Voronoi Diagram

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Abstract

This project's goal is to use a collection of uniformly distributed points on a plane to construct the Voronoi cell that corresponds to a point at the origin. Making points, finding distances, finding the Voronoi cell, and then visualising the data are all part of this process. Our research shows how to do this in Python and identifies its strengths and weaknesses as a practical tool.

An animation package called Manim was used to produce a simulation that would further show how the Voronoi diagram was generated. You can see the process of building the Voronoi cell for a point at the origin in this simulation. The following link will take you to YouTube, where you can see the simulation: https://youtu.be/6qEfmROZ5AA, https://youtu.be/hTJOVJYhSf8, https://youtu.be/4JLaDXvqGDo.

Note. Code formatting is in accordance with PEP 8 - Style Guide for Python Code; https://peps.python.org/pep-0008/ requirements. Guidelines for Python code organisation were drafted by Guido van Rossum, Barry Warsaw, and Alyssa Coghlan and are outlined in these guidelines. Following the guidelines laid down by *PEP 8*, the code is now structured in this format.

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Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The main goal of this project is to make the Voronoi cell that goes with a point at the origin in a plane that is filled with randomly placed points. The project includes several important steps: picking random points, figuring out how far these points are from the starting point, deciding where the edges of the Voronoi cell will be, and finally, showing the Voronoi cell on a graph. The study aims to give a full picture of the geometric features of Voronoi graphs and how they can be used in real life.

1.2 Motivation

There are many uses for voronoi diagrams in many fields, such as computer science, biology, and geography. They are an important part of computational geometry. The need to understand the academic and practical sides of these geometric shapes is what led to this project. In the area of computer science, Voronoi maps are used in images, location analysis, and methods for finding the shortest path. In geography, they are used to make maps and plan spaces, and in biology, they can be used to make models of cell structures and regions. By using a Voronoi model, this project aims to help people understand these uses better and lay the groundwork for more study and development.

1.3 Aim

The project's goal is to create a Python programme that can randomly place points in a plane, find the Voronoi cell that corresponds to a point at the origin, and draw that cell. To correctly calculate and see the Voronoi cell, this requires using a number of different computer methods and programmes.

1.4 Objectives

To achieve the aim of this project, the following specific objectives have been established:

- To generate a set of randomly distributed points within a two-dimensional plane.
- To compute the distances from each of these points to a fixed point at the origin.
- To determine the boundaries of the Voronoi cell associated with the origin based on the calculated distances.
- To visualize the Voronoi cell along with the randomly generated points using appropriate plotting techniques.

1.5 Scope

Python and its tools, such as numpy and matplotlib, will be used in this project to make Voronoi diagrams and show them. Using this method, random points are made in polar coordinates, then they are changed to Cartesian coordinates and the Voronoi cell for the origin is calculated. For a better understanding of the Voronoi cell's structure, the results of this application will be shown in image form. This project is mostly about making a simple solution for a fixed point at the origin, but the methods and results can be used in more complicated situations with bigger datasets and different point distributions, which means the study can be used in more areas.

1.6 Significance

For many useful situations, it is important to know how Voronoi models are put together and what their features are. This project not only helps students learn how to understand geometric shapes, but it also lays the groundwork for more advanced uses in science and business. The study's findings can be used to make the best use of space resources, make computer programmes run faster, and create better models of nature events. These findings will greatly assist progress in both the theory and applied sciences.

1.7 Structure of the Report

The report is organized as follows:

• Chapter 2: Literature Review - Summarises what has already been written about Voronoi diagrams, including their theory bases and real-world uses. It has parts about the past of Voronoi diagrams and other works in the same field.

- Chapter 3: Proposed System Analysis & Design Gives more information about the problem description, analysis, viability study, requirement analysis, and system design. Included in this chapter is a diagram that shows the steps that were taken to create and display the Voronoi cell.
- Chapter 4: Technology Implementation & Testing It talks about the technologies and tools that were used in the project, like Random, Numpy, Matplotlib, and Python. It includes the Python code and gives a thorough explanation of how to make a Voronoi map.
- Chapter 5: Application, Advantages & Limitations Talks about the different ways Voronoi diagrams can be used, the benefits of using them in different areas, and the problems with the way they are currently implemented.
- Chapter 6: Conclusion and Future Work Summarises the project's results, talks about what those results mean, and offers possible areas for more study and changes in the future.

Literature Review

2.1 Background History

An essential building block of computational geometry, voronoi diagrams divide a plane into separate areas according to their distance from a predetermined set of points called generators. So, let $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a set of n distinct points. The Voronoi cell $V(p_i)$ associated with the generator $p_i \in P$ is defined as:

$$V(p_i) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \forall j \neq i, ||x - p_i|| \le ||x - p_i|| \}$$

where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the Euclidean norm. These regions, or cells, have broad applicability across multiple disciplines.

2.2 Related Works

Theoretical developments and practical uses of voronoi diagrams are covered extensively in the literature. Some notable innovations include iterative methods for building centroidal Voronoi tessellations (CVTs) and algorithms for efficient calculation of Voronoi diagrams (e.g., Fortune's sweepline algorithm). Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ be a domain, and let $\rho: \Omega \to \mathbb{R}$ be a density function. The objective in constructing a CVT is to find a set of points $P \subset \Omega$ such that each point $p_i \in P$ is the centroid of its respective Voronoi cell $V(p_i)$, weighted by ρ . Formally, p_i must satisfy:

$$p_i = \frac{\int_{V(p_i)} x \rho(x) dx}{\int_{V(p_i)} \rho(x) dx}$$

Geometric models are useful in many fields; for example, spatial analysis may help with location optimisation issues, and the biological sciences can use them to better understand cellular structures and patterns.

2.3 Summary & Discussion

Voronoi diagrams and their centroidal variations are fundamentally important for studying their computational characteristics and applications. This knowledge makes it easier to create effective algorithms and put them into practice in a variety of real-world contexts.

