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Linear Programming (Manufacturing with Molds)

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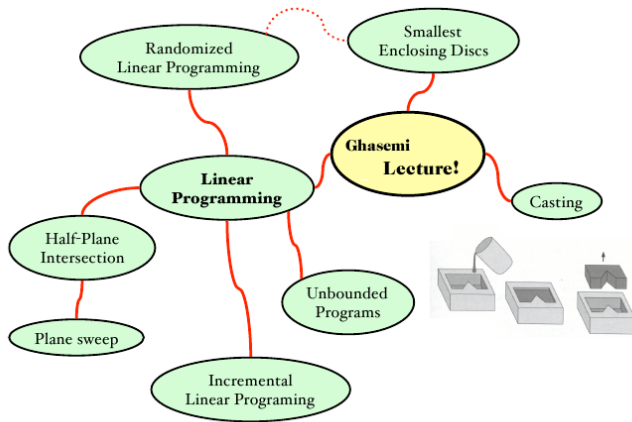
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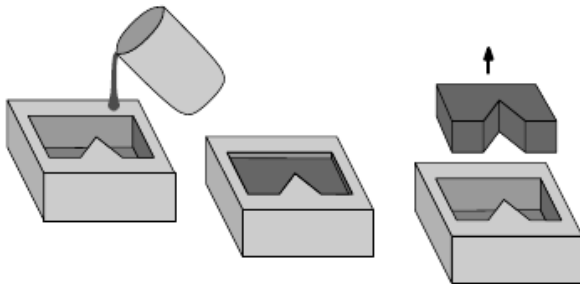
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Assumptions

- **We** assume that the object to be constructed is polyhedral.
- **We** only consider molds of one piece, not molds consisting of two or more pieces.
- **We** only allow the object to be removed from the mold by a single translation.

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we want to determine whether an object can be manufactured by casting

- we have to find a suitable mold for it!
- We call an object **castable** if it can be removed from its mold for at least one of these orientations.

Definition:

- **top facet:**
One obvious restriction on the orientation is that the object must have a horizontal top facet.
- We call a facet of P that is not the top facet an ordinary facet. Every ordinary facet f has a corresponding facet in the mold, which we denote by f' .

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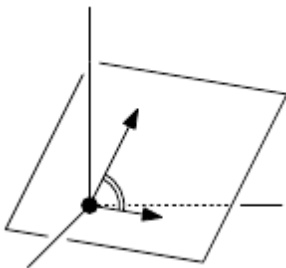
Angles between 3D-vectors!



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To get the angle between two vectors u and v , consider the plane they span and pick the smaller angle between the two in this plane. !



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- Let P be a casted piece and \vec{d} a direction.
- P can be removed by a translation in direction \vec{d} iff \vec{d} makes an angle of at least 90° outward normal of every ordinary facet of P .

Except the top-facet.

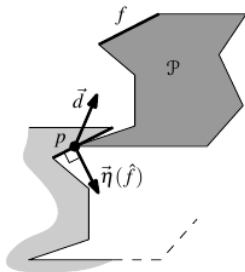
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A removability criterion

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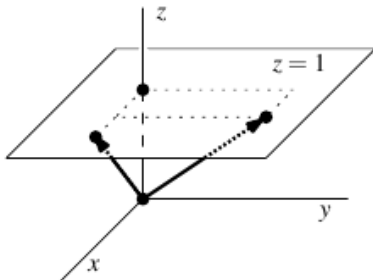
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Representing directions

- We assume translations in the positive z -direction only.
- The direction of a vector $(x, y, 1)$ is represented by the point $(x, y, 1)$ in the plane $z = 1$.

So, every point in the plane $z = 1$ now represents a unique direction.



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Finding a valid direction!



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- A direction $\vec{d} = (d_x, d_y, d_z)$ makes an angle at least 90° with a outward normal $n = (n_x, n_y, n_z)$ of P iff the dot product $\vec{n} \cdot \vec{d} \leq 0$.

- Notice that the inequality defines a half-plane on the plane $z = 1$.

The line $n_x d_x + n_y d_y + n_z d_z = 0$ splits the plane in two parts, one of which contains all locally valid directions in which P can be translated.

