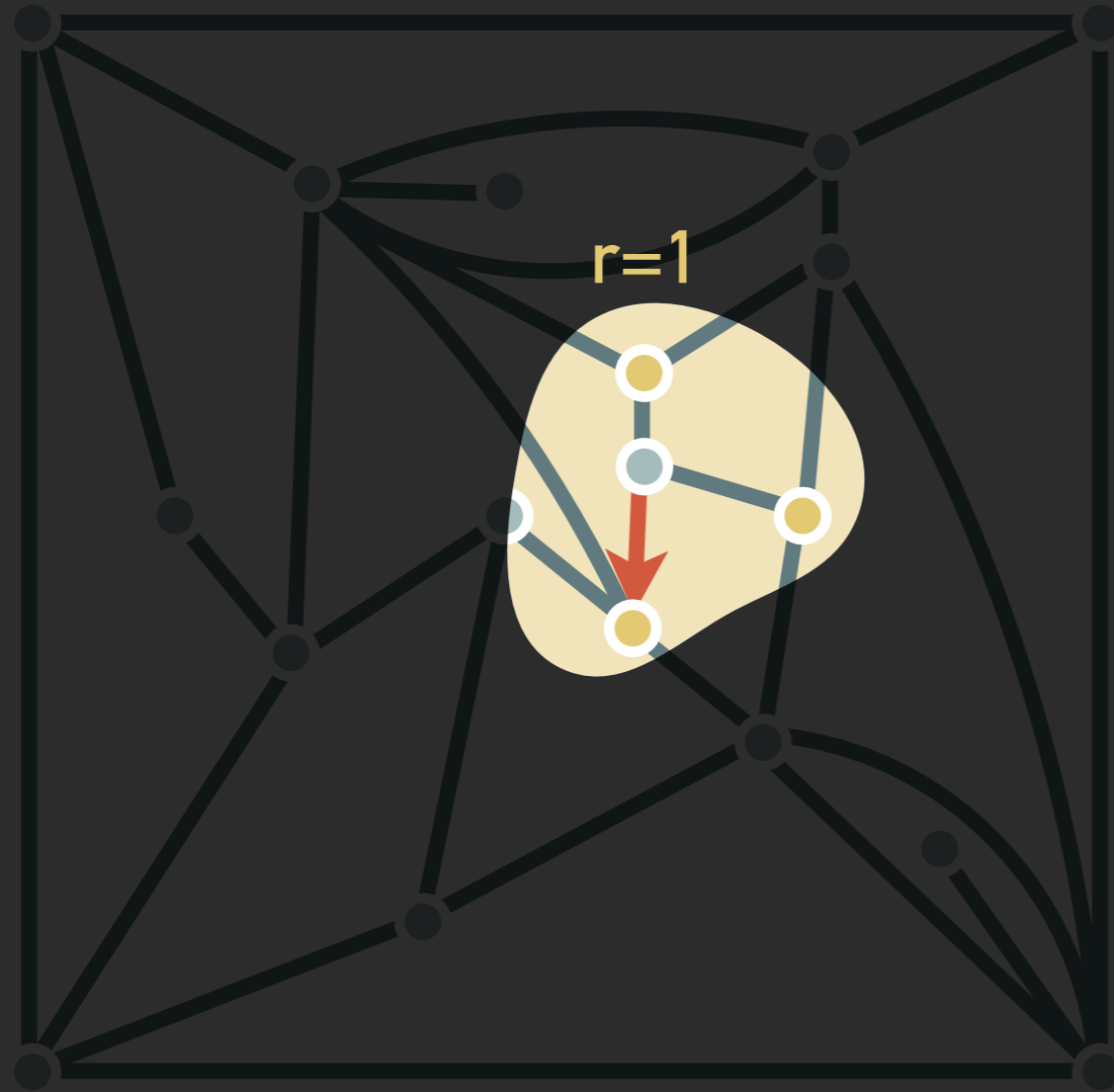
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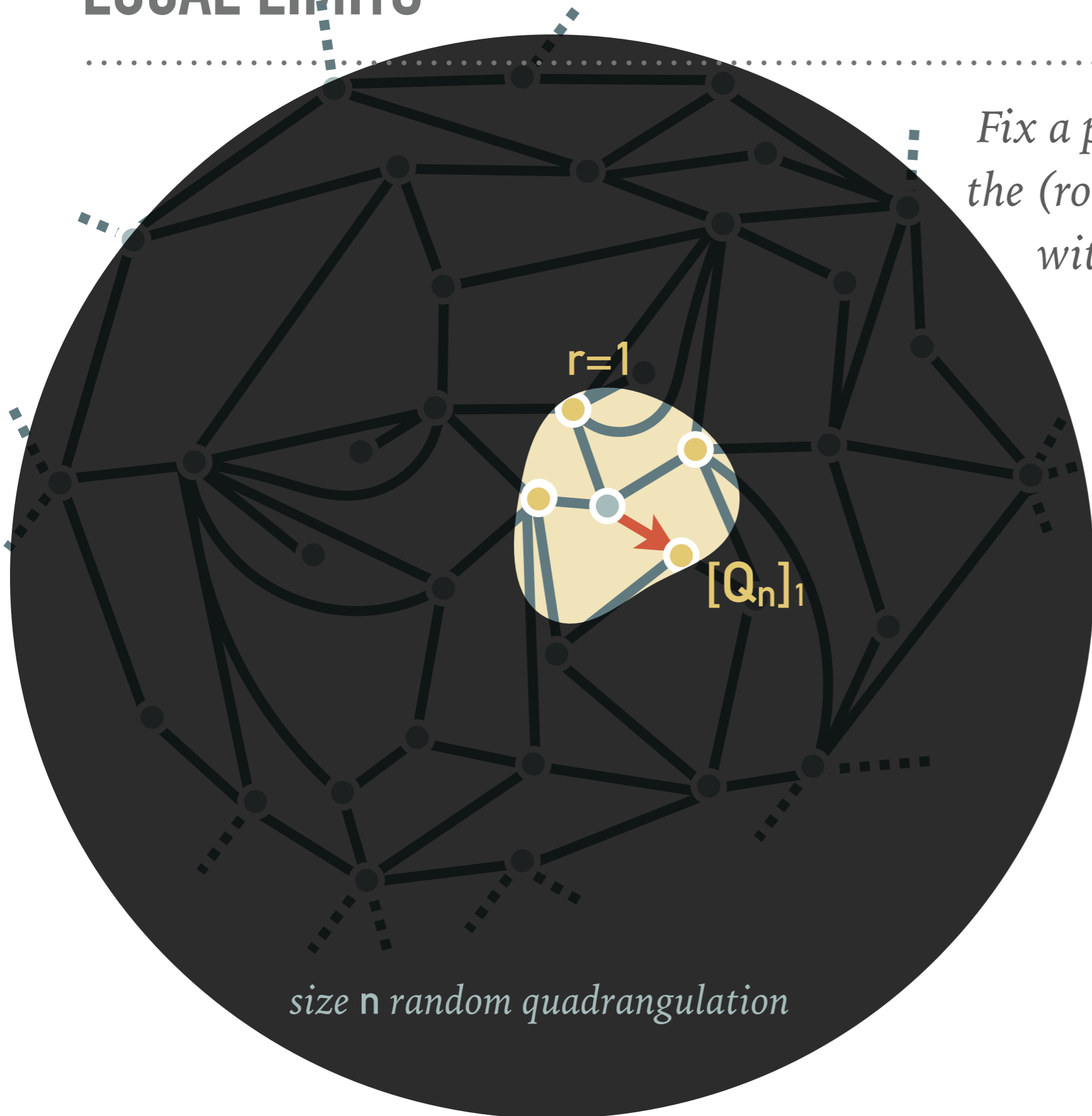
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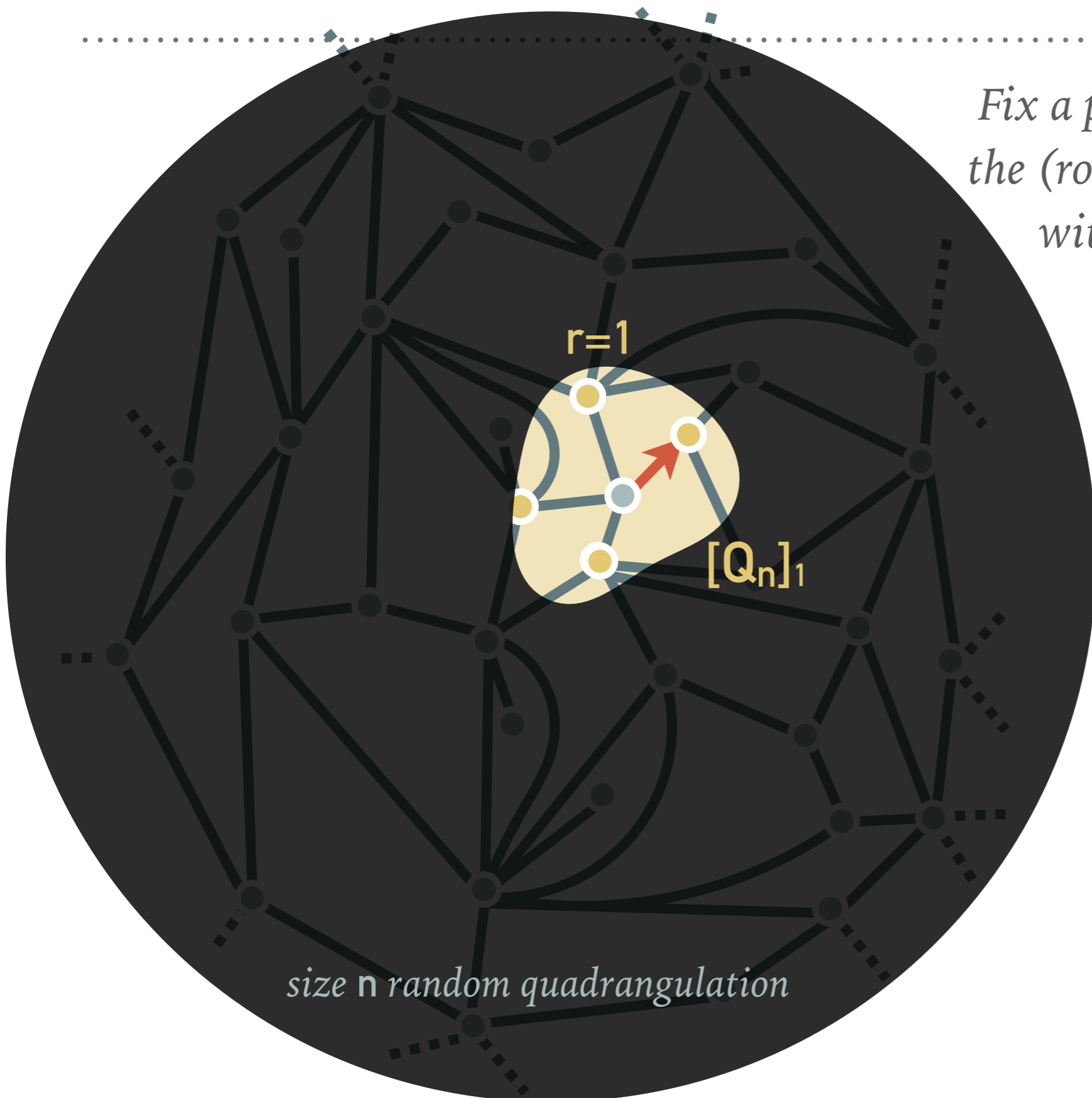
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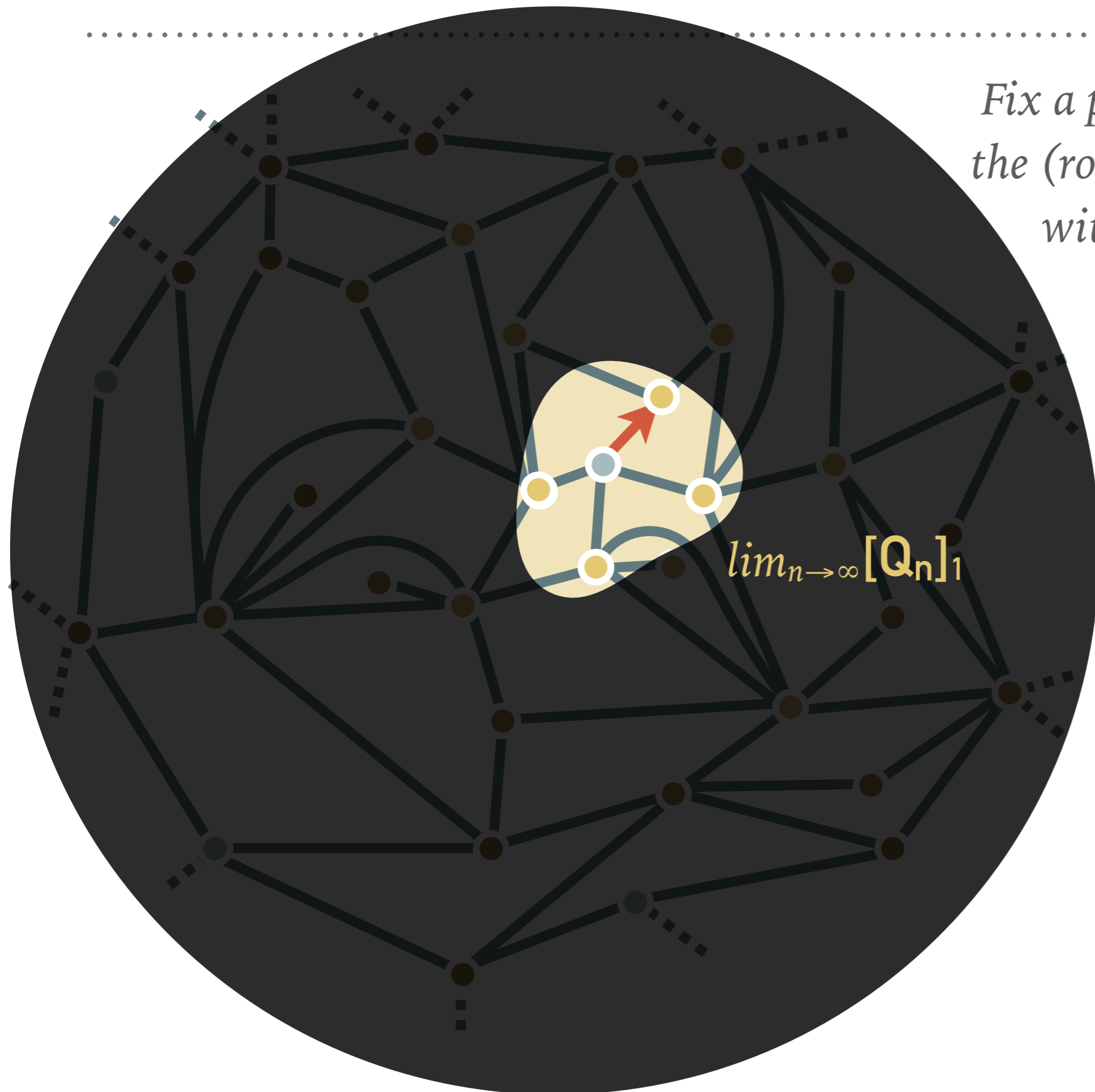
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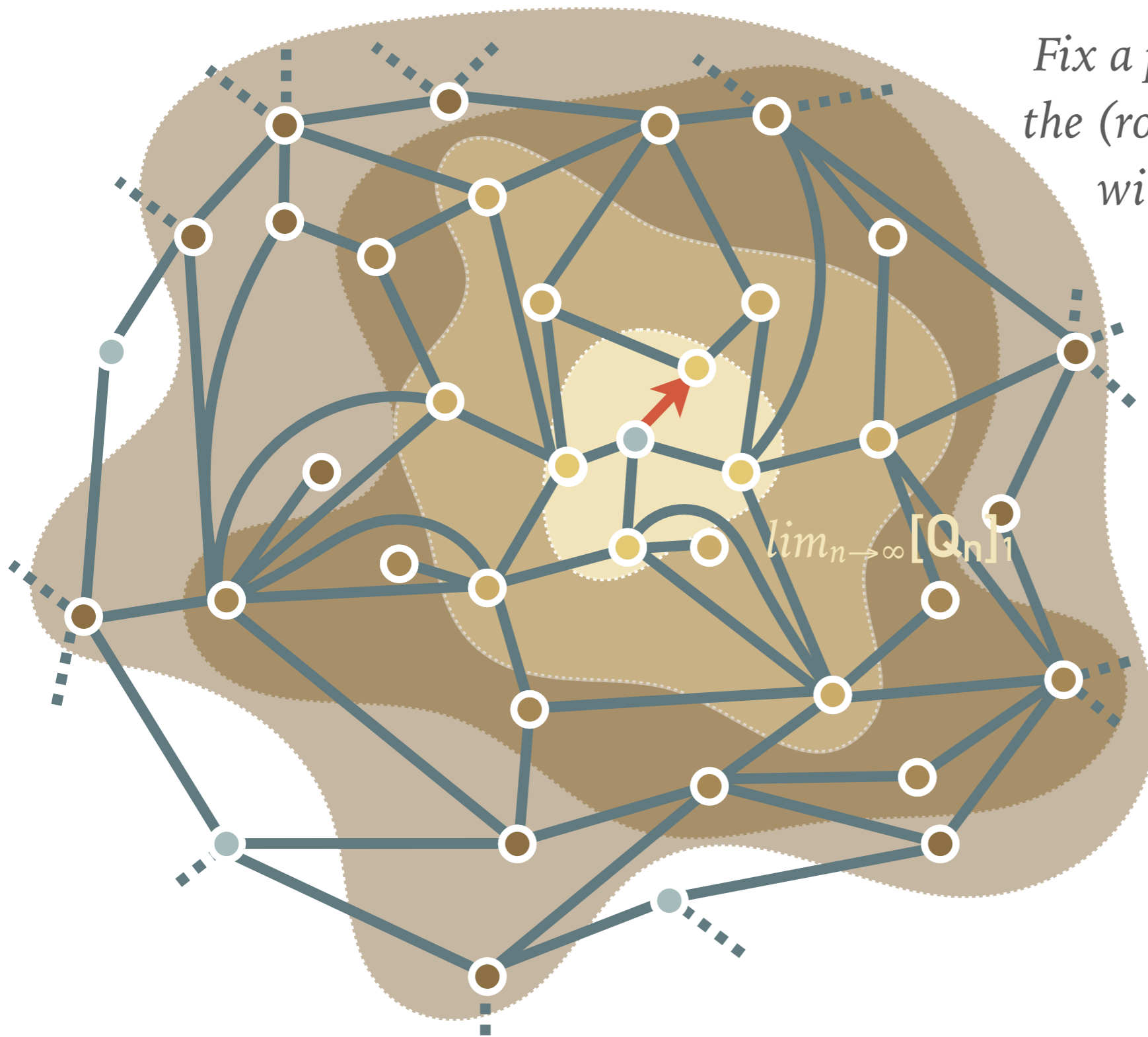
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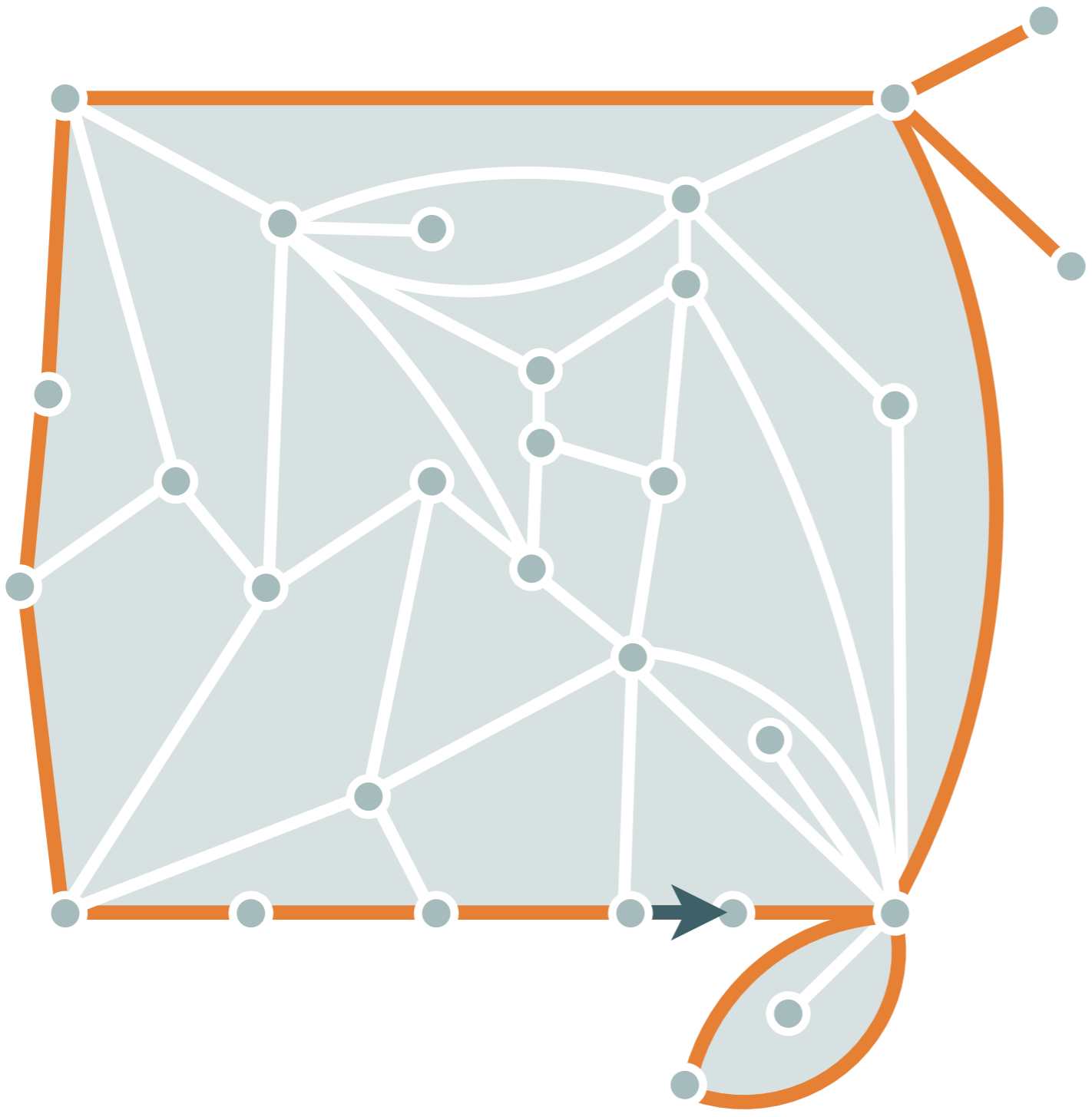
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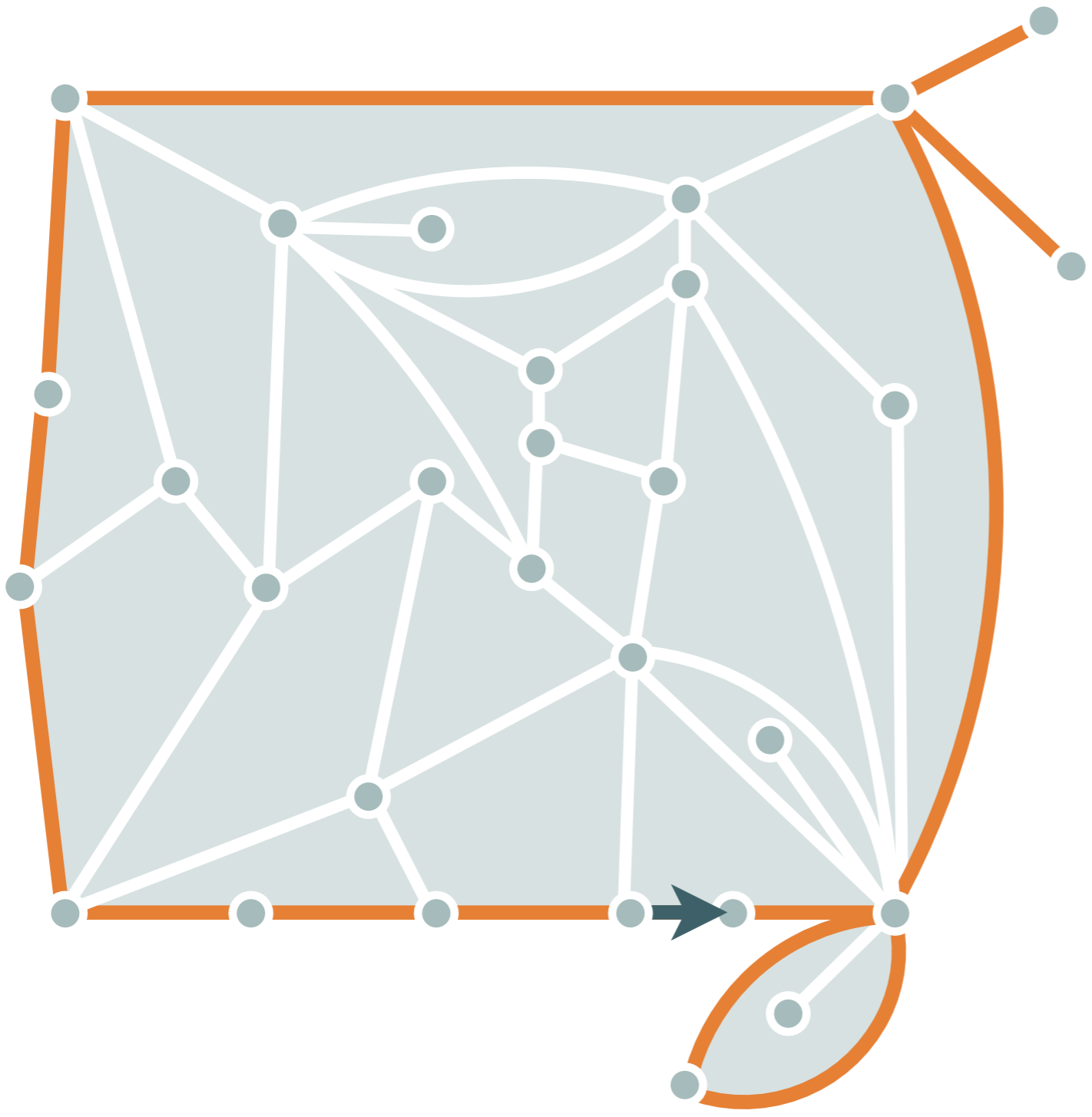