Proposed System Analysis & Design

3.1 Problem Statement

Given a point located at the origin $O \in \mathbb{R}^2$ and a set of randomly distributed points $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2$, the task is to determine the Voronoi cell associated with the origin. Formally, we seek to compute the region:

$$V(O) = \{ x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \forall p_i \in P, ||x - O|| \le ||x - p_i|| \}$$

This involves generating points, calculating distances, and employing algebraic methods to delineate V(O).

3.2 Analysis

Python is used to create the points and calculate the required distances. The process of analysis is as follows: first, in polar coordinates, create P. Then, transform it to Cartesian coordinates. Finally, calculate the distances in Euclidean terms from each point in P to the origin. How is the distance function defined:

$$d_i = ||p_i - O|| = \sqrt{x_i^2 + y_i^2}$$

for each $p_i = (x_i, y_i) \in P$. The Voronoi cell V(O) is constructed by finding the perpendicular bisectors of the line segments $[O, p_i]$ and determining their intersections.

3.3 Feasibility Study

Technical Feasibility: No specialised hardware or software is required since the project uses ordinary Python libraries like as numpy, matplotlib, and random.

Economic Feasibility: The cost is minimal, requiring only a computer with Python installed.

Behavioral Feasibility: The project is straightforward and accessible, making it suitable for educational and research purposes.

3.4 Requirement Analysis

The necessary tools include:

- Python: For implementation.
- numpy: For numerical computations.
- matplotlib: For plotting results.
- random: For generating random points.

3.5 System Design

The design involves the following steps:

- $1 \mid$ Generate random points P in polar coordinates and convert to Cartesian coordinates.
- 2 | Compute distances $d_i = ||p_i O||$ for each $p_i \in P$.
- 3 | Identify the closest points to the origin and calculate the perpendicular bisectors of the segments $[O, p_i]$.
- 4 Determine the intersection points of these bisectors to form the boundaries of V(O).
- 5 | Plot the points and the Voronoi cell using matplotlib.

Mathematically, the perpendicular bisector of $[O, p_i]$ can be described as:

Bisector
$$(O, p_i) : (x - \frac{x_i}{2})x_i + (y - \frac{y_i}{2})y_i = 0$$

Solving the system of linear equations given by the bisectors will yield the vertices of the Voronoi cell.

3.5.1 Flowchart

For now, I will just leave this here with a simple flowchar showing the process. I will give more details in the Implementation part.

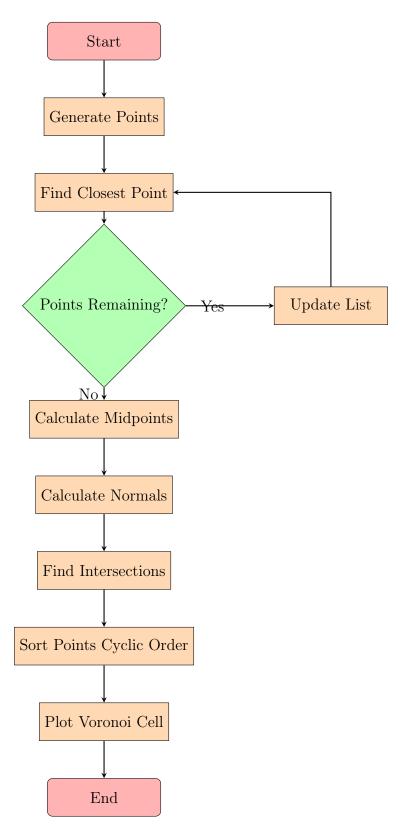


Figure 3.1: Flowchart of the Voronoi Diagram Generation Process

Technology Implementation & Testing

4.1 Technology

- Python: A high-level programming language used for implementing the project.
- Numpy: A library for numerical operations in Python.
- Matplotlib: A library for plotting graphs in Python.
- Random: A module for generating random numbers in Python.

4.2 Implementation

4.2.1 Point Generation Function

Purpose

The generate_points function generates a specified number of points within given ranges for the radial and angular coordinates. These points are evenly distributed around the center and are transformed from polar to Cartesian coordinates.

Arguments & Returns

Amount of points to create, denoted as n. r_{min} is the smallest radius. the greatest radius, denoted as r_{max} . θ_{min} : The angle with the smallest value (of degrees). In degrees, θ_{max} represents the greatest angle. This function takes an array of tuples as input and returns a new array with the distance from the origin as well as the x and y coordinates of each set.

Algorithm

Algorithm 1 Generate Random Points in Polar Coordinates

```
1: function GENERATE_POINTS(n, r_{min}, r_{max}, \theta_{min}, \theta_{max})
 2:
            \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \varnothing
            for i \leftarrow 1 to n do
 3:
                  r \leftarrow \text{random.uniform}(r_{min}, r_{max})
 4:
                  \theta \leftarrow \text{random.uniform}(\theta_{min}, \theta_{max})
 5:
                  x \leftarrow r \cdot \cos(\theta)
 6:
                  y \leftarrow r \cdot \sin(\theta)
 7:
                  d \leftarrow \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}
 8:
                  \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{(x, y, d)\}
 9:
            end for
10:
11:
            return \mathcal{P}
12: end function
```

Explanation

The function converts polar coordinates (r, θ) to Cartesian coordinates (x, y) using:

$$x = r \cdot \cos(\theta)$$

$$y = r \cdot \sin(\theta)$$

The distance d from the origin is calculated as:

$$d = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

Python Code

points.py

```
import random
2
  import math
3
4
  def generate_points(n, r_min, r_max, theta_min, theta_max):
5
       points = []
6
       for _ in range(n):
           r = random.uniform(r_min, r_max)
8
           theta = random.uniform(theta_min, theta_max)
9
           x = r * math.cos(math.radians(theta))
10
           y = r * math.sin(math.radians(theta))
           distance = math.sqrt(x**2 + y**2)
11
12
           points.append((x, y, distance))
13
       return points
```

Listing 4.1: Function to Generate Points

4.2.2 Generating Points in Different Angular Segments

Purpose

To generate points inside defined angular segments in such a way that they are evenly distributed around the origin.

