

Algorithms for D-finite Functions

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A similar definition.

- 3 A number $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is called **algebraic** if there exist integers c_0, \dots, c_r , not all zero, such that

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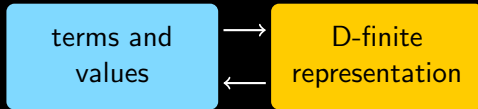
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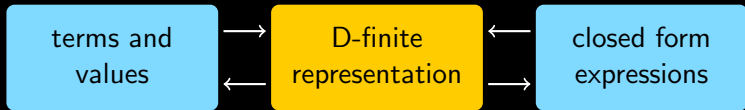
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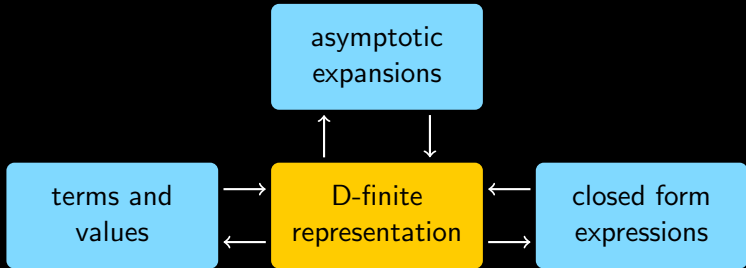
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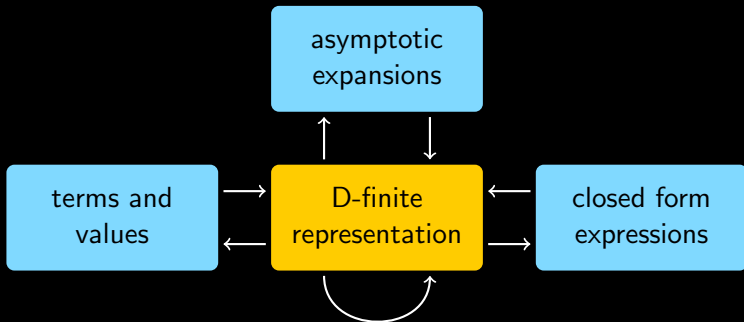
Such initial values may be viewed as the analog of the “index” in Maple’s representation of algebraic numbers.

D-finite
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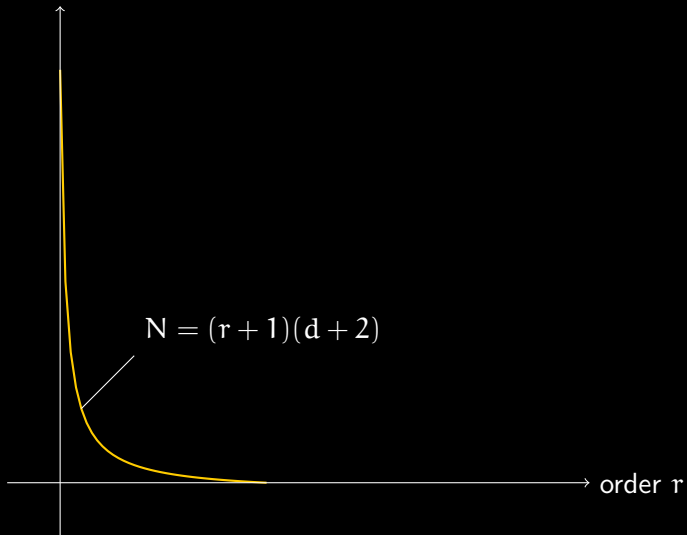
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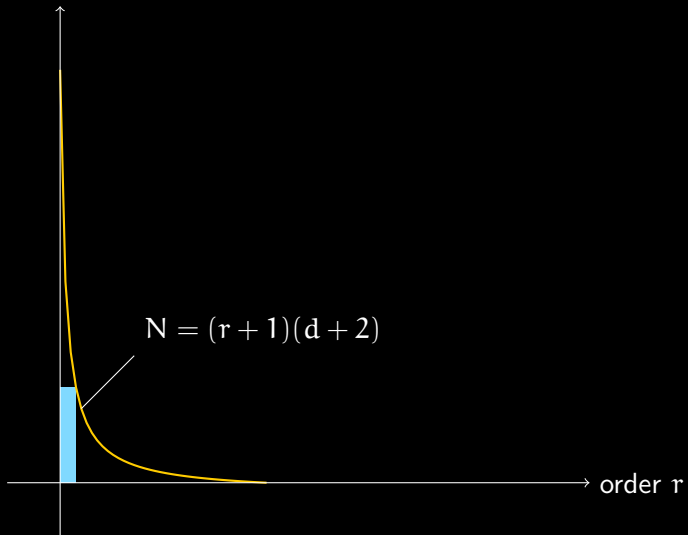
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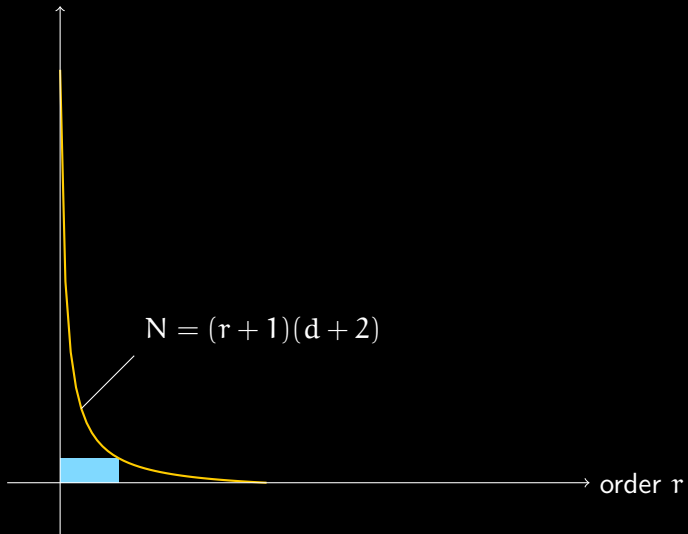
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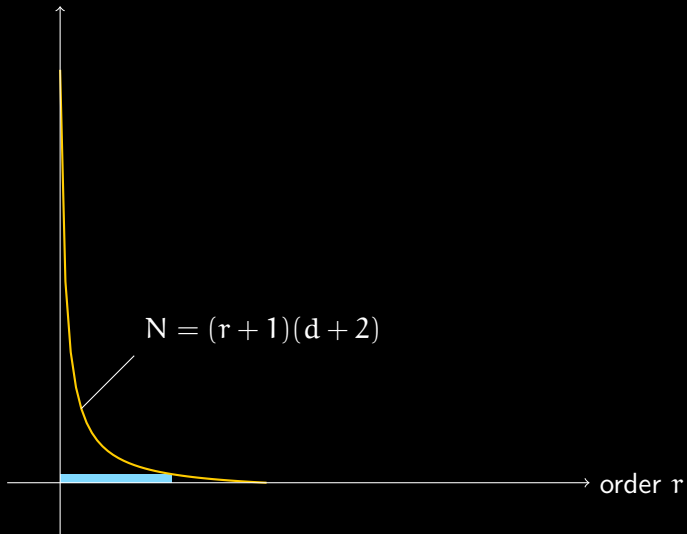
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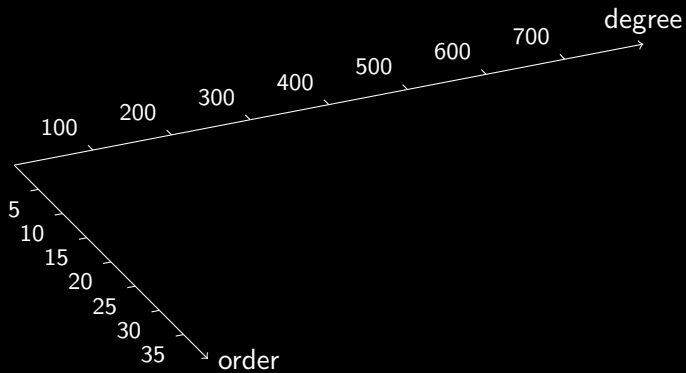
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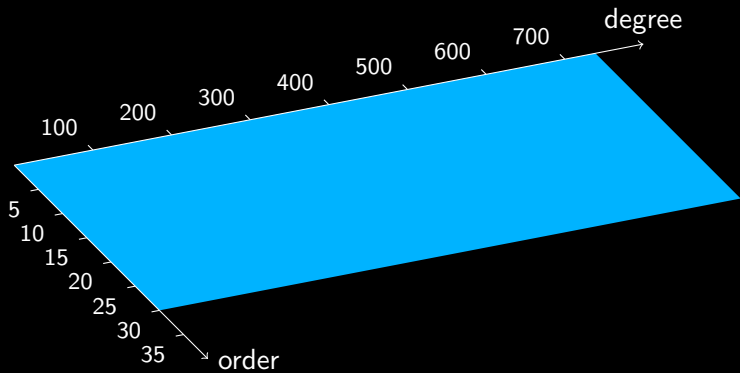
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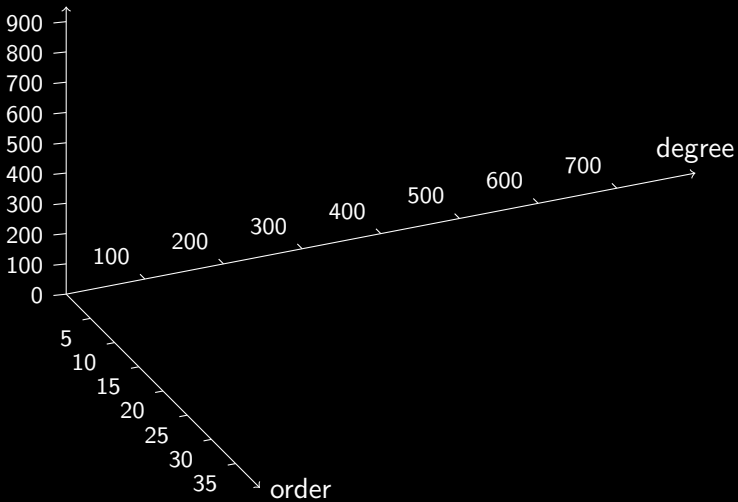
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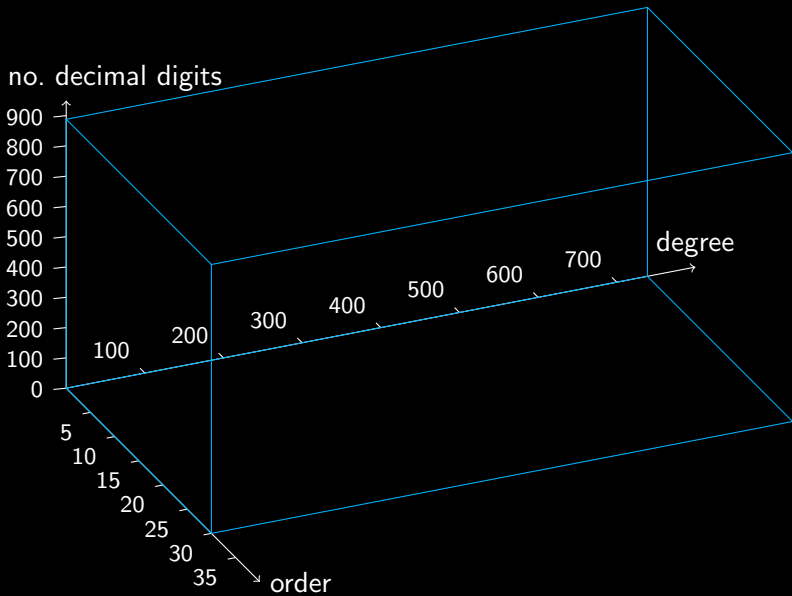
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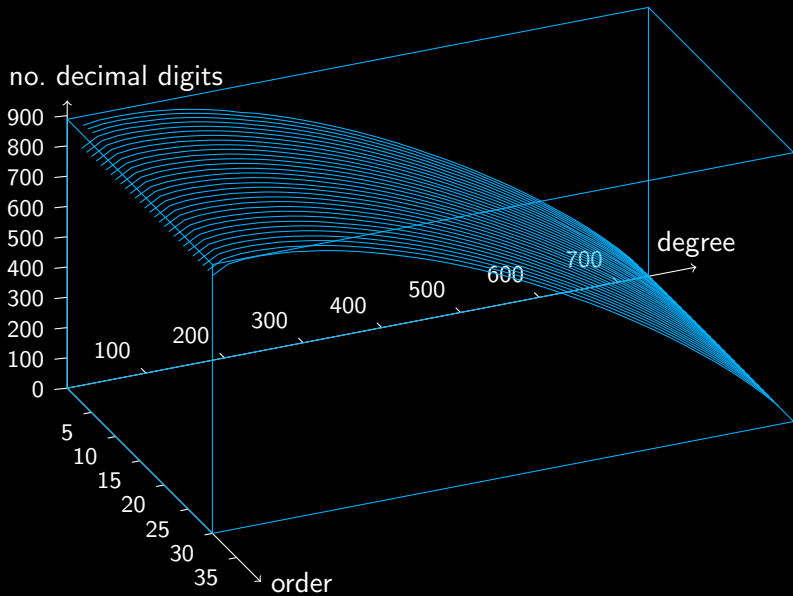




