

COMPUTATIONAL GEOMETRY INTRODUCTION

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Computational Geometry

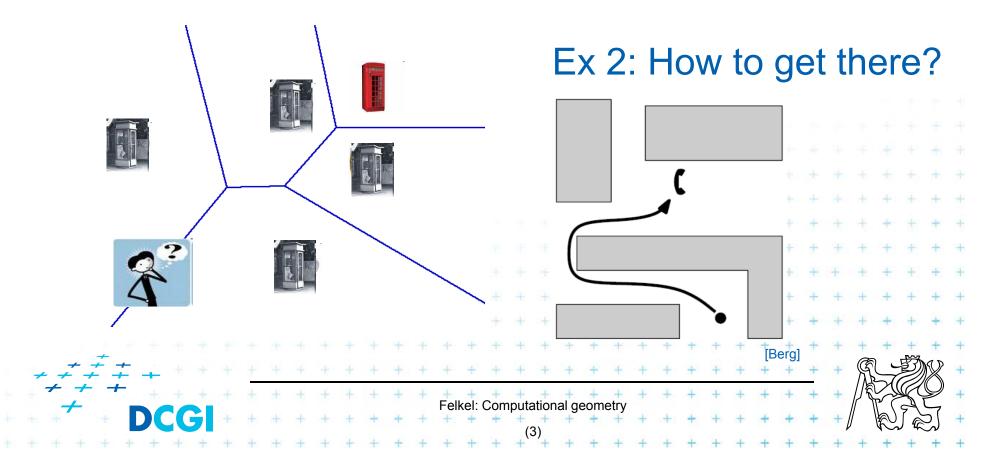
- What is Computational Geometry (CG)?
- 2. Why to study CG and how?
- 3. Typical application domains
- Typical tasks
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1. What is Computational Geometry?

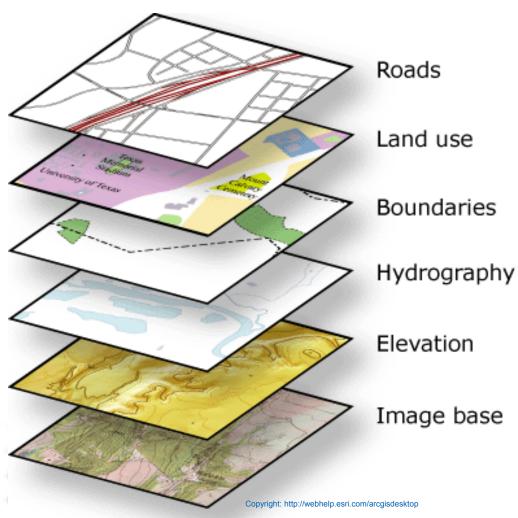
- CG Solves geometric problems that require clever geometric algorithms
- Ex 1: Where is the nearest phone, metro, pub,...?



1.1 What is Computational Geometry? (...)

Ex 3: Map overlay









1.2 What is Computational Geometry? (...)

- Good solutions need both:
 - Understanding of the geometric properties of the problem
 - Proper applications of algorithmic techniques (paradigms) and data structures





1.3 What is Computational Geometry? (...)

- Computational geometry
 - = systematic study of algorithms and data structures for geometric objects (points, lines, line segments, n-gons,...) with focus on exact algorithms that are asymptotically fast
 - "Born" in 1975 (Shamos), boom of papers in 90s
 (first papers sooner: 1850 Dirichlet, 1908 Voronoi,...)
 - Many problems can be formulated geometrically (e.g., range queries in databases)

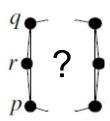




1.4 What is Computational Geometry? (...)

Problems:

- Degenerate cases (points on line, with same x,...)
 - · Ignore them first, include later
- Robustness correct algorithm but not robust
 - Limited numerical precision of real arithmetic
 - Inconsistent eps tests (a=b, b=c, but a ≠ c)



Nowadays:

- focus on practical implementations, not just on asymptotically fastest algorithms
- nearly correct result is better than nonsense or crash





2. Why to study computational geometry?

- Graphics- and Vision- Engineer should know it ("Data structures and algorithms in nth-Dimension")
 - DSA, PRP
- Set of ready to use tools
- You will know new approaches to choose from





2.1 How to teach computational geometry?

- Typical "mathematician" method:
 - definition-theorem-proof
- Our "practical" approach:
 - practical algorithms and their complexity
 - practical programing using a geometric library
- Is it OK for you?





3. Typical application domains

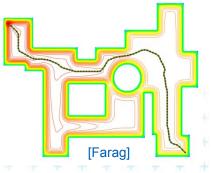
Computer graphics

- Collisions of objects
- Mouse localization
- Selection of objects in region
- Visibility in 3D (hidden surface removal)
- Computation of shadows

Robotics

- Motion planning (find path environment with obstacles)
- Task planning (motion + planning order of subtasks)



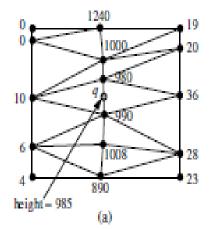


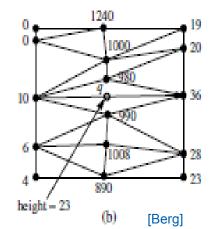


3.1 Typical application domains (...)

GIS

- How to store huge data and search them quickly
- Interpolation of heights
- Overlap of different data





- Extract information about regions or relations between data (pipes under the construction site, plants x average rainfall,...
- Detect bridges on crossings of roads and rivers...

