Programming Challenges (GB21802)

Week 9 - Computational Geometry

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Introduction

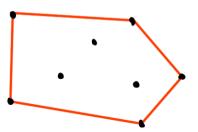
Part I: Introduction

What is Computational Geometry?

In programming challenges, Computational Geometry problems involve answering questions about **lines, points and angles**.

Example 1

Given a set of N points $(s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_N)$, what is the area of the smallest polygon that covers all points in the set?

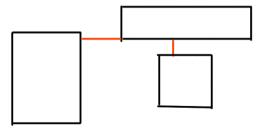


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Example 2

Given N rectangles, $\{x_1, y_1, w_1, h_1\}; \dots; \{x_N, y_N, w_N, h_N\}$, what is the smallest length of line segments needed to connect them?

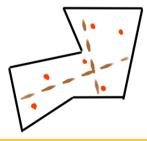


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Example 3

Given a polygon and a set of N points, find a line that divides the polygon in equal areas, with the same number of points in each area?



Computational Geometry: The good and the bad

Positive Points

- Geometry problems are fun, and you draw pretty pictures when thinking about them;
- A large part of geometry problems can be solved with algorithms and techniques that vou learned in high school:
- The code for techniques is highly re-usable:

Negative Points

- You have to write a lot of code (but a lot of it is reusable!);
- Easy to get WE for small mistakes;
- Many special cases in the input data:

Common Mistakes in Geometry Problems

Errors because of special cases in input data

- Multiple points in the same position:
- Collinear points (three points in the same line);
- Vertical lines (bad tangent value, division by 0);
- Parallel Lines (bad intersection value):
- Intersection at end of a segment;
- etc:

Floating Number Precision Errors

- Wrong Answer because of poor rounding of final result;
- Error Propagation inside functions (multiplication, division);

Common Mistakes in Geometry Problems

How to avoid these mistakes in Geometry Problems?

• Special Cases:

- Make sure to think which special cases affect your tecnique, and add checks for these cases;
- When testing your problem, include input with the special case;

Precision Errors:

- If possible, convert values to integers before calculation;
- When testing equality of two values, use an **Epsilon Constant**:

Class Outline

In this lecture, we will focus on:

- Discussion of implementation of geometric operations;
- Discussion of problem examples;

Specific topics will be:

- Intersection and Rotation of points and lines;
- Circle representation and components;
- Triangles (area, angles, triangles and circles);
- Polygon representation and Convex Hull;

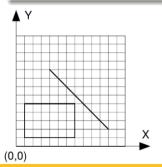
Problem Example: Intersection

• **Input**: A rectangle and a line segment:

Rectangle: x_sy_sx_ey_e
 Line: x₀, y₀, x₁, y₁

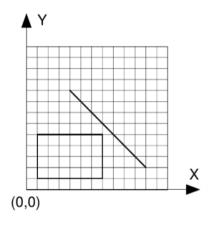
Output

True if the line segment intersects the rectangle, False if not



How do you solve it?

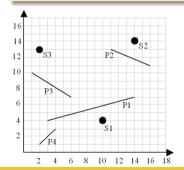
Problem Example: Intersection



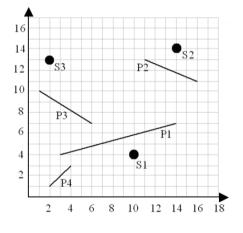
- Test if p_1 or p_2 are inside the rectangle;
- For each segment \overline{AB} , test if $\overline{p_1, p_2}$ intersects \overline{AB} .

Problem Example: Waterfalls

- Input
 - List of line segments that block water;
 - · List of water sources;
- Output
 - For every waterfall w, the end position X_w where $Y_w = 0$



Problem Example: Waterfalls



Full Search:

- For each water source S_i :
 - Calculate which segment intersects $\overline{S_i0}$ first.
 - Adjust the position X_i and repeat until $Y_i = 0$.
- This is a bit slow if there are many sources and segments.
- Can you pre-calculate something?
- Remember that all inputs are integers!

