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## RESUMEN

Los diagramas de Voronoi tienen aplicaciones tanto prácticas como teóricas en muchos ámbitos, la mayoría relacionados con la ciencia y tecnología, aunque también se aplican en otros campos como el arte visual. El objetivo de mi proyecto es estudiar el problema inverso del diagrama de Voronoi y diseñar, comparar y analizar diferentes estrategias para su resolución. Dicho problema consiste en detectar si una partición dada es o no un diagrama de Voronoi, y en caso afirmativo, calcular las semillas que lo generan. Para particiones que no lo son, sería interesante encontrar el diagrama de Voronoi que mejor se aproxima. Para ello, necesitaremos algún método para poder conocer la calidad de una solución y poder comparar varias soluciones. Usaremos la diferencia simétrica para tal fin.

Nótese que el número de soluciones candidatas es infinito dado que se trata de un espacio de búsqueda continuo. Tratar todas ellas y elegir la mejor es por tanto inviable. Por tanto, trataremos de resolver el problema mediante diferentes metaheurísticas, es decir, trataremos de buscar una solución lo suficientemente buena, no la mejor.

El esquema básico de todas las estrategias es el siguiente:

- Para cada datos de entrada, calcular un conjunto de puntos semilla a partir de los cuales comenzaremos la búsqueda.
- Desplazamos los puntos ligeramente según algún criterio y comprobamos si hemos conseguido mejorar nuestra solución, actualizando ésta en ese caso.
- Repetimos el paso anterior hasta que no podamos seguir mejorando o hasta que la solución obtenida se considere lo suficientemente buena.

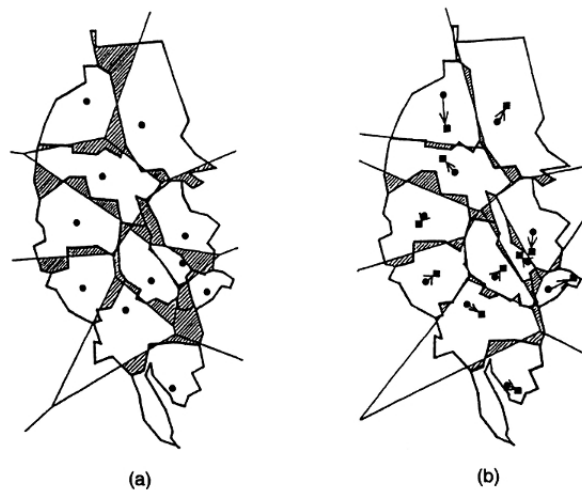


FIGURE 0.1. School districts in Tsukuba: (a) school districts and the present sites of schools (filled circles), the students in the shaded regions cannot go to their nearest schools; (b) school sites (filled squares) that minimize the area in which students cannot go to their nearest schools. (Source: Suzuki and Iri, 1986a, Figure 14.)

El ajuste de una partición del plano mediante diagramas de Voronoi también es útil para resolver problemas de optimización a la hora de colocar objetos con restricciones espaciales. Un ejemplo es el problema de colocar colegios atendiendo a los diferentes distritos. La Figura 0.1(a) muestra los diferentes distritos de institutos en Tsukuba (los círculos muestran la ubicación de los institutos). En Japón, los estudiantes de un distrito deben ir al instituto asignado a ese distrito. Como resultado, en algunas áreas los estudiantes tienen que ir a un instituto que no es el más cercano. Si asumimos que los estudiantes pueden llegar al instituto siguiendo el camino Euclidiano en la Figura 0.1, las zonas en las que los estudiantes no pueden ir al instituto más cercano aparecen sombreadas en la Figura 0.1(a), donde los polígonos se corresponden con el diagrama de Voronoi generado por la posición de los institutos.

El problema consiste en reubicar los colegios de forma que el número de estudiantes que no pueden ir al colegio más cercano es mínima. La Figura 0.1(b) muestra una colocación óptima local obtenida por Suzuki e Iri (1986a). La proporción de área de estudiantes que no pueden ir al instituto más cercano se reduce de un 20% a un 10%.

## SUMMARY

Voronoi diagrams have practical and theoretical applications to a large number of fields, mainly in science, technology and visual art. The aim of my project is to study the inverse Voronoi diagram problem and design, compare and analyze different strategies for its solving. The inverse Voronoi diagram problem consists on detecting whether a given plane tessellation is a Voronoi diagram and finding the seed points that would generate such a tessellation. For a tessellation which does not come from a Voronoi diagram, it would be interesting to find the best fitting Voronoi diagram. At this point, we need a way to measure how good a candidate solution is. We will be using the total symmetric difference between the two tessellations for that.

Note that despite the search space is bounded, it being continuous grants an infinite number of solution candidates. Therefore, we will try to solve the problem using different metaheuristics, which makes it impossible to tell whether the obtained solution is optimum.

The basic steps of all the strategies are:

- For each input, calculate a set of seed points from which we will start.
- Move each point slightly following some criteria and check if we improved the current best solution.
- Repeat last step until we cannot keep improving or we are satisfied with the result.

The method of fitting a Voronoi diagram to a given tessellation is also useful to solve the locational optimization of facilities whose use is spatially restricted. An example is the locational optimization of schools constrained by school districts. Figure 0.1(a) shows the districts of junior high schools in Tsukuba (the filled circles indicate the locations of the schools). In Japan, students in a school district are supposed to go to the school assigned to that district. As a result, students in some areas have to go to a school which is farther than the nearest school. If we assume that students can take the Euclidean path in Figure 0.1, the area in which students cannot go to their nearest schools is given by the hatched region in Figure 0.1(a), where the polygons are the Voronoi diagram generated by the school sites.

The locational optimization problem is to relocate the schools so that the number of students who cannot go to their nearest schools is minimized. Figure 0.1(b) shows the locally optimal locations obtained by Suzuki and Iri (1986a). The area in which students cannot go to their nearest schools reduces from 20% to 10% by this relocation.

## Part 1. INTRODUCTION

Before we start, there are some concepts the reader should be familiar with in order to follow this document without problems. Those are:

- Tessellation of a set. Tessellation of the unit square.
- Voronoi diagrams.
- Symmetric difference.

### 1. PARTITION OF A SET. PARTITION OF THE UNIT SQUARE

A partition of a set is a grouping of the set's elements into non-empty subsets, in such a way that every element is included in one and only one of the subsets.

For example, if we consider the set  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ , three different partitions could be:

- $P_1 = \{1, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{5\}$
- $P_2 = \{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5\}$
- $P_3 = \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{5\}$

However, the following would not be considered partitions of  $X$ :

- $A = \{1\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  - Not a partition because the element "1" belongs to more than one subset.
- $B = \{1, 2\}, \{4, 5\}$  - Not a partition because the element "3" is not contained in any subset.

In this document, instead of sets, we will be working with partitions of the unit square. That is, a set of polygons such that the union is the unit square and the intersection of two polygons is, at most, a segment. Note that there might be points contained in more than one polygon.

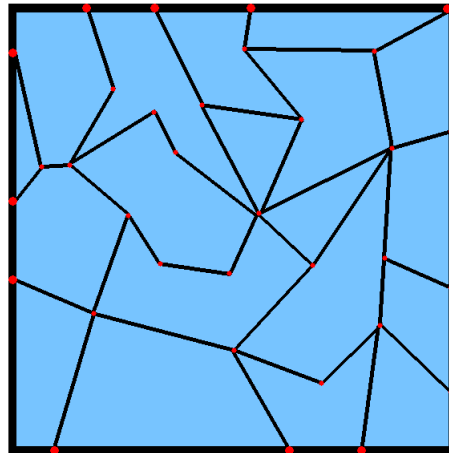


FIGURE 1.1. Tessellation of the unit square. As it can be seen, there are no overlaps or gaps between the polygons.

Mathematically, and in order to treat our tessellations as a true tessellation of the plane, we define the following sets:

- A = Interior points of every polygon in the tessellation.
- B = Points belonging to the line segments which divide each region, except both end points.
- C = End points of the line segments which divide each region.

Then, our partition T can be expressed as:

$$T = A \cup B \cup C$$

Figure 0.2 shows a partition of the unit square displaying each subset A, B, C in blue, black and red, respectively.

## 2. VORONOI DIAGRAMS

A Voronoi diagram is a tessellation of the plane into regions (called Voronoi cells) based on distance to points (called seeds or generators) in a specific subset of the plane.

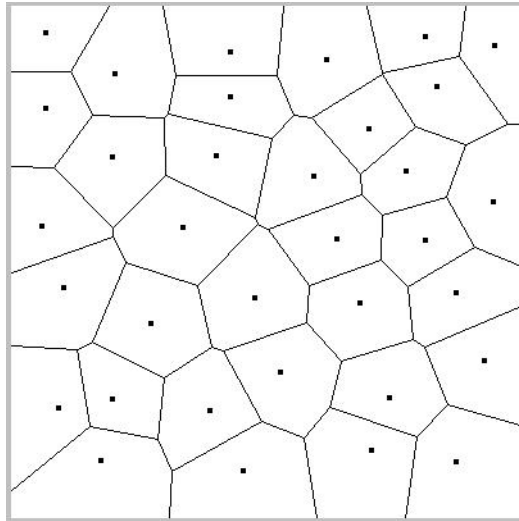


FIGURE 2.1. Visual representation of a Voronoi diagram inside the unit square. The black squares represent the seeds that generate the diagram.

In this project we will only be using the simplest case of Voronoi diagrams: the seeds are given as a finite set of points in the Euclidian plane.

Therefore, each region  $A_n$  can be described as a locus defined by the points  $P_k$  which are closer to some seed  $S_n$ .

The lines that appear in a Voronoi diagram are the points of the plane that are equidistant to two or more of the nearest seeds.

### 3. PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

At this point, we can already state the problem we will try to solve.

**Problem.** Given a tesellation of the unit square consisting of convex polygons, find the Voronoi diagram that best fits it. Furthermore, if the given tesellation comes from a Voronoi diagram, we would like to arrive to that conclusion and obtain the seeds.

More about how to determine how well a Voronoi diagram fits a tesellation can be read in the “Symmetric difference” section.

In order to solve this problem, we will use and compare different heuristic approaches. The general outline of the solving process of all the different approaches is the following:

- (1) Calculate a starting Voronoi diagram  $V_1$  which will be our first approximation. We will be calculating this first solution from the given tesellation. More precisely, for each region of the tesellation, we will calculate a unique seed which will be used for generating  $V_1$ . As a consequence, every region of the tesellation will be related to a unique region of the Voronoi diagram, which means we will establish a bijection between the given tesellation and our solutions regions.
- (2) Apply different heuristic techniques to the current best solution, which generally involves slightly moving the seeds and checking if the new Voronoi diagrams  $V_2, V_3, \dots V_n$  fit better than the current best solution.
- (3) Repeat this process until we cannot reach a better state. Return  $V_k$ , which will be the last obtained Voronoi diagram.

#### 4. SYMMETRIC DIFFERENCE

For measuring how good a given solution is, we will rely on the symmetric difference as an indicator. For two given sets A and B, the symmetric difference can be calculated as follows:

$$SD(A,B) = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$$

For example, given the sets  $C = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $D = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ , the symmetric difference of the two would be  $SD(C,D) = \{1, 3, 5, 8, 10\}$ . That is, the elements which appear in C or D, but not in both.

When applying this concept to two related polygons, it is clear that the symmetric difference would correspond to the area belonging to any polygon, but not both.

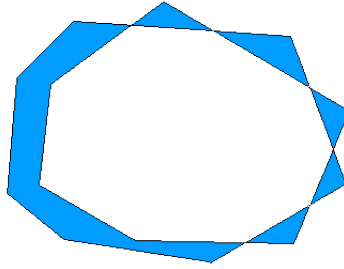


FIGURE 4.1. In blue, we can see a representation of the symmetric difference of two polygons. The highlighted area is the one that belongs to the symmetric difference. As we can see, it is the area that belongs to either polygon, but not both.

Applying the concept to two tessellations, we could calculate the symmetric difference as the sum of all the symmetric differences of each pair of related polygons divided by two (since we would be counting all twice).

Since in this project we will only be interested in working with convex polygons, we can use that to our advantage and calculate the symmetric difference in a different way: we will subtract from the unit square area, the areas of all the intersections of each pair of related polygons. This will be explained more in detail later, in the development chapter.



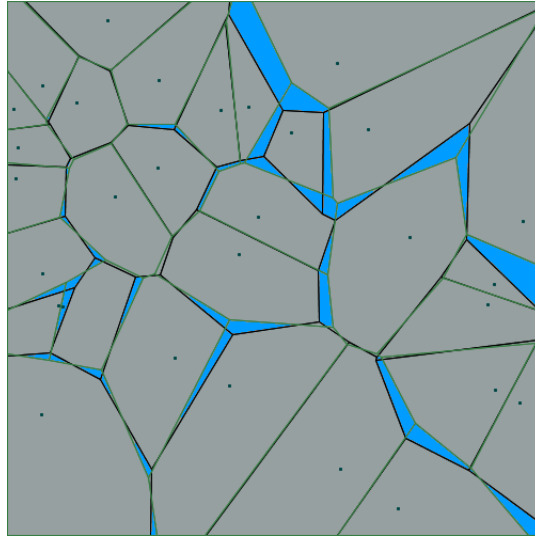


FIGURE 4.2. The new method would start with whole square painted in blue. We then subtract all the intersections of each pair of polygons. Graphically, the symmetric difference would be the total blue area of the picture in proportion to the area of the whole square.

**NOTE:** In order to avoid issues with scaling, we will be treating the symmetric difference as a ratio with the total area of the unit square, so a 0% value will mean the two tessellations are exactly the same.

## 5. INVERSE VORONOI PROBLEM

As mentioned earlier, the inverse Voronoi diagram problem consists on detecting whether a given plane tessellation is a Voronoi diagram and finding the seed points that would generate such a tessellation. From the mathematical point of view, it is interesting that, for tessellations that do come from a perfect Voronoi diagram, the problem can be solved in  $O(n)$  time,  $n$  being the number of seeds of such a diagram.

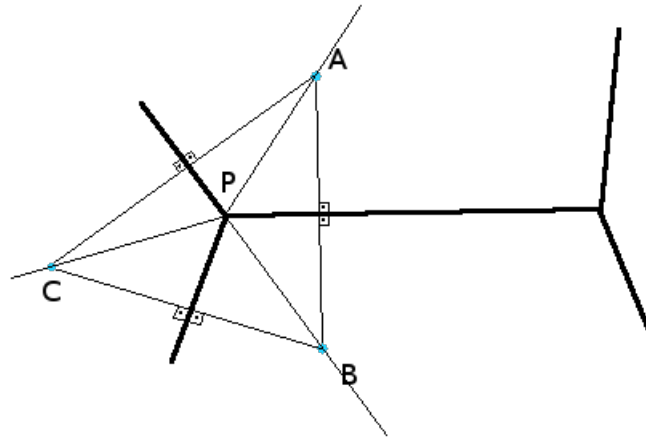


FIGURE 5.1. Region extracted from a Voronoi diagram. In blue, A, B and C are the seeds.

To prove it, we will start by knowing the tessellation comes from a perfect Voronoi diagram. For making the demonstration shorter, we will assume some point  $P$  of the diagram from which three edges come out has been found, even though the general demonstration follows the same logic. By definition, the distance from a pair of seeds to the edge they generate is always the same, as can be seen in Figure 0.6.

