# **Project4-The Best Polygon**

## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

### 1.1 Problem Description

Given a series of points and their 2-dimensional positions, our purpose would be finding the choices of specific number of points inside the polygon to make the area as large as possible.

## 1.2 Report Purpose

In our project, we thought of two kind of algorithms. We would illustrate the background of the data structures and algorithm is this chapter. The report also contains the details of our implementation of the project and our application of the alogrithms.

To claim the correctness of our code, we not only test on the online judge but also create some specific examples and get the sample output. You can see that our program got accepted on the online judge in Chapter 3 testing results. The analysis such as time complexity and the space complexity are also contained in the report.

## 1.3 Background

Here is one of the little knowledge point for this project, which is referenced from wikipedia. This is how we calculate the item's area of the npolygon.

```
Area and centroid <code>[edit]</code> Simple polygons <code>[edit]</code> For a non-self-intersecting (simple) polygon with vertices \{(x_i,y_i)\}_{i=0}^{n-1} the signed area and the Cartesian coordinates of the centroid are given by: A = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (x_i y_{i+1} - x_{i+1} y_i), \ where (x_n,y_n) = (x_0,y_0), 16A^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left| \begin{array}{c} Q_{i,j} & Q_{i,j+1}, \\ Q_{i+1,j} & Q_{i+1,j+1} \end{array} \right|, where Q_{i,j} is the squared distance between (x_i,y_i) and (x_j,y_j); [4] and
```

## Chapter 2: Data Structure / Algorithm Specification

## 2.1 Backtracking Version

### 2.1.1 Background

In order to get the solution of the problem, backtracking needs to take a number of steps, each step is the same, each step is done on the basis of the previous step, and it needs to record the previous trajectory until the end situation, no more likely to be correct or possibly a mistake.

Compare with DP: here is the recursion of DP from up to bottom, and the two all involve recursion, but there is a difference, the recursion of DP is a small recursion, that is, a subproblem. But backtracking recursion is the choice of every step, which can be considered as a parallel and a step in a complete search.

Moreover, DP is from high to low recursion, and backtracking is from beginning to end, it's like low to high recursion.

### 2.1.2 Data Structure and Algorithm

• Data Structure

We use linkedList to store the polygon

```
public LinkedList<Vertex> vertexList = new LinkedList<>();
static class Vertex

{
  public int index;
  public double xVal;
  public double yVal;
  public boolean isUsed = false;
```

### • Algorithm

Step 1: Each point could be the start point of the chosen polygon

Step 2: Select the next point from the point set until n points had been chosen

Step 3: If the current area is bigger than the stored area, update the points and update the area

Step 4: Track back, delete the last chosen point, and get back to step 2

Step 5: Finally output the chosen points' result

#### 2.1.3 Pseudocode

```
1 choose each point as the start point
2 choose the next n - 1 point in the point set
3 if the area is bigger than the max area
4 update the stored point
5 update the max area
6 delete the last point from the list and put in the next point
7 after all the possible results are traversed
8 output the points chosen to get the max area
```

## 2.2 Dynamic Programming Version

## 2.2.1 Background

Dynamic programming conditions:

- 1. Optimization principle: if the solution of the subproblem contained in the optimal solution of the problem is also optimal, it is called the optimal substructure, that is, to satisfy the optimization principle.
- 2. No aftereffect: that is, once a certain stage of state is determined, it will not be affected by the subsequent decision of this state. That is to say, the subsequent process of a certain state will not affect the previous state, but only the current state.
- 3. There is a problem of overlapping subproblems: that is, the sub problem is not independent, and a sub problem may be used many times in the decision of the next stage (the nature is not the necessary condition for the application of

dynamic programming, but if it does not, the dynamic programming algorithm has no advantages compared with other algorithms).

### 2.2.2 Data Structure and Algorithm

#### • Data Structure

We store the points as the node structure.

```
1 struct node
2 {
3
       double x,y;
       int id;
       friend double operator * (node a,node b)
5
7
           return a.x*b.y-a.y*b.x;
8
9
      friend node operator + (node a, node b)
10
11
           return node{a.x+b.x,a.y+b.y};
12
       friend node operator - (node a, node b)
13
14
           return node{a.x-b.x,a.y-b.y};
15
16
17 }P[305];
18
19 double S[305][305];
20 double f[305][15];
21 int fz[305][15];
22 int cnt;int choose[305];
```

### Algorithm

The first version of dp algorithm, we used this state equation:

```
\circ \qquad f(i,j,n) = \text{Max}(f(i,j-1,n), \text{Max}(\text{Area}(x,y,k) + f(i,j-1,n-1)))
```

After the optimization, we used this one:

F[i][j] = min(f[k][j - 1] + the cut-off area by the lines between point i and point j)

#### 2.2.3 Pseudocode

```
1 choose each point as the start point
2 S[i][j] store the cut-off area by the line between point i and point j
3 use the linked list to represent the polygon
```

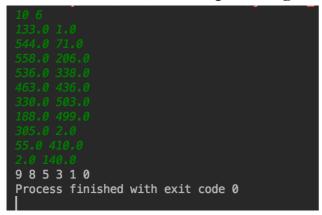
- the area would be the total area minus the cut-off area
- 5 the next point best strategy would be best results from the enumeration of the current point

## **Chapter 3: Testing Results**

## 3.1 BackTracking Version

When we using the backtracking version based on Java, we got 3 test points to be out of runtime.

