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# GEOMETRIC SEARCHING PART 1: POINT LOCATION

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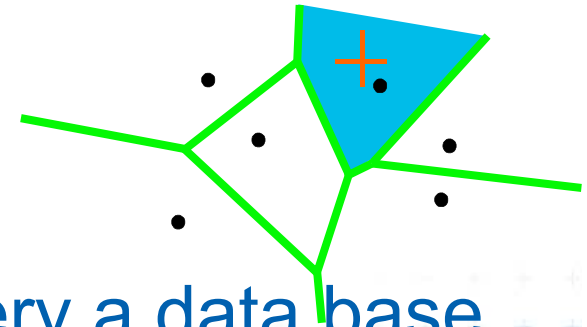
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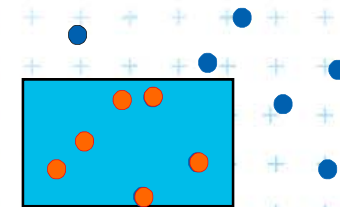
# Geometric searching problems

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- Point location (static) – Where am I?
  - (Find the name of the state, pointed by mouse cursor)
  - Search space  $S$ : a planar (spatial) subdivision
  - Query: **point**  $Q$
  - Answer: **region** containing  $Q$



- Orthogonal range searching – Query a data base  
(Find points, located in  $d$ -dimensional axis-parallel box)
  - Search space  $S$ : a set of points
  - Query: set of orthogonal **intervals**  $q$
  - Answer: subset of **points** in the box
  - (Was studied in DPG)



# Point location

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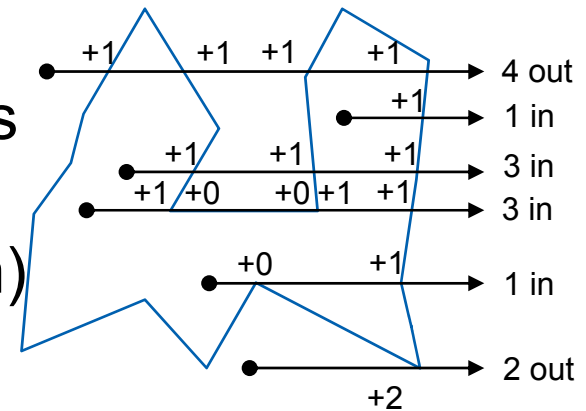
- Point location in polygon
- Planar subdivision
- DCEL data structure
- Point location in planar subdivision
  - slabs
  - monotone sequence
  - trapezoidal map



# Point location in polygon by ray crossing

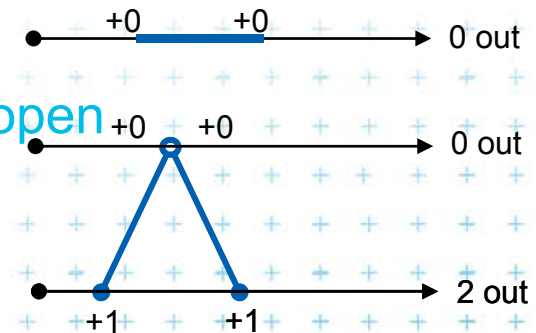
## 1. Ray crossing - $O(n)$

- Compute number  $t$  of intersections of ray with polygon edges (e.g.,  $X+$  after point move to origin)
- If  $\text{odd}(t)$  then inside else out



- Singular cases must be handled!

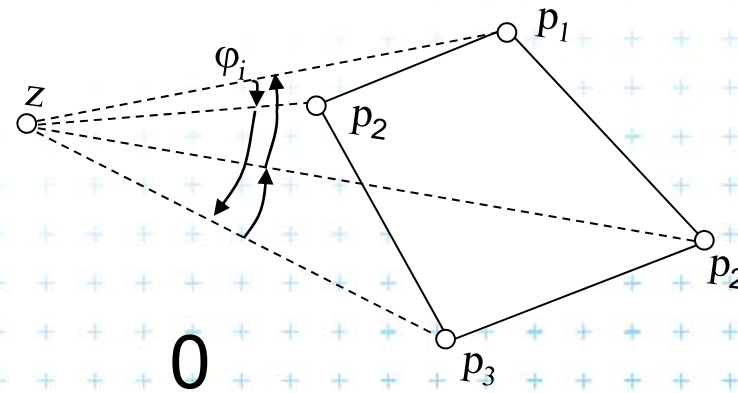
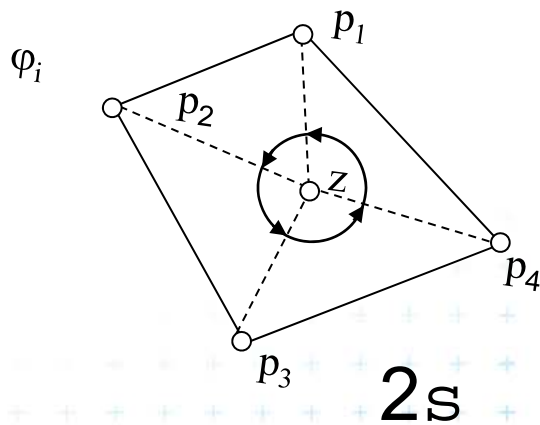
- Do not count horizontal line segments
- Take non-horizontal segments as **half-open** (upper point not part of the segment)



# Point location in polygon

## 2. Winding number - $O(n)$ (number of turns around the point)

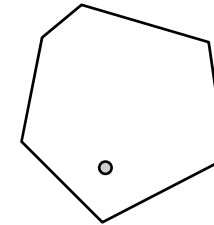
- Sum angles  $\varphi_i = \hat{E}(p_i, z, p_{i+1})$
- If (sum  $\varphi_i = 2\pi$ ) then inside (1 turn)
- If (sum  $\varphi_i = 0$ ) then outside (no turn)
- About 20-times slower than ray crossing



# Point location in polygon

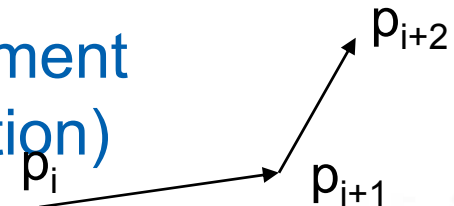
## 3. Position relative to all edges

- For **convex** polygons
- If (left from all edges) then inside

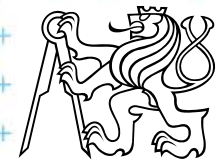


### ■ Position of point in relation to the line segment (Determination of convex polygon orientation)

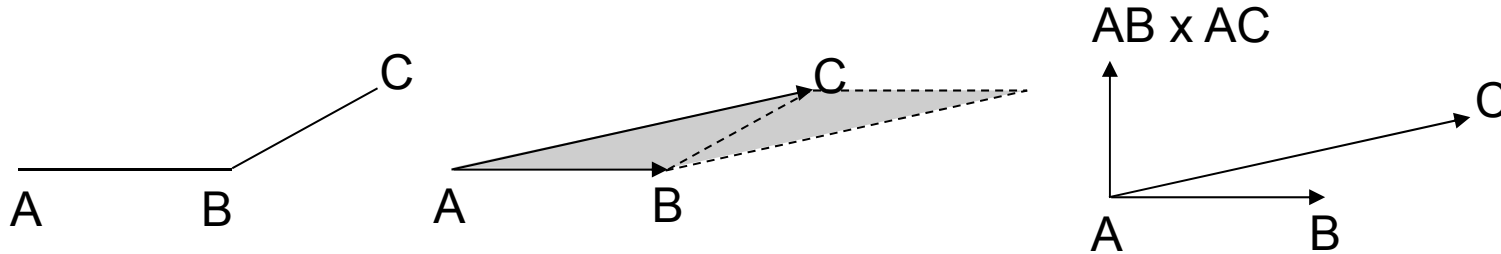
- Convex polygon,  
noncollinear points  $p_i = [x_i, y_i, 1]$ ,  $p_{i+1} = [x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}, 1]$ ,  $p_{i+2} = [x_{i+2}, y_{i+2}, 1]$



$$\begin{vmatrix} x_i & y_i & 1 \\ x_{i+1} & y_{i+1} & 1 \\ x_{i+2} & y_{i+2} & 1 \end{vmatrix} > 0 \Rightarrow \text{point left from edge (CCW polygon)}$$
$$\begin{vmatrix} x_i & y_i & 1 \\ x_{i+1} & y_{i+1} & 1 \\ x_{i+2} & y_{i+2} & 1 \end{vmatrix} < 0 \Rightarrow \text{point right from edge (CW polygon)}$$

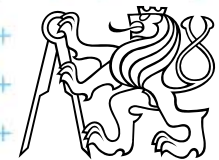


# Area of Triangle



Vector product of vectors  $AB \times AC$

- = Vector perpendicular to both vectors  $AB$  and  $AC$
- For vectors in plane is perpendicular to the plane (normal)
- In 2D (plane  $xy$ ) – has only  $z$ -coordinate is non-zero
- $|AB \times AC|$  =  $z$ -coordinate of the normal vector
- = area of parallelogram
- =  $2 \times$  area  $T$  of triangle  $ABC$



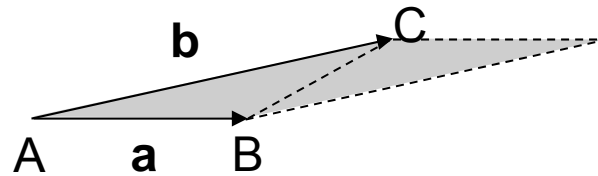
# Area of Triangle

- $T = \frac{1}{2} |\mathbf{AB} \times \mathbf{AC}|$

- $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}$

- $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{A}$

- $T = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{a}_x \mathbf{b}_y - \mathbf{a}_y \mathbf{b}_x)$

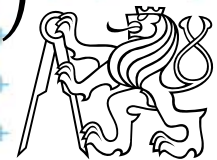


$$\Rightarrow 2T = A_x B_y + B_x C_y + C_x A_y - A_x C_y - B_x A_y - C_x B_y$$

$$2T = \begin{vmatrix} A_x & A_y & 1 \\ B_x & B_y & 1 \\ C_x & C_y & 1 \end{vmatrix} = A_x B_y + B_x C_y + C_x A_y - A_x C_y - B_x A_y - C_x B_y$$

