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Computational aspects of maxmin (length) triangulations

or: How Greg Found Large Triangles

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for my daughter — in the hope that she will understand sometime

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Abstract

Maxmin length triangulations are just awesome.

Zusammenfassung

Maxmin Triangulationen sind einfach super.

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1. Introduction

Triangulations, that is subdividing the plane (or a polygon) into triangles, are a popular topic in computational geometry — not only because of their connections to other problems but also due to their practical applications. They can be helpful as a preprocessing in other algorithms or as a tool in geometric proofs. One popular example is the artgallery problem . Another area where triangulations are widely used is mesh generation and approximation of complex geometric structures.

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For different use cases the objectives for a triangulation vary. For example, the widely known Delaunay triangulation [2, Section 9.2] tends to avoid “skinny” triangles and is therefore useful for meshes. One can image many different properties to be optimized: Edge lengths, triangle area, angle, and degree in a vertex are some of them. Many have already been looked into, but for some of them no application is known by now — so they remain theoretical problems. In chapter 2 we will have a brief overview of different kinds of triangulations.

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This thesis will focus on the MaxMin Length Triangulation (MMLT). Stated an open problem in 1991 [9], it has been proven to be NP-complete in 2012 [11]. However our assumption is that the hard instances are rare and that random instances can be solved in polynomial time on average. Therefore we provide an algorithmic idea in chapter 4 and its implementation in chapter 5.

Even though there seems to be no known application of MMLT yet, it is Greg’s [17] preferred kind of triangulation.

2. Triangulations

One day Greg had art class and the children were given sheets of paper with points on them. The task was to connect all the points such that they have as many bounded areas as possible.

Definition 2.1 (Planar Subdivision)

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definition

Greg connected all the points taking care that the connections would only intersect in the given points. He was happy to see that the result consisted only of triangles filling up the whole space within the points. Also he had more bounded areas than any other child — even more than Joey who filled up his sheet with quadrangles. Greg's teacher, Mrs. Minerva, told him that he made a triangulation.

Definition 2.2 (Triangulation)

As defined in [2, Section 9.1], the triangulation T of a planar point set P is a maximal planar subdivision where P are the vertices.

2.1. Basics

After seeing Greg's sheet, some of his friends let their connections cross each other to get more areas, but Greg considered that cheating. To stay the winner of the competition he made a new rule that no point connections are allowed to cross.

Definition 2.3 (Crossing)

Two line segments $s_i = (p_i, q_i)$ and $s_j = (p_j, q_j)$ with different slope are *crossing*, if their intersection is not empty and not an endpoint, i.e.

$$s_i, s_j \text{ crossing} \iff p = s_i \cap s_j, p \text{ point}, p \notin \{p_i, q_i, p_j, q_j\}$$

Two segments s_i and s_j are *non-crossing* if they are not *crossing*. A set S of segments is *crossing* if at least two segments $s_i, s_j \in S$ are *crossing*. It is *non-crossing* if each pair $s_i, s_j \in S$ is *non-crossing*.

Joey tried to circumvent Greg's rule by adding new points to his sheet. For each new point he added on the outside he could make several new connections and therefore got soon many more areas. So Greg had to quickly come up with another rule only allowing the existing points to take part of the competition.

Definition 2.4 (Induced Segments)

The set of induced line segments S_P of a planar point set P consists of all line segments which have endpoints in P :

$$S_P := \{(p, q) : p, q \in P, p < q\}$$

Let $<$ hereby denote the lexicographical order, that is for $p = (p_x, p_y)$ and $q = (q_x, q_y)$:

$$p < q \iff (p_x < q_x) \vee ((p_x = q_x) \wedge (p_y < q_y)).$$

With those two new rules no one could think of a better way to make areas than Greg's triangles. Even Mrs. Minerva said that under those conditions it would not be possible to come up with a subdivision which has more faces than a triangulation.

Definition 2.5 (Triangulation)

The definition 2.2 is equivalent to saying a triangulation T of a planar point set P is a maximal *non-crossing* subset of the induced segments S_P of P .

Definition 2.6 (Constrained Triangulation)

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definition

2.2. Topological Triangulations

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- observation: when changing geometry but not topology, certain properties stay the same
- e.g. angle/area/length preserving transformation
=> many optimal triangulations map to one topological (size doesn't matter)

notes

Definition 2.7 (Conflicting Edges)

For a set of edges E and a set of conflicts $C \subseteq E^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_i, e_j \text{ conflicting} &\iff (e_i, e_j) \in C \\
 e_i, e_j \text{ non-conflicting} &\iff (e_i, e_j) \notin C \\
 E' \subseteq E \text{ conflicting} &\iff \exists e_i, e_j \in E' : e_i, e_j \text{ conflicting} \\
 E' \subseteq E \text{ non-conflicting} &\iff \neg(E' \text{ conflicting})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Definition 2.8 (Conflicting Graph)

The conflict graph $G_C(S) = (V, E)$ for a set of segments S is an undirected graph with

$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \{e_s = \{v_p, v_q\} : s = (p, q) \in S\} \\
 E &= \{\{e_{s_i}, e_{s_j}\} : e_{s_i}, e_{s_j} \in V \wedge s_i, s_j \text{ crossing}\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

For convenience we define $e \in G_C(S) \iff e \in E$.

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Definition 2.9 (Topological Triangulation)

A topological triangulation $T = (V, E)$ of a planar point set P is an undirected planar graph with the vertex set $V = \{v_p : p \in P\}$ representing P and a maximal *non-conflicting* edge set $E \subseteq V^2$ with respect to the conflict graph $G_C(S_P)$.

Theorem 2.10

A topological triangulation can be calculated in polynomial time.

- algorithm?
- reduction to maximal independent set?

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Theorem 2.11

Every triangulation T of a planar point set P can be transformed into a topological triangulation T' of P and vice versa in $O(|P|^2)$ time.

Proof:

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proof

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Definition 2.12 (Constrained Topological Triangulation)

A constrained topological triangulation $T = (V, E)$ of a planar point set P with constraints $C \subseteq P^2$ is a topological triangulation with

$$\{\{v_p, v_q\} : (p, q) \in C\} \subseteq E.$$

Theorem 2.13

A constrained topological triangulation can be calculated in polynomial time.

Theorem 2.14

Every constrained triangulation T of a planar point set P can be transformed into a constrained topological triangulation T' of P and vice versa in $O(|P|^2)$ time.

Proof:

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proof

2.3. Edge Flipping

- what is a flip?
- flip graph complexity
- local vs. global optimal
- hint to edge flipping paper

notes

2.4. Related Work

After class was over, Greg asked Mrs. Minerva if there are different kinds of triangulations. She replied that the problem of triangulating has kept researchers busy for over 100 years already [12] and that people have found different aspects in that a triangulation can be optimal.

The most famous class is the Delaunay triangulation [2, Section 9.2]. It forces every circumcircle of a triangle to be empty of other points and therefore maximizes the minimum angle [2, Theorem 9.9]. There is an edge flipping algorithm which calculates it in $O(n \log n)$ expected time using $O(n)$ space [2, Theorem 9.12].

There are several other triangulations which can be computed in polynomial time. Minimizing the maximum edge length in $O(n^2)$ times was one of the first results [9].

The counterpart of a Delaunay triangulation, minimizing the maximum angle, takes $O(n^2 \log n)$ time and $O(n)$ space [3]. The same approach can also produce triangulations which maximize the minimum height of a triangle. Finally, the same reference shows also that minimizing the maximum slope and minimizing the maximum eccentricity can both be done in $O(n^3)$ time and $O(n^2)$ space. A triangulation which minimizes or maximizes the area of triangles can be computed in $O(n^2 \log n)$ time with $O(n^2)$ space. [21]

Other triangulations have been proven NP-hard or NP-complete. One of them is to minimize the edge length sum (also known as the minimum weight triangulation) which is NP-hard [20]. Maximizing the minimum edge length was stated an open problem [9] but 20 years later it has been shown that it is NP-complete [11]. The latter one remains NP-hard for polygons with holes and interior points [5] but can be solved in $O(n^3)$ time for simple polygons and even in linear time for convex polygons [13].

3. Set Cover

In the next recess Greg and his friends were discussing again what to play. It was always hard to find games that everybody liked. For example, Greg likes to play tables tennis or Duck, Duck, Goose but does not want to play soccer. Suddenly Greg had an idea: What about making a list of everybody's first and second choice and then finding groups which could play together. His friends agree and you can see the result in table 3.1.

	table tennis	Duck, Duck, Goose	soccer	swings
Greg	1			2
Joey	2	1		
Susan	1		2	
Bella			2	1
Jenny	1	2		
Jason			1	2
Alice		2		1
Bob		1	2	

Table 3.1.: Voting of Greg and his friends

Then Greg went to Mrs. Lloyd and asked her how they could find the best solution. Firstly, she made another list (table 3.2) where she put all the children's names for each game and summed up their preferences.¹

table tennis (Greg, Joey, Susan, Jenny):	4
Duck, Duck, Goose (Joey, Jenny, Alice, Bob):	6
soccer (Susan, Bella, Jason, Bob):	7
swings (Greg, Bella, Jason, Alice):	6

Table 3.2.: Summed up preferences for each game

Mrs. Lloyd showed the children that there were no two games to cover all of them — so they needed to split up into at least three groups. The best way to do so was to play table tennis, Duck, Duck, Goose, and on the swings. That was everybody's first choice besides for Jason. The problem Mrs. Lloyd solved is an instance of the minimum weight set cover problem.

¹Note that I cheated here: Usually you would divide the sum of preferences by the number of children who want to play the game. But Greg did not know yet how to divide, so I made all the groups have equal size.

Problem 3.1 (Minimum Weight Set Cover)

Given: A “universe” (set) of objects U , subsets $S = \{S_i\}$ such that $\bigcup_{S_i \in S} S_i = U$,
and a weight function $c : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$

Sought: A set $R \subseteq S$ which covers the universe, i.e. $\bigcup_{S_i \in R} S_i = U$ and minimizes
$$\sum_{S_i \in R} c(S_i)$$

Problem 3.1 is NP-hard [16] and the related decision problem was already one of the problems Karp has shown to be NP-complete [15].

4. MaxMin Length Triangulation

During lunch, Greg thought about the different types of triangles Mrs. Minerva had told him about (chapter 2) and which ones he liked the most. On one hand he liked triangles with long edges, on the other hand Greg was very interested in NP-complete problems. Therefore he decided to find out more about MaxMin Length Triangulation (MMLT), which forces the shortest edge to be as long as possible and was proven NP-complete [11].