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Theorem (4.2)

Let P be a polyhedron with n facets. In $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ expected time and using $\mathcal{O}(n)$ storage it can be decided whether P is castable. Moreover, if P is castable, a mold and a valid direction for removing P from it can be computed in the same amount of time.



- So, our practical problem has turned into the geometric problem of computing the intersection of half-planes.

- A half-plane in the plane (Euclidean, $2D$) is defined by a linear constraint in two variables.

$$a_i x + b_i y \leq 0$$

- Given a bunch of half-planes, we consider the problem of finding all points (x, y) that satisfy all constraints.

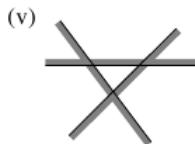
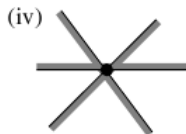
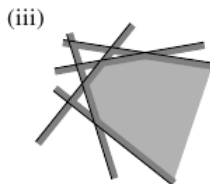
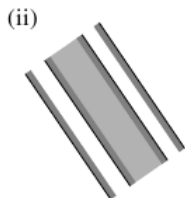
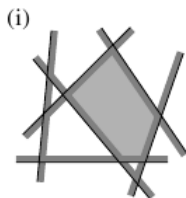
The intersection of n half-planes is a convex polygonal region bounded by at most n edges.

Examples of the intersection of half-planes



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A Divide-and-Conquer algorithm is used:

Algorithm INTERSECTHALFPLANES(H)

Input. A set H of n half-planes in the plane.

Output. The convex polygonal region $C := \bigcap_{h \in H} h$.

1. **if** $\text{card}(H) = 1$
2. **then** $C \leftarrow$ the unique half-plane $h \in H$
3. **else** Split H into sets H_1 and H_2 of size $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ and $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$.
4. $C_1 \leftarrow$ INTERSECTHALFPLANES(H_1)
5. $C_2 \leftarrow$ INTERSECTHALFPLANES(H_2)
6. $C \leftarrow$ INTERSECTCONVEXREGIONS(C_1, C_2)

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- One version of **IntersectConvexRegions** was actually presented in Chapter 2!

- corollary 2.7 the Intersection of two polygons with n vertices can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(nL\log n + kL\log n)$ times.
- Some adjustment needed since we need to compute unbounded regions(not simple polygons)
- Also in our case , $k \leq n$ since the region are convex.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{O}(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \mathcal{O}(nL\log n) + 2T(\frac{n}{2}) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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- There is in fact a faster version of `IntersectConvexRegions` that run in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time .

this implies that the complexity gets lowered from $\mathcal{O}(n \log^2 n)$ to $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$

- this version is based on `planeSweep`.
- while the sweep line is moved downward over the regions using vertices as event point, we keep track of the intersection with the boundaries of two regions.

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Plane Sweep Algorithm



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- To simplify the description of the algorithm, we shall assume that there are no horizontal edges!
- we move a sweep line downward over the plane, and we maintain the edges of **C1** and **C2** ,**intersecting the sweep line.**
- C_1 and C_2 are ?
- So:we simply have pointers $left_edge_C_1$, $right_edge_C_1$, $left_edge_C_2$, and $right_edge_C_2$ to them.

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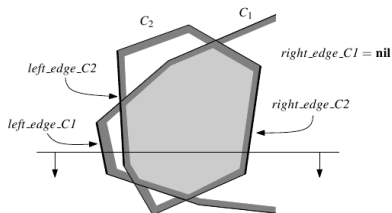
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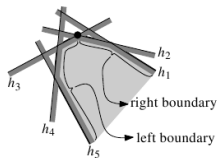
New Plane Sweep Algorithm Object



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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{left}}(C) = h_3, h_4, h_5$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{right}}(C) = h_2, h_1$$

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New Plane Sweep Algorithm Structure



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- 1 Initialize.
- 2 Status of edges e .
- 3 Four functions needed.
- 4 The procedure that handles e will discover three possible edges that C might have.
 - The edge with p as upper endpoint.
 - The edge with $e \cap \text{left_edge_}C_2$ as upper endpoint.
 - The edge with $e \cap \text{right_edge_}C_2$ as upper endpoint.

