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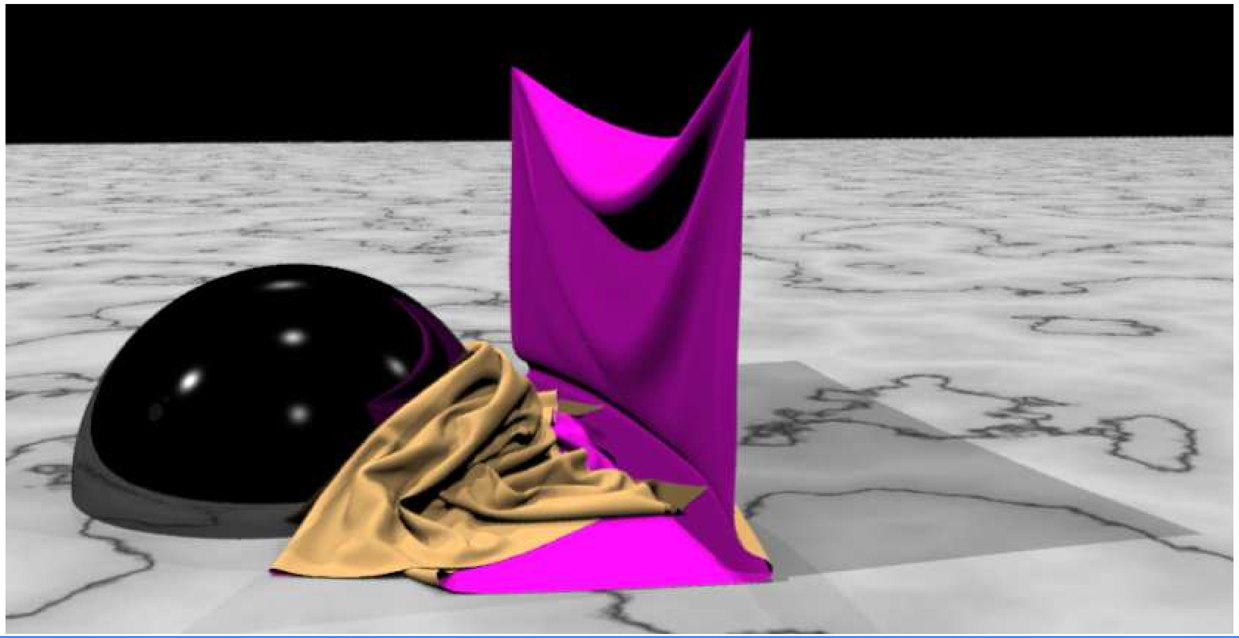

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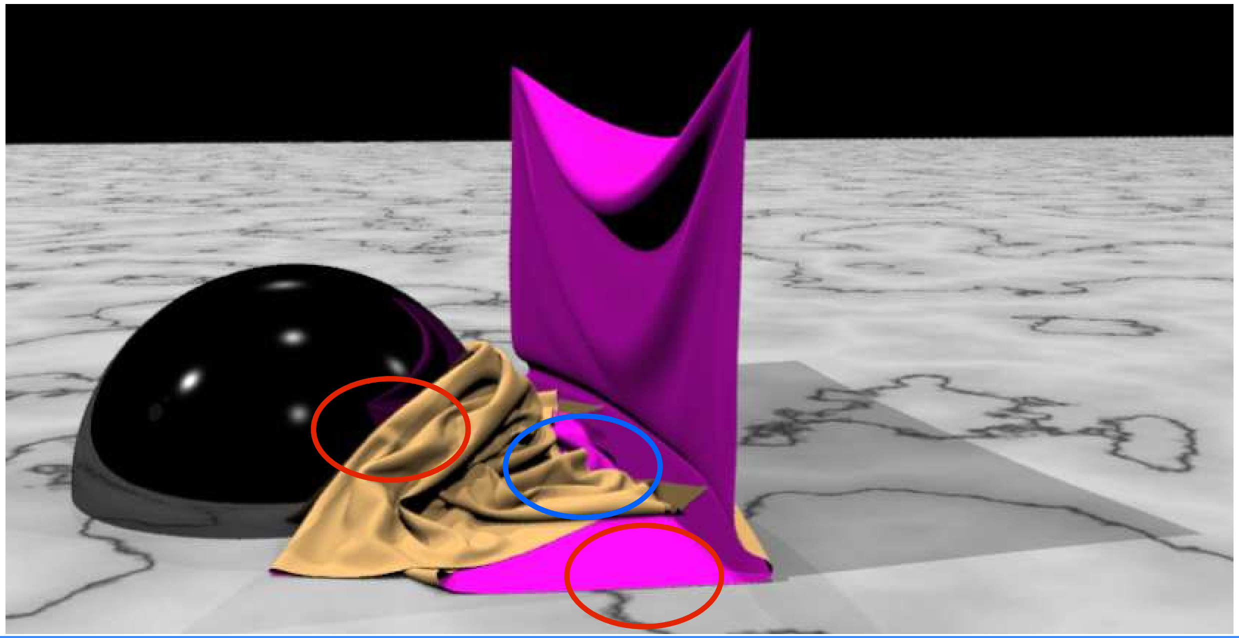

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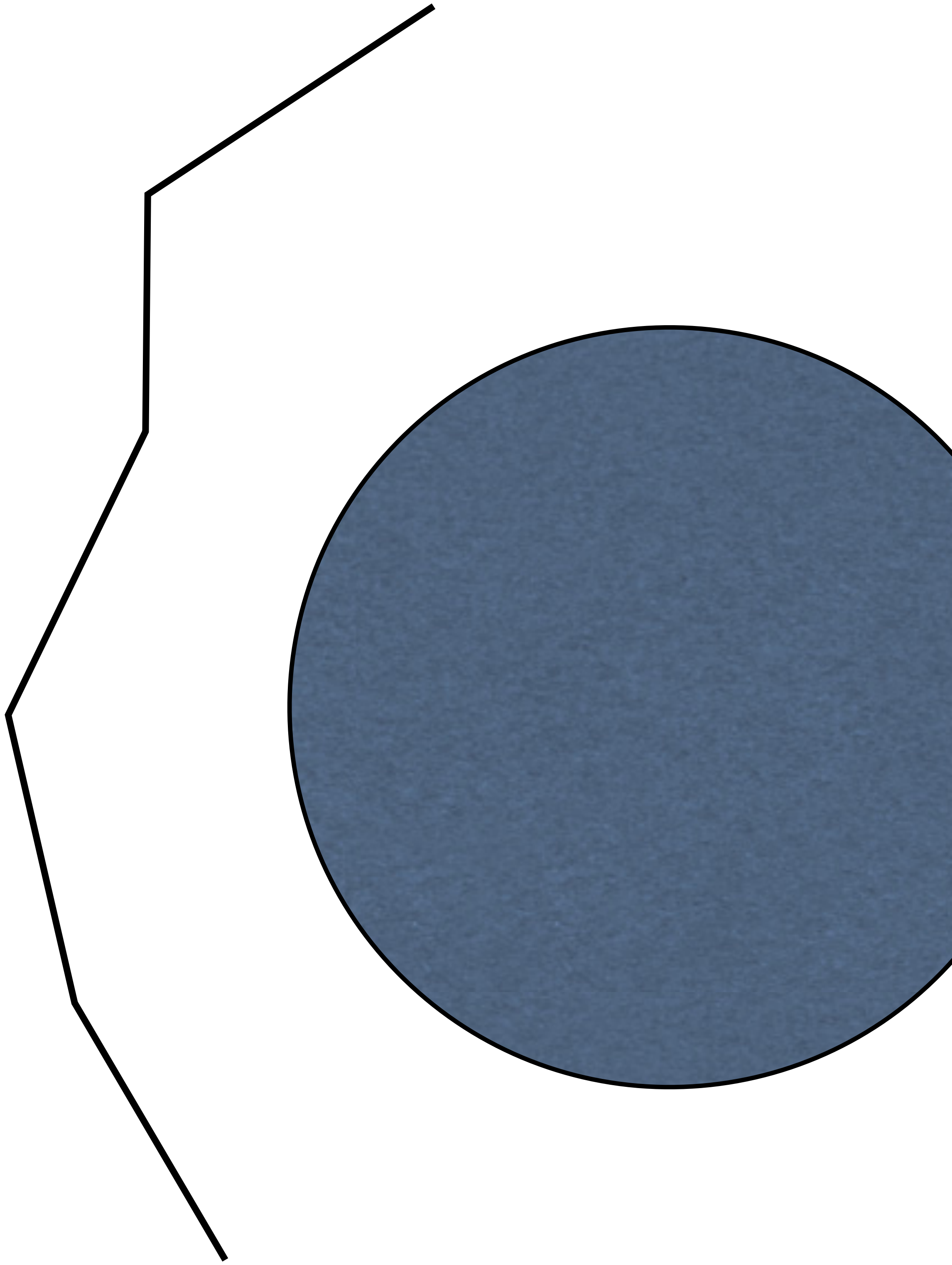

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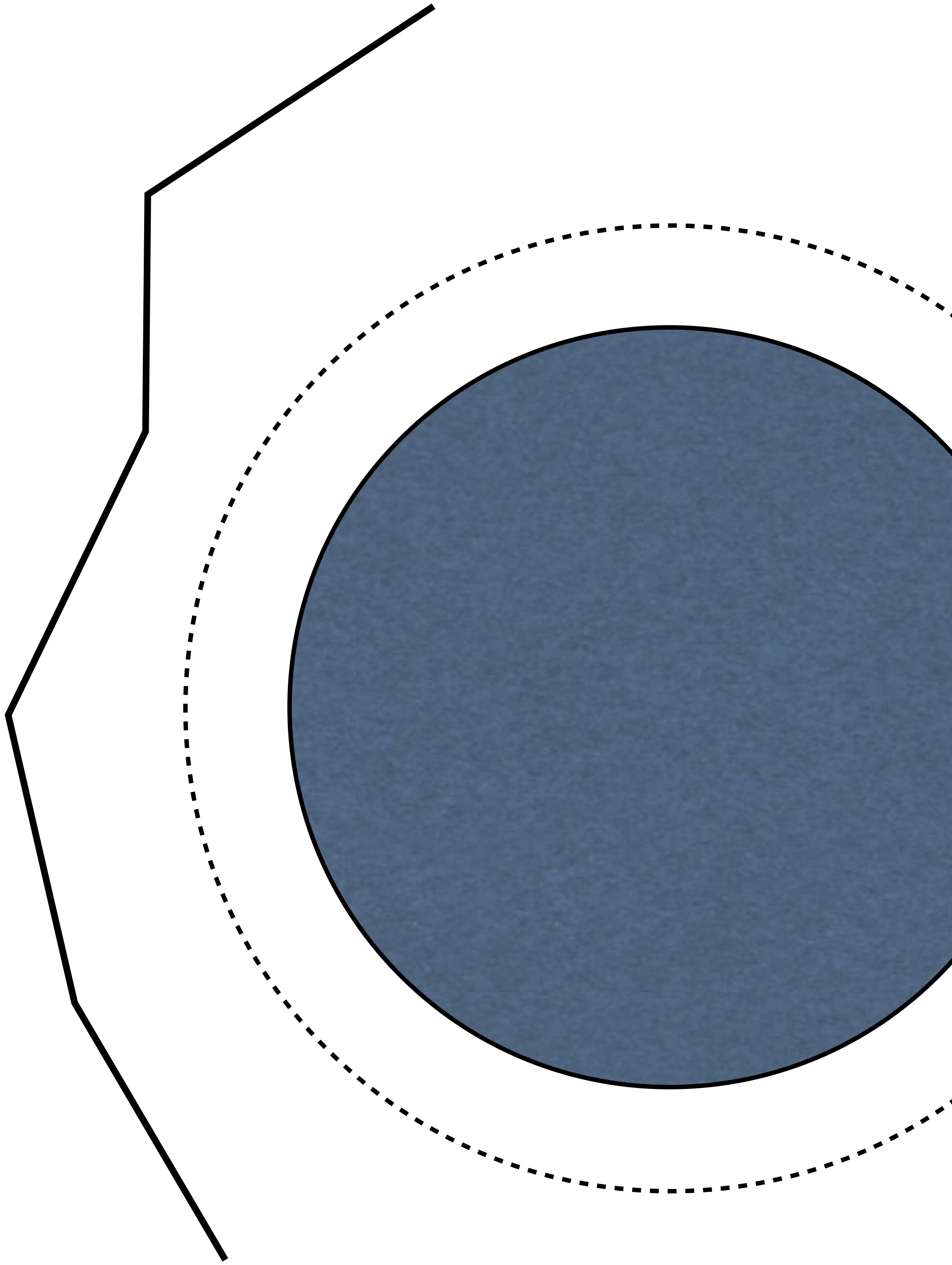

