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CS375 Final Project: Optimal Development Problem

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Project Overview

- Selected Project:
 - Combine existing algorithms with implementation for solving a practical problem- Optimal Development Problem
- Algorithms being implemented:
 - Convex Hull: Given a set of points S , the convex hull of S is the smallest-area polygon which encloses S
 - Floyd's Algorithm: Given a graph G with vertices V and edges E , find the shortest path between every point to every other path. Known as the All-Paths Shortest Path Algorithm

What is a Convex Hull??

The convex hull of a set of points S in a plane is the smallest convex polygon that completely encloses all the points in S . Formally, it is the minimal convex set that contains S . The convex hull is often visualized as the shape formed when a rubber band is stretched around the outermost points of S and then released to snap tightly around them. For a polygon P , the convex hull is the smallest convex polygon that fully encloses P .

- If P is already convex, its convex hull is P itself, as no smaller enclosing convex shape can be formed.
- If P is non-convex (contains indentations), its convex hull will "smooth out" the indentations, including the points that create the indentations while forming a convex boundary



Figure 3



The Optimal Development Problem

A builder is planning a residential development in a designated area and aims to include a set of points of interest (POIs)—such as parks, schools, and community centers—within the development. From this set of POI, the builder chooses a subset of the POI's that he wants to include in the development. Beyond purchasing the land for the POIs themselves, the builder must also acquire and develop the land between the POIs to create a cohesive property. This land will accommodate future infrastructure such as roads, utilities, and community spaces.

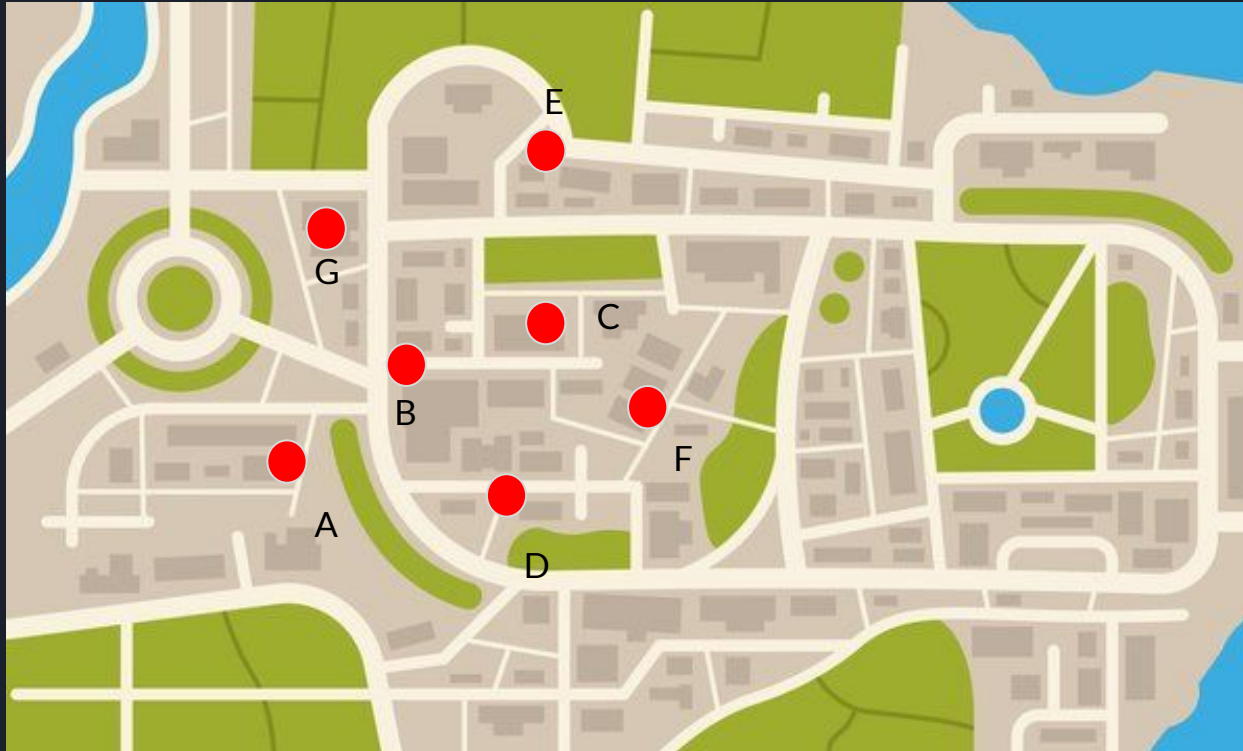
The builder has a fixed budget and wants to maximize the number of POIs included in the development. At the same time, he must ensure the POIs are fully connected by an efficient roadway network. The total cost, including the cost of buying the land for the development, and the cost of building the roads, must not exceed his budget.



