


CS 274


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Convex Hulls

Let P be a set of points in a plane.

Def) Convexity: $\forall p, q \in P$, the line segment $\overline{pq} \subseteq P$. ex) 


Def) Convex Hull: $H = \text{conv } P$, multiple definitions: ex) 

- (informal) stretch an elastic band around P . H is band + all inside.
 \rightarrow no convex strict subset
- (formal ①) the "smallest" convex set that includes P .
- (formal ②) intersection of all convex sets that include P .
- (formal ③) the set of all points that are convex combinations of points in P .

Def) Affine Combination: any point $\sum_{i=1}^j w_i p_i$ where $p_i \in P$, $\sum_{i=1}^j w_i = 1$.

\hookrightarrow ex) 

Def) Convex Combination: affine comb. where every $w_i \geq 0$.

v is a vertex of convex hull H iff $v \notin \text{conv}(H \setminus \{v\})$. ex) 

2D CH Algorithms

(in ccw order)

Input: finite point set P . Output: line segments on boundaries of $\text{conv } P$.

We need one geometric predicate.


signed area of parallelogram



$$\text{Orient2D}(p, q, r) = \begin{vmatrix} p_x & p_y & 1 \\ q_x & q_y & 1 \\ r_x & r_y & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} p_x - r_x & p_y - r_y \\ q_x - r_x & q_y - r_y \end{vmatrix} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{ccw}, = 0 \Rightarrow \text{colinear}, < 0 \Rightarrow \text{cw}.$$

$ccw(p, q, r) := \text{return Orient2D}(p, q, r) > 0.$

Graham's Scan (Andrew's Modification): Constructs the lower boundary.

$Q \leftarrow$ points in P sorted in lexicographic order. ex) 

$S \leftarrow$ empty stack

while Q is not empty:

[remove point from front of Q ; push it to S .
while $|S| \geq 3$ and top 3 stack items p, q, r (r is top)
do not satisfy $ccw(p, q, r)$: remove q from S , leaving r on top.
output segment \overline{pq} for each adjacent pair p, q on S .

runs in $O(n)$ time (except sorting) since removal is at most $O(n)$ times.

* Upper boundary: invert Q (reverse lex. order), then run the algorithm.

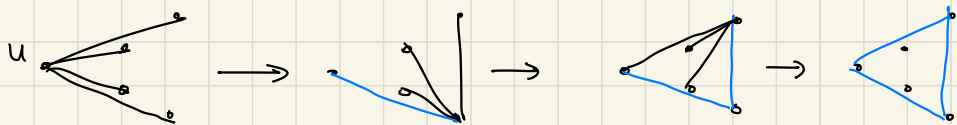
Obs) First & last points in Q must be vertices of H .

Obs2) 3 consecutive points survive only if they are ccw.

Runtime: Dominated by sorting. $O(n)$ with radix sort. $O(n \log n)$ with comparison.

Jarvis' March (gift-wrapping): assume no 3 points are colinear (for now).

Idea: start at leftmost point. Walk around hull, identify each segment.



$u \leftarrow$ lexicographically minimum point of P .

$p \leftarrow u$.

repeat:

$q \leftarrow$ any point in $P \setminus \{p\}$.

for each $r \in P \setminus \{p, q\}$, if $\text{ccw}(p, r, q) < 0$: $q \leftarrow r$.

output \overline{pq} .

$p \leftarrow q$.

until $p = u$.

"pivoting" step

find the most cw point from p 's view
 $O(n)$ times

$O(h)$ times

Runtime: $O(nh)$ where $h := |H|$. \leftarrow output sensitive!

\hookrightarrow good when h is small, but worst case is $O(n^2)$.

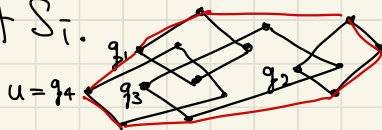
Shattering Algorithm [Tim Chan]: $O(n \log h)$ time, comparison-based

Suppose we know the output size h of $\text{conv } P$.

Partition P into $\frac{n}{h}$ subsets $S_1, \dots, S_{\frac{n}{h}}$ of h points each.

$\forall i \in [1, \frac{n}{h}]$, compute $H_i \leftarrow \text{conv } S_i$ with any $O(n \log n)$ algorithm.

$\forall i, q_i \leftarrow$ minimum point of S_i . \hookrightarrow now in $O(h \log h)$!




$u \leftarrow \text{minimum of all } q_i.$

$p \leftarrow u.$

repeat:

for $i \leftarrow 1 \dots \frac{n}{h}$: $\downarrow O(n)$ calls since each q_i walks around H_i once.

$q_i \leftarrow \text{cw-most point of } H_i \text{ from } p\text{'s view}$ 

$q \leftarrow \text{cw-most point of all } q_i.$

output $\overline{pq}.$

$p \leftarrow q.$

until $p = u.$ \swarrow # of S_i \swarrow subroutine on h points

Runtime: $\frac{n}{h} \cdot O(h \log h) = O(n \log h).$

... but we don't know $h.$

\hookrightarrow Guess h , say $h^* = 3$. Find first h^* edges of H by shattering.

If $h^* \geq h$, we are done. If $h^* < h$, start over with $h^* \leftarrow (h^*)^2.$

Final iteration: $h^* < h^2 \Rightarrow \text{time} \in O(n \log h^*) \subseteq O(n \log h^2) = O(n \log h).$

Sum of all iterations = $O(n \log 3 + n \log 3^2 + \dots + n \log h^*)$

= $O(n \log 3 + 2n \log 3 + 4n \log 3 + n \log h^*) = O(2n \log h^*) = O(n \log h).$


Line Segment Intersection

Input: line segment on the plane $\xrightarrow{\text{LSI}}$ Output: planar straight line graph (PSLG)

Def) PSLG: set of vertices & segments where segments intersect only at shared endpoints.

→ input to triangulation algorithm (covered next week!)

A geometric constructor:

Intersection of 2 lines $\overleftrightarrow{ab}, \overleftrightarrow{cd}$:  $\overleftrightarrow{p} = a + \alpha(b-a) = c + \beta(d-c)$.

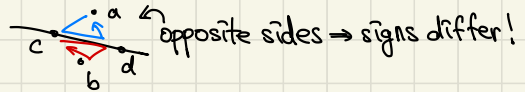
$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} b_x - a_x & d_x - c_x \\ b_y - a_y & d_y - c_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ -\beta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} c_x - a_x \\ c_y - a_y \end{bmatrix}$$

Cramer's Rule: $\alpha = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_x - a_x & d_x - c_x \\ c_y - a_y & d_y - c_y \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} b_x - a_x & d_x - c_x \\ b_y - a_y & d_y - c_y \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_x - a_x & d_x - a_x \\ c_y - a_y & d_y - a_y \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} b_x - a_x & d_x - a_x \\ b_y - a_y & d_y - a_y \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{\text{Orient2D}(c,d,a)}{\text{Orient2D}(b,d,a)}$ → 0 iff $\overleftrightarrow{ab} \parallel \overleftrightarrow{cd}$.
if numerator is also 0, two lines are identical. else, they are different lines.

Take α , substitute back to $p = a + \alpha(b-a)$ to get p .

What about line segments? Do $\overline{ab}, \overline{cd}$ intersect? (predicate)

• Iff $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1]$.



• Iff $\text{Orient2D}(c,d,a) \cdot \text{Orient2D}(c,d,b) \leq 0$ & $\text{Orient2D}(a,b,c) \cdot \text{Orient2D}(a,b,d) \leq 0$.

* Second test is slightly easier to make robust.

* Second test doesn't handle the parallel edge case, exercise to make it work.


Now consider n segments.

Worst Case: $\Theta(n^2)$ intersection points.

→ Worst Case optimal algorithm: test every pair. Not interesting.

→ What about output-sensitive?

Plane Sweep Algorithm

- Vertical sweep line moves left to right.
- Keep track of segments that (currently) intersect the sweep line.
- Output intersection point when the sweep line crosses it.  (not rigorous!)

→ Points swept in lexicographical order for y-axis (think of slightly tilted line)

Data Structures

Status: list of all segments that currently intersect the sweep line, ordered.

Event Queue:

① left event → add segment to status.

② right event → remove segment from status.

③ intersect event → swap order of segments, also report it.



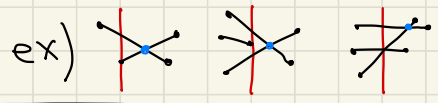
* EQ does not record types of events! It's just a priority queue of points.

This is because a single point can be multiple event types.

Ideas / Intuition

↙ big time save!

- Only adjacent segments on status are checked for intersection.
- Every change to status requires new intersection tests.



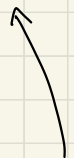
Details of EQ Q

- Dequeue(Q) gives lexico. minimum key.
- Each key/item is just a point.
- Implemented as a balanced tree / heap for $O(\log n)$ operations & lookup.

Details of Status

- Implemented as a balanced tree.
- Keys are segments, not numbers.
- Segments are ordered according to intersections with the sweep line.
- Can also use point as search key to find segments immediately above & below it. (uses $O(2D)$ for comparison, $O(\log n)$ time!)
- Each segment in the tree remembers its endpoints (for $O(2D)$)

Each input point maintains a (linked) list of all segments for which it is the left endpoint.



Algorithm Input: list S of n segments of two endpoints each.
Sort endpoints in S , remove duplicates & build segments list.

Insert all endpoints into Q .

Create empty Status Tree T .

while Q is not empty:

$p \leftarrow \text{Dequeue}(Q)$

if p is new:

Handle(p)

Handle(p):

Find set Z of segments in T that contain p . (they should be adj. in T)

$R \leftarrow$ segments in Z whose right endpoint is p .

$C \leftarrow$ other segments in Z , p is in the center.

$L \leftarrow$ segments in p 's list (left endpoint is p)

if $|LUCUR| > 1$:

report p as intersection of $RUCUR$.

else: report p as a lone endpoint of LUR .

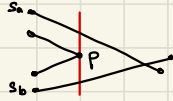
Delete segments in CUR from T .

Insert segments LUC into T , ordered as if the sweep line were to the right of p .



$s_b, s_a \leftarrow$ segments below & above p in T .

if $LUC = \emptyset$:



$\text{NewEvent}(s_b, s_a, p)$

else:



$s' \leftarrow$ lowest segment of LUC in T

$s'' \leftarrow$ highest //

$\text{NewEvent}(s_b, s', p)$

$\text{NewEvent}(s_a, s'', p)$

$\text{NewEvent}(s_1, s_2, p)$:

$\bar{i} = S_1 \cap S_2$ (via constructor)

if $\bar{i} \neq \emptyset$ and $\bar{i} > p$:

Enqueue (Q, \bar{i})

Runtime: $O(h \log n)$, where $h :=$ output size = # of segment/event point pairs.

Why? Each status operation is $O(\log n)$ time.

Each event involving j segments does $O(j)$ status operations. $\sum_{\text{events}} j = h$.

Each Q operations take $O(\log n)$ time, $|Q| \in O(n^2)$ (every pair).

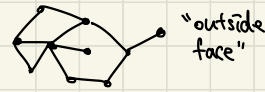
At most h events, ≤ 3 Q operations per event.

Better bound: $O((n+I) \log n)$, where $I :=$ # of intersections.

Why? In final PSLG, $|E| \geq \frac{h}{2}$, $|V| \leq 2n+I$. For planar graphs, $|E| \leq 3|V|$.

$\Rightarrow h \leq 12n + 6I$. //

Overlay of Subdivisions



Def) Planar subdivision: A set of segments (and/or curves), vertices, & the decomposition of the plane into faces induced by them (i.e. $PSL(G) + \text{faces}$)

Data structure for subdivisions generally store adjacency info for $V/E/F$.

Def) Doubly-Connected Edge List (DCEL):

- Each edge represented by two half-edges, called "twins"
- Each half-edge has an origin vertex & destination vertex
- Each face has boundary of half-edges in ccw around face.
- Holes in faces have half-edges in cw order.

DCEL structures (objects):

- A half-edge \vec{e} has fields:

$\text{TwIn}(\vec{e}), \text{OrIgin}(\vec{e})$ [$\text{Dest}(\vec{e}) = \text{OrIgin}(\text{TwIn}(\vec{e}))$, not usually stored]

$\text{Next}(\vec{e}), \text{Prev}(\vec{e})$ [half-edge around face]

$\text{IncidentFace}(\vec{e})$ [to the left of \vec{e}]

- A vertex v has fields:

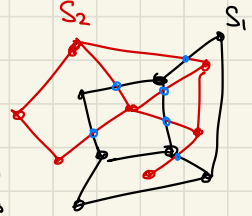
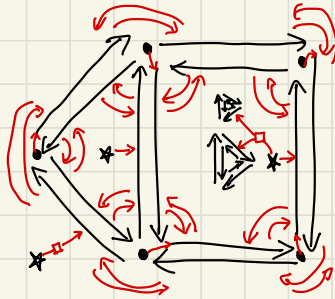
$\text{Coordinates}(v), \text{IncidentEdge}(v)$ [one H-E whose origin is v]

- A face f has fields:

[all edges can be accessed through repeated calls to $\text{TwIn}(\text{Prev}(\vec{e}))$]

OuterComponent(f) [one H-E of outer boundary of f]

InnerComponents(f) [(linked) list of one H-E for each hole in f]



How to compute the overlay of two subdivisions S_1, S_2 ?

Like a PSLG, all intersections must be segment endpoints.

Also, label each face of D with the names of its faces in S_1 & S_2 .

* Assume no overlapping parallel segments (for now)

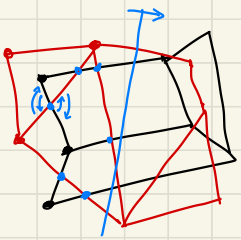


Algorithm

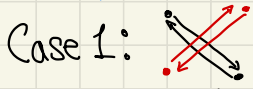
- 1) Copy all vertices & he structures from S_1 & S_2 into DCEL D .
- 2) Run sweep-line segment intersection algorithm (with modification!)
 - Each event may trigger modifications to D .
- 3) Compute face topologies.
- 4) Compute face identities.

(vertices & he only)

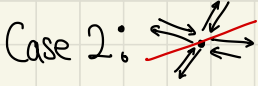
Step 2) Maintain invariant that all of D to left of the sweep line is correct.



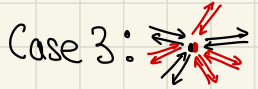
- Each "segment" data structure in the status tree has pointers to both half-edges in the DCEL.



→ [split two edges into four]



→ [next/prev via status before/after]



→ [again, look at the status tree, delete dup v]

Runtime to process an event increases only by a constant factor.

Step 3) Face topologies? Problem is that faces can have holes.

How to match up inner & outer boundaries?

Solution: i) During sweep, note the half-edge below each vertex ($\frac{O(\log n)}{\text{event}}$).

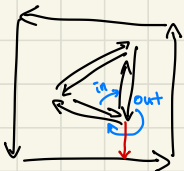


ii) Identify half-edge cycles that are inner boundaries.

After sweep, find the bottom vertex of each cycle.

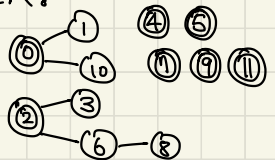
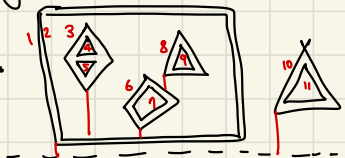
(break ties to the left for equal y-coordinate)

If the cycle makes a right turn at this vertex, it's an inner boundary. (use 0-2D) (hole!)




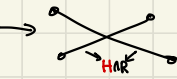
Match inner boundary cycle to the cycle containing the half-edge below the vertex.


iii) Construct a cycle graph.



* Part ii & iii take $O(h)$ time.



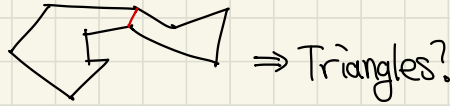
Step 4) Face labeling.  \rightarrow  [labels might not be unique!]

Problem: nested holes? use DFS. If a face has a red edge, we know its real label. Propagate red labels by DFS of black 

edges of output of DCEL. Start with known red label, back track o/w.

Total Runtime: $O(h \log h)$ where $h := \#$ of vertices of overlay.


Polygon Triangulations



Idea: find a diagonal - line segment in P only intersecting P at its endpoints, which are vertices of P .

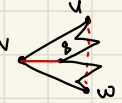
* for today's polygon, multiple colinear vertices are allowed.

Thm) Every polygon with $n > 3$ vertices has a diagonal.

Proof: $v \leftarrow$ lex. minimum vertex. 

Let $u, w \leftarrow$ neighbors of v . If \overline{uw} is a diagonal, we are done.

Check this by testing whether no vertex of P intersects Δuvw (ear).

If not, let q be the vertex in Δuvw farthest from \overline{uw} . 

Then, \overline{vq} is a valid diagonal. //

Thm) Every polygon has a triangulation.

Proof: Induct on # of vertices. A diagonal splits P into two polygons with fewer vertices. Base Case ($n=3$). Runtime is $\Theta(n^2)$.


Thm) Every triangulation T of P has $(n-2)$ triangles.


Proof) Induct. Clear when $n=3$. Assume every polygon of $m < n$ vertices has $(m-2)$ triangles. Let e be an interior edge of T . e divides P into polygons with m_1 & m_2 triangles, which have m_1-2 & m_2-2 triangles. $\Rightarrow T$ has $m_1+m_2-4 = n+2-4 = n-2$ trigs. //

$O(n \log n)$ Triangulation

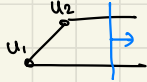
1] Partition P into monotone polygons. [$O(n \log n)$ time]

2] Triangulate them. [$O(n)$ time]

Def) X-monotone Polygon: Made of 2 chains, each with vertices in lexicographic order. ex)  non-ex) 

Step 2]: sweep-line. 

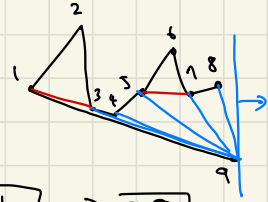
i) merge upper & lower vertices into one sorted list. (like mergesort, $O(n)$).

ii) Push u_1, u_2 into stack S . 

iii) for $j \leftarrow 3 \dots n$: process(u_j).

process(u_j):

(i) if u_j & $\text{top}(S)$ are on different chains:



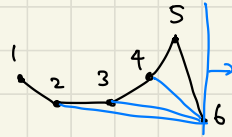
pop all vertices.

$S \quad \boxed{8 \ 7 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 1} \rightarrow \boxed{9 \ 8}$

create diagonal $u_j u_k$ for all popped u_k , except for bottommost one.

push u_{j-1}, u_j .

(ii) if u_j & $\text{top}(S)$ are on the same chain:



while $\text{second}(S)$ is visible from u_j :

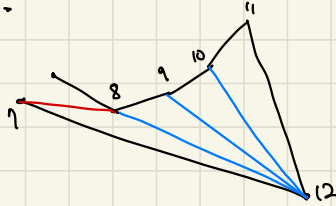
\swarrow Or 2D test!

$S \quad \boxed{5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1}$
 $\hookrightarrow \boxed{6 \ 2 \ 1}$

create diagonal $u_j, \text{second}(S)$.

pop $\text{top}(S)$.

push u_j .



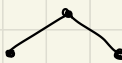
$S \quad \boxed{11 \ 10 \ 9 \ 8 \ 7} \rightarrow \emptyset$


(iii) if $j = n$:




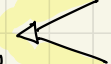
create diagonals to every vertex on stack except top & bottom.

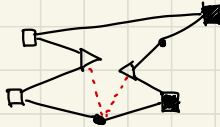
(Obs) No vertex is pushed more than twice.

\Rightarrow No vertex is popped more than twice! $\Rightarrow O(n)$ runtime.

Step $\boxed{1}$: Vertex is regular if it has left & right edges. 

Otherwise, it is a turn vertex.  categorize by $O(2D)$!

Types:  (start),  (end),  (merge),  (split)


ex)  Obs) Polygon with no split or merge vertices is x -monotone.

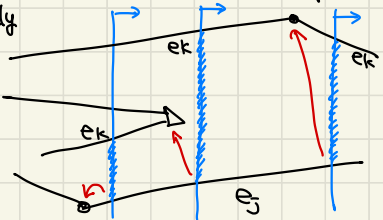
Goal: regularize split & merge vertices by adding diagonals.

Assume vertices are given in ccw order around polygon.

- Determine all vertex types in $O(n)$ time.

Sweep-line algorithm:

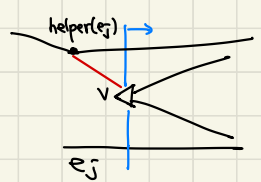
- Each vertex is an event. [no heap, just sort.]  polygon is "above"
- Status tree T only stores edges with polygon's interior above.
- These edges have "helpers".

Helper: $\forall e_j$, $\text{helper}(e_j) :=$ rightmost vertex to left of sweep line that is between or on e_j & e_k  edge immediately above e_j on sweep line

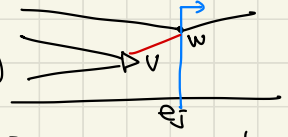
(changes as sweep line moves)

- helper(e_j) is visible from all points on the sweep line between e_j & e_k . Invariant!