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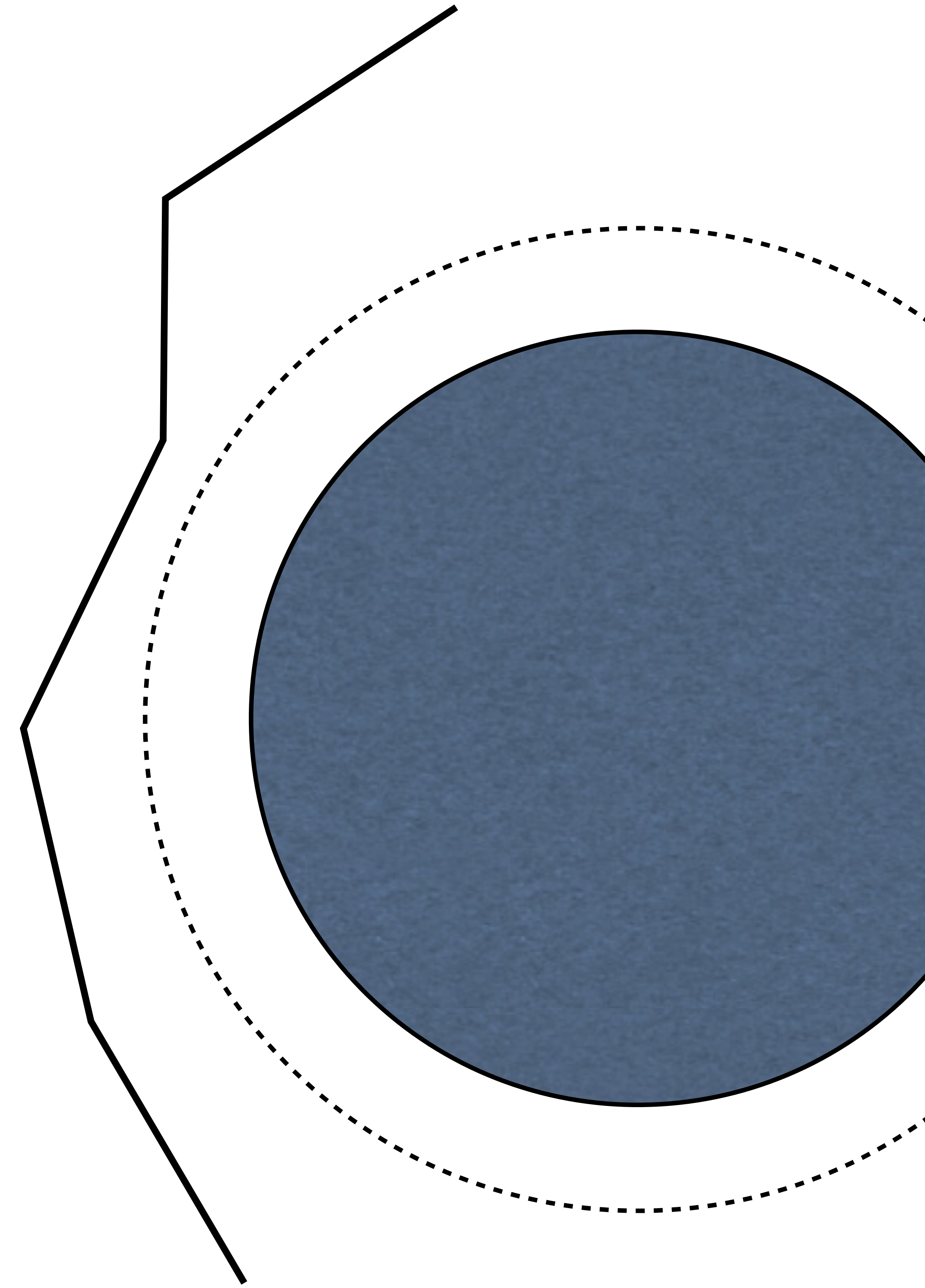

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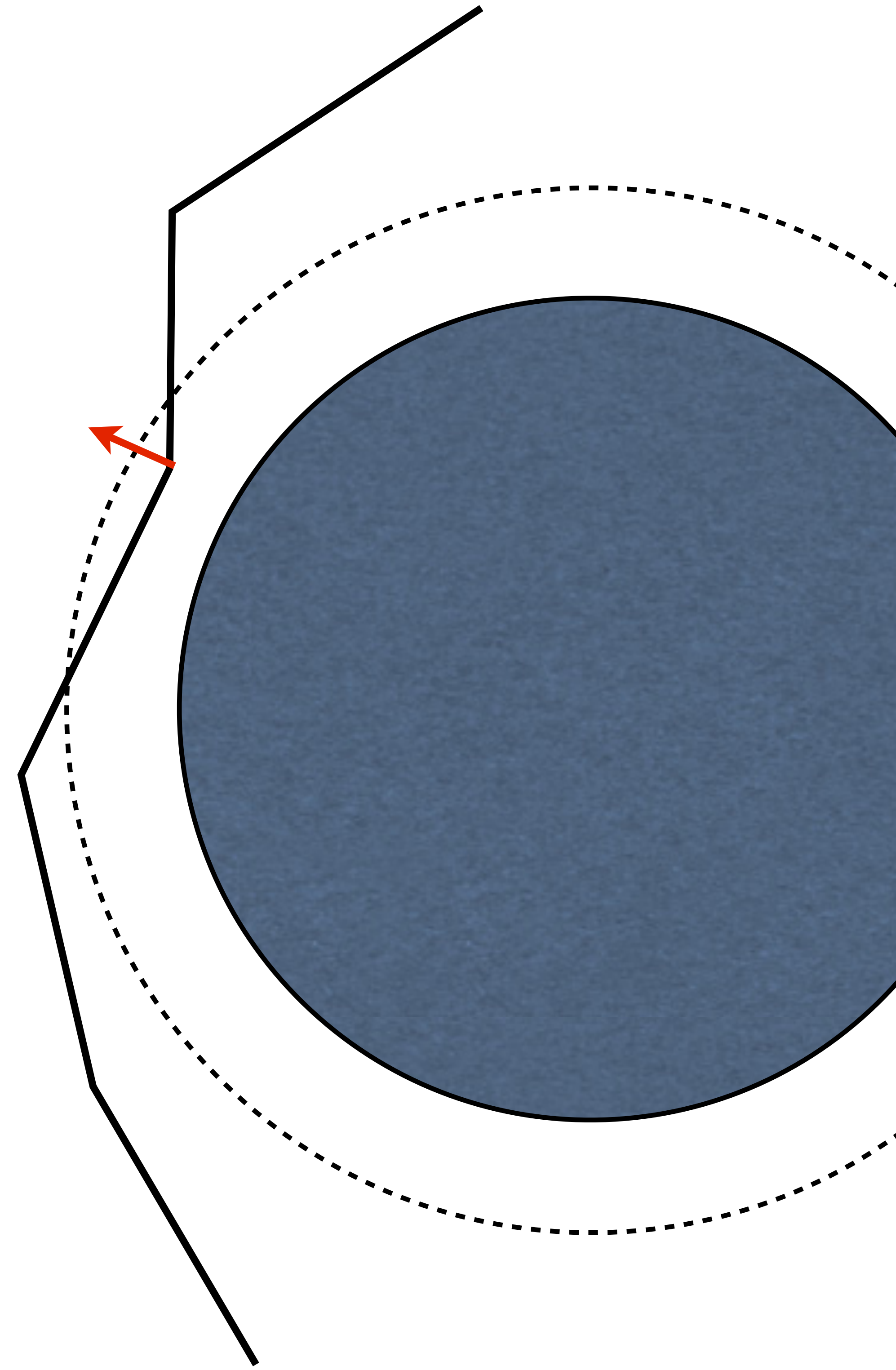

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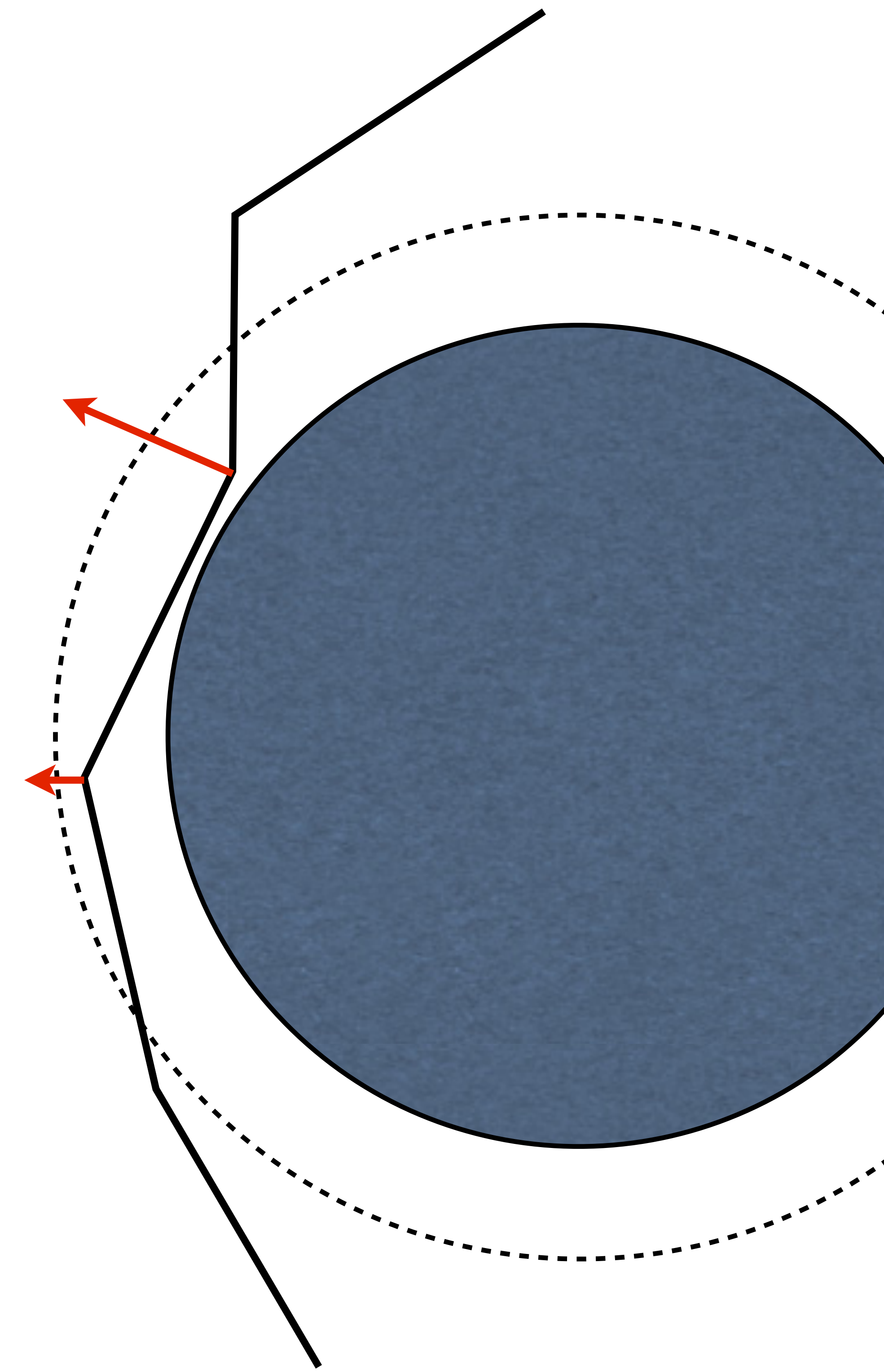