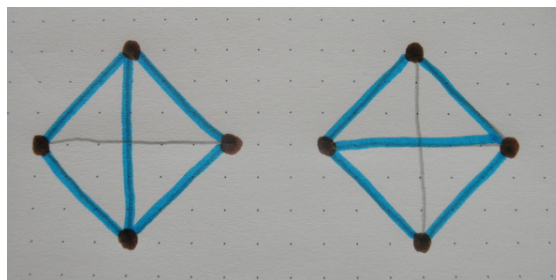
Problem 4.1 (MMLT)

Given: Set of points in the plane P and implicitly their induced segments S_P (see definition 2.4)

Sought: Triangulation $T_{\text{opt}} \subseteq S_P$ of P which maximizes $\min_{s \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s|$ with $|s|$ being the length of the segment s

When playing around with some small instances ¹, Greg discovered two properties of MMLTs. An optimal solution need not be unique as fig. 4.1 shows. Additionally fig. 4.2 is an example where an edge flip is necessary in a local optimum to gain global optimality. Therefore it is not always possible to retrieve an optimal MMLT solution by starting with an arbitrary triangulation and applying locally optimal edge flips.

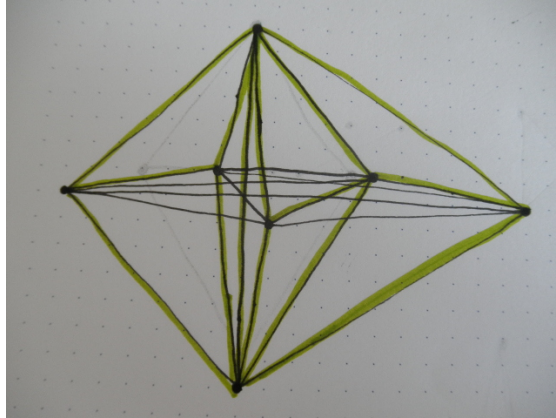
explain edge
flips



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Figure 4.1.: Example of different optimal solutions for the same point set.

¹Greg drew them on napkins in the cafeteria.



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Figure 4.2.: Example of necessary locally non-optimal flips.

Problem 4.2 (Topological MaxMin Length Triangulation (TMMLT))

Given: Set of points in the plane P

Sought: Topological triangulation $T_{\text{opt}} = (V, E)$ of P which maximizes $\min_{e \in E} e$ with

$$e_{s_i} < e_{s_j} \iff |s_i| < |s_j| \vee (|s_i| = |s_j| \wedge (s_i < s_j))$$

and $s_i < s_j$ being the lexicographical order of the segments.

Theorem 4.3

The optimal edge in a TMMLT solution is unique.

Proof:

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proof

Theorem 4.4

Every optimal TMMLT solution is an optimal MMLT solution.

Proof:

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proof

IP:

- maximize min. edge index
- no conflicting edges
- for every edge: either edge or crossing edge picked
- n^2 variables, $O(n^4)$ restrictions

notes

4.1. Separators

He tried to identify the good, the bad, and the ugly edges. Bad are clearly all short edges as they can worsen the MMLT solution. Step by step, Greg found the set of all segments which were shorter than a certain threshold and named them the “short segments”.

Definition 4.5 (Short Segments)

Short segments within induced segments S_P of a planar point set P are all segments shorter than a specific length ℓ :

$$S_{\text{short}}(P, \ell) := \{s \in S_P : |s| < \ell\}$$

The next observation Greg made is that there were some long segments which cross the short segments. Greg called them “separators” as they separate the endpoints of short segments. When the shortest segment which is part of the MMLT solution has separators, it can (under certain conditions) be replaced by a longer segment to improve the solution. Therefore separators are the good segments.

Definition 4.6 (Separators)

The set of separators $S_{\text{sep}}(P, s)$ for a planar point set P and a line segment s are all induced line segments S_P that improve the MMLT solution, i.e. all with s *crossing* line segments which are longer than s :

$$S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) := \{s_{\text{sep}} \in S_P : |s| < |s_{\text{sep}}| \wedge s, s_{\text{sep}} \text{ crossing}\}$$

Finally, there are the ugly segments which are short but have no separators such that they can not be replaced ². A special case are segments which do not cross at all — for example those on the convex hull. The ugliest segment is the shortest of all ugly segments s_{nose} .

Definition 4.7 (shortest non-separable segment)

For a set of points in the plane P and its induced segments S_P let the shortest non-separable segment s_{nose} be:

$$s_{\text{nose}} := \arg \min_{s \in S_P : S_{\text{sep}}(s) = \emptyset} |s|$$

Greg pities the ugly segments because nobody likes them even though they are not bad. So he tries to find something where they are good at. When the boy thinks back to the art class, he remembers that a triangulation $T \subseteq S_P$ of a point set P is a maximum set of non-crossing segments (definition 2.2). So any segment $s \in S_P$ that is not crossed by another segment $s_{\times} \in T$ has to be part of T itself. A similar property applies to the ugly segments in a MMLT: Every segment $s \in S_P$ with no separators is either part of an optimal MMLT solution T_{opt} or crosses a shorter (or equal length) segment $s_{\times} \in T_{\text{opt}}$.

Theorem 4.8 (upper bound)

Given a point set P and its induced segments S_P . Let T_{opt} be an optimal MMLT solution for P . Every segment s without separators is an upper bound for T_{opt} :

$$\forall s \in S_P, S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset : \min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| \leq |s|$$

which is equivalent to

$$\forall s \in S_P : \neg \exists s_{\text{sep}} \in S_P : |s| < |s_{\text{sep}}| \wedge s, s_{\text{sep}} \text{ crossing} \implies \min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| \leq |s|$$

²... which is not their fault!

Proof:

Assume

$$\exists s \in S_P, S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset : \min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| > |s|.$$

This implies $s \notin T_{\text{opt}}$ and

$$\forall s' \in S_P : |s'| \leq |s| \implies s' \notin T_{\text{opt}}.$$

With $S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset$ it follows that

$$\forall s_{\times} \in S_P : s, s_{\times} \text{ crossing} \implies s_{\times} \notin T_{\text{opt}}.$$

This means that for T_{opt} to be a triangulation s has to be in T_{opt} —which is a contradiction.

Unfortunately, Greg soon found an example where the ugly segments did not help: fig. 4.3. In this instance, there are short segments which have conflicting (crossing) separators. This forces one short segment to be part of the optimal triangulation as only one of the separators can be selected. Therefore the upper bound for an optimal MMLT solution in theorem 4.8 is not tight.

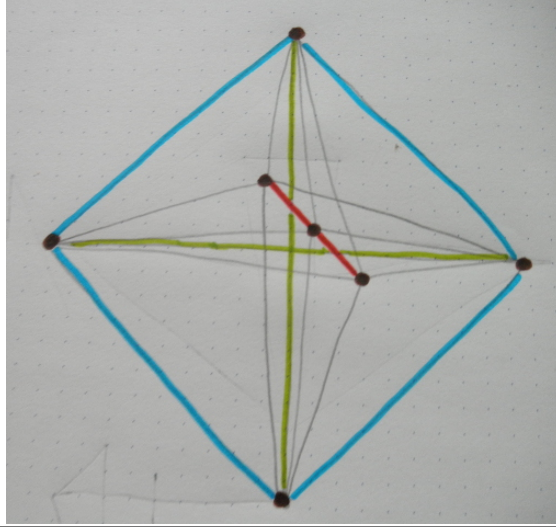
Greg remembered that he had met conflicting segments in fig. 4.2 already. By conflicting he meant that the separator s_{sep} of a segment s either crossed any segment s_{\times} shorter than s or the separator which replaced s_{\times} .

Definition 4.9 (Conflicting Segments)

Given planar point set P and its induced segments S_P . The (potentially) conflicting segments for a segment $s \in S_P$ are:

$$S_{\text{conf}}(P, s) := \bigcup_{s_{\times} \in S_{\text{short}}(|s|)} s_{\times} \cup S_{\text{sep}}(s_{\times})$$

Greg immediately started to rethink his earlier understanding of ugly segment. His opinion was that short segments with only conflicting separators were as ugly as those with no separators at all. The latter ones are even a special case of the first group. So he changed theorem 4.8 to take conflicting separators into account. A segment may be part of an optimal MMLT solution because all of its separators interfere with other segments. The following theorem assumes knowledge of the optimal triangulation, so conflicting segments can only be found iteratively after the triangulation has already be calculated



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Figure 4.3.: Example where the upper bound from theorem 4.8 is not tight. One of the short segments (red) is part of an optimal MMLT solution because their separators (green) cross. Thus the shortest segment in the solution is shorter than the shortest one of all segments without separators (blue).

for shorter segments. However, we will see how conflicts can be formulated independently later on.

Theorem 4.10 (tight upper bound)

Given a point set P and its induced segments S_P . Let T_{opt} be an optimal MMLT solution for P . Every segment s without non-conflicting separators is an upper bound for T_{opt} :

$$S'_{\text{sep}}(P, s) := \{s_{\text{sep}} \in S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) : s_{\text{sep}} \cup (T_{\text{opt}} \cap S_{\text{conf}}(P, s)) \text{ non-crossing}\}$$

$$\forall s \in S_P : S'_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset \implies \min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| \leq |s|$$

can we get T_{opt} out of the bound?

Proof:

This proof is very similar to the proof of theorem 4.8. Assume

$$\exists s \in S_P : S'_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset \wedge \min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| > |s|.$$

That implies $s \notin T_{\text{opt}}$ and

$$\forall s' \in S_P : |s'| \leq |s| \implies s' \notin T_{\text{opt}}.$$

If $S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) = \emptyset$ itself, according to theorem 4.8 it holds that

$$\min_{s_{\text{min}} \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s_{\text{min}}| \leq |s|$$

which is a contradiction.

Now assume $S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) \neq \emptyset$. The following holds:

$$\forall s_{\text{sep}} \in S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) : s_{\text{sep}} \cup (T_{\text{opt}} \cap S_{\text{conf}}(P, s)) \text{ crossing}.$$

With T_{opt} being a triangulation this implies

$$\forall s_{\text{sep}} \in S_{\text{sep}}(P, s) : s_{\text{sep}} \notin T_{\text{opt}}.$$

Therefore

$$\forall s_c \in S_P, s, s_c \text{ crossing} : s_c \notin T_{\text{opt}}.$$

That means that s has to be in T_{opt} – which is a contradiction.

Theorem 4.11 (tightness)

The bound of theorem 4.10 is tight. That is, let T be a feasible MMLT solution and $s_{\text{min}} = \arg \min_{s \in T} |s|$ with no non-conflicting separators:

$$\neg \exists s_{\text{sep}} \in S_{\text{sep}}(s_{\text{min}}) : s_{\text{sep}} \cup (T_{\text{opt}} \cap S_{\text{conf}}(s_{\text{min}})) \text{ non-crossing}$$

Then T is optimal.

Proof:

Assume not optimal, compare optimal, prove not optimal

4.2. Set Cover

As a consequence of theorem 4.10 with theorem 4.11, we introduce the following smaller (in terms of input and output size) problem Non-Conflicting Separators (NCS). For $S = \{s \in S_P : |s| \leq |s_{\text{nose}}|\}$ an optimal solution S_{opt} for NCS has the same shortest segment as an optimal MMLT solution T_{opt} :

$$\min_{s \in S_{\text{opt}}} |s| = \min_{s \in T_{\text{opt}}} |s|$$

Problem 4.12 (NCS)

Given: Set of short segments S and their separators S_{sep} .

