

Computational Geometry Intro

15-750

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So far we have worked in 1D.

eg sorting, searching, and priority queues

The next few lectures consider 2D.

Apps (even for 2D)

Graphics

Robotics

Geo Info Systems

CAD/CAM

Sci Comp

more dim

3D Sci Comp

Machine learning

Basic Approach

Build complex objects out of simple objects.

eg Image $\equiv$ array of dots

Integrated Circuit $\equiv$ collection of triangles

Basic Alg Design Approaches

1) Divide-and-Conquer

eg Merge Sort

eg Quick Sort

2) Sweep-Line

3) Random-Incremental

Topics To cover

1) Intro Primitive/atomic ops

2) Sweep-line for line seg intersection

3) 2D Linear Programming

4) 2D Convex Hull

5) Many More

Abstract Objs	Repre
Real Number	floating point, big number
Point	Pair of Reals
Line	Pair of Points
Line Segment	Pair of Points
Triangle	Triple of Points

Using Points to Generate Objects

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Suppose $P_1, \dots, P_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Linear Combinations

Subspaces $\equiv \sum \alpha_i P_i$ for $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$

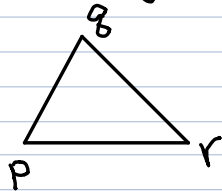
Affine Combinations

Plane, Hyperplanes $= \sum \alpha_i P_i$ st
 $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$ & $\sum \alpha_i = 1$

Convex Combinations

Body $= \sum \alpha_i P_i$ st $\sum \alpha_i = 1$ & $\alpha_i \geq 0$

eg Triangle



$$= \{ \alpha p + \beta q + \gamma r \mid \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \text{ \& } \alpha, \beta, \gamma \geq 0 \}$$

Primitive Ops.

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1) Equality $P = q$?

2) Line seg intersection test

3) Line side test

Input: (P_1, P_2, P_3)

Output: True if P_3 is "left" of ray $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$

4) In circle test

Input: (P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4)

Output: True If P_4 in circle (P_1, P_2, P_3)

2) Segs $S_1 = [P_1, P_2]$ & $S_2 = [P_3, P_4]$

Let $P_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ P_1 & P_2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ P_3 & P_4 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ iff } L_1 \cap L_2 \neq \emptyset$$

st $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 1$

$$\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 = 1$$

$$\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_4 \geq 0$$

Case 1 $L_1 = \text{line}[P_1, P_2]$ & $L_2 = \text{line}[P_3, P_4]$
intersect at unique point.

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Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 - x_3 - x_4 \\ y_1 & y_2 - y_3 - y_4 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ then A is non singular

$$\text{Solve } A \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_3 \\ \alpha_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

Return: true iff $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4 \geq 0$

Case 2 $L_1 \cap L_2 = \emptyset$

In this case A is singular & no solution to (*).

Return: false.

Case 3 $L_1 \cap L_2 = \text{line}$

1) A is singular

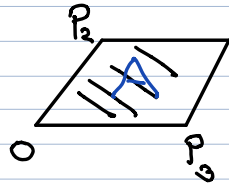


2) $L_1 = L_2$

3) Solve a 1D line seg intersection prob.

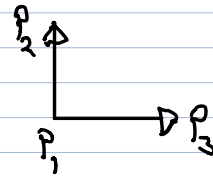
3) Line side test:

Assume that $P_1 = 0$



Claim: $\det \begin{pmatrix} x_2 & x_3 \\ y_2 & y_3 \end{pmatrix} = \pm \text{Area of } A$

eg $\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -1$ ie P_3 is right of $P_1 \rightarrow P_2$



Claim $LST(P_1, P_2, P_3) = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 \\ y_1 & y_2 & y_3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Pf

$$RHS = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2' & x_3' \\ y_1 & y_2' & y_3' \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \det \begin{pmatrix} x_2' & x_3' \\ y_2' & y_3' \end{pmatrix}$$

We just translated P_1 to origin

Line Segment Inter Prob

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Input: n -line segs

Output: All I intersections

Naive: $O(n^2)$ (This is worst case optimal)

Goal: Output sensitive alg

Known $O(n \log n + |I|)$ Today $O((n + |I|) \log n)$

Worst: $|I| = \Omega(n^2)$

Application: Map overlay

Alg today: sweepline

Optimal: Random Incremental

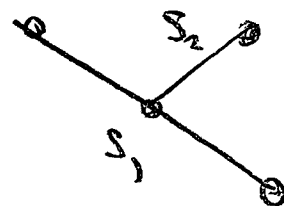
Sweep Line Alg

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$S = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\}$ Segments

Assume: 1) no horizontal segs

2) cases not handled today!



≥ 3 seg
at a point

Let $\bar{P} \equiv$ Seg endpoints

$I \equiv$ Seg intersections

Events $\equiv \bar{P} \cup I$

l = hori line disjoint from $P \cup I$

linear order $\{s \in S \mid s \cap l \neq \emptyset\}$

Note Order only changes at $\bar{P} \cup I$

Store the ordered ^{sets} in ^{of} Balanced BST, D.

Idea: Sweep l top to bottom
stopping at events. (Just after!)

Problem: We do not know I !

Solution: Compute I just-in-time.

Claim If next event is $S \cap S'$ then S & S' are
neigh.

Keep a priority queue Q_l of events.

Inductively: Q_l contains

- 1) P below l .
- 2) Neig inter below l .

Alg SweepLine($S_1, \dots, S_n$)

 Insert $\bar{P}$ into Q

 While $Q \neq \emptyset$

 a) $P = \text{ExtractMax}(Q)$

 b) $\text{HandleEvent}(P)$

Proc HandleEvent(P)

1) If P is upper end of S then

 a) insert(S, D)

 b) add-inter($\text{left}(S), S, Q$)

 c) add-inter($S, \text{right}(S), Q$)

2) If P is lower end of S then

 a) add-inter($\text{left}(S), \text{right}(S), Q$)

 b) delete(S, D)

3) if $P = S \cap S'$ and $S < S'$

 a) swap(S, S', D)

 b) add-inter($\text{left}(S'), S', Q$)

 c) add-inter($S, \text{right}(S), Q$)

 d) Report

Cost	#
$\log n$	n
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$\log n$	I
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$$O((n+I) \log n)$$

Examples of events

