

# Introduction



# 學習目標

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- Why to study algorithm?
- How to analysis of algorithms?
- How to evaluate the goodness of algorithms?
- 本書著名的中演算法研究問題介紹。



# Why to study algorithms?

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- It is commonly believed that in order to obtain high speed computation, it suffices to have a very high speed computer. This is, however, not entirely true.
- A good algorithm implemented on a slow computer may perform much better than a bad algorithm implemented on a fast computer.



# Sorting problem:

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- To sort a set of elements into increasing or decreasing order.

11, 7, 14, 1, 5, 9, 10

↓sort

1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14

- Sorting Algorithm:
  - Insertion sort
  - Quick sort
  - Etc.



# Insertion Sort

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- Sorted Sequence

11,  
7, 11  
7, 11, 14  
1, 7, 11, 14  
1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14  
1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14

## Unsorted sequence

7, 14, 1, 5, 9, 10  
14, 1, 5, 9, 10  
1, 5, 9, 10  
5, 9, 10  
9, 10  
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# QuickSort

- Quicksort would use the **first data element**, say **x**, to divide all data elements into three subsets:

- those smaller than x,



- those larger than x, and



- those equal to x.

- **Place x to the correct position**
- **Divide** approach & **recursive** algorithm

(5, 1, 8, 7, 3) (10)(17, 14, 26, 21)

We now have to sort two sequences:

(5, 1, 8, 7, 3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1, 3) (5) (7, 8)

(17, 14, 26, 21)  $\Rightarrow$  (14) (17) (26, 21)



# Quicksort Example

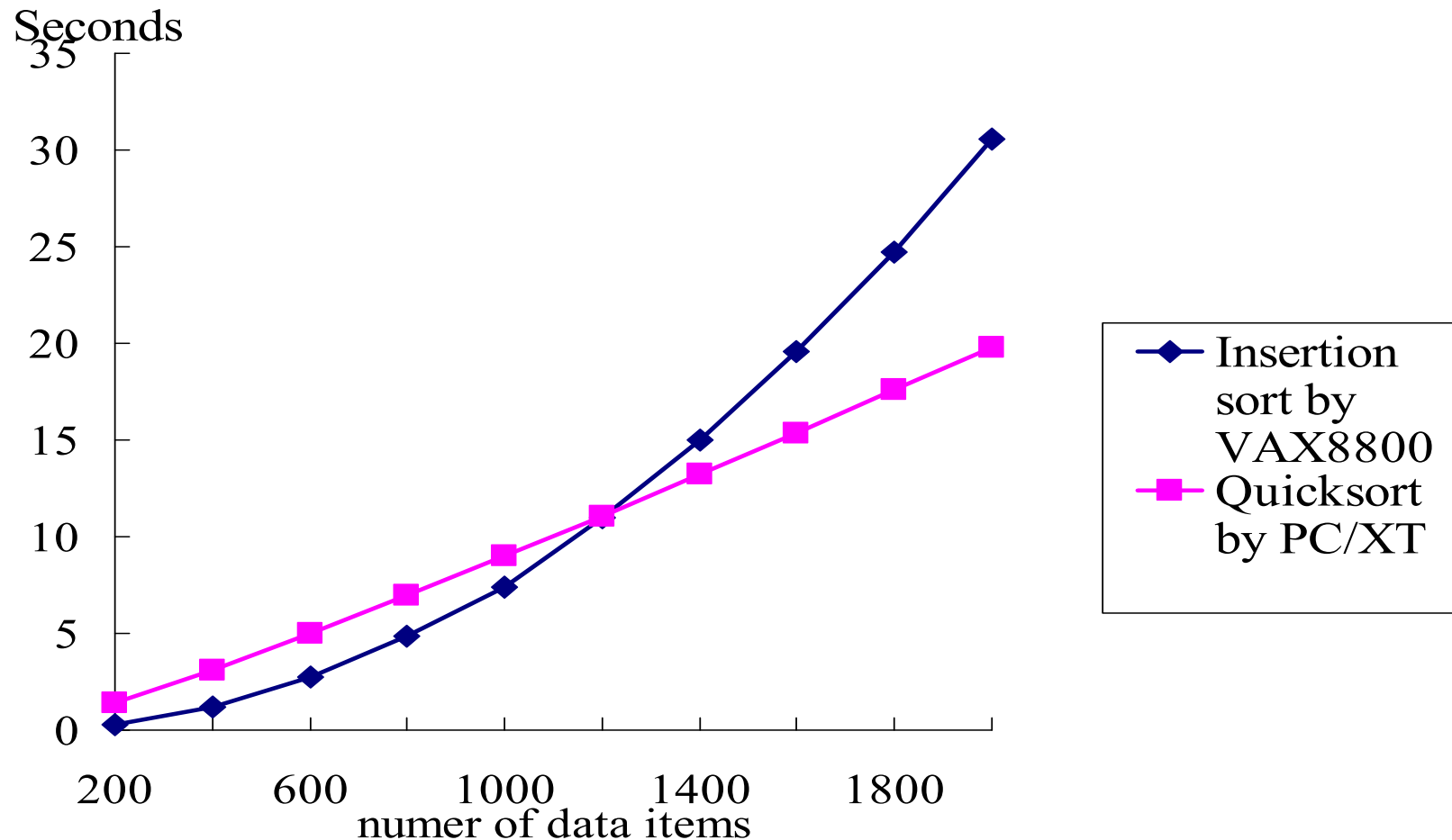
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**Input: 10, 5, 1, 17, 14, 8, 7, 26, 21, 3**