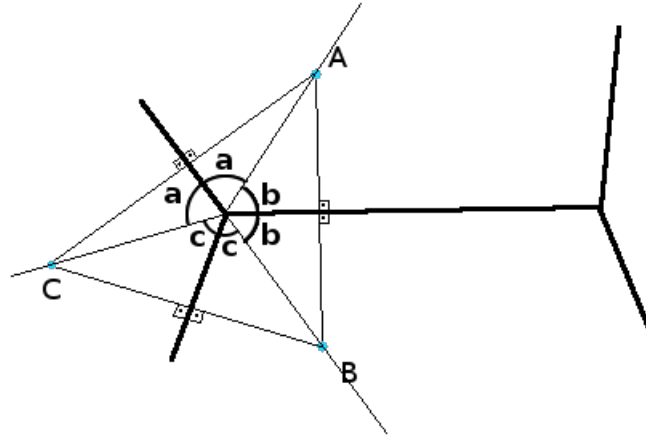


FIGURE 5.2. Angles formed by P, an edge and the lines that connect P with the corresponding two seeds of that edge.

Therefore, we know that the angles formed by P, an edge, and the lines that connect P with the corresponding two seeds of that edge must be the same, as can be seen in Figure 0.7.

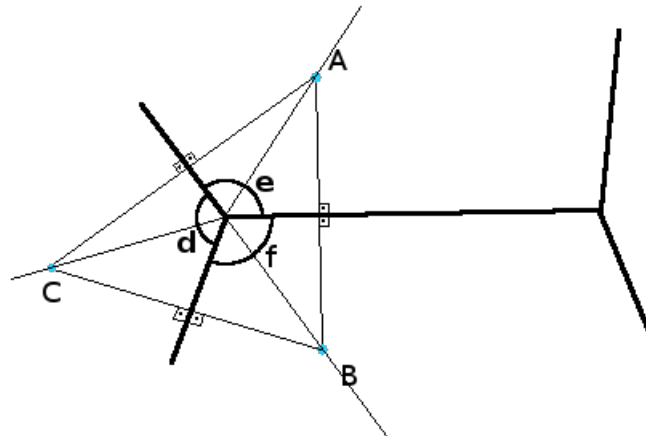


FIGURE 5.3. Angles between each pair of seeds.

Finally, let  $d$ ,  $e$  and  $f$  the angles between each pair of edges coming out from P, as seen in Figure 0.8. These values can be easily obtained knowing the points of the Voronoi diagram. With all this information, the unknown location of the seeds A, B and C can be obtained by solving the following system of linear equations:

$$\begin{cases} d + e + f = 2\pi \\ a + b = e \\ b + c = f \\ a + c = d \end{cases}$$

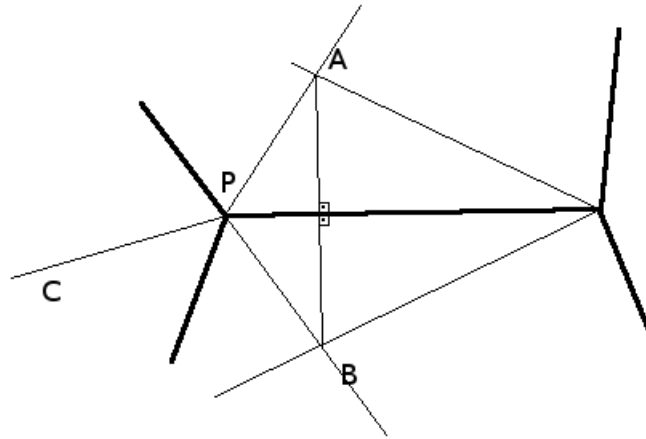


FIGURE 5.4. Seeds A and B have been located applying the explained method twice.

When we know the values for the angles  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , we repeat the same process on a any vertex connected with  $P$ . As it can be seen in Figure 0.9, after knowing the angles for a neighbour vertex, the exact position of seeds A and B is known. From there, we can calculate any other seed by just mirroring the known seeds with the surrounding edges.

But what happens when the tessellation does not come from a Voronoi diagram? Even if it did, due to computers inaccuracy when representing floating-point numbers, the input data we have will not perfectly be the one that would be generated from a Voronoi diagram, but rather an approximation of it. Thus, we want to explore different methods of fitting an arbitrary tessellation, whether it comes from a Voronoi diagram or not.

## 6. GENERALIZED INVERSE VORONOI PROBLEM

Another problem related to the ones exposed, but beyond the scope of this project, is the generalized inverse Voronoi problem. This problem consists of, given a plane tessellation, calculate a set of seeds such that the Voronoi diagram obtained from those seeds contains the original tessellation as a subset.

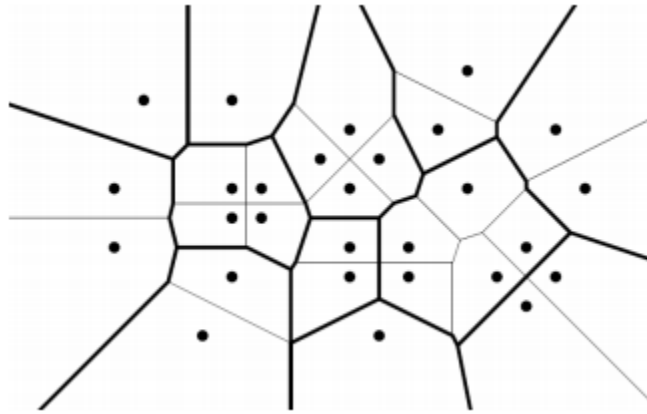


FIGURE 6.1. Representation of the generalized inverse Voronoi problem. Thick edges represent the original input tessellation.

Figure 6.1 shows how this problem would look like. The given input would be the tessellation obtained from the thick edges. Then, as we can see, considering the dots as the seed placement, the obtained Voronoi diagram would be the thick lines plus the thin lines. As we can see, the original input is contained in the final Voronoi diagram.

## 7. VORONOI DIAGRAMS IN REAL LIFE

If one has the chance to go for a walk in Madrid, he/she might find itself in front of the “Teatros del Canal”. If he/she is familiar with Voronoi diagrams, something will catch his/her eye: some parts of the decoration of that building resemble those diagrams! In the “Results and Observations” part, we will adjust them and see how well they fit as a Voronoi diagram.



FIGURE 7.1. “Teatros del Canal” facade. It resembles a Voronoi diagram.

In order to be able to work with that tessellation, we will need to extract it into our format. This will also be explained later, in the “Input data” section.

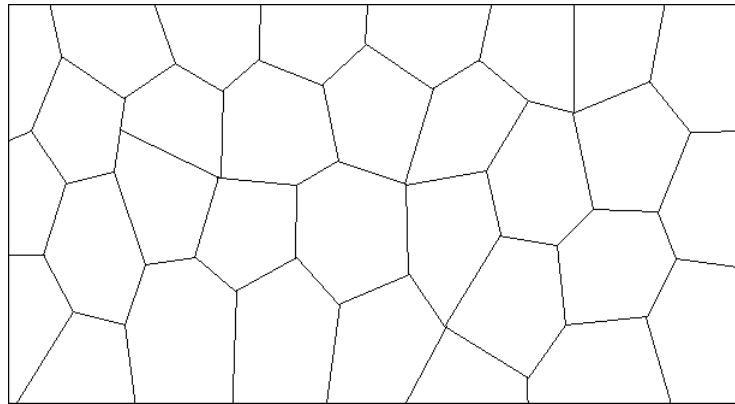


FIGURE 7.2. “Teatros del Canal” facade transcription. We will later use this to see and compare the results of the different fitting methods.

Voronoi diagrams have also been observed in nature.

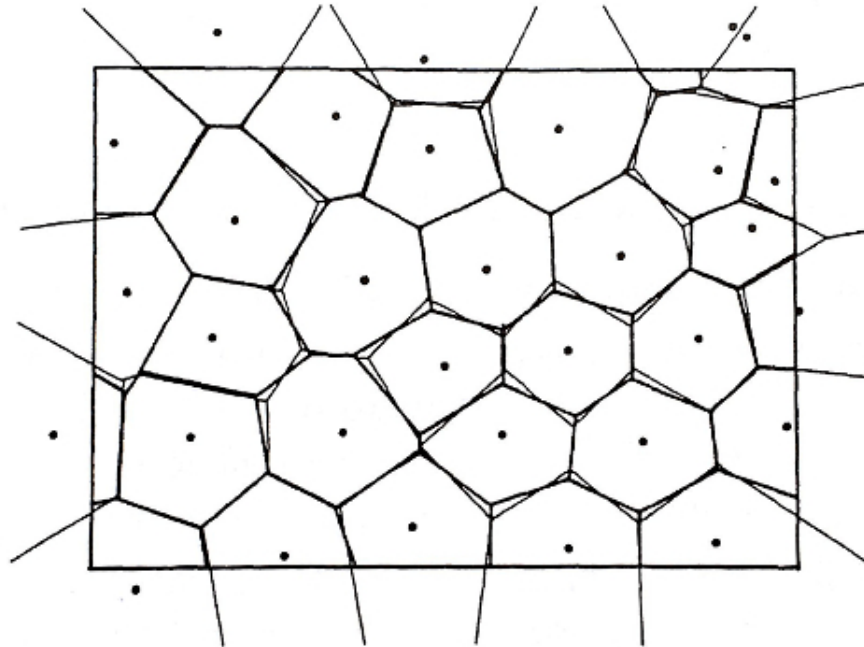


FIGURE 7.3. Fitting a Voronoi diagram to the territories of mouthbreeder fish.  
(Source: Suzuki and Iri, 1986a, Figure 13.)

Figure 6.3 illustrates an actual application carried by Suzuki and Iri (1986b) who fit a Voronoi diagram to the territories of mouthbreeder fish, a fish known for being highly predatory and extremely territorial.

**Part 2. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this project are:

- Fit a given tessellation of the unit square as much as we can through Voronoi diagrams. Therefore, the variable we want to minimize is the resulting symmetric difference between the input and the solution given. We want to implement different techniques and compare their results in a set of test cases.
- If the given tessellation is in fact a Voronoi diagram, we would like to arrive to that conclusion. Even though this looks trivial, it will be very difficult to get there for non trivial input, since the number of local minimums that have to be avoided to find the seeds increases in a higher magnitude compared to the number of polygons.



## Part 3. DEVELOPMENT

### 8. WHY PROCESSING: PROS AND CONS OF JAVA

Despite not being the most efficient language for crunching raw numbers, I decided to develop my program in Java due to the following reasons:

- First of all, I had already used it in the past for a different project, and one of the biggest advantages of it is the ease to display information in the screen.
- The aim of this project is not to design an algorithm that can finish execution in the least amount of time, but rather, study and compare different techniques and their results.
- It is extremely portable across the different operative systems.
- Java's data structures come in handy for our problem. ArrayList's are used constantly in the code to contain information about the tessellations and polygons.
- The number of regions we are going to be treating in our research will be 200 maximum, a reasonable number for any modern programming language.

### 9. LINE CLIPPING. POLYGON CLIPPING

There are two situations in the problem in which we have to calculate the intersection of two polygons: when clipping a polygon to the unit square and when clipping two polygons.

The first one is needed because, theoretically, there will always be some Voronoi region whose area will be infinite. In order to get rid of that issue, we must treat our Voronoi diagram in order to clip all regions into a bounded area, in our case, the unit square.

The second one is useful when we want to calculate the area of the intersection of two polygons for calculating the symmetric difference. This is doable since we will be working with convex polygons. An easy way to do it is calculate the actual intersection, and then, get the area of that polygon.

There is a simple, common operation in both tasks, to which these two problems can be reduced to: clip a polygon with a single line. If we have a solid function that can do this task, then we can rely on it to calculate any intersection of convex polygons (note that the unit square is a convex polygon too), repeating the process for all lines of one of the polygons against the other.

The algorithm works as follows:

Suppose we want to clip the polygon ABCDEFG with the blue line. Note that this polygon is not convex, but for explanation purposes, we will apply the algorithm to it. Also note that the line has a direction, given by the blue arrow.

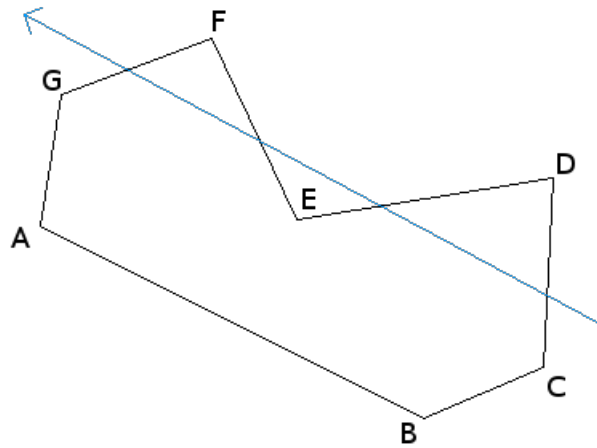


FIGURE 9.1. Starting point. We will clip the polygon with the given line (in blue). Starting point will be A.

The first step of the clipping algorithm is to set a starting vertex. We will set A as our starting point. We must check in which side of the blue line it lies. We can do this using the cross product of two points of the line and our point. Since in the implementation we will be working with positively oriented polygons, we are interested only in points which lie on the left of the line. The point A is lying on the left, so we add it to the solution and continue.

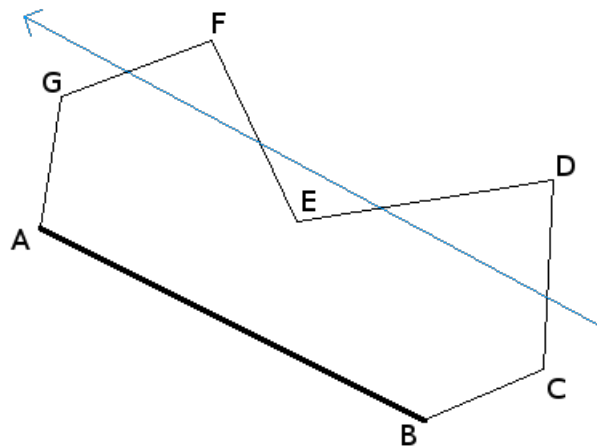


FIGURE 9.2. Since point B lies on the left of the line, add it to the result.

The next step is to select the next point and see whether it lies in the same side of the blue line. Since B also lies on the same side than A, we add it to the solution too and keep going.

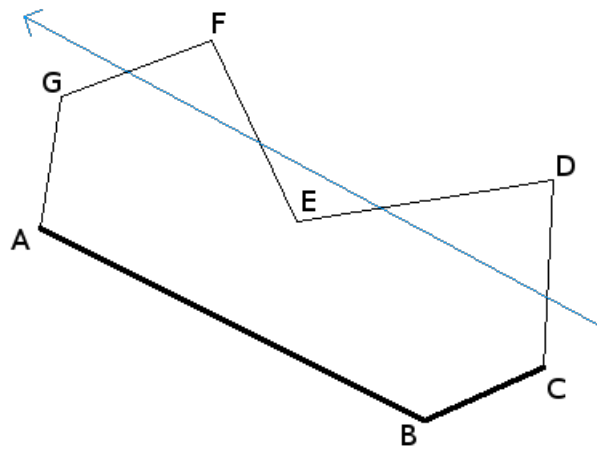


FIGURE 9.3. Since C is still on the left of the line, we add it to the final result too.