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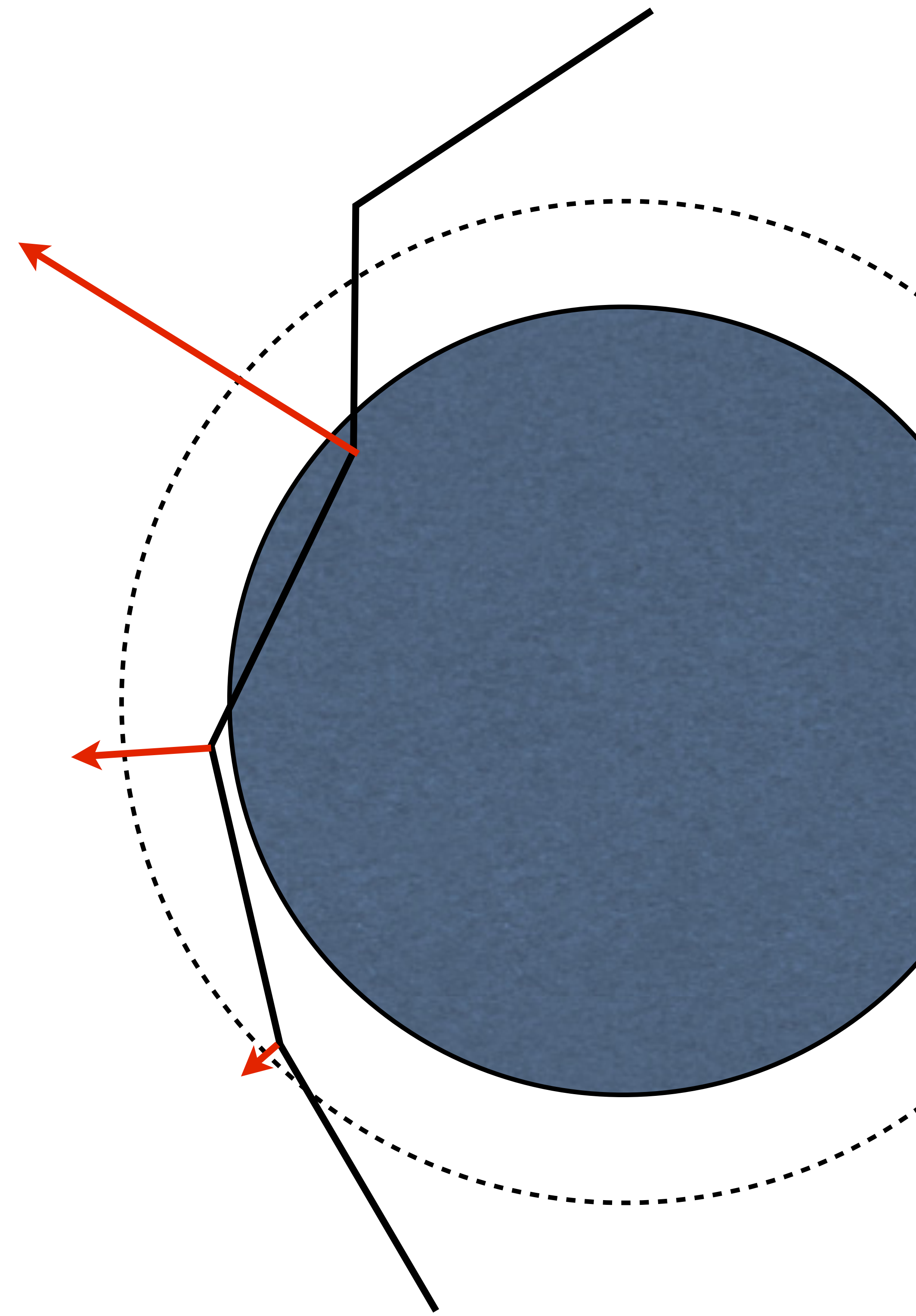

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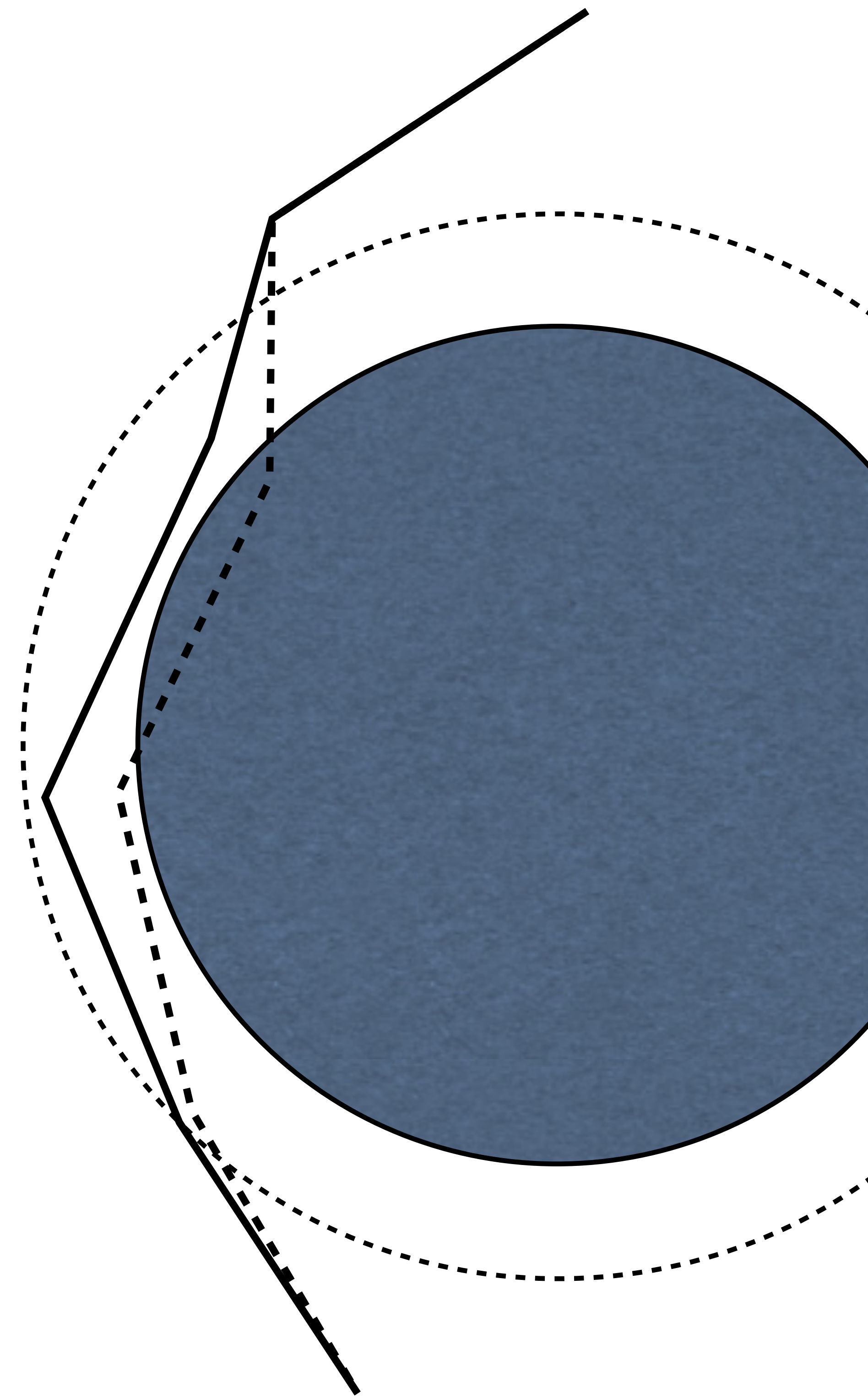

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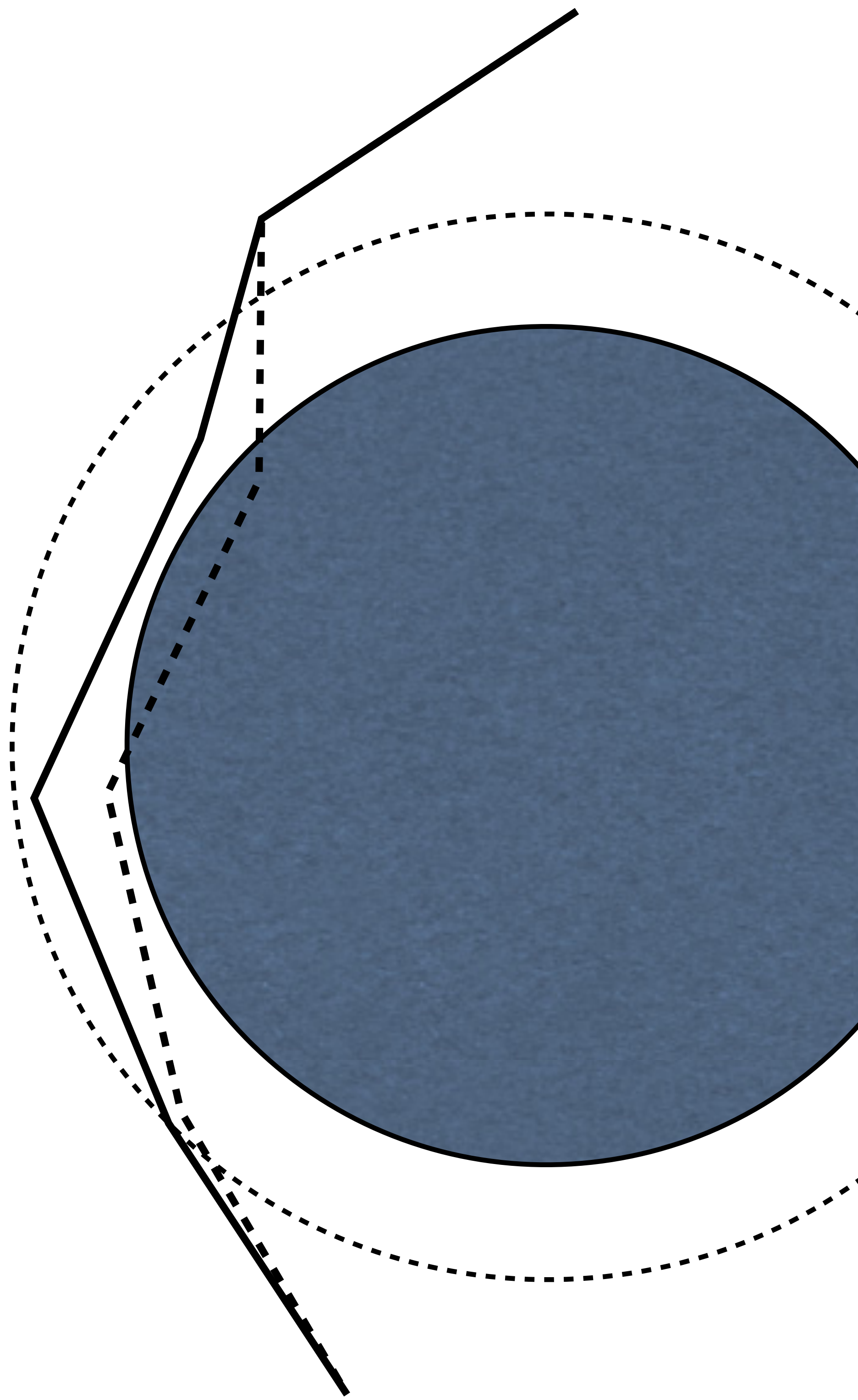

