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COMPARE(A, B):

1. calculate $\angle A Q = \alpha$
2. calculate $\angle B Q = \beta$
3. return $\alpha \geq \beta$

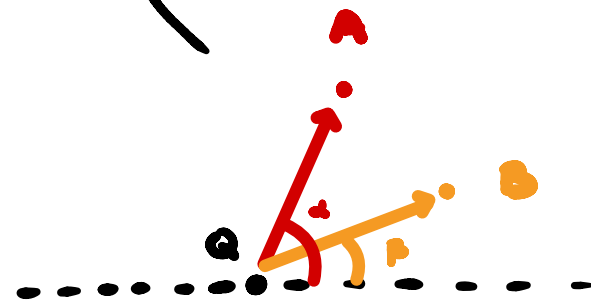
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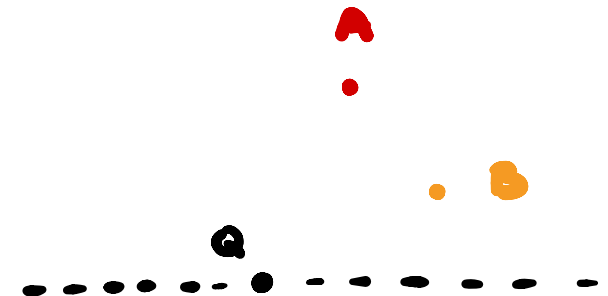
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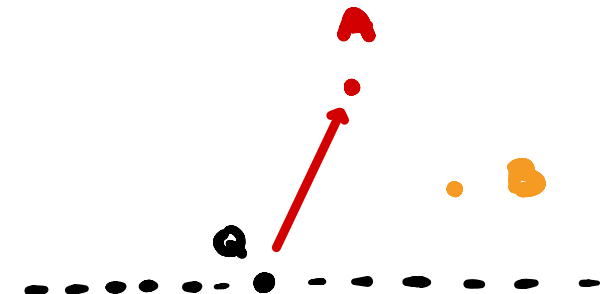
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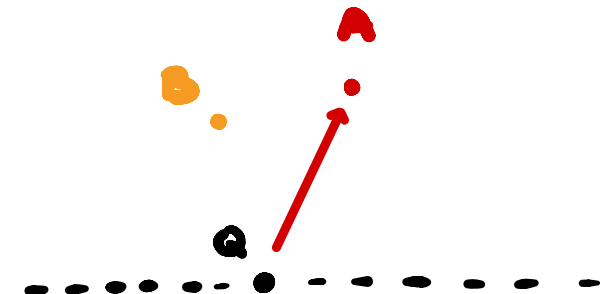