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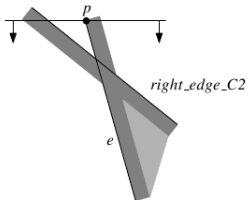
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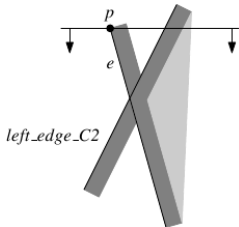
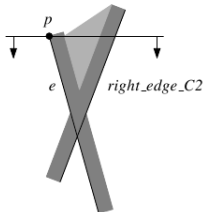
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(i)



(ii)





The intersection of two convex polygons can be computed in time $\mathcal{O}(n)$

- We have to prove that it adds the half-planes defining the edges of C in the right order.
- Consider an edge of C , and let p be its upper endpoint. Two case occurred?

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Theorem (4.3)

The intersection of two convex polygonal regions in the plane can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time.

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corollary 4.4

The common intersection of a set of n half-planes in the plane can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ time and linear storage

Finally

By Looping through all n facets we can solve the castability Problem in $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log n)$ time.

But...

But is this the Best Time?



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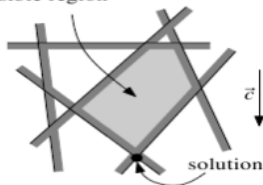
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- The intersection of half-plane gives us all valid direction, but we just need one!
- Finding Just One Direction can be Done using Linear Programming.

Maximize $c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \dots + c_dx_d$

Subject to $a_{1,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{1,d}x_d \leq b_1$
 $a_{2,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{2,d}x_d \leq b_2$
 \vdots
 $a_{n,1}x_1 + \dots + a_{n,d}x_d \leq b_n$

feasible region



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- H is a set of n two dimensional constraints.
- $f_{\vec{c}}(p) = C_x P_x + C_y P_y$ gives objective function
- **GOAL** find $p \in R^2$ so that $p \in \cap H$ and $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$ is maximized.
- Let C denote feasible region for (H, \vec{c}) .

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Types of solutions



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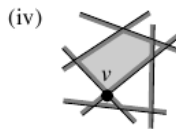
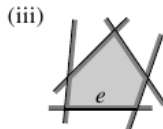
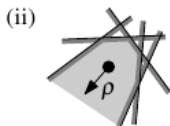
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- i The linear program is infeasible.
- ii The feasible region is unbounded in direction \vec{c} .
- iii The feasible region has an edge e whose outward normal points in the direction \vec{c} .
- iv If none of the preceding three cases applies, then there is a unique solution, which is the vertex v of C that is extreme in the direction \vec{c} .



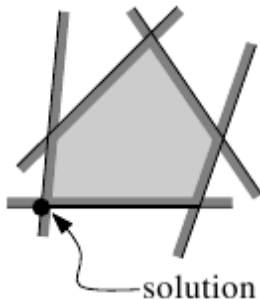
Adding Half-Planes



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We Compute the Solution using an incremental algorithm in which the constraint are considered one at a time;



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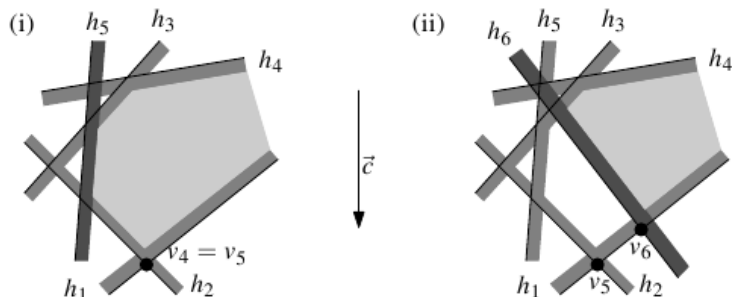


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Lemma (4.5)

When considering another constraint (half-plane) the optimal solution point can only be effected in two ways:



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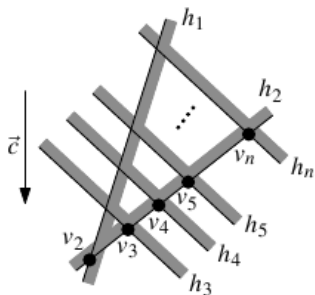
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Lemma (4.6)

The change in case(*ii*) can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(i)$ when we consider constraint (half-plane) h_i

Figure: Worst Case



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We can now describe the linear programming algorithm in more detail. As above, we use l_i to denote the line that bounds the half-plane h_i .