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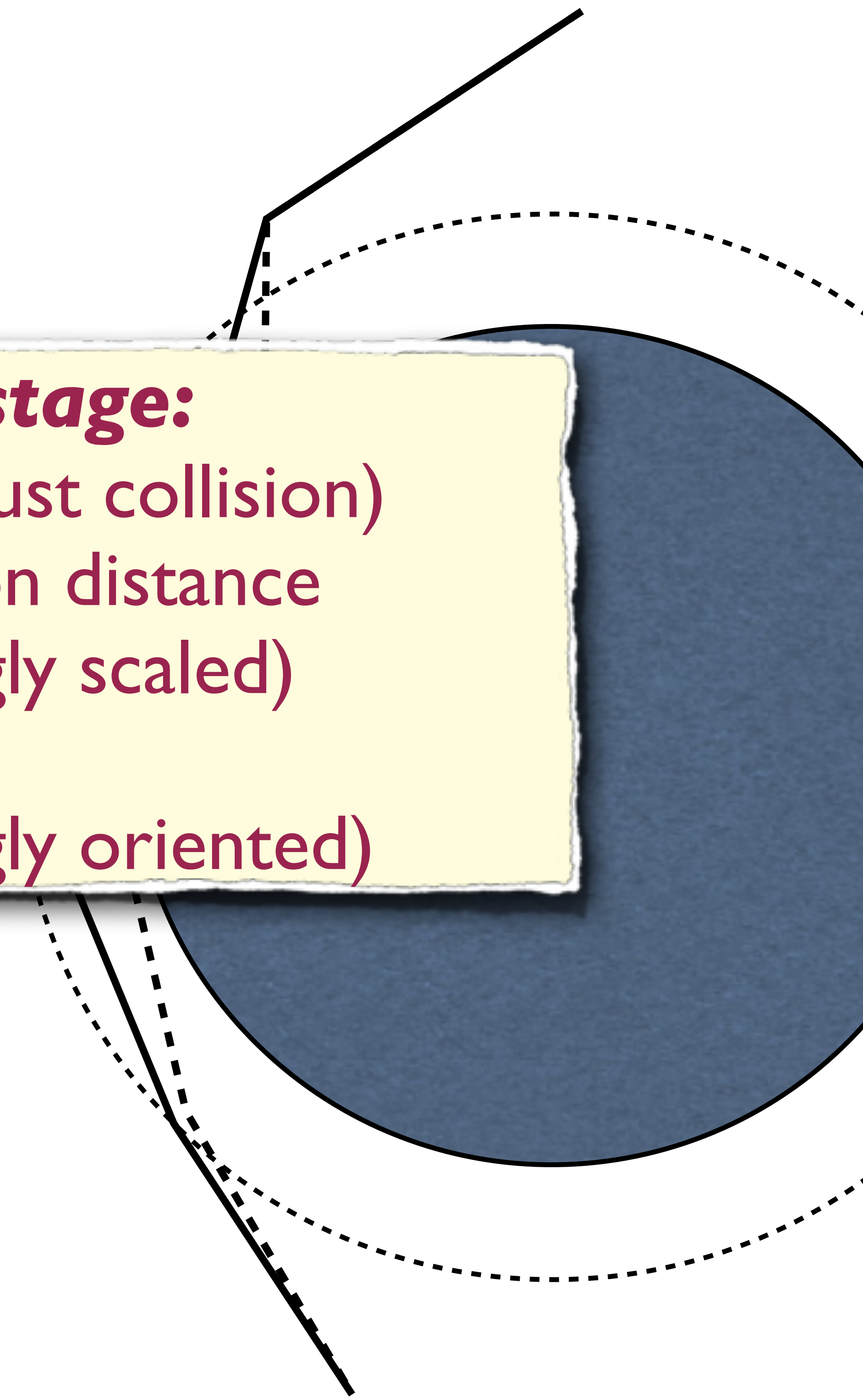

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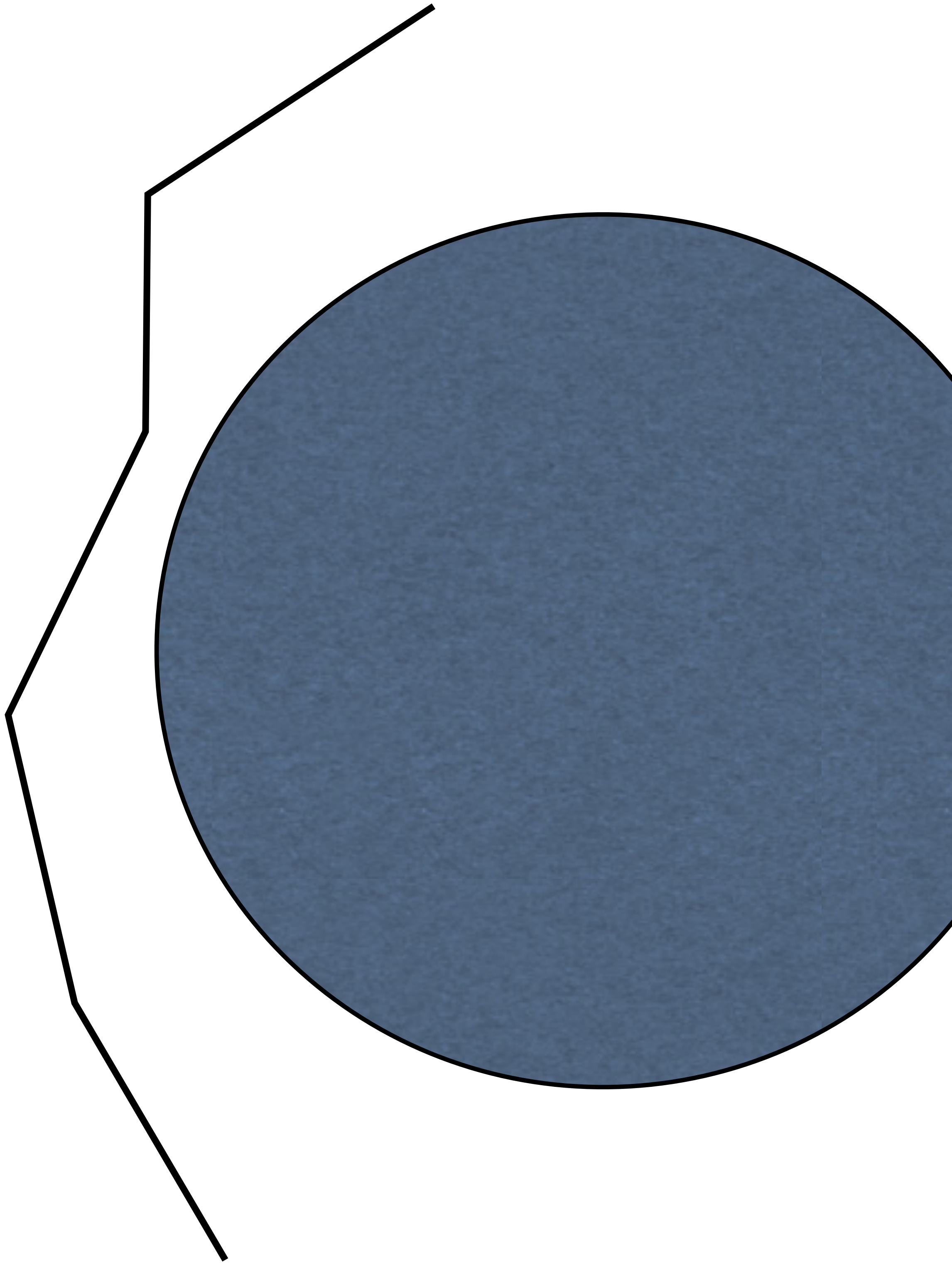

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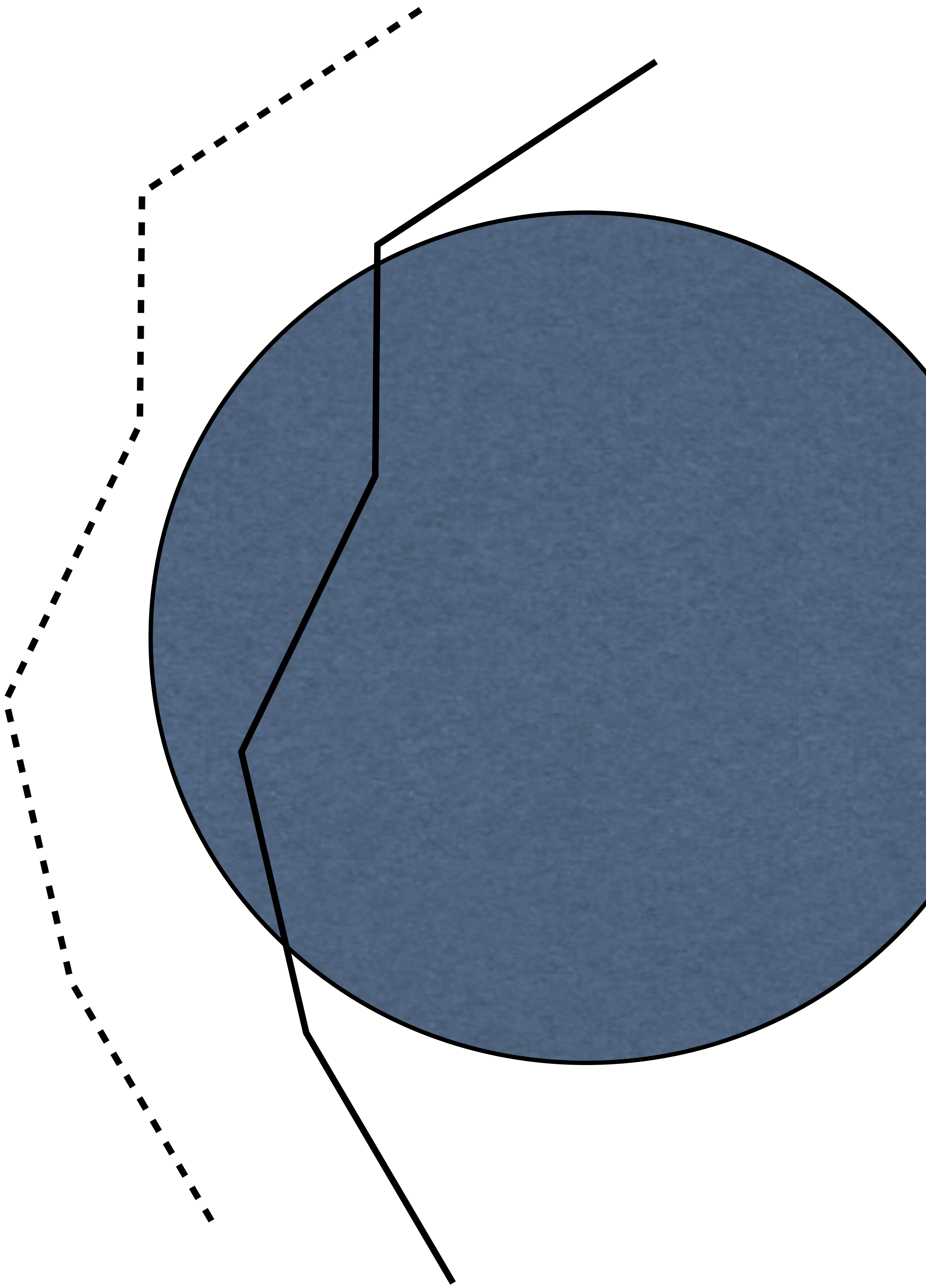

