

# The Localized Union-of-Balls Bifiltration

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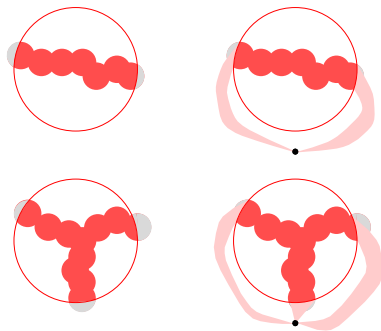
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Two bifiltrations  $X$  and  $Y$  are *equivalent* whenever there are homotopy equivalences  $\phi_{s,r} : X_{s,r} \rightarrow Y_{s,r}$  that commute with the inclusion maps.

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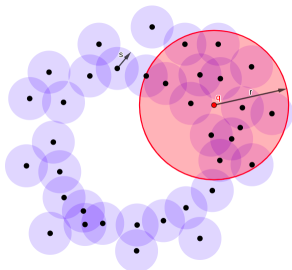
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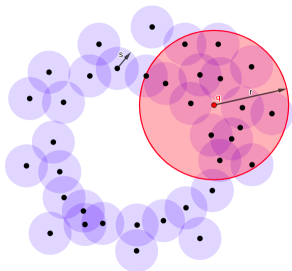
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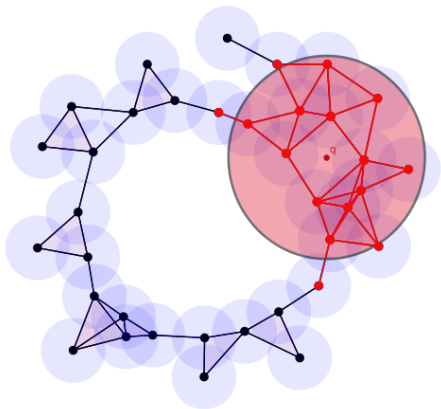
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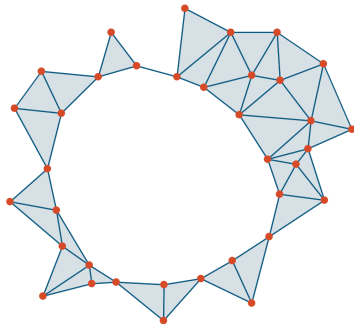
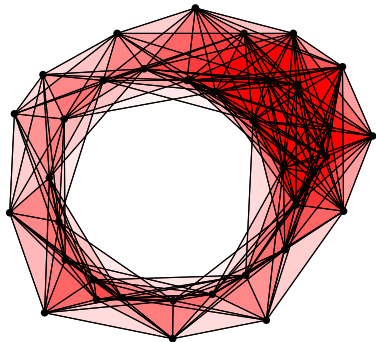
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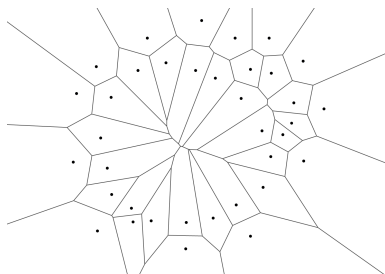
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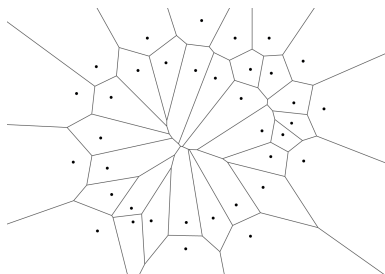


