

CLEAR

UNIT-DISTANCE

GRAPHS

Marc van Kreveld

Maarten Löffler

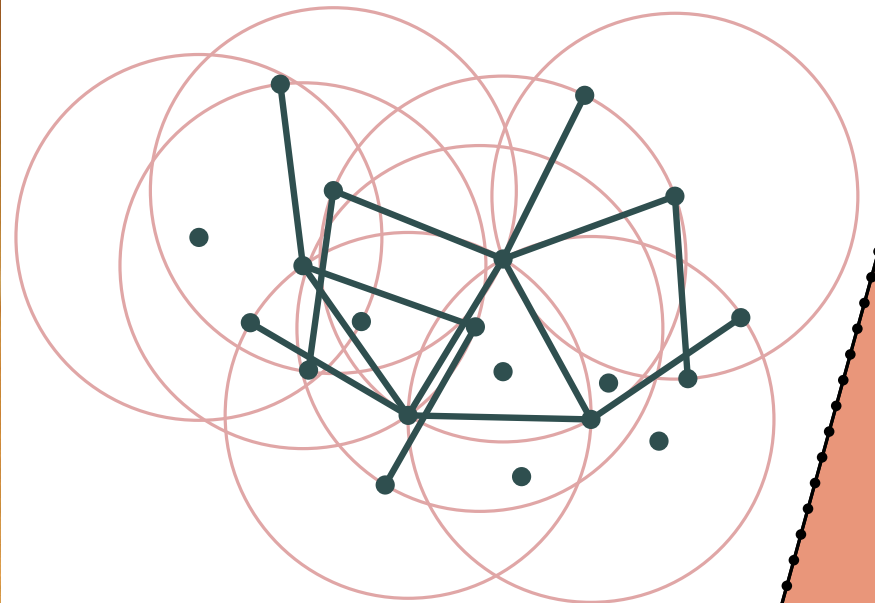
Frank Staals

Utrecht University

# Puzzles



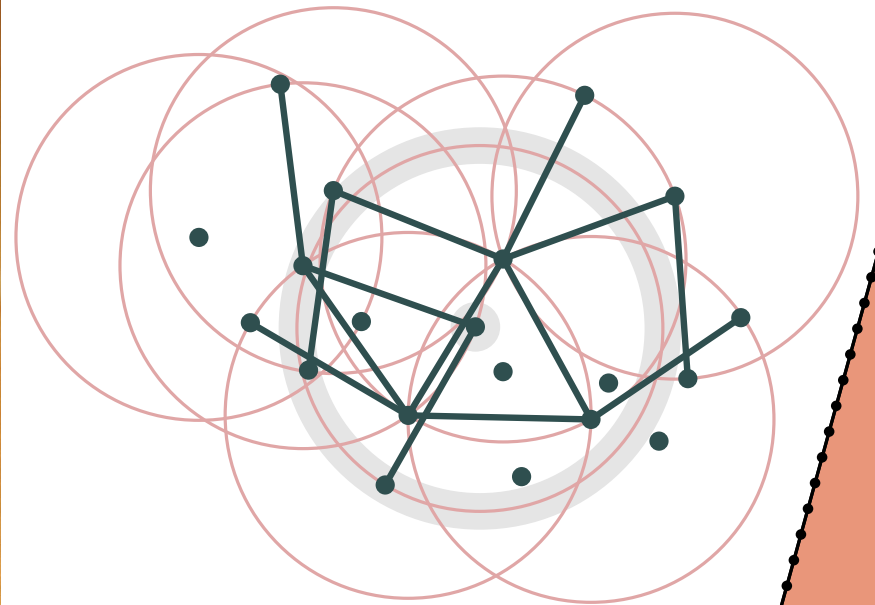
# Puzzles



Unit Distance Graph:

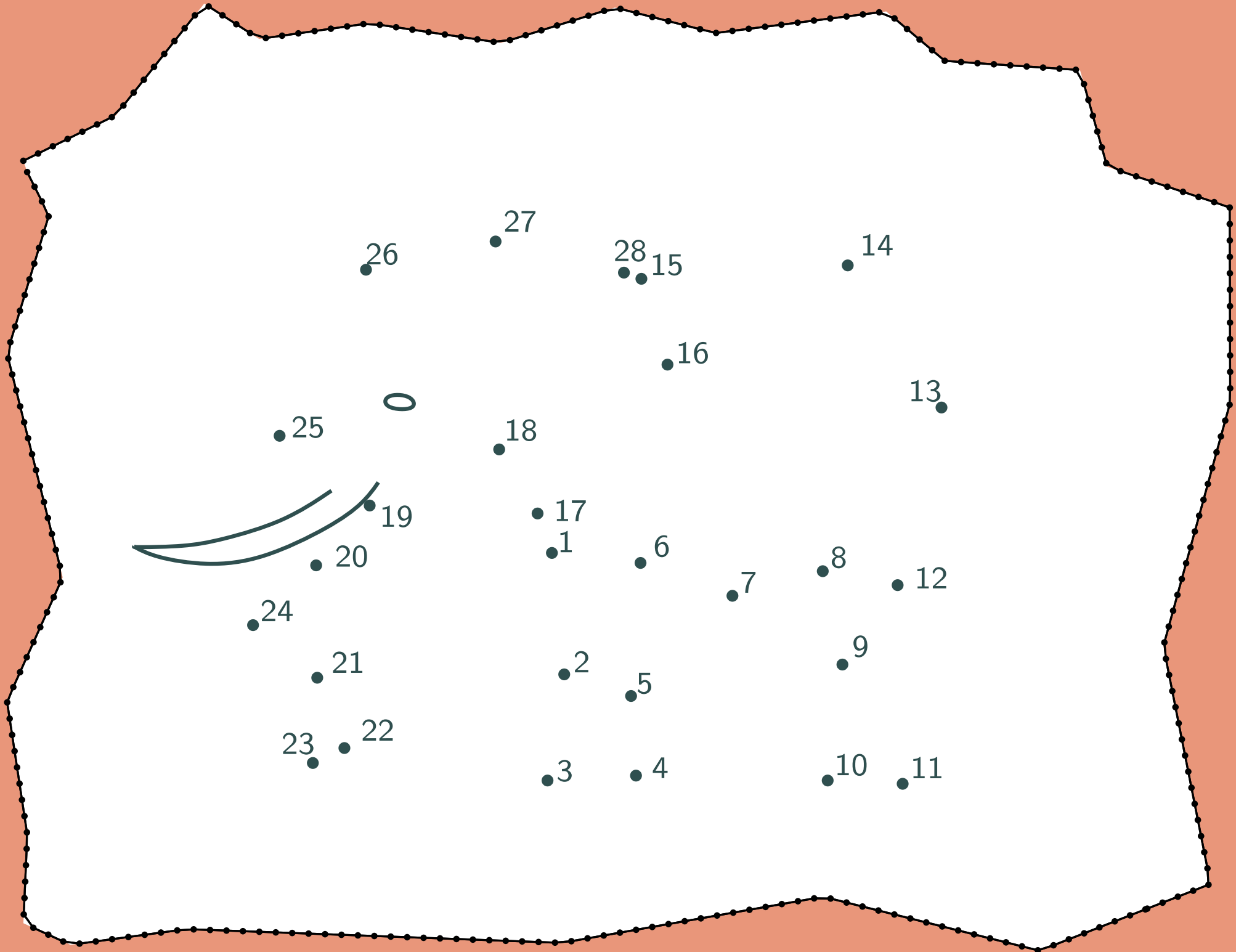
- all edges  $(p, q)$  have  $d(p, q) = 1$
- all non-edges  $(p, q)$  have  $d(p, q) \neq 1$

