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# 1 Convex Hull

## 1.1 Problem Statement

- Implement Quickhull and Graham Scan algorithm to find the convex hull of 2D points.
- Visualize the input 2D points and the convex hull boundary.
- Compare Quickhull and Graham Scan based on various input size on randomly generated points. The comparison metric should be the execution time of each sorting algorithm.

## 1.2 Code

Listing 1: *quick\_hull.cpp*

```
1  #include <algorithm>
2  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
3  #include <chrono>
4  #include <utility>
5  #include <vector>
6  using namespace std;
7  using namespace std::chrono;
8
9  typedef pair<int, int> Point;
10 typedef vector<Point> vpII;
11
12 vpII hull_points;
13
14 bool order(Point p1, Point p2) {
15     Point ref = hull_points[0];
16     int dx1 = p1.first - ref.first, dy1 = p1.second - ref.second;
17     int dx2 = p2.first - ref.first, dy2 = p2.second - ref.second;
18
19     int cross = dx1 * dy2 - dy1 * dx2;
20
21     if (cross == 0)
22         return (dx1 * dx1 + dy1 * dy1) < (dx2 * dx2 + dy2 * dy2);
23
24     return cross > 0;
25 }
26
27 int get_side(Point p1, Point p2, Point p) {
28     int cross_prod = (p2.first - p1.first) * (p.second - p1.second) -
29                     (p2.second - p1.second) * (p.first - p1.first);
30     if (cross_prod > 0)
31         return 1;
32     else if (cross_prod < 0)
33         return -1;
34     return 0;
35 }
36
```

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37 Point get_min(const vpil pts) { return *min_element(pts.begin(),
    ↪ pts.end()); }
38 Point get_max(const vpil pts) { return *max_element(pts.begin(),
    ↪ pts.end()); }
39
40 int dist(Point p1, Point p2, Point p) {
41     return abs(((p2.first - p1.first) * (p1.second - p.second)) -
42               ((p1.first - p.first) * (p2.second - p1.second)));
43 }
44
45 void quick_hull(const vpil pts, int n, Point p1, Point p2, int side) {
46     // find point with max dist
47     int max_dist = 0;
48     int max_index = -1;
49     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
50         int temp_dist = dist(p1, p2, pts[i]);
51         if (get_side(p1, p2, pts[i]) == side && temp_dist > max_dist) {
52             max_index = i;
53             max_dist = temp_dist;
54         }
55     }
56     // push 2 extreme points
57     if (max_index == -1) {
58         hull_points.push_back(p1);
59         hull_points.push_back(p2);
60         return;
61     }
62
63     quick_hull(pts, n, pts[max_index], p1, -get_side(pts[max_index], p1, p2));
64     quick_hull(pts, n, pts[max_index], p2, -get_side(pts[max_index], p2, p1));
65 }
66
67 void read_points_from_file(const string file_name, vpil &points);
68 void print_points(vpil points, int n);
69
70 int main() {
71     vpil P;
72     read_points_from_file("points.txt", P);
73     int n = P.size();
74     print_points(P, n);
75
76     auto st = high_resolution_clock::now(); // clock start
77
78     Point min = get_min(P);
79     Point max = get_max(P);
80
81     quick_hull(P, n, min, max, 1);
82     quick_hull(P, n, min, max, -1);
83
84     auto et = high_resolution_clock::now(); // clock end
85     double time_taken =