Python Code

main.py

Listing 4.2: Generating Points in Different Angular Segments

4.2.3 Finding the Closest Point Function

Purpose

By removing previously found closest points, the find_closest_point function finds the point in a list of points that is closest to a reference point P_0 .

Arguments & Returns

The set of points is denoted by \mathcal{P} . Point P_0 is the starting point. In earlier rounds, the locations that were determined to be closest were added to the \mathcal{C} list. Finds the point nearest to P_0 and returns its index and coordinates.

Algorithm

Algorithm 2 Find the Closest Point

```
1: function FIND CLOSEST POINT(\mathcal{P}, P_0, \mathcal{C})
               \mathcal{P}_{array} \leftarrow array([\mathbf{p}[:2] \text{ for } \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}])
 2:
               P_{0,\text{array}} \leftarrow \text{array}(P_0)
 3:
              \mathcal{D} \leftarrow \operatorname{array}([\|\mathbf{p} - P_{0,\operatorname{array}}\| \text{ for } \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_{\operatorname{array}}])
 4:
              for c \in \mathcal{C} do
 5:
                      if c \in \mathcal{P} then
 6:
 7:
                             index \leftarrow index(\mathbf{c})
 8:
                             \mathcal{D}[index] \leftarrow \infty
                      end if
 9:
10:
              end for
              i_{\min} \leftarrow \operatorname{argmin}(\mathcal{D})
11:
              return (i_{\min}, \mathcal{P}[i_{\min}])
12:
13: end function
```

Explanation

Consider the set of points $\mathbf{p}_i = (x_i, y_i, d_i)$ where each point $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ contains the coordinates and distance from the origin. In prior rounds, the set of points that were determined to be closest was denoted as $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}$ and the reference point was denoted as $P_0 = (x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Finding the point in $\mathcal{P} \setminus \mathcal{C}$ that is closest to P_0 is the goal. The collection of coordinates of points in \mathcal{P} is defined as the array $\mathcal{P}_{\text{array}}$.

$$\mathcal{P}_{array} = \{ \mathbf{p}[:2] \mid \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P} \}$$

Let $P_{0,array}$ be the array representation of the reference point P_0 :

$$P_{0,\text{array}} = \text{array}(P_0)$$

Compute the Euclidean distances \mathcal{D} from P_0 to each point in \mathcal{P}_{array} :

$$\mathcal{D} = \{ \|\mathbf{p} - P_{0,\text{array}}\| \mid \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{array}} \}$$

For each point $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$, if $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{P}$, set the corresponding distance in \mathcal{D} to ∞ to exclude it from consideration:

For each
$$\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$$
, if $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{P}$, set $\mathcal{D}[\operatorname{index}(\mathbf{c})] = \infty$

Determine the index i_{\min} of the minimum distance in \mathcal{D} :

$$i_{\min} = \operatorname{argmin}(\mathcal{D})$$

Return the index and coordinates of the closest point:

Return
$$(i_{\min}, \mathcal{P}[i_{\min}])$$

After selecting all points and setting their distances to infinity, the function finds the one with the smallest Euclidean distance to P_0 and returns it.

Python Code

```
find\_closest.py
```

```
import numpy as np
1
2
   from numpy.linalg import norm
3
   def find_closest_point(points, P_0, closest_points):
4
       points_array = np.array([point[:2] for point in points])
5
       P_0_{array} = np.array(P_0)
6
8
       distances = np.array([norm(point - P_0_array) for point
      in points_array])
       for point in closest_points:
9
10
           if point in points:
                index = points.index(point)
11
12
                distances[index] = float('inf')
13
14
       closest_point_index = np.argmin(distances)
15
       return closest_point_index, points[closest_point_index]
```

Listing 4.3: Function to Find Closest Point

4.2.4 Unit Vector Calculation Function

Purpose

Geometric algorithms that need direction and normalisation rely on the find_unit_vector function, which computes the unit vector from one point to another.

Arguments & Return

 P_{from} : The starting point. P_{to} : The ending point. Returns the unit vector from P_{from} to P_{to} .

Algorithm

Algorithm 3 Find Unit Vector

- 1: **Input:** Points $P_{\text{from}} = (x_{\text{from}}, y_{\text{from}})$ and $P_{\text{to}} = (x_{\text{to}}, y_{\text{to}})$
- 2: Output: Unit vector $\hat{\mathbf{v}}$

- ▷ Compute the difference vector
- 3: $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{to}} x_{\text{from}} \\ y_{\text{to}} y_{\text{from}} \end{pmatrix}$ 4: $\|\mathbf{v}\| \leftarrow \sqrt{(x_{\text{to}} x_{\text{from}})^2 + (y_{\text{to}} y_{\text{from}})^2}$ 5: **if** $\|\mathbf{v}\| = 0$ **then**
 - \rhd Calculate the Euclidean norm of ${\bf v}$

- return $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

▷ Return zero vector if norm is zero

- 7: else
- return $\mathbf{v}/\|\mathbf{v}\|$ ▷ Return the normalized vector 9: end if

Mathematical Explanation

Given two points $P_{\text{from}} = (x_{\text{from}}, y_{\text{from}})$ and $P_{\text{to}} = (x_{\text{to}}, y_{\text{to}})$:

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{\text{to}} - x_{\text{from}} \\ y_{\text{to}} - y_{\text{from}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{v}\| = \sqrt{(x_{\text{to}} - x_{\text{from}})^2 + (y_{\text{to}} - y_{\text{from}})^2}$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|}$$

Python Code

$vector_utils.py$

```
def find_unit_vector(P_from, P_to):
    vector = np.array(P_to[:2]) - np.array(P_from[:2])
    vector_norm = norm(vector)
    if vector_norm == 0:
        return np.array([0, 0])
    return vector / vector_norm
```

Listing 4.4: Finding the Unit Vector Between Two Points

4.2.5 Filtering Points by Dot Product

Purpose

The function filter_points_by_dot_product is used to sort a list of points so that only those points may be used to create a dot product that is not negative, with relation to a reference vector and a base point. Finding points that are roughly in the same direction as the reference vector from the base point is made easier using this method.

