

# Geometric Algorithms

## Assignment 3

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### A

#### Point in Triangle

We try to determine if the point  $\mathbf{Q}$  lies in the triangle defined by the points  $\mathbf{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$ . To this end we define the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_1$ , see Figure 1. Each point  $\mathbf{P}$  inside the grey area in this figure can be described as:

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}_1 + a \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + b \cdot \mathbf{v}_2. \quad (1)$$

For all points to the right of  $\mathbf{P}_1$   $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ . The points that define the triangle can all be expressed according to (1):

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{P}_1 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \quad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \mathbf{P}_1 + 1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 \quad (3)$$

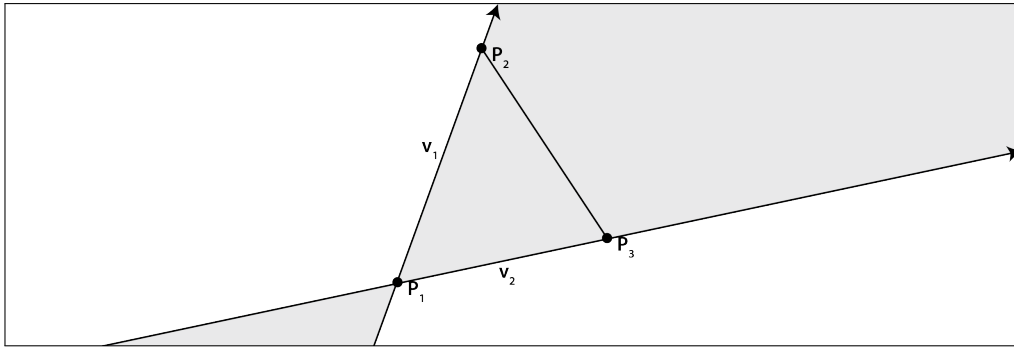
$$\mathbf{P}_3 = \mathbf{P}_1 + 0 \cdot \mathbf{v}_1 + 1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2. \quad (4)$$

If  $a + b = 1$  the point lies on the edge between  $\mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$ . Based on Equation 2 through 4 we find that a point  $\mathbf{Q}$  lies on the triangle if it can be expressed according to (1) with  $a, b \in (0, 1)$  and with  $a + b < 1$ .

Solving the resulting equation with Mathematica, see Listing 1, gives us expressions for  $a$  and  $b$ , namely:

$$a = -\frac{-\mathbf{P}_{1,0}\mathbf{P}_{3,1} + \mathbf{P}_{1,0}\mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{P}_{1,1}\mathbf{P}_{3,0} - \mathbf{P}_{1,1}\mathbf{Q}_0 - \mathbf{P}_{3,0} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{P}_{3,1} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_0}{-\mathbf{P}_{1,0}\mathbf{P}_{2,1} + \mathbf{P}_{1,0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,1} + \mathbf{P}_{1,1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{2,0} - \mathbf{P}_{1,1}\mathbf{P}_{3,0} - \mathbf{P}_{2,0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,1} + \mathbf{P}_{2,1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,0}} \quad (5)$$

$$b = -\frac{-\mathbf{P}_{1,0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{2,1} + \mathbf{P}_{1,0} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{P}_{1,1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{2,0} - \mathbf{P}_{1,1}\mathbf{Q}_0 - \mathbf{P}_{2,0} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_1 + \mathbf{P}_{2,1} \cdot \mathbf{Q}_0}{\mathbf{P}_{1,0}\mathbf{P}_{2,1} - \mathbf{P}_{1,0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,1} - \mathbf{P}_{1,1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{2,0} + \mathbf{P}_{1,1}\mathbf{P}_{3,0} + \mathbf{P}_{2,0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,1} - \mathbf{P}_{2,1} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{3,0}} \quad (6)$$



**Figure 1:** A triangle defined by the points  $\mathbf{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$ , with the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$ . The grey area covers all points that can be described according to (1).