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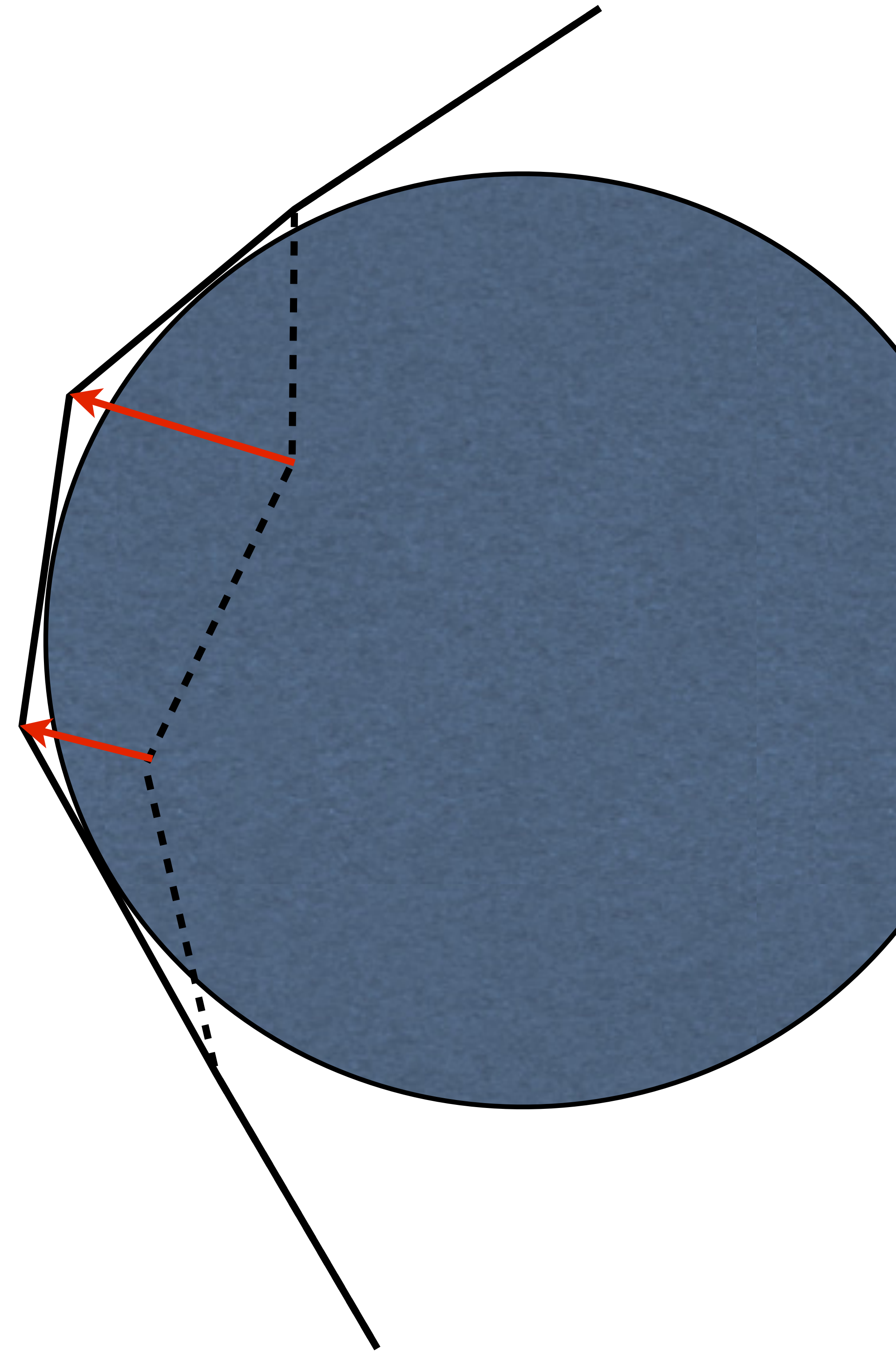

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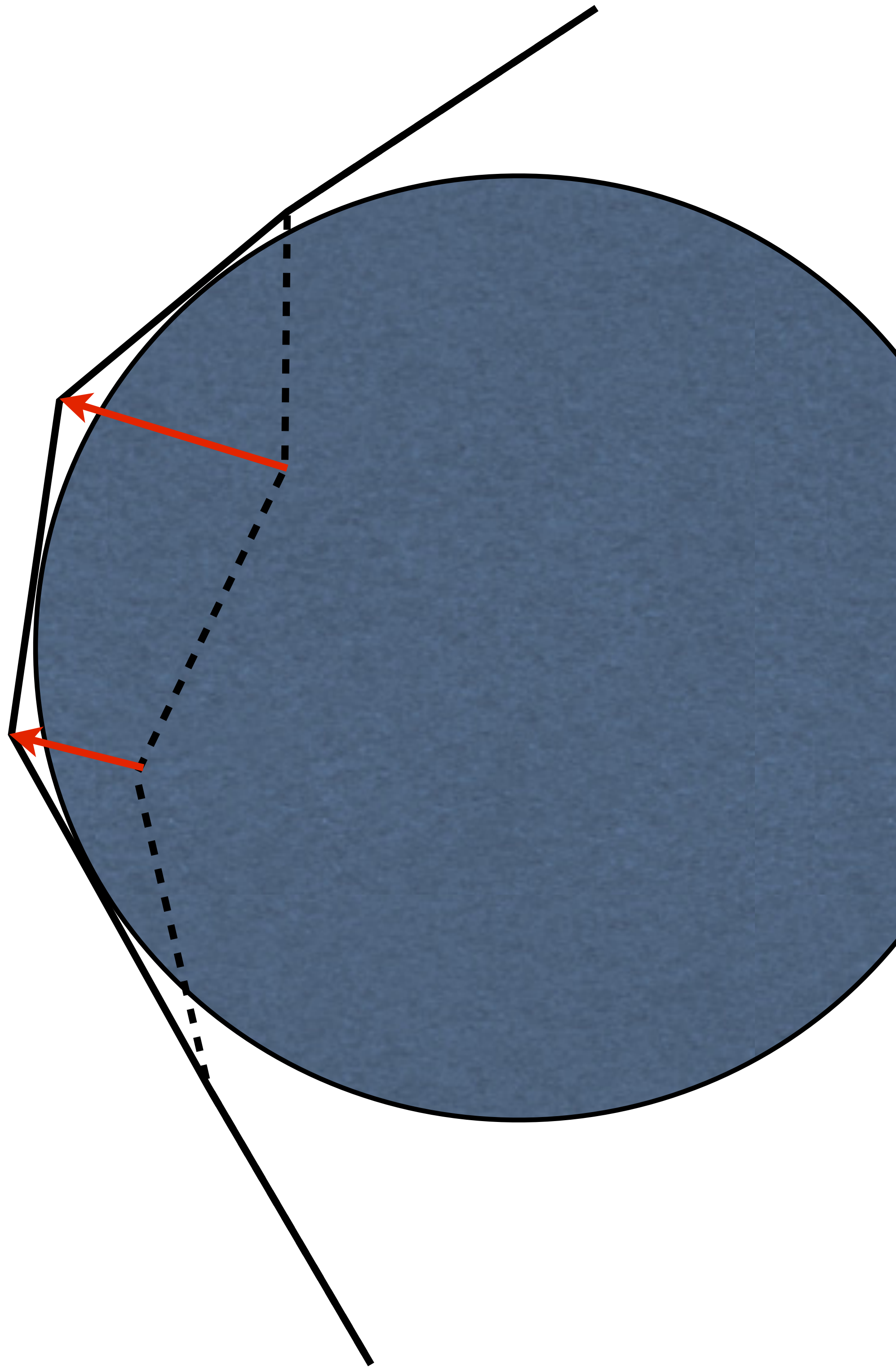

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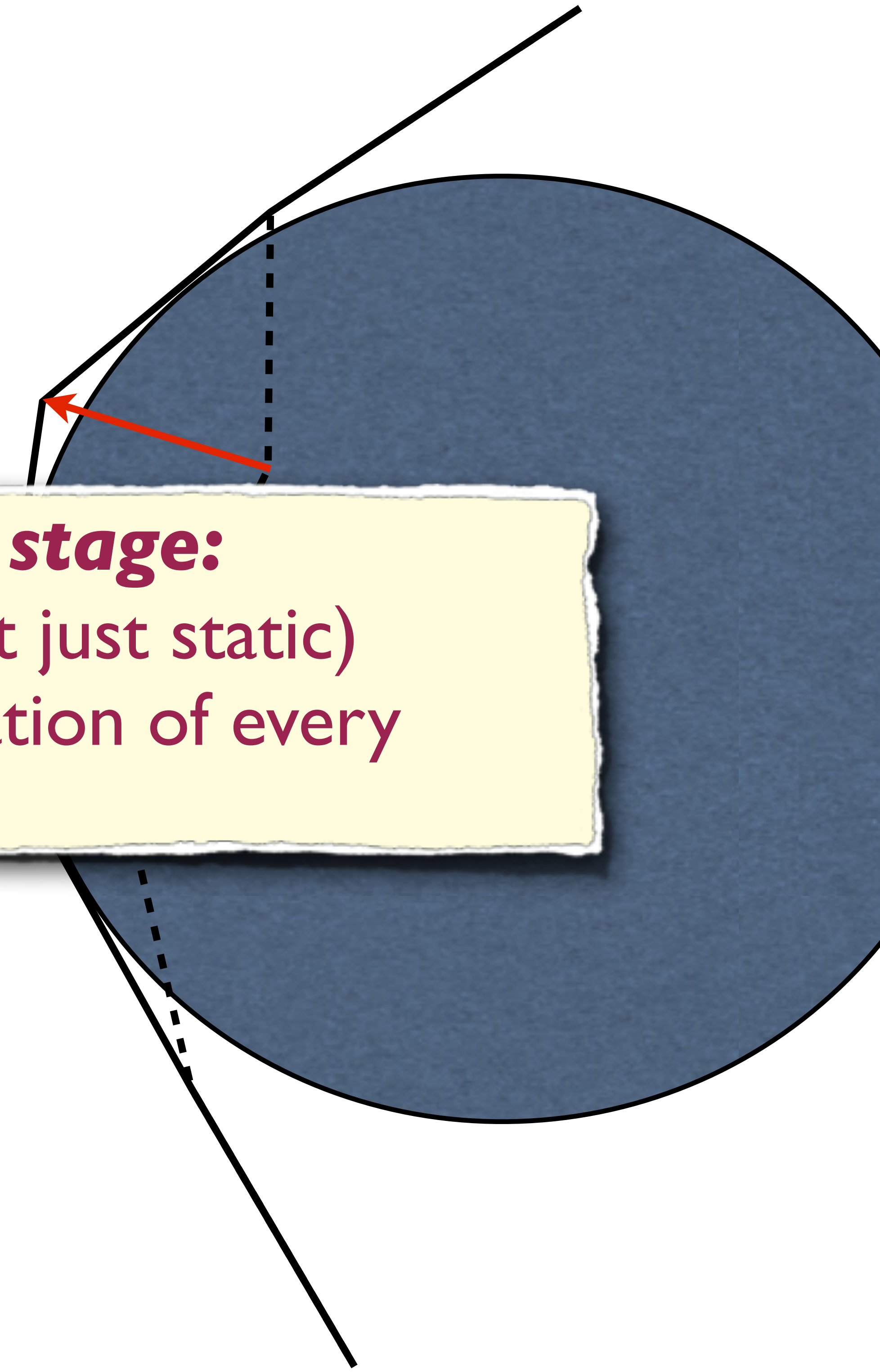

