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$$U = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$S_1 \subseteq U$$

$$S_2 \subseteq U$$

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$$S_m \subseteq U$$

select as few subsets
as possible that

"cover U "

"Union of the chosen
sets = U "

$$\text{sets} = U$$

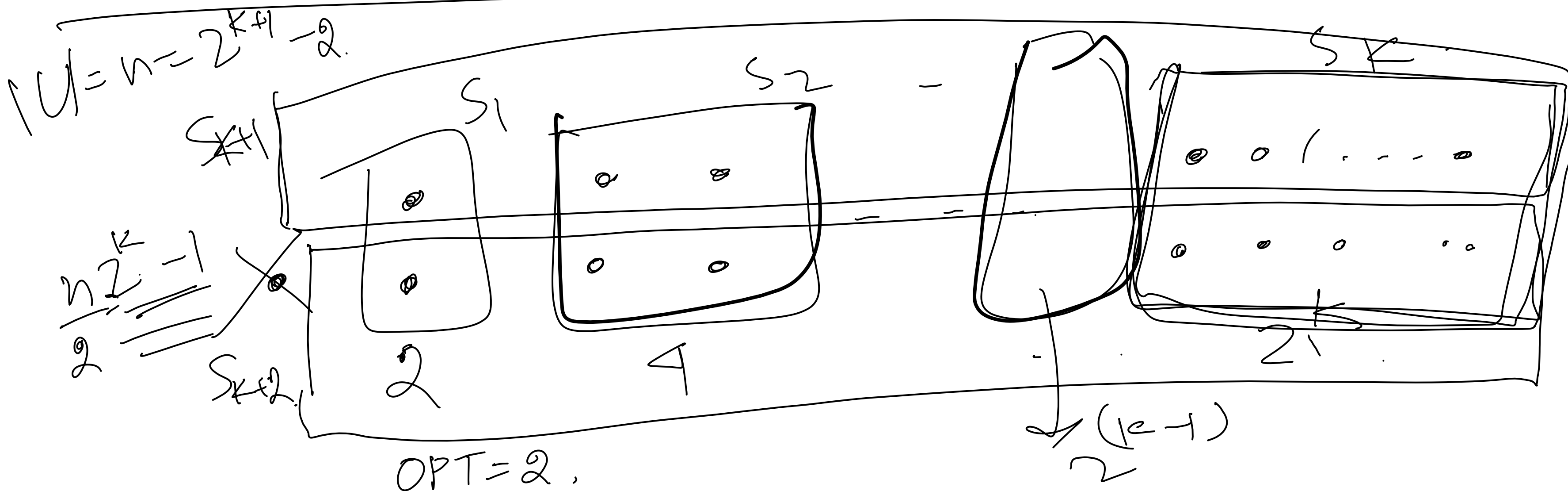


$$O(mn)$$

$$\neq K \log n$$

- Is the greedy analysis best? $\Theta(\log n)$

- Is $\Omega(\log n)$ approximation unavoidable?



Greedy:

- Selects the 2^k sized set. in the first step S_k first
 - $S_{k-1} : 2^{k-1}$ additional elements
- $$\frac{S_{k+1} - S_{k+2}}{S_{k+1} - S_{k+2}} = 2^k - 1 - 2^{k-1} = 2^{k-1} - 1$$

Greedy selects k subsets

$$k+1 = \log_2(n+2)$$

best solution 2 subsets.

$$k = \frac{\log_2(n+2) - 1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}k = \frac{1}{2} [\log_2(n+2) - 1] = \Theta(\ln n)$$

Very strong -ve result : $\underbrace{(P \neq NP)}_{\text{under}}$ - $(1 - \underbrace{o(1)}) \log n$.
 No algorithm with approximation ratio possible in polynomial time : $\text{poly}(n, m) := n^3 m^2 \dots$
 $\cdot 99$
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 $\frac{1}{\log n}$

"Approximation algorithms"

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Weighted Set Cover:

$$U: \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

$$S_1 \subseteq U : \underline{\text{Cost}(S_1)}$$

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$$S_m \subseteq U : \underline{\text{Cost}(S_m)}$$

$$\underline{\text{Cost}(S) \geq 0}$$

trying to cover
all element
with minimum
total cost

minimize

Cost (S_i)
new elements S_i is covering
minimize this over S_i

Claim: This problem has approx. value
 $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \approx \log n$

proof: "Charging argument"

$C \leftarrow \phi$
while ($C \neq U$)

• Select S_i with minimum
Cost (S_i)

all the newly
added items
will get
this change.