The UIPQ  $Q_\infty$  is an infinite random quadrangulation such that for each  $r$  we have

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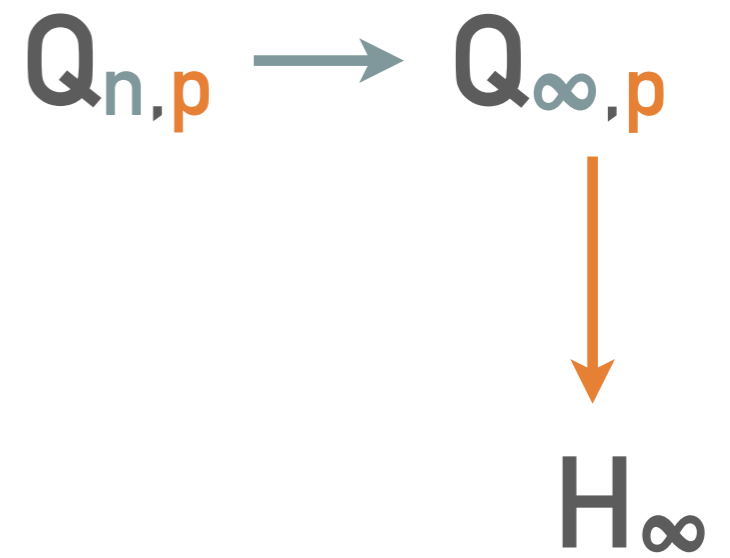
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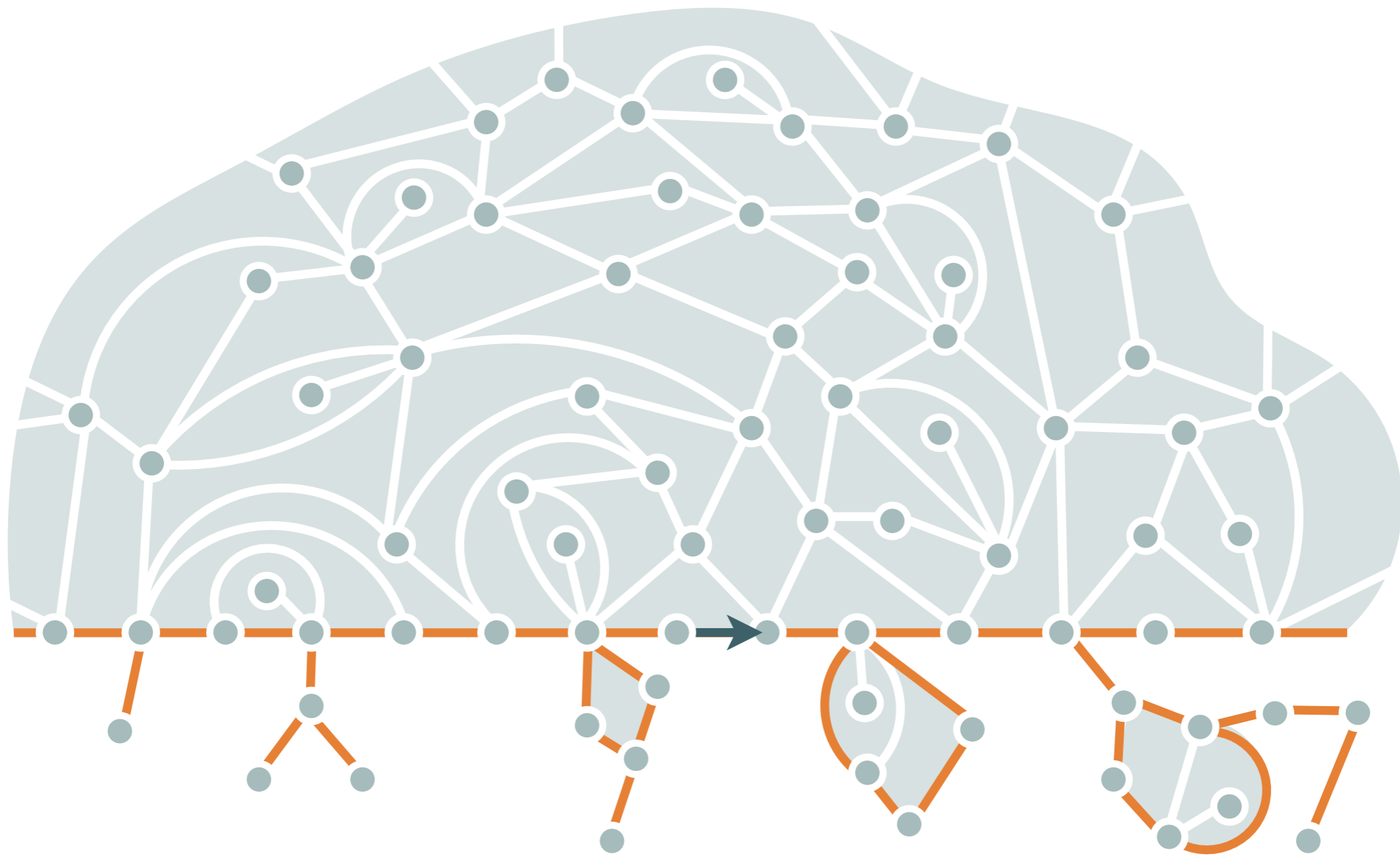
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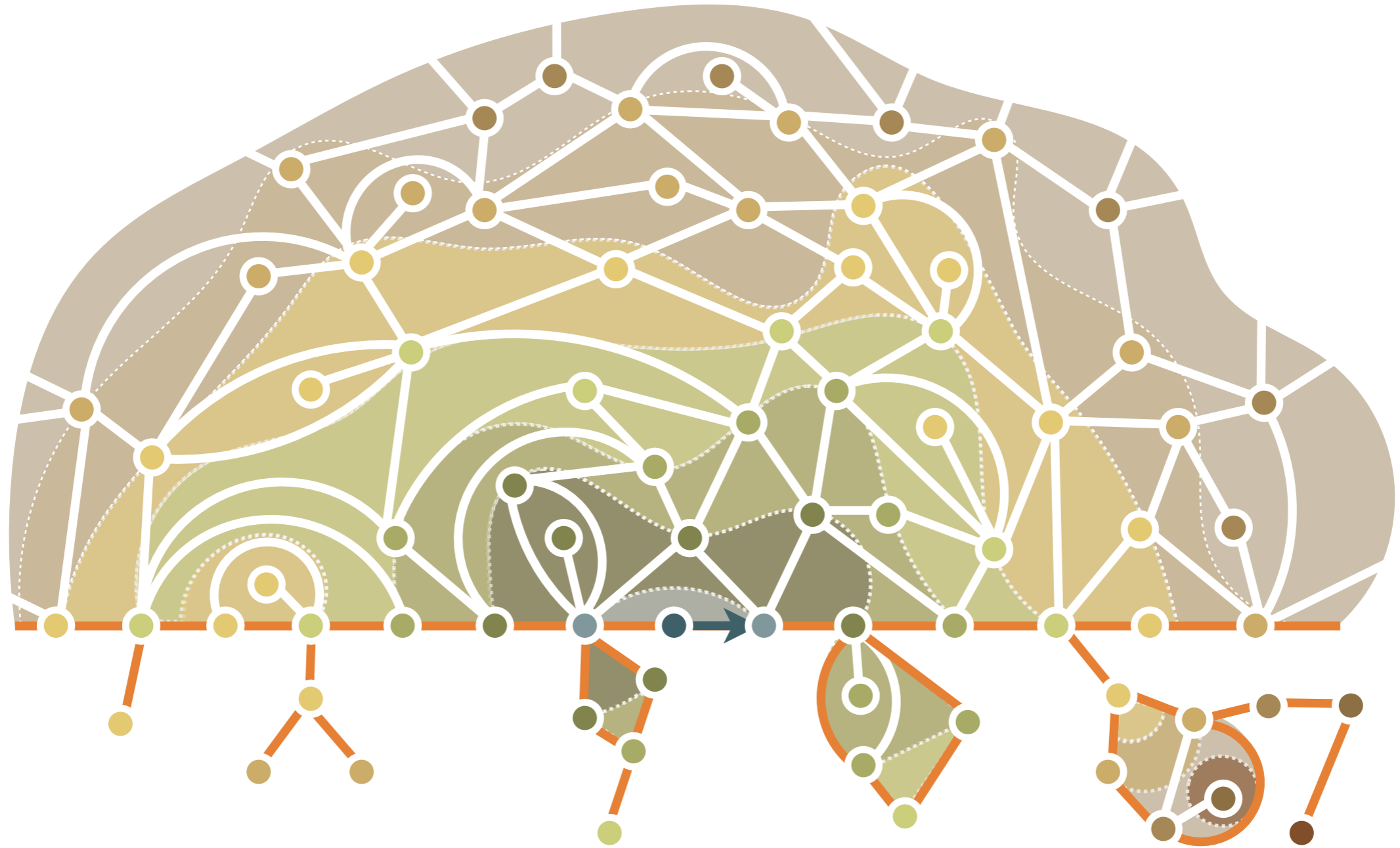


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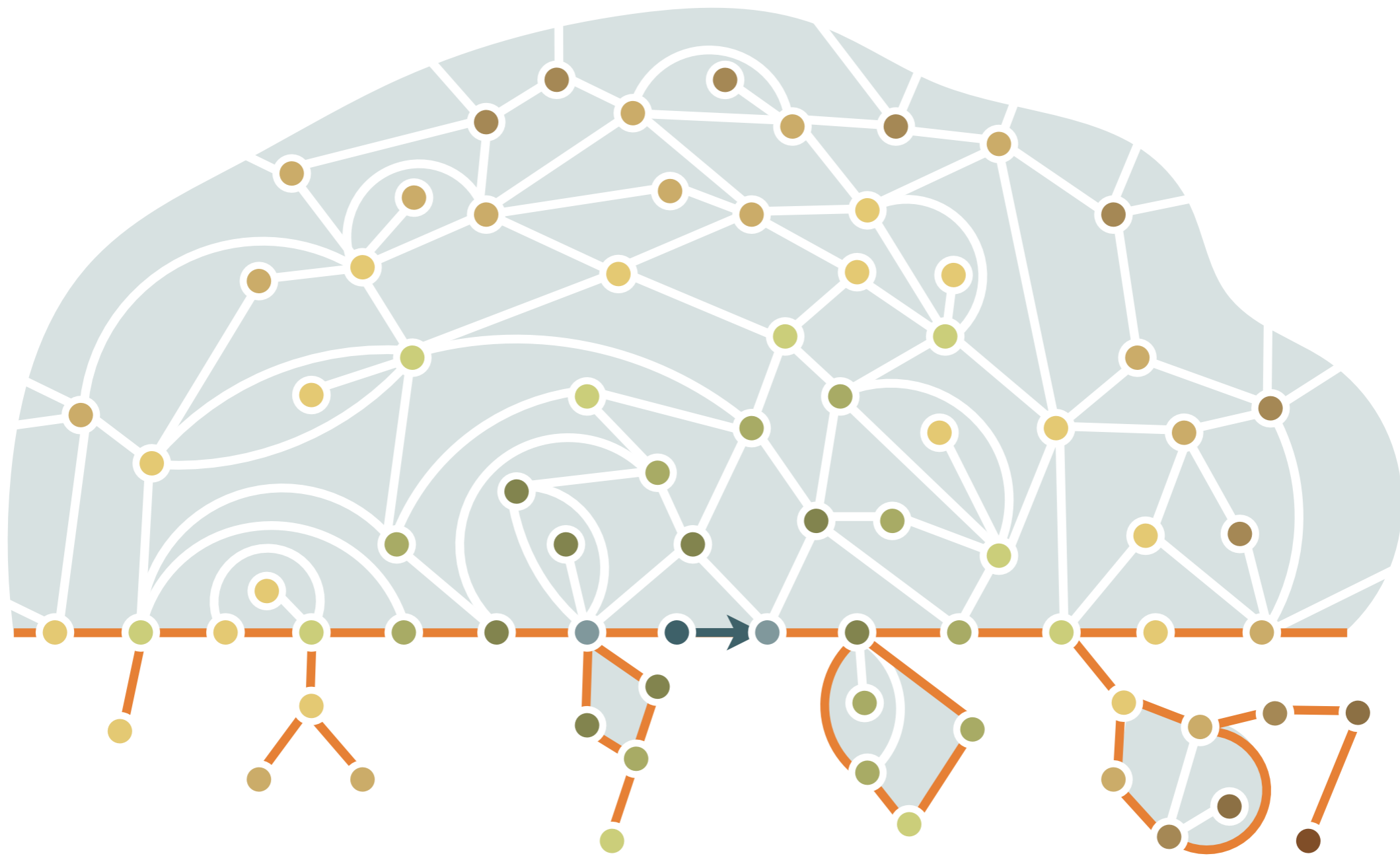
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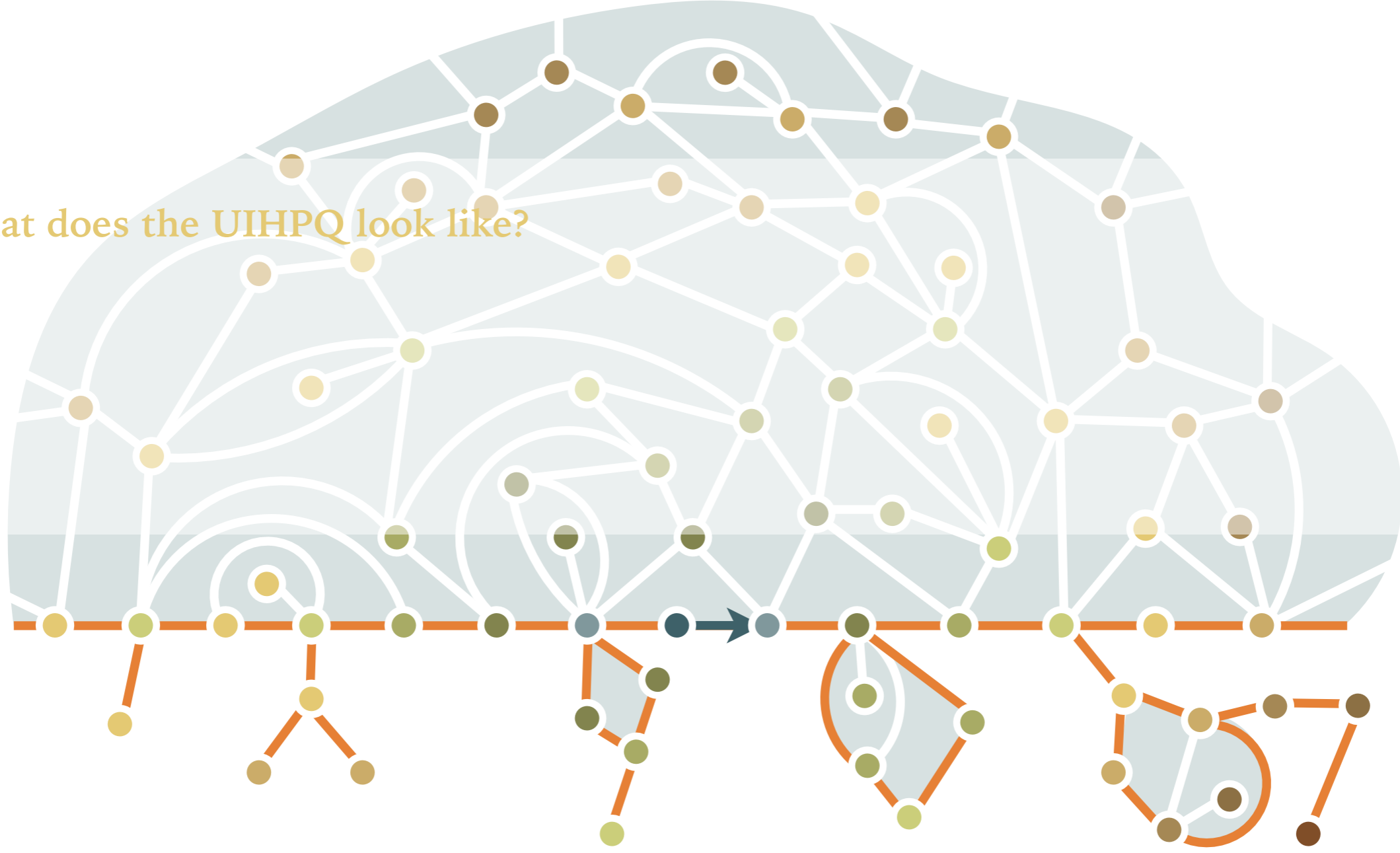