Počítáme orientation jako  $\text{sign}(2T)$  nebo

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

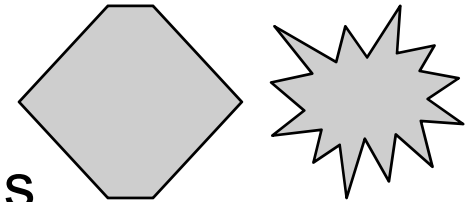




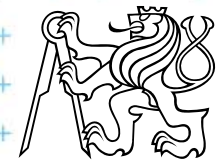
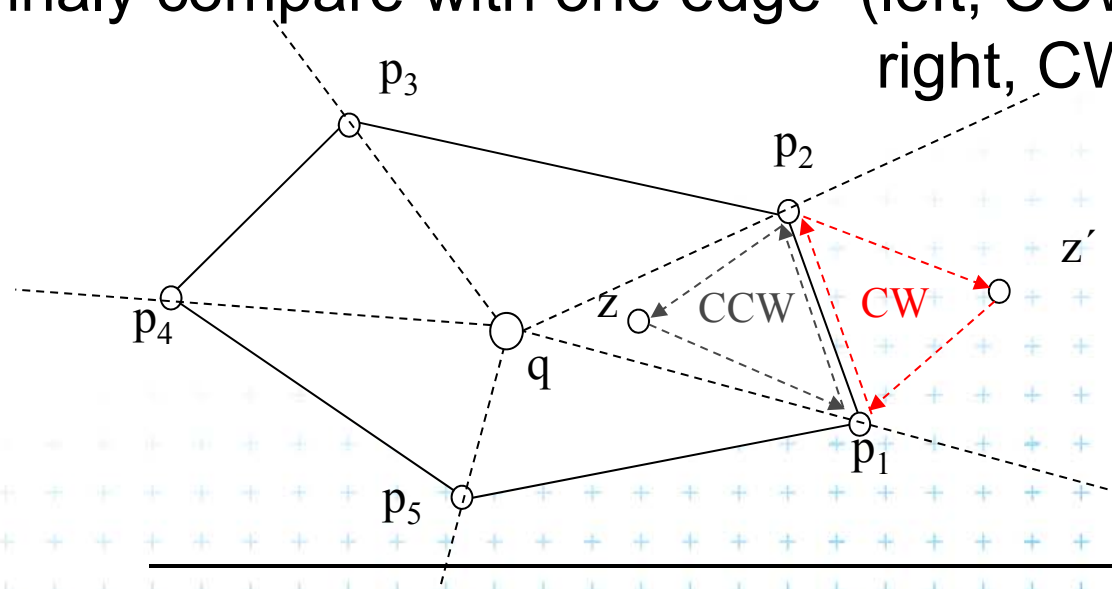
# Point location in polygon

## 4. Binary search in angles

Works for convex and star-shaped polygons



1. Choose any point  $q$  inside / in the polygon core
2.  $q$  forms wedges with polygon edges
3. Binary search of **wedge** výseč based on angle
4. Finally compare with one edge (left, CCW  $\Rightarrow$  in, right, CW  $\Rightarrow$  out)



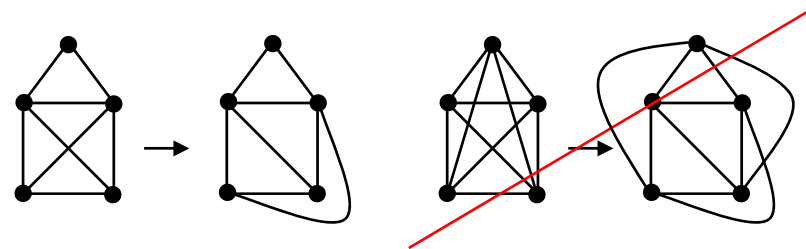
# Planar graph

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## Planar graph

$U$ =set of nodes,  $H$ =set of arcs

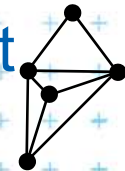
= Graph  $G = (U, H)$  is planar, if it can be embedded into plane without crossings



## Planar embedding of planar graph $G = (U, H)$

= mapping of each *node* in  $U$  to *vertex* in the plane and each *arc* in  $H$  into *simple curve (edge)* between the two images of extreme nodes of the arc, so that **no two images of arc intersect** except at their endpoints

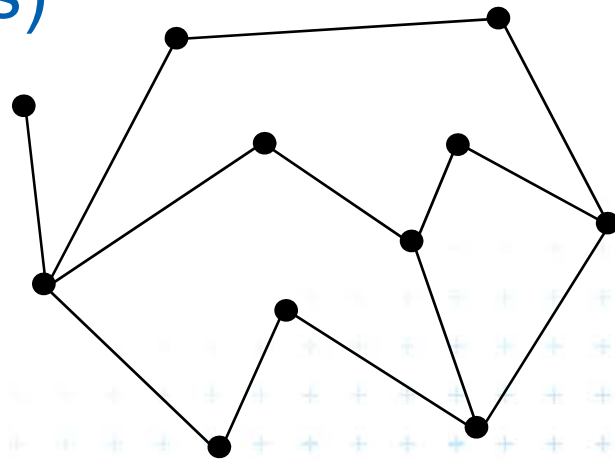
Every planar graph can be embedded in such a way that arcs map to straight line segments [Fáry 1948]



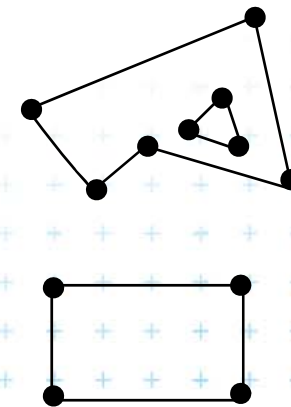
# Planar subdivision

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- = Partition of the plane determined by straight line planar embedding of a planar graph.  
Also called PSLG – Planar Straight Line Graph
- (embedding of a planar graph in the plane such that its arcs are mapped into straight line segments)



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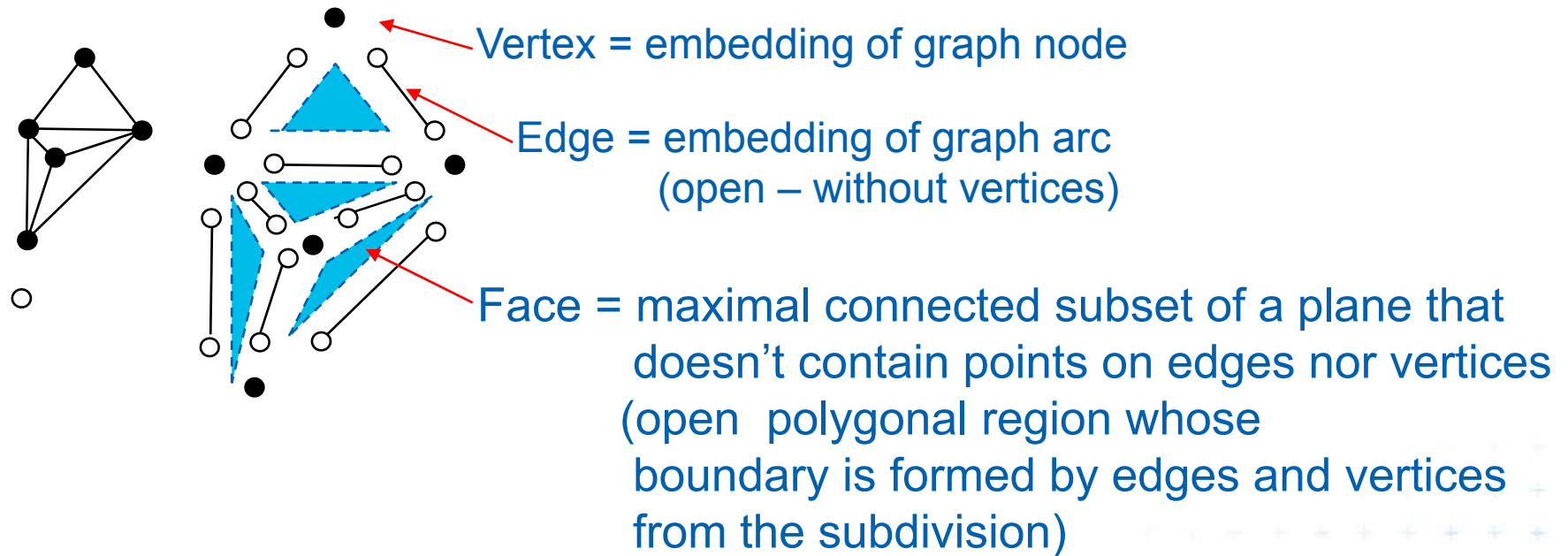


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# Planar subdivision

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Complexity (size) of a subdivision = sum of number of vertices +  
+ number of edges +  
+ number of faces it consists of

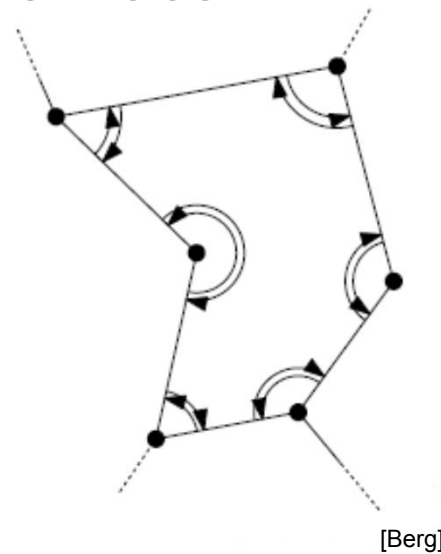
Euler's formula:  $|V| - |E| + |F| \geq 2$



# DCEL = Double Connected Edge List

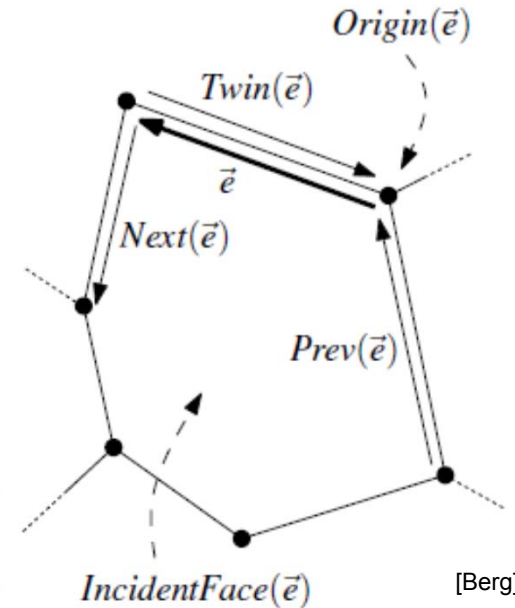
- A structure for storage of planar subdivision
- Operations like:

Walk around boundary of a given face



Pointers to next and prev edge

Get incident face



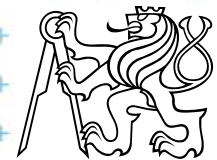
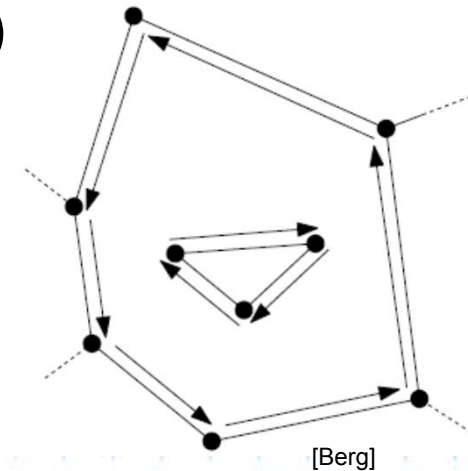
Half-edge, op.  $Twin(e)$ , unique  $Next(e)$ ,  $Prev(e)$



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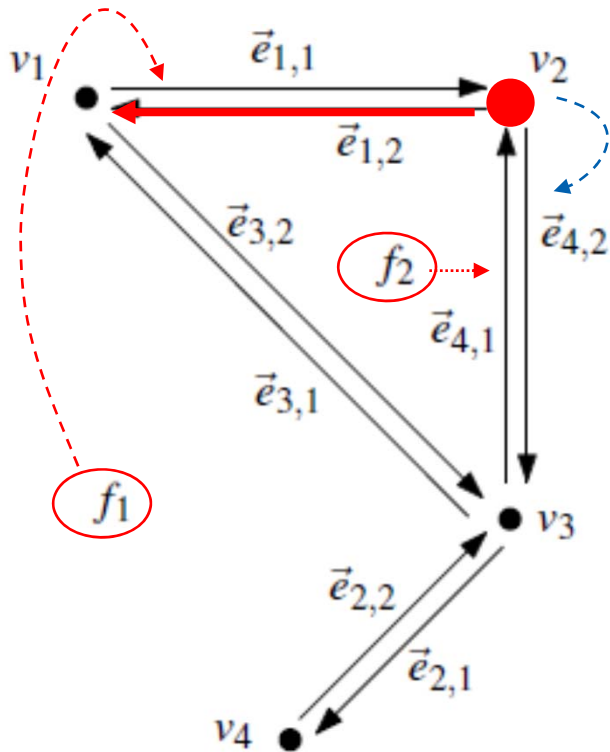
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- Vertex record  $v$ 
  - $\text{Coordinates}(v)$  and pointer to one  $\text{IncidentEdge}(v)$
- Face record  $f$ 
  - $\text{OuterComponent}(f)$  pointer (boundary)
  - List of holes –  $\text{InnerComponent}(f)$
- Half-edge record  $e$ 
  - $\text{Origin}(e)$ ,  $\text{Twin}(e)$ ,  $\text{IncidentFace}(e)$
  - $\text{Next}(e)$ ,  $\text{Prev}(e)$
  - [  $\text{Dest}(e) = \text{Origin}(\text{Twin}(e))$  ]
- Possible attribute data for each





# DCEL = Double Connected Edge List



Vertex	Coordinates	IncidentEdge
$v_1$	(0,4)	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
$v_2$	(2,4)	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$
$v_3$	(2,2)	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$
$v_4$	(1,1)	$\vec{e}_{2,2}$

One of edges

List of holes

Face	OuterComponent	InnerComponents
$f_1$	nil	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$
$f_2$	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	nil

Half-edge	Origin	Twin	IncidentFace	Next	Prev
$\vec{e}_{1,1}$	$v_1$	$\vec{e}_{1,2}$	$f_1$	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$	$\vec{e}_{3,1}$
$\vec{e}_{1,2}$	$v_2$	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$	$f_2$	$\vec{e}_{3,2}$	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$
$\vec{e}_{2,1}$	$v_3$	$\vec{e}_{2,2}$	$f_1$	$\vec{e}_{2,2}$	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$
$\vec{e}_{2,2}$	$v_4$	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$	$f_1$	$\vec{e}_{3,1}$	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$
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$\vec{e}_{3,2}$	$v_1$	$\vec{e}_{3,1}$	$f_2$	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	$\vec{e}_{1,2}$
$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	$v_3$	$\vec{e}_{4,2}$	$f_2$	$\vec{e}_{1,2}$	$\vec{e}_{3,2}$
$\vec{e}_{4,2}$	$v_2$	$\vec{e}_{4,1}$	$f_1$	$\vec{e}_{2,1}$	$\vec{e}_{1,1}$

[Berg]



# DCEL simplifications

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- If no operations with vertices and no attributes
  - No vertex table (no separate vertex records)
  - Store vertex coords in half-edge origin (in the half-edge table)
- If no need for faces (e.g. river network)
  - No face record and no IncidentFace() field (in the half-edge table)
- If only connected subdivision allowed
  - Join holes with rest by dummy edges
  - Visit all half-edges by simple graph traversal
  - No InnerComponent() list for faces





# Point location in planar subdivision

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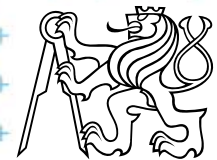
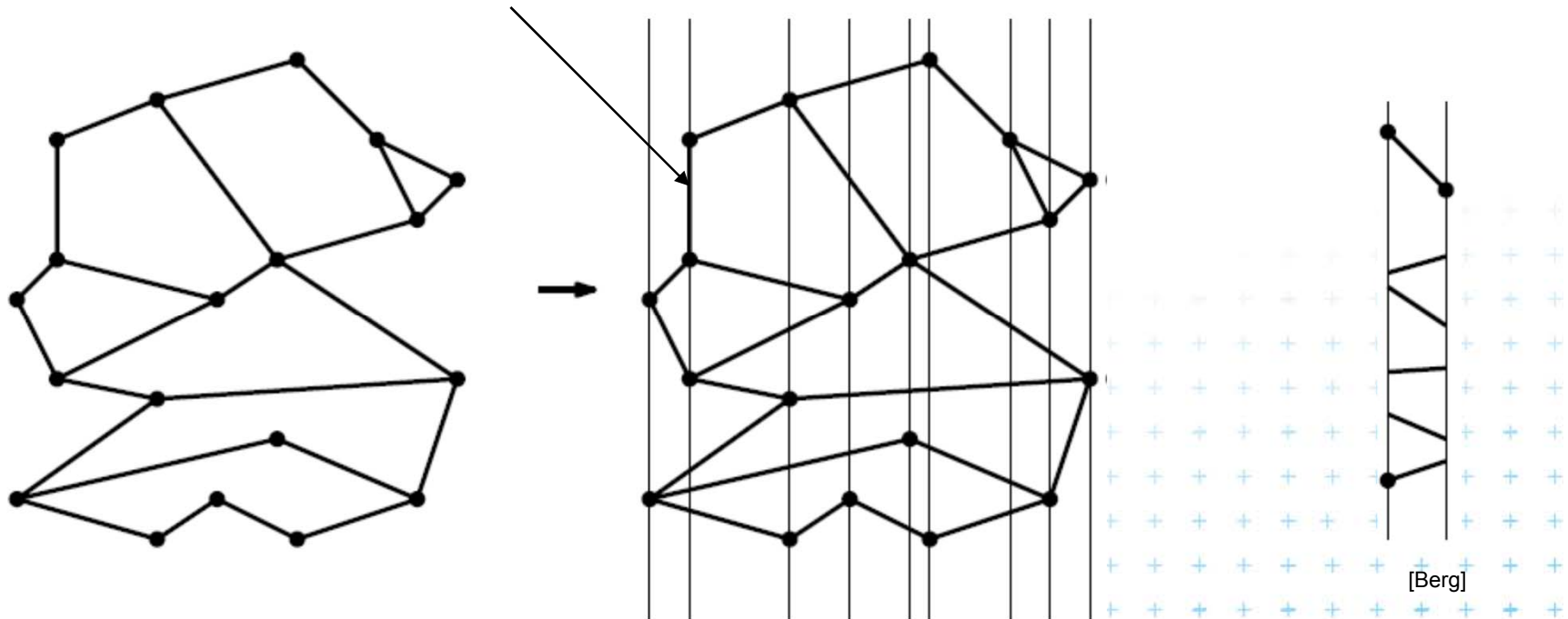
- Using special search structures  
an optimal algorithm can be made with
  - $O(n)$  preprocessing,
  - $O(n)$  memory and
  - $O(\log n)$  query time.
- Simpler methods
  1. Slabs  $O(\log n)$  query,  $O(n^2)$  memory
  2. monotone chain tree  $O(\log^2 n)$  query,  $O(n^2)$  memory
  3. trapezoidal map  $O(\log n)$  query expected time  
 $O(n)$  expected memory