Sought: Set of *non-crossing* segments $S_{\text{opt}} \subseteq S \cup \bigcup_{s \in S} S_{\text{sep}}(s)$ which contains for each segment $s \in S$ either the segment itself or at least one separator $s_{\text{sep}} \in S_{\text{sep}}(s)$ and maximizes $\min_{s \in S_{\text{opt}}} |s|$.

The NCS problem can be modeled as a weighted set cover problem. Therefore it is also NP-hard.

IP:

- maximize min. edge index
- no conflicting edges
- for every short edge: either edge or separator picked
- worst case: n^2 variables, $O(n^4)$ restrictions
- random points: $O(n)$ variables, $< O(n^3)$ restrictions?

notes

Problem 4.13

Given: Set of short segments S and their separators S_{sep} .

Sought: here comes the reduction

4.3. Algorithm

Now that Greg knew all about MMLT he could start developing algorithm 1. It consists of three main components: Constructing the partial intersection graph, running a binary search over the short segments and solving the smaller NCS problem in each step, and using the resulting segments in a constrained triangulation.

mention segment index and introduce notation $S_P[i]$

Algorithmus 1 : MMLT algorithm

Input : Planar point set P
Output : An optimal MMLT

- 1 solution for P
- 2 Generate the induced segments S_P for P
- 3 Find the shortest non-separable segment s_{nose} and calculate intersections for $S_{\text{short}}(|s_{\text{nose}}|)$ and their separators
- 4 Set the lower bound $\text{lb} = 0$
- 5 Set the upper bound ub such that $S_P[\text{ub}] = s_{\text{nose}}$
- 6 Set $\text{last} = \emptyset$
- 7 **while** $\text{lb} < \text{ub}$ **do**
 - 8 Set $\text{mid} = \lceil \frac{\text{lb} + \text{ub}}{2} \rceil$
 - 9 Find optimal NCS solution S_{opt} for $S_{\text{short}}(P, |S_P[\text{ub}]|)$ without using any segment from $S_{\text{short}}(P, |S_P[\text{mid}]|)$
 - 10 **if** *there is a solution* S_{opt} **then**
 - 11 Set $\text{last} = S_{\text{opt}}$
 - 12 Maximize lb such that $|S_P[\text{lb}]| = \min_{s \in S_{\text{opt}}} |s|$
 - 13 **if** $\text{lb} > \text{ub}$ **then**
 - 14 $\text{lb} = \text{ub}$
 - 15 **else**
 - 16 **if** $\text{lb} < \text{mid}$ **then**
 - 17 Set $\text{ub} = \text{mid} - 1$
 - 18 **else**
 - 19 Set $\text{ub} = \text{lb}$
- 20 **return** *constrained triangulation* T_{opt} *with last as constraints*

4.4. Intersection Graph

For a point set P with n points in the plane the induced segments (see definition 2.4) have $\Theta(n^4)$ intersections. [18] Thus calculating the intersection graph takes $\Omega(n^4)$ time.

- link to sweep line algorithm
- sweep line takes $O(n^4 \log n)$ time \Rightarrow brute force is faster
- adjacency list, because sparse (experiment? proof?)

notes

Algorithmus 2 : intersection algorithm

Input : Set of segments S

Output : Intersection graph $G = (S, C)$ where $C \subseteq S^2$ are the intersections

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1 Set  $C = \emptyset$ 
2 foreach  $s \in S$  do
3   |   foreach  $s_{\times} \in S$  with  $|s| \leq |s_{\times}|$  do
4     |   |   if  $s$  and  $s_{\times}$  are crossing then
5     |   |   |   Add  $\{s, s_{\times}\}$  to  $C$ 
6 return  $G = (S, C)$ 
```

5. Implementation

To get his algorithm implemented Greg asked Winfried Hellmann, a friend of him who studied computer science. He instantly agreed and started to plan the structure. There were two main components: Geometry and Optimization.

To let the program run close to the hardware layer (which usually leads to fast execution times), the code was written in C++. First attempts to use Python instead (for the sake of clarity and better readability) stumbled over the non-readiness of the CGAL bindings and the lack of good alternatives.

5.1. Geometry

The geometry part consists now of the basics like number, point, and segment types, data structures for triangulation and convex hull, and the intersection algorithm. For most of it Winfried made extensive use of CGAL, which will be introduced in section 5.1.1.

5.1.1. CGAL

CGAL [4] is an Open Source library (mainly) for computational geometry written in C++. It includes most of the common algorithms in the field and also offers efficient data structures. Through the use of C++ templates it is flexible and extendable: For example it is common to adjust the underlying number types to the application.

5.1.2. Kernel

A kernel in CGAL is something like a computational geometry operating system: It holds the basic type definitions like numbers, points, lines, and line segments. Basic operations such as intersection, angle calculations, or comparisons are also part of it.

In our application we use the built-in `Exact_predicates_inexact_constructions_kernel`¹ [10], which uses double as a number type and is not capable of constructing new objects from existing ones accurately. Both properties lead to faster execution time yet do not produce wrong results in our case.

On top of the CGAL kernel there are two modifications: One is for printing points and segments without the need to use streams, the other one to output them to SVG (see also sections 5.3.2 and 5.3.6). Additionally segments are indexed by length and have the information whether they overlap with other segments attached to them.

¹Thanks to Michael Hemmer for making me aware that I should use it!

5.1.3. Triangulation

CGAL brings along a constrained triangulation already [7] which triangulates a point set with respect to a given mandatory set of (non-crossing) edges. For this application the class was extended to be drawable to SVG and to find the shortest edge which is part of the triangulation.

5.1.4. Convex Hull

This class directly calls the `convex_hull_2` function of CGAL [8] which itself defaults to the algorithm of Akl & Toussaint [1]. The only extension is that the class serves as container which holds the output points and contains a function to find the shortest segment within.

For the algorithm this class is not necessary as its bound is worse than the one of the SAT solution. It is left in the implementation though as a measure of quality for the other bound.

5.2. Optimization

The optimization part itself consists mainly of data structures for SAT problems and solutions, an interface for SAT solvers and the solvers themselves (currently only CPLEX).

Only segment indices and intersections are passed to the SAT problem. This is because geometry does not influence the problem, but only topology. Also it is easier that way to keep track of which segments take part in the restrictions.

5.2.1. SAT problem

This class serves two purposes: To grant an interface to the relevant data for the SAT (i.e. segments and intersections) and to set the short segment range.

5.2.2. SAT solution

The SAT solution class mainly just stores the segment indices derived from solving the SAT problem — which can be none if no feasible solution is found. Additionally it offers methods for drawing short segments and separators and for finding the shortest segment of the solution.

5.2.3. SAT solver

To unify the way solving the SAT problem is done, there are three interfaces: The base SAT solver and two derived interfaces for decision and optimization problems. They all share methods for adding forbidden segments, intersection and separation restrictions and for running the actual solving. Furthermore there is a method for binding short segments to the objective function for optimization problems.

5.2.4. CPLEX

IBM ILOG CPLEX [14] is a commercial optimization suite written in C. It contains a standalone tool for solving optimization problems and also includes libraries for being used in other programs or even other programming languages. According to [19] CPLEX is one of the two fastest MILP solvers.

In our application we use the Concert API for C++ [6] to access CPLEX. It allows for adding variables and restrictions to a model, extracting them to more efficient data structures and then running several solving algorithms on it.

5.3. Remains

And then there is the rest: A controller class for the whole algorithm which combines all the other components and utility classes for reading input files, debug output and assertions, test case generation, and drawing certain states of the algorithm to SVG.

5.3.1. Boost

<https://www.boost.org/>

5.3.2. Qt

<https://qt-project.org/>

5.3.3. JSON Parser

5.3.4. Logger

5.3.5. Point Generator

5.3.6. SVG Painter

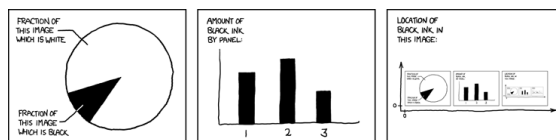
6. Results

some very nice graphs

6.1. Technical Details

- Intel® Core™ 2 Duo CPU E6850
- 2 GB RAM
- CGAL version

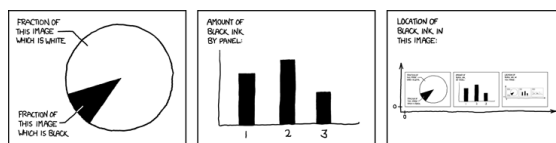
6.2. Segment Lengths



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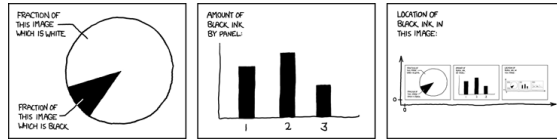
Figure 6.1.: Comparison of segment lengths

6.3. Execution Time



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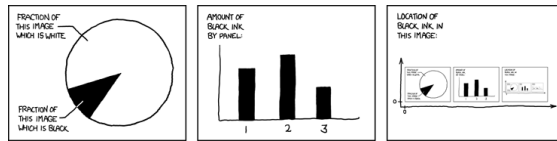
Figure 6.2.: Total execution time



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Figure 6.3.: Comparison of execution times

6.4. Aborted instances



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Figure 6.4.: Number of aborted instances

7. Conclusion

With the MaxMin Length Triangulation (MMLT) algorithm at hand Greg made his way to world domination.

be conclusive

A. Documentation

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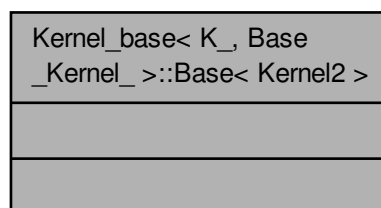
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1 Class Documentation

1.1 Kernel_base< K_, Base_Kernel_ >::Base< Kernel2 > Struct Template Reference

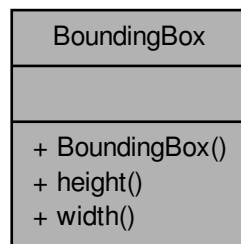
Collaboration diagram for Kernel_base< K_, Base_Kernel_ >::Base< Kernel2 >:



1.2 BoundingBox Class Reference

```
#include <bounding_box.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for BoundingBox:



Public Member Functions

- `BoundingBox (const PointSet &points)`
- `Number height () const`
- `Number width () const`

1.2.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.2.1.1 `BoundingBox::BoundingBox (const PointSet & points)` `[inline]`