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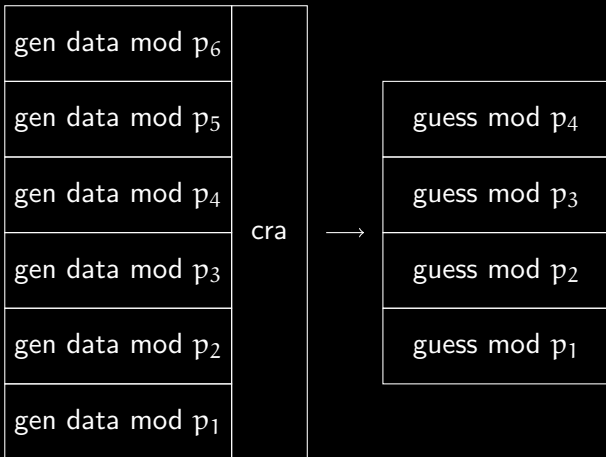
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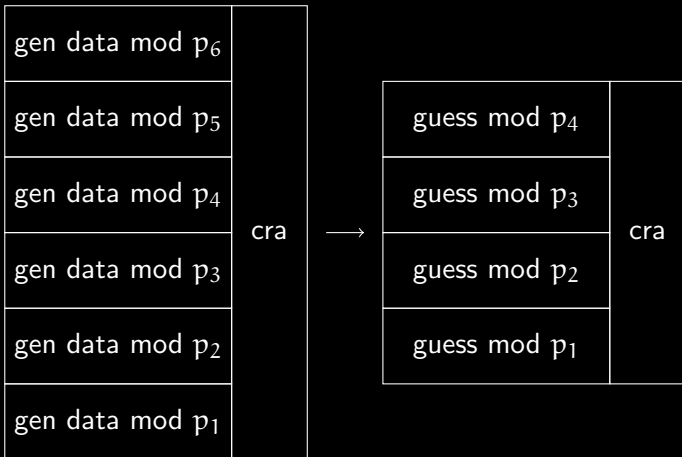
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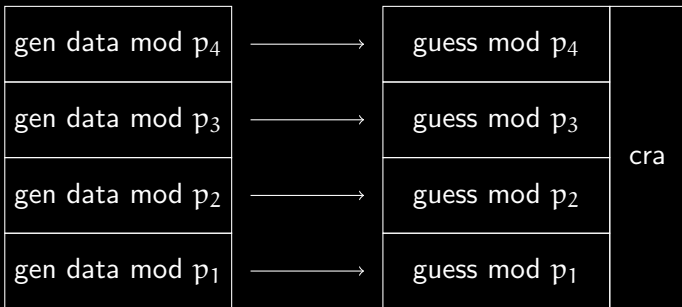
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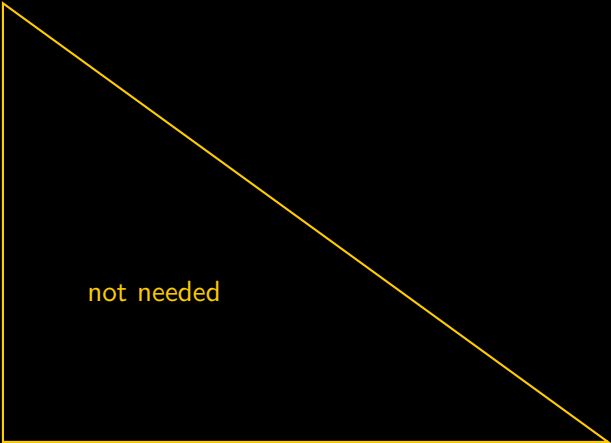
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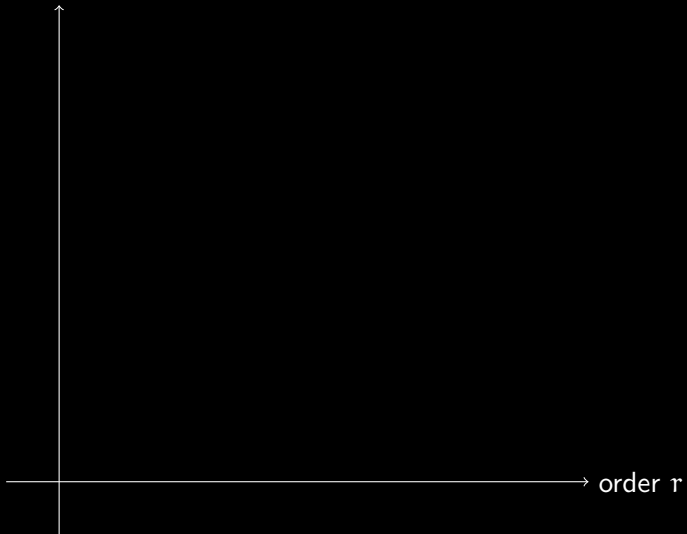
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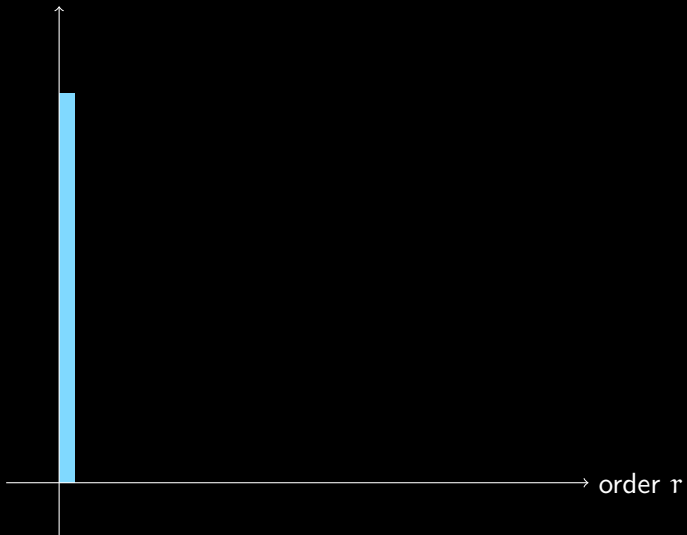
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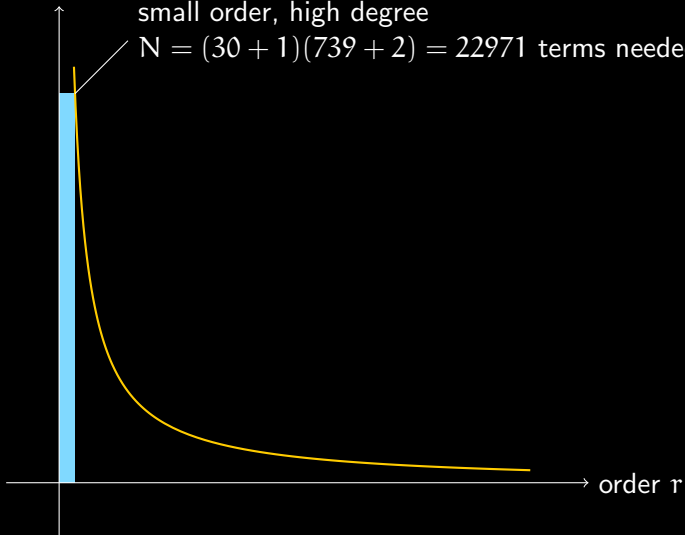
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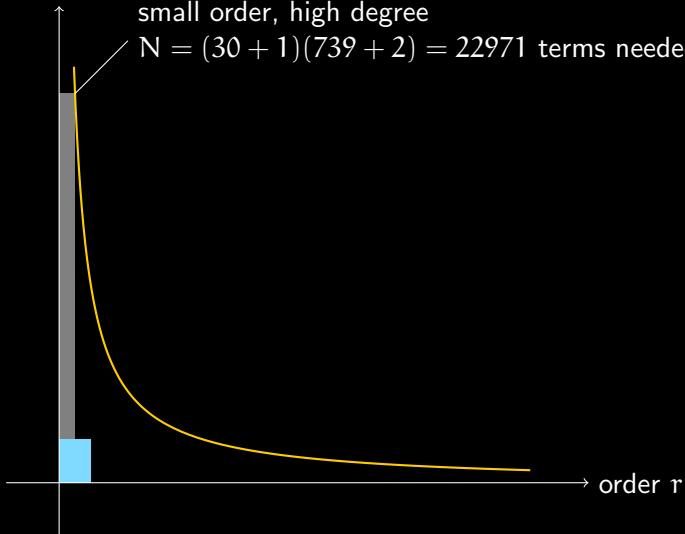
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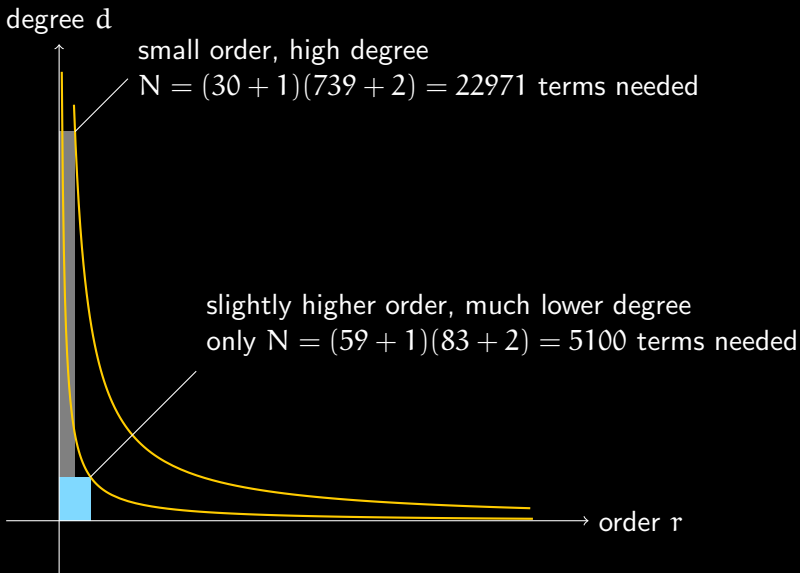


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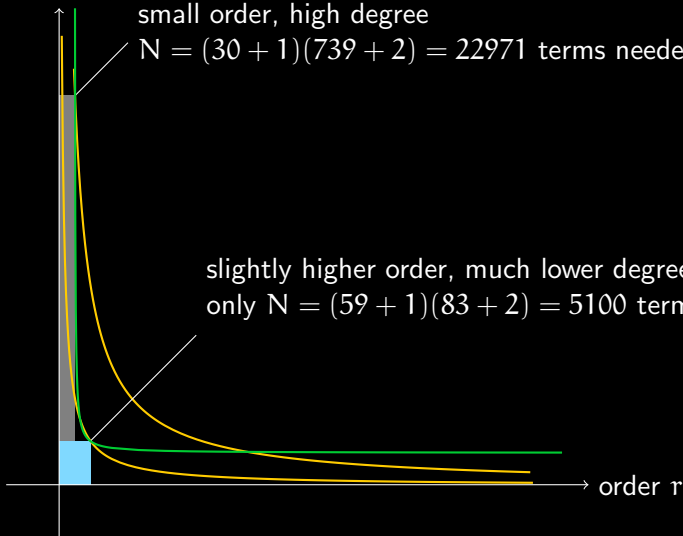
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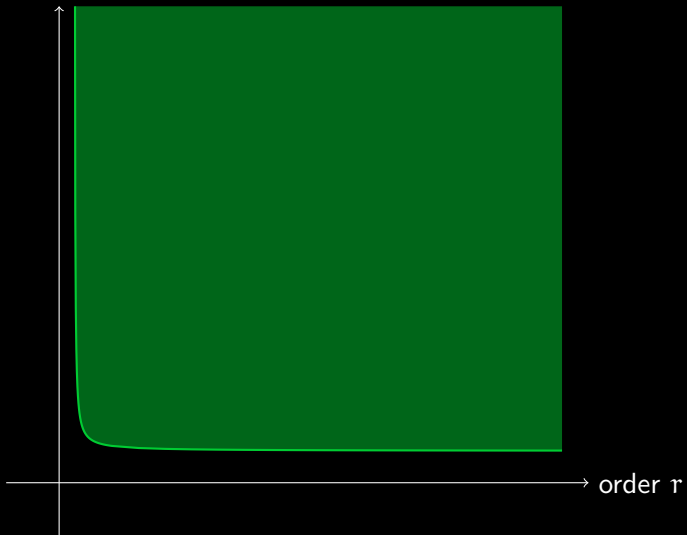
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slightly higher order, much lower degree

