

# Lecture 14-2-Edge Linking (Chapter 10.2.7)

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# Edge linking

## ➤ Previous step: edge detector.

1. Start with edge pixels and corresponding  $M(x, y)$  and  $\alpha(x, y)$ ;
2. Idea: for each edge pixel  $(x, y)$  make a window  $S_{xy}$  around that pixel for each  $(s, t) \in S_{xy}$ , “Link”  $(x, y)$  to  $(s, t)$  if

$$|M(x, y) - M(s, t)| \leq \tau_1$$

$$|\alpha(x, y) - \alpha(s, t)| \leq \tau_2$$

To take out long edges.



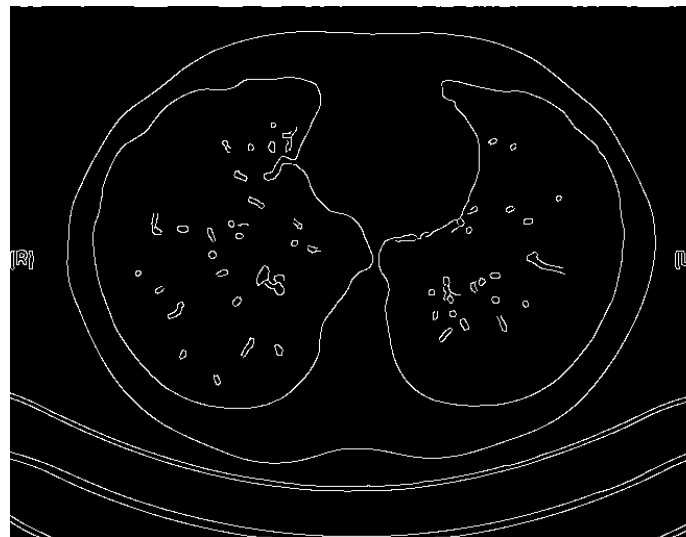
# Boundary following

- We have edge point around a closed contour, we want to link/order them in a clock wise direction.

