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Algorithms in Computational Geometry - ED5310

G-slot → mostly Mon, Thur, Fri & occasional Wednesday.

Mostly programming assignments.

Book

→ Computational Geometry in C, Joseph O'Rourke

→ Machine Learning Refined: Foundations, Algorithms, & Applications - Aggelos Kontantinos Kastagelos, Jeremy Watt & Reza Borhani

Resources

→ Art gallery theorem & algorithms, Joseph O'Rourke [online]

→ Comp. Geo: Algorithms & Applications, Mark de Berg, Otfried, Marc, Mark

→ DSA, Ulman

Library

→ CGAL [mainly C++]
→ libigl [C++]

QT → visualization tool
These don't include visualisation

Some non-Euclidean geometry, but mostly Euclidean

Roughly 3 Assignments

Exam Pattern

↳ Very flexible

Art Gallery Problem



Polygon: A closed loop with edges that intersect only at vertices

Non-polygon: Overlapping lines, not closed



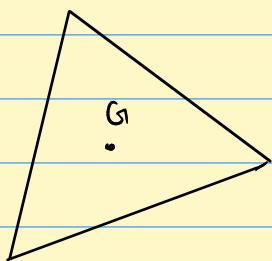
8 vertices \rightarrow most complex?

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A convex polygon is a closed figure st the line segment joining any two interior points lies entirely inside the figure.

If non-adjacent sides intersect, not a polygon.

A polygon in a computer is an ordered set of vertices.



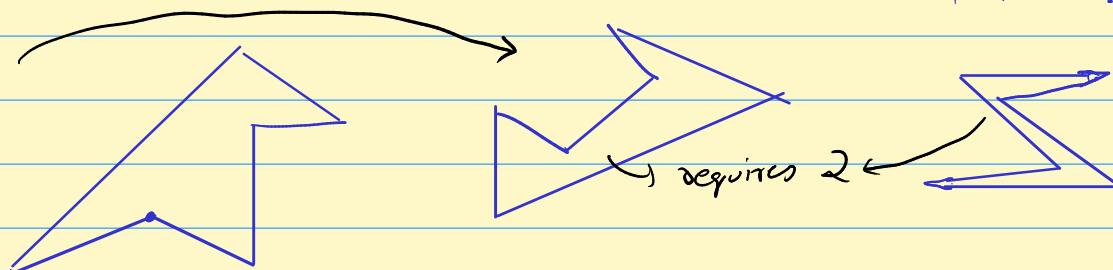
Guard can be put anywhere inside the polygon

$G(3)=1 \rightarrow$ for a polygon of 3 sides, at least
1 guard is reqd.

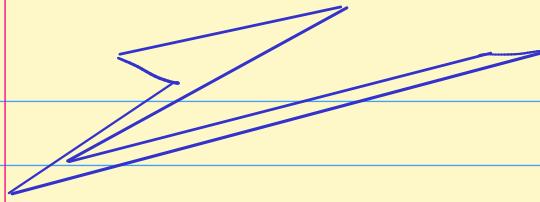
$G(4)=1 \rightarrow$ just place at a non-convex edge if concave polygon

$G(5)=1 \rightarrow$ How to conclusively show? Angle sum property?

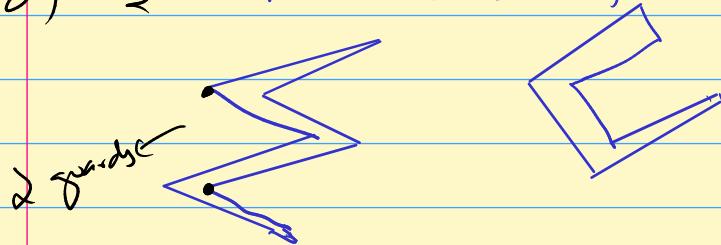
$G(6)=2$



$G(7) = 2 \rightarrow$ how to conclusively show



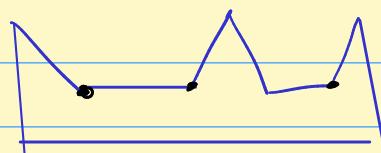
$G(8) = 2 \rightarrow$ how to conclusively show



$G(9) = 3$

The pattern is $G(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor$

for $G(n) = 3, n = 9,$



for $G(n) = 4, n = 12$



How to prove?

We're trying to find the maximum of all minimums

$G(n)$ is maxmin

↳ We're formulating a max over min problem.

implies maxmin

(sometimes necessary, always sufficient)

it's a max

Never say to give an optimal solution as

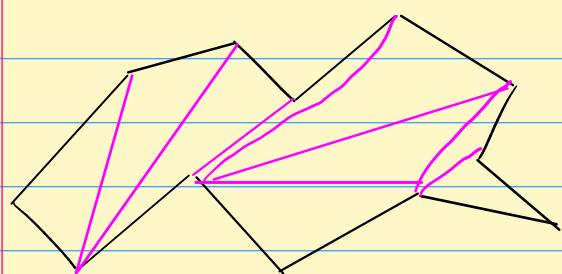
cube is a hexahedron [six sides]

If we have a guard at every vertex of a polygon, we cover it entirely, but this is not true for polyhedra? How? Think of an example.

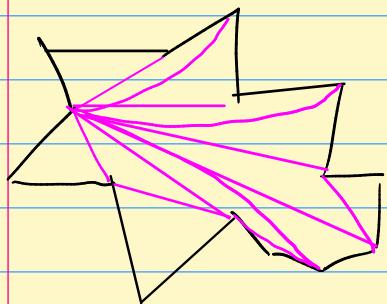
↳ Schonarek polyhedron.