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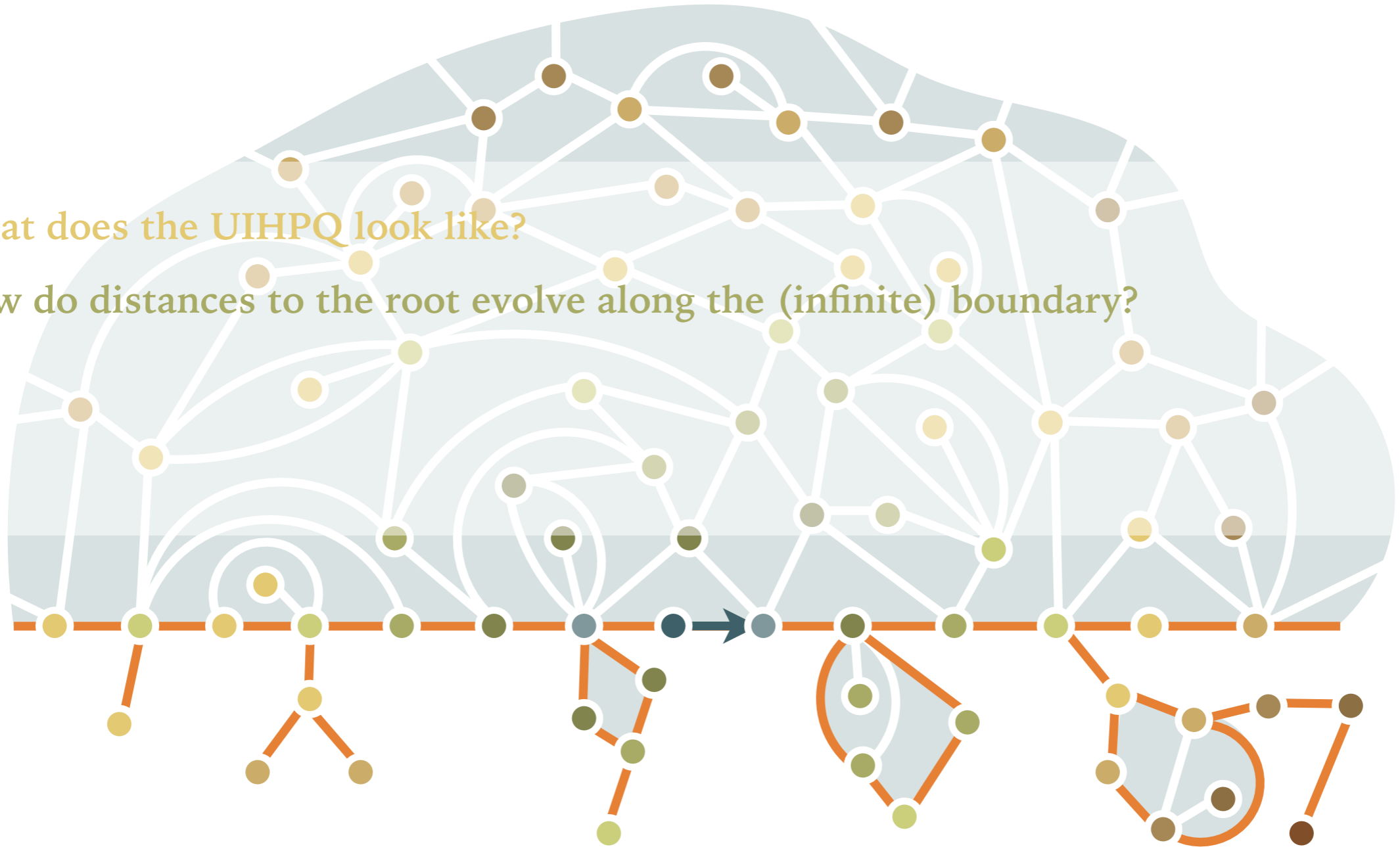
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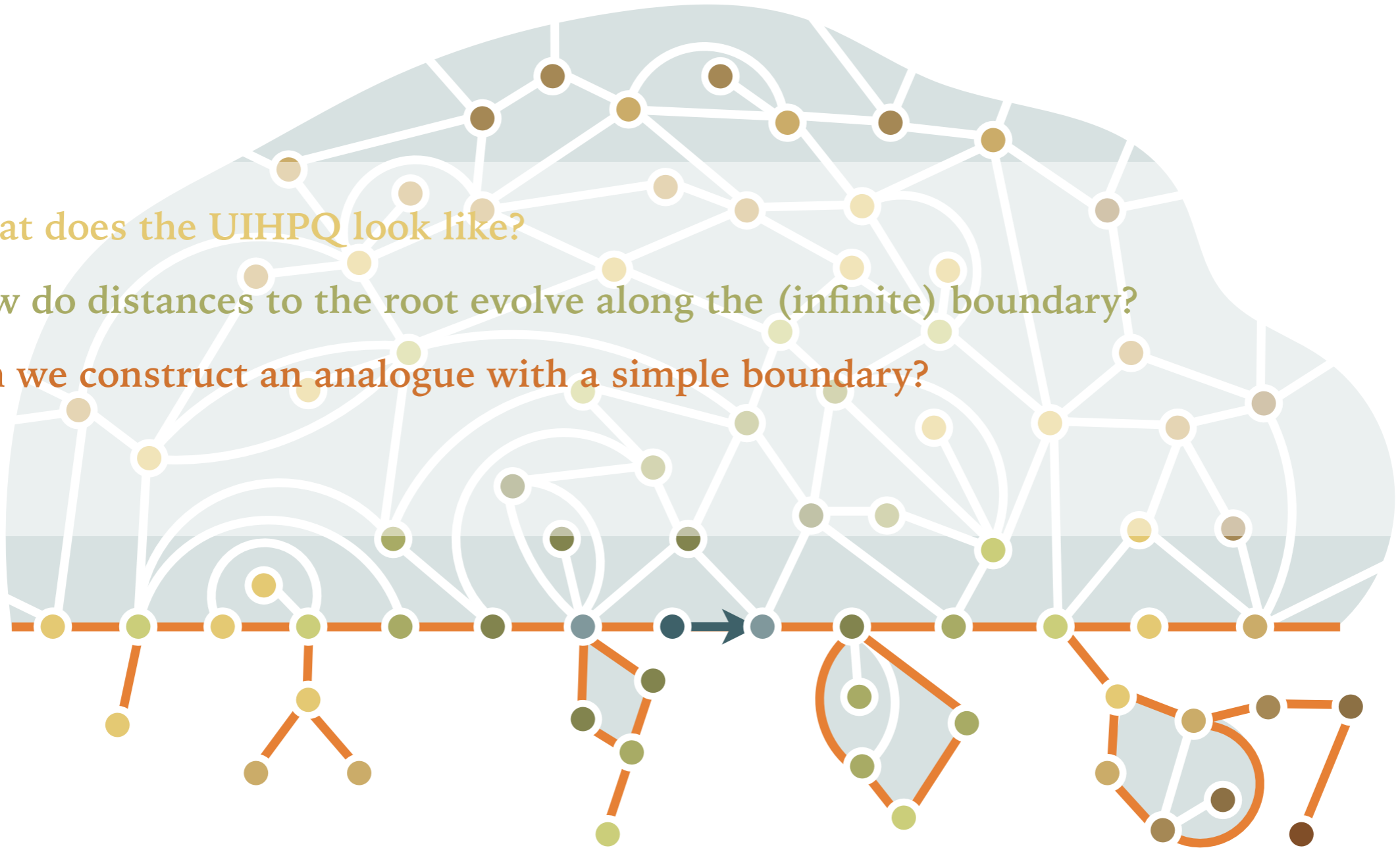
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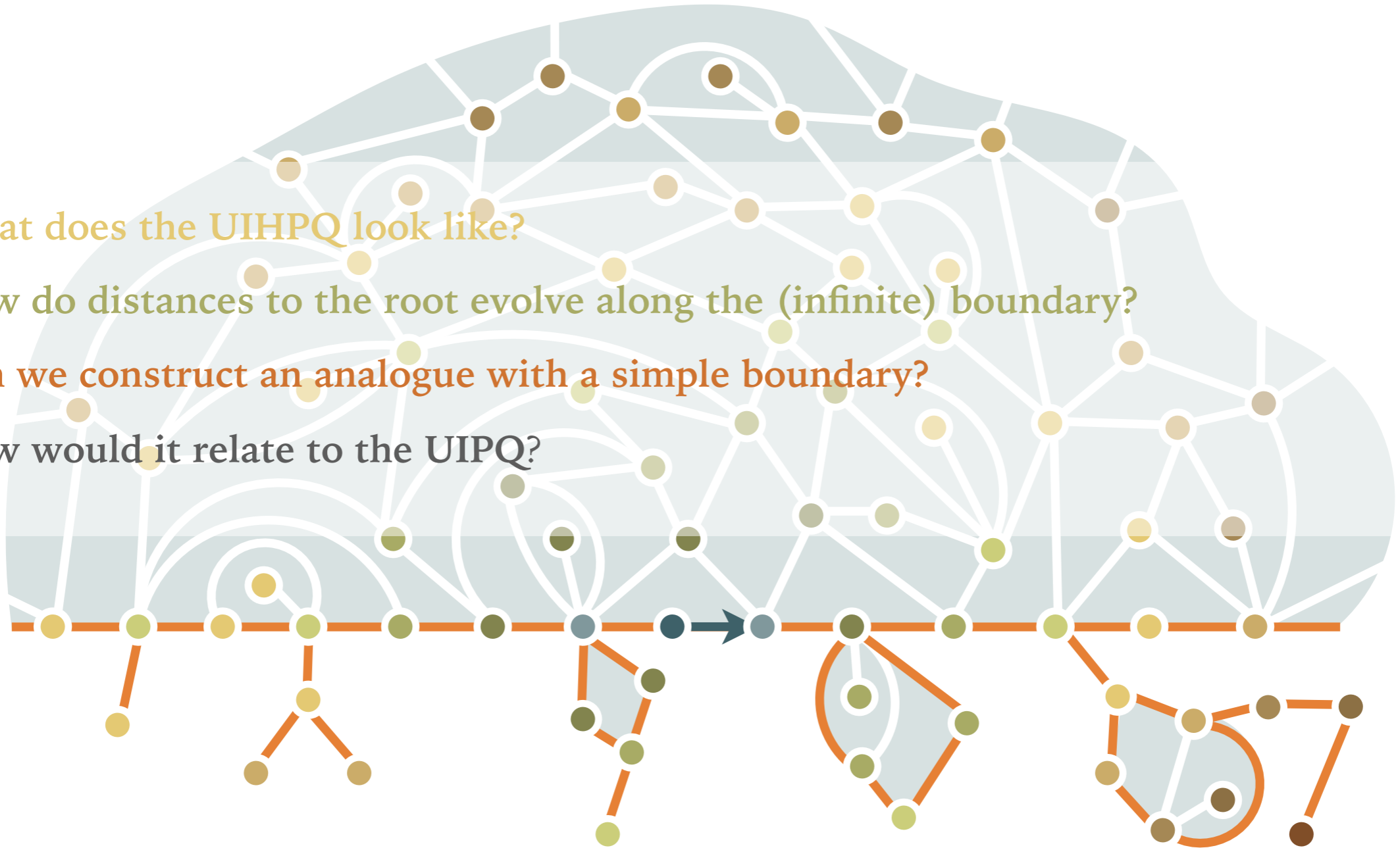
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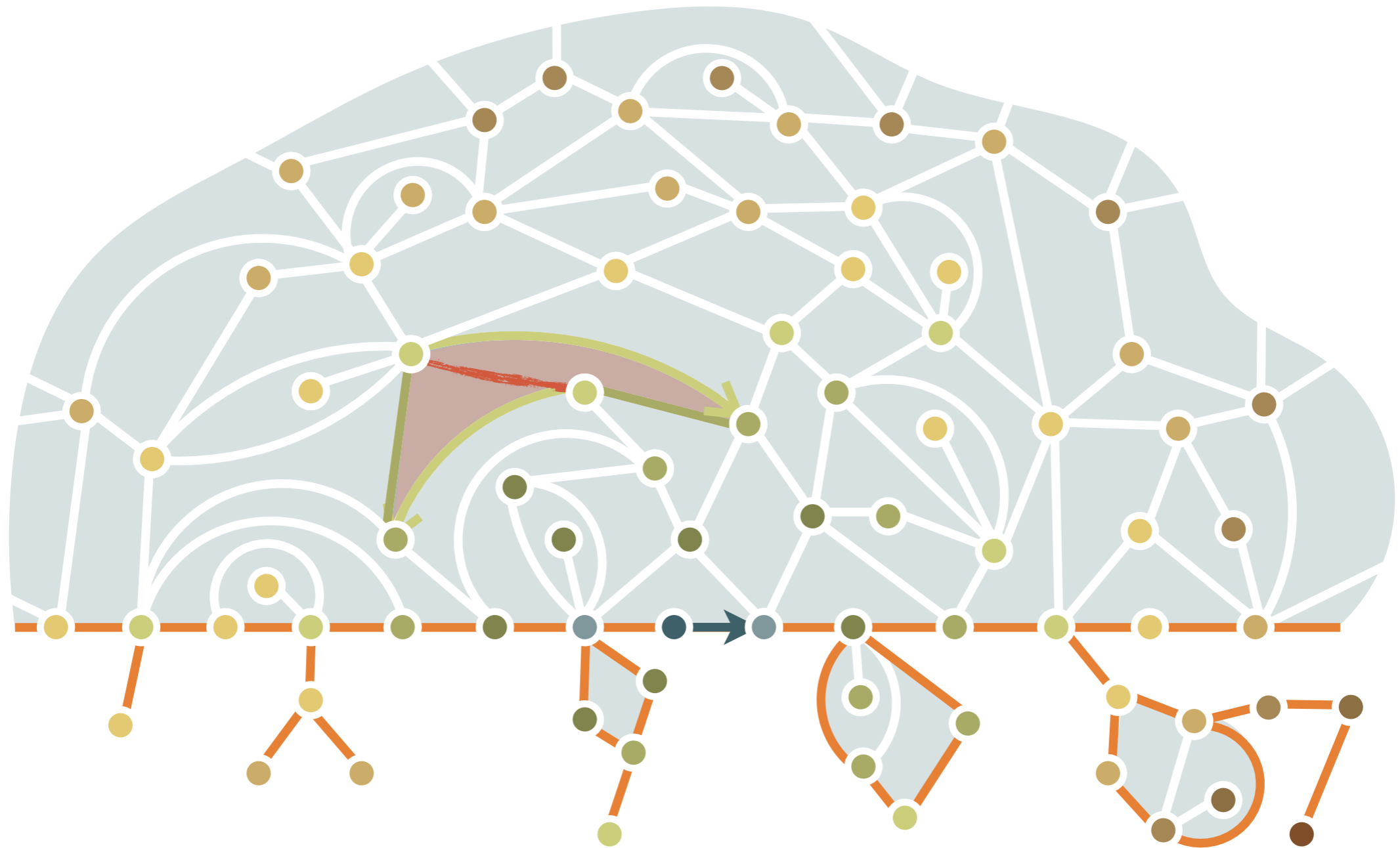
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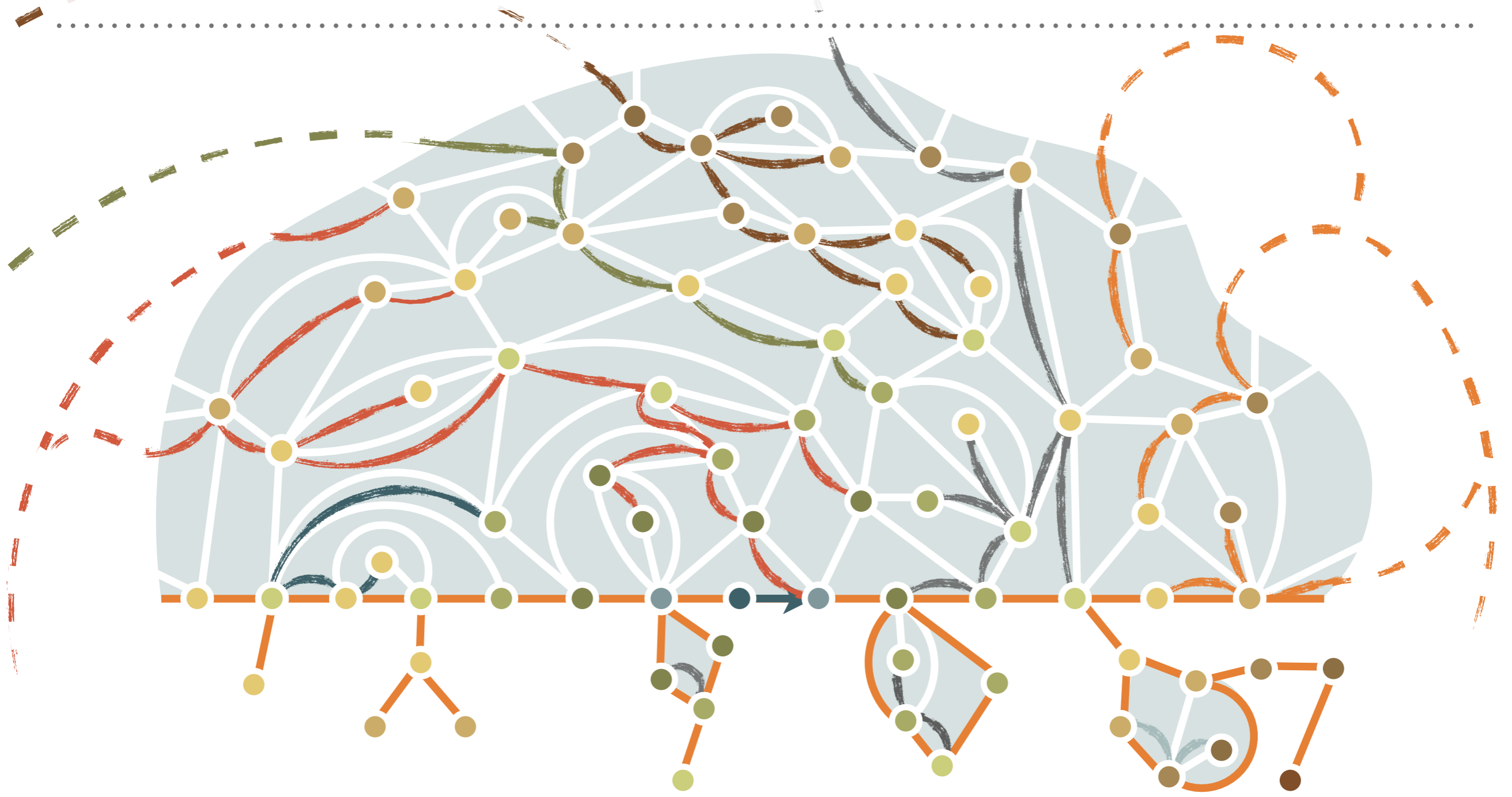
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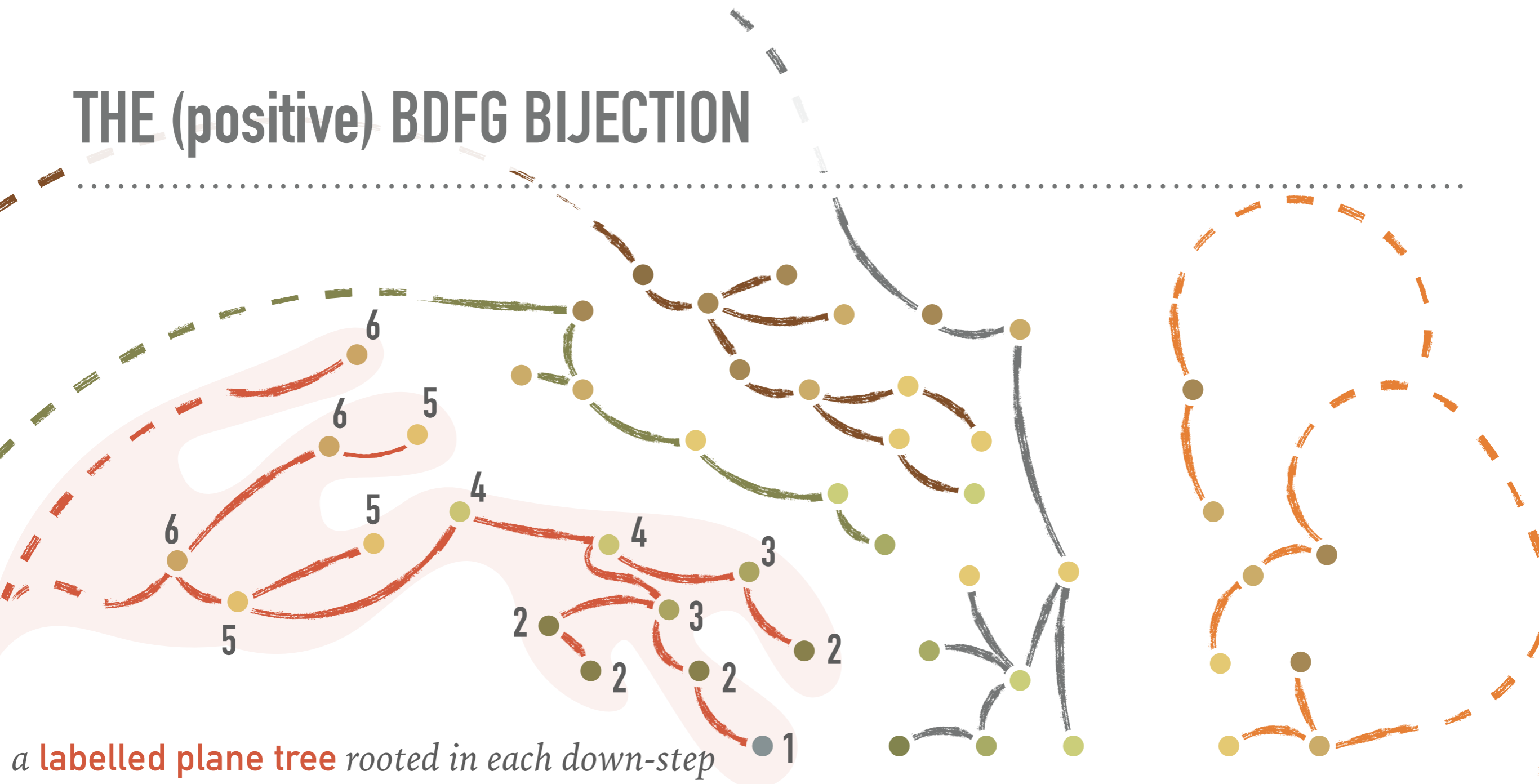