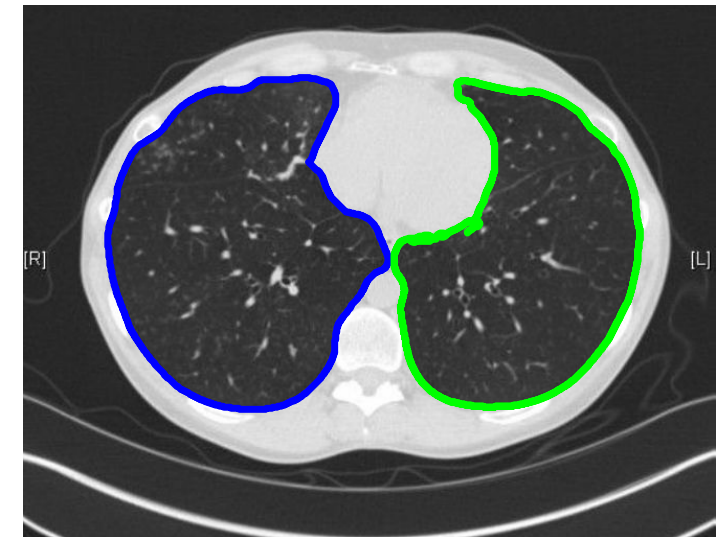
Input image



Edge detection



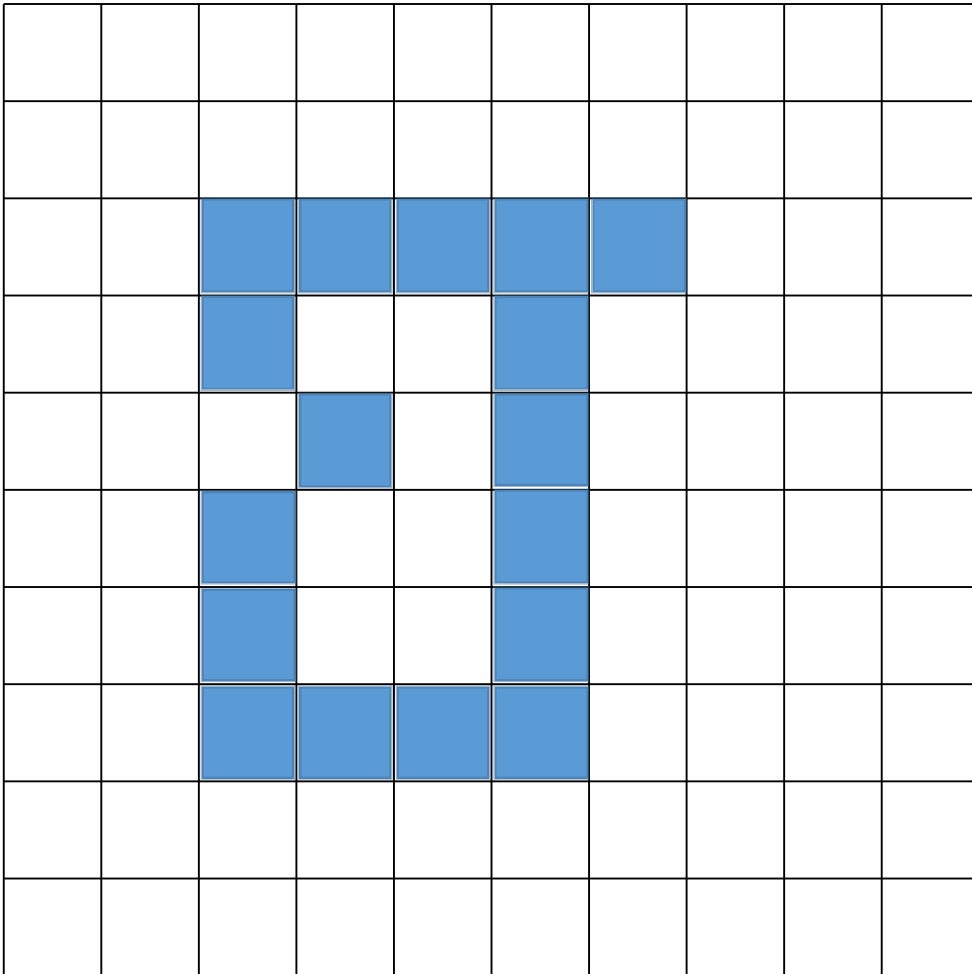
Boundary following



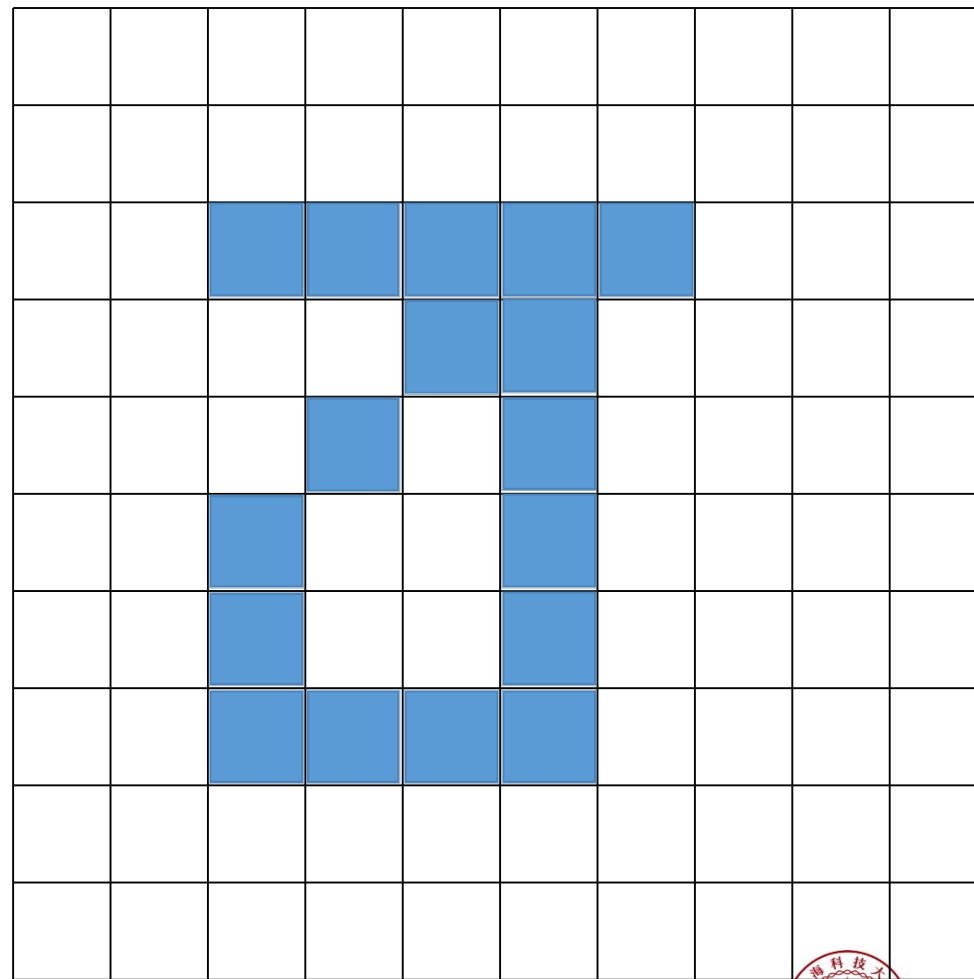
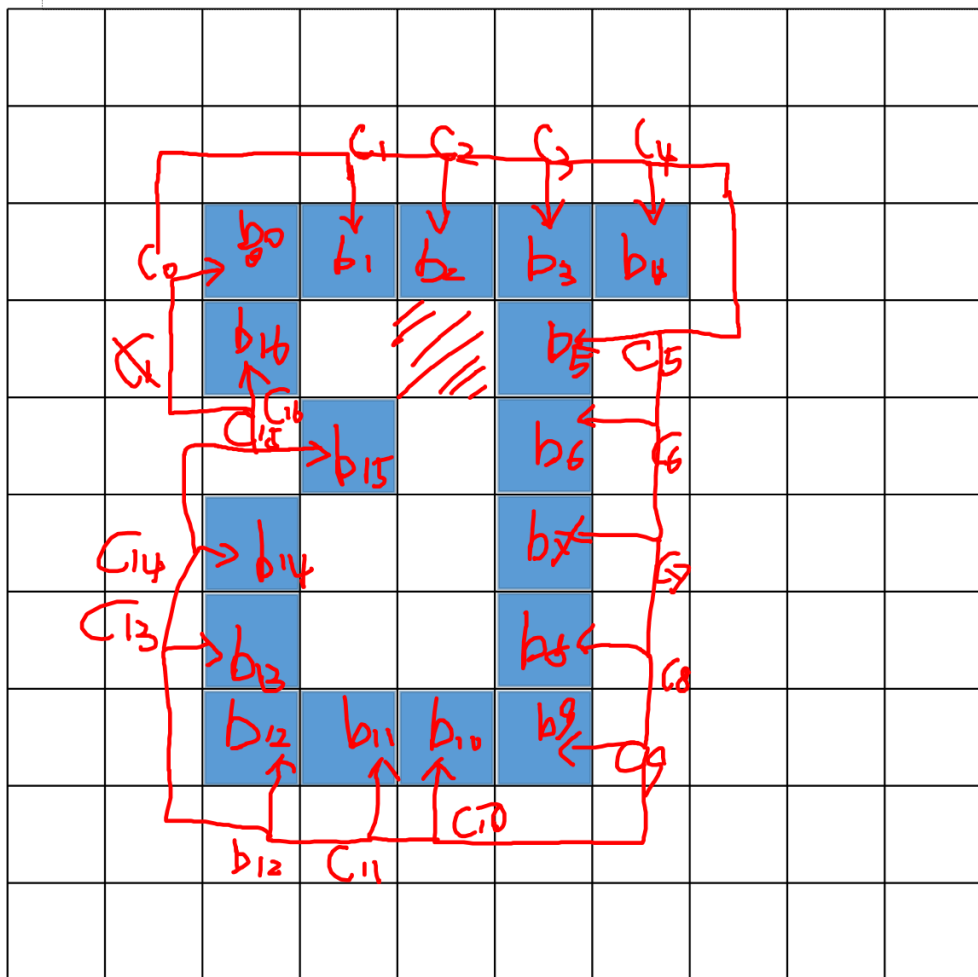
# Boundary following