1.2.2 Member Function Documentation

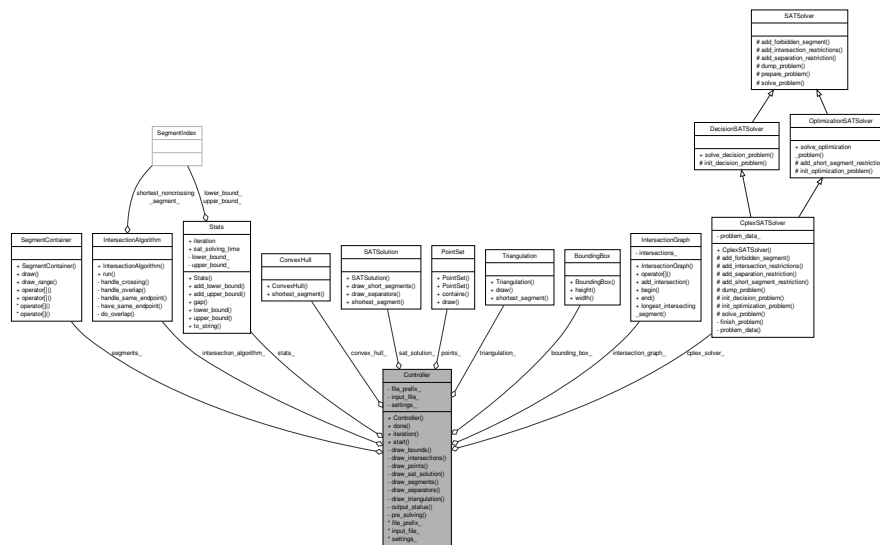
1.2.2.1 `Number BoundingBox::height () const` `[inline]`

1.2.2.2 `Number BoundingBox::width () const` `[inline]`

1.3 Controller Class Reference

```
#include <controller.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Controller:



Public Member Functions

- Controller (const QString &file_prefix, QFile &input_file, const QSettings &settings)
- void done ()
- bool iteration ()
- bool start ()

Private Member Functions

- void draw_bounds () const
- void draw_intersections () const
- void draw_points (SVGPainter &painter) const
- void draw_sat_solution () const
- void draw_segments (SVGPainter &painter) const
- void draw_separators () const
- void draw_triangulation () const
- void output_status () const
- void pre_solving ()

Private Attributes

independent members

- CplexSATSolver cplex_solver_
- IntersectionAlgorithm intersection_algorithm_
- SATSolution sat_solution_
- Stats stats_

input parameters

- const QString &file_prefix_
- QFile &input_file_
- const QSettings &settings_

dependent on input parameter

- `const PointSet points_`

dependent on input points

- `const BoundingBox bounding_box_`
- `const ConvexHull convex_hull_`
- `SegmentContainer segments_`
- `Triangulation triangulation_`

dependent on segments

- `IntersectionGraph intersection_graph_`

1.3.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.3.1.1 `Controller::Controller (const QString & file_prefix, QFile & input_file, const QSettings & settings)`

1.3.2 Member Function Documentation

1.3.2.1 `void Controller::done ()`

called after the algorithm finished

1.3.2.2 `void Controller::draw_bounds () const [private]`

1.3.2.3 `void Controller::draw_intersections () const [private]`

1.3.2.4 `void Controller::draw_points (SVGPainter & painter) const [private]`

1.3.2.5 `void Controller::draw_sat_solution () const [private]`

1.3.2.6 `void Controller::draw_segments (SVGPainter & painter) const [private]`

1.3.2.7 `void Controller::draw_separators () const [private]`

1.3.2.8 `void Controller::draw_triangulation () const [private]`

1.3.2.9 `bool Controller::iteration ()`

run next iteration

Returns

true if next iteration should be triggered

1.3.2.10 `void Controller::output_status () const [private]`

dumps the current algorithm status

1.3.2.11 `void Controller::pre_solving () [private]`

does some pre-processing

1.3.2.12 `bool Controller::start ()`

start the algorithm

Returns

true if iteration should be triggered

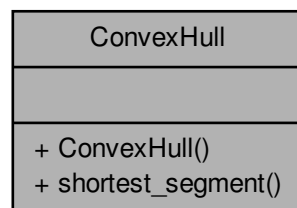
1.3.3 Member Data Documentation

- 1.3.3.1 `const BoundingBox Controller::bounding_box_` [private]
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- 1.3.3.3 `CplexSATSolver Controller::cplex_solver_` [private]
- 1.3.3.4 `const QString& Controller::file_prefix_` [private]
- 1.3.3.5 `QFile& Controller::input_file_` [private]
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- 1.3.3.13 `Triangulation Controller::triangulation_` [private]

1.4 ConvexHull Class Reference

```
#include <convex_hull.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for ConvexHull:



Public Member Functions

- ConvexHull (const PointSet &points)
- const SegmentIndex & shortest_segment (const SegmentContainer &segments) const

1.4.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.4.1.1 ConvexHull::ConvexHull (const PointSet & points)

compute convex hull of given point set

1.4.2 Member Function Documentation

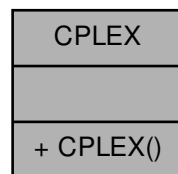
1.4.2.1 `const SegmentIndex & ConvexHull::shortest_segment (const SegmentContainer & segments) const`

find the convex hull segment with minimum length

1.5 CPLEX Class Reference

```
#include <concert.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for CPLEX:



Public Member Functions

- `CPLEX ()`

1.5.1 Detailed Description

ugly CPLEX code is not our fault helper class for CPLEX concert API

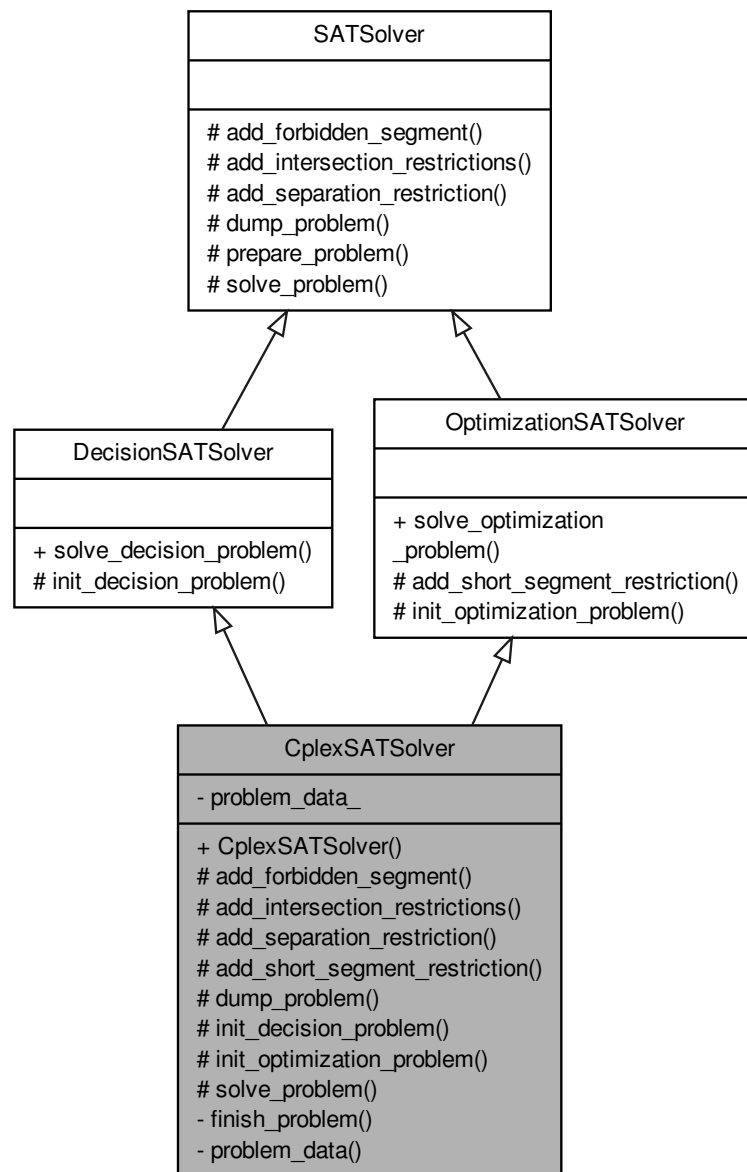
1.5.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.5.2.1 `CPLEX::CPLEX() [inline]`

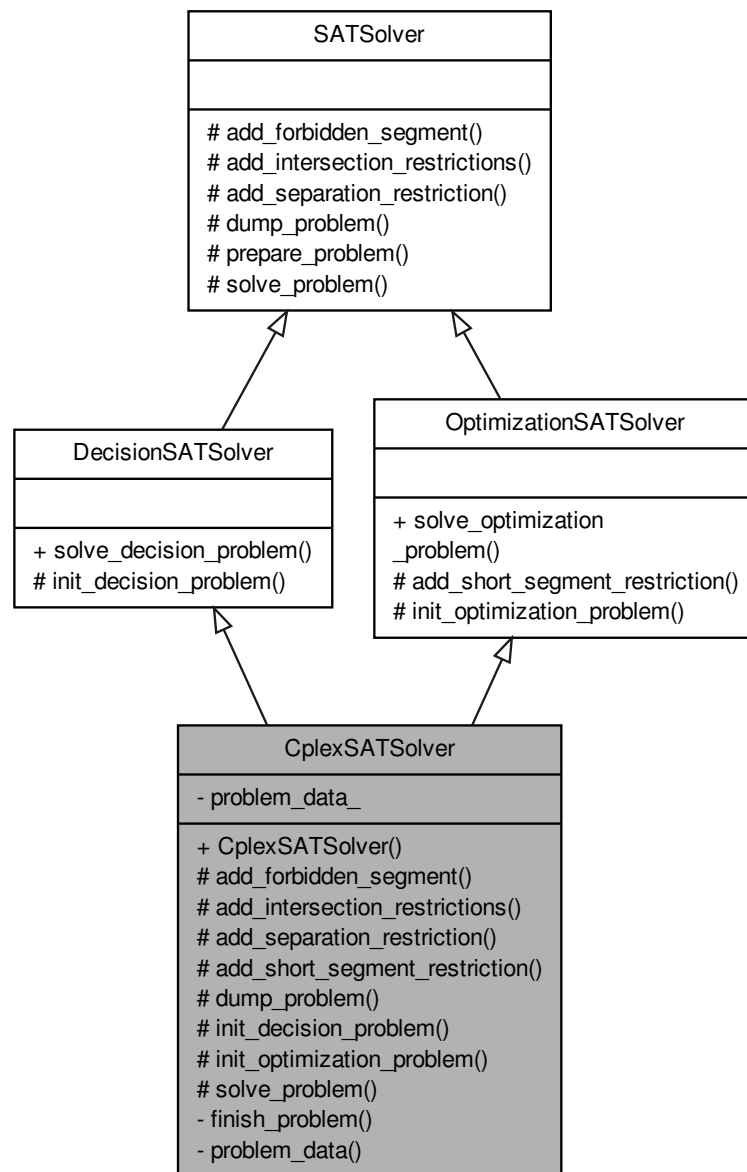
1.6 CplexSATSolver Class Reference