CAD/CAM

- Intersections and unions of objects
- Visualization and tests without need to build a prototype
- Manufacturability

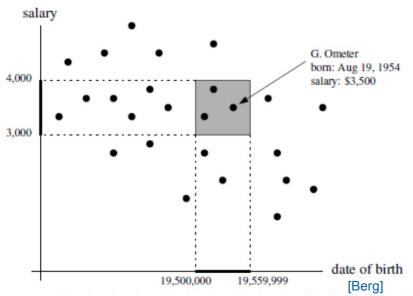


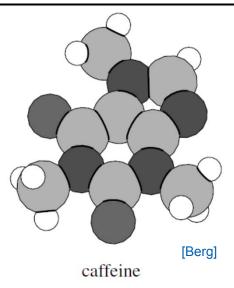


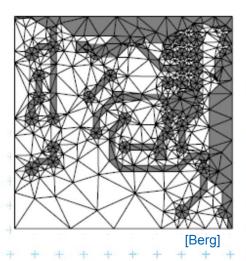
3.2 Typical application domains (...)

Other domains

- Molecular modeling
- DB search
- IC design

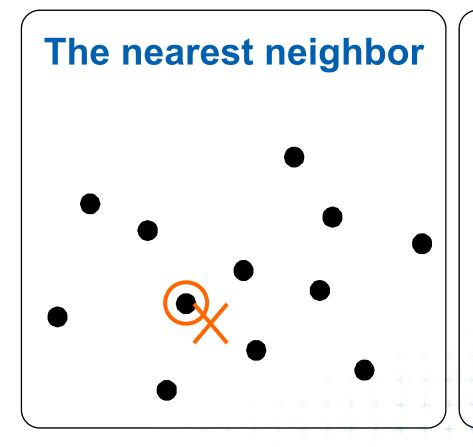


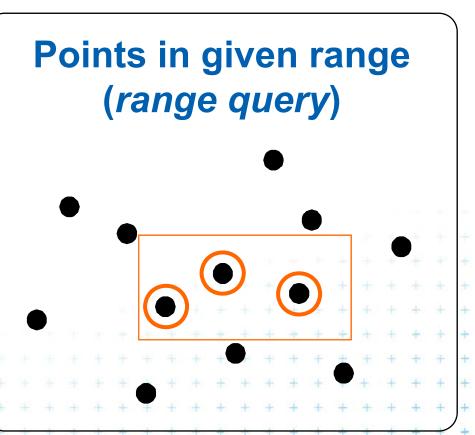




4. Typical tasks in CG

Geometric searching - fast location of :



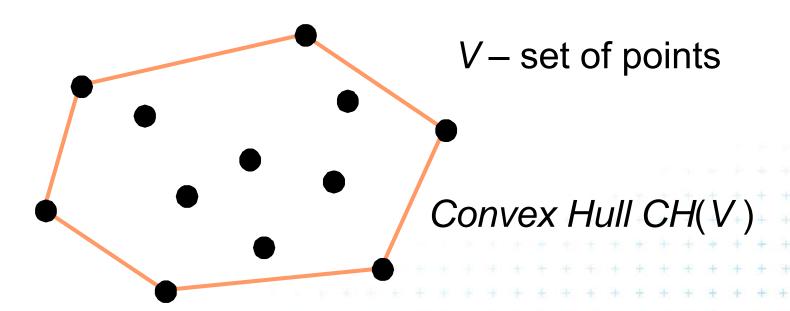






4.1 Typical tasks in CG

- Convex hull
 - = smallest enclosing convex polygon in E² or n-gon in E³ containing all the points



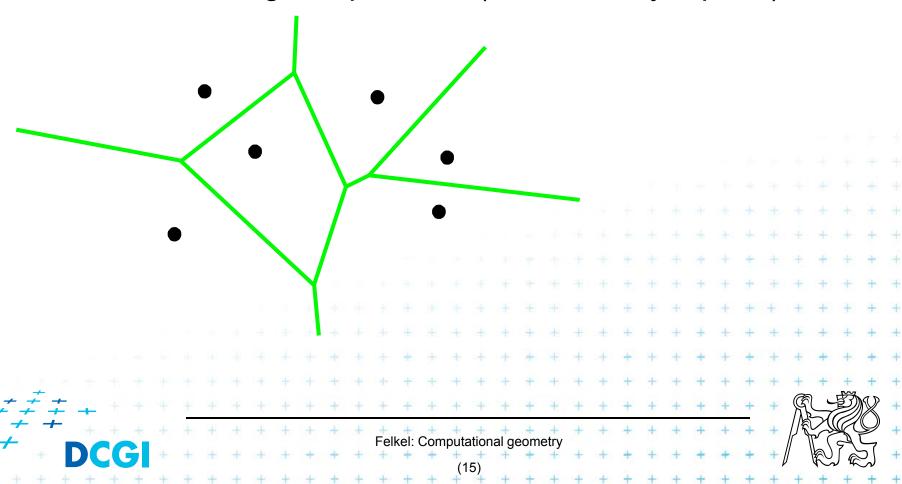




4.2 Typical tasks in CG

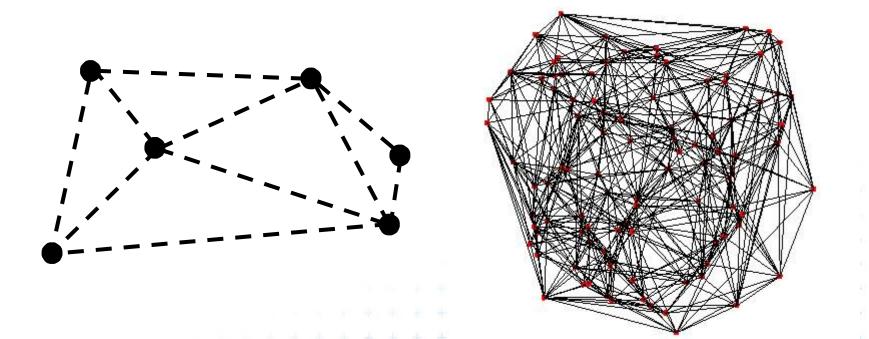
Voronoi diagrams

 Space (plane) partitioning into regions whose points are nearest to the given primitive (most usually a point)



