

Problèmes de robustesse en géométrie algorithmique

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Computational geometry

Solving **geometric** problems

- algorithms
- complexity analysis
worst case, average, randomized
- implementation
- applications
shape reconstruction, meshing, computer graphics,
geographic information system, CAD, VLSI, structural
biology...

<http://www-sop.inria.fr/geometrica/>

Implementing geometric algorithms

Ingredients for **good** software

- clean **mathematical** formalism
- **algorithmic** study, data structures, complexity
- solving **robustness** issues
- good **design** and **programming**

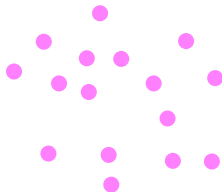
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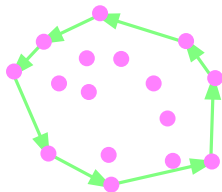
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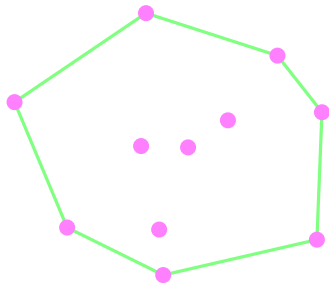


predicate:

`compare (x, y)`

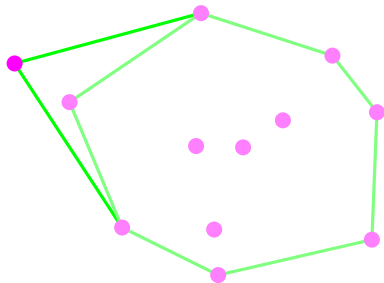
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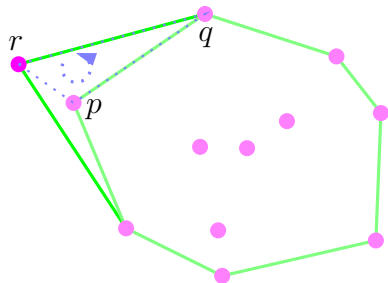
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predicate:

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

(it is a resultant)

degree 2 polynomial

Orientation predicate

Arithmetic issues

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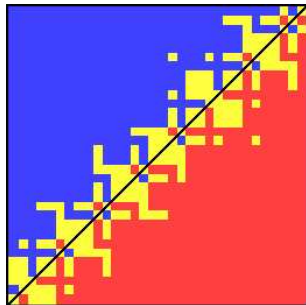
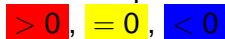
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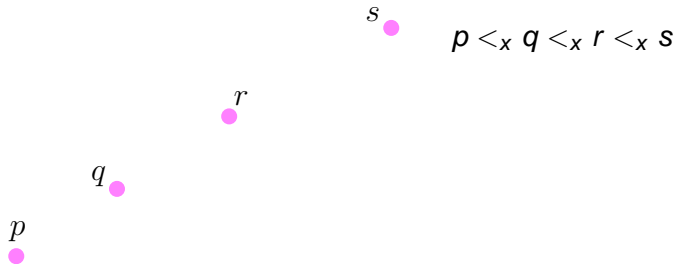
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256 x 256 pixel image



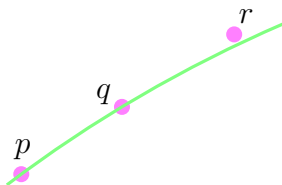
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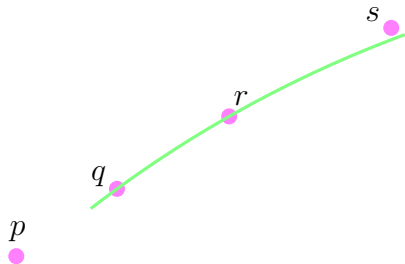
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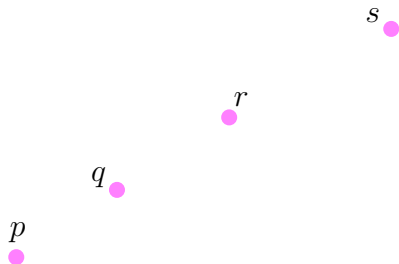
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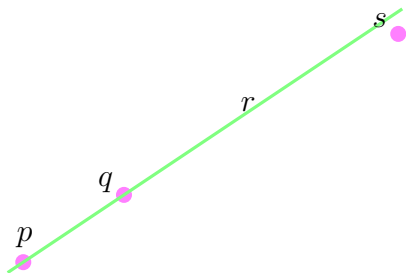
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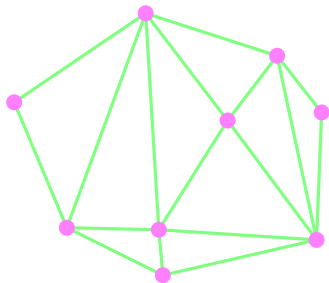
\longrightarrow **inconsistency** in predicate evaluations