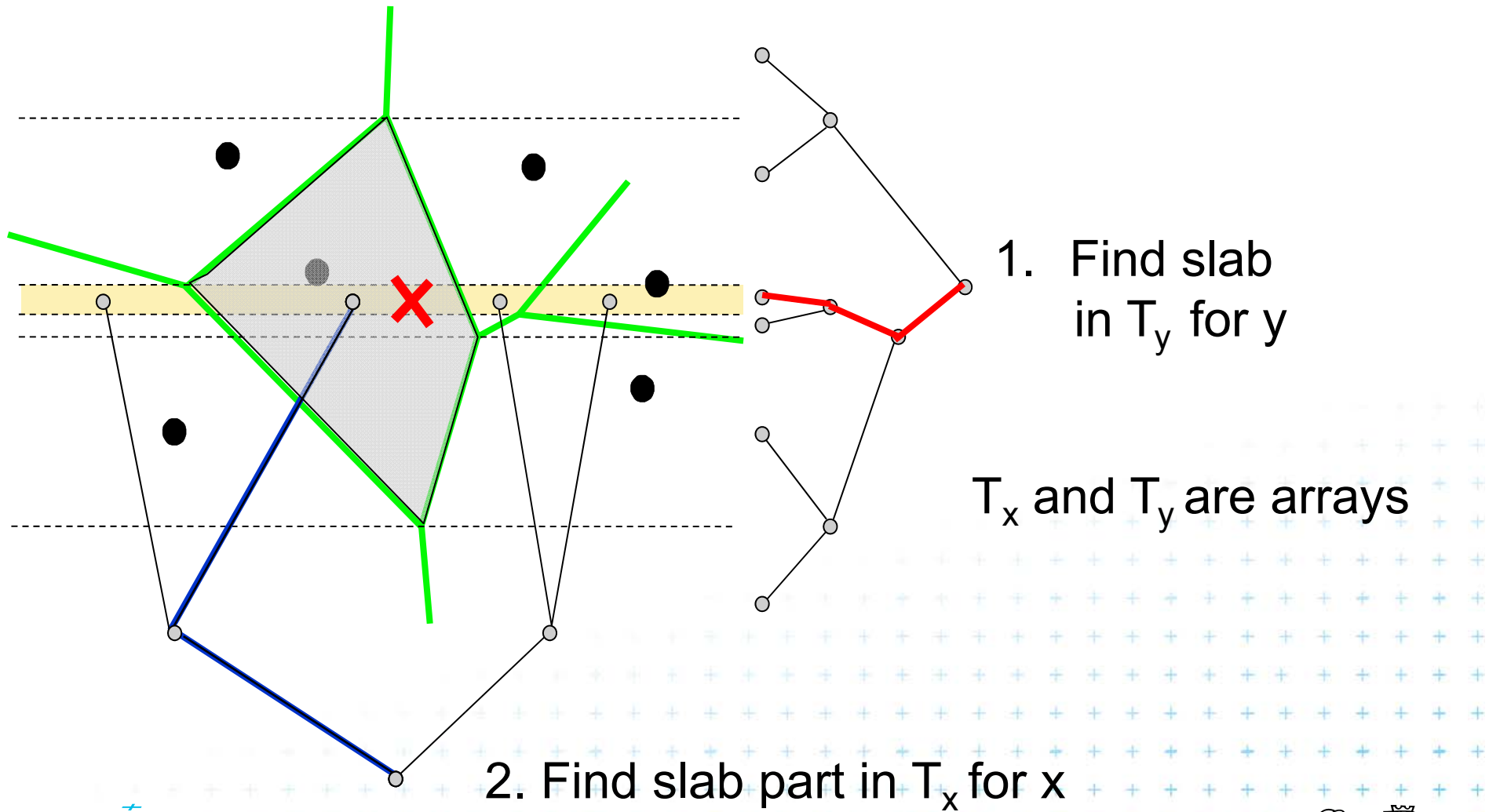
# 1. Vertical (horizontal) slabs

[Dobkin and Lipton, 1976]

- Draw vertical or horizontal lines through vertices
- It partitions the plane into vertical slabs
  - Avoid points with same x coordinate (to be solved later)

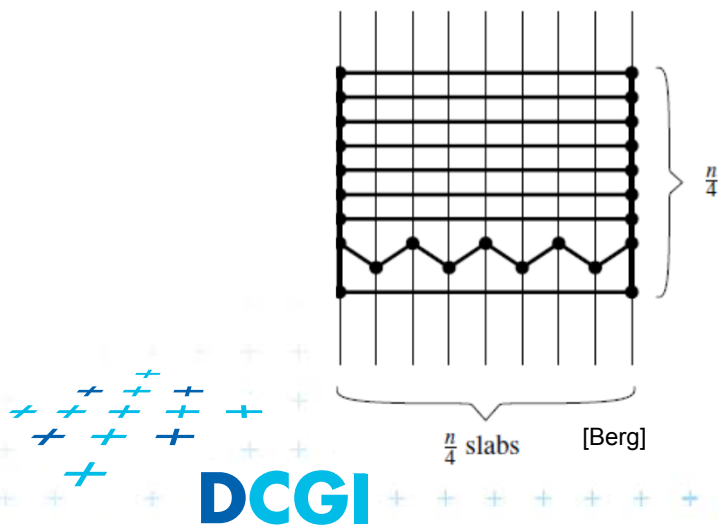


# Horizontal slabs example



# Horizontal slabs complexity

- Query time  $O(\log n)$ 
  - $O(\log n)$  time in slab array  $T_y$  (size max  $2n$  endpoints)
  - +  $O(\log n)$  time in slab array  $T_x$  (slab crossed max by  $n$  edges)
- Memory  $O(n^2)$ 
  - Slabs: Array with y-coordinates of vertices ...  $O(n)$
  - For each slab  $O(n)$  edges intersecting the slab



$O(n \log n)$  construction

$O(\log n)$  query

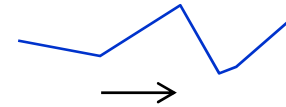
$O(n^2)$  memory



# 2. Monotone chain tree

[Lee and Preparata, 1977]

- Construct monotone planar subdivision
  - The edges are all monotone in the same direction
- Each separator chain
  - is monotone (can be projected to line and searched)
  - splits the plane into two parts – allows binary search

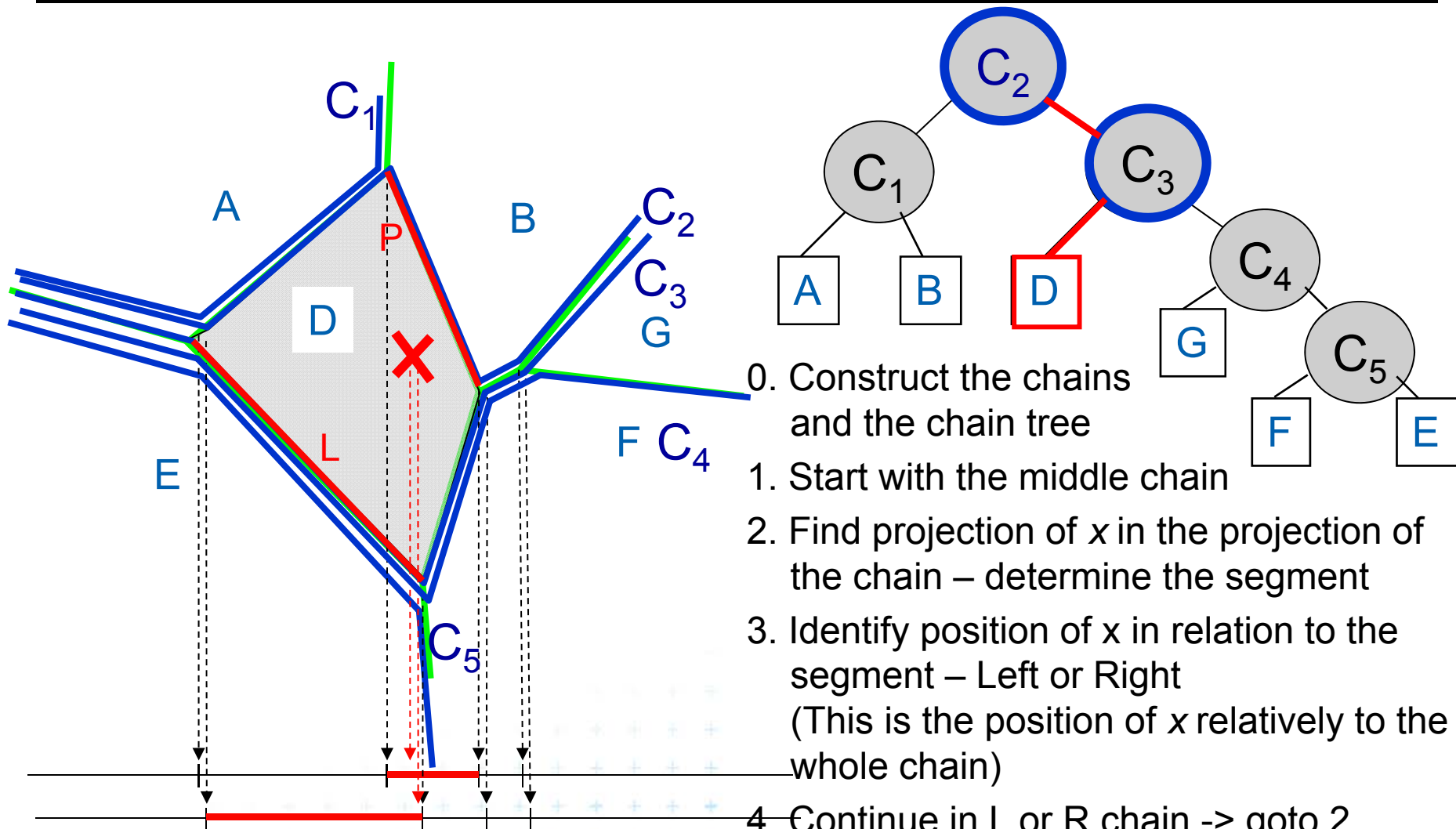


## ■ Algorithm

- Preprocess: Find the separators (e.g., horizontal)
- Search:
  - Binary search among separators (Y) ...  $O(\log n)$
  - Binary search along the separator (X) ...  $O(\log n)$
- Not optimal, but simple  $O(\log^2 n)$  query
- Can be made optimal, but the algorithm and data structures are complicated  $O(n^2)$  memory



# Monotone chain tree example



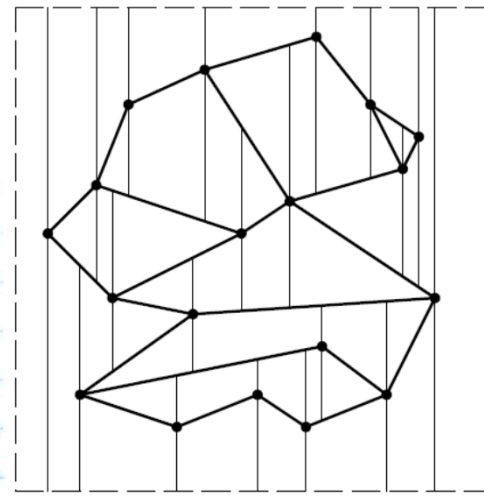
0. Construct the chains and the chain tree
1. Start with the middle chain
2. Find projection of  $x$  in the projection of the chain – determine the segment
3. Identify position of  $x$  in relation to the segment – Left or Right  
(This is the position of  $x$  relatively to the whole chain)
4. Continue in L or R chain -> goto 2. or stop if in the leaf





# 3. Trapezoidal map (TM) search

- The simplest and most practical known optimal algorithm
- Randomized algorithm with  $O(n)$  expected storage and  $O(\log n)$  expected query time
- Expectation depends on the random order of segments during construction, not on the position of the segments
- TM is refinement of original subdivision
- Converts complex shapes into simple ones
- Weaker assumption on input:
  - Input individual segments, not polygons
  - $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$
  - $S_i$  subset of first  $i$  segments
  - Answer: segment below the pointed trapezoid ( $G$ )