~~ϕ~~ | S_i | C |

$C \leftarrow C \cup S_i$

Let: e_1, \dots, e_n is the
order of insertion of the elements into C .

We'll define the charge due to e_i

$\alpha_i \leftarrow$ Charge of e_i

$$\text{Total cost of algorithm} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = K \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right) \\ = \underline{\underline{K \cdot H_n}}$$

We want to show $\alpha_i \leq ?$

Consider the situation before e_i was inserted.

at that point $|C| \leq \cancel{i} - 1$

\Rightarrow remaining elements $\# \geq (n - i + 1)$

$e_i \quad \dots \quad e_n.$

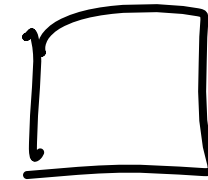
Suppose the best solution is K.

Pick out the j sets that covers
 e_i, \dots, e_n with cost $\leq K$.

therefore the minimum change in the selected

$$\text{sets} * \leq \frac{k}{(n-i+1)}$$

$$d_i \leq \frac{k}{(n-i+1)}.$$

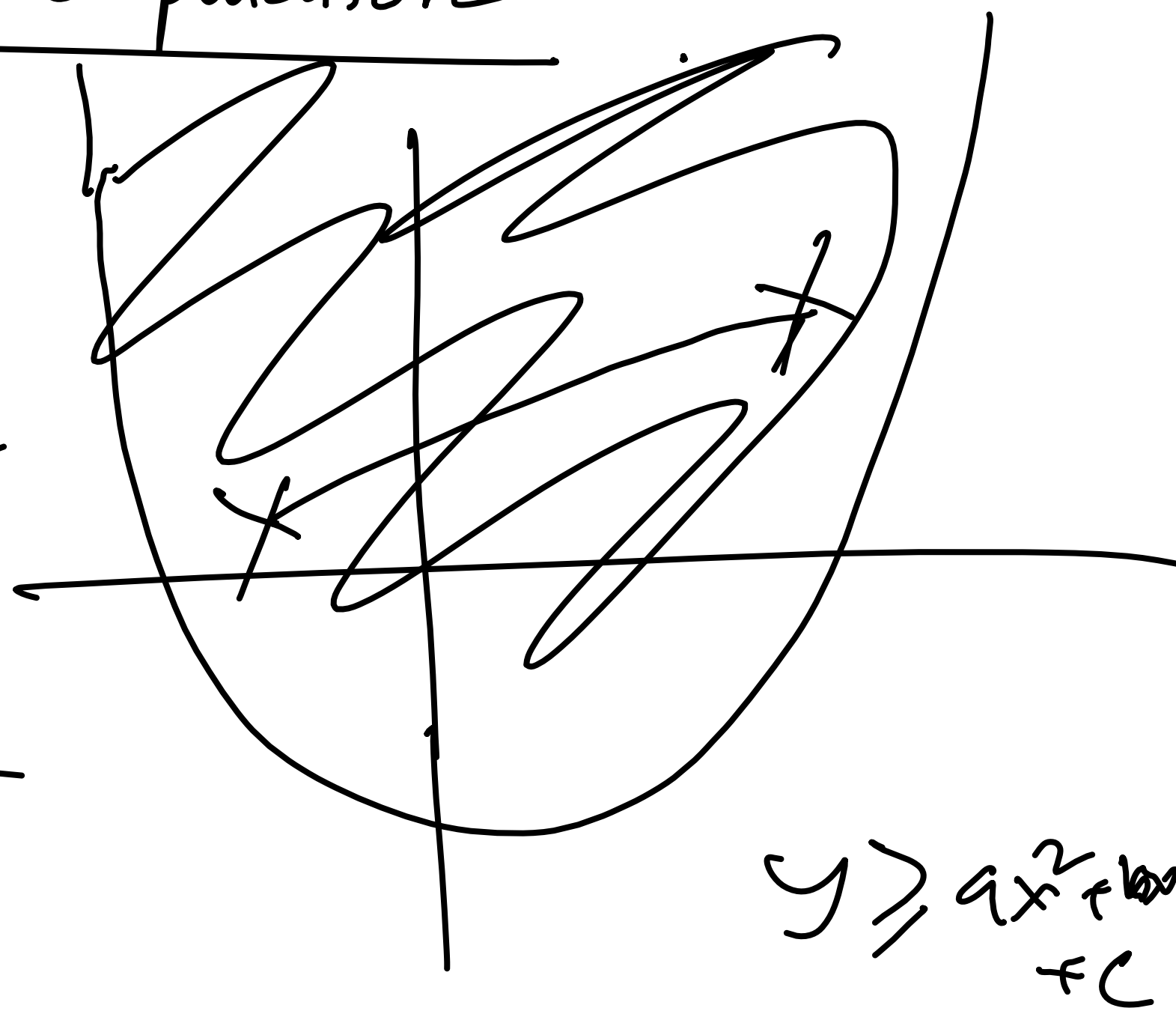


\Rightarrow approx. value is $\leq \log n \cdot k \cdot H_n$.

Conv Computational Geometry

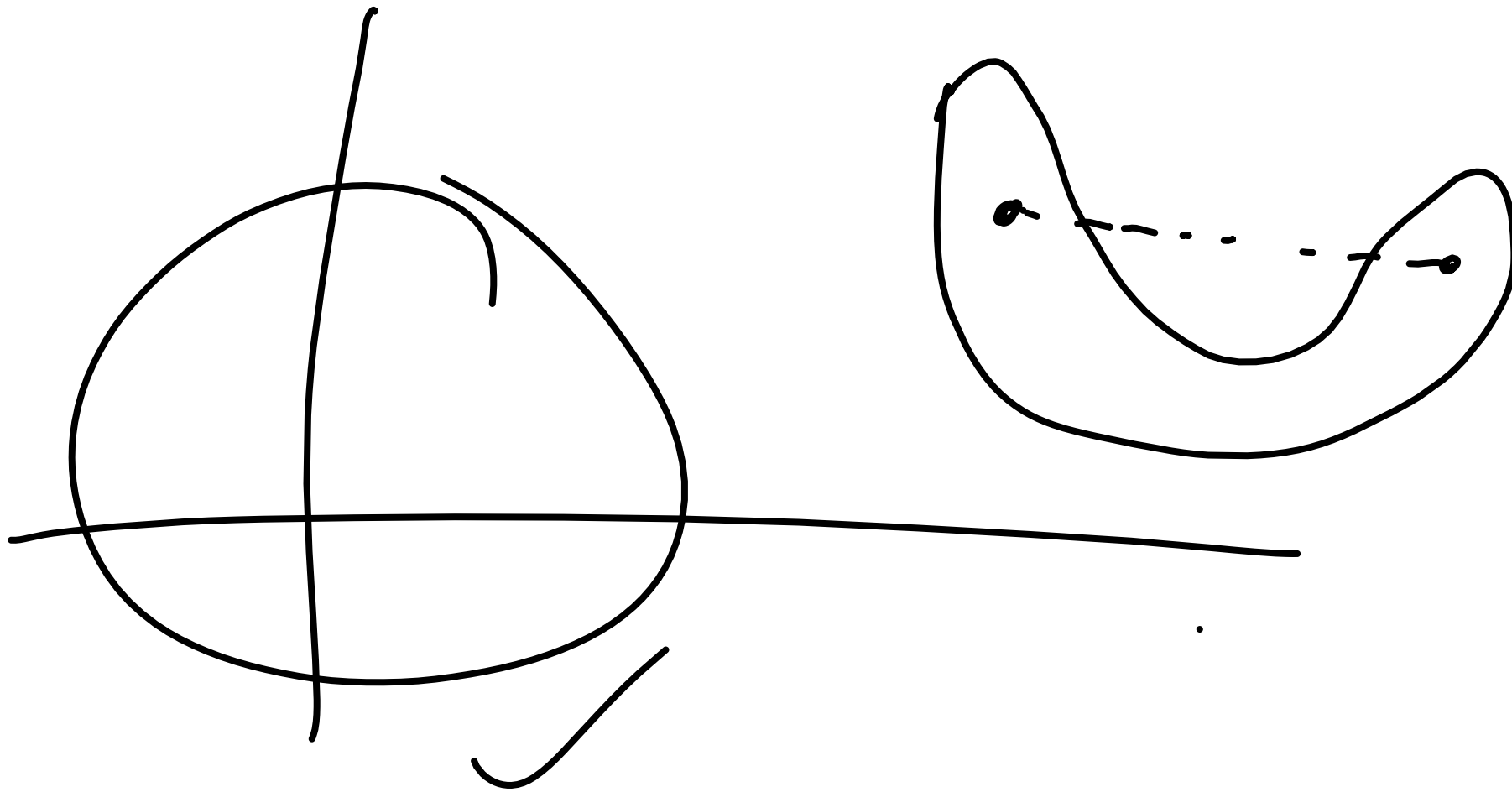
Convex Hull Computation

Define Convex Set :