4.3 Typical tasks in CG

 Planar triangulations and space tetrahedronization of given point set



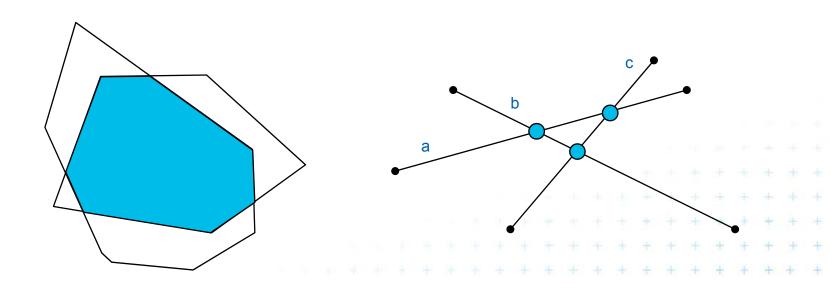




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4.4 Typical tasks in CG

- Intersection of objects
 - Detection of common parts of objects
 - Usually linear (line segments, polygons, n-gons,...)



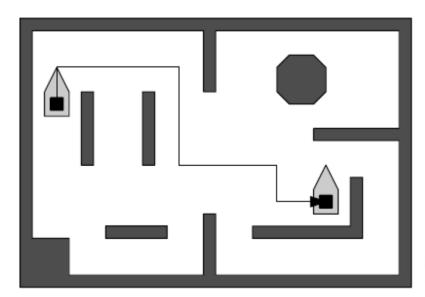




4.5 Typical tasks in CG

Motion planning

 Search for the shortest path between two points in the environment with obstacles



[Bera]





5. Complexity of algorithms and data struc.

We need a measure for comparison of algorithms

- Independent on computer HW and prog. language
- Dependent on the problem size n
- Describing the behavior of the algorithm for different data

Running time, preprocessing time, memory size

- Asymptotical analysis O(g(n)), $\Omega(g(n))$, $\Theta(g(n))$
- Measurement on real data

Differentiate:

- complexity of the algorithm (particular sort) and
- complexity of the problem (sorting)
 - given by number of edges, vertices, faces,... = problem size
 - equal to the complexity of the best algorithm





5.1 Complexity of algorithms

- Worst case behavior
 - Running time for the "worst" data
- Expected behavior (average)
 - expectation of the running time for problems of particular size and probability distribution of input data
 - Valid only if the probability distribution is the same as expected during the analysis
 - Typically much smaller than the worst case behavior
 - Ex.: Quick sort $O(n^2)$ worst and $O(n \log n)$ expected





6. Programming techniques (paradigms) of CG

3 phases of a geometric algorithm development

- 1. Ignore all degeneracies and design an algorithm
- 2. Adjust the algorithm to be correct for degenerate cases
 - Degenerate input exists
 - Integrate special cases in general case
 - It is better than lot of case-switches (typical for beginners)
 - e.g.:
 lexicographic order for points on vertical lines
 or Symbolic perturbation schemes
- 3. Implement alg. 2 (use sw library)





6.1 Sorting

- A preprocessing step
- Simplifies the following processing steps
- Sort according to:
 - coordinates x, y,..., or lexicographically to [y,x],
 - angles around point
- $O(n \log n)$ time and O(n) space





