Homework 3

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1.

The set of redundant half-planes are the compliment to $\cap H$, therefore they cannot be found faster than the time it takes to find $\cap H$. Therefore we should follow the given divide and conquer algorithm (slide 19 of the linear programming slides) to find half-planes that are not used during the merge phase.

On line 6 of the algorithm:

C = IntersectConvexRegions(C_1,C_2)

This is the merge phase of the algorithm. Half-planes not used in this action are determined and not put into C. Therefore, if we report half-planes each time they get removed in O(1), the runtime of our algorithm does not increase and stays $O(n\log n)$.

2.

To find the first ray that u intersects can be found in the dual plane. The transformation of all anchor points to the dual will be the a set of n lines. The query ray u will be a point in the dual, u'. All lines above u' are anchor points below u in the primal. And since all of the vertical rays point upward, the lines above u' are the rays that u intersects.

To find the first line above u', we need to first transform all anchor points to lines in the dual. This set of dual lines can be represented as planar subdivision and therefore have a DCEL built on it. Building a DCEL on these dual lines can be done in $O(n\log n)$ time with O(n) space. Next, we then build a trapezoidal map D on this DCEL, also in $O(n\log n)$ time and O(n) space. This can now be used to point-locate our query rays.

Point location on D can be done in $O(\log n)$ to find the containing face in the DCEL. We then find the edge of this face that is vertically above u' in $O(\log n)$ time since the number of edges incident to a face is O(n) in the worst case. Therefore our lookup time is $O(\log n)$.

3.

6.1

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6.2

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6.13

(Direct proof)

When sweeping over the trapezoidal map, count only trapezoids incident to the right of current point. Left endpoints have at most 2 trapezoids (above and below the line to the right) and right endpoints have one trapezoid (line segment ends there).

There are n line segments and therefore n left endpoints and n right endpoints. Therefore we count 2n+n=3n trapezoids. Accounting for the left-most trapezoid we skipped, we get 3n+1 total trapezoids.

Since we only count to the right of each endpoint, there is no overlap in our counting.