

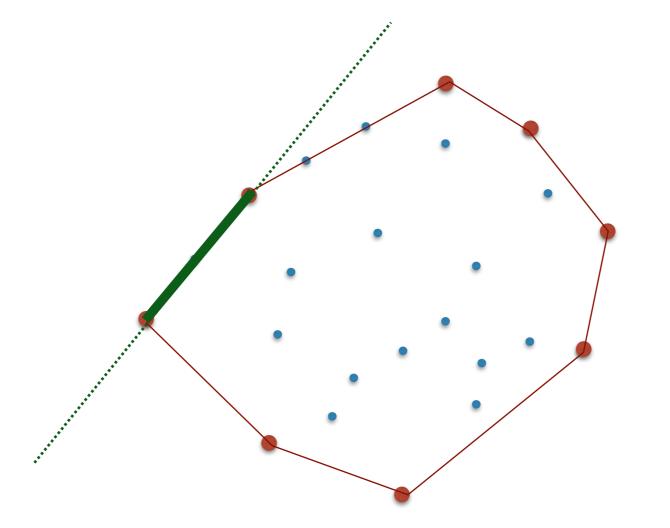
Computational Geometry [csci 3250]

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Properties of CH

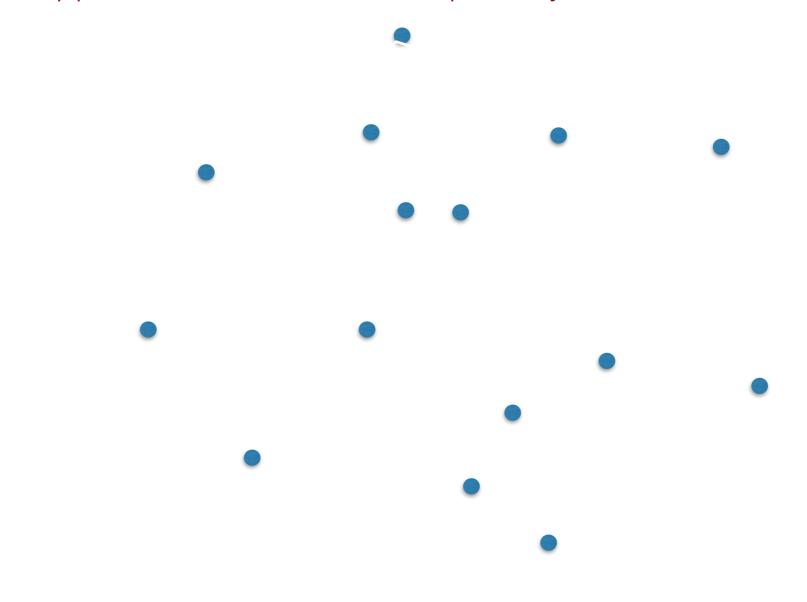
- All edges of CH are extreme and all extreme edges of P are on the CH
- All points of CH are extreme and all extreme points of P are on the CH
- All internal angles are < 180
- Walking counterclockwise—> left turns
- Points on CH are sorted in radial order wrt a point inside



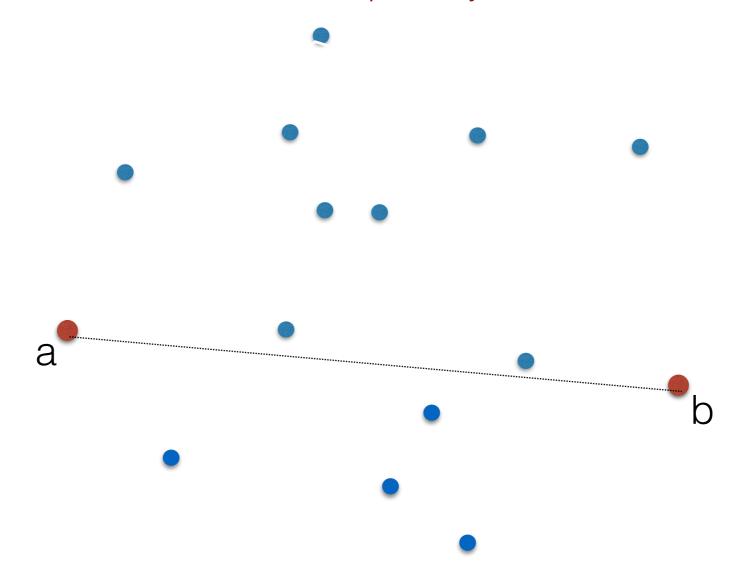
Outline

- Last time:
 - Brute force
 - Gift wrapping
 - Quickhull
 - Graham scan
- Next
 - Andrew's monotone chain algorithm
 - Exercises
 - Lower bound
 - More algorithms
 - Incremental CH
 - Divide-and-conquer CH

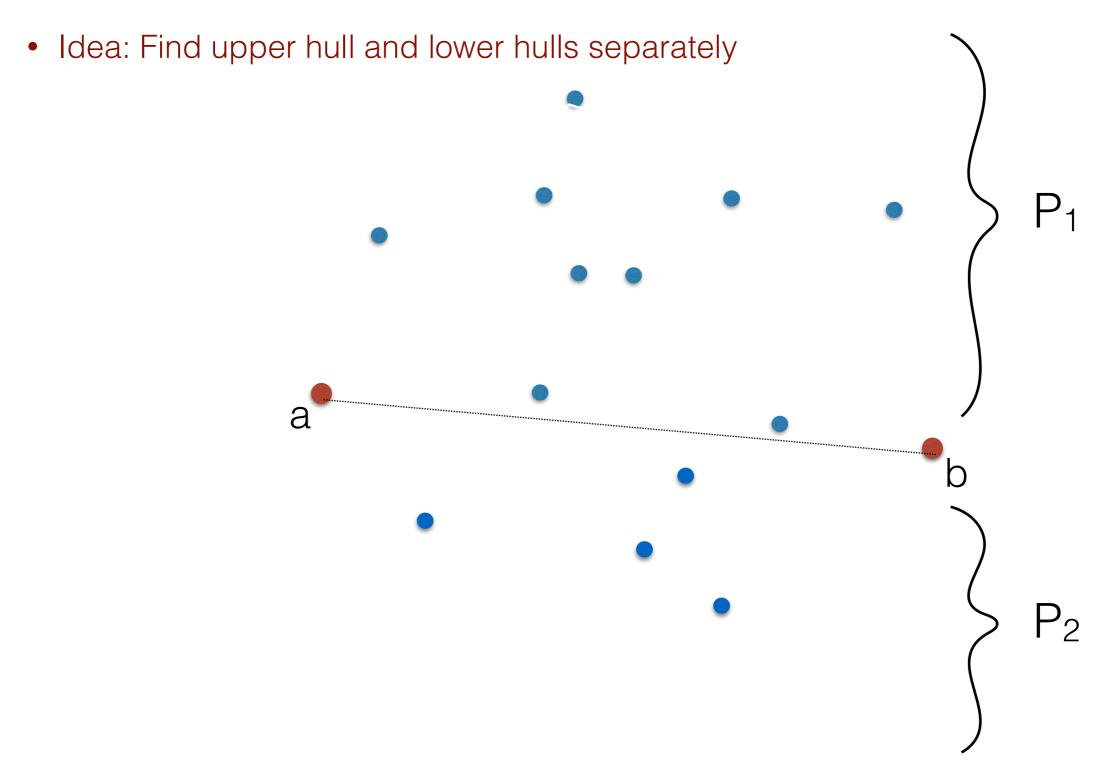
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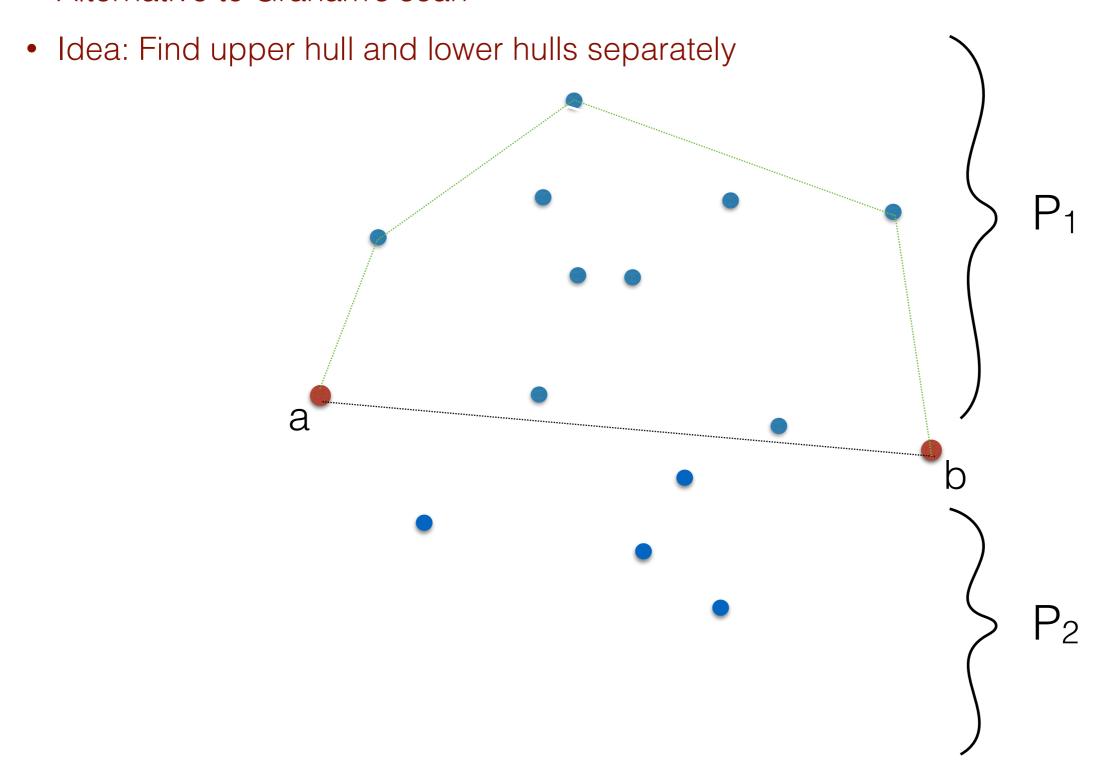
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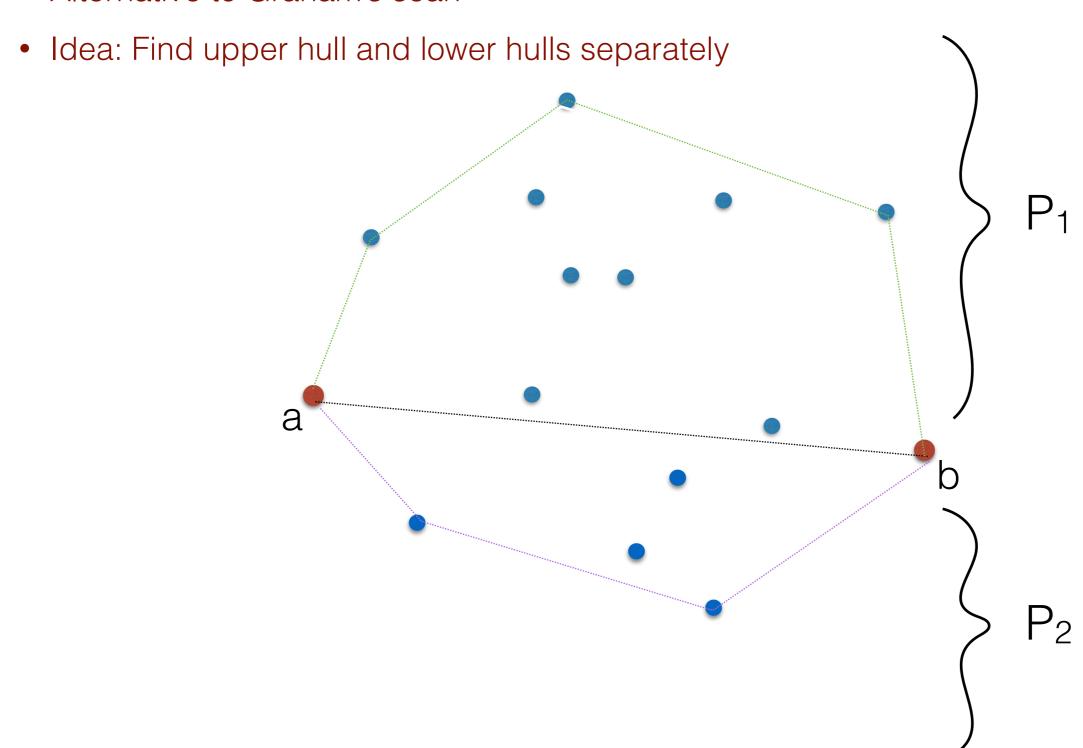
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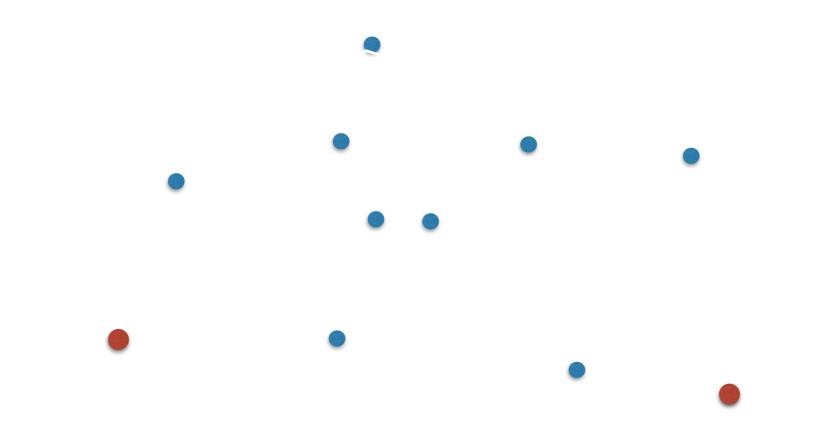


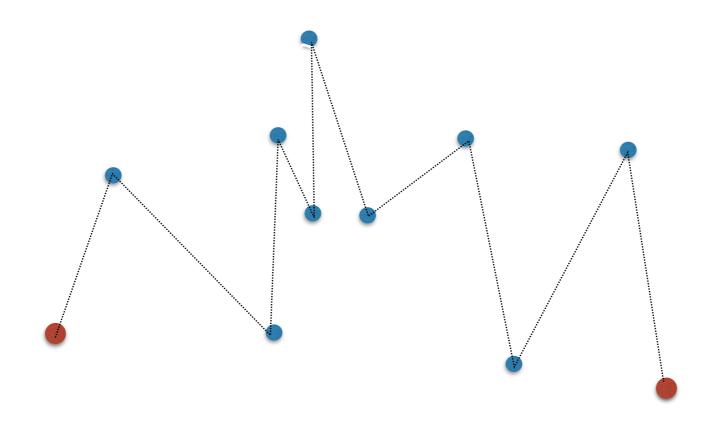
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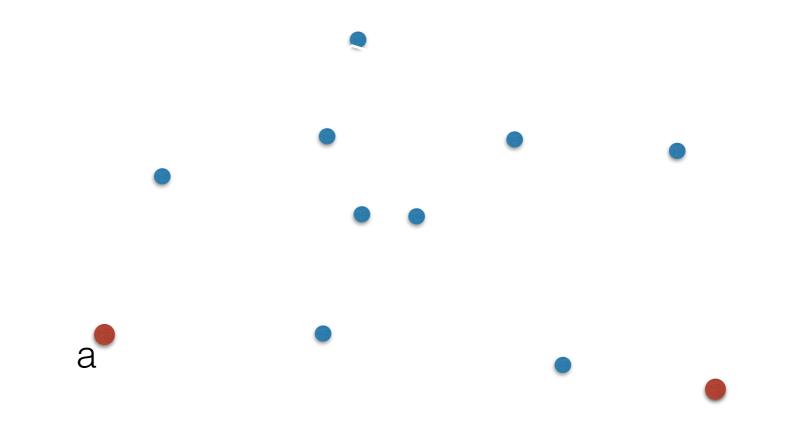