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Draw max no. of non-crossing diagonals that lie inside a polygon



} Polygon-partitioning problem
(or)
triangulating



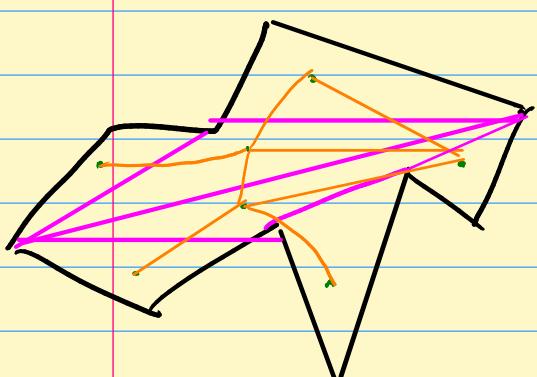
Graph

A set of vertices interconnected by edges

Directed graph \leftrightarrow digraph

For the triangulated polygon, take vertices as nodes & sides & diagonals are edges of the graph

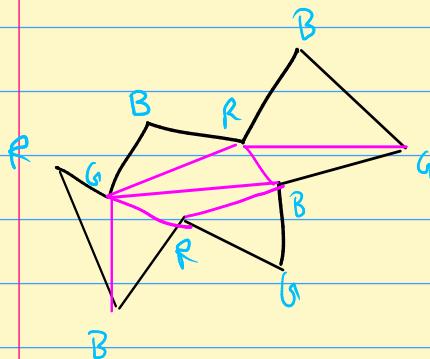
Green nodes \rightarrow connect iff they share a diagonal \rightarrow orange edges



Finding shortest path in a graph is a popular problem

Graph Coloring

Take R, G, B for triangles such that no 2 adjacent regions share the same color.



Observations [forced coloring]

1. Every triangle has RGB
2. Always possible
3. Can reach any color from any other color in 2 steps or lesser
4. It is sufficient to place guards of any 1 color to cover every triangle

From generalized pigeon hole principle

Suppose n pigeons in holes, at least one hole must have

less than $\frac{n}{k}$ pigeons

Annulus Polygon

is $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor$ still the correct answer



Triangulate, color and observe

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Assumptions made

1. 360°
2. Infinite vision
3. Stationary guards
4. No holes
5. Vertex guards
6. No curves
7. 2D problem
8. 1 vertex - 1 guard

Hunter's Problem [Fortress problem]

[It's outside the polygon]

In 3D → tetrahedronizable

Any 2D polygon can be triangulated but not every 3D polyhedron is tetrahedronizable.

Point Guard

The guard can be placed on (or) inside the border

The optimal case in the art gallery problem is NP hard problem

1st Assignment

Pick 5 varieties and find out state of the problem

Hints:-

1. Illumination / Visibility problem

Int. Journal or comp. geo App-

Look for

Survey / review paper

paper

[IJCGA, CGTA, ACM journal]

comp geo theory
application algorithms

Deadline:

Author, title, journal name, year published, page no.

} half a page

problem statement

Latex

Assumptions made

State of the problem

To represent a solid, we need vertices, edges & faces [B-Rep]

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Boundary Representation

CSG ⇒ constructive solid geometry.

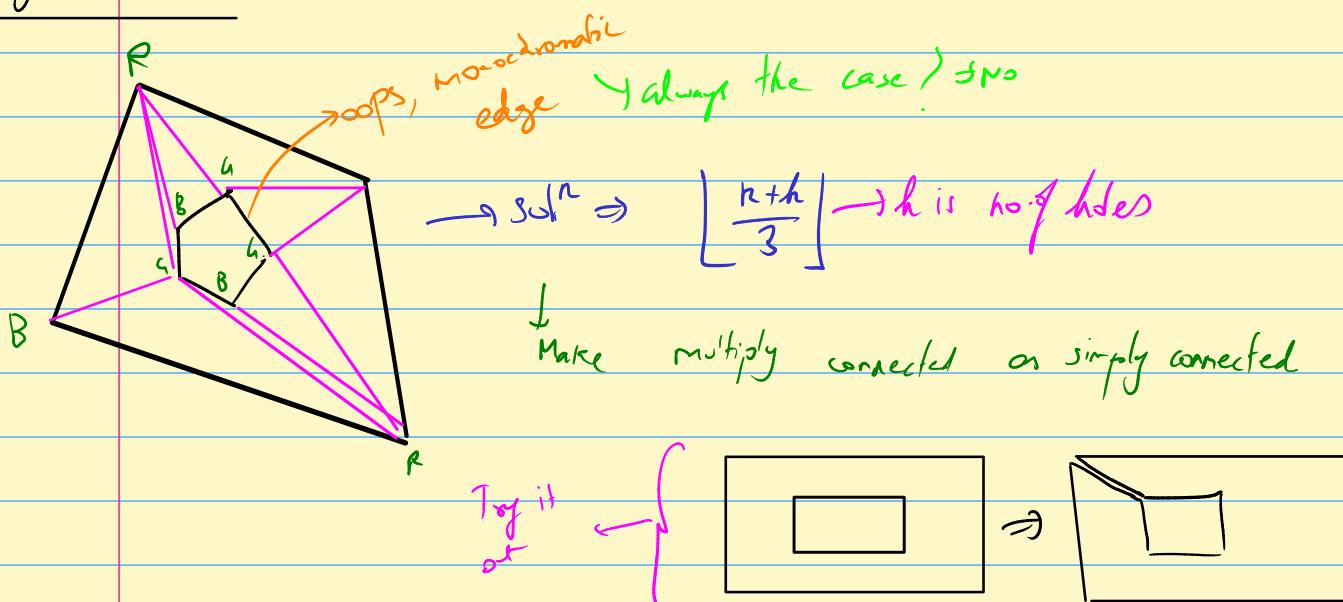
Half-edged Data Structure, Winged Edge [Data structures for solids]

A polyhedron can be represented as a collection of triangulated surfaces
Volumetric tetrahedralized files are also available.