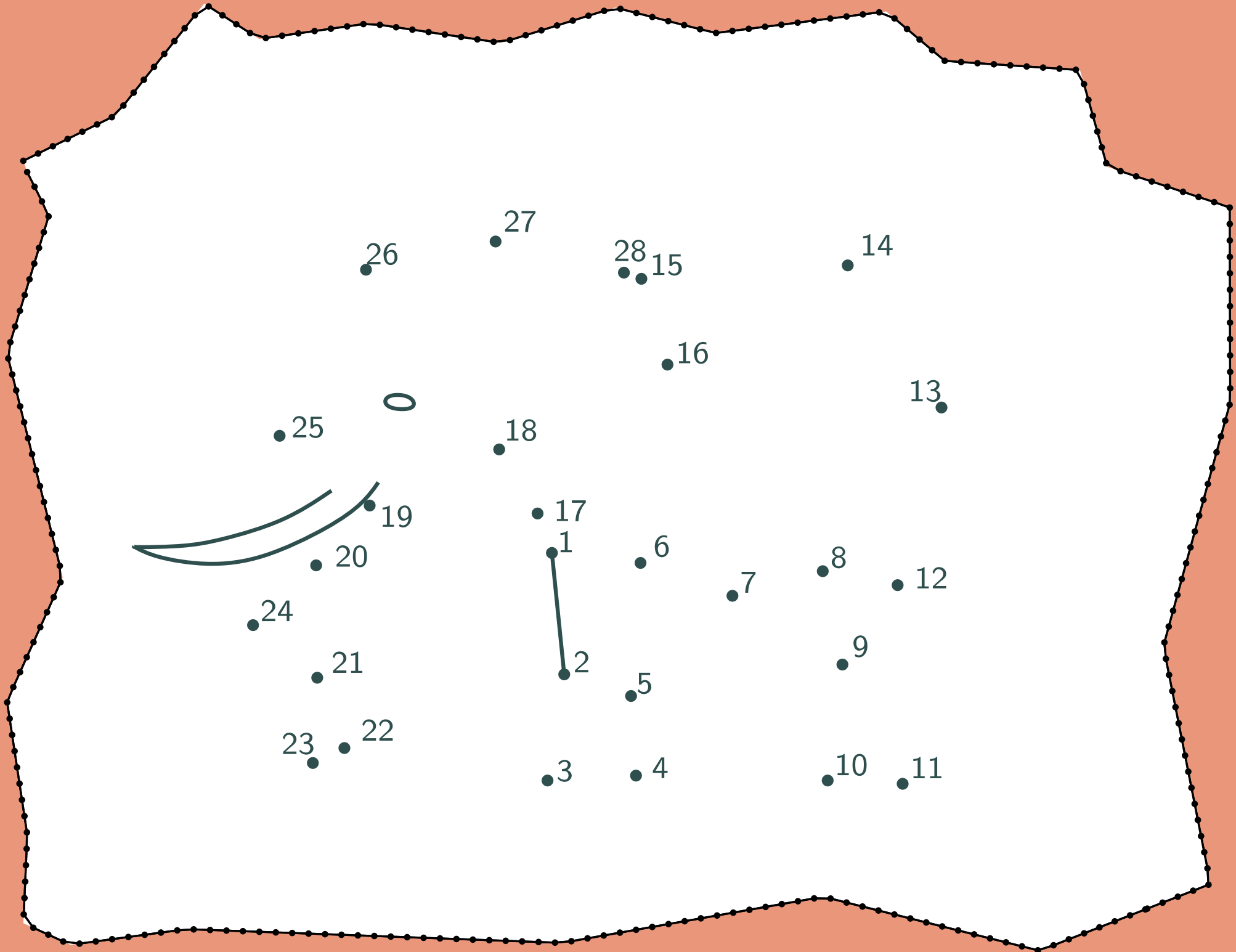
# Puzzles

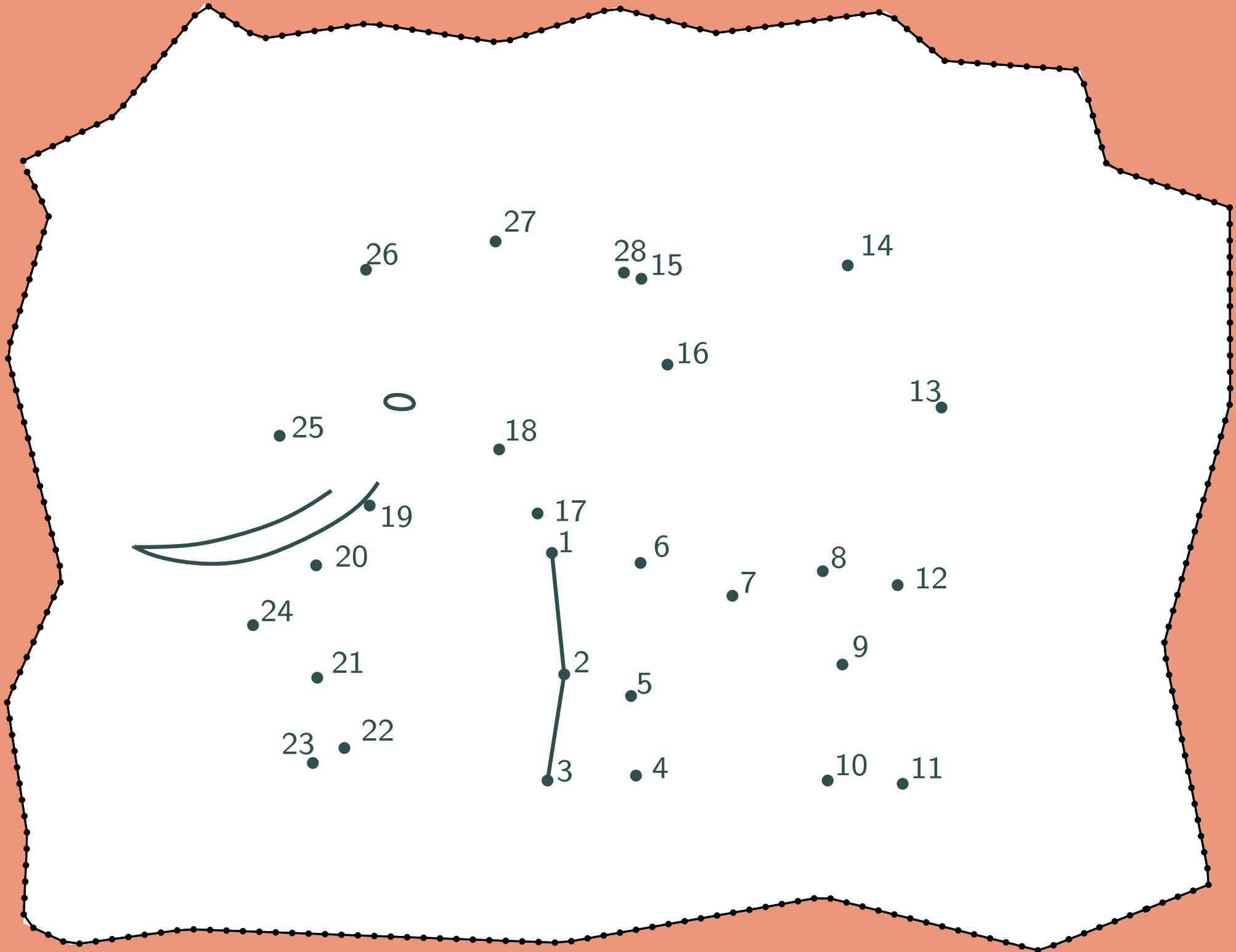


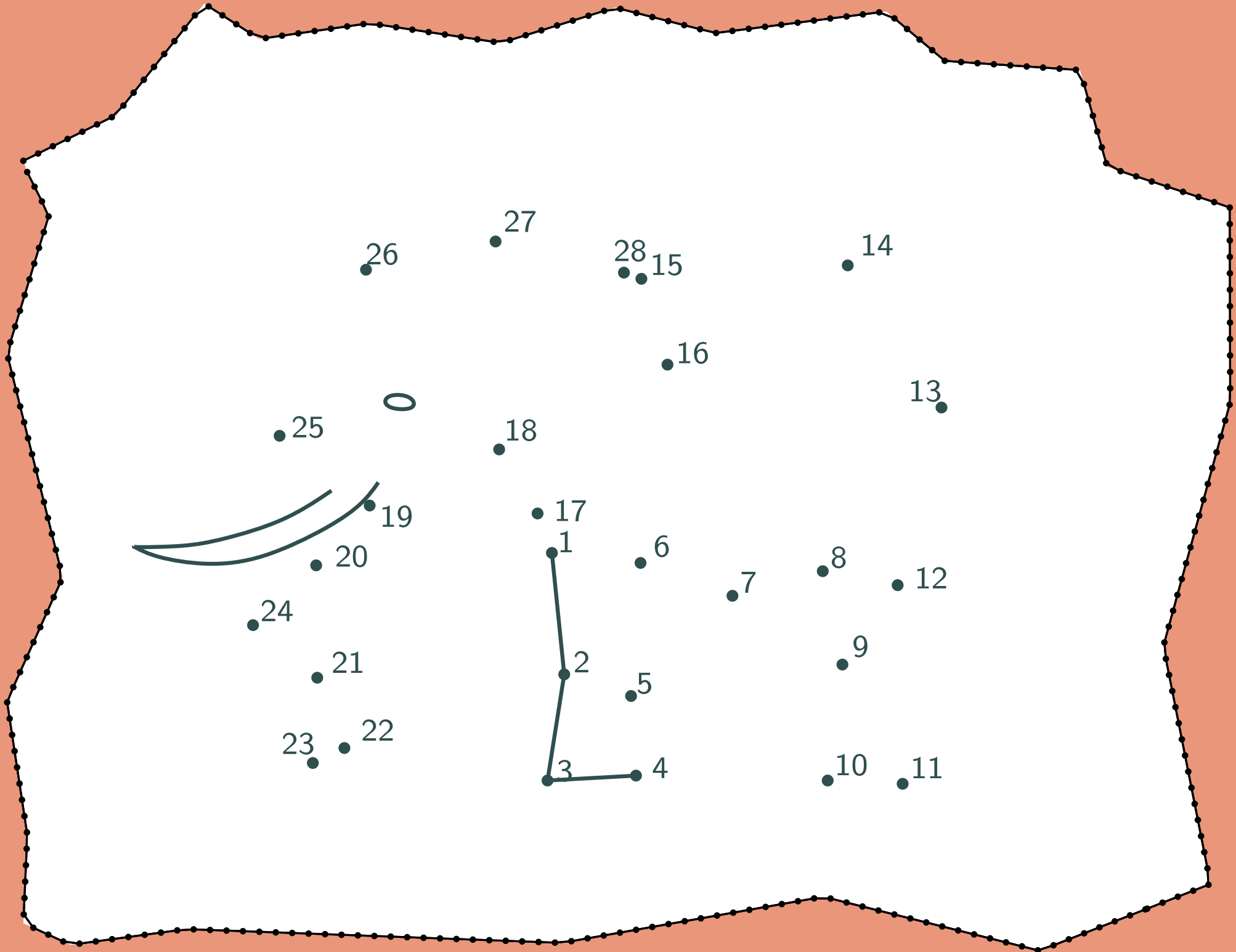
Clear Unit Distance Graph:

- all edges  $(p, q)$  have  $d(p, q) = 1$
- all non-edges  $(p, q)$  have  $d(p, q) \in [\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon] \cup [1 + \epsilon, \infty)$