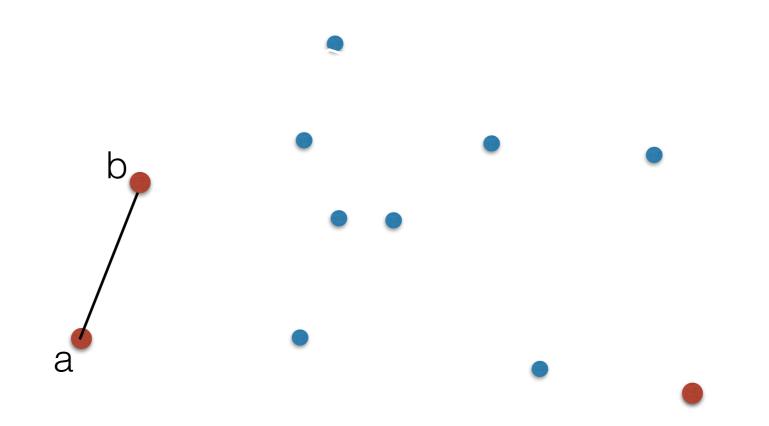
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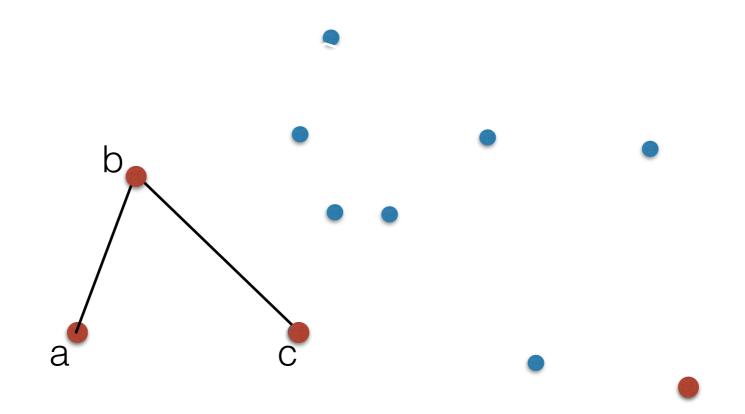


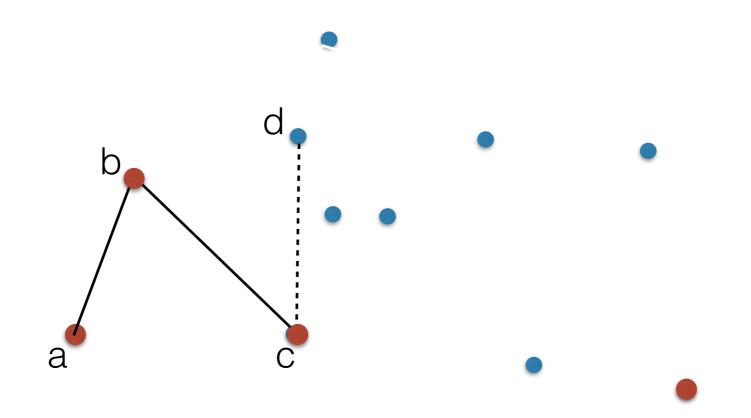


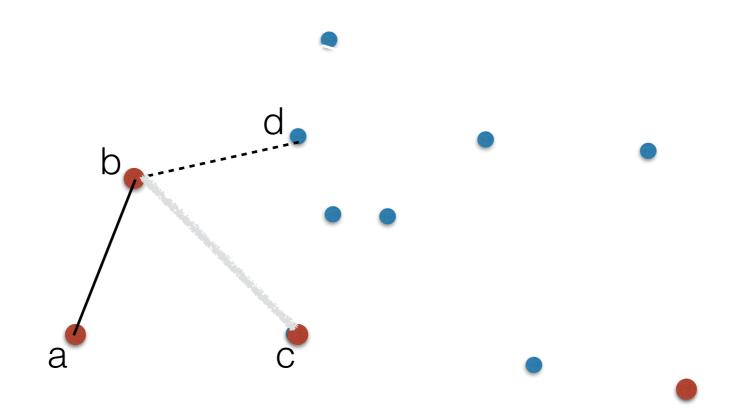




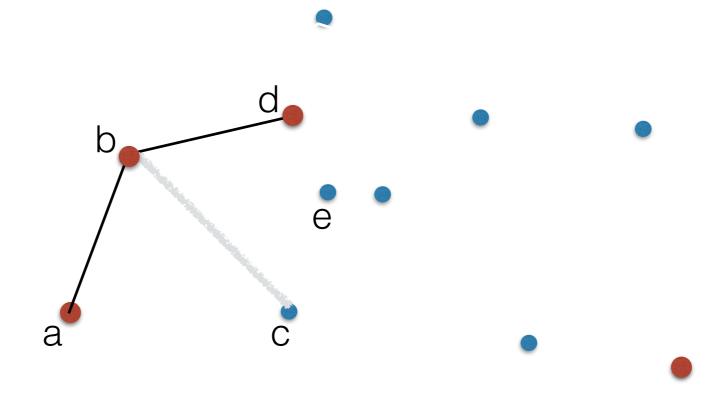




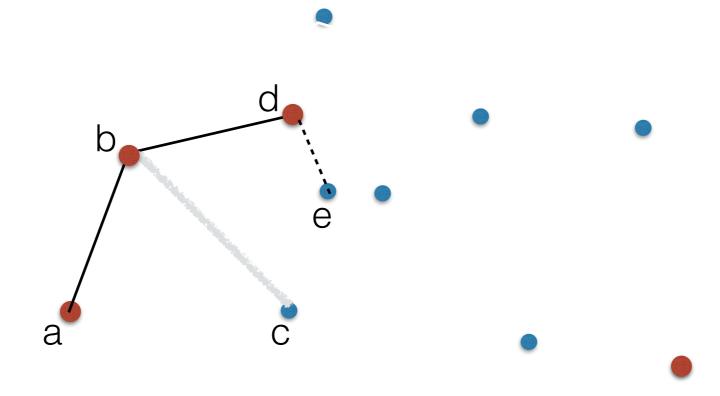




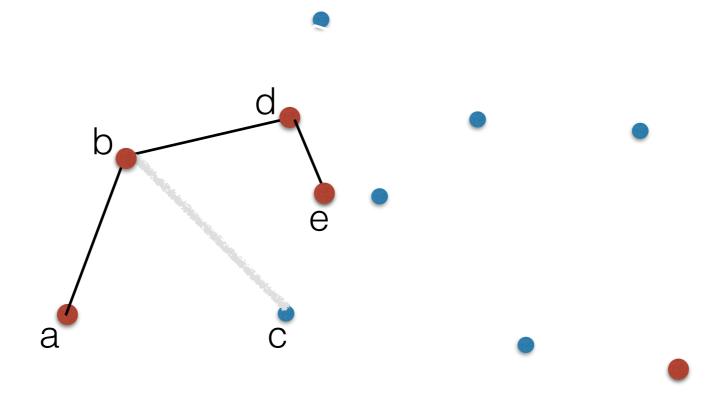
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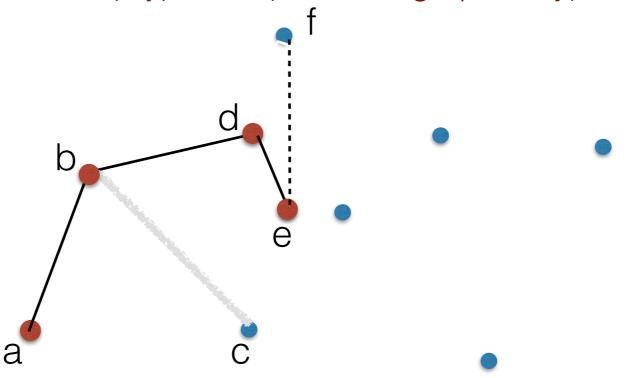
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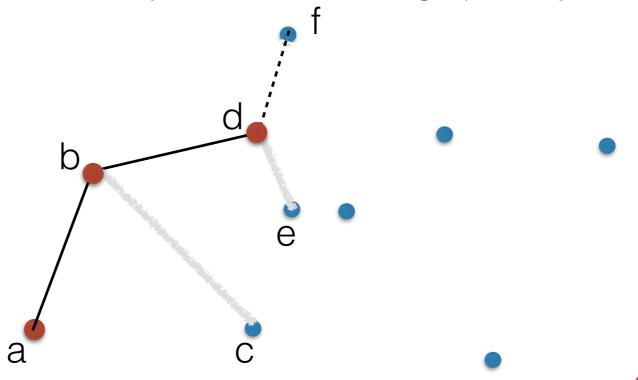
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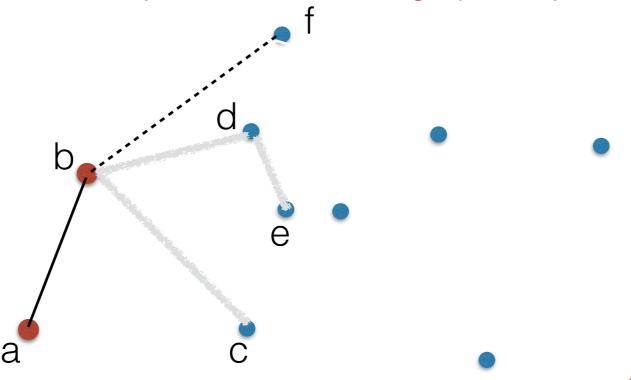
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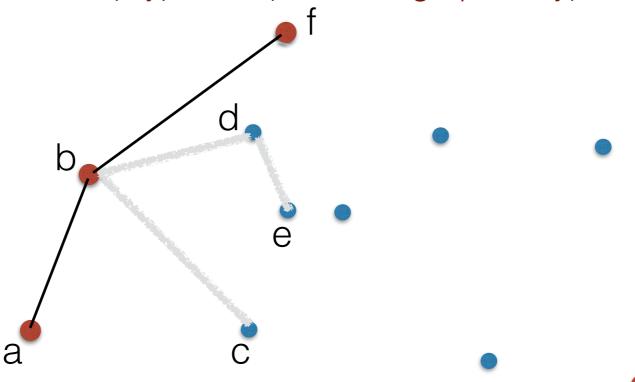
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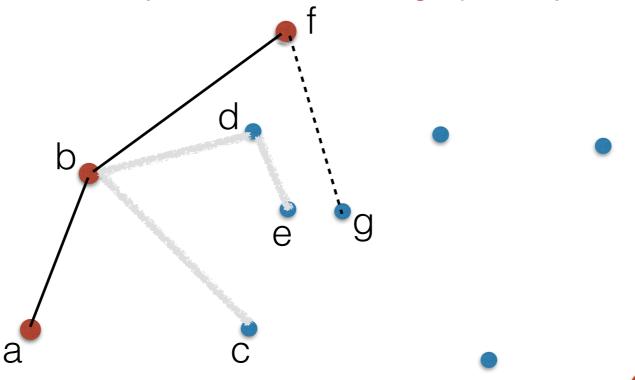
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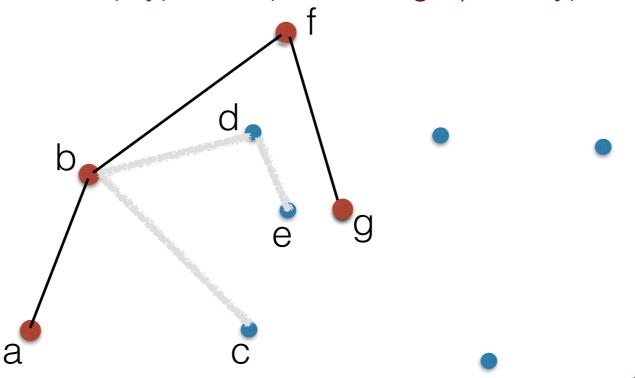
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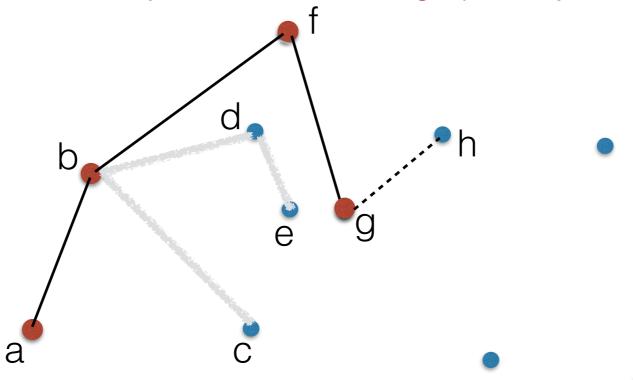
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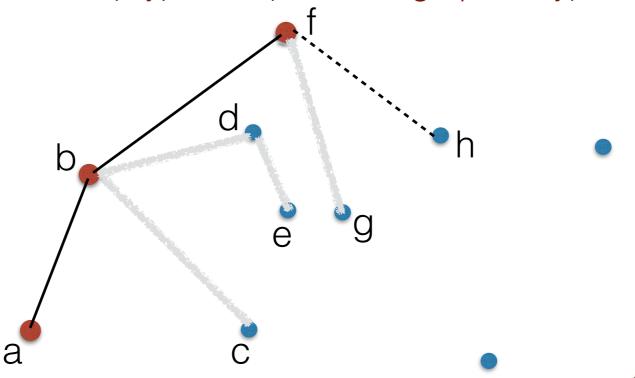
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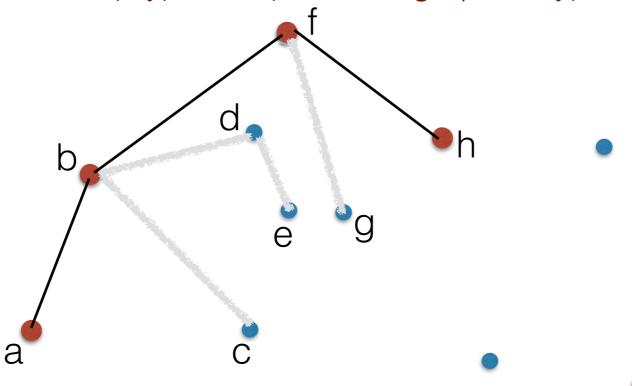


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and so on..

- Alternative to Graham's scan
- Idea: Traverse points in (x,y) lexicographic order (instead of radial order)
- Runs in sort + scan
- Sorting lexicographically is faster than sorting radially

Convex hull: summary

Naive	O(n³)	
Gift wrapping	O(nh)	1970
Graham scan	O(n lg n)	1972
Quickhull	O(n²)	1977

Can we do better?

Lower bound

What is a lower bound?

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- A lower bound for CH:
 - What is the worst-case running time of the best possible CH algorithm?
 - Consider all possible CH algorithms A, and take the overall smallest worstcase running time

 $min_A \{wc_A(n)\}$

Lower bounds

Lower bounds depend on the machine model.

The standard model is the decision tree (comparison) model.

Sorting lower bound in comparison model: Omega(n lg n)

- Theorem: Any sorting algorithm that uses only comparisons must take at least Omega(n lg n) in the worst case.
- Proof: We saw this in Algorithms...