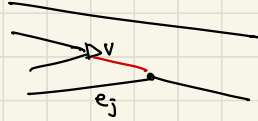
Regularizing split vertices: look up e_j below v in T .
Add diagonal $v, \text{helper}(e_j)$.



Regularizing merge vertices: when some helper(e_j) is about to change from v to w , check whether v is a merge vertex. If so, add diagonal \overline{vw} .



When e_j is removed from T , check whether $v = \text{helper}(e_j)$ is a merge vertex. If so, connect v to endpoint of e_j .



Event handling for v_i : [In Dutch Book, omitted here.]

Runtime: $O(n \log n)$, n vertices, sorting, each event is $O(\log n)$.

Delaunay Triangulation

Def) Triangular Complex: A set T of triangles, edges, & vertices s.t.


- T contains every edge & vertex of every triangle & edge in T .
- $\forall s, t \in T$, $s \cap t$ is empty or an edge/vertex of both s & t .

↳ disallows $\rightarrow s \cap t \neq s$

Vertex set $V := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$.

A triangular complex T is a triangulation of V if:

- V is the set of vertices in T , and
- T covers $\text{conv}(V)$, i.e. $\bigcup_{t \in T} t = \text{conv}(V)$.

↳ every edge of $\text{conv}(V)$ is a union of some edges in T . 

Thm) If V is nondegenerate (not all vertices are colinear),

T has $2n-2-v_h$ triangles & $3n-3-v_h$ edges,

where $v_h := \#$ of vertices of V on the boundary of $\text{conv}(V)$.

Proof: $e := \#$ edges in T , $f := \#$ faces in T (outside face & $f-1$ triangles).


Euler's planar graph formula is $n-e+f=2$.

Each triangle has 3 edges; outside face has v_h edges;

each edge is shared by 2 faces.


$$\Rightarrow e = \frac{3f - 3 + v_h \leftarrow (\# \text{ face-edge pairs})}{2 \leftarrow (\text{each edge counted twice})} \Rightarrow f = 2n - v_h - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ triangles} = 2n - v_h - 2. \Rightarrow e = 3n - v_h - 3. //$$

Def) Circumcircle: circumscribing circle of a triangle. 
↳ strictly inside

↳ empty if it encloses no point in point set V .

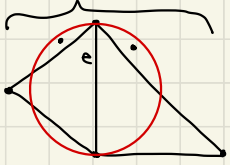
- A triangle is Delaunay if its circumcircle is empty.

- An edge is Delaunay if it has an empty circumcircle. 

- A triangulation of V is Delaunay if all of its triangles are Delaunay.

↳ T is a Delaunay Triangulation of V if it is Delaunay & triangulation of V .

Non-boundary edge e has a containing quadrilateral Q_e .



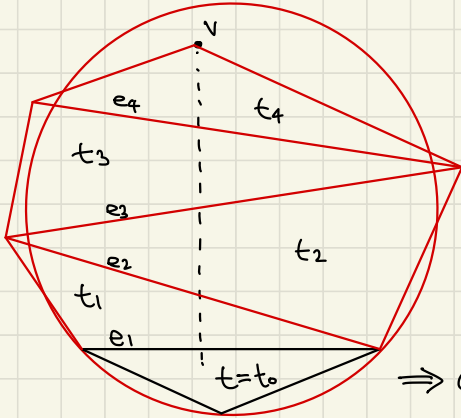
e is locally Delaunay if it has a circumcircle that encloses no vertex of Q_e .

Thm) \boxed{A} Every $t \in T$ is Delaunay \Leftrightarrow \boxed{B} Every edge of T is Delaunay
 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{C} Every edge of T is locally Delaunay.

Proof: $\boxed{A} \Rightarrow \boxed{B}$: consider the empty circumcircle. trivial. //

$\boxed{B} \Rightarrow \boxed{C}$: consider the empty circumcircle. trivial. //

$\boxed{C} \Rightarrow \boxed{A}$ ("Delaunay Lemma"): Sps for contradiction that some $t \in T$ not Delaunay \rightarrow has vertex $v \in V$ is in t 's circumcircle.

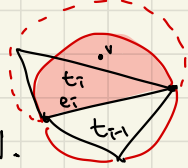


Induction on sequence of edges e_1, \dots, e_j .

Inductive step: Circumcircle of t_{i-1} encloses

v & e_i is locally Delaunay.

\rightarrow circumcircle of t_i encloses v .



\Rightarrow circumcircle of t_j encloses v and intersect v .

Contradiction. //

The flip algorithm (v1): construct any triangulation of V .

(locally Delaunay)

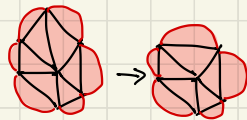
while some edge e is not LD, flip e . (\rightarrow)

\hookrightarrow (keep a list of non LD edges)

might not be LD anymore!

Note: an unflippable edge is always LD. 

Lemma: A flipped edge never reappears.



Proof: Union of circum disks of triangles adjoining a vertex is monotonically shrinking. //

Thm) Flip algorithm terminates after $O(n^2)$ flips.

Proof: Only $O(n^2)$ edges defined on n vertices. //

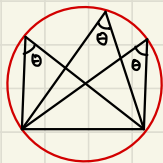
Thm) Every point set V has a DT.

Proof: Every V has a triangulation T . $T \xleftarrow{\text{flip algorithm}} T$. It terminates.

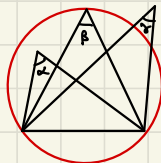
All edges are LD $\Rightarrow T'$ is a DT of V . //

Optimality of DT?

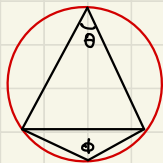
Angles:



$$\alpha > \beta > \gamma$$



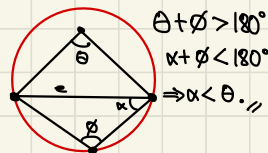
$$\theta + \phi = 180^\circ$$



(Thales' Theorem)

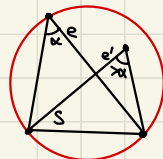
Lemma: Flipping an edge e that is not LD increases smallest angle in two affected triangles.

Proof: i) Before flip, smallest angle is not opposite of e .



ii) For any edges s of Q_e , the angle opposite of s

increases after the flip \Rightarrow even the smallest angle! //



Def) Angle-Vector: $A(T) :=$ sorted list of the $3 \cdot (\# \text{triangles})$ angles in T , sorted smallest to largest.

Corollary: Flipping an edge not LD lexicographically increases $A(T)$.

Corollary: If a point set has only one DT, that DT maximizes $A(T)$, compared to all other triangulation of V .

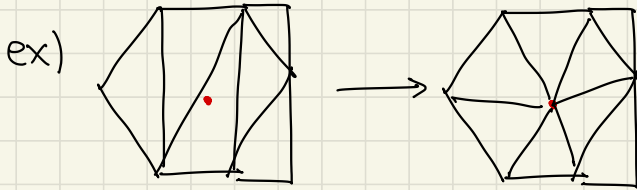
Proof: Every triangulation of V except DT of V can be improved. //

* if points are not cocircular, DT is unique. [explanation in Dutch Book]

Incremental Insertion Algorithm for DT

Let $V := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. $V_i := \{v_1, \dots, v_i\} \subseteq V$ for $i \leq n$. $T_i := \text{DT}(V_i)$.

Incremental insertion transforms T_{i-1} to T_i by inserting v_i .



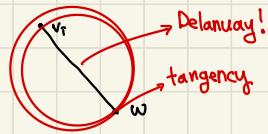
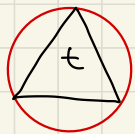
↳ triangles whose circumcircles enclose v_i are no longer Delaunay \rightarrow must change!

↳ but all others can stay.

Lemma) If t stops being Delaunay when v_i is inserted, for every vertex w of t ,

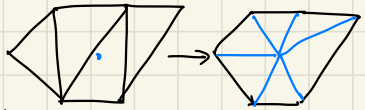
$\overline{v_i w}$ is Delaunay.

Proof: t was Delanuy before.

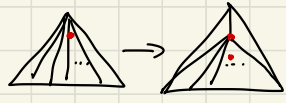


Bowyer-Watson Insertion:

- i) Find one triangle whose circumcircle encloses v_i .
- ii) Find the m others by DFS in $O(m)$ time.
- iii) Delete all of their edges, except the boundary.
- iv) Draw new edges from v_i to all vertices that iii deleted their edges.



Runtime: One insertion can take $\Theta(n)$ time. Tight example



↳ Worst case could be $\Theta(n^2)$ to compute $DT(V)$.

Randomized Incremental Insertion:

- Shuffle vertices in random permutation.
- Insert vertices in that order.
- * Each permutation is equally likely. $\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$ expected time.

Lemma) $E[\# \text{ of structural changes (not counting step i)}] \in O(n)$.

Proof (assume nondegenerate case for now): All T_1, \dots, T_n are unique.

Structural changes (triangle deletions/creations) to transform $T_{i-1} \rightarrow T_i$

are $O(\text{degree}(v_i))$, the degree of v_i in T_i . $\left[\text{Diagram showing } T_{i-1} \rightarrow T_i \text{ with } \text{deg}(v_i) = 6 \right]$

* Big Idea: Backward Analysis. Analyze a randomized algorithm as if it were running backward in time!

Given T_i , delete a random v_i to delete, yielding T_{i-1} .

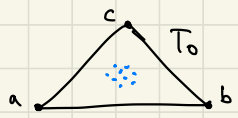
What is the # of structural changes? \Rightarrow What is the average degree in T_i ?

$\hookrightarrow T_i$ has $\leq 3i-6$ edges, each with 2 endpoints.

$\rightarrow E[\text{degree}(v_i)] \leq \frac{6i-12}{i} = 6 - \frac{12}{i}$. \rightarrow On average, we delete < 6 edges.

Forward in time: On average, inserting v_i creates < 6 edges \rightarrow < 6 triangles, and deletes < 4 triangles. //

Step (i), point location, is the hard part. To simplify, put V in a huge bounding box.

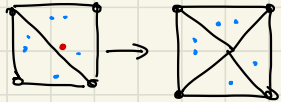


$$T_i := \text{DT}(\{a, b, c, v_1, \dots, v_i\})$$

Data Structures:

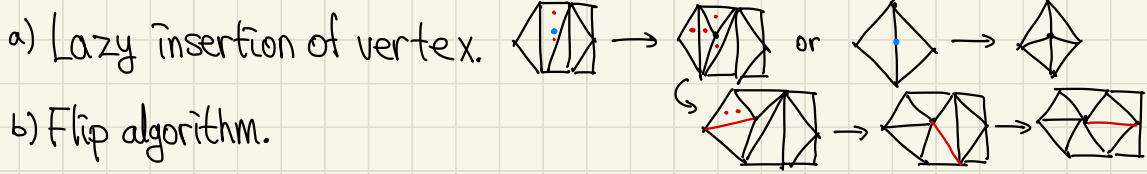
- Each uninserted vertex has a pointer to a triangle that currently contains it.
- Each triangle has a list of uninserted vertices that point to it.

* If a vertex lies on an edge, just choose one to point to.

Each insertion redistributes some lists. 

\hookrightarrow How to do this quickly?

One way: Lawson's Insertion Alg. (flip version of B-W alg.)



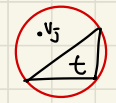
$E[\# \text{ of flips}] \leq 4$ due to the analysis above.

Cost per flip is $O(1 + \# \text{ of vertices redistributed})$

$O(n)$ time.

"Vertex Move": transfer of one uninserted vertex from one list to another.

Thm) $E[\# \text{ of Vertex Moves to build } T_n] \in O(n \log n)$



Proof (nondegenerate case): A conflict $\langle v_j, t \rangle$ is a vertex-triangle pair with v_j in t 's circumcircle with $t \in T_i$ for some i (clearly $j > i$).

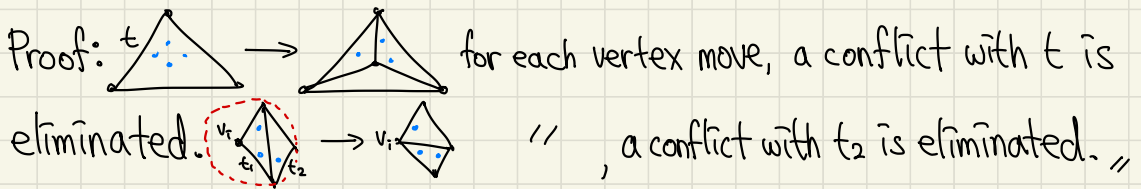
* a triangle created & deleted during one insertion (transient) doesn't count.

$C =$ total # of conflicts created during the algorithm.

$=$ // eliminated //

$=$ // $\left. \begin{matrix} \text{created} \\ \text{eliminated} \end{matrix} \right\}$ when running the algorithm backwards.

Lemma: Total vertex moves $\leq C$.



Backward Analysis: Given T_i , delete a random v_i , yielding T_{i-1} .

RV: X_t (for each $t \in T_i$) := $\mathbb{1}\{t \in T_i \text{ is deleted}\}$. Y_j (for $i \leq j \leq n$) := # of deleted triangles of T_i that v_j conflicts with.


(accounting for bounding box)

$E[X_t] \leq \frac{3}{i}$ because t has 3 vertices; t deleted if v_i is one of them.

Y_j is sum of expected \triangleleft of the X_t variables $\rightarrow E[Y_j] < \frac{12}{i}$.

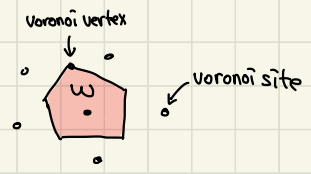
Consider all vertex insertions ... backward, $T_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow T_0$.

of conflicts eliminated = $C = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[Y_j] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{12n}{i} = 12nH_n \in O(n \log n)$.


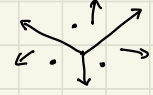
* Lower bound: $\Omega(n \log n)$  reduction from sorting!

Voronoi Diagrams

V : set of point sites.



$Vor(w)$: Voronoi cell of site $w \in V := \{p \in E^2 \mid |pw| \leq |pu| \forall u \in V\}$.

\hookrightarrow some of the cells will be unbounded.  

$Vor(V)$: Voronoi Diagram of V , planar subdivision formed by Voronoi cells $\{Vor(w) \mid w \in V\}$, plus their edges & vertices.

Planar Duals

Let X be a planar subdivision.

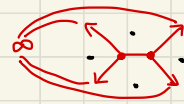


Let $G(W, E)$ where W contains one node for each face of X .

$(v, w) \in E$ if the corresponding faces share an edge.

If no 4 points of a point set V are cocircular,

DT(V) is the planar dual of Vor(V), and



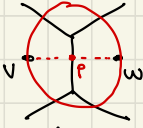
Vor(V) // DT(V) if we include in Vor(V) a

"vertex at infinity" where all the infinite rays terminate.

Why??

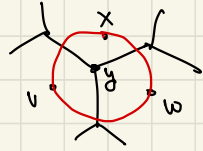
- If Vor(v) & Vor(w) share edge e, let p be a point on e.

Closest sites to p are v & w. → vw is Delaunay.



↳ Converse argument works too. → Voronoi edge $\stackrel{\text{dual}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Delaunay edge.

- If Vor(v), Vor(w), Vor(x) share vertex y, closest sites to y are v, w, x. → ΔVWX is Delaunay.



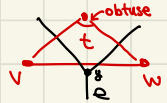
↳ Converse argument works too. (y is the center of circumcircle.)

→ Voronoi vertex $\stackrel{\text{dual}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Delaunay triangle.

- Obvious property of Vor(V): Voronoi face $\stackrel{\text{dual}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ vertex of V

All points on Voronoi edge $e = \text{Vor}(v) \cap \text{Vor}(w)$ are equidistant from v & w.

↳ Voronoi edge $e \perp$ dual Delaunay edge vw.

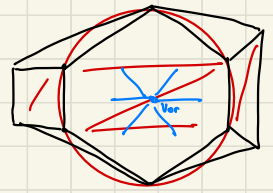


↳ But e might not intersect vw, because the circumcenter y might be outside.

What if 4+ vertices are cocircular? (The "degenerate case")

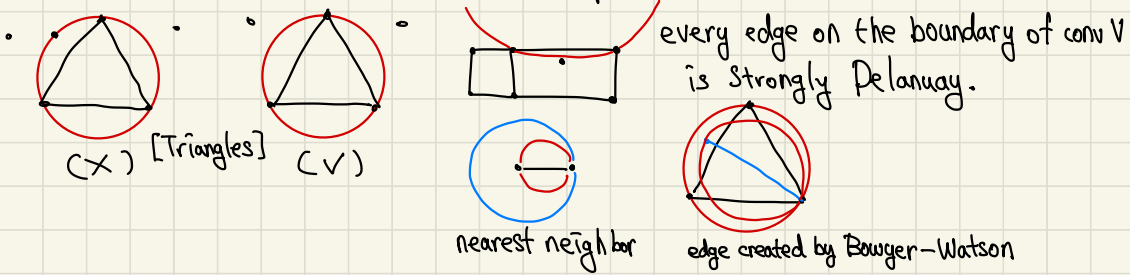
↳ The natural dual of the VD is the Delaunay Subdivision.

The Delaunay subdivision of V is unique.



DT might not be, but we can triangulate each non-triangles.

A triangle/edge is Strongly Delaunay if it has a circumcircle with no vertex of inside or on the circle except its own vertices.



→ Every new edge created by inserting v_i is strongly Delaunay in V_i .

Thm) Every DT contains every strongly Delaunay simplex. [Proof omitted]

⇒ Delaunay subdivision contains all strongly Delaunay edges, no others.

Algorithm to compute $\text{Vor}(V)$:

$T \leftarrow \text{DT}(V)$ [$O(n \log n)$ exp. time]

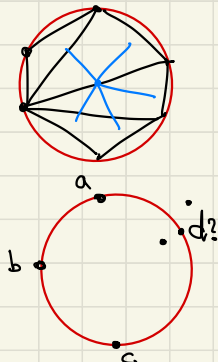
$W \leftarrow \{ \text{circumcenter}(t) \mid t \in T \} \cup \{ w_\infty \}$

point at "infinity" } $O(n)$ time

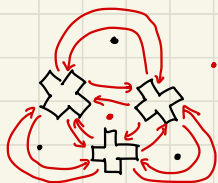
Merge identical circumcenters.

Compute DCEL dual to T , using W as vertices.

Use $\text{InCircle}(a, b, c, d) = \begin{vmatrix} a_x & a_y & (a_x^2 + a_y^2) & 1 \\ b_x & b_y & (b_x^2 + b_y^2) & 1 \\ c_x & c_y & (c_x^2 + c_y^2) & 1 \\ d_x & d_y & (d_x^2 + d_y^2) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{cases} > 0 & \text{if } d \text{ in } \odot abc \\ < 0 & \text{if } d \text{ out of } \odot abc \\ = 0 & \text{if } d \text{ on } \odot abc \end{cases}$



Guibas & Stolfi: "Quad-edge" data structure represents graph and its planar dual simultaneously. Variation of DCEL.



- Del vertex, Vor face
 - Vor vertex, Del face
- Allows us to skip dualization step!

Planar Point Location

Input: Planar subdivision S (DCEL), query points.

Output: Faces containing the query points.

Algorithm 1: Check every face ("Point in Polygon"), $\Theta(n)$ time.

↙ some search structure

Goal: Preprocess S (expensive) so online queries take $\alpha(n)$ time.

Slab method: Partition S into slabs.

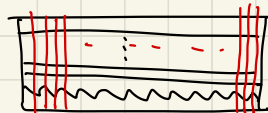
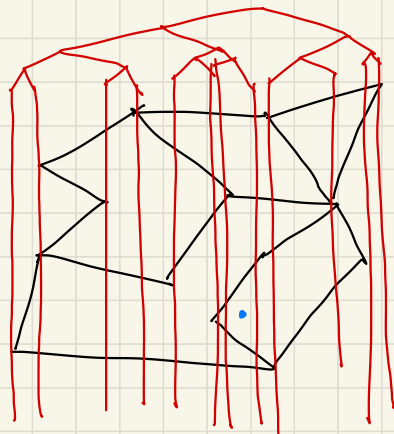
Each slab has ordered list of subsegments.

Query: Binary search on x -coordinates,

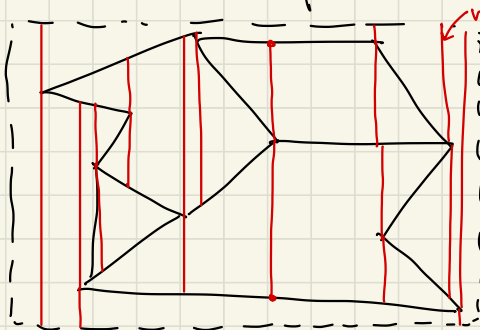
binary search on the slab.