```
#include <cplex_sat_solver.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for CplexSATSolver:



Collaboration diagram for CplexSATSolver:



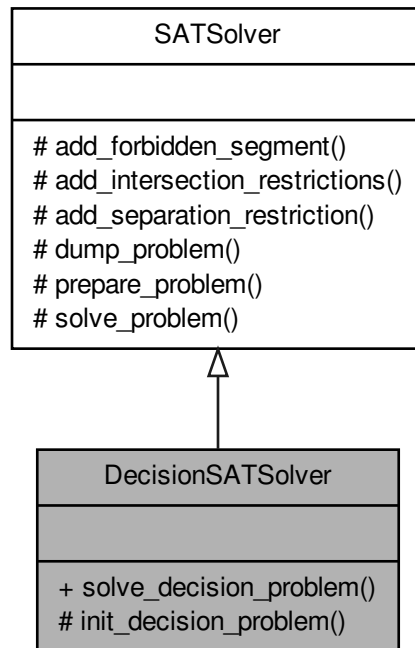
Classes

- struct ProblemData

Public Member Functions

- CplexSATSolver ()

Collaboration diagram for DecisionSATSolver:



Public Member Functions

- `void solve_decision_problem (const QSettings &settings, const QString &file_prefix, const SATProblem &problem, SATSolution &solution)`

Protected Member Functions

- `virtual void init_decision_problem (const SATProblem *problem)=0`

1.6.1 Detailed Description

interface for decision SAT solvers

1.6.2 Member Function Documentation

- 1.6.2.1** `virtual void DecisionSATSolver::init_decision_problem (const SATProblem * problem) [protected], [pure virtual]`

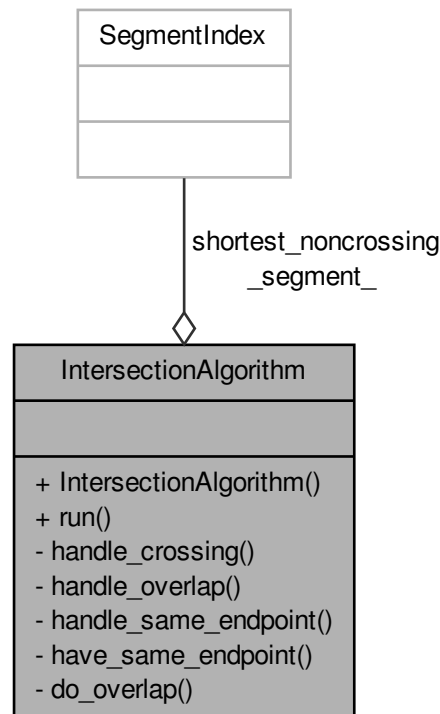
Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

- 1.6.2.2** `void DecisionSATSolver::solve_decision_problem (const QSettings & settings, const QString & file_prefix, const SATProblem & problem, SATSolution & solution)`

1.7 IntersectionAlgorithm Class Reference

```
#include <intersection_algorithm.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for IntersectionAlgorithm:



Public Member Functions

- IntersectionAlgorithm ()
- void run (IntersectionGraph &igraph, SegmentContainer &segments)

Public Attributes

- SegmentIndex shortest_noncrossing_segment_

Private Member Functions

- void handle_crossing (IntersectionGraph &igraph, const Segment &s1, const Segment &s2)
- void handle_overlap (IntersectionGraph &igraph, const Segment &s1, const Segment &s2)
- void handle_same_endpoint (const Segment &s1, const Segment &s2) const
- bool have_same_endpoint (const Segment &s1, const Segment &s2) const
- bool do_overlap (Segment &s1, Segment &s2) const

1.7.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.7.1.1 IntersectionAlgorithm::IntersectionAlgorithm ()

1.7.2 Member Function Documentation

1.7.2.1 bool IntersectionAlgorithm::do_overlap (Segment & s1, Segment & s2) const [private]

checks if two segments overlap

Returns

the outer segment

1.7.2.2 void IntersectionAlgorithm::handle_crossing (IntersectionGraph & igrph, const Segment & s1, const Segment & s2) [private]

segments cross

1.7.2.3 void IntersectionAlgorithm::handle_overlap (IntersectionGraph & igrph, const Segment & s1, const Segment & s2) [private]

segments intersect but do not cross

1.7.2.4 void IntersectionAlgorithm::handle_same_endpoint (const Segment & s1, const Segment & s2) const [private]

segments have the same end point

1.7.2.5 bool IntersectionAlgorithm::have_same_endpoint (const Segment & s1, const Segment & s2) const [private]

checks if two segments share an endpoint

Returns

the endpoint

1.7.2.6 void IntersectionAlgorithm::run (IntersectionGraph & igrph, SegmentContainer & segments)

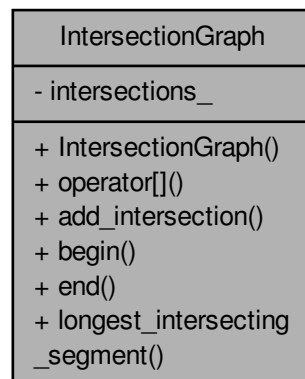
1.7.3 Member Data Documentation

1.7.3.1 SegmentIndex IntersectionAlgorithm::shortest_noncrossing_segment_

1.8 IntersectionGraph Class Reference

```
#include <intersection_graph.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for IntersectionGraph:



Public Member Functions

- IntersectionGraph (const SegmentIndex &size)
- const Intersections & operator[] (const SegmentIndex &index) const
- void add_intersection (const Segment &s1, const Segment &s2)
- IntersectionsVector::const_iterator begin () const
- IntersectionsVector::const_iterator end () const
- const SegmentIndex & longest_intersecting_segment (const SegmentIndex &index) const

Private Attributes

- IntersectionsVector intersections_

1.8.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.8.1.1 IntersectionGraph::IntersectionGraph (const SegmentIndex & size)

default constructor

1.8.2 Member Function Documentation

1.8.2.1 void IntersectionGraph::add_intersection (const Segment & s1, const Segment & s2)

add two intersecting segments to the graph

1.8.2.2 IntersectionsVector::const_iterator IntersectionGraph::begin () const [inline]

1.8.2.3 IntersectionsVector::const_iterator IntersectionGraph::end () const [inline]

1.8.2.4 const SegmentIndex & IntersectionGraph::longest_intersecting_segment (const SegmentIndex & index) const

1.8.2.5 const Intersections& IntersectionGraph::operator[] (const SegmentIndex & index) const [inline]

Returns

all intersecting segments for a segment

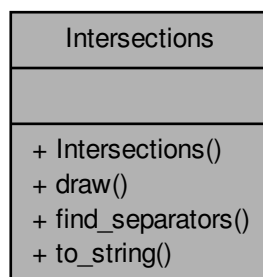
1.8.3 Member Data Documentation

1.8.3.1 IntersectionsVector IntersectionGraph::intersections_ [private]

1.9 Intersections Class Reference

```
#include <intersections.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Intersections:



Public Member Functions

- Intersections ()
- void draw (QPainter &painter, const SegmentContainer &segments) const
- void find_separators (const SegmentIndex &segment_index, const SegmentContainer &segments, std::vector< SegmentIndex > &separators) const
- QString to_string (const SegmentContainer &segments) const

1.9.1 Detailed Description

sorted set of intersecting segments

1.9.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.9.2.1 Intersections::Intersections () [inline]

default constructor

1.9.3 Member Function Documentation

1.9.3.1 void Intersections::draw (QPainter & *painter*, const SegmentContainer & *segments*) const

draws intersections using QPainter

1.9.3.2 void Intersections::find_separators (const SegmentIndex & *segment_index*, const SegmentContainer & *segments*, std::vector< SegmentIndex > & *separators*) const

finds all separators for a given segment and stores them in the passed container

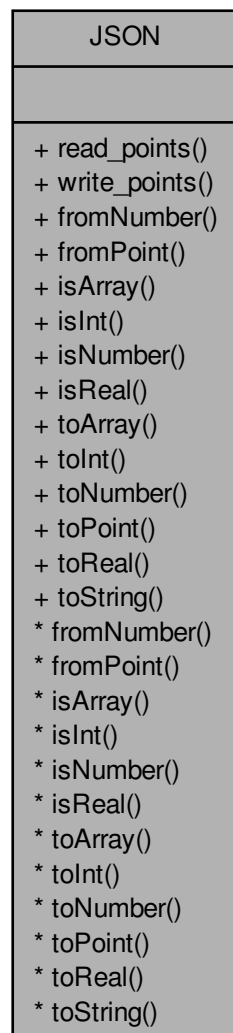
1.9.3.3 QString Intersections::to_string (const SegmentContainer & *segments*) const

output intersections to QString

1.10 JSON Class Reference

```
#include <json.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for JSON:



Static Public Member Functions

- `template<typename OutputIterator >`
`static bool read_points (QFile &file, OutputIterator output)`
- `template<typename Container >`
`static bool write_points (const std::string &file_name, Container points)`

helper functions

- `static JSONValue fromNumber (const Number &value)`
- `static JSONArray fromPoint (const Point &point)`
- `static bool isArray (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static bool isInt (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static bool isNumber (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static bool isReal (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static const JSONArray & toArray (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static int toInt (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static Number toNumber (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static Point toPoint (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static double toReal (const JSONValue &value)`
- `static const std::string & toString (const JSONValue &value)`

1.10.1 Member Function Documentation

1.10.1.1 `JSON::JSONValue JSON::fromNumber (const Number & value) [static]`

1.10.1.2 `JSON::JSONArray JSON::fromPoint (const Point & point) [static]`

1.10.1.3 `bool JSON::isArray (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.4 `bool JSON::isInt (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.5 `bool JSON::isNumber (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.6 `bool JSON::isReal (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.7 `template<typename OutputIterator > static bool JSON::read_points (QFile & file, OutputIterator output) [inline], [static]`

1.10.1.8 `const JSON::JSONArray & JSON::toArray (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.9 `int JSON::toInt (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.10 `Number JSON::toNumber (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.11 `Point JSON::toPoint (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.12 `double JSON::toReal (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

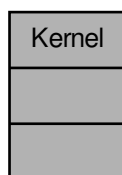
1.10.1.13 `const std::string & JSON::toString (const JSONValue & value) [static]`

1.10.1.14 `template<typename Container > static bool JSON::write_points (const std::string & file_name, Container points) [inline], [static]`

1.11 Kernel Struct Reference

```
#include <kernel.h>
```


Collaboration diagram for Kernel:



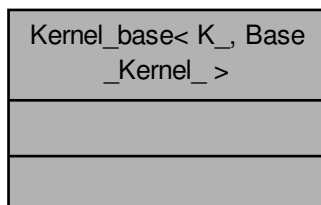
1.11.1 Detailed Description

customized kernel

1.12 Kernel_base< K_, Base_Kernel_ > Class Template Reference

```
#include <kernel.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Kernel_base< K_, Base_Kernel_ >:



Classes

- struct Base

1.12.1 Detailed Description

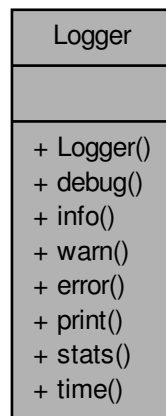
```
template<typename K_, typename Base_Kernel_>class Kernel_base< K_, Base_Kernel_ >
```

kernel base with customized PointC2 and SegmentC2

1.13 Logger Class Reference

```
#include <logger.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Logger:



Public Member Functions

- `Logger ()`
- `void debug (const QString &message) const`
- `void info (const QString &message) const`
- `void warn (const QString &message) const`
- `void error (const QString &message) const`
- `void print (const QString &message) const`
- `void stats (const Stats &stats) const`
- `void time (const QString &identifier, int milliseconds) const`

1.13.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.13.1.1 `Logger::Logger ()`

1.13.2 Member Function Documentation

1.13.2.1 `void Logger::debug (const QString & message) const`

1.13.2.2 `void Logger::error (const QString & message) const`

1.13.2.3 `void Logger::info (const QString & message) const`

1.13.2.4 `void Logger::print (const QString & message) const`

1.13.2.5 `void Logger::stats (const Stats & stats) const`

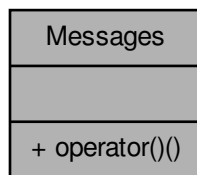
1.13.2.6 `void Logger::time (const QString & identifier, int milliseconds) const`

1.13.2.7 `void Logger::warn (const QString & message) const`

1.14 Messages Class Reference

```
#include <logger.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Messages:



Public Member Functions

- QString operator() (const char *text)

1.14.1 Detailed Description

helper class for string literals

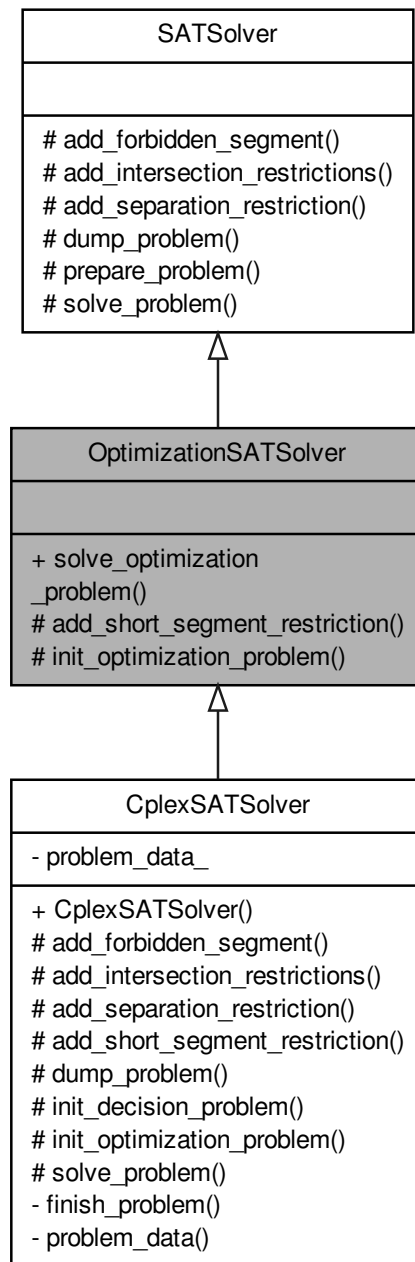
1.14.2 Member Function Documentation

1.14.2.1 QString Messages::operator() (const char * *text*) [inline]

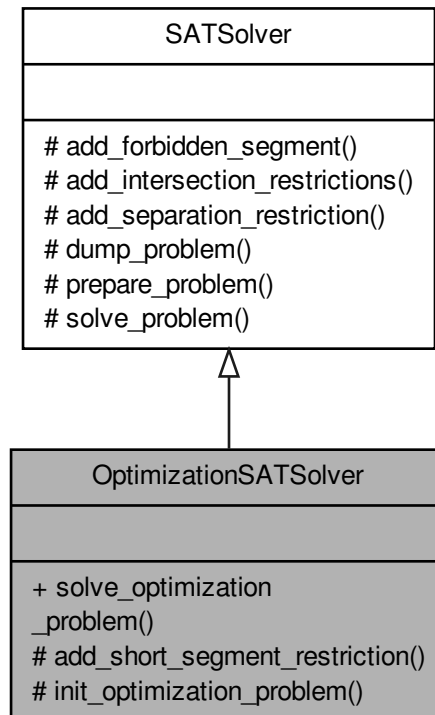
1.15 OptimizationSATSolver Class Reference

```
#include <sat_solver.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for OptimizationSATSolver:



Collaboration diagram for OptimizationSATSolver:



Public Member Functions

- `void solve_optimization_problem (const QSettings &settings, const QString &file_prefix, const SATProblem &problem, SATSolution &solution)`

Protected Member Functions

- `virtual void add_short_segment_restriction (const SATProblem *problem, const SegmentIndex &index)=0`
- `virtual void init_optimization_problem (const SATProblem *problem)=0`

1.15.1 Detailed Description

interface for optimization SAT solvers

1.15.2 Member Function Documentation

- 1.15.2.1 `virtual void OptimizationSATSolver::add_short_segment_restriction (const SATProblem * problem, const SegmentIndex & index)` [protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in `CplexSATSolver`.

1.15.2.2 `virtual void OptimizationSATSolver::init_optimization_problem (const SATProblem * problem)`
`[protected], [pure virtual]`

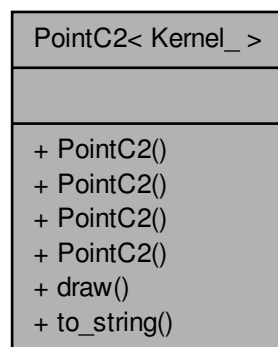
Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.15.2.3 `void OptimizationSATSolver::solve_optimization_problem (const QSettings & settings, const QString & file_prefix,
const SATProblem & problem, SATSolution & solution)`

1.16 PointC2< Kernel_ > Class Template Reference

`#include <point.h>`

Collaboration diagram for PointC2< Kernel_ >:



Public Member Functions

- `PointC2 ()`
- `PointC2 (const CGAL::Origin &origin)`
- `PointC2 (const FT &x, const FT &y)`
- `PointC2 (const FT &hx, const FT &hy, const FT &hw)`
- `void draw (QPainter &painter) const`
- `QString to_string () const`

Private Types

- `typedef Kernel_::FT FT`
- `typedef CGAL::PointC2< Kernel_ > PointBase`

1.16.1 Detailed Description

`template<class Kernel_>class PointC2< Kernel_ >`

customized point type

1.16.2 Member Typedef Documentation

1.16.2.1 `template<class Kernel_> typedef Kernel_::FT PointC2< Kernel_>::FT` [private]

1.16.2.2 `template<class Kernel_> typedef CGAL::PointC2<Kernel_> PointC2< Kernel_>::PointBase` [private]

1.16.3 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.16.3.1 `template<class Kernel_> PointC2< Kernel_>::PointC2 ()` [inline]

empty constructor

1.16.3.2 `template<class Kernel_> PointC2< Kernel_>::PointC2 (const CGAL::Origin & origin)` [inline]

origin constructor

1.16.3.3 `template<class Kernel_> PointC2< Kernel_>::PointC2 (const FT & x, const FT & y)` [inline]

Cartesian constructor

1.16.3.4 `template<class Kernel_> PointC2< Kernel_>::PointC2 (const FT & hx, const FT & hy, const FT & hw)`
[inline]

homogeneous constructor

1.16.4 Member Function Documentation

1.16.4.1 `template<class Kernel_> void PointC2< Kernel_>::draw (QPainter & painter) const`

draw segment using given QPainter

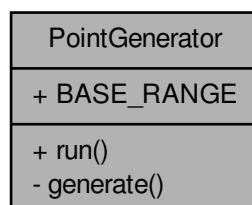
1.16.4.2 `template<class Kernel_> QString PointC2< Kernel_>::to_string () const`

dump point to QString

1.17 PointGenerator Class Reference

`#include <point_generator.h>`

Collaboration diagram for PointGenerator:



Static Public Member Functions

- static void run (const QSettings &settings)

Static Public Attributes

- static const double BASE_RANGE = 100.0

Static Private Member Functions

- template<typename GeneratorType >
static void generate (const QString &base_name, std::size_t num_points, std::size_t num_iterations)

1.17.1 Member Function Documentation

1.17.1.1 `template<typename GeneratorType > static void PointGenerator::generate (const QString & base_name, std::size_t num_points, std::size_t num_iterations)` [inline],[static],[private]

1.17.1.2 `static void PointGenerator::run (const QSettings & settings)` [inline],[static]

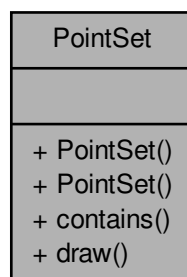
1.17.2 Member Data Documentation

1.17.2.1 `const double PointGenerator::BASE_RANGE = 100.0` [static]

1.18 PointSet Class Reference

```
#include <point_set.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for PointSet:

**Public Member Functions**

- PointSet ()
- PointSet (QFile &input_file)
- bool contains (const Point &point) const
- void draw (QPainter &painter) const

1.18.1 Detailed Description

(sorted) set of points

1.18.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.18.2.1 PointSet::PointSet ()

empty set

1.18.2.2 PointSet::PointSet (QFile & *input_file*)

read points from file

1.18.3 Member Function Documentation

1.18.3.1 bool PointSet::contains (const Point & *point*) const [inline]

shortcut for STL count()

Returns

true if point is in set

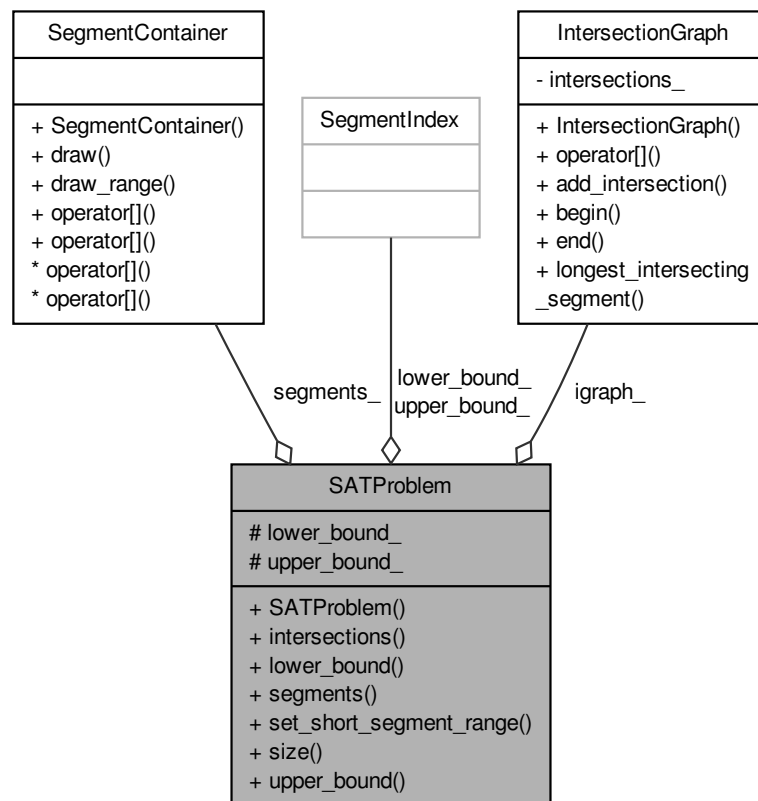
1.18.3.2 void PointSet::draw (QPainter & *painter*) const

output point set using QPainter

1.19 SATProblem Class Reference