Lower bounds

Prove directly

Or via **reduction** from a problem known to have a lower bound

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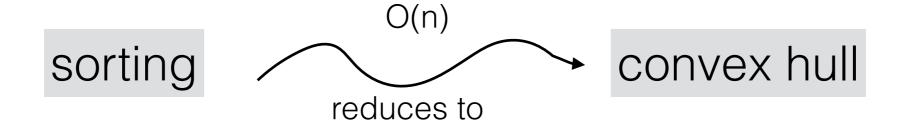
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How can we show that CH is harder than sorting?

Omega(n lg n) <= ConvexHull

Convex Hull is harder than sorting

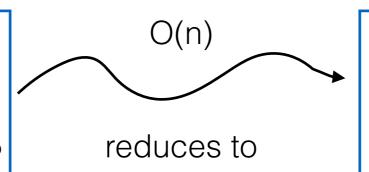


- We'll show that we can use Convex Hull to solve Sorting
- This means that Sorting "reduces" to Convex Hull

sort (array P)

Input: array P

Output: Sorted P



convexHull(P)

• Input: array P

Output: convex hull of P

 We'll show that (for any P) there exists some instance of the CH problem that sorts P, and we can build this instance in O(n) time

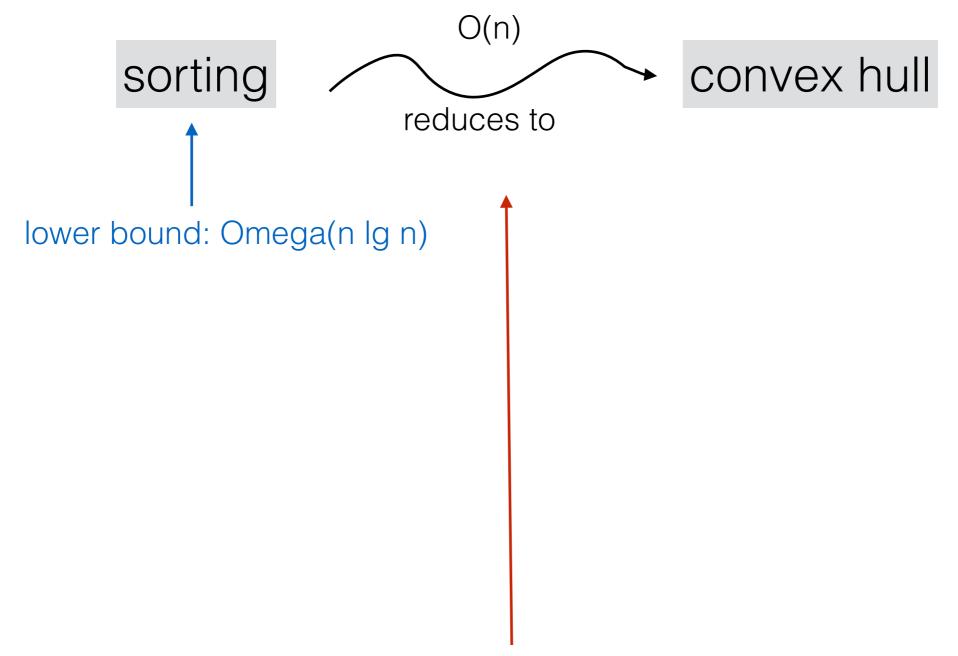
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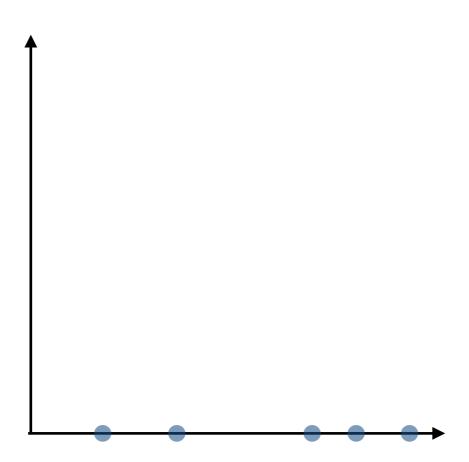
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- ANALYSIS:
 - run CH(P)
 - O(n) to create P' and infer sorted order of P
 - running time of sorting = running time of convexhull + O(n)
- Therefore the reduction gives us an O(CH(n)) + O(n) algorithm for sorting, which means that ConvexHull is an upper bound for sorting
- But we know that we cannot sort faster than Omega(n lg n) in the worst case
- Therefore we cannot solve CH faster than Omega(n lg n) in the worst case

Lower bounds by reduction

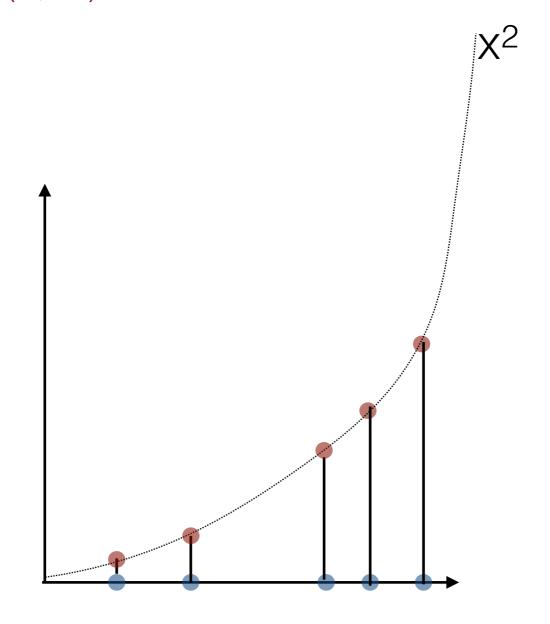


 If we can find such a reduction, this proves an Omega(n lg n) lower bound for CH

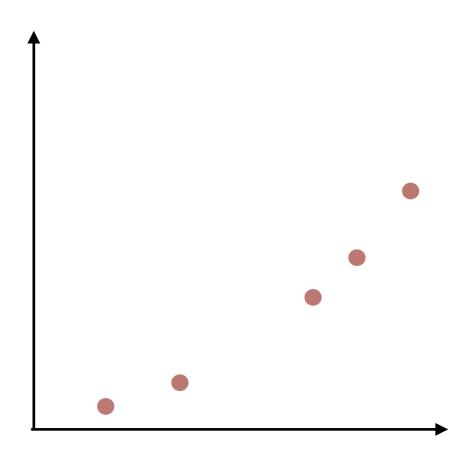
- Assume we are given a set of of numbers x₁, x₂, ...x_n to sort.
- Our goal is to argue that there exists some instance of a convex hull problem that sorts our numbers.



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- P': set of 2D points (x_i, x_i²).

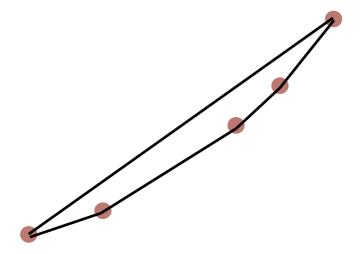


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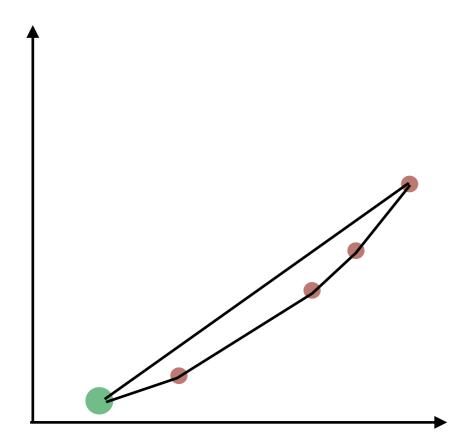


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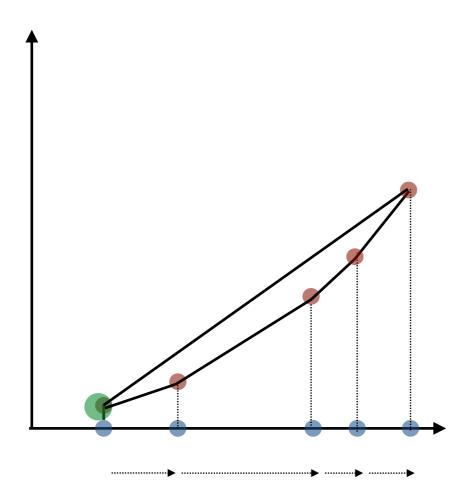
They fall on a parabola, so every point is on the hull



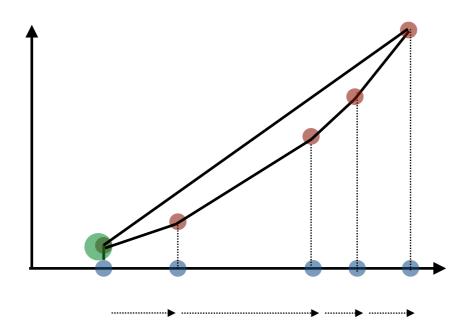
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- Input: set of points x₁, x₂, ...x_n
 - Form a set of 2D points (x_i, x_i²).
 - Run the CH algorithm to construct their convex hull.
 - Find the lowest point on the hull, and walk from in ccw order. This is sorted order!
- If we could find the CH faster than n lg n, then we could sort faster than n lg n! Impossible!



- What we actually proved is that
 - Any CH algorithm that produces the boundary in order must take Omega (n lg n) in the worst case.

- If we did not want the boundary in order, can the CH be constructed faster?
 - It was an open problem for a while
 - Finally, it was established that a convex hull algorithm, even if it does not produce the boundary in order, still needs Omega (n lg n)

- Yes, Graham scan is the ultimate CH algorithm but...
 - not output sensitive
 - does not extend to 3D
- The (re)search continues

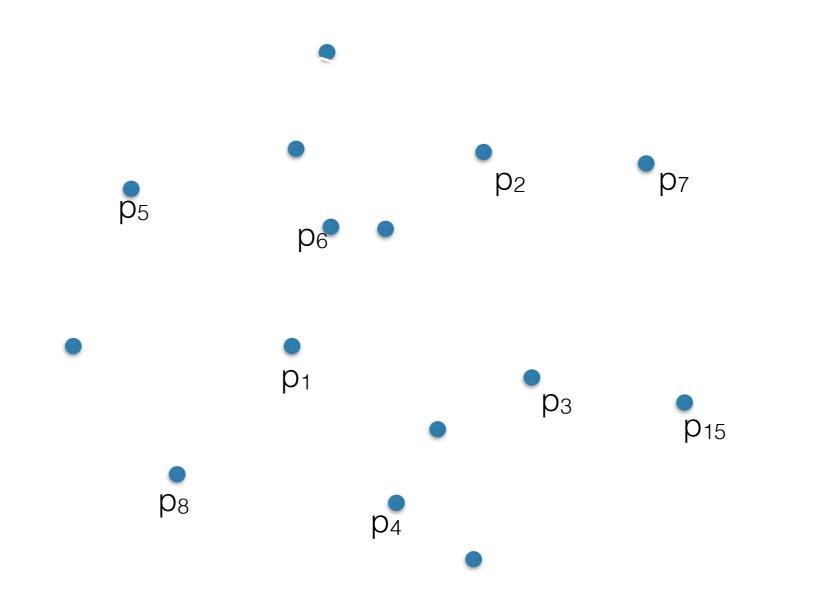
An incremental algorithm for CH

Incremental algorithms

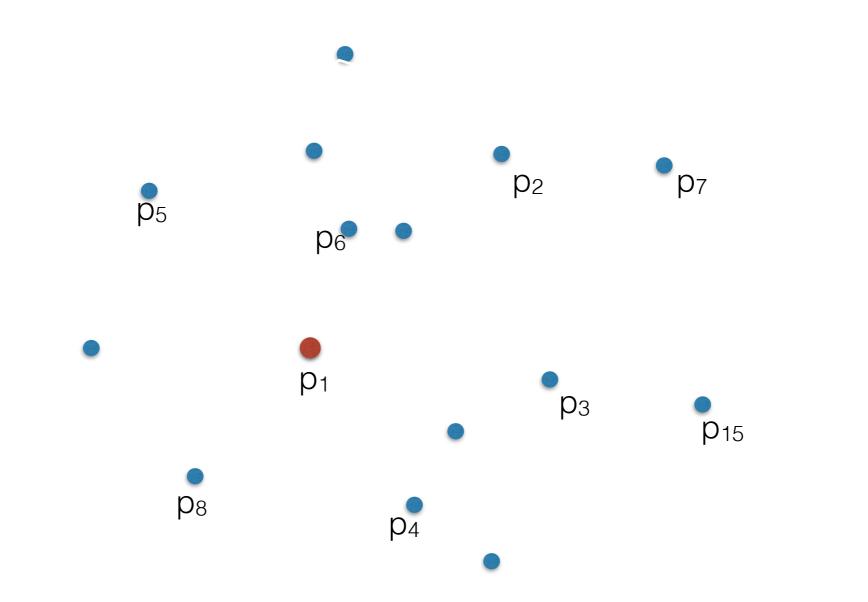
- Goal: solve problem P
- Idea: traverse points one at a time and solve the problem for points seen so far
- Incremental Algorithm
 - initialize solution S = initial solution
 - for i=1 to n
 - //S represents solution of p₁.....p_{i-1}
 - update S to represent solution of p₁.....p_{i-1} p_i