6.2 Divide and Conquer (divide et impera)

Split the problem until it is solvable, merge results

```
DivideAndConquer(S)

1. If known solution then return it

2. else

3. Split input S to k distinct subsets S<sub>i</sub>

4. Foreach i call DivideAndConquer(S<sub>i</sub>)

5. Merge the results and return the solution
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Prerequisite

- The input data set must be separable
- Solutions of subsets are independent
- The result can be obtained by merging of sub-results





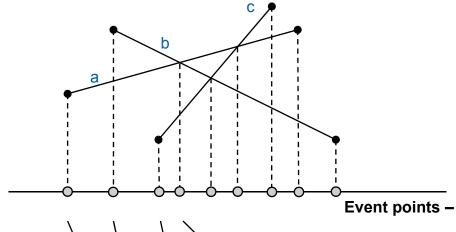
6.3 Sweep algorithm

- Split the space by a hyperplane (2D: sweep line)
 - "Left" subspace solution known
 - "Right" subspace solution unknown
- Stop in event points and update the status
- Data structures:
 - Event points points, where to stop the sweep line and update the status, sorted
 - Status state of the algorithm in the current position of the sweep line
- Prerequisite:
 - Left subspace does not influence the right subspace





6.3b Sweep-line algorithm



Event types for segments:

- start
- end
- intersection

Event points - ordered in event queue

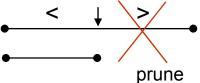
Status: {a}, {a,b}, {c,a,b}, {c,b,a}, ...





6.4 Prune and search

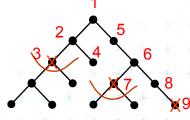
- Eliminate parts of the state space, where the solution clearly does not exist
 - Binary search



Search trees



Back-tracking (stop if solution worse than current optimum)

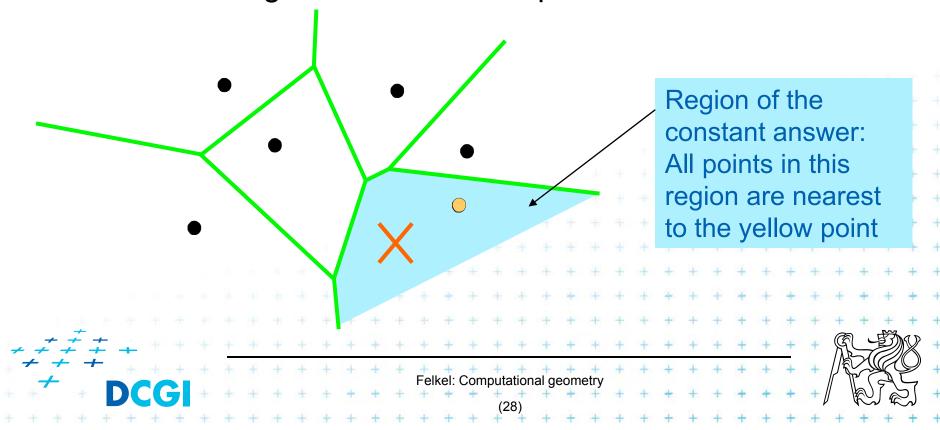






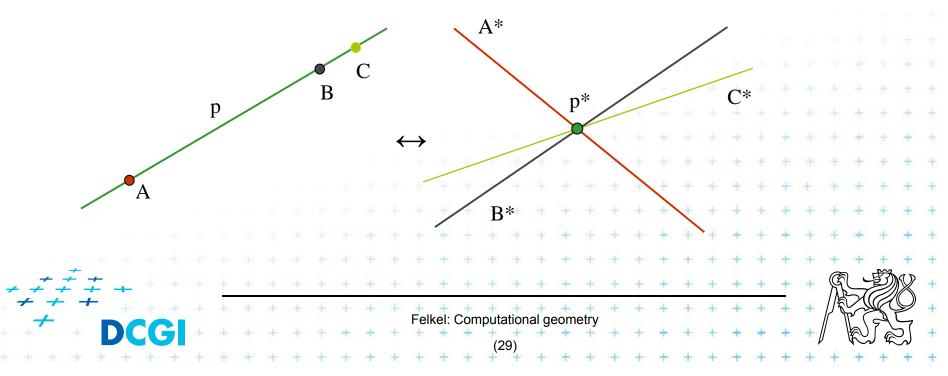
6.5 Locus approach

- Subdivide the search space into regions of constant answer
- Use point location to determine the region
 - Nearest neighbor search example



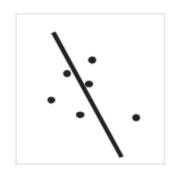
6.6 Dualisation

- Use geometry transform to change the problem into another that can be solved more easily
- Points ↔ hyper planes
 - Preservation of incidence $(A \in p \Rightarrow p^* \in A^*)$
- Ex. 2D: determine if 3 points lie on a common line



6.7 Combinatorial analysis

- = The branch of mathematics which studies the number of different ways of arranging things
- Ex. How many subdivisions of a point set can be done by one line?







6.8 New trends in Computational geometry

- From 2D to 3D and more from mid 80s, from linear to curved objects
- Focus on line segments, triangles in E³ and hyper planes in E^d
- Strong influence of combinatorial geometry
- Randomized algorithms
- Space effective algorithms (in place, in situ, data stream algs.)
- Robust algorithms and handling of singularities
- Practical implementation in libraries (CGAL, ...)
- Approximate algorithms



7. Robustness issues

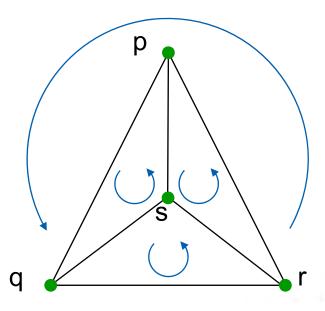
- Geometry in theory is exact
- Geometry with floating-point arithmetic is not exact
