

Project 4: convex hull

1. Algorithms used:

- Naive algorithm:
 - Time complicity: $O(n^3)$, n = number of points
- Gift wrapping algorithm:
 - Time complicity (average): $O(n * h)$, where n - number of points; h : number of conv * $\log(n)$
 - Time complicity (worst case): $O(n^2)$



2. Project implementation

2.1 Project structure

- /test_data/ : Test cases & algorithm execution results
- __init__.py - module initialization
- gui.py - GUI implementation, visualization of gift wrapping algorithm
- project4.py - Algorithms implementation (convex hull, gift wrapping); main() entryptoint of the project, Test data generator (TestCases)
- project4_test.py - main(): generate tests & write using the class TestOutputWriter

2.2 Short description of python modules

- gui.py:
 - class DisplayConvexHullResults:
 - A pygame-based graphical interface to display the results of a given convex hull algorithm
- project4.py:
 - method find_convex_hull_naive:
 - Naive convex hull algorithm (defined in section 1.)
 - method - orientation:
 - returns:
 - 0: Collinear points
 - 1: Clockwise angle

- 2: Counterclockwise angle
 - method - find_convex_hull_giftwrap:
 - Gift wrapping convex hull algorithm (defined in section 1.)
 - class - TestCases:
 - method generate_linear(count):
 - generate random points on a random line
 - method generate_linear_with_repeating_points:
 - generate points on a line with repeating points
 - method _rand:
 - random number generator (normal distribution)
 - method generate_normal:
 - generate points distributed according to a given 2-D distribution (normal x uniform etc)
 - generate_with_repeating_points:
 - equal to the previous method, but the output data contains repeating points
 - log_exec_time:
 - log execution time to a TestOutputWriter object
 - test_algorithm_correctness:
 - namely, execute a convex hull algorithm and write output to file
 - test_giftwrap_algorithm_correctness:
 - re-definition of the above method for gift-wrapping algorithm
 - test_naive_algorithm_correctness:
 - re-definition of the above method for naive algorithm
 - method - main:
 - test algorithm correctness for a generated set of points & print output to file
 - method - sub:
 - read points from file
 - use Shapely.Polygon object to get the convex hull
 - compare algorithm results (must be equal)
 - method - sub_gui:
 - generate points & find convex hull
 - create a GUI instance to display the results
 - method - __main__:
 - prompt: test/gui
- project4_test.py:
 - method - __main__:
 - generate points & find convex hull
 - write test results to file