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86         chrono::duration_cast<chrono::nanoseconds>(et - st).count();
87         time_taken *= 1e-6;
88
89         sort(hull_points.begin(), hull_points.end(), order);
90         hull_points.erase(unique(hull_points.begin(), hull_points.end()),
91                             hull_points.end());
92
93         cout << "Convex hull points using Quick Hull:" << endl;
94         print_points(hull_points, hull_points.size());
95         cout << "Time taken for Quick hull: " << time_taken << " ms" << endl;
96         cout << "No. of Points: " << n << endl;
97     }
98
99     void read_points_from_file(const string file_name, vpII &points) {
100         ifstream inputFile(file_name);
101         if (!inputFile.is_open()) {
102             cerr << "Error opening the file!" << endl;
103             exit(1);
104         }
105         string line;
106         while (getline(inputFile, line)) {
107             stringstream ss(line);
108             int x, y;
109             ss >> x >> y;
110             points.push_back(make_pair(x, y));
111         }
112         inputFile.close();
113     }
114
115     void print_points(const vpII points, int n) {
116         cout << "X = [ ";
117         for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
118             cout << points[i].first << ", ";
119         }
120         cout << points[0].first << " ]" << endl;
121         cout << "Y = [ ";
122         for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
123             cout << points[i].second << ", ";
124         }
125         cout << points[0].second << " ]" << endl;
126     }

```

Listing 2: *graham\_scan.cpp*

```

1  #include <algorithm>
2  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
3  #include <chrono>
4  #include <ctime>
5  #include <stack>
6  #include <utility>
7  #include <vector>
8  using namespace std;
9  using namespace std::chrono;

```

```

10
11 typedef pair<int, int> Point;
12 typedef vector<Point> vpII;
13 stack<Point> S;
14 vpII P; // points are stored as (y,x)
15 vpII sorted_points;
16 vpII hull_pts;
17
18 int get_y(const Point p) { return p.first; }
19 int get_x(const Point p) { return p.second; }
20 Point get_min(const vpII P) { return *min_element(P.begin(), P.end()); }
21
22 bool non_left_turn(const Point p1, const Point p2, Point p) {
23     int cross_prod = (get_x(p2) - get_x(p1)) * (get_y(p) - get_y(p1)) -
24                     (get_y(p2) - get_y(p1)) * (get_x(p) - get_x(p1));
25     if (cross_prod > 0)
26         return false;
27     else if (cross_prod < 0)
28         return true;
29     return false;
30 }
31
32 Point next_to_top(stack<Point> &s) {
33     Point top = s.top();
34     s.pop();
35     Point next_top = s.top();
36     s.push(top);
37     return next_top;
38 }
39
40 void read_points_from_file(const string file_name, vpII &points);
41 void print_points(const vpII points, int n);
42
43 int main() {
44     read_points_from_file("points.txt", P);
45     Point p0 = get_min(P); // reference point
46     auto order = [&](Point p1, Point p2) -> bool {
47         int dx1 = get_x(p1) - get_x(p0), dy1 = get_y(p1) - get_y(p0);
48         int dx2 = get_x(p2) - get_x(p0), dy2 = get_y(p2) - get_y(p0);
49
50         int cross = dx1 * dy2 - dy1 * dx2;
51         if (cross == 0)
52             return (dx1 * dx1 + dy1 * dy1) < (dx2 * dx2 + dy2 * dy2);
53
54         return cross > 0;
55     };
56
57     sorted_points = P;
58     int m = sorted_points.size();
59     print_points(sorted_points, m);
60

```

```

61     auto st = high_resolution_clock::now(); // clock start
62
63     sort(sorted_points.begin(), sorted_points.end(), order);
64     S.push(p0);
65     S.push(sorted_points[1]);
66     S.push(sorted_points[2]);
67
68     for (int i = 3; i < m; i++) {
69         Point p_i = sorted_points[i];
70         while (S.size() > 1 && non_left_turn(next_to_top(S), S.top(), p_i)) {
71             S.pop();
72         }
73         S.push(p_i);
74     }
75
76     while (!S.empty()) {
77         Point p = S.top();
78         hull_pts.push_back(p);
79         S.pop();
80     }
81     auto et = high_resolution_clock::now(); // clock end
82     double time_taken =
83         chrono::duration_cast<chrono::nanoseconds>(et - st).count();
84     time_taken *= 1e-6;
85     cout << "Convex hull points using Graham Scan:" << endl;
86     print_points(hull_pts, hull_pts.size());
87     cout << "Time taken for Graham Scan: " << time_taken << " ms" << endl;
88     cout << "No. of Points: " << P.size() << endl;
89 }
90
91 void read_points_from_file(const string file_name, vpii &points) {
92     ifstream inputFile(file_name);
93     if (!inputFile.is_open()) {
94         cerr << "Error opening the file!" << endl;
95         exit(1);
96     }
97     string line;
98     while (getline(inputFile, line)) {
99         stringstream ss(line);
100         int x, y;
101         ss >> x >> y;
102         points.push_back(make_pair(y, x));
103     }
104     inputFile.close();
105 }
106
107 void print_points(const vpii points, int n) {
108     cout << "X = [ ";
109     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
110         cout << get_x(points[i]) << ", ";
111     }

```