$$\text{only } N = (59 + 1)(83 + 2) = 5100 \text{ terms needed}$$



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& \phi^n n^\alpha \left((c_0 + c_1 n^{-1} + c_2 n^{-2} + c_3 n^{-3} + \dots) \right. \\
& \quad + (c_{0,1} + c_{1,1} n^{-1} + c_{2,1} n^{-2} + \dots) \log(n) \\
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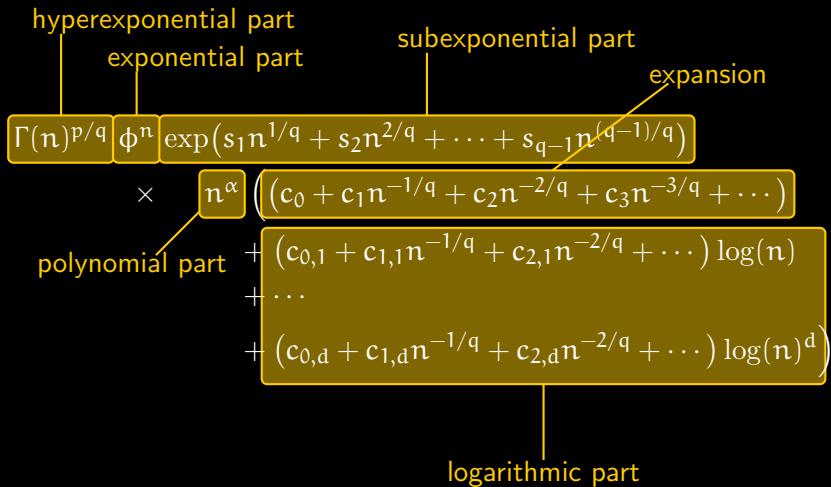
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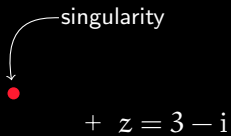
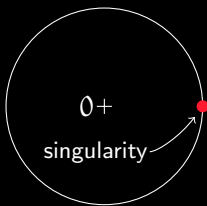
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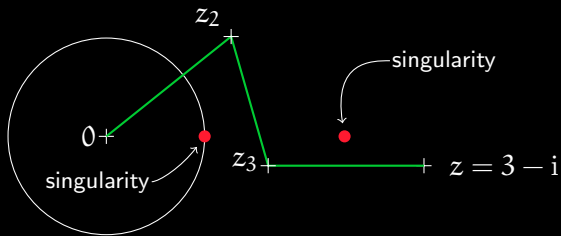
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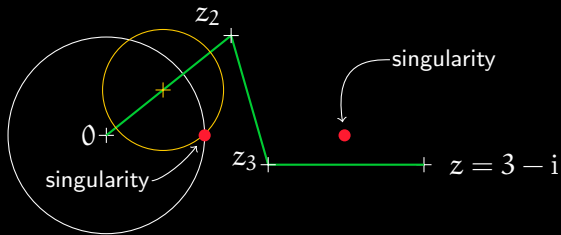
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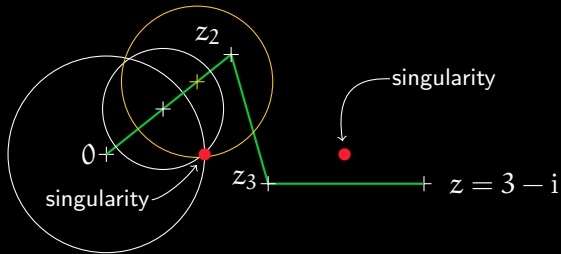
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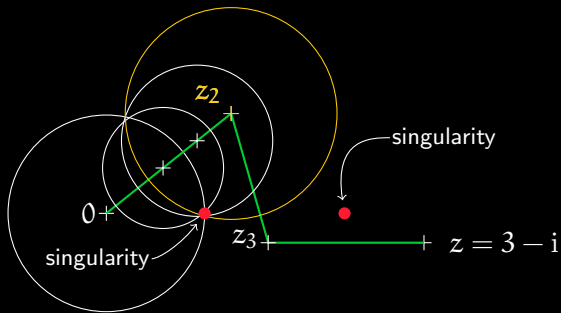
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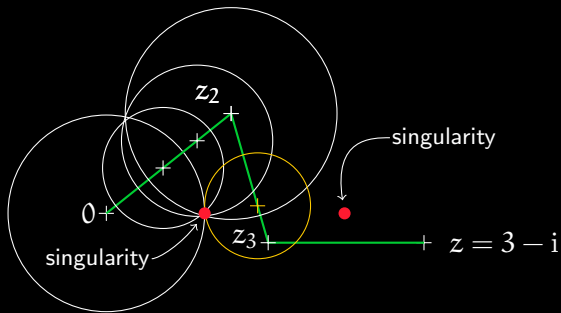


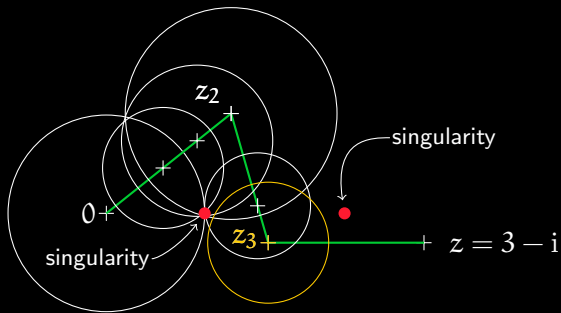


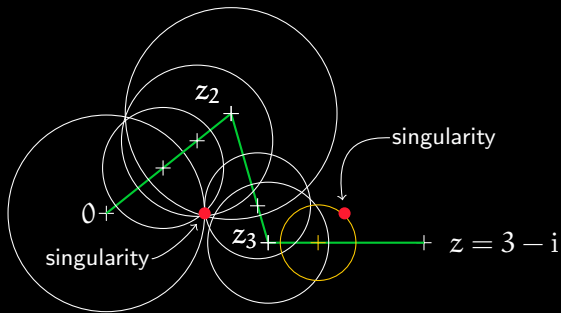


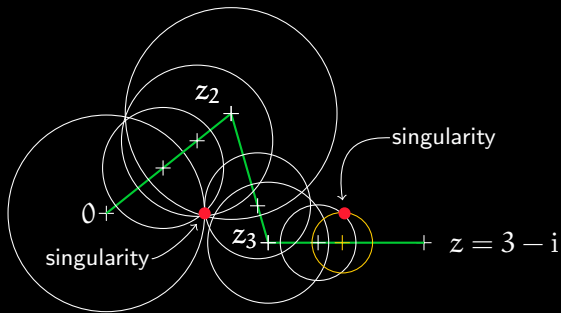


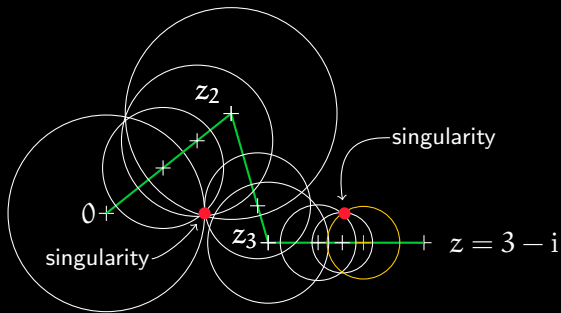


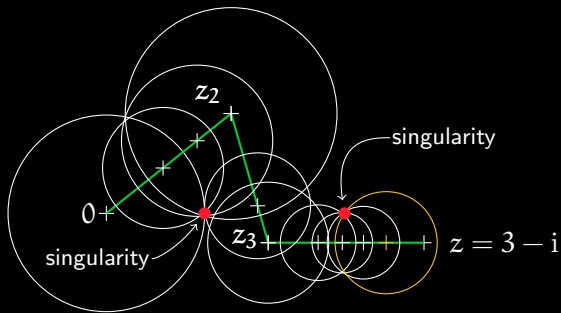












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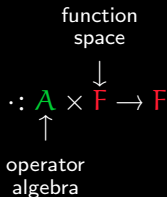
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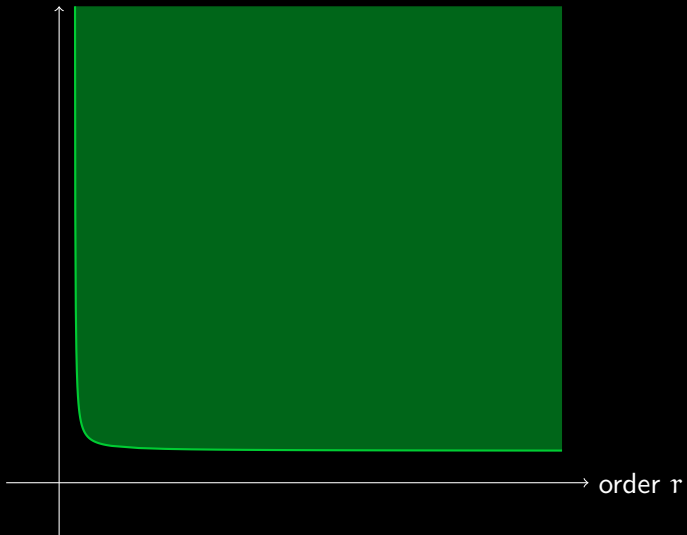
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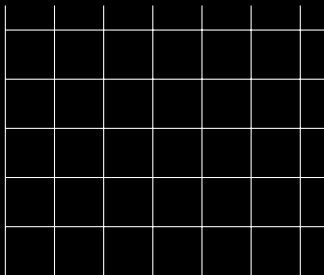
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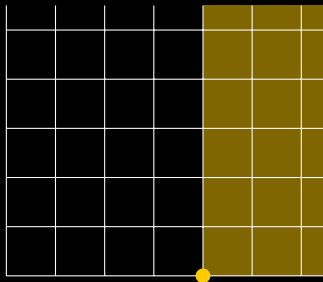


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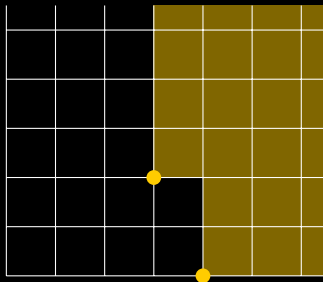


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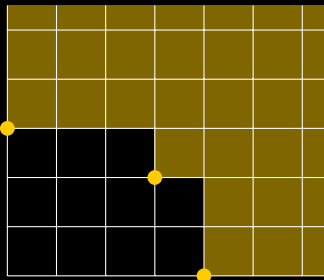


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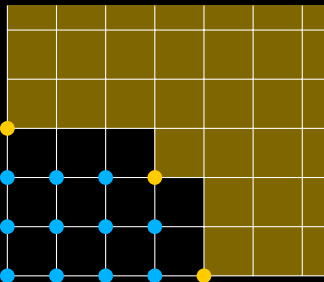