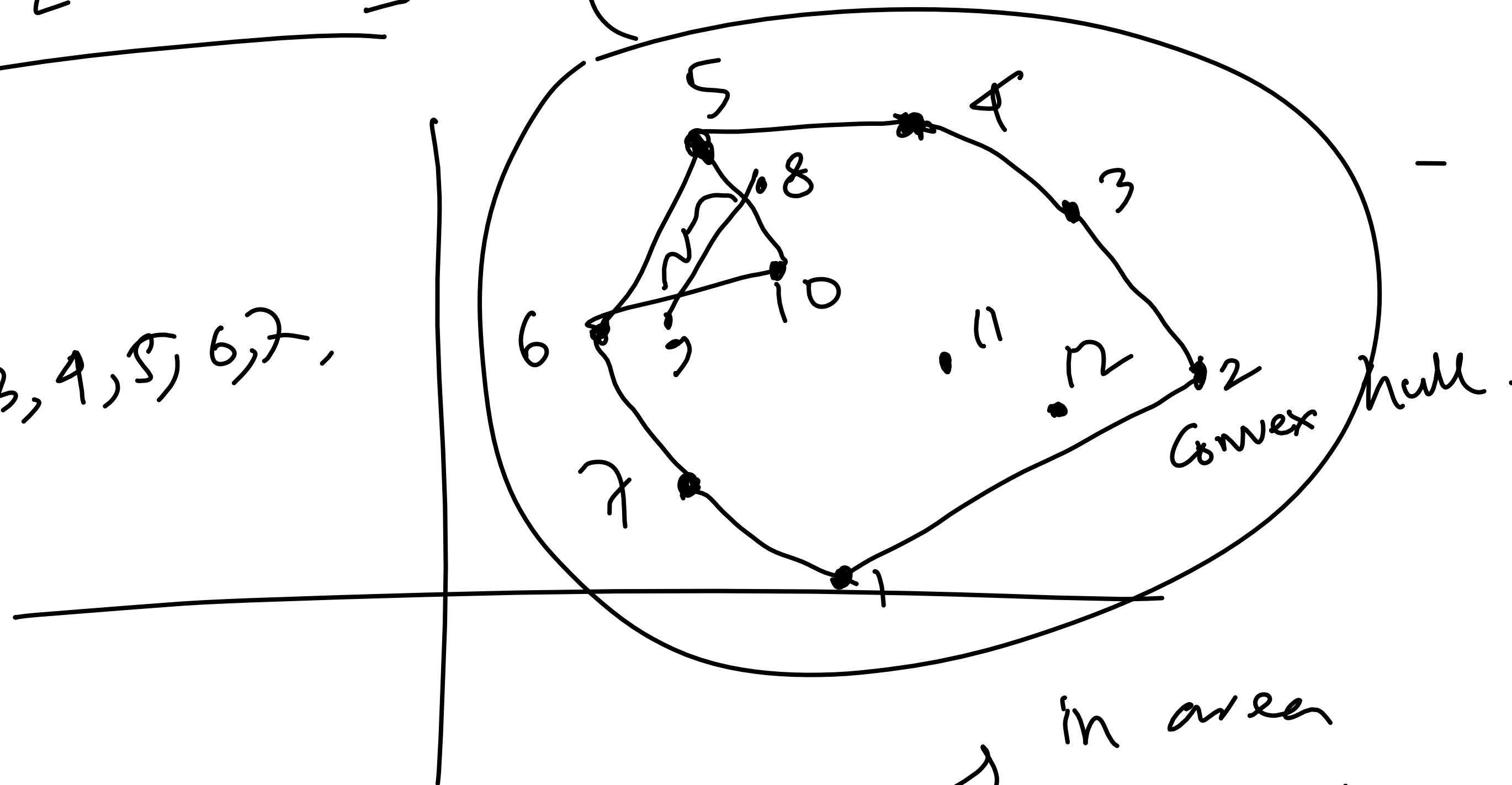
$$y \geq ax^2 + bx + c$$

(internal) A set is called a convex set if
for any two chosen points (x, y)
the line going through x, y
lies within the set.