## ➤ Moore's boundary following algorithms:

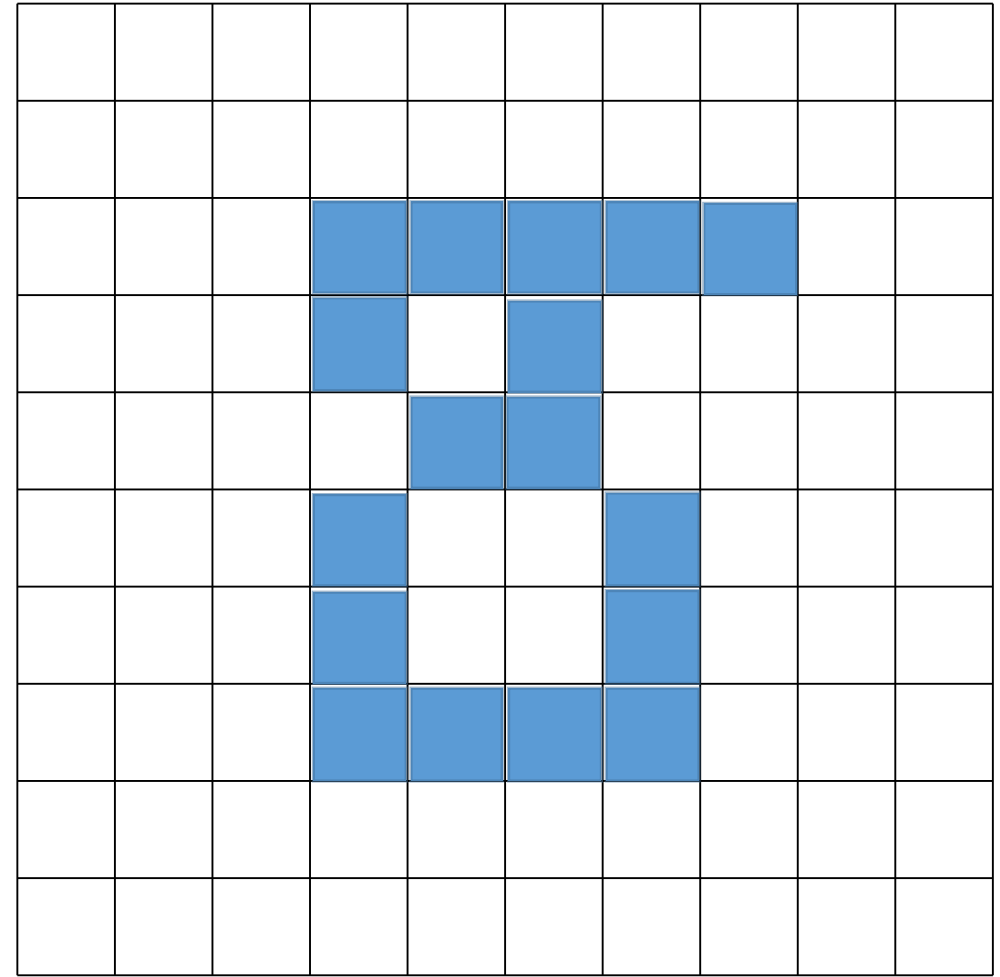
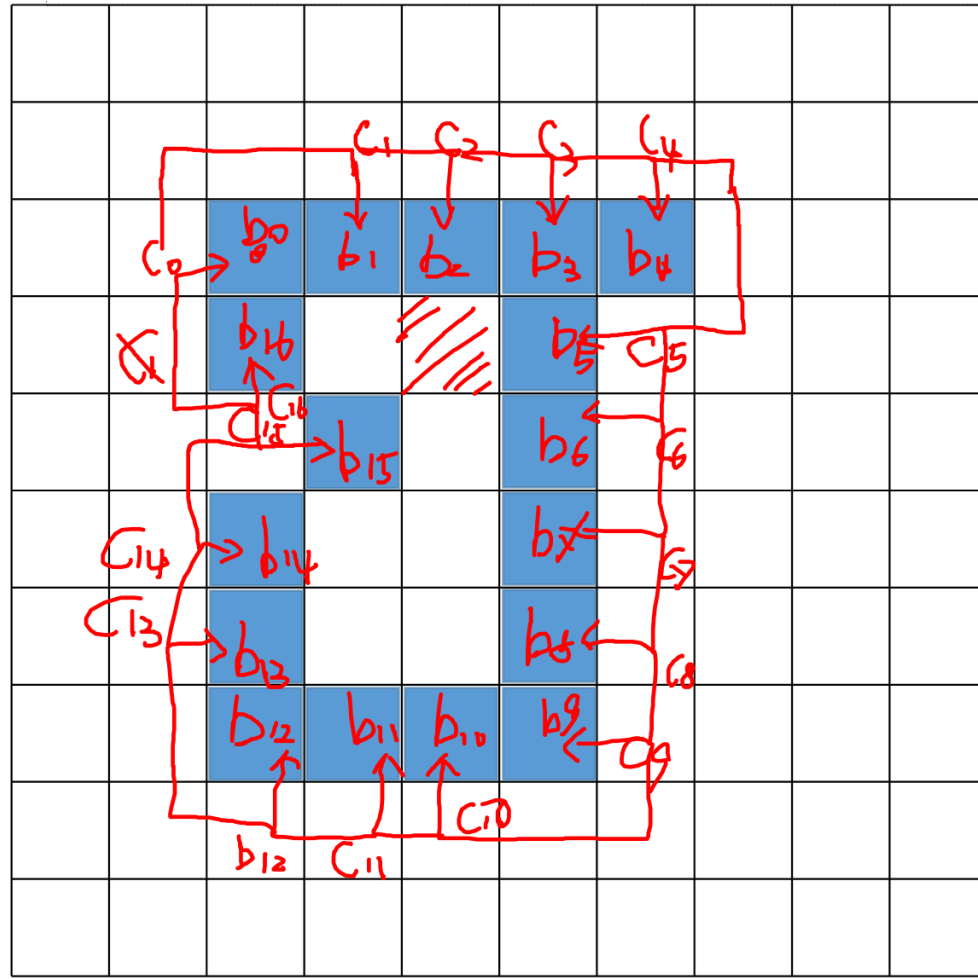
1. Start with edge maps (binary).
2. Let starting point  $b_0$  be the uppermost, leftmost point labelled "1". Let  $c_0$  be the left neighbor of  $b_0$ .
3. Examine 8-neighbors of  $b_0$ , starting at  $c_0$ , and going clock-wise. Let  $b_1$  be the first 1 pixel and  $c_1$  be the preceding 0 pixel.
4. Let  $b = b_1, c = c_1$ .
5. Continue until  $b = b_0$ , and next bounding point found is  $b_1$ . Or until there is no edge point in the 8-neighbor of  $b$ .
6. The opened list of  $b$  is the boundary.



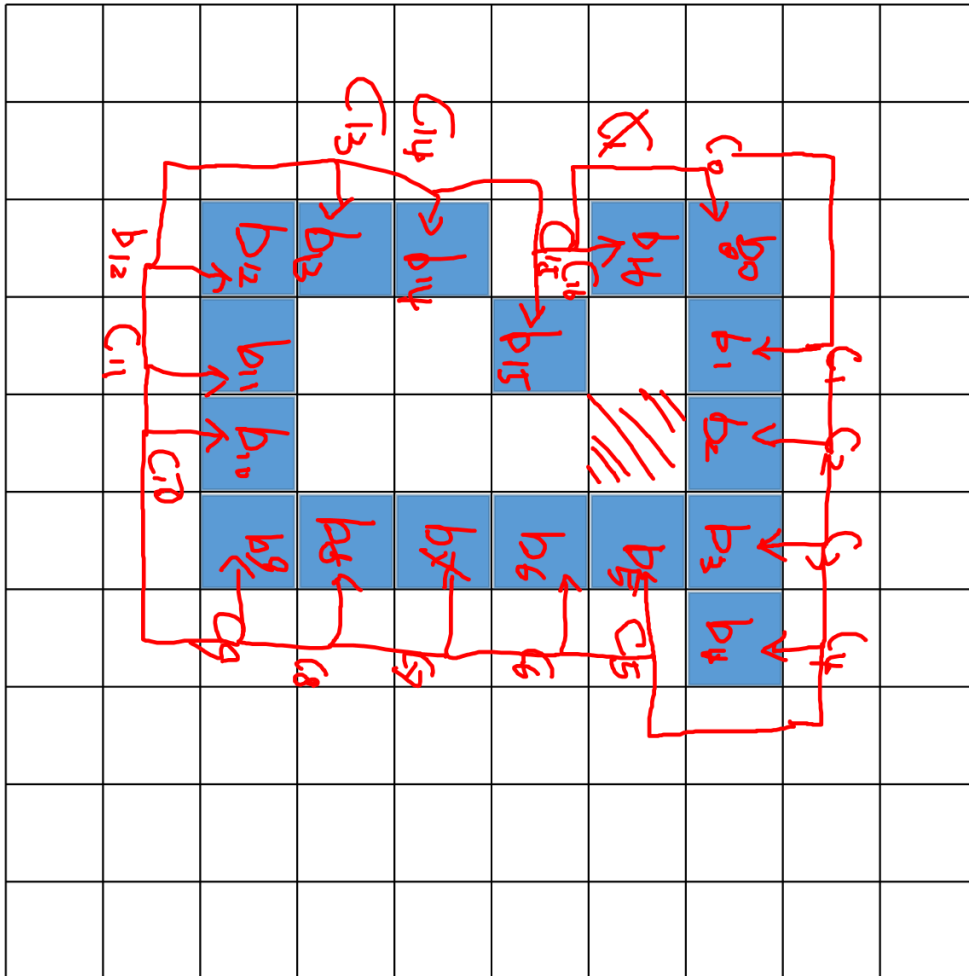
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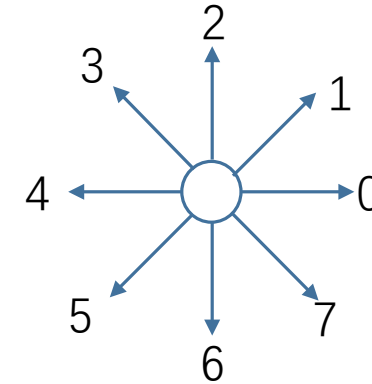


# Boundary following



## ➤ Describe the boundary with a chain code:

Define 3-bit direction, corresponding to previous boundary point.