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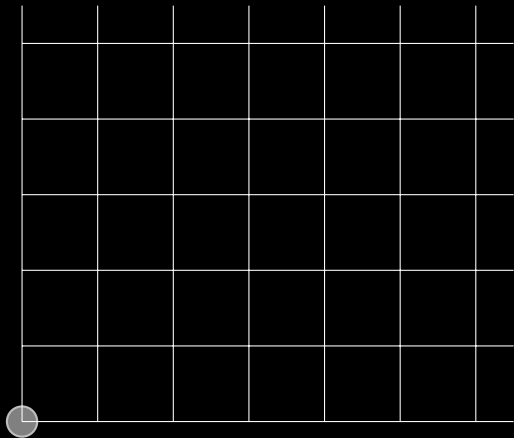
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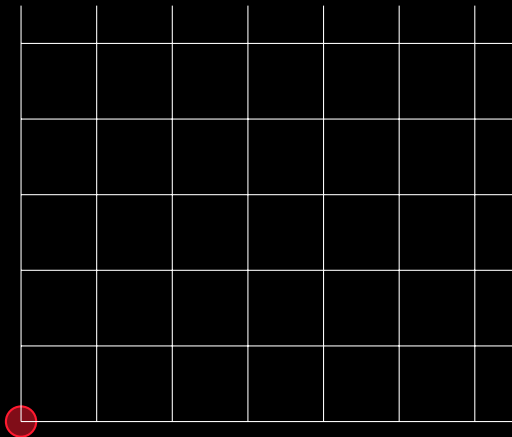
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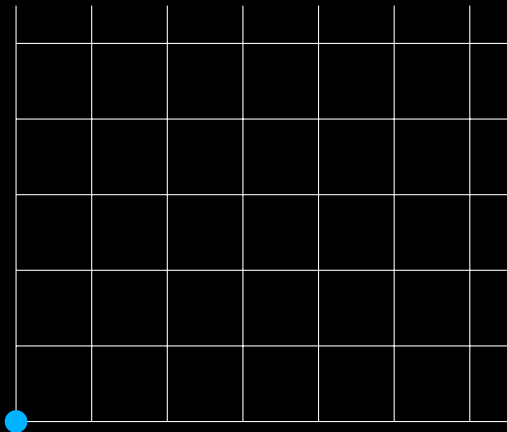
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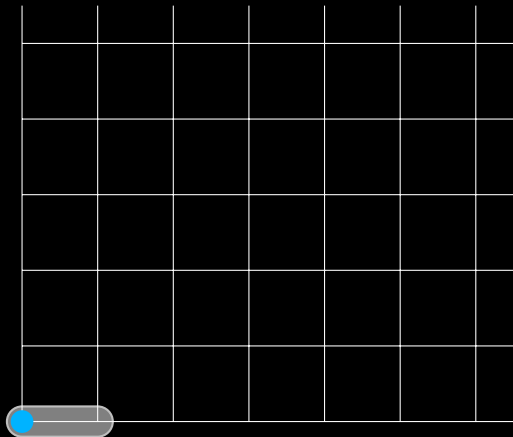
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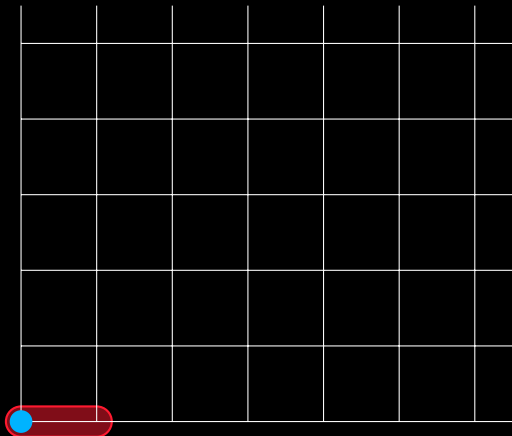
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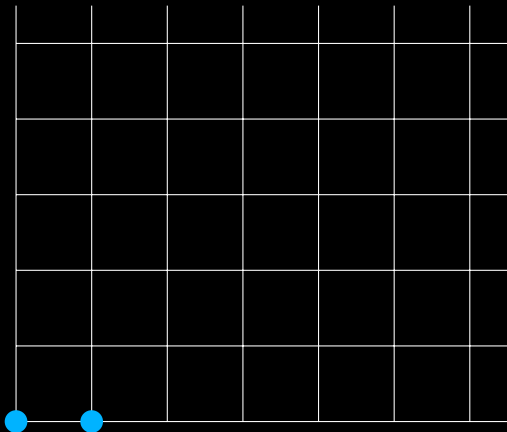