Arguments & Returns

The points to filter are referenced by the list points. Distance from the origin, along with x and y, is included in each point's tuple. The starting point for measuring directions is called the base point. * The reference vector is used to compute the dot product. Provides a set of points as an array whose dot product with the reference vector, when measured from the base point, is positive.

Algorithm

Algorithm 4 Filter Points by Dot Product

```
1: Input: Set of points \mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{p}_i = (x_i, y_i, d_i) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, n\}\}, \text{ base point } P_{\text{base}} = \{1, \dots, n\}\}
      (x_{\text{base}}, y_{\text{base}}, d_{\text{base}}), reference vector \mathbf{v}_{\text{ref}} \in \mathbb{R}^2
 2: Output: Filtered set of points \mathcal{R}
 3: \mathcal{R} \leftarrow \emptyset
                                                                                          ▶ Initialize the set of remaining points
 4: for each \mathbf{p}_i \in \mathcal{P} do
            if p_i[:2] = (x_i, y_i) = (x_{\text{base}}, y_{\text{base}}) then
                   continue
                                                                                                               ▷ Skip the base point itself
 6:
            end if
 7:
            \mathbf{u}_i \leftarrow (x_i - x_{\text{base}}, y_i - y_{\text{base}}) \quad \triangleright \text{ Compute vector from base point to current point}
 8:
            \|\mathbf{u}_i\| \leftarrow \sqrt{(x_i - x_{\text{base}})^2 + (y_i - y_{\text{base}})^2}
                                                                                            \triangleright Calculate the Euclidean norm of \mathbf{u}_i
 9:
            if \|\mathbf{u}_i\| = 0 then
10:
11:
                   \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \leftarrow (0,0)
12:
            else
                   \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{u}_i / \|\mathbf{u}_i\|
                                                                                            \triangleright Normalize \mathbf{u}_i to get the unit vector
13:
            end if
14:
            dot product \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_{\text{ref}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i
                                                                                    \triangleright Compute the dot product of \mathbf{v}_{\text{ref}} and \hat{\mathbf{u}}_i
15:
            if dot_product \ge 0 then
16:
                   \mathcal{R} \leftarrow \mathcal{R} \cup \{\mathbf{p}_i\}
                                                                 \triangleright Include \mathbf{p}_i in \mathcal{R} if the dot product is non-negative
17:
            end if
18:
19: end for
20: return \mathcal{R}
```

Explanation

Bypassing the starting point, the function iteratively processes all elements in the list. After finding the unit vector that extends from the origin to the present location, it takes the dot product of this vector and the reference vector and keeps the result if it's not negative.

Python Code

filter points.py

```
import numpy as np
2 from numpy.linalg import norm
3
  def norm(vector):
4
       return np.sqrt(np.sum(np.square(vector)))
6
7
   def find_unit_vector(P_from, P_to):
8
       vector = np.array(P_to[:2]) - np.array(P_from[:2])
9
       vector_norm = norm(vector)
       if vector_norm == 0:
10
11
           return np.array([0, 0])
       return vector / vector_norm
12
13
   def filter_points_by_dot_product(points, base_point,
14
      reference_vector):
       remaining_points = []
15
       for point in points:
16
           if np.array_equal(point[:2], base_point[:2]):
17
18
                continue
19
           unit_vector = find_unit_vector(base_point, point[:2])
20
           dot_product = np.dot(reference_vector, unit_vector)
21
           if dot_product >= 0:
22
                remaining_points.append(point)
23
       return np.array(remaining_points)
```

Listing 4.5: Filtering Points by Dot Product

4.2.6 Point Selection and Filtering Loop

Purpose

In this code snippet, the closest point to P_0 is chosen from a list of points in an iterative fashion. The remaining points are then filtered according to their dot product with a reference vector, and the process continues until they are all removed.

Algorithm

Algorithm 5 Point Selection and Filtering Loop

```
1: Input: Set of points \mathcal{P}, reference point P_0, and an initially empty list \mathcal{C} for closest
      points.
 2: while \mathcal{P} \neq \emptyset do
            (i_{\min}, \mathbf{p}_{\min}) \leftarrow \text{find\_closest\_point}(\mathcal{P}, P_0, \mathcal{C})
            \mathcal{C} \leftarrow \mathcal{C} \cup \{\mathbf{p}_{\min}\}
 4:
            \mathbf{v}_{\text{ref}} \leftarrow \text{find\_unit\_vector}(\mathbf{p}_{\min}, P_0)
 5:
            \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \text{filter points by dot product}(\mathcal{P}, \mathbf{p}_{\min}, \mathbf{v}_{\text{ref}})
 6:
            Print "Selected closest point: \mathbf{p}_{\min}"
 7:
            if \mathcal{P} = \emptyset then
 8:
 9:
                   break
10:
            end if
11: end while
```

Explanation

By selecting the nearest points repeatedly, the algorithm filters the points until there are no more points.

Python Code

main.py

```
while len(points) > 0:
1
2
           closest_point_index, closest_point =
      find_closest_point(
3
               points, P_0, closest_points
4
5
           closest_points.append(closest_point)
6
           reference_vector = find_unit_vector(P_from=
      closest_point, P_to=P_0)
           points = filter_points_by_dot_product(points,
8
      closest_point, reference_vector)
9
10
           print(f"Selected closest point: {closest_point}")
11
12
           if points.size == 0:
13
               break
```

Listing 4.6: Point Selection and Filtering Loop

4.2.7Midpoints and Normals Calculation

Purpose

Each point in the list of nearest points relative to P_0 has its midpoint and normal calculated using this code snippet. Next, the angular coordinates are used to order the midpoints.