Two major data structures

- [Delaunay] triangulation
- Arrangement

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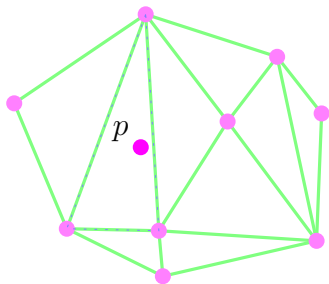
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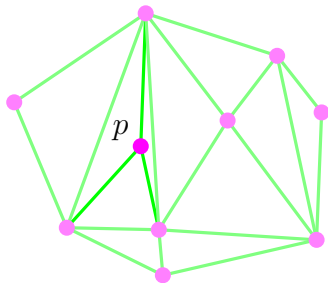
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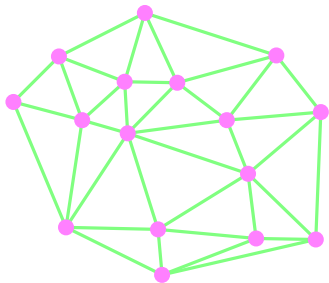
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- split t into 3 triangles

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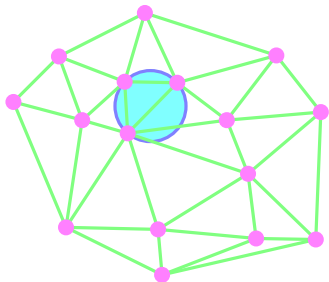
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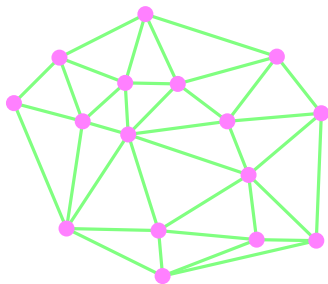
All circumscribing disks are **empty**

Dimension 2: Euler relation $n - e + f = 2 \rightarrow$ linear size

Dimension $d > 2$: size $\Theta\left(n^{\lceil \frac{d}{2} \rceil}\right)$

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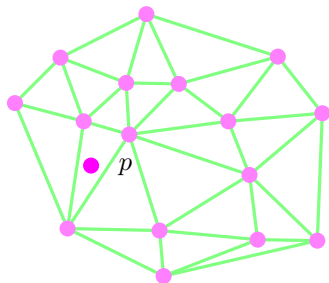
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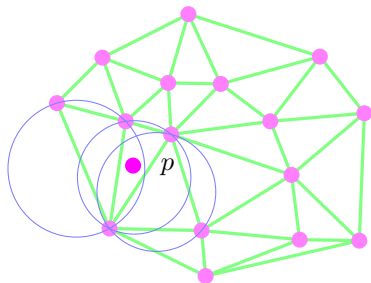
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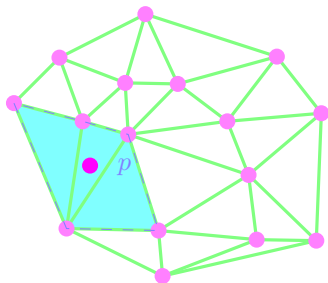
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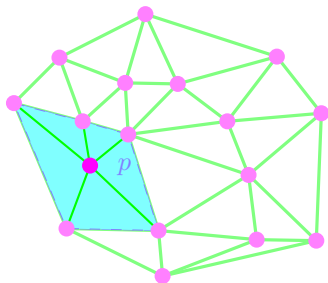
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- star the region around p