 - Limited numerical precision of real arithmetic
 - Numbers are rounded to nearest possible representation
 - Inconsistent epsilon tests (a=b, b=c, but a≠c)
- Naïve use of floating point arithmetic causes geometric algorithm to
 - Produce slightly or completely wrong output
 - Crash after invariant violation
 - Infinite loop





Geometry in theory is exact

= ccw(s,q,r) & ccw(p,s,r) & ccw(p,q,s) => ccw(p,q,r)



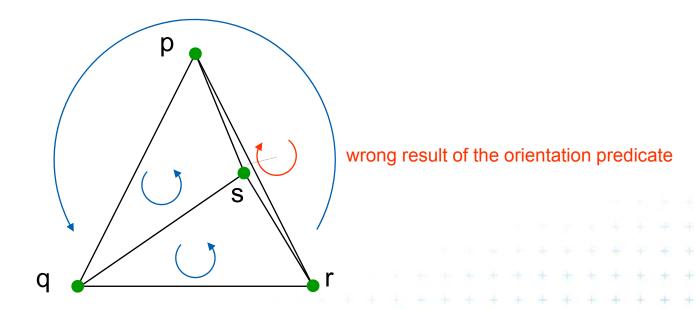
 Correctness proofs of algorithms rely on such theorems





Geometry with float. arithmetic is not exact

 \sim ccw(s,q,r) & !ccw(p,s,r) & ccw(p,q,s) \neq ccw(p,q,r)



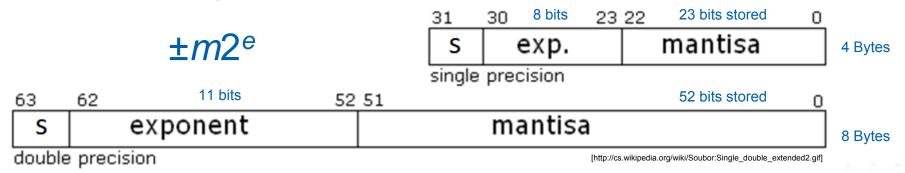
 Correctness proofs of algorithms rely on such theorems => such algorithms fail





Floating-point arithmetic is not exact

- a) Limited numerical precision of real numbers
- Numbers represented as normalized



- The mantissa *m* is a 24-bit (53-bit) value whose most significant bit (MSB) is always 1 and is, therefore, not stored.
- Stored numbers are <u>rounded</u> to 24/53 bits mantissa
 - lower bits are lost



Floating-point special values

+0 +Infinity -Infinity NaN





Floating-point arithmetic is not exact

b) Smaller numbers are shifted right during additions and subtractions to align the digits of the same order

Example for float:

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Invisible leading bit – not stored
-12 - p for p \sim 0.5
                                 Normalized mantisa 23 bit
   -12_{10} = 1100_2
                  p = 0.5_{10}

\begin{array}{c}
\rho = 0.5_{10} \\
\rho = 0.5000008_{10} = 0 \\
\end{array}

     Mantissa of p is shifted 4 bits right to align with 12
       (to have the same exponent 23)
     -> four least significant bits (LSB) are lost
      The result is 11.5 instead of 11.4999992
                          Felkel: Computational geometry
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Floating-point arithmetic is not exact

b) Smaller numbers are shifted right during additions and subtractions to align the digits of the same order

Example for float:

- $12 p \text{ for } p \sim 0.5 \text{ (such as } 0.5 + 2^{(-23)})$
 - Mantissa of p is shifted 4 bits right to align with 12
 - -> four least significant bits (LSB) are lost
- 24 p for $p \sim 0.5$
 - Mantissa of p is shifted 5 bits right to align with 24 -> 5 LSB are lost

Try it on [http://www.h-schmidt.net/FloatConverter/IEEE754.html or http://babbage.cs.qc.cuny.edu/IEEE-754/index.xhtml]





Orientation predicate - definition

orientation
$$(p,q,r)= \operatorname{sign} \left(\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_x & p_y \\ 1 & q_x & q_y \\ 1 & r_x & r_y \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