**Steps: 10, 5, 1, 17, 14, 8, 7, 26, 21, 3**

# Comparison of algorithms

- Comparison of two algorithms implemented on two computers (average of ten times)







# Analysis of algorithms

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- Measure the goodness of algorithms
  - efficiency
  - asymptotic notations: e.g.  $O(n^2)$
  - worst case
  - average case
  - best case
  - **amortized analysis (均攤分析法)**
- Measure the difficulty of problems
  - NP-complete ( $\geq O(2^n)$ ) or polynomial solvable
  - Undecidable
  - lower bound
- Is the algorithm optimal?

# Asymptotic notations

- **Def:**  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  "at most" "upper bound"

- $f(n)$  is less than or equal to  $g(n)$  up to a constant factor for large values of  $n$

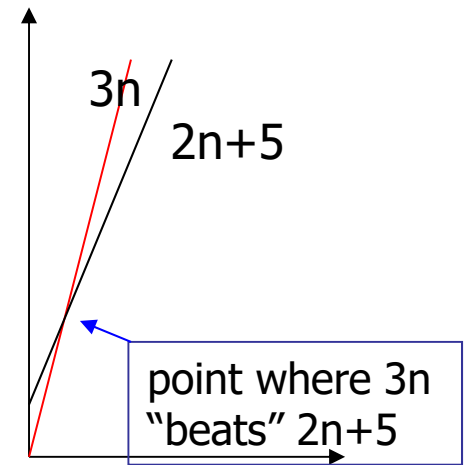
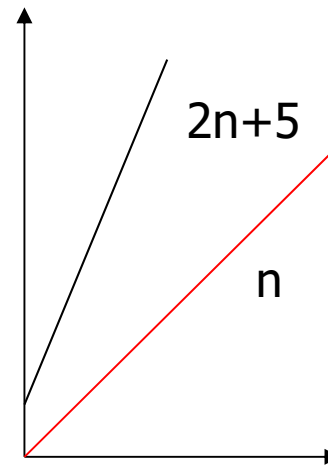
$$\exists c, n_0 \rightarrow |f(n)| \leq c|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

- e.g.  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 2$

$$g(n) = n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n_0=2, c=4$$

$$\therefore f(n) = O(n^2)$$



- e.g.  $f(n)=n, g(n)=2n+5, n_0=5, c=3$

$2n+5$  is  $O(n)$

- e.g.  $f(n) = n^3 + n = O(n^3)$

- e. g.  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 2 = O(n^3)$  or  $O(n^{100})$



# Asymptotic notations

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- **Def :  $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$**  “at least“, “lower bound”

$$\exists c, \text{ and } n_0, \ni |f(n)| \geq c|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

e. g.  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 2 = \Omega(n^2)$  or  $\Omega(n)$

- **Def :  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$**

$$\exists c_1, c_2, \text{ and } n_0, \ni c_1|g(n)| \leq |f(n)| \leq c_2|g(n)| \quad \forall n \geq n_0$$

e. g.  $f(n) = 3n^2 + 2 = \Theta(n^2)$

- **Def :  $f(n) \sim o(g(n))$**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} \rightarrow 0$$