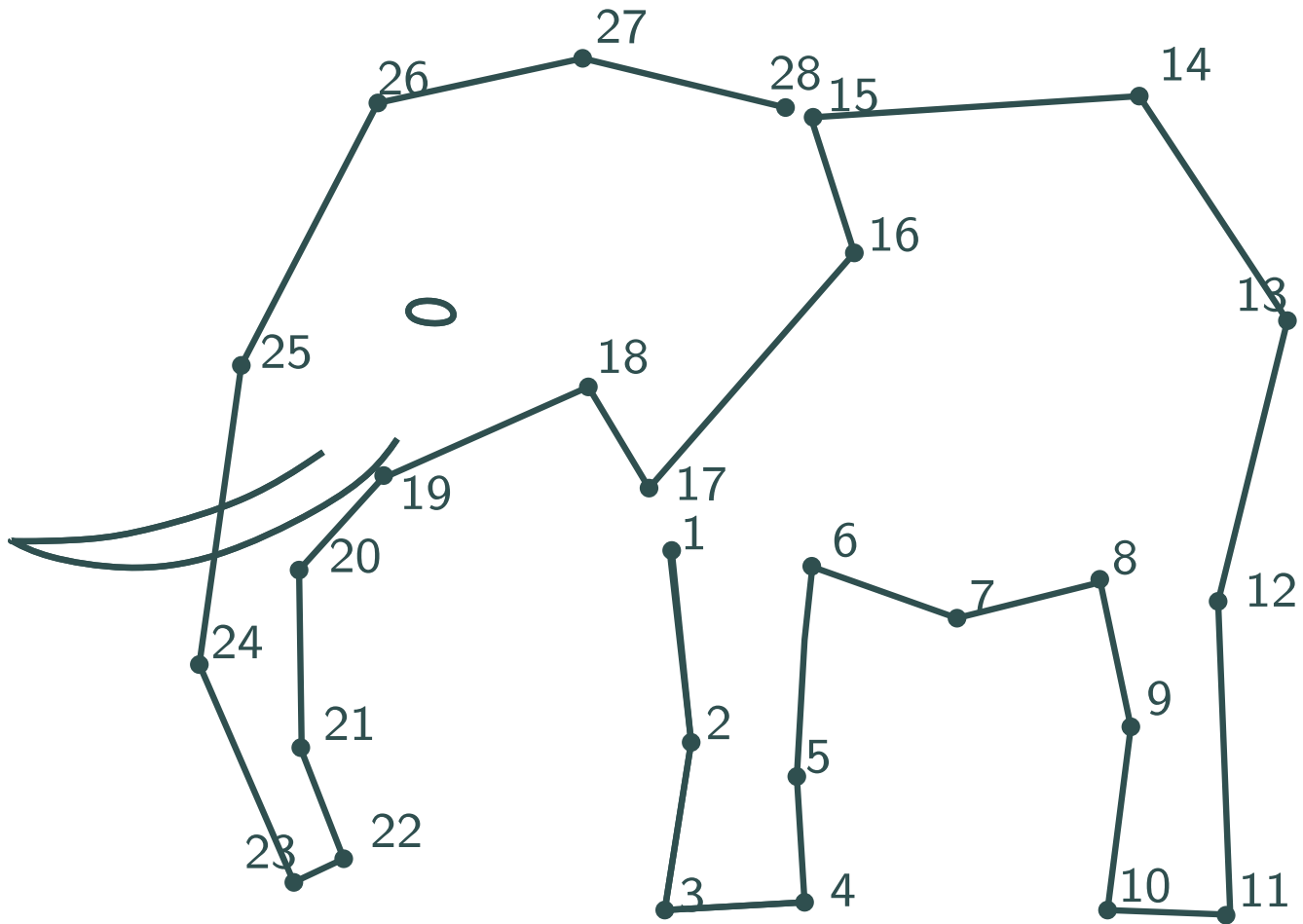






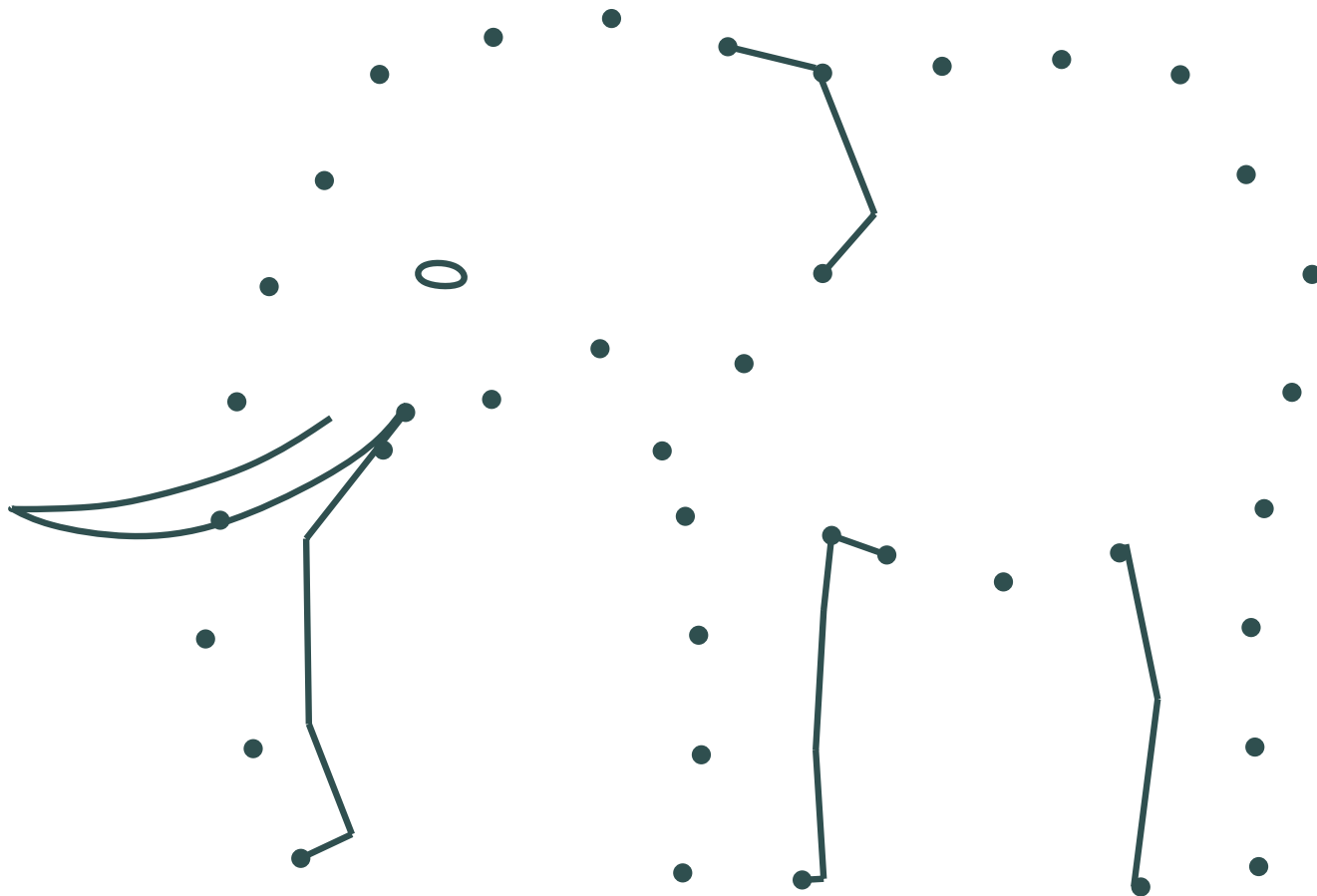


# Connect-the-dots



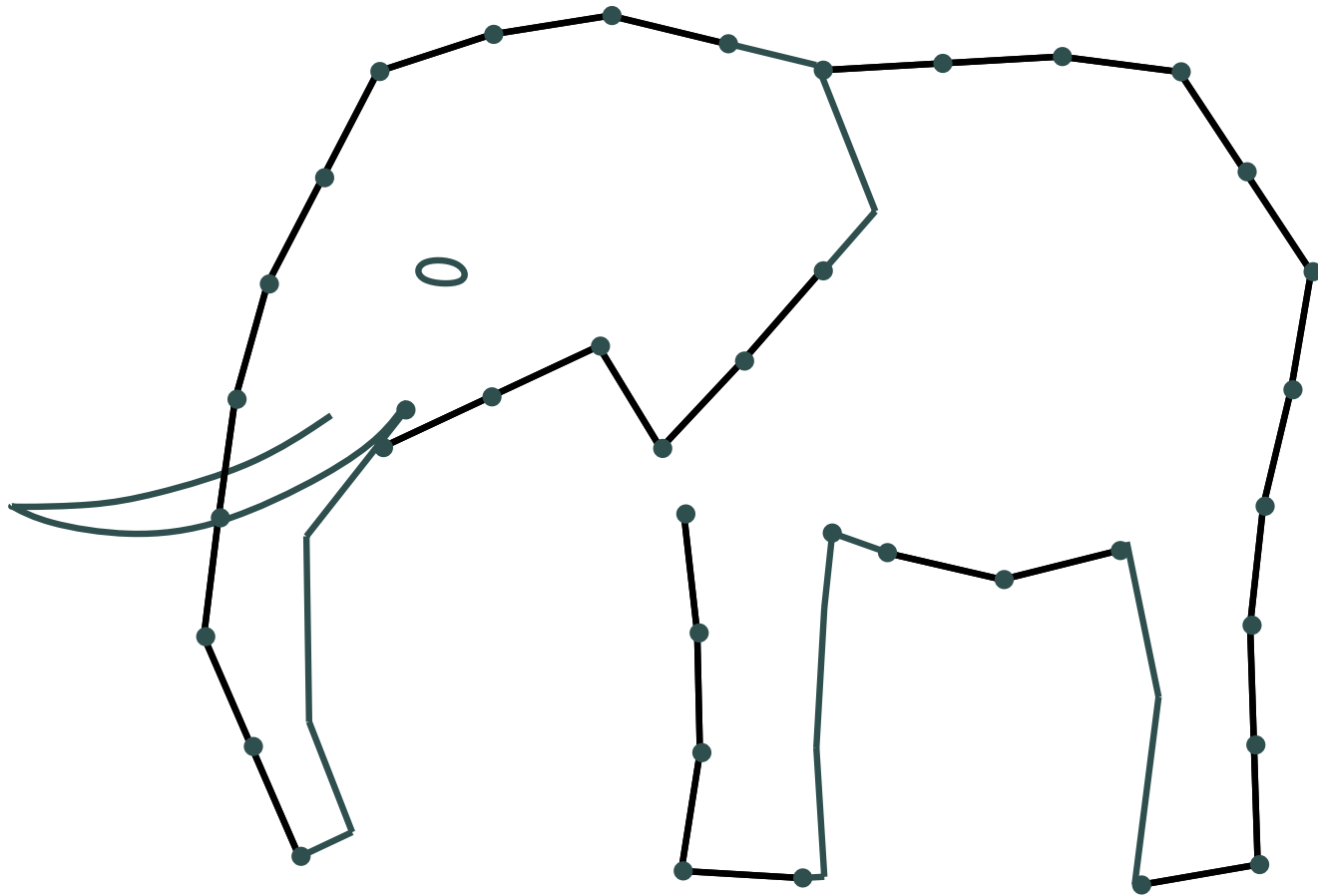
# Unite-the-dots

Connect all pairs  $p, q$  with  $d(p, q) = 1$



# Unite-the-dots

Connect all pairs  $p, q$  with  $d(p, q) = 1$



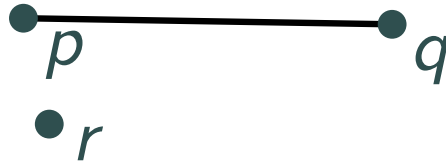
# Unite-the-dots

Which points are at distance 1 from  $p$ ?

•  $v$

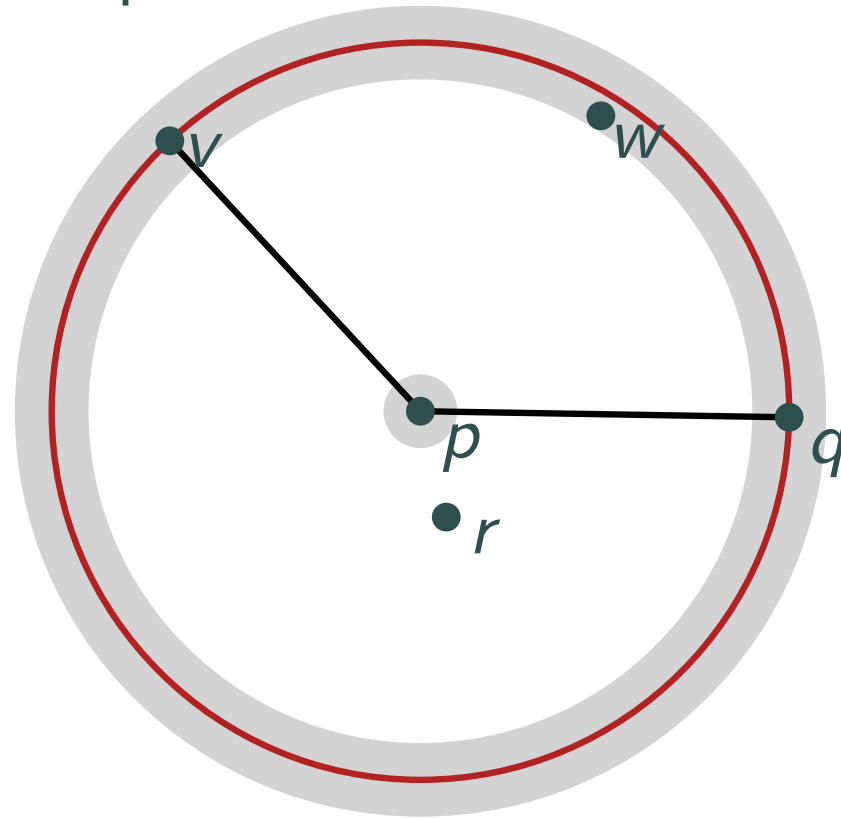
•  $w$

•  $u$



# Unite-the-dots

Which points are at distance 1 from  $p$ ?



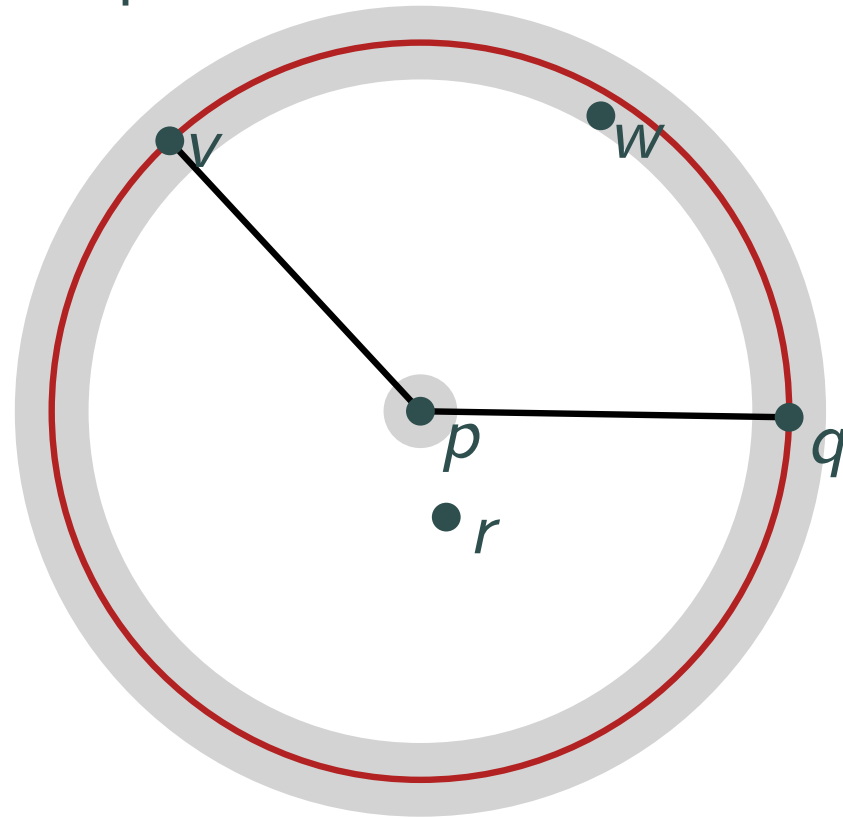
**It should be clear which pairs to connect**

for all pairs  $p, q$ , we require

$$d(p, q) \in [\epsilon, 1 - \epsilon] \cup [1] \cup [1 + \epsilon, \infty)$$

# Unite-the-dots

Which points are at distance 1 from  $p$ ?