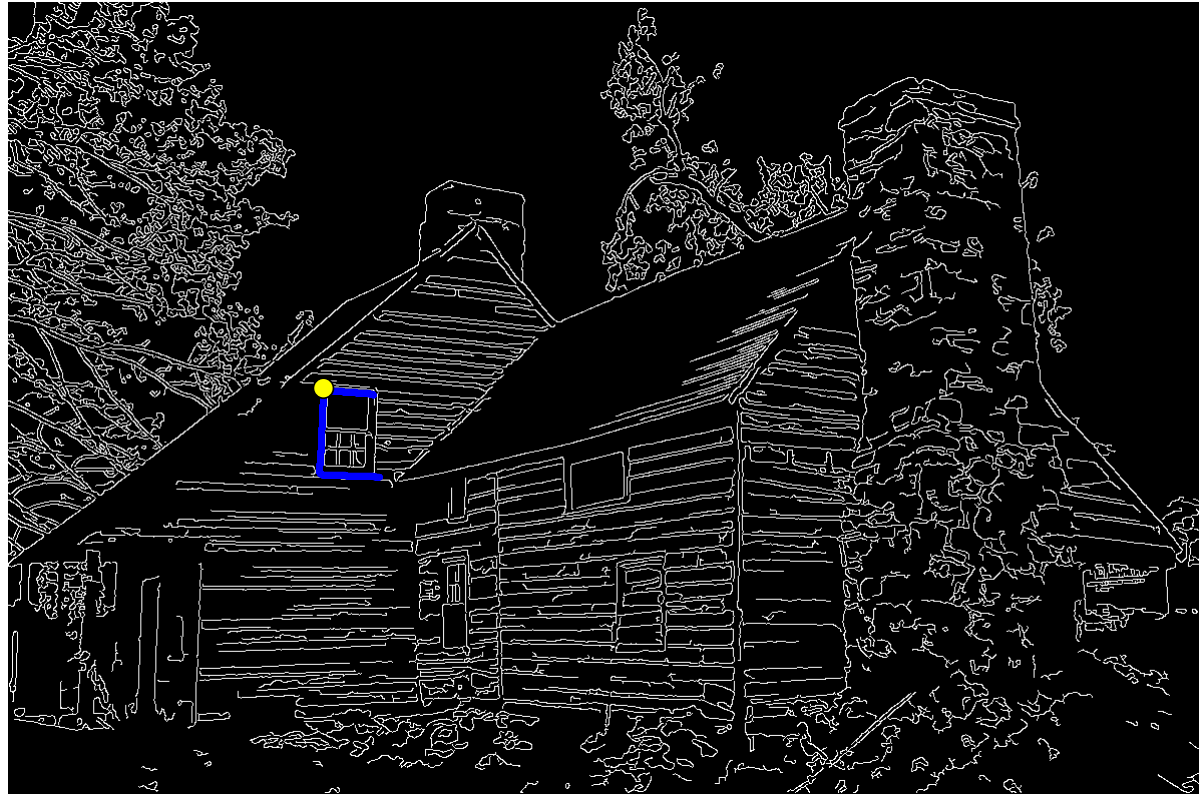
b0	b1	b2	b3	b4	b5	b6	b7	b8	b9
Direction for next P	0	0	0	0	5	6	6	6	6
ΔDirection	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0

b10	b11	b12	b13	b14	b15	b16			
4	4	4	2	2	1	3			
-2	0	0	-2	0	-1	2			

# Boundary following

- Matlab function: `bwtraceboundary`





# Polygonal fitting

## ➤ Fitting a set of ordered points (find windows/doors)

1. Let  $P$  be a sequence of ordered, distinct points. (e.g. ordered edges after boundary following).
2. Specify two starting points  $A, B$ .
3. Specify a threshold  $T$  (pixel distance).
4. Creating the stacks: `[final]` and `[in process]`.
5. Compute the distance from this line to all the points between these vertices.  
Select vertex  $V_{max}$  with the max distance  $D_m$ .

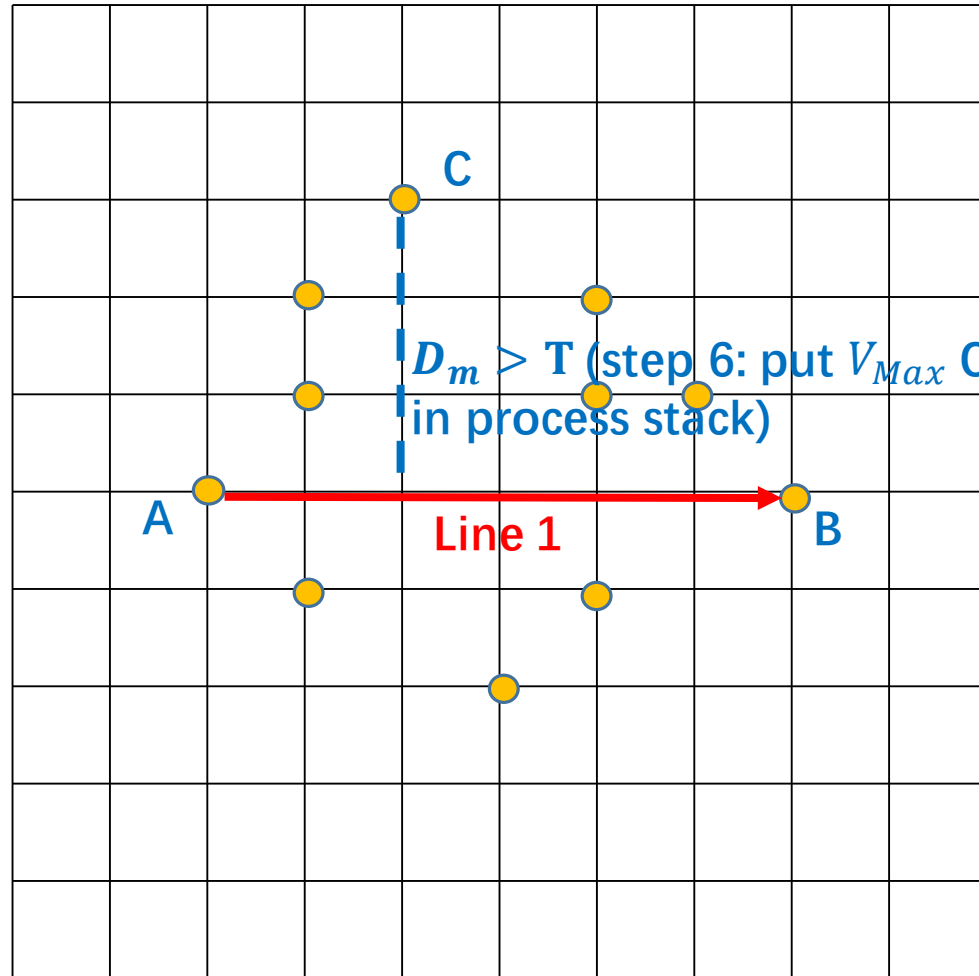
# Polygonal fitting

- **Purpose of Polygonal fitting**

Fitting a set of points or an edge map with convex boundary.