`in_sphere`

In_sphere predicate

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circumcenter/radius **never** computed

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imprecise numerical evaluations

→ non-robustness

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Use of **exact arithmetics**

Evaluation of **signs of polynomial expressions**:
multiprecision rationals or floats

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Filtering

Optimize easy (frequent) cases

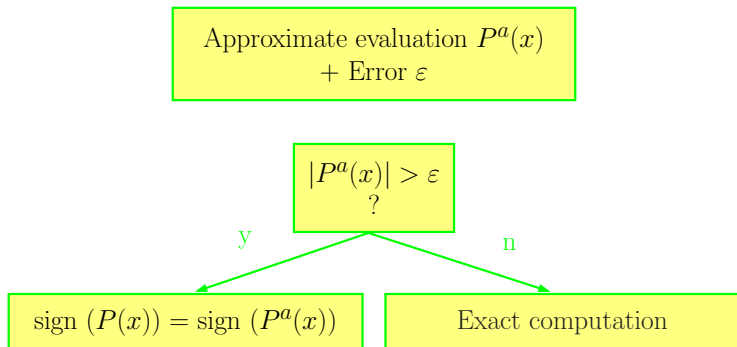
approximate computation
+
rounding errors controlled

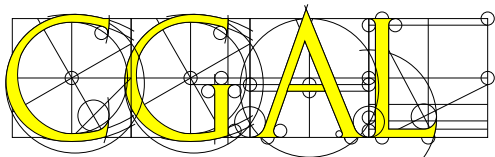
Use **exact arithmetics** only on difficult cases

Cost \simeq cost of floating point/double evaluation

Exact Geometric Computation

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The Computational Geometry Algorithms Library
Open Source project

www.cgal.org

- > 400.000 lines of C++ code
- > 3.000 pages manual
- ~ 10.000 downloads per year
- ~ 850 users on public mailing list, ~ 50 developers
- LGPL, QPL
- start-up GeometryFactory
- interfaces: Python, Scilab

Robustness and efficiency

- Editorial board
(3 members in Geometrica
⊂ 11 members)
- Test-suites each night

...



Delaunay triangulations

CGAL-3.1-I-124

Pentium-M 1.7 GHz, 1GB
g++ 3.3.2, -O2 -DNDEBUG

1.000.000 random points

double	48.1 sec
MP_Float	2980.2 sec
Filtered exact	58.4 sec

25 sec in release CGAL 3.3
(space filling curve)

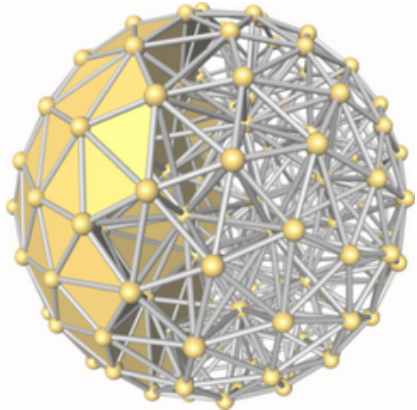


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degeneracies **explicitly**
handled
symbolic perturbations...

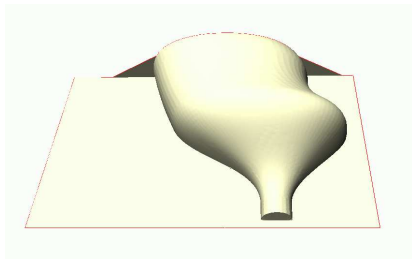




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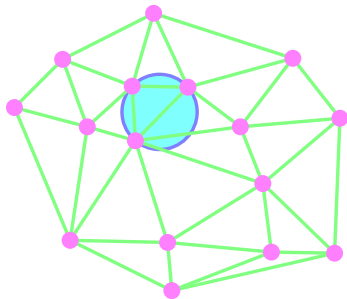