Basic Functions

Part II - Points and Lines

Representing a point as a structure



```
struct point i { int x, y; // integer coordinates
  point_i() { x = y = 0; }
  point_i(int _x, int _y) : x(_x), y(_y) {}};
struct point { double x, y; // double coordinates
  point() { x = y = 0.0; }
  point (double \underline{x}, double \underline{y}) : x(\underline{x}), y(\underline{y}) {}};
```

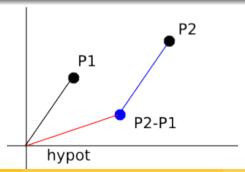
Overloading Point Operators

```
struct point { double x, y;
   point() { x = v = 0.0;
   point (double \underline{x}, double \underline{y}) : x(\underline{x}), y(\underline{y}) {}
   bool operator < (point other) const { // Overloading "<"
      if (fabs(x - other.x) > EPS)
         return x < other.x;
      return v < other.v; }
   bool operator == (point other) const {
                                                        // Overloading "=="
      return (fabs(x - other.x) < EPS &&
              (fabs(y - other.y) < EPS)); }
point a = point(1,2); point b = point(3,4);
if (!(a == b)) printf("Different\n");
```

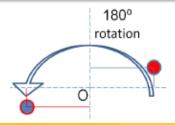
Point Distance

```
// Euclidean Distance: "normal" distance
#define hypot(dx,dy) sqrt(dx*dx + dy*dy)
double dist(point p1, point p2) { return hypot(p1.x - p2.x, p1.y - p2.y); }

// Taxicab Distance / Manhattan Distance : Distance on a grid
double taxicab(point p1, point p2) { return fabs(p1.x-p2.x) + fabs(p1.y-p2.y); }
```



Point Rotation



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Data Structure for a Line

- ax + by + c = 0
- y = mx + c
- x_0, y_0, x_1, y_1

(a,b,c) – useful for most cases (m.c) – useful for angle manipulation

 (p_1, p_2) – harder to use, but common input

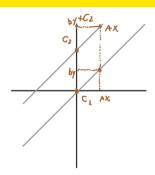
How to convert from two points to a line

```
struct line { double a,b,c; };

void pointsToLine(point p1, point p2, line &1) {
   if (fabs(p1.x - p2.x) < EPS {
        1.a = 1.0; l.b = 0.0; l.c = -p1.x; }
   else {
        1.a = -(double) (p1.y - p2.y)/(p1.x - p2.x);
        1.b = 1.0; l.c = -(double) (l.a*p1.x) - p1.y;}
}</pre>
```

Line Equality

- We define a line as $a, b, c \rightarrow (ax + by = c)$
- Two lines are parallel if their coefficients (a, b) are the same;
- Two lines are identical if all coefficients (a, b, c) are the same:



```
bool areParallel(line 11, line 12) {
  return (fabs(l1.a-l2.a) < EPS) && (fabs(l1.b-l2.b) < EPS); }

bool areSame(line 11, line 12) {
  return areParallel(l1,l2) && (fabs(l1.c - l2.c) < EPS); }</pre>
```

Line Intersection

The intersection point x_l , y_l can be found by solving:

$$a_1x_1 + b_1y_1 + c_1 = 0$$

 $a_2x_1 + b_2y_1 + c_2 = 0$

Remember that when we create a line i, we set $b_i = 0$ or $b_i = 1$

Segments and Vectors

- A line segment is a line with two endpoints (p_1, p_2) ;
- A **Vector** is a line segment with a direction;

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    Usually represented as "direction" and "magnitude";

• Direction is a point with distance 1 from (0,0)
• Magnitude is a multiplier to the size of the vector:

    Represent movement, translation, speed, etc.
```

```
struct vec { double x, v;
    vec(double \underline{x}, double \underline{y}) : x(\underline{x}), y(\underline{y}) {} };
vec toVec(point a, point b) {
    return vec(b.x - a.x, b.y - a.y); }
vec scale(vec v, double s) {
    return vec(v.x * s, v.y * s);}
point translate(point p, vec v) {
    return point (p.x + v.x, p.y + v.y); }
```

Distance between point and line, point and segment

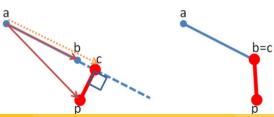
For a point p and a line l (represented by \overline{ab}), the distance between both is given by the segment pc, where c is the projection of p in l.

Calculating c:

- calculate scalar proj. *u* of \vec{ap} in *l*.
- change magnitude of \vec{ab} to \vec{u} to obtain \vec{ac} .
- calculate distance between *p* and *c*.

Distance between p and \overline{ab} :

- calculate scalar proj. *u* of \vec{ap} in *l*.
- if u < 0 or $u > |\vec{ab}|$, then the distance is $\min(d(a, p), d(b, p))$.
- else, calculate \vec{ac} and calculate distance d(p, c).



CODE: Distance between point and line