Algorithm

Algorithm 6 Calculate Midpoints and Normals

- 1: **Input:** List of closest points C, reference point P_0
- 2: Output: Sorted midpoints and their corresponding normals
- 3: $\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{p}[:2] + P_0}{2} \mid \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{C} \right\}$ \triangleright Calculate midpoints between each closest point and P_0 4: $\mathcal{N} \leftarrow \hat{\varnothing}$ ▷ Initialize list for normals
- 5: for each $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{C}$ do
- $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{p}[:2] P_0$

 \triangleright Compute vector from P_0 to \mathbf{p}

- $\mathbf{n} \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} -v_y \\ v_x \end{pmatrix}$ $\hat{\mathbf{n}} \leftarrow \frac{\mathbf{n}}{\|\mathbf{n}\|}$ $\mathcal{N} \leftarrow \mathcal{N} \cup \{\hat{\mathbf{n}}\}$ \triangleright Calculate the normal vector by rotating ${\bf v}$ by 90 degrees
- ▶ Normalize the normal vector
- 9: ▶ Append the unit normal to the list
- 10: end for
- 11: $\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \operatorname{array}(\mathcal{M})$
- 12: $\theta \leftarrow \arctan 2(\mathcal{M}[:,1], \mathcal{M}[:,0])$ ▶ Calculate angles of midpoints for sorting
- 13: indices \leftarrow custom argsort(θ)
- 14: $\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \mathcal{M}[\text{indices}]$
- 15: $\mathcal{N} \leftarrow \operatorname{array}(\mathcal{N})[\operatorname{indices}]$ ▷ Sort midpoints and normals based on calculated angles
- 16: **return** $(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N})$

Explanation

With the reference point being $P_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2$, let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}$ represent the set of nearest points. First, we need to find the midpoints $(\mathcal{M} = \left\{\frac{\mathbf{p}[:2] + P_{0}}{2} \mid \mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{C}\right\}$ between each point in \mathcal{C} and P=0, which is represented by \mathcal{M} . Then, we must calculate the appropriate normal vectors. Assuming that $\mathbf{p}[:2] - P_0$ is a vector from P_0 to \mathbf{p} , determine the vector \mathbf{v} for each $\mathbf{p} \in \mathcal{C}$. To acquire the normal vector \mathbf{n} which is equal to

$$\begin{pmatrix} -v_{_}y \\ v_{_}x \end{pmatrix}$$

rotate \mathbf{v} by 90 degrees. Then, normalise \mathbf{n} to get the unit normal $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$. After that, arrange the normals and midpoints in descending order by sorting the indices based on the angles calculated using the arctangent function, $\theta = \arctan 2(\mathcal{M}[:,1], \mathcal{M}[:,0])$. At last, provide back the normals and sorted midpoints.

Python Code

geometry.py

```
midpoints = [(np.array(P[:2]) + np.array(P_0)) / 2 for P
1
      in closest_points]
2
       normals = []
3
       for P in closest_points:
           vector = np.array(P[:2]) - np.array(P_0)
4
           normal = np.array([-vector[1], vector[0]])
5
6
           unit_normal = normal / norm(normal)
7
           normals.append(unit_normal)
8
9
       midpoints = np.array(midpoints)
       angles = np.arctan2(midpoints[:, 1], midpoints[:, 0])
10
       sorted_indices = custom_argsort(angles)
11
12
       midpoints = midpoints[sorted_indices]
13
       normals = np.array(normals)[sorted_indices]
```

Listing 4.7: Midpoints and Normals Calculation

4.2.8 Intersection Calculation with Custom Linear Solver

Purpose

Using a proprietary linear solver for the system of equations, this function determines the intersection point of two lines, where each line is characterised by a midpoint and a normal vector.

Algorithm

Algorithm 7 Find Intersection of Two Lines with Custom Linear Solver

```
1: Input: Midpoints \mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 and normals \mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2 of two lines
 2: Output: Intersection point I, or None if lines are parallel
 3: A \leftarrow (\mathbf{n}_1 - \mathbf{n}_2)
 4: b \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_2 - \mathbf{m}_1
                                                                         \triangleright Construct the linear system A\mathbf{x} = b
 5: if det(A) = 0 then
         return None
                                                                       ▶ The lines are parallel, no intersection
 7: else
          \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \text{linalg\_solve}(A, b)
                                                                          \triangleright Solve for x using the custom solver
 8:
          \mathbf{I} \leftarrow \mathbf{m}_1 + x_1 \mathbf{n}_1
                                                                                     ▶ Calculate intersection point
 9:
          return I
10:
11: end if
```

Custom Linear Solver Algorithm

Algorithm 8 Custom Linear Solver (Gaussian Elimination)

```
1: Input: Matrix A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, Vector \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n
 2: Output: Solution vector \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n
 3: Let M \leftarrow [A \mid \mathbf{b}]
                                                                                                   4: Let n \leftarrow number of rows of A
                                                                                                ▶ Forward elimination
 5: for k \leftarrow 1 to n do
          Find p \leftarrow \arg\max_{i=k,\dots,n} |M_{ik}|
 6:
          if p \neq k then
 7:
 8:
               Swap rows k and p in M
 9:
          end if
          for i \leftarrow k+1 to n do
10:
               Let factor \leftarrow \frac{M_{ik}}{M_{kk}}
11:
               for j \leftarrow k to n + 1 do
12:
                    M_{ij} \leftarrow M_{ij} - \text{factor} \cdot M_{kj}
13:
               end for
14:
15:
          end for
16: end for
17: Let \mathbf{x} \leftarrow \mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^n
                                                                                           ▶ Initialize solution vector
18: for i \leftarrow n to 1 by -1 do
                                                                                                    ▶ Back substitution
          x_i \leftarrow \frac{M_{i,n+1}}{M_{ii}} for j \leftarrow i-1 to 1 by -1 do
20:
               M_{j,n+1} \leftarrow M_{j,n+1} - M_{ji} \cdot x_i
21:
          end for
22:
23: end for
24: return x
```

Explanation

The intersection point of two lines that are described by their midpoints may be found using the find_intersection function. both normals \mathbf{n}_1 , \mathbf{n}_2 and \mathbf{m}_1 , \mathbf{m}_2 . The programme uses a bespoke linear solver called linalg_solve to solve a system of linear equations $A\mathbf{x} = b$. In order to resolve the linear system, the linalg_solve function employs Gaussian elimination in conjunction with partial pivoting.