- .stl files are a collection of triangles. [very popular]
- .obj, .step, .igs and many files exist
- ^{! Rep} ↳ meshlab is open-sourced for visualizing

All latex files as a .zip & .pdf

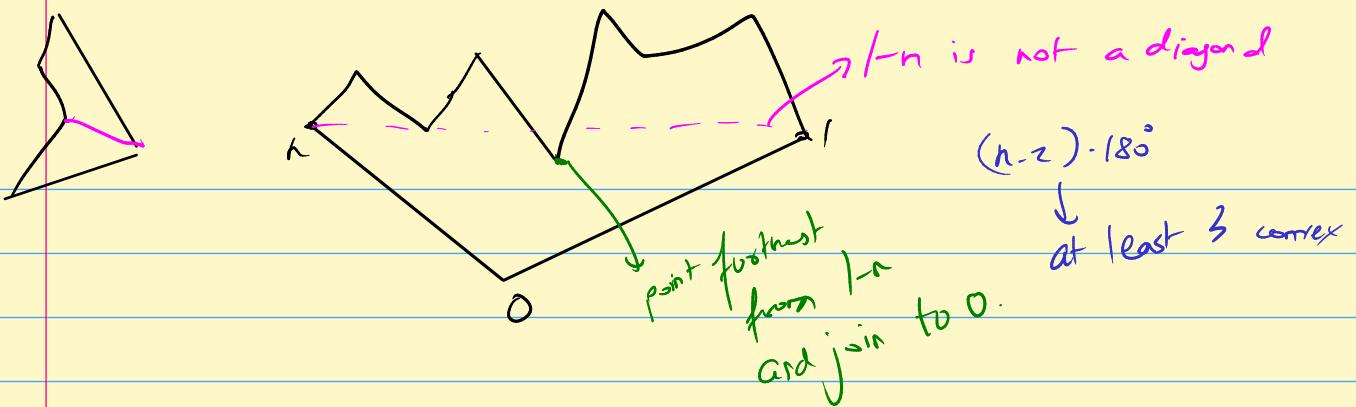
Polygon with holes



But we must show every polygon can be triangulated

Every closed polygon will have at least one convex vertex

↓
use this to show every polygon has at least one diagonal



Once we prove diagonal exists, we recursively show triangulation is possible

Every polygon has $(n-2)$ triangles & $(n-3)$ non-crossing diagonals

↓
Prove.

Always triangulatable, so how many triangulations? \Rightarrow H.W. for next class

Take any 3 consecutive vertices in a polygon a, b, c . If ac is a diagonal, $\triangle abc$ is called an ear & b is called the ear tip.
Every $n \geq 4$ polygon will have ≥ 2 non-overlapping ears.

Very interesting
Can be used for triangulating recursively

for $(n-3)$ non-intersecting diagonals proof,

after D diagonals, T triangles are formed with $3T$ sides

These $3T$ sides include double counted diagonal & single counted polygon sides

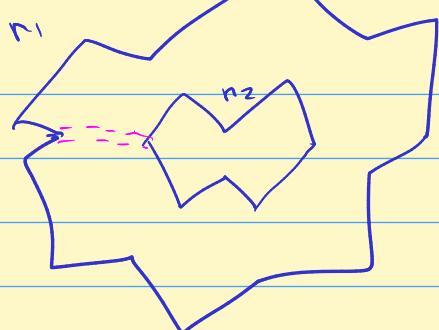
$$3T = n + 2D \Rightarrow T = \frac{n+2D}{3}; \frac{n+2D}{3} \cdot (8^{\circ}) = (n-2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n+2D = 3n-6 \Rightarrow 2n = 2D+6 \Rightarrow D = n-3$$

therefore proved.

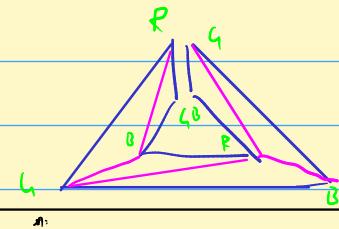
$$T = \frac{n+2(n-3)}{3} = n-2 \Rightarrow \text{hence proved.}$$

for multiply connected,



$$n_1 + n_2 \mapsto n_1 + n_2 + 2$$

Now applying $G(n_1 + n_2 + 2) = \left\lfloor \frac{n_1 + n_2 + 2}{3} \right\rfloor$



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No. of triangulations = CATALAN NUMBER!!

$$\frac{C_n}{n+1}$$

On this visibility of continuous curves [paper]

→ Approximation ratio = 2 → our solution is not twice worse than the optimal
solⁿ

Schonhardt's polyhedron

→ Every polyhedron need not be tetrahedralizable

→ Given a polygon you show a triangulation → finding intersection

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_0 & y_0 & 1 \\ x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

area of the

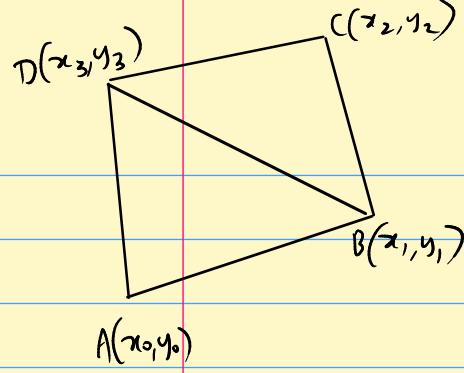
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} sign of areas is opposite, opposite sides of line segment.