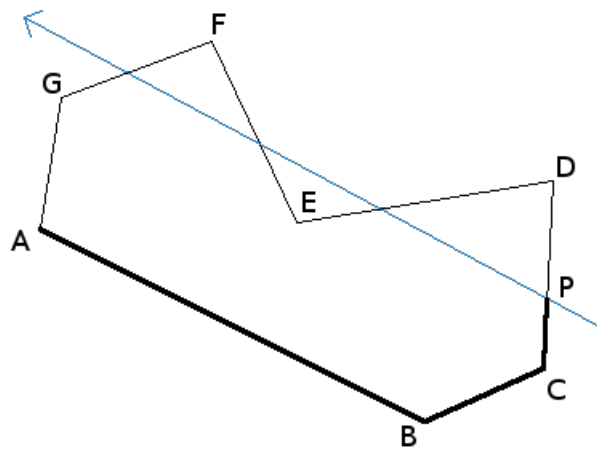


FIGURE 9.4. The next point, D, does not lie on the left of the blue line. Since last one did, it means an intersection point P has to exist. Add P to the final result.

When we check D, we see that it is lying on the right side of the line. Then, we know that this point will be clipped by the line. Therefore, we need to find point P, which is the intersection of CD with the blue line. We will be adding this point to the solution.

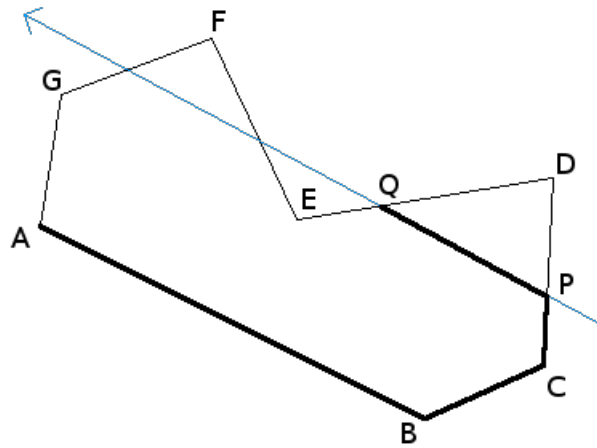


FIGURE 9.5. Current point D lies on the right of the line. Since E lies on the left, it means another intersection Q must exist. Add Q to the final result.

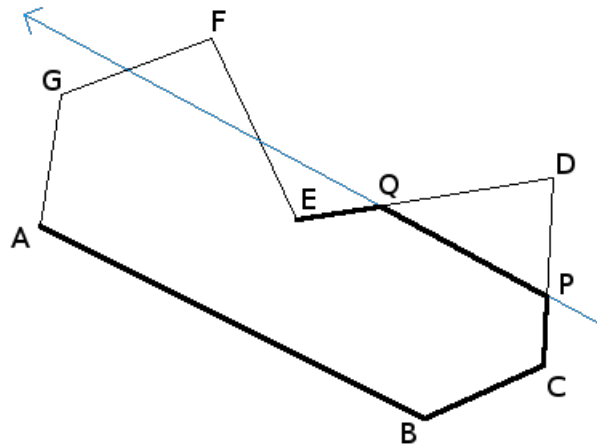


FIGURE 9.6. Point E lies on the left. Add it to the solution.

We keep repeating the same process until we arrive to the starting point.

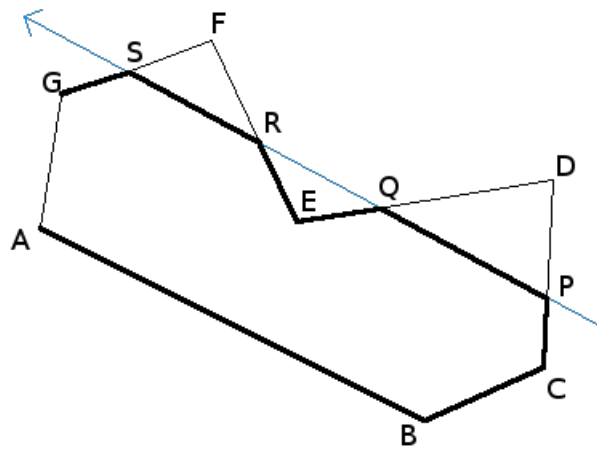


FIGURE 9.7. On the left again. Add G to the result.

When we arrive at the starting point, we have finished clipping the polygon with the line.

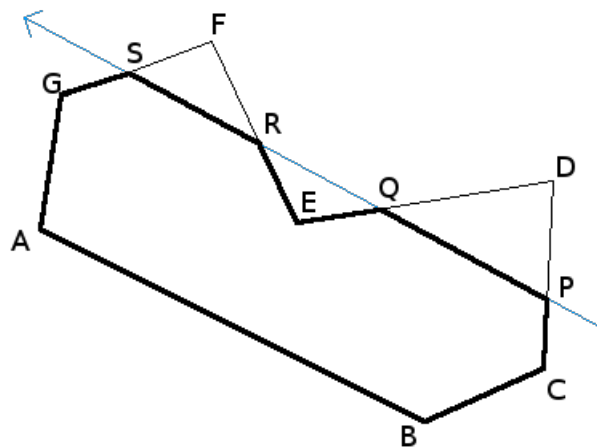


FIGURE 9.8. We arrived to A, our starting point.

For iterating a polygon A with another polygon B, given that both of them are correctly oriented, we can do it clipping A with all lines formed by B.

## 10. INPUT DATA

The input data for the problem is a tessellation of the unit square. That is, a set of polygons whose union is the unit square and, for every two polygons, its intersection is at most a straight line. More precisely, each polygon is given as a set of ordered 2D points. At first, we know we will be working only with convex polygons (that is, all internal angles are less or equal than 180 degrees). The input data will be read from a \*.txt file in which each line will contain a whole tessellation.

If you are familiar with the Python programming language, you will easily detect that the input follows the same syntax as Python code.

A Python tuple can be expressed as a list of comma separated values, with round brackets surrounding the whole tuple. For example:

*Fruits* = ("Pear", "Apple", "Grape")

*Numbers* = [1, 6, -464]

A Python list can be expressed as a list of comma separated values, with square brackets surrounding the whole list. For example:

*Numbers* = [1, 6, -464]

A tuple is a list of two floating point numbers, which represents both coordinates.

A polygon is a list of ordered points, following a positive or negative orientation.

A tessellation is a list of polygons.

For example, let's say we want to adjust the following tessellation:

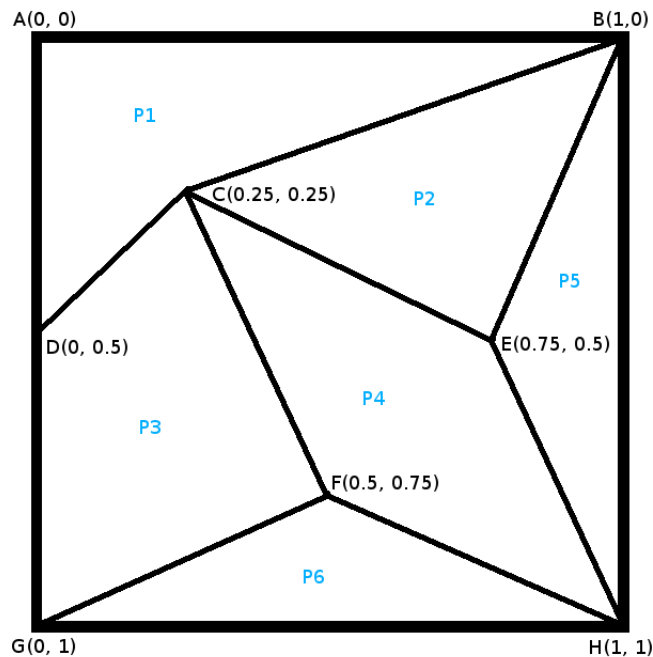


FIGURE 10.1. Tessellation of the plane we want to adjust.

There are 8 relevant points in the example:

$$A = (0,0)$$

$$B = (1,0)$$

$$C = (0.25,0.25)$$

$$D = (0,0.5)$$

$$E = (0.75,0.5)$$

$$F = (0.5,0.75)$$

$$G = (0,1)$$

$$H = (1,1)$$

As we can see, the tesellation is composed by 6 polygons, each of them formed by an arbitrary number of points:

Considerations of the input data:

$$P1 = [A,B,C,D]$$

$$P2 = [C,B,E]$$

$$P3 = [D,C,F,G]$$

$$P4 = [C,F,H,E]$$

$$P5 = [E,H,B]$$

$$P6 = [F,G,H]$$

Notice that for some polygons, the points are arranged with a positive orientation (anti-clockwise - i.e. P2) and for others such as P1, they are arranged with a negative orientation (clockwise - i.e. P1). It does not matter in which orientation the points are given for each polygon, since the program will reallocate them internally.

So our tesellation can be expressed as a list containing all the polygons:

$$Tes = [P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6]$$

Then we just have to keep substituting values until we get the following representation:

$$Tes = [[A,B,C,D], [C,B,E], [D,C,F,G], [C,F,H,E], [E,H,B], [F,G,H]]$$

$$Tes = [[(0,0),(1,0),(0.25,0.25),(0,0.5)], [(0.25,0.25),(1,0),(0.75,0.5)], [(0,0.5),(0.25,0.25),(0.5,0.75),(0,1)], [(0.25,0.25),(0.5,0.75),(1,1),(0.75,0.5)], [(0.75,0.5),(1,1),(1,0)], [(0.5,0.75),(0,1),(1,1)]]$$

Then, we will have to place it in some file and provide the program the file name and the line of that tessellation.

## 11. OUTPUT DATA

The program generates various files after being executed. The files will be located in the “voronoi” folder, and will be the following:

- output.csv: CSV file in which each line represents each iteration of the algorithm. Each line contains information of where each seed point was at that stage and the symmetric difference in that precise step.
- before.png: Image that displays the first approximation of the Voronoi diagram.
- after.png: Image that displays the final approximation of the Voronoi diagram.

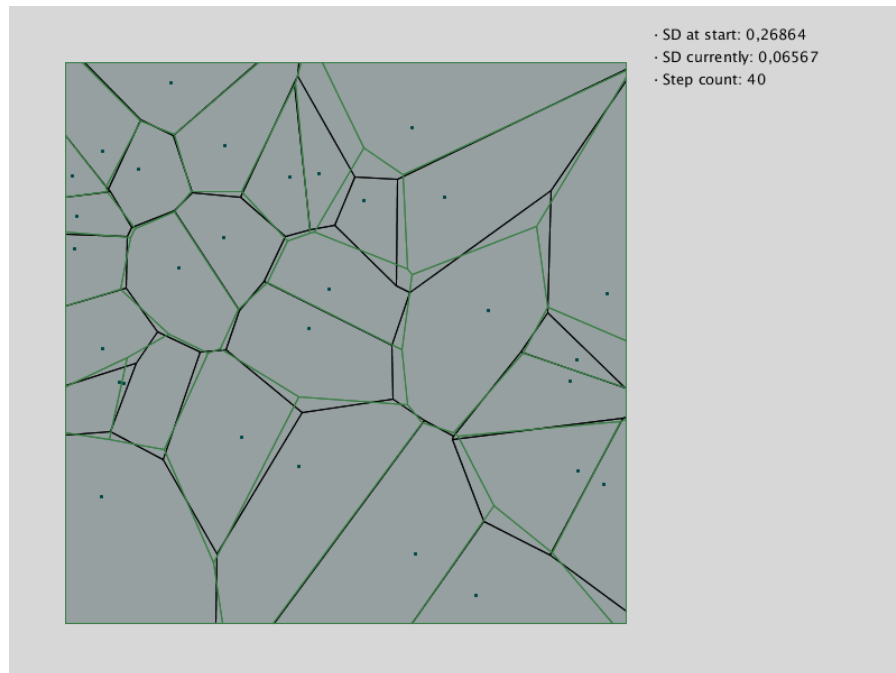


FIGURE 11.1. Output image generated by the program. It shows the final result, as well as some other information of the process.



## 12. GRADIENT METHOD

The gradient method (also known as the hill climbing algorithm) is a simple heuristic used in optimization problems. It consists on, at any given state, compare neighbour solutions against the current best one. If they are better, mark it as the new best solution and repeat. If the minimum or maximum we are looking for is bounded, there will be a point at which we will not be able to continue improving. That will be our solution.

For example, consider you want to find the maximum value of a function. You start at a random point with a corresponding value. You will have to move to the left if the value at some distance to the left is higher, or to the right if the value at some distance to the right is higher. The problem with this is that we can easily get stuck in a local maximum.



FIGURE 12.1. The starting point will be the left arrow. As we can see, this method would indicate us to go right in order to get to a better solution.

As it can be seen in Figure 0.24, for finding the maximum of that function, after comparing two points close to the red arrow, the gradient method tells us that we have to move to the right, since the value found there is higher than the current one and the one on the left.

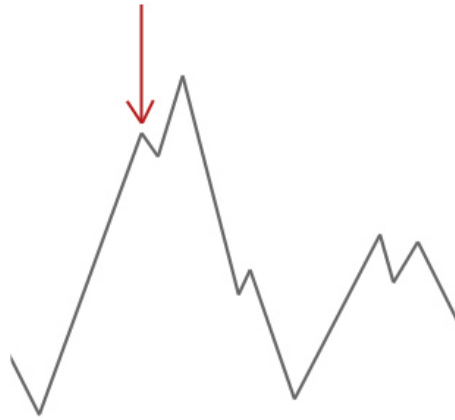


FIGURE 12.2. Ending point using a simple gradient method.

However, when reaching this point, it would check for its neighbours and see that whatever we do, we would get a worse solution. Therefore, the peak pointed by the red arrow would be our solution.

In this example, the value obtained is fairly close to the global maximum, but in more complex problems, we might get stuck even at our starting solution. We need some way to avoid (or at least try to) local maximum values.

### 13. IMPROVED GRADIENT METHOD: IMPLEMENTING STEPS

One little improvement we can apply to the gradient method is the gradient method with variable step. It consists on iterating different gradient methods, but varying the step size we are taking on each one. We start with a high value for the step, and when we cannot improve anymore for that step, we reduce it to some other value.

This way, we will adjust our solution more than with using the gradient method. We will also be able to get further away from the initial solution. However, lots of solutions are lost and this method is greatly dependent on the step values chosen.

## 14. SIMULATED ANNEALING

Simulated annealing copies a phenomenon in nature (the annealing of solids) to optimize a complex system. Annealing involves heating and cooling a material to alter its physical properties due to the changes in its internal structure. As the metal cools its new structure becomes fixed, consequently causing the metal to retain its newly obtained properties.

In simulated annealing we keep a temperature variable to simulate this heating process.. We initially set it high and then allow it to slowly cool as the algorithm runs. While this temperature variable is high, the algorithm will be allowed, with more frequency, to accept solutions that are worse than our current solution. This gives the algorithm the ability to jump out of any local optimums it finds itself in early on in execution. As the temperature is reduced so is the chance of accepting worse solutions, therefore allowing the algorithm to gradually focus in on a area of the search space in which hopefully, a close to optimum solution can be found.

Although the gradient method (specially with steps) can be surprisingly effective at finding a good solution, it also has a tendency to get stuck in local optimums. The simulated annealing algorithm is excellent at avoiding this problem and is much better on average at finding an approximate global optimum.

At any given point during the process, a neighbour solution will be calculated. The logic to whether accept it as the next solution or not is the following:

- If the neighbour solution is better than the current one, we accept it unconditionally as the new solution.
- If it is worse, we need to consider the following factors:
  - How much worse the neighbour solution is.
  - What is the temperature at that particular state of the algorithm. When the temperature is higher (near the start of the algorithm) the chances of accepting a worse solution will be high. When the temperature is low, so will be the chances.

The implementation of this is very simple. On each step, if the neighbour solution is worse, we calculate the following value, which is called the **Acceptance Function**:

$$p = e^{(s-n)/T}$$

where:

**e** is Euler's number (2.71828 approximately)

**s** is the current best solution value

**n** is the neighbour solution value

**T** is the temperature. Every problem will have to start with a temperature relative to it, so some research should be done in order to find an acceptable value for this variable.