Optimal Development Problem Breakdown

- Land Development:
 - The purchased land must encompass as many POIs as possible and the space between them. This can be done by constructing a convex hull of the chosen POI
 - The cost of buying and developing the land (excluding the roadway system) is a function of the area encapsulated by the convex hull.
- Roadway Construction:
 - The roadways connecting the POIs should minimize total distance using a shortest-path network
 - The cost of the roadways is proportional to the total length of the connections x fixed cost of building a road
- Constraints:
 - The combined cost of land and road development must not exceed the budget
 - The roadway system should make the best use of the budget while maintaining connectivity between all selected POIs

Example Problem: Budget = 20k, Landcost = $2k/\text{unit}^2$, Selected Points = A,B,C,D,F,G



Code Breakdown 1: Allowing Builder to select certain POI's

Available POI's:

1: POI Name: A, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 0
2: POI Name: B, POI Latitude: 1, POI Longitude: 1
3: POI Name: C, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 2
4: POI Name: D, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 0
5: POI Name: E, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 4
6: POI Name: F, POI Latitude: 3, POI Longitude: 1
7: POI Name: G, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 3

Enter the number of the POI you want to select (enter 0 to stop):

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36 // Given a set of POI's, allows "builder" to pick their budget and what points
37 // they want to buy/develop
38 void promptBuilder(const vector<Point> &allPoints, vector<Point> &selectedPoints, double &budget, double landPricePerUnit) {
39     // Tracks what points have already been selected
40     set<int> selectedIndices;
41
42     while (true) {
43         // Break if all points have been selected
44         if (selectedPoints.size() == allPoints.size()) {
45             cout << "No more POI's available to select.\n";
46             break;
47         }
48         // Display points that have not been selected
49         cout << "Available POI's:\n";
50         for (int i = 0; i < allPoints.size(); ++i) {
51             if (selectedIndices.find(i) == selectedIndices.end()) {
52                 cout << i + 1 << ": " << allPoints[i] << "\n";
53             }
54         }
55         cout << "\nEnter the number of the POI you want to select (enter 0 to "
56             << "stop):\n";
57         int choice;
58         cin >> choice;
59         if (choice == 0) break;
60         // Check if the choice is valid
61         if (choice < 1 || choice > allPoints.size() ||
62             selectedIndices.find(choice - 1) != selectedIndices.end()) {
63             cout << "Invalid choice. Try again.\n";
64             continue;
65         }
66
67         selectedPoints.push_back(allPoints[choice - 1]);
68         selectedIndices.insert(choice - 1);
69     }
70
71     cout << "\nPlease enter your budget for development: ";
72     cin >> budget;
73     while (budget <= 0) {
74         cout << "Invalid budget. Please enter a positive number: ";
75         cin >> budget;
76     }
77
78     cout << "\nYou selected the following POI's:\n";
79     if (selectedPoints.empty()) {
80         cout << "No POI's were selected.\n";
81     } else {
82         for (const Point &point : selectedPoints) {
83             cout << point << "\n";
84         }
85     }
86     cout << "Your Selected budget is $" << budget << endl;
87     cout << "The price of land per unit is $" << landPricePerUnit << endl;
```

Code Breakdown 2: findOptimalDevelopmentPlan()

- Iterate through all possible subsets of POI's
- Construct convex hull of current subset by calling getHullIDNC
- Calculate area of current convex hull using Shoelace Formula, also known as Gauss's Area Formula, and multiply by the cost of the land

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_{i+1} - y_i x_{i+1}) \right|$$

- If the cost of purchasing the land is > budget, move on to next subset
- If not, create a graph of the current subset and call calculateRoadCost, which is a modified Dijkstra's algorithm to calculate cost of connecting the POI
- If the cost of purchasing the land + cost of building roadways <= budget, update the best found hull and best cost to current hull and cost