We need to cross products to find the area

↳ called PREDICATE METHOD

↳ left on predicate

write a code for this



$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{AB} \times \vec{AD}| + \frac{1}{2} |\vec{BC} \times \vec{BD}|$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x_1 - x_0)(y_3 - y_0) - (x_3 - x_0)(y_1 - y_0)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} [(x_2 - x_1)(y_3 - y_1) - (x_3 - x_1)(y_2 - y_1)]$$

To find area of polygon, we need not evaluate the diagonals, i.e; no need of triangulation

$$= \frac{1}{2} [x_1(y_3 - y_0 - y_2 + y_1 + y_2 - y_1) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_0 - y_1 + y_1 - y_2) + x_0(y_0 - y_2 + y_1 - y_0)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [x_0(y_1 - y_2) + x_1(y_2 - y_0) + x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_0 - y_2)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(x_0 - x_2)(y_1 - y_3) - (x_3 - x_1)(y_0 - y_2)] = \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_0 y_1 - x_1 y_0)$$

In general, $= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i)$; $x_n = x_0$; $y_n = y_0$

Next Assignment

→ input as the polygon, output as the triangulation [25th Aug]

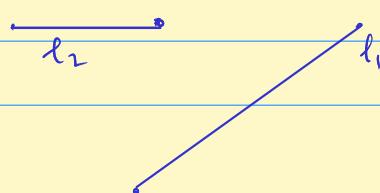
→ compare runtime with GLSL runtime

→ Capture the video and explain a video of max 8 min

→ Moodle Submission

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How to see if 2 line segments intersect?



∴ Both points of line l_1 are on same side,
must not bc intersecting

But we must run this check for both line segments.

We need 4 of these predicates to determine intersection.

↓
How to use this in triangulation

How to compare 2 algorithms?

↳ Raw speed becomes machine dependant.

↳ So we use run time & space complexity.

i=0 → initialization/assignment

while i < n

i=i+1

print i

clearly loop takes the most time wrt the loop

(Arithmetic, comparison are all CONSTANT TIME operations.)

We consider the growth of the algorithm wrt input size [n]

n	n^2	n^3	2^n	growth is different. In fact $n^2, n^3 < 2^n$ is smaller for large enough n.
1	1	1	2	
2	4	8	4	
3	9	27	8	
4	16	64	16	
:	:	:	:	
1000	10^6	10^9	2^{1000}	for small input sizes, numbers are similar, but for large inputs, it does matter

Check what is underlying data structure allocation in python.
↳ Python has identifiers & not variables [python takes 28 bytes] } check

Memory management is key in any large program.

Linked list is a self-referencing structure

Passport: { Name, "next"}, {Age, *next} } The next ptr takes space even if it has nothing.

What is the bare minimum memory a self-referencing structure take?

Big O Notation

↳ best case analysis, worst case analysis, average case analysis
 ↴
 Big O

↑ harder so we don't do
 ↴ only amortized form

HW

Go to any data structure book & find exact def' of Big O notation

$i = \infty$
 while $i < n$ } worst case $O(2n+1) \sim O(n)$
 print i
 $i = i + 1$

Quick sort is $O(n^2)$. Merge sort is $O(n \log n)$. To bring down complexity, algorithm becomes more complex.

$i = 0$
 while $i^2 < n$ } $O(\sqrt{n})$
 $i += 1$

$i = 1$
 while $i < n$ } $O(\log_2 n)$
 $i = i \times 2$
 ↴ S.T. runs in $\log n$.

What is the complexity of triangulation? What is the algorithm?

↳ $O(n^3) \Rightarrow n^2$ for n_{c_2} [selecting 2 points] & n for checking intersection

How to reduce $n^3 \rightarrow n^2$?

Triangulation in simplest form is $O(n^4)$.

To reduce to n^3 , instead of checking n^2 diagonals, but we can get n diagonals if we know it's internal or not.

But is the complexity of detecting a diagonal is taking to n^4 .

In-cone Test: Read!! [The book] → Use in assignment

↳ Diagonal type can be done in constant or linear time?

To reduce to n^3 , we use ears of polygons. n^2 to find ear tip & n for recursion

But how to make it n^2 with ears? Available in book

Compare assignment runtime with Naive algorithm, not just code

The book has the entire code! Read the book!!!

↳ Problem with assignment → Any random n -points need not be a simple polygon
find a random polygon generator tool. \Rightarrow Extension

How to go below n^2 ? Can we do $n \log n$? Divide & conquer exists.

Any polygon can be broken into 2 open CHAINS.

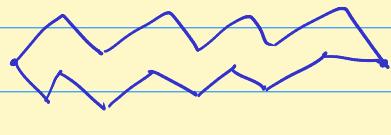
Monotone Polygon: If a polygon can be broken into ≥ 2 monotone polygon chains. [We consider monotone w.r.t. y-axis \rightarrow always increasing y-axis]

Why is this interesting? Coordinates are already sorted! No time to identify polygon?

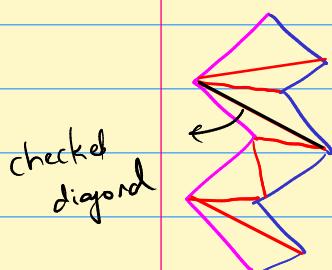
↳ Triangulating this monotone polygon?