```
double dot(vec a, vec b) { return (a.x * b.x + a.y * b.y); } // dot product
double norm sq(vec v) { return v.x * v.x + v.v * v.v; } // norm squared
// Given points a,b,p, calculate distance from p to line ab.
double distToLine(point p, point a, point b, point &c) {
 // point c: c = a + u * |ab|
 vec ap = toVec(a, p), ab = toVec(a, b);
 // dot product calculates size of ap in ab
 // norm square will calculate the scale to ab
 double u = dot(ap, ab) / norm_sq(ab);
 // translate a by u to find point c.
 c = translate(a, scale(ab, u));
 return dist(p, c);
```

CODE: Distance between point and segment

Same as before, but first we test if c is inside \overline{ab} .

```
double distToSegment(point p, point a, point b, point &c) {
 // next two lines is exact same as last slide
 vec ap = toVec(a, p), ab = toVec(a, b);
 double u = dot(ap, ab) / norm_sq(ab);
 // test if the magnitude $u$ is bigger or smaller than ab.
 if (u < 0.0) { c = point(a.x, a.y); // closer to a
                 return dist(p, a); }
 if (u > 1.0) { c = point(b.x, b.y); // closer to b
                 return dist(p, b); }
 // c is inside AB, same as last slide
 c = translate(a, scale(ab, u));
 return dist(p,c);
```

Angle between segments

Given three points, a, b and o, we can calculate the angle between \overline{oa} and \overline{ob} using the dot product.

```
Given that: oa \cdot ob = |oa| \times |ob| \times \cos(\theta), we have \theta = \arccos(\frac{oa \cdot ob}{|oa| \times |ob|})
```

```
#import <cmath>

// angle in radians (0..2*PI)
double angle(point a, point o, point b) {
  vec oa = toVector(o, a), ob = toVector(o, b);
  return acos(dot(oa, ob) / sqrt(norm_sq(oa) * norm_sq(ob)));
}
```

Left, Right and Collinear Points

Given a line defined by points p and q, we are interested in knowing if point r is on the left/right side of the line, or if the three ponts are collinear.

Let \vec{pq} and \vec{pr} be two vectors, the **cross product** $\vec{pq} \times \vec{pr}$ is a vector that is perpendicular to both vectors. The magnitude of the cross product is positive / zero / negative if $p \to q \to r$ is left turn / collinear / right turn.

```
double cross(vec a, vec b) { return a.x * b.y - a.y * b.x; }
bool ccw(point p, point q, point r) {
  return cross(toVec(p, q), toVec(p, r)) > 0; }

collinear(point p, point q, point r) {
  return fabs(cross(toVec(p, q), toVec(p, r))) < EPS;</pre>
```

Circles and Triangles

Part III: Circles and Triangles

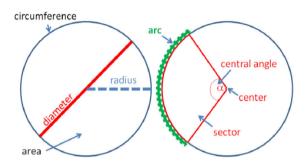
Circles

- A circle is stored as its center point *c*, and its radius *r*.
- The circle contains all points (x, y) where $(x a)^2 + (y b)^2 \le r^2$
- No square root, so less chance of floating point errors.

Test if Point p is inside Circle – Integer Version

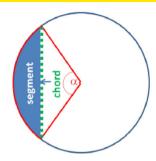
```
int insideCircle(point_i p, point_i c, int r) {
  int dx = p.x-c.x, dy = p.y-c.y;
  int Euc = dx*dx + dy*dy, rSq = r*r;
  return Euc < rSq ? 0 : Euc == rSq ? 1 : 2;
  // 0 - inside, 1 - border, 2- outside
}</pre>
```

Other circle properties



- radius: r, diameter: 2r, circumference: $2 \times \pi \times r$
- You can obtain π from the problem, or with $\pi = 2 \times \arccos(0)$
- Given a central angle α :
 - Arc: $r \times \alpha$ (if in rad) or $r \times \frac{\alpha}{360} \times 2\pi$ (if degrees)
 - **Sector:** $\frac{\alpha r^2}{2}$ (if in rad) or $2\pi r^2 \times \frac{\alpha}{360}$ (if degrees)

Other circle properties - chord



- chord: Line segment with two ends in the circle's border.
- If you know p_1 , p_2 and c, you can find α from the "angle" function;
- If you know α and r, you can find the size of the chord by: $|p_1p_2| = 2 \times r \times \sin(\alpha/2)$
 - Quiz: If you know a line and a circle, how do you find p_1 and p_2 ?
- If you know p_1 , p_2 , and r (but not α or c), you can find the center of the circle using the code in the next page;

Circle Center from points and radius

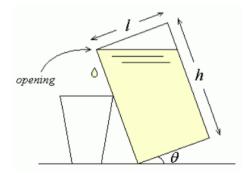
You have two points p_1 , p_2 that form a chord in a circle, and the radius of that circle. How do you find the center?