# Polygonal fitting

## Initialization & iter1



In process

AB

ABC

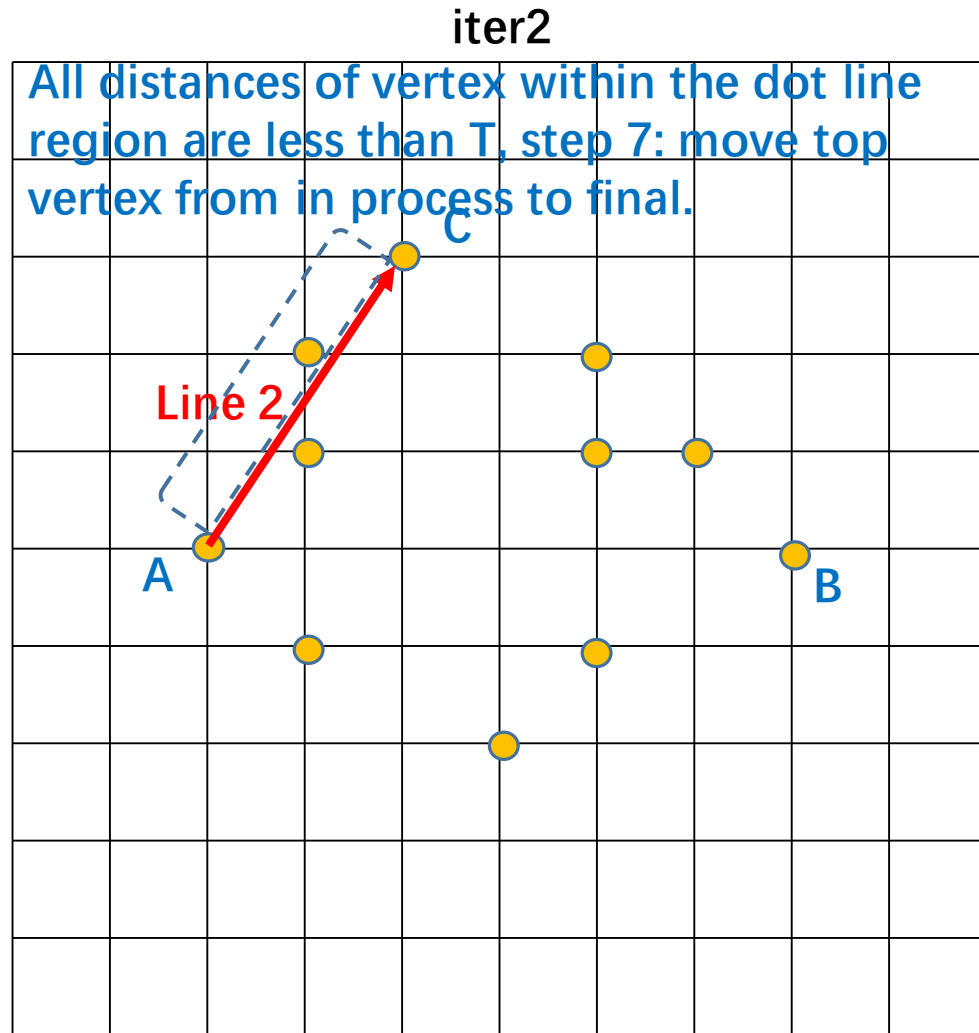
$D_m > T$  (step 6: put  $V_{Max}$  C on top of in process stack)

Line 1

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6. If  $D_m > T$  (a threshold set), put  $V_{Max}$  at the end of [in process], and go to step 4.
7. Otherwise, remove the last vertex from [in process] and make it the last vertex in [final].
8. If [in process] is not empty, go to step 4.
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# Polygonal fitting

