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Algorithmic Problem Solving

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Class 21: Geometry

Geometry

```
class point implements Comparable<point> {
    double x, y; // only used if more precision is needed

    point() {
        x = y = 0.0;
    } // default constructor

    point(double _x, double _y) {
        x = _x;
        y = _y;
    } // user-defined

    // use EPS (1e-9) when testing equality of two floating points
    public int compareTo(point other) { // override less than operator
        if (Math.abs(x - other.x) > EPS) // useful for sorting
            return (int) Math.ceil(x - other.x); // first: by x-coordinate
        else if (Math.abs(y - other.y) > EPS)
            return (int) Math.ceil(y - other.y); // second: by y-coordinate
        else
            Return 0; // they are equal
    }
};
```

Geometry

- Euclidean distance

```
double dist(point p1, point p2) {  
    return Math.hypot(p1.x - p2.x, p1.y - p2.y); }
```

```
// Euclidean distance  
// return double
```


Geometry

- Lines
 - Equation for a line, $y = mx + b$
 - Better representation with $ax + by + c = 0$

```
class line { double a, b, c; }; // a way to represent a line

// the answer is stored in the third parameter
void pointsToLine(point p1, point p2, line l) {
    if (Math.abs(p1.x - p2.x) < EPS) { // vertical line is fine
        l.a = 1.0;    l.b = 0.0;    l.c = -p1.x;
    } else {
        l.a = -(double)(p1.y - p2.y) / (p1.x - p2.x);
        l.b = 1.0; // IMPORTANT: we fix the value of b to 1.0
        l.c = -(double)(l.a * p1.x) - p1.y;
    } }
}
```

Geometry

- Lines
 - Do they intersect?
 - Parallel = no
 - Same line = yes, infinite number of times

```
boolean areParallel(line l1, line l2) {           // check coefficients a & b
    return (Math.abs(l1.a-l2.a) < EPS) && (Math.abs(l1.b-l2.b) < EPS); }
```

```
boolean areSame(line l1, line l2) {               // also check coefficient c
    return areParallel(l1 ,l2) && (Math.abs(l1.c - l2.c) < EPS); }
```

Geometry

- Lines
 - Do they intersect?
 - Otherwise, once, when
 - $a_1x + b_1y + c_1 = a_2x + b_2y + c_2$

```
boolean areIntersect(line l1, line l2, point p) {  
    if (areParallel(l1, l2)) return false;           // no intersection  
    // solve system of 2 linear algebraic equations with 2 unknowns  
    p.x = (l2.b * l1.c - l1.b * l2.c) / (l2.a * l1.b - l1.a * l2.b);  
    // special case: test for vertical line to avoid division by zero  
    if (Math.abs(l1.b) > EPS) p.y = -(l1.a * p.x + l1.c);  
    else p.y = -(l2.a * p.x + l2.c);  
    return true; }
```


Geometry

- Line Segments
 - Lines with two endpoints (finite length)
- Vectors
 - Line segment with a direction, starting from $(0, 0)$

```
class vec { double x, y;          // name: 'vec' is different from Java Vector
  vec(double _x, double _y) { x = _x; y = _y; } };
```

```
vec toVec(point a, point b) {          // convert 2 points to vector
  return new vec(b.x - a.x, b.y - a.y); }
```

```
vec scale(vec v, double s) {           // nonnegative s = [<1 .. 1 .. >1]
  return new vec(v.x * s, v.y * s); }  // shorter.same.longer
```

```
point translate(point p, vec v) {       // translate p according to v
  return new point(p.x + v.x, p.y + v.y); }
```

Geometry

- Motivation, [Codeforces 227A](#), Where do I Turn?
 - A knight travels from point A to point B. He wants to travel to point C but does not know the direction.
 - An eagle helps the knight by flying up and spotting point C.
 - The eagle responds with “TOWARDS” (straight ahead), “RIGHT”, or “LEFT”

Geometry

- How to solve
 - Find the cross product of AB, BC
 - The magnitude of this vector is the area of the parallelogram that these vectors span
 - If it's zero, the points A, B, and C are collinear
 - If nonzero, then the sign of the magnitude indicates what side C is on of line AB

```
double cross(vec a, vec b) {  
    return a.x * b.y - a.y * b.x;  
}
```

Geometry

- Circles
 - Defined by a point P and a radius r
 - Diameter is twice the radius
 - Circumference = length of the circle's edge
 - $C = \pi * d$
 - Area is $A = \pi * r^2$

Geometry

- Example problem, Trace
 - Given a list of circles all with difference radii but the same point
 - The circles are painted on a wall, alternating in color, red and blue
 - The circles are sorted from large to small (largest painted first)
 - What is the area of the red on the wall?
 - The wall itself starts blue