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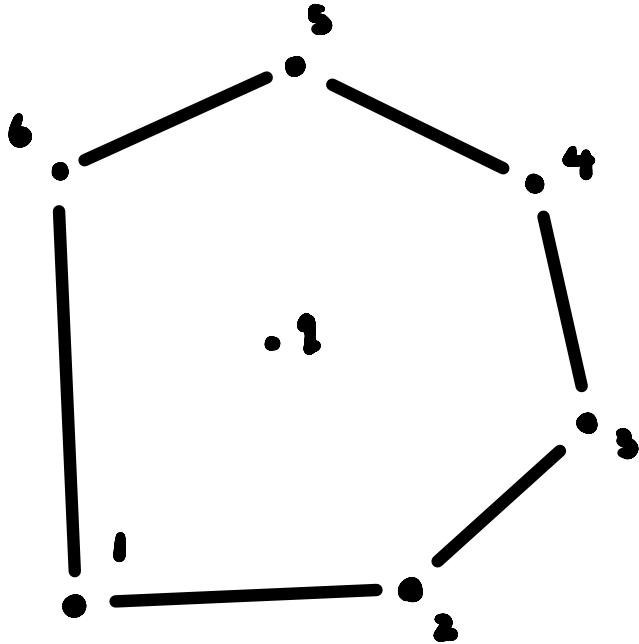
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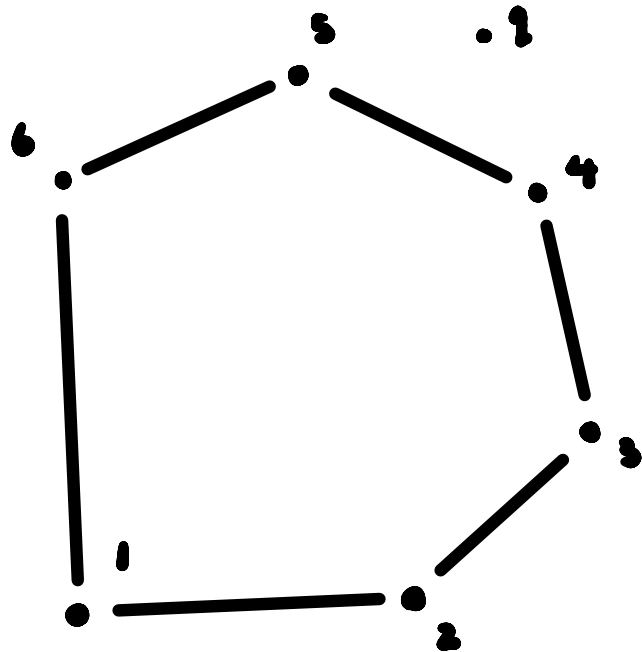
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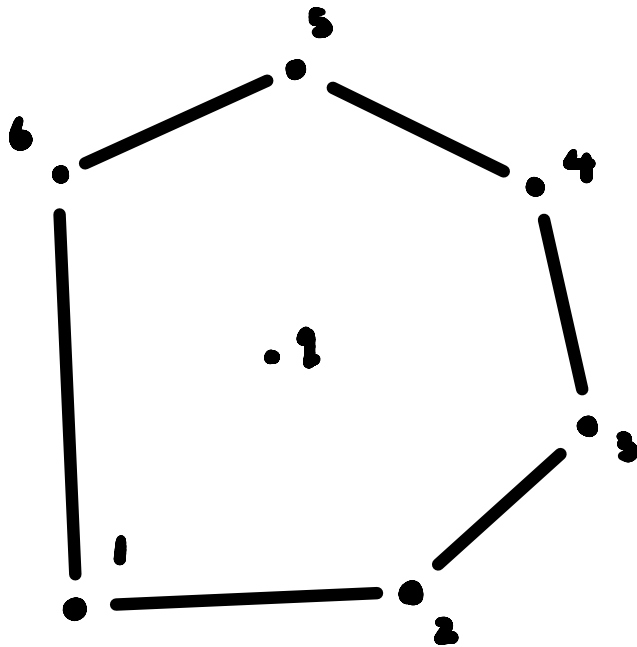
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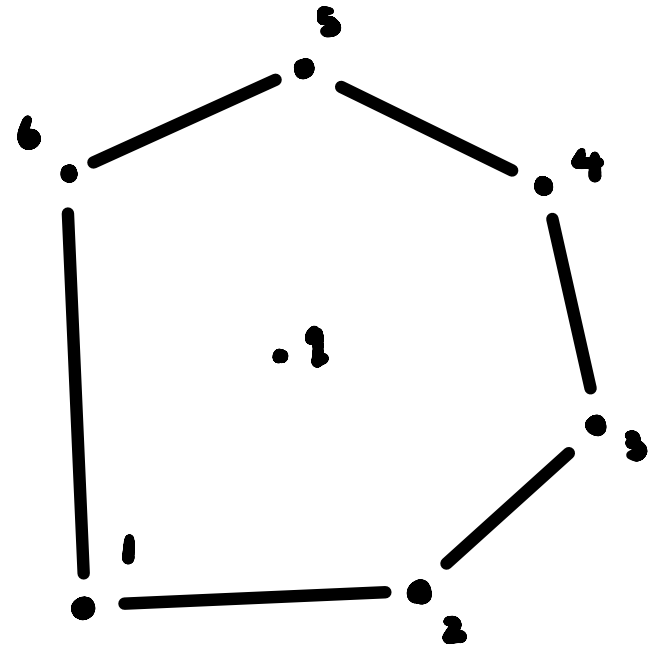
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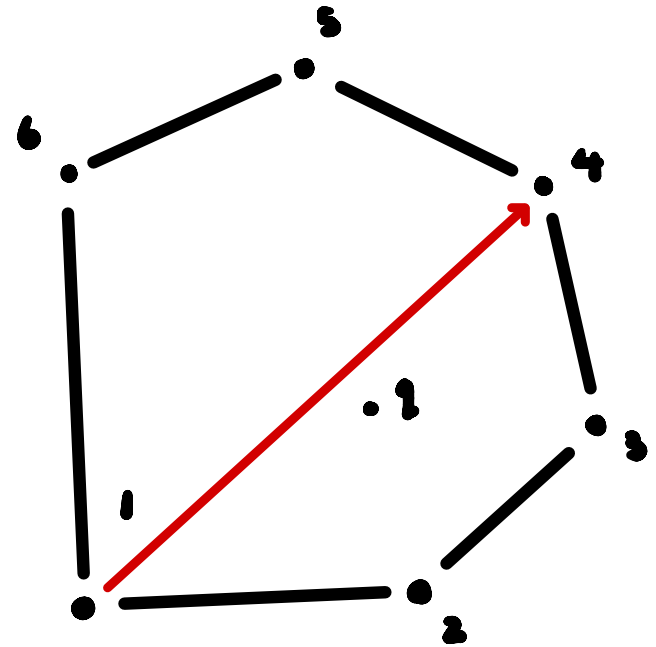
* **line-side tests**