```
301 // Given a chosen set of POI by the builder, the builder's budget, and a land
302 // price, gets the most optimal set of POI that a builder can buy. Optimal set =
303 // maximize number of POI without exceeding budget, where the price includes
304 // cost of buying the land, and building roads to connect the POI
305 void findOptimalDevelopmentPlan(vector<Point> &points, int budget, double landPricePerUnit) {
306     vector<Point> bestHull;
307     double bestLandCost = 0;
308     double bestRoadCost = 0;
309     double bestCost = 0;
310     int n = points.size();
311
312     // Iterate over all subsets of points
313     for (int mask = 1; mask < (1 << n); ++mask) {
314         // 1. Create current subset of points
315         vector<Point> currentSubset;
316         for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
317             if (mask & (1 << i)) currentSubset.push_back(points[i]);
318         }
319         // 2. Get Convex Hull of current subset
320         vector<Point> currentHull = getHullIDNC(currentSubset);
321         // 3. Calculate area of current Convex Hull
322         int currentLandArea = calculateConvexHullArea(currentHull);
323         // 4. Calculate Land cost of area of current Convex Hull
324         int currentLandCost = currentLandArea * landPricePerUnit;
325         // 5. If cost of current Convex Hull exceeds budget, do not update
326         // bestHull with currentHull, else continue to calculating cost of roads
327         if (currentLandCost > budget) continue;
328         // 6. Create a graph to represent the current subset of points
329         vector<vector<int>> graph = generateGraph(currentSubset);
330         // 7. Calculate cost of building roads to connects all points
331         double currentRoadCost = calculateRoadCost(graph);
332         // 8. Calculate cost of current Convex Hull (Cost of Land) + current road
333         // cost (Cost of building roads connecting POI)
334         double currentCost = currentLandCost + currentRoadCost;
335         // 9. If currentCost is <= budget, we know we can afford to buy the Land for
336         // the current subset of POI and build roads connecting all the POI, so we
337         // update our bestHull to currentHull, and our bestCost to currentCost, then
338         // move on to next subset of POI
339         if (currentCost <= budget && currentCost > bestCost) {
340             bestHull = currentHull;
341             bestLandCost = currentLandCost;
342             bestRoadCost = currentRoadCost;
343             bestCost = currentCost;
344         }
345     }
346
347     // 10. Print the optimal solution
348     cout << "POI in Optimal Solution:\n";
349     for (const Point &p : bestHull) {
350         cout << p << endl;
351     }
352     cout << "\nLand Cost: " << bestLandCost;
353     cout << "\nRoadway Cost: " << bestRoadCost;
354     cout << "\nTotal Cost: " << bestCost << endl;
355 }
```


Code Breakdown 3: getHullDNC()

- Takes in set of points
- If # of points is < 6 , we call getHullBrute(), which is the brute force method of finding the convex hull
- If > 6 , recursively find convex hulls of left and right halves, then merge the two convex hulls together by calling mergeHulls()
- Time complexity $\sim O(n \log n)$,

```
272 // Given set of points, construct a Convex Hull of those points
273 vector<Point> getHullDNC(vector<Point> points) {
274     //Base Case: If # points is < 6, use Brute Force algorithm to get Convex Hull
275     if (points.size() <= 5){
276         return getHullBrute(points);
277     }
278
279     vector<Point> left, right;
280     //Add left half of points to "left"
281     for (int i = 0; i < points.size() / 2; i++){
282         left.push_back(points[i]);
283     }
284
285     //Add right half of points to "right"
286     for (int i = points.size() / 2; i < points.size(); i++){
287         right.push_back(points[i]);
288     }
289
290     // Recursively get Convex Hulls for left and right sets
291     vector<Point> leftHull = getHullDNC(left);
292     vector<Point> rightHull = getHullDNC(right);
293     // Merge the two Convex Hulls
294     return mergeHulls(leftHull, rightHull);
295 }
```

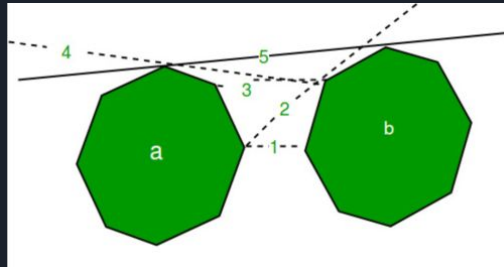
Code Breakdown 4: getHullBrute()

- Iterates through all possible pairs of points
- For each pair, we construct a line that connects these points using formula $ax + by = c$
- If all of the remaining points are either on one side of the line or the other (but not both sides), then this line is a boundary of the hull.
- Finally, add these points to ret and sort in counterclockwise order
 - Calculate midpoint as mid, which is average of all boundary points.
 - Given points P and Q, with midpoint M, find the cross-product of $\vec{PM} \times \vec{QM}$ where PM and QM are vectors.
 - Positive result implies q is counterclockwise to p, so therefore q comes before p.
 - Negative result implies p is counterclockwise to q, so therefore p comes before q.
- Time Complexity = $O(n^3)$, loop through all pairs, for each pair loop through every point