# Problem size $n$ and function $f(n)$

| $f(n) \backslash n$ | 10                 | $10^2$               | $10^3$       | $10^4$            |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| $\log_2 n$          | 3.3                | 6.6                  | 10           | 13.3              |
| $n$                 | 10                 | $10^2$               | $10^3$       | $10^4$            |
| $n \log_2 n$        | $0.33 \times 10^2$ | $0.7 \times 10^3$    | $10^4$       | $1.3 \times 10^5$ |
| $n^2$               | $10^2$             | $10^4$               | $10^6$       | $10^8$            |
| $2^n$               | 1024               | $1.3 \times 10^{30}$ | $> 10^{100}$ | $> 10^{100}$      |
| $n!$                | $3 \times 10^6$    | $> 10^{100}$         | $> 10^{100}$ | $> 10^{100}$      |

Time Complexity Functions



# Common computing time functions

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- Time complexity classes:
  - $O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n) < O(n \log n) < O(n^2) < O(n^3) < O(2^n) < O(n!) < O(n^n)$
  - Exponential algorithm:  $O(2^n)$
  - polynomial algorithm: e.g.  $O(n^2)$ ,  $O(n \log n)$ , ...
- Algorithm A :  $O(n^3)$ , algorithm B :  $O(n)$ 
  - Should Algorithm B run faster than A?  
**NO !**
  - It is true only when **n is large enough!**



# Introduction

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- How do we measure the **goodness** of an algorithm?
- How do we measure the **difficulty** of a problem?
- How do we know that an algorithm is **optimal** for a problem?
- How can we know that there does not exist any other better algorithm to solve the same problem?



# **The goodness of an algorithm**

- **Time complexity (more important)**
- **Space complexity (memory size)**
- **For a parallel algorithm :**
  - **time-processor product**
  - **$O(\log n)$  time,  $O(n)$  processors  $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$**
- **For a VLSI circuit :**
  - **area-time ( $AT$ ,  $AT^2$ ),  $A$  is the area of the VLSI**



# Undecidable problems

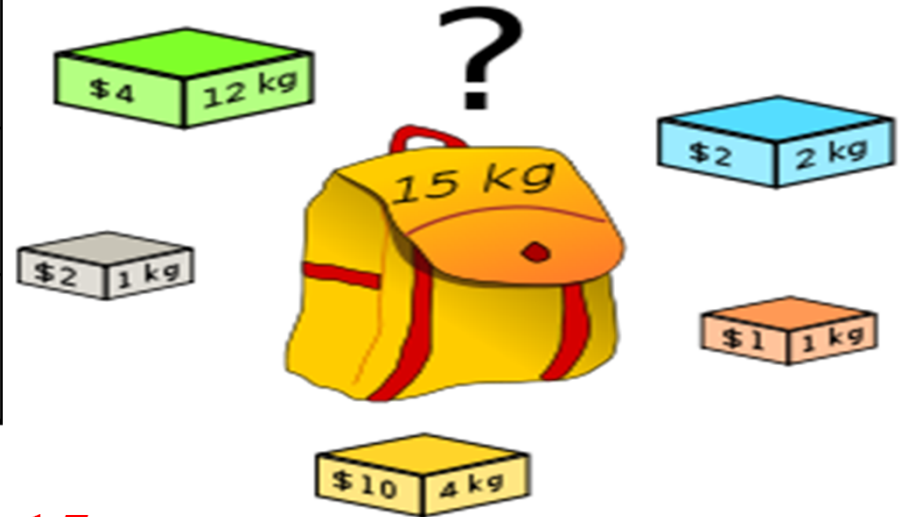
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- An undecidable problem is a **decision problem** (output **True** or **False**) for which it is known to be impossible to construct a single algorithm that always leads to a correct yes-or-no answer.
- Example:
  - **Halting problem**: “Given a description of an arbitrary computer program, decide whether the program finishes running or continues to run forever.”
  - This is equivalent to the problem of deciding, given a program and an input, whether the program will eventually halt when run with that input, or will run forever.
  - Alan Turing proved in 1936.