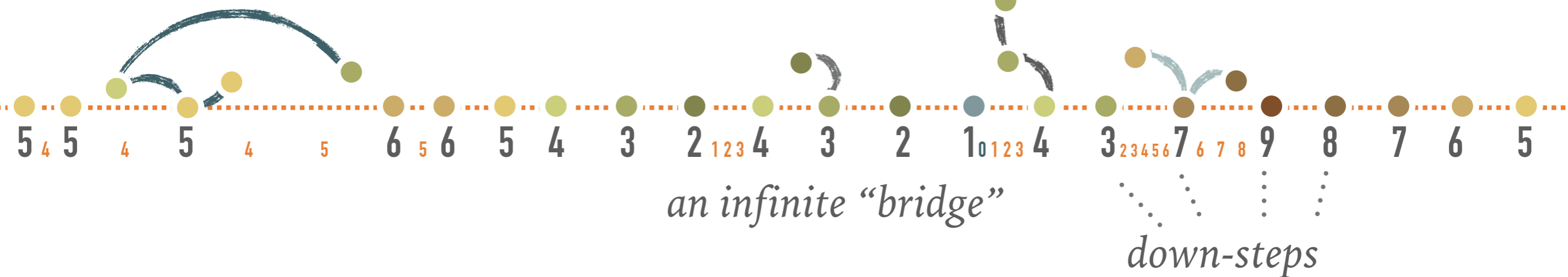
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a labelled plane tree rooted in each down-step



# THE UNIFORM INFINITE POSITIVE TREED BRIDGE

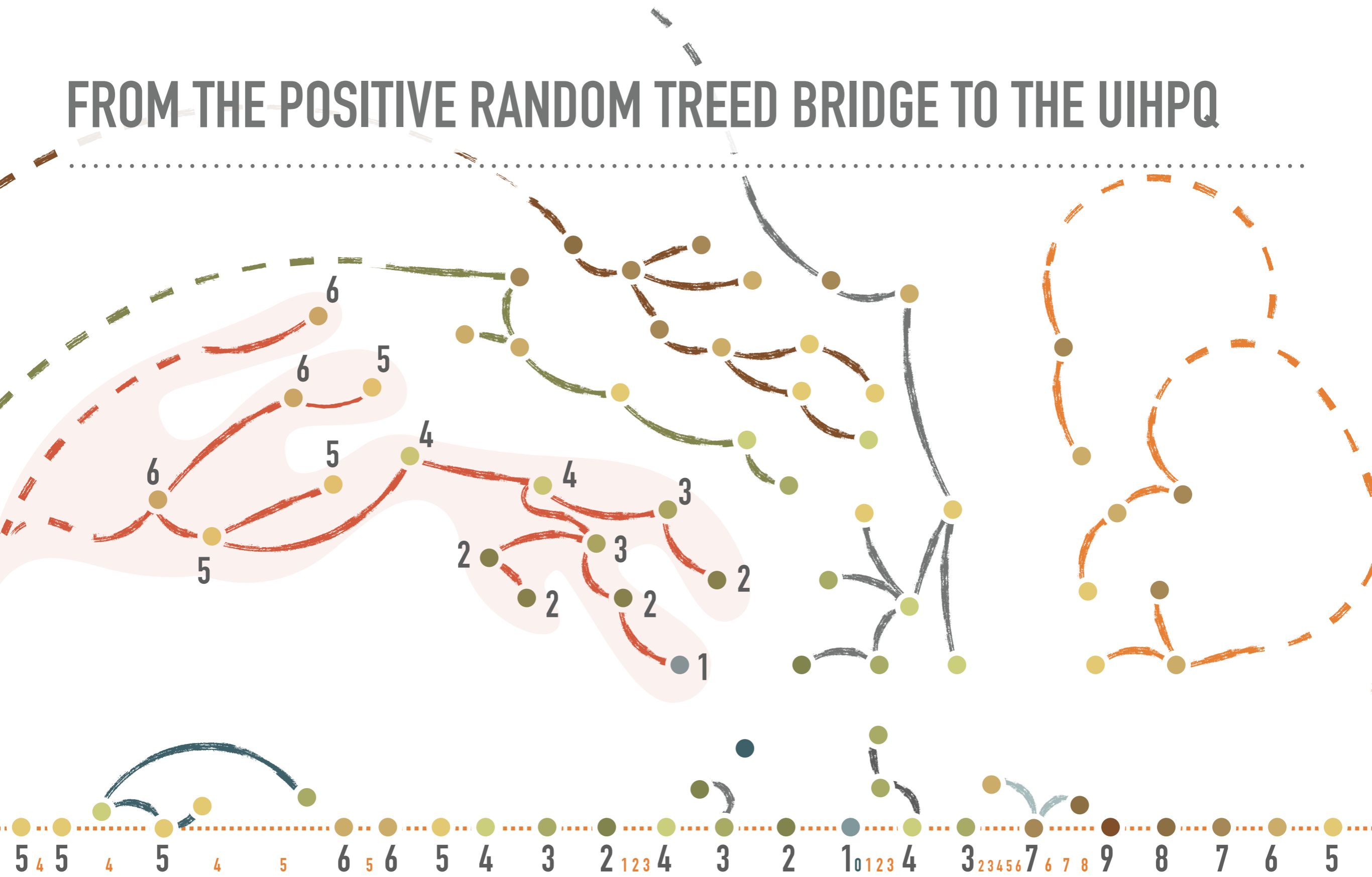
- The UIHPQ can be constructed as encoded by a random infinite treed bridge  $B_\infty$ , which comprises
  - a random bridge  $\mathbf{b}=(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  (representing distances from the root vertex as read along the boundary of the UIHPQ)