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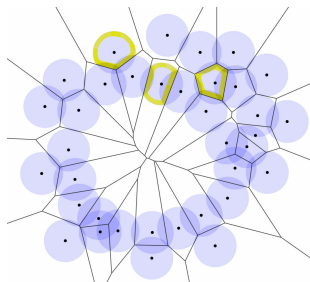
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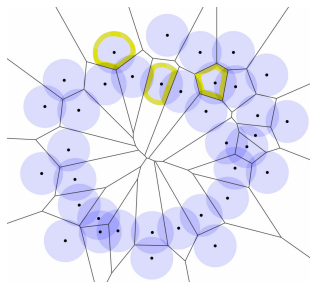
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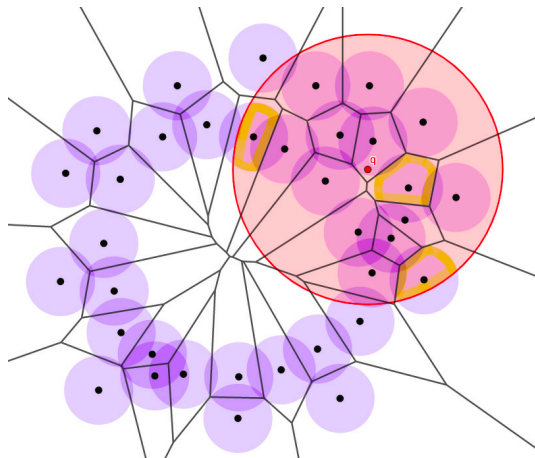
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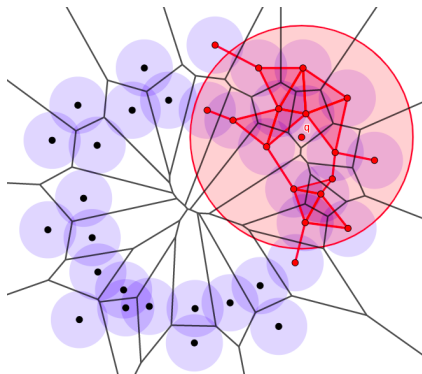
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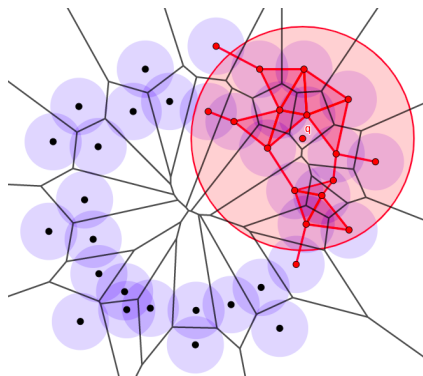
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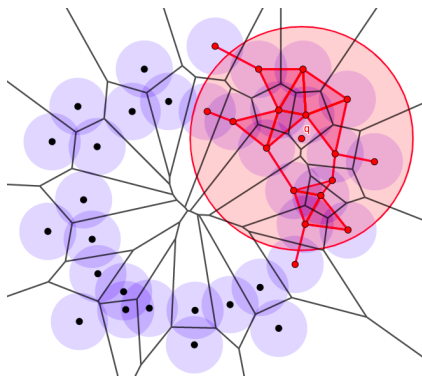
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By the persistent nerve theorem,  $H_k(L_{s,r}) \cong H_k(A_{s,r})$  and these isomorphisms commute with the inclusion maps of  $L_{s,r}$  and  $A_{s,r}$ . Therefore  $L$  and  $A$  are *equivalent*

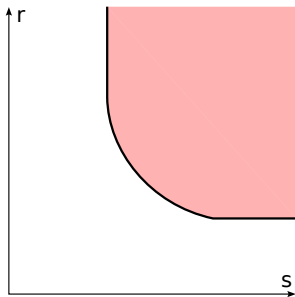




## Active regions

We can compute the localized alpha bifiltration  $A = \{A_{s,r}\}_{s,r \geq 0}$  if we know for each possible simplex  $\sigma \in A$  (that is, each simplex in the Delaunay triangulation) its *active region*