49.787 points
(Dassault Systèmes)

double loop !
exact and filtered < 8 sec

Predicates and constructions

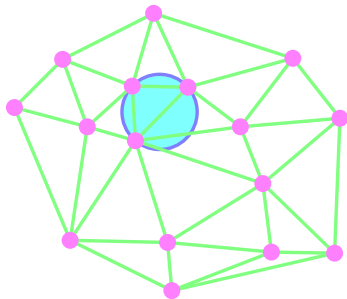
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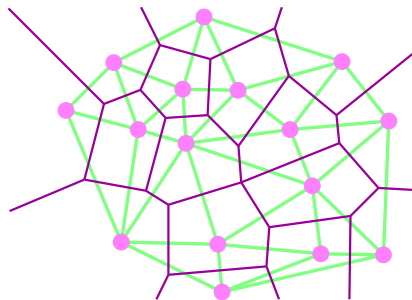
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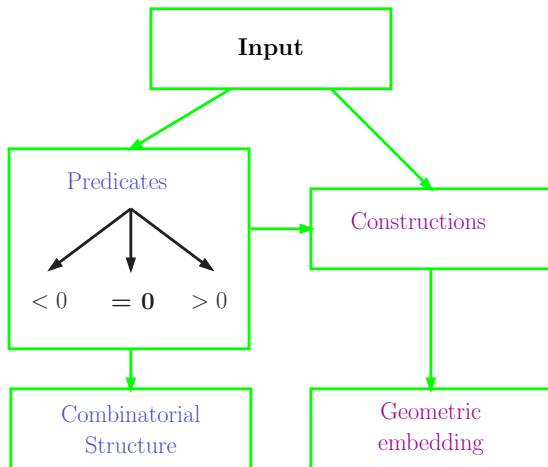
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Voronoi diagram
geometric dual



also constructions:
circumcenter

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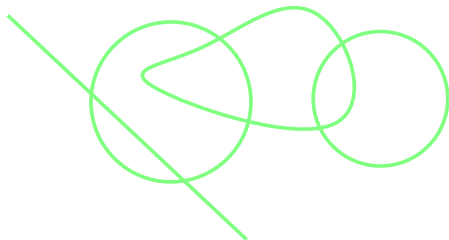
Arrangements

Definition

Partition of the plane
into

- faces
- edges
- vertices

induced by a collection of
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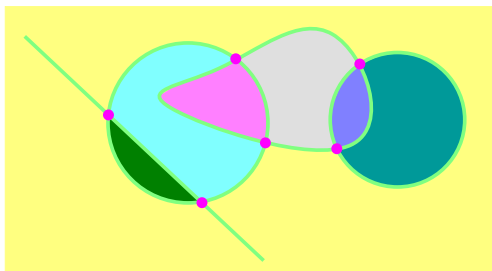
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Line segments