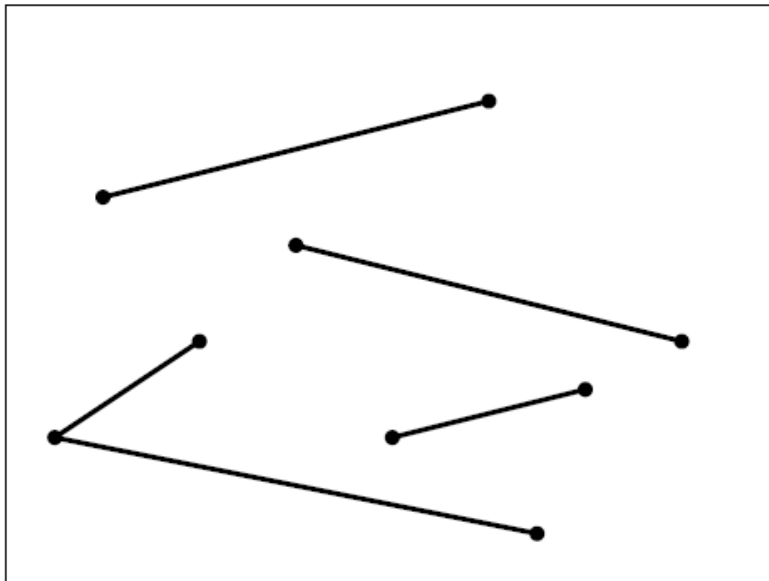


$R$   
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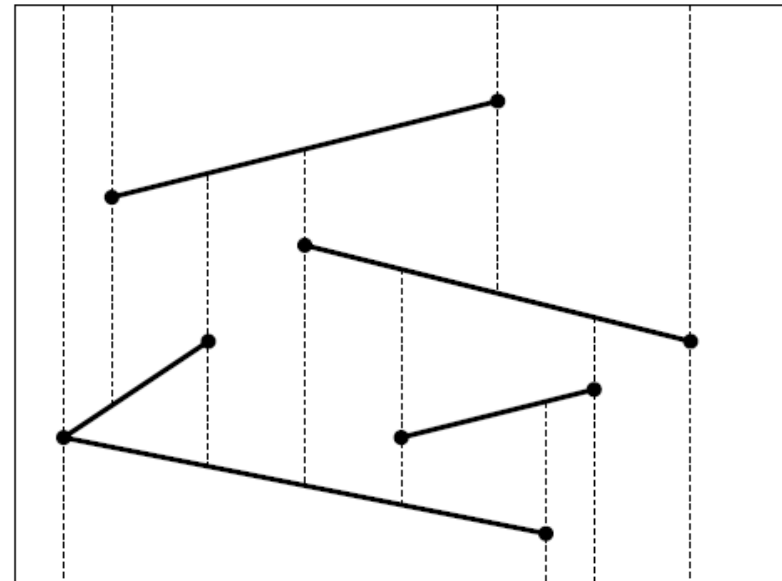
# Trapezoidal map of line segments in general position

Input: individual segments  $S$



Construction →

Trapezoidal map  $T$



[Mount]

- They do not intersect, except in endpoints
- No vertical segments
- No 2 distinct endpoints with the same x-coordinate

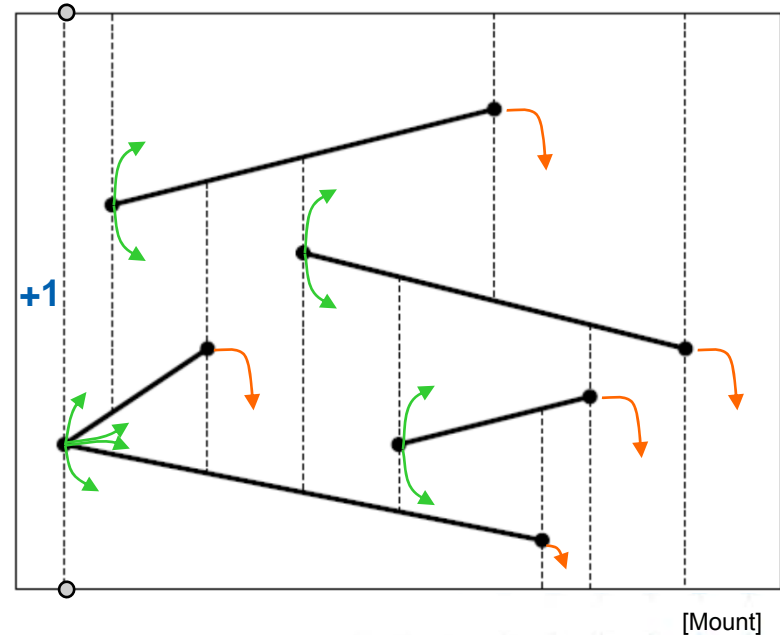
- Bounding rectangle
- 4 Bullets up and down
- Stop on input segment or on bounding rectangle

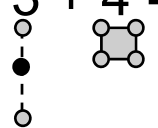




# Trapezoidal map of line segments in general position

- Faces are trapezoids  $G$  with vertical sides
- Given  $n$  segments, TM has
  - at most  $6n+4$  vertices
  - at most  $3n+1$  trapezoids



- Proof:
  - each point 2 bullets  $\rightarrow 1+2$  points
  - $2n$  endpoints  $\cdot 3 + 4 = 6n+4$  vertices
    - 
  - start point  $\rightarrow$  max 2 trapezoids
  - end point  $\rightarrow$  1 trapezoid
  - $3 \cdot (n \text{ segments}) + 1 \text{ left } G \Rightarrow \text{max } 3n+1 G$

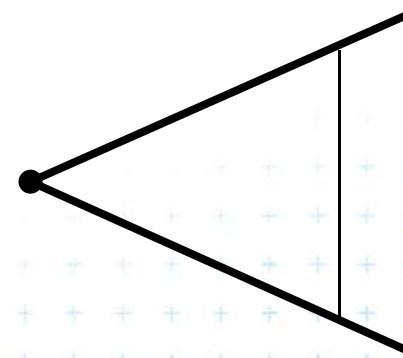
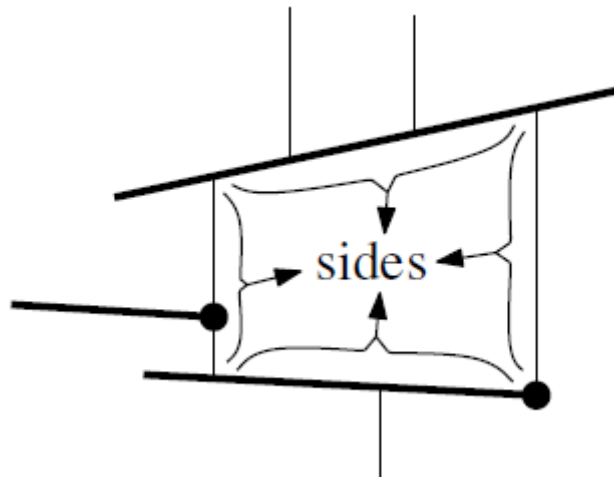


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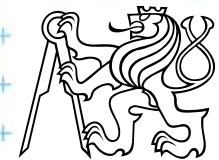
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Each face has

- one or two **vertical sides** (trapezoid or triangle) and
- exactly two **non-vertical sides**



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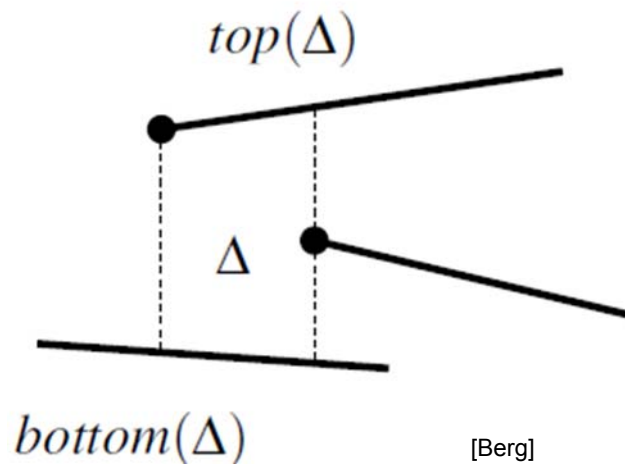


# Two non-vertical sides

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## Non-vertical side

- is contained in a segment of  $S$
- or in the horizontal edge of bounding rectangle  $R$

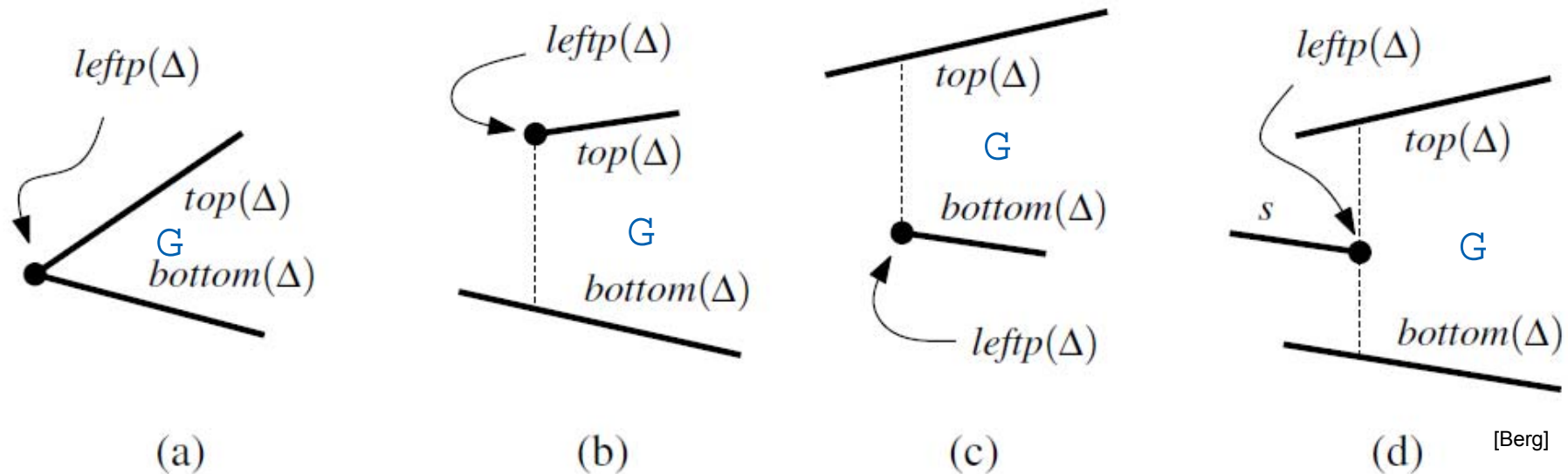


$top(G)$  - bounds from above

$bottom(G)$  - bounds from below



# Vertical sides – left vertical side of $G$



Left vertical side is defined by the segment end-point  $p = \text{leftp}(G)$

(a) common left point  $p$  itself

(b) by the lower vert. extension of left point  $p$  ending at  $\text{bottom}()$

