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C++ // A C++ program to find convex hull of a set of points. Refer // https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dsa/orientation-3-ordered-points/ // for explanation of orientation()
#include <bits/stdc++.h> using namespace std ; struct Point { int x , y ; } ; // To find orientation of ordered triplet (p, q, r). // The function returns following values // 0 --> p, q and r are collinear // 1 --> Clockwise // 2 --> Counterclockwise int orientation ( Point p , Point q , Point r ) { int val = ( q . y - p . y ) * ( r . x - q . x ) - ( q . x - p . x ) * ( r . y - q . y ) ; if ( val == 0 ) return 0 ; // collinear return ( val > 0 ) ? 1 : 2 ; // clock or counterclock wise } // Prints convex hull of a set of n points. void convexHull ( Point points [ ] , int n ) { // There must be at least 3 points if ( n < 3 ) return ; // Initialize Result vector < Point > hull ; // Find the leftmost point int l = 0 ; for ( int i = 1 ; i < n ; i ++ ) if ( points [ i ]. x < points [ l ]. x ) l = i ; // Start from leftmost point, keep moving counterclockwise // until reach the start point again. This loop runs O(h) // times where h is number of points in result or output. int p = l , q ; do { // Add current point to result hull . push_back ( points [ p ]); // Search for a point 'q' such that orientation(p, q, // x) is counterclockwise for all points 'x'. The idea // is to keep track of last visited most counterclock- // wise point in q. If any point 'i' is more counterclock- // wise than q, then update q. q = ( p + 1 ) % n ; for ( int i = 0 ; i < n ; i ++ ) { // If i is more counterclockwise than current q, then // update q if ( orientation ( points [ p ], points [ i ], points [ q ]) == 2 ) q = i ; } // Now q is the most counterclockwise with respect to p // Set p as q for next iteration, so that q is added to // result 'hull' p = q ; } while ( p != l ); // While we don't come to first point // Print Result for ( int i = 0 ; i < hull . size () ; i ++ ) cout << "(" << hull [ i ]. x << ", " << hull [ i ]. y << ")" \n " ; } // Driver program to test above functions int main () { Point points [ ] = { { 0 , 3 }, { 2 , 2 }, { 1 , 1 }, { 2 , 1 }, { 3 , 0 }, { 0 , 0 }, { 3 , 3 } }; int n = sizeof ( points ) / sizeof ( points [ 0 ]); convexHull ( points , n ); return 0 ; } Java // Java program to find convex hull of a set of points. Refer // https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dsa/orientation-3-ordered-points/ // for explanation of orientation()
import java.util.* ; class Point { int x , y ; Point ( int x , int y ){ this . x = x ; this . y = y ; } } class GFG { // To find orientation of ordered triplet (p, q, r). // The function returns following values // 0 --> p, q and r are collinear // 1 --> Clockwise // 2 --> Counterclockwise public static int orientation ( Point p , Point q ,
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Point r ) { int val = ( q . y - p . y ) * ( r . x - q . x ) - ( q . x - p . x ) * ( r . y - q . y ); if ( val == 0 ) return 0 ; // collinear return ( val > 0 ) ? 1 : 2 ; // clock or counterclock wise } // Prints convex hull of a set of n points.
public static void convexHull ( Point points [] , int n ) { // There must be at least 3 points if ( n < 3 ) return ;
// Initialize Result Vector < Point > hull = new Vector < Point > ( ) ; // Find the leftmost point int l = 0 ; for ( int i = 1 ; i < n ; i ++ ) if ( points [ i ] . x < points [ 1 ] . x ) l = i ; // Start from leftmost point, keep moving // counterclockwise until reach the start point // again. This loop runs O(h) times where h is // number of points in result or output. int p = l , q ; do { // Add current point to result hull . add ( points [ p ] ) ; // Search for a point 'q' such that // orientation(p, q, x) is counterclockwise // for all points 'x'. The idea is to keep // track of last visited most counterclock- // wise point in q. If any point 'l' is more // counterclock-wise than q, then update q. q = ( p + 1 ) % n ; for ( int i = 0 ; i < n ; i ++ ) { // If i is more counterclockwise than // current q, then update q if ( orientation ( points [ p ] , points [ i ] , points [ q ] ) == 2 ) q = i ; } // Now q is the most counterclockwise with // respect to p. Set p as q for next iteration, // so that q is added to result 'hull' p = q ; } while ( p != l ) ; // While we don't come to first // point // Print Result for ( Point temp : hull )
System . out . println ( "(" + temp . x + ", " + temp . y + ")" ) ; } /* Driver program to test above function */