Algorithm 2DBOUNDEDLP(H, \vec{c}, m_1, m_2)

Input. A linear program $(H \cup \{m_1, m_2\}, \vec{c})$, where H is a set of n half-planes, $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and m_1, m_2 bound the solution.

Output. If $(H \cup \{m_1, m_2\}, \vec{c})$ is infeasible, then this fact is reported. Otherwise, the lexicographically smallest point p that maximizes $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$ is reported.

1. Let v_0 be the corner of C_0 .
2. Let h_1, \dots, h_n be the half-planes of H .
3. **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n
4. **do if** $v_{i-1} \in h_i$
5. **then** $v_i \leftarrow v_{i-1}$
6. **else** $v_i \leftarrow$ the point p on ℓ_i that maximizes $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$, subject to the constraints in H_{i-1} .
7. **if** p does not exist
8. **then** Report that the linear program is infeasible and quit.
9. **return** v_n

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Lemma (4.7)

A solution can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ time.

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \mathcal{O}(i)$$

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1. Let v_0 be the corner of C_0 .
2. Compute a *random* permutation h_1, \dots, h_n of the half-planes by calling RANDOMPERMUTATION($H[1 \dots n]$).
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Algorithm RANDOMPERMUTATION(A)

Input. An array $A[1 \cdots n]$.

Output. The array $A[1 \cdots n]$ with the same elements, but rearranged into a random permutation.

1. **for** $k \leftarrow n$ **downto** 2
2. **do** $rndindex \leftarrow \text{RANDOM}(k)$
3. Exchange $A[k]$ and $A[rndindex]$.

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Lemma (4.8)

The 2-dimensional linear programming problem with n constraints can be solved in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ randomized expected time using worst-case linear storage.

Why

- RANDOMPERMUTATION is run in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time.
- Define Function x_i for adding new plane to H .
- So, total Time is $\sum \mathcal{O}(i)X_i = \mathcal{O}(n)$



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Lemma (4.8)

The 2-dimensional linear programming problem with n constraints can be solved in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ randomized expected time using worst-case linear storage.

Why

- RANDOMPERMUTATION is run in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time.
- Define Function x_i for adding new plane to H .
- So, total Time is $\sum \mathcal{O}(i)X_i = \mathcal{O}(n)$

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In the preceding sections we avoided handling the case of an unbounded linear program by adding two additional, artificial constraints.

This is not always a suitable solution!

Lets first

how we can recognize whether a given linear program (H, c) is unbounded.

If we denote the rays starting point as p , and its direction vector as d , we can parameterize ρ as follows:

$$\rho = \{p + \lambda \vec{d} : \lambda > 0\}$$

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Lemma (4.9)

A linear program (H, \vec{c}) is unbounded if and only if there is a vector \vec{d} with $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} > 0$ such that $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{\eta}(h) \geq 0$ for all $h \in H$ and the linear program (H', \vec{c}) is feasible, where $H' = \{h \in H : \vec{\eta}(h) \cdot \vec{d} = 0\}$.

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Algorithm 2DRANDOMIZEDLP(H, \vec{c})

Input. A linear program (H, \vec{c}) , where H is a set of n half-planes and $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Output. If (H, \vec{c}) is unbounded, a ray is reported. If it is infeasible, then two or three certificate half-planes are reported. Otherwise, the lexicographically smallest point p that maximizes $f_{\vec{c}}(p)$ is reported.

1. Determine whether there is a direction vector \vec{d} such that $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{c} > 0$ and $\vec{d} \cdot \vec{\eta}(h) \geq 0$ for all $h \in H$.
2. **if** \vec{d} exists
3. **then** compute H' and determine whether H' is feasible.
4. **if** H' is feasible
5. **then** Report a ray proving that (H, \vec{c}) is unbounded and quit.
6. **else** Report that (H, \vec{c}) is infeasible and quit.
7. Let $h_1, h_2 \in H$ be certificates proving that (H, \vec{c}) is bounded and has a unique lexicographically smallest solution.
8. Let v_2 be the intersection of ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 .
9. Let h_3, h_4, \dots, h_n be a random permutation of the remaining half-planes in H .