$$= \operatorname{sign} \left((q_x - p_x)(r_y - p_y) - (q_y - p_y)(r_x - p_x) \right),$$

$$= \operatorname{where point} p = (p_x, p_y), \dots$$

$$= \operatorname{third coordinate of} = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}),$$
Three points
$$= \operatorname{lie on common line}$$

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$$= \operatorname{form a left turn}$$

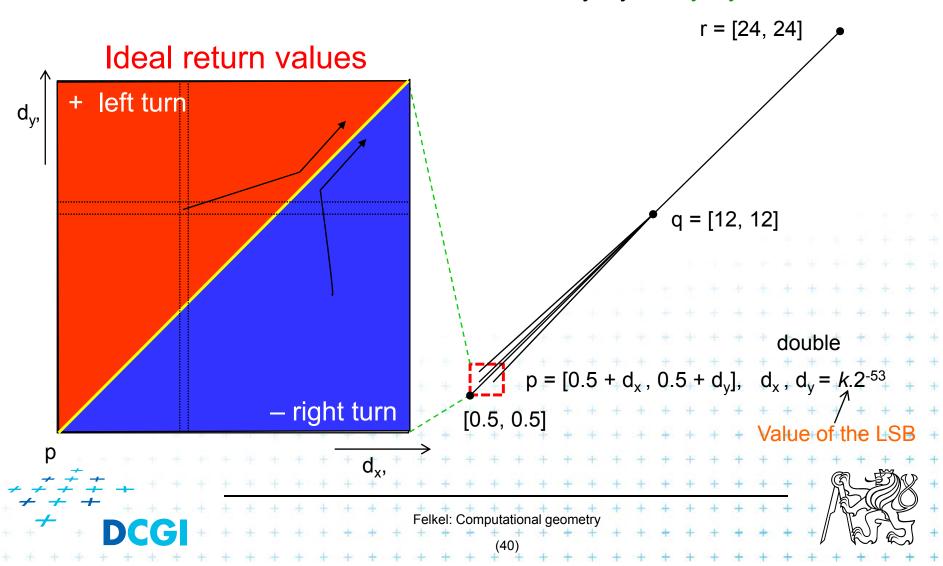
$$= \operatorname{form a right turn}$$

$$= \operatorname{lie on common line}$$

$$=$$

Experiment with orientation predicate

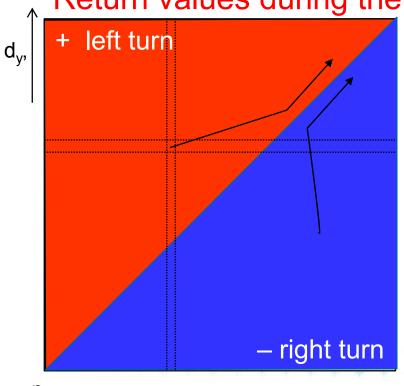
• orientation(p,q,r) = sign($(p_x-r_x)(q_y-r_y)-(p_y-r_y)(q_x-r_x)$)



Real results of orientation predicate

• orientation(p,q,r) = sign($(p_x-r_x)(q_y-r_y)-(p_y-r_y)(q_x-r_x)$)

Return values during the experiment for exponent > -52



Where is the yellow line?

Robust predicate returns slightly non-zero values

orientation $(p, q, r) \neq 0$

Never lie on common line

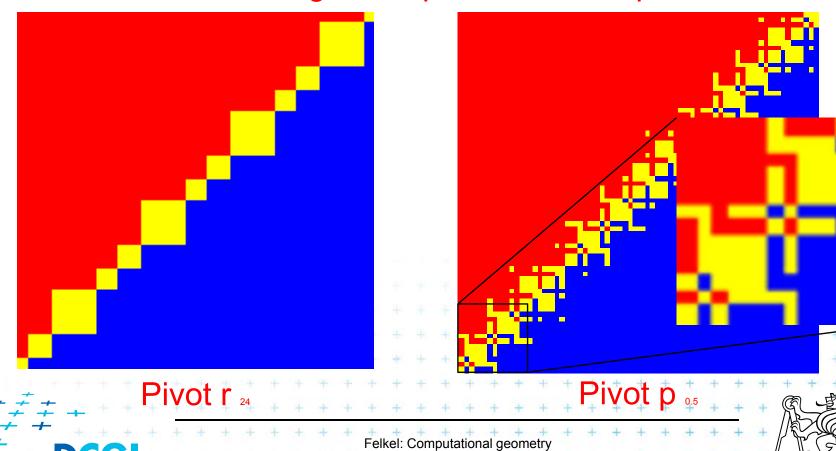




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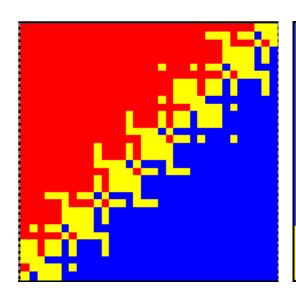
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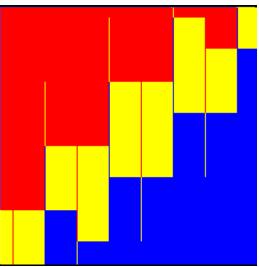
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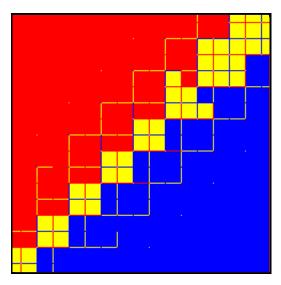


Floating point orientation predicate double exp=-53

Pivot p







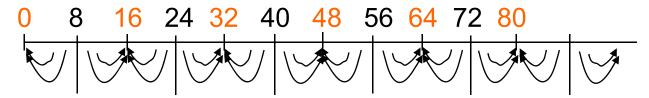
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p: \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}
q: \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 12 \end{pmatrix}
r: \begin{pmatrix} 24 \\ 24 \end{pmatrix}
(a)
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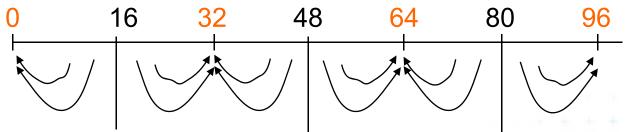
[Kettner] with correct coolors

Errors from shift ~0.5 right in subtraction

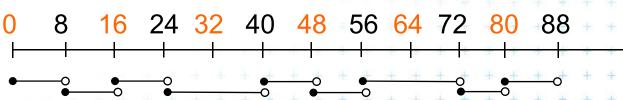
■ 4 bits shift => 2⁴ values rounded to the same value

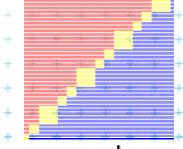


■ 5 bits shift => 2⁵ values rounded to the same value



Combined intervals of size 8, 16, 24,...





These intervals match the size of rectangular areas of the same value



Orientation predicate – pivot selection

orientation
$$(p, q, r) = \text{sign} \left(\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & p_x & p_y \\ 1 & q_x & q_y \\ 1 & r_x & r_y \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

The formula depends on the selection of the pivot, pivot point = row to be subtracted from other rows

$$p: = sign\left((q_x - p_x^{4 \text{ bits lost}})(r_y - p_y^{5 \text{ bits lost}}) - (q_y - p_y^{4 \text{ bits lost}})(r_x - p_x^{5 \text{ bits lost}})\right)$$

q: = sign
$$((r_x - q_x)(p_y^4) - (r_y - q_y)(p_x^4) - (r_y - q_y)(p_x^4)$$