Geometry

- Triangles

- A polygon with three points and three edges
- Perimeter of triangle is $p = a + b + c$
- Area of right angle triangle:
 - $A = b * h / 2$
- Area of general triangle:
 - $A = \text{sqrt}(s * (s - a) * (s - b) * (s - c))$
 - $s = 0.5 * p$, the semi-perimeter
 - Called Heron's Formula



Geometry

- Covered in book
 - Quadrilaterals
 - Rectangles, squares, parallelograms, etc.
 - Basic trigonometry
 - Pythagorean theorem
 - Law of sines
 - Law of cosines

Geometry

- Polygons
 - Perimeter of polygons
 - Cycle through all edges and add their lengths

```
double perimeter(point[] pts) {  
    double p = 0.0;  
    for (int i = 0; i < pts.length; i++) {  
        p += dist(pts[i], pts[(i+1) % pts.length]);  
    }  
    return p;  
}
```


Geometry

- Polygons
 - Area of polygons, given in cw or ccw order

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 \\ x_3 & y_3 \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot \\ x_n & y_n \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i y_{i+1 \bmod n} - x_{i+1 \bmod n} y_i)$$

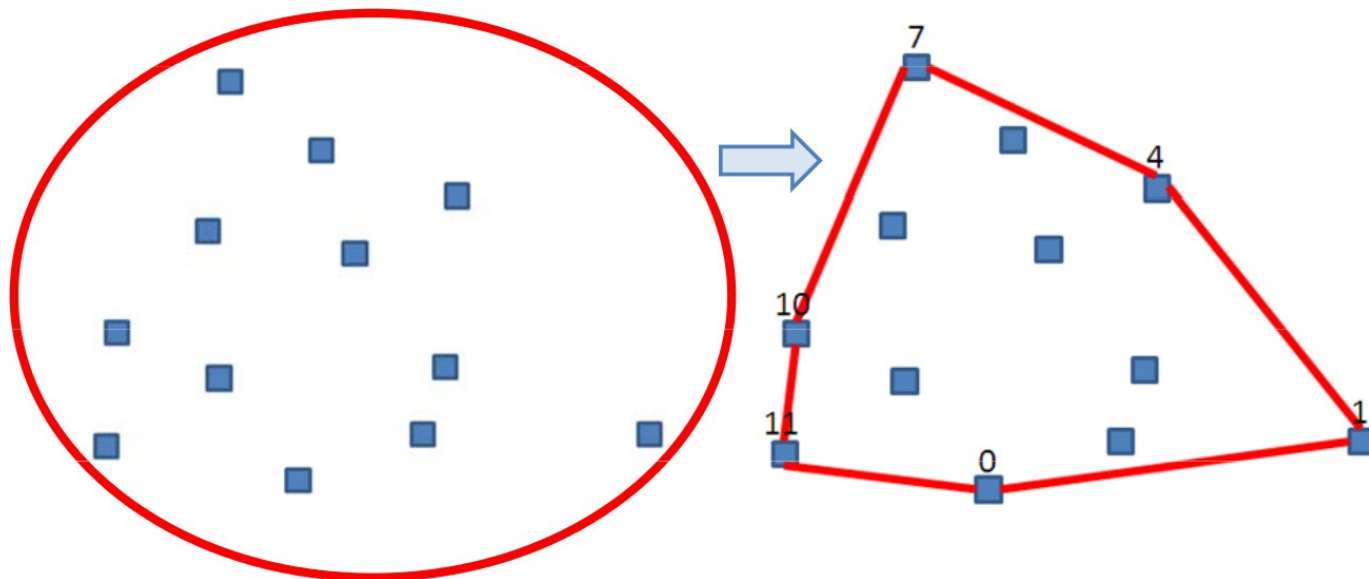
Geometry

- Polygons
 - Area of polygons, given in cw or ccw order
 - Works with convex and concave polygons

```
public static double signedArea(point[] p, int n) {  
    double sum = 0;  
    for (int i = n - 1, j = 0; j < n; i = j++) {  
        sum += p[i].x * p[j].y - p[i].y * p[j].x;  
    }  
    return 0.5 * sum;  
}
```

Geometry

- Convex Hull
 - The convex hull of a set of points P is the smallest convex polygon $CH(P)$ for which each point in P is either on the boundary of $CH(P)$ or in its interior



Geometry

- Convex Hull
 - Algorithm sketch:
 - Find bottom most, right most point (“the pivot”)
 - Angular sort all points with respect to the pivot
 - Traverse points, add points that are CCW