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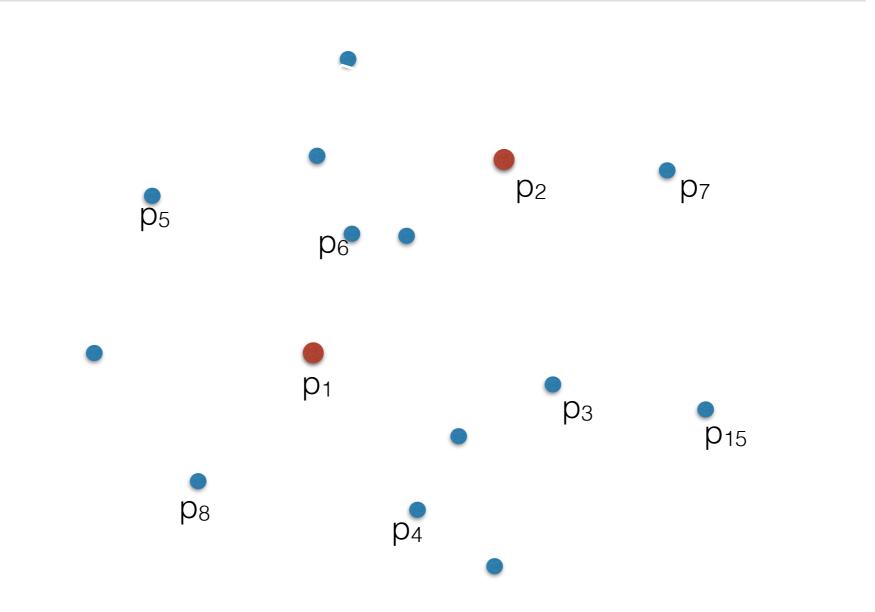
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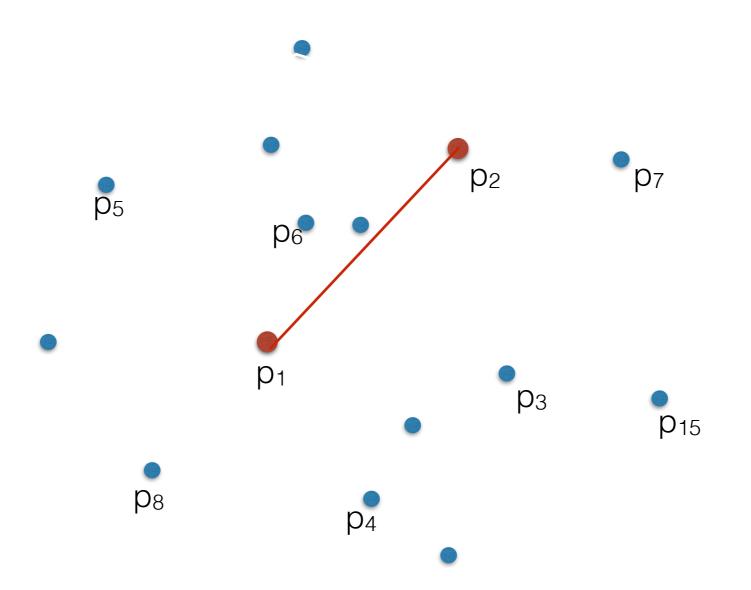
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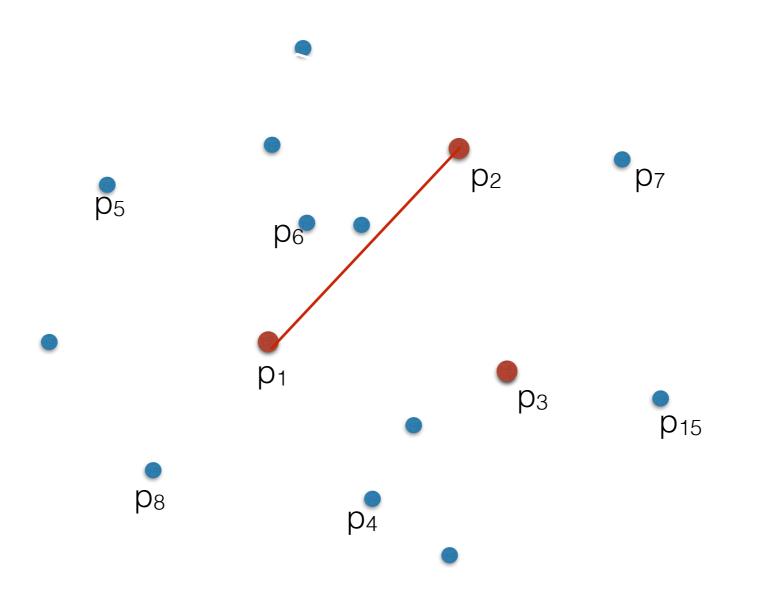
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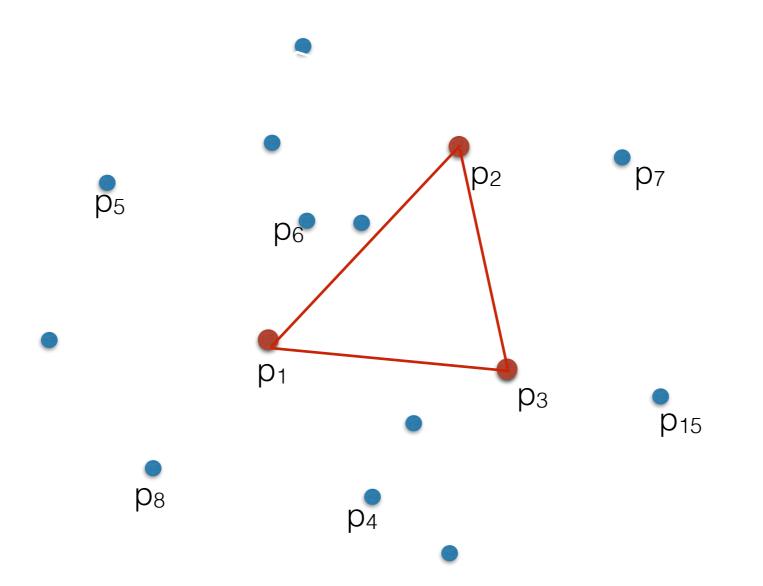
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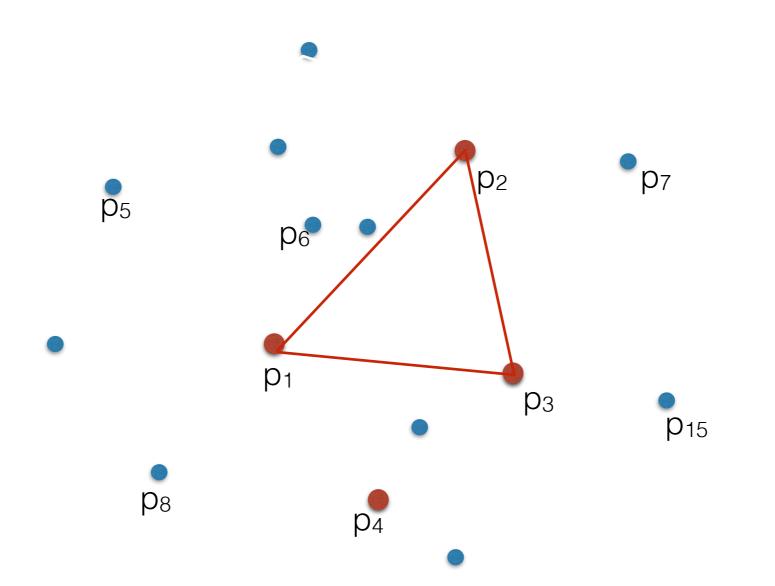
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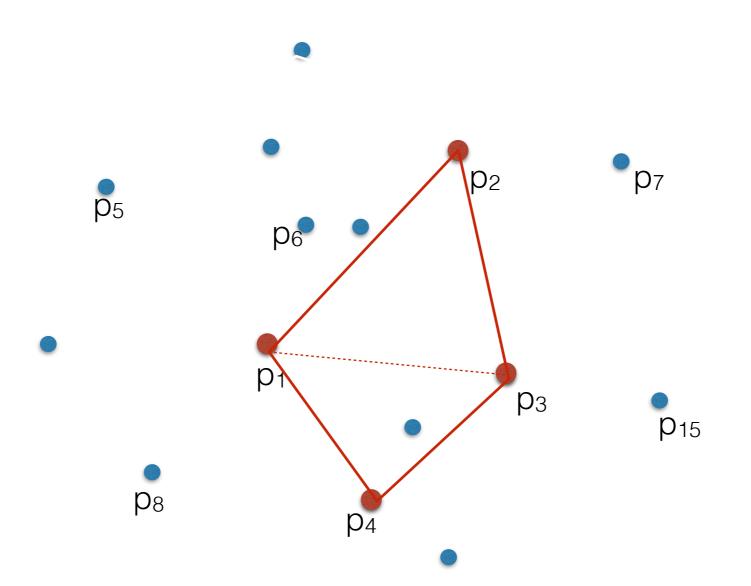
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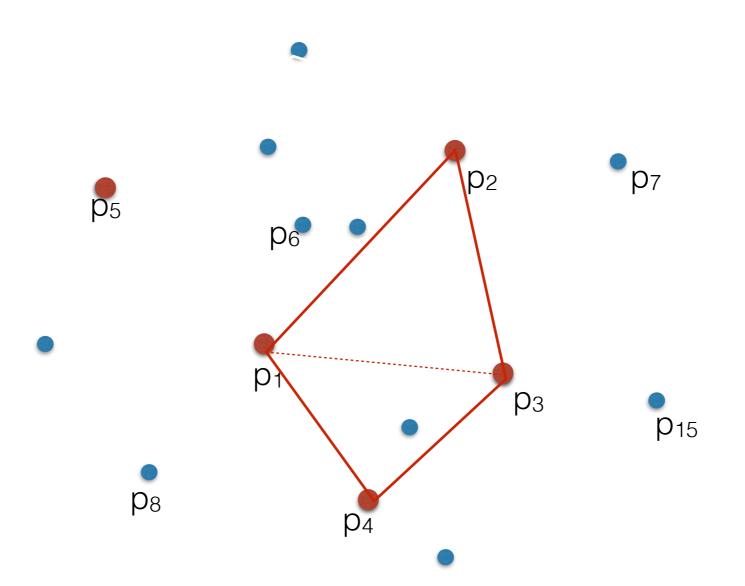
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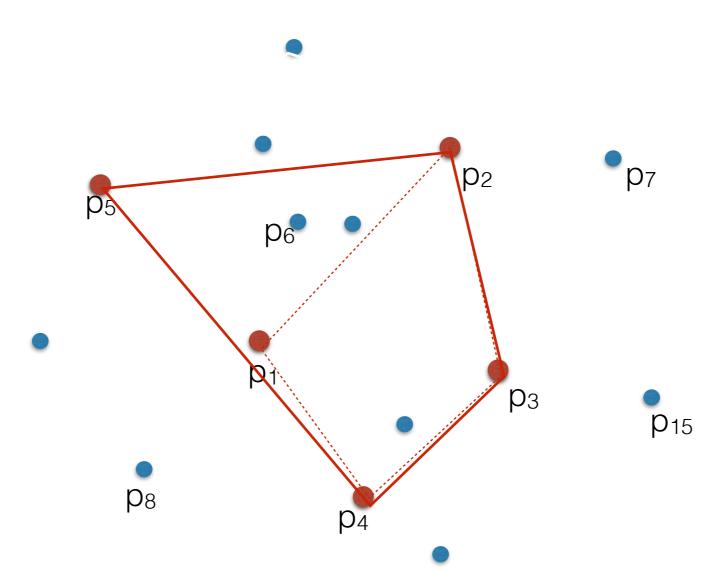
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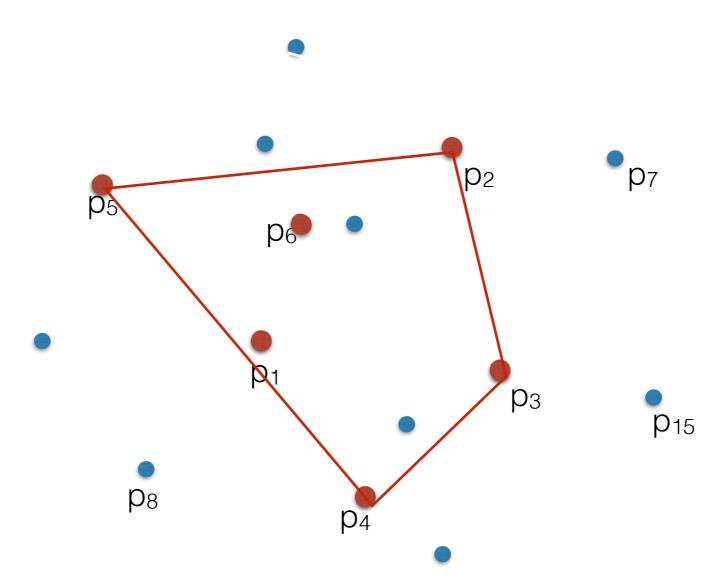
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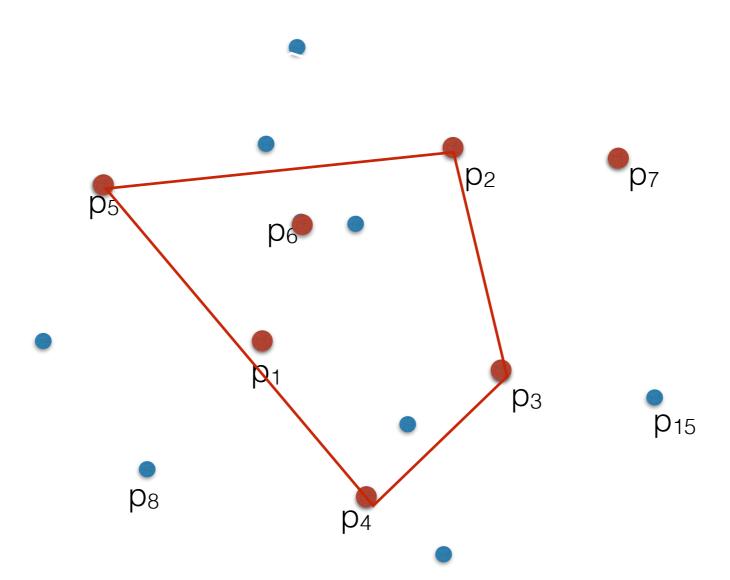
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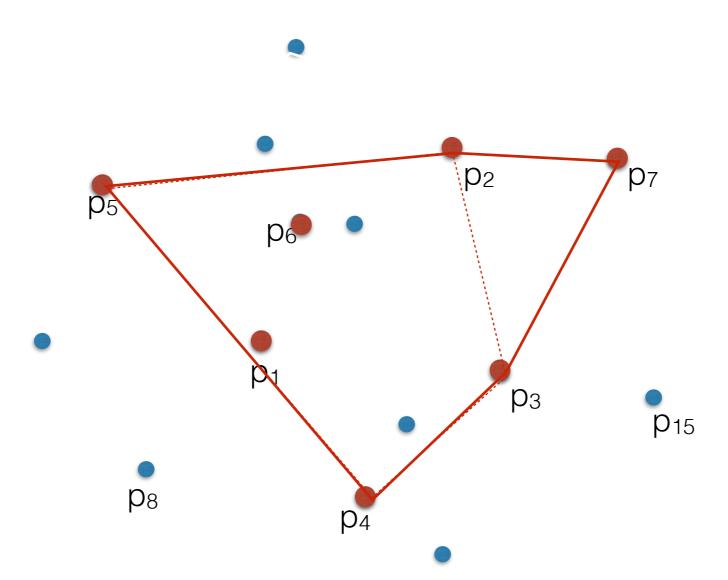
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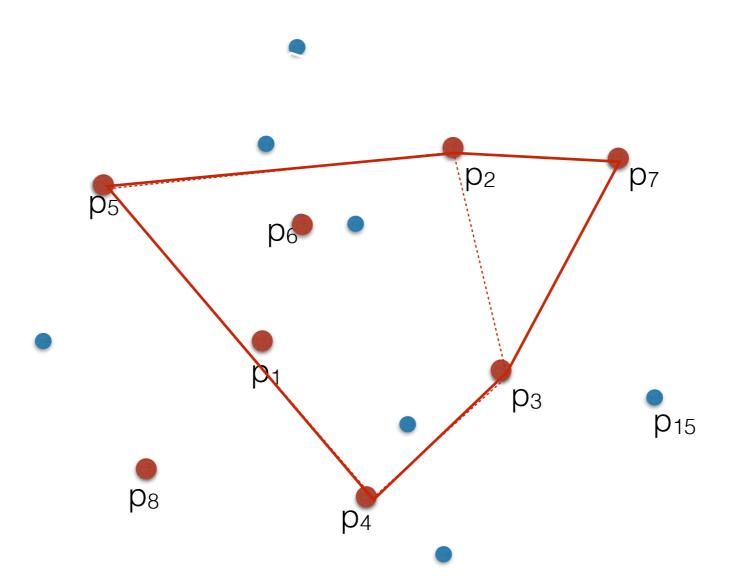
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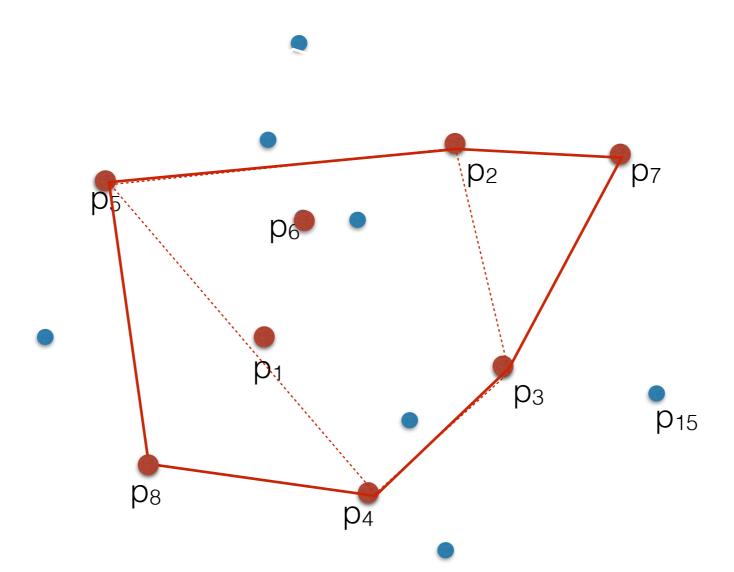
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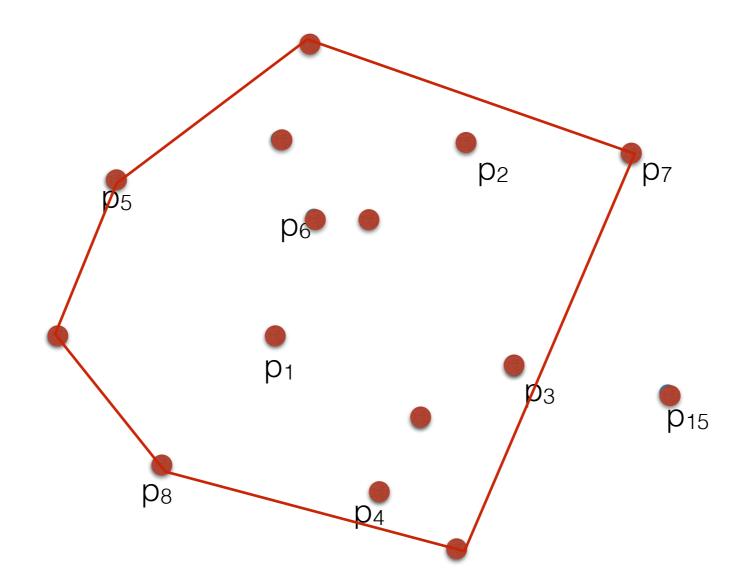
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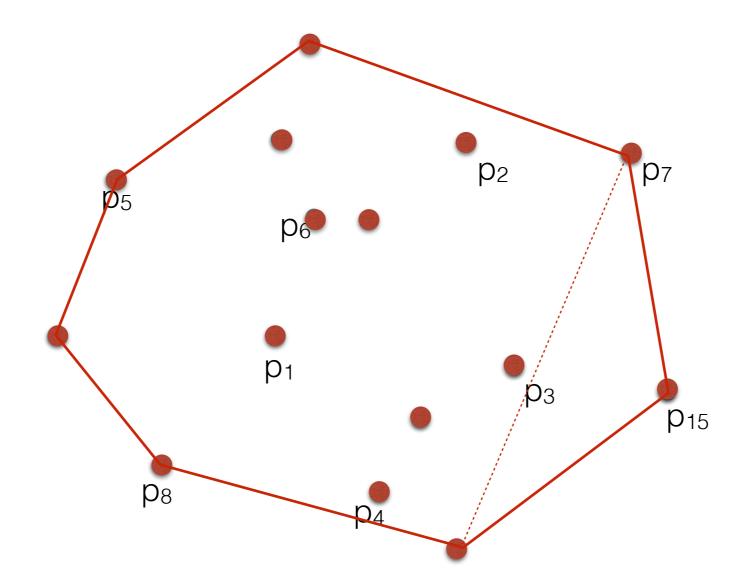
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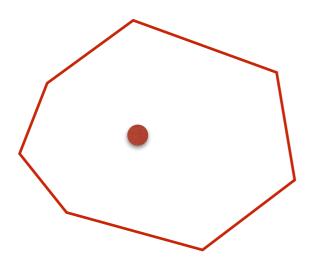