On small data set, our output was good.



## 3.2 Dynamic Programming Version

Our dynamic programming version based on C++ got accepted on the data set.

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## **Chapter 4: Analysis and Comments**

### 3.1 BackTracking Version

When we using the backtracking version based on Java, we got 3 test points to be out of runtime.

In this version, our

- Space complexity would be one linked list, that is O(N), and using backTracking,
- Time complexity would be O(2^N)

It is not acceptable when N grows too big. So we change our strategy and using dynamic programming to implement this project and finally got accepted.

### 3.2 Dynamic Programming Version

- At the first time we used 3-dimension dynamic programming:
  - $\circ$  f(i, j, n) = Max(f(i, j 1, n), Max(Area(x, y, k) + f(i, j 1, n 1)))
- After the optimization
  - F[i][j] = min(f[k][j 1] + the area cut off by the line between point i and point k)
- Time complexity : O( n\*N\*3 )
  - We store the area item in the two dimension array S[i][j].
- Space complexity : O( n^2 )

## **Appendix : Source Code**

```
1 //dynamic version
2 #include<iostream>
3 #include<cstdlib>
4 #include<cstdio>
5 #include<cmath>
6 #define alpah 1e-9
7 using namespace std;
8 const double inf=999999999;
9 double ans=inf;
10 struct node // represent the 2-D point
11 {
```

```
12
       double x,y; // x position y position
13
       int id; // represent the index of the point, used for sort the points
14
       friend double operator * (node a, node b)
15
           return a.x*b.y-a.y*b.x; // the vertor operation
16
17
18
       friend node operator + (node a, node b)
19
           return node{a.x+b.x,a.y+b.y}; // the vector operation
20
21
22
       friend node operator - (node a, node b)
23
24
           return node{a.x-b.x,a.y-b.y}; // the vector operation
25
26 }P[305];
27 int N,n;
28 double S[305][305]; // store the area of the cut-off area between point i and point j
29 double f[305][15]; // store the result
30 int fz[305][15];
31 int cnt; int choose [305];
32 void qsort(int l,int r) // implement the quick sort
33 {
34
       int x,y;node temp,mid;
35
       x=l;y=r;mid=(P[(l+r)/2]-P[1]);
36
       while(x<=y)</pre>
37
38
           while((P[x]-P[1])*mid>0)x++;
39
           while((P[y]-P[1])*mid<0)y--;
40
           if(x \le y)
41
           {
42
               temp=P[x];P[x]=P[y];P[y]=temp;
43
               x++;y--;
           }
44
45
       }
46
       if(l<y)qsort(l,y);</pre>
47
       if(x<r)qsort(x,r);</pre>
48 }
49 int main()
50 {
51
       int a,b,c,d,e;
52
       scanf("%d%d",&N,&n); //input N and n
53
       for(a=1;a<=N;a++)
54
       {
55
           scanf("%lf%lf", \&P[a].x, \&P[a].y); //input the positions of the points
56
           P[a].id=a-1; //input the index of the point
57
58
       qsort(2,N); // sort the points according to their x position and y position
       for(a=1;a<=N;a++)
59
60
61
           S[a][a]=0;S[a][a+1]=0; // initialize the item area
           for(b=a+2;b<=N;b++)S[a][b]=S[a][b-1]+((P[b-1]-P[a])*(P[b]-P[a]))*0.5; // calculate
62
   the area
63
       }
       for(a=1;a<=N;a++)for(b=a-1;b>=1;b--)S[a][b]=S[1][N]-S[b][a];
64
       for(a=1;a<=N;a++)
65
66
       {
```

```
67
             for(b=0;b<=N;b++)for(c=0;c<=n;c++)f[b][c]=inf;
 68
             f[a][1]=0;
 69
             for(b=2;b<n;b++)
 70
             {
 71
                 e=N-(n-b);
 72
                 for(c=a+b-1; c<=e; c++)
 73
                 for(d=a+b-2;d<c;d++)
 74
 75
                     if(f[c][b]>f[d][b-1]+S[d][c])
 76
                     {
 77
                          f[c][b]=f[d][b-1]+S[d][c];
 78
                          fz[c][b]=d;
                     }
 79
 80
                 }
 81
             int FROM = -1;
 82
 83
             for(c=a+n-1;c<=N;c++)
 84
             {
                 for(d=a+n-2;d< c;d++)
 85
 86
                 {
                     if(f[c][n]>f[d][n-1]+S[d][c]+S[c][a])
 87
 88
                     {
                          f[c][n]=f[d][n-1]+S[d][c]+S[c][a];
 89
 90
                          fz[c][n]=d;
 91
                     }
 92
                 }
                 if(f[c][n]<ans)</pre>
 93
 94
                 {
 95
                     ans=f[c][n];
 96
                     FROM=c;
 97
                 }
 98
 99
             if(FROM!=-1)
100
101
                 cnt=0;
102
                 while(FROM!=a)
103
                 {
104
                     cnt++;
105
                     choose[cnt]=FROM;
106
                     FROM=fz[FROM][n-cnt+1];
107
108
                 cnt++;
                 choose[cnt]=a;
109
110
111
        for(a=1;a<cnt;a++)cout<<P[choose[a]].id<<" "; // output the result</pre>
112
113
        cout<<choose[cnt]-1;</pre>
114
        return 0:
115 }
116
  1 //backtracking Version
  2 import java.util.LinkedList;