Bentley-Ottmann sweep

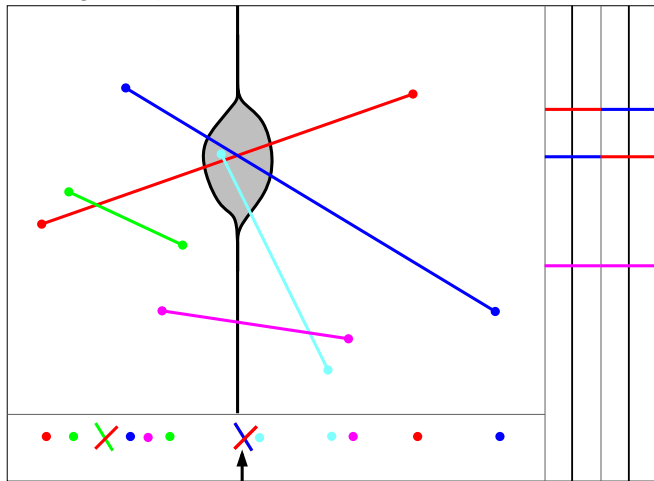
highly sensitive to arithmetic rounding

SLIDES

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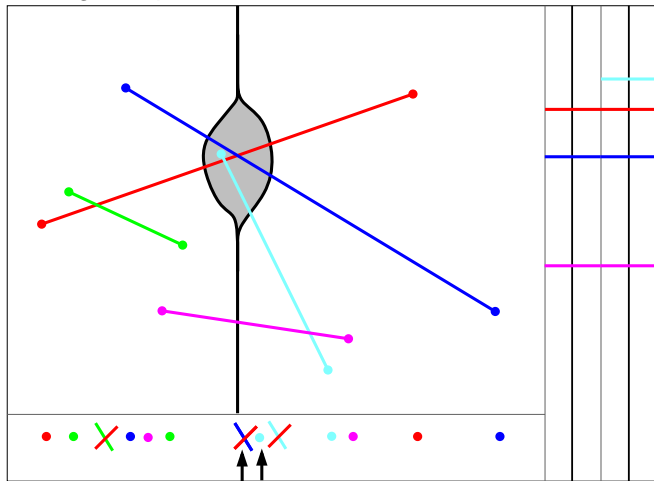
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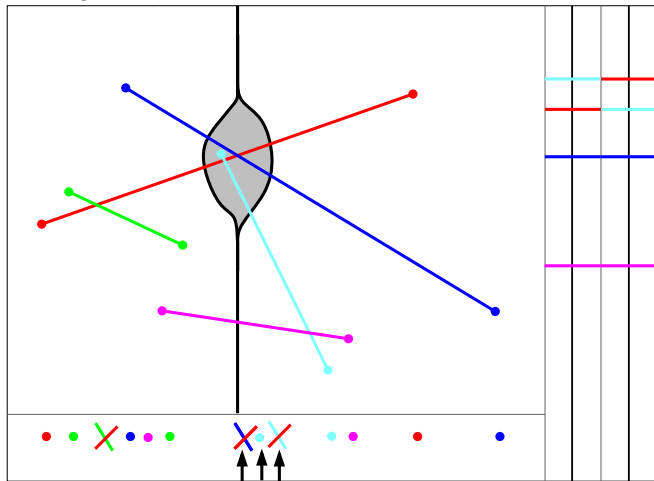
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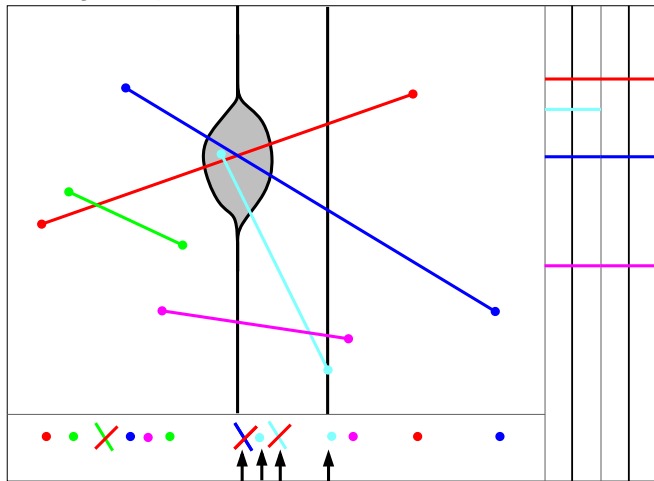
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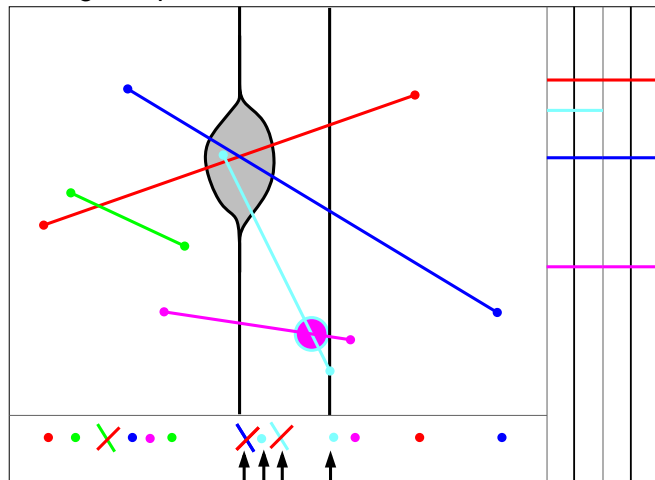
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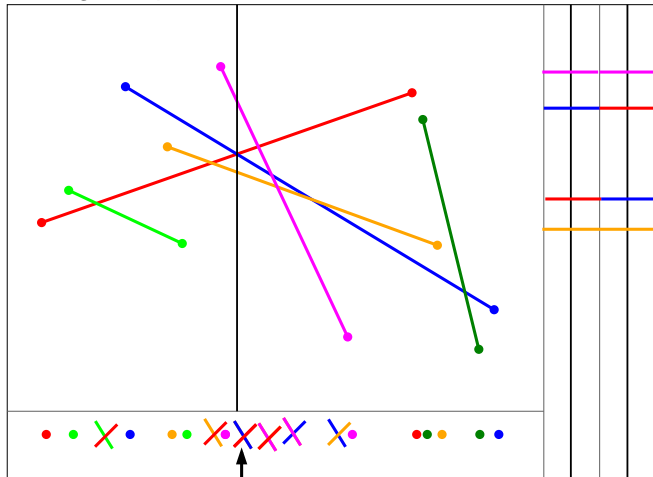


\implies intersection missed

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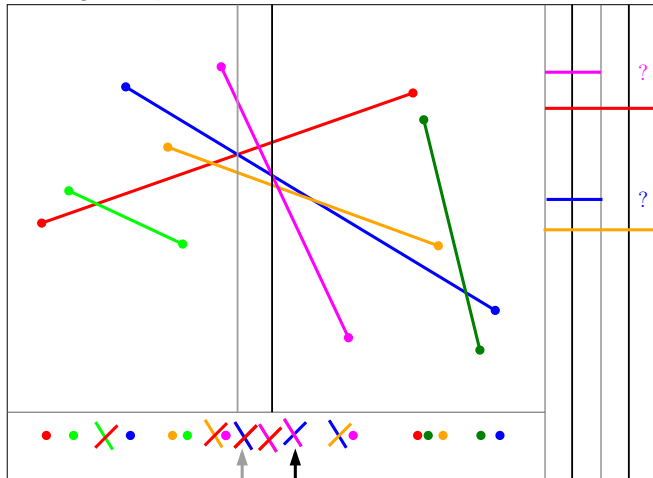
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pink and blue are not consecutive \implies failure

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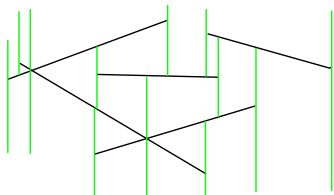
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- 2nd pb. Compute the arrangement A
- 3rd pb. Compute the trapezoidal map T



k = number of intersections

number of edges of A : $\leq n + 2k$

number of walls of T : $\leq 2(n + k)$

size of A and T : $O(n + k)$

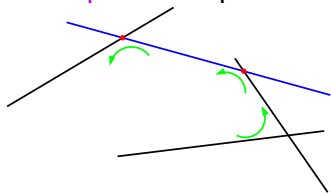
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1st pb. $\Theta(n^2)$ intersection tests

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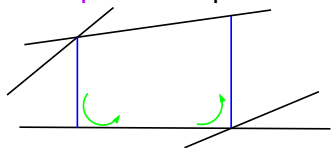
2nd pb. Description of A uses



$$[p_0p_1] \cap [p_2p_3] <_x [p_0p_1] \cap [p_4p_5]$$

comparisons of **constructed** points

3rd pb. Description of T uses



$$[p_0p_1] \cap [p_2p_3] <_x [p_4p_5] \cap [p_6p_7]$$

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$$P1 : p_0 <_x p_1$$

$$P2 : p_0 <_y (p_1 p_2)$$

$$P2' : [p_0 p_1] \cap [p_2 p_3] \neq \emptyset$$

$$P3 : p_0 <_x [p_1 p_2] \cap [p_3 p_4]$$

$$P4 : [p_0 p_1] \cap [p_2 p_3] <_x [p_0 p_1] \cap [p_4 p_5]$$

$$P5 : [p_0 p_1] \cap [p_2 p_3] <_x [p_4 p_5] \cap [p_6 p_7]$$

Predicates i, i' are signs of polynomial expressions of degree i in the coordinates of points p_j .

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compare + 2 × orientation

degree 2

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where

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Explicit formulae + some more proofs

→ degree

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There are algorithms

- optimal complexity
- degree 3

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2nd pb. Compute the arrangement A

Simple algorithm:

- solve 1st pb
- sort intersection points on each segment
 - degree 4
 - $O((n + k) \log n)$

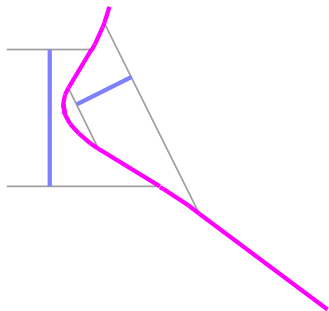
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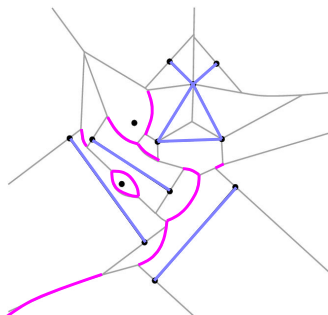
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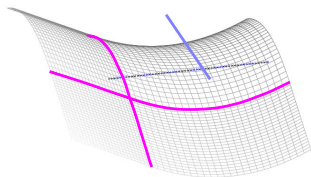
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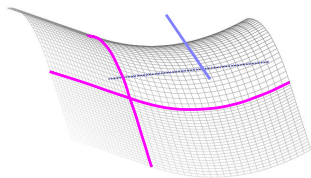


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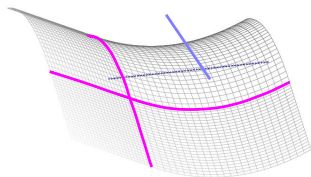


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Arrangements of curves

Combinatorial complexity

well studied

Effective computation ?

recent work

European projects ECG, ACS → CGAL

Problems

- Generalize algorithms
 - 2 curves intersect more than once,...
- Predicates
 - algebraic aspects
- Implementation
 - algorithms and data structures
 - predicates

Arrangements of curves

Algebraic aspects

Bézout's theorem:

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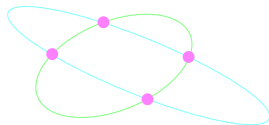
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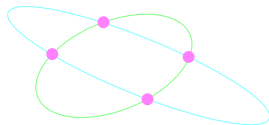
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homogeneization: $x^2 + y^2 + w(\dots) = 0$

all circles contain $(1, i, 0)$ and $(1, -i, 0)$

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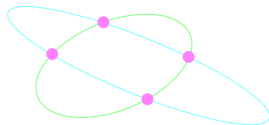
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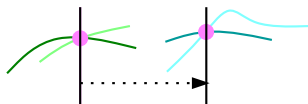
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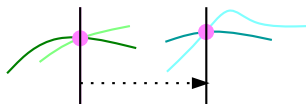
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(note: Different notions of degree

- above: degree of polynomial expressions
- here: degree of roots)

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Sturm sequences

$P, Q \in \mathbb{K}[X]$ signed remainder sequence of P and $Q =$
sequence $\mathcal{S}(P, Q) : P_0, P_1, \dots, P_k$

$$P_0 = P$$

$$P_1 = Q$$

$$P_2 = -\text{Rem}(P_0, P_1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$P_k = -\text{Rem}(P_{k-2}, P_{k-1})$$

$$P_{k+1} = -\text{Rem}(P_{k-1}, P_k) = 0$$

where

$\text{Rem}(A, B) =$ remainder of the Euclidean division of A by B

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$$a, b \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty, +\infty\}$$

$\text{Var}(S; a)$ = number of sign variations in the sequence
 $P_0(a), P_1(a), \dots, P_d(a)$

$$\text{Var}(S; a, b) = \text{Var}(S; a) - \text{Var}(S; b)$$

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Sturm sequence of $P = \mathcal{S}(P, P')$

$$\text{Var}(\mathcal{S}(P, P'); a, b)$$

is the number of roots of P in the interval $[a, b]$

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Sturm sequences allow to

- **count** roots
- **compare** roots

- P, Q relative prime,
- P square free,
- $a < b$ non roots of P .