Time: $O(\log n)$ (2 binary searches)

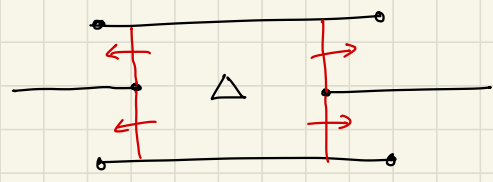
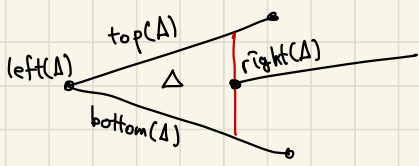
Storage: Up to $\Theta(n^2)$! Preprocessing is also slow!



Better idea: Trapezoidal Map $T(S)$ (or "vertical decomposition")



Each trapezoid has one or two vertical sides, and two non-vertical sides. \square \triangle
 They are defined by top/bottom segments and the left/right points, and has up to 4 neighbors.



Data structure for a trapezoid stores these 8 things. $T(S)$ is not a DCEL!

Note: (x) (v) Lexicographical removal of degeneracy.

Each segment endpoint generates 3 vertices.

$T(S)$ is a planar graph, so linear size.

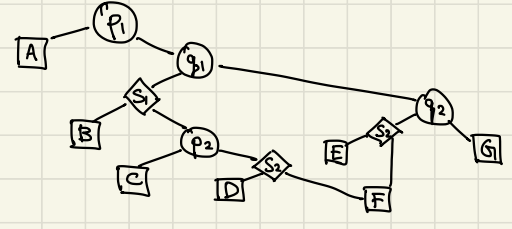
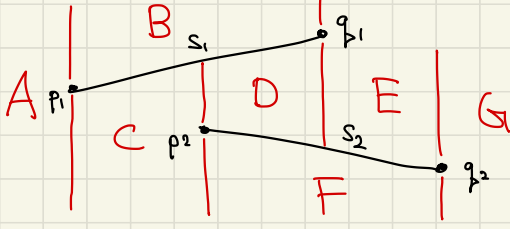
n segments \rightarrow $\leq (3n+1)$ trapezoids.
at most 3 changes leftmost

Preprocessing: Random incremental insertion of segments.

- Maintain history DAG.

\hookrightarrow x-nodes: lexico. comparison with segment endpoint

\hookrightarrow y-nodes: above/below segment \hookrightarrow leaves: trapezoids



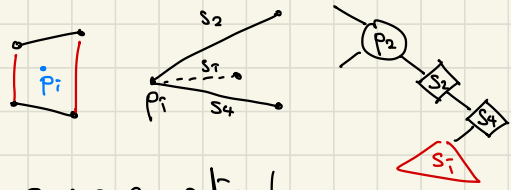
Point location in planar subdivision:

- Find trapezoid Δ containing q via history DAG.
- Δ 's top edge has a pointer to the face in the input subdivision.

Inserting segment s_i :

① Locate left endpoint p_i of s_i .

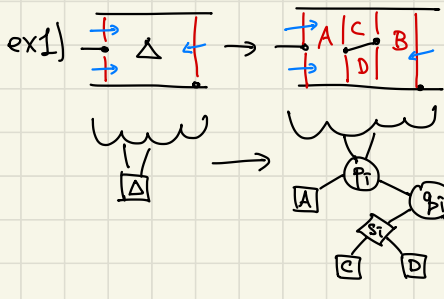
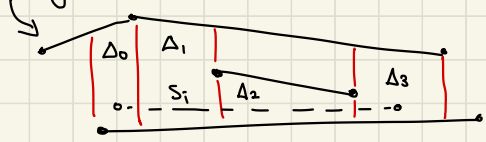
If p_i is already in DAG:



- Go right at x-node with same coordinates.
- At y-node with same left endpoints, "compare slopes"

② Trace trapezoids $\Delta_0, \dots, \Delta_k$ pierced by s_i . $O(k)$ time.

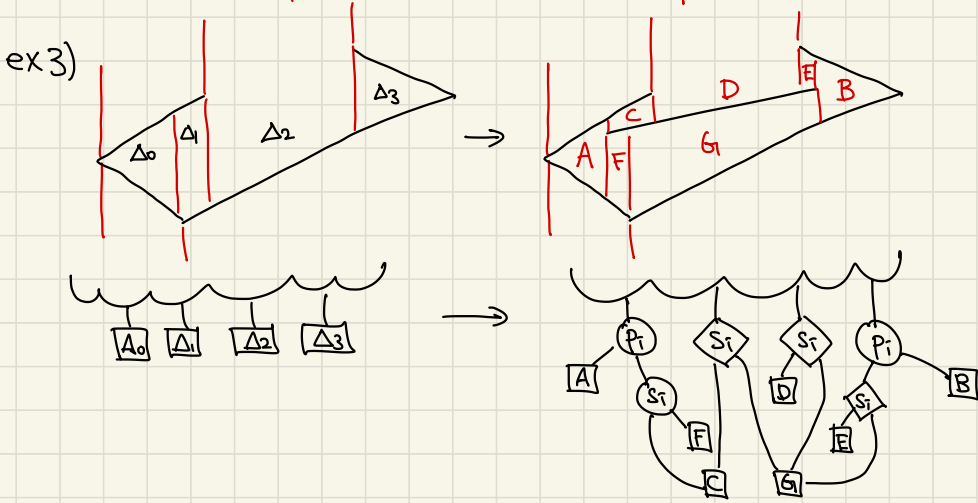
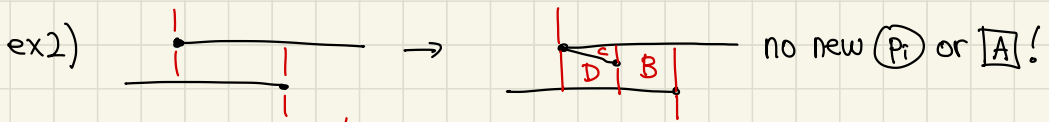
③ Insert s_i .



Changes to map:

- initialize 4 new trapezoids.
- update traps neighboring A & B.

Changes to DAG: update Δ 's tree node to this.



- If p_i is new, create $(P_i) \subseteq [A]$.
- If q_i is new, create $(q_i) \subseteq [B]$. $\implies O(k)$ time.
- For each $\Delta_0, \dots, \Delta_k$, create (S_i) .
- Create new leaves, merging trapezoids where vertical extensions are blocked by S_i .

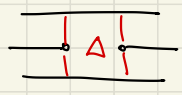
Backward analysis:

① Query time for point q ?

Depth of trap containing q is at most $3 \cdot (\# \text{ of changes to } q\text{'s trapezoid})$.

Let Δ be a trap containing q is $T(S_i)$. Rip out a segment S_i u.a.r.

Δ disappears only if $\text{top}(\Delta)$, $\text{bottom}(\Delta)$, $\text{left}(\Delta)$, or $\text{right}(\Delta)$ is removed.



$$\rightarrow \Pr[\Delta \text{ disappears}] \leq \frac{4}{i}$$

$$\rightarrow E[\text{depth of } q \text{ in DAG}_i] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{12}{i} = 12H_n \in O(\log n). //$$

② Size of DAG?

$$E[\# \text{ of traps ripped out from } S_i] \leq (3i+1) \frac{4}{i} \leq 16$$

$$\Rightarrow E[\text{size of DAG}_i] \leq \sum_{i=1}^n O(16) \in O(n). \quad [\text{Worst case is still } \Theta(n^2)]$$

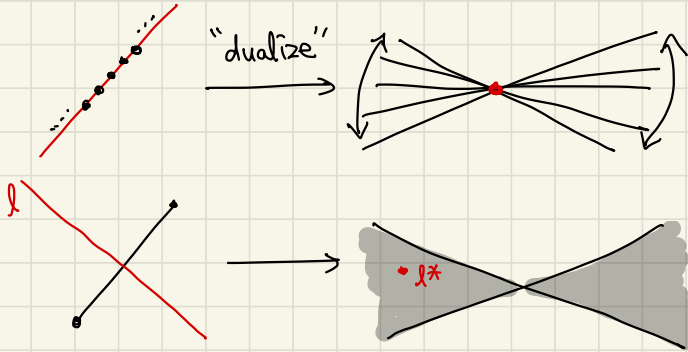
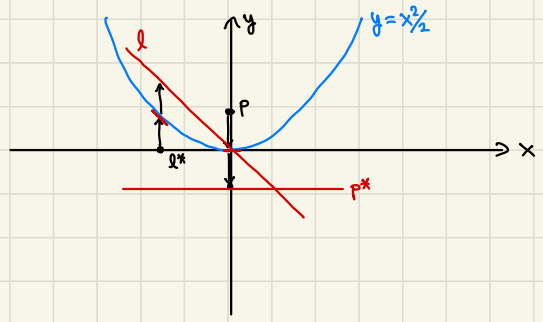
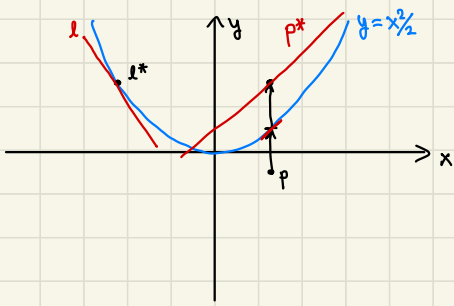
③ Preprocessing time?

Inserting s_i takes expected $O(\log i)$ + $O(16)$ time.

$$\Rightarrow E[\text{time to build } T(S_n) + \text{DAG}_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n O(\log i) = O(n \log n)$$

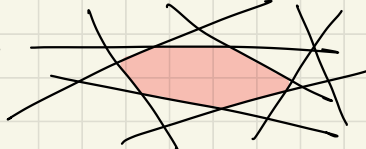
Duality

| Primal | Dual |
|--|---|
| point $p := (p_x, p_y)$ | line $p^* := (y = p_x x - p_y)$ |
| line $l := (y = m x + b)$ * no vertical lines! | point $l^* := (m, -b)$ |
| Incidence: l passes p * $p_y = m p_x + b$ | Incidence: p^* passes l^* * $-b = p_x m - p_y$ |
| Orientation: p is above l * $p_y > m p_x + b$ | Orientation: l^* is above p^* * $-b > p_x m - p_y$ |



Application: Intersection of half-planes

Def) Half-Plane: a line \cup set of points on one side.

Intersection:  $H = \{h_1, \dots, h_n\}$ of hyperplanes.
 \hookrightarrow find the intersection (feasible region)

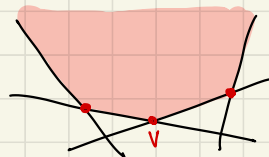
Partition H into $H = L \cup U \cup V$.

$\hookrightarrow L :=$ lower bounding HPs.

$\hookrightarrow U :=$ upper

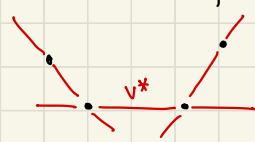
$\hookrightarrow V :=$ vertical HPs. (special case treatment)

Compute underside first.



We want each point v where: 2 lines in L intersect v , and no line in L is above v .

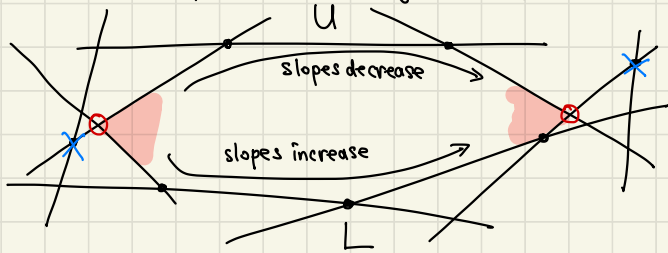
↳ Dualize: we want each line v^* where 2 vertices in L^* intersect v^* , and v^* is above no vertex in L^* .



⇒ Lower portion of $\text{conv } L^*$! (Graham scan in $O(n)$)

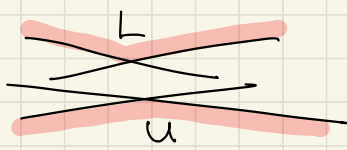
↳ Dualize the lower hull to get $\bigcap_{h \in L} h$ + connectivity information.

Compute the upper-bounding half-spaces separately, then merge.

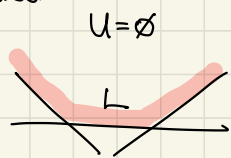
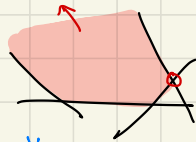


Merge sweeps left to right.
Linear time implementation.

Can be infeasible, $\bigcap_{h \in L} h = \emptyset$.

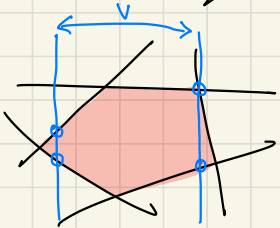


Can be unbounded.



Finally, treat V separately.

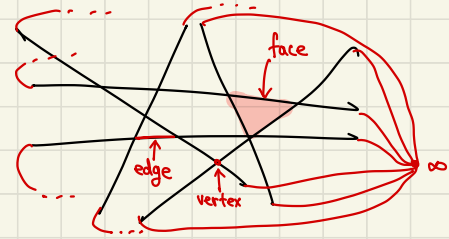
↳ Only need 2 lines from V .



Arrangements of Lines

↙ arrangement

L : set of n lines in plane. → $A(L)$: planar subdivision defined by L .



Has many unbounded faces.

Include a point at infinity.

$A(L)$ is simple if: no parallel lines & no 3 points intersect at a point.

Thm) Complexity of $A(L)$:

- $A(L)$ has $\leq \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ vertices. (+1 at ∞)
 - $A(L)$ has $\leq n^2$ edges.
 - $A(L)$ has $\leq \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + 1$ faces.
- } equality iff $A(L)$ is simple.

Proof:

- There are $\binom{n}{2}$ pairs of lines, each generating at most one vertex.

Parallel lines or triple intersection \Leftrightarrow reduced # of vertices.

- A line l with v vertices is divided into $(v+1)$ edges.

At most $(n-1)$ vertices on line \rightarrow at most n edges on one line

Parallel or triples \Leftrightarrow some line has $< (n-1)$ vertices.

- Faces = edges - vertices + 2 if we count vertex at ∞ .

\therefore simple case $\rightarrow f = \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + 1$ faces.

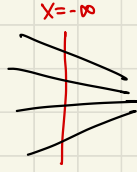
Parallel \rightarrow one vertex fewer, two edges fewer \rightarrow one face fewer

k -way intersection $\rightarrow \frac{k(k-1)}{2}$ vertices fewer, $k^2 - 2k$ edges fewer

$\rightarrow \frac{k^2}{2} - \frac{3k}{2} + 1$ faces fewer, $> 0 \forall k \geq 3. \parallel$

Computing A(L)

- Use DCEL.



- Idea 1: Plane sweep line intersection.

- Lines initially ordered on status tree by decreasing slope.

- Break ties (parallel lines) by increasing y -intercept.

- Run as usual, then tie loose ends to vertex at ∞ .

$\rightarrow O(n^2 \log n)$ time.

- Idea 2: Incremental insertion.

- Insert l_1, \dots, l_n in order.

- To insert l_i :

$v \leftarrow$ vertex at ∞ .

do:

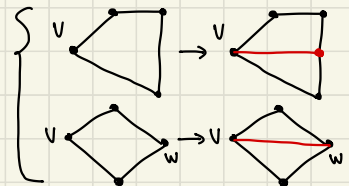
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determine face to slice; call it f .

determine edge e or vertex w where v_i leaves f .

chop face f in two (modify DCEL)

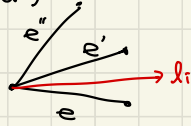
$v \leftarrow$ vertex where l_i leaves f



while $v \neq \text{vertex at } \infty$.

Determining face to slice:

- Walk l_i from left to right (bottom to top if l_i is vertical)
- From any normal point (not at ∞):
Look for two consecutive edges e & e' s.t. l_i has slope $> e & < e'$.
- From point at ∞ , use slope to determine face.



Counter clockwise \rightarrow decreasing slope! (counter intuitive, think 3D?)

Break ties (parallel lines) by y -intercept (ccw \rightarrow increasing y -intercept)

// (vertical lines) by x -coordinates (ccw \rightarrow decreasing x -coordinates)

Time to insert $l_i \leq$ total complexity of all faces that l_i intersects.

- l_i generally intersects $\Theta(i)$ faces.

- One face can have upto $\Theta(i)$ edges.



\hookrightarrow Quadratic time to insert one line? The following thm shows it's better.

Thm) Zone Theorem: Let the zone of a line l in arrangement $A(L)$ be the set of faces of $A(L)$ that intersect l . Complexity of the zone is the total # of vertices, edges, and faces in the zone, which is $O(n)$.

Def) Davenport-Schinzel Sequence: $DS(n, s)$ is a string of an alphabet

of n characters such that:

1) no consecutive characters,

2) no alternating sequence of the form $\overbrace{\dots a \dots b \dots}^2 \overbrace{\dots a \dots b \dots}^s$ of length $(s+2)$.

eg) $\underline{123}24\underline{21} \in DS(4,2)$, but $\underline{123}14\underline{3} \notin DS(4,2)$.

Lemma: Every $DS(n,2)$ sequence has $\leq (2n-1)$ characters.

Proof: Let s be a c -char $DS(n,2)$ sequence. Each consecutive pair (a,b) is either the last occurrence of a , or the first occurrence of b . ($b \dots \overbrace{ab}^{(\neq)} \dots a$)


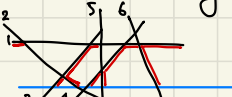
If former, charge \$1 to a . If latter, charge \$1 to b . Also, charge \$1 each to the first & last chars in s . No char is charged more than \$2 since it gets charged only for its first & last occurrence in s .

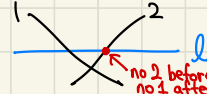
→ Total charge is at least $(c-1)$ pairs + \$2 = $\$(c+1) \leq \$2n$. → $c \leq 2n-1$.

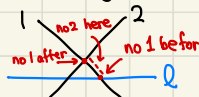
Proof of Zone Thm: Change the coordinates s.t. l is the x-axis.

Left bounding edge (LBE) of a face := edge with a face to the right.

Walk along l , listing all LBEs in l 's zone above l .

  l $13231454161 \rightarrow DS(n,2)$ sequence!

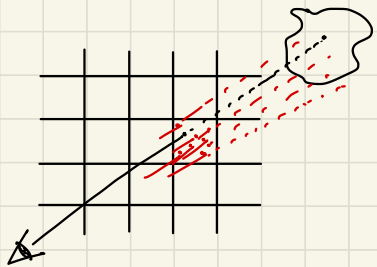
→ length $< 2n$ by the lemma. Why?  l intersecting below/on l (or parallel)

 $2 \dots 2 \dots 1 \dots 1 \dots 2 \dots 2$ is possible, but not 2121 . → This satisfies $DS(n,2)$.

$\rightarrow (LBE + RBE) \times (\text{above } l + \text{below } l) < \sum_n \text{ for } |E|.$

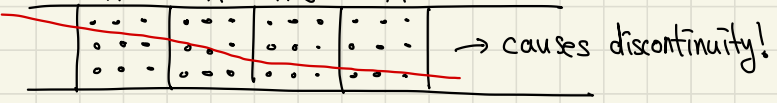
Corollary: Incremental Insertion runs in $O(n^2)$ time.

Numeric Integration, Ray Tracing, & Discrepancy



What points should we select to supersample?

\hookrightarrow Naively, selecting grids sounds good.



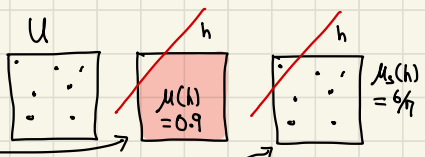
We want "low-discrepancy sequence", e.g. Sobol sequence.

Discrepancy

Let $U := [0,1] \times [0,1]$, unit square, represent a pixel.

Let $S :=$ set of sample points in U .


Let $H :=$ set of all half-planes.



For any $h \in H$, continuous measure $\mu(h)$ and discrete measure $\mu_s(h)$


is ideally equal, but we have the discrepancy $\Delta_h(S) := |\mu(h) - \mu_s(h)|$.

\rightarrow Discrepancy of H : $\Delta_H(S) := \sup_{h \in H} \Delta_h(S)$.

* Why sup, not max?  $\Delta_h(S)$ approaches 0.8, but drops to $(0.8 - 0.5)$.

\hookrightarrow Consider the greater of closed and open half-plane.

Computing the discrepancy of S : Let h be a half-plane (open or closed) that maximizes $\Delta_H(s)$. Let l be the boundary of h .

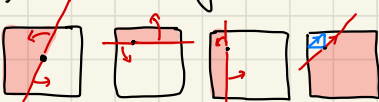
Lemma: l passes through a point $\bar{s} \in S$.  (at least one direction increases $\Delta_H(s)$.)

Lemma: For some maximizer, either:

- l passes through 2 points, or
- $l \cap [0, 1]^2$ is split into two equal segments by a point $\bar{s} \in S$.

