

INFO-F420- Computational Geometry -Convex decomposition of simple polygons

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1 Proposal

For our project, we will construct an application demonstrating several algorithms for decomposing a simple polygon. This application will demonstrate the triangulation algorithm seen in class and the algorithm from Chazelle [Chazelle and Dobkin, 1979]. Both algorithm will be compared in their effectiveness for the construction of Minkowski sums [Agarwal et al., 2002].

For this project we would like to implement it in $Processing^1$ as it will make it easier to work with without having to worry about the JavaScript engine being slow. Doing the project in Java allows us also to get up and running more quickly as our knowledge is better in this language.

We chose Processing to still be close to the exercises seen in class, and provide a visual representation of the discussed problem.

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¹https://processing.org/