$$r: = \operatorname{sign}\left((p_x^{\frac{5 \text{ bits lost}}{-}}r_x)(q_y - r_y) - (p_y^{\frac{5 \text{ bits lost}}{-}}r_y)(q_x - r_x)\right)$$

Which pivot is the worst?
$$p_x = 0.5$$
, $q_x = 12$, $r_x = 24$

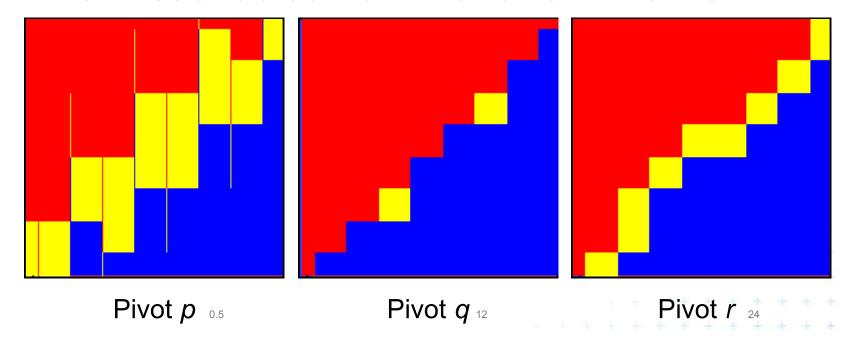




Little improvement - selection of the pivot

(b) double exp=-53

Pivot – subtracted from the rows in the matrix

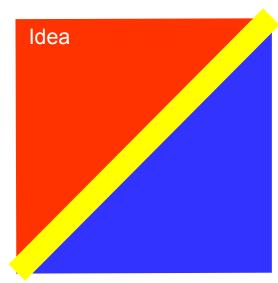


=> Pivot q (point with middle x or y coord.) is the best But it is typically not used – pivot search is too complicated in comparison to the predicate itself

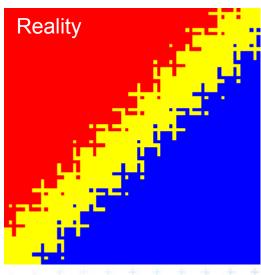
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Epsilon tweaking – is the wrong approach

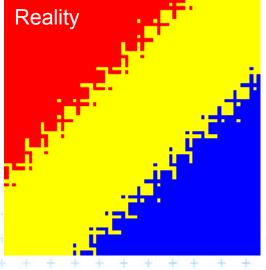
- Use tolerance $\varepsilon = 0.00005$ to 0.0001 for float
- Points are declared collinear if float_orient returns a value ≤ ε 0.5+2^(-23), the smallest repr. value 0.500 000 06



Idea: boundary for ε



Boundary for ε = 0.00005



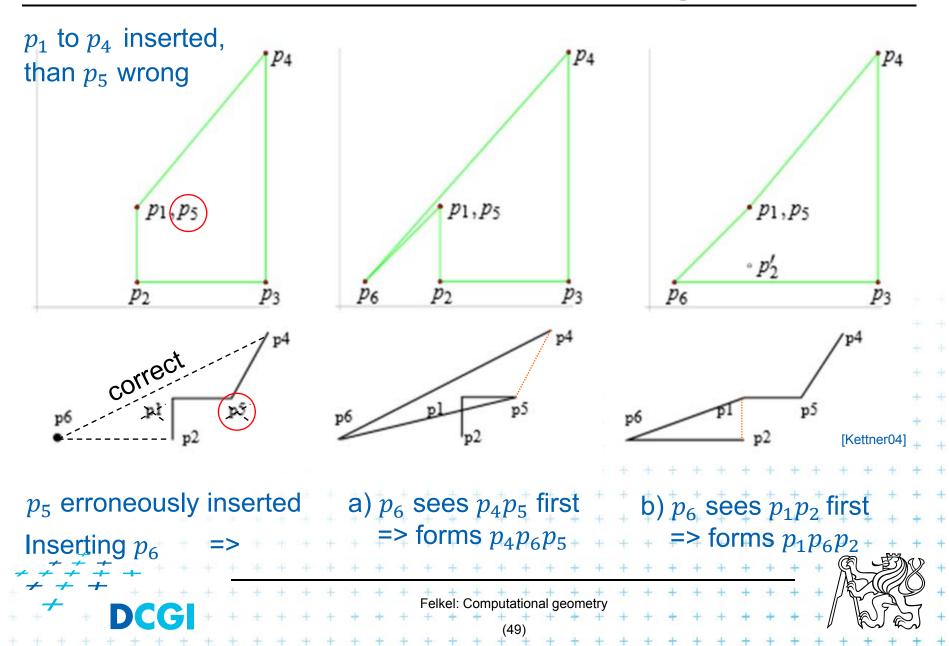
Boundary for ε = 0.0001

Boundary is fractured as before, but brighter



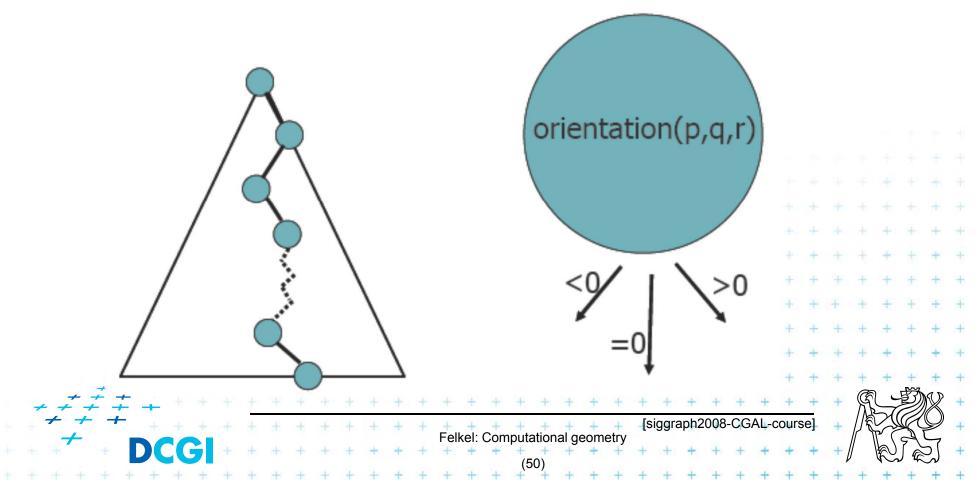


Consequences in convex hull algorithm



Exact Geometric Computing [Yap]

Make sure that the control flow in the implementation corresponds to the control flow with exact real arithmetic



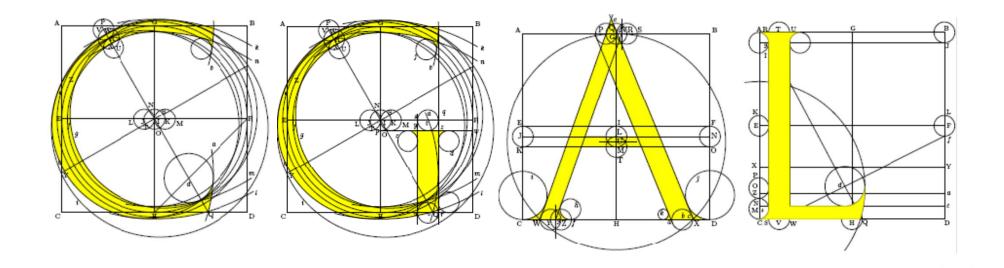
Solution

- Use predicates, that always return the correct result -> Schewchuck, YAP, LEDA or CGAL
- 2. Change the algorithm to cope with floating point predicates but still return something *meaningful* (hard to define)
- Perturb the input so that the floating point implementation gives the correct result on it





8. CGAL



Computational Geometry Algorithms Library

Slides from [siggraph2008-CGAL-course]





CGAL

Large library of geometric algorithms

- Robust code, huge amount of algorithms
- Users can concentrate on their own domain

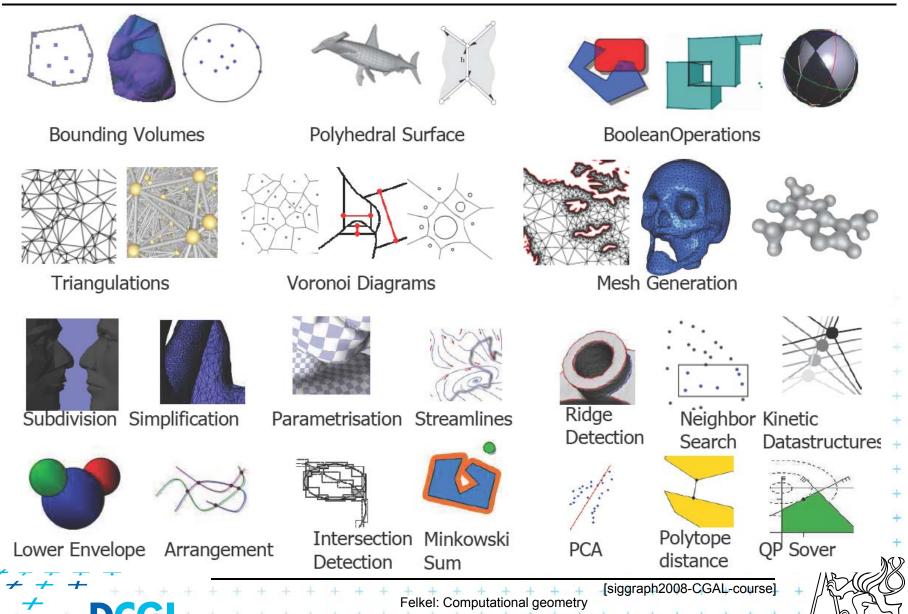
Open source project

- Institutional members
 (Inria, MPI, Tel-Aviv U, Utrecht U, Groningen U, ETHZ, Geometry Factory, FU Berlin, Forth, U Athens)
- 500,000 lines of C++ code
- 10,000 downloads/year (+ Linux distributions)
- 20 active developers
- 12 months release cycle





CGAL algorithms and data structures



Exact geometric computing

Predicates Constructions • r • q • p orientation in_circle constructions constructions intersection circumcenter



[siggraph2008-CGAL-course

Felkel: Computational geometry

CGAL Geometric Kernel (see [Hert] for details)

Encapsulates

- the representation of geometric objects
- and the geometric operations and predicates on these objects

CGAL provides kernels for

- Points, Predicates, and Exactness
- Number Types
- Cartesian Representation
- Homogeneous Representation





Points, predicates, and Exactness