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2DRANDOMIZEDLP Algorithm



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10. **for** $i \leftarrow 3$ **to** n
11. **do if** $v_{i-1} \in h_i$
12. **then** $v_i \leftarrow v_{i-1}$
13. **else** $v_i \leftarrow$ the point p on ℓ_i that maximizes $f_{\bar{c}}(p)$, subject to the constraints in H_{i-1} .
14. **if** p does not exist
15. **then** Let h_j, h_k (with $j, k < i$) be the certificates (possibly $h_j = h_k$) with $h_j \cap h_k \cap \ell_i = \emptyset$.
16. Report that the linear program is infeasible, with
17. **return** v_n



Theorem (4.10)

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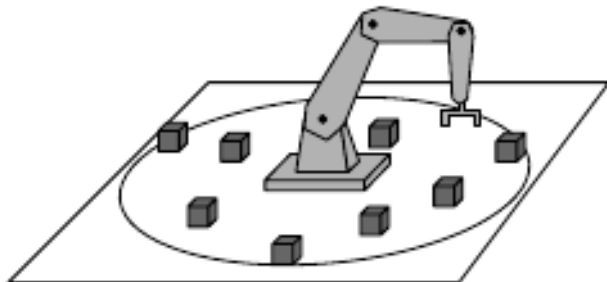
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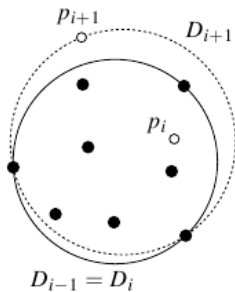
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Algorithm MINIDISC(P)

Input. A set P of n points in the plane.

Output. The smallest enclosing disc for P .

1. Compute a random permutation p_1, \dots, p_n of P .
2. Let D_2 be the smallest enclosing disc for $\{p_1, p_2\}$.
3. **for** $i \leftarrow 3$ **to** n
4. **do if** $p_i \in D_{i-1}$
5. **then** $D_i \leftarrow D_{i-1}$
6. **else** $D_i \leftarrow \text{MINIDISCWITHPOINT}(\{p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}\}, p_i)$
7. **return** D_n



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MINIDISCWITHPOINT(P, q)

Input. A set P of n points in the plane, and a point q such that there exists an enclosing disc for P with q on its boundary.

Output. The smallest enclosing disc for P with q on its boundary.

1. Compute a random permutation p_1, \dots, p_n of P .
2. Let D_1 be the smallest disc with q and p_1 on its boundary.
3. **for** $j \leftarrow 2$ **to** n
4. **do if** $p_j \in D_{j-1}$
5. **then** $D_j \leftarrow D_{j-1}$
6. **else** $D_j \leftarrow \text{MINIDISCWITH2POINTS}(\{p_1, \dots, p_{j-1}\}, p_j, q)$
7. **return** D_n



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MINIDISCWITH2POINTS(P, q_1, q_2)

Input. A set P of n points in the plane, and two points q_1 and q_2 such that there exists an enclosing disc for P with q_1 and q_2 on its boundary.

Output. The smallest enclosing disc for P with q_1 and q_2 on its boundary.

1. Let D_0 be the smallest disc with q_1 and q_2 on its boundary.
2. **for** $k \leftarrow 1$ **to** n
3. **do if** $p_k \in D_{k-1}$
4. **then** $D_k \leftarrow D_{k-1}$
5. **else** $D_k \leftarrow$ the disc with q_1, q_2 , and p_k on its boundary
6. **return** D_n



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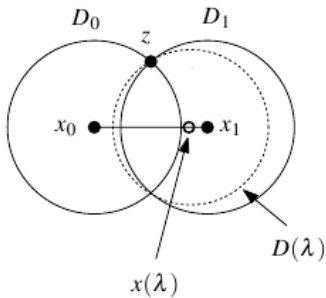
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