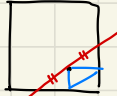
Proof: Let h be a maximizer through some $s \in S$. Rotate h about pivot s .

How do $\mu(h)$, $\mu_s(h)$ vary? $\mu_s(h)$: changes when l hits a second point.

$\mu(h)$: varies continuously. 

Algorithm:

$O(n^2)$ for each $s \in S$:

$O(n)$ $l \leftarrow$ "optimal" line through s (construct line \parallel to corner triangle) 
 for each h with boundary l , open/closed, above/below, compute $\Delta_s(h)$.

$O(n^2)$ for each $s' \in S \setminus \{s\}$:

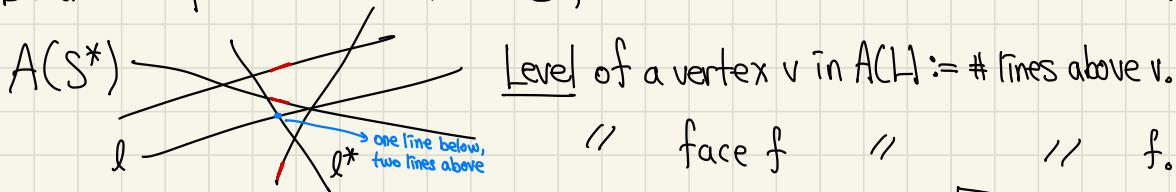
$l \leftarrow$ line through s & s'
 for each h with boundary l , open/closed, above/below, compute $\Delta_s(h)$.

Runtime: $O(n^3)$ time since each $\Delta_s(h)$ computation takes $O(n)$.

Can we do the last part better? \rightarrow Use duality!

Goal: $\forall s, s' \in S$, count # points in S above/below $\overleftrightarrow{ss'}$.

Dualize: \forall pair of lines $l, l' \in S^*$, count lines in S^* below/above $l \cap l'$.

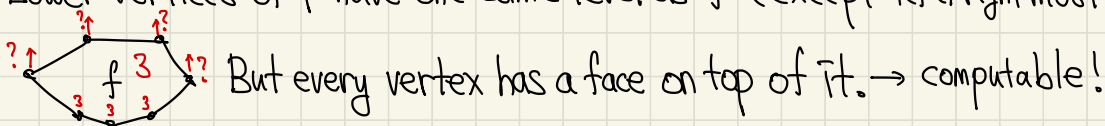


Let f, f' be faces sharing an edge e , with f above f' .



\hookrightarrow level(f') = level(f) + 1 by definition. \rightarrow Compute all levels by DFS.

Lower vertices of f have the same level as f (except left/rightmost)



New Algorithm (Second half):

Construct $A(S^*)$.

Compute level(f) for some face f (brute force)

Compute levels of all faces by DFS across edges

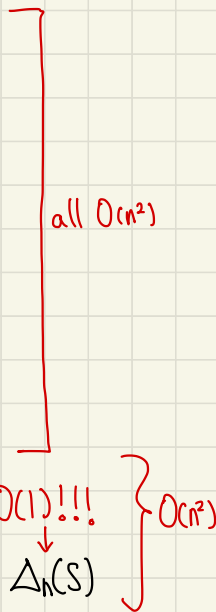
Label vertices with their levels

Repeat with "upside-down" levels ($\#$ lines below v)

for each $s, s' \in S$:

for each h , open/closed, above/below $\overleftrightarrow{ss'}$, compute $\Delta_h(S)$

\Rightarrow Overall runtime improved to $O(n^2)$!



Higher Dimensions

Coordinate axes: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d .

In E^d , a k-flat is like a k-dimensional subspace, but need not contain the origin.

(a.k.a. affine subspace)

0-flat: point (vertex)

1-flat: line

2-flat: plane

(d-1)-flat: hyperplane, set of x s.t. $n \cdot x = \alpha$

d-flat: space (E^d)

normal vector

constant

variable point

Def) Affine Hull (aff S): two equivalent definitions,

① the lowest dimensional flat that includes S ,

② the set of all affine combinations of points in set S .

↳ The dimension of S is the dimension of aff S .


Def) Halfspace: one side of a hyperplane (open or closed)

(Convex) Polytopes:

none is an affine combination of the others

Def) k-simplex: convex hull of $(k+1)$ affinely independent points P .

↳ -1-simplex: \emptyset , 0-simplex: vertex, 1-simplex: edge, 2-simplex: triangle \triangle ,

3-simplex: tetrahedron , (d-2)-simplex: ridge, (d-1)-simplex: facet.

Face of a k-simplex is $\text{conv } P'$ for any $P' \subseteq P$, including the k-simplex itself.
vertices of simplex

A d-simplex has $\binom{d+1}{k+1}$ k-faces.

↳ Note that # of k-faces = # of (d-k-1)-faces.

e.g. |vertices| = |facets| (think of tetrahedron), $\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor$ -faces dominate, $\gg 2^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor} \ll (2 + \lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor)^{\lfloor \frac{d}{2} \rfloor}$

General Polytopes:



A supporting hyperplane intersects the polytope but not its (relative) interior.

Def) Proper Face: intersection of a polytope with a supporting hyperplane.

↳ vertex, edge, 2-face, ..., ridge, facet
(d-1)-face (d-1) face

Def) Face: P, \emptyset , or a proper face.

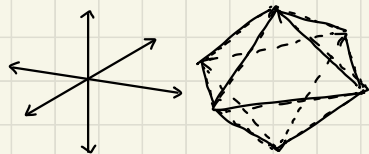
ex) Hypercube: Intersection of halfspaces $x_i \leq 1, x_i \geq -1 \forall i \in [d]$
2d halfspaces  2d facets

↳ point, edge, square, cube, 4-cube, ...

Vertices are $(\pm 1, \pm 1, \dots, \pm 1)$, 2^d vertices in total!

ex) Cross-polytope: $\text{conv} \{ \overbrace{e_i, -e_i}^{2d \text{ vertices}} : i \in [d] \}$ where e_i is a unit vector along axis x_i .

Faces are $\text{conv} \{ \pm e_1, \pm e_2, \dots, \pm e_d \}$, total 2^d facets!



Def) V -polytope: The convex hull of a finite point set (simplex, cross-polytope, ...)

Def) H -polytope: The bounded intersection of a finite halfspace set (hypercube)

Thm) Main Theorem of Polytope Theory: Every V -polytope is a H -polytope.

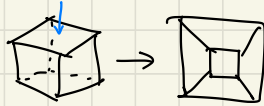
Conversion Algorithms: $V \rightarrow H$ "convex hull", $H \rightarrow V$ "halfspace intersection"

Def) H -polyhedron: Like H -polytope, but can be unbounded (from Motzousek)

Def) Simple polytope: every vertex has degree d (simplex, hypercube)

Def) Simplicial polytope: every facet is a simplex (simplex, cross-polytope)

Convex polyhedra in 3D:



Edges form a planar graph. Pick some "outer face" and project.

$\rightarrow O(\text{vertices})$ complexity, can apply Euler's formula!

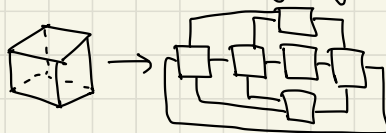
Thm) Steinitz Theorem: A graph is the edge graph of some convex polyhedron iff it is planar and 3-connected (deleting any 2 vertices doesn't disconnect G)

Representations of polytopes, triangulations, convex subdivisions:

Double description: bipartite graph connecting vertices with facets / d -faces.

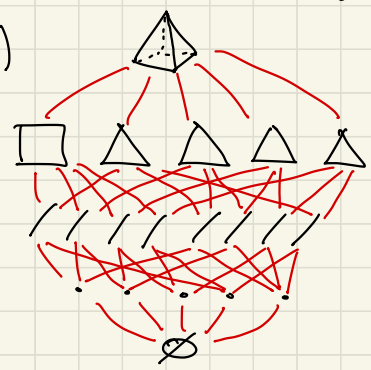
polytopes triangulation/
conv. subdiv.

Facet graph: Double description + edges connecting any two facets / d -faces that share a ridge / facet.



Face lattice: A Hasse diagram, a DAG connecting each k -face with adjoining $(k-1)$ and $(k+1)$ -faces. (complexity is likely exploding)

All of these can be triangulated; divide each face into simplices representing them.

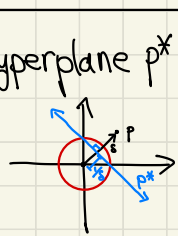


Warnings:

- ① If not triangulated, double description & facet graph are not complete representations; may need convex hull alg to reconstruct shape of a facet.
 - ② Size of triangulated representation may be superpolynomial in size of DD of facet graph as d increases! e.g. hypercubes
 - ③ Size of face lattice may be superpolynomial compared to DD or facet graph, even if they are triangulated. e.g. simplices have $\geq 2^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}$ $\lfloor d/2 \rfloor$ -faces.
- ↳ Not an issue for $d=2 \sim 5$.

Polarity (Another Duality)

| Primal | Dual |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Point p (origin has no dual) | Hyperplane $p^* := \{x \in E^d \mid x \cdot \vec{p} = 1\}$ (hyperplane through origin has no dual) |



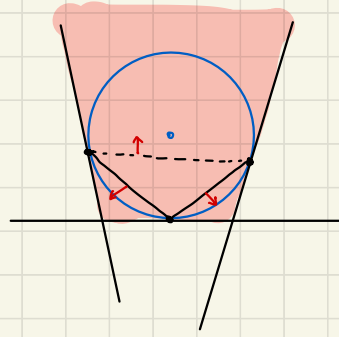
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|---|---|
| Point $p \in$ hyperplane h | $h^* \in p^*$ (preserves incidence) |
| p is on <u>same side</u> of h as origin (opposite) | h^* is on <u>same side</u> of p^* as origin (opposite) (preserves orientation) |
| k -flat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $\text{aff}(\overbrace{p_a, p_b, \dots}^{\text{points or flats}})$ $\overbrace{h_a \cap h_b \cap \dots}^{\text{hp or flats}}$ | $(d-1-k)$ -flat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $p_a^* \cap p_b^* \cap \dots$ $\text{aff}(h_a^*, h_b^*, \dots)$ |
| k -flat f <u>intersects</u> $(d-1-k)$ flat g [overlaps from origin's viewpoint] | k -flat g^* <u>intersects</u> $(d-1-k)$ -flat f^* ["] (incidence, orientation) |
| V -polytope with origin inside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> face lattice | H -polytope with origin inside <ul style="list-style-type: none"> same lattice upside-down |
| Cross-polytope ($2^d V, 2^d F$) | Hypercube ($2^d V, 2^d F$) |

Convex hull from halfspace intersection alg:

- $c \leftarrow \text{centroid}(V)$
- Translate V s.t. c is at origin
- $H \leftarrow \text{dual}(V)$ with all half spaces containing origin
- $P \leftarrow \bigcap_{h \in H} h$ (halfspace intersection black box alg)
- return P^*

Halfspace intersection from convex hull alg:

- Let p be a point inside $\bigcap_{h \in H} h$. (Find via LP)
- Translate H s.t. p is at origin
- $V \leftarrow \text{dual}(H)$
- $P \leftarrow \text{conv}(V)$
- Delete facets of P facing origin
- return P^*



Triangulations of point set $V \in E^d$: A simplicial complex T s.t.

- $\bigcup_{t \in T} t = \text{conv} V$, and
- V is the set of vertices in T .

A tetrahedralization of n points can have $\Omega(n^2)$ tetrahedra.

Each additional 2 dimensions \rightarrow one more line s.t. orthogonal & offset from others

$\rightarrow \Omega(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor})$ d -simplices.

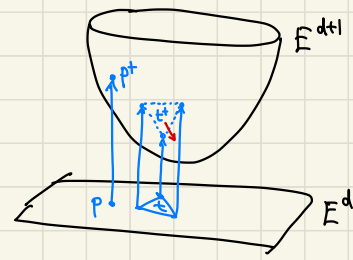
Delaunay Triangulation: $\forall v \in V, t \in \text{DT} V$, v is not inside the hypersphere that circumscribes t .

\uparrow
 d -simplices

The parabolic lifting map: Lifts points in E^d onto paraboloid in E^{d+1} ,

$$p \mapsto \langle p, \|p\|^2 \rangle = p^+$$

Thm) If $\text{conv } V^+$ is simplicial, the projection of its underside to E^d is DT V .

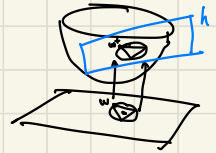


Proof: Let $t \in E^d$ be a d -simplex with vertices $e \in V$, circumcenter c , radius r .

t is Delaunay iff $\forall v \in V, \|v - c\|^2 \geq r^2 \Leftrightarrow \|v\|^2 \geq 2c \cdot v + r^2 - \|c\|^2$.

For each vertex w of t , $w_{d+1} = \|w\|^2 = 2c \cdot w + r^2 - \|c\|^2$.

Let h be the hyperplane $x_{d+1} = 2c \cdot (x_1, \dots, x_d) + r^2 - \|c\|^2$.



\rightarrow each vertex of t^+ is on h .

t^+ lies on the underside of $\text{conv } V^+$ iff $\forall v^+ \in V^+, v^+$ is not below h .

$$\Leftrightarrow v_{d+1} \geq 2c \cdot v + r^2 - \|c\|^2$$

But $v_{d+1} = \|v\|^2$, so t is Delaunay iff t^+ is an underside. //

Note: If $(d+2)$ points in V lie on a common empty hypersphere, $\text{conv } V^+$ is not simplicial, and DT is not unique. Triangulate facets any old way.

Corollary: Every finite point set has a DT.

Corollary: Every convex hull alg. for E^d is a DT alg. for E^{d+1} .

Corollary: The $\Omega(n^2)$ DT in E^3 implies existence of $\Omega(n^2)$ -facet polytopes in E^4 .

Upper-Bound Theorem for Triangulations (asymptotic)

An n -vertex triangulation T in E^d has $O(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor})$ simplices.

Proof: Rotate T s.t. no facet is vertical.

For each d -simplex s :



intersection of k facets of s is a $(d-k)$ -face. s has $(d+1)$ facets.

At least $\lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$ of them either face up or face down.

Let f be the intersection of $\lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil$ of them that face up (or down) ^(pick majority)

$\rightarrow f$ has dimension $\leq d - \lceil (d+1)/2 \rceil = \lfloor d/2 \rfloor - 1$.



s is the unique simplex directly below (or above) f .

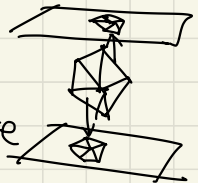
\therefore # of d -simplices in $T \leq 2(\# \text{ of } (\lfloor d/2 \rfloor - 1)\text{-simplices of } T)$

$$\leq 2 \cdot \binom{n}{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} \in O(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor})$$

$$\text{Number of } k\text{-simplices} \leq \begin{cases} 2 \binom{d+1}{k+1} n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} & \text{for } \lfloor d/2 \rfloor \leq k \leq d \\ n^{k+1} & \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq \lfloor d/2 \rfloor \end{cases}$$

Upper Bound Theorem for Polytopes (asymptotic): an n -vertex polytope

$P \subset E^d$ has $O(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor})$ facets.



Proof: project facets to 2 subdivisions of E^{d-1} . Triangulate inner faces (doesn't decrease complexity). Apply $O(n^{\lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor})$ triangulation bound. Observe that $\lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor = \lfloor d/2 \rfloor$. //

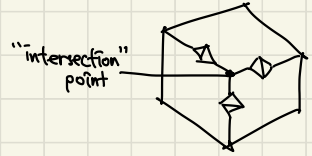
Exact Version [McMullen]: An n -facet polytope $P \subset E^d$ has

$$f_i(P) \leq \sum_{j=0}^d \binom{j}{i} \binom{n-1-\max(j, d-j)}{\min(j, d-j)} \quad i\text{-faces.}$$

By polarity, an n -vertex polytope has

$$f_i(P) \leq \sum_{j=0}^d \binom{j}{d-i} \binom{n-1-\max(j, d-j)}{\min(j, d-j)} \quad i\text{-faces.}$$

Small Dimension LP



Application: "Intersection" of planes that don't quite intersect.

Normal equations of planes: $n_i \cdot x = c_i, 1 \leq i \leq p$, n_i is the unit normal vector.

Idea: minimize distance of v from farthest plane, $d = \max_i |n_i \cdot v - c_i|$.

→ Rewrite as: $\min d$ s.t. linear constraints

$\{d \geq n_i \cdot v - c_i, d \geq c_i - n_i \cdot v\} \forall i \in [p]$. This is an LP in 4D.

v has 3 dimensions, and d is a constraint variable.

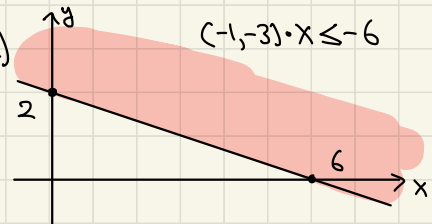
Def) Linear Program: $x := (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ variables, $c = (c_1, \dots, c_d)$ objective vector.

The goal is to maximize $x \cdot c = c_1 x_1 + \dots + c_d x_d$, the objective function.

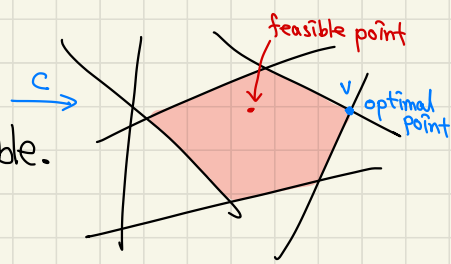
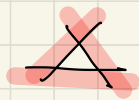
There are n constraints of the form $a_i \cdot x \leq b_i$ where $a_i = (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{id}), b_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

→ Each constraint defines a halfspace. ex) $(-1, -3) \cdot x \leq -6$

The intersection of all halfspaces is the feasible region, a convex H-polyhedron.

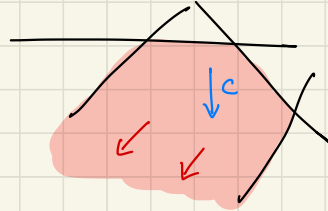


v is extreme in direction c .

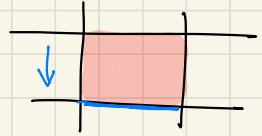


If \cap of halfspaces is empty, the LP is infeasible.

Feasible but unbounded LP is feasible but has no upper bound on $c \cdot x$. Note that the LP can be bounded even if the feasible region is unbounded.



There can exist multiple optima if \exists a constraint \perp to c .



\hookrightarrow We will seek the lexicographically maximum solution.

LP Algorithms:

- Dantzig's "Simplex": works good in practice for large d, n , $O(\exp(n))$.
- Kachiyon, Karmarkar: polytime in bit complexity of input coefficients.
- Megiddo & other (Giers: algorithms in $O(f(d) \cdot n)$ where $f(d)$ is exponential, but oblivious to bit complexity.

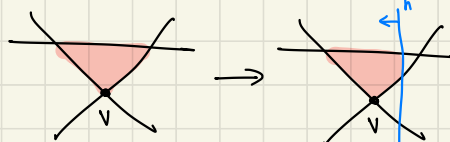
Lemma: Let H be a set of halfspaces. Let c be the objective vector.

Let v be the solution to $LP(c, H)$, the lex. maximum optima of $c \cdot v$ in $\bigcap_{h \in H} h$.

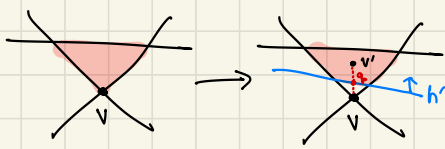
Let h' be another halfspace. [assume adding $H \cup \{h'\}$ is feasible, for now]

(i) if $v \in h'$, then v solves $LP(c, H \cup \{h'\})$.

(i) if $v \notin h'$, then solution to $LP(c, H \cup \{h'\})$ lies on the boundary of h' .

Proof Sketch: (i)  $\bigcap_{h \in H \cup \{h'\}} h \subseteq \bigcap_{h \in H} h$, so v is still the best solution to $c \cdot v$. \square

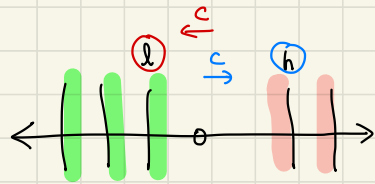
(ii) Suppose new optimum v' is not on the boundary of h' .

 Let $q := \overline{v v'} \cap \text{boundary}(h')$. $q \neq v'$.
Either $c \cdot v > c \cdot v'$, so $c \cdot q > c \cdot v'$. $\#$.

OR, $c \cdot v = c \cdot v'$ and $v \succ v'$, so $c \cdot q = c \cdot v'$ and $q \succ v'$, so v is not optimal. $\#$

Sidel's LP Alg: Solve $LP(d, c, H)$.