final  
A  
A  
AC

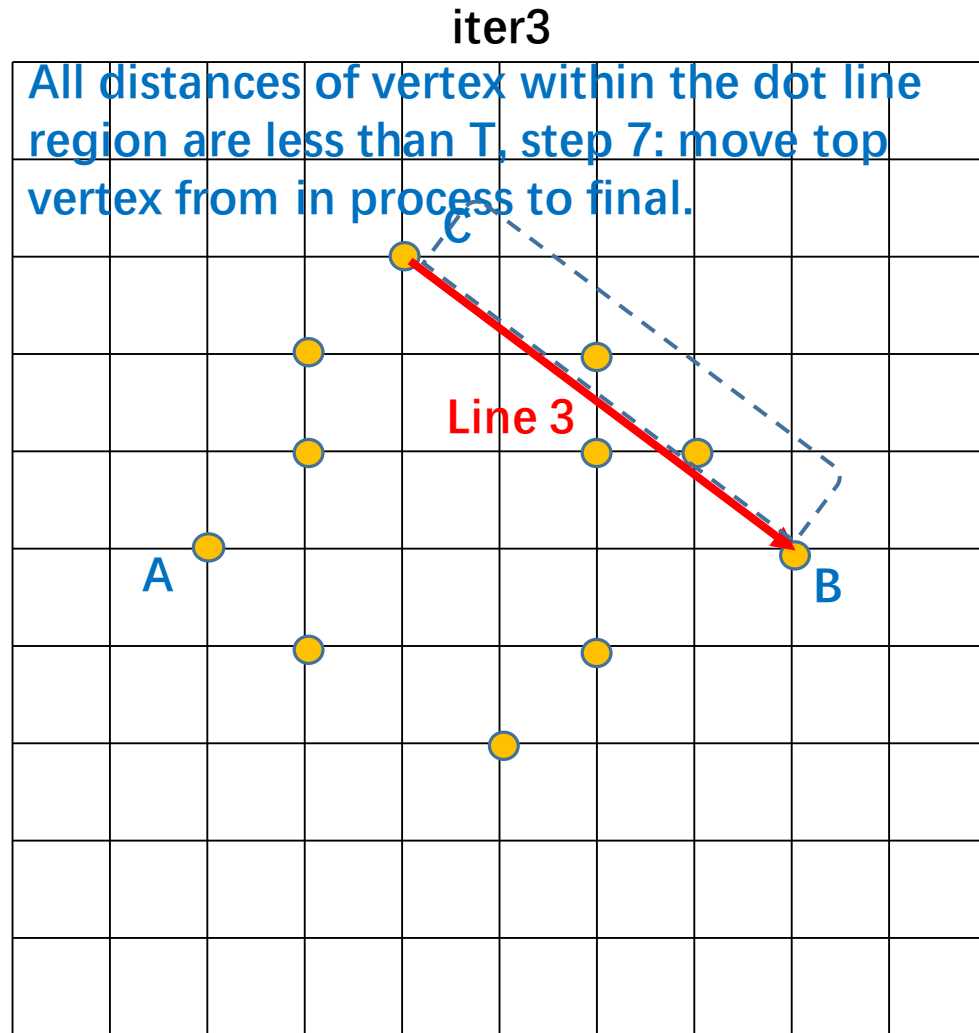


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ABC  
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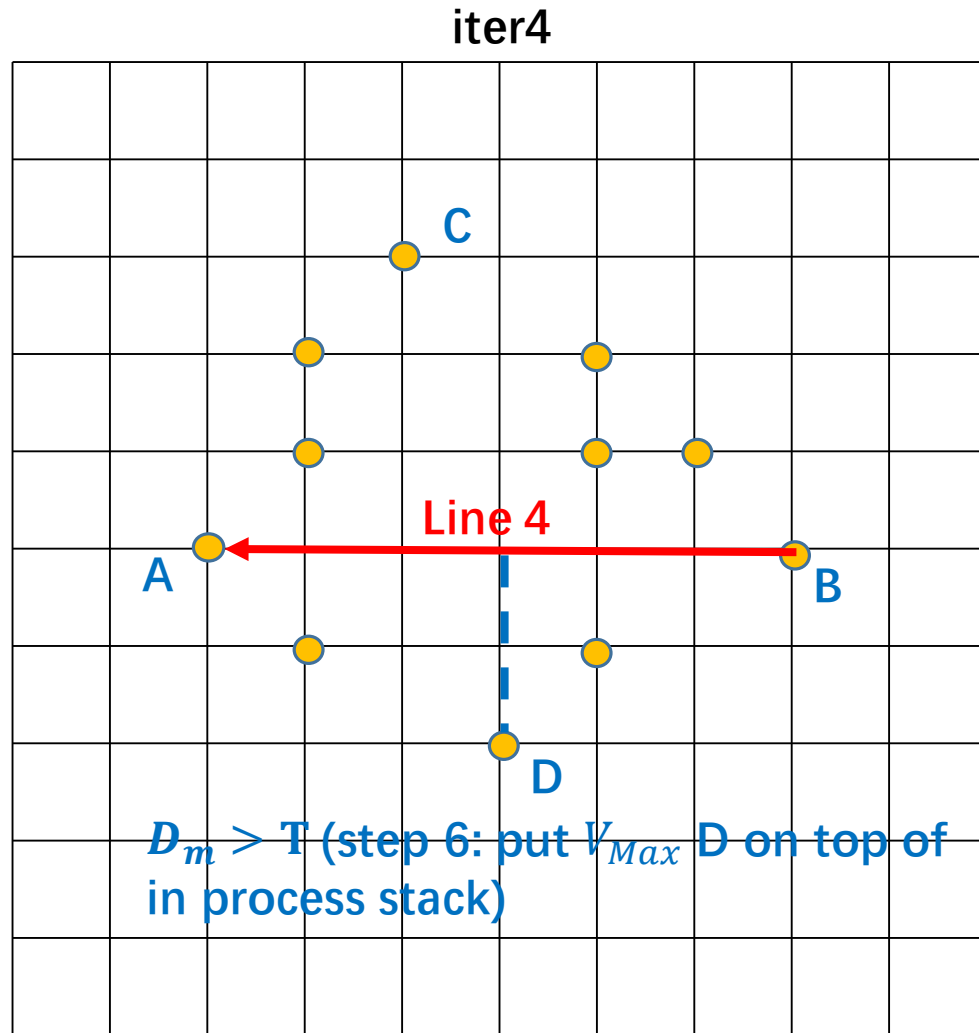


In process  
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ABC  
AB  
A

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AB  
A  
AD

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final

A

A

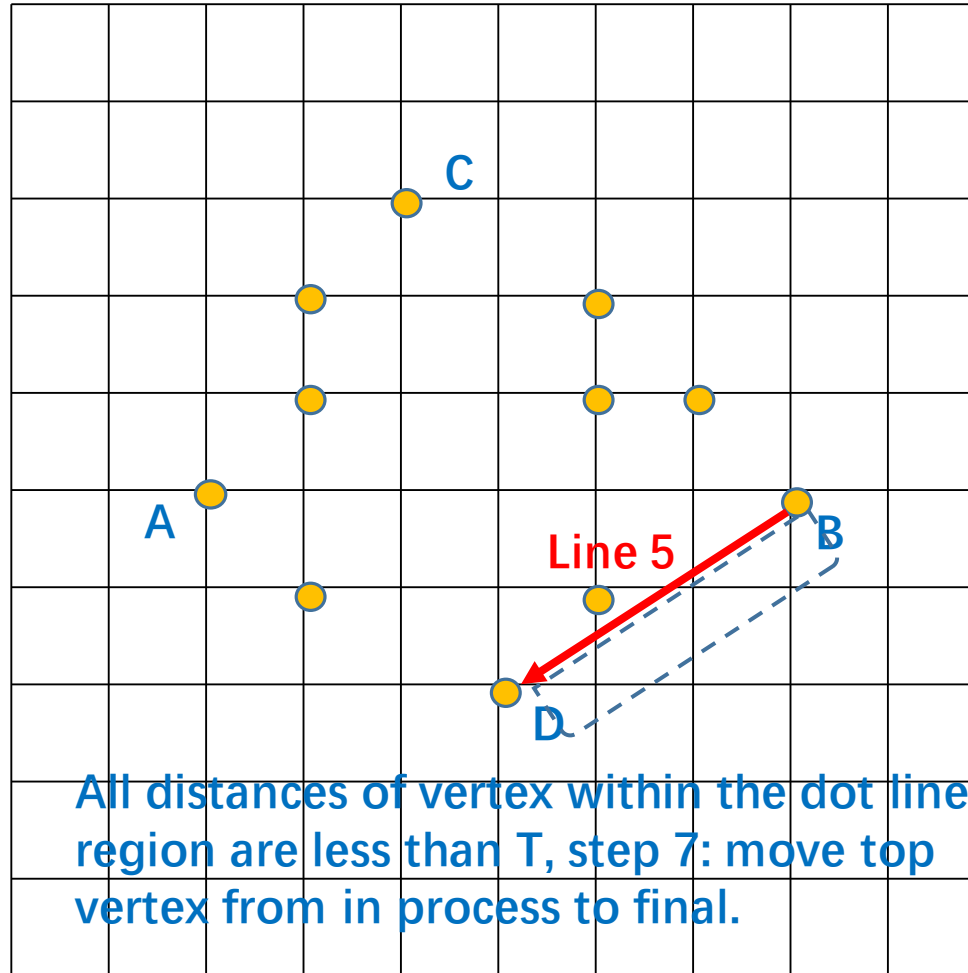
AC

ACB

ACB

ACBD

iter5



In process

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ABC

AB

A

AD

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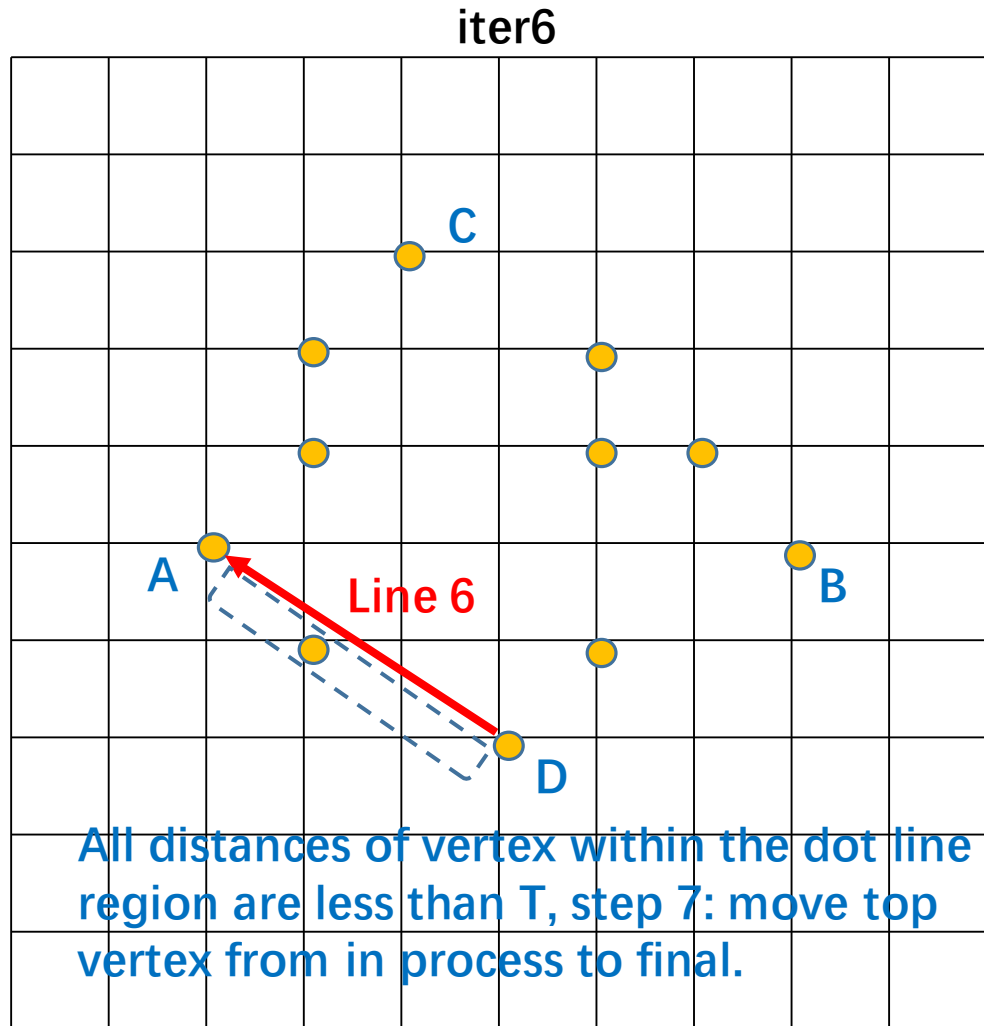
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In process