* **let's try to combine these to start...**



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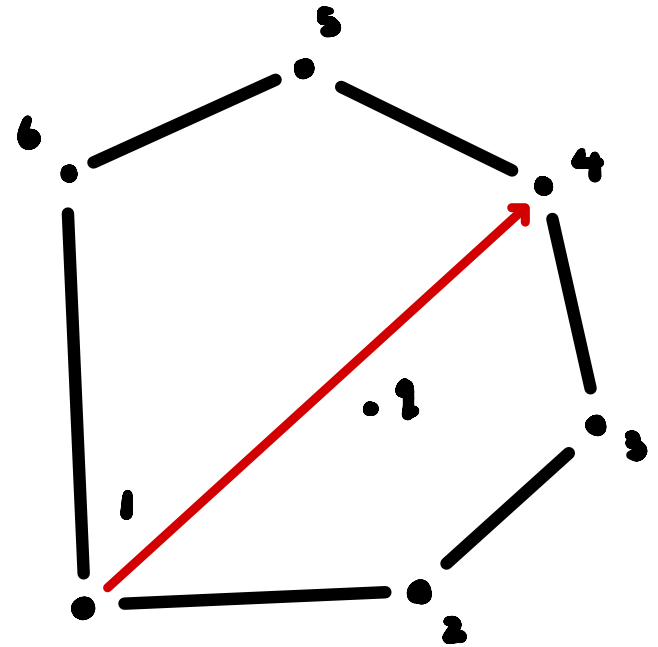
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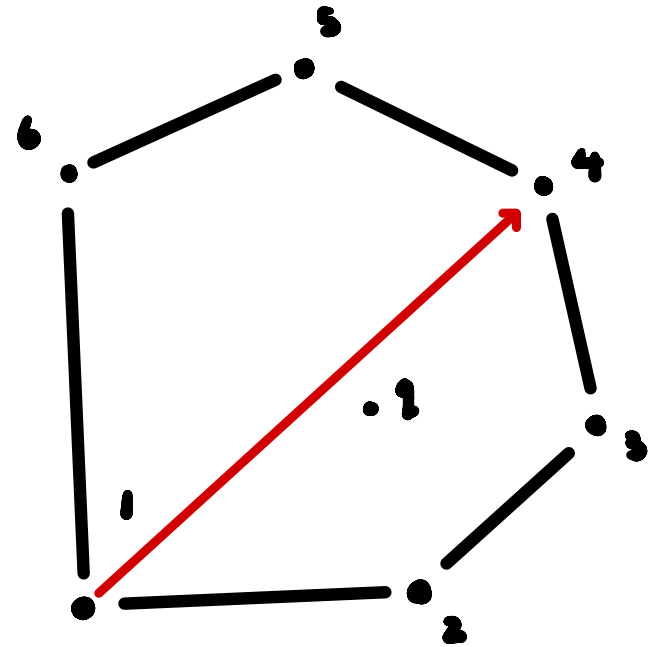