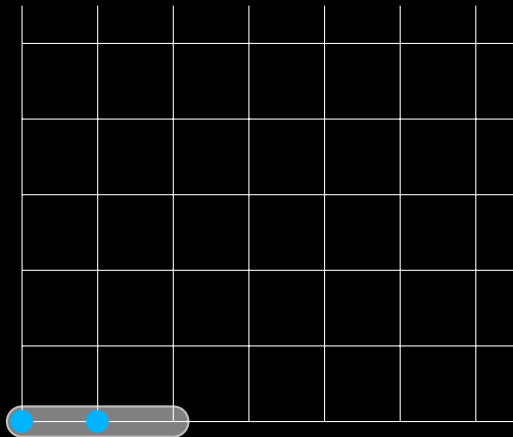


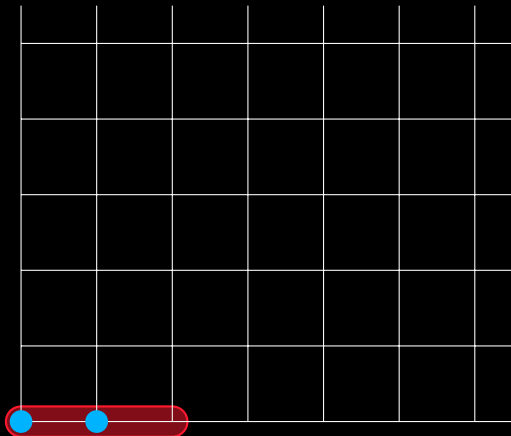


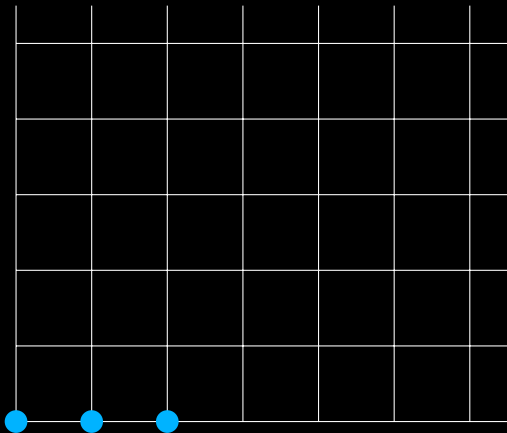


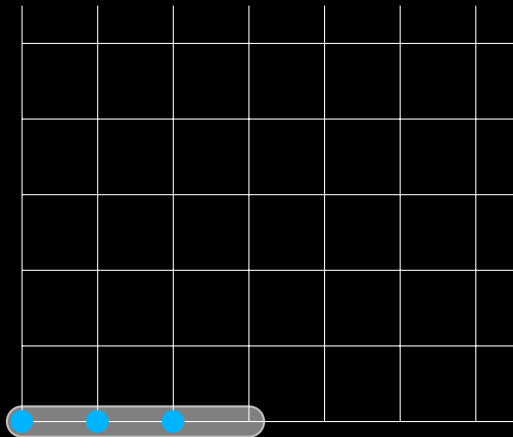


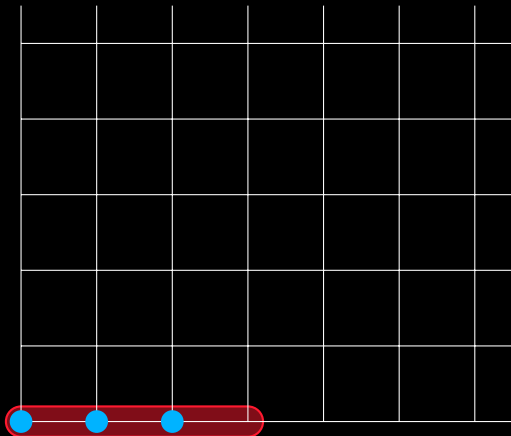


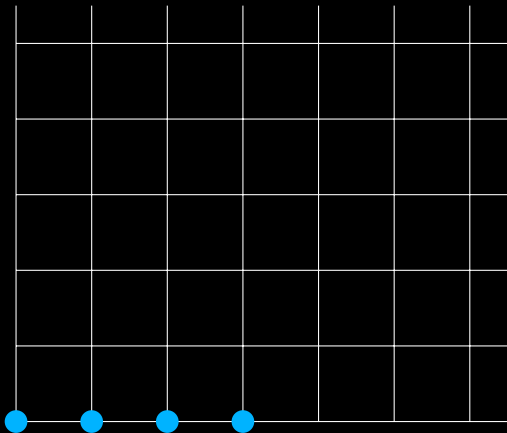


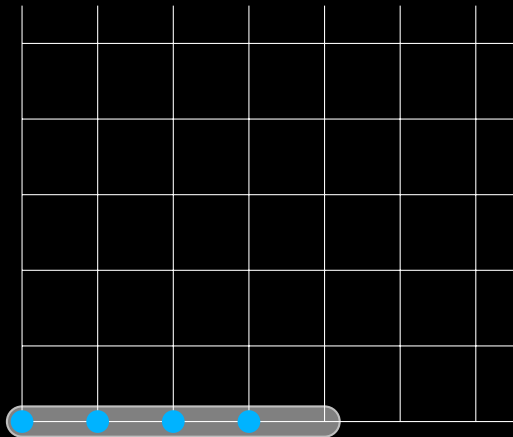


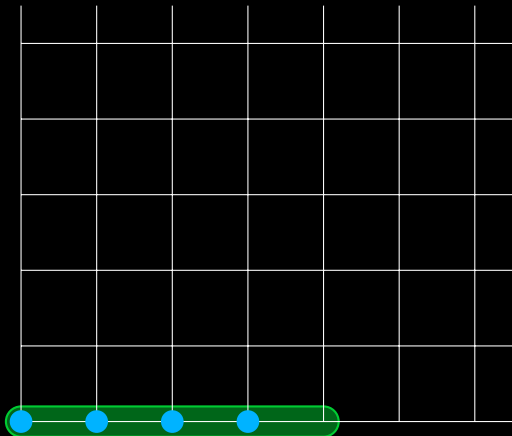


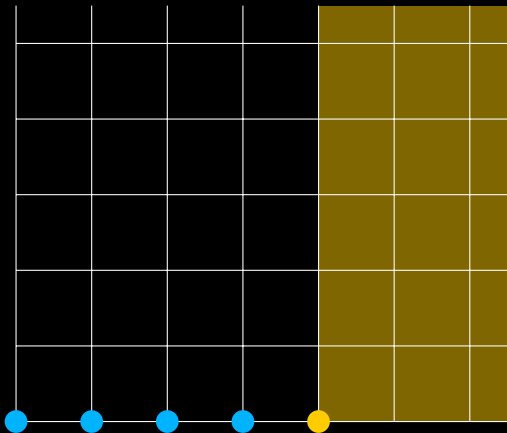


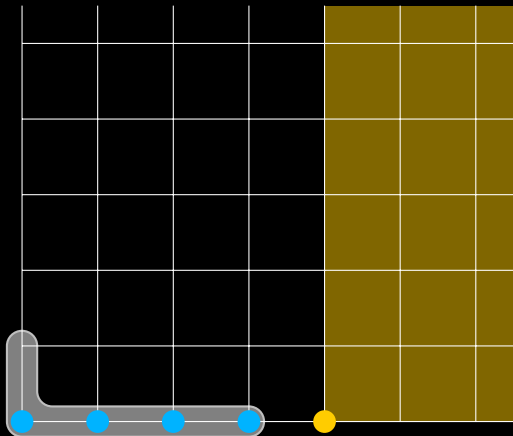


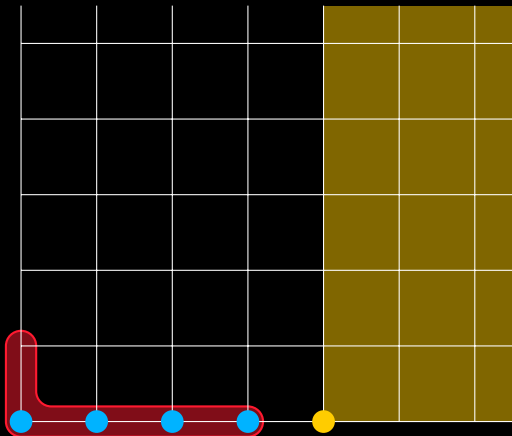


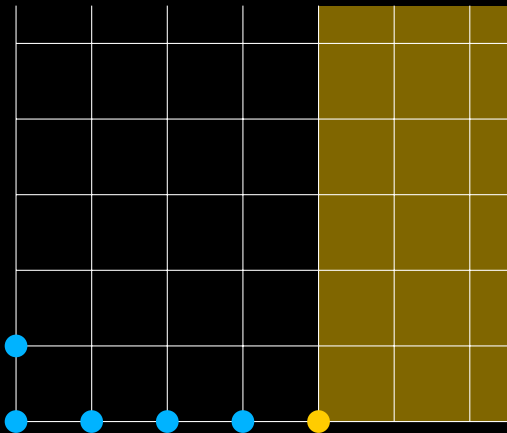


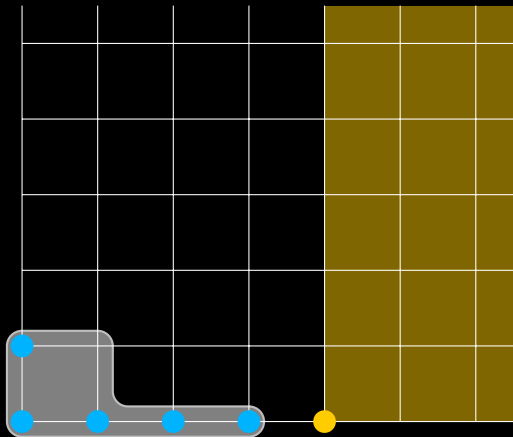


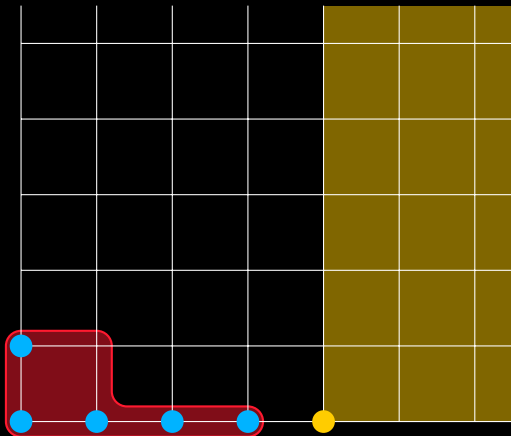


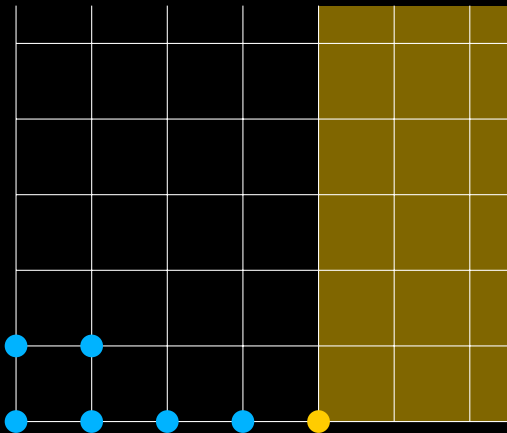


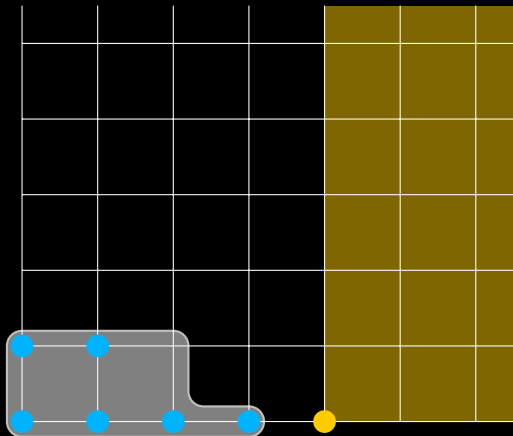


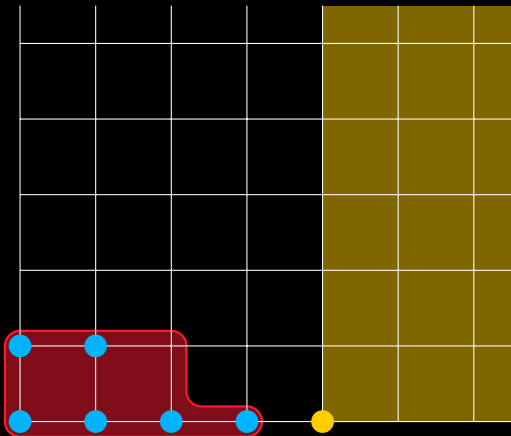


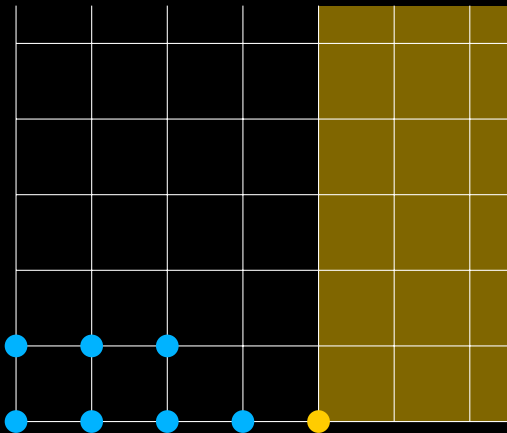


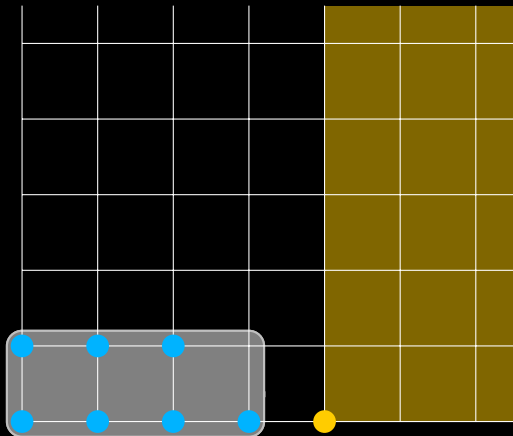


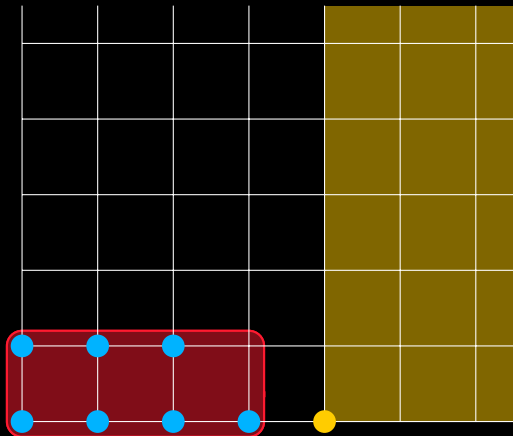