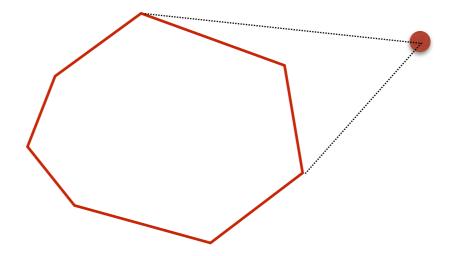
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 - How to handle each case?

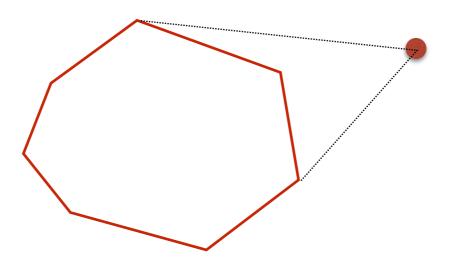
• Class work: Pick a set of point, Simulate the approach and try to answer these questions.

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 - CASE 1: p is in polygon
 - CASE 2: p outside polygon





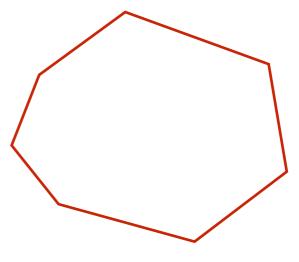
- Issues to solve
 - What's a good representation for a polygon?
 - We need a point-in-polygon test?
 - How to handle CASE 2?



Representing a polygon

A polygon is represented as a list of vertices in boundary order.

(the convention is counter-clockwise order)

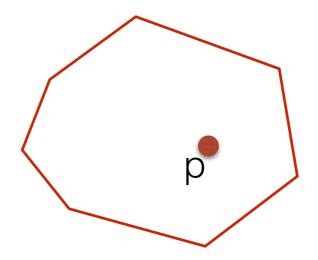


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typedef struct _polygon{
    int k; //number of vertices
    Point* vertices; //the vertices, ccw in boundary order
} Polygon;

or

Vector<Point> //note: the vertices, ccw in boundary order
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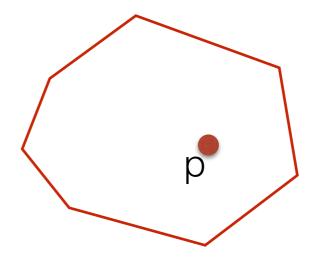
Point in convex polygon



//return TRUE iff p on the boundary or inside H; H is convex a polygon bool point_in_polygon(point p, polygon H)

What has to be true in order for p to be inside?

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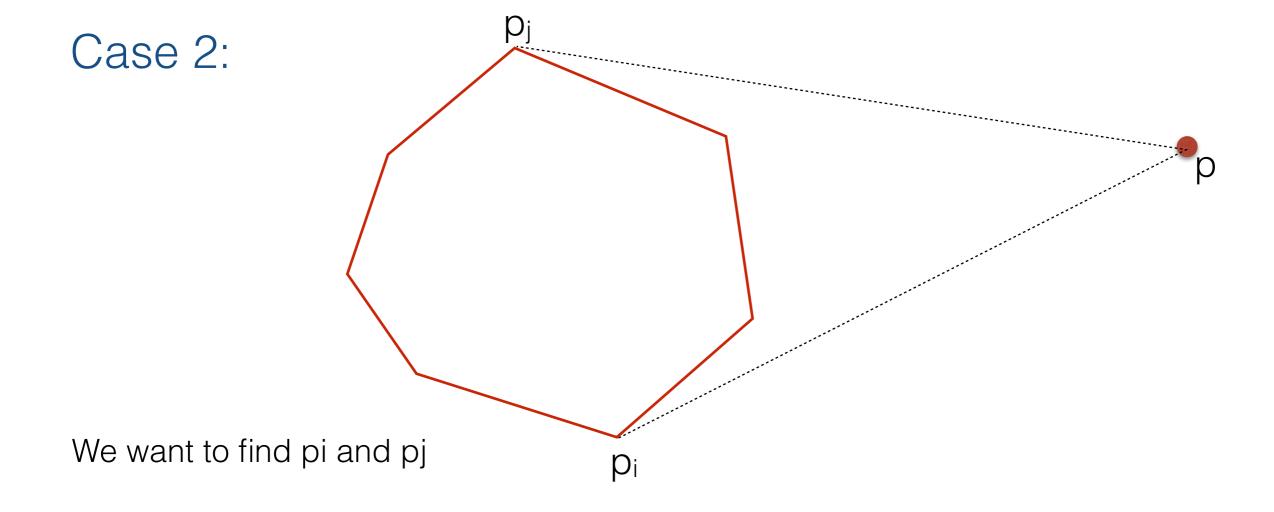


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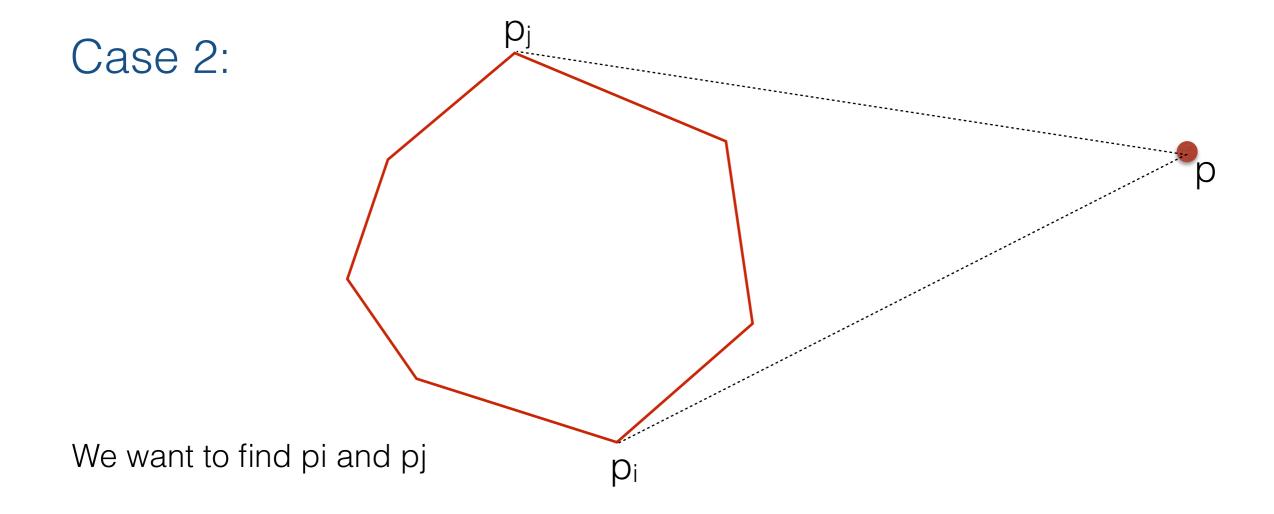
//p is inside if and only if it is on or to the left of all edges, oriented ccw //note: this is NOT true for a non-convex polygon — can you show a //counter-example?

Analysis:

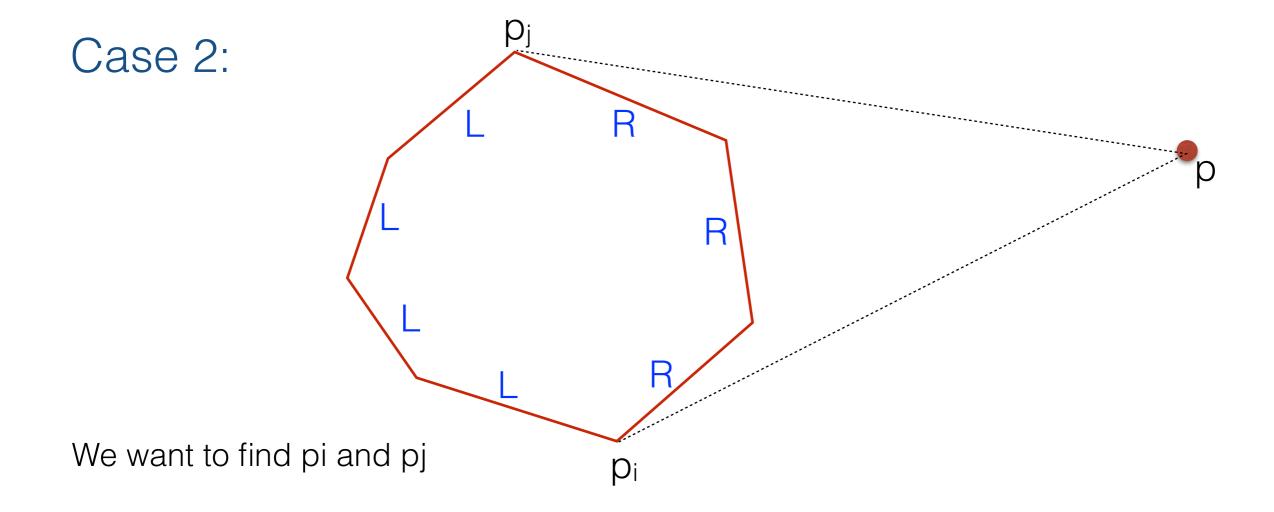
O(k) where k is the size of the polygon



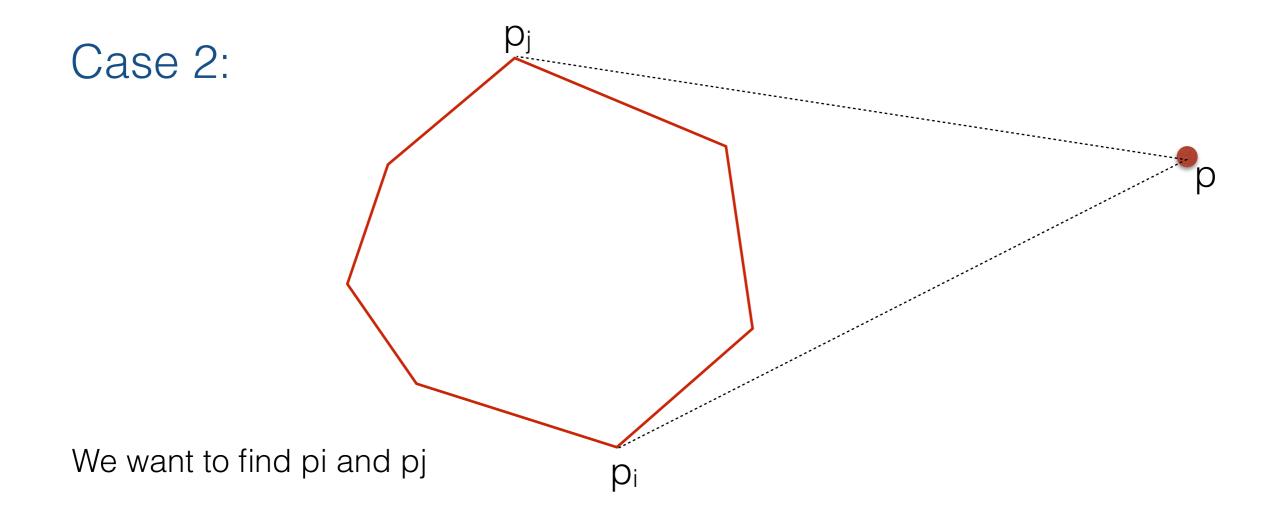
IDEAS?