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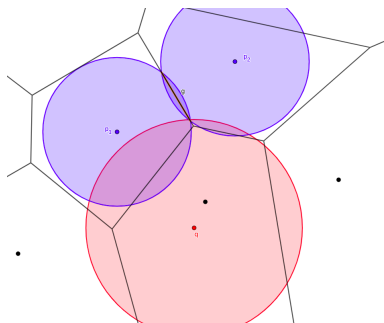
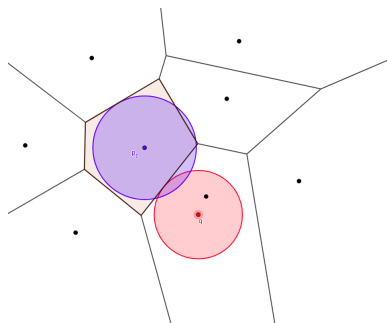


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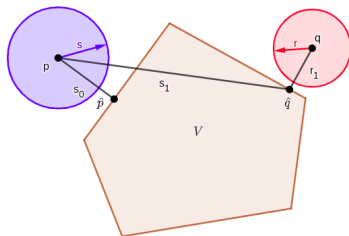
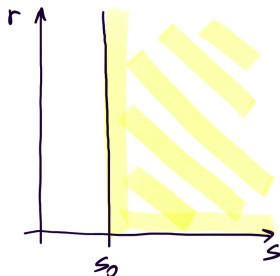
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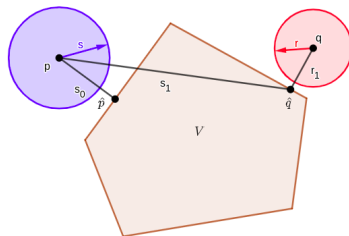
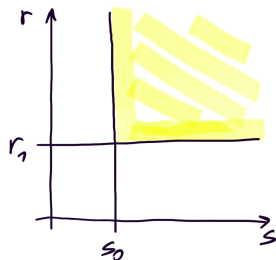
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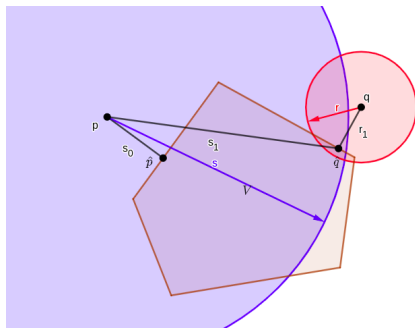
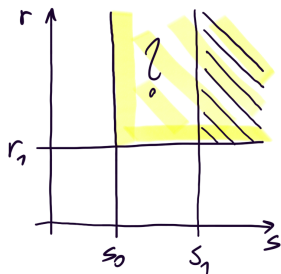
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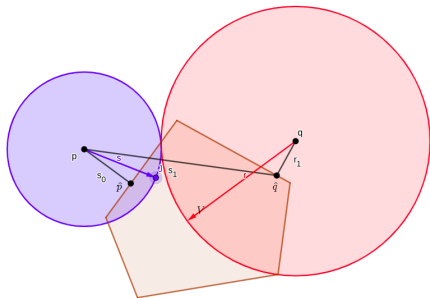
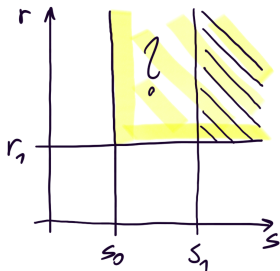
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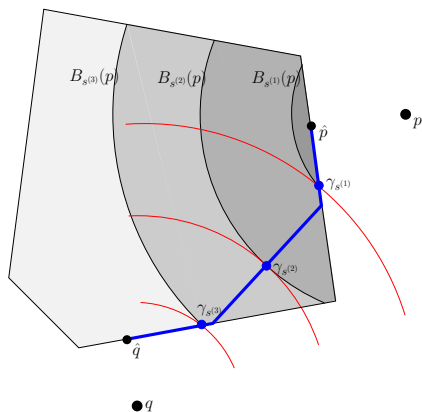
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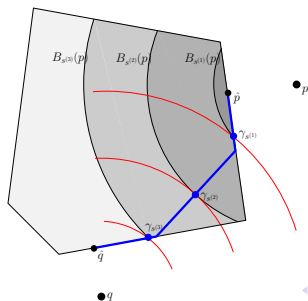
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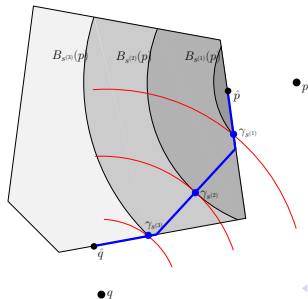
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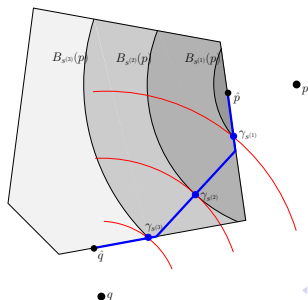