**Listing 1:** Mathematica code used to compute the to compute  $a$  and  $b$ .

```
p1 = {p10, p11};
p2 = {p20, p21};
p3 = {p30, p31};
v1 = p2 - p1;
v2 = p3 - p1;

p4 = p1 + a * v1 + b * v2;
p41 = Part[p4, 1] == Q0;
p42 = Part[p4, 2] == Q1;
solution = Solve[{p41, p42}, {a, b}]
```

**Listing 2:** The method `point_in_triangle()` in the module `triangle`.

```
def point_in_triangle(triangle, point):
    """
    Return true if the point lies in the triangle.

    Input:
        triangle: List of three points, where each point is a list
                  with the x and y coordinate of an vertex of the triangle.
        point: List with the x and y coordinate of the point.
    """
    [p1, p2, p3] = triangle
    v1_cross_v2 = (
        -p1[1] * p2[0] + p1[0] * p2[1] + p1[1] * p3[0]
        - p2[1] * p3[0] - p1[0] * p3[1] + p2[0] * p3[1]
    )
    if(v1_cross_v2):
        a_numerator = (
            p1[1] * p3[0] - p1[0] * p3[1] - p1[1] * point[0] +
            p3[1] * point[0] + p1[0] * point[1] - p3[0] * point[1]
        )
        a = a_numerator / v1_cross_v2
        if(a > 0 and a < 1):
            b_numerator = (
                p1[1] * p2[0] - p1[0] * p2[1] - p1[1] * point[0] +
                p2[1] * point[0] + p1[0] * point[1] - p2[0] * point[1]
            )
            b = - b_numerator / v1_cross_v2
            return (b > 0 and b < 1) and (a + b < 1)
    return False
```

where  $\mathbf{P}_{r,s}$  represents the  $s$ 'th element of the point  $r$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_t$  represent the  $t$ 'th element of the point  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

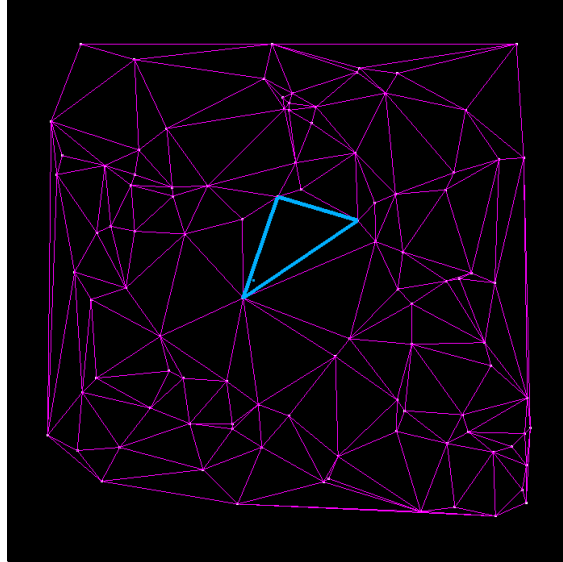
The denominator of (5) and (6) are the same, this is the magnitude of  $\mathbf{v}_1 \times \mathbf{v}_2$  where the vectors are made three-dimensional by adding a  $z$ -coordinate of zero, If that cross product is zero  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are parallel and (1) can thus be only used to represent points on a line parallel to  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and through  $\mathbf{P}_1$ .

The method presented above is implemented in the method `point_in_triangle()` in the module `triangle`, see Listing 2.

## Finding the Triangle Containing the Point

We have simply checked for all triangles that result from the triangulation if the point lies inside that triangle, see Listing 3 for the method `find_containing_triangle()`. Figure 2 shows the triangulation of 100 points generated randomly with the seed set to 505. The triangle that contains the point `lp` (305, 350) is shown in green, as is the point it self. The containing triangle is defined by the points: (4.35e2, 2.75e2), (2.93e2, 3.71e2), (3.35e2, 2.46e2).

The method `find_containing_triangle` is passed the global parameter `lp`, `triPts`, `x1` and `y1`, so that it may be reused for assignment C.



**Figure 2:** The triangulation of one hundred points, the triangle shown in green contains the point  $lp$ , also shown in green.

**Listing 3:** The method `find_containing_triangle()`.

```
def find_containing_triangle(p, triPts, xl, yl):
    """
    Find the triangle of the triangulation that contains the point p.

    The triangle is returned as an index in the global array triPts and
    as three indices in the global arrays xl and yl.

    """
    for idx, triangle in enumerate(triPts):
        [p1, p2, p3] = triangle
        if point_in_triangle(
            [
                [xl[p1], yl[p1]],
                [xl[p2], yl[p2]],
                [xl[p3], yl[p3]]
            ],
            p
        ):
            print (
                "The triangle that contains the point ({lp_x},{lp_y}):"
                "({p1_x}, {p1_y}), ({p2_x}, {p2_y}), ({p3_x}, {p3_y})"
                .format(
                    lp_x=p[0], lp_y=p[1],
                    p1_x=xl[p1], p1_y=yl[p1],
                    p2_x=xl[p2], p2_y=yl[p2],
                    p3_x=xl[p3], p3_y=yl[p3],
                )
            )
            return (idx, triangle)
```