If $d=1$:



$$h \leftarrow \min \{ b/a \mid \overbrace{(a,b)}^{a \cdot x \leq b} \in H, a > 0 \}$$

$$l \leftarrow \max \{ b/a \mid (a,b) \in H, a < 0 \}$$

$$z \leftarrow \min \{ b \mid (a,b) \in H, a = 0 \} \quad [0 \leq b]$$

if $(h < l)$ or $(z < 0)$, output INFEASIBLE and terminate.

else if $c \geq 0$, return h . [also includes $c = 0$, then find lex. max, h]

else, return l .

ELSE, $d > 1$:

if $|H| = d$, return intersection of bounding hyperplanes in H .

[in other words, solve $Ax=b$ where $A = \begin{bmatrix} - & a_1 & - \\ & \vdots & \\ - & a_d & - \end{bmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_d \end{bmatrix}$.]

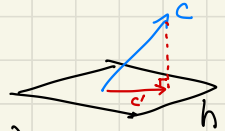
else, choose random $h \in H$.

$v \leftarrow \text{SolveLP}(d, c, H \setminus \{h\})$.

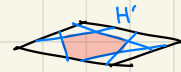
if $v \in h$, return v . [Lemma, case (i)]

else,

$c' \leftarrow$ orthogonal projection of c onto boundary (h) .

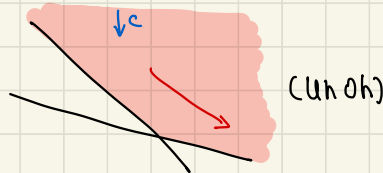
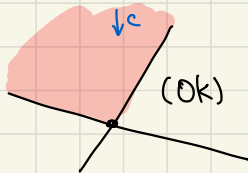
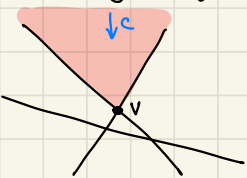


$H' \leftarrow \{h' \cap \text{boundary}(h) \mid h' \in H \setminus \{h\}\}$.



return $\text{SolveLP}(d-1, c', H')$. [Lemma, case (ii)]

Warning: Alg only works if no subproblem is unbounded, very unlikely.



Big Idea: Most constraints don't affect the final answer; typically only d constraints are actively involved.

Backward analysis: Let $m = |H|$. Let $w \leftarrow \text{LP}(c, H)$, $v \leftarrow \text{LP}(c, H \setminus \{h\})$, with h chosen randomly. $\Pr[v \neq w]$?

Fact: \exists subset $I \subseteq H$ with $|I| = d$ s.t. w solves $\text{LP}(c, I)$.

Such I is called the "basis" for w .

\hookrightarrow (c is a linear combination of normal vectors of I of nonneg. coefficients)



If $h \notin I$, removing h from H cannot improve the optimum, so $w = v$.

If $h \in I$, removing h might improve the maximum.

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[v \neq h] = \Pr[v \neq w] \leq \frac{d}{m}.$$

Expected runtime for $\text{SolveLP}(d, c, H)$:

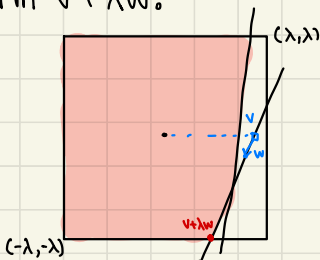
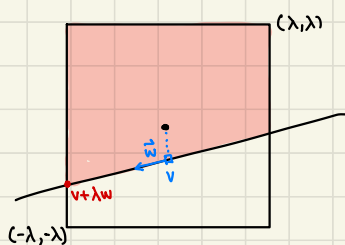
$$T(d, m) \leq \begin{cases} O(m) & \text{if } d=1 \\ O(d^3) & \text{if } m=d \\ \underbrace{T(d, m-1)}_{\text{first recursive call}} + \underbrace{O(d)}_{\text{test } v \in h} + \frac{d}{m} \left[\underbrace{O(dm)}_{\text{project } c, H \setminus \{h\} \text{ down to } h} + \underbrace{T(d-1, m-1)}_{\text{otherwise}} \right] \end{cases}$$

Verify by substitution that $T(d, m) \leq 2d! \cdot m \sum_{i=1}^d \frac{1}{(i-1)!}$ works.

The summation converges, so $T(d, m) \in O(d! \cdot m)$, linear in m . //

Unbounded LPs

- Add extra constraints $-\lambda \leq x_i \leq \lambda \quad \forall i \in [d]$.
- λ is a "symbolic constant" (i.e. unknown value), some very large $\rightarrow \infty$
- Constraints are present in every subproblem.
- Solutions can be of the form $v + \lambda w$.

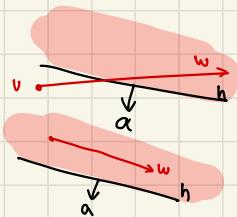


- Solution " $v + \lambda w$ " means that for some λ_0 , the ray $\{v + \lambda w \mid \lambda \geq \lambda_0\}$ is in the feasible region of the original LP (without the box).

- Solution $v + \lambda w$ is "in" halfspace h with normal \vec{a} if

- $w \cdot a < 0 \Rightarrow w$ "shoots into" the halfspace, good.

- $w \cdot a = 0 \Rightarrow$ also requires that $v \in h$ as well.



- Lexicographic comparison: $p + \lambda q \leq_L v + \lambda w \iff q \prec w$, or

$q = w$ and $p \prec v$. [For this and above, assume $\lambda > 0$. If $\lambda = 0$, resort to original.]

Define \min_L, \max_L lexicographically.

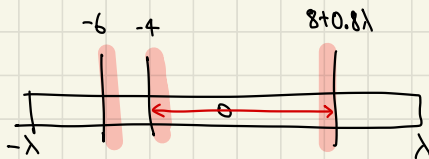
- Constraints: $a_i \cdot x \leq_L b_i + \lambda \cdot e_i$ where $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^d, b_i, e_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

All input constraints have $e_i = 0$, but subproblems...?

↳ not the bounding box!

Solve LP(d, c, H):

If $d=1$: [Base Case]



$$h + h' \lambda \leftarrow \min_L \left\{ \{b_i + \lambda e_i \mid \overbrace{(a, b, e)}^{ax \leq b + \lambda e} \in H, a > 0\} \cup \{0 + \lambda \cdot 1\} \right\}$$

$$l + l' \lambda \leftarrow \max_L \left\{ \{b_i + \lambda e_i \mid (a, b, e) \in H, a < 0\} \cup \{0 - \lambda \cdot 1\} \right\}$$

$$z + z' \lambda \leftarrow \min_L \{b + \lambda e \mid (a, b, e) \in H, a = 0\}$$

if $(z + z' \lambda \leq 0 + 0 \cdot \lambda)$ or $(h + h' \lambda <_L l + l' \lambda)$, output INFEASIBLE and terminate.

else if $c \geq 0$ return $h + h' \lambda$, else return $l + l' \lambda$.

If $d > 1$: [General Case]

if $H = \emptyset$:

$v \leftarrow \vec{0}^d, w \leftarrow (\vec{w}_i)^d$ where $w_i = \begin{cases} +1, & c_i \geq 0 \\ -1, & c_i < 0 \end{cases}$. return $v + \lambda w$.

else, choose a random $h \in H$.

$v + \lambda w \leftarrow \text{Solve } P(d, c, H \setminus \{h\})$.

Express h as $a \cdot x \leq b + \lambda \epsilon$.

If $a \cdot v + \lambda a \cdot w \leq b + \lambda \epsilon$, return $v + \lambda w$. [if $v + \lambda w \in h$]

Else, if $a = \vec{0}$, report INFEASIBLE and terminate.

Else, solution lies on boundary(h)...

{ Reduce the dimension / Gaussian Elimination:

- Project h orthogonally onto hyperplane defined by $(d-1)$ axes;

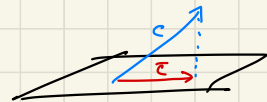
i.e. just drop one coordinate somehow.

[for lex. ordering, but robustness...?]

- Let a be normal to h ; let k be the largest index s.t. $w/a_k \neq 0$.

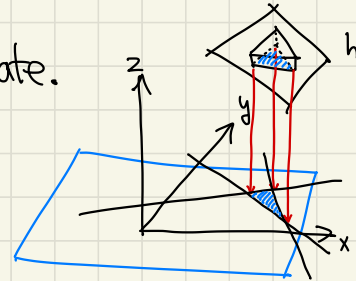
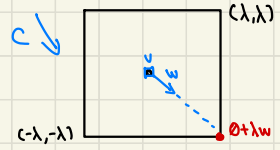
- Drop coordinate k .

$k \leftarrow \max_k \{k \mid w/a_k \neq 0\}$.



$\bar{H} \leftarrow \{ (a' - \frac{a'_k}{a_k} a \text{ with } k\text{-th coordinate removed}, b' - \frac{a'_k}{a_k} b, e' - \frac{a'_k}{a_k} e) \mid$

$(a', b', e') \in H \setminus \{h\}$ where $h := (a, b, e) \}$. [Gaussian Elimination]



$\bar{c} \leftarrow c - \frac{c_k}{a_k} a$ with k -th coordinate removed.

{Incorporate constraints $-\lambda \leq x_k \leq \lambda$ } $\Rightarrow a' = (0 \dots 1 \dots 0)$, $b' = 0$, $e' = \pm 1$.

$\bar{H} \leftarrow \bar{H} \cup \{(\pm \frac{1}{a_k} a \text{ with } k\text{-th coordinate removed}, \pm \frac{b}{a_k}, (\pm \frac{e}{a_k}))\}$.

$\bar{v} + \lambda \bar{w} \leftarrow \text{Solve LP}(d-1, \bar{c}, \bar{H})$.

{Lift solution}

$v \leftarrow \bar{v}$ with zero inserted as k -th coordinate.

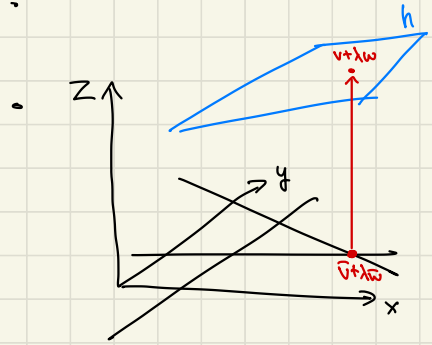
$w \leftarrow \bar{w}$

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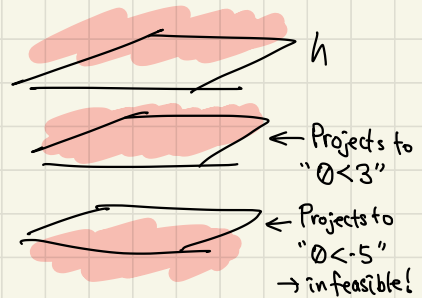
$v_k \leftarrow \frac{1}{a_k} (b - a \cdot v)$.

$w_k \leftarrow \frac{1}{a_k} (e - a \cdot v)$.

return $v + \lambda w$.



"Projecting down" parallel planes:
could make trivial constraints or conclude
infeasibility, depending on direction.



For numerical stability:

- Choose least distorting projection, $k \leftarrow \text{argmax}_k |a_{ik}|$

- To resolve multiple solutions, use auxiliary objective vectors,

$c_1 = (1, 0, \dots, 0)$, $c_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$, ... and map them down too. Use in BC.

High Dimensional Convex Hull

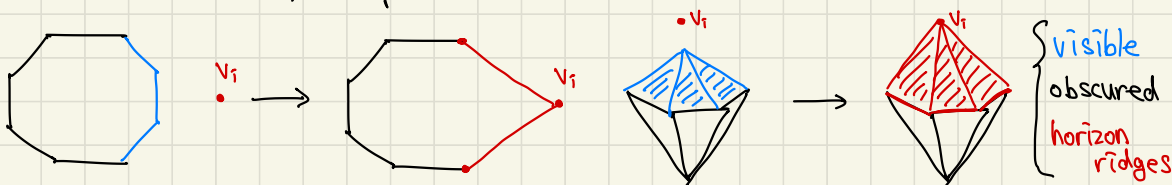
Let $V := \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, $V_i := \{v_1, \dots, v_i\}$, $P_i := \text{conv}(V_i)$.

Suppose no $d+1$ vertices are co-hyperplanar. $\Rightarrow P_i$ is simplicial.

Each P_i is represented by a facet graph.

Algorithm: Compute $P_{d+1} = \text{conv}(V_{d+1})$ [d -simplex, $O(1)$ time]

for $i \leftarrow d+2 \dots n$, compute $P_i = \text{conv}(P_{i-1} \cup \{v_i\})$ [vertex insertion]



Computing $\text{conv}(P_{i-1} \cup \{v_i\})$:

(a) Find one facet of P_{i-1} visible from v_i . (If $v_i \in P_{i-1}$, we are done.)

(b) Find all facets visible from v_i by DFS in facet graph. $O(\# \text{ deleted facets})$

(c) Identify horizon ridges.

(d) Delete all visible facets.

(e) For each horizon ridge r , create facet $\text{conv}(r \cup \{v_i\})$.

(f) Generate new edges of facet graph (ridges of P_i).

$\text{conv}(r \cup \{v_i\})$ has d ridges, one shared with an obscured facet.

The other $(d-1)$ ridges are matched with other new facet ridges using a hash table. (Hash each ridge by its vertices)

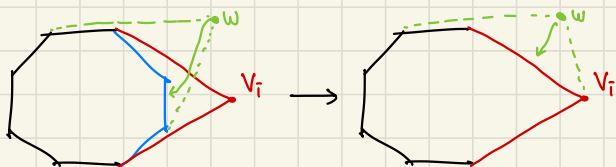
$O(\# \text{ new facets created})$

Over all iterations: # facets deleted \leq # facets created.

Step (a): Use conflict graph.


- Each uninserted vertex has a pointer to a visible facet.
- Each facet has a list of vertices that point to it.
- When a facet is deleted, redistribute its vertices to new facets.

↳ If vertex w can see a new facet, w can see its old ridge.



- To redistribute w , DFS facets visible from both v_i & w .

Find a horizon ridge whose new facet is visible from w .

If none exists, $w \in P_i$, so throw w away. 

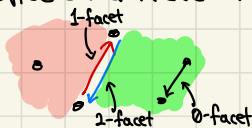
↳ time $\in O(\# \text{ of } w\text{'s visibilities deleted})$

Def) Visibility: $\langle w, f \rangle$ pair with facet f visible from uninserted w .

Over all iterations: time $\in O(\text{total } \# \text{ of visibilities deleted})$

$= O(\quad \quad \quad // \quad \quad \quad \text{created})$

Def) j -facet: oriented facet whose vertices are in V that has j vertices of V on its "front" side.



- All facets of $\text{conv}(V)$ are 0 -facets.
- When a j -facet is deleted, j visibilities are deleted.
- The d vertices of a j -facet are its "triggers".
- The j vertices in front are its "stoppers". $\rightarrow \langle \text{stopper}, j\text{-facet} \rangle$ is a visibility.
- Appears during incremental insertion iff all triggers inserted before any stoppers.
- If $\langle v_1, \dots, v_n \rangle$ is a random permutation of V ,
it appears w.p. $p_j = \frac{1}{\binom{j+d}{d}} < \frac{d!}{j^d}$.

Def) $\leq j$ -facet: facet that has $\leq j$ vertices on its front side.

Let $f_j :=$ total # of j -facets, $F_j :=$ total # of $\leq j$ -facets $= \sum_{i=0}^j f_i$.

$$f_0 = F_0 = |\text{conv}(V)| \in O(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}).$$

Lemma: $F_j \in O(j^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor})$ for $j \geq 1$.

Proof: Choose random subset $R \subseteq V$. Each vertex chosen w.p. $1/j$.

Let $r := |R|$ (random variable $\sim \text{Bi}(n, 1/j)$).

$$\Pr[\text{particular } k\text{-facet appears in } \text{conv}(R)] = p_k = \overbrace{\left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^d}^{\text{choose } d \text{ triggers}} \overbrace{\left(1 - \frac{1}{j}\right)^k}^{\text{no } k \text{ stoppers}}.$$

$$\text{If } k \leq j, p_k \geq \left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^d \left(1 - \frac{1}{j}\right)^j \geq \left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^d \frac{1}{e}. \quad \leftarrow \text{emata?}$$

$$E[\text{size}(\text{conv}(R))] = \sum_{k=0}^n p_k f_k \geq \sum_{k=0}^j p_k f_k \geq \left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^d \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^j f_k = \left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^d \frac{1}{e} F_j.$$

$$\text{But also, } \in O(E[r^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}]) = O(E[r^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}]) = O\left(\left(\frac{1}{j}\right)^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}\right) \Rightarrow F_j \in O(j^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}). //$$

$$\rightarrow E[\text{runtime}] \in O(E[\text{total \# facets created}] + E[\text{total \# visibilities created}])$$

$$= O\left(\sum_{j=0}^n P_j f_j + \sum_{j=1}^n j P_j f_j\right) \leq O\left(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} + \sum_{j=1}^n j P_j f_j\right). \quad [\text{separating } j=0 \text{ case}]$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n j P_j f_j < \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{d!}{j^{(d-1)}} (F_j - F_{j-1}) = d! \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{F_j}{j^{(d-1)}} + \frac{F_n}{n^{(d-1)}} - \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{F_{k-1}}{k^{(d-1)}} - F_0 \right]$$

$$= d! \left[\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left(\frac{F_j}{j^{(d-1)}} - \frac{F_j}{(j+1)^{(d-1)}} \right) + \frac{F_n}{n^{(d-1)}} + F_0 \right] \in O\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{F_j}{j^{(d-1)} \left[(j+1)^{(d-1)} - j^{(d-1)} \right]} + n \right) \quad [F_n \in O(n^d)]$$

$$= O\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{j^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}}{j^{2(d-2)}} \cdot j^{(d-2)} + n \right) = O\left(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{j^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}} \right) = \begin{cases} O(n^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor}) & \text{if } d \geq 2, \\ O(n \log n) & \text{if } d=2,3. \end{cases}$$

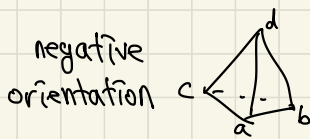
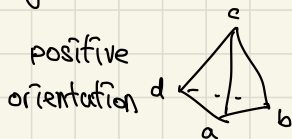
* Worst-case optimal for fixed dimension d ! ... but exponential in d .

Special case: suppose $\forall R \subseteq V$, $\text{conv}(R)$ has $O(|R|)$ facets. (common in practice)

Then, $F_j \in O\left(\binom{d-1}{j} n\right)$, so exp. runtime $\in O\left(n \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j}\right) = O(n \log n) \forall \text{ dimension!}$

3D Orientation

Two ways to orient tetrahedron vertex labels:



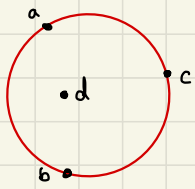
Orientation test: $\text{Orient3D}(a, b, c, d) = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_x & a_y & a_z & 1 \\ b_x & b_y & b_z & 1 \\ c_x & c_y & c_z & 1 \\ d_x & d_y & d_z & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \det \begin{bmatrix} a_x - d_x & a_y - d_y & a_z - d_z \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$

↳ + sign \Rightarrow pos. orientation, - sign \Rightarrow neg. orientation

↳ $\emptyset \Rightarrow$ points are coplanar.

pos. ori. \rightarrow facet $\triangle bcd$ is visible from a , where bcd are in ccw order to observer outside the polyhedron.

$$\text{InCircle}(a, b, c, d) = \text{Orient3D}(a^+, b^+, c^+, d^+) \quad (\text{recall } a^+ := \langle a, \|a\|^2 \rangle)$$



$$= \det \begin{bmatrix} a_x - d_x & a_y - d_y & (a_x - d_x)^2 + (a_y - d_y)^2 \\ b_x - d_x & b_y - d_y & (b_x - d_x)^2 + (b_y - d_y)^2 \\ c_x - d_x & c_y - d_y & (c_x - d_x)^2 + (c_y - d_y)^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

→ extra column transformation for better accuracy

* (a, b, c) must be in ccw order, else sign is reversed!

+ sign \Rightarrow d inside, - sign \Rightarrow d outside, 0 \Rightarrow d on circle.

Voronoi Diagrams in E^d

Voronoi Cells: $\text{Vor } w = \{p \in E^d \mid \overbrace{|pw|}^{\text{length of line segment}} < |pv| \forall v \in V\}$. Each cell is convex.

Voronoi Diagram: $\text{Vor } V$ is a polyhedron complex in E^d (aka convex subdivision of E^d) containing every $\text{Vor } w$ and all of its faces.

Constructing $\text{Vor } V$:

- Construct $\text{DT}(V)$.
- For each d -simplex $s \in \text{DT}(V)$, compute its circumcenter, the center of its circumscribing hypersphere.
- Construct face lattice of $\text{DT}(V)$; turn it upside down.



\hookrightarrow d -simplex dualizes to circumcenter = vertex of $\text{Vor } V$.

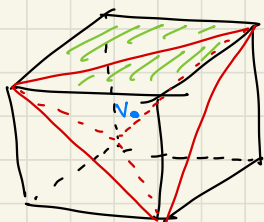
\hookrightarrow facet of $\text{DT}(V)$ dualizes to edge.