  3 import java.util.Scanner;
  4 import static java.awt.geom.Line2D.linesIntersect;
  5
  6 public class Main {
```

```
public static int verticeNum; //total number of vertices of the convex 6 <= N <= 300</pre>
7
8
       public static int usedVerticeNum;
                                            //approximating convex n-gon 6 <= n <= min(10, N)
9
       public static Polygon inputPolygon;
10
       static class Vertex
11
12
       {
13
           public int index;
14
           public double xVal;
15
           public double yVal;
16
           public boolean isUsed = false; // true : the points that are choosed
17
18
           public int GetIndex() // get the index of the point
19
           {
20
              return index;
21
           }
22
           public double GetX() // get its x position
23
           {
24
               return xVal;
25
           }
26
           public double GetY() // get its y position
27
28
               return yVal;
29
           public void SetVertex(int index, double xVal, double yVal) // set the position of
30
   the vertex
31
32
               this.index = index;
33
               this.xVal = xVal;
34
               this.yVal = yVal;
35
           public Vertex(int index, double xVal, double yVal)
36
37
38
               this.index = index;
39
               this.xVal = xVal;
40
               this.yVal = yVal;
41
           }
42
       }
43
44
       static class Polygon {
           public LinkedList<Vertex> vertexList = new LinkedList<>(); // the list of all the
   input points
46
           public LinkedList<Integer> resultList = new LinkedList<>(); // the list to store the
   index of the points that area choosed
           //public LinkedList<Vertex> currentList = new LinkedList<>();
47
           public static double maxArea; // the area
48
49
50
           public double GetSingleArea(double x0, double y0, double x1, double y1, double x2,
  double y2)
51
           { // calculate the area by the vectore operation
52
               double singleArea = (x0 * y1 + y0 * x2 + x1 * y2 - x2 * y1 - x0 * y2 - x1 * y0)
   / 2.0;
53
               return singleArea;
54
           }
           //resultList.get(0) as the first point
55
56
           //TODO : make the points in the correct order
57
           public void CalculateMaxArea(int vertexVal, int chooseIndex)
```

```
58
 59
                 if(vertexVal <= 0)</pre>
 60
                     //TODO : previous area plus the current 3-polygon
 61
                     double currentArea = GetTotalArea(vertexList);
 62
                     if(maxArea < currentArea)</pre>
 63
 64
 65
                       // if current area is bigger than the sotred max area
 66
                       // update
                         resultList = new LinkedList<>(); // update the resultlist
 67
 68
                         for(int i = 0; i < vertexList.size(); i++) // update the resultlist by</pre>
    traverse the total points list
 69
                             if(!vertexList.get(i).isUsed) //only the node that marked true would
 70
    be put in the result list
 71
                                 continue;
 72
                             resultList.add(vertexList.get(i).index);
 73
 74
                         // update the max area
 75
                         maxArea = currentArea;
 76
                     }
 77
                 }
 78
                 else
 79
                 {
                     for(int i = chooseIndex + 1; i <= vertexList.size() - vertexVal; i++)</pre>
 80
 81
                      // backtracking method
 82
                         vertexList.get(i).isUsed = true;
 83
 84
                         vertexVal--;
                         CalculateMaxArea(vertexVal, i);
 85
 86
                         vertexVal++;
 87
                         vertexList.get(i).isUsed = false;
                     }
 88
 89
                 }
 90
                 return;
 91
 92
 93
            public double MaxArea(int vertexVal)
 94
 95
                 for(int i = 0; i <= vertexList.size() - vertexVal; i++)</pre>
 96
 97
                  // each point could be the start point
                     vertexList.get(i).isUsed = true;
 98
 99
                     vertexVal--;
                  // the entry of the backtracking method
100
101
                     CalculateMaxArea(vertexVal, i);
102
                     vertexVal++;
                     vertexList.get(i).isUsed = false;
103
104
105
106
                return maxArea;
107
108
109
            public double GetTotalArea(LinkedList<Vertex> vList)
110
111
                int startIndex = 0; // the first point
```

```
112
                while(!vList.get(startIndex).isUsed)
113
                {
114
                    startIndex++;
115
                }
                double x0 = vList.get(startIndex).xVal; // get the first chosen point int the