(c) by the upper vert. extension of left point  $p$  ending at  $\text{top}()$

(d) by both vert. extensions of the right point  $p$

(e) the left edge of the bounding rectangle  $R$  (leftmost  $G$  only)



# Vertical sides - summary

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**Vertical edges** are defined by segment endpoints

- $leftp(G)$  = the end point defining the left edge of  $G$
- $rightp(G)$  = the end point defining the right edge of  $G$

**$leftp(G)$**  is

- the **left endpoint** of  $top()$  or  $bottom()$  (a,b,c)
- the **right point** of a third segment (d)
- the **lower left corner** of  $R$  (e)



# Trapezoid $G$

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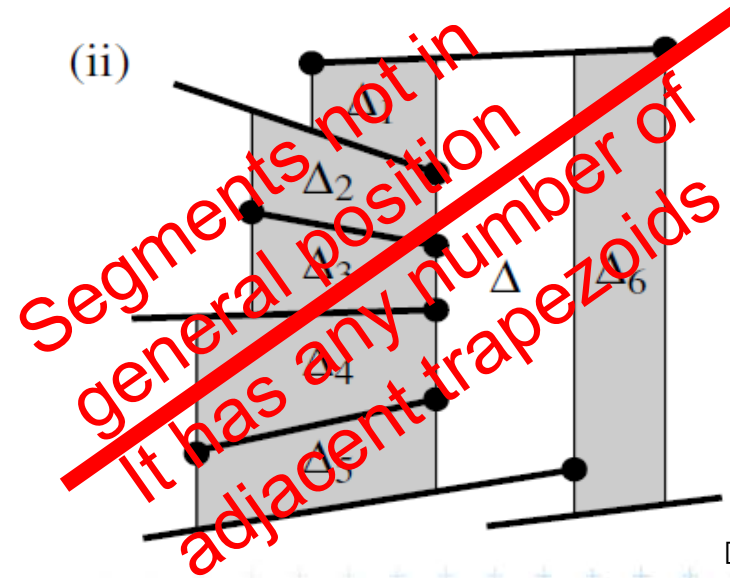
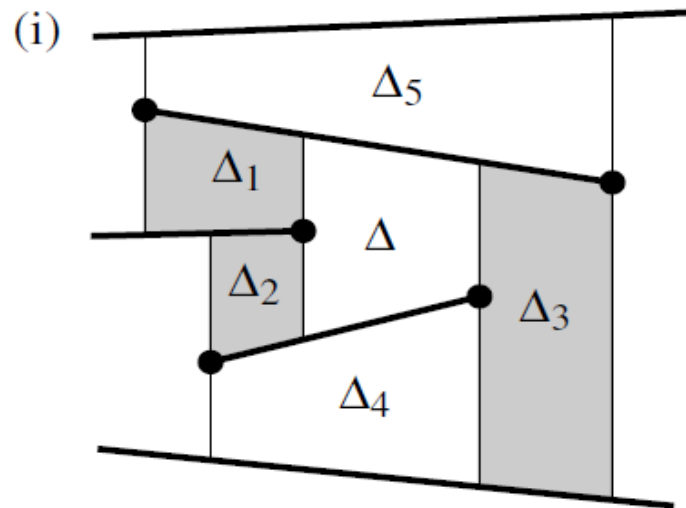
- Trapezoid  $G$  is uniquely defined by the segments  $top(G)$ ,  $bottom(G)$
- And by the endpoints  $lefttp(G)$ ,  $righttp(G)$





# Adjacency of trapezoids segments in general position

- Trapezoids  $G$  and  $G'$  are **adjacent**, if they meet along a vertical edge



[Berg]

- $G_1$  = upper left neighbor of  $G$  (common  $top(G)$  edge)
- $G_2$  = lower left neighbor of  $G$  (common  $bottom(G)$ )
- $G_3$  is a right neighbor of  $G$  (common  $top(G)$  &  $bottom(G)$ )

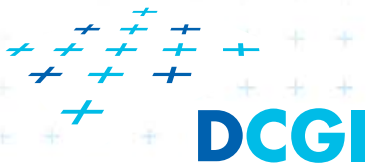


# Representation of the trapezoidal map $T$

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Special trapezoidal map structure  $T(S)$  stores:

- Records for all **line segments** and **end points**
- Records for each **trapezoid**  $G \in T(S)$ 
  - Definition of  $G$  - pointers to segments  $top(G)$ ,  $bottom(G)$ ,  
- pointers to points  $leftp(G)$ ,  $rightp(G)$
  - Pointers to its max **four neighboring trapezoids**
  - Pointer to the **leaf  $\square$  in the search structure  $D$**  (see below)
- Does not store the geometry explicitly!
- Geometry of trapezoids is computed in  $O(1)$

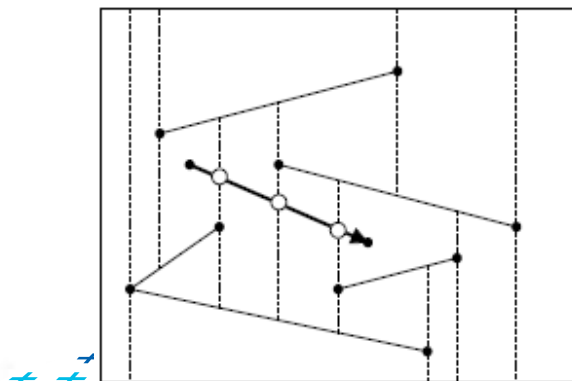




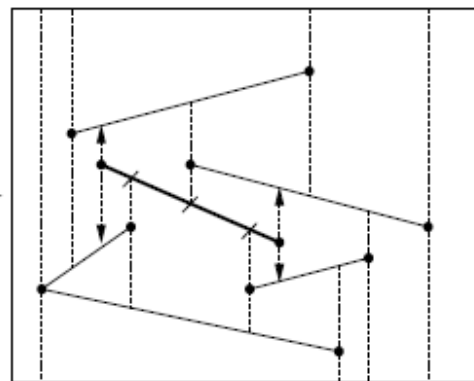
# Construction of trapezoidal map

## ■ Randomized incremental algorithm

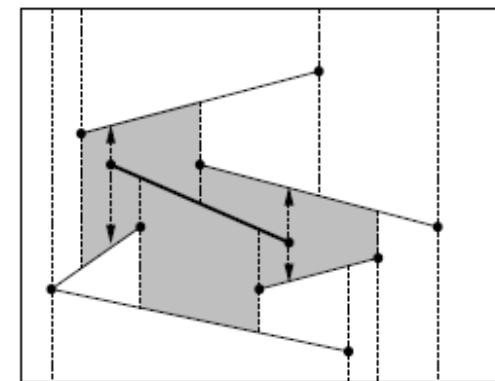
1. Create the initial bounding rectangle ( $T_0 = 1G$ ) ...  $O(n)$
2. Randomize the order of segments in  $S$
3. for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
4.   Add segment  $S_i$  to trapezoidal map  $T_i$
5.     locate left endpoint of  $S_i$  in  $T_{i-1}$
6.     find intersected trapezoids
7.     shoot 4 bullets from endpoints of  $S_i$
8.     trim intersected vertical bullet paths



Locate left endpoint and determine intersections



Shoot new bullet paths and trim intersecting rays



Newly created trapezoids

[Mount]

# Trapezoidal map point location

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- While creating the trapezoidal map  $T$  construct the *Point location data structure*  $D$
- Query this data structure



# Point location data structure D

- Rooted directed **acyclic graph** (not a tree!!)

- Leaves  $\square$  – trapezoids, each appears exactly once

- Internal nodes – 2 outgoing edges, guide the search

$\circ p_1$  x-node – x-coord  $x_0$  of segment start- or end-point

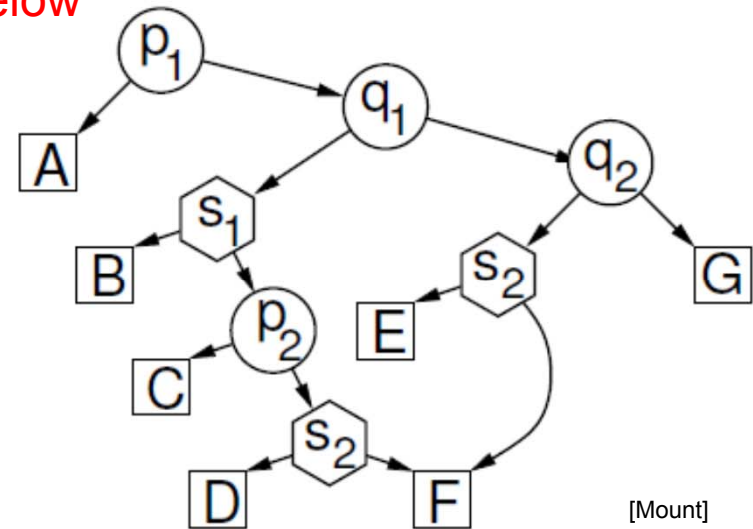
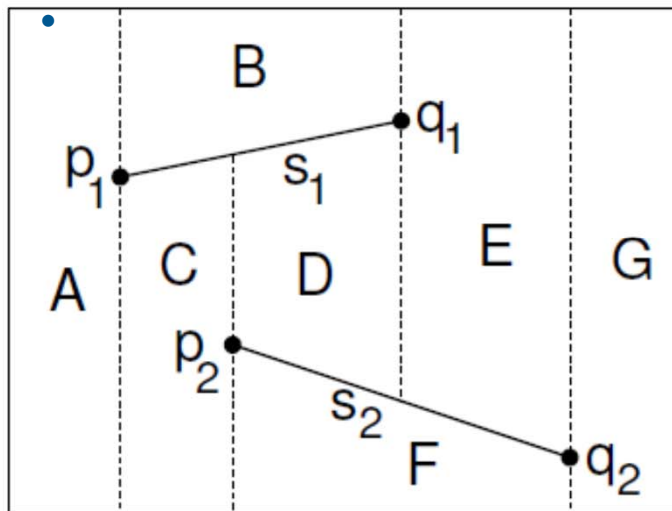
left child lies left of vertical line  $x=x_0$

right child lies right of vertical line  $x=x_0$

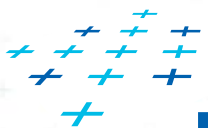
- used first to detect the vertical slab

$\hexagon s_1$  y-node – pointer to the line segment of the subdivision (not only its y!!!)