**Listing 4:** Mathematica code used to solve Equation 9.

```
eq1 = lam1 p1x + (1 - lam1) p2x == lam2 p3x + (1 - lam2) p4x
eq2 = lam1 p1y + (1 - lam1) p2y == lam2 p3y + (1 - lam2) p4y
Solve[eq1 == eq2 {lam1, lam2}]
```

## B

### Line Segment Intersection

To find the intersection of the following two line segments

$$s_1 = \lambda_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_1 + (1 - \lambda_1) \cdot \mathbf{P}_2 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \lambda_1 \leq 1 \quad (7)$$

$$s_2 = \lambda_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_3 + (1 - \lambda_2) \cdot \mathbf{P}_4 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \lambda_2 \leq 1 \quad (8)$$

we need to solve the equation:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= s_2 \\ \lambda_1 \cdot \mathbf{P}_1 + (1 - \lambda_1) \cdot \mathbf{P}_2 &= \lambda_2 \cdot \mathbf{P}_3 + (1 - \lambda_2) \cdot \mathbf{P}_4. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Equation 9 can be solved using the Mathematica code presented in Listing 4. This results in an expression for  $\lambda_1$  (Equation 10) and one for  $\lambda_2$  (Equation 11).

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{-\mathbf{P}_{2,x}\mathbf{P}_{3,y} + \mathbf{P}_{2,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} + \mathbf{P}_{2,y}\mathbf{P}_{3,x} - \mathbf{P}_{2,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x} - \mathbf{P}_{3,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} + \mathbf{P}_{3,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x}}{q} \quad (10)$$

$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{-\mathbf{P}_{1,x}\mathbf{P}_{2,y} + \mathbf{P}_{1,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} + \mathbf{P}_{1,y}\mathbf{P}_{2,x} - \mathbf{P}_{1,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x} - \mathbf{P}_{2,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} + \mathbf{P}_{2,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x}}{q} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} q &= -\mathbf{P}_{1,x}\mathbf{P}_{3,y} + \mathbf{P}_{1,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} + \mathbf{P}_{1,y}\mathbf{P}_{3,x} - \mathbf{P}_{1,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x} + \mathbf{P}_{2,x}\mathbf{P}_{3,y} - \mathbf{P}_{2,x}\mathbf{P}_{4,y} \\ &\quad - \mathbf{P}_{2,y}\mathbf{P}_{3,x} + \mathbf{P}_{2,y}\mathbf{P}_{4,x} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$q$  is the magnitude of the cross product of the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1 = \mathbf{P}_2 - \mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2 = \mathbf{P}_4 - \mathbf{P}_3$  when the vectors  $\mathbf{P}_1$  through  $\mathbf{P}_4$  are extended to three-dimensional space. If  $q$  is zero the vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are parallel and the two line segments will thus never intersect. If they are not parallel the two line segments only intersect when  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in [0, 1]$ .

### The Implementation

Based on the presented equations we have defined the method `line_segments_intersect` that takes two line segments defined by their endpoints and return `False` if they do not intersect and the intersection point if they do intersect. The code of that method is presented in Listing 5.

### Projection of a Point on a Plane

To find the projection of a point  $\mathbf{P}_0$  on a plane  $A$  defined by  $\mathbf{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$  we need to define the projection of the point and the plane in such a way that we can find an intersection.

#### The Plane

We can define the plane defined by the points  $\mathbf{P}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_2$  and  $\mathbf{P}_3$  by using the fact that the dot product of two vectors is zero if they are perpendicular. Thus a vector  $\mathbf{q}$  is in the plane iff:

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0. \quad (13)$$

**Listing 5:** The method `line_segments_intersect()`.

```

"""Module with methods that handle things related to line segments."""
from __future__ import division

def line_segments_intersect(segment_1, segment_2):
    """
    Return the point of intersection of segment one and two or none.

    Input:
        segment: List of two points, where each point is a list
                  with the x and y coordinate of an endpoint of the line segment.
    """
    [p1, p2] = segment_1
    [p3, p4] = segment_2
    q = (
        -(p1[1]*p3[0]) + p2[1]*p3[0] + p1[0]*p3[1] - p2[0]*p3[1]
        + p1[1]*p4[0] - p2[1]*p4[0] - p1[0]*p4[1] + p2[0]*p4[1]
    )
    if(q):
        lambda_1 = (
            (p2[1] * p3[0] - p2[0] * p3[1] - p2[1] * p4[0] + p3[1] * p4[0]
             + p2[0] * p4[1] - p3[0] * p4[1]) / q
        )
        if(lambda_1 >= 0 and lambda_1 <= 1):
            lambda_2 = (
                -(p1[1] * p2[0] - p1[0] * p2[1] - p1[1] * p4[0] + p2[1] * p4[0]
                 + p1[0] * p4[1] - p2[0] * p4[1]) / q
            )
            if(lambda_2 >= 0 and lambda_2 <= 1):
                return [
                    lambda_1 * p1[0] + (1 - lambda_1) * p2[0],
                    lambda_1 * p1[1] + (1 - lambda_1) * p2[1]
                ]
    return None

```

Where  $\mathbf{n}$  is the normal of the plane, which is defined as:

$$\mathbf{n} = (\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_2) \times (\mathbf{P}_3 - \mathbf{P}_1). \quad (14)$$

To determine if a point  $\mathbf{P}$  lies in the plane we define a vector through that point that lies in the plane, thus we find that all points  $\mathbf{P}$  lie in the plane iff:

$$(\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P}_1) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (15)$$

### The Projection Vector

Since the projection of the point  $\mathbf{P}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{P}_0'$  only has a different  $z$ -coordinate, we know that we can reach the projection point by starting at  $\mathbf{P}_0$  and moving along the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The line through  $\mathbf{P}_0$  and the projection  $\mathbf{P}_0'$  of that point is thus defined as:

$$\mathbf{P}_0 + \lambda \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

### The Projection

Based on the definition of the plane (15) and the projection vector (16) we need to solve the following equation to find the projection:

$$\left( \left( \mathbf{P}_0 + \lambda \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) - \mathbf{P}_1 \right) \cdot \mathbf{n} = 0 \quad (17)$$

**Listing 6:** Mathematica code used to solve Equation 17.

```
p0 = {p0x, p0y, 0};
p1 = {p1x, p1y, p1z};
p2 = {p2x, p2y, p2z};
p3 = {p3x, p3y, p3z};
zvec = {0, 0, 1};

n = Cross[(p2 - p1), (p3 - p1)];
Solve[((p0 + lambda * zvec) - p1) . n == {0, 0, 0}, lambda]
```

The point  $\mathbf{P}_0'$  is then found by filling the computed  $\lambda$  in into Equation 16. Since the  $z$ -coordinate of  $\mathbf{P}_0$  is zero and the third element of the vector  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is one, the  $z$ -coordinate of the projection point is  $\lambda$ .

Equation 17 can be solved in Mathematica using the code presented in Listing 6. The formula for  $\lambda$  is then:

$$\lambda = \frac{\begin{aligned} &P_{0,x}P_{1,y}P_{2,z} - P_{0,x}P_{1,y}P_{3,z} - P_{0,x}P_{1,z}P_{2,y} + P_{0,x}P_{1,z}P_{3,y} + P_{0,x}P_{2,y}P_{3,z} - P_{0,x}P_{2,z}P_{3,y} - \\ &P_{0,y}P_{1,x}P_{2,z} + P_{0,y}P_{1,x}P_{3,z} + P_{0,y}P_{1,z}P_{2,x} - P_{0,y}P_{1,z}P_{3,x} - P_{0,y}P_{2,x}P_{3,z} + P_{0,y}P_{2,z}P_{3,x} - \\ &P_{1,x}P_{2,y}P_{3,z} + P_{1,x}P_{2,z}P_{3,y} + P_{1,y}P_{2,x}P_{3,z} - P_{1,y}P_{2,z}P_{3,x} - P_{1,z}P_{2,x}P_{3,y} + P_{1,z}P_{2,y}P_{3,x} \\ &- P_{1,x}P_{2,y} + P_{1,x}P_{3,y} + P_{1,y}P_{2,x} - P_{1,y}P_{3,x} - P_{2,x}P_{3,y} + P_{2,y}P_{3,x} \end{aligned}}{(18)}$$

If the numerator is zero the plane  $A$  is the  $x, y$ -plane. If the denominator is zero, the plane  $A$  is perpendicular to the project vector, and thus there is no projection point or there are infinitely many projection points.

