



ALGORITHMS (COMP-2350)

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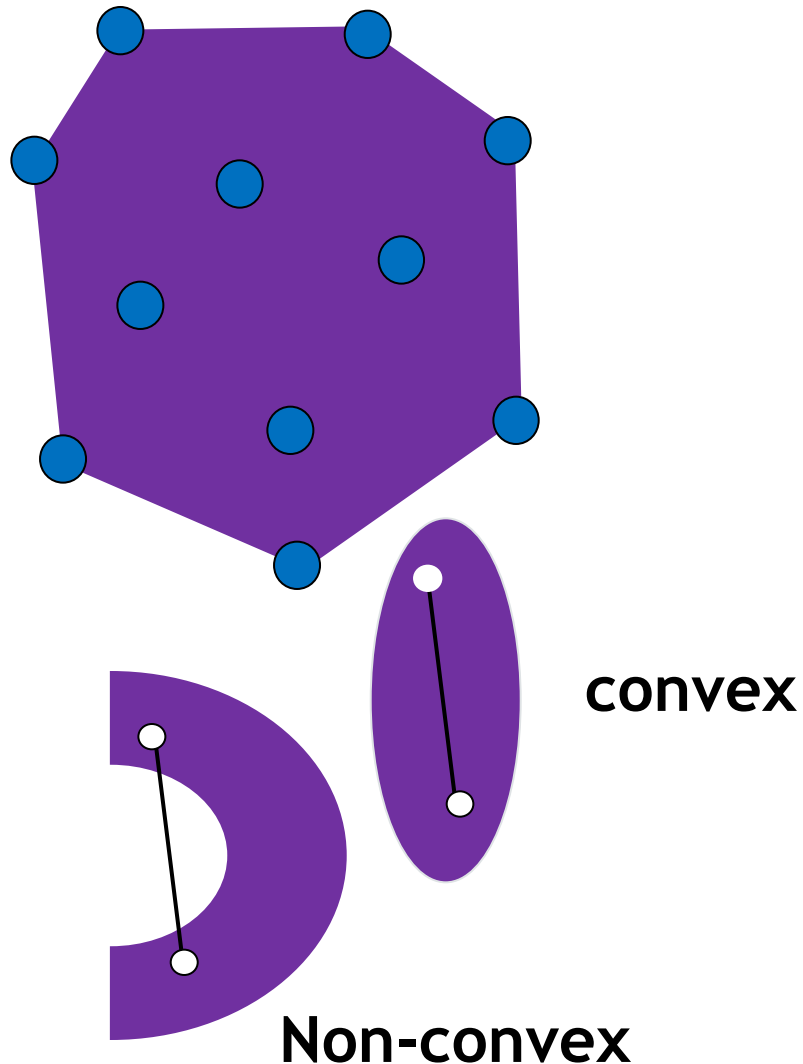
Lab 5 (**Convex-Hull by Brute Force**)

TASK

Implement Convex-Hull by Brute Force in Python

CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE

<http://kaikuroda.com/testjava/>



Convex hull Problem: Find smallest convex polygon enclosing n points on the plane

Convex:

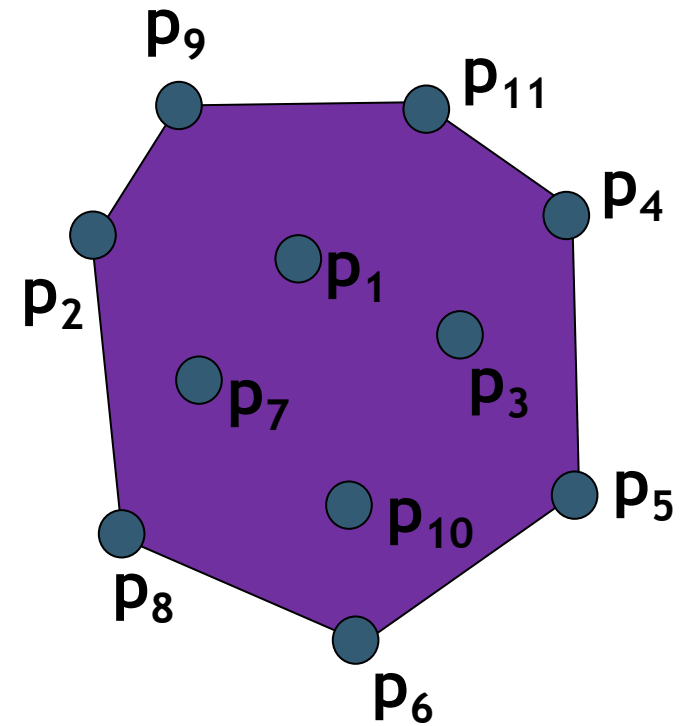
- A geometric figure with no indentations.
- Formally, a geometric figure is convex if every line segment connecting interior points is entirely contained within the figure's interior.

CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE

Input: $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_7, p_8, p_9, p_{10}, p_{11}$

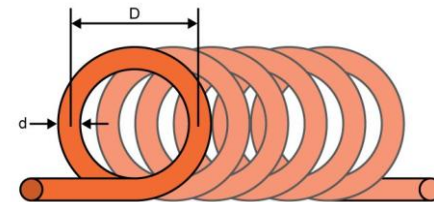
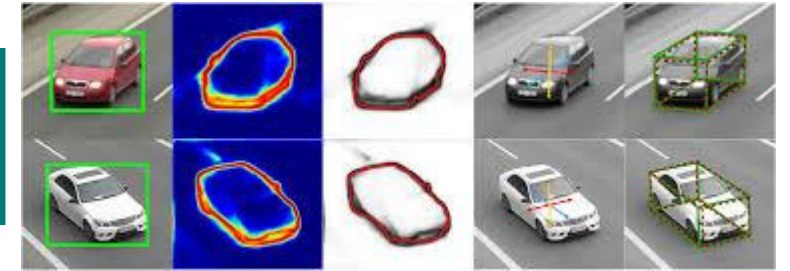
Output: $p_2, p_9, p_{11}, p_4, p_5, p_6, p_8, p_2$

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CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE: APPLICATION DOMAIN*

- ❑ Computer visualization, ray tracing
 - ❑ (e.g. video games, replacement of bounding boxes)
- ❑ Path finding
 - ❑ (e.g. embedded AI of Mars mission rovers)
- ❑ Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
 - ❑ (e.g. computing accessibility maps)
- ❑ Visual pattern matching
 - ❑ (e.g. detecting car license plates)
- ❑ Verification methods
 - ❑ (e.g. bounding of Number Decision Diagrams)
- ❑ Geometry
 - ❑ (e.g. diameter computation)

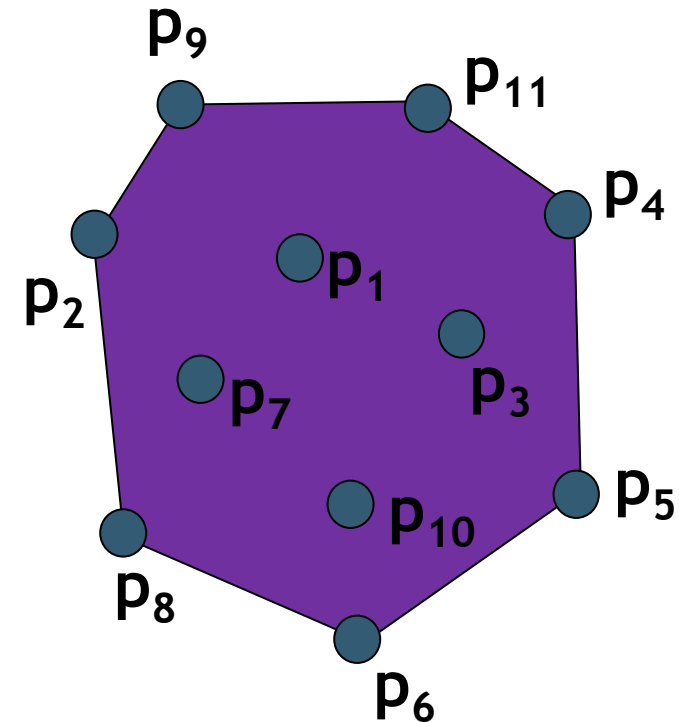


*slide refer to <http://www.montefiore.ulg.ac.be/~briquet/algo3-chull-20070206.pdf>

CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE: EXTREME POINTS

Extreme points of the convex polygon consider all the points in the polygon as a set. An extreme point is a point of the set that is not a middle point of any line segment with end points in the set.

Which pairs of extreme points need to be connected to form the boundary of the convex hull?



CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE

□ A line segment connecting two points P_i and P_j of a set of n points is a part of its convex hull's boundary if and only if all the other points of the set lies on the same side of the straight line through these two points.

□ The straight line through two points (x_1, y_1) , (x_2, y_2) in the coordinate plane can be defined by the following equation

- $ax + by = c$

where $a = y_2 - y_1$, $b = x_1 - x_2$, $c = x_1y_2 - y_1x_2$

□ Such a line divides the plane into two half-planes: for all the points in one of them: $ax + by > c$, while for all the points in the other, $ax + by < c$.

CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE

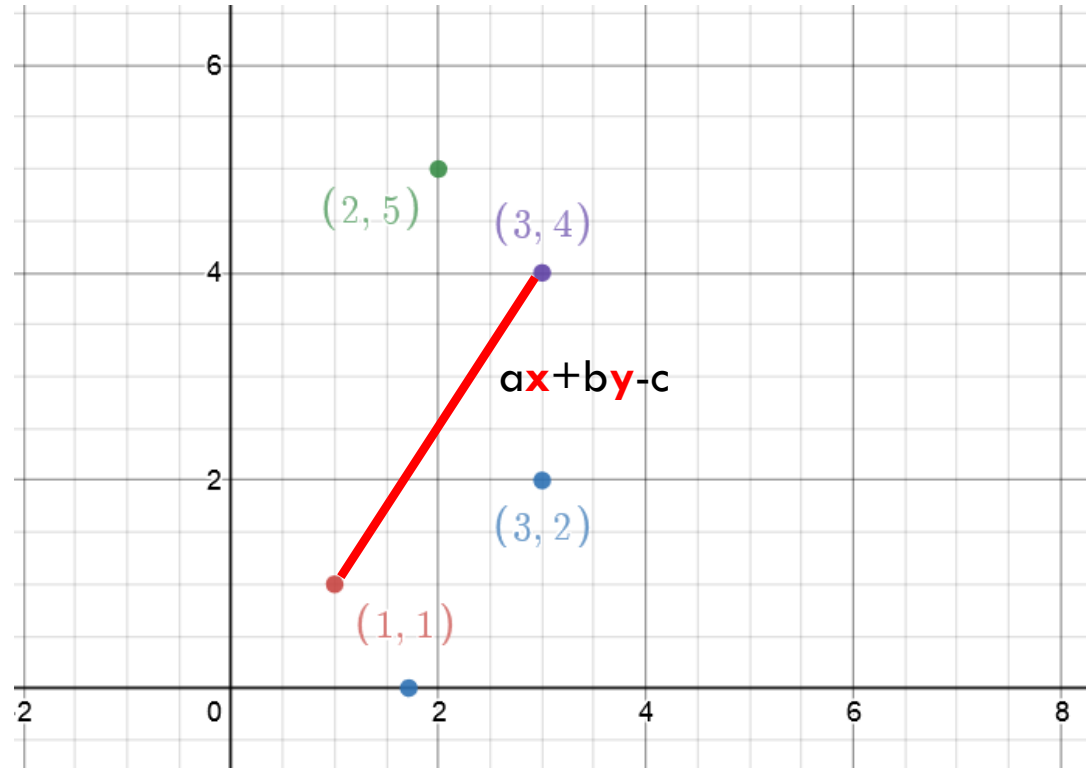
□ **Algorithm:** For each pair of points p_1 and p_2 determine whether all other points lie to the same side of the straight line through p_1 and p_2 , i.e. whether $ax+by-c$ all have the same sign.

```
brute_force_convex_hull(a set of n points, P) {  
    create empty set of line segments L  
    for (each point p1 in P)  
        for (each point p2 in P after p1)  
            a = p2.y - p1.y; b = p1.x - p2.x;  
            c = p1.x*p2.y - p1.y*p2.x  
            foundProblem = false  
            for (each point p3 in P (not p1 or p2))  
                check = a*p3.x + b*p3.y - c  
                if (check does not match others)  
                    foundProblem=true  
                    break  
            if (!foundProblem) add segment p1,p2 to L  
    extract and return list of points from L  
}
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$$a = y_2 - y_1, b = x_1 - x_2, c = x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2$$

$$ax+by-c$$

EXAMPLE



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Pick($x_1=1, y_1=1$) and ($x_2=3, y_2=4$)

$$a = y_2 - y_1 = 4 - 1 = \mathbf{3}$$

$$b = x_1 - x_2 = 1 - 3 = \mathbf{-2}$$

$$c = x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2 = (1 * 4) - (1 * 3) = 4 - 3 = \mathbf{1}$$

So, now we have the values of a , b , and c then we should use $ax+by-c$

$$\text{check}(x=2, y=5)$$

$$3*2 + (-2*5) - 1 = 6 - 10 - 1 = \mathbf{-5}$$

$$\text{Check}(x=3, y=2)$$

$$3*3 + (-2*2) - 1 = 9 - 4 - 1 = \mathbf{+4}$$

Pick (1,1) and (3,2).....

CONVEX-HULL BY BRUTE FORCE: ANALYSIS

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Efficiency: $\Theta(n^3)$

BRUTE-FORCE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

☐ Strengths

- ☐ Wide applicability
- ☐ Simplicity
- ☐ Yields reasonable algorithms for some important problems (e.g., matrix multiplication, sorting, searching, string matching)

☐ Weaknesses

- ☐ Rarely yields efficient algorithms
- ☐ Some brute-force algorithms are unacceptably slow
- ☐ Not as constructive as some other design techniques

REFERENCES

1. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brute-force_search

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