Assignment 2

Trapezoidal decomposition, Delaunay triangulation

Exercise 1. Give an example of a collection of n segments and a bad insertion order for them, such that the incremental construction algorithm of the trapezoidal decomposition produces a graph G with many nodes—asymptotically as many as possible.

Exercise 2. We claimed that there exists a constant c such that, for every n and every collection of n segments, the probability that there will be a query point in the plane with query time larger than $c \log n$ is at most O(1/n). Finish the proof of this claim, by applying Chernoff's bound and the union bound.

Exercise 3. Write a computer program that reads as input a collection of n points and outputs its Delaunay triangulation, using the Randomized Incremental Construction (RIC) algorithm presented in class.

The program should read the input from a specified file. The file should contain 2n + 1 integers, where the first integer is n, and the remaining integers are the coordinates of the points $x_1, y_1, \ldots, x_n, y_n$ in this order. You can assume general position. You can also assume that all the points are contained in the triangle with vertices (0,0), (10000,0), (5000,860), and that no circumcircle contains any of these points.

The Delaunay triangulation should be internally represented in a way that allows for efficient implementation of the algorithm. Provide a description of the representation you are using.

Exercise 4. Give an example of an *n*-point set such that, in the RIC Delaunay triangulation algorithm, the lookup of one of the points visits $\Theta(n)$ nodes in expectation.