# 0/1 Knapsack problem 0/1 背包問題

|        | P <sub>1</sub> | P <sub>2</sub> | P <sub>3</sub> | P <sub>4</sub> | P <sub>5</sub> |
|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Value  | 4              | 2              | 10             | 1              | 2              |
| Weight | 12             | 1              | 4              | 1              | 2              |



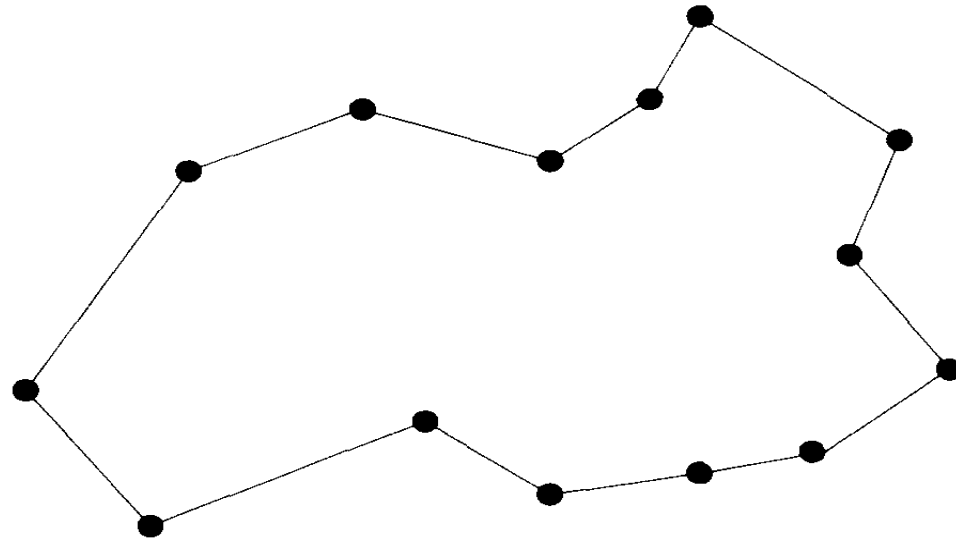
- **M** (total weight limitation)=**15**;
- **0/1 constraint**;
- best solution (maximal sum of value)?
- This problem is NP-complete.
- As the number of items becomes very large, it is very hard to find an optimal solution.

# Traveling salesperson problem (TSP)

- Given: A set of  $n$  planar points

Find: A closed tour which includes all points exactly once such that its total length is minimized.

- This problem is NP-complete.





# Partition problem

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- Given: A set of positive integers  $S$

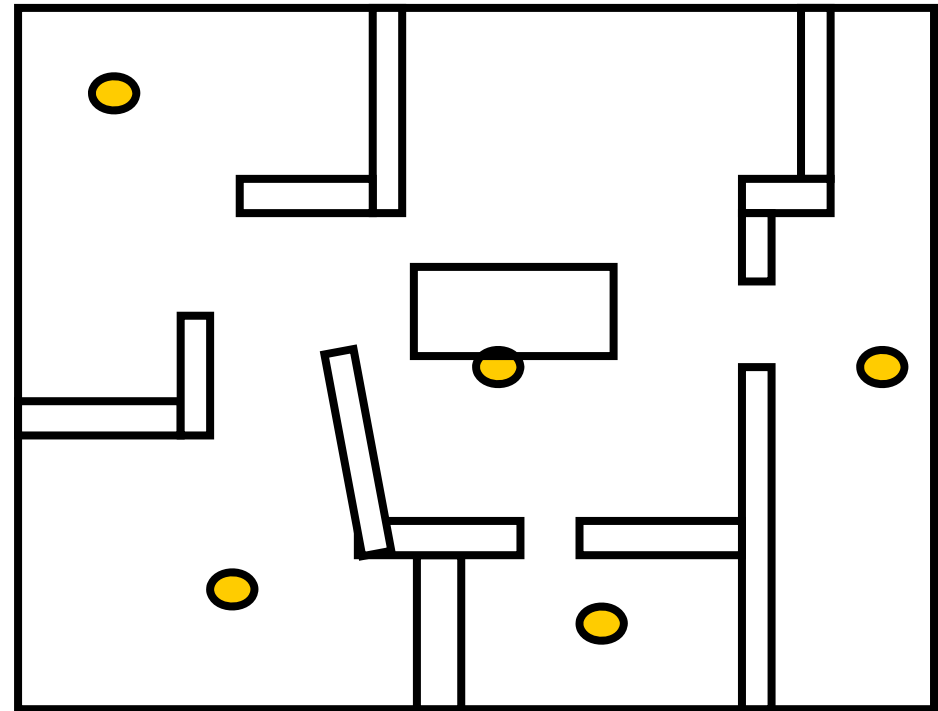
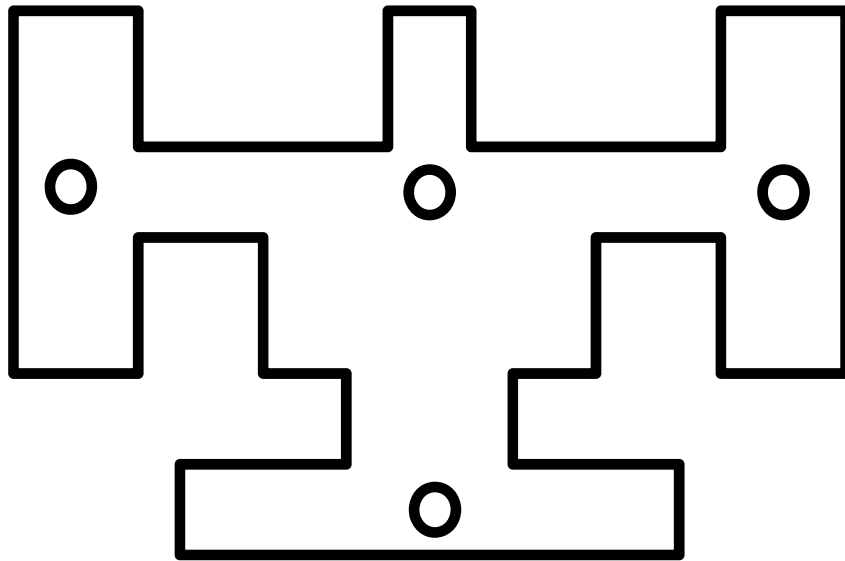
Find:  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$ ,  $S_1 \cup S_2 = S$ ,