```
bool circle2PtsRad(point p1, point p2, double r, point &c) {
 double d2 = (p1.x - p2.x) * (p1.x - p2.x) +
              (p1.v - p2.v) * (p1.v - p2.v);
 double det = r * r / d2 - 0.25;
 if (det < 0.0) return false; // Can't make circle
 double h = sqrt(det);
 c.x = (p1.x + p2.x) * 0.5 + (p1.y - p2.y) * h;
 c.v = (p1.v + p2.v) * 0.5 + (p2.x - p1.x) * h;
 return true:
// to get the other center, reverse pl and p2
```

Triangle Problem Example: Soya milk

- Input:
 - The dimensions of a Milk box, and its inclination: I, w, h, θ
- Output:

The amount of milk left in the box.



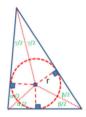
Triangle/Circle Problem Example: Bounding Box

- **Input**: Three points that are the vertices of a **regular polygon**, and number *n* of sides in the polygon;
- Output: Area of smallest axis aligned rectangle that bounds this polygon.

Triangle Basic Facts

- Triangle Inequality: If a, b, c are sides of a triangle, then a + b > c; a + c > b; b + c > a;
- Perimeter, Semiperimeter: p = a + b + c, s = p/2
- Area: $A = \frac{bh_b}{2}$
- Area (Heron's formula): $A = \sqrt{s(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}$
- Triangulation: Any 2D polygon can be decomposed into triangles;

Incircle of a Triangle



- An Inscribed Circle (incircle) is the largest circle that fits inside a triangle;
- The radius of the incircle is: r = A/s
- The center of the circle can be found by the intersection of two angle bisectors.

Radius of the Incircle: r = area/s

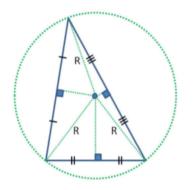
```
double rInCircle(double ab, double bc, double ca) {
  return area(ab, bc, ca) / (0.5 * perimeter(ab, bc, ca)); }

double rInCircle(point a, point b, point c) {
  return rInCircle(dist(a, b), dist(b, c), dist(c, a)); }
```

Finding the center of the Incircle of a triangle

```
int inCircle(point p1, point p2, point p3, point &ctr, double &r) {
 r = rInCircle(p1, p2, p3);
 line 11. 12: // we calculate the intersect of two angle bisectors
 double ratio; point p;
 ratio = dist(p1, p2) / dist(p1, p3);
 p = translate(p2, scale(toVec(p2, p3), ratio / (1 + ratio)));
                            // bisector 1
 pointsToLine(pl, p, l1);
 ratio = dist(p2, p1) / dist(p2, p3);
 p = translate(p1, scale(toVec(p1, p3), ratio / (1 + ratio)));
                         // bisector 2
 pointsToLine(p2, p, 12);
 areIntersect(11, 12, ctr);
                         // find center (ctr)
 return 1;
```

Circumcircle of a Triangle



- The radius of the circumcircle in a triangle with sides a, b, c and area A is $R = \frac{abc}{AA}$;
- The radius *R* is also related to the **Law of Sines**:

$$\frac{a}{\sin \alpha} = \frac{b}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c}{\sin \gamma} = 2R$$

- To find the center of the circumcircle:
 - Use a similar algorithm as the center of the incirle (last slide):
 - Instead of angle bisectors, use perpendicular bisectors;

Polygons

Part IV – Polygons and Convex Hull

Polygons – Definition and data structure

A polygon is a plane figure bounded by a finite sequence of line segments.

Polygon Representation

- In general, we store an array of points of the segments;
- We want to sort the points in CW or CCW order;
- Add the first point at the end of the array to avoid special cases;

```
// 6 points, entered in counter clockwise order;
vector<point> P;
P.push_back(point(1, 1)); // P0
P.push_back(point(3, 3)); // P1
P.push_back(point(9, 1)); // P2
P.push_back(point(12, 4)); // P3
P.push_back(point(9, 7)); // P4
P.push_back(point(1, 7)); // P5
P.push_back(P[0]); // important: loop back
```

Characteristics of a Polygon

Perimeter of a Poligon – add the distances of the segments