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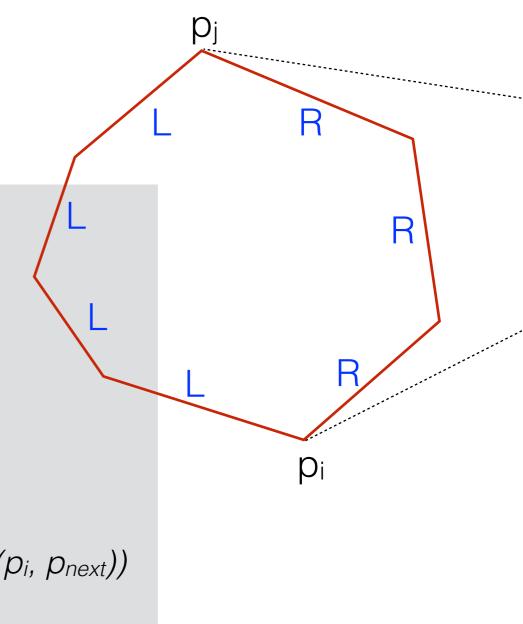
What do you notice? How can we use this to find the tangent points? Sketch an algorithm. How long does it take?

Finding tangent points

Input: point p outside H

polygon $H = [p_0, p_1, ..., p_{k-1}]$ convex

- for i=0 to k-1 do
 - prev = ((i == 0)? k-1: i-1);
 - next = (i==k-1)? 0; k+1);
 - if XOR (p is left-or-on (p_{prev}, p_i), p is left-or-on(p_i, p_{next}))
 - then p_i is a tangent point



After finding p_i and p_j, how would you update H?

Back to an incremental algorithm for CH

- H = [p1, p2, p3]
- *for i=4 to n do*
 - //add p_i to H
 - if point_in_polygon(p, H)
 - //do nothing
 - else
 - find p_i the tangent point where orientation changes from L to R
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 and replace it with vertex p

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Simulate the algorithm on a couple of examples. Think how p_i could come before p_j in H or the other way around.

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Analysis:

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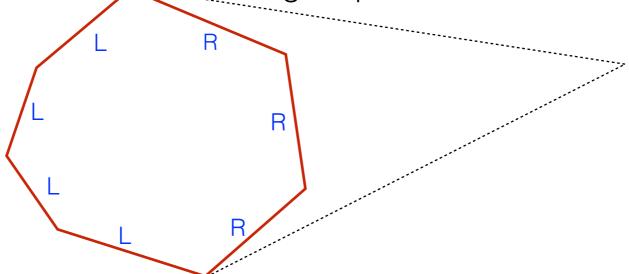
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       and replace it with vertex p
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Analysis: $SUM_i O(i) = O(n^2)$

- The "straightforward" incremental algorithm is O(n²)
- Improvement:
 - pre-sort the points by their x-coordinates and add them in this order
 What does this give us?

- It was shown that O(n lg n) incremental algorithm is possible.
 - avoid re-computing all orientations every time
 - replace the search for tangent points with some sort of binary search