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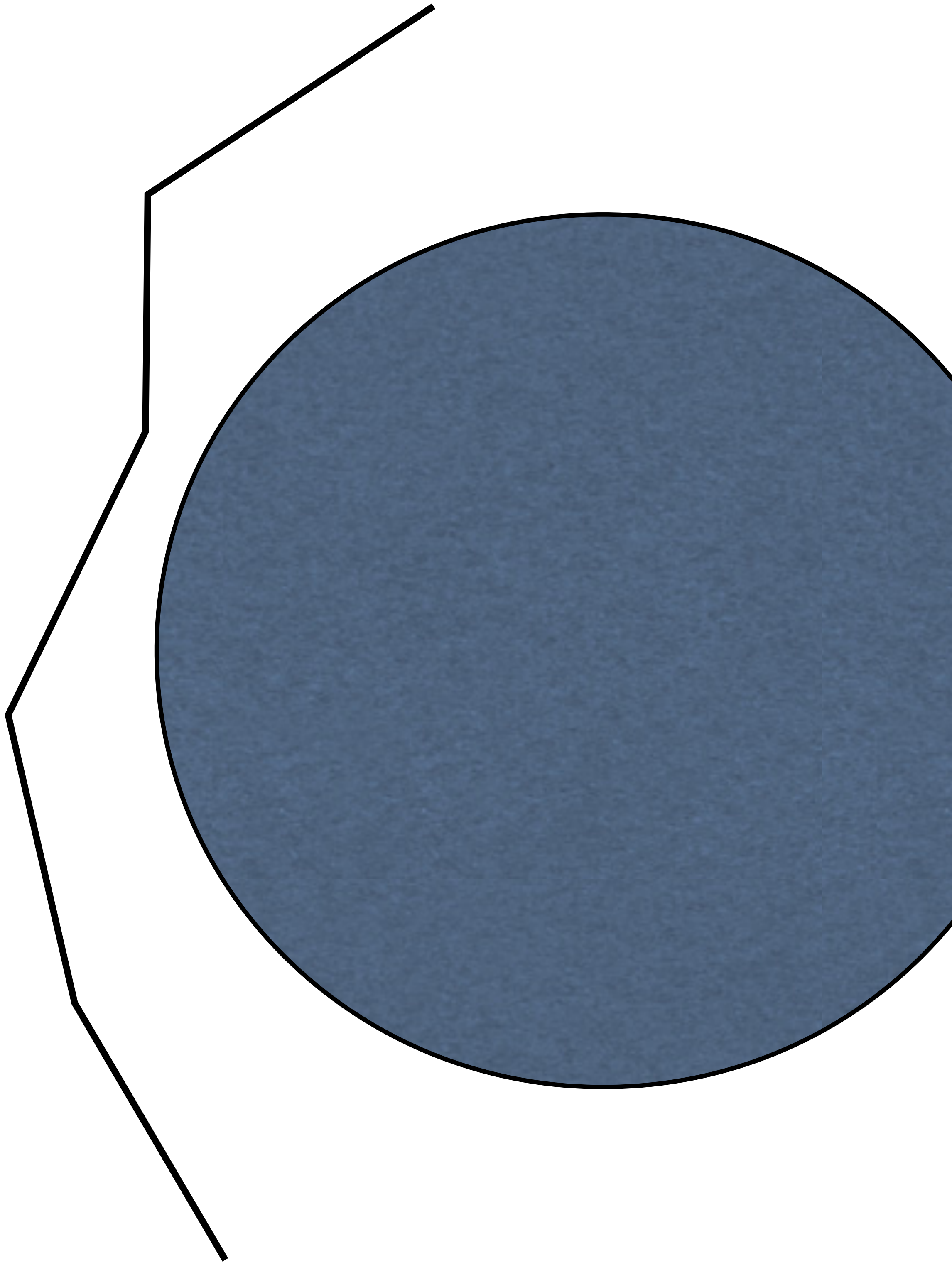

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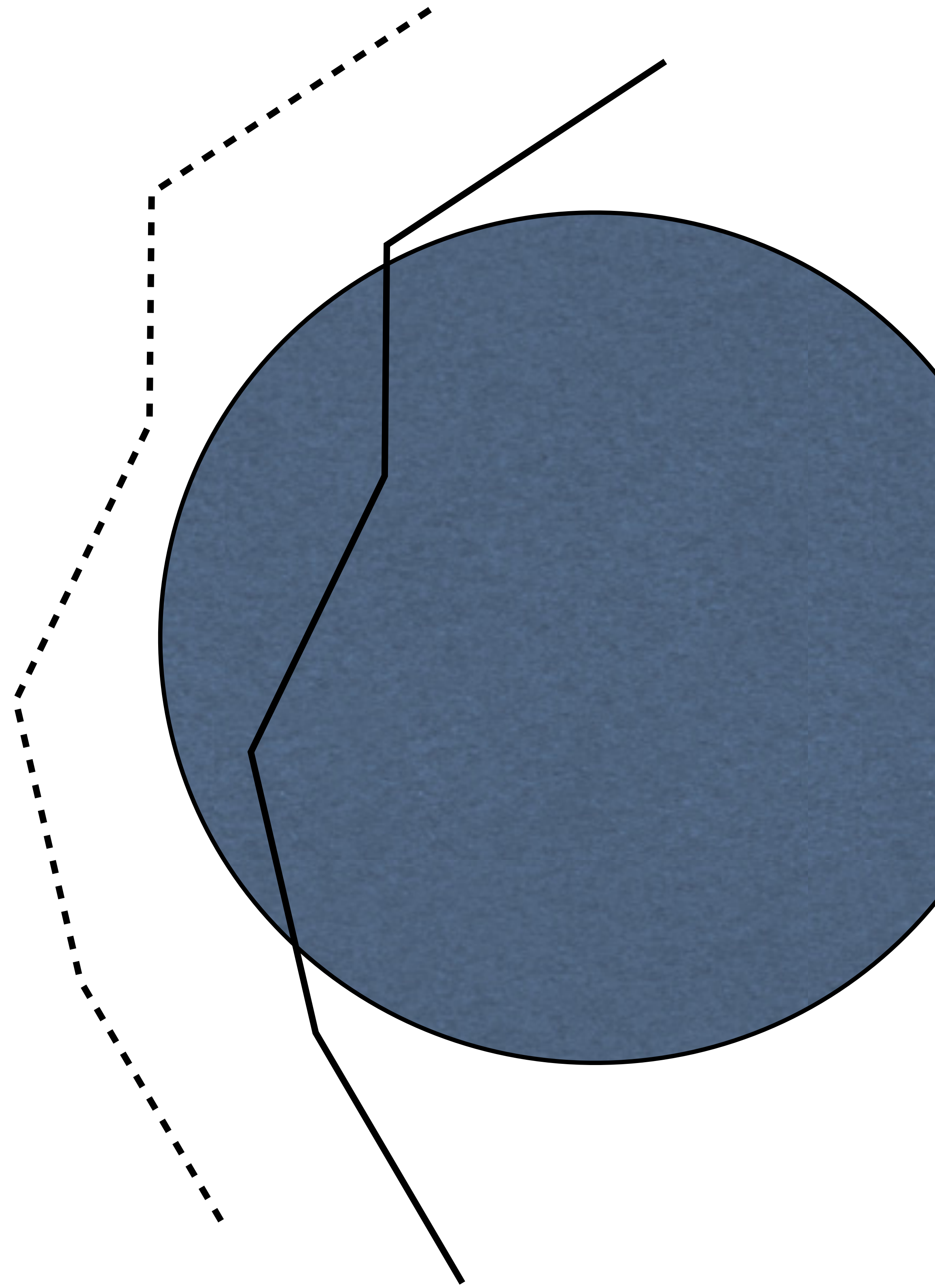

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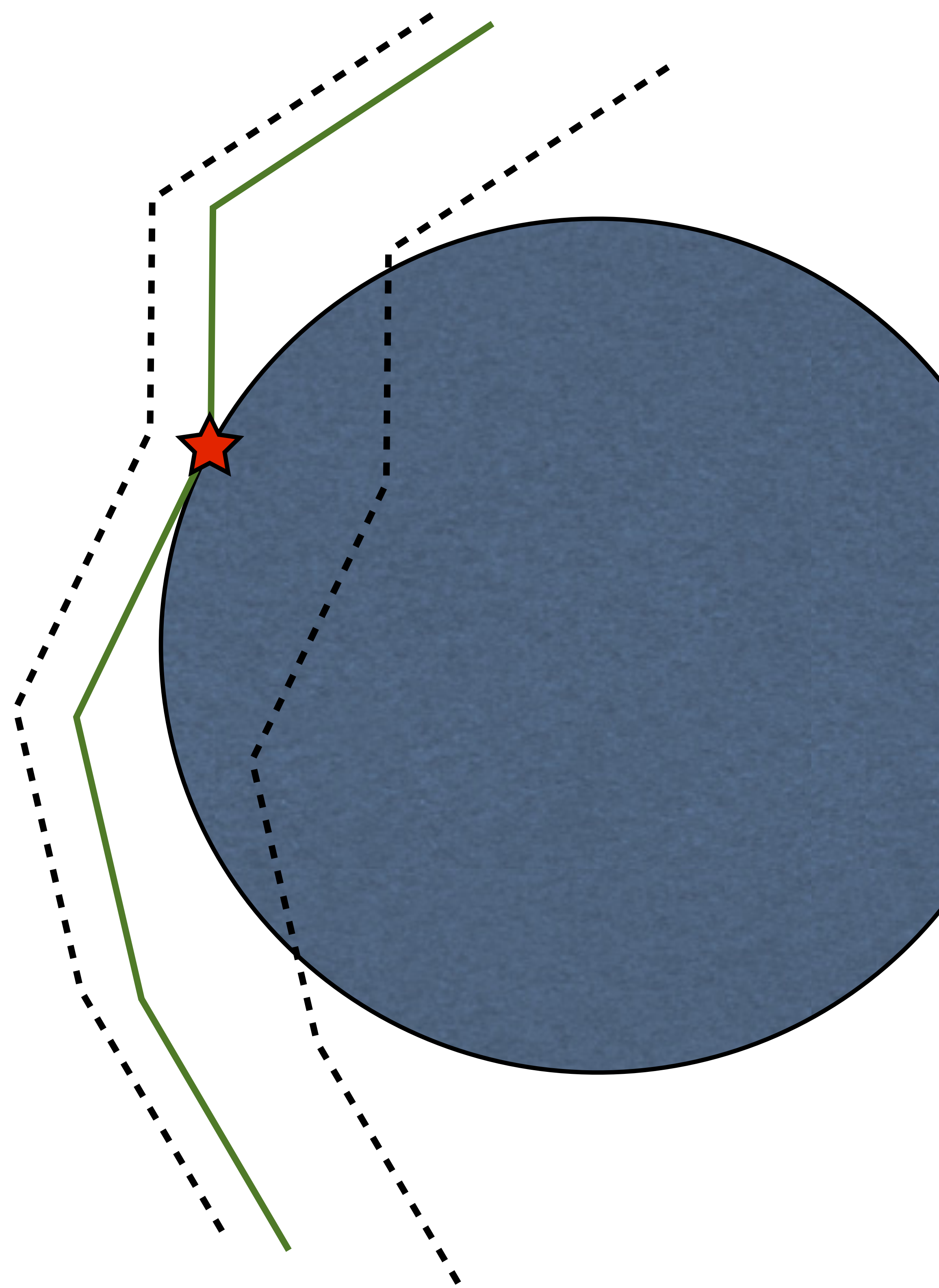