```
#include "tutorial.h"
#include <CGAL/Point_2.h>
#include <CGAL/predicates_on_points_2.h>
#include <iostream>
int main() {
    Point p( 1.0, 0.0);
    Point q( 1.3, 1.7);
    Point r( 2.2, 6.8);
    switch ( CGAL::orientation( p, q, r)) {
                                std::cout << "Left turn.\n";</pre>
        case CGAL::LEFTTURN:
                                                                break:
                                std::cout << "Right turn.\n"; break;</pre>
        case CGAL::RIGHTTURN:
                                std::cout << "Collinear.\n";</pre>
        case CGAL::COLLINEAR:
                                                                break:
    return 0;
```

Number Types

- Builtin: double, float, int, long, ...
- CGAL: Filtered_exact, Interval_nt, ...
- Precission X slow-down
- LEDA: leda_integer, leda_rational, leda_real, ...
- Gmpz: CGAL::Gmpz
- others are easy to integrate

Coordinate Representations

- Cartesian p = (x, y): CGAL::Cartesian<Field_type>
- Homogeneous $p = (\frac{x}{w}, \frac{y}{w})$: CGAL::Homogeneous<Ring_type>





Cartesian with double

```
#include <CGAL/Cartesian.h>
#include <CGAL/Point_2.h>
```

```
int main() {
    CGAL::Point_2 < CGAL::Cartesian < double > p( 0.1, 0.2);
}
```



[CGAL at SCG '99]

Cartesian with double

```
#include <CGAL/Cartesian.h>
#include <CGAL/Point_2.h>
typedef CGAL::Cartesian<double>
                                             Rep;
typedef CGAL::Point_2<Rep>
                                             Point;
int main()
    Point p( 0.1, 0.2);
                doubles
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```

Cartesian with Filtered_exact and leda_real

```
#include <CGAL/Cartesian.h>
#include <CGAL/Arithmetic_filter.h>
#include <CGAL/leda real.h>
#include <CGAL/Point_2.h>
                                                    Number type
typedef CGAL::Filtered_exact<double, leda_real>
typedef CGAL::Cartesian<NT>
                                                     Rep;
typedef CGAL::Point_2<Rep>
                                                     Point:
int main()
            p(0.1, 0.2);
    Point
                                        A two-line declaration
                                           changes the
          Filtered exact doubles
                                     precision of all computations
```



[CGAL at SCG '99]

Exact orientation test – homogeneous rep.

```
#include <CGAL/Homogeneous.h>
#include <CGAL/Point_2.h>
#include <CGAL/predicates_on_points_2.h>
#include <iostream>
typedef CGAL::Homogeneous<long>
                                         Rep;
typedef CGAL::Point_2<Rep>
                                         Point:
int main() {
                                            A single-line declaration
    Point p( 10, 0, 10);
                                                 changes the
    Point q( 13, 17, 10);
                                          precision of all computations
    Point r( 22, 68, 10);
    switch ( CGAL::orientation( p, q, r)) {
                                std::cout << "Left turn.\n";
        case CGAL::LEFTTURN:
                                                               break;
        case CGAL::RIGHTTURN:
                                std::cout << "Right turn.\n"; break;
                                std::cout << "Collinear.\n"; break;</pre>
        case CGAL::COLLINEAR:
             Homogeneous points
```

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9.2 Useful geometric tools

- OpenSCAD The Programmers Solid 3D CAD Modeler, http://www.openscad.org/
- J.R. Shewchuk Adaptive Precision Floating-Point Arithmetic and Fast Robust Predicates, Effective implementation of Orientation and InCircle predicates http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~quake/robust.html
- OpenMESH A generic and efficient polygon mesh data structure, https://www.openmesh.org/
- VCG Library The Visualization and Computer Graphics Library, http://vcg.isti.cnr.it/vcglib/
- MeshLab A processing system for 3D triangular meshes https://sourceforge.net/projects/meshlab/?source=navbar





9.3 Collections of geometry resources

- N. Amenta, Directory of Computational Geometry Software, http://www.geom.umn.edu/software/cglist/.
- D. Eppstein, Geometry in Action, http://www.ics.uci.edu/~eppstein/geom.html.
- Jeff Erickson, Computational Geometry Pages, http://compgeom.cs.uiuc.edu/~jeffe/compgeom/





10. Computational geom. course summary

- Gives an overview of geometric algorithms
- Explains their complexity and limitations
- Different algorithms for different data
- We focus on
 - discrete algorithms and precise numbers and predicates
 - principles more than on precise mathematical proofs
 - practical experiences with geometric sw



