

Graham's Scan for Convex Hull

Worst-case runtime: $\Theta(n \log n)$

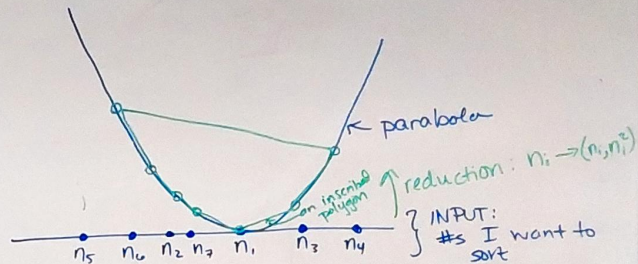
also the worst-case RT of comparison based sort using real-RAM model

Q: Is this the best I can do?

Prob A (sorting) $\xrightarrow{\text{reduce it to}}$ Prob B (convex hull)

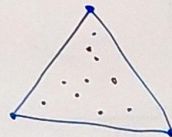
take input of this problem $\xrightarrow{\text{change it to input of other probs}}$ polytime & reversible

ex: traveling salesman $\xrightarrow{\text{change it to input of other probs}}$ New Prob



inscribed polygon: set of points in the given curve, connected in order.

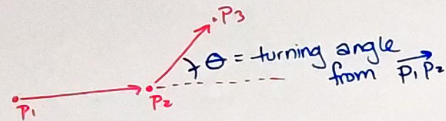
Worst case: can't really do better, but...



$n = \# \text{ of points}$
 $h = \# \text{ of points on hull}$
(the size of the output)

Output-sensitive CH Algo 1:

Jarvis March / Giftwrapping



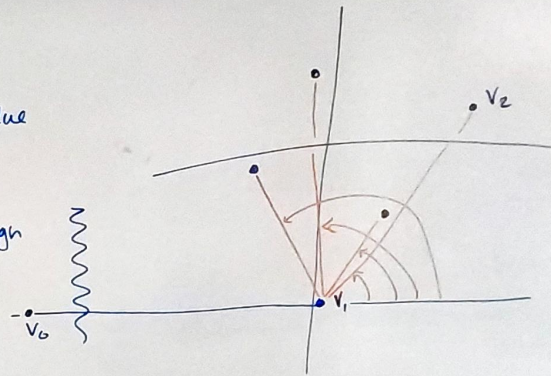
runtime will be: $\Theta(nh)$

- If $h = \Theta(n)$, we're worse-off $\Theta(n^2)$ *Graham wins!*
- If $h = \Theta(1)$, this is great!! $\Theta(n)$ *Jarvis wins!*
- If $h = \frac{1}{2}n = \Theta(n)$
- If $h = \Theta(\log n)$, we flip a coin. Either way, $\Theta(n \log n)$
Want: $h = o(\log n)$

Jarvis CH(P)

$\Theta(n)$ 1: $V_1 = (v_1^{(1)}, v_1^{(2)}) \leftarrow$ point w/ lowest y-value
 $\Theta(1)$ { 2: $V_0 = (-\infty, v_1^{(2)})$
 3: $i = 1$
 4: while $V_i \neq V_1$ and not first time through
 5: $V_{i+1} \leftarrow$ point p in $P \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_i\}$
 that min turn angle from $\overrightarrow{V_{i-1}V_i}$
 6: $i++$
 7: end while
 $\Theta(h)$ 8: return $\langle v_1, \dots, v_h \rangle$

$$\Theta(n + 1 + nh + h) = \Theta(nh)$$

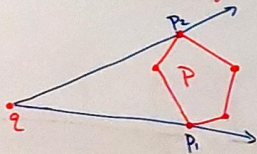


Chan's Algorithm

• RT: $\Theta(n \log h)$

\Rightarrow cant sort anything too large!

- another tool
given polygon P , pt q outside P
 \hookrightarrow def. by verts in CCW order



find p_1 and $p_2 \in P$ such that P is "inside"
the cone defined by the rays $\vec{qp_1}$ and $\vec{qp_2}$

RT: $\Theta(\log n) \rightarrow$ exercise: find algo.

1st assume h is known.

Chan's Algo has 2 main steps:

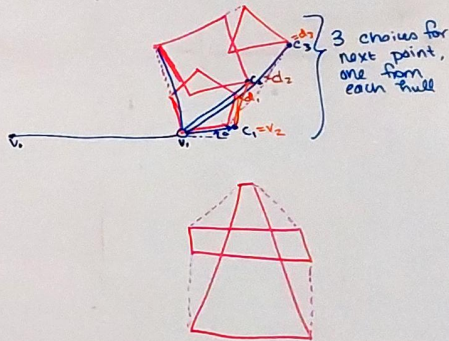
① Divide: Compute mini-hulls using Graham

1. $k \leftarrow \lceil n/h \rceil$

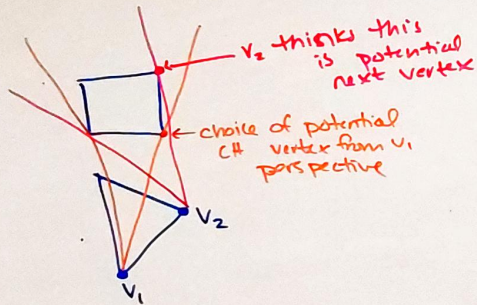
2. partition P into k ^{equal} sets, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k .
note: $|P| = h \pm 1 = \Theta(h)$

3. Use Graham to find CH of each P_i .
result: H_1, H_2, \dots, H_k

② Merge: each "mini-hull" as a pt + point
& use Jarvis on the mini hulls.



the choices change as we
add pts to CH.



If: h too large, say $h = \Theta(n \log n)$,
then step 1 is too long.

Sol'n: Ensure h doesn't get too big.

If h^* optimal, $h < h^* < h^2$

If: h is too small

Sol'n: once add too many pts on
hull, restart.