```
double perimeter(const vector<point> &P) {
  double result = 0.0;
  for (int i = 0; i < (int)P.size()-1; i++)
      // remember: P[0] = P[P.size()-1]
    result += dist(P[i], P[i+1]);
  return result; }</pre>
```

Area of a Poligon – half of the determinant of the XY matrix of segments

```
double area(const vector<point> &P) {
  double result = 0.0, x1, y1, x2, y2;
  for (int i = 0; i < (int)P.size()-1; i++) {
    x1 = P[i].x; x2 = P[i+1].x;
    y1 = P[i].y; y2 = P[i+1].y;
    result += (x1 * y2 - x2 * y1); }
  return fabs(result) / 2.0; }</pre>
```

Testing if a Polygon is Convex

- A convex polygon has no "holes";
- For any 2 points p_1 , p_2 inside the polygon, segment is inside polygon too.

Easier Convex Testing: Every angle turns the same way

```
bool isConvex(const vector<point> &P) {
 // Returns true if every 3 neighb vertices turn the same way;
 int sz = (int)P.size():
 if (sz <= 3) return false; // Not a polygon
 bool isLeft = ccw(P[0], P[1], P[2]); // described earlier
 for (int i = 1; i < sz-1; i++)
   if (ccw(P[i],P[i+1],P[(i+2) == sz ? 1 : i+2]) != isLeft)
     return false: // not same direction as isLeft.
 return true;
```

Polygon – Test point inside the polygon

We can use the same idea to test if a point is inside the polygon: The direction of the point in relation to every edge should be the same.

Winding Algorithm Code for point in polygon detection

```
bool inPolygon(point pt, const vector<point> &P) {
 if ((int)P.size() == 0) return false;
 double sum = 0;
 for (int i = 0; i < (int)P.size()-1; i++) {
   if (ccw(pt, P[i], P[i+1]))
     sum += angle(P[i], pt, P[i+1]); //left turn/ccw
     else sum -= angle(P[i], pt, P[i+1]); //right turn/cw
 return fabs(fabs(sum) - 2*PI) < EPS;
```

QUIZ: What happens if the point is at an edge segment?

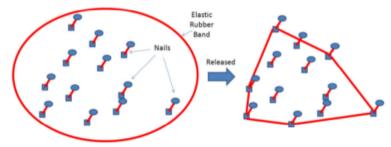
Polygon – Cutting

To cut *P* along a line *AB*, we separate the points in *P* to the left and right of the line.

```
point lineIntersectSeg(point p, point q, point A, point B) {
  double a = B.v-A.v; double b = A.x - B.x; double c = B.x*A.v - A.x*B.v;
  double u = fabs(a*p.x + b*p.y + c); double v = fabs(a*q.x + b*q.y + c);
  return point((p.x*v + q.x*u)/(u+v), (p.y*v + q.y*u)/(u+v)); }
vector<point> cutPolygon(point a, point b, const vector<point> &0) {
  vector<point> P:
  for (int i = 0; i < (int)0.size(); i++) {
    double left1 = cross(toVec(a, b), toVec(a, O[i])), left2 = 0:
   if (i != (int) 0.size() -1)
     left2 = cross(toVec(a, b), toVec(a, O[i+1]));
   if (left1 > -EPS)
      P.push back (O[i]):
                                                    //O[i] is on the left of ab
   if (left1*left2 < -EPS)
                                                     //edge (O[i], O[i+1]) crosses line ab
      P.push_back(lineIntersectSeg(Q[i], Q[i+1], a, b)); }
  if (!P.emptv() && !(P.back() == P.front()))
    P.push back (P.front()):
                                                     // make P's first point = P's last point
  return P: }
```

Polygon - Convex Hull

- A common problem: Given a set of points *S*, what is the **smallest convex polygon** that includes all points in *S*?
- One way to find the Convex Hull: for each point $p \in S$, determine if the point is at the edge of the polygon (in the hull) or inside the polygon (not in the hull).
- We will introduce the $O(n \log n)$ algorithm "Graham's Scan"



Helper Functions – sort two points based on their angle against the X axis