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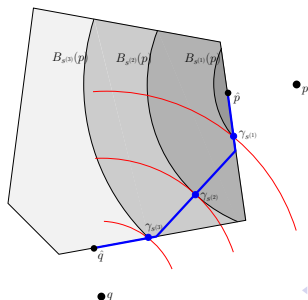
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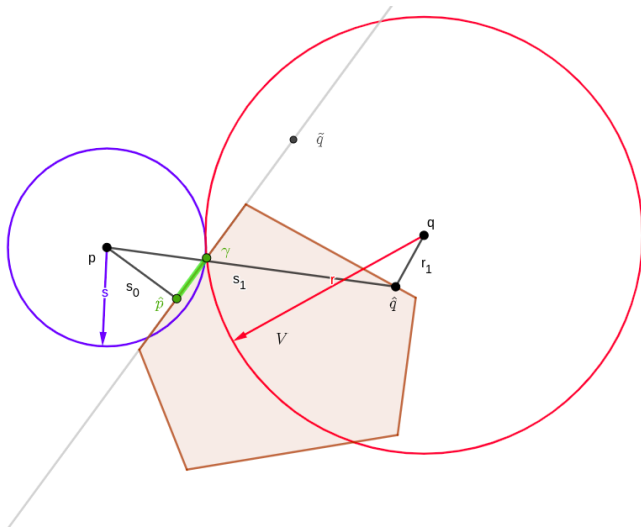
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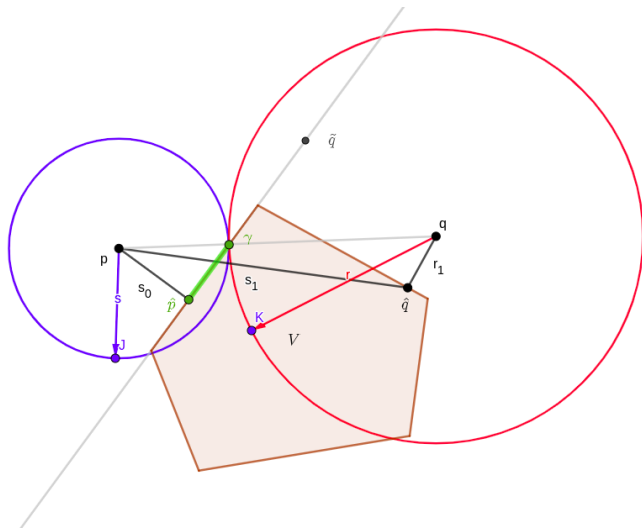
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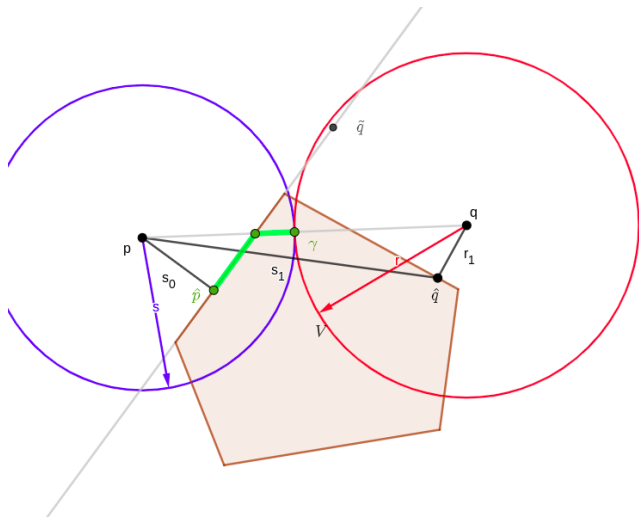