Then, we generate a random value in the range of (0, 1) and check if p is greater than that value. If it is, mark the neighbour solution as the current one, and keep searching from there.

The pseudo-code of the simulated annealing algorithm would look like this:

- Generate a initial solution S. Mark this as the best solution B. Mark it as the current solution C.
- Get a neighbour solution N from the current solution.

- If the N is better than the current solution: Mark it as the current solution. If it is better than the best solution, mark the best to the current solution.
- If N is worse, but we accepted it according to the acceptance probability, mark it as the current solution.
- Reduce the temperature T.
- Repeat until steps until a certain stop condition is met.

The stop condition will generally be a number of X steps to check at maximum.

#### 14.1. **Getting rid of the “repetition” problem: randomizing point order in each state.**

Given the nature of our problem, it is easy to see that the order in which we will move our points will play a huge role in the final result. In order to avoid this cyclic effect, what do is move them in a pseudo-random mannner every iteration. This is done simply by reordering the indexes of the array each iteration.

#### Part 4. RESULTS AND OBSERVATIONS

The following sets of steps have been used during the study of the gradient method with steps and the simulated annealing technique.

- $A = \{0.05, 0.04, 0.01, 0.005, 0.001\}$

Set A is very precise. Its highest step is just 5% of the side of the unit square. We should expect mostly good results from this one, Since when increasing the number of seeds, they will tend to be closer to each other.

- $B = \{0.05, 0.03, 0.01\}$

Set B is similar to set A, even though not being as precise. Since the biggest difference between the highest and the lowest step is 4%, it should only work well with a certain set of tessellations.

- $C = \{0.1, 0.01, 0.005\}$

Set C tries to jump out of local minimums by starting with a 10% of the unit square side step. Then, it focuses on that result and approximates the best result possible with steps of 1% and 0.5%.

- $D = \{0.2, 0.16, 0.09, 0.05, 0.03\}$

Set D focuses on big steps and a quick decline of the step. It should converge to a solution relatively fast, even though it should not yield the best solution when compared to the other sets.

## 15. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 1

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.21728	0.09680	5
Grad.	0.01	0.21728	0.06632	13
Grad.	0.005	0.21728	0.05689	27
Grad. steps	Set A	0.21728	0.04463	63
Grad. steps	Set B	0.21728	0.05221	17
Grad. steps	Set C	0.21728	0.03407	29
Grad. steps	Set D	0.21728	0.06526	17
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.21728	0.04463	65
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.21728	0.05221	17
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.21728	0.03407	29
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.21728	0.06526	17

TABLE 1. Results obtained for lineNumber = 1. This tessellation is made up of 20 polygons.

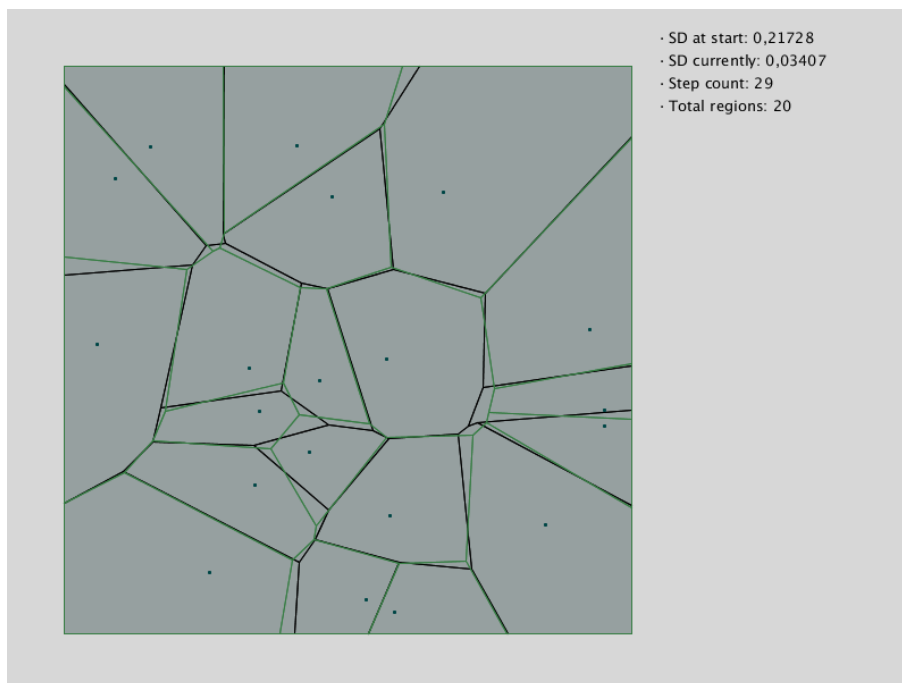


FIGURE 15.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 1.

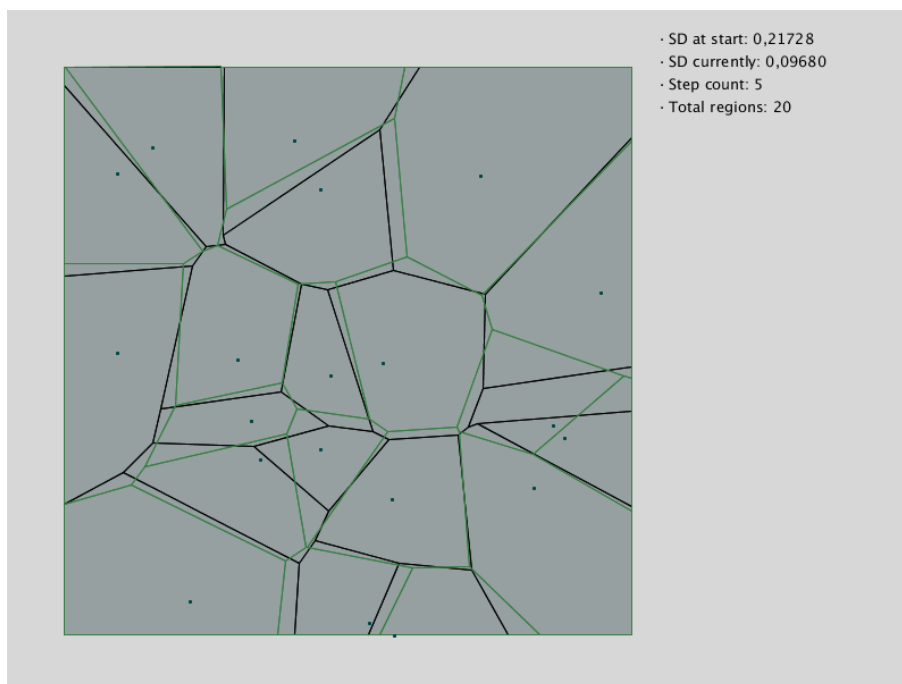


FIGURE 15.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 1.

## 16. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 2

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.25546	0.08712	6
Grad.	0.01	0.25546	0.06859	15
Grad.	0.005	0.25546	0.06485	25
Grad. steps	Set A	0.25546	0.03746	33
Grad. steps	Set B	0.25546	0.05474	14
Grad. steps	Set C	0.25546	0.06172	27
Grad. steps	Set D	0.25546	0.09467	17
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.25546	0.03701	42
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.25546	0.05474	14
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.25546	0.06172	27
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.25546	0.09467	20

TABLE 2. Results obtained for lineNumber = 2. This tessellation is made up of 20 polygons.



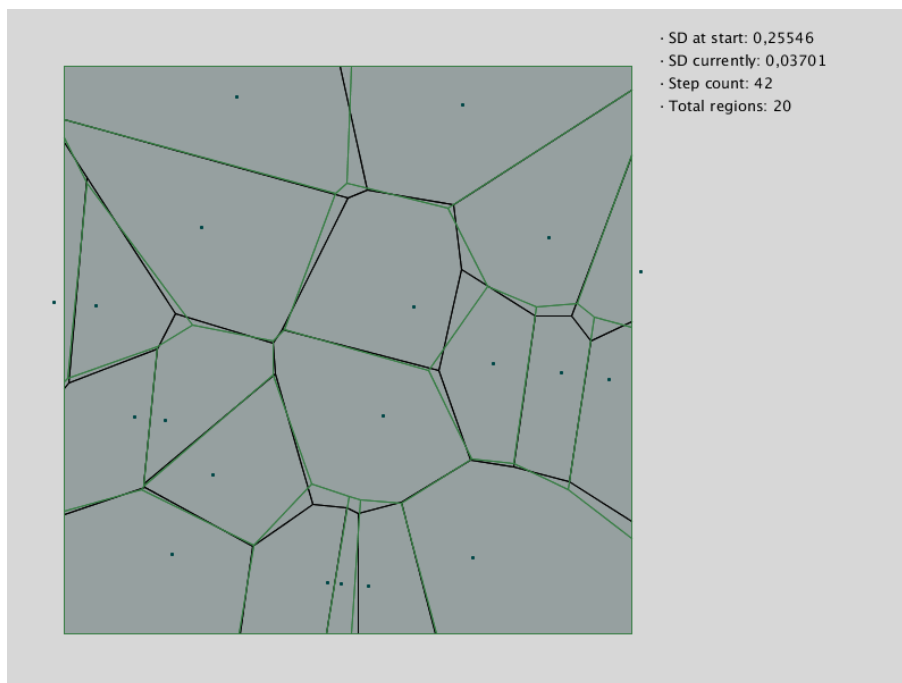


FIGURE 16.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 2.

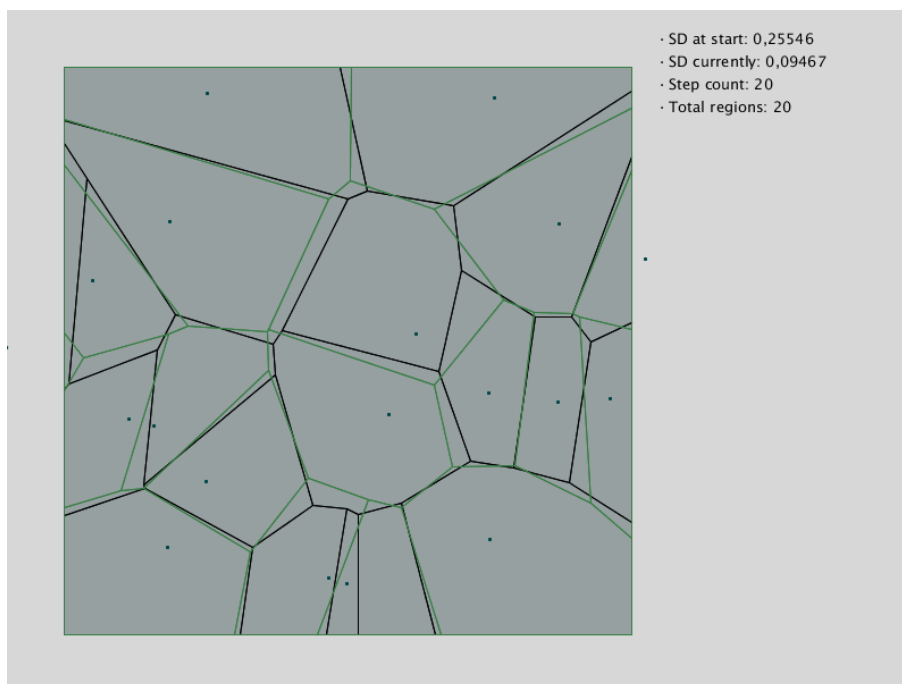


FIGURE 16.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 2.

## 17. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 3

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.25340	0.06583	6
Grad.	0.01	0.25340	0.04352	29
Grad.	0.005	0.25340	0.06344	34
Grad. steps	Set A	0.25340	0.03765	45
Grad. steps	Set B	0.25340	0.04568	13
Grad. steps	Set C	0.25340	0.04356	24
Grad. steps	Set D	0.25340	0.07275	19
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.25340	0.03768	57
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.25340	0.04568	13
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.25340	0.04356	24
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.25340	0.07275	19

TABLE 3. Results obtained for lineNumber = 3. This tessellation is made up of 10 polygons.

As we can see, by adjusting too much from the beginning using the gradient method, we failed to get better results with step 0.005 than with 0.01. This is because we must have fallen in a local minimum early.

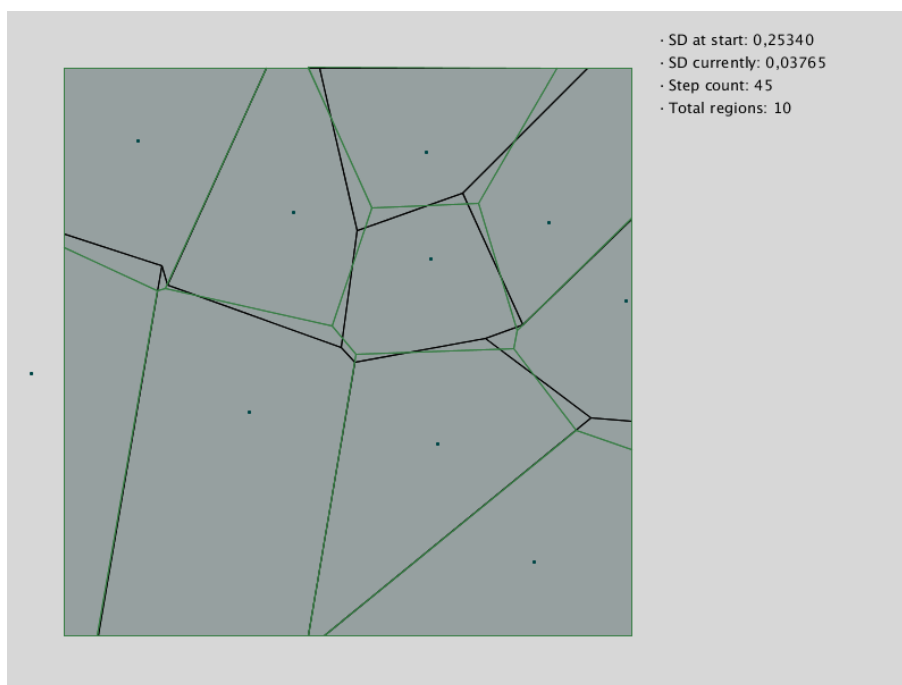


FIGURE 17.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 3.

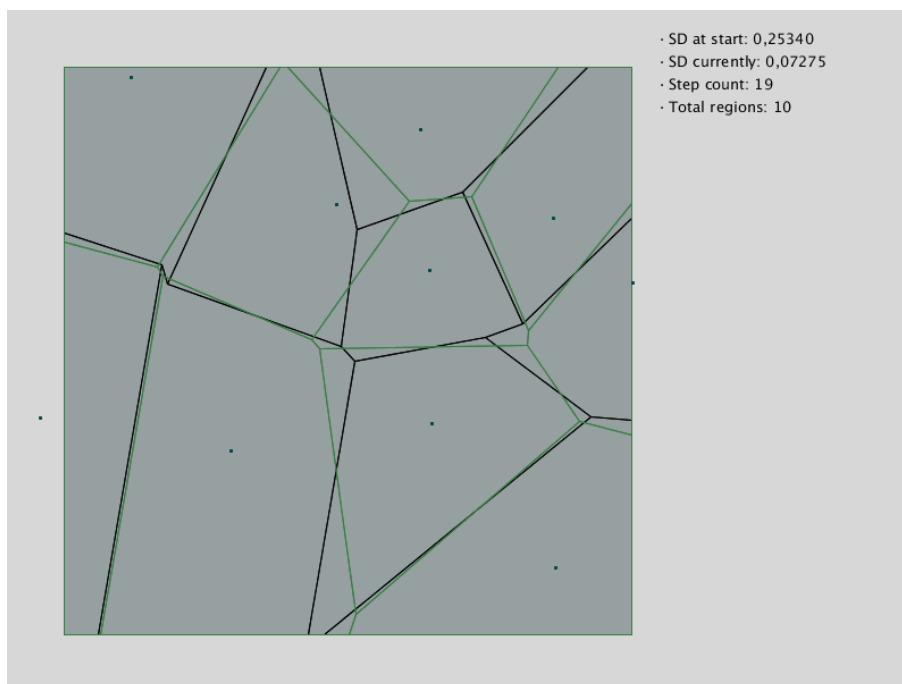


FIGURE 17.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 3.