```
point pivot(0, 0);
bool angleCmp(point a, point b) {
  // special case: if collinear, choose closet to pivot;
  if (collinear(pivot, a, b)) // special case
   return dist(pivot, a) < dist(pivot, b);
  // calculate angle against the X axis:
  double d1x = a.x - pivot.x, d1y = a.y - pivot.y;
  double d2x = b.x - pivot.x, d2y = b.y - pivot.y;
  return (atan2(d1y, d1x) - atan2(d2y, d2x)) < 0;
```

Convex Hull – Initializing the algorithm

```
vector<point> CH(vector<point> P) {
  int i, j, n = (int)P.size();
  // Special Case: Polygon with 3 points
  if (n \le 3) {
    if (!(P[0] == P[n-1])) P.push_back(P[0]);
    return P; }
  // Find Initial Point: Low Y then Right X
  int P0 = 0;
  for (i = 1; i < n; i++)
    if (P[i].y < P[P0].y | |
        (P[i].v == P[P0].v \&\& P[i].x > P[P0].x))
     P0 = i:
  point temp = P[0]; P[0] = P[P0]; P[P0] = temp;
```

Convex Hull – More initialization

```
// second, sort points by angle with pivot PO
pivot = P[0];
sort(++P.begin(), P.end(), angleCmp);
// S holds the Convex Hull
// We initialize it with first three points
vector<point> S;
S.push back (P[n-1]);
S.push_back(P[0]);
S.push_back(P[1]);
// We start on the third point
i = 2:
```

Convex Hull - Main Loop

Now that we selected a pivot and sorted the points, we test every three points (following the sort) if they are in the convex hull.

```
while (i < n) {
  j = (int) S.size() - 1;
  // If the next point is left of CH, keep it.
  // Else, pop the last CH point and try again.
  if (ccw(S[j-1], S[j], P[i]))
    S.push back(P[i++]);
 else
    S.pop_back();
return S;
                // End Graham's Scan CH
```

Class Summary

In this class we saw several algorithms for calculating computational geometry constructs:

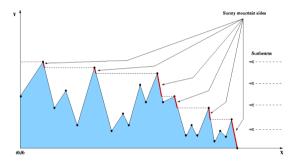
- Points and Lines and Intersections;
- · Circles and Triangles, areas and intersections;
- Convex Hull testing and Convex Hull construction;

Harder geometry problems will require you to perform search on geometry constructs, graph search, etc. Having a library with the functions of this class ready will be useful!

This Week's Problems

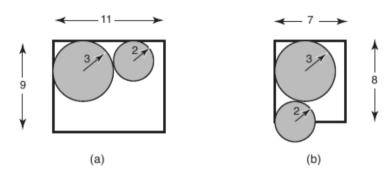
- Sunny Mountains Line and Points
- Waterfall Line and Points
 Discussed in Class
- Elevator Circles and Rectangles
- Colorful Flowers Circles and Triangles
- Bounding Box Circles, Triangles and Polygons
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- Soya Milk Rectangle and Triangle
 Discussed in Class
- Trash Removal Polygon Manipulation
- Board Wrapping Convex Hull

Sunny Mountains



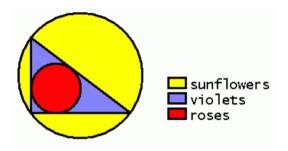
- Given segment points as the input, calculate the area illuminated by the sun.
- Hint: This problem is about calculating line/segment intersections.
- Hint: Because the line is always HORIZONTAL, you can write a function that is simpler than the one I introduced in this class.

Elevator



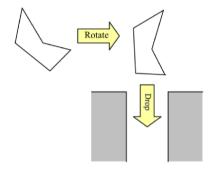
- **Input:** Size of the elevator and two Radius: R_1 , R_2 .
- Output: Do the two circles fit in the elevator? Y/N?
- **Hint:** The code is very simple, solve this program on paper first.

Colorful Flowers



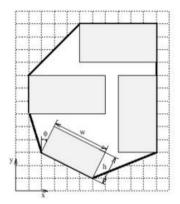
- Input: Three sides of blue triangle
- Output: Area of Yellow Zone, Blue Zone and Red Zone
- **Hint**: Practice the code for incircle and circumcircle!

Trash Removal



- What is the smallest trash box that can fit the polygon (trash)
- Input: Vertices of the polygon
- Output: Size of the smallest trash that fits the polygon
- Hint: It might help to think of the convex version of the polygon

Board Wrapping



- Convex Hull problem;
- Don't forget to rotate the rectangles correctly during input!

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