Python Code

Figure 4.1: geometry.py

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 def find_intersection(midpoint1, normal1, midpoint2, normal2)
       A = np.array([normal1, -normal2]).T
4
       b = np.array(midpoint2) - np.array(midpoint1)
5
6
       if np.linalg.det(A) == 0:
           return None
7
8
       intersection = linalg_solve(A, b)
9
       return midpoint1 + intersection[0] * normal1
10
   def linalg_solve(A, b):
11
12
       n = len(A)
       M = [list(row) for row in A]
13
14
15
       for i in range(n):
           M[i].append(b[i])
16
17
18
       for k in range(n):
19
           max_row = max(range(k, n), key=lambda i: abs(M[i][k])
      )
           M[k], M[max_row] = M[max_row], M[k]
20
21
           for i in range(k + 1, n):
22
                factor = M[i][k] / M[k][k]
                for j in range(k, n + 1):
23
24
                    M[i][j] -= factor * M[k][j]
25
26
       x = [0] * n
       for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1):
27
28
           x[i] = M[i][n] / M[i][i]
           for j in range(i - 1, -1, -1):
29
30
               M[j][n] -= M[j][i] * x[i]
31
32
       return x
```

Listing 4.8: Intersection Calculation with Custom Linear Solver

4.3 Calculation and Visualization of Intersection Points

4.3.1 Purpose

Identify important geometric elements, including the junction points of line segments described by their midpoints and normal vectors, and to display these locations graphically.

4.3.2 Algorithm for Computing Intersection Points

With respect to the midpoints, let $\mathcal{M} = \{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n\}$ and the normal vectors, $\mathcal{N} = \{\mathbf{n}_1, \mathbf{n}_2, \dots, \mathbf{n}_n\}$. The aim is to find the sites where these midpoints and normals join to produce successive line segments.

Define the set of intersection points \mathcal{I} as follows:

```
\mathcal{I} = \{ \mathbf{I}_i \mid \mathbf{I}_i = \text{find\_intersection}(\mathbf{m}_i, \mathbf{n}_i, \mathbf{m}_{i+1}, \mathbf{n}_{i+1}), i = 1, \dots, n \}
```

where $\mathbf{m}_{n+1} \equiv \mathbf{m}_1$ and $\mathbf{n}_{n+1} \equiv \mathbf{n}_1$.

4.3.3 Python Code for Intersection Points Calculation and Visualization

Figure 4.2: visualization.py

```
import numpy as np
1
2
  import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
  intersection_points = []
4
5
  for i in range(len(midpoints)):
       next_index = (i + 1) % len(midpoints)
6
7
       intersection = find_intersection(
           midpoints[i], normals[i], midpoints[next_index],
8
     normals[next_index]
9
10
       if intersection is not None:
11
           intersection_points.append(intersection)
```

Listing 4.9: Intersection Points Calculation and Visualization

Figure 4.3: visualization.py

```
1 plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
2 plt.scatter([point[0] for point in points_first],[point[1]
      for point in points_first],color="gray",label="First
      Generated")
3 all_points = closest_points + [P_0]
4 x_coords = [point[0] for point in all_points]
5 y_coords = [point[1] for point in all_points]
6 plt.scatter(x_coords, y_coords, color="green", label="
      Selected Points")
  for point in closest_points:
       plt.plot([P_0[0], point[0]], [P_0[1], point[1]], "gray",
9
      linestyle="dotted")
10 plt.scatter(
       [point[0] for point in midpoints],
11
       [point[1] for point in midpoints],
12
13
       color="blue",
14
       label="Midpoints",
15
```

Listing 4.10: Intersection Points Calculation and Visualization

Figure 4.4: visualization.py