```
#include <sat_problem.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SATProblem:



Public Member Functions

- `SATProblem (const IntersectionGraph &igrph, const SegmentContainer &segments)`
- `const Intersections & intersections (const SegmentIndex &index) const`
- `const SegmentIndex & lower_bound () const`
- `const SegmentContainer & segments () const`
- `void set_short_segment_range (const SegmentIndex &lower_bound, const SegmentIndex &upper_bound)`
- `SegmentIndex size () const`
- `const SegmentIndex & upper_bound () const`

Protected Attributes

- `const IntersectionGraph & igrph_`
- `const SegmentContainer & segments_`
- `SegmentIndex lower_bound_`
- `SegmentIndex upper_bound_`

1.19.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.19.1.1 SATProblem::SATProblem (const IntersectionGraph & igrph, const SegmentContainer & segments)

default constructor

1.19.2 Member Function Documentation

1.19.2.1 `const Intersections& SATProblem::intersections (const SegmentIndex & index) const` `[inline]`

1.19.2.2 `const SegmentIndex& SATProblem::lower_bound () const` `[inline]`

1.19.2.3 `const SegmentContainer& SATProblem::segments () const` `[inline]`

1.19.2.4 `void SATProblem::set_short_segment_range (const SegmentIndex & lower_bound, const SegmentIndex & upper_bound)`

set range of segments to consider

1.19.2.5 `SegmentIndex SATProblem::size () const` `[inline]`

1.19.2.6 `const SegmentIndex& SATProblem::upper_bound () const` `[inline]`

1.19.3 Member Data Documentation

1.19.3.1 `const IntersectionGraph& SATProblem::igraph_` `[protected]`

1.19.3.2 `SegmentIndex SATProblem::lower_bound_` `[protected]`

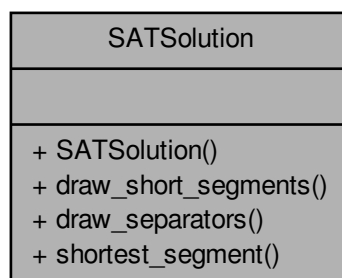
1.19.3.3 `const SegmentContainer& SATProblem::segments_` `[protected]`

1.19.3.4 `SegmentIndex SATProblem::upper_bound_` `[protected]`

1.20 SATSolution Class Reference

`#include <sat_solution.h>`

Collaboration diagram for SATSolution:



Public Member Functions

- `SATSolution ()`
- `void draw_short_segments (QPainter &painter, const SegmentIndex &num_short_segments, const SegmentContainer &segments) const`
- `void draw_separators (QPainter &painter, const SegmentIndex &num_short_segments, const SegmentContainer &segments) const`
- `const SegmentIndex & shortest_segment () const`

1.20.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.20.1.1 SATSolution::SATSolution () [inline]

1.20.2 Member Function Documentation

1.20.2.1 void SATSolution::draw_separators (QPainter & *painter*, const SegmentIndex & *num_short_segments*, const SegmentContainer & *segments*) const

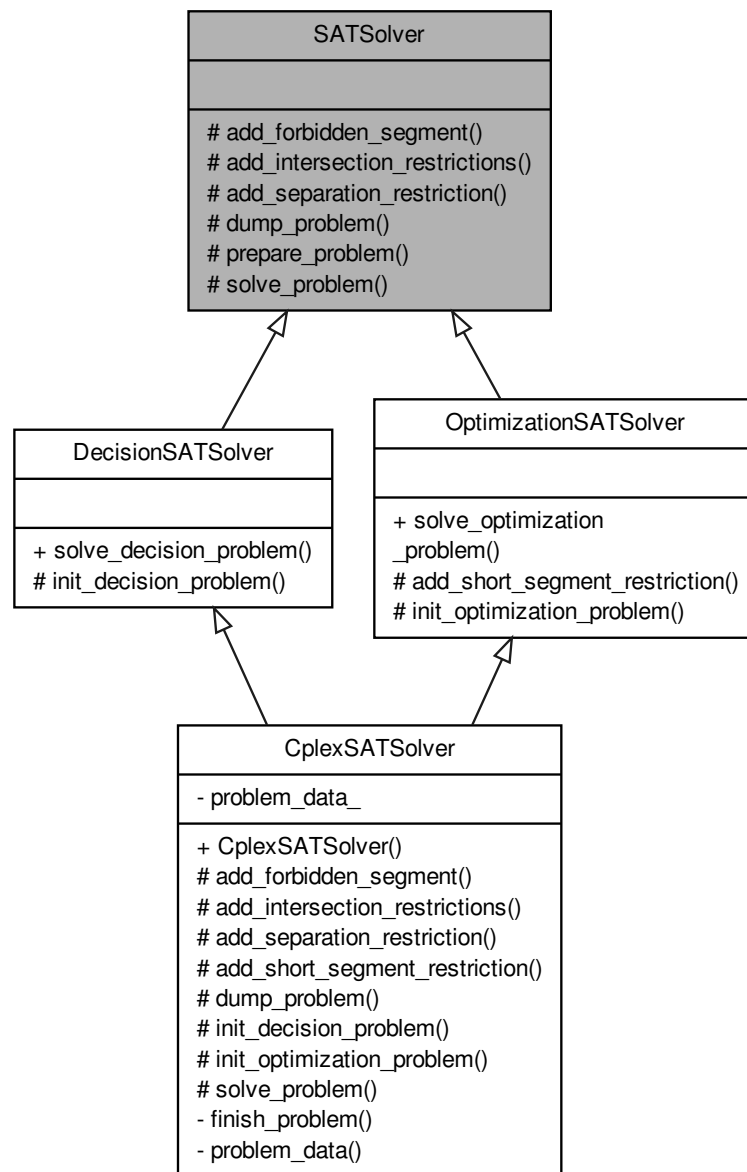
1.20.2.2 void SATSolution::draw_short_segments (QPainter & *painter*, const SegmentIndex & *num_short_segments*, const SegmentContainer & *segments*) const

1.20.2.3 const SegmentIndex & SATSolution::shortest_segment () const

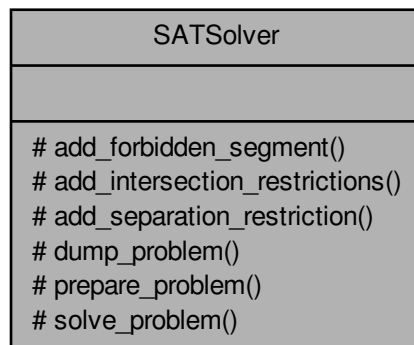
1.21 SATSolver Class Reference

```
#include <sat_solver.h>
```

Inheritance diagram for SATSolver:



Collaboration diagram for SATSolver:



Protected Member Functions

- virtual void add_forbidden_segment (const SATProblem *problem, const SegmentIndex &index)=0
- virtual void add_intersection_restrictions (const SATProblem *problem, const SegmentIndex &index, const Intersections &igroup)=0
- virtual void add_separation_restriction (const SATProblem *problem, const SegmentIndex &index, const std::vector< SegmentIndex > &separators)=0
- virtual void dump_problem (const QString &file_prefix, const SATProblem *problem)=0
- void prepare_problem (const SATProblem &problem)
- virtual void solve_problem (const SATProblem *problem, SATSolution &solution)=0

1.21.1 Detailed Description

interface for SAT solvers

1.21.2 Member Function Documentation

1.21.2.1 virtual void SATSolver::add_forbidden_segment (const SATProblem * *problem*, const SegmentIndex & *index*)
[protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.21.2.2 virtual void SATSolver::add_intersection_restrictions (const SATProblem * *problem*, const SegmentIndex & *index*, const Intersections & *igroup*) [protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.21.2.3 virtual void SATSolver::add_separation_restriction (const SATProblem * *problem*, const SegmentIndex & *index*, const std::vector< SegmentIndex > & *separators*) [protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.21.2.4 virtual void SATSolver::dump_problem (const QString & *file_prefix*, const SATProblem * *problem*)
[protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.21.2.5 void SATSolver::prepare_problem (const SATProblem & *problem*) [protected]

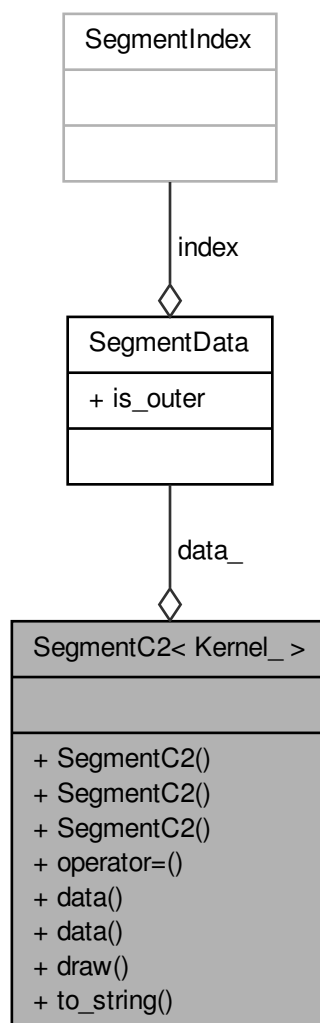
1.21.2.6 virtual void SATSolver::solve_problem (const SATProblem * *problem*, SATSolution & *solution*)
[protected],[pure virtual]

Implemented in CplexSATSolver.