  - a sequence of random positive labelled trees  $(T(i))_{i \in \text{DS}(\mathbf{b})}$ , where  $T(i)$  has root label  $X_i$ , and the trees are conditionally independent given the bridge
- The two halves of the bridge  $(X_i)_{i \geq 0}$  and  $(X_i)_{i \leq 0}$  have the same law up to time-reversal, i.e. that of a Markov chain issued from 0, with transition probabilities given by

$$P(n, n-1) = \frac{n}{2(n+2)} \qquad P(n, n+1) = \frac{n+4}{2(n+2)}$$

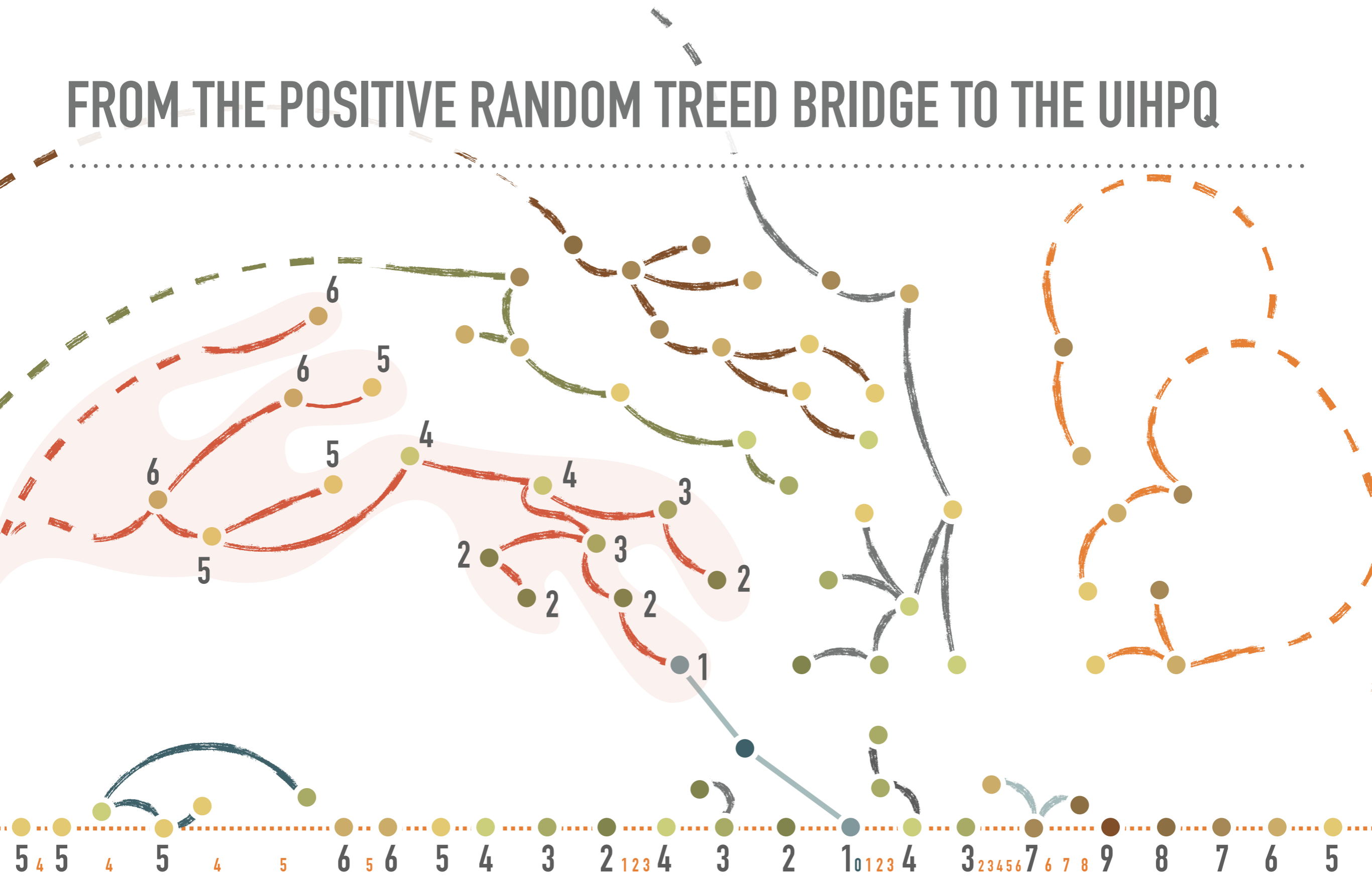
- The scaling limit of the process  $(X_i)_{i \geq 0}$  is a Bessel process of dimension 5 issued from 0.