## The Implementation

Using the formula presented in Equation 18 we can define the function `project_point_on_plane` (`[p1, p2, p3], p0`) that computes the projection of the point  $p0$  on the plane defined by  $p1, p2, p3$ , see Listing 7.

## C

To find the intersected edges and compute the intersection points we have used the method `find_intersected_edges`, see Listing 8. This method calls the method `line_segments_intersect` (Listing 5) on the edge defined by the points  $p0$  and  $p1$  and the edges of the triangulation. If an intersection is found it adds the indices of the intersected edge in the global list `intersected_line_segments` and appends the intersection point to `intersection_points`. The intersected edges of the triangulation and the intersection points are presented in Table 1.

To visualize the results we have added the code in Listing 9, the resulting visualization is shown in Figure 3a.

To find all consecutive intersection points we use the method `find_edges_on_path`, presented in Listing 10. This method starts by finding the triangles containing the points  $p0$  and  $p1$ , using the method `find_containing_triangle`, see Listing 3. We then check for all edge that are shared between  $t$  and its neighbours if it is intersected by the line segment defined by  $p0$  and  $p1$ . If that is the case we add this segment to the list of intersected edges and make the neighbour with whom  $t$  shared that edge the new  $t$ . We repeat this until our new  $t$  is the triangle  $t1$  which contains the point  $p1$ .

The resulting visualization is showed in Figure 3b. The found edges are presented in the Table 2.

**Listing 7:** The method `project_point_on_plane()`.

```
"""Module with methods that handle things related to planes."""
from __future__ import division

def project_point_on_plane(plane, point):
    """
    Return False or the projection of point on plane.

    Input:
        plane: List of three points, where each point is a list
               with the x, y and z coordinate of a point that defines the plane.
        point: List with the x and y coordinate of the point.
    """
    [p1, p2, p3] = plane
    denominator = (
        p1[1] * p2[0] - p1[0] * p2[1] - p1[1] * p3[0] +
        p2[1] * p3[0] + p1[0] * p3[1] - p2[0] * p3[1]
    )
    if(denominator):
        numerator = (
            point[1] * p1[2] * p2[0] - point[0] * p1[2] * p2[1] -
            point[1] * p1[0] * p2[2] + point[0] * p1[1] * p2[2] -
            point[1] * p1[2] * p3[0] + p1[2] * p2[1] * p3[0] +
            point[1] * p2[2] * p3[0] - p1[1] * p2[2] * p3[0] +
            point[0] * p1[2] * p3[1] - p1[2] * p2[0] * p3[1] -
            point[0] * p2[2] * p3[1] + p1[0] * p2[2] * p3[1] +
            point[1] * p1[0] * p3[2] - point[0] * p1[1] * p3[2] -
            point[1] * p2[0] * p3[2] + p1[1] * p2[0] * p3[2] +
            point[0] * p2[1] * p3[2] - p1[0] * p2[1] * p3[2]
        )
        return [point[0], point[1], numerator/denominator]
    return False
```

**Listing 8:** The method `find_intersected_edges()`.

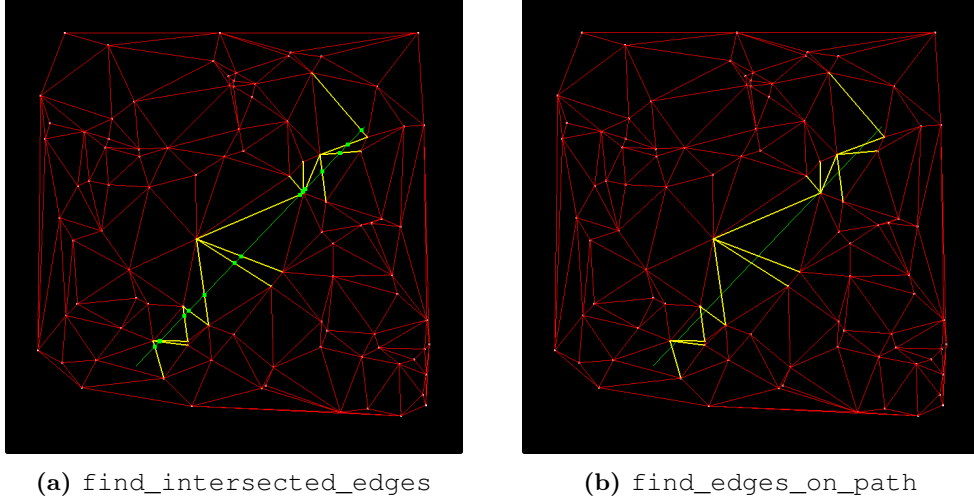
```
def find_intersected_edges():
    """
    Find the edges of the triangulation that are intersected by the linesegment p0-p1.

    The intersected edges are stored as an index in the lists xl and yl
    in the global variable intersected_line_segments.
    The intersection points are stored as list of length two in the
    global parameter intersection_points.
    """
    global intersected_line_segments, intersection_points, eds, xl, yl, po, p1
    segment_1 = [p0, p1]
    for edge in eds:
        segment_2 = [[xl[edge[0]], yl[edge[0]]],
                     [xl[edge[1]], yl[edge[1]]]]
        intersection = line_segments_intersect(segment_1, segment_2)
        if(intersection):
            intersected_line_segments.append(edge)
            intersection_points.append(intersection)
```