**It should be clear which pairs to connect**  
the points should be the vertices of a  
clear unit distance graph

# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

Density

#points in region of constant diameter?

(Geometric) Diameter

Size of the paper required to draw the graph?

Number of Crossings

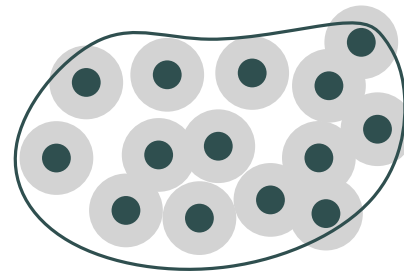
# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

Density

Given a  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph.

#points in region of constant diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$





# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

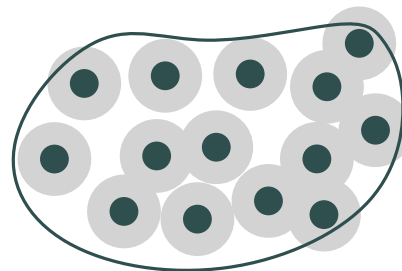
Density

Given a  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph.

#points in region of constant diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$

Witness:  $\Omega(1/\varepsilon^2)$



# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

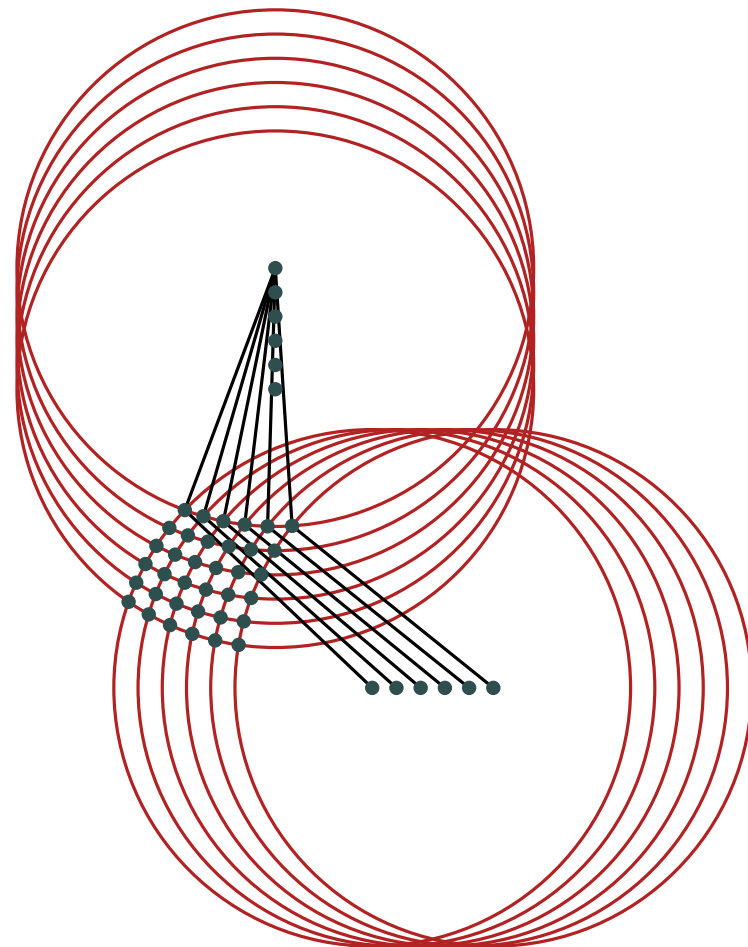
Density

Given a **connected**  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph.

#points in region of constant diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$

Witness:  $\Omega(1/\varepsilon^2)$



# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

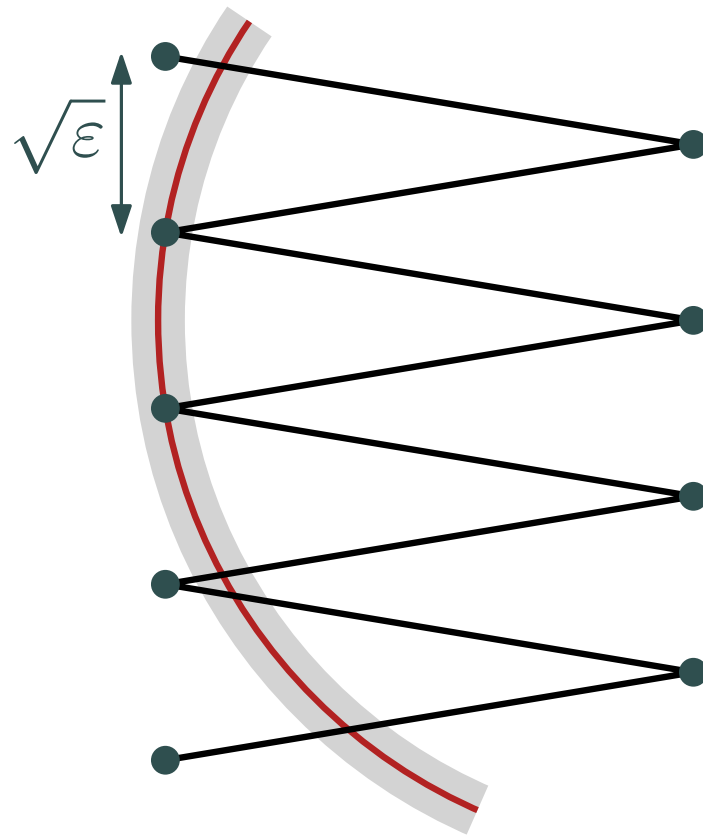
Density

Given a  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -path.

#points in region of constant diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(1/\varepsilon^2)$

Witness:  $\Omega(1/\sqrt{\varepsilon})$



# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

## Diameter

Given a connected  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph.

What is the (geometric) diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(n)$       trivial

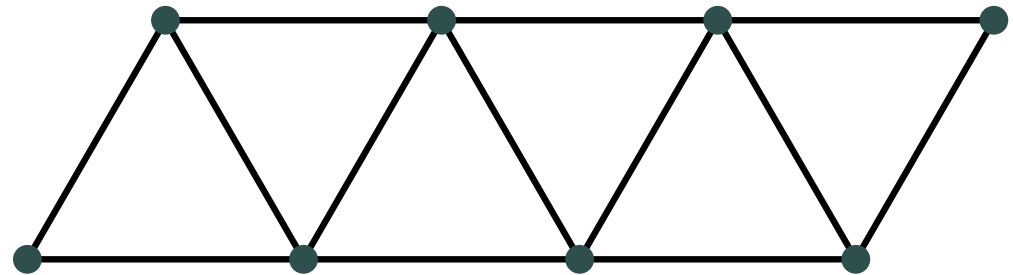
# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

Diameter

Given a connected  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph, with  $0 < \varepsilon \leq \sqrt{3} - 1$ .  
What is the (geometric) diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(n)$       trivial

Witness:       $\Omega(n)$



# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

## Diameter

Given a connected  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -graph.

What is the (geometric) diameter?

Upperbound:  $O(n)$       trivial

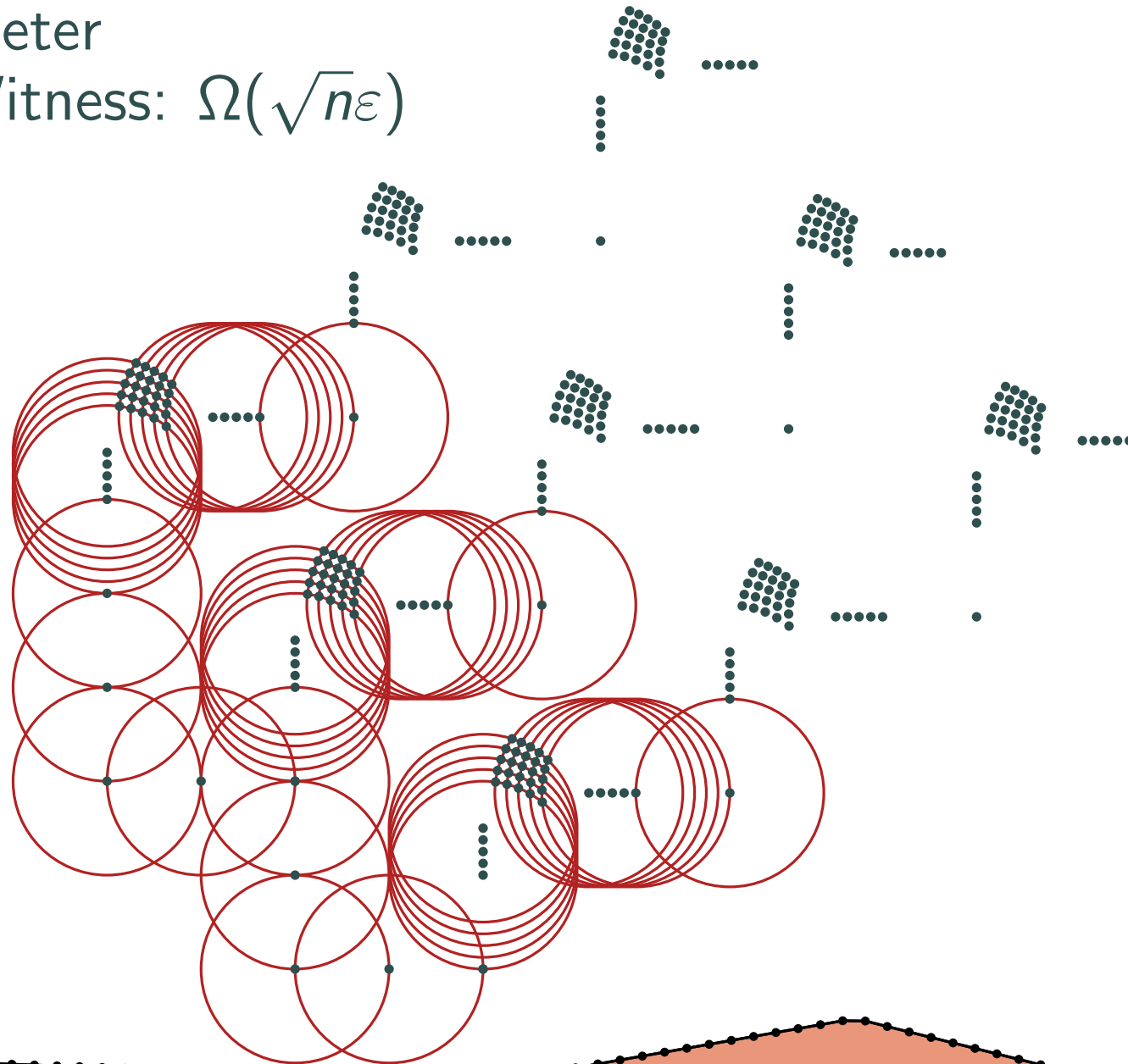
Lowerbound:  $\Omega(\sqrt{n\varepsilon})$

Witness:       $\Omega(\sqrt{n\varepsilon})$

# Properties of Clear UD Graphs

Diameter

Witness:  $\Omega(\sqrt{n\varepsilon})$



# Unite-the-dots

Input:



Output:





# Unite-the-dots

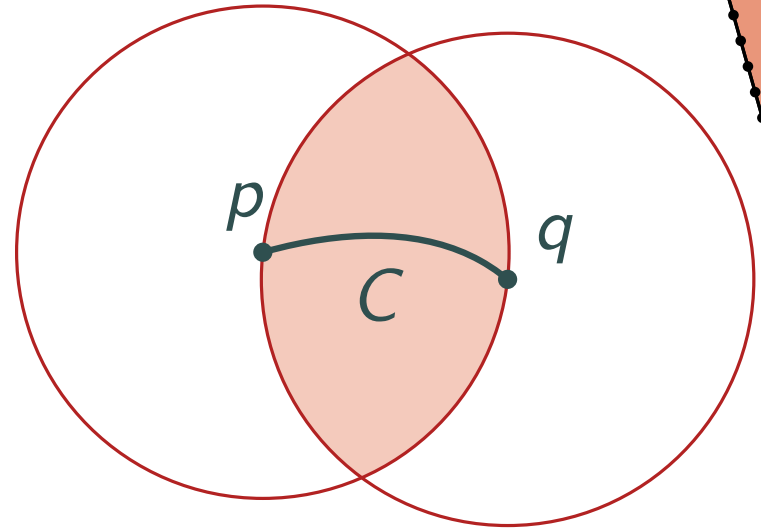
Input:



Output:



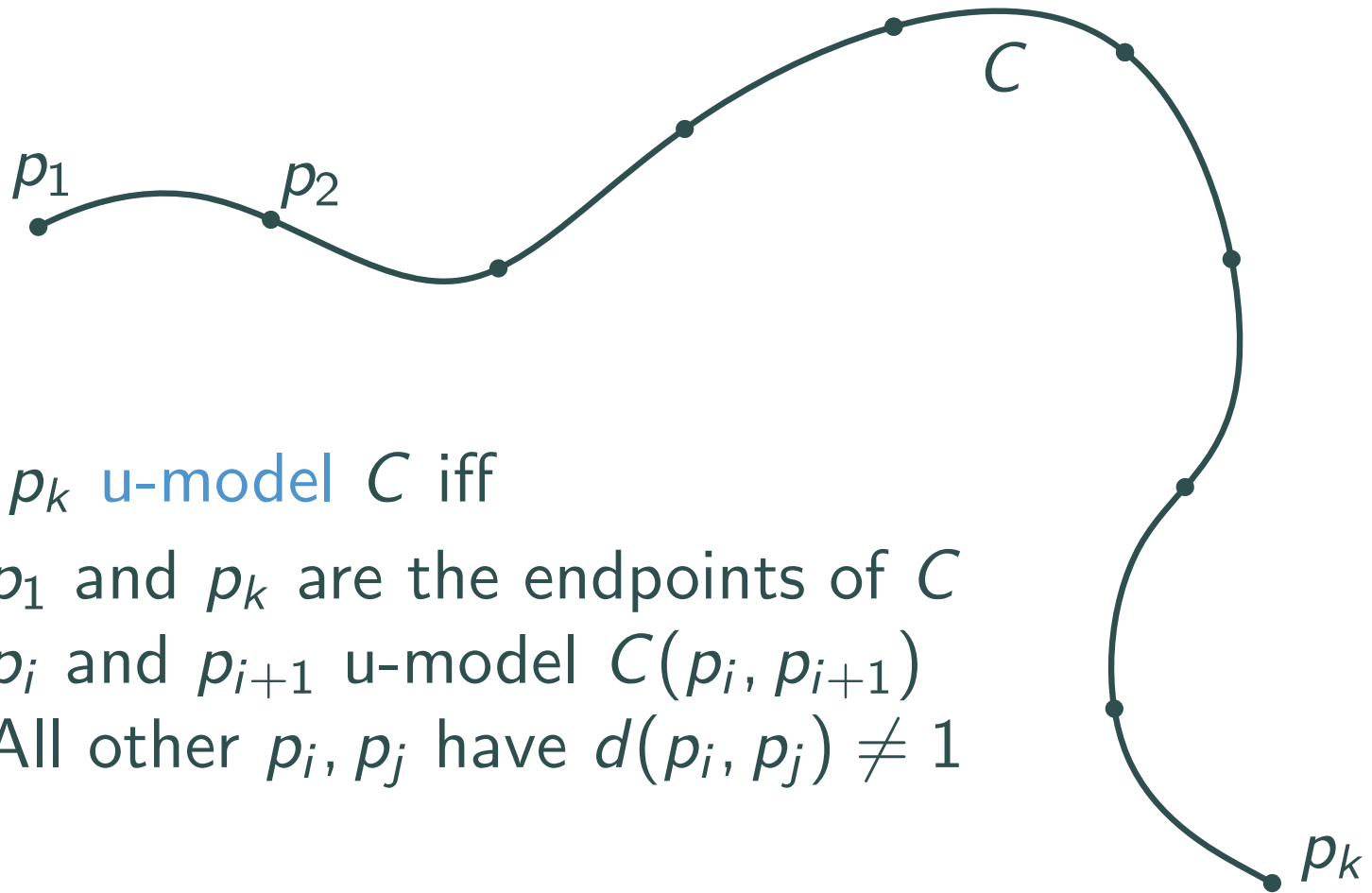
# Unite-the-dots



$p$  and  $q$  u-model  $C$  iff

- $d(p, q) = 1$
- $\|C\| \leq 1 + \delta$
- $C$  inside both unit discs centered at  $p$  and  $q$

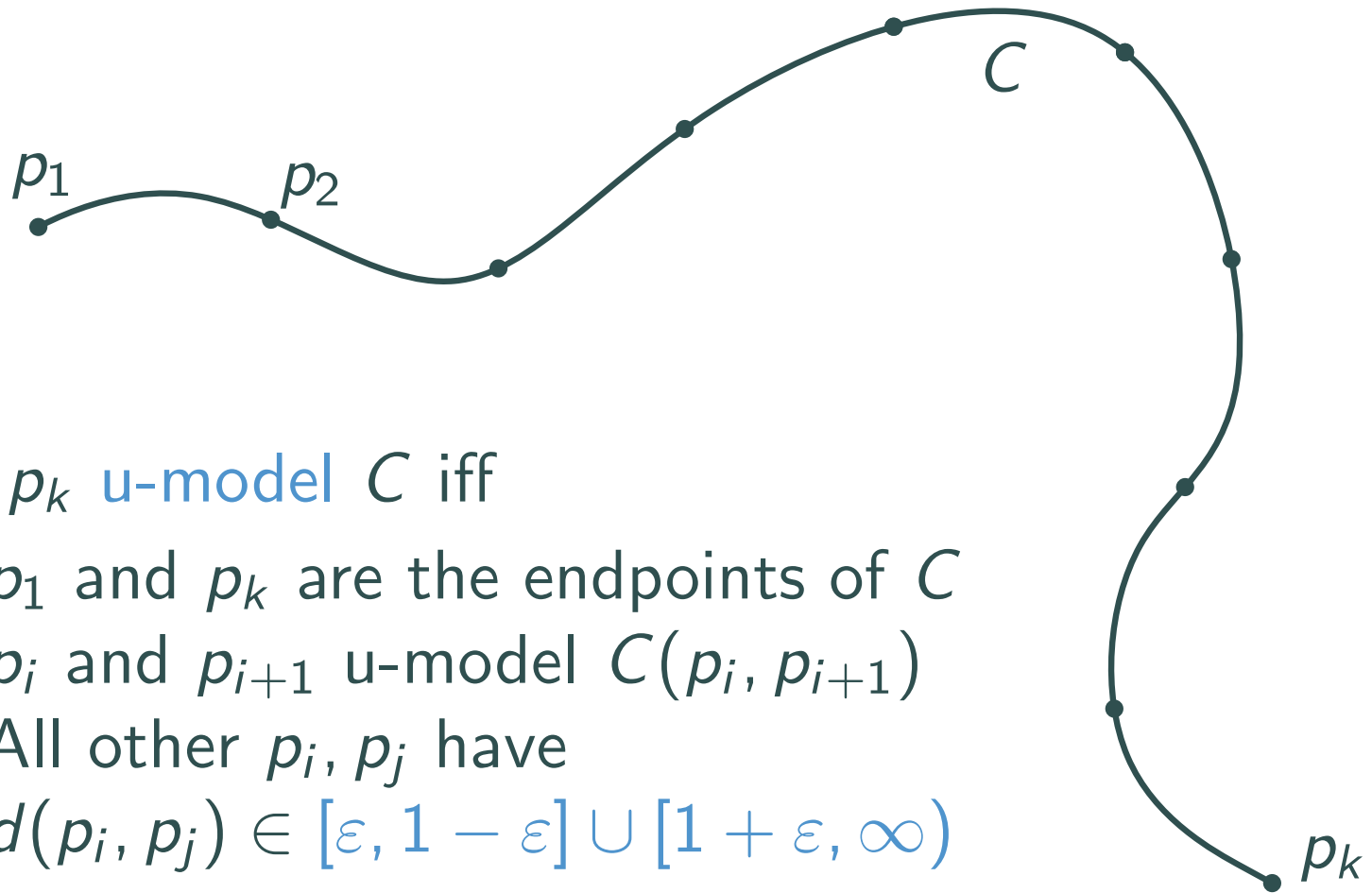
# Unite-the-dots



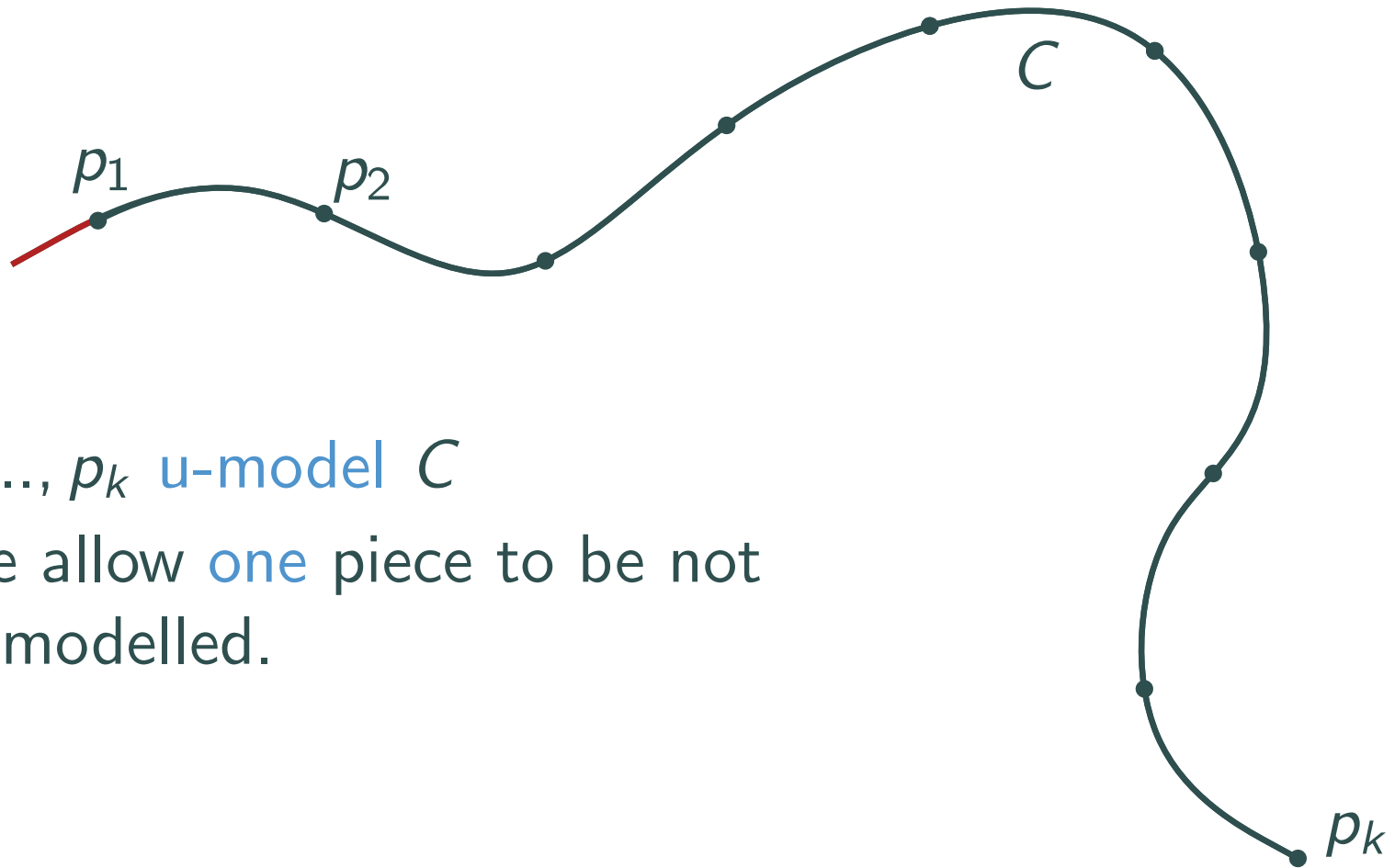
$p_1, \dots, p_k$  u-model  $C$  iff

- $p_1$  and  $p_k$  are the endpoints of  $C$
- $p_i$  and  $p_{i+1}$  u-model  $C(p_i, p_{i+1})$
- All other  $p_i, p_j$  have  $d(p_i, p_j) \neq 1$