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Monotone polygon (w.r.t. x-axis)



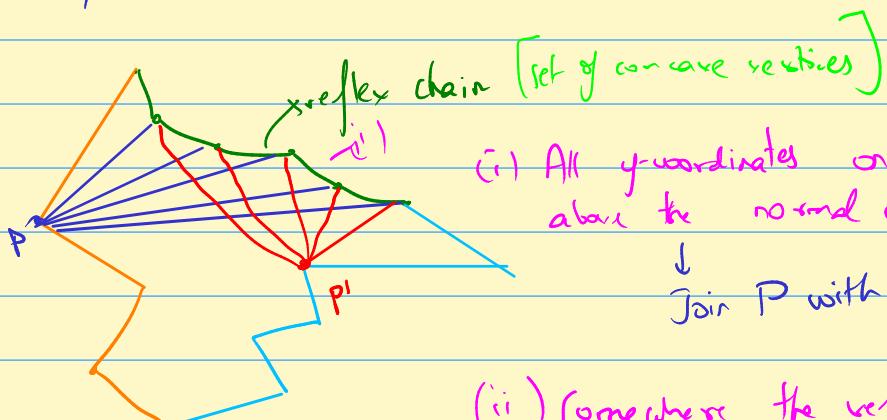
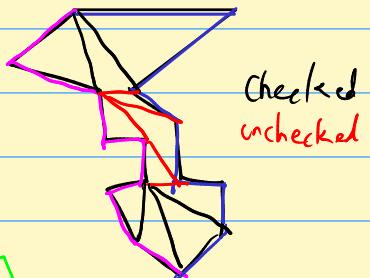
about y-axis



→ Check for diagonal intersection only if the other point has a y-coordinate crossing y-coordinate of next point ^{on blue} on pink

What about more complex monotone polygons? → Like

Alternating is very simple! Only 2 hard cases exist



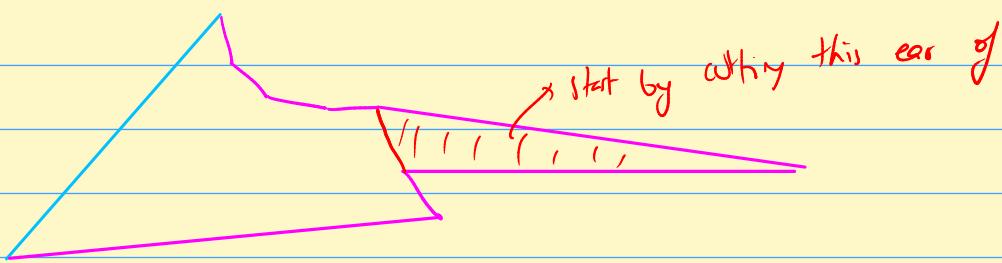
(i) All y-coordinates on reflex chain are above the normal chain.

↓
Join P with all

(ii) somewhere the reflex chain turns \leftarrow \rightarrow some y-coordinates are below P-

↓
Join P' with all [forms ears]

Worst case is a reflex chain followed by a convex vertex.



Doing this, we prevent $O(n^2)$ complexity.

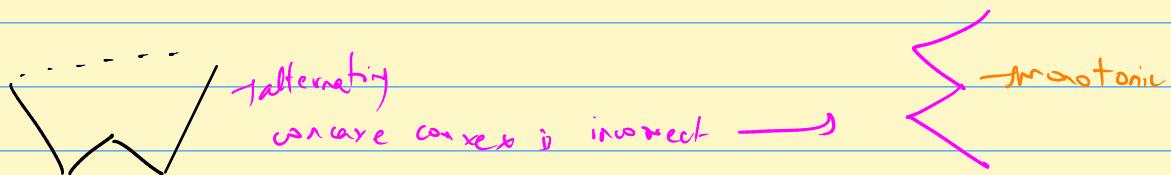
↳ Use stacks LIFO for implementation

merging is $O(n)$

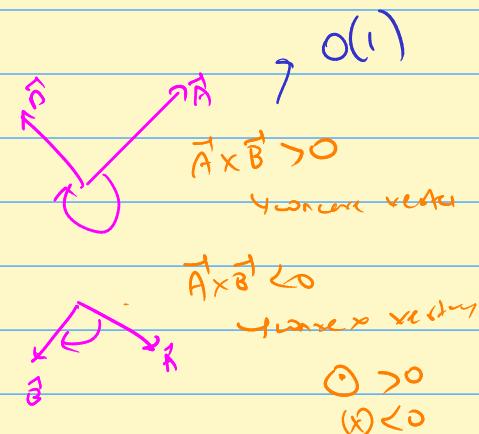
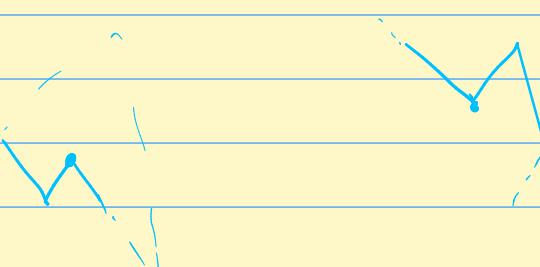
We're not repeating any diagonals, & $(n-2)$ diagonals, so only $O(n)$ complex

But how to identify if a polygon is monotone? How to find monotone polygons within a polygon? What is the complexity of cutting?

When is a polygon not monotone?



A reflex vertex that has adjacent vertices both on same side of the vertex are called Interior cusps.