```
215 // Brute force algorithm to find Convex Hull for < 6 points
216 vector<Point> getHullBrute(vector<Point> points) {
217     //Set of boundary points of the Convex Hull
218     set<Point> boundaryPoints;
219
220     //Loop through all set of points
221     for (int i = 0; i < points.size(); i++) {
222         for (int j = i + 1; j < points.size(); j++) {
223             int x1 = points[i].x, x2 = points[j].x;
224             int y1 = points[i].y, y2 = points[j].y;
225
226             /*
227              Line ax + by = c between 2 points (x1, y1) and (x2, y2)
228              where a = y2-y1, b=x1-x2, c=x1y2-y1x2
229              All points on one side of the line: ax + by > c
230              All points on the other side: ax + by < c
231              */
232             int a1 = y2 - y1;
233             int b1 = x1 - x2;
234             int c = x1 * y2 - y1 * x2;
235             int pointsAboveLine = 0, pointsBelowLine = 0;
236
237             //See what side of the line any of the points are on
238             for (int k = 0; k < points.size(); k++) {
239                 if (a1 * points[k].x + b1 * points[k].y >= c) pointsBelowLine++;
240                 if (a1 * points[k].x + b1 * points[k].y <= c) pointsAboveLine++;
241             }
242
243             //If all the points are either on one side of the line or the other,
244             //Then the two points being examined are part of the hull's boundary
245             if (pointsBelowLine == points.size() || pointsAboveLine == points.size()) {
246                 boundaryPoints.insert(points[i]);
247                 boundaryPoints.insert(points[j]);
248             }
249         }
250     }
251     vector<Point> ret;
252     for (Point p : boundaryPoints){
253         ret.push_back(p);
254     }
255
256     // Calculate the midpoint
257     mid = {0, 0};
258     for (const Point& p : ret) {
259         mid.x += p.x;
260         mid.y += p.y;
261     }
262     mid.x /= ret.size();
263     mid.y /= ret.size();
264     // Sort in counterclockwise order
265     sort(ret.begin(), ret.end(), [&](const Point& p1, const Point& q1) {
266         Point p = {p1.x - mid.x, p1.y - mid.y};
267         Point q = {q1.x - mid.x, q1.y - mid.y};
268         return (p.y * q.x < q.y * p.x);
269     });
270     return ret;
271 }
```

Code Breakdown 5: mergeHulls()

- First, finds the rightmost point of left hull and leftmost point of right hull and store as iL and iR
- We iteratively adjust left and right points to find upper tangent of the two hulls. I.E the line connecting them that does not cross either hull
- For each iteration to calculate upper tangent:
 - Call orientation() to determine if the line connecting the current left and right points goes through interior of hulls
 - If so, the left point gets adjusted one turn counterclockwise, or the right point gets adjusted one turn clockwise
- Same logic is applied for finding lower tangent except we shift left point clockwise and right point counterclockwise
- Finally, to merge we traverse left hull from upper tangent to lower tangent and add to ret, then traverse right hull from lower tangent to upper tangent and add to ret
- Time complexity = $O(n)$