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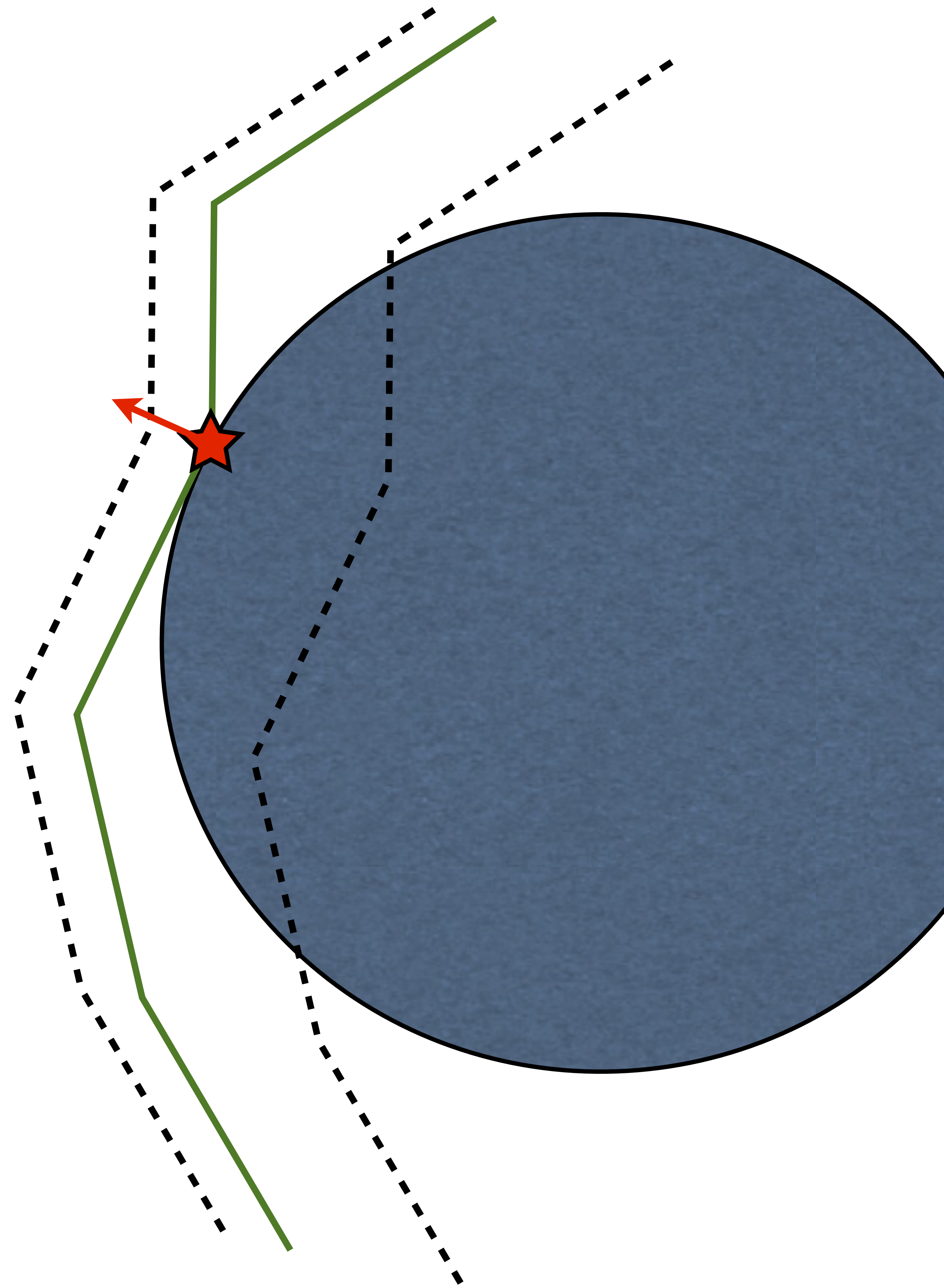

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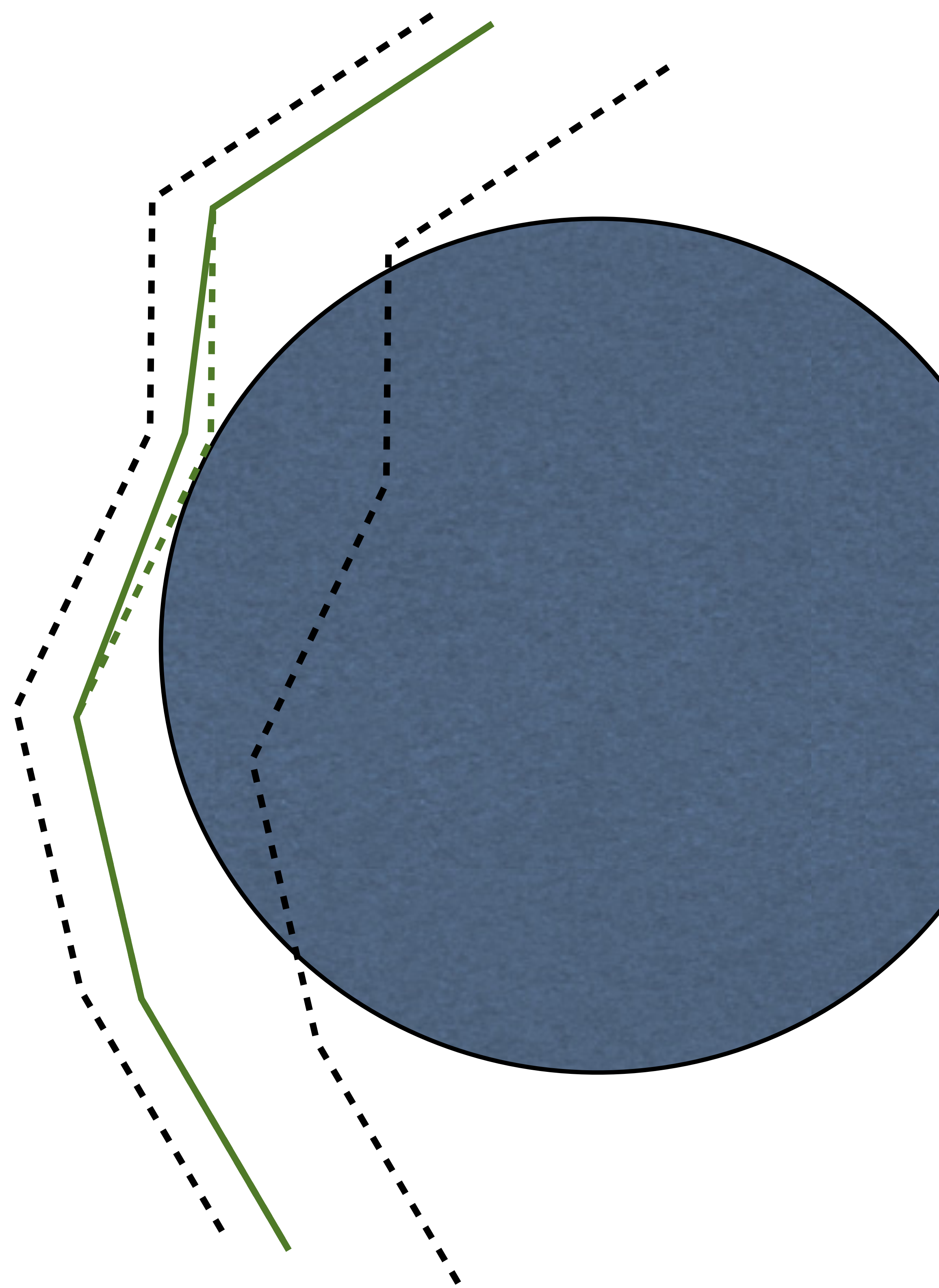

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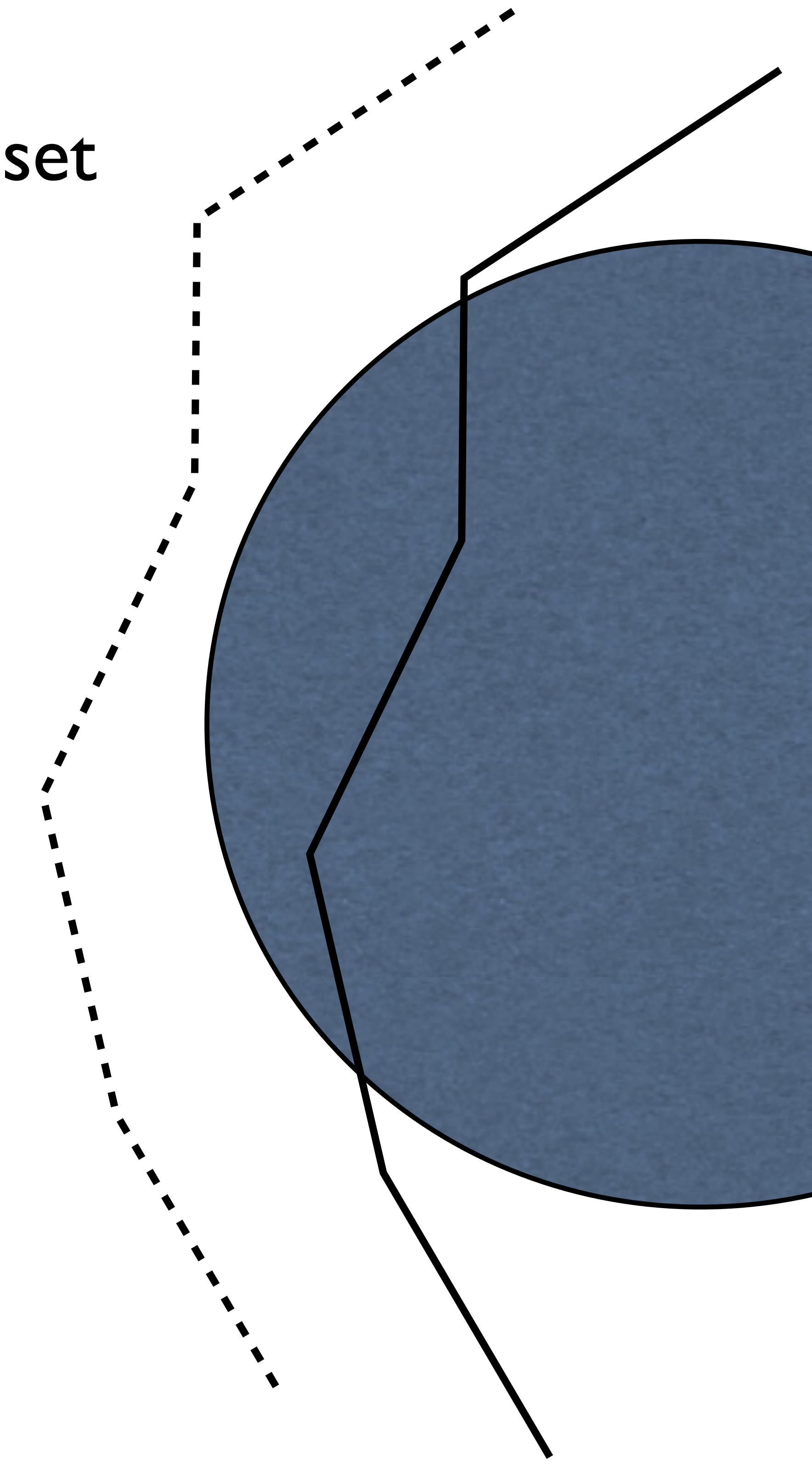

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e.g.