**Listing 9:** Part of the method `display()` that visualizes the intersected edges and the intersections.

```
# draw intersected segments
glColor3f(1.0, 1.0, 0)
glLineWidth(2.0)
glBegin(GL_LINES)
for edge in intersected_line_segments:
    glVertex2f(xl[edge[0]], yl[edge[0]])
    glVertex2f(xl[edge[1]], yl[edge[1]])
glEnd()

# draw intersection points on walk line
if(intersection_points):
    glColor3f(0.0, 1.0, 0.0)
    glPointSize(6)
    glBegin(GL_POINTS)
    for point in intersection_points:
        glVertex2f(point[0], point[1])
```



**Figure 3:** The visualization of the intersection of the line segment  $s$  with the edges of the triangulation  $dt$ . Each intersected edge is shown in yellow, and in Figure 3a the intersections are represented by green dots.

| edge                                | intersection     | edge                                | intersection     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.43e2, 5.84e2) | (2.29e2, 5.36e2) | (4.57e2, 3.01e2) - (2.93e2, 3.71e2) | (4.51e2, 3.04e2) |
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.80e2, 5.34e2) | (2.36e2, 5.28e2) | (4.35e2, 2.75e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) | (4.55e2, 2.99e2) |
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.79e2, 5.28e2) | (2.37e2, 5.27e2) | (5.43e2, 2.37e2) - (4.81e2, 2.43e2) | (5.12e2, 2.40e2) |
| (2.72e2, 4.75e2) - (2.79e2, 5.28e2) | (2.74e2, 4.89e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (4.91e2, 3.14e2) | (4.85e2, 2.68e2) |
| (2.72e2, 4.75e2) - (3.11e2, 5.03e2) | (2.81e2, 4.81e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) | (4.59e2, 2.95e2) |
| (2.93e2, 3.71e2) - (4.07e2, 4.44e2) | (3.51e2, 4.08e2) | (4.56e2, 2.53e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) | (4.56e2, 2.98e2) |
| (2.93e2, 3.71e2) - (3.11e2, 5.03e2) | (3.05e2, 4.57e2) | (5.54e2, 2.16e2) - (4.81e2, 2.43e2) | (5.24e2, 2.27e2) |
| (2.93e2, 3.71e2) - (4.25e2, 4.22e2) | (3.61e2, 3.98e2) | (4.69e2, 1.17e2) - (5.54e2, 2.16e2) | (5.45e2, 2.05e2) |

**Table 1:** The edges that were intersected by the line segment between  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  and the point where the line segment intersected the edge. A point  $\mathbf{P}$  defined by its  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate is represented as  $(x, y)$ . A line segment between the points  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  is represented as  $(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2)$ . The first two columns contain the first eight intersected line segments in the order that they were found, the last two columns contain the last eight intersected line segments, once again in the order that they were found.

