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Bottleneck: computing DDG (O(nloglogn) time)



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We do not loose the Min Cycle after cutting the DDG along C_i as long as there are **no holes trapped in the crossing area**

Challenges:

- 1. prove this theorem.
- 2. prevent holes in crossing area (by building one DDG for every hole configuration, using a bounded genus graph)

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