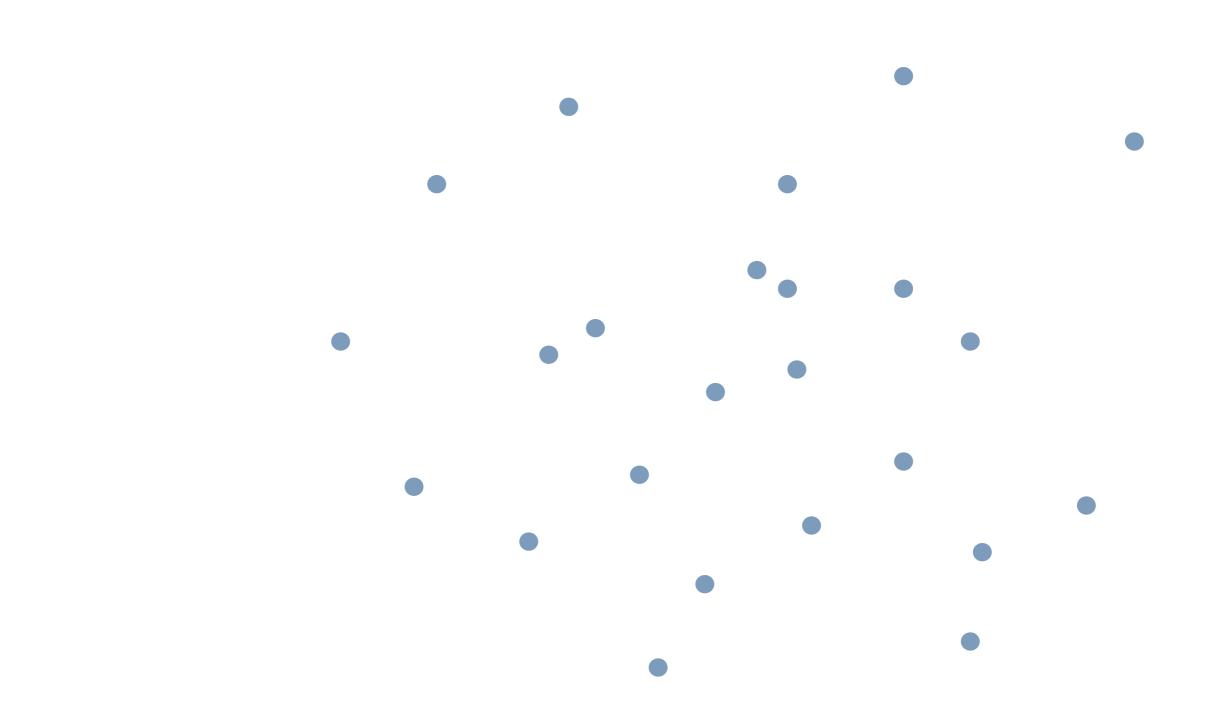
A divide-and-conquer algorithm for CH

Divide-and-conquer

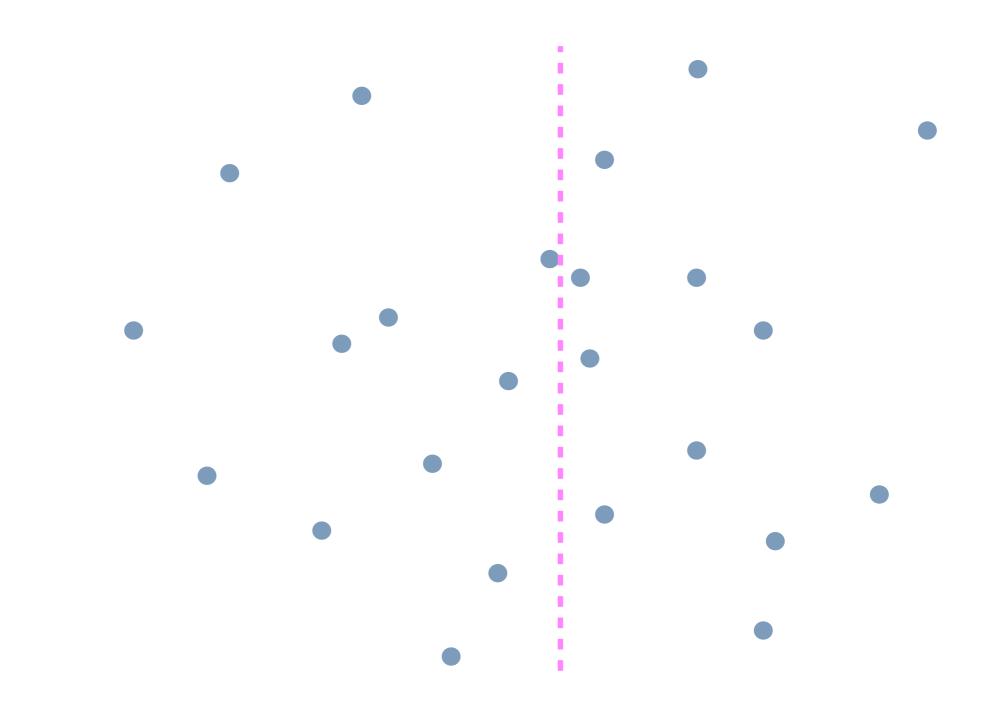
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DC(input P)
 if P is small, solve and return
 else
   //divide
   divide input P into two halves, P1 and P2
   //recurse
   result1 = DC(P1)
   result2 = DC(P2)
   //merge
   do_something_to_figure_out_result_for_P
   return result
```

• if merge phase is O(n): T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) => O(n | g| n)

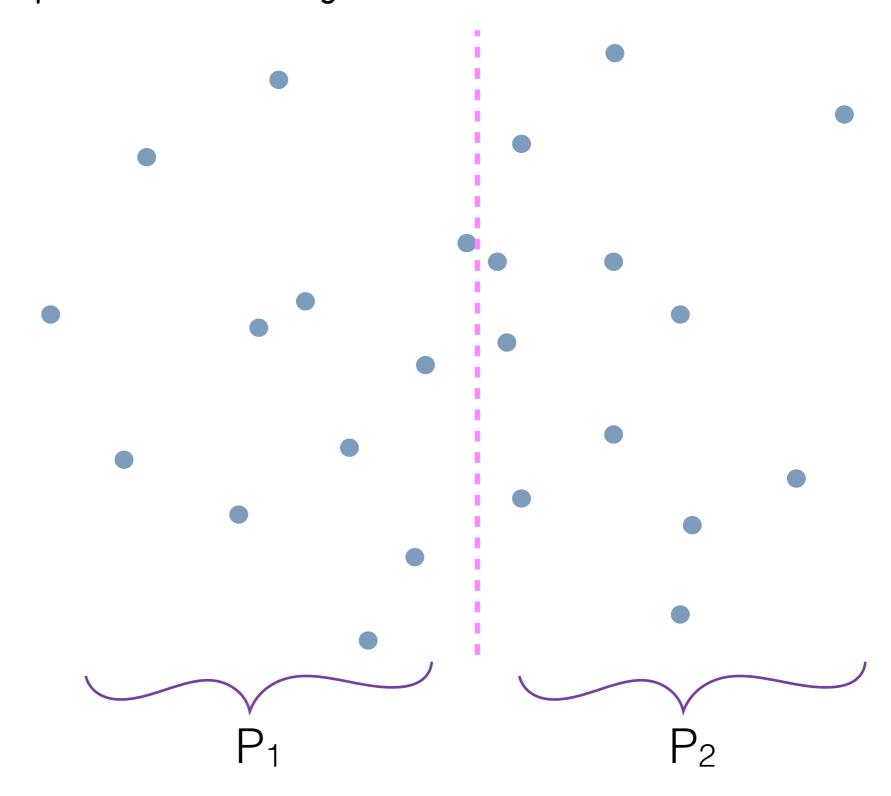
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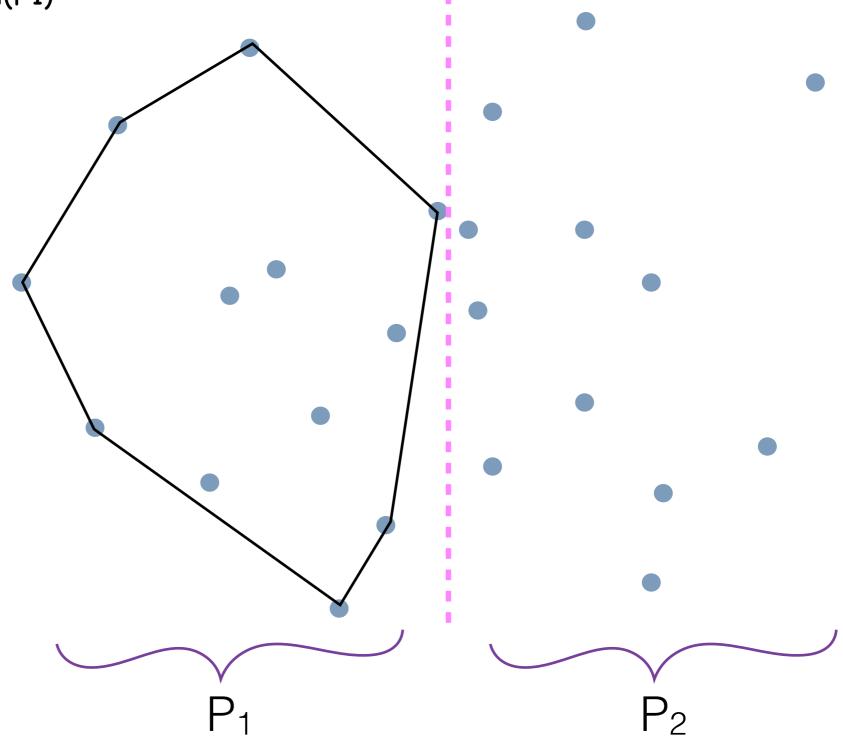
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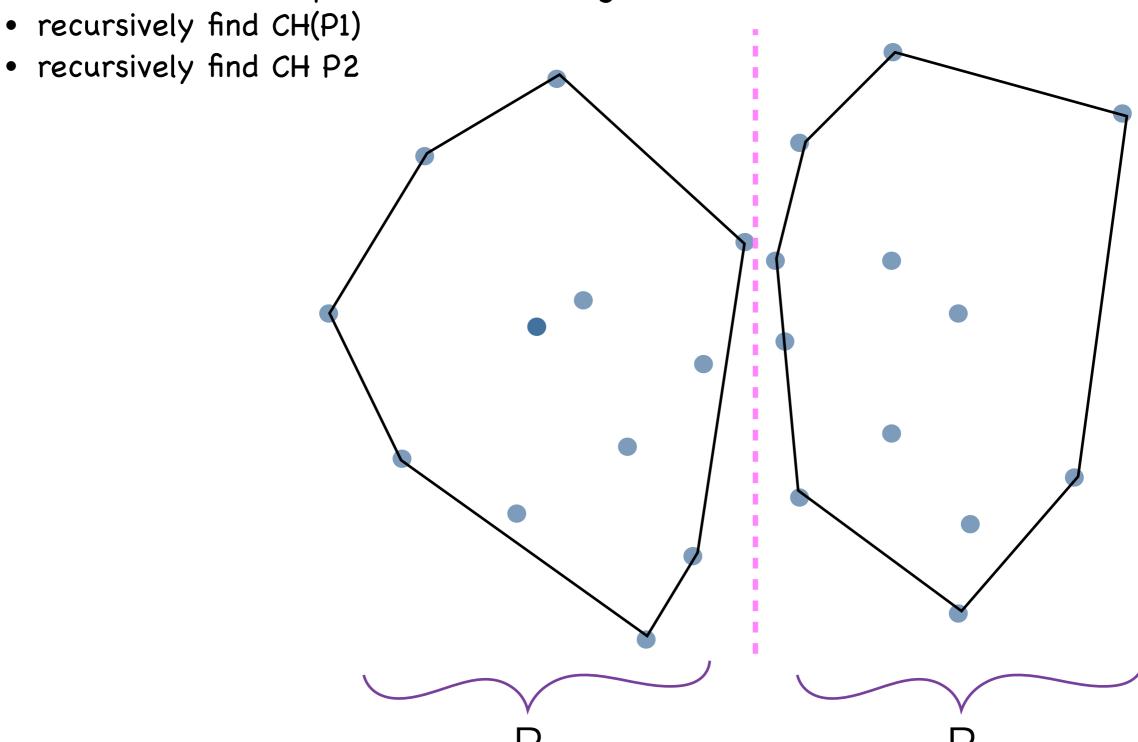
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- let P1, P2 = set of points to the left/right of line



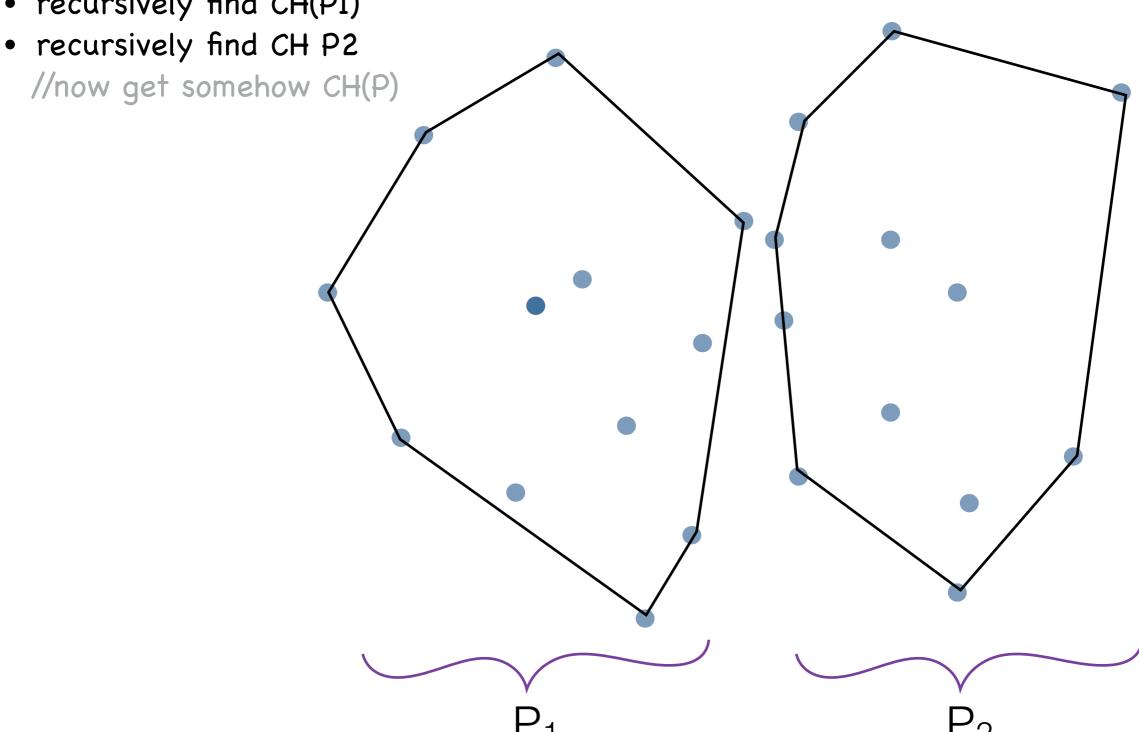
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- recursively find CH(P1)



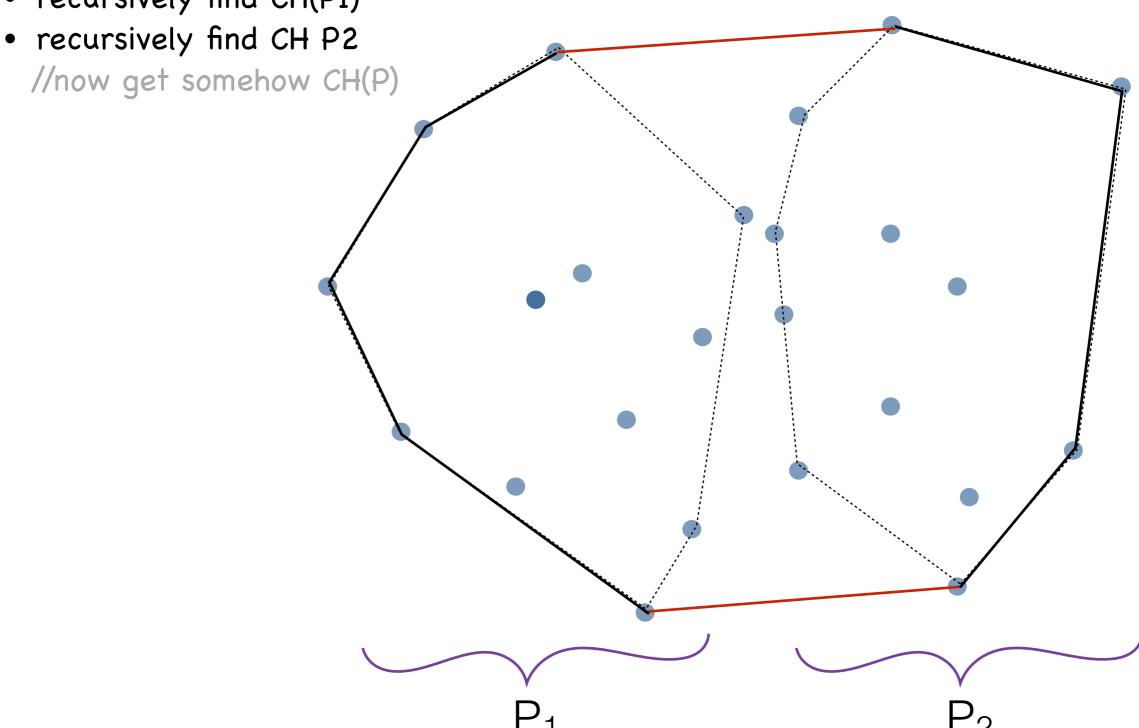
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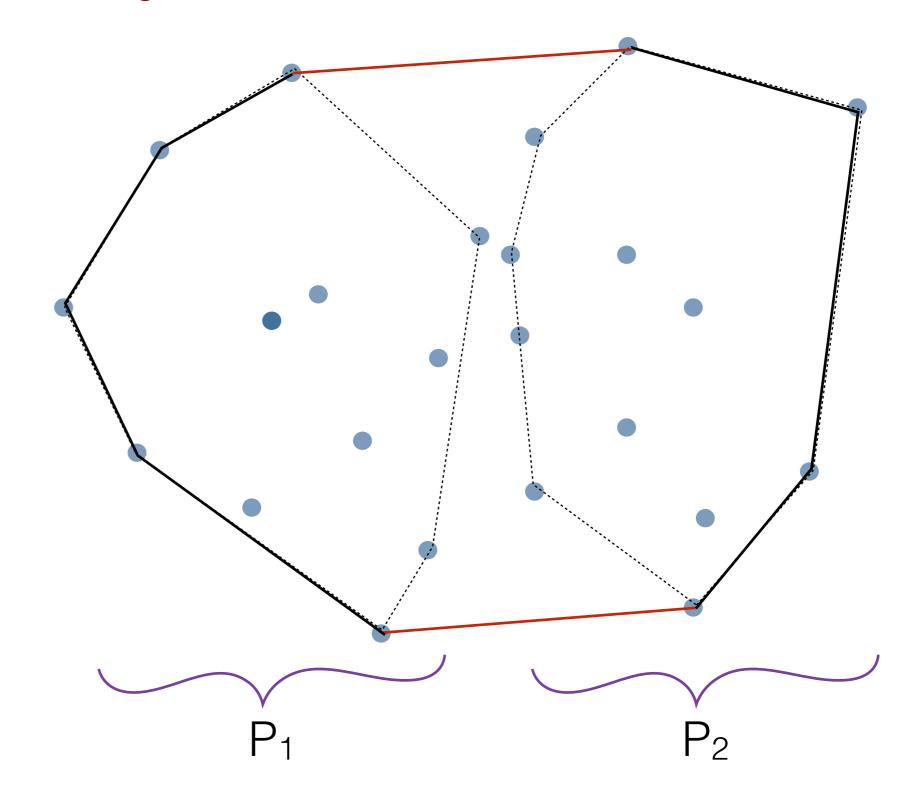


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Merging two hulls..in linear time

Need to find the two tangents

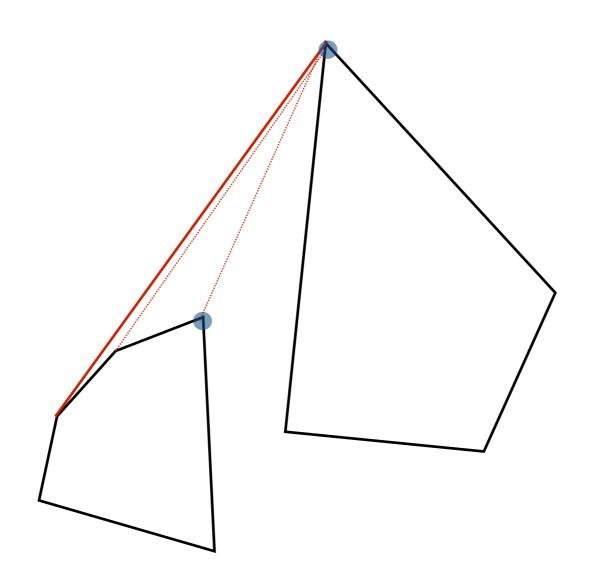


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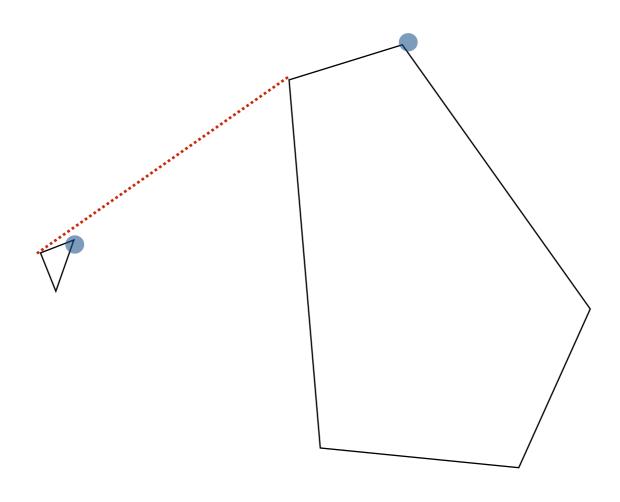
Here it looks like the upper tangent is between the top points in P₁ and P₂

Is that always true?

Not necessarily...

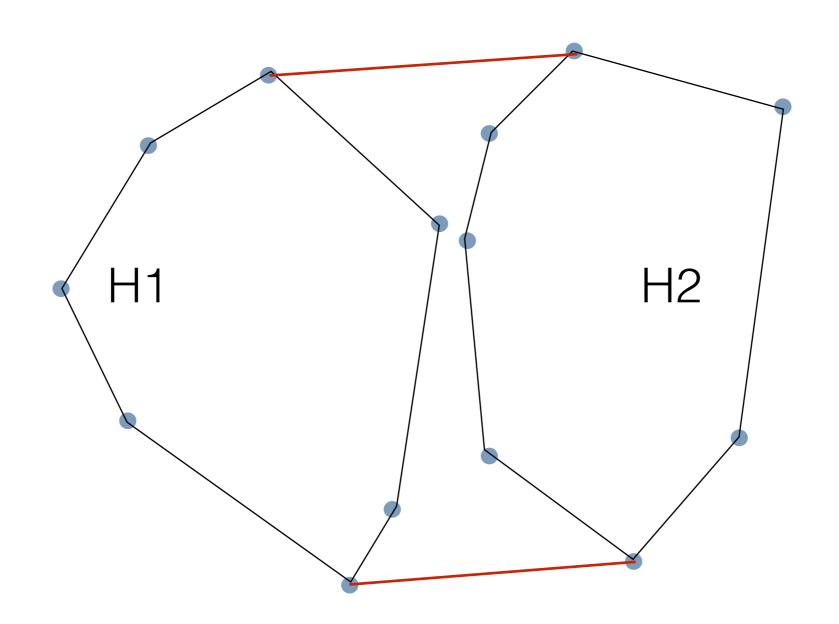