116
    list
117
                double y0 = vList.get(startIndex).yVal;
118
                startIndex++;
119
                while(!vList.get(startIndex).isUsed)
120
                {
121
                    startIndex++;
122
                }
123
                double x1 = vList.get(startIndex).xVal; // get the second chosen point int the
    list
124
                double y1 = vList.get(startIndex).yVal;
125
                startIndex++;
126
                while(!vList.get(startIndex).isUsed)
127
                {
128
                    startIndex++;
129
                }
130
                double x2 = vList.get(startIndex).xVal; // get the third chosen point int the
    list
131
                double y2 = vList.get(startIndex).yVal;
132
                startIndex++;
133
                double totalArea = GetSingleArea(x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2);
                for(int i = startIndex; i < vList.size(); i++)</pre>
134
135
                {
136
                    if(!vList.get(i).isUsed)
137
                    {
138
                         continue;
139
                    }
140
                    x1 = x2;
                    y1 = y2;
141
142
                    x2 = vList.get(i).xVal;
143
                    y2 = vList.get(i).yVal;
144
                    totalArea += GetSingleArea(x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2); // calculate the n-
    polygon area by add up all the little 3-polygon area
145
                }
146
147
                return Math.abs(totalArea);
148
            }
149
        }
150
151
        public static boolean checkIntersection(double x0, double y0, double x1, double y1,
    double x2, double y2, double x3, double y3)
152
        {
153
            return linesIntersect(x0, y0, x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3); // true : the two lined
    intersect each other
154
155
        public static void inputValue()
156
        {
157
            inputPolygon = new Polygon();
158
            Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in); // input the n and N
            if(scanner.hasNextInt())
159
            {
160
161
                verticeNum = scanner.nextInt();
```

```
162
                usedVerticeNum = scanner.nextInt();
163
164
165
            usedVerticeNum = Math.min(usedVerticeNum,Math.min(10, verticeNum));
            for(int i = 0; i < verticeNum; i++) // input the position of the points
166
167
            {
168
                double inputX = scanner.nextDouble();
169
                double inputY = scanner.nextDouble();
170
                Vertex vertex = new Vertex(i, inputX, inputY);
171
                //TODO : fix the order
172
                if(i > 1 && inputPolygon.GetSingleArea(inputPolygon.vertexList.get(0).xVal,
    inputPolygon.vertexList.get(0).yVal, inputPolygon.vertexList.getLast().xVal,
    inputPolygon.vertexList.getLast().yVal,
173
                        inputX, inputY) < 0)
174
                {
175
                    int j;
176
                    for (j = 0; j < verticeNum; j++) // if the lines got intersected, the points
    should be sorted
177
                    {
178
                         if(checkIntersection(inputPolygon.vertexList.get(j).xVal,
    inputPolygon.vertexList.get(j).yVal,
179
                                 inputPolygon.vertexList.get(j + 1).xVal,
    inputPolygon.vertexList.get(j + 1).yVal,
180
                                 inputPolygon.vertexList.getLast().xVal,
    inputPolygon.vertexList.getLast().yVal,
181
                                 inputX, inputY))
182
                             break;
183
                    }
                    inputPolygon.vertexList.add(j + 1, vertex); // add in the vertex
184
                }
185
186
                else
187
                {
188
                    inputPolygon.vertexList.add(vertex);
                }
189
190
            }
191
192
        public static void main(String[] args) {
193
            // write your code here
            inputValue();
194
195
196
            // the input didn't obey the rules
197
            if(verticeNum < 6 || verticeNum > 300 || usedVerticeNum < 6 || usedVerticeNum >
    Math.min(10, verticeNum))
198
            {
199
                return;
200
            }
201
            double maxArea = inputPolygon.MaxArea(usedVerticeNum);
202
203
            //System.out.println("max Area : " + maxArea);
204
            for(int i = inputPolygon.resultList.size() - 1; i >= 0 ; i--)
            { //output the points chosen to get the max area of n-polygon
205
                System.out.print(inputPolygon.resultList.get(i));
206
                if(i > 0)
207
                    System.out.print(" ");
208
209
            }
210
        }
```

# References

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polygon