| edge                                | edge                                |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.43e2, 5.84e2) | (2.93e2, 3.71e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) |
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.80e2, 5.34e2) | (4.35e2, 2.75e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) |
| (2.26e2, 5.27e2) - (2.79e2, 5.28e2) | (4.57e2, 3.01e2) - (4.56e2, 2.53e2) |
| (2.72e2, 4.75e2) - (2.79e2, 5.28e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (4.57e2, 3.01e2) |
| (2.72e2, 4.75e2) - (3.11e2, 5.03e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (4.91e2, 3.14e2) |
| (2.93e2, 3.71e2) - (3.11e2, 5.03e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (5.43e2, 2.37e2) |
| (4.07e2, 4.44e2) - (2.93e2, 3.71e2) | (4.81e2, 2.43e2) - (5.54e2, 2.16e2) |
| (4.25e2, 4.22e2) - (2.93e2, 3.71e2) | (4.69e2, 1.17e2) - (5.54e2, 2.16e2) |

**Table 2:** The edges that were intersected by the line segment between  $p_0$  and  $p_1$ . A point  $\mathbf{P}$  defined by its  $x$  and  $y$  coordinate is represented as  $(x, y)$ . A line segment between the points  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  is represented as  $(\mathbf{P}_1, \mathbf{P}_2)$ . The first column contain the first eight intersected line segments in the order that they were found, the last two columns contain the last eight intersected line segments, once again in the order that they were found.



**Listing 10:** The method `find_edges_on_path()`.

```
def find_edges_on_path():
    """Find the consecutive edges on the path from p0 to p1."""
    global p0, p1, intersected_line_segments
    (t, _) = find_containing_triangle(p0, triPts, x1, y1)
    (t1, _) = find_containing_triangle(p1, triPts, x1, y1)
    previous_t = -1
    while (t != t1):
        for n in (x for x in neighs[t] if x not in [-1, previous_t]):
            shared_edge = list(set(triPts[t]).intersection(set(triPts[n])))
            if (line_segments_intersect(
                [[x1[shared_edge[0]], y1[shared_edge[0]]],
                 [x1[shared_edge[1]], y1[shared_edge[1]]], [p0, p1]
            )):
                (previous_t, t) = (t, n)
                intersected_line_segments.append(shared_edge)
        break
```

## D

### Method

To compute the path from  $p_0$  to  $p_1$  over the three-dimensional surface defined by the triangulation *dtl* we have adapted the method used for the second part of Assignment C. We have taken the following steps:

1.  $t_0 :=$  the triangle containing  $p_0$ .
2.  $t_1 :=$  the triangle containing  $p_1$ .
3.  $p :=$  the projection of the point  $p_0$  on triangle  $t_0$ .
4. **while**  $t \neq t_1$ 
  - (a)  $e_0 := p$
  - (b)  $p :=$  the intersection of the line segment between  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  and the edge of the neighbouring triangle  $n$  of  $t$ , where  $n$  does not already contain a part of the path.
  - (c)  $t := n$
  - (d) add the edge from  $e_0$  to  $p$  to the list of edges.
5.  $e_1 :=$  the projection of the point  $p_1$  on triangle  $t_1$ .
6. add the edge from  $p$  to  $e_1$  to the list of edges.

The method `find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s`, see Listing 11, implements step item 4b through item 4c. This method is essentially the same as `find_intersected_edges`, see Listing 8, used in Assignment C. With the added computation of the projection, which is computed by `project_point_on_plane` defined in Listing 7.

All other mentioned steps are executed by the method `find_path`, see Listing 12. After executing this method the global parameter `path_edges` contains all the edges on the path and `path_triangles` contains all triangles that are traversed when following the path. This list is used in `find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s` to ensure that we choose edge to intersect in such a way that we move towards  $p_1$  along  $s$ .

Both `find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s` and `find_path` use the method `get_triangle`. This method returns a triangle from the triangulation given an index in `triPts`, `neighs` or `cens` as a list of three-dimensional points, see Listing 13.

The path is visualised by adding drawing the line segments stored in `path_edges`, see Listing 14. Two computed paths are visualized in Figure 4.

**Listing 11:** The method `find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s()`.

```
def find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s(triangle_idx):
    """Find the the 2 and 3d intersection point along s on the edge neighbouring triangle_idx."""
    for n in (x for x in neighs[triangle_idx] if x not in path_triangles):
        shared_edge = list(set(triPts[triangle_idx]).intersection(set(triPts[n])))
        intersection_point_2d = line_segments_intersect(
            [[xl[shared_edge[0]], yl[shared_edge[0]]],
             [xl[shared_edge[1]], yl[shared_edge[1]]]], [p0, p1]
        )
        if intersection_point_2d:
            intersection_point_3d = project_point_on_plane(get_triangle(n), intersection_point_2d)
            return (n, intersection_point_3d)

    raise AssertionError("No neighbouring edge could be found...")
```