The top-most point overall is on the CH, but not necessarily on the upper tangent

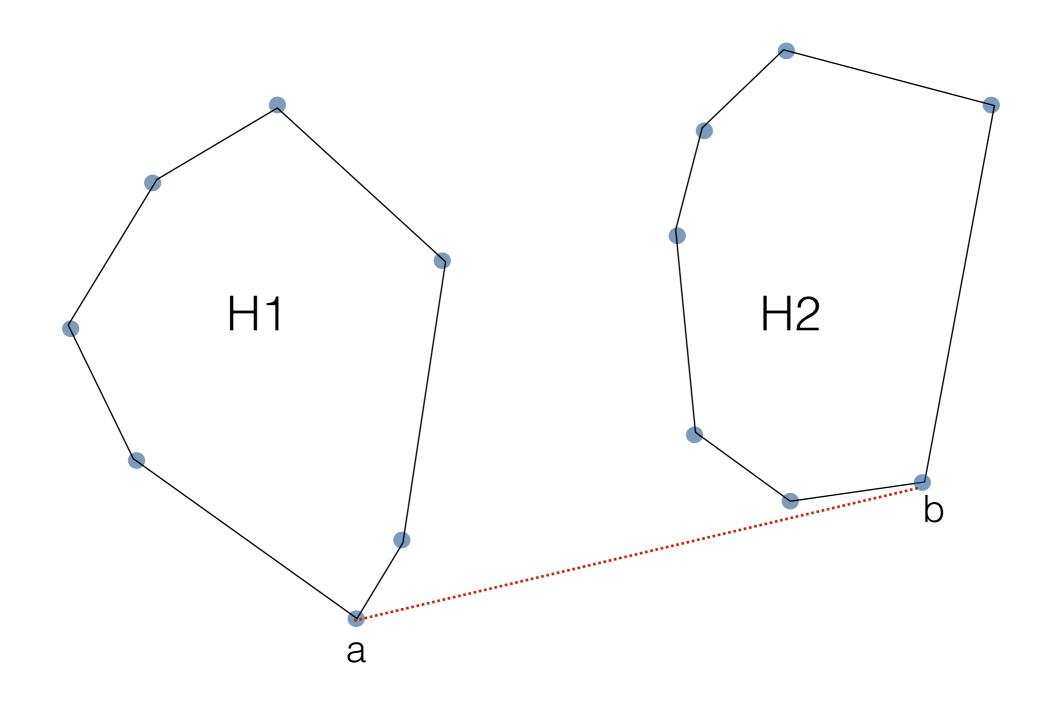


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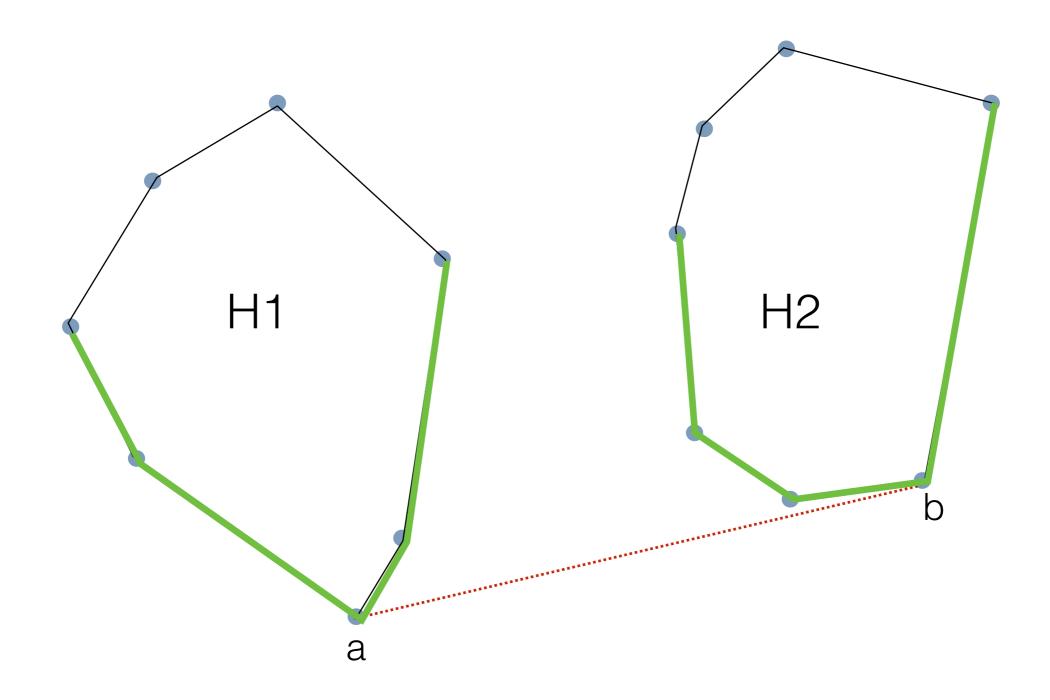
• Naive algorithm: try all segments (a,b) with a in H_1 and b in H_2 Too slow. => $O(n^2)$ merge, $O(n^2 \lg n)$ CH algorithm



Claim: All points in H1 and H2 are to the left of ab



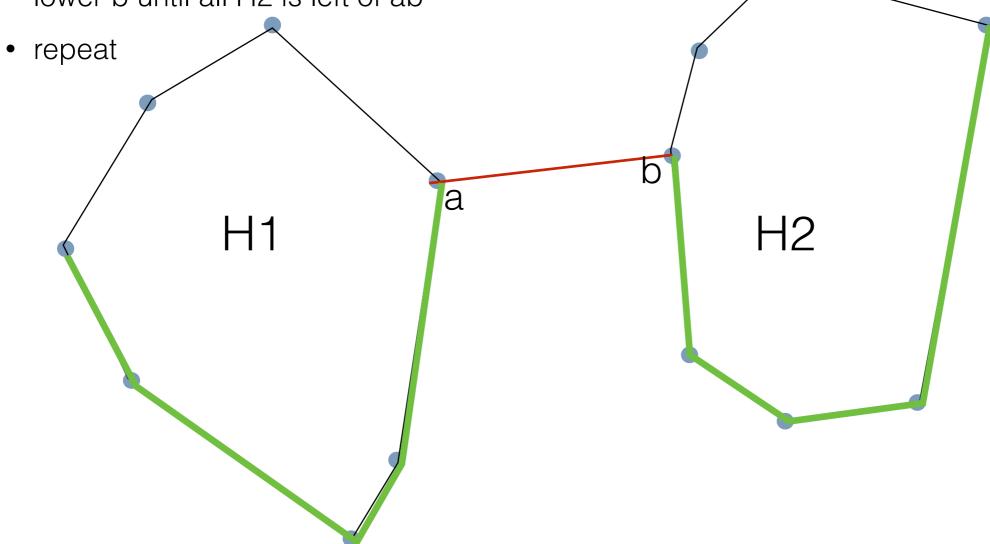
Claim: Points a,b are on the lower hulls of H1 and H2, respectively.



• Idea:

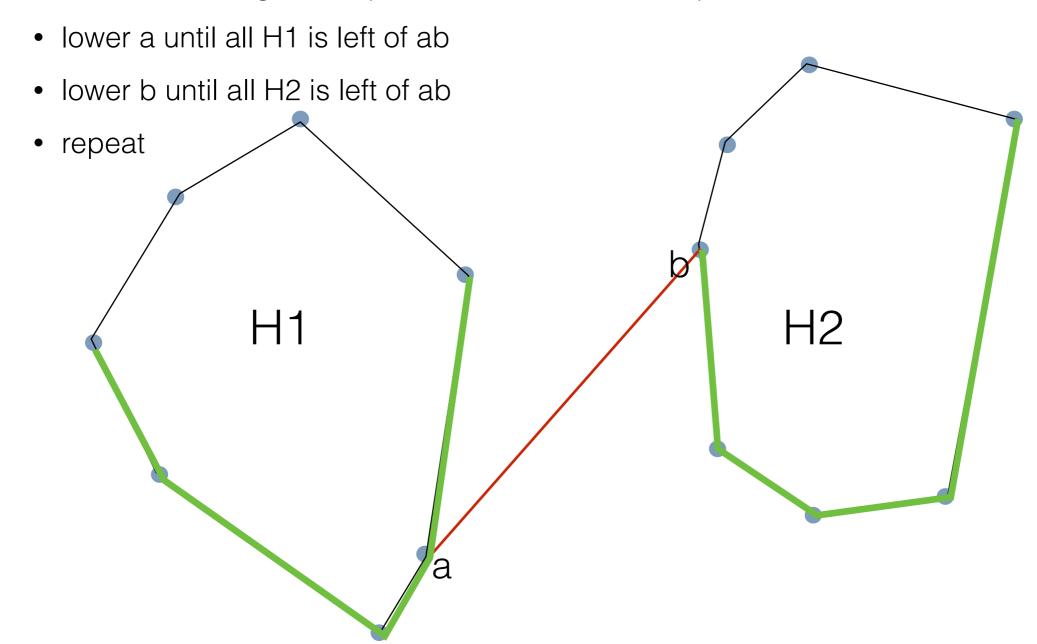
- start with a = rightmost point in H1, b = leftmost point in H2
- lower a until all H1 is left of ab





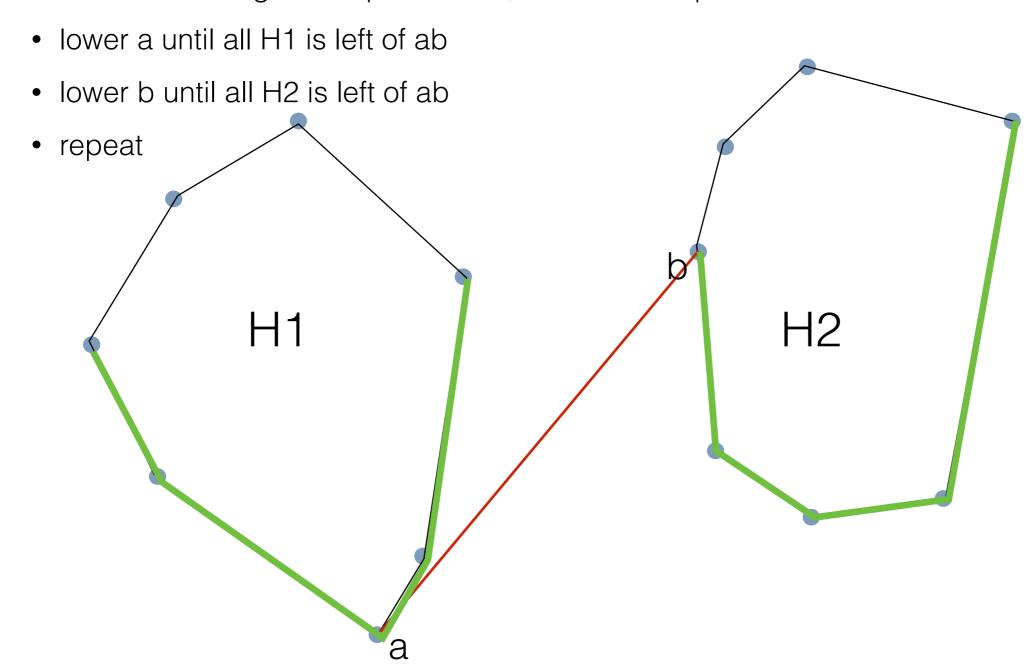
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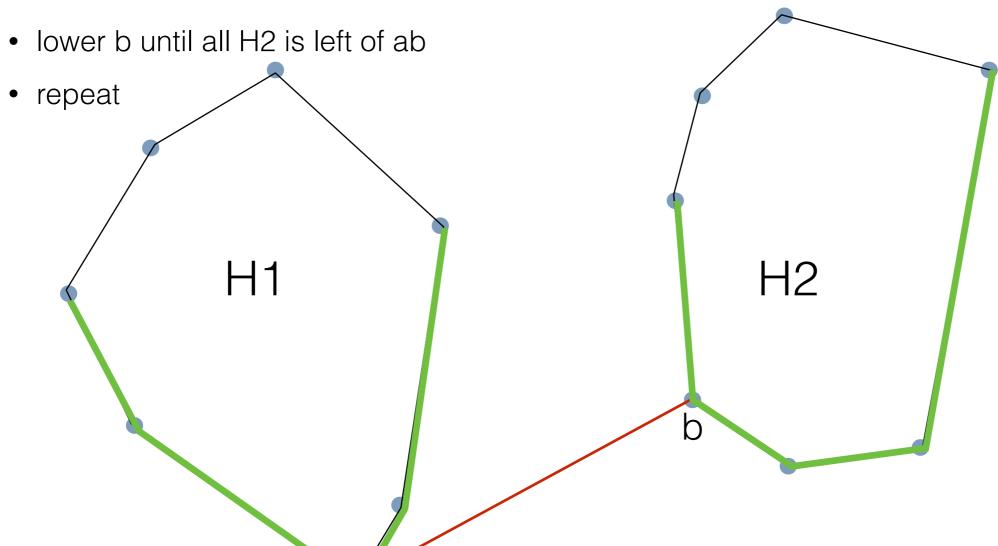
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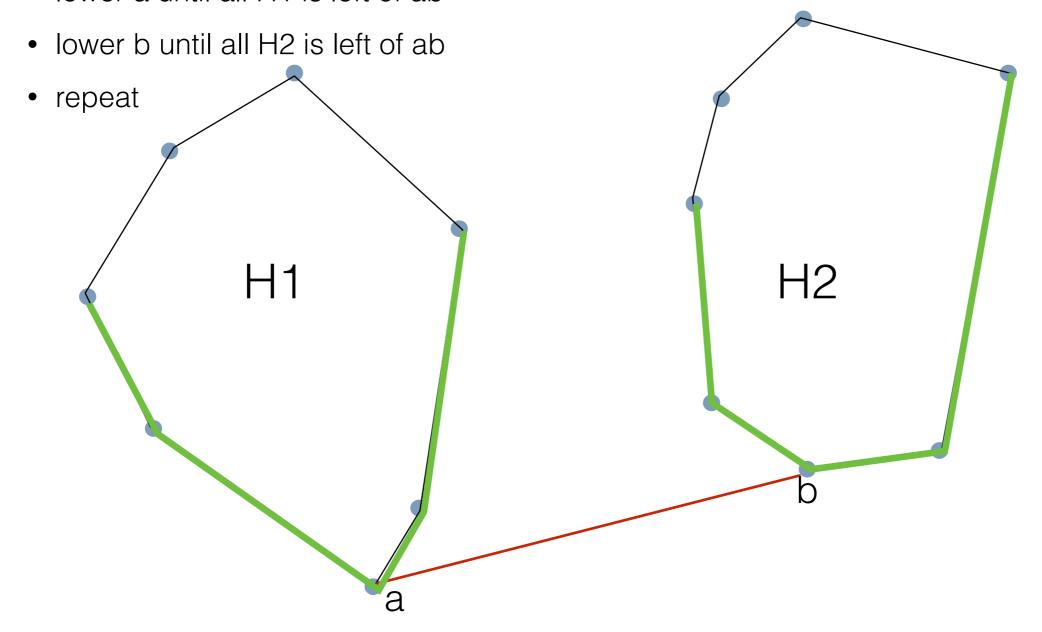
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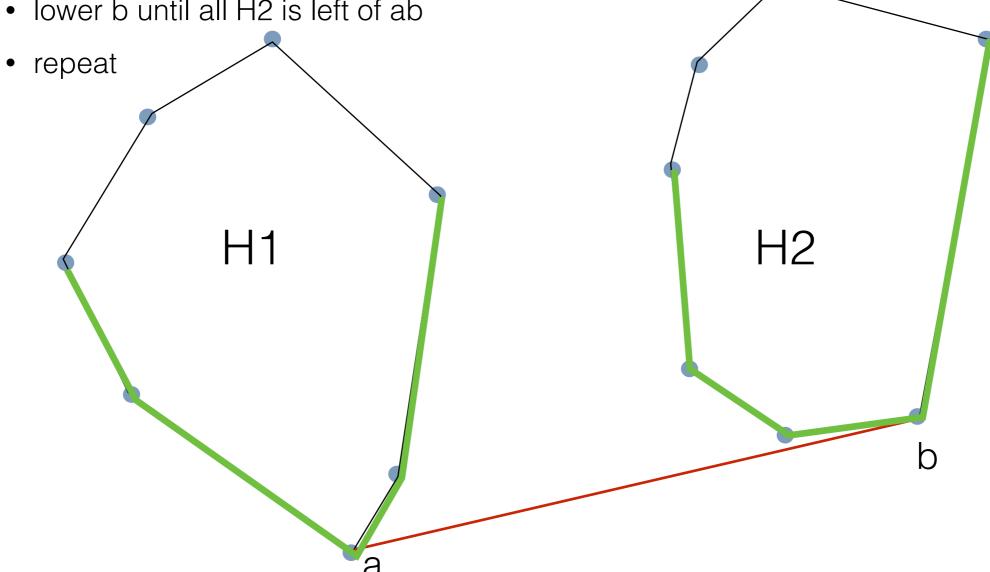
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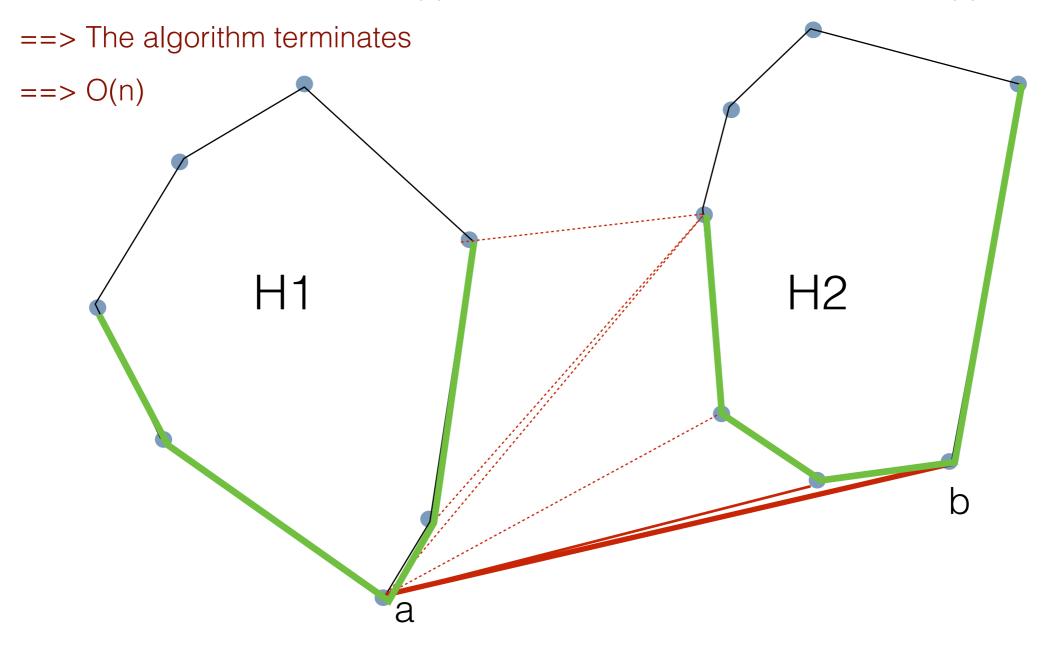
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- lower a until all H1 is left of ab
- lower b until all H2 is left of ab



(why) does this work?

Claim: At any point during the algorithm, segment ab cannot intersect the interior of the polygons

==> a cannot move into the upper hull of P1, b cannot move into the upper hull of P2



- Yet another illustration of divide-and-conquer paradigm
- Runs in O(n lg n)
- Extends to O(n lg h)
- Extends nicely to 3D