\hookrightarrow edge $\quad \quad \quad //$ $\quad \quad$ facet.

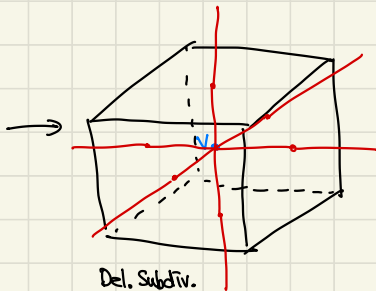
\hookrightarrow vertex $\quad \quad \quad //$ $\quad \quad$ cell $\text{Vor}(V)$. (sort of, need clean up)

- Merge equal Voronoi vertices. [really use InSphere to test]
- Merge any two faces if the faces of same dimension (1... (d-1)) if they are faces of exactly the same subset of Delaunay cells.

Six tetrahedra inside



Del. Tri.



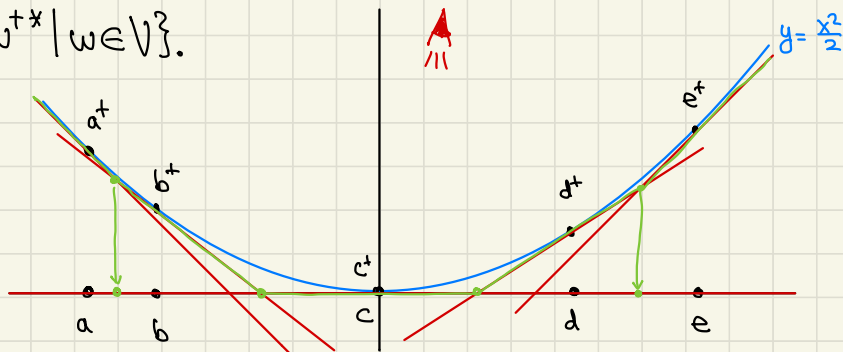
Del. Subdiv.

Voronoi Diagrams & The Lifting Map

Given vertex set V , let V^+ be the vertices lifted onto paraboloid $V_{x,y} = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$.

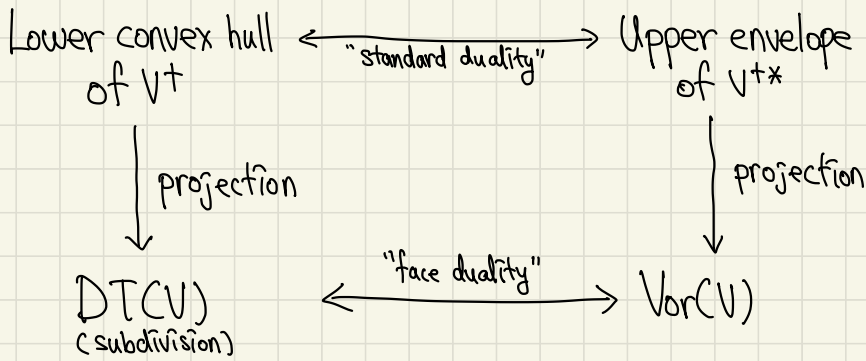
Duality: vertex $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$ dualizes to hyperplane $x_k = w_1 x_1 + \dots + w_{k-1} x_{k-1} - w_k$.

Let $H := \{w^+ \mid w \in V\}$.



Let the upper envelope U of H be the faces of arrangement $A(H)$ of level 0 (i.e. no hyperplane above them). U projected down to $E^d \rightarrow \text{Vor } V$.

Connections between objects:



Point in Polygon

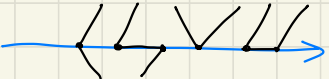
Point location without preprocessing?

Query: Is point p in polygon G ? [inside, outside, on boundary]

Shoot ray to right. 

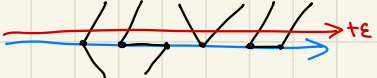
↳ Odd # crossings \Rightarrow inside, Even # \Rightarrow outside (if not on boundary)

Linear time (check every edge)... but degeneracy!

 Strategy: Symbolic Perturbation.

Shoot ray to the right of $(p_x, p_y + \epsilon)$ where $\epsilon > 0$ and infinitesimally small.

↳ for a sufficiently small ϵ , the combinatorial value doesn't change!

 Then, the ray never passes a vertex.

Requires modification to the intersection test:

any vertex with y -coordinate p_y are now "below" \vec{r} .

\rightarrow degenerate cases go away. * If p is on boundary, report it & halt.

Query: Is point p inside polyhedron H ?

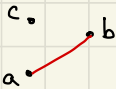
Shoot ray \vec{r} to the right of $q := (p_x, p_y + \epsilon^2, p_z + \epsilon)$

Idea: break ties between competing coordinates through powers of ϵ .



Numerical Robustness

2 Types of geometric computations.

① Predicates: discrete outputs. usually amenable to exact arithmetic.

↳ ex) ccw, inCircle 

② Constructors: create geometric objects. bit complexity may grow w/o bounds

↳ ex) compute intersections   → may need rationals/radicals

↳ products are (usually) used in predicates, so precision may matter!

Two paths to robustness:

① Exact arithmetic libraries: can be slow, not always applicable.

② Algorithm design for "lying": hard, very dependent on context, not general.

Path 1: discipline & exact arithmetic.

Slow down a program by a factor of $1.01 \dots \sim \infty$.


Integers vs Floating-Points? Integer operations are easy, and there


are various bignum packages. Floats have many software for it; we can retrofit. It can also be scaled & converted to Ints, using full bit range!

ex) Bailey's MPFUN (Fortran), Shewchuk's predicates (C)

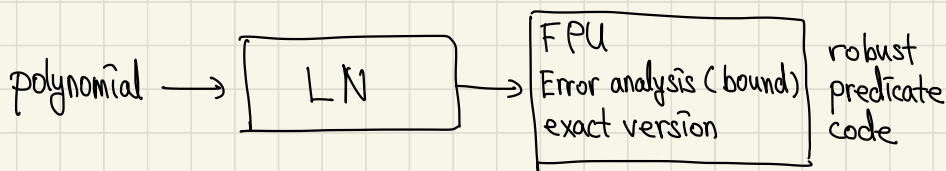
Floating-point filters:

- Compute predicate in FPU with roundoff.
- Compute error bound using forward error analysis.
- If $|\text{error bound}| \geq |\text{result}|$, resort to exact arithmetic.

 (✓)

 (✗)

LN expression compiler [Fortune & Von Wyk, '93, '96]:



Determinant tricks: [Clarkson '92], exact Gram-Schmidt, then $\det(A) = \pm 1$.

Radicals: $E \leftarrow$ expression using $+$, $-$, \times , $/$, $\sqrt[k]{}$. $v =$ exact value of E .

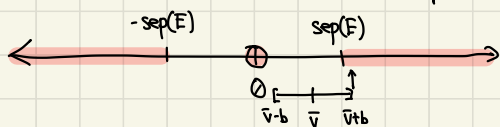
Compute approximation \bar{v} , error bound b .

If $|\bar{v}| \leq b$, increase precision, repeat.

↳ Issue: what if $v = 0$?

A separation bound $\text{sep}(E)$ is a positive real # s.t. if $v \neq 0$, $|v| \geq \text{sep}(E)$.

Such bound can always be produced!



→ If $b < \frac{\text{sep}(E)}{2}$, the sign cannot be ambiguous.

Fancier methods for roots of polynomials, etc: algebraic geometry.

↳ Resultants, multivariate Sturm sequences, Sylvester determinants, Gröbner...

Constructors:

- Stored as expression trees, evaluated lazily to precision needed.
- Cascading constructors → increasing bit complexity and/or cascading trees.

Path 2: tolerate lies.

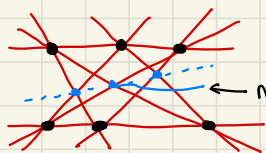
Failures occur because geometric predicates return mutually contradictory results. → there is no input s.t. it generates the predicates' results.

Parsimony? Algorithm is parsimonious if it never performs tests whose result is a formal consequence of previous tests.

Can we design a "parsimony engine"? Following says it's very hard.

Arrangement realizability problem: Given combinatorial line arrangement (such as DCEL w/o coordinates), do lines exist that realize it?

↳ Mnev '88: As hard as existential theory of reals \geq NP-Hard.



Pappus' Thm: Blue points are colinear.

← not realizable!

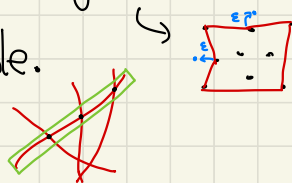
↳ reduces to parsimony engine, so it's also \geq NP-H.

Tolerances? Treat result $< \epsilon$ as 0. Doesn't work, just changes when it crashes.

"Robust" algorithms: Output is correct for some perturbation of the output.

[Fortune '89] 2D CH correct for points perturbed by relative $O(\epsilon)$ error.

"Quasi-Robust": Output might not be realizable.

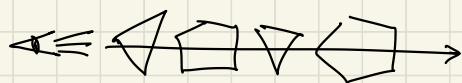


[Mrlenković '89] Pseudo-line arrangements.

Binary Space Partitions (BSP Trees)

Motivation: Painter's Algorithm for object-space hidden surface removal.

↳ How to draw polygons in 3D space?



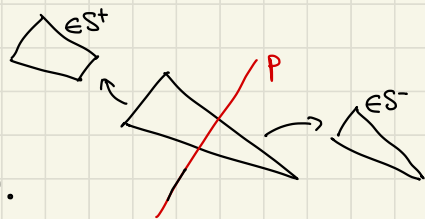
- Draw them in order farthest to nearest.

- Issue: Cycles \rightarrow no total ordering! Split one into two pieces.



Input: Set S of non-overlapping objects.

BSP: Choose a line (in 2D) or plane (in 3D) p .



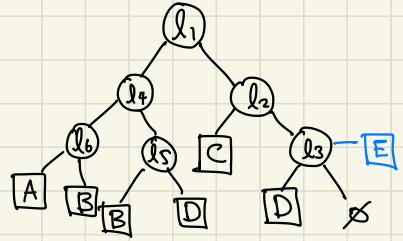
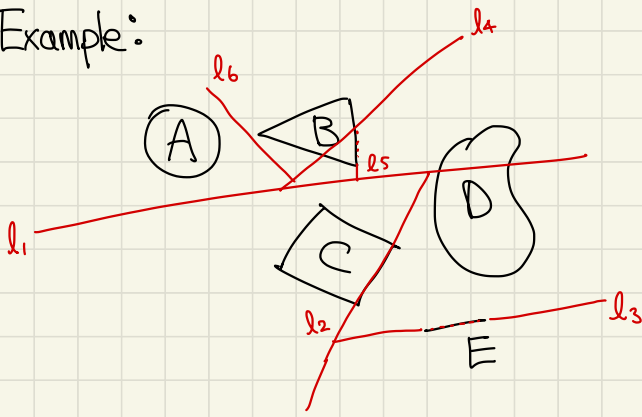
S^0 := All objects of S included in p .

S^+ := All objects & fragments "left" of p .

S^- := // "right" of p .

Construct $BSP(S^+)$, $BSP(S^-)$ recursively. Make root node with key p , contents S^0 . Left & right children are $BSP(S^+)$, $BSP(S^-)$.

Example:



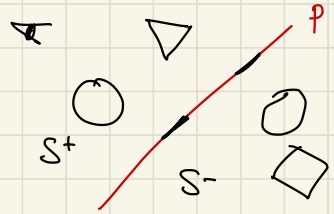
* Never choose a p for which one of S^+ , S^- is empty & S^0 is empty (no progress)

Base case: $|S| \leq 1$. Make a leaf node.

Each node of BSP represents a convex cell.

Painter's Algorithm:

- Given a viewpoint v , paints (almost) all objects in correct order.
- Recursively visits all nodes of BSP tree.
- At node with splitting plane p :



- If v is left of p , paint S^- recursively, then S^0 , then S^+ recursively.

- If v is right of p , " S^+ " ,
" S^- " .

- If $v \in p$, paint S^- (but skip S^0), then S^+ .

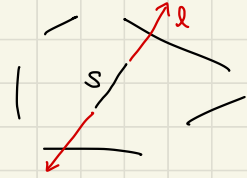
Tree size & traversal: Time wise, if rendering time & fragment size is $O(1)$, linear in # of fragments. Balance of BSP doesn't matter here though.

How to choose splitting planes? How many fragments created?

Some cases we can analyze:

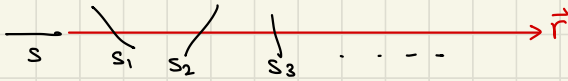
2D: S is set of n non-crossing segments.

- Use an auto-partition: every splitting line is affine hull of some $s \in S$.
- Choose $s \in S$ u.a.r., split with $l := \text{aff } s$.



Analysis: Naïve bound, $O(n^2)$ fragments.

$\forall s \in S$, let s_1, s_2, \dots be segments split by ray \vec{r} from end of s , in order:



l can only split s_i into fragments if s is chosen before s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i

(and sometimes not even then).

$$\rightarrow \Pr[\vec{r} \text{ cuts } s_i] \leq \frac{1}{i+1}. \rightarrow E[\#s_i \text{ cut by } \vec{r}] \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{i+1} = \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{1}{j} \leq \int_1^n \frac{1}{j} dj = \ln n.$$

$$\rightarrow E[\#s_i \text{ cut by } l] \leq 2 \cdot \ln n. \rightarrow E[\text{cuts generated by all splits}] \leq 2n \ln n.$$

$$\rightarrow E[\# \text{ fragments in BSP tree}] \leq \underline{n + 2n \ln n}.$$

Corollary: \exists a BSP tree with $\leq n + 2n \ln n$ fragments.

Corollary: A randomized auto-partitioned BSP has $\leq n + 4n \ln n$ fragments

w.p. $\geq \frac{1}{2}$. [Markov argument]

Goal: Construct BSP with $\leq n + 4n \ln n$ fragments.

MC algorithm: Generate random BSP, $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ success rate.

LV algorithm: Run MC algorithm until success. \rightarrow Always succeeds w.p. 1.

\hookrightarrow Expected runtime is $O(n)$ [Geometric, $E[\#iter] \leq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots \leq 2$].

Expected preprocessing time?

- $E[\# \text{ tree nodes}] \in O(n \log n)$.
 - Time per node $\in O(n)$ [a bit pessimistic view, better if balanced BSP]
- $\rightarrow O(n^2 \log n)$ exp. time, usually better in practice.

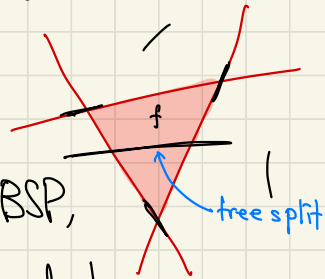
An optimization: free splits.

If some segment s completely crosses a face f of the BSP, choose s for the next split (in f only) instead of randomly.


\hookrightarrow Never cuts other segments because S is non-crossing.

How to recognize free split: maintain two boolean flags for each segment, indicate whether each endpoint lies on a splitting line.

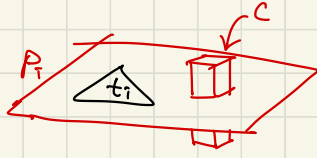
\rightarrow Better in practice, no asymptotic improvements.



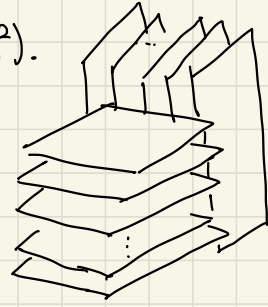
3D: S is set of n non-crossing triangles (e.g. surface triangulation)

- Auto-partition: every splitting plane is $p := \text{aff } t$ for some $t \in S$.
- Naïve bound: If some triangle t is cut, each cut is a line segment. Cuts form line arrangement with $O(n^2)$ faces (fragments)  n triangles $\rightarrow O(n^3)$ fragments!

For better bound:

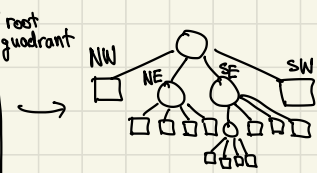
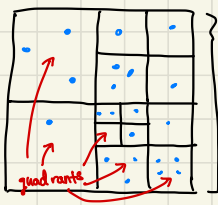
- Initially order S in random permutation.
- Use same permutation in every branch of tree, even if $\text{aff } t_i$ winds up splitting a BSP cell c that doesn't intersect t_i !
- If a free split exists, always take it (in the cell c only). 

$\rightarrow E[\# \text{ fragments}] \in O(n^2)$.



no autopartition can beat $\Omega(n^2)$ for worst-case input.
 $\hookrightarrow \Theta(n^2)$ is a tight bound.

Quad trees



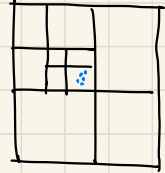
- Every treenode has 0 or 4 children.
- Refine any leaf with $> k$ points.

Advantages (quad trees vs general BSP trees):

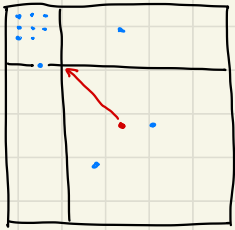
- Compact representation, stores no coordinates except root quadrant
- Good where aspect ratio matters:
 - k -nearest neighbors
 - n -body problems

Disadvantages:

- Close points \rightarrow arbitrary degree of refinement



Shrinking step: If quadrant has a child with $> k$ points and other 3 children together have $< k$ points, "slide" the center diagonally until



$\geq k$ points are not in the interior of the small square. Then we still have 3 leaves, but the small square has better refining behavior.

Let $t :=$ total # treenodes, $i :=$ internal (non-leaves) tree nodes,

$i_1 :=$ internal treenodes with 0 or 1 internal children,

$i_2 :=$ // 2 or more // .

Every internal node with 0 or 1 internal children has $\geq k$ points not inherited by an internal child. $\Rightarrow i_1 \leq \frac{n}{k}$.

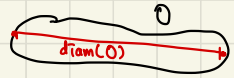
$$\bar{i}_1 + \bar{i}_2 = \bar{i} \geq 2\bar{i}_2 \Rightarrow \bar{i}_2 \leq \bar{i}_1 \Rightarrow \bar{i} \leq 2\bar{i}_1 \leq 2\frac{n}{k}$$

$$t = \text{children} + 1 = 4\bar{i} + 1 \leq 8\frac{n}{k} + 1 \Rightarrow O\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) \text{ treenodes.} //$$

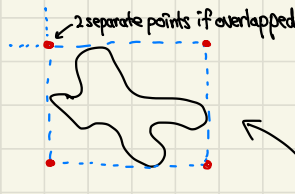
In 3D: Octrees have octants with 8 children each.

Model for Realistic Input BSPs

Diameter of object: $\text{diam}(O) := \max\{|pq| \mid p, q \in O\}$ ↗ (or sup)



A set S of objects in E^d has density λ if every ball $B \subset E^d$ intersects no more than λ objects of diameter $\geq \text{diameter}(B)$.



Each object has 2^d guards: corners of its axis-aligned bounding box.

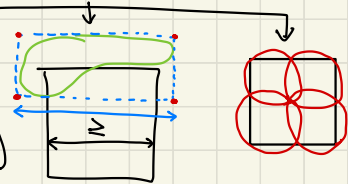
Given n objects, build quadtree on the multiset of $2^d n$ guards.

↳ can be multiple guards at the same position.

Lemma: An axis-parallel square/(hyper)cube \square with k guards in its interior intersects at most $k + 2^d \lambda$ objects from S (if $d \leq 4$).

Proof: If an object o intersects \square but doesn't have a guard in the interior of \square , then $\text{diam}(o) \geq \text{side}(\square)$.

Cover \square with 2^d balls of diameter $\leq \text{side}(\square)$.



\square intersects at most λ objects of diameter $\geq \text{side}(\square)$

per ball, plus k objects of diameter $< \text{side}(\square)$. //

* For non-square quadrants, make a box covering the larger side.

→ Leaf quadrant interiors intersect at most $k + 2^d \lambda$ objects.

BSP algorithm for "realistic" inputs:

Choose k .

Phase 1: Build quadtree.

Phase 2: For each leaf with > 1 fragment, build BSP subtree, e.g. autopartition.

→ Total # fragments?

choose $k \leftarrow 2^d \lambda$

Phase 1: $O\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) O(k + 2^d \lambda)$

$O(n)$

Phase 2, 2D: $O\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) O((k + 4\lambda) \log(k + 4\lambda))$

$O(n \log \lambda)$

Phase 2, 3D: $O\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) O((k + 8\lambda)^2)$

$O(n \lambda)$

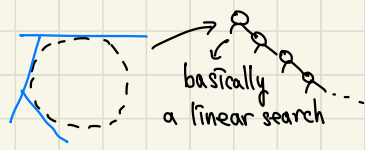
Issue: We don't know λ ...

Solution [Dutch Book]: $k \leftarrow$ something small, e.g. 2^d . Run Phase 1. If some leaf node has $> 2k$ fragments, double k , repeat. Then run Phase 2.

Solution 2: $k \leq 2^d$. Phase 1, but don't split a leaf with more unguarded fragments than guards. Then run Phase 2. [kind of adapts to local density]

BSP balance: Autopartitions can be really bad.

