

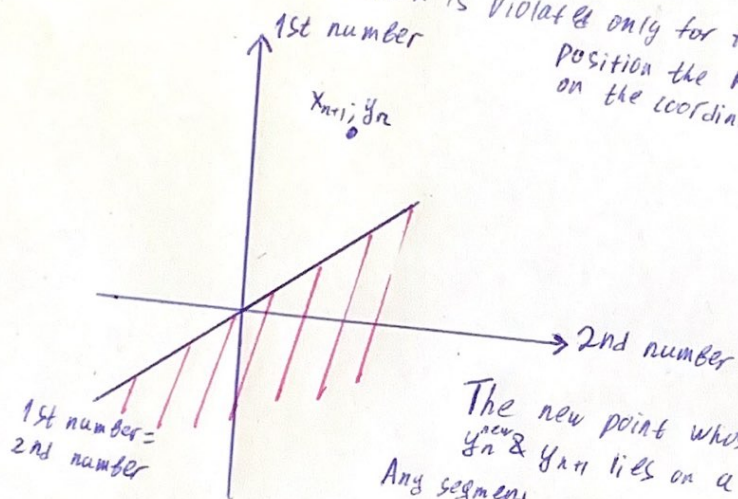
## Description & proof:

- We have a vec.  $x$ , want to build a vec.  $y$ , where values in  $y$  are monotonically increasing and  $d_{\text{Euc}}(x, y)$  is minimised.
- Let's say we got some elements of  $y$  up to  $y_n$  ( $n$  can be 0). We want to append the next element.

• If  $x_{n+1}$  does not violate the monotonicity condition of the existing part of the  $y$ , then put  $y_{n+1} = x_{n+1}$ , additional distance = 0.

• Else find the first element of  $y$  (let's say  $y_k$ ) for which  $x_{n+1}$  violate the monotonicity condition. For each element  $y_k, \dots, y_n$  this condition is violated. We should change some values.

ex. for 2 values (condition is violated only for the last element of  $y$ ):  
position the point with coordinates  $(y_n, x_{n+1})$  on the coordinate plane.



The new point whose coordinates we use as a new  $y_n^{\text{new}}$  &  $y_{n+1}$  lies on a pink half-plane or dividing line. Any segment passing from a point  $(x_{n+1}, y_n)$  to the pink half-plane crosses the dividing line first. This means that the distance from the  $(x_{n+1}, y_n)$  to the this crossing point is less than the distance to the point in the pink half-plane.  $\Rightarrow$  the required replacement point lies on the line.  $\Rightarrow y_n^{\text{new}} = y_{n+1}$ .

Now we want to find  $m$ :  $\sqrt{(x_n - m)^2 + (y_n - m)^2} \rightarrow \min$ . Take a derivative and equate it to 0.  
(derivative with respect to  $m$ ):

$$\frac{d}{dm} \sqrt{(x_n - m)^2 + (y_n - m)^2} = \frac{2m - x_n - y_n}{\sqrt{2m^2 - 2m(x_n + y_n) + x_n^2 + y_n^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{x_n + y_n}{2}$$

check that the denominator is not 0!  $\frac{x_n^2 + 2x_n y_n + y_n^2}{2} - (x_n^2 + 2x_n y_n + y_n^2) + x_n^2 + y_n^2 = \frac{x_n^2 - 2x_n y_n + y_n^2}{2} = \frac{(x_n - y_n)^2}{2}$ , eq. 0 only if  $x_n = y_n$ , where monotonicity cond. is not violated.

So,  $y_n^{\text{new}} = y_{n+1} = \frac{x_n + x_{n+1}}{2}$ . For cases of higher dimensions similarly.

The fact that this is the minimum can be verified by a simple substitution.