```

112     cout << get_x(points[0]) << " ]" << endl;
113     cout << "Y = [ ";
114     for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
115         cout << get_y(points[i]) << ", ";
116     }
117     cout << get_y(points[0]) << " ]" << endl;
118 }

```

Listing 3: *Makefile*

```

1 CC=g++
2
3 convex: points graham quick
4
5 points: generate_points.cpp
6     $(CC) $^ -o points.out
7     ./points.out
8 graham:    graham_scan.cpp
9     $(CC) $^ -o graham_scan.out
10    ./graham_scan.out
11
12 quick: quickhull.cpp
13     $(CC) $^ -o quickhull.out
14     ./quikhull.out
15
16 clean:
17     rm *.out

```

Listing 4: *visualization.py*

```

1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 %matplotlib inline
3 X = [ 44, 63, 90, 43, 54, 26, 42, 47, 57, 2, 61, 72, 24, 88, 82, 78, 33, 74,
   ↪ 55, 19, 99, 24, 42, 73, 18, 32, 41, 43, 64, 49, 8, 73, 66, 13, 66, 32,
   ↪ 27, 8, 82, 69, 5, 80, 59, 12, 56, 70, 86, 7, 40, 74, 54, 20, 65, 51, 59,
   ↪ 96, 76, 60, 100, 60, 83, 75, 23, 22, 4, 18, 57, 89, 16, 18, 11, 90, 43,
   ↪ 71, 24, 1, 11, 78, 60, 46, 51, 72, 51, 79, 100, 93, 12, 99, 82, 47, 51,
   ↪ 64, 26, 97, 92, 100, 56, 100, 31, 24 ]
4 Y = [ 55, 98, 64, 46, 32, 64, 98, 29, 44, 83, 16, 14, 57, 82, 26, 77, 40,
   ↪ 22, 68, 61, 44, 93, 23, 50, 74, 30, 55, 16, 83, 97, 26, 92, 46, 72, 31,
   ↪ 64, 8, 20, 80, 99, 53, 97, 74, 74, 60, 16, 42, 3, 72, 5, 58, 80, 28, 46,
   ↪ 72, 64, 27, 34, 24, 8, 29, 20, 33, 62, 48, 58, 37, 21, 40, 75, 65, 86,
   ↪ 49, 94, 30, 7, 27, 33, 52, 63, 63, 7, 61, 67, 96, 62, 82, 54, 69, 6,
   ↪ 100, 13, 41, 85, 42, 42, 71, 6, 78, 82 ]
5 x = [ 100, 69, 51, 42, 24, 2, 1, 7, 74, 100, 100 ]
6 y = [ 96, 99, 100, 98, 93, 83, 7, 3, 5, 6, 96]
7
8 plt.scatter(X,Y, label="n=100")
9 plt.plot(x,y,color="red")
10 plt.xlabel("x")
11 plt.ylabel("y")
12 plt.legend()
13 plt.savefig("convex_100pt.png", dpi=300, bbox_inches="tight")

```

## 1.3 Output

```
cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?] took 44s
> make graham
g++ graham_scan.cpp -o graham_scan.out
./graham_scan.out
Convex hull points using Graham Scan:
Time taken for Graham Scan: 2.73556 ms
No. of Points: 5000

cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?]
> make quick
g++ quickhull.cpp -o quickhull.out
./quickhull.out
Convex hull points using Quick Hull:
Time taken for Quick hull: 1.20198 ms
No. of Points: 5000
```

(a) Execution time for  $n=5000$