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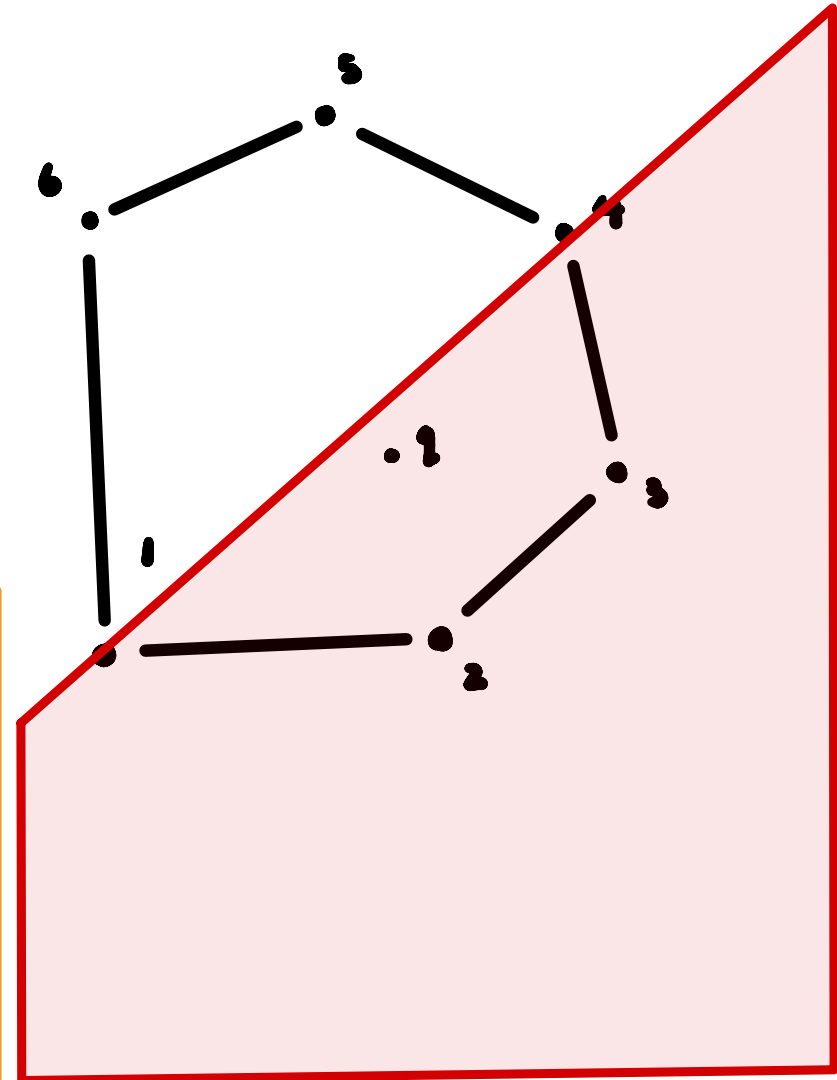
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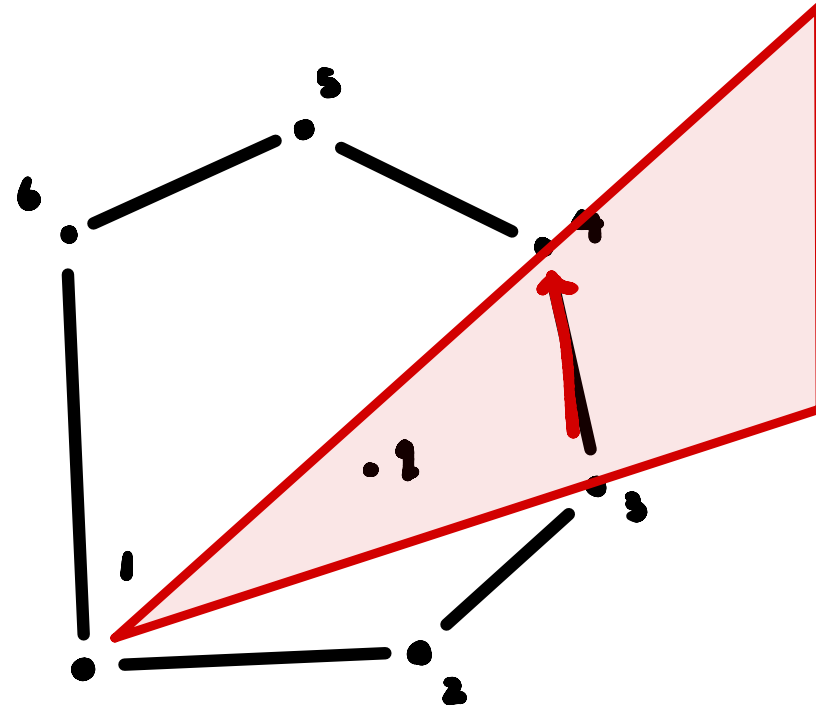
use binary search to narrow down
the polygon segments we need to
check...

aka narrow the region that q is in.



