Delaunay Triangulation

Euclidean Traveling Salesman Problem

- NP-Hardness

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❖ [Garey-Graham-Johnson, 1976] ETSP is NP-hard

❖ That's why we turn to

heuristic or approximate strategies

❖ [Christofides, 1976]

An approximate TSP tour

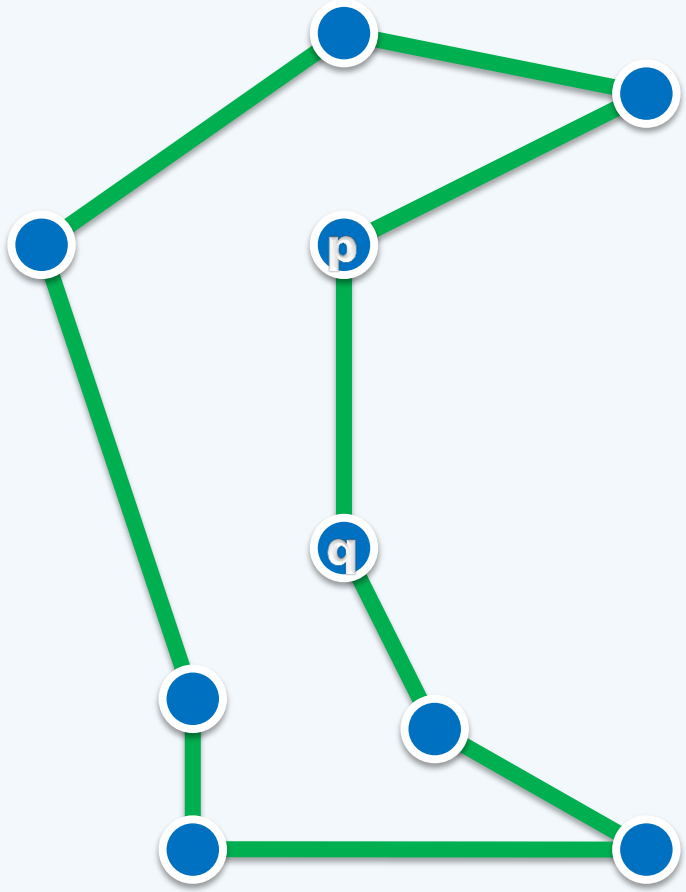
whose length is within $\boxed{3/2}$ of optimal

can be obtained in $\boxed{O(n^3)}$ time

if

the inter-point distances

obey the $\boxed{\text{triangle inequality}}$



❖ Next, Let's explain an earlier and simpler result ...