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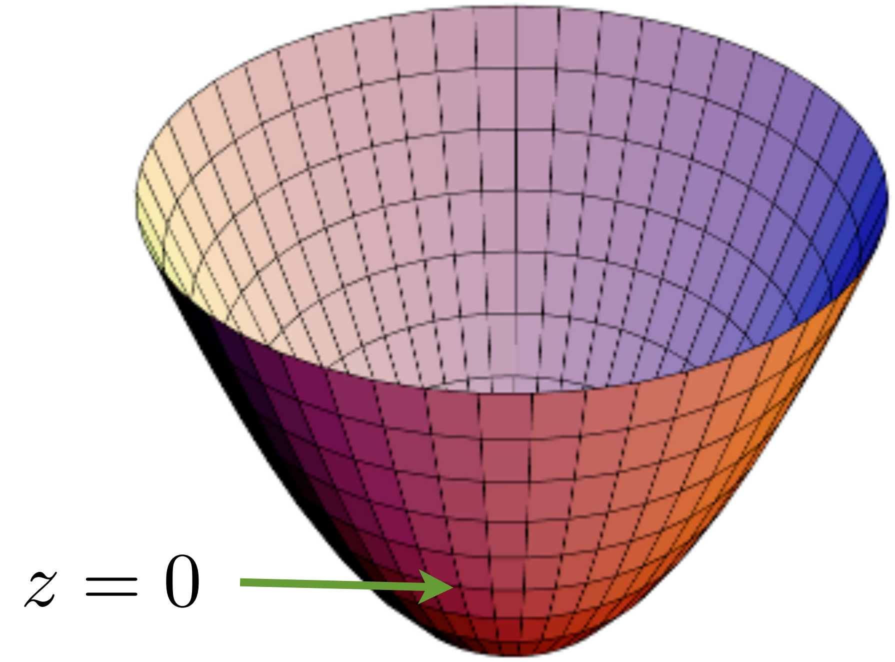

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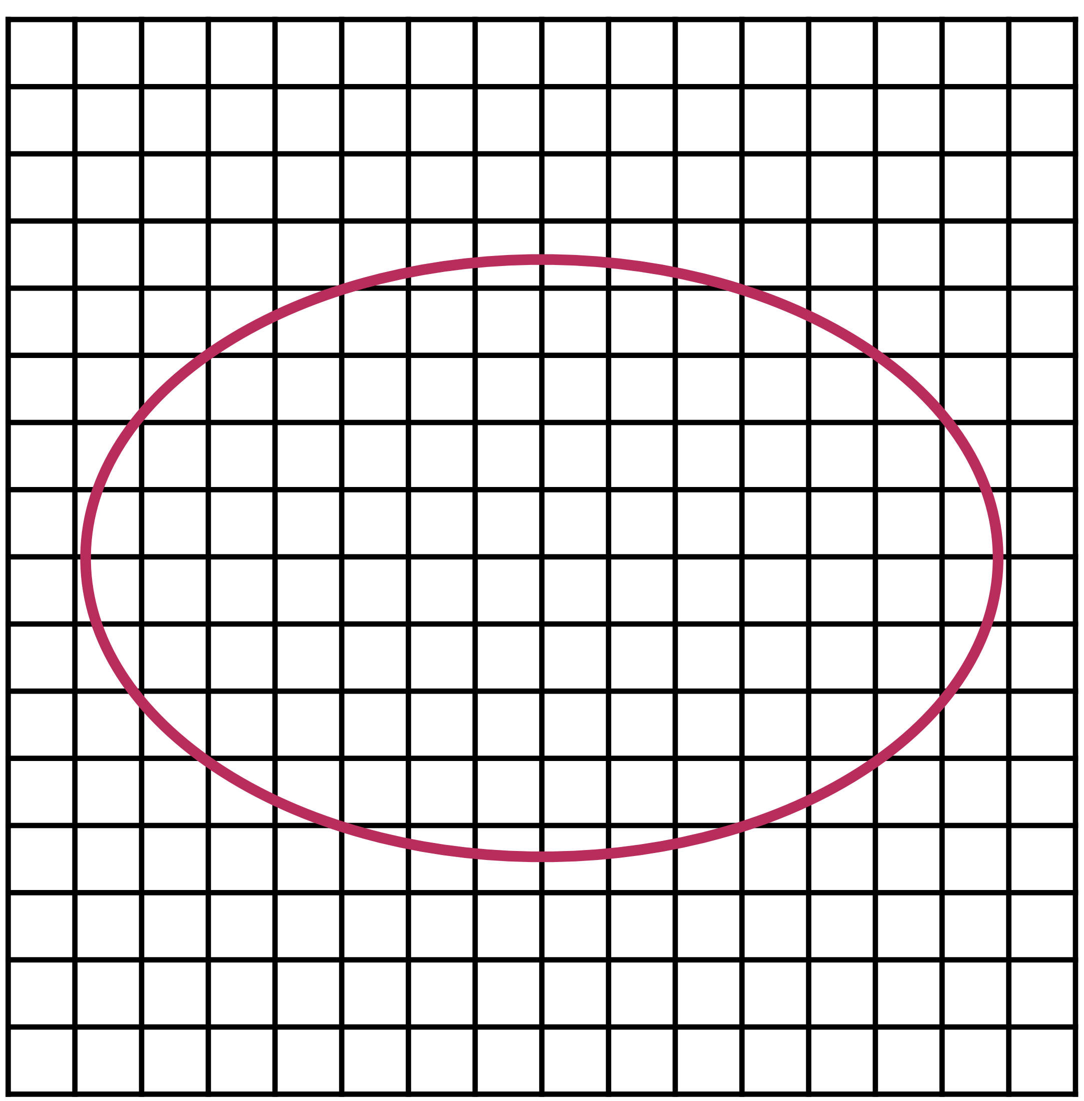

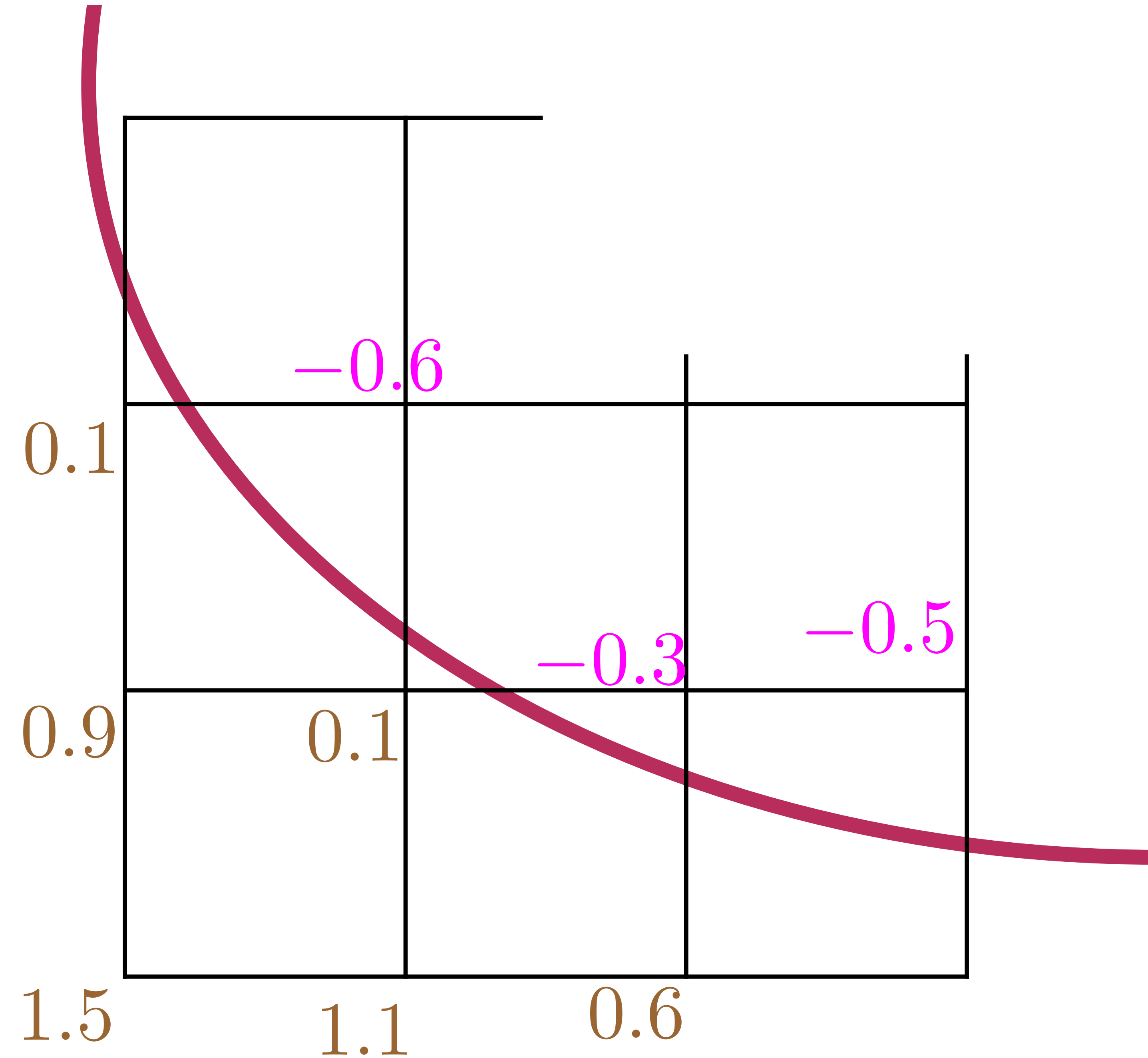

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  - Sometimes we seek collisions between open surfaces, which do not have an *"interior"* to describe as a levelset
- If simulation contains N primitives (particles, segments, triangles, etc) there is a potential for O(N^2) *"candidate"* intersection pairs
  - Brute force check would require O(N^2) cost
  - Every simulation step ideally requires O(N) effort (e.g. with Forward Euler, or BE with fixed CG iterations)
  - Ideally the detection cost should not exceed O(N) by much
- Popular approach : Using axis-aligned bounding box (AABB) queries to accelerate collision detection