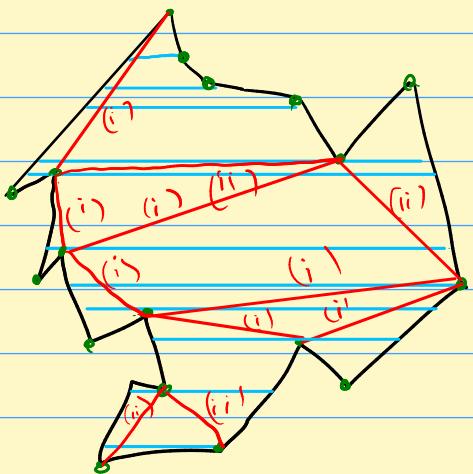


So we must remove these interior cusps.

Trapezoidalization \rightarrow Quadrilateral with ≥ 2 flat sides -

\hookrightarrow A line is a degenerate trapezoid

\hookrightarrow How to?



Every line has a SUPPORTING VERTEX.

\downarrow
interior supporting vertex [in that line] is
an interior cusp

- (i) At an upward cusp, connect to upward supporting vertex
- (ii) At a downward cusp, connect to downward supporting cusp

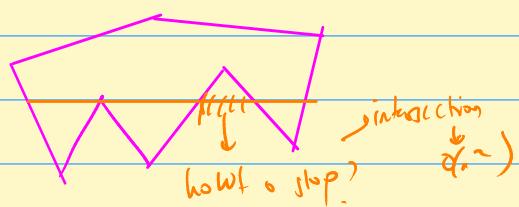
Removing the ear, we get a monotone set of pieces!!
 \hookrightarrow we removed cusps.

Monotone $\rightarrow O(n)$ \rightarrow top & bottom-most are simply the chain links

But how do we know where to stop drawing the horizontal lines

We have to use plane sweep idea!

\hookrightarrow slide a line through a polygon & mark event when line intersects point



\hookrightarrow Binary data structure \rightarrow Insertion & Deletion

$O(n \log n)$ \rightarrow f. splitting $\rightarrow O(n)$ \rightarrow f. triangulating.

HW

What other ways to partitioning can we do?

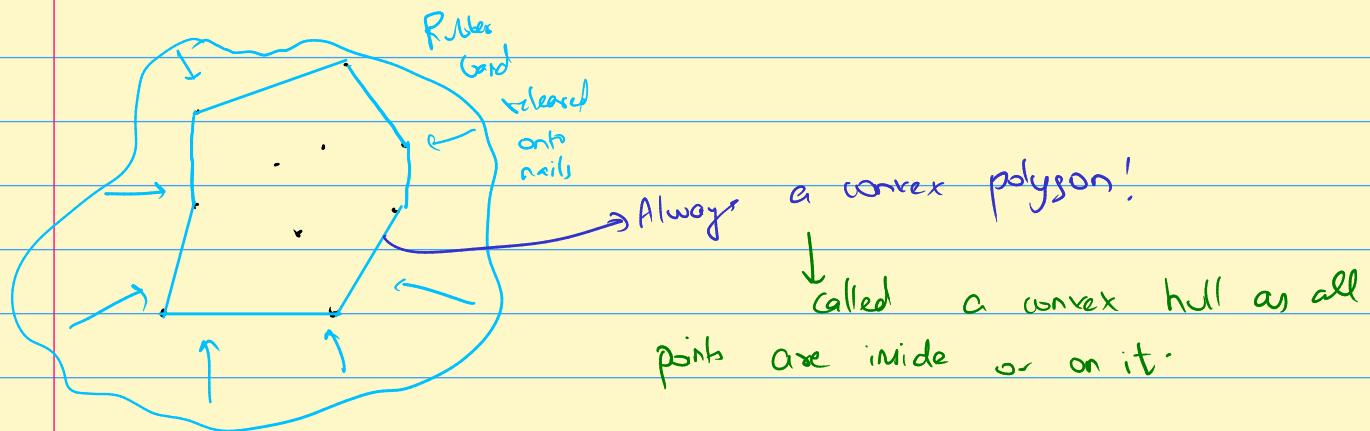
\hookrightarrow Given a polygon, how to make convex pieces?

\hookrightarrow care up with algorithm & complexity

Convex Hull

Used everywhere. Explore

So far, we input an ordered set of vertices as a polygon into the computer



We mean the boundary when we say a convex hull

An application is in obstacle avoidance for robots. We form a convex hull around the obstacle. If we don't hit the convex hull, we won't hit the interior.

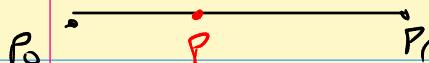
Applied in MRI, cancer & other things.

Find out applications of convex hulls in polygon.

What is the difference b/w convex & concave polygons

(i) Reflex angle

(ii) There are some lines with points both inside & outside of P.



Any point on P_0P_1 can be represented as a linear combination of P_0, P_1 .

$P = \alpha_0 P_0 + \alpha_1 P_1 ; \sum \alpha = 1 \rightarrow$ between P_0 & P_1 [Parametrized form]

$$P = \alpha_0 P_0 + P_1 - \alpha_0 P_1 = \alpha_0 (P_0 - P_1) + P_1$$

$$P(t) = (1-t) P_0 + t P_1 ; t \in [0, 1] \rightarrow \text{Convex combination}$$

non-collinear

If we have 3 points, we get point on or inside the triangle.
 $0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1, \sum \alpha = 1$

H.W
Difference b/w convex combination & affine combination
 α can be < 0

Convex optimization gives point on (or) inside the convex hull.

Set of all combination gives the entire convex hull.

In D-dimensions, the set of all combinations of $(D+1)$ points span a shape in D-dimensions.

Half-line / plane has all point on one side. Intersection of all such half-lines gives the convex hull!