$$\sum_{i \in S_1} i = \sum_{i \in S_2} i$$

(partition into  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  such that the sum of  $S_1$  is equal to that of  $S_2$ )

- e.g.  $S = \{1, 7, 10, 4, 6, 3, 8, 13\}$ 
  - $S_1 = \{1, 10, 4, 8, 3\}$
  - $S_2 = \{7, 6, 13\}$
- This problem is NP-complete.

# Art gallery problem



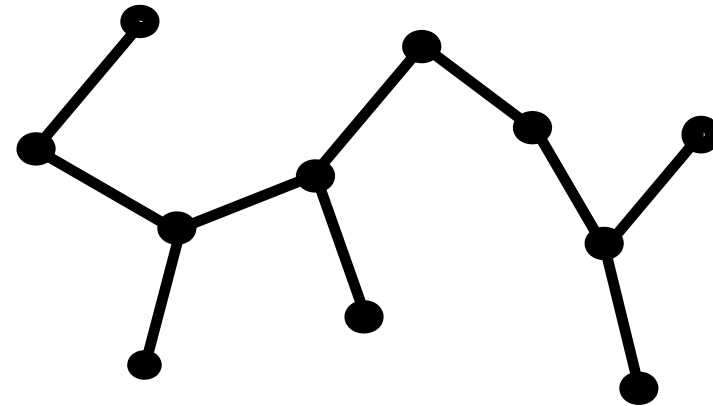
- Given: an art gallery

Determine: **minimal # of guards** and their placements such that the entire art gallery can be monitored.

- **NP-complete**

# Minimum spanning tree

- graph: greedy method
- geometry(on a plane): divide-and-conquer
- # of possible spanning trees for  $n$  points:  $n^{n-2}$   
(Cayley's formula)
- $n=10 \rightarrow 10^8$ ,  $n=100 \rightarrow 10^{196}$