## 18. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 4

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.22669	0.06117	6
Grad.	0.01	0.22669	0.05093	20
Grad.	0.005	0.22669	0.05588	24
Grad. steps	Set A	0.22669	0.03988	22
Grad. steps	Set B	0.22669	0.04204	14
Grad. steps	Set C	0.22669	0.03795	19
Grad. steps	Set D	0.22669	0.06035	14
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.22669	0.03988	22
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.22669	0.04204	14
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.22669	0.03795	19
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.22669	0.06035	14

TABLE 4. Results obtained for lineNumber = 4. This tessellation is made up of 10 polygons.

Being the first step of set C double the first step of set A, in this example set C managed to avoid an earlier local minimum and got a better result than set A in less steps, despite set A containing more precise steps.

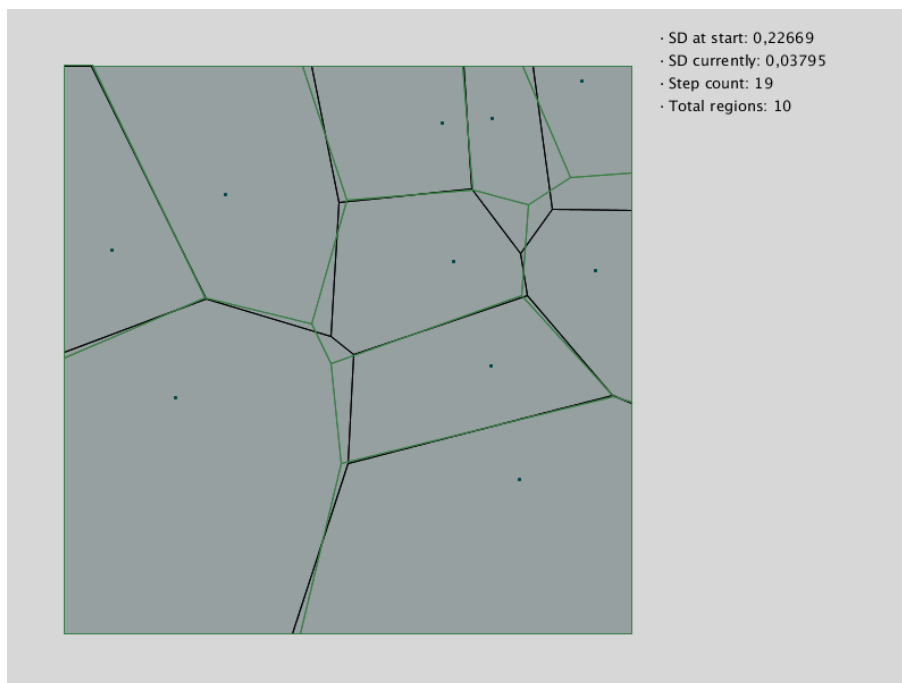


FIGURE 18.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 4.



FIGURE 18.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 4.

## 19. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 5

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.22388	0.09622	5
Grad.	0.01	0.22388	0.09248	13
Grad.	0.005	0.22388	0.09191	21
Grad. steps	Set A	0.22388	0.07318	21
Grad. steps	Set B	0.22388	0.07967	10
Grad. steps	Set C	0.22388	0.09538	16
Grad. steps	Set D	0.22388	0.10418	15
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.22388	0.07318	21
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.22388	0.07967	10
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.22388	0.09538	16
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.22388	0.10418	15

TABLE 5. Results obtained for lineNumber = 5. This tessellation is made up of 10 polygons.

It is notable that in this example, the results obtained with the gradient method for all the steps are very similar.

Also, it is remarkable that applying the gradient method with steps for sets C and D, we get worse results than applying the basic gradient method.

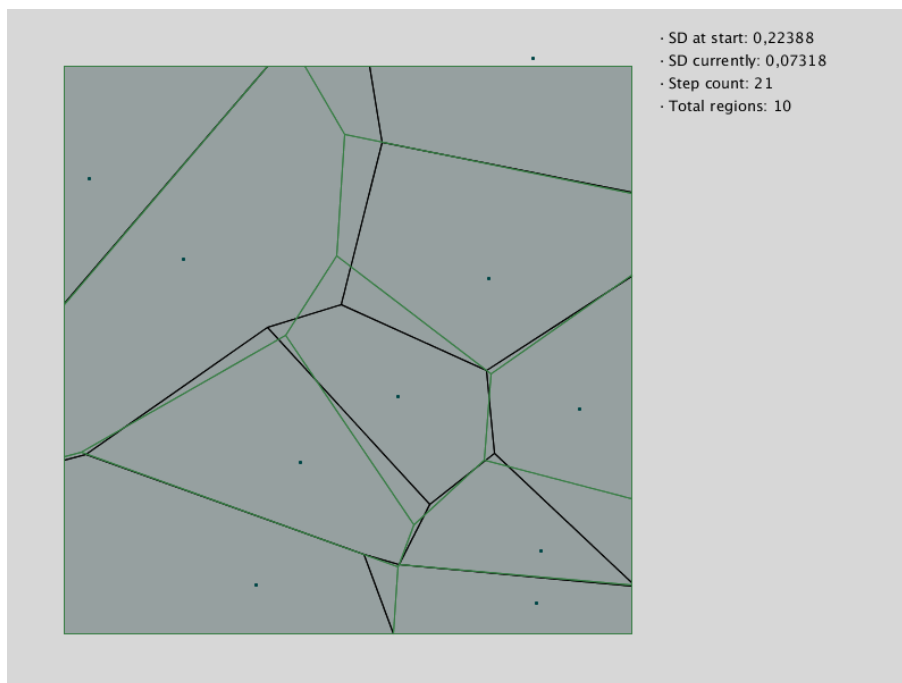


FIGURE 19.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 5.

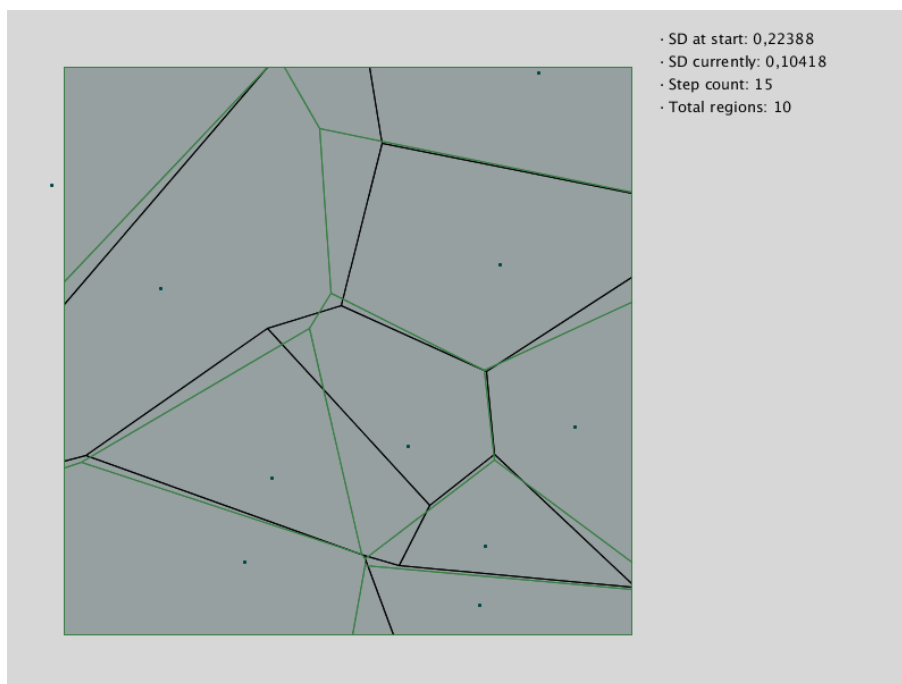


FIGURE 19.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 5.

## 20. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 6

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.48752	0.08620	9
Grad.	0.01	0.48752	0.03954	36
Grad.	0.005	0.48752	0.02882	73
Grad. steps	Set A	0.48752	0.02873	50
Grad. steps	Set B	0.48752	0.05171	24
Grad. steps	Set C	0.48752	0.03429	45
Grad. steps	Set D	0.48752	0.06475	21
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.48752	0.02768	40
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.48752	0.04765	27
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.48752	0.03881	45
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.48752	0.06475	21

TABLE 6. Results obtained for lineNumber = 6. This tessellation is made up of 10 polygons.

It is remarkable that when first calculating the initial seeds, the symmetric difference is almost 0.5.

When applying simulated annealing, this is one of the cases in which we got a better result for the same set (A) in less steps when compared to the gradient method with steps.

In the other hand, for set C, we got worse results in the same number of steps, and for set D, the same results were obtained for both methods.



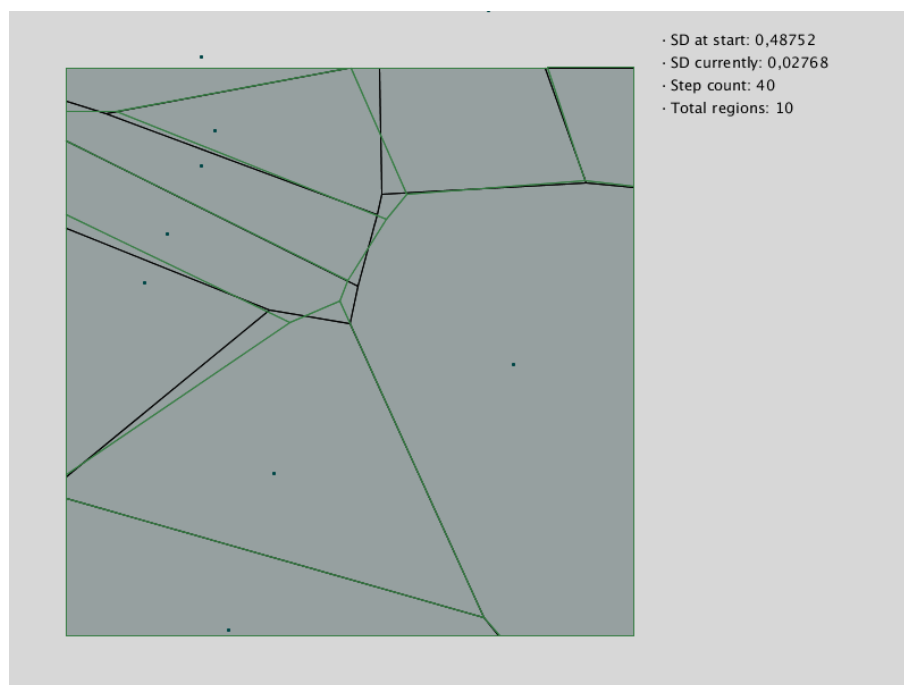


FIGURE 20.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 6.

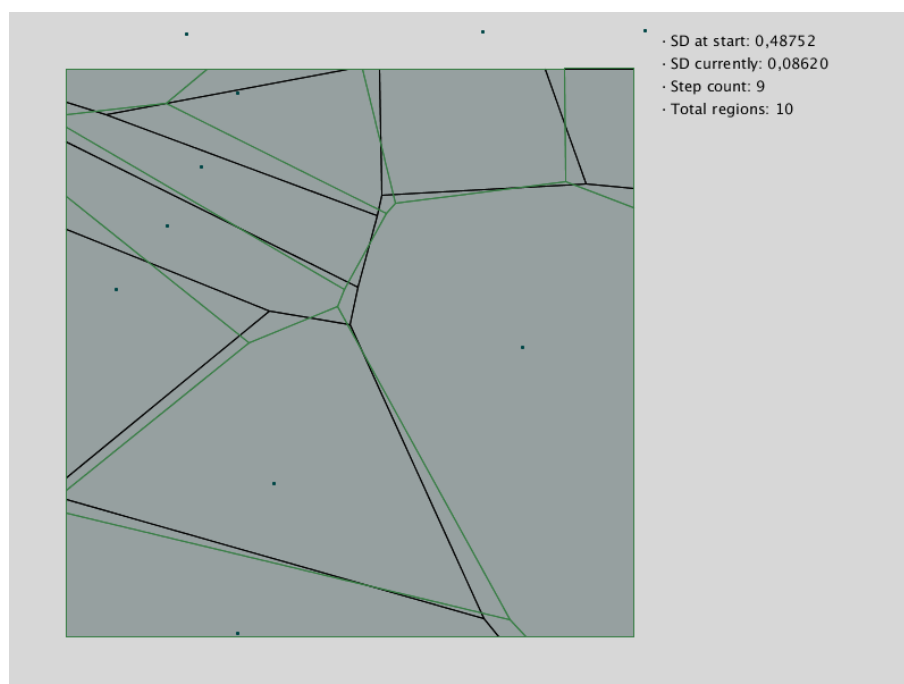


FIGURE 20.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 6.

## 21. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 7

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.22892	0.11978	6
Grad.	0.01	0.22892	0.05093	16
Grad.	0.005	0.22892	0.04286	31
Grad. steps	Set A	0.22892	0.03667	85
Grad. steps	Set B	0.22892	0.05497	20
Grad. steps	Set C	0.22892	0.05138	39
Grad. steps	Set D	0.22892	0.08754	17
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.22892	0.04006	73
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.22892	0.06551	18
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.22892	0.05138	39
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.22892	0.08754	17

TABLE 7. Results obtained for lineNumber = 7. This tessellation is made up of 30 polygons.

In this example, we can see that the results obtained with the simulated annealing technique are worse for both sets A and B than its gradient method with steps counterpart. Also, despite getting very close results, the number of steps obtained with set A is quite high.

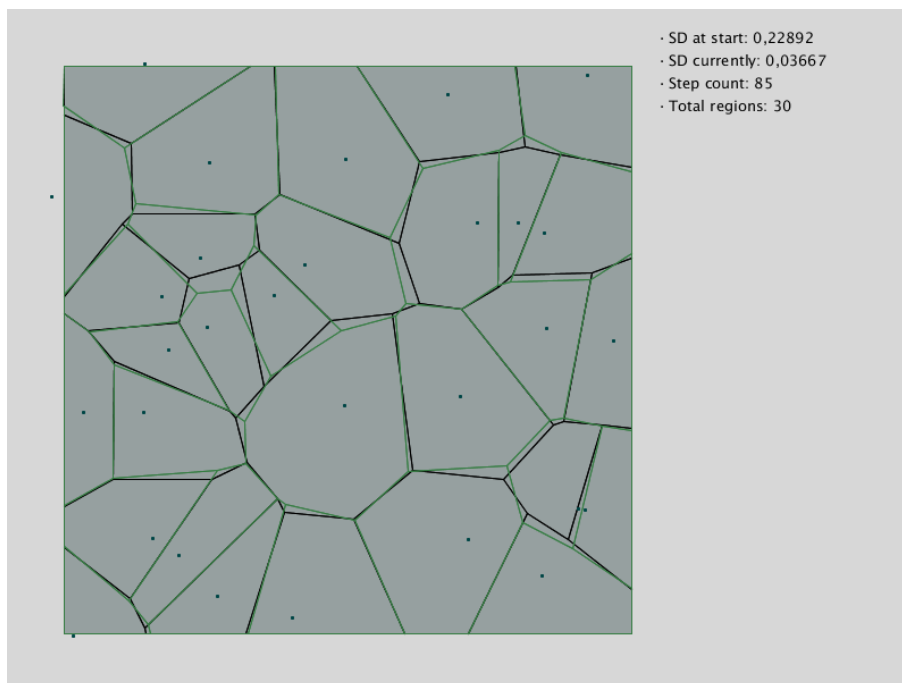


FIGURE 21.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 7.