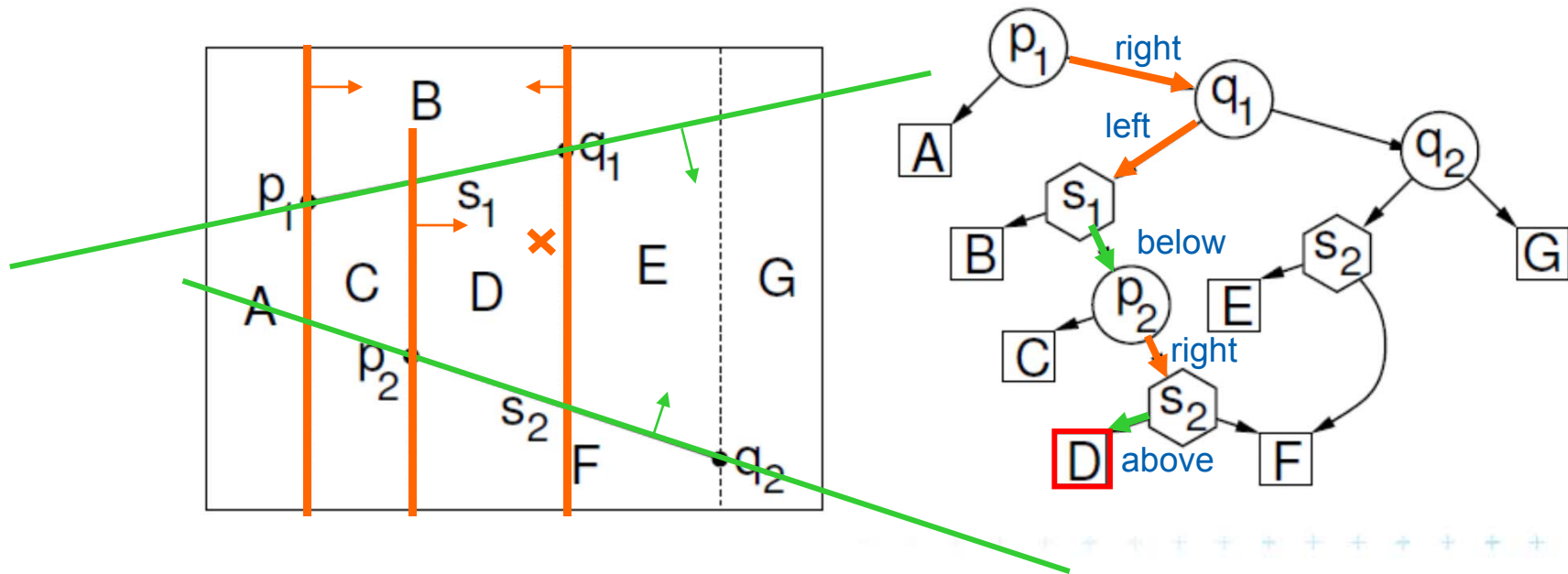
- left – **above**, right – **below**



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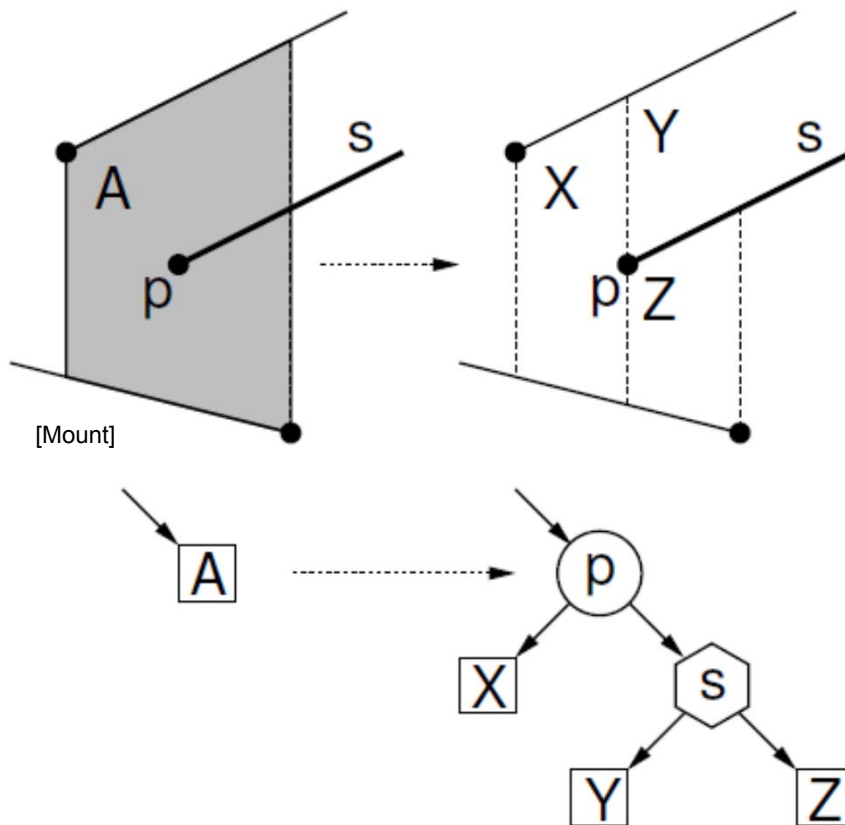


# TM search example



# Construction – addition of a segment

a) Single (left or right) endpoint - 3 new trapezoids



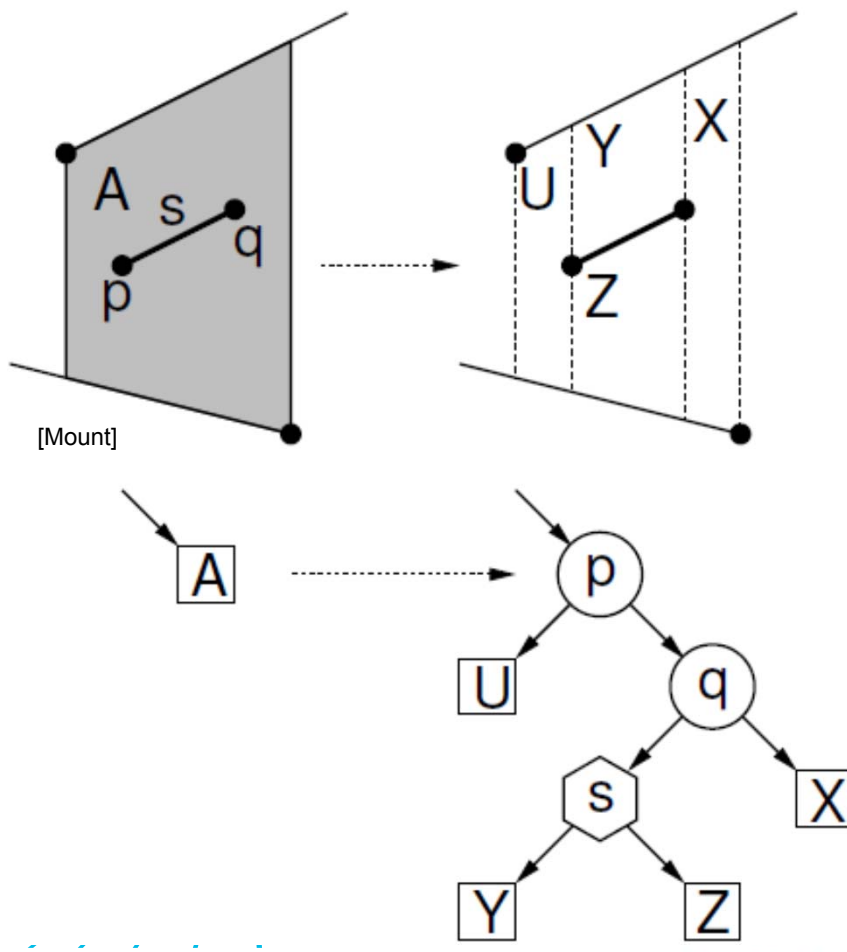
Trapezoid  $A$  replaced by

- \* x-node for point  $p$
- add left leaf for  $X$   $G$
- add right subtree
- \* y-node for segment  $s$
- add left leaf for  $Y$   $G$  above
- add right leaf  $Z$   $G$  below



# Construction – addition of a segment

## b) Two segment endpoints – 4 new trapezoids



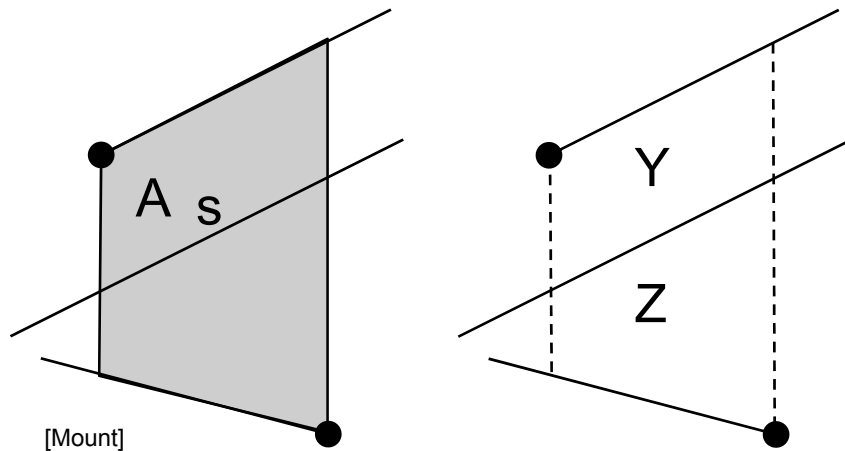
Trapezoid A replaced by

- \* x-node for point  $p$
- \* x-node for point  $q$
- \* y-node for segment  $s$
- add leaves for U, X, Y, Z