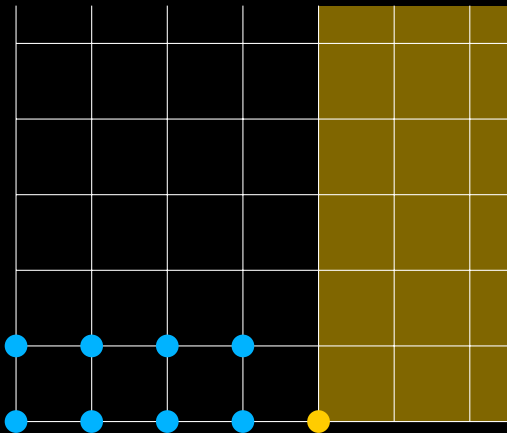


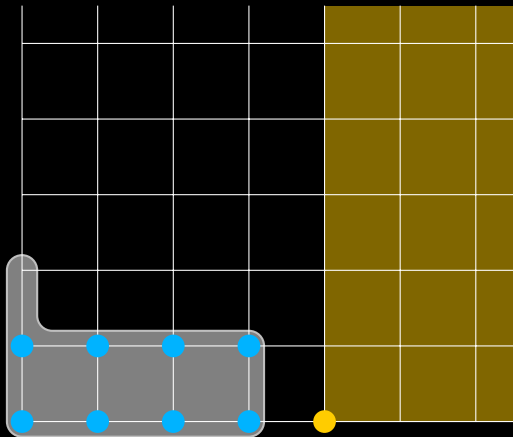


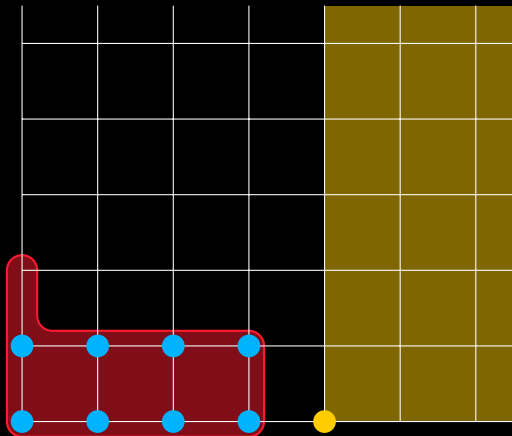


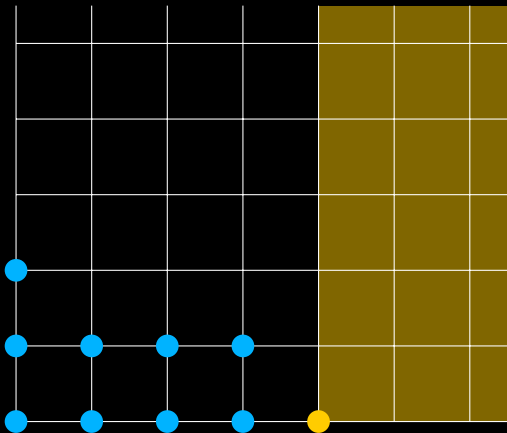


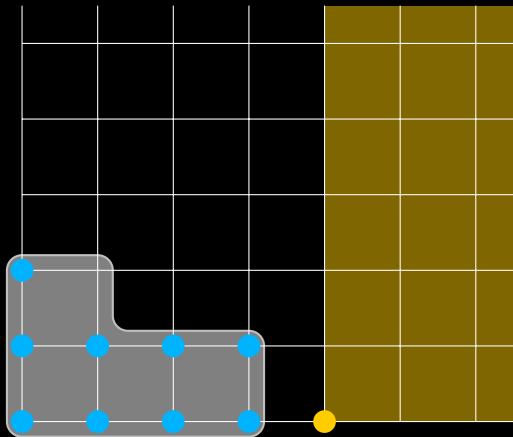


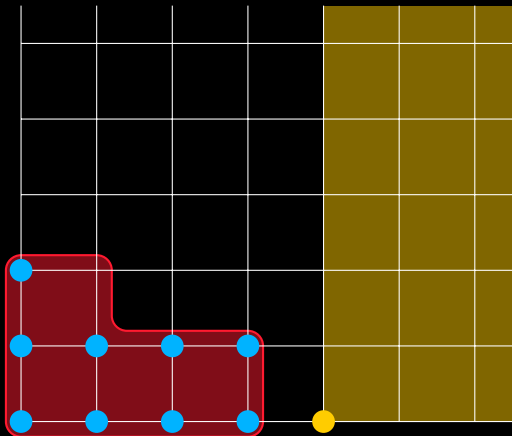


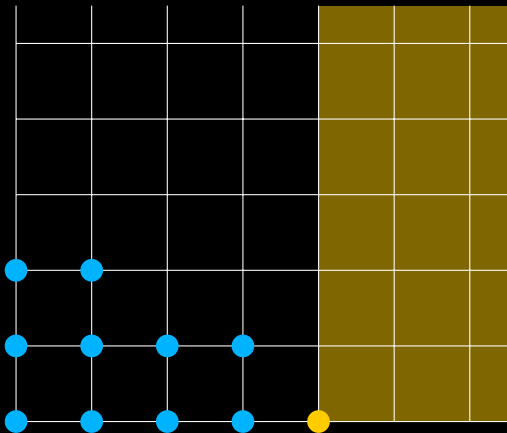


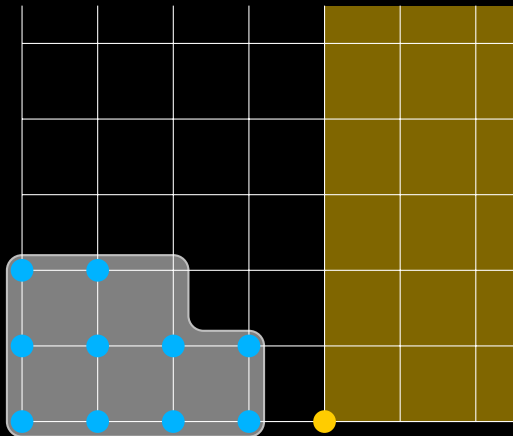


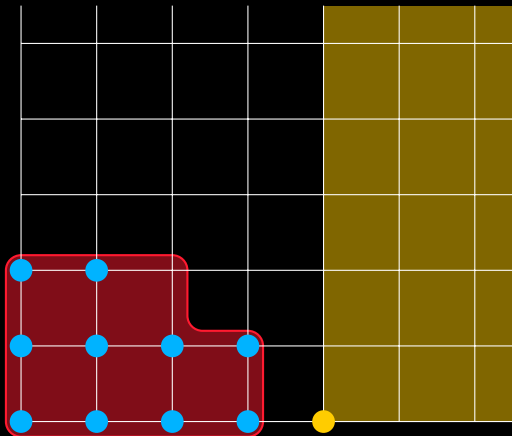


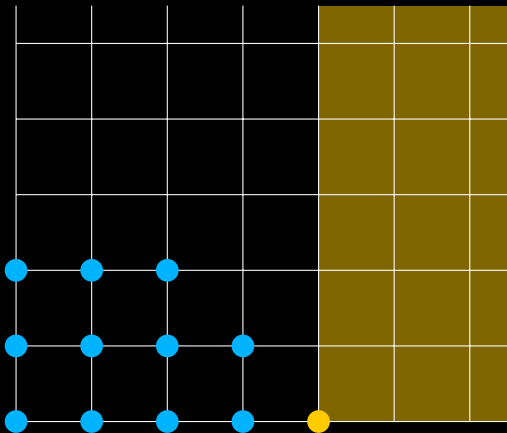


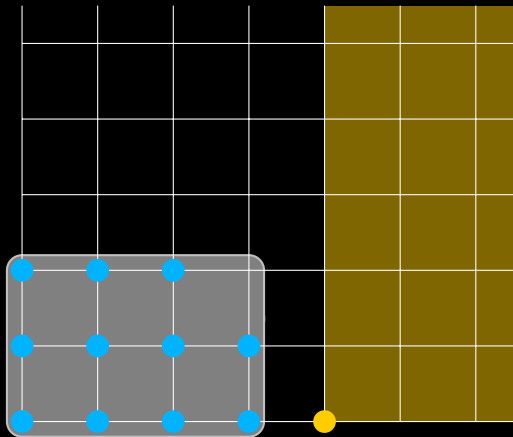


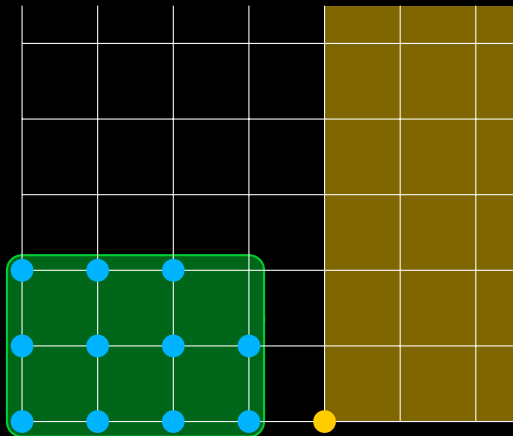


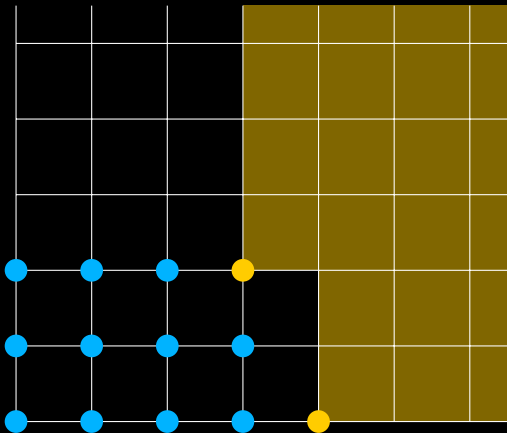


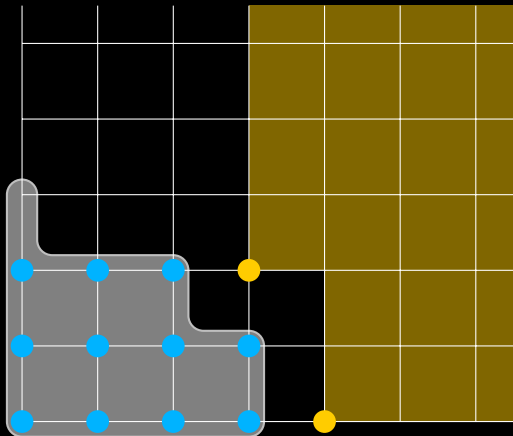


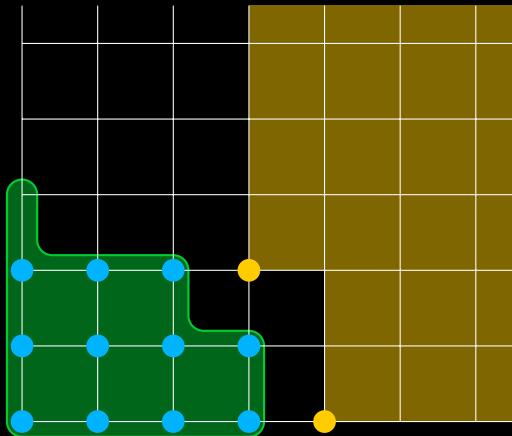


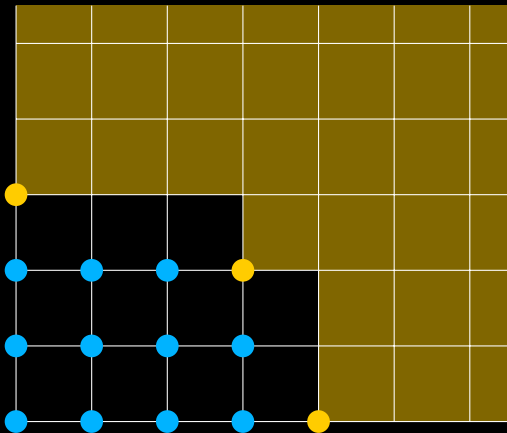












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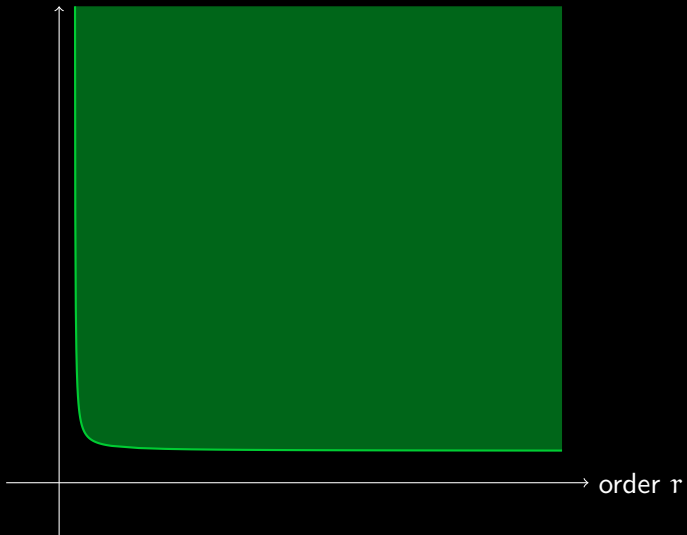
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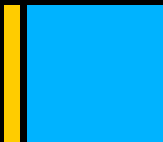