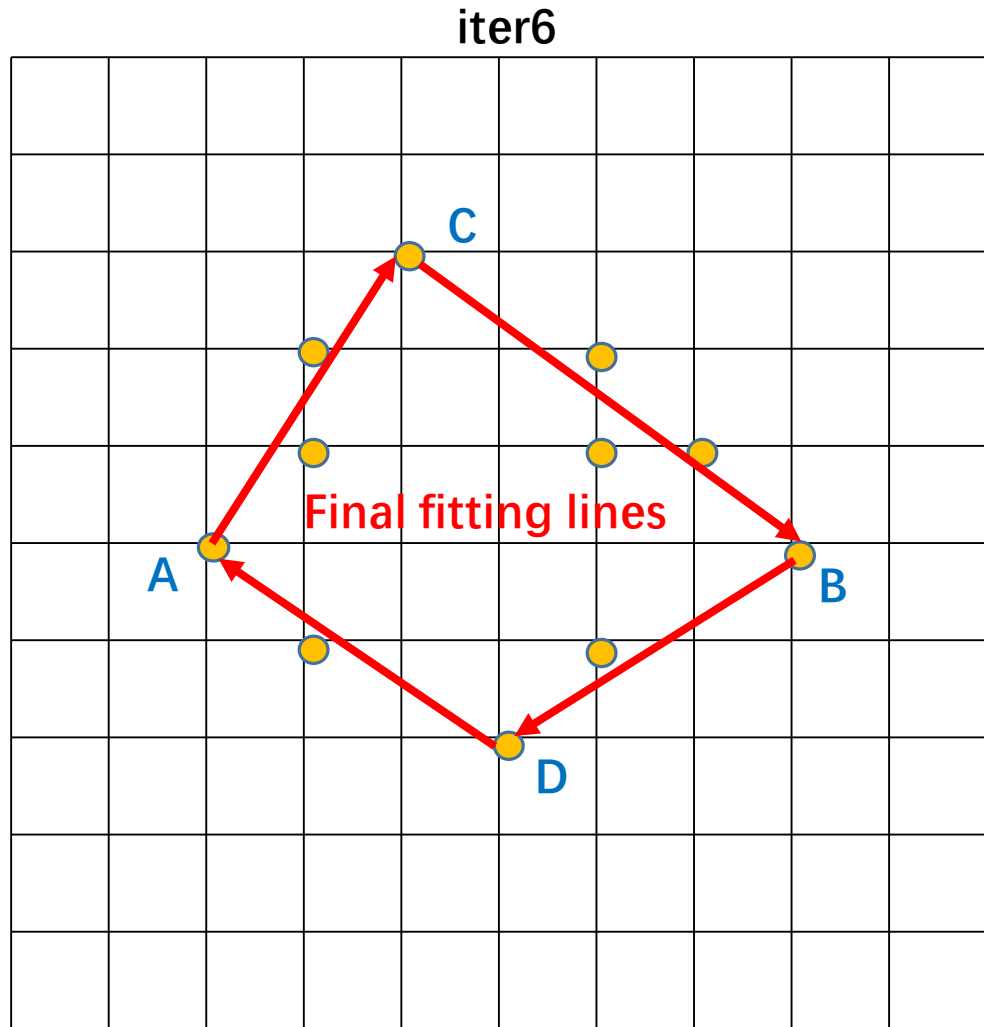
AB  
ABC  
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A  
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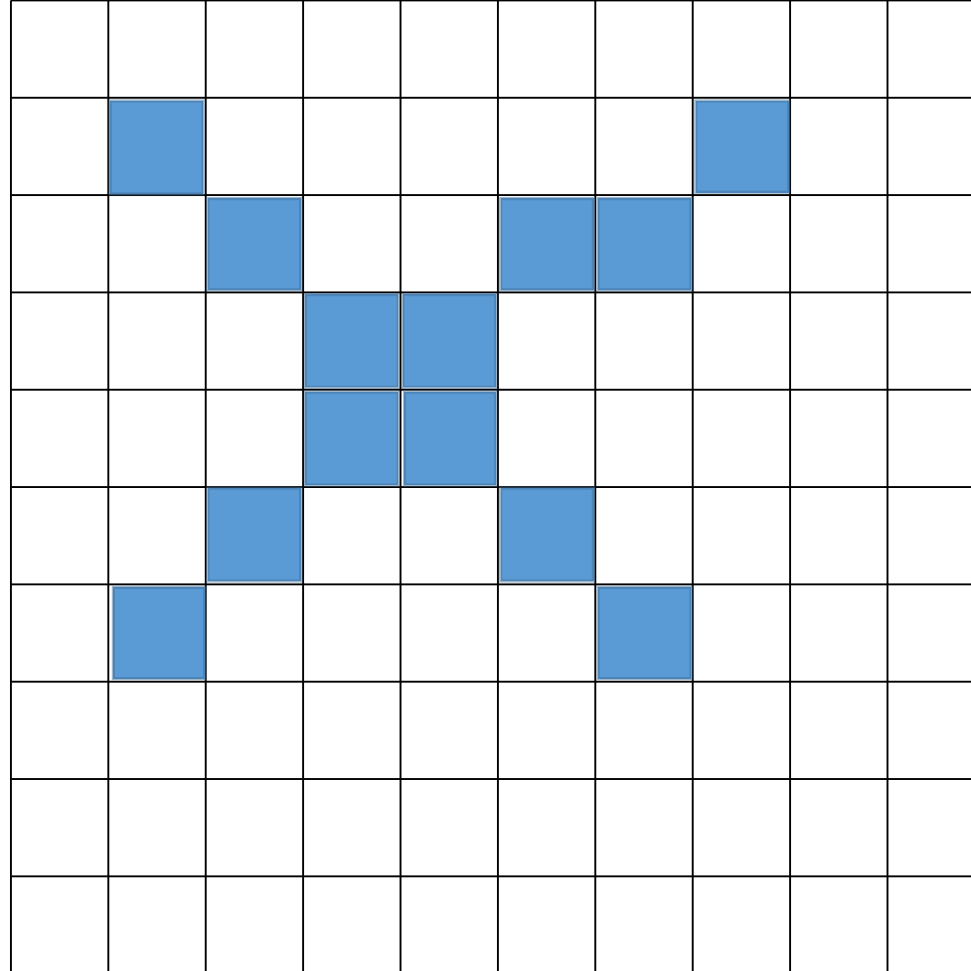
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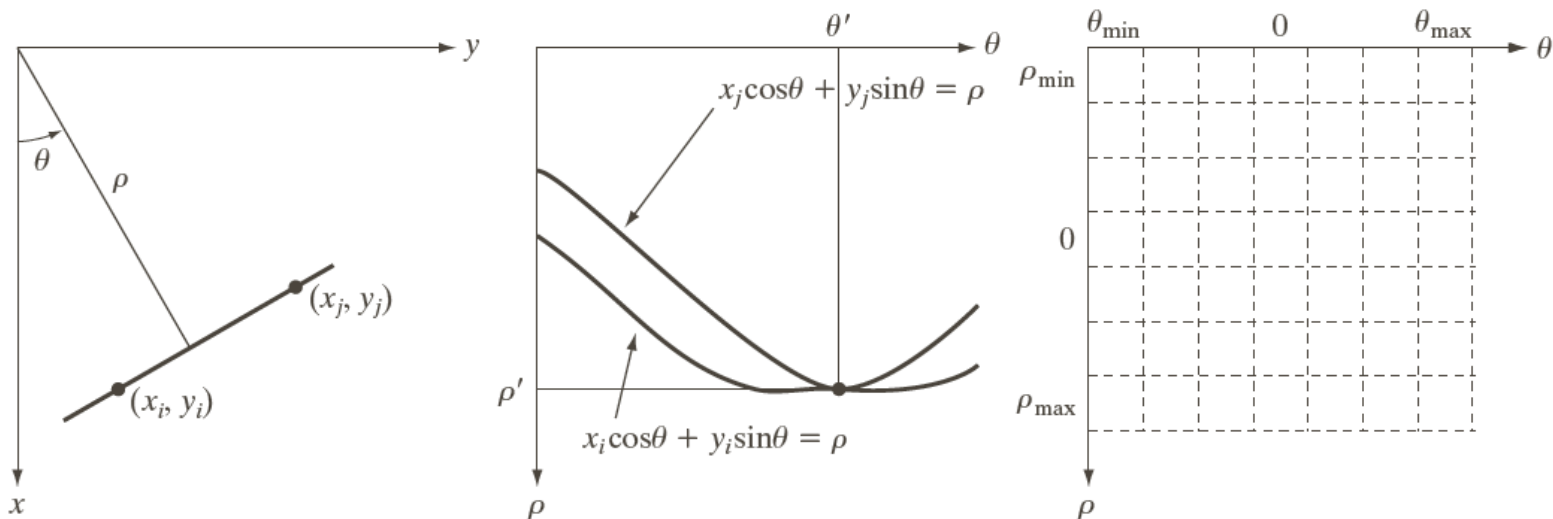
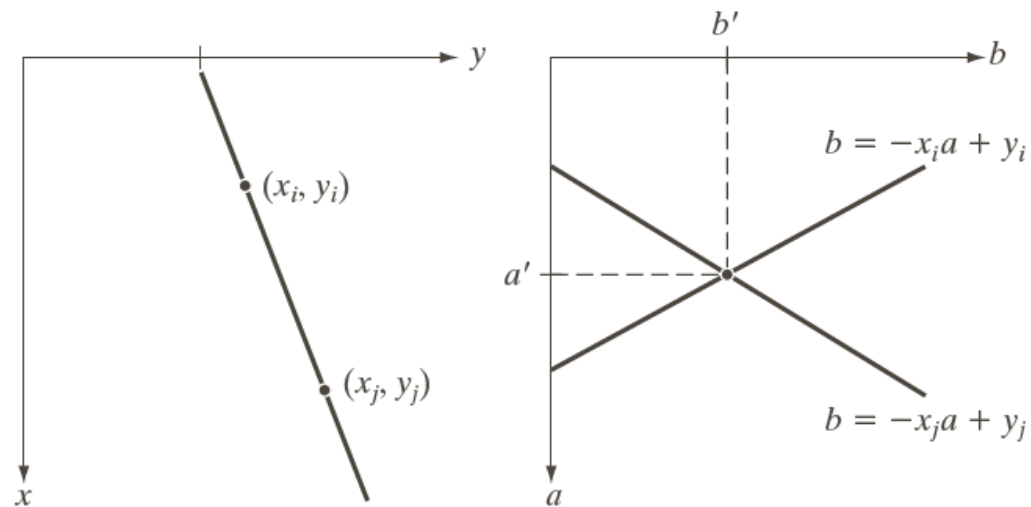
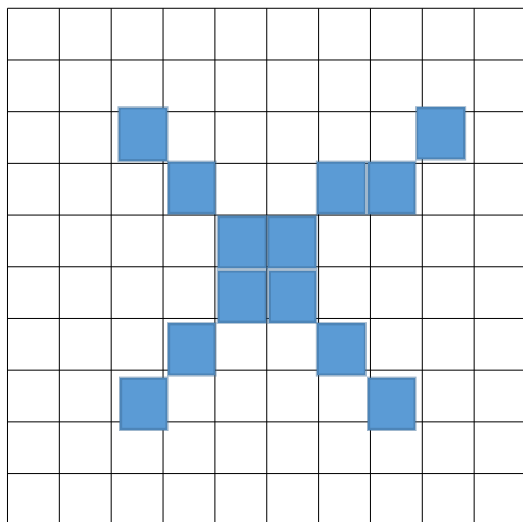
# Polygonal fitting