**Listing 12:** The method `find_path()`.

```
def find_path():
    """Find the path from p0 to p1 in the triangulation."""
    # Find the triangles containing p0 and p1
    (t0, _) = find_containing_triangle(p0, triPts, xl, yl)
    (t1, _) = find_containing_triangle(p1, triPts, xl, yl)

    global path_edges, path_triangles

    # Current triangle while finding the path
    t = t0

    # Current point while finding the path
    p = project_point_on_plane(get_triangle(t0), p0)
    path_triangles.append(-1)
    path_triangles.append(t)

    while t != t1:
        e0 = p
        (t, p) = find_neighbouring_edge_intersected_by_s(t)
        path_triangles.append(t)
        path_edges.append([e0, p])
    path_triangles.pop(0)
    path_edges.append([
        p,
        project_point_on_plane(get_triangle(t1), p1)
    ])
}
```

**Listing 13:** The method `get_triangle()`.

```
def get_triangle(triPts_idx):
    """Return a triangle as a list of 2D points based on its index in triPts/neighs/cens."""
    (p1, p2, p3) = triPts[triPts_idx]
    return ([
        [xl[p1], yl[p1], zl[p1]],
        [xl[p2], yl[p2], zl[p2]],
        [xl[p3], yl[p3], zl[p3]]
    ])
}
```

**Listing 14:** Part of the method `generate_dl()`.

```
# draw path
glColor3f(0.99, 0.3, 0.3)
glLineWidth(3)
glBegin(GL_LINES)
for edge in path_edges:
    glVertex3f(edge[0][0], edge[0][1], edge[0][2])
    glVertex3f(edge[1][0], edge[1][1], edge[1][2])
glEnd()
glEndList()
```

**Listing 15:** The method `euclidean_distance()`.

```
def euclidean_distance(a, b):  
    """Compute the euclidean distance between the n-dimensional points a and b."""  
    return(sqrt(sum([(a_i - b_i)**2 for a_i, b_i in zip(a, b)])))
```

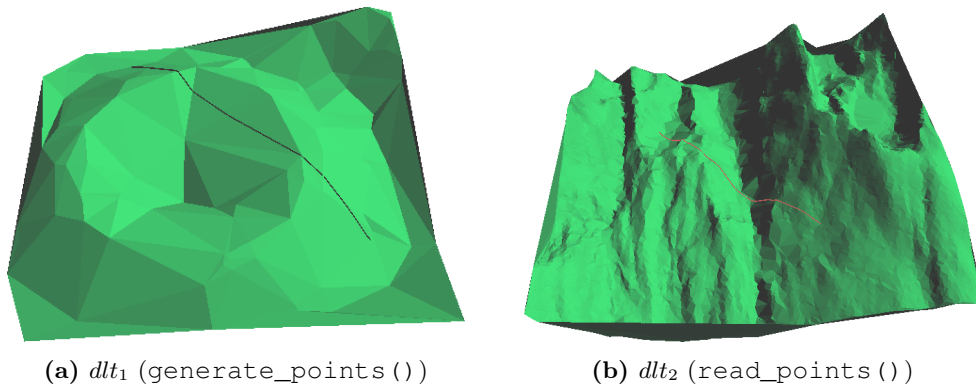
**Listing 16:** The method `path_length()`.

```
def path_length(edges):  
    """Compute the length, using euclidean distance of the path defined by the edges."""  
    return(sum([euclidean_distance(p1, p2) for [p1, p2] in edges]))
```

The length of the path can be computed by adding the length of the line segments that from the path. To compute the length of one line segment we use the method `euclidean_distance` presented in Listing 15. Adding these lengths gives the length of the path, see Listing 16. The length of the path over  $dtt_1$ , the triangulation with vertices delivered by `generate_points`, is  $5.48e2$ . The length of the path over  $dtt_2$ , the triangulation with vertices delivered by `read_points`, is  $5.78e2$ .

The line segments defining the path from  $p_0$  to  $p_1$  are printed when the program is executed. The paths are visualized in Figure 4.

Explain why the Delaunay triangulation is very well suited for this problem. Can you think of a way of verifying the correctness of your path-length calculation for simplified input data?



**Figure 4:** A path from  $p_0$  to  $p_1$ , the points on which the triangulation are based are delivered by (a) `generate_points` or (b) `read_points`.