

Triangulation

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- Induction

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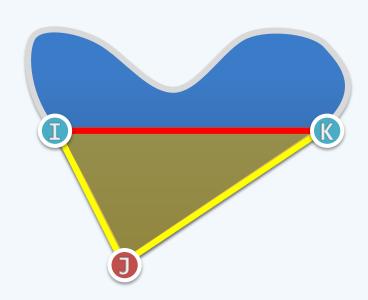
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\Leftrightarrow Consider the triangle \triangle = IJK

❖ We claim that P has an internal diagonal

 \Leftrightarrow If \triangle is an ear, then

IK is an internal diagonal



- \diamondsuit Otherwise, there are other vertices inside \triangle
- ❖ Let M be the one among them

with the maximal distance to IK

- ❖ Then JM should be an internal diagonal
- ❖ In both cases,

the diagonal breaks P

into |smaller | sub-polygons