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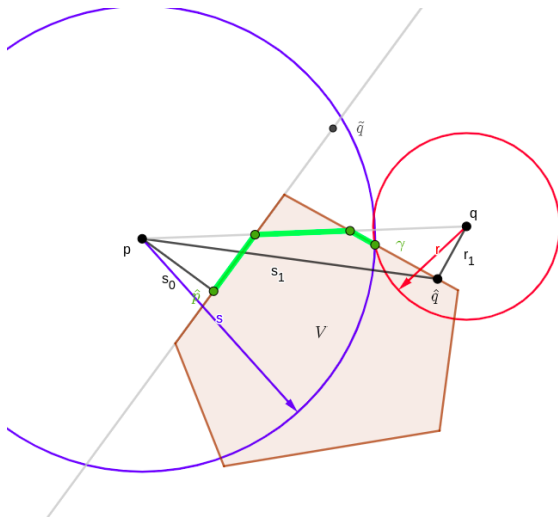




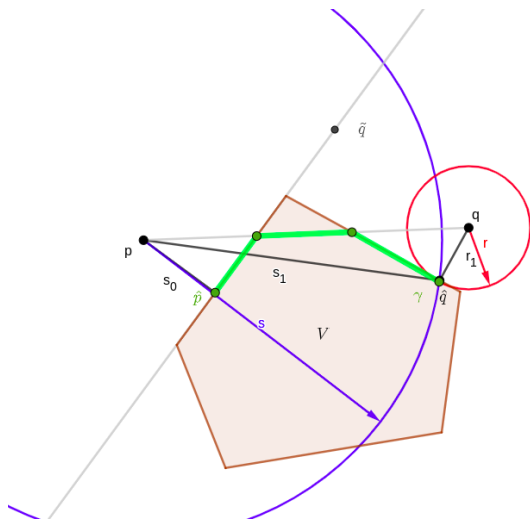
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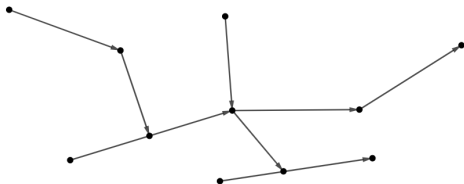
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**Theorem** Let  $P$  be  $n$  points in general position in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  where  $d$  is constant. Let  $N$  be the size of the Delaunay triangulation of  $P$ . We can compute the entry curves of all Delaunay simplices in time  $O(N)$ .