$$(n^{-1/2} X_{[nt]})_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{} (Z_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \qquad (Z_t)_{t \geq 0} \quad (Z_{-t})_{t \geq 0} \quad \text{Bessel-5}$$

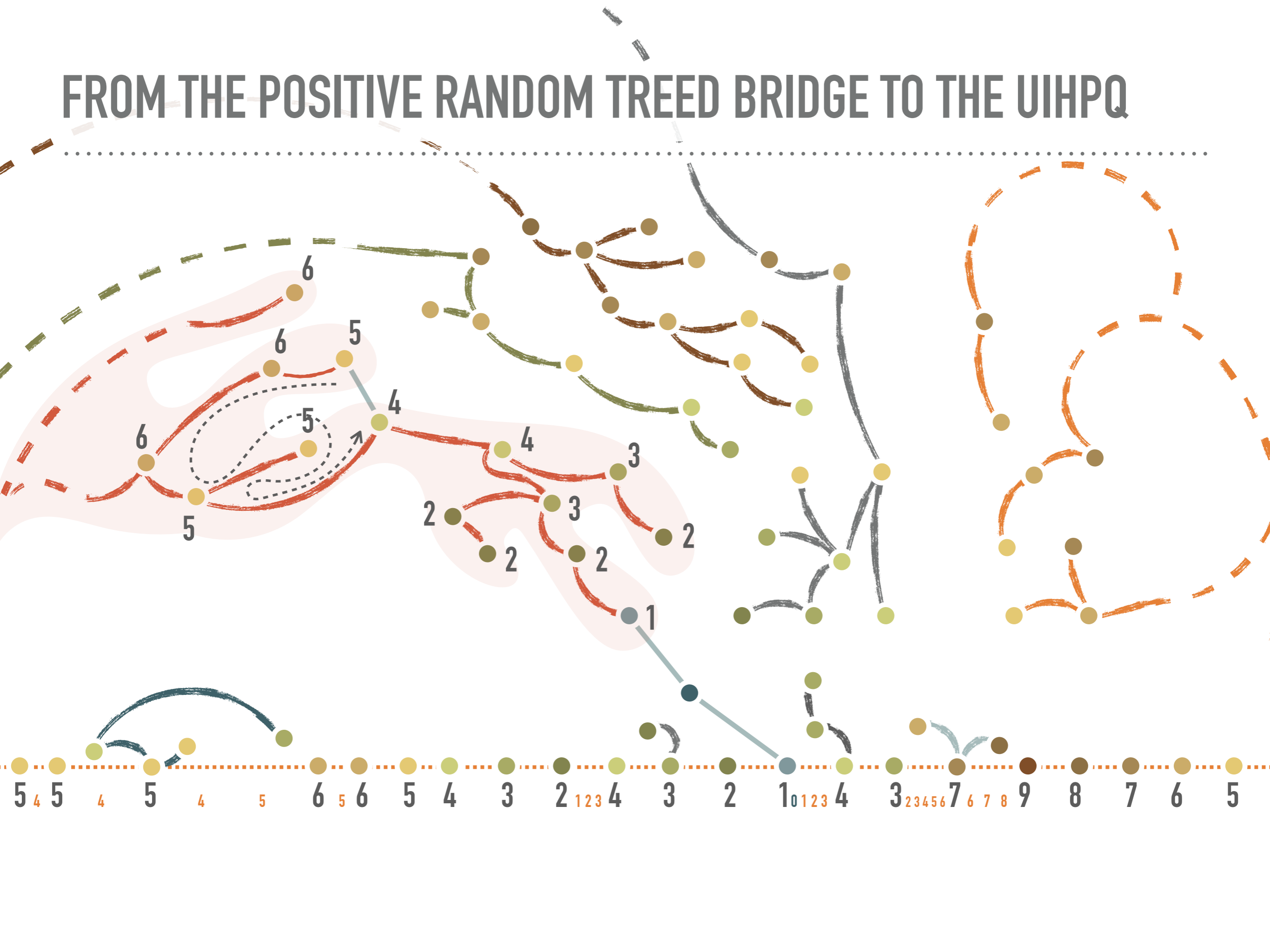
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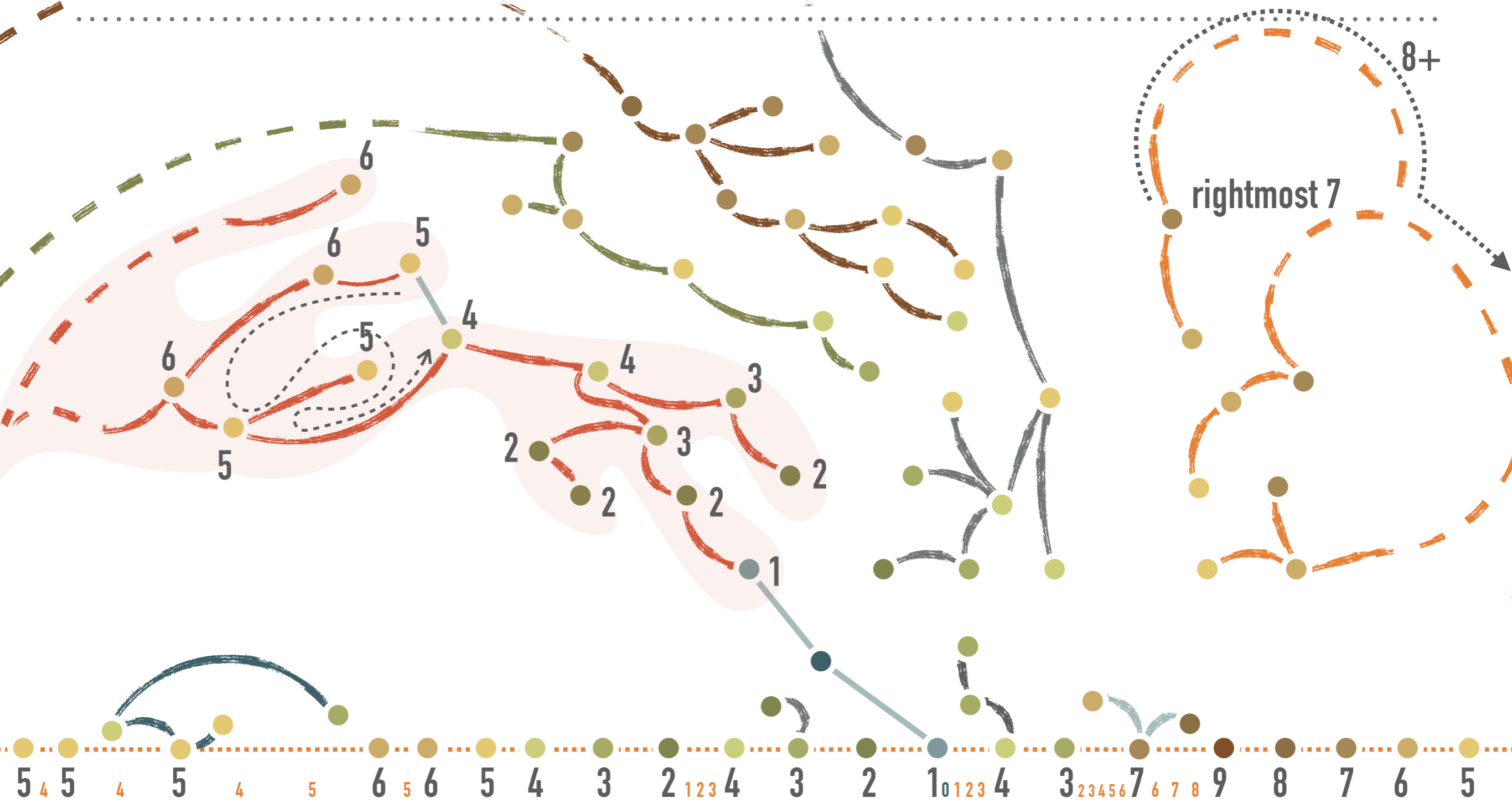
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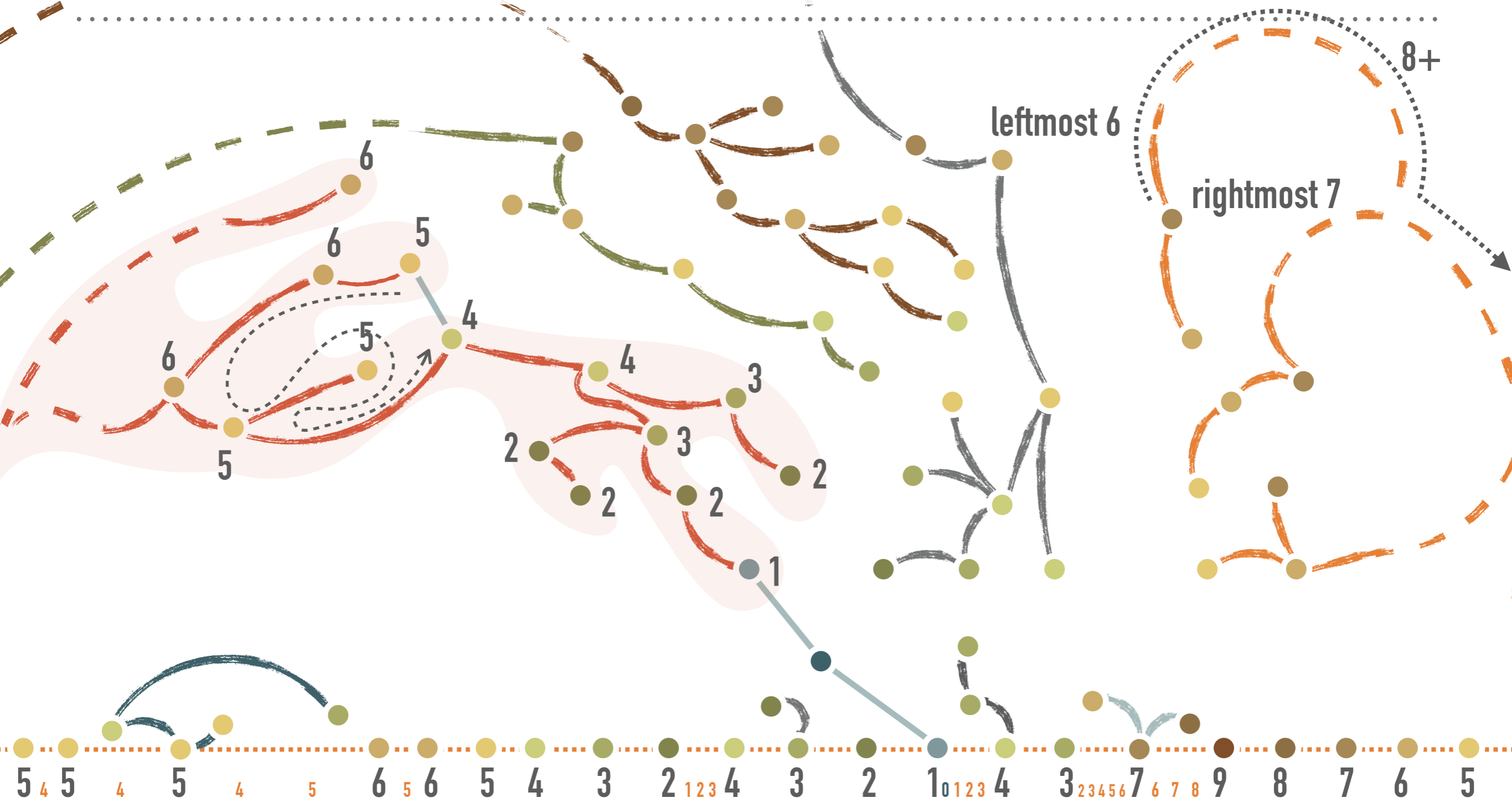
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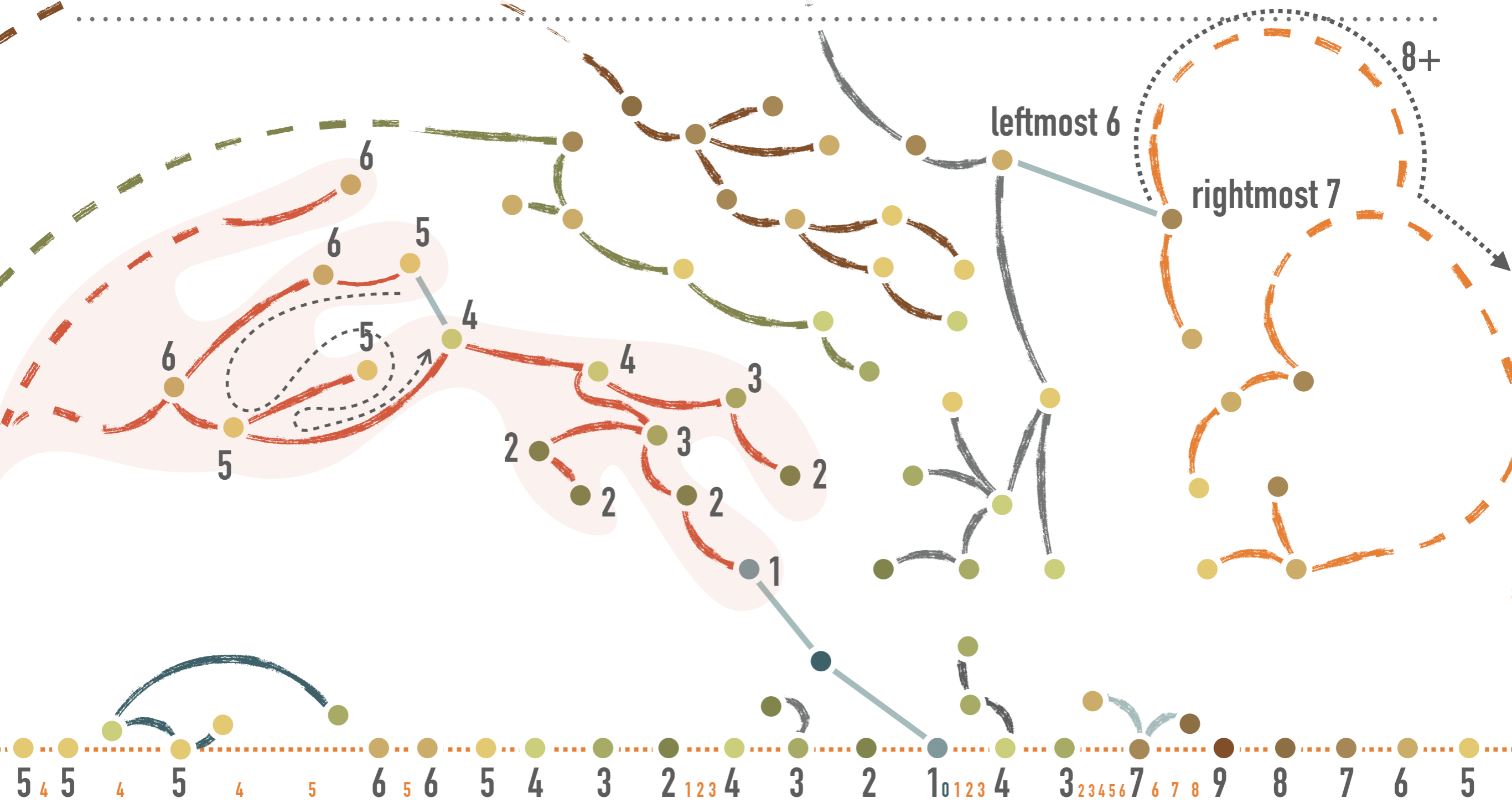