# Unite-the-dots



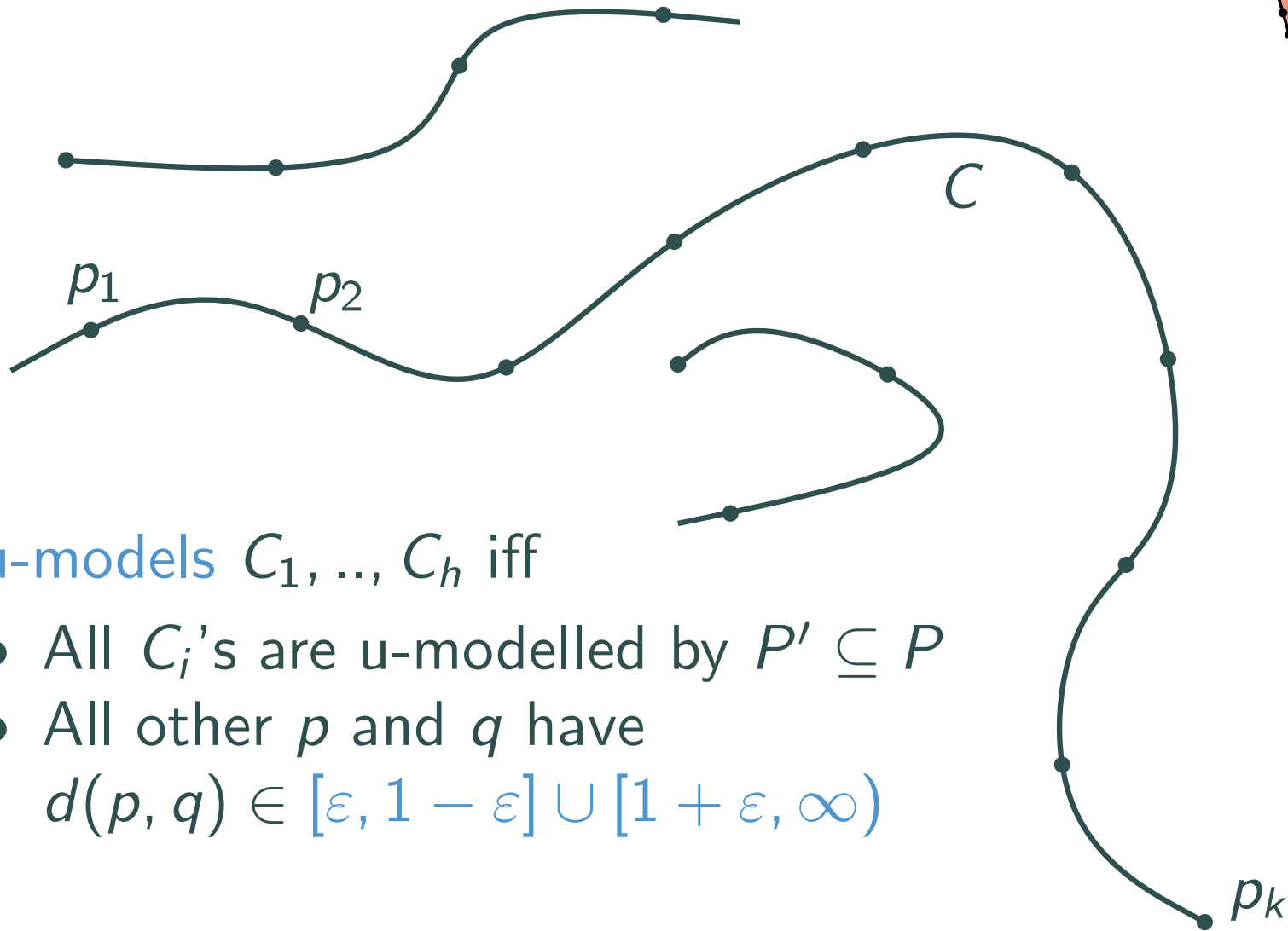
# Unite-the-dots



$p_1, \dots, p_k$  u-model  $C$

we allow **one** piece to be not  
u-modelled.

# Unite-the-dots

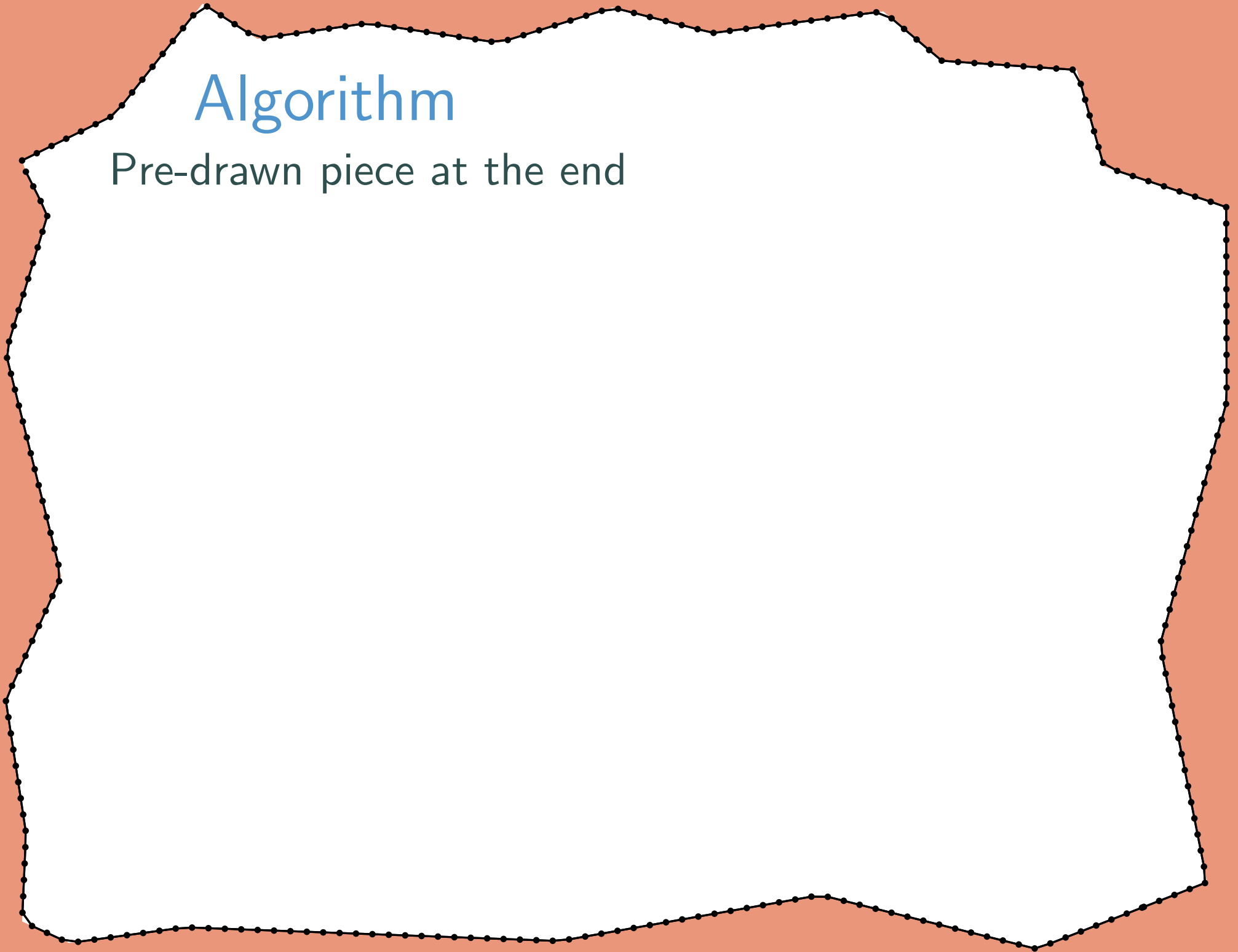


$P$  u-models  $C_1, \dots, C_h$  iff

- All  $C_i$ 's are u-modelled by  $P' \subseteq P$
- All other  $p$  and  $q$  have  $d(p, q) \in [\varepsilon, 1 - \varepsilon] \cup [1 + \varepsilon, \infty)$

# Algorithm

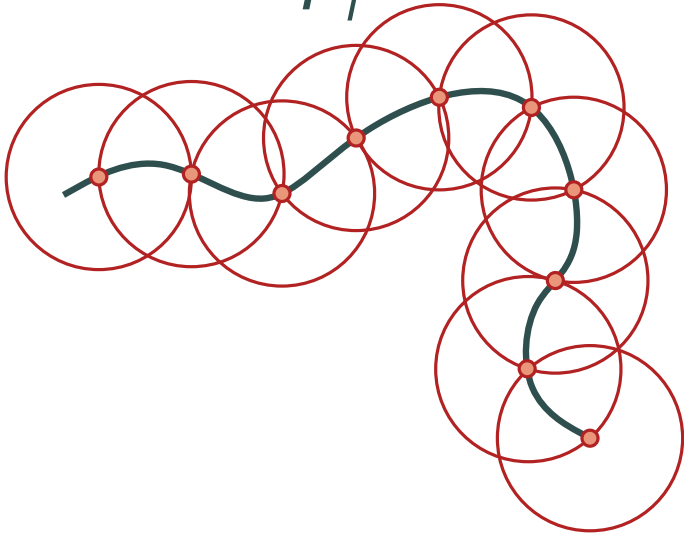
Pre-drawn piece at the end



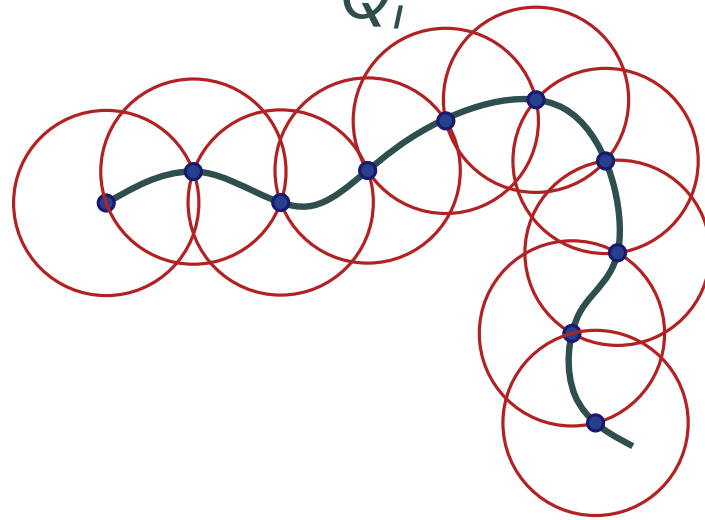
# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end