- If the threshold  $T$  is small, we will have a polygon with many vertices and smooth fitting.
- Otherwise, a polygon fitting with simple structure and large error.

# New question



# Hough Transform (霍夫变换)



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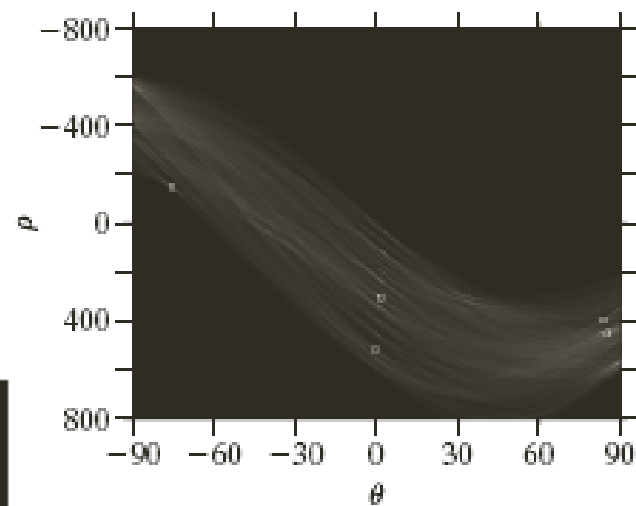
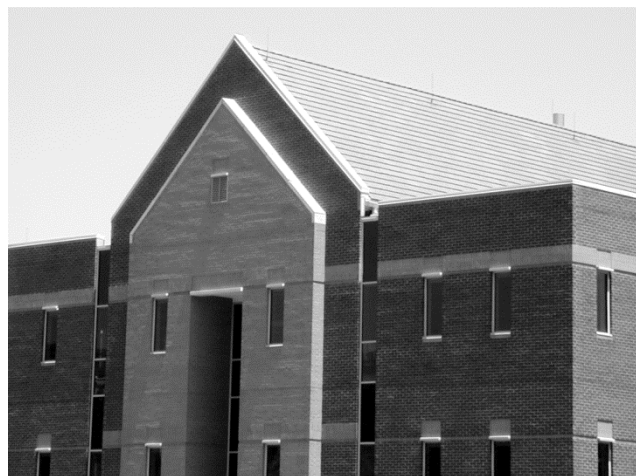
## ➤ An approach based on Hough Transform

1. Obtain a binary edge image using any edge detector;
2. Specify subdivisions in the  $\rho\theta$ -plane;
3. Examine the counts of the accumulator cells (累加器单元) for high pixel concentrations;
4. Examine the relationship between pixels in a chosen cell.

## ➤ Matlab function:

- `[H, theta, rho] = hough(f);`
- `peaks = houghpeaks(H, NumPeaks)`
- `lines = houghlines(f, theta, rho, peaks)`

# Hough Transform (霍夫变换)



# Take home message & Discussion

- Boundary detection & Global structure detection:

