

# A study of discrete curves based on arithmetic discrete straight lines

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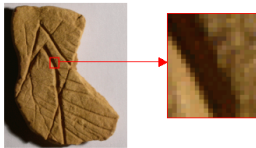
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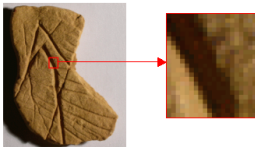
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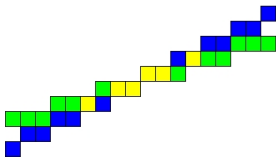
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Euclidean theorems are not satisfactory



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## History

70's : A. Rosenfeld, G. Herman, E. Khalimsky

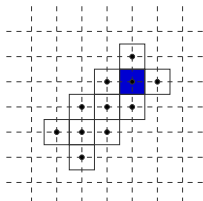
Objective : to define a theoretical framework to transpose in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  the basic notions of Euclidean geometry

### Discrete Geometry

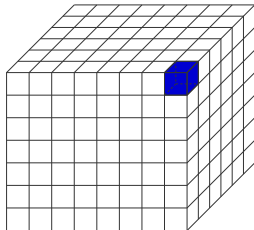
- Grid (representation of data)
- Topology
- Basic Objects (points, straight lines, planes, ...)
- Adapted algorithmic process

## Regular Grids

2D discrete space



3D discrete space



## Connectivity

Neighborhood relations



4-connectivity

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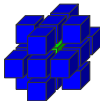
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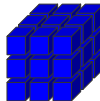
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6-connectivity



18-connectivity



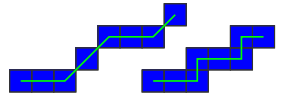
26-connectivity

$\alpha$ -connectivity or  $\alpha$ -adjacency

## Curves

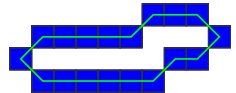
### $k$ -Arc

Let  $\mathcal{E} = \{p_i\}_{i=0..n}$  be a set of discrete points and a relation of  $k$ -adjacency,  $\mathcal{E}$  is called a  $k$ -arc if for each element  $p_i$  of  $\mathcal{E}$ ,  $p_i$  has exactly two  $k$ -neighbour points in  $\mathcal{E}$ , excepted  $p_0$  and  $p_n$  called extremities of the arc.



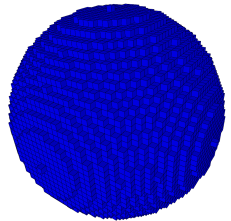
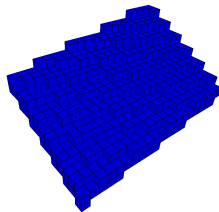
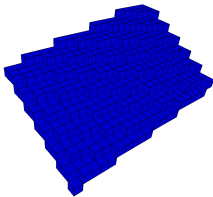
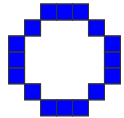
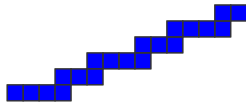
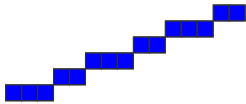
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## Discrete Primitives



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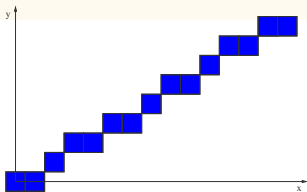
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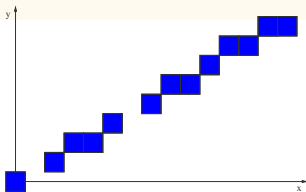
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$\omega < \max(|a|, |b|) : \mathcal{D}$  is not connected



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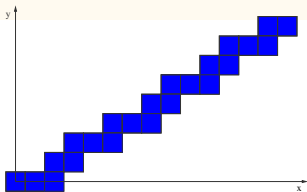
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$\omega = |a| + |b|$  :  $\mathcal{D}$  is a 4-arc and is called a [standard line](#)



$$\mathcal{D}(5, 8, -1, 13) : -1 \leq 5x - 8y < 12$$

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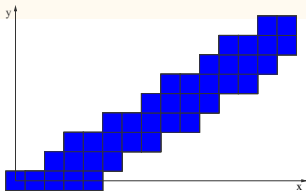
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$\omega > |a| + |b|$  :  $\mathcal{D}$  is called a **thick line**



$$\mathcal{D}(5, 8, -1, 22) : -1 \leq 5x - 8y < 21$$

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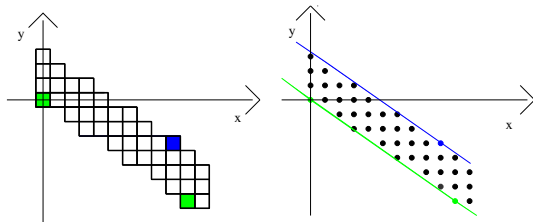
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## Leaning lines and points

### Definition

- **Leaning lines** of  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  :  
Real lines  $ax - by = \mu$  and  $ax - by = \mu + \omega - 1$
- **Leaning points** of  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$
- **Recognized segment** of  $\mathcal{D}$  : a segment of  $\mathcal{D}$  that contains at least 3 leaning points



Recognized segment of  $\mathcal{D}(7, -10, 0, 34)$  :  $0 \leq 7x + 10y < 34$

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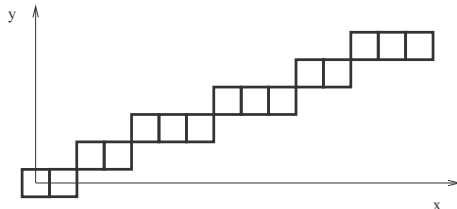
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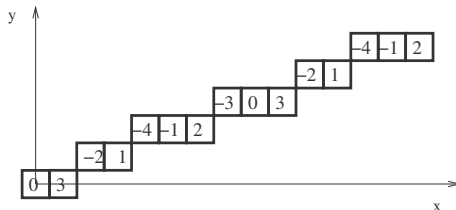
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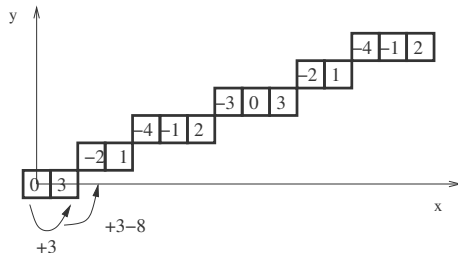
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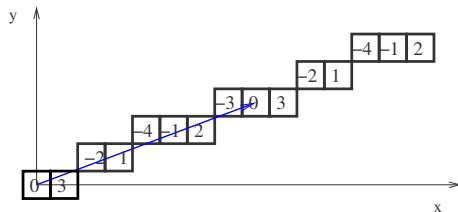
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## Periodicity

$\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  is invariant by the translation  $k \cdot (b, a)^T$  with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

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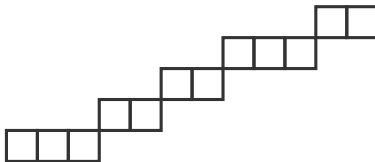
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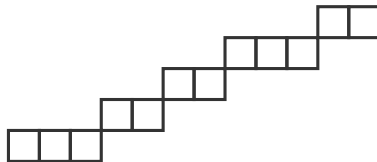
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Approach :

- Arithmetical
- Incremental



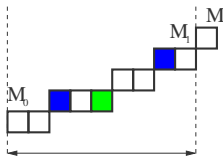
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## Linear and incremental recognition algorithm

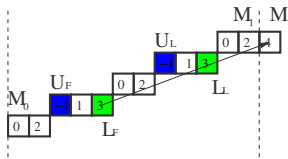


### Growth of a recognized segment of a naïve line

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 $S \cup \{M\}$  is a segment of  $\mathcal{D}$ ,
- (ii)  $r_{\mathcal{D}}(M) = \mu + \max(|a|, |b|)$  :  $M$  is weakly exterior to  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  
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 $S \cup \{M\}$  is not a segment of a naïve line.

## Linear and incremental recognition algorithm



$S = M_0M_1$  recognized segment of  $\mathcal{D}(2, 5, -1, 5)$ ,  $-1 \leq 2x - 5y < 4$

$S \cup \{M\}$  recognized segment of  $\mathcal{D}'(3, 8, -3, 8)$ .

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## Recognition algorithm of naïve line segments, $0 \leq a \leq b$

**Input :**  $C$ , a sequence of  $n$  8-connected pixels

For each point  $M$  of  $C$

check  $r(M)$

If  $r_{\mathcal{D}}(M) = \mu + \max(|a|, |b|)$  or  $r_{\mathcal{D}}(M) = \mu - 1$  then

check new characteristics

update leaning points

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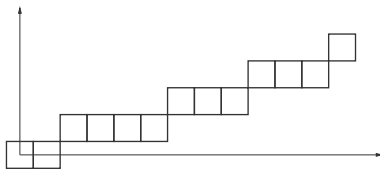
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stop,  $C$  is not a naïve line segment

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Complexity :  $O(n)$

## A recognition example



Initialisation :  $a = 0, b = 1, \mu = 0, D_0(0, 1, 0, 1)$

$$0 \leq -y < 1$$

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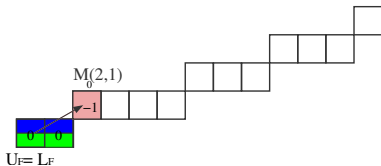
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$$a_0 = 0, b_0 = 1, \mu_0 = 0, D_0(0, 1, 0, 1)$$

$$0 \leq -y < 1$$

$$r_0(M_0) = -1 \Rightarrow a_1 = 1, b_1 = 2, \mu_1 = 0, D_1(1, 2, 0, 2)$$

$$0 \leq x - 2y < 2$$

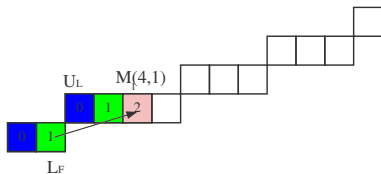
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$$r_1(M_1) = 2 \Rightarrow a_2 = 1, b_2 = 3, \mu_2 = -1, D_2(1, 3, -1, 3)$$

$$-1 \leq x - 3y < 2$$

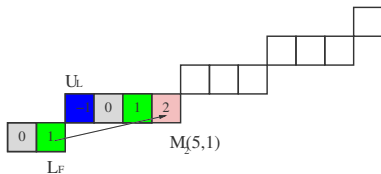
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$$-1 \leq x - 3y < 2$$

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$$-2 \leq x - 4y < 2$$

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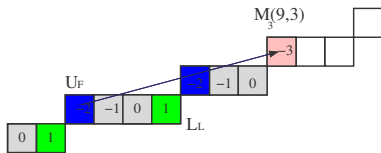
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$$a_3 = 1, b_3 = 4, \mu_3 = -2, D_3(1, 4, -2, 4)$$

$$-2 \leq x - 4y < 2$$

$$r_3(M_3) = -3 \Rightarrow a_4 = 2, b_4 = 7, \mu_4 = -3, D_4(2, 7, -3, 7)$$

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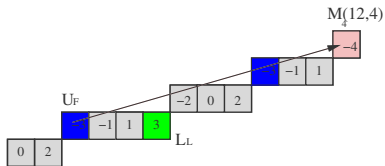
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$$-3 \leq 2x - 7y < 4$$

$$r4(M_4) = -4 \Rightarrow a_5 = 3, b_5 = 10, \mu_5 = -4, D_5(3, 10, -4, 10)$$

$$-4 \leq 3x - 10y < 6$$

# Applications of the recognition algorithm

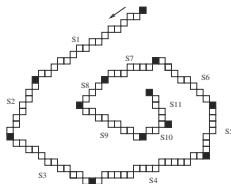
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# Segmentation of discrete curves

## First algorithm

Objective : **Maximal segmentation of a 2D discrete curve**

To decompose a discrete 2D curve into naïve discrete line segments of maximal length by starting at a given point of the curve



Symmetries of the naïve discrete lines  
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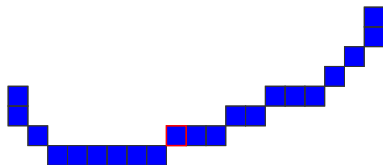
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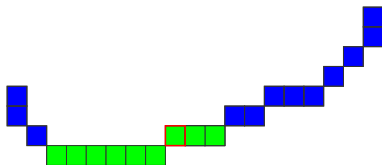


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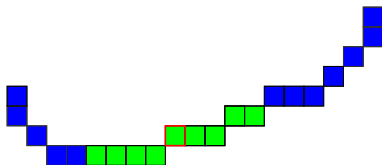


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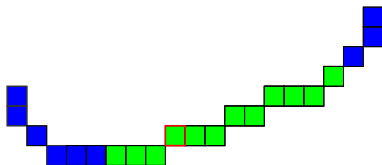


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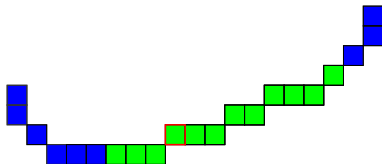


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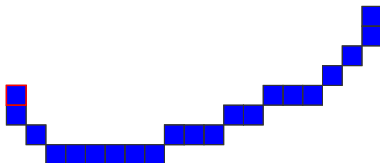


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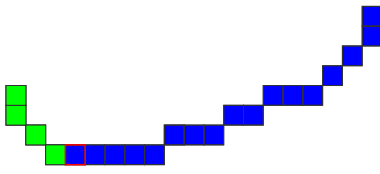
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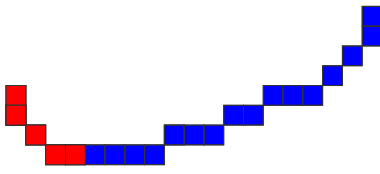
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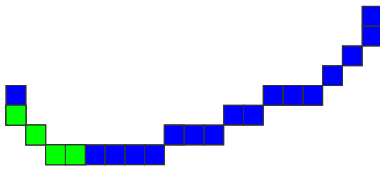
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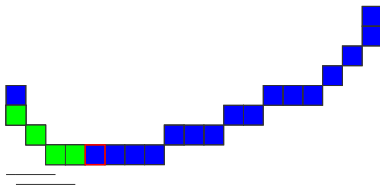
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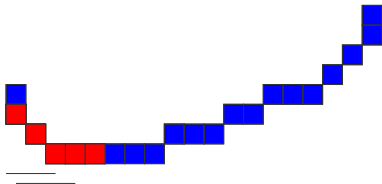
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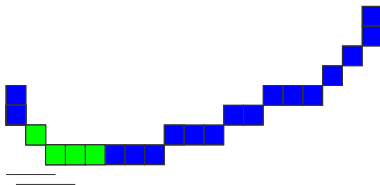
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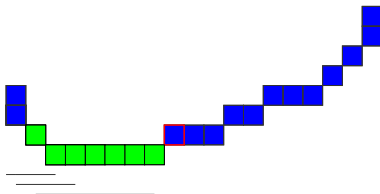
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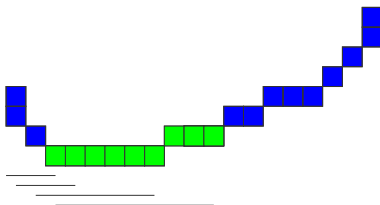


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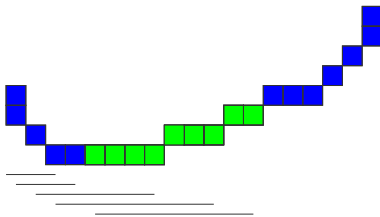
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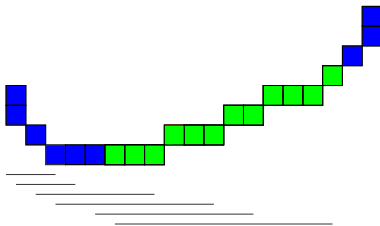
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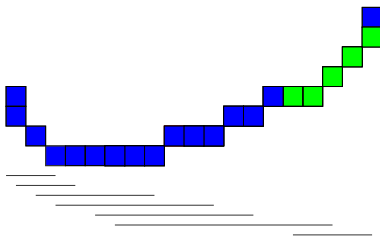
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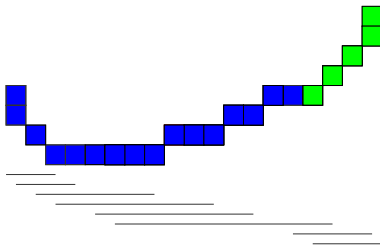
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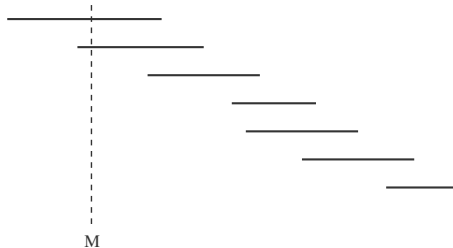
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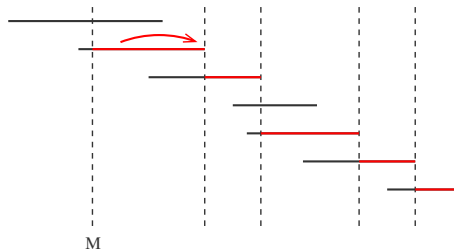
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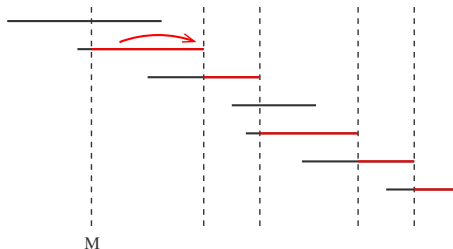
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For all pair of maximal segmentations of a given closed curve, the difference between their number of segments is 0 or 1.



F. FESCHET, L. TOUGNE,

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# Polygonalization of 2D discrete curves

with Hélène Dörksen-Reiter

## Objectives

- *Reversible* polygonalization
- To keep the *convexity properties* of the discrete curve
- *All vertices* of the polygonalization are *in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$*

# Polygonalization of 2D discrete curves

## Convexity

### Discrete convexity

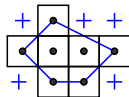
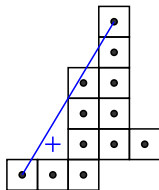
A discrete object  $O$  is convex iff its convex (Euclidean) hull does not contain any discrete point of the complementary of  $O$ .



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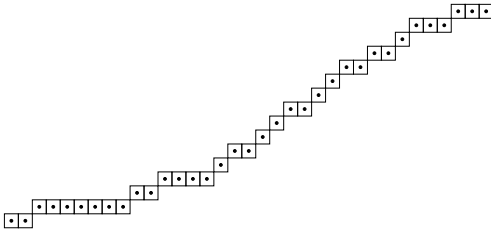


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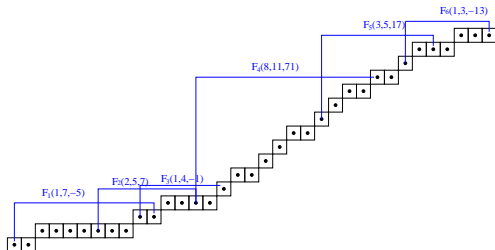
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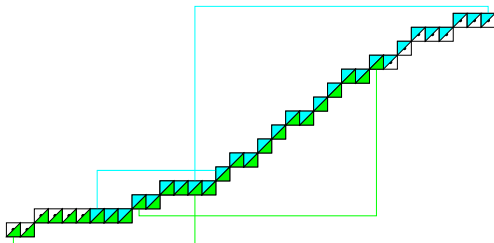
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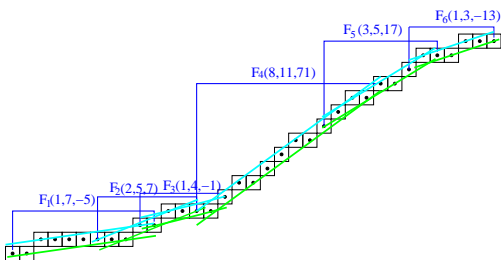
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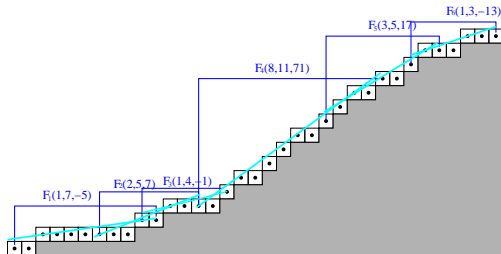
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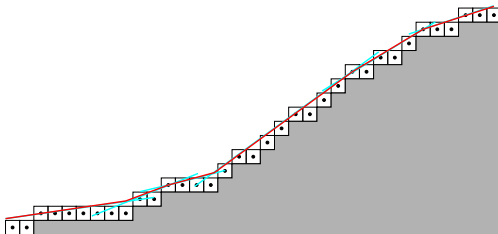
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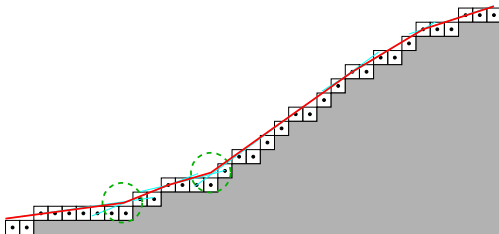


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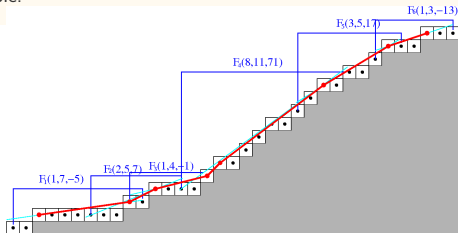
The vertices of the obtained polygonalization are not always points of  $Z^2$

# Polygonalization of 2D discrete curves

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## Results

- Linear algorithm of polygonalisation
  - ▷ reversible,
  - ▷ keeping the convexity/concavity parts of the discrete curve
- Identification of situations where a polygonal decomposition under the two previous conditions
  - ▷ with vertices in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  
is not possible.



H. DÖRKSEN-REITER, I. DEBLED-RENNESON,

*Convex and concave parts of digital curves*, Computational Imaging and Vision, 2005.  
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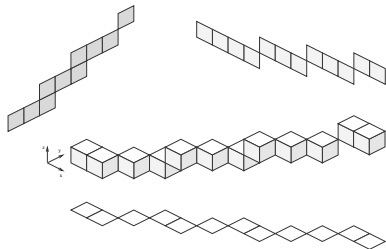
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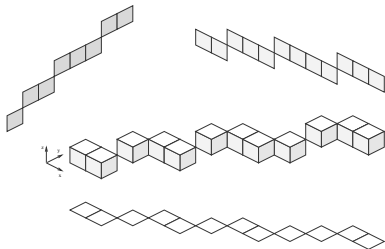
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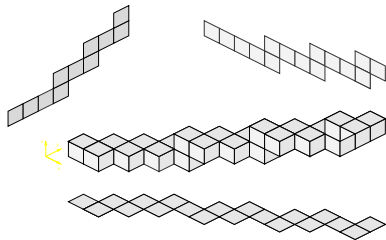
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6-connected line :

$$e \geq a + c \text{ et } e' \geq a + b$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq 3x - 10z < 13 \\ -9 \leq 7x - 10y < 8 \end{cases}$$



## 3D discrete lines

Algorithm for 3D naïve line segment recognition

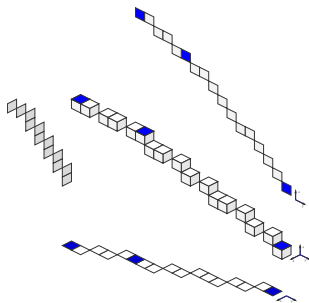
Property : A 3D naïve line is bijectively projected into two coordinates planes as two 2D naïve lines

Input :  $S$ , a 26-connected sequence of  $n$  voxels to be analysed

- If the voxels of  $S$  may not be bijectively projected on at least two orthogonal planes in order to create two curves of pixels  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,  $S$  is not a 3D naïve line segment,
- Else, apply the algorithm of 2D naïve line segment recognition on  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ,
  - If  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are 2 naïve line segments,  
then  $S$  is a 3D naïve line segment
  - Else  $S$  is not a 3D naïve line segment

Complexity :  $O(n)$

⇒ Linear segmentation algorithm



Segment 1 of main vector  $(2, -5, 4)$

$$\begin{cases} -4 \leq -4x - 5z < 1 \\ -2 \leq -2x - 5y < 3 \end{cases}$$

Segment 2 of main vector  $(1, -2, 1)$

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq x - 2z < 2 \\ 0 \leq x - 2y < 2 \end{cases}$$

# Segmentation of 3D discrete curves

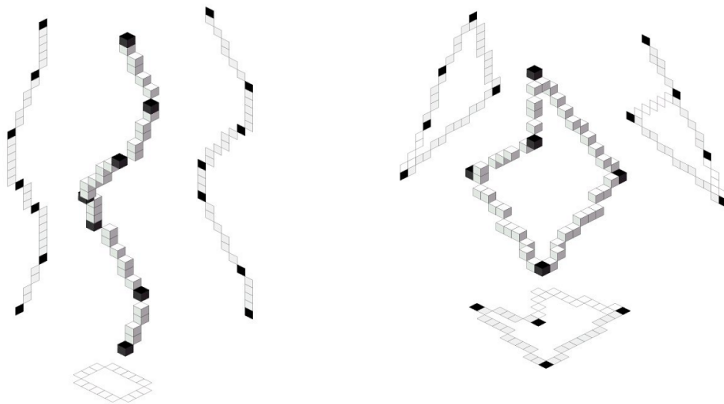
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## Length estimation algorithm

Input :  $S$ , a 26-connected sequence of voxels to be analysed

Output : The estimated length of  $S$

- Compute a segmentation of  $S$
- $P = \{S_i\}_{i=0..n}$ , the polyline returned by the segmentation
- Return  $\sum_{i=0}^n l(S_i)$ ,  
where  $l(S_i)$  denotes the Euclidean length of  $S_i$



D. COEURJOLLY, I. DEBLED-RENNESON, O. TEYTAUD

*Segmentation and Length Estimation of 3D Discrete Curves.*

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# Outline of talk

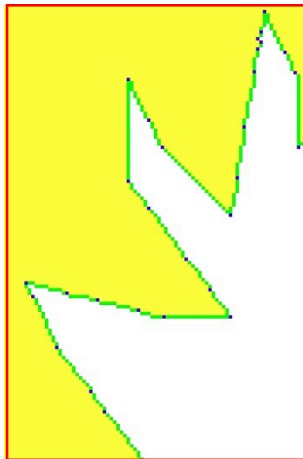
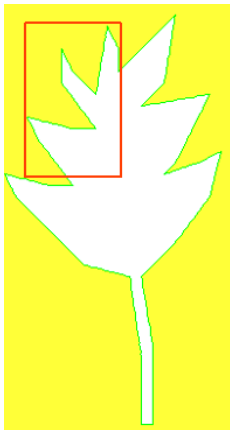
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## Limitation of the existing tools of discrete geometry

Limitation of the segmentation algorithm (naïve lines).



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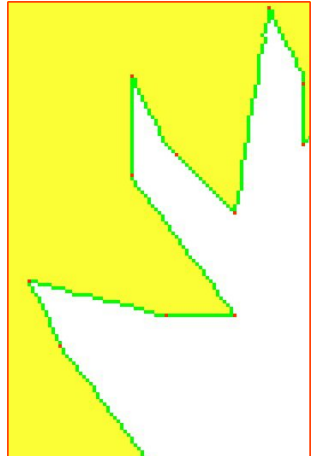
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What we want to obtain ...



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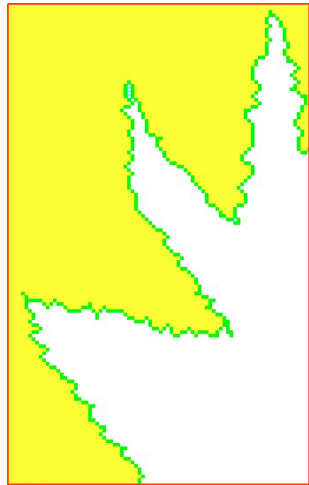
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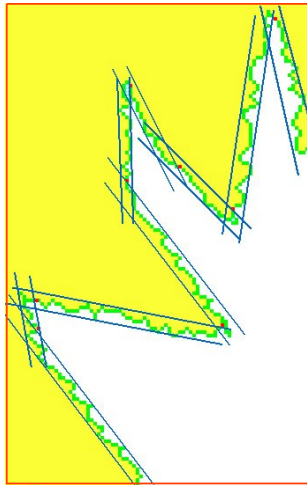
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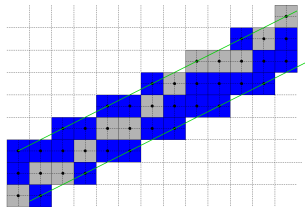
General idea

- ▷ Frame the curve with thick discrete lines for a given maximal thickness



# Arithmetic blurred segments

## Bounding lines



$\mathcal{D}(1, 2, -4, 6)$ , bounding line of the sequence of grey points

## Bounding line

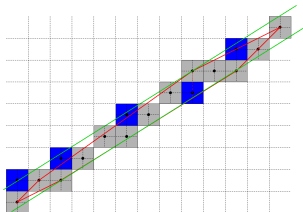
Let be  $Sf$  a sequence of 8-connected points.

A discrete line  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  is said **bounding** for  $Sf$  if all the points of  $Sf$  belong to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

# Arithmetic blurred segments

## Geometrical approach

With Jocelyne Rouyer-Dégli and Fabien Feschet



$\mathcal{D}(5, 8, -8, 11)$ , optimal bounding line (width  $\frac{10}{8} = 1.25$ ) of the sequence of grey points

### Optimal bounding line

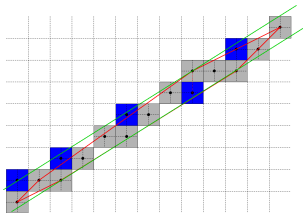
A bounding line  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  of  $S_f$  is said **optimal** if its vertical width is equal to the vertical width of the convex hull of  $S_f$ .

▷ Vertical width of  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  :  $\frac{\omega - 1}{\max(|a|, |b|)}$

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The sequence of grey points is a blurred segment of width 2

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## Blurred segment of width $\nu$

$Sf$  is a **blurred segment of width  $\nu$**  if the vertical width of its optimal bounding line is lower or equal to  $\nu$ .



# Blurred segments recognition

The principle

Computation of the vertical width of the convex hull of  $Sf$

- Similar to the Rotating Calipers [HouleToussaint88]
- Extremal positions
- Incremental and linear computation of the convex hull
  - Melkman's algorithm



M.E. Houle, G.T. Toussaint,  
*Computing the width of a set.*  
PAMI, 10(5) :761–765, 1988.



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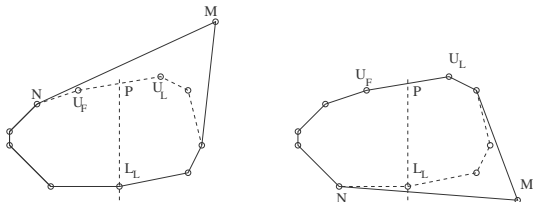
## Blurred segments recognition

The principle

Adding a point  $M(x, y)$  to a blurred segment  $S_f = \{(x_i, y_i), 0 \leq i < n\}$  with  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  its optimal bounding line in the first octant  $x > x_{n-1}$ .

3 cases are possible :

- $M$  belongs to  $\mathcal{D}$ ,  
 $S'f = S_f \cup M$  is a blurred segment with  $\mathcal{D}$  as optimal bounding line,
- $M$  is above  $\mathcal{D}$ ,
- $M$  is below  $\mathcal{D}$ .

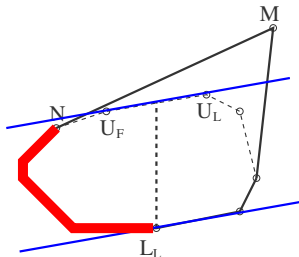


## Blurred segments recognition

The principle

Adding a point  $M$  to a blurred segment  $Sf$  with  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  its optimal bounding line :

$M$  is above  $\mathcal{D}$  and the vertical width of  $Sf$  is obtained at the point  $L_L$ .

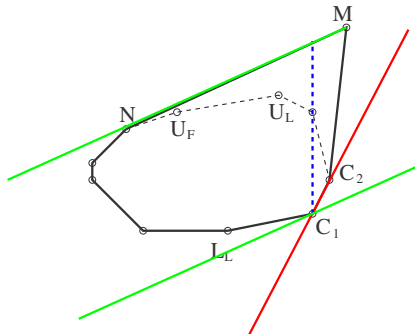


- Objective : to find the optimal bounding line  $\mathcal{D}'$  of  $S'f = Sf \cup M$ .
- Property : the vertical width in a convex is a concave function and the maximum is located inside the convex.
- To find the location of the maximum in the new convex  
 $\Rightarrow$  necessarily at the right of  $L_L$

## Blurred segments recognition

The principle

Adding a point  $M$  to a blurred segment  $Sf$  with  $\mathcal{D}(a, b, \mu, \omega)$  as optimal bounding line :



- Test the vertices of the convex hull located at the right of  $L_L$
- Test : slope of  $[C_1 C_2] > \text{slope of } [NM]$  ? TRUE  $\Rightarrow$  STOP

$\Rightarrow$  The vertical width of the convex is obtained at  $C_1$

$\Rightarrow$  The slope of the optimal bounding line of  $Sf \cup M$  is  $\overrightarrow{NM}$  and  $C_1$  is a lower leaning point

## Blurred segments recognition

The algorithm in the first octant

**Input :**  $S$  an 8-connected sequence of integer points,  $\nu$  a real value

**Output :**  $isSegment$  a boolean value,  $a, b, \mu, \omega$  integers

**Initialization :**  $isSegment = true, a = 0, b = 1, \omega = b, \mu = 0, M = (x_0, y_0)$

**while** ( $S$  is not entirely scanned and  $isSegment$ )

$M =$  next point of  $S$ ;

add  $M$  to the upper and lower convex hulls of the scanned part of  $S$ ;

$r = ax_M - by_M$ ;

**if** ( $r = \mu$ ) **then**  $U_L = M$ ;

**if** ( $r = \mu + \omega - 1$ ) **then**  $L_L = M$ ;

**if** ( $r \leq \mu - 1$ ) **then**

$U_L = M$ ;

Let  $N$  the point before  $M$  in the upper convex hull,

$a_0 = y_M - y_N, b_0 = x_M - x_N,$

$a = \frac{a_0}{\gcd(a_0, b_0)}, b = \frac{b_0}{\gcd(a_0, b_0)}, \mu = ax_M - by_M$ ;

Find the first point  $C$  in the lower part of the convex hull starting at  $L_L,$

such that : slope of  $[C, C_{next}] > \frac{a}{b}$ ;

$L_L = C$ ;

$\omega = ax_{L_L} - by_{L_L} - \mu + 1$ ;

**else**

**if** ( $r \geq \mu + \omega - 1$ ) **then** *symmetrical case*

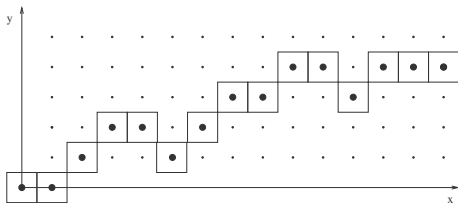
**end if**

$isSegment = \frac{\omega-1}{b} \leq \nu$ ;

**end**

# Blurred segments recognition

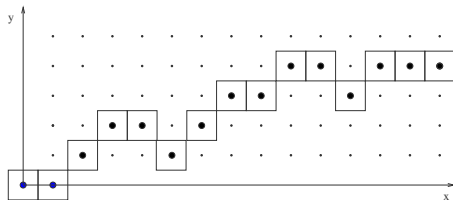
## Example



Sequence of pixels to recognize,  $\nu = 2$

# Blurred segments recognition

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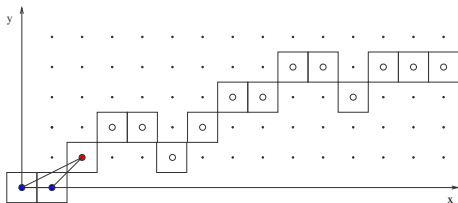


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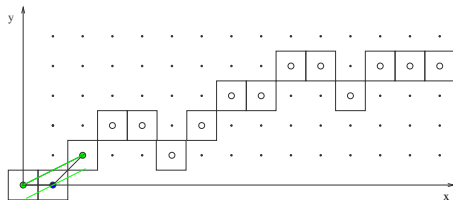
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Adding of the point  $M_3$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_0}(M_3) = -1$



# Blurred segments recognition

## Example



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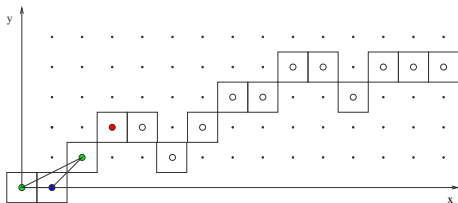
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$$\mathcal{D}_1(1, 2, 0, 2) : 0 \leq x - 2y < 2, d_\nu = 0.5$$

# Blurred segments recognition

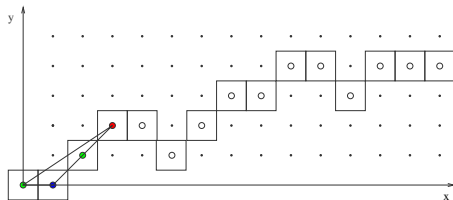
An example



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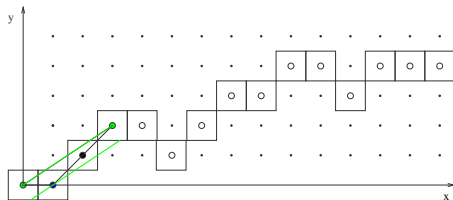


$$\mathcal{D}_1(1, 2, 0, 2) : 0 \leq x - 2y < 2$$

Adding of the point  $M_4$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_1}(M_4) = -1$

## Blurred segments recognition

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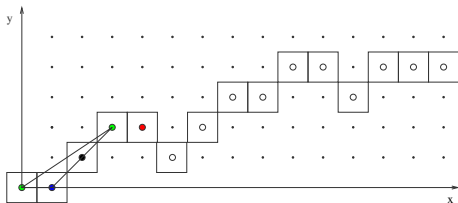
$$\mathcal{D}_1(1, 2, 0, 2) : 0 \leq x - 2y < 2$$

Adding of the point  $M_4$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_1}(M_4) = -1$

$$\mathcal{D}_2(2, 3, 0, 3) : 0 \leq 2x - 3y < 3, d_v \simeq 0.66$$

# Blurred segments recognition

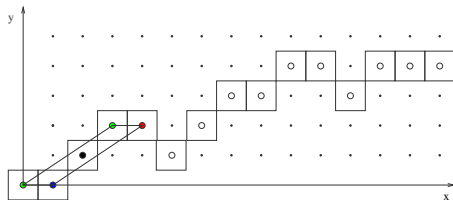
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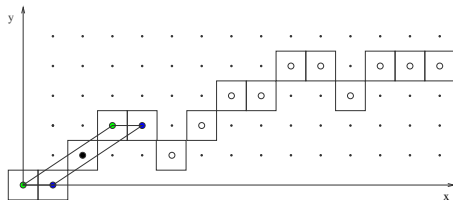


$$\mathcal{D}_2(2, 3, 0, 3) : 0 \leq 2x - 3y < 3$$

Adding of the point  $M_5$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_2}(M_5) = 2$

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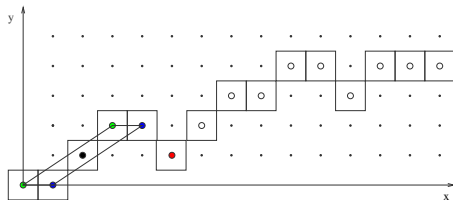


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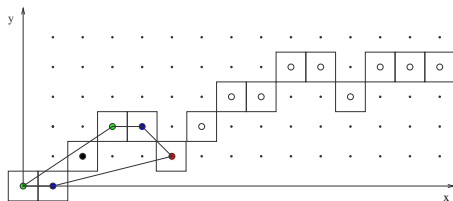


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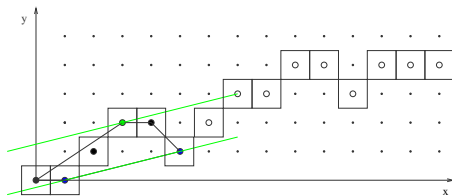


$$\mathcal{D}_2(2, 3, 0, 3) : 0 \leq 2x - 3y < 3$$

Adding of the point  $M_6$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_2}(M_6) = 7$

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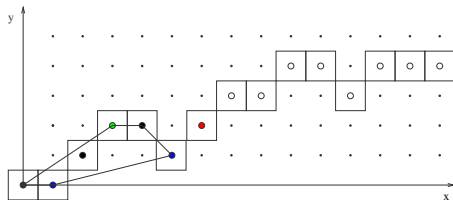
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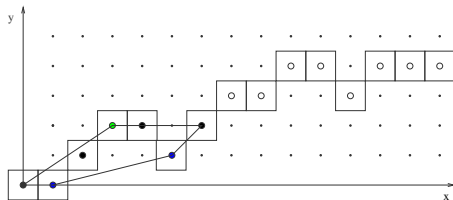
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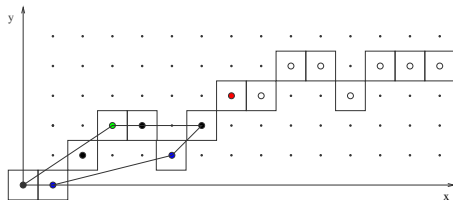


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Adding of the point  $M_7$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_3}(M_7) = 2$

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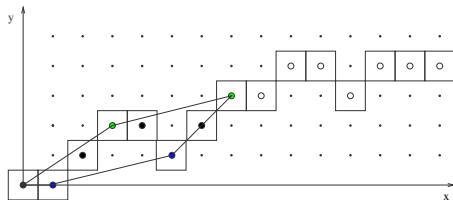
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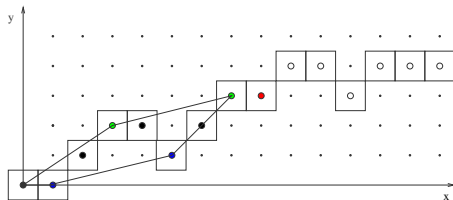


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Adding of the point  $M_8$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_3}(M_8) = -5$

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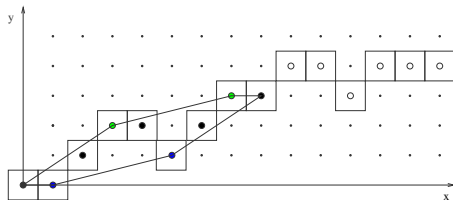
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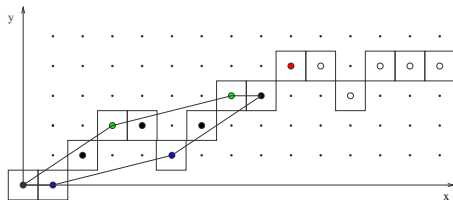
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Adding of the point  $M_9$ ,  $r_{\mathcal{D}_3}(M_9) = -4$



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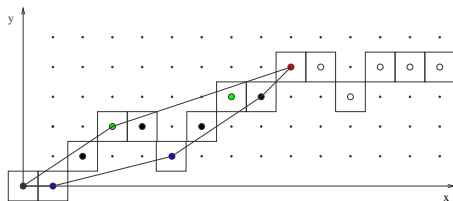
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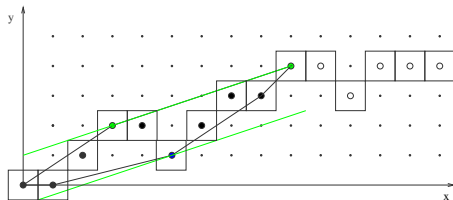


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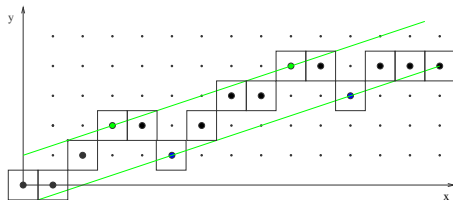
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$$\mathcal{D}_4(1, 3, -3, 6) : -3 \leq x - 3y < 3, d_v \simeq 1.66$$

# Blurred segments recognition

An example



Blurred segment of width 2 with  $D_4(1, 3, -3, 6)$  optimal bounding line

# Blurred segment recognition

## The algorithm

- Incremental and linear algorithm
  - Tests in a limited part of the convex hull
- Direct extension to the sequences of non connected points
  - Sequence of ordered points



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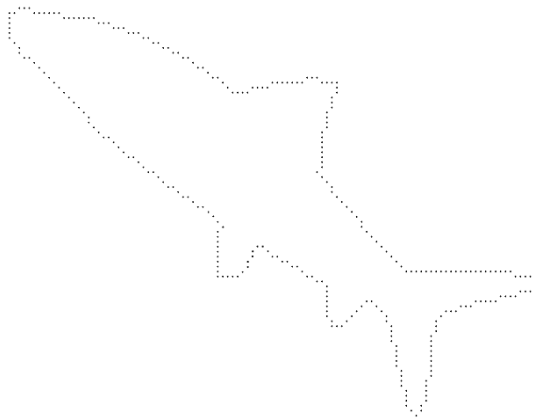
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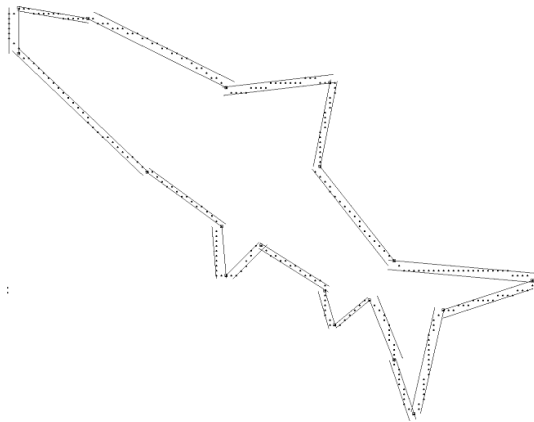
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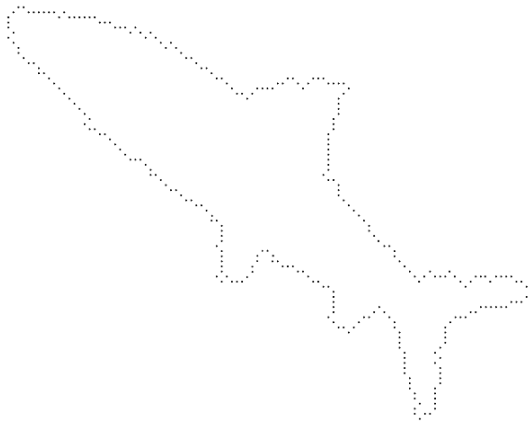
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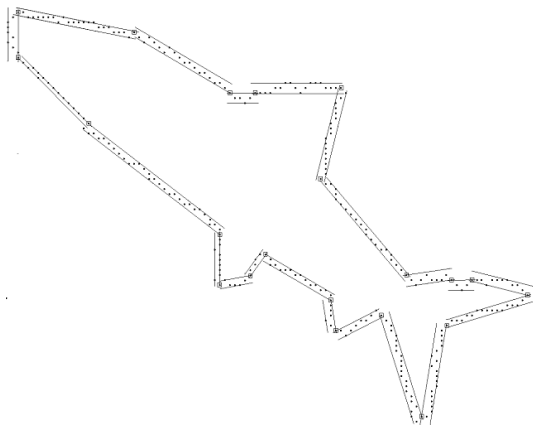
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# Applications

- 1 Segmentation of noisy discrete curves
  - Use in Image Analysis : Polygonal approximation without parameter
- 2 Estimation of geometrical parameters on noisy discrete curves
- 3 Study of 3D noisy curves
  - 3D Blurred Segments



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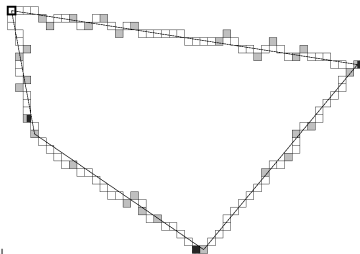
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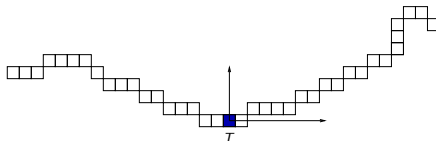
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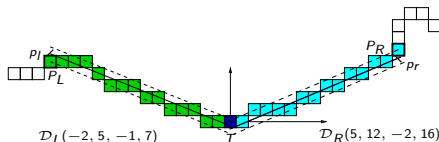
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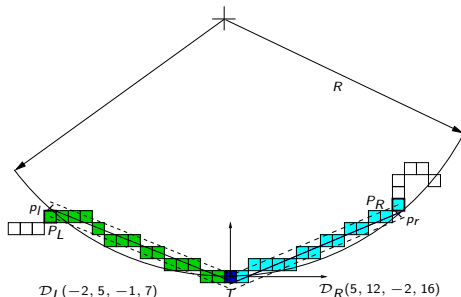
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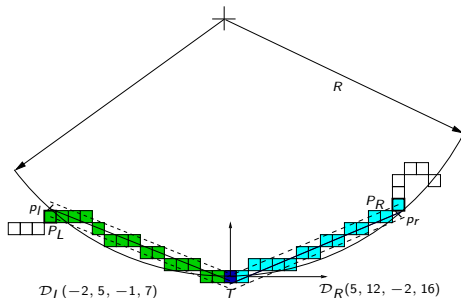
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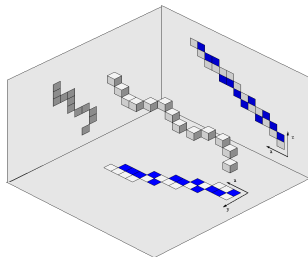
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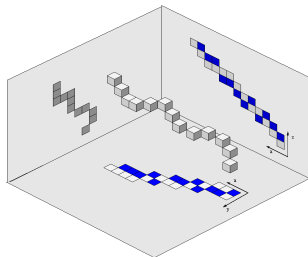


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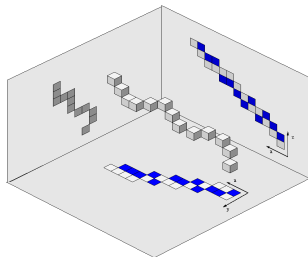


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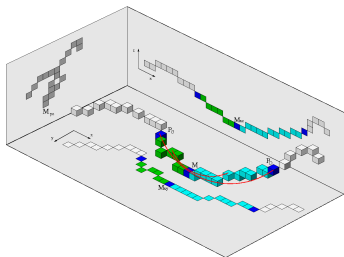
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