$P_i$



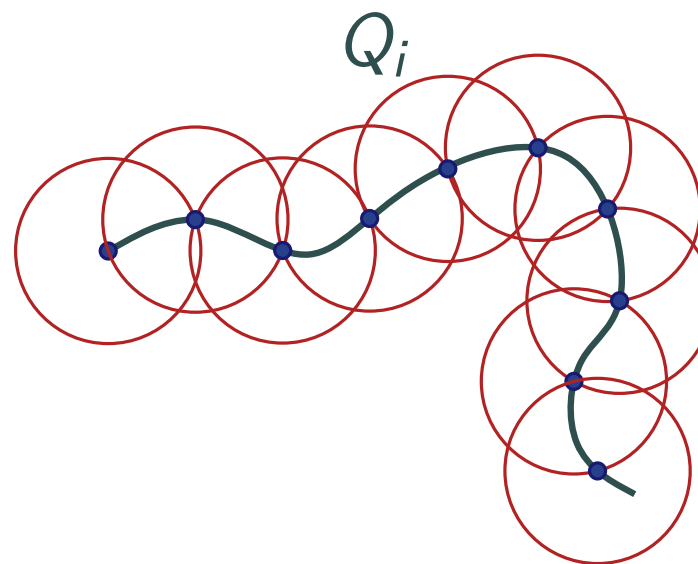
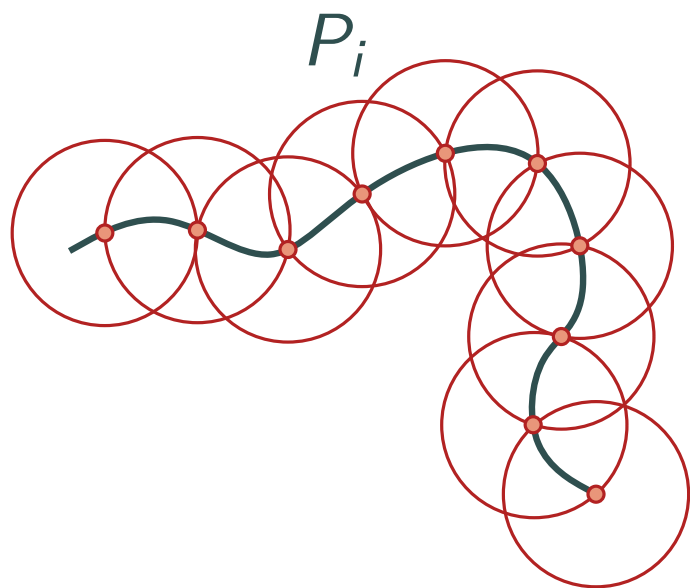
$Q_i$





# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end



Each curve  $C_i$  2 choices  $P_i$  or  $Q_i$



$x_i = \text{TRUE}$  and  $x_i = \text{FALSE}$

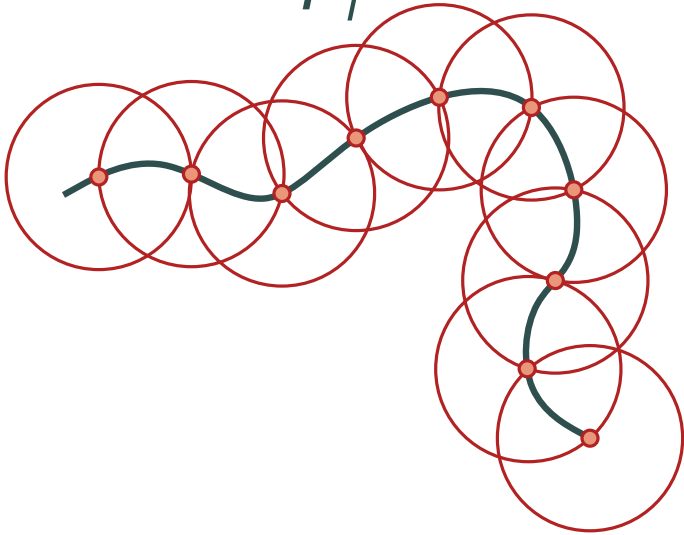
Build a 2-SAT formula:

if  $Q_i \cup P_j$  not a  $(1, \varepsilon)$ -point set then add  $x_i \vee \bar{x}_j$

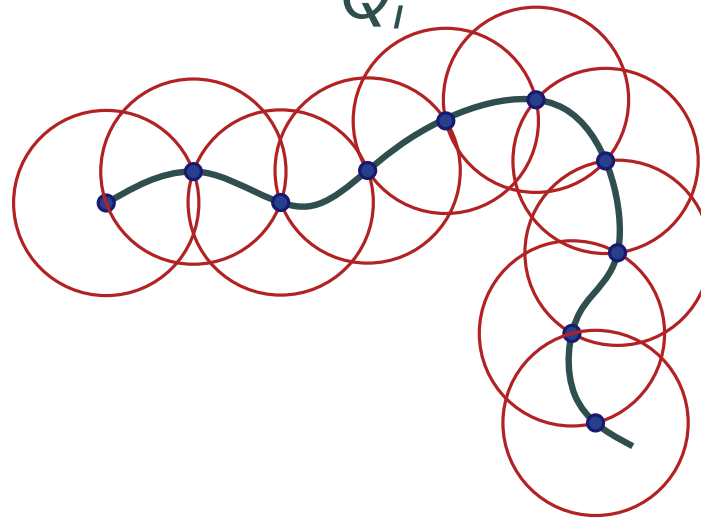
# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end

$P_i$



$Q_i$



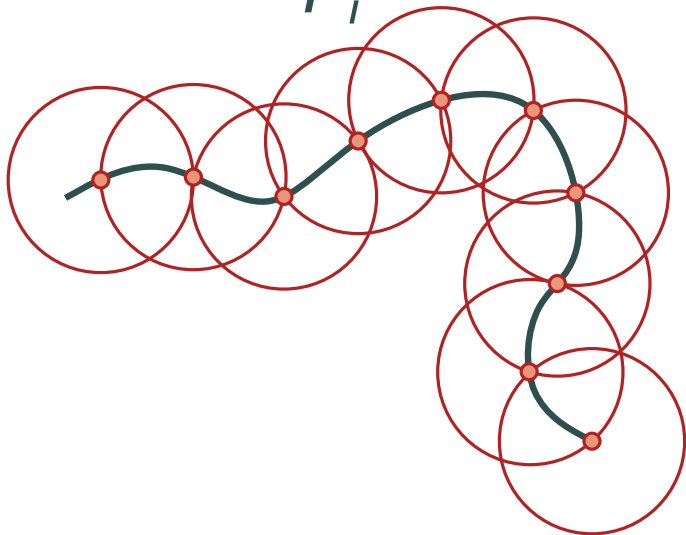
Running time:

$$O(n^2)$$

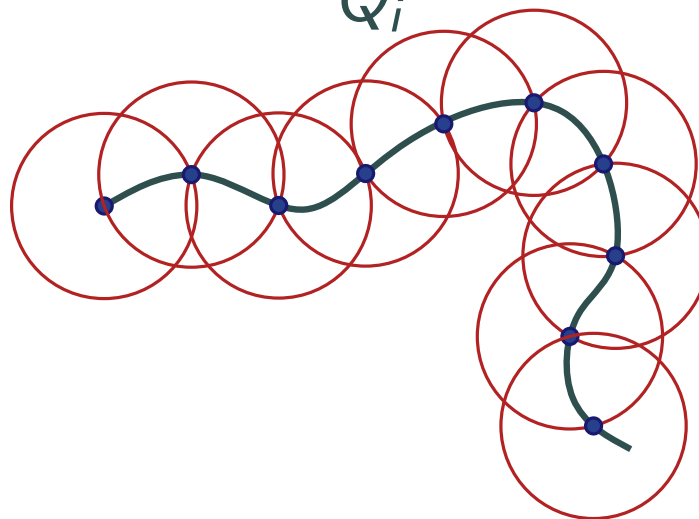
# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end

$P_i$



$Q_i$

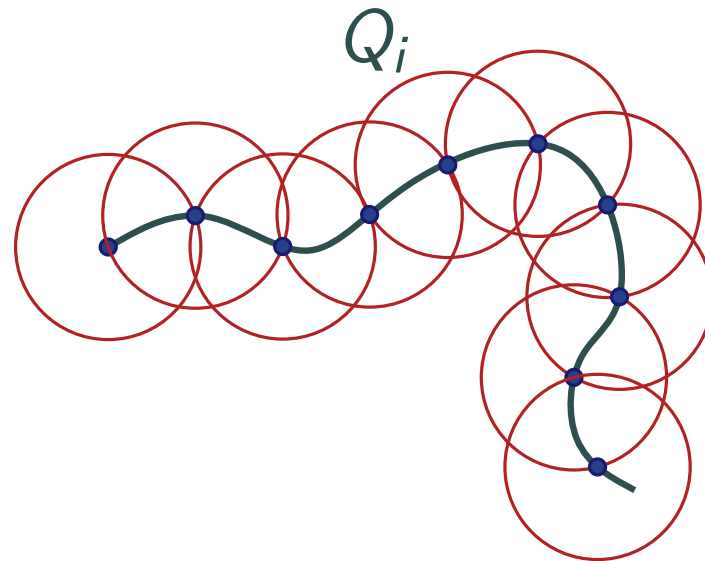
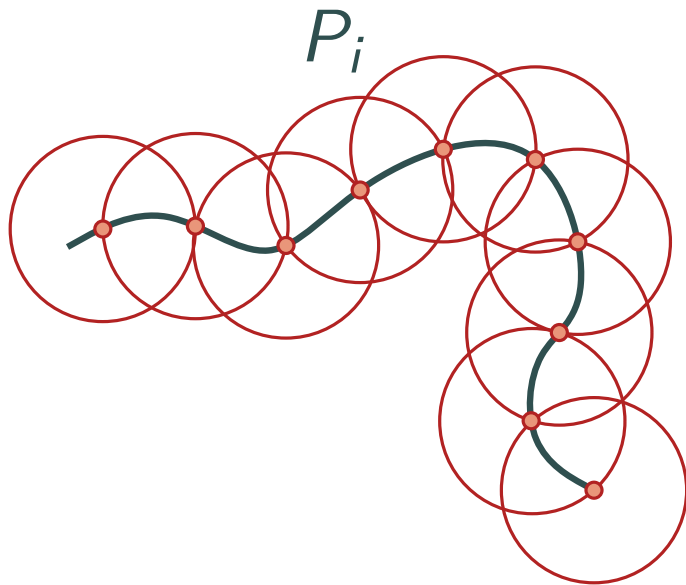


Running time:

$$O(n/\varepsilon^2 \log n)$$

# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end



Running time:

$$O(n/\varepsilon^2 \log n)$$

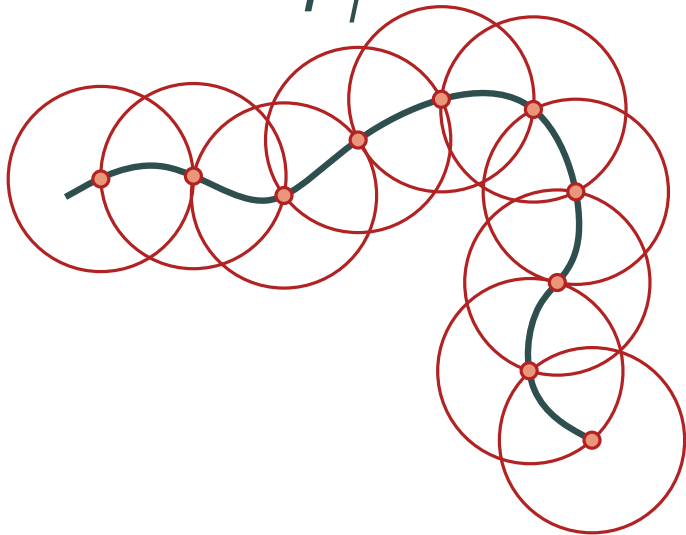
Depends on density bound for  
(1,  $\varepsilon$ )-paths