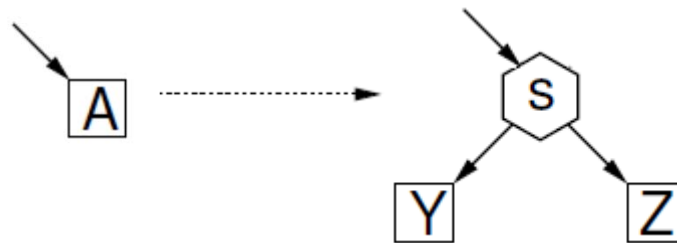
# Construction – addition of a segment

c) No segment endpoint – create 2 trapezoids



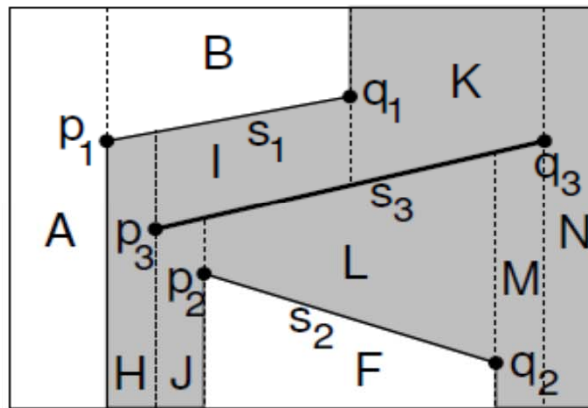
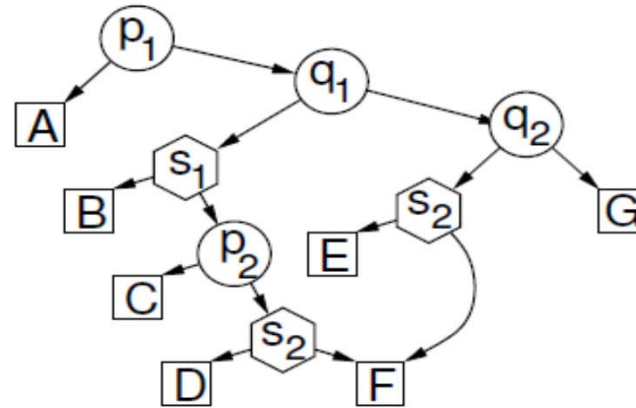
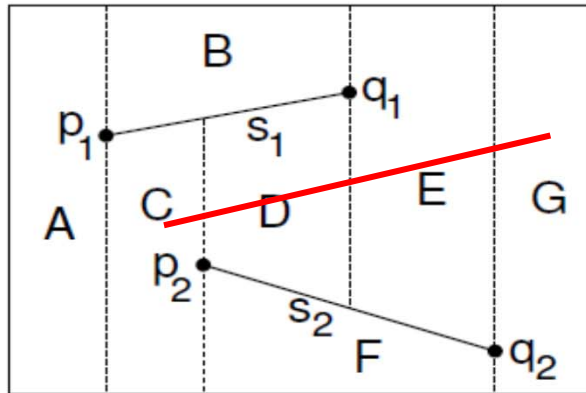
Trapezoid A replaced by

- \* y-node for segment s
- add leaves for Y, Z

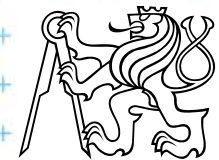
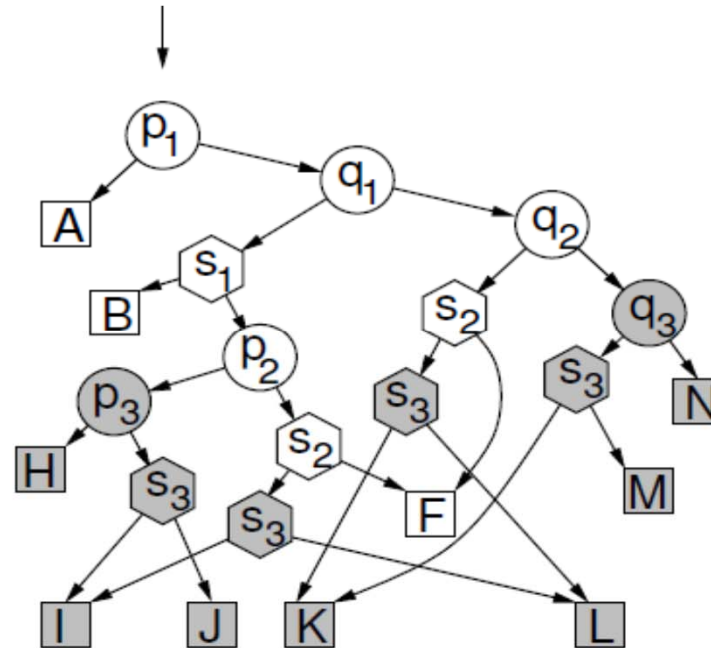




# Segment insertion example



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# Analysis and proofs

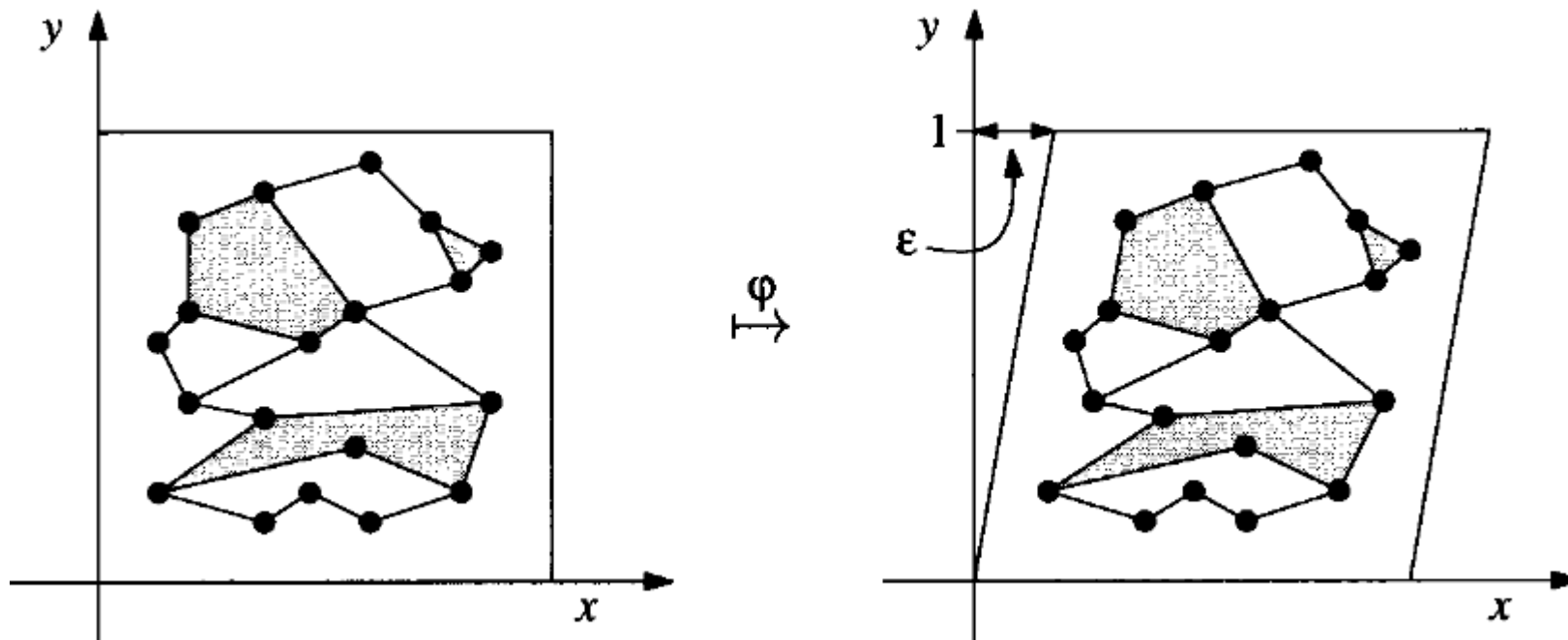
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- This holds:
  - Number of newly created  $G$  for inserted segment:  
 $k_i = K+4 \Rightarrow O(k_i) = O(1)$  for  $K$  trimmed bullet paths
  - Search point  $O(\log n)$  in average  
 $\Rightarrow$  Expected construction  $O(n(1 + \log n)) = O(n \log n)$
- For detailed analysis and proofs see
  - [Berg] or [Mount]

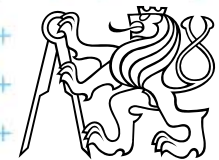


# Handling of degenerate cases - principle

- No distinct endpoints lie on common vertical line
  - Rotate or shear the coordinates  $x' = x + \phi y$ ,  $y' = y$



[Berg]

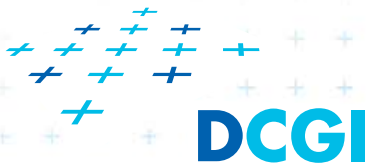


# Handling of degenerate cases - realization

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## ■ Trick

- store original  $(x, y)$ , not the sheared  $x', y'$
  - we need to perform just 2 operations:
1. For two points  $p, q$  determine if transformed point  $q$  is to the left, to the right or on vertical line through point  $p$ 
    - If  $x_p = x_q$  then compare  $y_p$  and  $y_q$  (on only for  $y_p = y_q$ )
    - => use the original coords  $(x, y)$  and **lexicographic order**
  2. For segment given by two points decide if 3<sup>rd</sup> point  $q$  lies above, below or on the segment  $p_1 p_2$ 
    - Mapping preserves this relation
    - => use the original coords  $(x, y)$



# Point location summary

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- **Slab method** [Dobkin and Lipton, 1976]
  - $O(n^2)$  memory  $O(\log n)$  time
- **Monotone chain tree in planar subdivision** [Lee and Preparata, 77]
  - $O(n^2)$  memory  $O(\log^2 n)$  time
- **Layered directed acyclic graph (Layered DAG) in planar subdivision** [Chazelle, Guibas, 1986] [Edelsbrunner, Guibas, and Stolfi, 1986]
  - $O(n)$  memory  $O(\log n)$  time => optimal algorithm of planar subdivision search (optimal but complex alg. => see elsewhere)
- **Trapeziodal map**
  - $O(n)$  expected memory  $O(\log n)$  expected time
  - $O(n \log n)$  expected preprocessing (simple alg.)



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