```
intersection_points = np.array(intersection_points)
1
  if intersection_points.size > 0:
       plt.scatter(intersection_points[:, 0],intersection_points
3
      [:, 1],color="purple",label="Intersections",)
4
       for i in range(len(intersection_points)):
5
           next_index = (i + 1) % len(intersection_points)
6
           plt.plot([intersection_points[i][0],
      intersection_points[next_index][0]],[intersection_points[i
     [1], intersection_points[next_index][1]], color="purple")
8
9 plt.xlabel("X Coordinates")
10 plt.ylabel("Y Coordinates")
11 plt.title("Voronoi Cell and Points")
12 plt.grid(True)
13 plt.legend()
14 plt.show()
```

Listing 4.11: Intersection Points Calculation and Visualization

Explanation

The code determines the intersection locations of line segments defined by sequential midpoints and normals given a collection of midpoints (mathcalM) and normal vectors (mathcalN). By using the find_intersection function, every site of intersection is identified. We use Matplotlib to display the points, which include the original set as well as the nearest points, midpoints, and intersecting points.

Application, Advantages & Limitations

5.1 Applications

The process of making a Voronoi diagram can be used for many things, such as spatial analysis and geographic mapping, transportation and logistics optimisation problems, and modelling of ecosystems and areas in the natural sciences, like biology and ecology.

5.2 Advantages

A Voronoi diagram is useful in many fields, such as geography, biology, and computer science, and has an easy-to-use method for making them. It shows clearly how points are related to each other in terms of how close they are to each other.

5.3 Limitations

However, there are some problems with the method. For example, when there are a lot of points, it takes a lot of computing power, and the accuracy of the Voronoi cell depends on how well the calculations are done.

Conclusion and Future Work

6.1 Conclusion

It is successfully shown in the project how to use randomly placed points to make a Voronoi cell connected to the origin. The application makes the Voronoi map easy to see by showing the connections between points that are close to each other.

6.2 Future Work

In the future, work could be done to make the method work better with bigger datasets, to speed up processes by using parallel processing, and to use the Voronoi diagram generation on real-world datasets for useful purposes.

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Appendix

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```
import random
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def norm(vector):
    return np.sqrt(np.sum(np.square(vector)))
def custom argsort(arr):
    return sorted(range(len(arr)), key=lambda x: arr[x])
def generate points (n, r min, r max, theta min, theta max):
    points = []
    for _ in range(n):
    r = random.uniform(r_min, r_max)
        theta = random.uniform(theta min, theta max)
        x = r * np.cos(np.radians(theta))
        y = r * np.sin(np.radians(theta))
        distance = np.sqrt(x**2 + y**2)
        points.append((x, y, distance))
    return points
def find closest point(points, P 0, closest points):
    points array = np.array([point[:2] for point in points])
    P_0 = np.array(P_0)
    distances = np.array([norm(point - P 0 array) for point in points array])
    for point in closest points:
        if point in points:
            index = points.index(point)
            distances[index] = float("inf")
    closest point index = np.argmin(distances)
    return closest point index, points[closest point index]
def find unit vector(P from, P to):
    vector = np.array(P to[:2]) - np.array(P from[:2])
    vector norm = norm(vector)
    if vector norm == 0:
        return np.array([0, 0])
    return vector / vector_norm
def filter_points_by_dot_product(points, base_point, reference_vector):
    remaining_points = []
    for point in points:
        if np.array equal(point[:2], base point[:2]):
            continue
        unit vector = find unit vector(base point, point[:2])
        dot product = np.dot(reference vector, unit vector)
        if \overline{d}ot_product >= 0:
            remaining points.append(point)
    return np.array(remaining points)
def find intersection(midpoint1, normal1, midpoint2, normal2):
    A = np.array([normal1, -normal2]).T
    b = np.array(midpoint2) - np.array(midpoint1)
    if np.linalg.det(A) == 0:
        return None
    intersection = linalg_solve(A, b)
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return midpoint1 + intersection[0] * normal1
def linalg_solve(A, b):
    n = len(A)
    M = [list(row) for row in A]
    for i in range(n):
       M[i].append(b[i])
    for k in range(n):
        \max row = \max (range(k, n), key=lambda i: abs(M[i][k]))
        M[k], M[max_row] = M[max_row], M[k]
        for i in range(k + 1, n):
            factor = M[i][k] / M[k][k]
            for j in range (k, n + 1):
                M[i][j] = factor * M[k][j]
    x = [0] * n
    for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1):
        x[i] = M[i][n] / M[i][i]
        for j in range(i - 1, -1, -1):
            M[j][n] -= M[j][i] * x[i]
    return x
def sort points cyclic order (points):
    center = np.mean(points, axis=0)
    angles = np.arctan2(points[:, 1] - center[1], points[:, 0] - center[0])
    sorted indices = custom argsort(angles)
    return points[sorted indices]
def main():
    P \ 0 = (0, 0)
    \overline{points} first = (
        generate_points(n=5, r_min=2.5, r_max=15, theta_min=5, theta_max=85)
        + generate_points(n=5, r_min=2.5, r_max=15, theta_min=95, theta_max=175)
        + generate_points(n=5, r_min=2.5, r_max=15, theta_min=185, theta_max=265)
        + generate points (n=5, r min=2.5, r max=15, theta min=275, theta max=355)
    print(f"All generated points: {points first}")
    points = points first.copy()
    closest points = []
    while len(points) > 0:
        closest_point_index, closest_point = find_closest_point(
    points, P_0, closest_points
        closest points.append(closest point)
        reference_vector = find_unit_vector(P_from=closest_point, P_to=P_0)
        points = filter points by dot product (points, closest point, reference vector)
        print(f"Selected closest point: {closest point}")
        if points.size == 0:
            break
    midpoints = [(np.array(P[:2]) + np.array(P 0)) / 2 for P in closest points]
    normals = []
    for P in closest points:
        vector = np.array(P[:2]) - np.array(P 0)
        normal = np.array([-vector[1], vector[0]])
        unit normal = normal / norm(normal)
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normals.append(unit normal)
   midpoints = np.array(midpoints)
   angles = np.arctan2(midpoints[:, 1], midpoints[:, 0])
   sorted indices = custom argsort(angles)
   midpoints = midpoints[sorted indices]
   normals = np.array(normals)[sorted indices]
   intersection points = []
   for i in range(len(midpoints)):
        next_index = (i + 1) % len(midpoints)
        intersection = find intersection(
            midpoints[i], normals[i], midpoints[next index], normals[next index]
        if intersection is not None:
            intersection_points.append(intersection)
   plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
   plt.scatter(
        [point[0] for point in points first],
        [point[1] for point in points first],
        color="gray",
        label="First Generated",
   all points = closest points + [P 0]
   x coords = [point[0] for point in all points]
   y coords = [point[1] for point in all points]
   plt.scatter(x_coords, y_coords, color="green", label="Selected Points")
    for point in closest points:
       plt.plot([P_0[0], point[0]], [P_0[1], point[1]], "gray", linestyle="dotted")