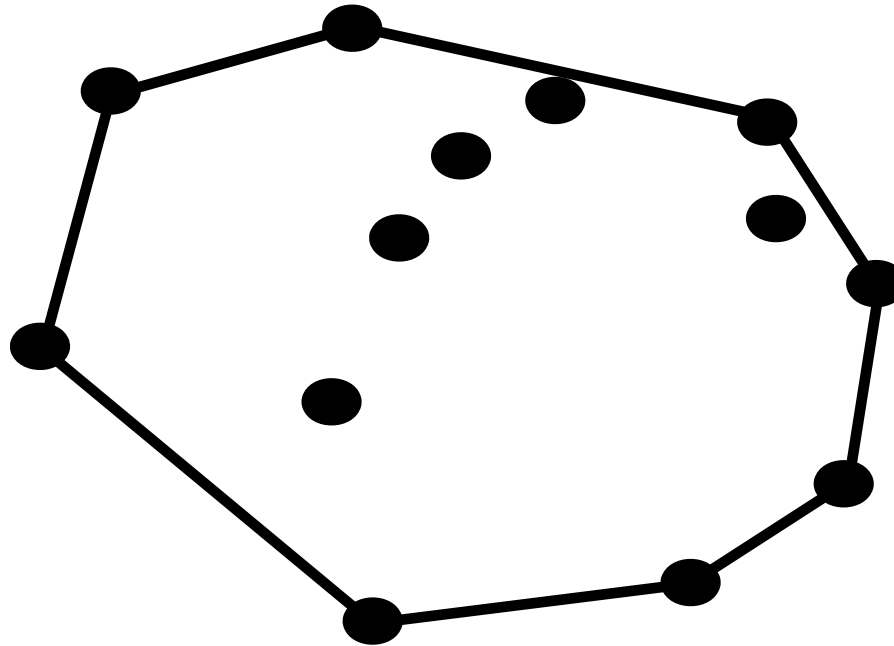


## Cayley's Formula

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ve447EOW8ww>

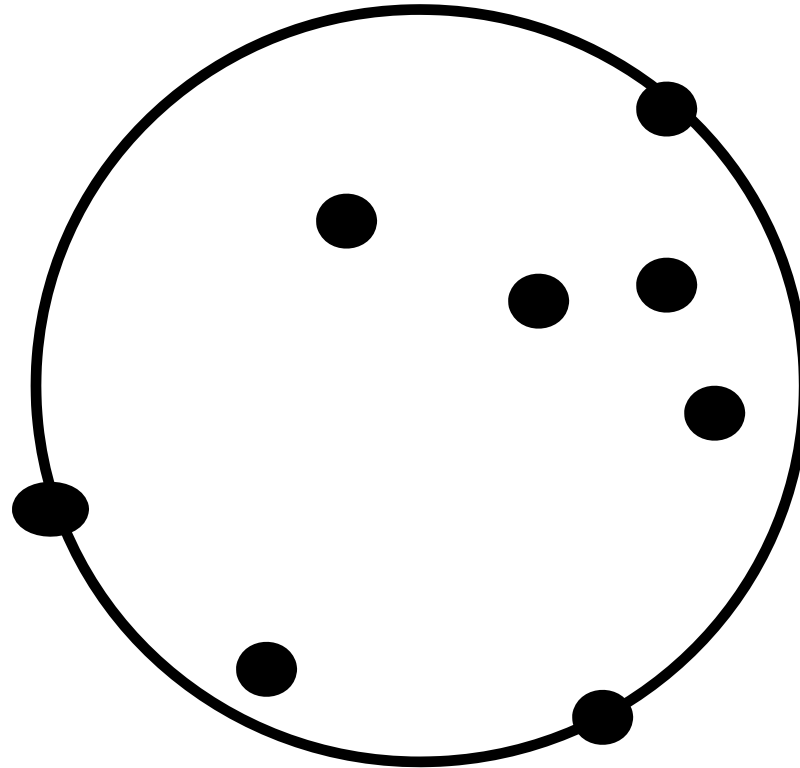
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# Convex hull

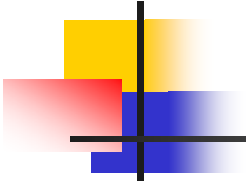


- Given a set of planar points, find a smallest convex polygon which contains all points.
- It is not obvious to find a convex hull by examining all possible solutions
- divide-and-conquer

# One-center problem



- Given a set of planar points, find a smallest circle which contains all points.
- Prune-and-search



# Question





## Question:

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- Which problem is an NP-complete problem?
  - (1) minimal spanning tree on 2-D plan
  - (2) graph coloring problem for plane graph
  - (3) Sorting problem for a set of distinct integers
  - (4) Partition problem.

Ans. 4



## Question:

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- Which problem is an Undecidable problem?

(1) Travelling Salesman Problem (TSP)

(2) Art Gallery Problem

(3) Halting problem

(4) Partition problem.

Ans. 3