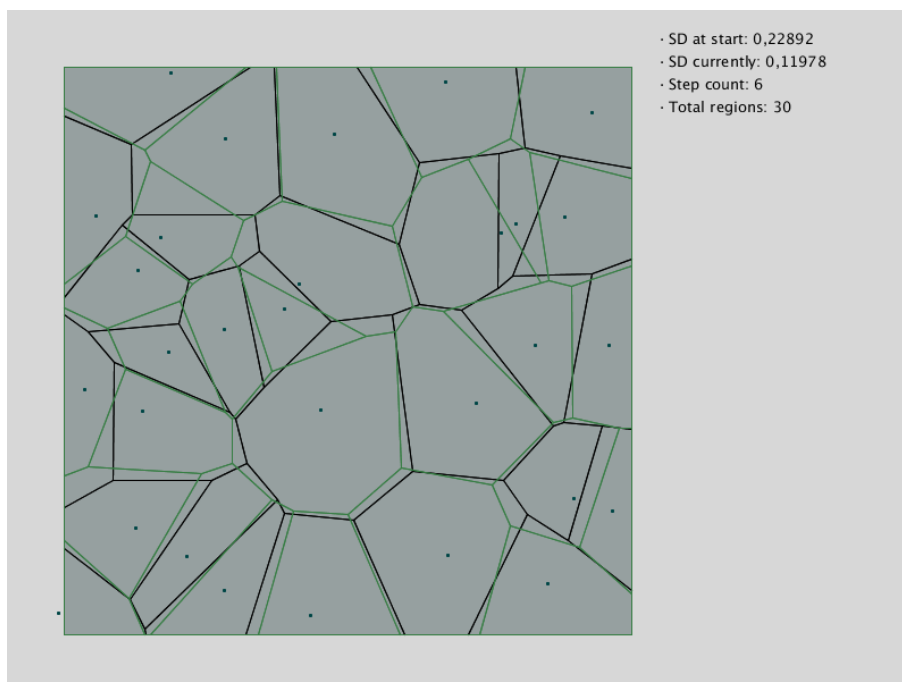


FIGURE 21.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 7.

## 22. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 8

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.26864	0.12694	6
Grad.	0.01	0.26864	0.10517	20
Grad.	0.005	0.26864	0.10109	32
Grad. steps	Set A	0.26864	0.06518	29
Grad. steps	Set B	0.26864	0.07564	15
Grad. steps	Set C	0.26864	0.06018	37
Grad. steps	Set D	0.26864	0.09161	15
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.26864	0.06449	31
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.26864	0.07564	15
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.26864	0.06788	27
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.26864	0.09123	17

TABLE 8. Results obtained for lineNumber = 8. This tessellation is made up of 30 polygons.

In this example, it is remarkable that the results obtained for set A using the gradient method with steps are better than the ones obtained with set A, which has both bigger steps and smaller steps. This must come from the fact that set A must have searched from a set of suboptimal solutions from the beginning, when its steps were bigger.

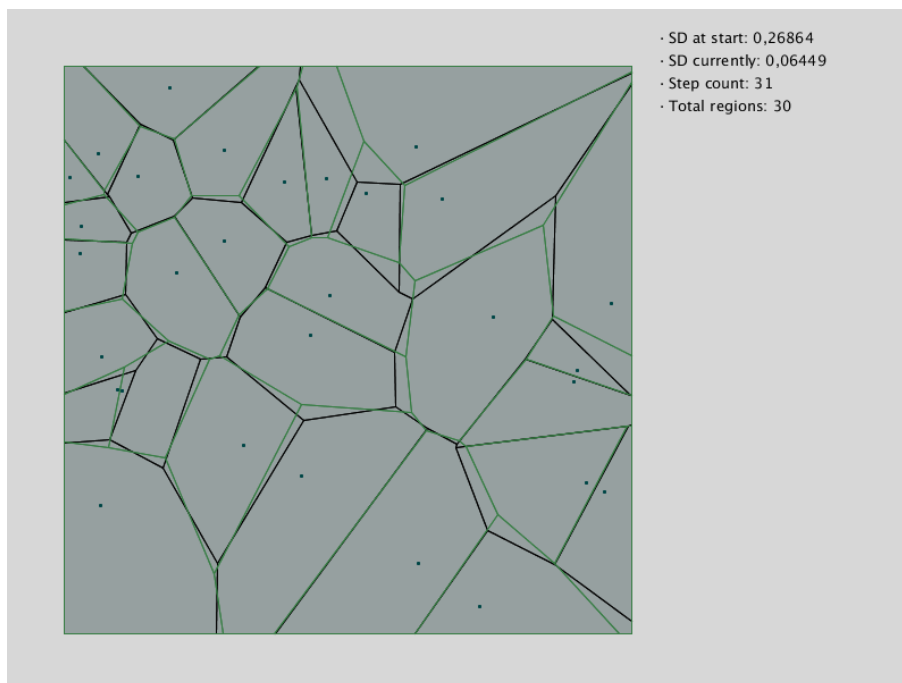


FIGURE 22.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 8.

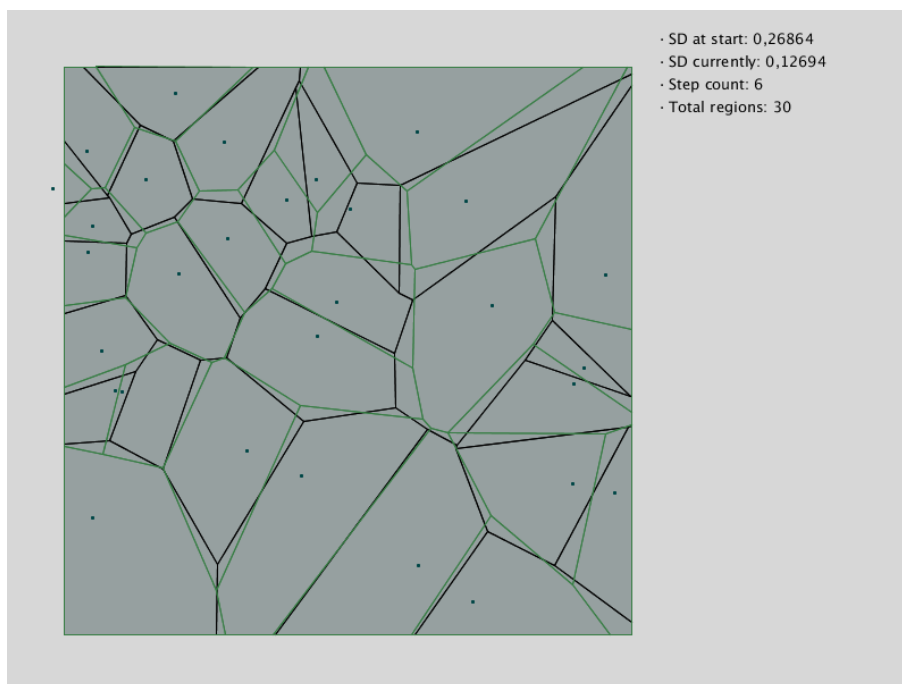


FIGURE 22.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 8.

## 23. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 9

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.16570	0.10682	3
Grad.	0.01	0.16570	0.04358	27
Grad.	0.005	0.16570	0.05268	40
Grad. steps	Set A	0.16570	0.03862	20
Grad. steps	Set B	0.16570	0.04230	16
Grad. steps	Set C	0.16570	0.03701	14
Grad. steps	Set D	0.16570	0.06586	13
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.16570	0.03805	29
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.16570	0.04131	19
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.16570	0.03701	14
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.16570	0.06586	13

TABLE 9. Results obtained for lineNumber = 9. This tessellation is made up of 5 polygons.

Here again, we found the same problem that in some other tests: due to starting with a very precise step, we end up getting worse results (and with more steps) in the gradient method with step 0.005 when compared to the gradient method with step 0.01.

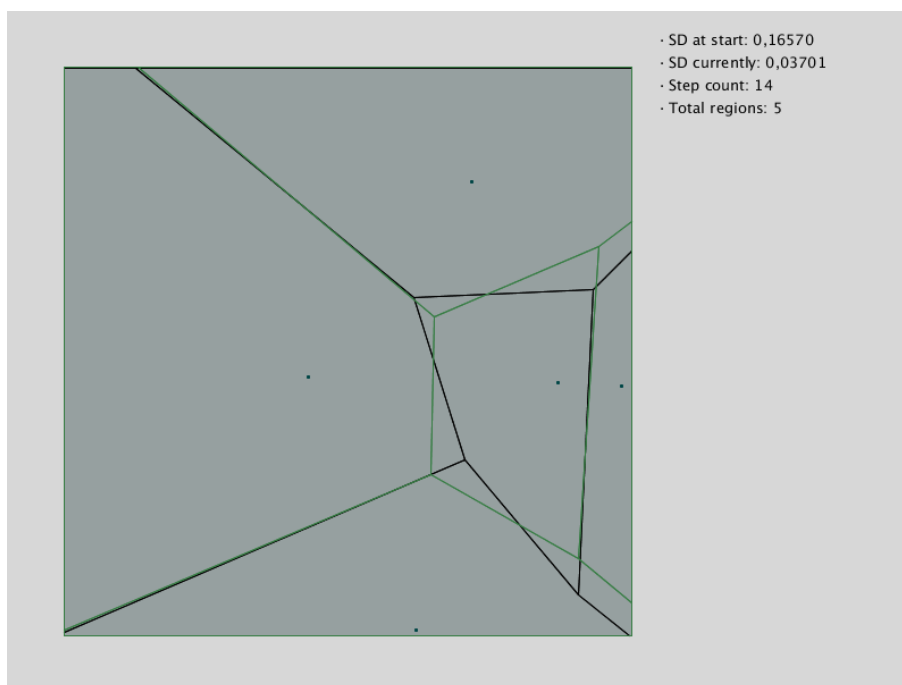


FIGURE 23.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 9.

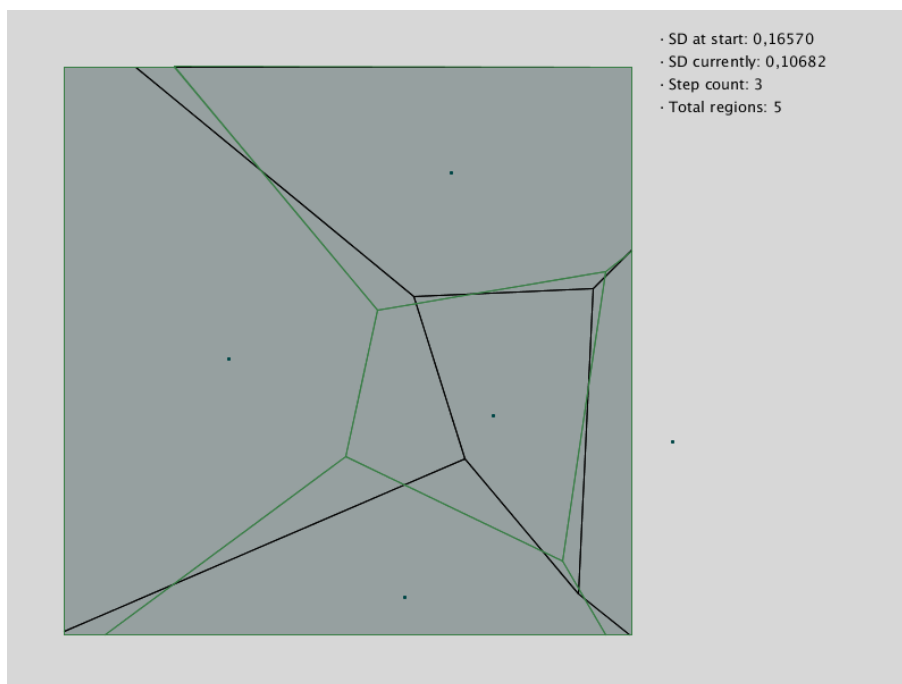


FIGURE 23.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 9.

## 24. TESSELLATION EXAMPLE 10

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.18799	0.04343	9
Grad.	0.01	0.18799	0.08146	13
Grad.	0.005	0.18799	0.03667	51
Grad. steps	Set A	0.18799	0.02918	25
Grad. steps	Set B	0.18799	0.03495	14
Grad. steps	Set C	0.18799	0.02409	18
Grad. steps	Set D	0.18799	0.06564	14
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.18799	0.03050	30
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.18799	0.03495	14
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.18799	0.02336	26
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.18799	0.06564	14

TABLE 10. Results obtained for lineNumber = 10. This tessellation is made up of 5 polygons.

Something interesting happens in this example. If we take a look at the results obtained from applying the gradient method, we can see that the symmetric differences obtained with steps 0.05 and 0.005 are both around 0.04. However, the one obtained with step 0.01, which is in between the two others, is around 0.08.

Again, the results obtained for the gradient method are better for set C than for set A.

Yet again, some results obtained with the simulated annealing are better than the ones obtained with the gradient method with steps, and some others are worse.



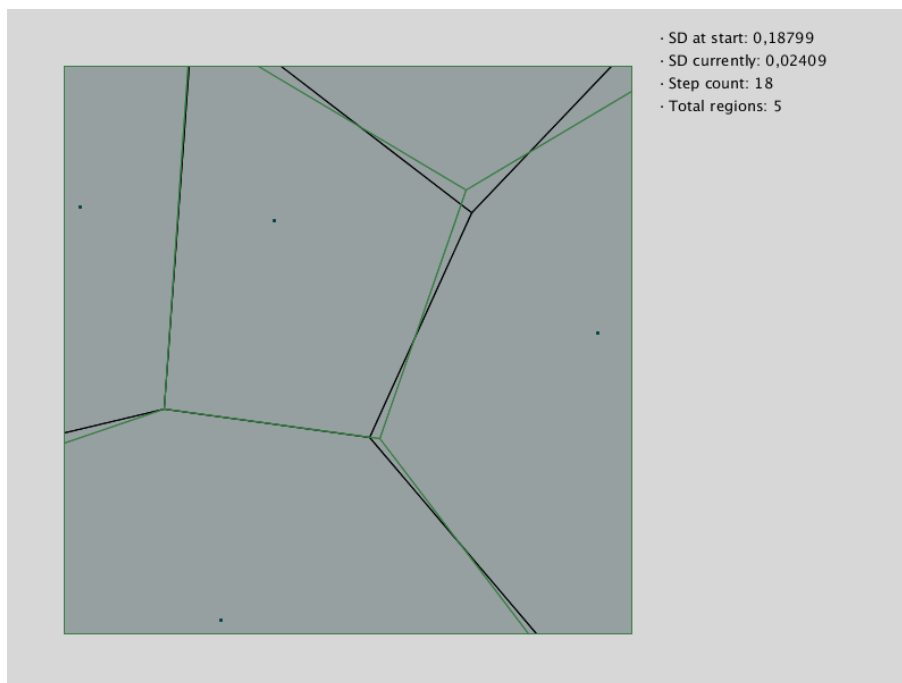


FIGURE 24.1. Result of the best tested configuration for lineNumber = 10.