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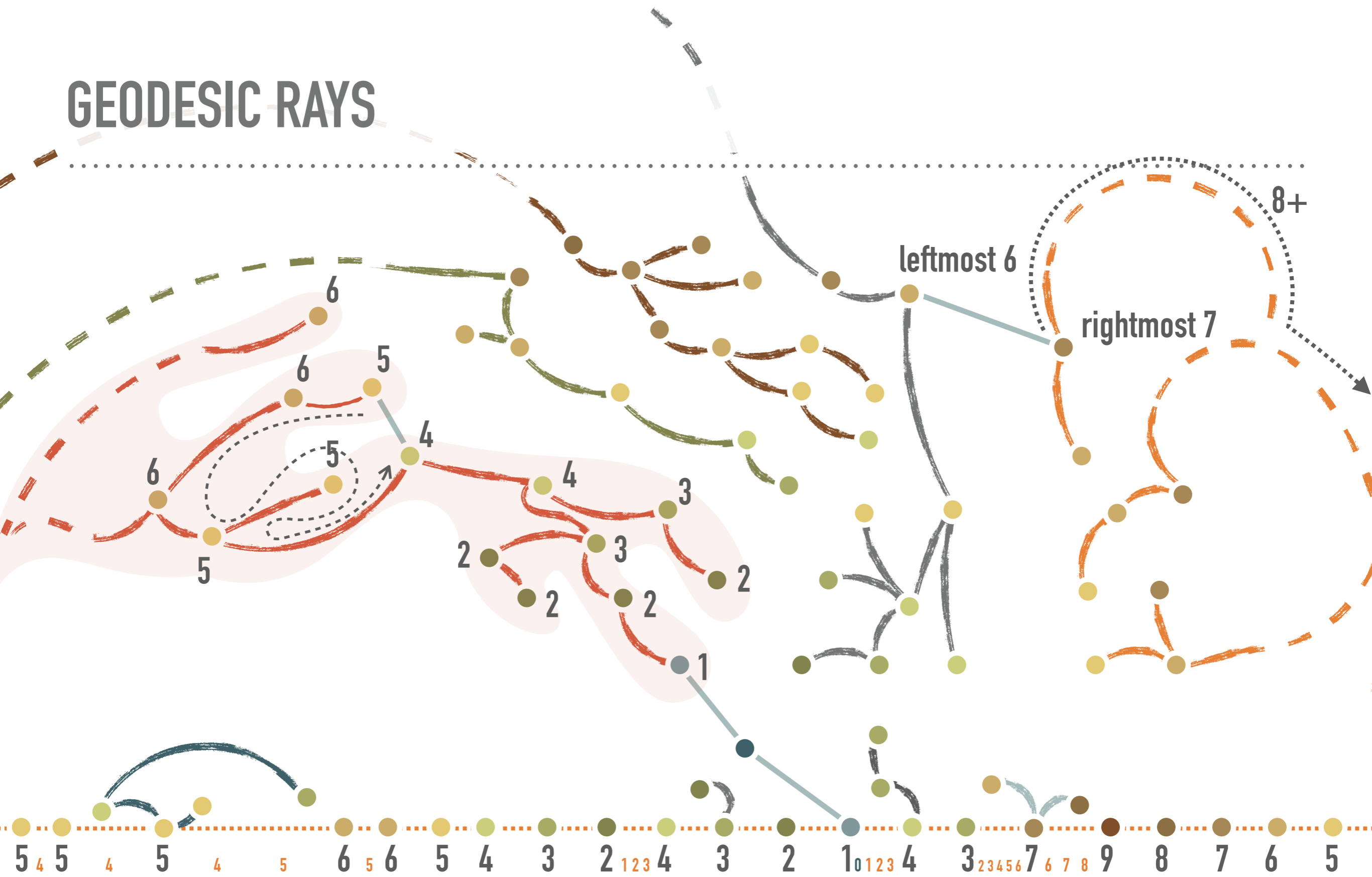




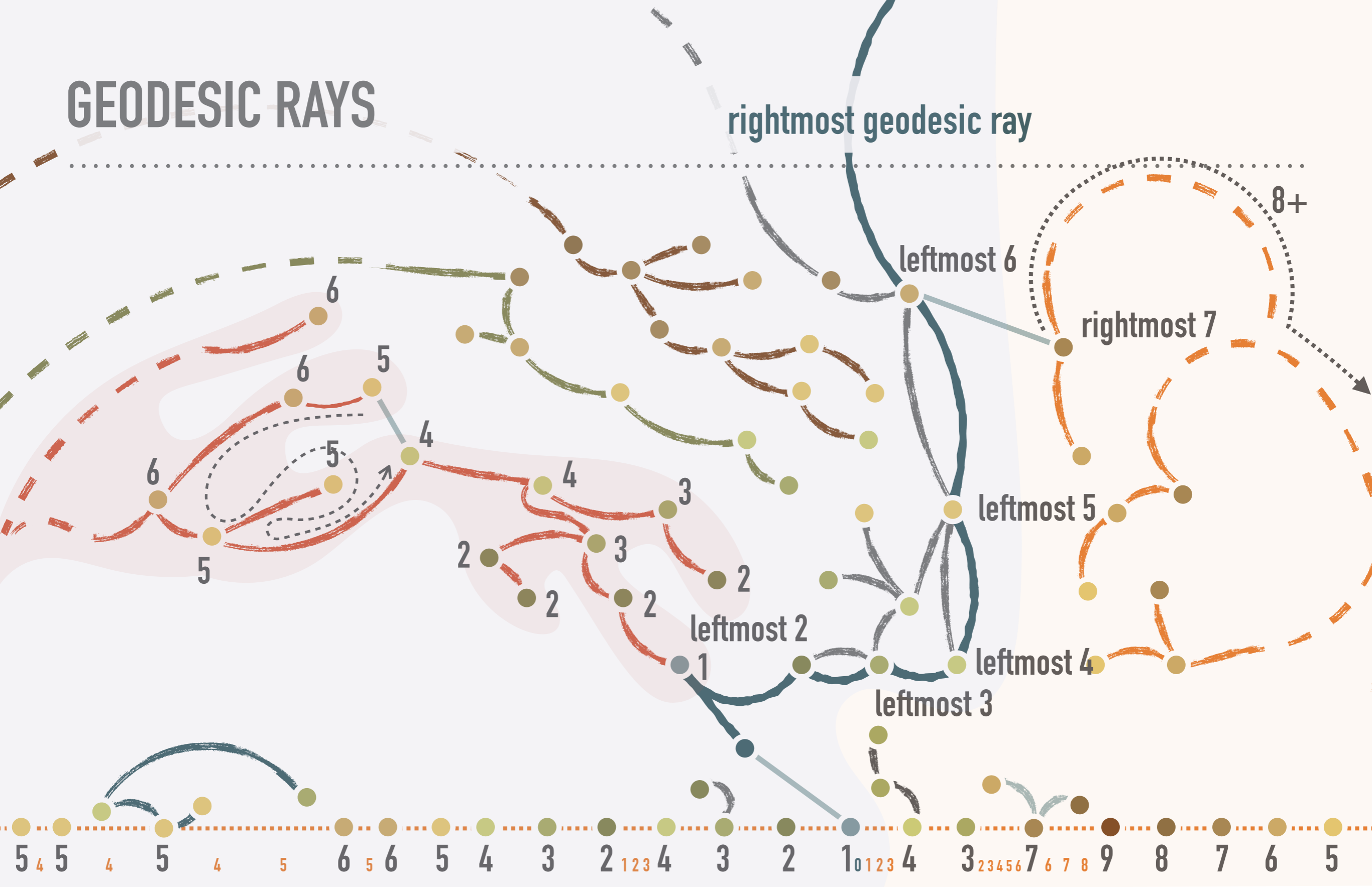
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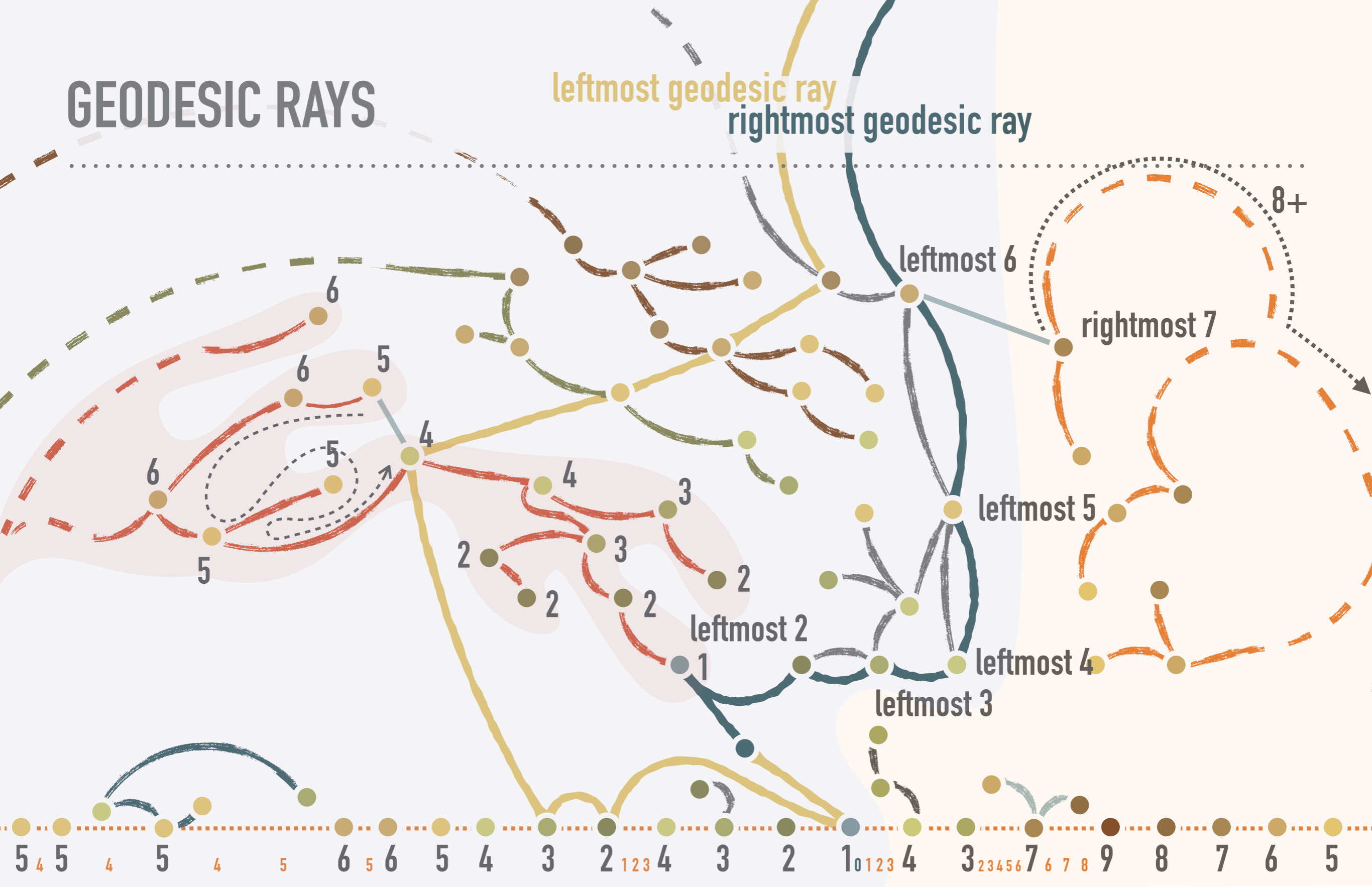
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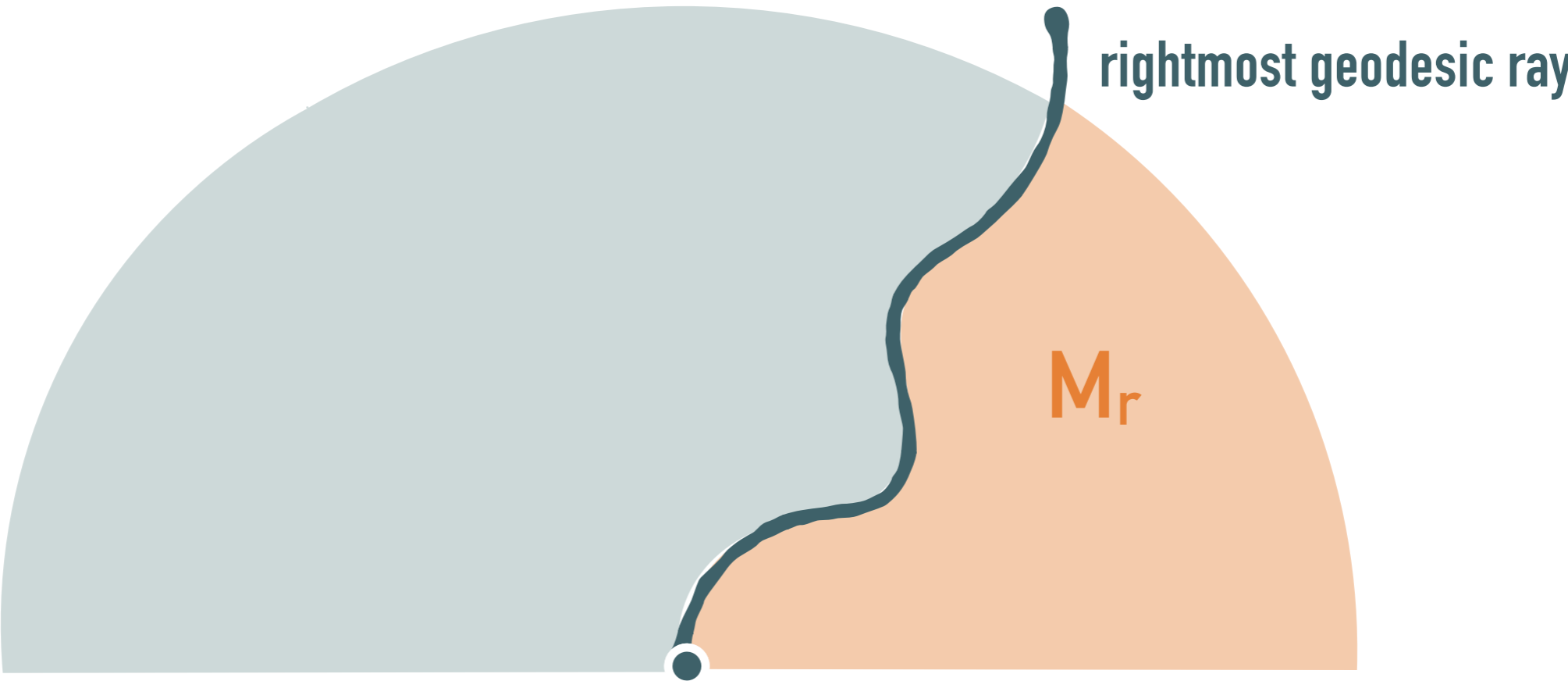
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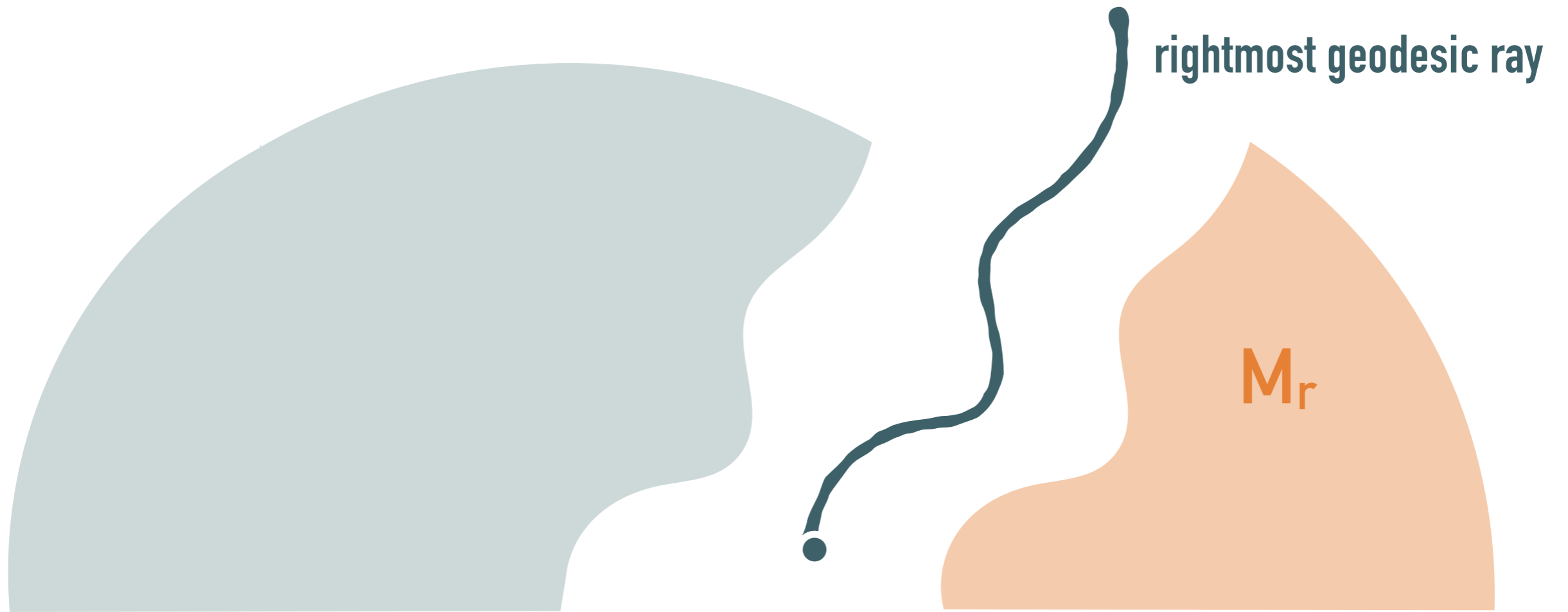
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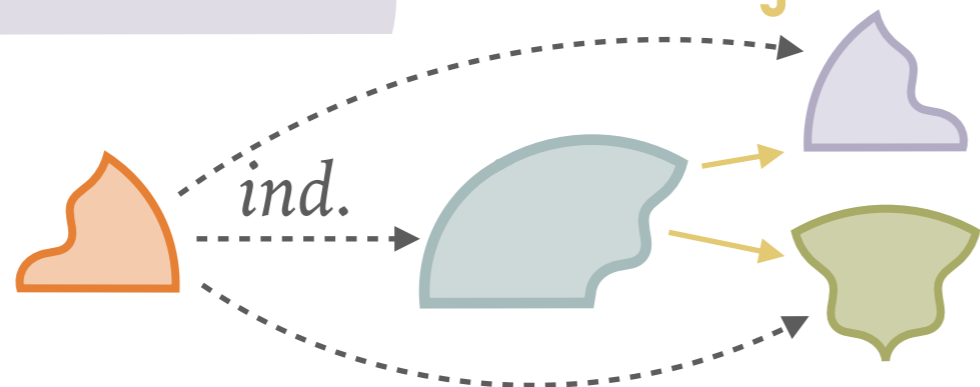
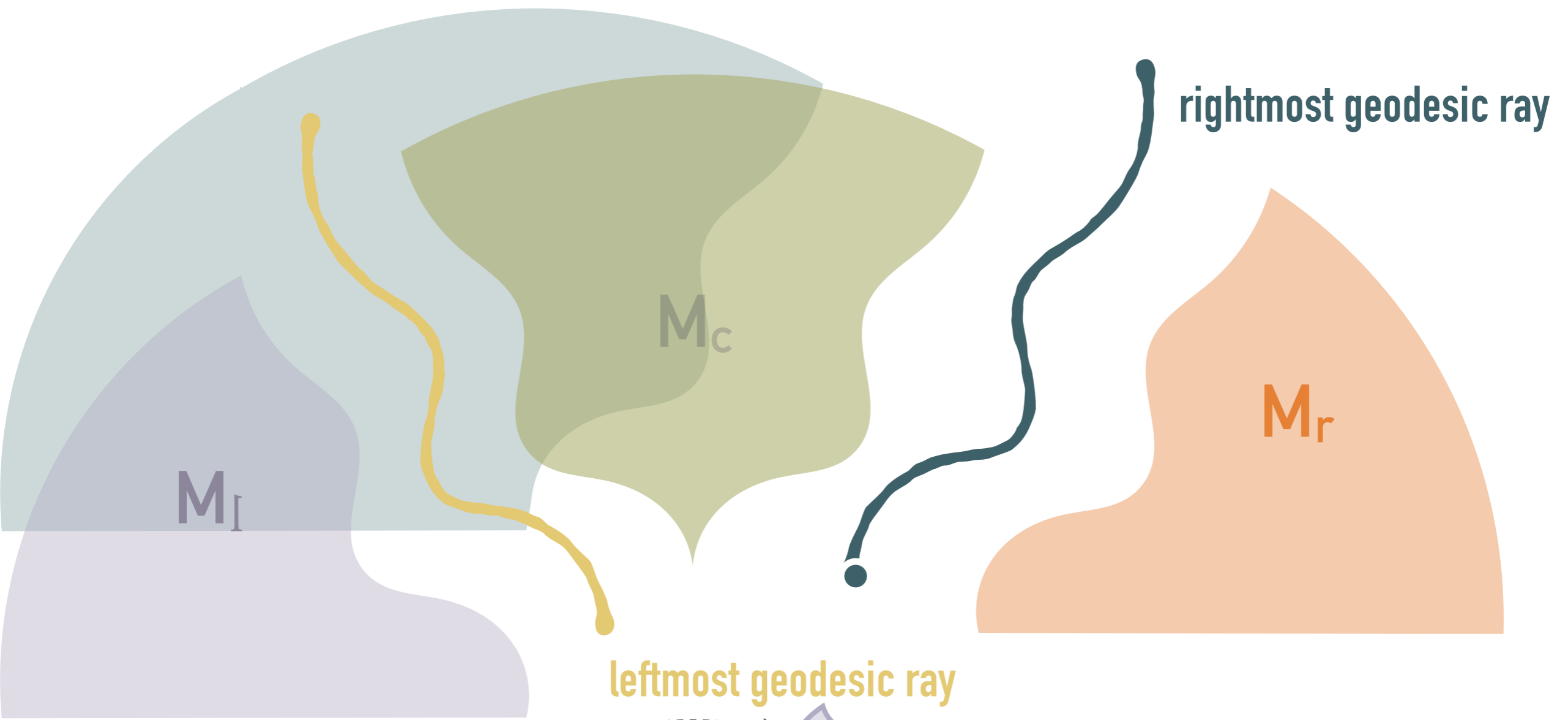