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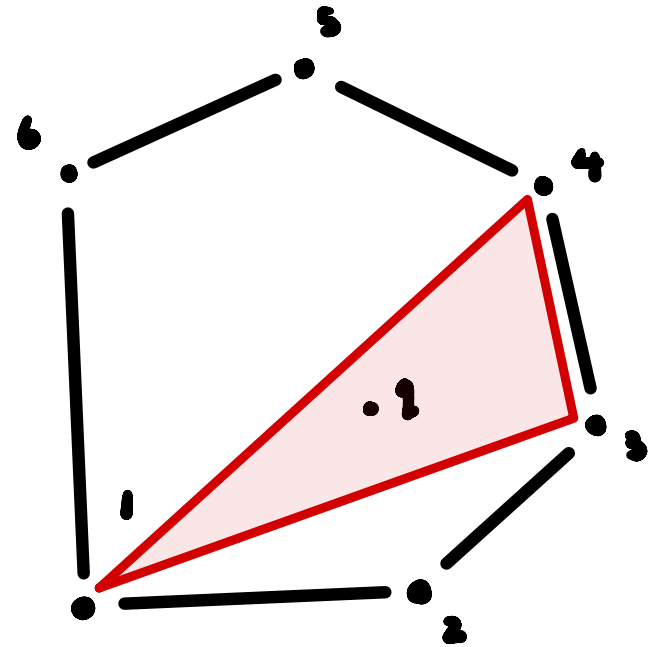


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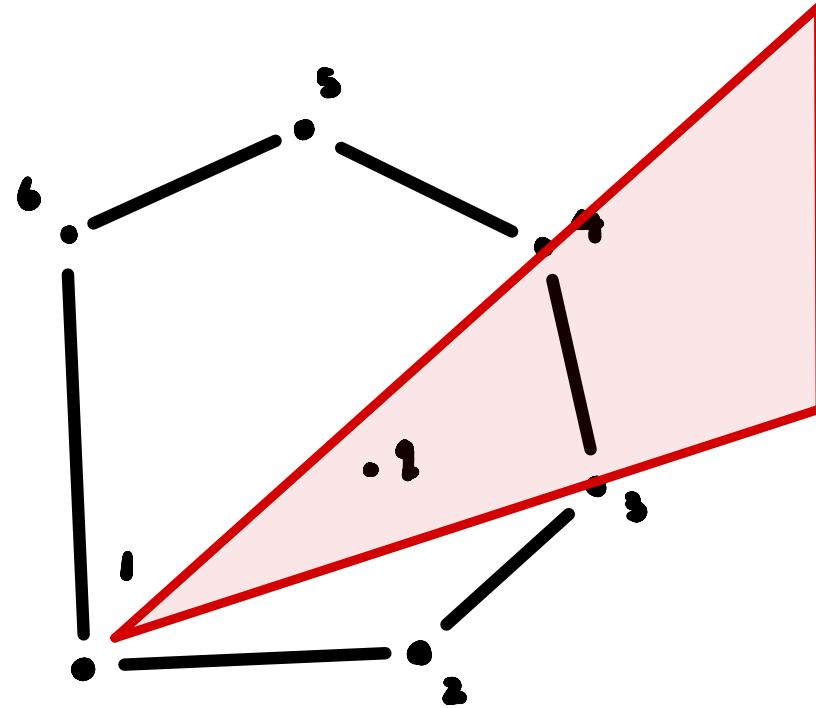
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0. the formal alg does $\overrightarrow{P_i P_{i+1}}, \overrightarrow{P_i P_j}$. L&T to avoid edge cases

1. binary search for the triangle slice that q is in

2. check whether inside or out on that slice

NOTE: start point doesn't matter