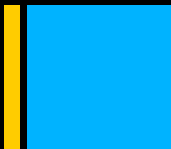




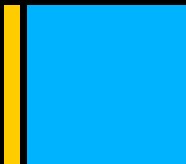


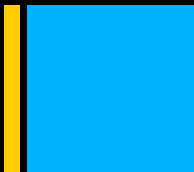


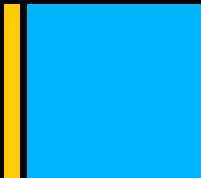


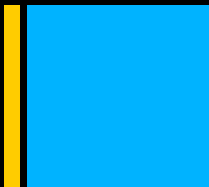


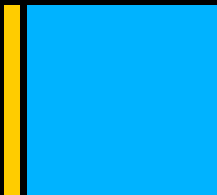


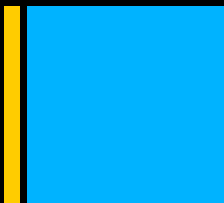




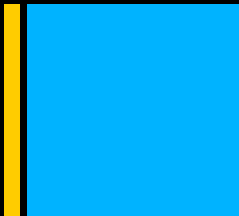


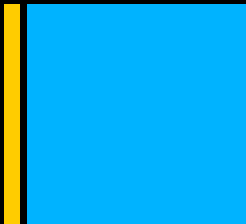


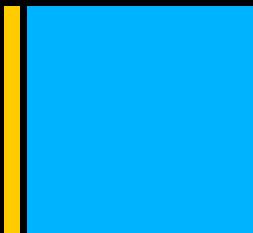


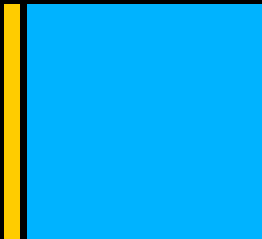






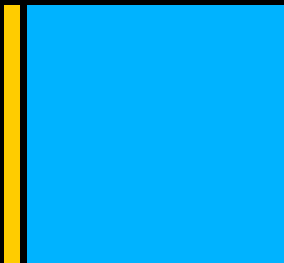




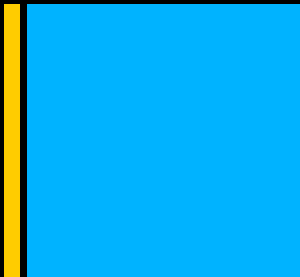


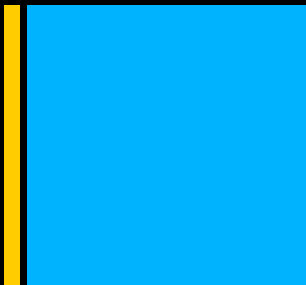




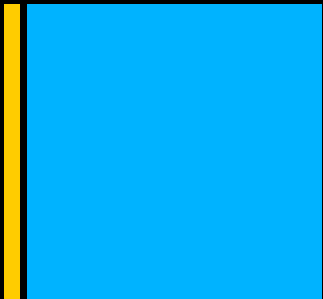


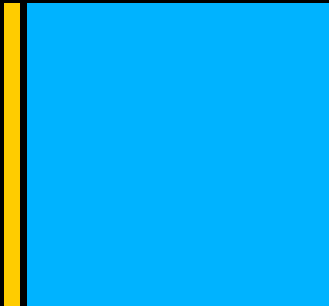


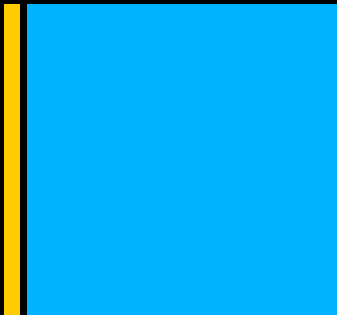






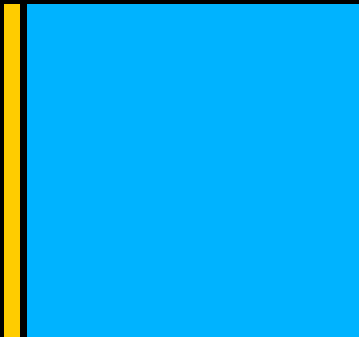


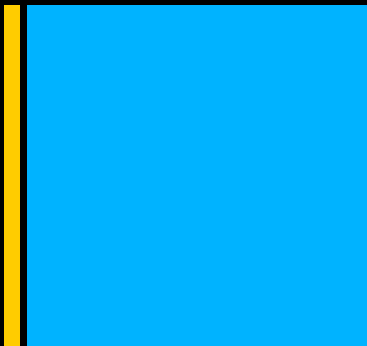


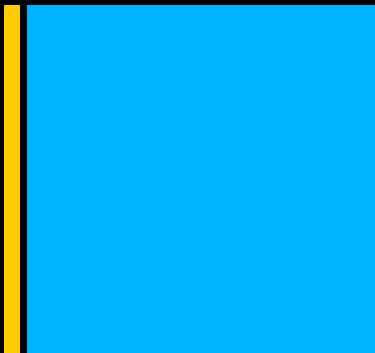


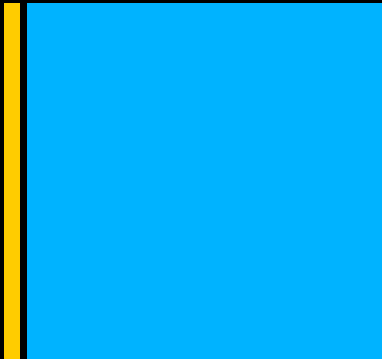


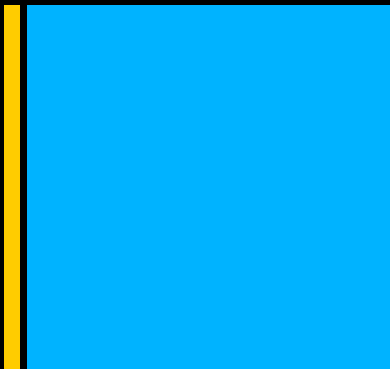


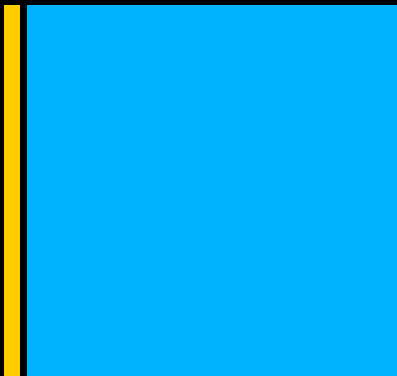


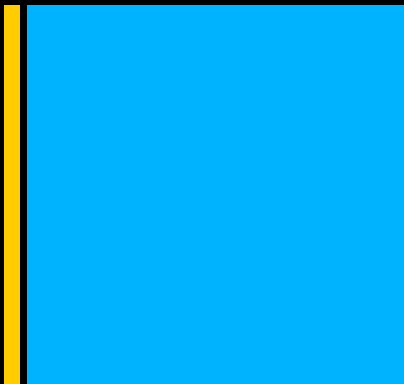




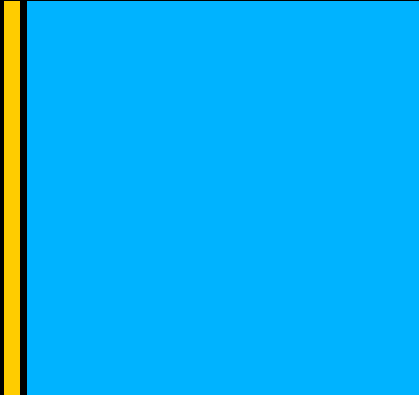


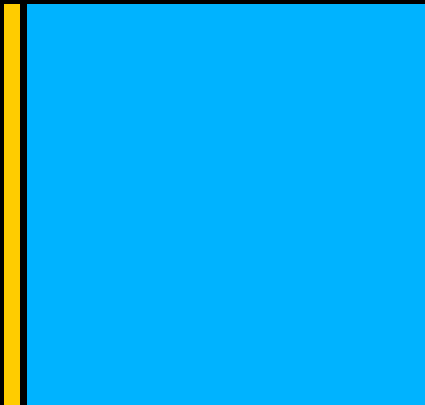


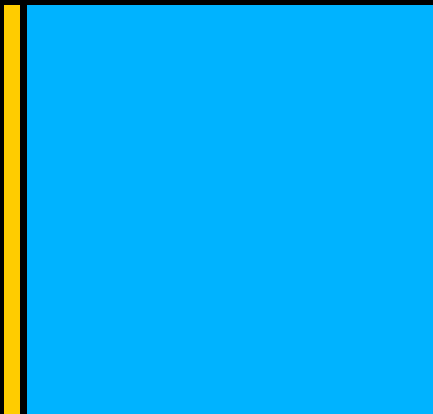


