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We can take any two adjacent points on the edge of a convex hull and use them to define a line that has all of the points on one side of the line since by definition there are no points beyond the edge of a convex hull. To compute all candidate lines we can take all of the corners of the convex hulls and use them to define lines in  $O(n)$ . This satisfies the constraint that all points of  $P$  are on one side.

We can compute the centroid of  $P$  in  $O(n)$  by taking the average of all the  $X$  and  $Y$  coordinates. Since the centroid is the average of all the points, the distance from the centroid is a good estimate of the average distance from all points. We can then iterate through all of the candidate lines and compute the distance from the centroid returning the one with the smallest distance. Since all steps are done in  $O(n)$  the total runtime is  $\in O(n)$ .