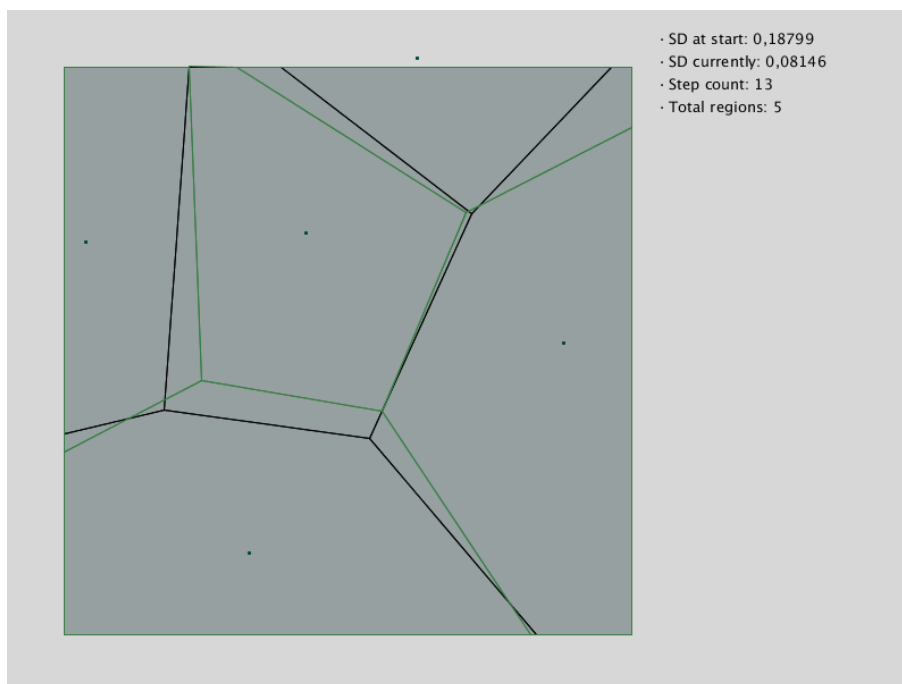


FIGURE 24.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for lineNumber = 10.

## 25. TEATROS DEL CANAL FACADE

	Parameters	Starting SD	Ending SD	Steps
Grad.	0.05	0.18664	0.15619	4
Grad.	0.01	0.18664	0.11353	11
Grad.	0.005	0.18664	0.11055	23
Grad. steps	Set A	0.18664	0.10795	38
Grad. steps	Set B	0.18664	0.11692	13
Grad. steps	Set C	0.18664	0.11205	20
Grad. steps	Set D	0.18664	0.13561	32
Sim. Annealing	Set A	0.18664	0.10795	38
Sim. Annealing	Set B	0.18664	0.11692	13
Sim. Annealing	Set C	0.18664	0.11205	21
Sim. Annealing	Set D	0.18664	0.13561	12

TABLE 11. Results obtained for the “Teatros del Canal” facade. This tessellation is made up of 32 polygons.

Despite resembling a Voronoi diagram, the results clearly negate this theory. No tested configuration is capable of breaking the 10% symmetric difference. If we take a closer look at the best obtained result in the next page (Figure 25.1), we can see that most vertical corners are a bit more pointy than what they should in order to be a perfect Voronoi diagram.

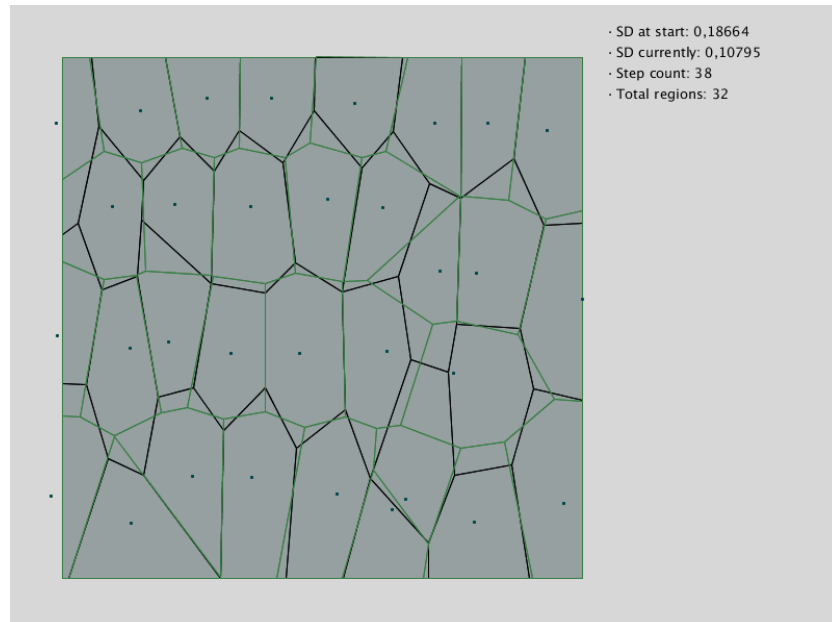


FIGURE 25.1. Result of the best tested configuration for the “Teatros del Canal” facade.

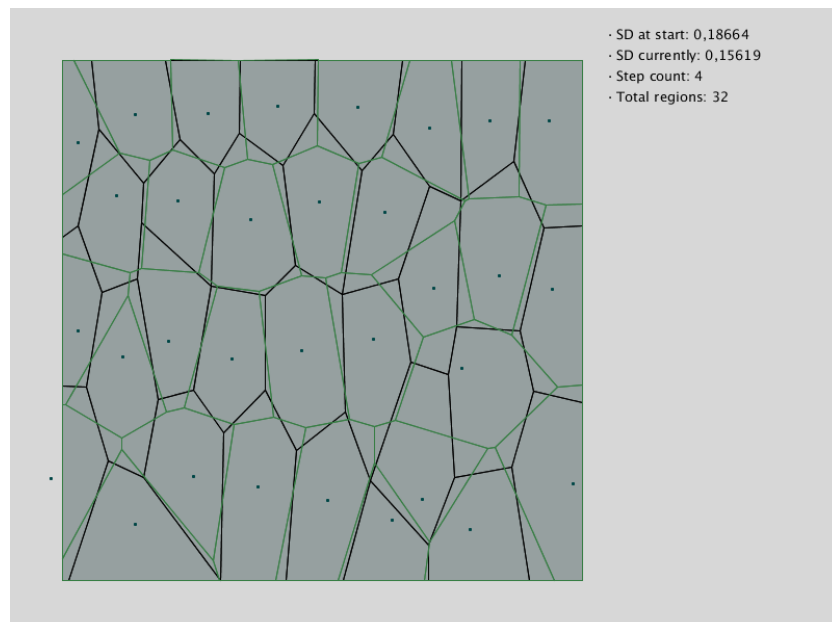


FIGURE 25.2. Result of the worst tested configuration for the “Teatros del Canal” facade.

From these study, it is clear that the methods that obtain the better results are the gradient method with steps and the simulated annealing method.

However, there is no predefined configuration best configuration for any of them, the results will heavily depend on the input tessellation.

## Part 5. CODE

**FittingVoronoi.pde:** Source file which contains most of the geometry related functions. It also contains the *setup()* method (which is called once at the start of the application, for initializing purposes) and the *draw()* method (which is called every frame), responsible for executing the logic of the program.

```

1 // Author: Guillermo Alonso Nunez
2 // e-mail: guialonun@gmail.com
3
4 import megamu.mesh.*;
5
6 final int scale = 500; // size(...) parameters should have
   this value
7 final float squareArea = scale*scale;
8
9 boolean debugging = false;
10
11 int stepIndex = 0;
12 boolean hasImproved = true;
13 StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
14
15 // Executed once
16 void setup() {
17     size(800, 600); // set these values to the same of scale!
18
19     background(backgroundColor); // clear screen
20
21     output = createWriter("Output.csv");
22
23     randomSeed(rndmSeed);
24
25     initializeTessellation(lineNumber);
26     initializeBarycenters();
27     tessellation = positiveOrientation(tessellation ,
   barycenters);
28     floatBarycenters = arrayBarycenters(barycenters); //
   Convert barycenters to array (Voronoi input format)
29     myVoronoi = new Voronoi(floatBarycenters);
30     flVoronoi = storeVoronoi(myVoronoi); // Store to array
   list from the voronoi format

```

```

31     flVoronoi = positiveOrientation(flVoronoi , barycenters);
32     flVoronoi = clipTessellationToSquare(flVoronoi);
33     symmetricDiff = totalSymDiff(tessellation , flVoronoi);
34     symDiffAtStart = symmetricDiff;
35
36     fill(150, 160, 160);
37     rect(drawingOffset , drawingOffset , scale , scale);
38     fill(backgroundColor);
39
40     drawPart(tessellation , defaultBlack);
41     drawPart(flVoronoi , defaultGreen);
42     drawBarycenters();
43
44     drawTextGUI();
45
46
47     if (!firstScreenSaved) {
48         saveFrame("Output-Start.png");
49         firstScreenSaved = true;
50     }
51
52     if (debugging)
53         System.out.println("Sym_diff_setup:_ " + symmetricDiff
54                             );
54     delay(400);
55 }
56
57 // Executed every frame
58 void draw() {
59     background(backgroundColor); // clear screen
60
61     fill(150, 160, 160);
62     rect(drawingOffset , drawingOffset , scale , scale);
63     fill(backgroundColor);
64
65     if (!finished)
66         gradientMethod(simulatedAnnealing[stepIndex]*scale ,
67                         useSimulatedAnnealing);

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```

68     if (!hasImproved && stepIndex < simulatedAnnealing.length
69         ) {
70         stepIndex++;
71     }
72     drawPart(tessellation , defaultBlack);
73     drawPart(flVoronoi , defaultGreen);
74     drawBarycenters();
75     drawTextGUI();
76
77
78     if (!finished && !hasImproved && stepIndex ==
79         simulatedAnnealing.length) {
80         finished = true;
81         saveFrame("Output-End.png");
82         output.flush();
83         output.close();
84         // exit();
85     }
86
87     if (debugging)
88         delay(800);
89 }
90
91 // Returns the signed area of a triangle
92 float areaTriang(float A[], float B[], float C[]) {
93     float ax = A[0], ay = A[1];
94     float bx = B[0], by = B[1];
95     float cx = C[0], cy = C[1];
96
97     return ((bx*cy - cx*by) - (ax*cy - cx*ay) + (ax*by - bx*
98         ay))/2;
99 }
100 // Returns the signed area of a polygon
101 float areaPolygon(ArrayList<float []> pol) {
102     float res = 0;
103     float point[] = new float[] { scale/2, scale/2 };
104

```

```

for (int i = 0; i < pol.size(); i++) {
    int iNext = (i == pol.size() - 1) ? 0 : i + 1;

    res += areaTriang(pol.get(i), pol.get(iNext), point);
}

return res;
}

// Clips a polygon with a given line
ArrayList<float []> clipLine(ArrayList<float []> pol, float
lineStart[], float lineEnd[]) {
    ArrayList<float []> res = new ArrayList<float []>();

    for (int i = 0; i < pol.size(); i++) {
        int iNext = (i == pol.size() - 1) ? 0 : i + 1;

        float areaOrigin = areaTriang(lineStart, lineEnd, pol
            .get(i));
        float areaEnd = areaTriang(lineStart, lineEnd, pol.
            get(iNext));

        // Check current start
        if (areaOrigin >= 0)
            res.add(pol.get(i));

        // Check for intermediate points
        if (areaOrigin * areaEnd < 0) {
            float t = segmentIntersection(lineStart, lineEnd,
                pol.get(i),
                pol.get(iNext));
            if (t >= 0 && t < 1) {
                float x = pol.get(i)[0];
                float y = pol.get(i)[1];
                float xNext = pol.get(iNext)[0];
                float yNext = pol.get(iNext)[1];

                res.add(new float[]{x + (xNext - x)*t, y + (
                    yNext - y)*t});
            }
        }
    }
}

```



```

140     }
141 }
142
143     return res;
144 }
145
146 void gradientMethod(float step, boolean useSimulatedAnnealing
    ) {
147     stepCount++;
148     // TODO: randomize barycenter order
149     hasImproved = false;
150
151     int accessOrder[] = new int[barycenters.size()];
152
153     for (int pos = 0; pos < accessOrder.length; pos++)
154         accessOrder[pos] = pos;
155
156     for (int i = 0; i < accessOrder.length; i++) {
157         int swapWith = (int) random(accessOrder.length);
158         int tmp = accessOrder[i];
159         accessOrder[i] = accessOrder[swapWith];
160         accessOrder[swapWith] = tmp;
161     }
162
163     for (int j = 0; j < accessOrder.length; j++) { // for
        each point
164         int i = accessOrder[j];
165
166         float randomNumber = random(0, 1);
167
168         // TODO: Need some refactoring
169         bestSolution = barycenters;
170         flVoronoi = positiveOrientation(flVoronoi,
            barycenters);
171         bestSymDiff = totalSymDiff(tessellation, flVoronoi);
172
173         simAnnValue = 0;
174
175         checkNeighbour(0, i, step, randomNumber,
            useSimulatedAnnealing);

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```

176      checkNeighbour(1, i, step, randomNumber,
177                    useSimulatedAnnealing);
178      checkNeighbour(2, i, step, randomNumber,
179                    useSimulatedAnnealing);
180      checkNeighbour(3, i, step, randomNumber,
181                    useSimulatedAnnealing);
182
183      if (debugging)
184          System.out.println("Best_symmetric_difference:_"
185                             + bestSymDiff);
186
187      if (hasImproved) {
188          sb.setLength(0); // clear sb
189
190          for (int k = 0; k < barycenters.size(); k++) {
191              if (k != 0)
192                  sb.append(",");
193
194              sb.append(barycenters.get(i)[0]);
195              sb.append("@");
196              sb.append(barycenters.get(i)[1]);
197          }
198          sb.append(",");
199          sb.append(symmetricDiff);
200
201          String outputLine = sb.toString();
202
203          output.println(outputLine);
204      }
205
206      symmetricDiff = bestSymDiff;
207      barycenters = bestSolution;
208      floatBarycenters = arrayBarycenters(barycenters); //
209      Voronoi input format
210      myVoronoi = new Voronoi(floatBarycenters);
211      flVoronoi = storeVoronoi(myVoronoi);
212      flVoronoi = positiveOrientation(flVoronoi,
213                                     barycenters);
214      flVoronoi = clipTessellationToSquare(flVoronoi);
215  }