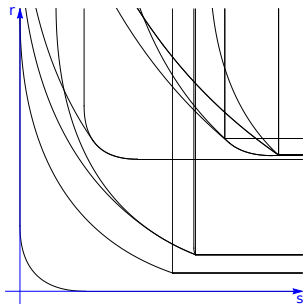
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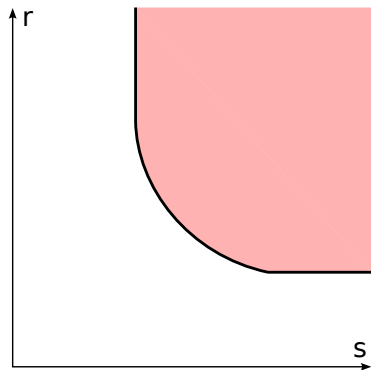
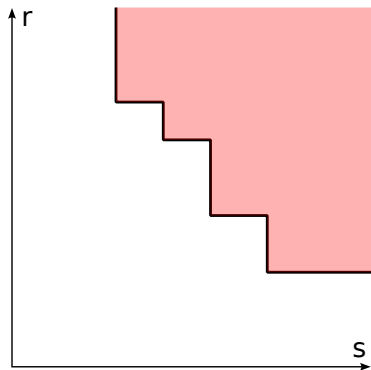
For a line segment  $\overline{ab}$  of the minimizing path  $\gamma$ , set

$$s = \|p - ((1-t)a + tb)\|^2$$

$$r = \|q - ((1-t)a + tb)\|^2$$

For  $t \in [0, 1]$  this yields an parabola or line.





## Part 2: The relative case

# The relative localized bifiltration

$(s, r) \leq (s', r')$  if  $s \leq s'$  and  $r \geq r'$ .

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The rows correspond (by excision) to the persistence module

$$\cdots \rightarrow H_k(L_S \cap B_r(q), L_S \cap \partial B_r(q)) \rightarrow H_k(L_{S'} \cap B_r(q), L_{S'} \cap \partial B_r(q)) \rightarrow \cdots$$

which was studied in

- Paul Bendich, David Cohen-Steiner, Herbert Edelsbrunner, John Harer, and Dmitriy Morozov. Inferring Local Homology from Sampled Stratified Spaces. (FOCS 2007)
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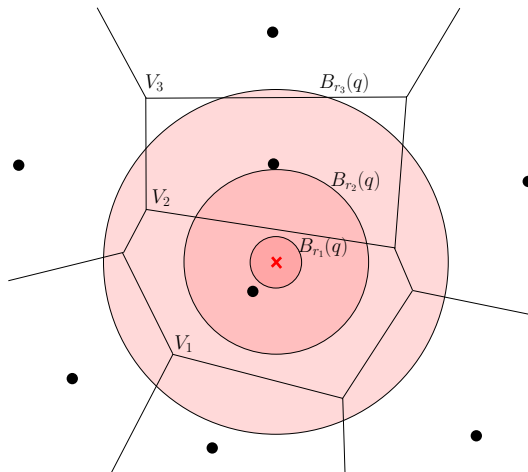
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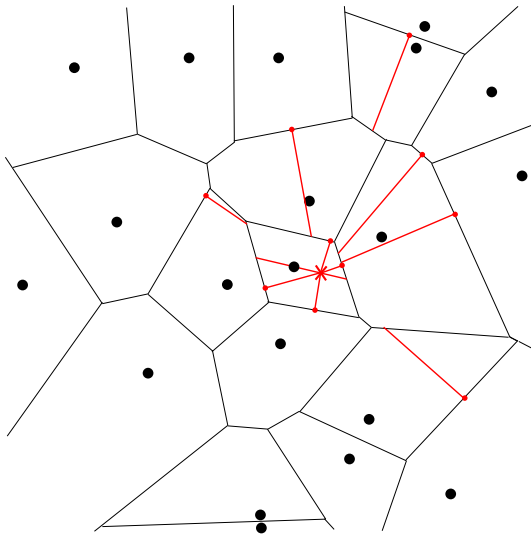
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In that case there is a homotopy equivalence  $\phi : X \rightarrow \text{Nrv } \mathcal{U}_X$  which restricts on  $A$  to a homotopy equivalence  $A \rightarrow \text{Nrv } \mathcal{U}_X$ .

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## Further work

- Subdivision scheme in relative case for higher dimensions?
- Computation of minimal presentations for  $\infty$ -critical bifiltrations?
- Consider a sample of centers and analyse ensemble of localized bifiltrations?
- Applications?