Defⁿ [Convex Hull]: (we'll restrict ourselves to \mathbb{R}_2).

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,



Smallest convex set ^{in order} that includes
all the points.

Input: A set of points in \mathbb{R}^2
 $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P$

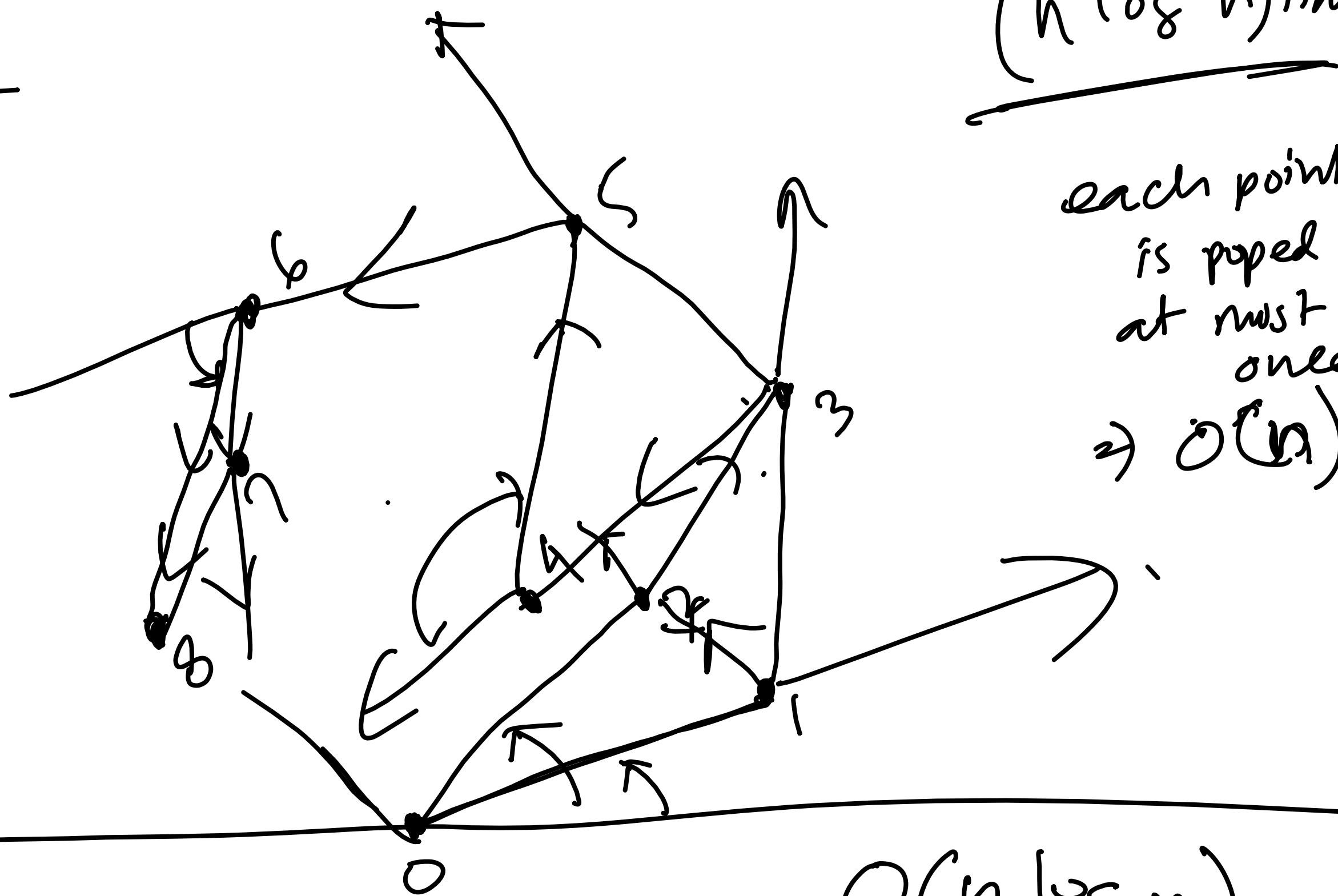
Output: Convex Hull of P .
(return sorted order of boundary points
either clockwise or anticlockwise).

no collinear points.



$(n \log n)$ time

each point
is popped
at most
once
 $\Rightarrow O(n)$



time complexity : $O(n \log n)$