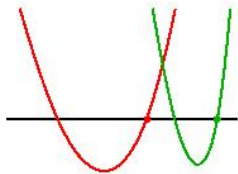
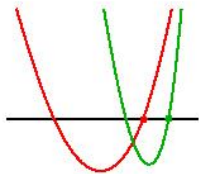
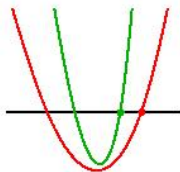
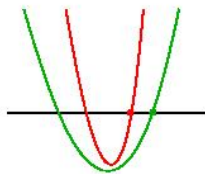
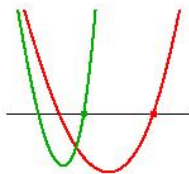
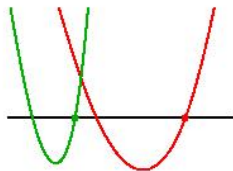
$S = (P, P'Q, \dots)$ Sturm sequence of $P, P'Q$

$$\text{Var}(S; a, b) = \sum_{P(\rho)=0, a<\rho<b} \text{sign}(Q(\rho))$$

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Case of degree 2. P Q



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comparison reduces to

sign of algebraic expressions !

→ Efficient filtered exact computations

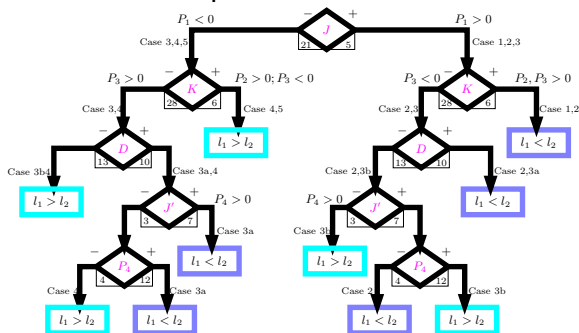
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Small degree:

algebraic expressions can be pre-computed
static Sturm sequences

(degree 2)

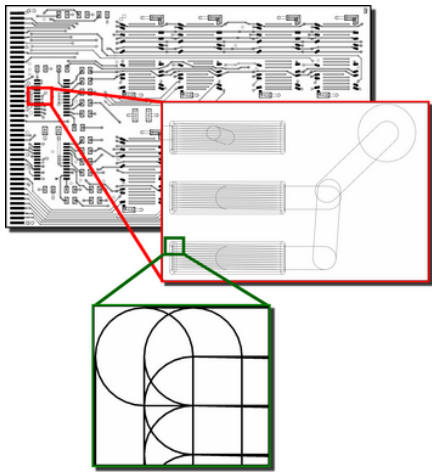


The polynomial expressions have a true **geometric meaning**
Sturm sequences \Leftrightarrow resultant based methods...



and applications

- generic arrangements
- manipulations of 2d circular arcs



VLSI design

industrial data
89,918 input arcs
495,209 vertices
878,799 edges
383,871 faces

CGAL 3.3: 169 sec
Pentium 4, 2.5 GHz, 1GB
Linux (2.4.20 Kernel)
g++4.0.2

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Where it happens (unordered - non exhaustive)

USA

- NYU (Chee Yap, pioneer of the Exact Geometric Computation, CORE library)
- University of N. Carolina (Dinesh Manocha *et al*, MAPC, ESOLID no degeneracies allowed)

Where it happens (unordered - non exhaustive)

Mostly in Europe

- MPI Saarbrücken (arrangements of 2d cubics, 3d quadrics, EXACUS prototype → CGAL)
- Tel-Aviv (generic arrangements of curves, CGAL)
- Athens (algebraic aspects, Voronoi of conics)

Where it happens (unordered - non exhaustive)

in France

- INRIA Rocquencourt/UPMC
SALSA, real algebraic geometry, RUR,
software FGb/RS (\rightarrow Maple)
- INRIA Lorraine
VEGAS, quadrics, Voronoi of 3D lines
- INRIA Sophia Antipolis
GEOMETRICA + ABS
arrangements of spheres,
computations on 2d/3d circular arcs,
specifications of curved and algebraic operations (with
MPI),
CGAL design and implementation
- collaboration on interface FBb/RS \leftrightarrow CGAL