↳ Try showing uniqueness of convex hull using convex combinations.

A convex hull is the smallest convex polygon enclosing all the points, so least area. Also the smallest perimeter.

↳ ~ Minimal spanning set
↳ basis set?

What if we allowed non-convex hulls, the minimal area is for the polygon touching all points. But perimeter increases.

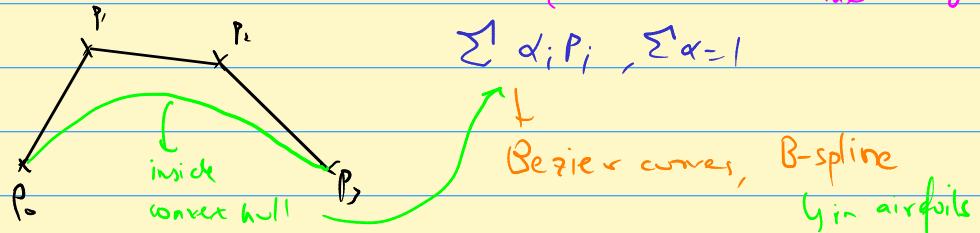
Multi-objective optimization \rightarrow Area-perimeter problem

Explore Minimum Area Polygonalization (MAP) $\xrightarrow{\text{will be the convex hull}}$ problem.

How to find Min AP?

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A curve can be represented using control points. Bernstein polynomial interpolation. $\xrightarrow{\text{determined through}}$



Catia \rightarrow used by Boeing & Airbus

Given a parabola, how to change it? \rightarrow modify coefficients.

Extreme points & extreme edges \rightarrow not non-extreme points
 \downarrow not on the convex hull

Think of a simple algorithm to find extreme points.

Take any 3 points, take a 4th pt

$\xrightarrow{\text{if inside} \rightarrow \text{not extreme}}$ $n_{C_3} + n_{\text{check}} = O(n^4)$

We obtain a set of points on the hull, but no order, so no polygon.

How to remove non-extreme edges \rightarrow have points on either side of edge

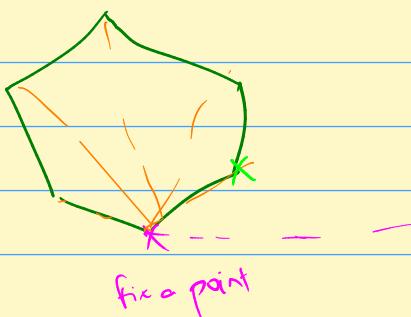
$\Rightarrow n_{C_2}$ for selecting edge.

n for checking $\therefore O(n^2)$

So we have extreme edge, but unordered. \rightarrow Have to order to find convex polygon.

↳ can be ordered by post-processing.

For $O(n^2)$,



(i) Draw all edges and find side making min angle with horizontal

(ii) Move to given point, connect all edges & find min angle with horizontal.

Gift Wrapping Algorithm

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↳ Affine combination + project combination

↳ Application of convex hull

↳ Bezier curves & B-splines [spline + B-spline]

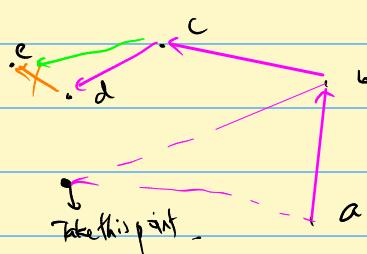
Wednesday evening \rightarrow demo session for applying comp-geo

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Add points only if they're on left

Stack
a
b
c

} Graham Scan Algorithm



What is the complexity of algorithms

$O(n)$ \rightarrow worst case popping everything after reaching last edge

But we need angle sorted set $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

But for this to work a, b must be on the hull.

So (cl's) find (a, b) on the hull.

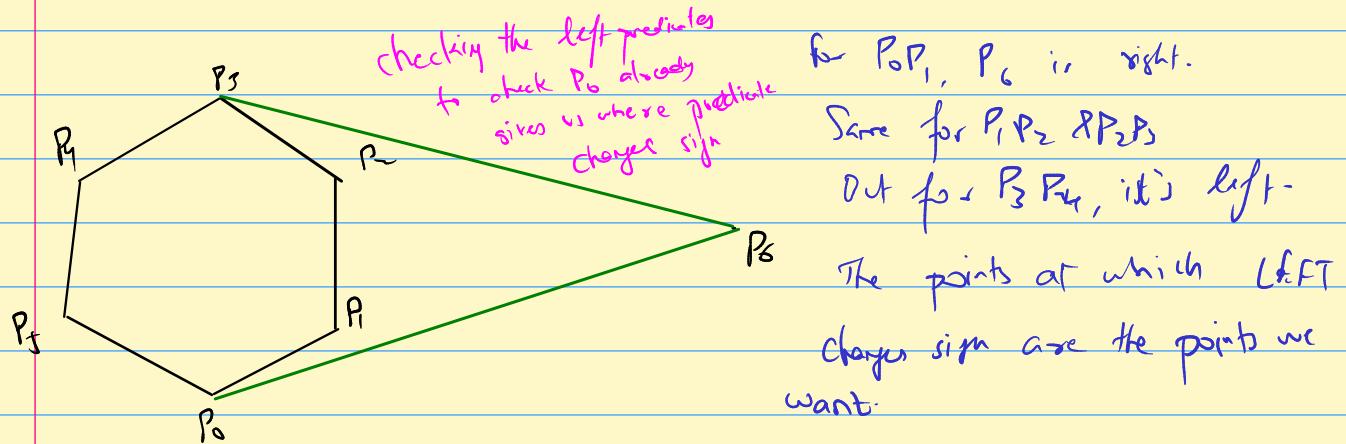
Take a to be the farthest point from b.
 Sort all vertices by angle w.r.t a. Min angle w.r.t x-axis will give
 $(a, b) \rightarrow$ or the hull.