public static void main ( String [] args ) { Point points [] = new Point [ 7 ] ; points [ 0 ] = new Point ( 0 , 3 ) ; points [ 1 ] = new Point ( 2 , 3 ) ; points [ 2 ] = new Point ( 1 , 1 ) ; points [ 3 ] = new Point ( 2 , 1 ) ; points [ 4 ] = new Point ( 3 , 0 ) ; points [ 5 ] = new Point ( 0 , 0 ) ; points [ 6 ] = new Point ( 3 , 3 ) ; int n = points . length ; convexHull ( points , n ) ; } } // This code is contributed by Arnav Kr. Mandal. Python # Python3 program to find convex hull of a set of points. Refer # https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dsa/orientation-3-ordered-points/ # for explanation of orientation() # point class with x, y as point class Point : def __init__ ( self , x , y ): self . x = x self . y = y def Left_index ( points ): " " " Finding the left most point " " " minn = 0 for i in range ( 1 , len ( points )): if points [ i ] . x < points [ minn ] . x : minn = i elif points [ i ] . x == points [ minn ] . x : if points [ i ] . y > points [ minn ] . y : minn = i return minn def orientation ( p , q , r ): " " " To find orientation of ordered triplet (p, q, r). The function returns following values 0 --> p, q and r are collinear 1 --> Clockwise 2 --> Counterclockwise " " "
val = ( q . y - p . y ) * ( r . x - q . x ) - ( q . x - p . x ) * ( r . y - q . y ) if val == 0 : return 0 elif val > 0 : return 1 else : return 2 def convexHull ( points , n ): # There must be at least 3 points if n < 3 : return # Find the leftmost point l = Left_index ( points ) hull = [] " " " Start from leftmost point, keep moving counterclockwise until reach the start point again. This loop runs O(h) times where h is number of points in result or output. " " "
p = l q = 0 while ( True ): # Add current point to result hull . append ( p ) " " " Search for a point 'q' such that orientation(p, q, x) is counterclockwise for all points 'x'. The idea is to keep track of last visited most counterclock- wise point in q. If any point 'l' is more counterclock- wise than q, then update q. " " "
q = ( p + 1 ) % n for i in range ( n ): # If i is more counterclockwise # than current q, then update q if ( orientation ( points [ p ] , points [ i ] , points [ q ] ) == 2 ) : q = i " " " Now q is the most counterclockwise with respect to p Set p as q for next iteration, so that q is added to result 'hull' " " "
p = q # While we don't come to first point if ( p == l ): break # Print Result for each in hull : print ( points [ each ] . x , points [ each ] . y ) # Driver Code points = [] points . append ( Point ( 0 , 3 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 2 , 2 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 1 , 1 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 2 , 1 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 3 , 0 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 0 , 0 ) ) points . append ( Point ( 3 , 3 ) ) convexHull ( points , len ( points )) # This code is contributed by # Akash Soman, IIIT Kalyani C# // C# program to find convex hull of a set of points. Refer // https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dsa/orientation-3-ordered-points/ // for explanation of orientation() using System ; using System.Collections.Generic ; public class Point { public int x , y ; public Point ( int x , int y ) { this . x = x ; this . y = y ; } } public class GFG { // To find orientation of ordered triplet (p, q, r). // The function returns following values // 0 --> p, q and r are collinear // 1 --> Clockwise // 2 --> Counterclockwise public static int orientation ( Point p , Point q , Point r ) { int val = ( q . y - p . y ) * ( r . x - q . x ) - ( q . x - p . x ) * ( r . y - q . y ) ; if ( val == 0 ) return 0 ; // collinear return ( val > 0 ) ? 1 : 2 ; // clock or counterclock wise } // Prints convex hull of a set of n points. public static void convexHull ( Point [] points , int n ) { // There must be at least 3 points if ( n < 3 ) return ;
// Initialize Result List < Point > hull = new List < Point > ( ) ; // Find the leftmost point int l = 0 ; for ( int i = 1 ; i < n ; i ++ ) if ( points [ i ] . x < points [ 1 ] . x ) l = i ; // Start from leftmost point, keep moving // counterclockwise until reach the start point // again. This loop runs O(h) times where h is // number of points in result or output. int p = l , q ; do { // Add current point to result hull . Add ( points [ p ] ) ; // Search for a point 'q' such that // orientation(p, q, x) is counterclockwise // for all points 'x'. The idea is to keep // track of last visited most counterclock- // wise point in q. If any point 'l' is more // counterclock-wise than q, then update q. q = ( p + 1 ) % n ; for ( int i = 0 ; i < n ; i ++ ) { // If i is more counterclockwise than // current q, then update q if ( orientation ( points [ p ] , points [ i ] , points [ q ] ) == 2 ) q = i ; } // Now q is the most counterclockwise with // respect to p. Set p as q for next iteration, // so that q is added to result 'hull' p =