1.22 SegmentC2< Kernel_ > Class Template Reference

```
#include <segment.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SegmentC2< Kernel_ >:



Public Member Functions

- SegmentC2 ()
- SegmentC2 (const Point_2 &source, const Point_2 &target)

- SegmentC2 (const SegmentC2 &other)
- SegmentC2 & operator= (const SegmentC2 &other)
- SegmentData & data ()
- const SegmentData & data () const
- void draw (QPainter &painter) const
- QString to_string () const

Private Attributes

- SegmentData data_

1.22.1 Detailed Description

template<class Kernel_>class SegmentC2< Kernel_ >

customized segment type

1.22.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.22.2.1 template<class Kernel_> SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::SegmentC2 () [inline]

empty constructor

1.22.2.2 template<class Kernel_> SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::SegmentC2 (const Point_2 & source, const Point_2 & target) [inline]

base constructor

1.22.2.3 template<class Kernel_> SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::SegmentC2 (const SegmentC2< Kernel_ > & other) [inline]

copy constructor

1.22.3 Member Function Documentation

1.22.3.1 template<class Kernel_> SegmentData& SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::data () [inline]

getter for attached data

1.22.3.2 template<class Kernel_> const SegmentData& SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::data () const [inline]

constant getter for attached data

1.22.3.3 template<class Kernel_> void SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::draw (QPainter & painter) const

draw segment using given QPainter

1.22.3.4 template<class Kernel_> SegmentC2& SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::operator= (const SegmentC2< Kernel_ > & other) [inline]

assignment operator

1.22.3.5 template<class Kernel_> QString SegmentC2< Kernel_ >::to_string () const

dump segment to QString

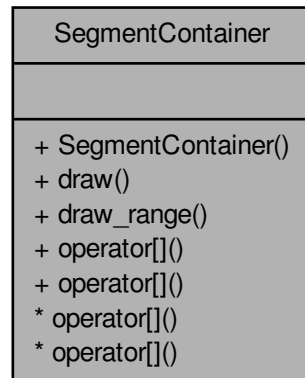
1.22.4 Member Data Documentation

1.22.4.1 `template<class Kernel_> SegmentData SegmentC2< Kernel_>::data_ [private]`

1.23 SegmentContainer Class Reference

```
#include <segment_container.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SegmentContainer:



Public Member Functions

- `SegmentContainer (const PointSet &points)`
- `void draw (QPainter &painter) const`
- `void draw_range (QPainter &painter, const SegmentIndex &lower_bound, const SegmentIndex &upper_bound) const`

access i-th shortest segment

these operators assume that the segment set is not changed after construction

- `Segment & operator[] (const SegmentIndex &index)`
- `const Segment & operator[] (const SegmentIndex &index) const`

1.23.1 Detailed Description

container of segments sorted by length

1.23.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.23.2.1 `SegmentContainer::SegmentContainer (const PointSet & points)`

construct segments for all point pairs from set

1.23.3 Member Function Documentation

1.23.3.1 void SegmentContainer::draw (QPainter & *painter*) const

draws all segments

1.23.3.2 void SegmentContainer::draw_range (QPainter & *painter*, const SegmentIndex & *lower_bound*, const SegmentIndex & *upper_bound*) const

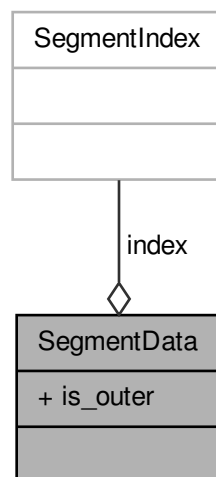
draw a range of segments

1.23.3.3 Segment & SegmentContainer::operator[] (const SegmentIndex & *index*)1.23.3.4 const Segment & SegmentContainer::operator[] (const SegmentIndex & *index*) const

1.24 SegmentData Struct Reference

```
#include <segment.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SegmentData:



Public Attributes

- SegmentIndex index
- bool is_outer

1.24.1 Detailed Description

data attached to a segment

1.24.2 Member Data Documentation

1.24.2.1 SegmentIndex SegmentData::index

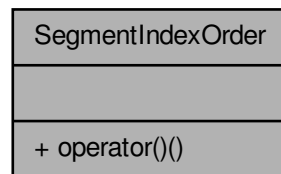
1.24.2.2 bool SegmentData::is_outer

true if the segment includes another

1.25 SegmentIndexOrder Struct Reference

```
#include <orders.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SegmentIndexOrder:



Public Member Functions

- CGAL::Comparison_result operator() (const Segment &s, const Segment &t) const

1.25.1 Detailed Description

CGAL order for Segment by index

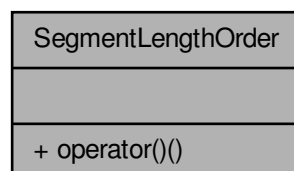
1.25.2 Member Function Documentation

1.25.2.1 CGAL::Comparison_result SegmentIndexOrder::operator() (const Segment & s, const Segment & t) const

1.26 SegmentLengthOrder Struct Reference

```
#include <orders.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SegmentLengthOrder:



Public Member Functions

- `CGAL::Comparison_result operator() (const Segment &s, const Segment &t) const`

1.26.1 Detailed Description

CGAL order for Segment by length

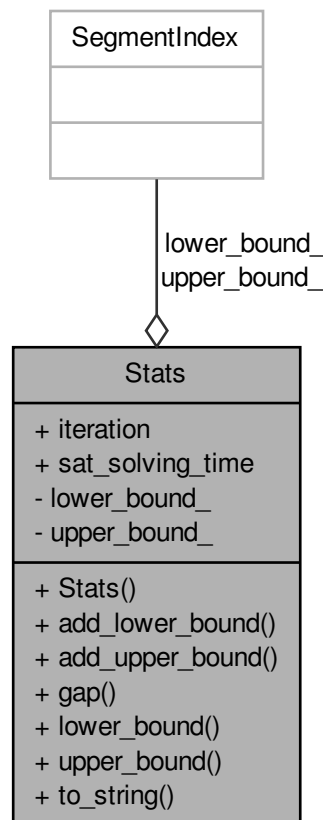
1.26.2 Member Function Documentation

1.26.2.1 `CGAL::Comparison_result SegmentLengthOrder::operator() (const Segment & s, const Segment & t) const`

1.27 Stats Class Reference

```
#include <stats.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Stats:



Public Member Functions

- `Stats ()`
- `void add_lower_bound (const SegmentIndex &bound)`

- void add_upper_bound (const SegmentIndex &bound)
- SegmentIndex gap () const
- const SegmentIndex & lower_bound () const
- const SegmentIndex & upper_bound () const
- QString to_string () const

Public Attributes

- size_t iteration
- quint64 sat_solving_time

Private Attributes

- SegmentIndex lower_bound_
- SegmentIndex upper_bound_

1.27.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.27.1.1 Stats::Stats () [inline]

1.27.2 Member Function Documentation

1.27.2.1 void Stats::add_lower_bound (const SegmentIndex & bound) [inline]

1.27.2.2 void Stats::add_upper_bound (const SegmentIndex & bound) [inline]

1.27.2.3 SegmentIndex Stats::gap () const [inline]

1.27.2.4 const SegmentIndex& Stats::lower_bound () const [inline]

1.27.2.5 QString Stats::to_string () const [inline]

1.27.2.6 const SegmentIndex& Stats::upper_bound () const [inline]

1.27.3 Member Data Documentation

1.27.3.1 size_t Stats::iteration

1.27.3.2 SegmentIndex Stats::lower_bound_ [private]

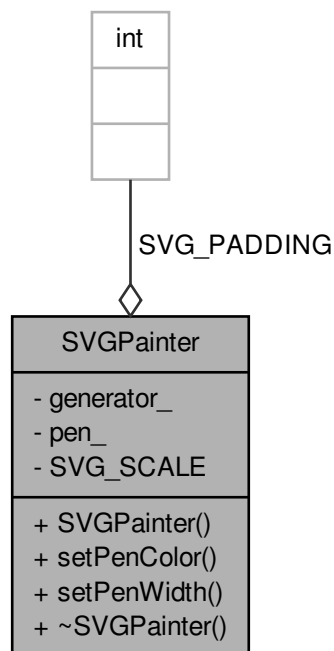
1.27.3.3 quint64 Stats::sat_solving_time

1.27.3.4 SegmentIndex Stats::upper_bound_ [private]

1.28 SVGPainter Class Reference

```
#include <svgPainter.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for SVGPainter:



Public Member Functions

- `SVGPainter (const QString &file_prefix, const QString &file_name, const BoundingBox &bbox)`
- `void setPenColor (const QColor &color)`
- `void setPenWidth (int width)`
- `~SVGPainter ()`

Private Attributes

- `QSvgGenerator generator_`
- `QPen pen_`

Static Private Attributes

- `static const int SVG_PADDING = 10`
- `static const double SVG_SCALE = 4.0`

1.28.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.28.1.1 `SVGPainter::SVGPainter (const QString &file_prefix, const QString &file_name, const BoundingBox &bbox)`

1.28.1.2 `SVGPainter::~~SVGPainter ()`

1.28.2 Member Function Documentation

1.28.2.1 void SVGPainter::setPenColor (const QColor & *color*)

1.28.2.2 void SVGPainter::setPenWidth (int *width*)

1.28.3 Member Data Documentation

1.28.3.1 QSvgGenerator SVGPainter::generator_ [private]

1.28.3.2 QPen SVGPainter::pen_ [private]

1.28.3.3 const int SVGPainter::SVG_PADDING = 10 [static], [private]

padding for SVG images

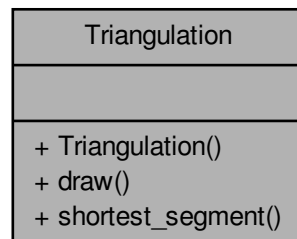
1.28.3.4 const double SVGPainter::SVG_SCALE = 4.0 [static], [private]

scale for SVG images

1.29 Triangulation Class Reference

```
#include <triangulation.h>
```

Collaboration diagram for Triangulation:



Public Member Functions

- Triangulation (const PointSet &points)
- void draw (QPainter &painter) const
- const SegmentIndex & shortest_segment (const SegmentContainer &segments) const

1.29.1 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

1.29.1.1 Triangulation::Triangulation (const PointSet & *points*)

default constructor

1.29.2 Member Function Documentation

1.29.2.1 void Triangulation::draw (QPainter & *painter*) const

draw triangulation segments using given QPainter

1.29.2.2 `const SegmentIndex & Triangulation::shortest_segment (const SegmentContainer & segments) const`

Glossary

Glossary

s_{nose}}	. . . . .	non-separable segment
s_{sep}}	. . . . .	separating segment
s_{\times}	. . . . .	crossing segment
MMLT	. . . . .	MaxMin Length Triangulation
NCS	. . . . .	Non-Conflicting Separators
TMMLT	. . . . .	Topological MaxMin Length Triangulation

Properties

conflicting	. . . . .	see definition 2.7
crossing	. . . . .	see definition 2.3
non-conflicting	. . . . .	see definition 2.7
non-crossing	. . . . .	see definition 2.3

Sets

S_{conf}}	. . . . .	set of potentially conflicting separators (see theorem 4.10)
S_{opt}}	. . . . .	an optimal set of segments
S_{sep}}	. . . . .	set of separators (see definition 4.6)
S_{short}	set of short segments (see definition 4.5)
T_{opt}	an optimal triangulation

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