**Future Work:** Improve to ...?

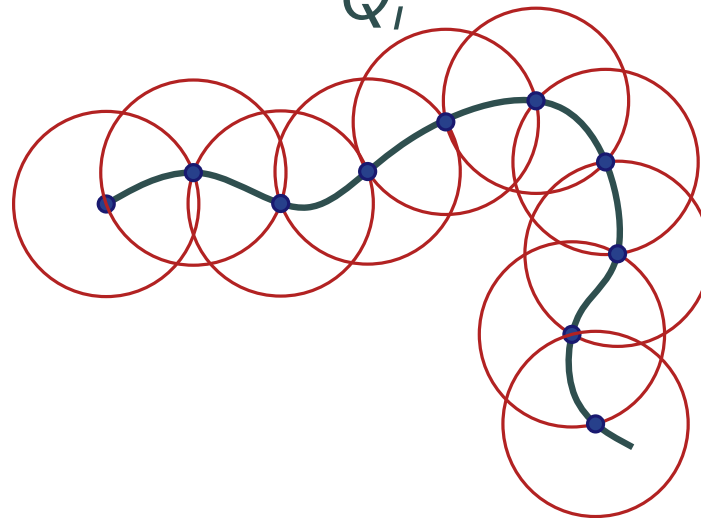
# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end

$P_i$



$Q_i$



**Running time:**

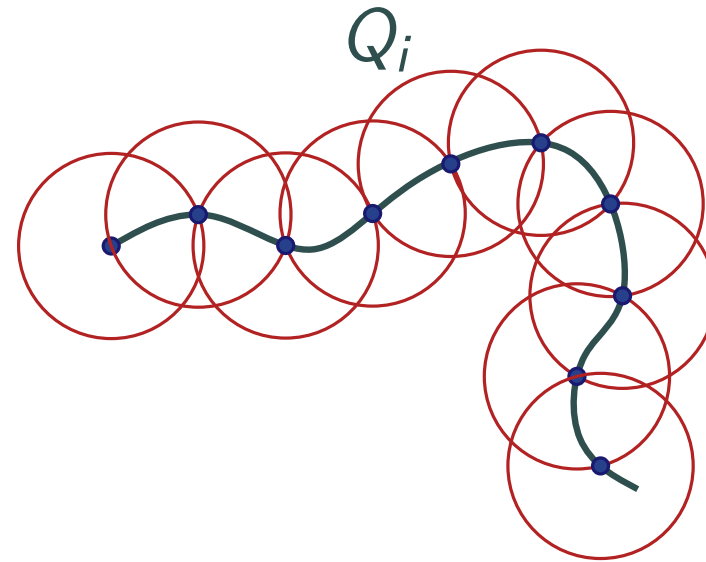
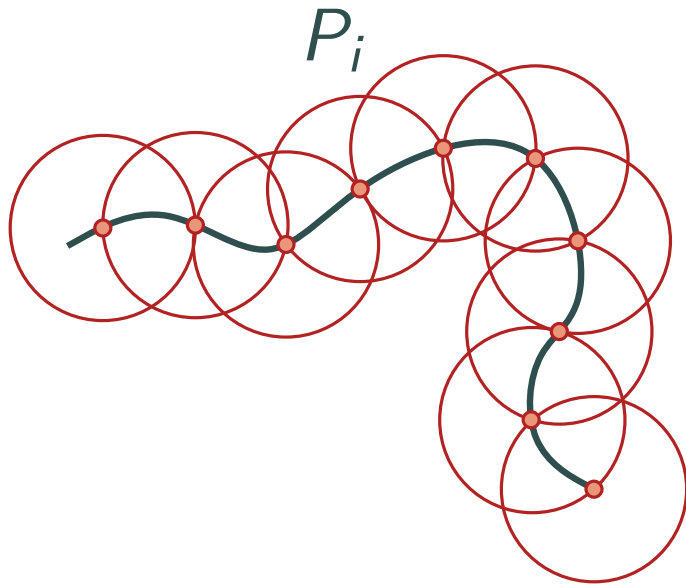
$$O(n/\varepsilon^2 \log n)$$

Interior piece:

Similar approach

# Algorithm

Pre-drawn piece at the end



**Running time:**

$$O(n/\varepsilon^2 \log n)$$

Interior piece:

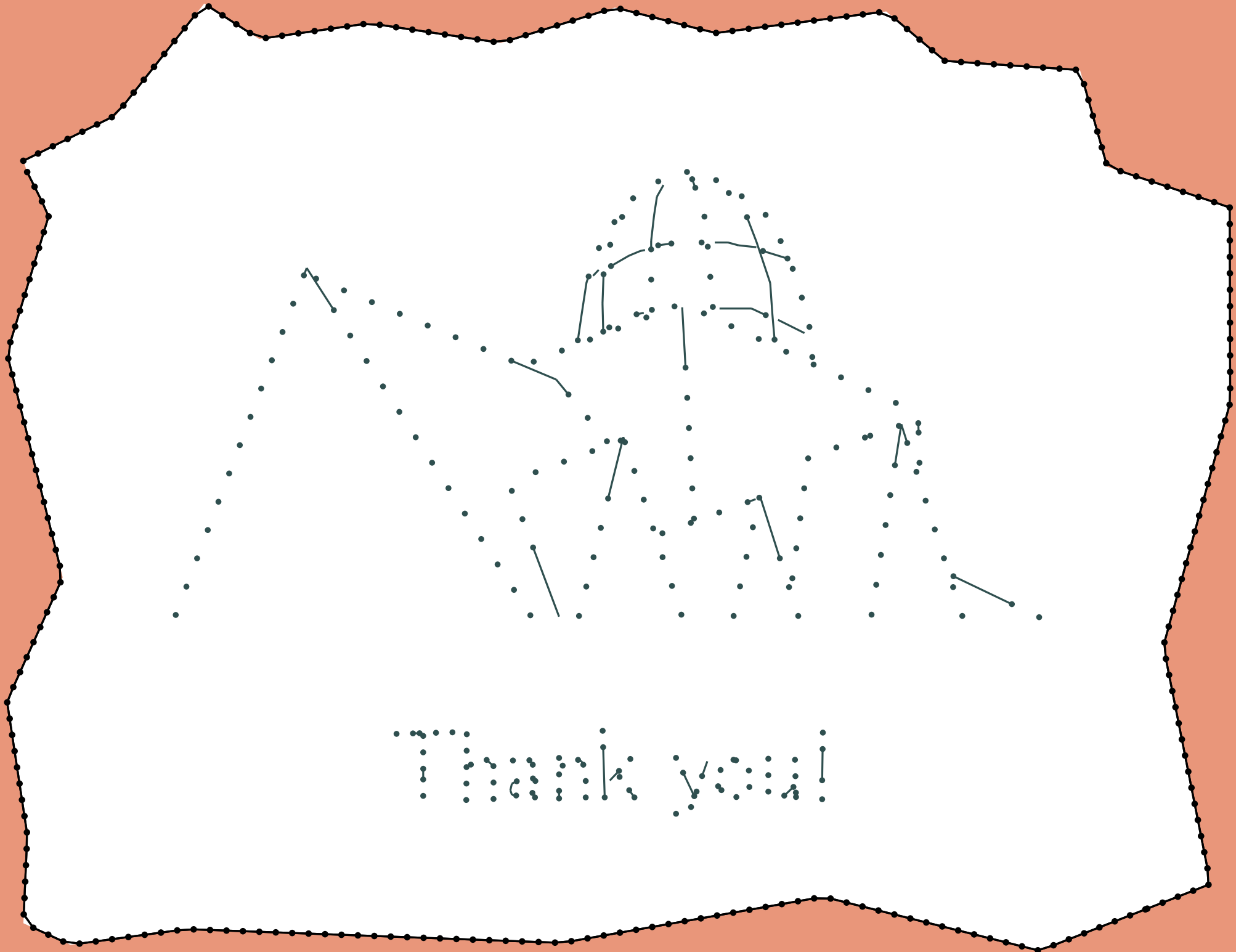
Similar approach

Minimize piece length:

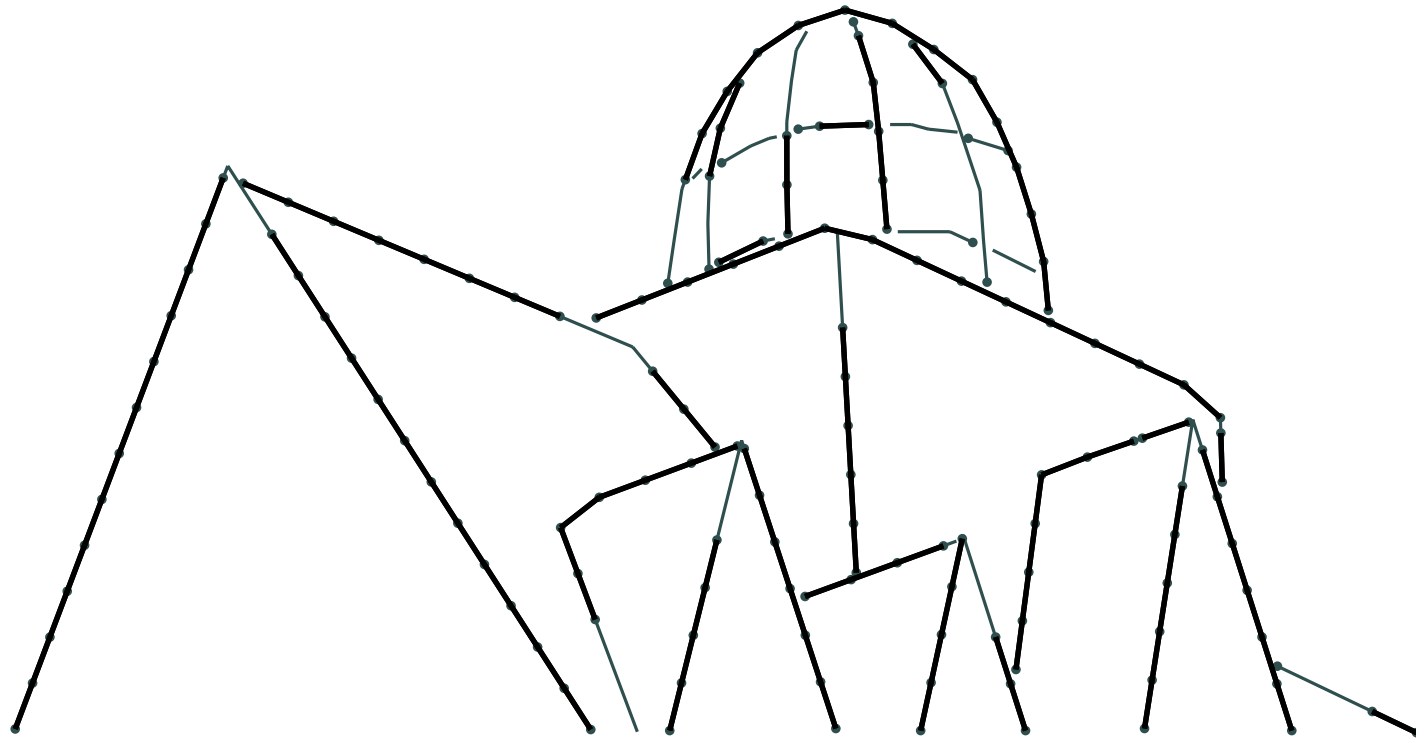
NP hard

> 1 piece per curve:

NP hard



Thank you!



Thank you!