... but let $D := \text{diam}(\text{root quadrant})$, and let



$d := \text{diam}(\text{smallest ball intersecting } k+2^d \lambda + 1 \text{ objects})$. $\rightarrow \Delta = \frac{D}{d}$, the spread.

Depth of quadtree is $O(\log \Delta)$. Depth of P1+P2 tree is $O(\log \Delta + \lambda)$.

Preprocessing time: 2D, $O(\overbrace{n \log \Delta}^{P1} + \overbrace{n \lambda \log \lambda}^{P2})$. 3D, $O(n \log \Delta + n \lambda^2)$.

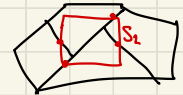
BSP Applications

Solid modeling: Union/Intersection. In 2D, polygonal subdivisions S_1, S_2 .

Compute overlay, then classify $S_1 \cap S_2, \neg S_1 \cap S_2, S_1 \cap \neg S_2, \neg S_1 \cap \neg S_2$.

Merging (deleting edges between) appropriate faces gives the operation.

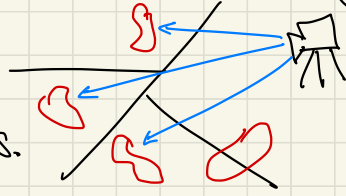
\rightarrow Worst-case runtime $\Theta((n+I) \log n)$.



In 3D, polyhedral subdivisions S_1, S_2 . Compute BSP of facets of S_1 . Then, facets of BSP subdivide facets of S_2 . \rightarrow Each of these cells is in one of $S_1 \cap S_2, S_1 \cap \neg S_2, \neg S_1 \cap S_2, \neg S_1 \cap \neg S_2$.

Ray tracing: Version 1: no reflections/refractions.

- Traverse BSP tree from nearest to farthest, ONCE for all rays.
- No need to compute fragments; can store entire objects in multiple leaves.



Version 2: reflections & refractions.

(3D analogue of DCEL)

- Build a convex subdivision from the BSP [Winged-edge data structure]
- Use Version 1 for the original rays; reflected/refracted rays are traced through the data structure. [good in practice, no asymptotics]
- * having good aspect ratio is a nice heuristic for performance.

Point location: Preprocess planar/spatial subdivision S of complexity $O(n)$ to find query points. In 2D, trapezoidal map takes $O(n)$ space, $O(n \log n)$ preprocessing time, $O(\log n)$ query time. In 3D, two ways:



- Randomized autopartition $\rightarrow O(n^2)$ space, $O(n^3)$ pre-time, $O(n)$ query time
- Octree BSP "realistic" case $\rightarrow O(n \lambda)$ space, $O(\log \Delta + \lambda)$ query time

\hookrightarrow preprocessing takes $O(n \lambda^2 + n \log \Delta)$. Phase 1 octree has $O\left(\frac{n}{\lambda}\right)$ treenodes and $O(n)$ fragments, $O(\log \Delta)$ depth. $\rightarrow O(n \log \Delta)$ [$O(n)$ per level]

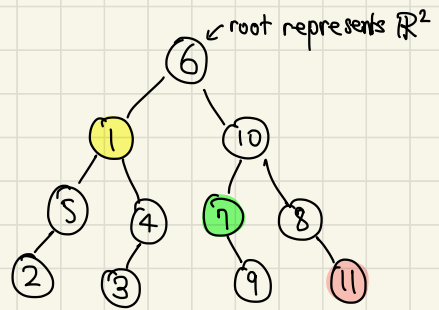
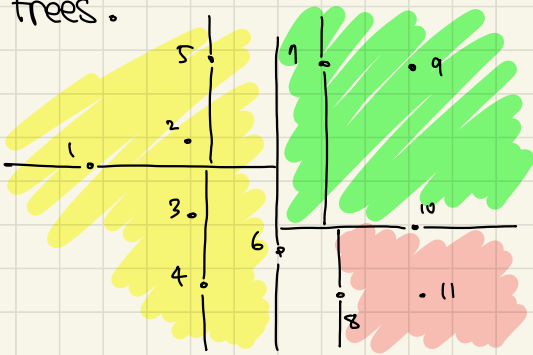
Phase 2 autopartition: $O\left(\frac{n}{\lambda}\right)$ leaves $\times O(\lambda^3)$ pre-time/leaf $\in O(n \lambda^2)$.

Nearest neighbors problems (aka post office problem): Given n -point set V , find point $p \in V$ nearest to query point q . In 2D, Voronoi + trap. map gives $O(n)$ space, $O(n \log n)$ pre-time, $O(\log n)$ query time.

dD: Voronoi + BSP tree. "Realistic" case gives $O(n \lambda)$ space, $O(\log \Delta + \lambda)$ query time.
← density of VorV spread of VorV

"Special" cases: query points are $\in V$. \rightarrow Delaunay Tri. connects every vertex to its nearest neighbor. Worst case $O(n^{1.5} + n \log n)$ time, but in "realistic" case, $O(n \log n)$ with appropriate incremental algorithm.

k-d trees:

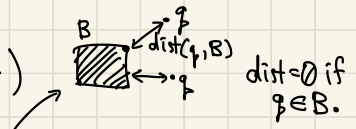


Goal: given a query point q , find point p s.t. $|q-p| \leq (1+\epsilon)|q-s|$ where s is the true nearest neighbor to q . $\epsilon=0 \rightarrow$ exact, $\epsilon>0 \rightarrow$ approximate n.n.

Maintain:

(goes down)

- Nearest neighbor found so far (or k nearest)



- Heap of unexplored subtrees, keyed by distance from q . (\uparrow goes up)

$Q \leftarrow$ heap containing root node with key 0.

$r \leftarrow \infty$

while Q not empty & $(1+\epsilon) \cdot \text{minkey}(Q) < r$:

$B \leftarrow \text{remove min}(Q)$

$p \leftarrow B$'s point

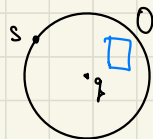
if $|q-p| < r$, then $\{w \leftarrow p; r \leftarrow |q-p|\}$

$B', B'' \leftarrow$ child boxes of B (ignore if null)

if $(1+\epsilon) \cdot \text{dist}(r, B') < r$, then $\text{insert}(Q, B', \text{dist}(q, B'))$

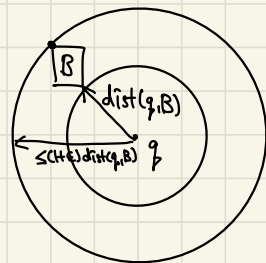
if $\parallel B'' \parallel B'' B''$

return w



Query time: Let O be a circle of radius $|q-s|$ centered at q .

- Algo. checks no box strictly outside O .
- Every box strictly inside O is empty.
- No box B of diagonal $< \epsilon \cdot \text{dist}(q, B)$ is expanded.



• By a packing argument, $O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^d})$ such B exists

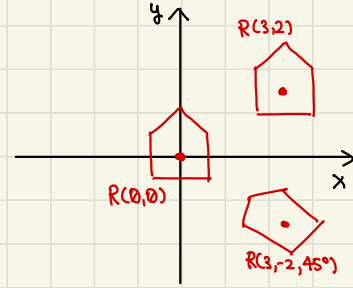
• # nodes visited $\in O(\frac{1}{\epsilon^d} + \text{depth})$ for octree, $\log \Delta$ spread := $\frac{\text{farthest pair}}{\text{closest pair}}$

\Rightarrow query time $O(w \log w)$. $\stackrel{=: w}{=}$ [kind of independent of n , fixed Δ ?]

Robot Motion Planning

Let robot R be a simple polygon/polyhedron.

It navigates in a workspace (typically E^2 or E^3).



Translating 2D robot:

$R(x,y)$ is robot with its reference point translated to point (x,y) .


Assume $R = R(0,0)$.

Translating/Rotating robot:

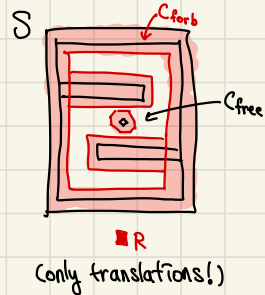
$R(x,y,\theta)$ is robot translated & rotated θ about its reference point.

Configuration space C is the space of parameters (degree of freedom) that define a placement of the robot. e.g. trans/rot: $E^2 \times [0, 360^\circ]$ periodic parameter

Let point set S be polygonal obstacle(s).

Assume S is closed, R is open.  touching is allowed!

Requirement: $S \cap R(x,y,\theta) = \emptyset$.



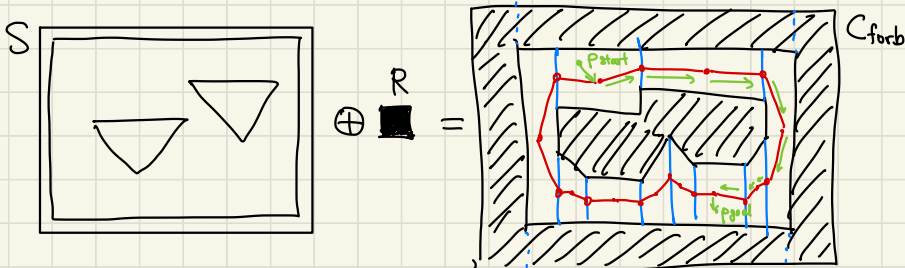
Def) Free Space: $C_{\text{free}}(R,S) := \{(x,y,\theta) \mid S \cap R(x,y,\theta) = \emptyset\}$.

Def) Forbidden space: $C_{\text{forb}}(R,S) = \overline{C_{\text{free}}(R,S)} = \{(x,y,\theta) \mid S \cap R(x,y,\theta) \neq \emptyset\}$.

Motion Planning: $S :=$ union of all obstacles, $O(n)$ complexity.

R : = convex robot, $O(1)$ complexity. \rightarrow $O(n \log^2 n)$ time if R is convex.

Forbidden space $C_{\text{forb}} \leftarrow S \oplus (-R)$ [Stored as DCEL] (Minkowski sum \oplus is covered later!)



Free space $C_{\text{free}} \leftarrow C \setminus C_{\text{forb}}$

$E \leftarrow$ edges of C_{forb}

Construct trapezoidal map $T(E) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$ time

Remove (or ignore) trapezoids included in C_{forb}

Construct roadmap: put one node in each trap, one on each vertical extension.

Put edges between nodes in traps & nodes on their sides.

Preprocessing
 \uparrow

Query: navigate from point P_{start} to P_{goal} .

Locate trapezoids containing $P_{\text{start}}, P_{\text{goal}}$. $\rightarrow O(\log n)$

\hookrightarrow If either is in C_{forb} , report IMPOSSIBLE.

Find path from P_{start} to P_{goal} in roadmap by BFS. $\rightarrow O(n)$

\hookrightarrow If \nexists such path, report IMPOSSIBLE.

Report sequence of line segments from P_{start} to P_{goal} . \rightarrow $O(n)$

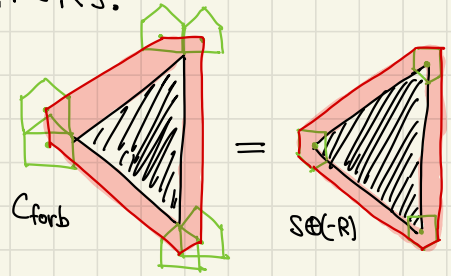
Runtime: $O(n \log^2 n)$ preprocessing time, $O(n)$ query time.

For a translating robot R , $C_{\text{forb}}(R, S) := \{p : \exists r \in R, s \in S \text{ s.t. } p+r=s\}$
 $= \{s-r : r \in R, s \in S\}$.



Def) Minkowski Sum: $P \oplus Q := \{p+q \mid p \in P, q \in Q\}$.

$\rightarrow C_{\text{forb}}$ is then $S \oplus (-R)$ where $-R := \{-r \mid r \in R\}$.



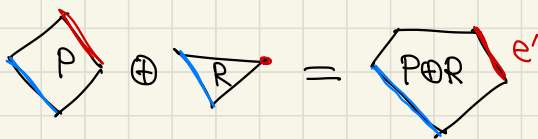
Thm) Let P, R be convex polygons with n & m edges each. $P \oplus R$ is also convex with at most $(n+m)$ edges.

Proof Sketch: Convexness: Let q_1, q_2 be 2 points in $P \oplus R$. Let $p_1 + r_1 = q_1$

$p_2 + r_2 = q_2$, $p_1, p_2 \in P$, $r_1, r_2 \in R$.

Then $\alpha q_1 + (1-\alpha)q_2 = \underbrace{(\alpha p_1 + (1-\alpha)p_2)}_{\in P} + \underbrace{(\alpha r_1 + (1-\alpha)r_2)}_{\in R} \in P \oplus R$.

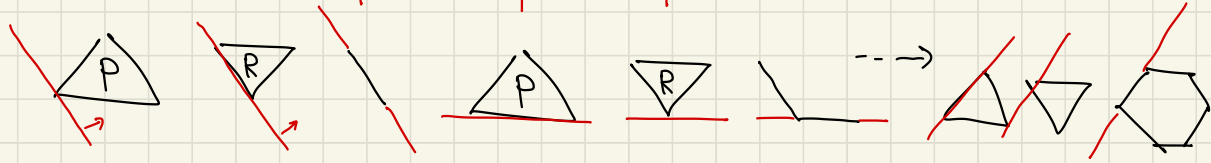
$(m+n)$ edges: let e be edge of $P \oplus R$. e is Mink. sum of some edge e' of one of P, R , and some vertex/edge f of the other.



Change each edge of $P \oplus R$ to an edge.
 Each edge of P & R changed at most once.

Constructing $P \oplus R$:

Walk around $P \& R$. Maintain two parallel supporting lines. (1 for P, 1 for R)



Let p_1, \dots, p_n be vertices of P in ccw order with p_1 the lexico. least.

// r_1, \dots, r_m // R // r_1 //

$i = j = 1$.

repeat:

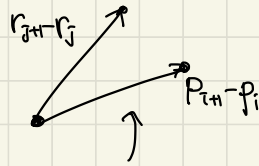
add $p_i + r_j$ as vertex of $P \oplus B$

$k \leftarrow \text{Orient2D}(0, p_{i+1} - p_i, r_{j+1} - r_j)$

if $k \geq 0$, $i++$ // next turn hits p_{i+1}

if $k \leq 0$, $j++$

until $i = n+1$ and $j = m+1$

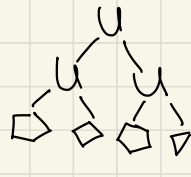


Minkowski sums of nonconvex polygons:

- Partition P, R into convex partitions, $U P_i, U R_j$.

- Compute $P_i \oplus R_j \forall (i,j)$ pairs.

- Compute union $\bigcup_j \{P_i \oplus R_j\}$ (by divide & conquer)



- Use overlay of subdivisions algo for pairwise unions.

of subpolygons $\leq (n-2)$ for P , $\leq (m-2)$ for R .

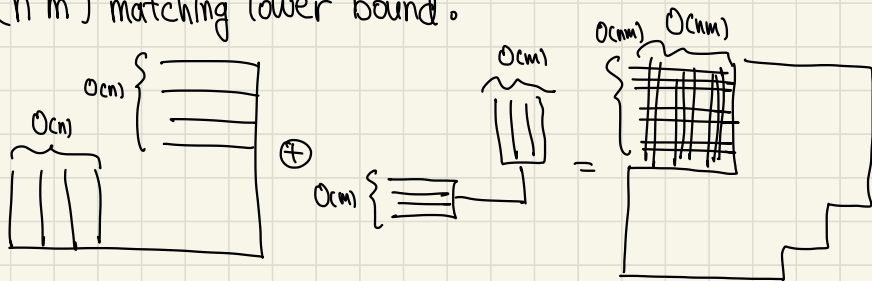


Complexity of $P \oplus R$:

- $P \oplus R$ is a union of $O(nm)$ hexagons.

$\hookrightarrow P \oplus R \quad \simeq \quad$ face of arrangement of $O(nm)$ lines $\rightarrow \underline{O(n^2 m^2)}$.

- $\Omega(n^2 m^2)$ matching lower bound:



Runtime: $O(n^2 m^2 \log(n+m))$ if tree is balanced "correctly".

| Computing $P \oplus R$: | complexity | runtime |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| P, R convex | $O(n+m)$ | $O(n+m)$ |
| P, R nonconvex | $O(n^2 m^2)$ | $O(n^2 m^2 \log(n+m))$ |
| P nonconvex, R convex | $O(nm)$ | $O(nm \log(n+m) \log n)$ |



$\Omega(nm)$ lower bound:



[Flato suggests angle bisector decomposition]

subdivision overlay $O(\log n)$ levels of div & conq. tree
time per level

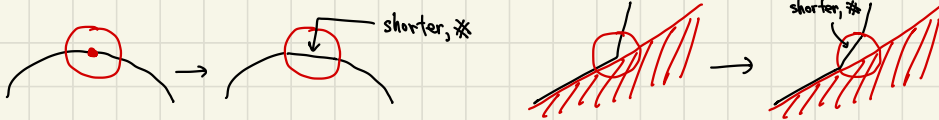
Shortest Paths for Translating Robots

Roadmaps are not shortest paths.


Let C_{free} be polygonal free configuration space.

Lemma: shortest path in C_{free} from p_{start} to p_{goal} is polygonal chain that turns only at vertices of C_{free} .

Proof Sketch: [Full proof in Dutch Book, Ch. 15.1]

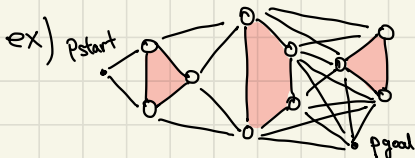


Visibility Graph: $G(V, E)$ where nodes $V := \text{vertices of } C_{\text{free}} + \{p_{\text{start}}, p_{\text{goal}}\}$,
edges $E := \{(v, w) \mid v \text{ and } w \text{ can "see" each other}\}$, and $w(v, w) := |v, w|$ ^{Euclidean distance}

* Ambiguity:  Can u see w ? \rightarrow doesn't matter for length

$\forall x, y \in V$, shortest path between x & y in C_{free} is same as shortest path in G .

\rightarrow Find latter with Dijkstra's algorithm: $O(|V| \log |V| + |E|)$ time, $|E| \leq |V|^2$.

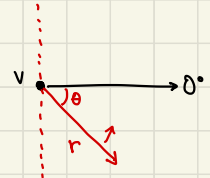


How to compute the visibility graph?

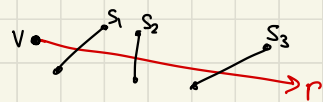
$\forall v \in V$, find every $w > v$ visible from v as follows. (no duplicate tests)

Sweep a ray r from v through angles $(-90^\circ, 90^\circ]$.

Maintain all segments that r intersects in a status tree T .

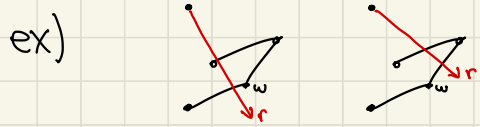


Segments in T are ordered by intersection with r .



When r passes over a vertex w :

- Use first segment in T to decide whether $(v, w) \in E$ [visibility]
- Remove from T segments ending at w . (\overline{uw} s.t. $\angle 2D(v, u, w) > 0$)
- Add to T segments beginning at w . ($\quad \quad \quad < 0$)



Algorithm:

- Sort vertices $> v$ in rotary order around v . [$O(n \log n)$]
- Find segments intersecting down ray r . [$O(n)$]
- Add them to T . [$O(n \cdot \log n)$]
- For each w in rotary order, process w as above [$O(n \log n)$]

Runtime: $O(n \log n) \times O(n)$ vertices $\rightarrow O(n^2 \log n)$ total time

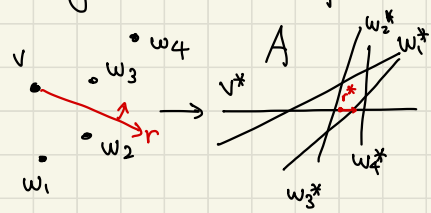
\hookrightarrow This dominates Dijkstra's & computing C_{free} . Can we do better?

An $O(n^2)$ algorithm: Two reasons for $O(n^2 \log n)$ time.

- ① n sorts of n items each.
- ② n^2 events with $O(\log n)$ status tree updates

Problem 1: solved by duality.

- Form arrangement A of lines dual to V .



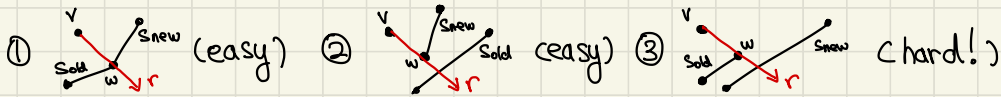
- For each $v \in V$, read its sorted list from A in $O(n)$ time.

Each vertex of A on v^* represents an event for \vec{r} . [$O(n^2)$]

Problem 2: Don't maintain a status tree.

- We only need to maintain the segment closest to v on r .

