
Problem 1

Consider a set S of m line segments (intervals) and a set P of n points on the real line. Design an $O((n + m) \log(n + m))$ time algorithm that reports every point in P that lies on a segment of S .

Problem 2

Let R be a set of n red segments in the plane and let B be a set of m blue segments in the plane. Design an algorithm that counts the number of intersections between the segments in R and the segments in B . Prove the running time, space requirement and correctness of your algorithm.

Problem 3

Given a set R of n pairwise disjoint rectilinear squares (sides are vertical or horizontal) and a set P of m points. Design an $O(n \log n)$ time algorithm that reports all points in S that lie inside a square in R . What if we consider rectangles instead? What if we allow the rectangles to intersect? Does the problem become much harder?

Problem 4

Let S be a set of m disjoint line segments and let P be a set of n points in the plane (no point lie on a segment). Given any query point q in the plane determine all points in P that p can see, that is, every point p in P such that the open segment pq does not intersect any line segment of S . Give an $O((m+n) \log(m+n))$ time algorithm.

Problem 5

Consider the following algorithm to compute the convex hull of a set S of n points in the plane.

Step 1: Sort the points in S by increasing x -coordinate.

Step 2: Recursively compute the convex hull of the left half of the point set. The resulting convex hull is denoted H_1 .

Step 3: Recursively compute the convex hull of the right half of the point set. The resulting convex hull is denoted H_2 .

Step 4: From H_1 and H_2 compute the convex hull H of the entire point set.

1. Assume that step 4 can be implemented in time $O(n)$. What is the running time of the algorithm? Prove your time bound.
 2. Consider the edge e connecting the highest point in H_1 with the highest point in H_2 . Will the edge e be an edge in H ? Prove your answer.
 3. Consider the points clockwise along H_1 between the highest point of H_1 to the lowest point of H_1 . Can any of these points be in the convex hull, H , of the entire set? Prove your answer.
 4. Give a correct implementation of step 4, that runs in $O(n)$ time. Prove the correctness and the running time of your algorithm.
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Problem 6

Consider the following algorithm for the MST problem:

Algorithm 1 IMPROVING-MST

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1: function IMPROVING-MST( $G, w$ )
2:    $T \leftarrow$  some spanning tree of  $G$ 
3:   for  $e \in E$  [in any order] do
4:      $T \leftarrow T + e$ 
5:      $C \leftarrow$  unique cycle in  $T$ 
6:      $f \leftarrow$  heaviest edge in  $C$ 
7:      $T \leftarrow T - f$ 
8:   end for
9:   return  $T$ 
10: end function
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Prove its correctness and analyze its time complexity. To simplify things, you can assume the weights are different.

Problem 7

Consider the following algorithm for the MST problem:

Algorithm 2 REVERSE-MST

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1: function REVERSE-MST( $G, w$ )
2:   sort edges in decreasing weight  $w$ 
3:    $T \leftarrow E$ 
4:   for  $e \in E$  [in this order] do
5:     if  $T - e$  is connected then
6:        $T \leftarrow T - e$ 
7:     end if
8:   end for
9:   return  $T$ 
10: end function
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Prove its correctness and analyze its time complexity. To simplify things, you can assume the weights are different.