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q ; } while ( p != l ); // While we don't come to first // point Result foreach ( Point temp in hull )
Console . WriteLine ( "(" + temp . x + " , " + temp . y + ")" ); } /* Driver code */
public static void Main ( String [] args ) { Point [] points = new Point [ 7 ]; points [ 0 ] = new Point ( 0 , 3 ); points [ 1 ] = new Point ( 2 , 3 ); points [ 2 ] = new Point ( 1 , 1 ); points [ 3 ] = new Point ( 2 , 1 ); points [ 4 ] = new Point ( 3 , 0 );
points [ 5 ] = new Point ( 0 , 0 ); points [ 6 ] = new Point ( 3 , 3 ); int n = points . Length ; convexHull ( points , n ); } } // This code is contributed by Princi Singh JavaScript < script > // Javascript program to
find      convex      hull      of      a      set      of      points.      Refer      //
https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dsa/orientation-3-ordered-points/ // for explanation of orientation() class
Point { constructor ( x , y ) { this . x = x ; this . y = y ; } } // To find orientation of ordered triplet (p, q, r). //
The function returns following values // 0 --> p, q and r are collinear // 1 --> Clockwise // 2 -->
Counterclockwise function orientation ( p , q , r ) { let val = ( q . y - p . y ) * ( r . x - q . x ) - ( q . x - p . x ) *
( r . y - q . y ); if ( val == 0 ) return 0 ; // collinear return ( val > 0 ) ? 1 : 2 ; // clock or counterclock wise } //
Prints convex hull of a set of n points. function convexHull ( points , n ) { // There must be at least 3
points if ( n < 3 ) return ; // Initialize Result let hull = []; // Find the leftmost point let l = 0 ; for ( let i = 1 ; i
< n ; i ++ ) if ( points [ i ]. x < points [ l ]. x ) l = i ; // Start from leftmost point, keep moving //
counterclockwise until reach the start point // again. This loop runs O(h) times where h is // number of
points in result or output. let p = l , q ; do { // Add current point to result hull . push ( points [ p ]); //
Search for a point 'q' such that // orientation(p, q, x) is counterclockwise // for all points 'x'. The idea is to
keep // track of last visited most counterclock- // wise point in q. If any point 'i' is more //
counterclock-wise than q, then update q. q = ( p + 1 ) % n ; for ( let i = 0 ; i < n ; i ++ ) { // If i is more
counterclockwise than // current q, then update q if ( orientation ( points [ p ], points [ i ], points [ q ]) ==
2 ) q = i ; } // Now q is the most counterclockwise with // respect to p. Set p as q for next iteration, // so
that q is added to result 'hull' p = q ; } while ( p != l ); // While we don't come to first // point // Print Result
for ( let temp of hull . values () ) document . write ( "(" + temp . x + " , " + temp . y + ")" <br> ); } /* Driver
program to test above function */ let points = new Array ( 7 ); points [ 0 ] = new Point ( 0 , 3 ); points [ 1 ]
= new Point ( 2 , 3 ); points [ 2 ] = new Point ( 1 , 1 ); points [ 3 ] = new Point ( 2 , 1 ); points [ 4 ] = new
Point ( 3 , 0 ); points [ 5 ] = new Point ( 0 , 0 ); points [ 6 ] = new Point ( 3 , 3 ); let n = points . length ;
convexHull ( points , n ); // This code is contributed by avanitracchadiya2155 </script> Output (0, 3) (0,
0) (3, 0) (3, 3) Time Complexity: O(m * n) , where n is number of input points and m is number of output
or hull points (m <= n). For every point on the hull we examine all the other points to determine the next
point. Worst case, Time complexity: O(n^2) . The worst case occurs when all the points are on the hull
(m = n). Auxiliary Space: O(n), since n extra space has been taken. Set 2- Convex Hull (Graham Scan)
Note : The above code may produce different results for different order of inputs, when there are
collinear points in the convex hull. For example, it produces output as (0, 3) (0, 0) (3, 0) (3, 3) for input
(0, 3), (0, 0), (0, 1), (3, 0), (3, 3) and output as (0, 3) (0, 1) (0, 0) (3, 0) (3, 3) for input as (0, 3), (0, 1),
(0, 0), (3, 0), (3, 3). We generally need the farthest next point in case of collinear, we can get the desired
result in case of collinear points by adding one more if condition. Sources: https://jeffe.cs.illinois.edu/
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