3 situations:

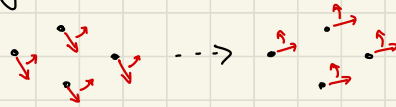


Solution: Use whatever w points at for that angle.

Question: How do we know which segment w maintains?



→ Sweep all rays in synchrony.

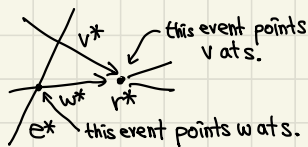


Angle of ray corresponds to x -coordinate in dual.

Idea: Sweep all vertices of A from left to right. Each vertex is an event.

Problem: Sorting $O(n^2)$ vertices is $O(n^2 \log n)$ time...

Idea: Make A a DAG with all edges directed left to right. An event can be performed as long as all events that point to it has been performed.



⇒ Topological sort suffices! $O(n^2)$ time.

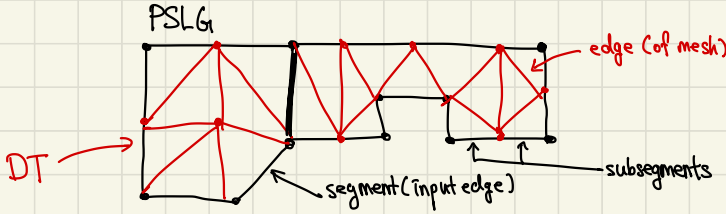
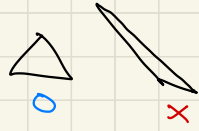
↳ Sorts a total order respecting partial orders.

Process events in order of top. sort. Each event is now constant time. //

⇒ shortest translating path in $O(n^2)$ time!

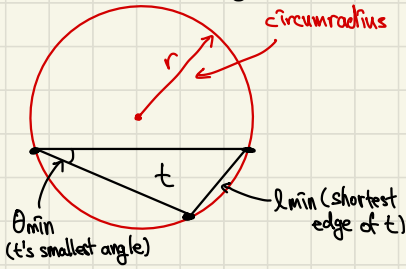
Ruppert's Triangular Mesh Generation

Motivation: We want triangles close to equilaterals.



Input: PSLG [no acute angles]

Output: Triangular Mesh, no angle $< 20.7^\circ$, $\geq 138.6^\circ$.



$$\text{Radius-Edge ratio} = \frac{r}{l_{\min}} = \frac{1}{2 \sin(\theta_{\min})} \quad \leftarrow \text{make this big!}$$

\rightarrow minimize $\frac{r}{l_{\min}}$ to maximize $\sin(\theta_{\min})$, also θ_{\min} .

A subsegment is any input segment or edge produced by subdividing a (sub)segment. A subsegment is encroached if:

- there is a vertex inside its diametric circle, or
- it's missing from current DT. [edge case]

Bisect each encroached subsegment, yielding 2 subsegments.



Algorithm: PSLG X , vertices V , segments S , upper bound B on radius-edge ratio

$T \leftarrow DT(V)$ or $CDT(V)$ [your choice]

while some $s \in S$ is encroached or some $t \in T$ is "bad" \rightarrow radius-edge ratio $\geq B$, or user specified size bound

while some $s \in S$ is encroached: "Split" S . \rightarrow Insert new vertex into T at midpoint of s . Update S .

if some $t \in T$ is bad:

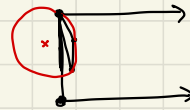
$p \leftarrow$ circumcenter of t

if p encroaches upon some subsegment $s_1, s_2, \dots \in S$: Split s_1, s_2, \dots .

else: Insert p into T . \hookrightarrow encroaching circumcenters are rejected to avoid creating small features.



Q: What if a circumcenter is outside domain?



\hookrightarrow we can prove that \exists an encroached subsegment \rightarrow never need to insert it.

Q: How to detect encroachments & bad triangles fast?

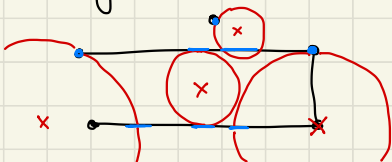
\hookrightarrow Keep lists. Check for new ones (locally) after each insertion.

* With CDT, s is encroached only by vertices visible from S .

Q: How to detect encroaching circumcenters?

\hookrightarrow One way is to insert, check for encroachments, can be done locally.

Local feature size: $l_{fsc}(p) :=$ radius of smallest disk centered at p intersecting 2 nonintersecting features (vertex or segment) in X .



Lemma: $l_{fsc}(v) \leq l_{fsc}(w) + |uv|$. Proof:



→ $fsc(\cdot)$ is continuous & 1-Lipschitz.

In Ruppert meshes, no edge through any $p \in \Omega$ is shorter than $c \cdot fsc(p)$

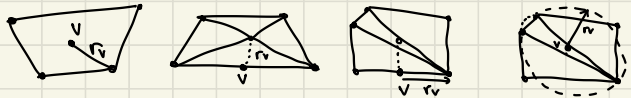
for some $c = c(B)$, a function of radius-edge ratio bound.

↳ This gives guarantees of:

- Termination
- Good grading
- Size-optimality [# triangles is within constant factor of best possible mesh of Ω satisfying the bound B]

Termination: Let the insertion radius r_v of a vertex (including rejected circumcenters) v be the distance to v 's nearest (visible) neighbor at the moment v is created. The parent pcv of:

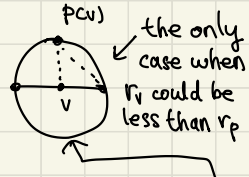
- a subsegment midpoint v is the nearest encroaching vertex (might be a reject)
- the circumcenter of t is the most recently inserted endpoint of t 's shortest edge.



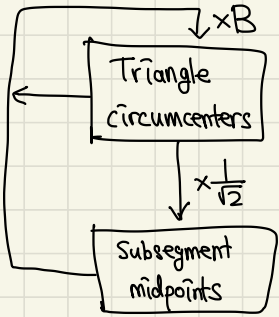
- input vertices is None.

Thm) Suppose no 2 segments in X adjoin at an acute angle. Let v be vertex (in mesh or rejected) with parent $p = pcv$. Then either:

- $r_v \geq fs(v)$, or
- $r_v \geq B r_p$ and v is a circumcenter, or
- $r_v \geq \frac{r_p}{2}$ and v is a subsegment midpoint.



Proof Idea: Break into four cases, input, circumcenter, midpoint (parent rejected/not)



Arrows "give birth to" child, with worst-case insertion radius multiplier. If no cycle has product < 1 , edge lengths cannot diminish. Therefore, set $B \geq \sqrt{2}$.

$$\rightarrow \theta_{\min} = \arcsin \frac{1}{2B} \geq 20.7^\circ$$

Thm) If $B \geq \sqrt{2}$, algorithm terminates with no edge shorter than $\min_{p \in \Omega} fs(p)$.

Proof: By induction.

* We can have acute angles down to 60° for termination.

Isosurface Stuffing (Tetrahedral Mesh Generation)



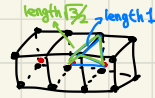
Input: Cut function $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (where $f(p) = 0$ is the boundary)

Output: tetrahedral mesh representing $\{p \mid f(p) = 0\}$, with all dihedral angles between 10.78° and 164.74° .

Pluses: Fast, numerically robust, simple.

Minuses: rounds off sharp edges & corners, no grading on isosurface.

Background grid is body centered cubic (BCC) lattice:



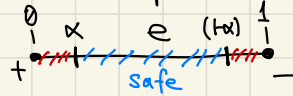
cubic lattice + cube centers, DT has identical tets, 90° & 60° dihedral angles.

Algorithm:

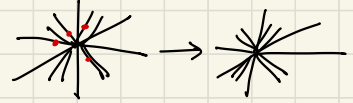
① Compute f at lattice points, signs: $+$, $-$, or 0 .

② For each edge with one $+$ and one $-$ endpoint, compute cut point on edge where $f=0$. [iterated bisection in practice]

③ Warp the background grid. Cut point c on edge e violates endpoint v of e if $|cv| \leq \alpha|e|$.



while some lattice point p is violated:



Warp (move) p on to a cut point that violates p . [snaps p onto isosurface]

Change p 's sign to 0 . [$\alpha_{\text{blue}} = 0.28511$, $\alpha_{\text{green}} = 0.39882$]

Discard cut points on all edges of background grid adjoining p .

④ For each background tet, create $0-3$ output tets from stencil in lookup table that maps signs of vertices to stencils.

* Options for Quadruple-zero background tets:

① No, always discard them.

② Heuristic: quad-zero becomes output tet if its quality is good enough,

and its barycenter has $f > 0$.

③ Change α values s.t. quad-zero tets are always good quality.

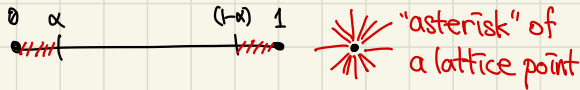
↳ This weakens angle bounds.



Main Idea: Cut points near lattice vertices \rightarrow arbitrarily bad angles

Choose α big enough to eliminate these, small enough to not make new ones.

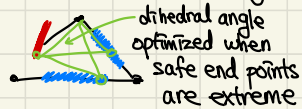
Computer Aided Proof of Angle Bounds: Enumerate all tets on all stencils, find worst angles.



After warping, we know that

- A warped vertex lies on its asterisk & its sign is \emptyset .
- $+/-$ vertices weren't warped.
- No cut points on edge adjoining warped vertex.
- No 2 vertices can't warp toward each other on same edge.

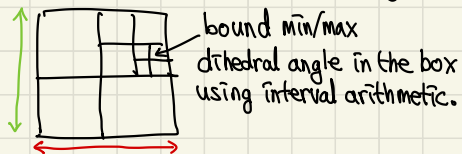
Treat each asterisk as 7 separate cases.



Position of warped vertices & cut points described by 1 parameter each

\rightarrow At most 2 parameters to optimize: endpoints of edge of dihedral angle.

Discrete parameter space w/ quadtree.



Use proof code as inner loop of optimizer to get best α values.

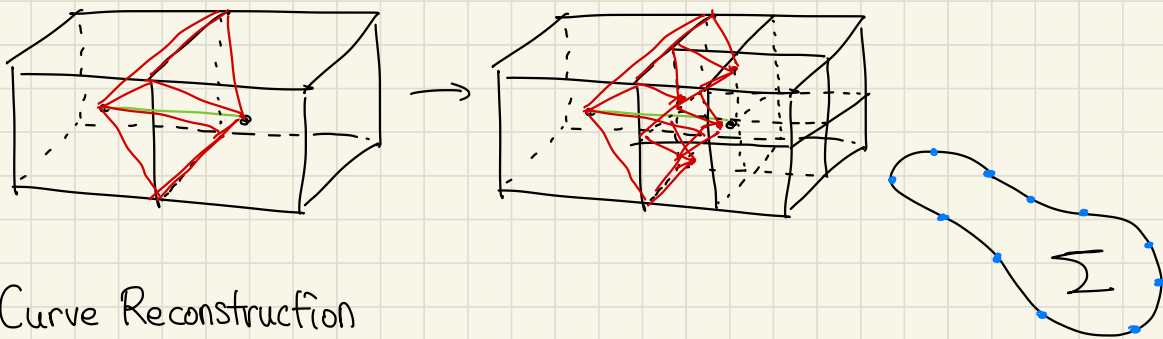


Graded Interior Tetrahedra: Use a modified octree that can have < 8 children.

Use octree to build a graded background mesh. Balance adjoining octants.



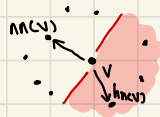
When 2 leaf octants of some size share facet, create 4 BCC tets.



Curve Reconstruction

Let P be a finite set of points sampled from smooth closed curve Σ .

$\hookrightarrow \Sigma$ is also called "1-manifold w/o boundary".



For $v \in P$, let $nnc(v)$ be nearest neighbor of v in P , and let $hnc(v)$ be v 's half-neighbor: the nearest neighbor s.t. $\angle nnc(v), v, hnc(v) \geq 90^\circ$.

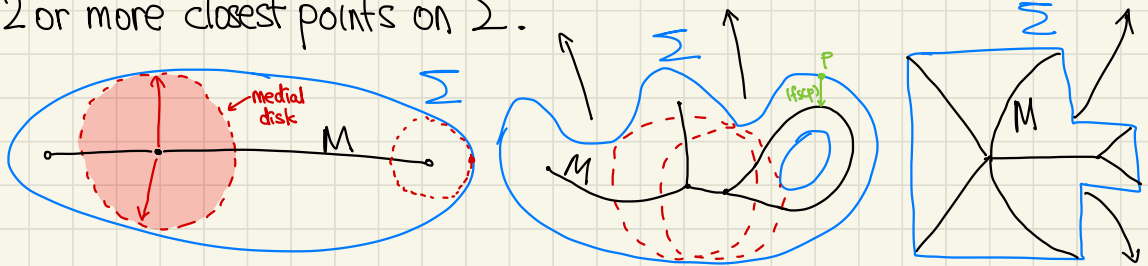
Algo: NN-Crust(P)

$E \leftarrow \emptyset$. for each $v \in P$, $y \leftarrow nnc(v)$, $z \leftarrow hnc(v)$. $E \leftarrow E \cup \{vy, vz\}$.

Output E . ["Works" in any $E^d, d \geq 2$]

When does it work?

Def) Medial Axis of Σ : The closure of the set of points that have 2 or more closest points on Σ .



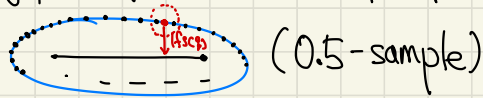
The local feature size $lfscp(p)$ of a point $p \in \Sigma$ is distance from p to the point nearest to p on M . * not necessarily medial axis point touching p !

↳ Zero at sharp corners, so we exclude this input.

↳ $lfscp(\cdot)$ is continuous & 1-Lipschitz.

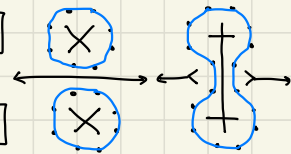
" Σ is smooth": $\exists C > 0$ s.t. $lfscp(p) \geq C \forall p \in \Sigma$.

P is an ϵ -sample of Σ if every point $q \in \Sigma$ has a sample point $p \in P$ within a distance of $\epsilon \cdot lfscp(q)$.



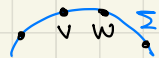
NN-Crust is guaranteed to work when $\epsilon < 1/3$. [SOTA] [$\epsilon < 0.66$]

Nothing " " " $\epsilon \geq 1$. [$\epsilon \geq 0.12$]



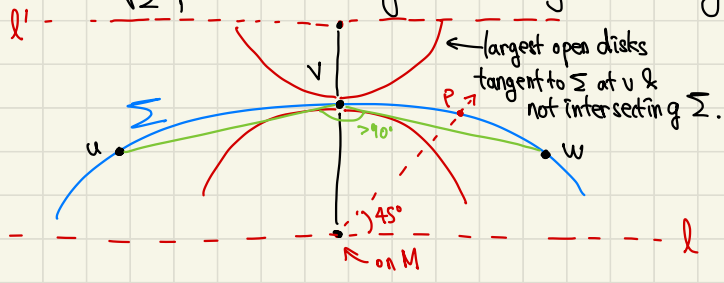
Analysis: An edge vw ($v, w \in P$) is correct if v & w are adjacent on Σ .

Every $v \in P$ adjoins exactly 2 correct edges.



Lemma: If $\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, correct edges will adjoin at angles $> 90^\circ$.

Proof:



$< \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ - sample $\rightarrow \min\{|pv|, |pw|\} < \frac{|pq|}{\sqrt{2}}$. But $|pv| \geq \frac{|pq|}{\sqrt{2}}$.

If w on/below $l \rightarrow |pw| \geq \frac{|pq|}{\sqrt{2}}$. \neq , so w must be above l .

Likewise for u and $l' \Rightarrow \angle uvw > 90^\circ$.

Lemma: Let B be a closed disk. If $B \cap \Sigma$ contains > 1 point, either

- $B \cap \Sigma$ is homeomorphic to a segment, or
- there is a point of M in B 's interior.

Proof: Suppose $B \cap \Sigma$ is not homeo. to segment. Then either

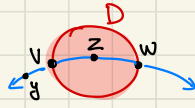
- $B \cap \Sigma$ includes a closed loop \rightarrow \rightarrow point of $M \subseteq B$
- $B \cap \Sigma$ has 2^+ connected components. \rightarrow shrink B

around center \rightarrow \rightarrow shrink at point of tangency \rightarrow \dots

Thm) If $\varepsilon \leq \frac{1}{3}$, edges $(v, nncv)$ and $(v, hncv)$ are correct.

Proof: Let vw be any incorrect edge. We shall show $w \neq nncv, hncv$.

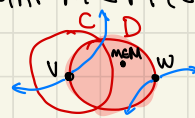
Let v_y, v_z be the correct edges. Let D be a closed disk w/diam. vw .

Case 1: $D \cap \Sigma$ is topological segment. 

$\hookrightarrow |vz| < |vw| \rightarrow w \neq nncv$. If $nncv = z, w \neq hncv$ b/c $\angle zvw \leq 90^\circ$.

If $nncv = y, w \neq hncv$ because $|vz| < |vw|$ and $\overbrace{\angle zvy}^{\text{lemma 1}} > 90^\circ$.

Case 2: Otherwise, by Lemma 2, some point $m \in M$ is in D 's interior.

Let C be circle, center v , diameter $|vw|$. 

Let p, q be points of $C \cap \Sigma$, nearest v along Σ .

- If p, q don't exist, y & z are inside C . $\Rightarrow w \neq nncv$.

Assuming $(v, nncv)$ is correct $\rightarrow w \neq hncv$.

- Otherwise, $|pm| \leq |pv| + |vm| \leq \frac{|vw|}{2} + |vw| = \frac{3}{2}|vw|$. \rightarrow

Sample point x nearest p satisfies $\underbrace{|px|} \leq \epsilon \underbrace{f_{scp}} \leq \frac{|pm|}{3} < \frac{|vw|}{2}$
 $= |pv| \leq |pw| \rightarrow x \neq v, x = w, \text{ and } |vx| \leq |pv| + |px| < |vw| \Rightarrow w \neq nncv$.

[Not complete, but believe that $w \neq hncv$.]

Speed: Use $DT(P)$ to improve from $\Theta(n^2)$ to $\Theta(n \log n)$ time (in 2D).

Thm) Every correct edge $\in DT(P)$ if $\epsilon \leq 1$.

Surface Reconstruction

Restricted DT: $DT|_{\Sigma} P$ is a subcomplex of $DT(P)$ containing every simplex

whose Voronoi dual face intersects Σ .

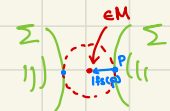
Thm) If P is a 0.32-sample of Σ , $|DT|_{\Sigma} P$ is homeomorphic to Σ .

Uses: 1) Surface Meshing: Σ is known; place vertices for good RDT/mesh

2) Surface Reconstruction: Σ is unknown; choose triangles from $DT(P)$.

↳ Let P be a finite set of points sampled from a smooth closed 2-manifold Σ .

Medial axis M of Σ : Still the closure of set of points that have non-unique

"closest point on Σ ". 


$fsc(p)$ for $p \in \Sigma$: distance from p to nearest point on M .

P is ϵ -sample of Σ if every $q \in \Sigma$ has a sample point $p \in P$ within $\epsilon / fsc(q)$.

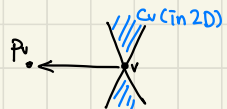
Cocone Algorithm:

For each tet $s \in DT(P)$, let c_s be its circumcenter.

For each tri $t \in DT(P)$, its Voronoi dual edge is $e_t = c_s c_{s'}$, where s & s'

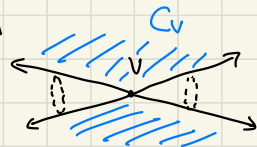
are the tets with face t . 

For each vertex $v \in DT(P)$, its pole P_v is the circumcenter farthest from v of all tets adjoining v .



[The pole vector $\vec{v}P_v$ estimates the normal to Σ at v .]


The cocone C_v of v is $\{q \mid 67.5^\circ \leq \angle q v P_v \leq 112.5^\circ\}$.



A tri $t \in DT(P)$ is a cocone triangle if e_t intersects the cocones of all three vertices of t .

If $\varepsilon \leq 0.05$,

- every cocone tri t has empty circumsphere of radius $\leq \frac{1.18\varepsilon}{1-\varepsilon}$ (fscp).
- every " " is nearly orthogonal to the normals of Σ .
- every tri in $DT(P)$ is a cocone tri. [sadly, others are cocone as well]

Manifold Extraction: An edge is sharp if 2 successive triangles around it form angle $> 270^\circ$.  $> 270^\circ$ [include edge with just one tri]

Label all tets of $DT(P)$ "inside", all outside tets "outside" via DFS, never walking through surviving tris.

Output tris where "inside" tet meets "outside" tet.

→ If $\varepsilon \leq 0.05$,

- triangulation is homeomorphic to Σ ,
- every point on tri is within 0.08 (fscp) from nearest point $q \in \Sigma$.