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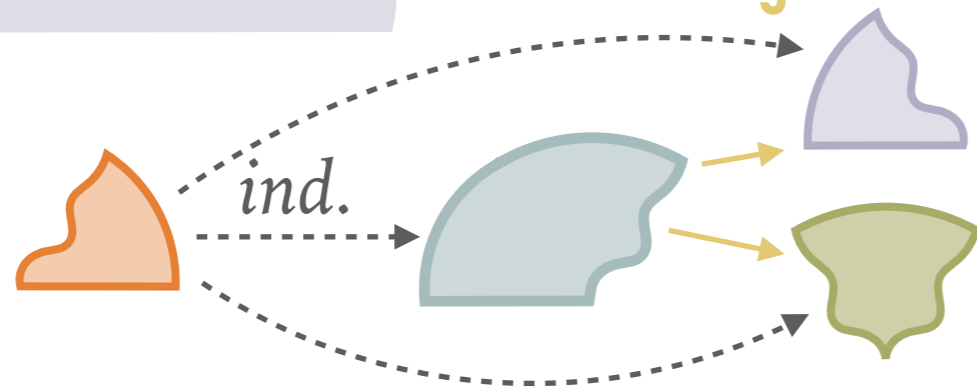
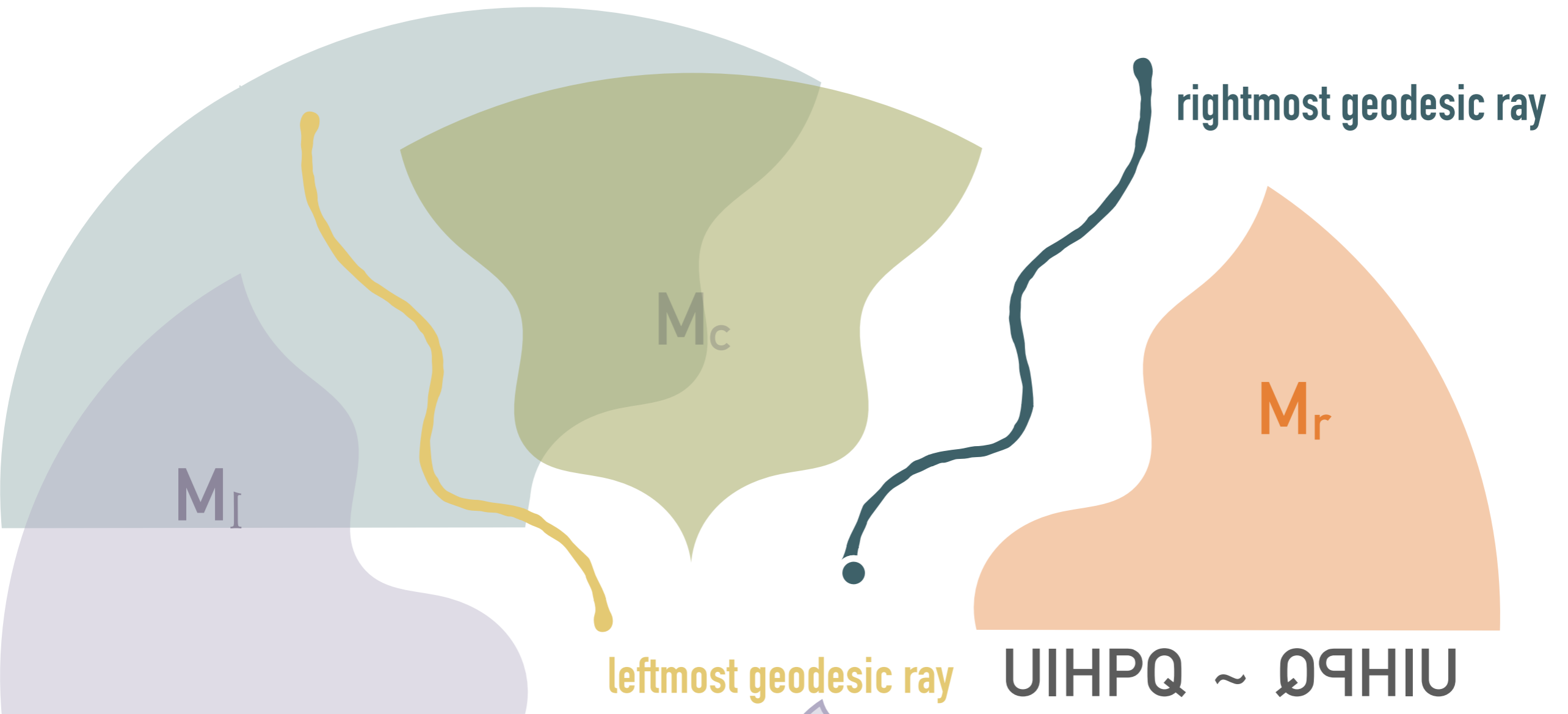
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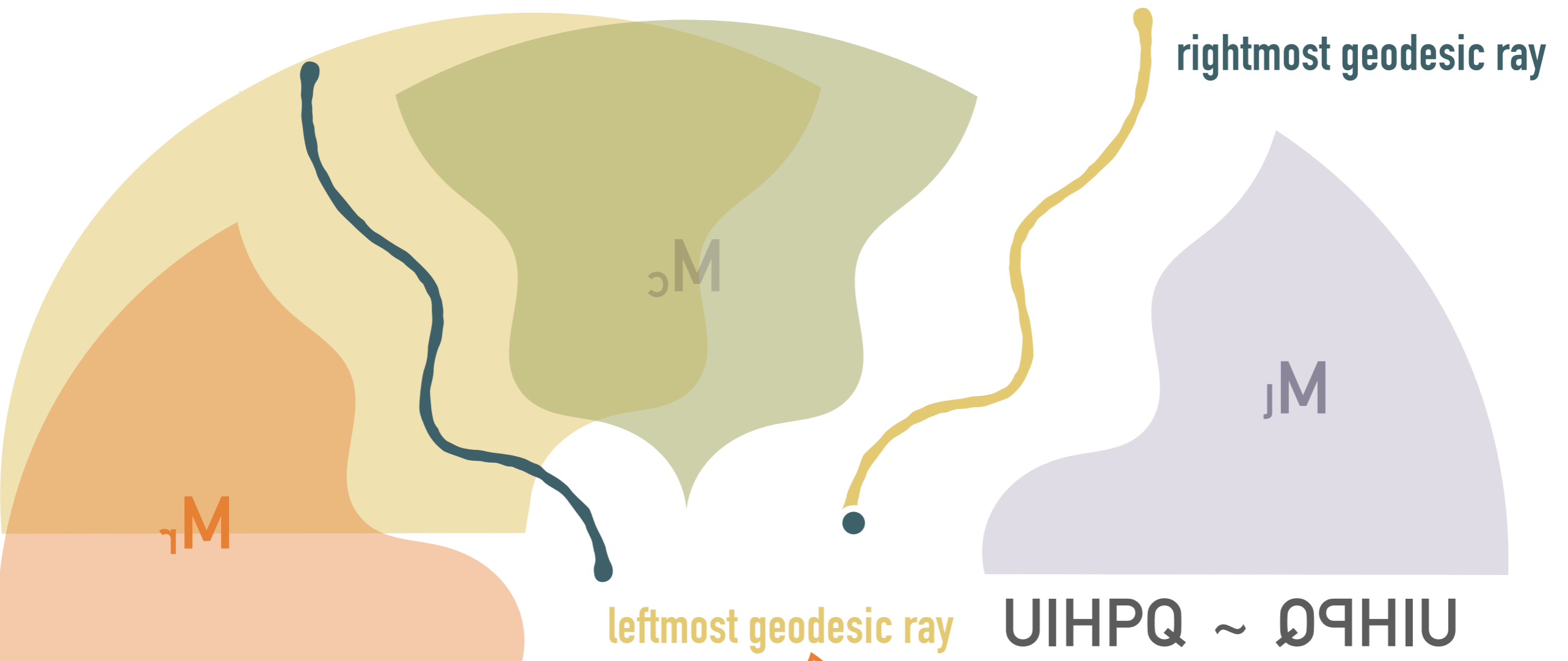
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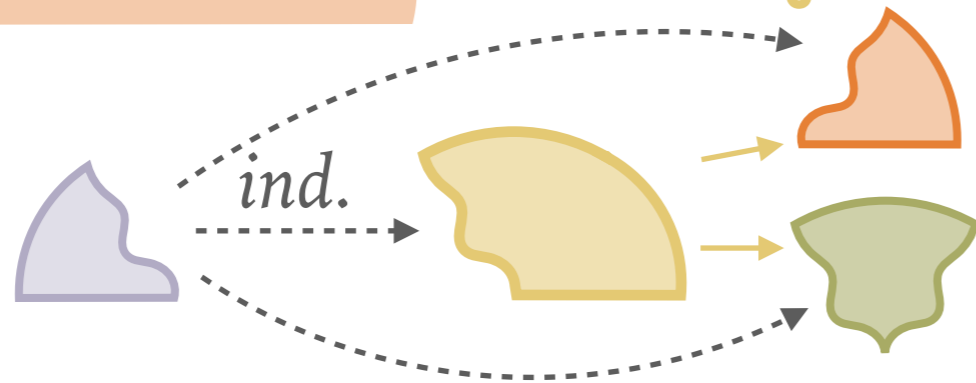


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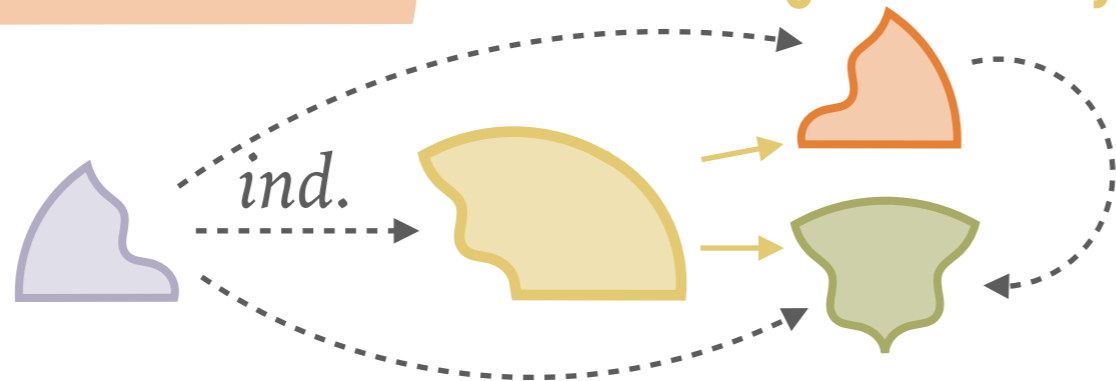
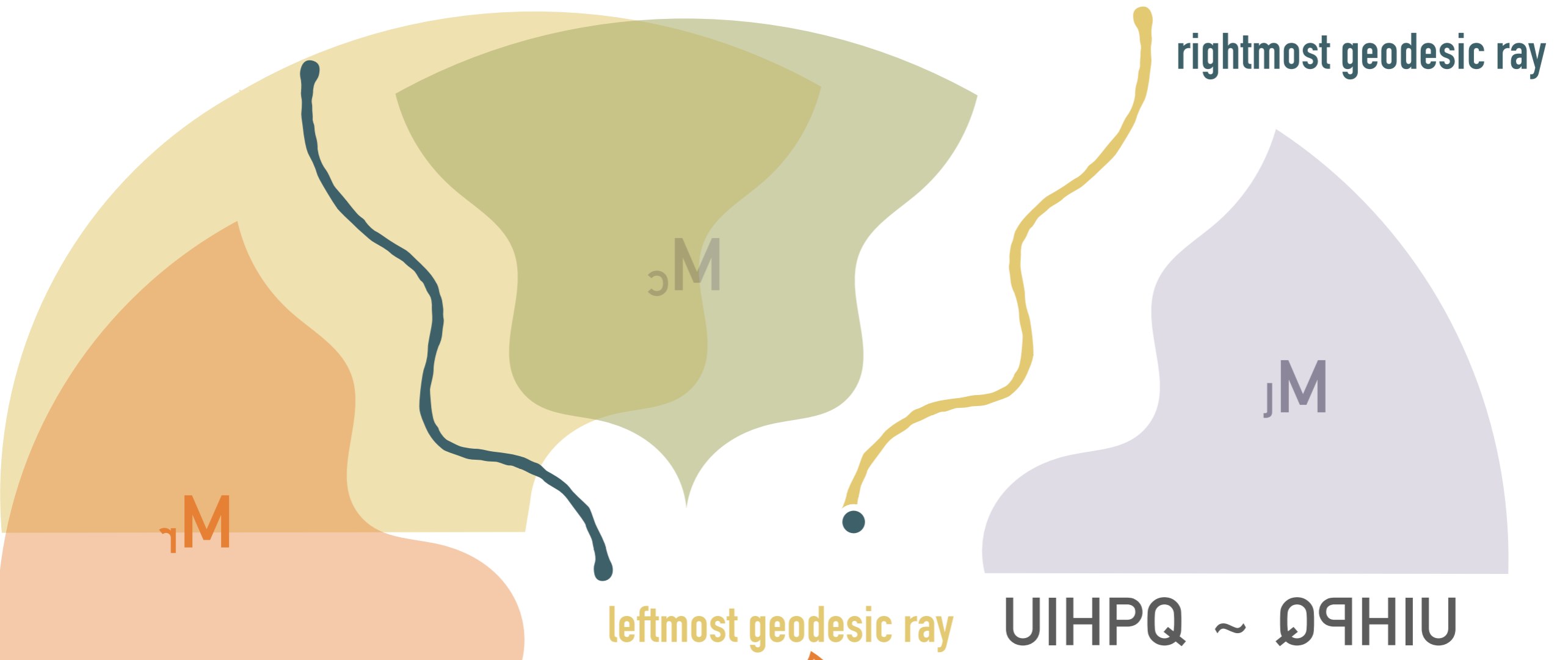
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Thank You.