```

135 vector<Point> mergeHulls(vector<Point> leftHull, vector<Point> rightHull) {
136     int n1 = leftHull.size();
137     int n2 = rightHull.size();
138     int iL = 0;
139     int iR = 0;
140
141     //Find rightmost point of leftHull, store in iL
142     for (int i = 1; i < n1; i++)
143         if (leftHull[i].x > leftHull[iL].x) iL = i;
144     // Find leftmost point of rightHull, store in iR
145     for (int i = 1; i < n2; i++)
146         if (rightHull[i].x < rightHull[iR].x) iR = i;
147
148     int indL = iL;
149     int indR = iR;
150     bool done = false;
151     /*
152     Given two starting points a (indL) and b (indR), where a is the rightmost left hull point and b is the leftmost right hull point,
153     The goal is to find points a and b such that AB does not cross through the left hull or the right hull
154     This would represent the upper tangent line
155     */
156     while (!done) {
157         done = true;
158         //This while loop determines the point A (indL) that ensures AB does not cross through the left hull
159         //Modifying by n1 (# points in left hull) ensures that the point incrementation does not go out of bounds of left hull
160         while (orientation(rightHull[indR], leftHull[indL], leftHull[(indL + 1) % n1]) >= 0) {
161             indL = (indL + 1) % n1; //counter clockwise turn
162         }
163         //This while loop determines the point B (indR) that ensures AB does not cross through the right hull
164         //Modifying by n2 (# points in right hull) ensures that the point incrementation does not go out of bounds of right hull
165         while (orientation(leftHull[indL], rightHull[indR], rightHull[(n2 + indR - 1) % n2]) <= 0) {
166             indR = (n2 + indR - 1) % n2; //clockwise turn
167             done = false;
168         }
169     }
170     // Find the lower tangent, logic is the same as upper tangent calculations except it does it in reverse order
171     int upperL = indL;
172     int upperR = indR;
173     indL = iL;
174     indR = iR;
175     done = false;
176     while (!done) {
177         done = true;
178         while (orientation(leftHull[indL], rightHull[indR], rightHull[(n2 + indR + 1) % n2]) >= 0) {
179             indR = (indR + 1) % n2; //counter clockwise turn
180         }
181         while (orientation(rightHull[indR], leftHull[indL], leftHull[(n1 + indL - 1) % n1]) <= 0) {
182             indL = (n1 + indL - 1) % n1; //clockwise turn
183             done = false;
184         }
185     }
186     //Store the merged Convex Hulls in ret in counter-clockwise order
187     int lowerL = indL;
188     int lowerR = indR;
189     vector<Point> ret;
190     //Traverse leftHull from upper tangent to lower tangent and add these points to ret
191     int ind = upperL;
192     ret.push_back(leftHull[ind]);
193     while (ind != lowerL) {
194         ind = (ind + 1) % n1;
195         ret.push_back(leftHull[ind]);
196     }
197     //Traverse rightHull from lower tangent to upper tangent and add these points to ret
198     ind = lowerR;
199     ret.push_back(rightHull[ind]);
200     while (ind != upperR) {
201         ind = (ind + 1) % n2;
202         ret.push_back(rightHull[ind]);
203     }
204     return ret;
205 }

```

Example Problem: After Finding Best Convex Hull,
Budget = 20k, Landcost = $2k/\text{unit}^2$, Selected
Points = A,B,C,D,F,G



Results/Conclusion

- Results shown when running code with given example (Budget of 20k, a land price of 2k, and a chosen set of points A,B,C,D,F,G)
- To be implemented:
 - The roadway system that connects points with each other in the most efficient way possible
 - This will be done with a modified Floyd's Algorithm to calculate the cost of building the roadways

You selected the following POI's:

POI Name: A, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 0

POI Name: B, POI Latitude: 1, POI Longitude: 1

POI Name: C, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 2

POI Name: D, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 0

POI Name: F, POI Latitude: 3, POI Longitude: 1

POI Name: G, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 3

Your Selected budget is \$15000

The price of land per unit is \$2000

POI in Optimal Solution:

POI Name: F, POI Latitude: 3, POI Longitude: 1

POI Name: C, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 2

POI Name: G, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 3

POI Name: A, POI Latitude: 0, POI Longitude: 0

POI Name: D, POI Latitude: 2, POI Longitude: 0

Land Cost: 12000

Roadway Cost: 0

Total Cost: 12000