Akt gallery problem \rightarrow max over min } generic programming problems
 Line sweep / plane sweep

New paradigm \rightarrow incremental algorithm

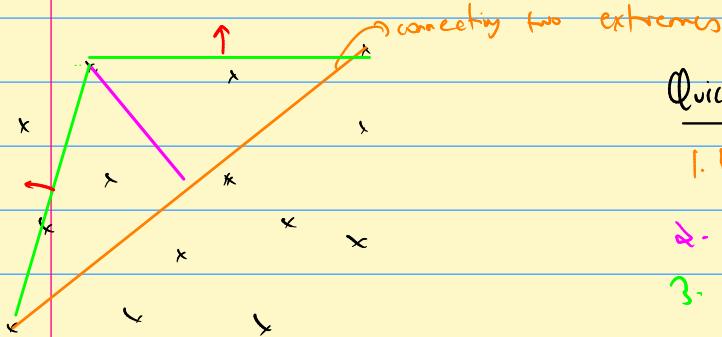
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Given a convex hull, if a point lies outside it, we want to update the hull by inserting one point P. Delete a few points.



To show P_0 outside, it must lie to the right of at least one line segment.

To start, pick any 3 points & update the hull. $O(n^2) \rightarrow n \times n$



Quick Hull Algorithm QHULL

1. Connect two extremes
2. Find farthest pt far to line
3. Connect new point old extreme points
4. push these new lines & repeat

Algorithm	Complexity	Implementation Difficulty (1-5)	key idea
1. Extreme point	$O(n^4)$	1	Removing non extreme point leaves extreme point
2. Extreme edge	$O(n^3)$	2	Removing non extreme or lower extreme edge
3. Gift Wrapping	$O(n^2)$	3	min angle from x axis continuously gives hull
4. Graham Scan	$O(n \log n)$	4	reflex vertices have right turns
5. Incremental	$O(n^2)$	6	We can insert/delete to update hull
6. Quick Hull	$O(n^c)$	5	Recursively find extreme points
7. Divide & Conquer	$O(n \log n)$	7	

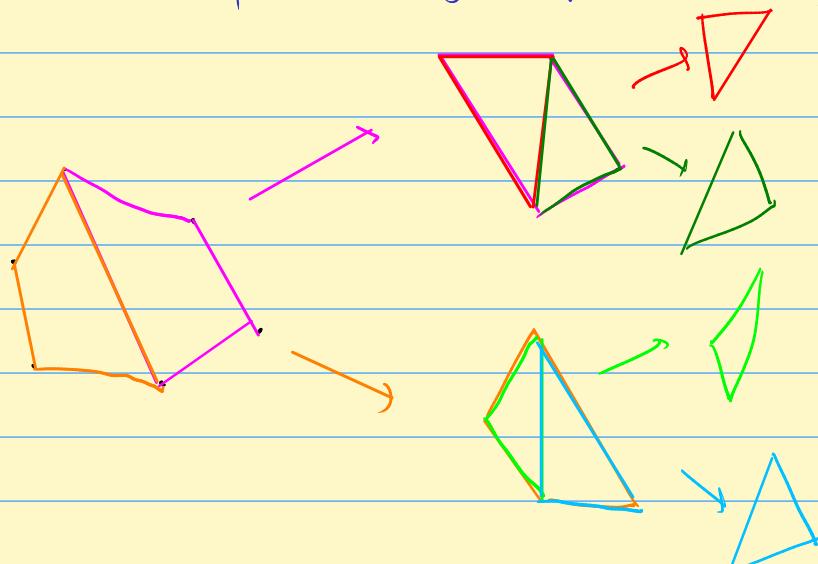
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Recurrence relation for Divide & Conquer

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \text{Merging} \implies H \cdot W \quad [\text{Master's theorem}]$$

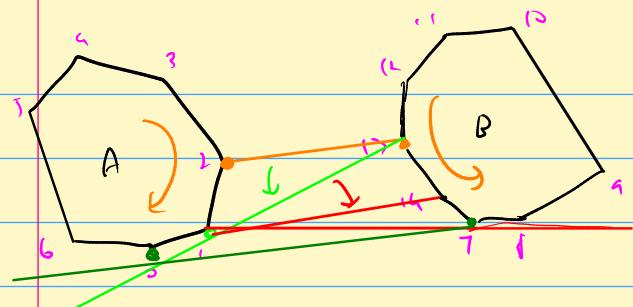
for $T(n) \leq O(n \log n)$, Merging $\leq O(n)$

So we can't compare every triangle with every other triangle



We need to find an upper tangent & lower tangent

Consider a general merge,



1. Connect $(2, 13)$
2. Check if both 3 & 1 lie on same side of $(2, 13) \Rightarrow O(1)$

3. Since no, move CW in A to 3

4. Report step 2. once both local neighbours are low, fix flat point

5. Now check for step 2 for 13.

6. If not, move ACW in B to 14

7. Report Step 2

8. Get to point 7. Put $(7, \circ)$ intersect 1

9. So move CW in A again

10. $(7, \circ)$ is a lower tangent as both points have neighbour above.

once lower & upper tangent
are found, we can update convex
hull like in incremental

If Graham scan & Divide & Conquer are $O(n \log n)$, why prefer D&C?

D&C is better as it can be extended in 3D. Graham scan requires angle sorting.