   plt.scatter(
        [point[0] for point in midpoints],
        [point[1] for point in midpoints],
        color="blue",
        label="Midpoints",
    )
    intersection points = np.array(intersection points)
    if intersection points.size > 0:
        plt.scatter(
            intersection points[:, 0],
            intersection points[:, 1],
            color="purple",
            label="Intersections",
        )
        for i in range(len(intersection_points)):
            next index = (i + 1) % len(intersection_points)
            plt.plot(
                [intersection points[i][0], intersection points[next index][0]],
                [intersection_points[i][1], intersection_points[next_index][1]],
                color="purple"
            )
   plt.xlabel("X Coordinates")
   plt.ylabel("Y Coordinates")
   plt.title("Voronoi Cell and Points")
   plt.grid(True)
   plt.legend()
   plt.show()
if __name__ == "__main__":
   main()
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from manim import *
import numpy as np
import random
class VoronoiAnimation(Scene):
    def norm(self, vector):
        return np.sqrt(np.sum(np.square(vector)))
   def custom argsort(self, arr):
        return sorted(range(len(arr)), key=lambda x: arr[x])
   def generate points(self, n, r min, r max, theta min, theta max):
        points = []
        for _ in range(n):
            r = random.uniform(r min, r max)
            theta = random.uniform(theta min, theta max)
            x = r * np.cos(np.radians(theta))
            y = r * np.sin(np.radians(theta))
            points.append(np.array([x, y, 0])) # Ensure points are 3D
        return points
    def find closest point (self, points, P 0, closest points):
        if len(points) == 0:
            raise ValueError ("No points to find the closest point from.")
        distances = np.array([self.norm(point - P 0) for point in points])
        for point in closest points:
            indices = np.where((points == point).all(axis=1))
            if len(indices[0]) > 0:
                index = indices[0][0]
                distances[index] = float('inf')
        closest_point_index = np.argmin(distances)
        return closest point index, points[closest point index]
   def find unit vector(self, P_from, P_to):
       vector = \overline{P} to - P from
        vector norm = self.norm(vector)
        if vector norm == 0:
            return np.array([0, 0, 0])
        return vector / vector norm
    def filter points by dot product (self, points, base point, reference vector):
        remaining points = []
        for point in points:
            if np.array equal(point, base point):
                continue
            unit_vector = self.find_unit_vector(base_point, point)
            dot_product = np.dot(reference_vector, unit_vector)
            if dot product >= 0:
                remaining points.append(point)
        return np.array(remaining points)
    def find intersection(self, midpoint1, normal1, midpoint2, normal2):
        A = \overline{np.array([normal1, -normal2]).T[:2, :2]}
        b = midpoint2[:2] - midpoint1[:2]
        if np.linalg.det(A) == 0:
            return None
        intersection = np.linalg.solve(A, b)
        return midpoint1 + intersection[0] * normal1
    def construct(self):
        P \ 0 = np.array([0, 0, 0])
        points first = (
            self.generate points(n=5, r min=2.5, r max=15, theta min=5, theta max=85)
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            self.generate points(n=5, r min=2.5, r max=15, theta min=275, theta max=35
5)
        points = np.array(points first)
        closest points = []
        all points = np.array(points first + [P 0])
        min_x, min_y, _ = np.min(all_points, axis=0)
max_x, max_y, _ = np.max(all_points, axis=0)
        scene width = \max x - \min x
        scene_height = max_y - min_y
        max dim = max(scene width, scene height)
        scale factor = 6 / max dim
        all points = (all points - np.array([(min x + max x) / 2, (min y + max y) / 2,
0])) * scale factor
        points = all points[:-1]
        P = 0 = all points[-1]
        new center = np.array([(min x + max x) / 2, (min y + max y) / 2, 0]) * scale f
actor
        axes = Axes().shift(np.append(-new center[:2], 0))
        origin dot = Dot(P 0, color=RED)
        self.play(Create(axes), Create(origin dot))
        initial dots = [Dot(point, color=GRAY) for point in points]
        self.play(*[Create(dot) for dot in initial dots])
        self.wait(2)
        while len(points) > 0:
            closest point index, closest point = self.find closest point(points, P 0,
closest points)
            closest points.append(closest point)
            reference vector = self.find unit vector(P from=closest point, P to=P 0)
            points = self.filter points by dot product(points, closest point, reference
e vector)
            self.play(Create(Dot(closest point, color=GREEN)))
            self.play(Create(Line(P 0, closest point, color=GRAY, stroke width=2, stro
ke opacity=0.5)))
            perp vector = np.array([-reference vector[1], reference vector[0], 0])
            start_point = closest_point - perp_vector * :
end_point = closest_point + perp_vector * 10
            perp line = Line(start point, end point, color=YELLOW, stroke width=2)
            self.play(Create(perp line))
            remaining dots = [Dot(point, color=GRAY, fill opacity=0.3 if point in poin
ts else 0.1) for point in all_points[:-1]]
            animations = [dot.animate.set fill(opacity=0.1) for dot in remaining dots
if dot.get center() not in points]
            if animations:
                self.play(*animations)
            self.wait(1)
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if points.size == 0:
                break
        midpoints = [(P + P 0) / 2 \text{ for } P \text{ in } closest points]
        normals = []
        for P in closest_points:
            vector = P - P 0
            normal = np.array([-vector[1], vector[0], 0])
            unit normal = normal / self.norm(normal)
            normals.append(unit normal)
        midpoints = np.array(midpoints)
        angles = np.arctan2(midpoints[:, 1], midpoints[:, 0])
        sorted indices = self.custom argsort(angles)
        midpoints = midpoints[sorted indices]
        normals = np.array(normals)[sorted indices]
        for i in range(len(midpoints)):
            start point = midpoints[i] - normals[i] * 10
            end point = midpoints[i] + normals[i] * 10
            perp_line = Line(start_point, end_point, color=YELLOW, stroke width=0.5)
            self.play(Create(perp line))
            self.wait(0.5)
        intersection points = []
        for i in range(len(midpoints)):
            next index = (i + 1) % len(midpoints)
            intersection = self.find_intersection(midpoints[i], normals[i], midpoints[
next_index], normals[next_index])
            if intersection is not None:
                intersection_points.append(intersection)
        self.play(*[Create(Dot(midpoint, color=BLUE)) for midpoint in midpoints])
        self.wait(2)
        intersection points = np.array(intersection points)
        if intersection points.size > 0:
            self.play(*[Create(Dot(intersection, color=PURPLE)) for intersection in in
tersection points])
            for i in range(len(intersection points)):
                next index = (i + 1) % len(intersection points)
                self.play(Create(Line(intersection points[i], intersection points[next
index], color=PURPLE)))
        self.wait(2)
        if intersection points.size > 0:
            polygon = Polygon(*intersection_points, color=YELLOW, fill_opacity=0.5)
            self.play(Create(polygon))
        self.wait(2)
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