```

```

210 }
211
212 // dir:
213 // 0 - Increase x
214 // 1 - Decrease x
215 // 2 - Increase y
216 // 3 - Decrease y
217 void checkNeighbour(int dir, int i, float step, float
    randomNumber, boolean useSimulatedAnnealing) {
218     clonedBarycenters = cloneArraylist(barycenters);
219     switch (dir) {
220         case 0:
221             clonedBarycenters.get(i)[0] = clonedBarycenters.
                get(i)[0] + step;
222             break;
223         case 1:
224             clonedBarycenters.get(i)[0] = clonedBarycenters.
                get(i)[0] - step;
225             break;
226         case 2:
227             clonedBarycenters.get(i)[1] = clonedBarycenters.
                get(i)[1] + step;
228             break;
229         case 3:
230             clonedBarycenters.get(i)[1] = clonedBarycenters.
                get(i)[1] - step;
231             break;
232         default:
233             System.out.println("Error_checking_neighbour._Bad
                _call.");
234     }
235
236     newBarycenters = arrayBarycenters(clonedBarycenters);
237     tmpVor = new Voronoi(newBarycenters);
238     tmpNewStuff = storeVoronoi(tmpVor);
239     tmpNewStuff = positiveOrientation(tmpNewStuff,
        clonedBarycenters);
240     tmpNewStuff = clipTessellationToSquare(tmpNewStuff);
241     diff = totalSymDiff(tessellation, tmpNewStuff);
242     if (debugging)

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243         System.out.println("Diff_1:_" + diff);
244
245         simAnnValue = exp((symmetricDiff - diff)/step);
246         if ((diff < bestSymDiff) || (useSimulatedAnnealing &&
            simAnnValue < randomNumber)) {
247             hasImproved = true;
248             bestSolution = clonedBarycenters;
249             bestSymDiff = diff;
250         }
251
252     }
253
254     // Clips a whole tessellation to the square
255     ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> clipTessellationToSquare(
        ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> tessellation) {
256         ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> res = new ArrayList<
            ArrayList<float []>>();
257
258         for (int i = 0; i < tessellation.size(); i++) {
259             ArrayList<float []> tmp = clipToSquare(tessellation.
                get(i));
260
261             res.add(tmp);
262         }
263
264         return res;
265     }
266
267     // pol is assumed to be negatively oriented
268     ArrayList<float []> clipToSquare(ArrayList<float []> pol) {
269         ArrayList<float []> res = new ArrayList<float []>();
270         float c1[] = new float[]{0, 0};
271         float c2[] = new float[]{scale, 0};
272         float c3[] = new float[]{scale, scale};
273         float c4[] = new float[]{0, scale};
274
275         res = clipLine(pol, c1, c2);
276         res = clipLine(res, c2, c3);
277         res = clipLine(res, c3, c4);
278         res = clipLine(res, c4, c1);

```

```

279
280     return res;
281 }
282
283 // Returns a new polygon which is the intersection of two
284 ArrayList<float []> clipPolygons(ArrayList<float []> pol1 ,
    ArrayList<float []> pol2) {
285     ArrayList<float []> res = new ArrayList<float []>();
286
287     for (int i = 0; i < pol2.size(); i++) {
288         int iNext = (i == pol2.size() - 1) ? 0 : i + 1;
289
290         if (i == 0)
291             res = clipLine(pol1 , pol2.get(i) , pol2.get(iNext)
                );
292         else
293             res = clipLine(res , pol2.get(i) , pol2.get(iNext))
                ;
294     }
295
296     return res;
297 }
298
299 float symDiff(ArrayList<float []> pol1 , ArrayList<float []>
    pol2) {
300     ArrayList<float []> intersection = clipPolygons(pol1 ,
        pol2);
301     float areaIntersection = areaPolygon(intersection);
302
303     return areaIntersection;
304 }
305
306 float totalSymDiff(ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> x ,
307     ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> y) {
308     float res = squareArea;
309
310     for (int i = 0; i < x.size(); i++) {
311         res -= symDiff(x.get(i) , y.get(i));
312     }
313

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```

314     return res/squareArea;
315 }
316
317 // Makes sure all polygons are positively oriented
318 ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> positiveOrientation(ArrayList<
    ArrayList<float []>> part, ArrayList<float []> barycenters
    ) {
319     ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> res = new ArrayList<
        ArrayList<float []>>();
320
321     // For each polygon
322     for (int i = 0; i < part.size(); i++) {
323         if (areaPolygon(part.get(i)) < 0) {
324             ArrayList<float []> tmp = new ArrayList<float
                []>();
325
326             for (int j = part.get(i).size() - 1; j >= 0; j--)
327                 tmp.add(part.get(i).get(j));
328
329             res.add(tmp); // Change
330         } else {
331             res.add(part.get(i));
332         }
333     }
334
335     return res;
336 }
337
338 // Returns -1 if there is no intersection. A value in [0, 1]
    if they intersect
339 float segmentIntersection(float [] l1, float [] l2, float [] s1,
    float [] s2) {
340     float x1 = l1[0], y1 = l1[1];
341     float x2 = l2[0], y2 = l2[1];
342     float x3 = s1[0], y3 = s1[1];
343     float x4 = s2[0], y4 = s2[1];
344
345     // Same segments
346     if (x1 == x3 && x2 == x4 && y1 == y3 && y2 == y4)
347         return -1;

```

```

348
349 // Both are vertical
350 if (x1 == x2 && x3 == x4)
351     return -1;
352
353 // One is vertical
354 if (x1 == x2 || x3 == x4) {
355     float res = -1;
356
357     if (x1 == x2) { // Line is vertical
358         float t = (x1 - x3)/(x4 - x3);
359         if (t >= 0 && t <= 1) {
360             res = t;
361         }
362     }
363
364     else if (x3 == x4) { // Segment is vertical
365         float t = (x3 - x1)/(x2 - x1);
366         if (t >= 0 && t <= 1) {
367             float yItsc = y1 + (y2 - y1)*t;
368             float k = (yItsc - y3)/(y4 - y3);
369
370             if ((y3 >= yItsc && y4 <= yItsc) ||
371                 (y3 <= yItsc && y4 >= yItsc))
372                 res = k;
373         }
374     }
375
376     return res;
377 }
378
379 // Diagonal. Check slopes of vectors
380 float slopeL1 = (x1 < x2) ? (y2 - y1)/(x2 - x1) : (y1 -
    y2)/(x1 - x2);
381 float slopeL2 = (x3 < x4) ? (y4 - y3)/(x4 - x3) : (y3 -
    y4)/(x3 - x4);
382 // Same slope
383 if (slopeL1 == slopeL2) {
384     return -1;
385 } else { // different slope

```

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386         float num = (x2 - x1)*(y1 - y3) + (y2 - y1)*(x3 - x1)
387         ;
388         float den = (x2 - x1)*(y4 - y3) - (y2 - y1)*(x4 - x3)
389         ;
390         float k = num/den;
391         if (k >= 0 && k <= 1)
392             return k;
393         return -1;
394     }
395 }
396
397 ArrayList<float []> cloneArraylist(ArrayList<float []> obj) {
398     ArrayList<float []> res = new ArrayList<float []>();
399
400     for (int i = 0; i < obj.size(); i++) {
401         res.add(new float []{ obj.get(i)[0], obj.get(i)[1]});
402     }
403
404     return res;
405 }
406
407 void dbg(String txt) {
408     System.out.println("dbg_" + txt);
409     delay(200);
410 }

```



**UserConfiguration.pde:** This is the file the final user is intended to modify in order to use the application.

```

1 // Author: Guillermo Alonso Nunez
2 // e-mail: guialonun@gmail.com
3
4 // Name of the file we want to load the tesellation from. It
  // should be in the same folder than this file.
5 String fileToReadFrom = "10_partitions.txt";
6 // Line of the input file which we want to load. First line
  // corresponds to 1, second line to 2...
7 int lineNumber = 12;
8
9 // Whether we want to apply the simulated annealing technique
  .
10 boolean useSimulatedAnnealing = false;
11
12 // Values we want to use for searching for neighbour
  // solutions. Expressed as a ratio of the square unit side.
13 float setA[] = new float[]{0.05, 0.04, 0.01, 0.005, 0.001};
14 float setB[] = new float[]{0.05, 0.03, 0.01};
15 float setC[] = new float[]{0.1, 0.01, 0.005};
16 float setD[] = new float[]{0.2, 0.16, 0.09, 0.05, 0.03};
17
18 float simulatedAnnealing[] = setA; // new float[]{0.05}

```

**GlobalVariables.pde:** File containing the definition of the most important global variables used by the program.

```

1 // Author: Guillermo Alonso Nunez
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3
4 // Variables that will be used for reading the tessellation
  from a file
5 BufferedReader reader;
6 String line;
7 String polygons [];
8
9 // "tessellation" will contain information about the given
  tessellation.
10 ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> tessellation;
11 ArrayList<float []> barycenters;
12 float floatBarycenters [][]; // [polygon][x or y coordinate]
13
14 Voronoi myVoronoi;
15 Voronoi tmpVor;
16
17 ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> flVoronoi;
18
19
20 float symDiffAtStart = -80000000000.0;
21 float symmetricDiff = -80000000000.0;
22 float tmpSymDiff = -80000000000.0;
23
24 // Variables used at the gradient method
25 ArrayList<float []> clonedBarycenters;
26 float [][] newBarycenters;
27 ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> tmpNewStuff;
28 float diff;
29 ArrayList<float []> bestSolution;
30 float bestSymDiff;
31 float simAnnValue;
32
33 int rndmSeed = 2;
34
35 int stepCount = 0;

```

```

36
37 float t_s1 [], t_s2 [], t_l1 [], t_l2 [];
38 float t_point [];
39
40 PrintWriter output;
41
42 color defaultBlack = color(0, 0, 0);
43 color backgroundColor = color(215, 215, 215);
44 color defaultGreen = color(55,126,68);
45
46 boolean firstScreenSaved = false;
47 boolean finished = false;
48
49 // Error strings
50 String excLoadingData = "Exception_when_loading_data ... ";
51 String errIncorrSize = "Size_of_window_is_not_set_
    accordingly ... The_drawings_will_not_fill_in_the_screen!\n
    " +
52
53                                     "Please_change_the_values_in_setup_
54                                     ->_size(,_)_to_the_one_in_final
55                                     _int_scale_and_try_again!";
53 String errLoadingPart = "Error_when_loading_tessellation ... \n
    " +
54
55                                     "Please_make_sure_variable_
56                                     lineNumber_has_a_correct_value_
57                                     and_your_tessellation_file_
58                                     contains_one_tessellation_per_
59                                     line.\n" +
60
61                                     "Current_value_of_lineNumber:_";
62
63 // Other strings
64 String initSuccessful = "Data_initialization_successful";

```

**InitializationFunctions.pde:** File containing the functions used for initializing different parts of the program, such as calculating the initial seeds or reading the tessellation from the file.

```

1  // Author: Guillermo Alonso Nunez
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3
4  // Calculates the barycenter for each polygon of "points"
5  void initializeBarycenters() {
6      barycenters = new ArrayList<float []>();
7      float sumX, sumY;
8
9      for (int i = 0; i < tessellation.size(); i++) { // for
        each polygon
10         sumX = 0;
11         sumY = 0;
12         for (int j = 0; j < tessellation.get(i).size(); j++)
13             {
14                 sumX += tessellation.get(i).get(j)[0];
15                 sumY += tessellation.get(i).get(j)[1];
16             }
17         barycenters.add(new float []
18             {
19                 sumX/tessellation.get(i).size
20                 (),
21                 sumY/tessellation.get(i).size
22                 ()
23             });
24     }
25 }
26
27 // Converts Voronoi structure to our format, so we can
28 // calculate on it
29 ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> storeVoronoi(Voronoi vor) {
30     ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> res = new ArrayList<
31         ArrayList<float []>>();
32     ArrayList<float []> tmp;
33     MPolygon[] myRegions = vor.getRegions();
34
35     for(int i = 0; i < myRegions.length; i++) {

```

```

31         tmp = new ArrayList<float []>();
32         float [][] regionCoordinates = myRegions[i].getCoords
           ();
33
34         for (int j = 0; j < regionCoordinates.length; j++)
35             tmp.add(regionCoordinates[j]);
36
37         res.add(tmp);
38     }
39
40     return res;
41 }
42
43 float [][] arrayBarycenters(ArrayList<float []> points) {
44     float res [][] = new float[points.size()][2];
45
46     for (int i = 0; i < points.size(); i++) {
47         res[i] = points.get(i);
48     }
49
50     return res;
51 }
52
53 // Loads information from an external file , storing it in "
   tessellation"
54 //
55 // Information from file to be read is considered to be as
   follows:
56 //   P1=[verticesOfPol1 , verticesOfPol2 , ... , verticesOfPolN]
57 //   P2=...
58 //
59 // where verticesOfPol1 would be
60 // [(1.6 , 2.54) , (7.26 , 52.5461) , ... , (2.4 , 6.3)]
61 void initializeTessellation(int lineNumber) {
62     reader = createReader(fileToReadFrom); // handle the file
63
64     for (int i = 1; i <= lineNumber; i++) { // advance to
           desired line
65         try {
66             line = reader.readLine();

```

```

67         } catch (IOException e) {
68             line = null;
69             System.out.println(excLoadingData); // error
70         }
71     }
72
73     if (line == null)
74         System.out.println(errLoadingPart + lineNumber); //
            error
75
76                                     // line contains raw polygon
                                     list from file
77     line = line.replace("_", ""); // delete blank spaces
78     line = line.replace("]", ""); // delete close square
        brackets
79     line = line.replace(")", ""); // delete close round
        brackets
80
81     polygons = line.split("\\["); //The first 2 elements will
        be trash
82
83     tessellation = new ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>>();
84     ArrayList<float []> tmp = new ArrayList<float []>();
85
86     for (int i = 2; i < polygons.length; i++) { // first 2
        are trash
87         tmp = new ArrayList<float []>(); // CRITICAL?
88         String pointPairs[] = polygons[i].split("\\("); //
            first trash
89
90         for (int j = 1; j < pointPairs.length; j++) {
91             String[] point = pointPairs[j].split(",");
92
93             tmp.add(new float []
94                 {
95                     Float.parseFloat(point[0]) *
                        scale ,
96                     Float.parseFloat(point[1]) *
                        scale
97                 });

```

```
98         }
99
100         tessellation.add(tmp);
101     }
102 }
```

**DrawingFunctions.pde:** File containing the functions used for drawing the current state to the screen.

```

1 // Author: Guillermo Alonso Nunez
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3
4 float drawingOffset = 50;
5
6 // Draws the Barycenters of the polygons of the given
   tessellation
7 void drawBarycenters() {
8     stroke(0,70,70); // draw in dark green
9     strokeWeight(3);
10
11     for (int i = 0; i < barycenters.size(); i++)
12         point(barycenters.get(i)[0] + drawingOffset,
13              barycenters.get(i)[1] + drawingOffset);
14
15     clearDrawingSettings();
16 }
17 void drawPart(ArrayList<ArrayList<float []>> tessellation,
18               color col) {
19     stroke(col);
20
21     for (int i = 0; i < tessellation.size(); i++)
22         drawPol(tessellation.get(i), col);
23
24     clearDrawingSettings();
25 }
26 void drawPol(ArrayList<float []> pol, color col) {
27     stroke(col);
28
29     for (int i = 0; i < pol.size(); i++) {
30         int iNext = (i == pol.size() - 1) ? 0 : i + 1;
31
32         line(pol.get(i)[0] + drawingOffset, pol.get(i)[1] +
33              drawingOffset, pol.get(iNext)[0] + drawingOffset,
34              pol.get(iNext)[1] + drawingOffset);

```



```

33     }
34
35     clearDrawingSettings();
36 }
37
38 void clearDrawingSettings() {
39     strokeWeight(1);
40     stroke(defaultBlack);
41 }
42
43 void drawTextGUI() {
44     fill(0, 0, 0);
45     textSize(13);
46
47     float xCoord = scale + drawingOffset*1.5;
48
49     text("·_SD_at_start:_ " + String.format("%.5f",
50         symDiffAtStart), xCoord, 30);
51     text("·_SD_currently:_ " + String.format("%.5f",
52         symmetricDiff), xCoord, 50);
53     text("·_Step_count:_ " + stepCount, xCoord, 70);
54     text("·_Total_regions:_ " + barycenters.size(), xCoord,
55         90);
56
57     if (finished)
58         text("——_FINISHED_EXECUTION_——", xCoord, 150);
59
60     fill(backgroundColor);
61 }

```

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