```
cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?] took 5s
> make graham
g++ graham_scan.cpp -o graham_scan.out
./graham_scan.out
Convex hull points using Graham Scan:
Time taken for Graham Scan: 29.7845 ms
No. of Points: 50000

cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?]
> make quick
g++ quickhull.cpp -o quickhull.out
./quickhull.out
Convex hull points using Quick Hull:
Time taken for Quick hull: 8.96497 ms
No. of Points: 50000
```

(c) Execution time for  $n=50000$

```
cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?] took 4s
> make graham
g++ graham_scan.cpp -o graham_scan.out
./graham_scan.out
Convex hull points using Graham Scan:
Time taken for Graham Scan: 5.5254 ms
No. of Points: 10000

cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?]
> make quick
g++ quickhull.cpp -o quickhull.out
./quickhull.out
Convex hull points using Quick Hull:
Time taken for Quick hull: 2.73906 ms
No. of Points: 10000
```

(b) Execution time for  $n=10000$

```
cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?] took 5s
> make quick
g++ quickhull.cpp -o quickhull.out
./quickhull.out
Convex hull points using Quick Hull:
Time taken for Quick hull: 17.9454 ms
No. of Points: 100000

cse-22/algorithm-lab on 7 master [!?]
> make graham
g++ graham_scan.cpp -o graham_scan.out
./graham_scan.out
Convex hull points using Graham Scan:
Time taken for Graham Scan: 61.4065 ms
```

(d) Execution time for  $n=100000$

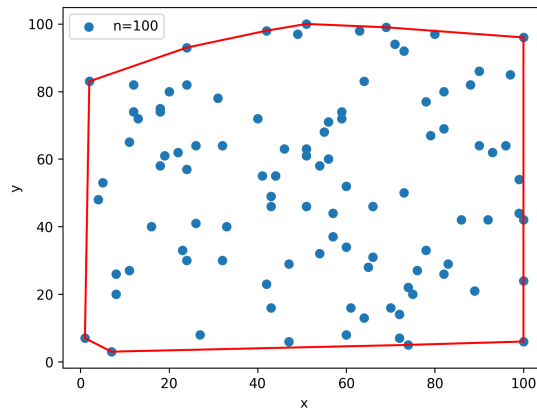
Figure 1: Convex hull algorithm execution time

## Summary of Execution time

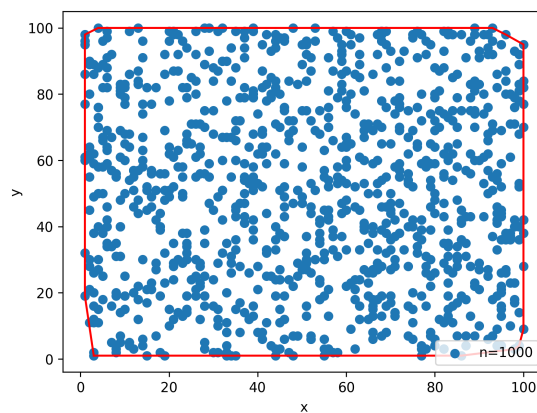
Table 1: Comparison table for Graham Scan & Quick Hull algorithm execution time

Input Size	Graham Scan (ms)	Quick Hull (ms)
1,000	0.460 258	0.413 883
5,000	2.735 560	1.201 980
10,000	5.525 400	2.739 060
50,000	29.784 500	8.964 970
100,000	61.406 500	17.945 400

## Visualization



(a) *Convex hull visualization using graham scan for 100 points*



(b) *Convex hull visualization using quick hull for 1000 points*

Figure 2: *Convex hull Visualization*

## 1.4 Analysis & Discussion

Graham Scan is faster than quick hull for very number of points. But with increasing number of points quick hull is significantly efficient than graham scan. This is because Graham scan needs to sort the points before doing its calculation. And this is more costly. In case of quick hull, there is no need to sort the points, rather it can find the points by divide and conquer approach, which significantly decreases the execution time for quick hull.