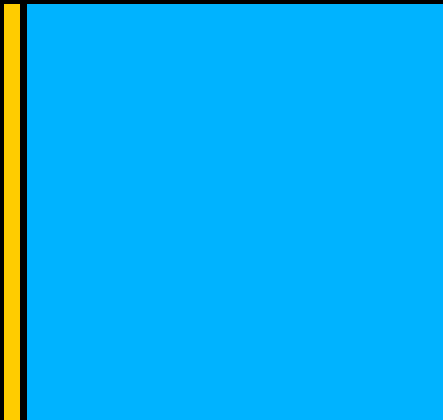


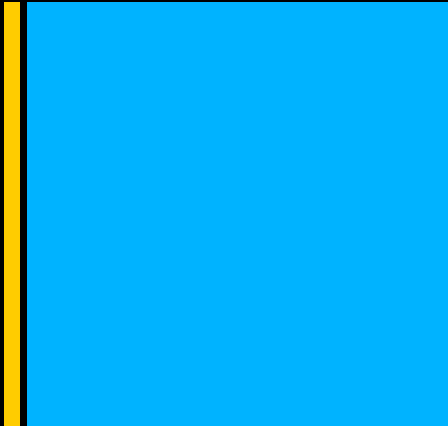


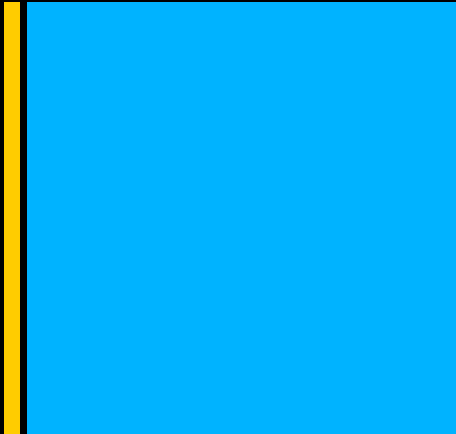


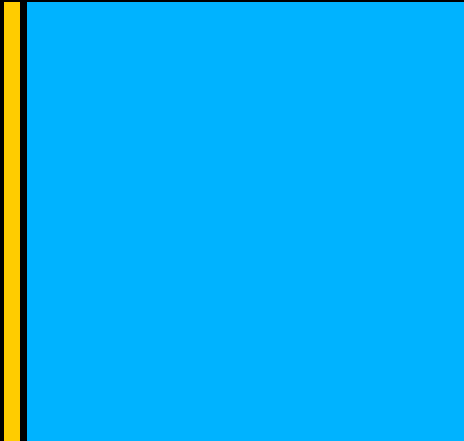


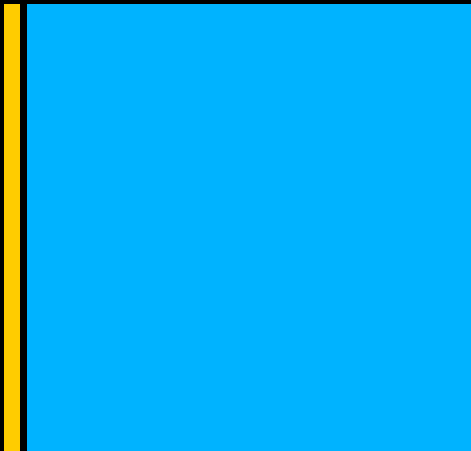


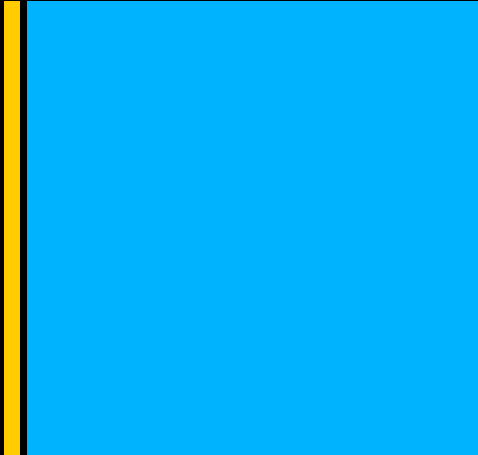


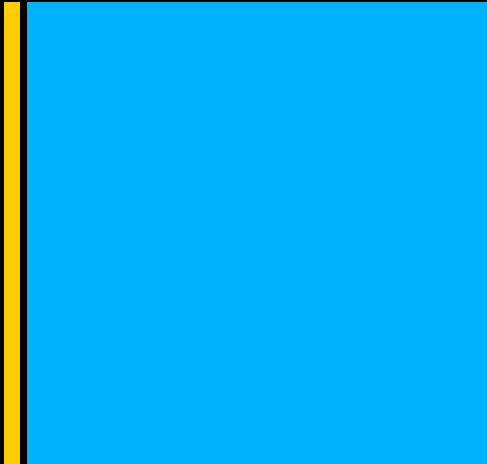


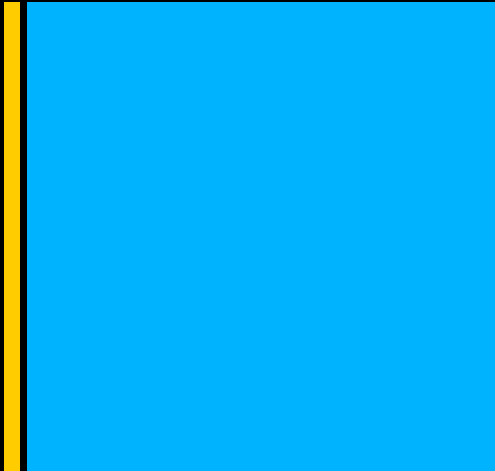


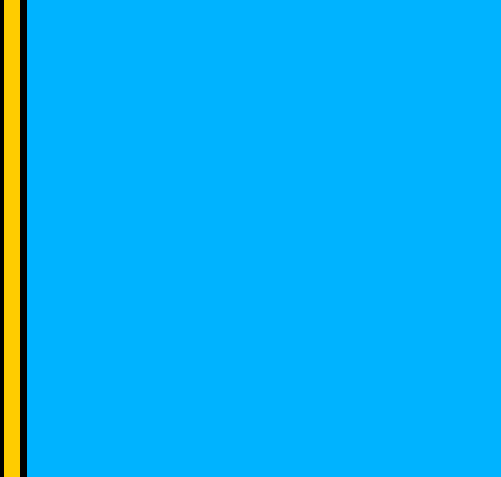


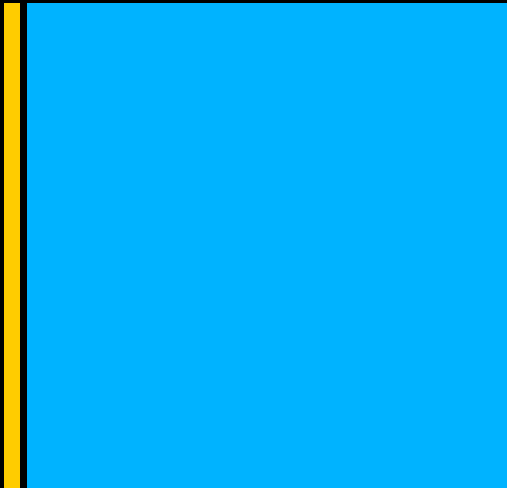


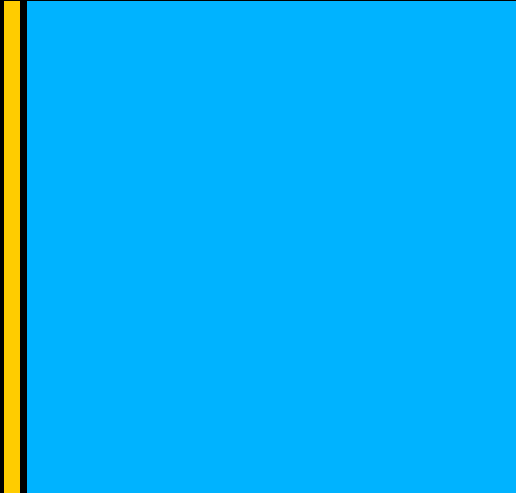


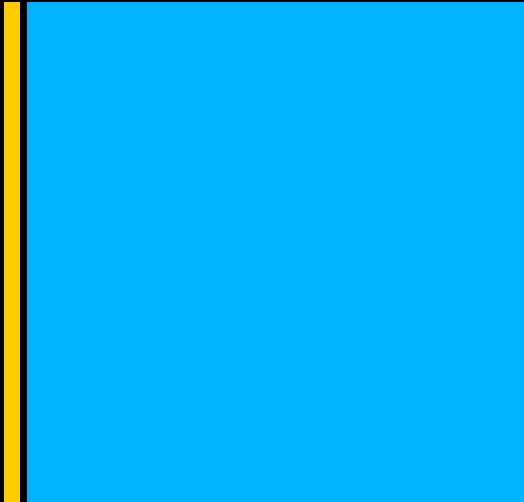


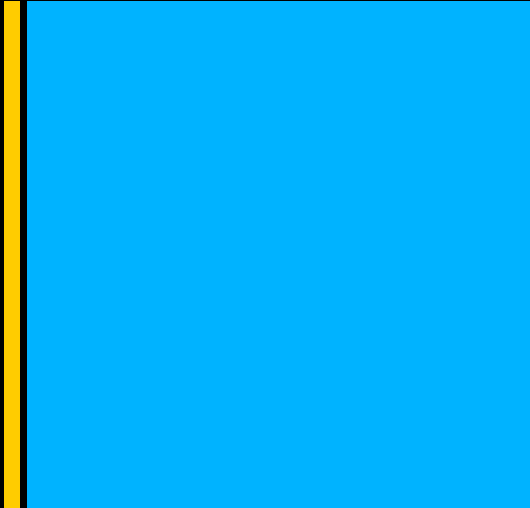


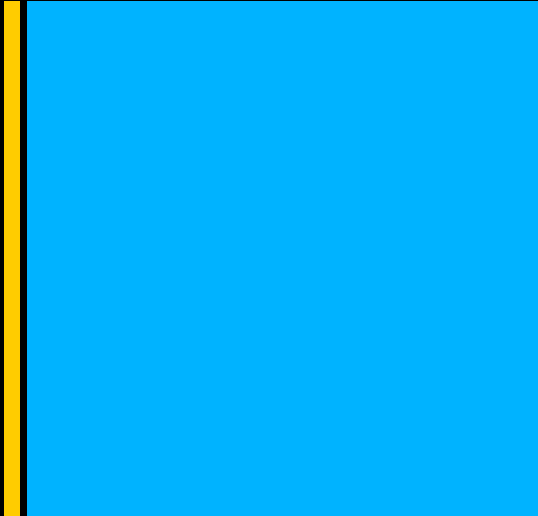


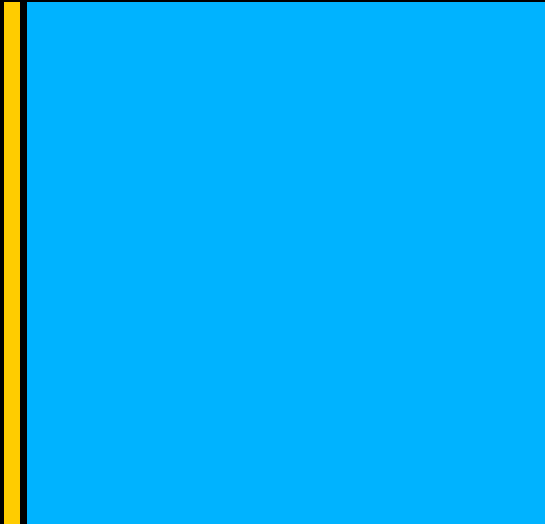




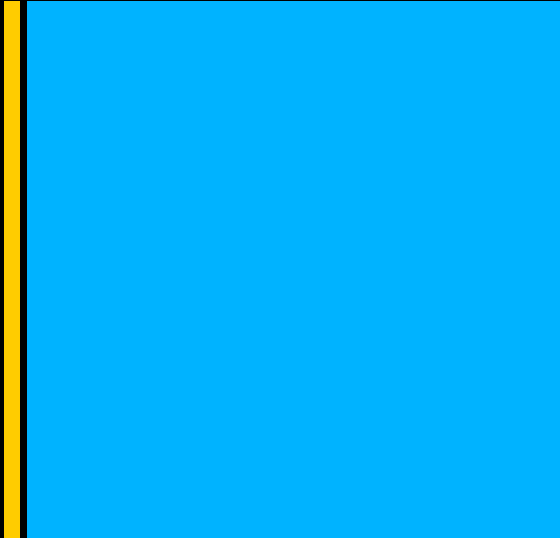


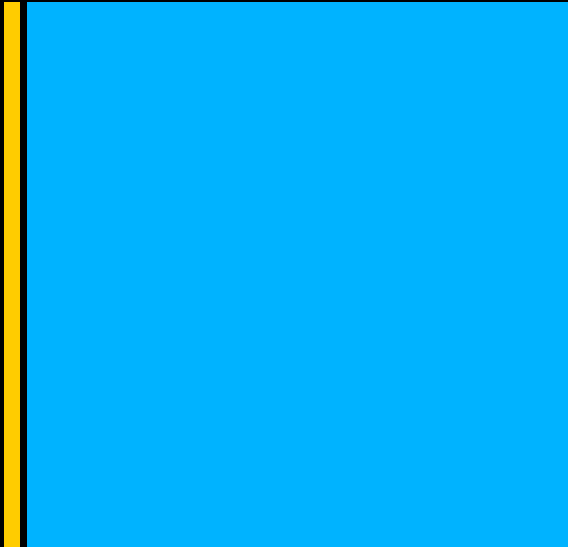


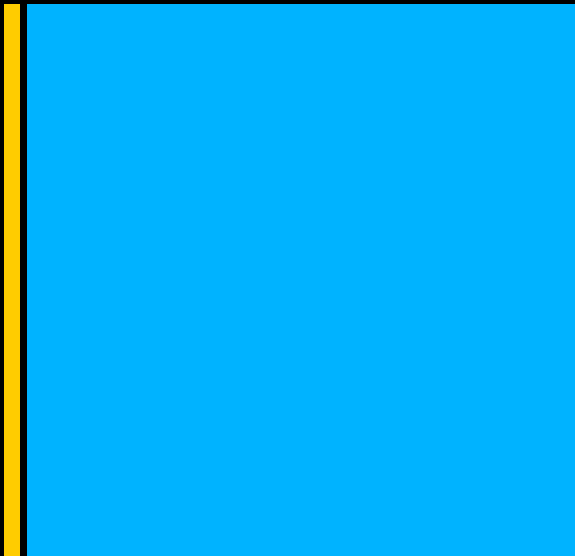


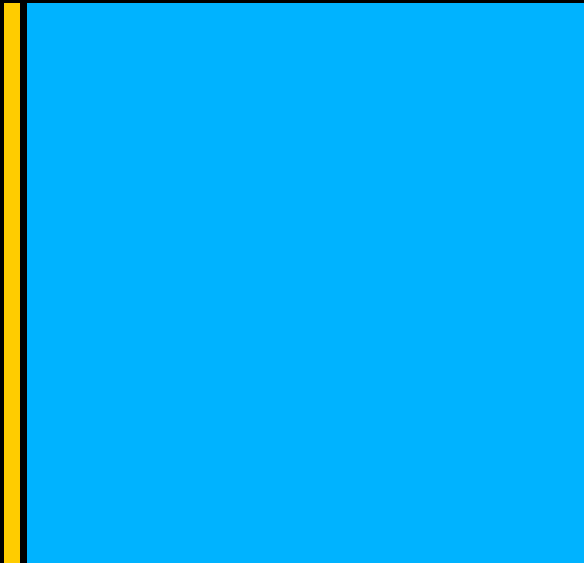


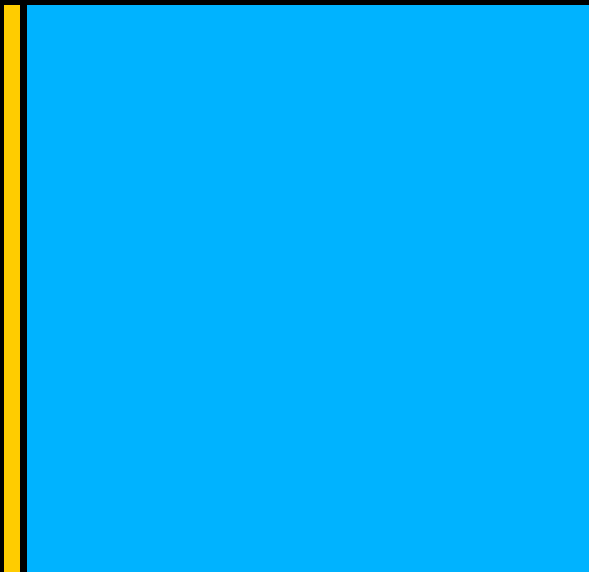


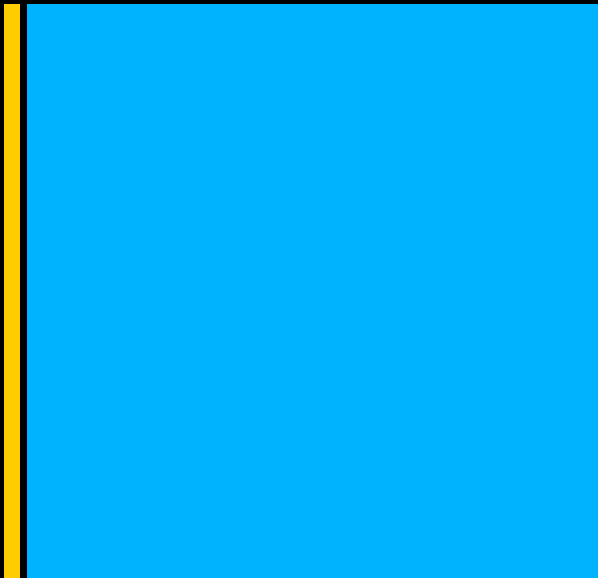


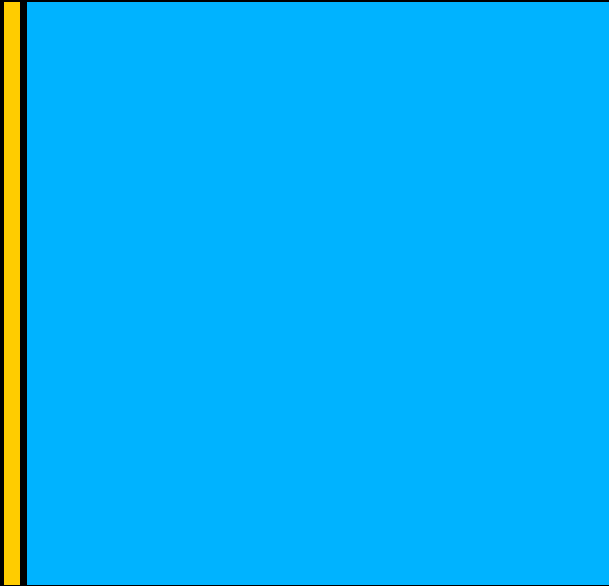


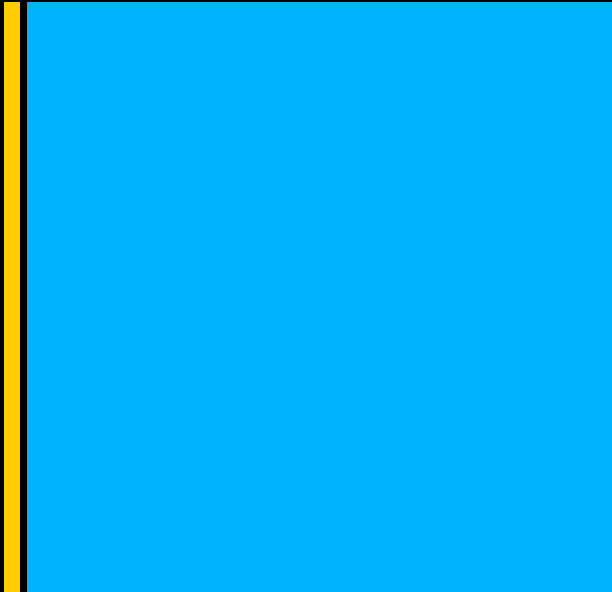


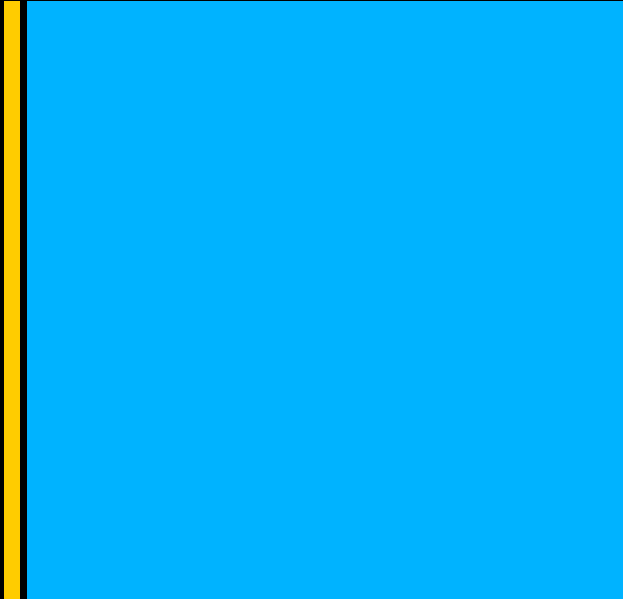


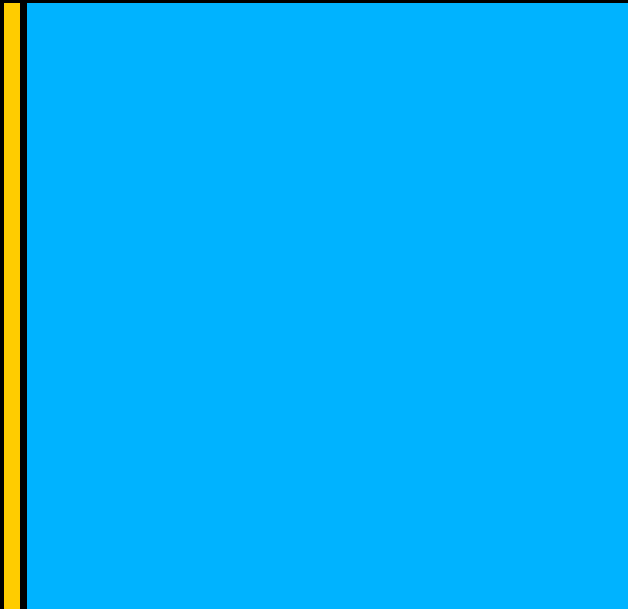


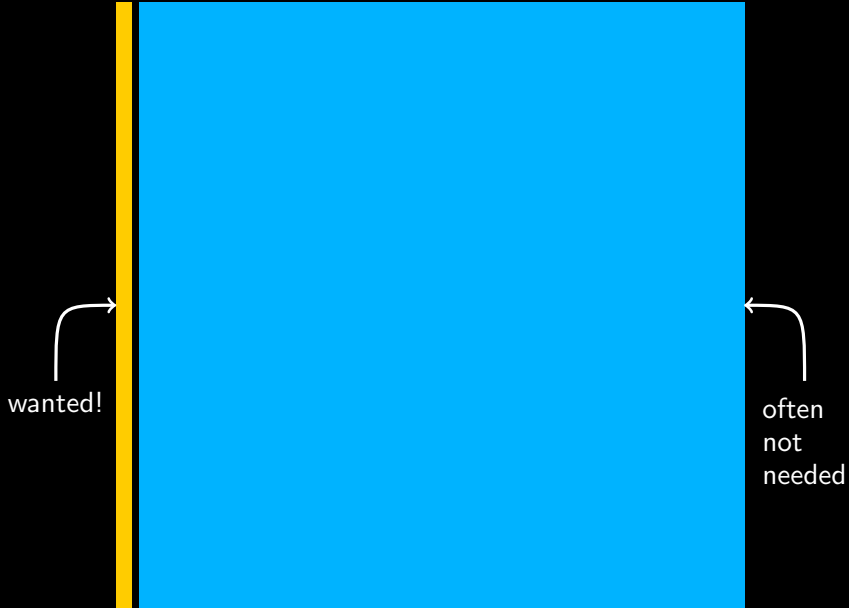












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